

**Lam Son 719
The First Day
February 8, 1971**

This recording was copied from an original audio recording made by CW2 Al Fischer, Kingsmen 18, during the first sorties into Laos. Fischer had the microphone of a small portable tape recorder in his helmet headset. Communications among his crew, they were Chalk 22, other aircraft in the flight, C&C, and gunship cover is audible. Chalk 3, the first aircraft which is shot down, is UH-1H 68-16307 of the C/158 Phoenix. The crew of four and 5 ARVN's aboard were killed. Transcription is by Joe Kline.

Normal company callsigns were not used during this operation. Instead new callsigns, listed below, were used.

Dragon - 09 was Major Klose, S-3 of the 223rd CAB

Boats - 174th AHC, Boats Six is Major Spratt

Color - B/101 Kingsmen

Auction - C/158 Phoenix

Music - D/101 Hawks

Regard - C/159 Playtex CHANDLER

Loyal - D/158 Redskins COBURN

Century -

Bobcat - 477 AKA

Spasm -

Lotus -

Traps -

Bossy - A/101 Comancheros

Satans - 235 AHC

Timber - General Sidney Berry ?

Cozy -

Chain -

Lancer - B/158?

Lowell -

Gunner - 477 AKA

Colt 45 -

Hammer -

Astro -

Awards -

Breakhouse -

Temper -

Mystic -

Three Fox - Major Jack Barker, B/101 on Fox Mike

Moaner -

Blackcats - 282 AHC?

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TAPE TRANSCRIPTION

LAOS MISSION

FEB. 8, 1971

THREE-SEVEN-ZERO
HOLY CHRIST, I GOT 100 PERCENT
OH WELL, THAT'S THE BREAKS
CHALK TWO-FOUR OUT OF PZ
ROGER TWO-FOUR
THREE FOX THREE FOX ONE-ZERO ON FOX
I TOOK HIS PLACE TO JOIN IN
YOU WERE COMING UP ON FOX MIKE
ROGER WE HAD A LITTLE BRIEFING THERE, I DON'T THINK YOU WERE THERE
ROGER
UNDERSTAND THE SAME PZ THAT WE HAD THIS MORNING
YEAH, ROGER, OUR FLIGHT SHOULD STILL BE GOING INTO IT
ROGER, I'M... AH... GOT A BIRD IN FRONT OF ME
THREE-FIVE OUT OF PZ
HE WAS STANDING RIGHT THERE
I SAID HE WAS STANDING RIGHT THERE AT THE BRIEFING
MAN, I'M GONNA BE BRINGING MY POWER BACK UP THERE
CHALK TWO-SIX IS THAT YOU IN THE PZ?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT IN THE HELL THEY ARE FIRING
I GUESS WE WILL GET RIGHT OVER TOP OF IT AND THEY WILL SHOOT RIGHT
STRAIGHT UP
THREE FOX TWO-THREE ON FOX
THREE FOX TWO-THREE ON FOX
TWO-THREE THIS IS THREE FOX GO AHEAD
ROGER THAT...AH ONE-ZERO MISSED THE SHOW A LITTLE BIT
HE'S AH FALLING IN TO THE BACK OF THE FLIGHT
I'M...TOOK HIS...EVERYBODY JUST MOVED UP ONE CHALK
AND DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT KIND OF FIRE WE HAVE ON THIS?
DO WE HAVE SUPPRESSION?
I'LL HAVE TO CHECK IT OUT
AH TWO-NINE WHERE ARE YOU AT AND WHAT IS YOU'RE ALTITUDE?
I'M ABOUT EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND I'M FOLLOWING THE BROWN LINE COMING
UP ON THE BLUE
I UNDERSTAND THAT'S YOU IN THE PZ RIGHT NOW ONE-SIX
THAT'S A NEGATIVE, I'M A COMING OUT AH TOWARD THE BLUE LINE
THREE IS IN THE PZ RIGHT NOW
ONE-EIGHT THIS IS THREE FOX
FORTY POUNDS 98.8, HA HA WHOOO.
YOU CAN TELL WHEN YOU START CLIMBING OUT A LITTLE BIT
FLIGHT THIS IS THREE FOX, DON'T FORGET TO CALL ON VICTOR WHEN CHALKING OUT OF THE PZ
CHALK TWO SIX SAY YOU'RE PAUSE PLEASE POS
ROGER, WE'RE JUST COMING DOWN THE ROAD UP ON THE BLUE AT ABOUT 1700 FEET AT ABOUT
TWO SIX ZERO
BOY, I DON'T HAVE MUCH TO GO TO PULL 50 POUNDS. I'LL PROBABLY GET AN OVERSPEED
COZY SIX COZY SIX COZY FOUR-SEVEN FOX MIKE
SIX COME
I'M GOING TO BE ON A LONG FINAL OUT OF THE NORTH EAST
MOST AFFIRM
GO AHEAD FOUR SEVEN
ROGER, WE'RE STILL IN P.O.L. CAN YOU GIVE ME YOU'RE PAUSE? POS
AH ROGER, WE'RE JUST OFF THE PZ, MARRY UP WITH TWO FIVE AND HE CAN SHOW YOU WHERE
THE PZ IS.

ROGER, IS TWO-FIVE STILL SITTING BACK ON THE GROUND?

ROGER

AND A ONE-THREE THIS IS ONE-ZERO ARE YOU RIGHT BEHIND ME?

THREE-EIGHT IS COMING UP

ONE-THREE, ONE-ZERO FOX

ONE-ZERO THIS IS ONE-SIX

I THINK HE IS ALREADY PZ'D

I KNOW, I ALREADY PZ'D TOO. I JUST WANTED TO KNOW IF HE WAS BEHIND ME OR NOT.

CHALK 22 AT THE TIME AT THIS TIME OR 28

CHALK 30 IS THAT YOU COMING OFF THE PAPA ZULU?

ONE-ZERO IS HERE. 27 YOU SHOULD BE RIGHT BEHIND US AND WE'RE FLYING RIGHT OVER YOU AT THIS TIME AT TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED

A NEGATIVE, I'M BEHIND A BLUE DIAMOND SO I THINK I'LL BE 28

CHALK TWO IS GOING DOWN

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CHALK THREE'S GOING DOWN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WE HAVE AN AIRCRAFT GOING DOWN...CHALK THREE

AH, BE ADVISED CHALK THREE IS GOING DOWN *CW2 2010 1 C/1st*

I'M HIT, I DON'T HAVE ANY LEFT PEDAL, I'LL TRY TO GET THIS THING BACK YOU'RE CHALK THREE?

SIX-FIVE GO AHEAD, WAS THAT BIRD SHOT DOWN?

I DON'T KNOW YET, HE'S STILL WITH ME

OKAY, LISTEN UP PLEASE, I'M HIT, I DON'T HAVE...

ALRIGHT MAN THIS IS CHALK THREE, I'M HIT, I HAVE A STUCK LEFT PEDAL...NO LEFT PEDAL AT ALL, I'M TAKING IT BACK TO KHE SANH AND PARKING IT

WHAT'S HIS POSITION?

JIM WARD OKAY, THIS IS AUCTION SIX-FIVE, HE'S HIT, HE'S GOT A STUCK LEFT PEDAL, AND HE'S TURNED BACK INBOUND TO KHE SANH

ROGER, LET'S GET THE GUNS BACK OUT HERE ON STATION

COULD YOU INCREASE YOU'RE AIRSPEED PLEASE?

AUCTION SIX-FIVE...ONE-TWO

SIX-FIVE WE JUST TURNED ON FINAL

ROGER, I GOTCHA

WAS THAT BIRD HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE?

I JUST GOT A REPORT,STANDBY

THREE, WERE YOU HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE?

CHALK THREE, CHALK THREE, LEAD

THIS IS CHALK THREE, GO AHEAD

LEAD THIS IS CHALK THREE GO AHEAD

DID YOU GET HIT BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS HIT BY, MY TAIL... MY DRIVESHAFT IS GONE, FROM THE TAILBOOM IT WAS PRETTY HEAVY

I DON'T THINK IT WAS .51 OR ANYTHING, IT WAS PRETTY HEAVY STUFF

LEAD THIS IS TWO-ONE, WE'VE GOT A RED SMOKE OUT ABOUT 300 METERS PAST THE FIRE

OKAY, ROGER

IT'S BY THE BIG ROAD INTERSECTION

HE DID TAKE ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE INBOUND ON THE FINAL APPROACH

WHERE'S IT COMING FROM? DO YOU KNOW?

AH ROGER, ALL LIFT BIRDS, GET MORE ALTITUDE, GET MORE ALTITUDE

LET'S MAKE IT A STEEP APPROACH IN HERE

JESUS CHRIST, I'M PULLING AN OVERTORQUE NOW DAMN NEAR GETTING OFF THE PZ MUCH LESS A STEEP APPROACH

I WANNA GO IN AT FUCKIN LOW LEVEL

FLIGHT THIS IS THREE FOX, WE'RE AT THIRTY FIVE HUNDRED NOW, AT THE SAME ALTITUDE AS THE REST OF THE FLIGHT
IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'VE GOT SOME PRETTY HEAVY STUFF UP HERE SO LET'S KEEP OUR ALTITUDE UP
OKAY, IF WE START TAKING FIRE BAD, THAT'S WHERE WE ARE GOING, RIGHT UP THROUGH THAT SHIT IF WE CAN'T GET OUT OF IT, SO SET YOU'RE INSTRUMENTS
CHALK ONE-THREE IS TAKING FIRE, SMALL ARMS
ONE-FOUR IS IN HOT ON THE SMOKE
AND, AH, WE'LL JUST BREAK OUT OF THIS STUFF THEN PICK A HOLE AND COME BACK

DOWN IF ANYTHING HAPPENS
ARE YOU READY WITH SMOKE?
ALRIGHT LIFT BIRDS GET ALL THE ALTITUDE YOU CAN COMING OVER THESE RIDGE LINES
ONE'S ON AND OFF OF THE LZ
LZ COLD?

ROGER, THE LZ IS COLD

ROGER

I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE GOD DAMN FLIGHT

LL141) HOW YOU DOING CHALK THREE?

