

HC-7 RESCUE 114⁽¹⁾ 30-Jul-1972 (Sunday)

HH-3A Sikorsky Seaking helo Det 110 Big Mother 60

Combat Day ⁽²⁾

20 miles off North Vietnam coast

Pilot – LT

John L. Pitts

Co-pilot - LT

Kenneth W. Lowe

1st crew – ADJ-2

Timothy M. McCarthy

2nd crew – AMHAN

Matthew (n) Szymanski

F-4D 66-7595 (Charger) 523 TFS, 405 FW, attached to 432, USAF, Udorn

Capt G. B. Brooks

The second Phantom from the 523rd to go down on the 30th was damaged by a MiG during a combat air patrol about three hours later. Capt Brooks flew out to sea before he and his WSO ejected 35 miles east of Thanh Hoa and were rescued by a Navy HH-3A SAR helicopter. ⁽⁵⁾



- 1) Numbering as per HC-7 Rescue Log (accumulative rescue number)
- 2) HC-7 Rescue Log
- 3) HC-7 Det 110 Rescue report – None on file
- 4) Map – Goggle Earth
- 5) "Vietnam - Air Losses" By: Chris Hobson (with permission)
- 6) Loss aircraft location data provided by: W. Howard Plunkett (LtCol USAF, retired)
- 10) HC-7 History collection; Ron Milam - Historian

WSO – Weapons System Officer

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