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I was on a/c 570, Spectre 07 on the night spectre 17 crashed. We had finished sensors alignment and were proceeding to the fence when we first received word Spectre 17 was hit. We continued towards our target area while listening to Spectre 17's calls. Within several minutes after the 1st call we heard Spectre 17 call a fuel leak. A minute to a minute and a half later, Spectre 17 called a reported 1500 loss of fuel less than previously. We assumed from this that Spectre 17 was in bad trouble. We were next ordered to escort Spectre 17 back to Ubon. Before we joined up with Spectre 17, all contact was lost. About 5 minutes later we arrived on the scene of Spectre 17's crash. I was serving as forward guns and was keeping watch thru the crew entrance door. The first I saw of Spectre 17 was a 2 large fires and a large number of small fires. We began circling the area. Within a short time two voices came up on guard, Spectre 17I and 17J. The navigator began monitoring channels A & D on the survival radio bands. A began monitoring channel B. Aft-gunner monitored C channel. Other the Spectre 17I & J no one else came up. We continued circling the crash night and located I and J so as to make the rescue effort as easy as possible. By this time we were made on-scene-commander because KING was unable to take-off. The rescue helicopters arrived shortly and began rescue. We directed the choppers when necessary. Because we could see both men easier from our altitude than the helicopters could from theirs, we directed them in until visual contact was made. After both Spectre 17I and J were rescued and removed from the area, we began marching the surrounding areas. Three Sandies and one OU-18 were also on scene. The sandies left soon after the two men were removed. We continued searching until our replacement arrived. We filled him in and left. Extra facts- I heard one man in the flight deck say he saw Spectre 17 blow up. Spectre 17 I & J said they didn't know of anyone getting out.

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