I'M ABOUT HALF WAY BACK RIGHT NOW

STEWART IT'S GONNA BE A REAL GOOD RIGHT PEDAL HERE

OKAY, REAL FINE

STEWART WE GOT THE STRIP CLEANED OUT FOR YOU TO RUN IN ON THERE

LOOK AT THAT SHIT OVER THERE

LOOKS LIKE A FAST MOVER (JET) COMING IN

IT IS

HEY, LOOK OUT FOR THAT FAST MOVER

ZERO TALLY HO

OKAY, THAT FIRE IS .51 CAL. AND IT'S COMING FROM WHERE THE RED SMOKE IS NOW
JUST OFF OF THE RED SMOKE, WITHIN ABOUT FIFTY METERS OF IT

BOY, THAT SON OF A BITCH DIDN'T CUT US NO SLACK, DID HE

OKAY, LET'S SHIFT, LET'S SHIFT OUR FLIGHT PATH FARTHER TO THE EAST

FOUR'S COMING OUT

OKAY FLIGHT, WE'VE GOT FAST MOVERS FLYING LOW THIS HIGH

ELECTRON ELECTRON FIVE-OH-FOUR ON GUARD HOW DO YOU READ?

LOTUS SIX-FIVE LOTUS SIX-FIVE, CHALK ONE-SIX IS TAKING .51 CAL.

DID YOU POP A RED SMOKE?

ROGER, FROM THE LEFT SIDE. STANDBY, WE'LL MAKE SURE ON SMOKE

YOU GUYS GOT SMOKE OUT?

FLIGHT, LET'S BRING THAT FLIGHT PATH FARTHER TO THE EAST, FARTHER TO THE EAST

HEY, AH, GET A SMOKE READY TO THROW. JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY'S TAKING IT

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, ANYTHING, JUST THROW SMOKE BECAUSE WE AREN'T GOING TO DO A HELL OF ALOT OF DAMAGE FROM THIS HIGH

WE JUST LOST OUR DIGITAL UHF

WE WILL BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT AND RECEIVE ON GUARD AND WE ARE PROCEEDING NORTH

OKAY ONE-SEVEN, YOU GOT THE SMOKE?

TWO-SEVEN, YOU GOT THE SMOKE THAT LOTUS SIX-FIVE DROPPED?

AH, ROGER, SIX-FIVE, AH

STEWART THIS IS THREE, THIS IS THREE I'M ON FIRE I'M GOING TO CRASH
THREE, SAY AGAIN

TAKING FIRE, TAKING FIRE
THERE'S A SMOKE RIGHT BELOW US , THERE'S SOMETHING GOING OVER HERE TO THE SOUTH
AH, LEAD
HEY, THEIR SHOOTING AT US, WE'RE TAKING MUZZLE FLASHES DOWN THERE
GET ON THE GUNS
A CHOPPER JUST WENT IN, I DON'T KNOW WHO HE WAS OR WHAT HE WAS
OKAY, THAT'S CHALK THREE
HE WENT DOWN
CHALK 22 IS TAKING FIRE
HE HAD A FULL LOAD OF PASSENGERS...TROOPS, IS THAT AFFIRM?
THAT IS AFFIRMATIVE
ROGER, ROGER, I'M TAKING FIRE TOO
LEAD, THIS IS TWO-EIGHT
YOU GOT A MARK ON THE SHIP?
TWO-EIGHT THIS IS THREE FOX
ROGER THREE FOX, WE ARE CIRCLING WHERE THE HELICOPTER WENT IN, IT'S BURNING,
SMOKE, WE CAN'T GET ANYTHING, WE'LL JUST HAVE TO CONTINUE ON
ROGER, I'LL NOTIFY LEAD
SIX-FIVE THIS IS THREE-ONE
YOU WANT ME TO GO DOWN AND SEE IF ANYBODY IS ALIVE DOWN THERE?
THERE'S SOMEBODY DOWN THERE?
ROGER, ONE OF OUR BIRDS DROPPED OUT OF THE FLIGHT WHERE THE HELICOPTER CRASHED
AND IT'S ON FIRE
THREE-ONE, FIVE
BREAK, THIS IS THE RECOVERY SHIP. I'VE GOT THE BURNING AIRCRAFT IN SIGHT AND I'LL
BE GOING DOWN.
MIGHTY FINE, THEN JOIN BACK UP IN THE FLIGHT
I'VE GOT 49 POUNDS
WE JUST HAD A FUCKIN OVERSPEED
CHALK 4 IS COMING OUT
WE HAD 102 PERCENT
LOYALONE-TWO, LOTUS FIVE-ONE, YOU CAN SEE OUT HERE THERE ARE TWO RED SMOKES OUT,
THE SOUTHERNMOST RED SMOKE IS ALMOST RIGHT ON WHERE WE WERE TAKING FIRE
ROGER
JUST IN THAT WOODED AREA, THERE IS A SMALL STREAM IN THERE
AND THREE THIS IS ONE-ZERO FOX
ONE-ZERO THIS IS THREE
AH ROGER, I WAS LOOKING FOR THAT THREE, THE OTHER BIRD DROPPED OUT TO GO LOOK
AT THE OTHER BIRD
OKAY ONE-ZERO, I'M ON A HEADING OF THREE ZERO ZERO AND 3000 FEET AND I'M JUST
OVER THE TURN IN THE BLUE
I THINK I'VE GOT YOU IN SIGHT
COULD YOU MAKE A LOW LEFT RIHGT HAND TURN REAL QUICK HERE
I'LL MAKE A QUICK RIGHT HAND TURN
THREE FOX THIS IS TWO-THREE
MIKE AND A HALF BEHIND YOU
ROGER, TWO-EIGHT DROPPED OUT TO TAKE A LOOK AT THAT OTHER AIRCRAFT
OKAY, FINE
WATCH OUT FOR THAT ROAD INTERSECTION DOWN THERE EVERYBODY
THAT'S WHERE IT'S COMING FROM
AND TWO-THREE ARE YOU JUST GOING TO START TO MAKE A LEFT HAND TURN AFTER A RIGHT
HAND TURN DOWN THERE?
ROGER, I'M BENDING TO THE LEFT A LITTLE BIT HERE, YOU CAN SEE THE SMOKE OUT ABOUT
TO MY ELEVEN O'CLOCK

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B/158
GOTCHA BUDDY, I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU
AND, AH, CHAIN SIX-FIVE, AUCTION SIX-FIVE
SIX-FIVE GO AHEAD
HE'S PRETTY CLOSE TO WHERE THAT OLD ABANDONED AIRFIELD IS ON THE RIVER WHICH
IS SOUTH-SOUTHEAST FROM THE LZ WE WENT TO THIS MORNING
TAKING FIRE, TAKING FIRE, CHALK 22
OKAY, CHALK 22 IS TAKING FIRE
GET YOUR SMOKES READY
AND TWO-THREE TELL ME WHERE YOU TOOK FIRE FROM
OKAY, ROGER, WE ARE ABOUT THE FOURTH SHIP OUT HERE
JUST...ABOUT 5 O'CLOCK POSITION BY THAT OLD RIVER BED DOWN THERE
HE TOOK FIRE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OUT HERE
RECOVERY BIRD, WHAT'S YOUR CALL SIGN?
LANCER TWO-SEVEN
OKAY, ARTY THREE-THREE WE GOT FIRE COMING
ROGER THAT, I'LL BE HOLDING HIGH AND DRY TILL I GET OUT THERE
RECOVERY, THIS IS LANCER ONE-TWO
CHALK 23 IS TAKING FIRE UP IN A RIGHT HAND TURN AT ABOUT MY FOUR O'CLOCK...SMALL ARMS
COZY SIX THIS IS THREE FOX
AH ROGER, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO LEAVE THE PLACE WHERE THAT AIRCRAFT WENT
DOWN... WE GOT A CHIP DETECTOR, TAIL ROTOR CHIP DETECTOR AND I'M TEMPTED
TO TAKE IT BACK TO KILO SIERRA AND PUT IT DOWN KIL0 SIERRA = KHE SAHN
GET ON THEM GUNS...FIRE THIS FUCKING PLACE UP
DO YOU HAVE ASTRO SIX-FIVE WORKING WITH YOU AT THIS TIME?
HE HAS NOT REPORTED
I AM UNABLE TO CONTACT HIM, DISREGARD
SIX-FIVE CHALK 28
AH ROGER, IS ONE-SEVEN WITH YOU?
AH NEGATIVE, HE'S REFUELING
TWO-EIGHT, GO AHEAD TWO-EIGHT
WE WENT DOWN TO WHERE THE BIRD WENT DOWN, THERE'S NOTHING DOWN THERE AT ALL,
WE'RE HEADING BACK
THE BIRD TOOK ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE COMING IN
ROGER, NOTHING LEFT OF THE BIRD
IF YOU'RE 60'S ARE JAMMED, GET YOU'RE 16'S WORKING
BOY, THIS IS HELL
22 DROPPED YELLOW SMOKE ON THE PAUSE WHERE THE FIRE CAME OUT OF ON THE WAY OUT
WE GOT RECOVERY GOING IN NOW
TWO-EIGHT ROGER
OKAY, DON'T GET AROUND TOO FAR WHERE WE JUST MADE OUR GO-AROUND HERE
WHEN WE GET IN THERE MAKE SURE THESE GUYS GET OFF
35, NOW 40
WE PULLED AN OVERTORQUE BUT I HAD TO DO IT
HERE WE GO
WE'RE GOOD ON THE RIGHT
LOOKING GOOD ON THE LEFT
REAL FINE FELLAS, REAL FINE
OKAY, DROP HER SIR
GET 'EM OFF OF HERE
DROP HER
35 POUNDS
GET 'EM OFF
THREE FOX THIS IS TWO-THREE, DID YOU BREAK RIGHT?
THAT LAST BIRD COMING OUT OF HERE, HE THREW YELLOW SMOKE IN THE AREA

