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STATEMENT BY SGT DOUGLAS K. WANDOFF, Ill Oper., CONCERNING SPEC 17

While enroute to fraged area Spec 17 came over Guard and stated he had taken battle damage and was at this time declaring emergency to Channel 93.

Moonbeam asked Spec 17 his status which at the time was "Damage #2 fuel cell, 16 souls on board. 500 rounds 40mm and about 2000 rounds 20mm. Also fuel status was 15000". Then Spec 17 told Moonbeam "To be advised that they had lost hydraulics and #2 engine was flaxing."

I believe it was Wolfpack who asked Spec 17 his status after the radio transmission with moonbeam which was the same except Spec 17 was down to 13,000 lbs fuel and stated they were taking fuel in the aft cabin.

At this time Wolfpack asked if 17 would like an escort which they replied yes.

Myself, I was on Spec 07 which had just crossed the fence when we were diverted to fly flack cover and escort 17 back to the base.

We proceed to the area of Spec 17 and got about 20 miles from him when I caught a glimpse of an explosion, at first we didn't believe the explosion was caused by the aircraft until Moonbeam came over the radio and asked us if we still had radio contact with Spec 17 because they had lost radar and voice contact.

All this took place about 12 minutes after the first transmission from Spec 17. It seemed like only a few seconds later that we picked up the beepers from India and Juliet who landed within a couple of miles from the crash site. Both reported to be in good shape so we proceeded to search for other possible survivors. All we could find were 19 possible strobelights which the FOCC stored.

Spec 12 came into the area and asked if they could be any help which we told them "No". Moonbeam called us up and told us that King ground Aborted and we were the on scene commander. There were 3 sandys flying above us and a Jolly Green came into the area. We had Juliet turn on his Strob and TV pinpointed his position which we passed onto the chopper. Juliet was the first to be picked up. We then had India do the same thing to pinpoint his location. India was a little nervous upon seeing the chopper so our AC talked the Jolly Green into India's area.

After both crewmembers were on board the chopper, the crewmembers asked about other possible survivors. Both India and Juliet said they didn't think anybody got out because the aircraft exploded and they were thrown out of the airplane.

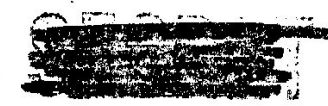
The Jolly Green RTB and we stayed on station until we reached RTB fuel and were relieved by Spec 16.

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