

## MiG engagement December 20/21 1972

:00 RC- BOGEY 264/53 HEADED SOUTH  
TOM- CLOSING AT 10'O'CLOCK-TALLY-HIGH  
ME- 23 MILES

:26 RC- BANDITS WEST- PARKHURST ANSWERS ROGER  
ME-WEST OF US

:35 TOM- TALLY, AFTERBURNER, HIGH AT 10 O'CLOCK

:42 CHAFF FLT – CHAFF FLIGHT CHECK 4 O'CLOCK COMING AROUND IN BURNER  
ME- ONE ABOVE US AT 12, ANOTHER AT 9  
CHAFF – TWO BURNERS HIGH AT 12  
RC- TWO FRIENDLIES ON THE OTHER SIDE  
RC- HAMMER 1, I'M HOLDING TWO BOGIES ON YOYR 295 FOR 5

1:19 ME- I'VE GOT HIM BACK AT 8 O'CLOCK TOM  
TOM- ROGER

1:26 ME-ONE GOING TO 6, ONE GOING TO 9  
RC- HIGH, 270 HIGH

**2:01 RC- 266/36 BULLSEYE**

2:18 TOM-HAMMER 1 AND 2 SPLIT  
RC- HAMMER 1, BELIEVE BANDITS 200 8 MILES  
ME- STILL HAVE SOMEONE UP THERE AT 12 O'CLOCK

2:31 TOM- I STILL DON'T KNOW WHO THE HELL HE IS...

**3:02 RC- LOOKS LIKE BANDITS ARE 275/30 BULLSEYE HEADED 250, 33 THOUSAND**  
ME- 50 MILES, 020 TO OUR IP- GOTTA GET THERE SOON  
TOM- OK, KEEP HEADS UP  
CHAFF – BOGEY ON THE NOSE

**3:27 RC- 274/27 BULLSEYE, ATTACKING.**

3:30 **RC- TIME IS 57**

**3:35 RC – BANDITS ATTACKING**  
**ME-15 LEFT FOR 10 MILES (RADAR)**

**3:42 RC- 290/27 BULLSEYE**  
LILAC CHECKS IN WITH RED CROWN

**3:59 RC- BANDIT 294/27 BULLSEYE, HIGH, HEADED 020**  
ME- 15 MILES, 10 LEFT AND LOW

4:11 ME- BOGET 15 LEFT..LOOKS LIKE HE MAY BE FOLLOWING US

**4:14 RC- 298/28 BULLSEYE**

4:19 TOM- WE'RE BLACKED OUT AL  
ME- ROGER, GOOD IDEA!

4:21 RC- BANDIT HIGH

4:30 RC- HAMMER 1, HOW ARE YOU DOING ?  
ME- ABOUT 8 MILES, A LITTLE LOW ON THE NOSE  
TOM- IT COULD BE PARKHURST (HAMMER 2...OUR SQUADRON COMMANDER)

4:40 ME- COULD BE, BUT HE'S PRETTY DAMN LOW

**4:44 RC- 301/30 BULLSEYE, HEADED 350, PORT TURN**

4:56 RC- HAMMER 1 RADIO CHECK, OVER  
TOM- LOUD AND CLEAR  
RC- ROGER, HOW ABOUT HAMMER 2  
HAMMER 2- LOUD AND CLEAR

5:06 HAMMER 1, ARE YOU TWO JOINED UP?  
HAMMER 2- NEGATIVE, WE'VE SPLIT

**5:14** RC- GIVE ME YOUR POSITION OFF OF BULLSEYE  
TOM- 290/31  
RC- HAMMER 1, YOU SHOULD BE RIGHT ON THE TAIL OF THAT GUY!  
TOM- TARGET LOW AT 1 O'CLOCK  
RC- YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE IN THERE NOW  
ME- OK, IM LOCKED ONTO HIM TOM...**A LITTLE LOW, 15 RIGHT FOR 3 MILES**  
TOM- HAMMER 1, CLEARED TO FIRE?  
RC- HAMMER 1, YOU'RE CLEARED.  
ME- COME ON, HIT THE BURNERS!

**5:58** RC- garbled...33, BULLSEYE (325?)

**6:01** **TOM- HAMMER 1 SHRIKE AWAY (FOX1)**  
ME- LEFT, LEFT...

6:17 RC- BANDIT HEADED SOUTH, ANGELS 30  
ME- BURNER!  
TOM- I'M IN BURNER!  
LILAC- HAMMER 1, LILAC HAS BOGEY CLIMBING IN BURNER AT 4 O'CLOCK LOW

6:35 ME- HE'S GETTING AWAY FROM US A LITTLE...STAND BY, STANDBY..NOW!  
OK TOM, A LITTLE LEFT, ROLL OUT AND FIRE!  
WE'VE GOT A CENTERED DOT AND MAX EXPANSION (OF THE RADAR RANGE RING)..FIRE!  
TOM- AL, I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING...  
ME- BOTH OF THEM?...OH, MY ASS! (WE CARRIED TWO AIR-TO-AIR AIM-7 SPARROW MISSILES AND TWO AIR-TO-GROUND AGM-45 SHRIKE MISSILES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SPARROW WE FIRED DID NOT GUIDE AND THE OTHER WOULD NOT TUNE TO SHOOT.)

**7:02** RC- 276/32 BULLSEYE HEADING 350, HIGH

7:08 TOM- YEAH, OK IVE GOT A TALLY ON HIM

7:10 ME- I'VE GOT HIM TOO...GOING TO 2 O'CLOCK

7:11 RC- HE'S IN A STARBOARD TURN

**7:14** ME- LET'S FIRE A FUCKING 45 (AGM-45 SHRIKE) AT HIM!

**7:30** ME- I'VE GOT THE OTHER ONE, GOING RIGHT UNDER US  
RC- 350/35 HEADED NORTHWEST

7:42 ME- OK, HE'S COMING OUT THE BOTTOM TO 5 O'CLOCK  
TOM- TALLY HO  
ME- HOW'S OUR GAS?  
TOM- OUR GAS IS...GOOD  
ME- OK, HE'S STILL IN BURNER. ROGER, KEEP THE TURN IN..  
TOM- PUNCHING THE TANKS (WINGS & CENTERLINE)  
ME- ROG, HE'S OUT AT 2 O'CLOCK  
TOM- TALLY HO

**8:13** RC- BANDIT NOW 287/33 HEADING NE