THROW 'EM OUT, I'M GOING
 TAKING FIRE TWO CLICKS OUT OF THE LZ
 DID YOU THROW SMOKE?
 CHALK 23 IS OUT OF THE LZ
 DO I HAVE ANY A.R.A. (COBRAS) UP ON THIS PUSH YET
 AND TWO-THREE, GIVE ME A HINT OF WHERE YOU ARE AT
 ROGER, I BROKE RIGHT AND I'M CLIMBING UP PRETTY LOW
 THREE FOX, TWO ALPHA
 THIS IS THREE FOX
 TAKING FIRE?
 DID WE TAKE FIRE SAM?
 WE TOOK FIRE AND I POPPED SMOKE
 TAKING FIRE, STILL TAKING FIRE
 TAKING HER OUT THE RIVER BED ON A HEADING OF ONE SIX ZERO
 FLIGHT, LET'S GET SMOKE OUT ON THIS FIRE, NOW, LET'S GET SOME SMOKE OUT SO
 WE CAN GET THESE GODDAMN GUNSHIPS OUT HERE AND DO SOMETHING
 PUT SOME SMOKE OUT BEFORE YOU START HOLLERING
 CHALK 23, POP SMOKE WHERE I TOOK FIRE
 I DID SIR
 CHALK 24 SUPPRESS THAT RIVER BED
 I GOT ANOTHER OVERSPEED
 FUCK IT
 CHECK FIRE THIS ONE TIME
 YEAH, CHECK FIRE THAT SON OF A BITCH, THERE AIN'T NO WAY
 HOW ABOUT YOUR'S SAM?
 YEAH, GIVE HER A CHANCE, CHECK HER OUT
 ONE-ZERO, ONE-TWO ON VICTOR
 FLIGHT, MONITOR FOX MIKE AND GET OFF VICTOR
 THIS MOST DEFINETLY IS NOT WHERE WE BELONG
 DEFINETLY
 I WASN'T EXACTLY IN A PICTURE TAKING MOOD
 I STILL AIN'T
 AH, THIS IS ONE-SEVEN, ROGER, AH IS THAT YOUR FLIGHT ROUTE, OVER
 NEGATIVE, THAT WAS NOT MY FLIGHT ROUTE
 THE BIRD COMING INTO THE LZ TOOK FIRE, HIS PEDAL STUCK, HE WAS TRYING TO GET BACK
 TO THE AIRFIELD, HE HAD VERY LITTLE CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT
 WHAT DO WE GOT DOWN HERE AT OUR ONE O'CLOCK?
 AH ROGER UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS RETURNING BACK FROM THE LIMA ZULU
 THAT'S AFFIRMATIVE, HE NEVER MADE IT IN TO THE LIMA ZULU
 HE TOOK FIRE ON FINAL, OR ABOUT 4 MILES OUT, AND WAS ON HIS WAY BACK
 OKAY FLIGHT, NOW DON'T CARRY IT AS FAR TO THE WEST AS YOU ARE NOW, BRING IT BACK
 TO THE EAST
 CHAIN SIX-FIVE, LOWELL ONE-TWO
 SIX-FIVE GO AHEAD
 ROGER, I STARTED POPPING THE LZ WOLF, JUST COVER THIS WHOLE AREA DOWN HERE
 SAM, SEE THAT SMOKE DOWN THERE?
 ROGER THAT
 WATCH IT REAL CLOSE, I THINK I JUST SAW US TAKE FIRE OUT OF IT, I'M NOT SURE THOUGH
 YOU GOT ANY SMOKES LEFT?
 I'VE GOT THREE LEFT
 THREE-TWO THIS IS ONE-FOUR ON UNIFORM
 WE SHOULD BE PAST IT NOW

UNIFORM IS THE UHF RADIO

MSG Lloyd

C/150

ROGER, WILL DO

CHAIN TWO-FIVE GO AHEAD

A.R.A. AIRCRAFT, AUCTION SIX-FIVE GO AHEAD

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TWO-THREE YOU OVER THE BLUE?

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, AUCTION SIX-FIVE, I GOT A GUNNER EIGHT-TWO ALPHA COMING UP

HE'S AN A.R.A. BIRD *AERIAL Rocket Armory*

THE COORDINATES OF THE ONE ON THE RIVER ARE SEVEN EIGHT THREE TWO

APPROXIMATELY THREE VISIBLE ON THE RIVER, IT'S ON A SANDBAR

GUNNER EIGHT-TWO, CHAIN SIX-FIVE HOW DO YOU READ?

I'VE GOT YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, WE'RE OUTBOUND TO YOUR PAUSE I BELIEVE

ROGER, WHAT'S YOUR POSITION

ROGER, WE'RE EAST, YOU'RE OUT BY THE WESTERNMOST FIRE, IS THAT AFFIRMATIVE?

THAT'S CORRECT, THE WESTERNMOST LZ, WE'VE GOT SOME SMOKE OUT

YOU WANT ME TO CHECK IT?

GO AHEAD CHECK IT

SHOOT IT RIGHT DOWN THERE

JUST REAL QUICK PULL OUT A COUPLE OF ROUNDS

IS YOUR SIXTEEN WORKING OKAY SAM?

YEAH, I USED THAT BIG SIXTEEN

OKAY, COME UP AND GET MINE, WE'VE GOT AMMO IN ALL THESE BOXES BACK HERE

MOTHER FUCKING BARREL'S FUCKED UP ON THIS ONE

OKAY, WHEN WE LAND YOU CAN DO YOUR THING OR YOU CAN DO IT RIGHT NOW

YOU CAN'T FIX IT SIR, YOU HAVE TO REPLACE THE BARREL

OKAY, THEN GRAB MINE, GET MY SIXTEEN UP HERE

I WANNA GET TWO SIXTEENS

OKAY, REAL FINE

WE GOT PLENTY OF MAGAZINES THERE AND EVERYTHING

AND AH... BELLINS IS SITTING ON A WHOLE CASE OF SIXTEEN AMMO

THAT BIRD MAKE IT BACK?

I DON'T KNOW

AND LEAD IS IN AND OUT OF THE PZ

SAM, YOU GET YOUR AMMO UNDERNEATH THE SEAT?

THERE'S ONLY ONE UNDER THERE

TWO COMING OFF THE PZ

OKAY, WE'RE GONNA SLOW BACK, WE'RE GONNA BE CUTTIN BACK FARTHER TO THE EAST

STAYING AWAY FROM THE RIVER GOING EASTBOUND OUT

OH, I'M ALL FOR IT BOYS

SIX-FIVE, THIS IS CHALK TWO-EIGHT, WE'RE COMING INTO THE PZ NOW

WE'RE GOING TO CHECK OUR PLUG AND FOLLOW YOU BACK OUT

THAT WILL BE A GOOD ONE

THREE-EIGHT IS SHORT

AND TWO-THREE, DO YOU KNOW HOW BAD AN OVERTORQUE OF 102 - 102.5 IS?

A, IT'S JUST A LITTLE OVER RED LINE, I REALLY DON'T KNOW

IS THAT WHAT YOU HAD?

YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT

I OVERSPED

HOW FAR DID YOUR N₁ GO?

THAT'S WHAT I DID GO, MY N₁ WENT TO 102.5

HOW ABOUT YOUR TORQUE GAUGE?

OH, THAT ONLY WENT UP TO 43

I THOUGHT IT WAS BELOW 45

IT NEVER WENT UP TO 50 THOUGH

A, ROGER, HOW HIGH DID YOUR TORQUE GAUGE GO?
OKAY, ROGER, I HAD 49 POUNDS AT 102.5 PERCENT
ROGER, I AGREE
IT BOUNCED A BIT FISH, IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT
EVRYTIME WE START DRAWING FIRE I WANT YOU TO ROLL IN ON IT
WE'LL DROP SMOKE FOR YOU
ROGER THAT, I'M OUT AT ABOUT YOUR THREE O'CLOCK LOW AND WE'LL BE GOING TO
POSITION OURSELVES DOWN THERE NOW
ROGER, BUT NOW KEEP PLENTY OF ALTITUDE OUT THERE
ROGER, DO YOU HAVE ME IN SIGHT NOW?
A, I GOT, YES, I HAVE TWO COBRAS IN ORBIT OUT THERE NOW
ROGER THAT, WE'LL ORBIT A LITTLE FARTHER OUT TO THE SOUTHWEST
CHAIN SIX-FIVE, AUCTION SIX-FIVE
MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY
WE'RE DRAWING FIRE ALL ALONG THIS WESTERN SLOPE HERE
ROGER, I'M WELL AWARE
MAYDAY BIRD THIS IS ZERO-SEVEN, CAN WE BE OF ASSISTANCE?
THIS IS LOYA ONE-FOUR WITH THE RECOVERY AIRCRAFT
WE JUST MADE A LOW PASS OVER THE DOWNED BIRD, IT'S COMPLETELY DESTROYED, A,
I SAW A COUPLE OF CHARRED BODIES, I'M SURE NOBODY MADE IT OUT ALIVE, OVER
OKAY, ROGER, I'M IN THAT GENERAL VICINITY NOW
YOU WANT THE RECOVERY AIRCRAFT TO GO DOWN AND TAKE A BETTER LOOK? OVER
ROGER, I WANT THEM TO GET DOWN THERE AND GET ON THE GROUND AND SEE IF THERE
ARE ANY SURVIVORS
MAYDAY BIRD, WHAT IS YOUR POSITION?
AIRCRAFT ON MAYDAY SAY YOUR POSITION PLEASE
ONE-FOUR THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A MECH. COLUMN MOVING ALONG THE ROAD
THIS IS COLT 45, ROGER, HE SAID HE WAS GOING DOWN SOUTH OF THE ROAD SOUTH
OF KHE SANH
WE ARE IN THAT GENERAL VICINITY NOW
ROGER, CAN ONE FOUR BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE TO YOU?
HAMMER HAMMER KEEP TWO-ONE ON GUARD, HOW DO YOU READ?
MAYDAY BIRD, COLT 45
ROGER, WHAT'S YOUR PRESENT POSITION NOW? OVER
THIS IS HAMMER FOUR-SIX ON GUARD, GO AHEAD
DO YOU HAVE ANY AIRCRAFT WITH YOU?
THAT MAYDAY, SOMEBODY SAID HE HAD AN ENGINE FAILURE AND HE WAS GOING TO SET
IT DOWN ON THE ROAD, THAT'S THE LAST I HEARD OF HIM
45 ROGER, I'M COMING DOWN THE ROAD NOW
ASTRO SIX-FIVE, CHAIN SIX-FIVE
ASTRO SIX-FIVE OVER
ROGER, WHAT'S YOUR PAUSE?
ROGER, WE'RE TO THE SOUTH OF KHE SANH
I'LL BE OFF STATION HERE IN ABOUT TWO ZERO, I'M GONNA NEED FUEL
ROGER
STANDBY ONE
CHALK 10 COMING OUT OF THE LZ
THIS AIN'T THE WAY I LIKE TO SPEND AN AFTERNOON

WE'RE DOWN ON THE ROAD, THIS IS AWARDS TWO-EIGHT, I'VE GOT YOU COVERED
CHAIN SIX-FIVE, ASTRO SIX-FIVE, SAY AGAIN THE LINE TO STAY AWAY FROM, OVER
ROGER, IF YOU'LL COME UP TO THE RIVER, DRAW A LINE FROM THE LZ DIRECTLY SOUTH
TO THE RIVER, STAY EAST OF THAT LINE
THERE'S A CRANE OUT THERE

ROGER

THIS IS DUSTOFF NINER-SEVEN ON GAURD, MAY I BE OF ASSISTANCE?

WDEVAC
GUARD IS 243.0
EMERGENCY
FREQ

NO, THAT'S A NEGATIVE, BREAK, BREAK

KIOWA ON THE GROUND, YOU GOT ANY INJURED ON BOARD?

WE'RE GONNA CHANGE ROUTES THIS TIME, FLY PRETTY MUCH DIRECT ON A NORTH - NOTHEAST
HEADING TO THE LZ

ONE-TWO, CHAIN SIX-FIVE

THIS IS ONE-TWO

ROGER, YOU'RE ROTATING YOUR GUNS SO WE'LL HAVE A SET OUT HERE AT ALL TIMES,
IS THAT CORRECT?

ROGER, WE'RE TRYING TO DO THAT SIR, MY WING HAS GOT LESS FUEL THAN I DO,
I GOT ABOUT 900 POUNDS

WE'RE TRYING TO CALL OFF OUR OTHER TWO SETS THAT ARE BACK THERE AT THIS TIME
WHERE ARE THEY GOING TO CALL THEM OFF TO?

A, THEY'LL BE COMING OUT HERE

ROGER, I ONLY WANT ONE SET ON STATION OUT HERE, THAT'S ALL THAT IS NECESSARY,
AND I ONLY WANT ONE SET OF A.R.A.

ROGER, ONE-TWO

A, YOU BIRDS IN THE FLIGHT NOW, YOU'RE SWINGING OUT TO FAR WEST, TO FAR WEST
THREE FOX TAKING FIRE THREE O'CLOCK LOW, THREE O'CLOCK LOW

OKAY, THREE TOOK FIRE GOING IN AGAIN

CHALK 14 IS COMING OUT

OKAY, SMOKES OUT ON THE FIRE, SMOKES OUT ON THE FIRE

SIX-FIVE CHALK 21 TOOK FIRE, WE DROPPED PURPLE SMOKE

OKAY, WHAT COLOR WE GOT BACK THERE?

RED

RED

WE GOT GREEN SMOKES?

ASTRO SIX-FIVE, CHAIN SIX-FIVE

ASTRO SIX-FIVE, OVER

DID YOU CATCH IT THERE FISH?

WE'RE TAKING FIRE THREE O'CLOCK LOW

WE ARE?

YEAH, NO SHIT

BREAK, BREAK, CHALK 23 IS TAKING FIRE, WE POPPED RED SMOKE

WE'RE ABOUT THREE, FOUR CLICKS OUT OF THE LZ TO THE EAST

WHAT'S THE CALL SIGN OF THE A.R.A. THAT'S ON STATION AT THE PRESENT TIME?

A, CHAIN SIX-FIVE THIS IS GUNNER EIGHT-FIVE

WAS IT TWO-NINER, WE TOOK FIRE FROM UNDERNEATH US

WE GOT IT RIGHT NOW

Aka BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO IS THE SECTION OF A.R.A. THAT IS OUT HERE RIGHT NOW

ROGER

I DON'T THINK THAT ANYBODY FLYING TODAY ISN'T TAKING FIRE

ROGER, EIGHT-THREE CHARLEY CAN YOU GET IN ON THAT?

YOU GOT A SMOKE SAM?

THE CALL SIGN IS BOBCAT TWO-EIGHT, CHAIN SIX-FIVE

ROGER, STANDBY

WHERE DID HE TAKE THAT FIRE? COMING OUT OF THE LZ OR GOING INTO IT?

GOING IN

ROGER

AND HE'S GOT RED SMOKE OUT?

THAT'S AFFIRM

OKAY, CAN YOU SEE THE LZ? I CAN'T SEE IT ANYMORE

JUST WATCH THE BIRDS THAT ARE GOING INTO IT

I'M GONNA JUST PUT OUR BALLS TO THE WALL

THAT'S A NEGATIVE, I'M JUST REPLACING ALPHA, I'VE GOT ALL YOUR SMOKE AND I'VE GOT YOUR MOST PROMINENT ROAD DOWN HERE AND YOUR TWO RIVERS

AND CHALK ONE-EIGHT IS COMING OUT

A SIX-FIVE, AUCTION SIX-FIVE, HOW FAR AWAY FROM THE LZ DID HE RECEIVE THAT FIRE?

AND THIS IS SIX-FIVE, STANDBY, I'M WORKING WITH HIM ON VICTOR

AND TWO-THREE, COME UP ON UHF AND TELL CHAIN SIX-FIVE HOW FAR YOU WERE FROM THE LZ WHEN YOU TOOK FIRE

AND BREAK, BREAK, I'M TWO-THREE, I WAS ABOUT 4 TO 5 CLICKS STRAIGHT EAST OF THE LZ, I POPPED SMOKE, AND IT WAS COMING FROM A RIVER VALLEY

OKAY, REAL FINE, A I MIGHT NOT BE BEHIND YOU AT ALL

OKAY, WE GOT ALOT OF WHITE SMOKE UP HERE

ROGER, I GOT TWO COMING OUT OF THE SMOKE AREA

ABOUT 5 CLICKS DUE EAST OF THE LZ

BREAKHOUSE, CUT YOURSELF A LITTLE SLACK HER, THEIR A LITTLE BIT SLOW ABOUT GETTING OFF

BOY, DON'T LET THESE FUCKERS GET SLOW AT ALL

ROGER THAT

TWO-NINE, WHEN YOU GET READY TO SHOOT, SHOOT A LITTLE LONG

OKAY, EIGHT-TWO CHARLIE, I'M COMING OVER

I GOTTA GET MY AIRSPEED UP, I CAN'T HOVER OVER IN THE LZ

THERE ARE TWO PROMINENT SMOKE AREAS AND I'M WITH THE BIRD THAT'S OVER THE EAST ONE

ROGER, WE ARE GOING IN TO THE EAST ONE

OKAY, I'M RIGHT ABEAM OF AN H MODEL AT THIS TIME

ROGER, THAT'S ME, NOW IF YOU'LL BREAK BACK SOUTH

OKAY, REAL FINE, POWERS UP

IT'S ABOUT 5 CLICKS DOWN THE VALLEY HERE

OKAY, REAL FINE

NOW I WANT A.R.A. TO WORK THIS VALLEY ON THE APPROACH IN HERE, AND I WANT MY ESCORT GUNS TO WORK THE LZ

AND CHALK TWO-SEVEN TOOK FIRE 2...3 CLICKS WEST OF THE LZ, SMALL ARMS

2 TO 3 CLICKS WEST, ROGER

OKAY, CHAINS AIRCRAFT, WHEN YOU REPORT FIRE, LET'S REPORT IT ON COMMAND UNIFORM

ROGER, I WAS ON UNIFORM

FINE

SIX-FIVE, EIGHT-TWO, I'VE COME UP ON THE LZ, CLEARED TO ROLL IN HOT AT THIS TIME?

THAT'S AFFIRMATIVE

ROGER THAT

ASTRO SIX-FIVE, CHAIN SIX-FIVE

THIS IS ASTRO SIX-FIVE

OKAY, CAN YOU TAKE IT NOW?

A, ROGER

OKAY, NOW YOU GOT BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO CHARLEY AND LOYAL ONE-TWO

ROGER, THE COMMAND PUSH IS NEVER OPEN

THAT'S AFFIRMATIVE

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YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD LEFT SIR

REAL FINE, REAL FINE

OKAY, DROP HER SIR

GOOD LEFT

TWO-NINE, SHOOT LONG

UP LEFT, CLEAR UP

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO, CAN WE GET A POSSIBLE CORRECTION FROM THE SMOKE, WE'VE ALREADY PUT OURS ON THE RED SMOKE

A, THE BIRDS THAT GAVE YOU THAT...

NOW FISH, WHEN YOU COME OUT BREAK RIGHT, THIS COBRA'S WORKING OUT OVER HERE TO OUR LEFT

OKAY, REAL FINE

BREAK, CHALK TWO-THREE IS OUT OF LZ

ROGER

A, THIS IS ASTRO, CORRECTION, CHAIN SIX-FIVE, YOUR BIRDS COMING IN NOW ARE STILL COMING IN TOO FAR TO THE WEST, A, BRING IT IN A LITTLE CLOSER, YOUR STRETCHING IT OUT OVER THERE

I GUESS IT'S WHERE THEIR TAKING FIRE DOWN THERE

OKAY, CHAINS FLIGHT, THIS IS LEAD, AND TRY TO MAKE THE APPROACH AS CLOSE TO AN OVERHEAD APPROACH AS YOU POSSIBLY CAN, STILL AIM TO THE NORTHEAST

AND THREE, GO AHEAD AND SHOOT LONG IF YOU CAN, I'M PRETTY CLOSE

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO IS HIGH AND DRY NOW

AND ONE-ZERO, I'M PRETTY CLOSE BEHIND YOU

ROGER

CHALK TWO-FIVE IS OUT OF THE LZ

ROGER TWO-FIVE

ONE MORE SORTIE DO YOU THINK, HUH?

WELL BUBBA, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, YOU CAN FLY ALL THE WAY BACK

I JUST, THIS IS SO MUCH FUN, I'D LIKE TO DO IT MYSELF

YOU WOULD'NT WANT TO LISTEN TO ME TRY AND DIRECT YOU IN HERE THE WAY I'VE BEEN GETTIN IN THERE

WATCH ALONG THAT ROAD THERE REAL GOOD NOW

AND I PULLED ABOUT 102 AGAIN COMING OUT OF THERE

SUCH IS THE GAME

AND CHALK THREE-ZEROS OUT

ROGER THREE ZERO

AT LEAST THEY CAN SAY OUR ASS IS STILL HANGING IN THE WIND

EVERYTHING IS OKAY, I'VE BEEN WATCHING THESE GAUGES LIKE A... GODDAMN, MORE THAN I EVER WATCHED THEM BEFORE I THINK, AND EVERYTHING'S HOLDING

WE SHOULD BE ALRIGHT

I GOTTA TOOTHACHE THOUGH

YOU GOTTA TOOTHACHE

CHALK THREE-SIX IS TAKING FIRE ABOUT 5 CLICKS TO THE SOUTHEAST, WE POPPED RED SMOKE

ROGER THREE-SIX

ROGER, I'M ON UNIFORM

ROGER, FINE

A.R.A., YOU GOT HIM?

ROGER, I'VE TURNED AROUND AND I'M WAITING FOR THE SMOKE

CHALK THREE-SIX, SAY ALTITUDE PLEASE

CHALK 6 IS AT 3500

ROGER, WHAT ALTITUDE WERE YOU AT WHEN YOU TOOK FIRE?

THAT WASN'T CHALK SIX, CHALK SIX IS HALFWAY BACK

A, ROGER, CHALK TOOK FIRE, SAY ALTITUDE WHEN YOU TOOK IT PLEASE

ROGER, THIS IS CHALK THREE-SIX, I WAS AT 3000

OKAY

HOW FAR NORTH OF THE ROAD WERE YOU, EXCUSE ME, HOW FAR SOUTH OF THE ROAD WERE YOU?

A ROGER, WE WERE, A, THERE IS A SMOKE GOING DOWN RIGHT NOW

A ROGER, STILL NEGATIVE CONTACT WITH THAT

A ROGER, CHALK THREE-EIGHT IS RIGHT OVERTOP OF BOTH RED SMOKES NOW

I THINK I SAW THAT AIRCRAFT THAT WENT DOWN

ROGER CHALK THREE-EIGHT, ARE YOU TRAIL?

THAT'S A NEGATIVE

THAT'S THE ONE WITH THE STUCK PEDAL, HE NEVER MADE IT

WHERE IS THAT AT SIR?

OH, AN AUCTION AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND EVERYONE GOT IT

THEY GOT SHOT GOING, I THINK IT WAS CHALK SIX OR SO, GOING INTO THE LZ, HE MADE

A GO AROUND, HE HAD NO LEFT PEDAL, SAID HIS DRIVESHAFT WAS BATTERED UP OR COMING OFF,

AND, A, HE MUST HAVE HAD A FULL LOAD ON, HE TRIED TO MAKE IT BACK BUT HE DIDN'T

YOU CAN'T MAKE A RANNINIG LANDING OUT HERE

TWO-THREE, ONE-ZERO, COMMO CHECK ON FOX MIKE?

LOUD AND CLEAR

TWO-THREE, THIS IS LEAD, ARE YOU OUT OF THE LZ YET?

THIS IS TAIL, THAT'S A NEGATIVE

WE GOT TO CLEAN THIS PAPA ZULU

A.R.A., IT'S FURTHER TO YOUR SOUTH, FURTHER TO YOUR SOUTH, ON ABOUT A TWO ONE ZERO
FROM WHERE YOU ARE ORBITING

THREE FOX COMING OUT

A.R.A., THE RED SMOKE IS ABOUT A CLICK TO THE WEST OF THE ROAD

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO, I'LL BE PUTTING SOMETHING DOWN ON YOUR RED
SMOKE HERE

ROGER, DO YOU HAVE CONTACT NOW?

ROGER THAT, I UNDERSTOOD IT WAS SOUTHEAST INSTEAD OF SOUTHWEST

A ROGER

THREE-EIGHT, SIX-TWO

GO AHEAD

YOU GOT ME AT YOUR NINE O'CLOCK LOW?

NEGATIVE

AND WE'RE GONNA SAVE A LITTLE FUEL, THIS SHOULD BE OUR LAST SORTIE

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, AUCTION SIX-FIVE

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, OVER

ROGER, WE'RE OUT OF THE PZ FOR THE THIRD

ROGER THAT, AND REAL FINE, WE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU TO COME BACK OUT, ALSO, WE'VE BEEN
GETTING QUITE A BIT OF FIRE TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE LZ THAT TIME, UP THE LITTLE

RAVINE FROM THE HIGHWAY, YOU MIGHT ALTER YOUR FLIGHT ROUTE BACK TO THE NORTH
JUST A LITTLE BIT

ROGER, WILL DO

LET'S GO THREE-SIX

CHALK THREE-SIX, HOW ABOUT A LITTLE AIRSPEED?

TWO'S ON THE GO

BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO, CHAIN SIX-FIVE

CHALK THREE-NINE IS TAKING FIRE COMING INTO THE LZ

LOYAL, DO YOU GOT HIM?

UNDERSTAND TRAIL IS TAKING FIRE AT 4 O'CLOCK GOING INTO THE LZ?

AND 8 O'CLOCK, SMOKE OUT

THREE-EIGHT IS OUT

LOYAL ONE-TWO, LOYAL ONE-TWO, CHAIN SIX-FIVE

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, LOYAL ONE-TWO

ROGER, ARE YOU COVERING THE SOUTHERN AND WESTERN PORTION OF THAT LZ?

A BIRD TOOK FIRE COMING INTO THE LZ
OKAY, THEY POP SMOKE?
CHALK THREE-NINER, DID YOU POP SMOKE OUT THERE?
ROGER, WAIT ONE
ROGER, RED SMOKE MARKS THE POSITION OF THE FIRE
OKAY
ROGER, NEGATIVE CONTACT
LOYAL, YOU HAVE ANY?
NOT YET
OKAY, YOU GOT IT NOW? IT'S A TWO ONE ZERO DEGREES FROM THE LZ
AND CHALK FORTY'S TAKING SMALL ARMS FIRE 9 O'CLOCK ABOUT HALF A CLICK OFF THE LZ
LOYAL, YOU BETTER GET IN, ROLL IN ON THAT RED SMOKE AND THEN CHECK THAT
WHOLE RIDGELINE
SIX IS COMING OUT OF THE PZ
WELL, THEY'RE STILL AT HER FELLAS
CHECK YOUR DOOR THERE, MAKE SURE YOU TIGHTEN HER UP THERE AS LONG AS WE HAVE A
CHANCE HERE
CHALK FOUR-ZERO, IS THAT YOU TOUCHING DOWN AT THIS TIME?
AIRCRAFT TOUCHING DOWN IN LZ, SAY CHALK NUMBER
THAT SHOULD BE FOUR-ZERO, THREE-NINER JUST PULLED OUT
ROGER, THAT'S WHAT I WAS TRYING TO CONFIRM
THIS IS FOUR-ZERO IN LZ
ROGER, THANK YOU
THREE FOX THIS IS TWO-THREE
GO AHEAD
ROGER, I SEE A COBRA SITTING DOWN IN THE ROAD THERE RUNNING...
CHECK THE TREE LINE THERE ON THE RIDGELINE WHERE YOU JUST PUT THOSE IN
THIS IS BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO, YOU SURE YOU AREN'T TALKING TO LOYAL?
A ROGER, SORRY BOBCAT, LOYAL, DID YOU MONITOR? TALKING TO GLNS
THIS IS LOYAL, ROGER, WE A GOT TWO PAIRS LEFT, WE GOT ANOTHER ONE INBOUND AT THIS TIME
ROGER
A, LOYAL, AS SOON AS THE OTHER SET REPORTS ON STATION YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND EXPEND
ON THAT RIDGELINE BEFORE YOU GO IN
ONE-TWO, ROGER
HERE ARE TWO BANDOLIERS OF SIXTEEN AMMO
I GOT BOO COO (DEAU COUP) (A LOT)
OKAY
HOW ARE YOU DOING BACK THERE MELVIN?
HOW ARE YOU DOING BACK THERE?
I'M STILL HANGIN IN THERE SIR
SHE'S COOLED DOWN A HELL OF ALOT SINCE LAST TIME
IT WAS LIKE THE GOOD OLD DAYS SIR
YEAH, I HOPE THESE WILL BE MY ONLY DAYS
WE ONLY GOT ONE MORE LEFT
AUCTION, CHAIN SIX-FIVE
THIS IS AUCTION SIX-FIVE, GO AHEAD
ROGER, WHEN YOU COME IN THIS TIME, YOU MIGHT FLY DIRECT INTO THE LZ STAYING
NEAREST THE RIDGELINE THE LZ SETS ON, THEY'VE BEEN GETTING ALOT OF FIRE OFFA THAT
RIDGELINE TO THE WEST, OVER
ROGER, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I PLAN TO DO
ANY BOSSY AIRCRAFT, MUSIC 5
ANY BOSSY AIRCRAFT, MUSIC 5
AND CHALK TWELVE IS COMING OF THE PZ

ROGER TWELVE

BOSSY ONE-SEVEN, MUSIC FIVE

MUSIC, STATE YOUR PUSH

AUCTION SIX-FIVE, CHAIN SIX-FIVE

ROGER, WHEN YOU COME IN THIS TIME, CAN YOU DROP TWO BIRDS OFF AT THE END OF YOUR FLIGHT? HAVE THEM GO BACK INTO THIRTY AND PICK UP SOME AIR EQUIPMENT THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE OVER THERE TO TAKE BACK TO THE INITIAL PZ AND THEN CONTINUE ON AS BRIEFED
ROGER

CHALK THIRTEEN'S OUT OF THE PZ

AND STATIC FIRES AT THIS TIME, LET'S PICK UP MIKE, A MIKE AND A HALF AND TRY TO GET MORE OF AN OVERHEAD

LET'S NOT GET TOO FAR WEST THIS TIME WHERE A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE GETTING SHOT AT I'M FOR THAT

LOTUS SIX-FIVE, AUCTION SIX-FIVE

LOTUS SIX-FIVE, GO AHEAD

ROGER, WILL YOU HAVE TWO OF YOUR LOTUS AIRCRAFT MAKE THAT PICKUP AT PAPA ZULU 30 WHERE WE WENT THIS MORNING? A, THEY NEED TO AIRHAUL SOME STUFF BACK TO OUR PZ

THIS IS SIX-FIVE, I UNDERSTAND YOU WANT ME TO SEND TO BIRDS FROM THIS A,PZ INTO A, THREE ZERO?

I WANT YOU TO SEND TWO AFTER THEY DISCHARGE ON THE LZ WE ARE GOING TO, ENROUTE TO THE PZ

ROGER THAT

THAT'S THE BIRD THEY LOST

A ONE SHOT THING, DROP OT AT THE PZ AND GO BACK AS BRIEFED

CHAIN FOUR-SEVEN, FIRES ONE

CHALK ONE-FIVE'S COMING OUT OF PZ

ROGER ONE-FIVE

ANY STATION THIS PUSH, FIRES ONE

ANY STATION THIS PUSH, FIRES ONE

AND I'LL BE BEEPING HER BACK UP

AND CHALK ONE-SIX OFF THE PAPA ZULU

ROGER ONE-SIX

CHALK ONE-EIGHT COMING OUT OF THE PZ

ROGER ONE-EIGHT

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, CHAIN FIVE-SEVEN

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, CHAIN FIVE-SEVEN, OVER

SIX-FIVE WENT BACK IN FOR FUEL

ROGER THAT, THIS IS FIVE-SEVEN, COULD YOU GIVE ME CHAIN'S LOCATION?

THIS IS LEAD, SAY AGAIN, WHO WENT BACK IN FOR FUEL?

SAY AGAIN, OVER

AND PUT ME ON VICTOR, WOULD YOU PLEASE?

CORRECTION, CHAIN SIX-FIVE

A CHAIN SIX-FIVE, THIS IS TWO-SEVEN, I'M ON...

TWO-SEVEN, WHAT'S YOUR PAUSE?

LAST TRIP

A ROGER, THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH

CHALK TWO-FOUR IS OUT OF THE PZ

CORRECTION, LOYAL ONE-TWO, CAN YOU PICK UP, A, AUCTION GOING IN TO THE LZ?

GET THAT ALTITUDE

YEP

RIGHT BEFORE WE GET THERE SIR, LET ME OPEN UP ON THAT RIDGELINE YOU BETCHA

LOYAL ONE-TWO, AUCTION SIX-FIVE

THIS IS ONE-TWO, ROGER, HE'S NOT GONNA MAKE IT BUDDY
HOW ABOUT SWINGING BACK HERE WITH ME?
ROGER, WE'RE ALRIGHT HERE WHERE THEY'LL BE PICKIN ME UP
YEAH, ALRIGHT

HEY, A, I GOT ANOTHER BIRD GOING DOWN
CHALK TWENTY FIVE'S OUT OF THE PZ
AND WE'VE GOT YOU PICKED UP THERE SIX-FIVE
REAL FINE

YOU KNOW THE FIRST TIME WE WENT IN AND WE TOOK FIRE FROM THAT
RIDGELINE REAL CLOSE TO THE LZ?

YEAH

TWO FUCKIN DINKS WERE POINTING AT THE SON OF A BITCH AND THEY
WOULDN'T FIRE

I STARTED YELLING AT THEM

ROGER, I'M HEADING OVER THE HILLS NOW, I HAVE ALOT OF WHITE SMOKE,
I'LL BE THERE IN ABOUT ZERO TWO

.. ROGER

AND LEAD IS ON AND OFF

GOT YOU COMING OFF

BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO, WHAT'S YOUR PAUSE?

A, THIS IS BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO, I'M ON THE ROAD THAT RUNS SOUTHWEST
ROGER

AND, A, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR CRITERIA IS FOR CLAIMING A KILL,
BUT THE BUSH IS GONE THAT HE WAS BEHIND

ROGER

THAT'S GOOD

OH FUCK, THEY CAN GO DOWN, I'M GONNA STAY UP

WHAT HAPPENED THERE?

SOME GUN SPOTTED A DINK, HE RAN OFF THE ROAD AND HE BLEW THE
BUSH AWAY

YEAH

THAT'S COOL

THAT'S ALRIGHT

TRAIL, LEAD

AND AIRCRAFT COMING INTO THE LZ, CALL YOURSELVES OFF, WE'RE TRYING
TO KEEP TRACK, APPARENTLY THE CHALK ORDERS ARE MESSED UP

FOUR'S GETTIN SHORT

SIX IS LONG

AND CHALK FOUR'S COMING OUT

ROGER FOUR

ROGER

YOU GOT THAT LIGHT BURNING?

YEAH

IT'S A FLARE

YEAH, THERE'S A STINK DOWN THERE

CHALK THREE-TWO'S OUT OF THE PZ

FIVE'S COMING OUT

SEVEN'S LONG

.. I GUESS SOMEBODY GOT THAT P.I.O., HUH? (PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER)

I HOPE SOMEBODY HOOKED HIS ASS

THAT'S WHAT I MEAN

HE WASN'T A P.I.O., HE WAS A MAN FROM CBS

N...B...C...

AND HIS TAIL UNFOLDS

MUSIC TWO-SEVEN, CHAIN SIX-FIVE, HAVE YOU PICKED UP THE LZ AT THIS TIME?

ROGER SIX-FIVE

A SNKES PUTTIN IN A STRIKE DOWN THERE

I BELEIVE WE HAVE THE LZ IN SIGHT

A, ROGER THAT, THAT SHOULD BE BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO THAT'S PUTTIN IN THE STRIKE DOWN THERE

ROGER, I THINK I HAVE THE SLICKS COMING OFF THE LZ

AS SOON AS YOU GET OVER THERE, YOU CAN REPLACE LOYAL ONE-TWO IN A CAP RIGHT AROUND THE LZ TRYING TO CATCH THESE FIRES AS THEIR COMING INTO THE LZ, I THINK THEY ARE ABOUT EXPENDED

ROGER, WE'RE ABOUT ONE MINUTE OUT OF THE PZ

THREE-FOUR'S ON THE PZ

THREE-FOUR, HOW DOES IT LOOK TO YOU, CAN WE CLEAN IT OUT WITH ABOUT SIX MORE BIRDS?

MUSIC TWO-SEVEN, LOYAL TWO-SEVEN, IF YOU CAN MAINTAIN A CAP TO THE WEST, THAT'S WHERE THEY'RE TAKING THE MOST

A, ROGER

BOBCAT EIGHT-THREE, GO, THIS IS GIRDER EIGHT-THREE FOX ON VICTOR CHALK 35 IS COMING OUT AND I BELEIVE I HAVE A PZ CLEAN

REAL FINE 35, 36 GIVE ME A CHECK ON THE PZ

THIS IS 36, CONFIRMS A PZ CLEAN

ROGER 36, THANK YOU MUCH

AND CHAIN SIX-FIVE, AUCTION SIX-FIVE

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, OVER

ROGER, MY CHALK 36 CLAIMS A PZ COMPLETE AT THIS TIME

A, ROGER, UNDERSTAND THAT CHALK 36 GOT A PZ COMPLETE

THAT'S AFFIRM, THE FLIGHT WILL BE GOING BACK IN TO RE FUEL

EXCEPT FOR THE TWO BIRDS THAT YOU WANTED TO MAKE THE PICK UP

ROGER THAT, THEN THEY'LL RETURN IMMEDIATLY TO REFUEL THEN REJOIN THEIR FLIGHTS

ROGER THAT

THIS IS AUCTION SIX-FIVE, GO AHEAD

CHALK NINE'S COMING OUT OF THE LZ

ROGER, A, IT'LL BE LOTUS SIX-FOUR AND FIVE-ONE GOING BACK INTO LZ ONE

OKAY, ROGER, I'M GONNA LET YOU TAKE CARE OF FLIGHT

AND FLIGHT, THIS IS CHALK ONE, WE'VE GOT TWO BIRDS FROM DOWN SOUTH SCREWING AROUND OUT HERE, THEY'RE PASSING IN AND OUT OF OUR FLIGHT

AND THE REST OF THE FLIGHT BEHIND CHALK TWO-FOUR, CUT YOURSELF

SLACK BACK THERE IN THE...AREA, WE ARE STARTING TO GET BUNCHED UP

IF WE'RE GOING TO RUN IN AND OUT REAL FAST

FLIGHT LEAD THIS IS CHALK THREE-EIGHT

ROGER, I'M GONNA TAKE THE REST OF THE FLIGHT BACK AND SHUT DOWN

ROGER THAT, REFUEL AND SHUT DOWN

CHALK ONE-ZERO COMING OUT OF THE LZ

ROGER CHALK ONE-ZERO

CHALK TEN'S COMING OUT OF THE LZ

ROGER TEN

AUCTION SIX-FIVE, BOULDER SIX-FIVE, I'M BRINGING MY PEOPLE BACK REFUELING AND SHUTTING DOWN

ROGER

THESE MOTHER FUCKERS ARE GOING TO PISS ME OFF IF THEY KEEP SHOOTING AT US

THERE IT IS
FIVE, THIS IS TWO-SEVEN ON VICTOR
ROGER, THIS IS TWO-SEVEN, DID YOU WANT ME?
AND FLIGHT, THIS IS CHALK ONE-THREE, I'VE GOT A BIRD FROM DOWN
SOUTH CUTTING ME OUT ON SHORT, SHORT FINAL
ONE-THREE, ROGER
AIRCRAFT SETTING DOWN IN LZ AT THIS TIME, SAY YOUR I.D.
OKAY, CHALK TWELVE JUST CAME OUT
TWELVE, A, AIRCRAFT IN THE LZ, WHAT'S YOUR CHALK NUMBER?
ONE-THREE, DID YOU GET IN ALRIGHT?
A, CHARLEY CHARLEY I GUESS
ONE-THREE, LEAD
THIS IS ONE-THREE
DID YOU GET IN OKAY?
ROGER, I HAD TO HOVER BECUASE THE GUY CUT ME OUT, HE CAME RIGHT IN
THE FLIGHT AND JUST CUT ME OUT, RIGHT ON SHORT FINAL
OKAY
AND I GOT HIS TAIL NUMBER WHICH IS 17471 AND HE'S A BIRD FROM
DOWN SOUTH
ROGER 17471
DISREGARD THAT
CHAIN SIX-FIVE, AUCTION SIX-FIVE
OKAY, WE GOT SOME BIRDS FROM DOWN SOUTH HERE THAT ARE CUTTIN IN
AND OUT OF THE LZ, I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING, BUT THEY
CAUSED AN AIRCRAFT OF MINE TO HOVER, IT COULD HAVE BEEN A GO AROUND,
IF YOU HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH THEM
THIS IS SIX-FIVE, I HAVE NEGATIVE CONTACT
ALL THE BIRDS THAT BELONG TO US ARE SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE LINE
UP COMING IN HERE
A, THESE BIRDS DON'T BELONG TO US, THEY'RE FROM DOWN SOUTH
A, ROGER, I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET AHOLD OF THEM HERE
CHAIN SIX-FIVE, THIS IS TWO-SEVEN
TWO-SEVEN, THIS IS SIX-FIVE
ROGER, I JUST RECEIVED PRETTY HEAVY SMALL ARMS AUTOMATIC WEAPONS
FIRE FROM SOUTHEAST OF THE PZ FROM A HEADING OF ABOUT TWO ONE ZERO
A, ROGER, IT'S BEEN COMING FROM THERE EVER SINCE THIS THING STARTED
A, ROGER, MAYBE WE CAN PUT A LITTLE BIT OF FIRE DOWN THEIR WAY
HEY FISH
YEAH?
CHAIN SIX-FIVE, TEMPER TWO-EIGHT
CHALK 14 IS OUT
TEMPER TWO-EIGHT, GO AHEAD
THIS IS TEMPER TWO-EIGHT, THEY'RE REQUESTING THAT YOU HAVE TWO
BIRDS DROP BY 30, PICK UP AIR ITEMS, BRING THEM BACK TO THE PAPA
ZULU IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN, OVER
THIS IS CHAIN SIX-FIVE, ROGER, THAT HAS BEEN DISPATCHED AT THIS TIME
OKAY, TRY TO GET A MARK ON THAT LZ SO WE CAN STAY UP HIGH AND
JUST DROP RIGHT IN WHEN WE SEE IT
OKAY, I GOT BIRDS GOING OUT RIGHT ON MY SIDE
I GUESS HE'S COMING THIS WAY
FLIGHT, THIS IS THREE FOX, CUT YOURSELF SOME SLACK, THEY'RE STACKED
UP DOWN HERE
CHALK ONE-EIGHT COMING OUT
CHALK ONE-EIGHT'S COMING OUT OF THE LIMA ZULU

OKAY, I GOT HER, THANKS
AND CHAIN SIX-FIVE, LOWELL TWO-SEVEN
SIX-FIVE, OVER
ROGER, IF YOU COULD MOVE YOUR FLIGHT BACK OVER TO THE SIERRA,
THEY SEEM TO BE MOVING ALL BACK TO THAT AREA WHERE YOU TOOK THE
INTENSE FIRE EARLIER
ROGER
BIRDS COMING INTO THE LZ, STAY ONTO THE RIDGELINE RUNNING TO
THE NORTH-SOUTH, DO NOT GET ON THAT WESTERN RIDGELINE, THERE HAS
BEEN FIRE COMING OUT OF THERE ALL DAY, SO LET'S MOVE IT BACK OVER
AND MAKE A REAL TIGHT FINAL OR STRAIGHT IN, SIMULATED STRAIGHT IN
THERE
AND TWO-NINE, IF YOU'RE BEHIND ME AND GOT TWO-THREE GOING LOW,
I'M GONNA STAY HIGH AND MAKE A LEFT HAND ORBIT AND TRY TO MAKE
IT IN THERE GOING NORTH-NORTHEAST
TWO-ZERO COMING OUT OF THE LZ
ROGER, I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU
I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU TWO-NINE
THAT'S NO SWEAT, YOU GOT ALL THE ROOM IN THE WORLD, I'M JUST
GONNA TRY TO GET THIS FLIGHT DOWN IN THERE FROM UP HIGH ONCE
I'M GONNA DROP THIS SMOKE ON THE LZ, OKAY?
YEAH, IF YOU'RE TIRED OF HOLDING IT
THERE IT IS
CHALK TWO THIS IS LEAD, HOW ABOUT GOING UP ON POWER AND CALLING THE FLIG
CHAIN SIX-FIVE, WE'RE RECEIVING FIRE A LITTLE FARTER EAST THAN
WHERE THE SMOKES WERE
HOW ABOUT THIS LINE RUNNING TO THE MOST NORTH, IT'S ABOUT ONE FIVE
ZERO TO THREE THREE ZERO, DID THEY RECEIVE ANY OFF THAT?
ROGER, IS THAT THE ONE ON THE WESTERN SLOPE OR THE EASTERN SLOPE
THAT THE LZ SETS ON? OVER
IT'S SOUTHWEST OF THE LZ, THERE'S A RIDGELINE...
JUST DON'T SHOOT INTO THIS OTHER BIRD, THERE, IT'S OKAY, START SHOOTIN
I'M SORRY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE PUSHING THEM BACK, SAM, YOU CAN GO
AHEAD AND SUPPRESS
CHAIN SIX-FIVE, TEMPER ONE-SEVEN, OVER
CHAIN SIX-FIVE, OVER
TEMPER ONE-SEVEN THIS IS CHAIN SIX-FIVE, GO AHEAD
THIS IS TEMPER ONE-SEVEN
THIS IS CHAIN SIX-FIVE, A, SAY AGAIN, YOU WERE CUT OUT, OVER
YUO'RE LOOKING REAL GOOD SIR, JUST DROP HER ANY OLD PLACE
OKAY, AND WE'RE JUST GONNA DROP
ROGER, DO YOU HAVE A SLICK GOING THE SAME DIRECTION WE ARE AT ABOUT
YOUR THREE O'CLOCK OR A LITTLE LOWER?
GET 'EM OUT
CLEAR UP LEFT, SIR
REAL FINE
THERE'S THAT LITTLE FUCKIN PHOTOGRAPHER THERE
RIGHT OVER THERE YOU WANT IT?
YEAH, BLOW IT IN THERE
TWO-THREE IS OUT OF THE LZ
I THINK SOMEBODY ELSE IS POSSIBLY TRYING TO KEY IN ON YOU
AND AS CHAIN SIX-FIVE BRIEFED EARLIER IN THE DAY, YOU ARE , I THINK,
TO REFUEL AND SHUT DOWW

A, ROGER, WILL DO
AND YOU DID TAKE A, CORRECTION, IT WAS LOTUS THAT TOOK CARE OF
THE TWO BIRDS INTO 30
PUT SOME RIGHT OUT IN FRONT OF US SAM
COME ON, START SHOOTING
ROGER, THIS IS THREE FOX, WE'LL BE GOING BACK AND REFUELING AND
SHUTTING DOWN AT KHE SAHN
TEE TEE TWO-NINE
TEE TEE
TWO-NINER, I'M SHOOYIN STRAIGHT INTO THE LZ
SAY AGAIN PLEASE
I'M SHOOTIN STRAIGHT INTO THE LZ
ROGER, WILL DO, I SHOULD BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU NOW
HEY, YOU GOT A BULLET BENT THERE, SHE'LL, HEY, HEY, MELVIN, HEY
MELVIN, MELVIN, YOU GOTTA BULLET BENT AND SHE'LL NEVR GO IN
A TEMPER ONE-SEVEN, CHAIN SIX-FIVE, GO AHEAD
IT LOOKED LIKE YOU HAD A BULLET BENT THERE ON THE LINKAGE
THERE, THERE YOU GO, OKAY
CHALK TWO-NINE OUT OF THE LZ
GO AHEAD AND TURN MY LIGHT ON, JUST MY SEARCHLIGHT, OR A LANDING
LIGHT I MEAN
ONCE YOU GET ESTABLISHED OUT THERE, AND SHOW HIM THE BEST FLIGHT
ROUTE, A, THEN, A
OKAY, DON'T SHOOT, WE GOT BIRDS FLYING RIGHT UNDERNEATH US
A CHAIN SIX-FIVE, ROGER WILCO
I'VE BEEN HIT
A ROGER
WHO'S BEEN HIT?
I'M COMING OUT
ONE CHARLY, ONE CHARLY, THIS IS ONE BRAVO ON VICTOR
OKAY GOOD, I GOT IT
ONE CHARLY, ONE CHARLY, THIS IS ONE BRAVO ON VICTOR
I LIKE THE SIXTEEN BETTER THAN THE MACHINE GUN
YEAH, IF YOU CAN JUST KEEP FEEDING IT
ONE CHARLY ON GUARD, ONE CHARLY ON GUARD, THIS IS ONE-FIVE, I'M
HIT, I'M RETURNING TO KHE SAHN, OVER
YOUR CLEAR TO LAND LEAD
CHALK THREE'S OUT OF THE LZ
A THREE-ZERO
AIRCRAFT CALLING ON GUARD, COME UP ON UHF
A, BARKY, I'M TRYING TO GET AHOLD OF ANOTHER AIRCRAFT, A COBRA, I
DON'T SEEM TO BE HIT TOO BAD, AS YET EVERYTHING IS HOLDING IN
THE GREEN, I HAVE NO CONTACT WITH MY LEAD SHIP AT THE PRESENT TIME,
AND I HAVE NO WAY OF NOTIFYING HIM THAT I'VE BEEN HIT, AND I'M
RETURNING TO KHE SAHN
WHO WAS HIT AND CALLING ON GUARD?
THE OTHER ELEMENT OF THE CHAINS FLIGHT WAS HIT
NEGATIVE, NEGATIVE, THAT WAS NINE-ONE BRAVO, NINE-ONE BRAVO
FLIGHT, THIS IS THREE FOX ON FOX MIKE, WOULD YOU CHECK IN?
TWO-THREE'S HERE
AND ONE-EIGHT'S RIGHT BEHIND TWO-THREE
AND, A, ONE-THREE, ARE YOU WITH US?
COME ON BOY, WHERE ARE YOU?

I'M RUNNING OUT OF LEFT PEDAL NOW
ONE-THREE, ONE-THREE, THREE FOX
OH GEE, I'VE GOT ABOUT, 500, DO YOU SUGGEST TRYING TO MAKE A
RUNNING LANDING?
AND FLIGHT, DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHERE ONE-THREE IS?
AND ONE-THREE, I COPY, I'VE GOT A PRETTY WEAK RADIO
WAIT A MINUTE, I THINK I'VE GOT SOME PEDAL BACK, I'M GONNA TRY
TO PUT IT DOWN RIGHT NOW, I'M JUST TWO ONE ZERO OFF THESE A...
DON'T FLY TOO LONG BEFORE YOU SET IT DOWN
WE GOT A BIRD RIGHT BELOW US THAT'S GOING DOWN
ZENITH NINE-ONE, OVER
AND TWO-THREE, ARE YOU GOING IN? I'LL KEEP YOU COVERED
I THINK THAT'S HIM, NO, THAT'S ANOTHER GUY, I DON'T KNOW WHERE
HE WENT
OKAY, WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, IS EVRYTHING IN THE GREEN?
IS IT THIS GUY COMING UP AT MY TWELVE?
I BELEIVE SO
I'M LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO LAND THE SHIP HERE, WE TOOK A WHOLE
BUNCH OF TRACERS AND SHIT
OKAY, A, BOBCAT EIGHT-TWO, WHAT'S YOUR OMNI, SWITCH ON YOUR VICTOR
IT CAN'T BE HIM TWO-THREE, HE'S STILL MAKIN A CIRCLE
ROG, I'M BEHIND YOU NOW
YEAH, ARE YOU GUYS ALRIGHT BACK THERE?
YOU BETCHA, I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU THREE FOX
OKAY BUDDY, I'M JUST SETTIN DOWN NOW
RIGHT ALONG THE RIVER HERE
ROGER, I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF THE GROUND ELEMENTS ARE READY FOR THE
BIG SHIPS? (CHINOOKS, FLYING CRANES)
COZY SIX, THIS IS THREE FOX
CHALK THREE-TWO'S ABOUT A MILE EAST OF THE LZ AND POPPED GREEN SMOKE
COZY THREE-FIVE, THIS IS THREE FOX
AND LOYAL TWO-SEVEN, DO YOU HAVE HIM?
AND TWO-THREE, I SAW A LOACH DOWN THERE
I WISH PEACHEY WOULD GET OFF THE DAMN...
A ROGER, I THINK THAT BIRD WAS CHUCKLE CHUCKLE FOR THOSE LOACHES
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR HIM, I THINK I KNOW WHERE THE GUY IS
OKAY, REAL FINE
TWO-THREE, ONE-ZERO
YEAH, WHAT ARE WE LOOKIN FOR OUT HERE, A WOUNDED COBRA?
I BELEIVE IT'S A SLICK, I THINK IT'S ONE OF THE ALPHA COMPANY
PEOPLE I'M THINKIN OF, THE ONE I WAS TALKIN TO THERE BEFORE WE
TOOK OFF, I THINK HE HAD SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIS TAIL ROTOR
OR SOMETHING, HE SAID HE WAS PUTTIN IT DOWN, HE'S ON A TWO-ONE,
A, TWO ONE ZERO DEGREES FROM KHE SAHN, I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S OUT
THIS WAY OR NOT, I THOUGHT I SAW ONE
A, YOU MEAN THE AIRCRAFT THAT WENT IN ON THE FIRST SORTIE?
YEAH, I GUESS SO
FLIGHT, THIS IS THREE FOX, LET'S GO ON BACK IN AND IF WE GOT
ANYBODY DOWN WE'LL COME BACK OUT AND GET THEM
WE'RE ALL HEADED BACK IN THREE FOX
ROGER
BIRDS WAITING OUT THERE, BREAK MORE TO THE ECHO
A, ROGER THAT, AIRCRAFT COMING INTO THE LZ, I SAY AGAIN, DO NOT

THE WESTERN RIDGELINE, THERE IS FIRE COMING FROM THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THAT WESTERN RIDGELINE EVERY TIME SOMEONE FLIES UP IT, SO STAY IN AND MAKE A SIMULATED STRAIGHT IN APPROACH TO THE LZ BUT DO NOT GET OVER THAT WESTERN RIDGELINE

SIX-TWO, YOU GET THAT DAMN DOORGUNNER OR CREW CHEIF IN THAT SEAT
ROGER

A ROGER, WE'LL TAKE OVER NOW, IS, A, DID TEMPER ONE-SEVEN SAY ANYTHING ABOUT RECOVERING THOSE BODIES

A THIS IS SIX-FIVE, HE HASN'T AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER HE'S STANDING BY MYSTIC SIX-FIVE

BEEPER, BEEPER, COME UP ON GUARD

AT THAT TIME, GIVE MYSTIC SIX-FIVE A GOOD BRIEFING, HE WILL TAKE OVER, AND GET THEM ALL UP WHEN YOUR BACK SEAT IS READY FOR THE LARGE BIRDS TO COME IN AT THIS TIME. OVER

OKAY, STANDBY

I WISH THAT PEACHEY WOULD STAY OFF THE DAMN RADIO, IT WOULD HELP THESE PEOPLE THAT GO DOWN ALOT

JESUS CHRIST

ASTRO SIX-FIVE, THIS IS LOTUS SIX-FIVE

THIS IS ASTRO SIX-FIVE

A, ROGER, THIS IS LOTUS SIX-FIVE, BE ADVISED THAT I SENT TWO BIRDS INTO FIRE SUPPORT THREE ZERO, AND, A, NEGATIVE CONTACT, THE BIRDS LANDED AND COULD NOT GET ANYTHING ON THEIR BIRDS TO BRING BACK TO THE PZ, THEY'RE LOW ON FUEL AND I'M BRINGING THEM HOME

A, ROGER THAT, GO AHEAD AND BRING THEM HOME

ROGER, ASTRO SIX-FIVE, WE'LL TAKE OVER NOW, AND A...

THIS IS TEMPER ONE-SEVEN, OVER

ROGER, THE BACK SEAT SAYS THEY'RE READY TO ACCEPT THE 47'S AT THIS TIME
COLOR THREE FOX, COLOR THREE FOX, COZY SIX

COZY SIX THIS IS THREE FOX

ROGER, WHAT'S THE LATEST WORD, YOU WANT US TO REPOSITION AND SHUT DOWN OR ARE WE RELEASED?

POSITION AND SHUT DOWN

ROGER

A, THREE FOX, WOULD YOU HOLD IT BACK A LITTLE BIT?

LEAD, IS THERE ROOM FOR ME TO SET DOWN?

DON'T LET YOUR GUNNERS SHOOT DOWN INTO THE LZ, THEY SAY THE FIRES COMING TOO CLOSE TO THEM

CHAIN SIX-FIVE, THIS IS ASTRO SIX-FIVE, WE'LL BE GOING IN FOR REFUEL
ROGER

THE BEST WAY TO BRING THOSE HOOKS IN THERE WOULD BE TO HAVE THEM RUN RIGHT UP THE RIDGELINE, A, A AND STAY RIGHT ON THE RIDGELINE THAT THE LZ IS ON, AND A, NOT LET THEM WANDER

AND LEAD, THIS IS TWO, I COULDN'T GET A HOLD OF SPIKE, OR EVEN...

THREE FOX HERE

THREE-TWO, THREE FOX

THREE FOX, ROGER

IF YOU WANNA PULL ON OUT AND PULL ON AROUND YOU CAN GET UP IN FRONT OF THE FLIGHT AND YOU CAN GO IN FUEL FIRST

ROGER

WHO'S OUT OF FUEL? OR WHO'S LOW?

I DIDN'T CATCH THE NUMBER

SIX-FIVE, THIS IS THREE FOX

THIS IS SIX-FIVE, GO AHEAD

A ROGER, I'VE GOT ALL MY FLIGHT IN NOW UP TO CHALK THREE-ZERO
OKAY. MIGHTY FINE, WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD, A, LET'S SWITCH BACK

TO OUR RESPECTIVE VICTOR RADIO FREQUENCIES
THIS IS THREE FOX, WILCO
AUCTION SIX-FIVE, LOTUS SIX-FIVE
A ROGER, DO YOU KNOW IF THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE AS FOR REFUELING
I, A...

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AND THIS IS ONE-EIGHT VICTOR
HELLO

HEY, IS COYOTE WITH US?

I DON'T KNOW, A, ONE-THREE, TWO-THREE ON VICTOR

HE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT HAVING A WEAK RADIO

A, WHO'S GOT SOME TOILET PAPER WHEN WE GET BACK?

OKAY, THIS IS THREE FOX ON VICTOR, WE ARE CLEARED STRAIGHT IN TO
P.O.L. WITH A LOW FUEL STATUS

LET'S GO BACK DOWN SOUTH AND RUN SOME GOOD C.A.'S (COMBAT ASSAULTS)

THESE AIN'T EVEN ANY FUN FOR TAKIN PICTURES

HOW YOU FELLAS DOIN BACK THERE

I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING, THIS IS THE HOTTEST FLIGHT I'VE EVER BEEN ON
THREE-NINE, THREE ON FOX

AND THREE, THIS IS THREE-NINE VICTOR, GO AHEAD

ROGER, I'M GOING AT ABOUT YOUR THREE O'CLOCK AT THIS TIME

ROGER

THREE, THIS IS THREE FOX, WHAT IS YOUR POSITION?

I'M AT P.O.L. AT THIS TIME

A ROGER, WE'LL WAIT UNTIL YOU GET IN

THREE, SAY AGAIN

WE'LL WAIT UNTIL YOU GET IN SO YOU CAN GET SOME FUEL

WHAT'S THE CALL SIGN OF THE AIRCRAFT THAT WENT DOWN?

I DON'T KNOW

AND THREE FOX, WHERE ARE YOU?

I'M GOING AROUND TO THE NORTHERN SIDE HERE

THIS WAY YOU'LL HAVE A PLACE TO GO

TWO-NINE, I'M ON YOUR RIGHT SIDE

ROGER

AND FLIGHT, IF YOU BRING IT AROUND ON THE OTHER SIDE HERE, YOU'LL
BE ABLE TO GET IN

OKAY, JUST WATCH MY BLADE CLEARANCE

FLIGHT, AFTER WE REFUEL, WE'LL REPOSITION BACK DOWN AT THE OTHER

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