

CALLSIGNS:

COFFEE 51- F-16 Lead  
COFFEE 52- F-16 Wingman  
FOSSIL 22 - KC-135 Tanker  
BOSSMAN - E-3C AWACS  
KMART - Combined Air Operations Center (CAOC)

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COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:22:40) Ya got a good coordinates for a mark, or ya need me to roll in?

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:22:42) Ah, stand by.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:22:45) I'll mark it right now.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:22:46) Copy.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:22:47) I'm in from the southeast.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:22:53) All right, if you get a dive toss spy, I can take that and make it a point off of it.

FOSSIL 22: (UHF) (21:23:22) BOSSMAN, FOSSIL 22.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:23:27) FOSSIL 22, BOSSMAN. go.

FOSSIL 22: (UHF) (21:23:28) I, uh, suppose I might as. ah, well make a left turn and stay in Zeus until uh. 51 is ready.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:23:33) Okay, BOSSMAN, uh. this is COFFEE 52, I've got a tally on the vicinity. I. ah, request permission to lay down some, uh 20 mike mike.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:23:43) Stand by.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:23:45) Let's just make sure that it's, uh, that it's not friendlies is all.

KMART: [REDACTED] (21:23:48) BOSSMAN, KMART

BOSSMAN: [REDACTED] (21:23:49) KMART, this is BOSSMAN, COFFEE 51 flight has experienced SA fire near the city of Kandahar, requesting permission to open up with 20 mm. I'll try to get you a little more information; we told them to hold fire.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:23:50) When you get a chance, put it on the spy if you've got a good hack on it.

COFFEE 52: (VHF) (21:24:38) Okaky I'm going to, uh, folw down here to the, uh, southwest.

KMART: [REDACTED] (21:24:38) BOSSMAN, KMART, <sup>WE</sup>~~did you~~ copy report reference Coffee? We need SA fire details from Coffee when able and hold fire. [By Woodson]

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:24:42) BOSSMAN from COFFEE 52, do you want us push a different freq?

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:24:47) Check my sparkle, check my sparkle, see if it looks good.

? [REDACTED] (21:24:51) Unintelligible .....

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:24:53) Yeah, I'm contact your sparkle as well.

BOSSMAN (?): [REDACTED] (21:24:56) .....over Kandahar (?) and we'll get more details for you.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:25:00) COFFEE 51, BOSSMAN, hold fire, need details on SAFIRE for KMART.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:25:04) Okay I've got a, uh, I've got some men on a road and it looks like a piece of artillery firing at us. I am rolling in in self-defense.

BOSSMAN: [REDACTED] (21:25:06) Roger. He's invoking self defense ROE on the fire. On the road he sees artillery shooting at him. Stand by for details.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:25:15) BOSSMAN copies.

COFFEE 51: (UHF) (21:25:17) Check master arm, laser arm. And check you're not in mark.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:25:19) Got'em both on.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:25:21) I'm in from the southwest.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:25:36) Do you show 'em on a bridge?

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:25:39) Bombs away, cranking left.

KMART: [REDACTED] (21:25:47) BOSSMAN, KMART, be advised Kandahar has friendlies, you are to get COFFEE 51 out of there as soon as possible.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:25:48) Check wide field of view.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:25:50) I'm fine.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:25:53) Laser's on.

BOSSMAN: [REDACTED] (21:25:58) Roger, we'll get him out of there right now.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:26:00) Shack.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:26:07) BOSSMAN BOSSMAN.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:26:09) COFFEE 51, BOSSMAN. disengage friendlies Kandahar.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:26:15) Copy, uh, disengaging south.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:26:18) COFFEE 51. BOSSMAN, how copy?

COFFEE 51: (UHF) (21:26:20) Copy. uh, can you confirm that they were shooting at us?

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:26:30) COFFEE 51 BOSSMAN you cleared self-defense (unintelligible) KMART wants you to work south....there may be friendlies Kandahar.

COFFEE 51: (UHF) (21:26:42) Steer 82.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:26:43) COFFEE 51, BOSSMAN, scram south.

COFFEE 51: (UHF) (21:26:47) BOSSMAN, COFFEE 51 Scramming.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:26:50) BOSSMAN

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:27:14) COFFEE 51, BOSSMAN, I need coordinates when able and need to know if any rounds were fired.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:27:22) Go ahead.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:27:23) Yeah, I had one bomb dropped in the vicinity of ah 3124 north point 78, .6543.522. That's an estimate, uh, if you had our general vicinity

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:27:44) BOSSMAN.

COFFEE 52: (VHF) (21:27:53) Wow.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:27:54) COFFEE 51, repeat east coordinate.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:28:00) Yah. I'm not so sure it's that accurate I... I don't have an accurate coordinate right now. Do you want me to go back and get you one?

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:28:06) BOSSMAN, Negative.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:28:11) Let's go back safe.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:28:19) Shit.

COFFEE 52: (VHF) (21:28:25) Yeah, they were definitely shooting at you.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:28:28) It sure seemed like they were tracking around and everything and, ah, trying to lead.

COFFEE 52: (VHF) (21:28:34) Well we had our lights on and that wasn't helping I don't think.

COFFEE 52: (VHF) (21:28:41) I had a group of guys on a road around a gun and it did not look organized like it would be our guys.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:28:47) It seemed like it was right on a bridge, that's kinda where I was at.

COFFEE 52: (VHF) (21:28:51) Nah. not quite.

COFFEE 52: (VHF) (21:28:55) I hope that was the right thing to do.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:28:59) Me. too.

KMART: [REDACTED] (21:29:26) BOSSMAN. KMART,.....when able we need to know whether or not he actually employed any ordnance.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:28:59) COFFEE 51. BOSSMAN.

COFFEE 51: (UHF) (21:29:01) Go ahead.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:29:02) Yeah, need type bomb dropped, result. and type of SAFIRE.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:29:08) Yeah, it was a single GBU 12 dropped. It was a direct hit on, uh, the artillery piece that was firing.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:29:15) Uh, as far as the SAFIRE. multiple rounds, it looked like, uh, MLRS to COFFEE 52.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:29:24) 51, what do you have on that?

COFFEE 51: (UHF) (21:29:26) I'd say the same. It was, uh, sort of continuous fire and uh, it appeared to be, uh, leading us as we were ah flying by and then as we came back around.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:29:45) Did you get a top altitude on the SAFIRE?

BOSSMAN: [REDACTED] (21:29:49) It appeared to be an "MLRS" type firing on Coffee 52. I will get you a lat/log for that, over.

COFFEE 51: (UHF) (21:29:50) Negative they, ah, they were burning out before here.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:29:53) I would estimate the top was approximately 10,000 feet.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:29:59) And, uh, just to let you know we split in azimuth sending 51 to the south and 52 went to the northeast and, uh, one of the guns turned back around to the east, uh, firing at, uh, 52, uh, as well.

KMART: [REDACTED] (21:30:00) KMART copies.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:30:14) BOSSMAN copies and, uh, if we get a rough, uh longitude.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:30:24) Yeah, I did not take a mark, uh, at the time.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:30:28) BOSSMAN.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:30:35) Is that, was that definitely the airfield that was close....

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:30:38) COFFEE 51, please repeat the coordinates you passed.

COFFEE 52: (VHF) (21:30:40) Yeah.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:30:40) He wants the coordinate again.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:30:44) Yeah. I do not have the, uh, proper coordinate for that, uh, BOSSMAN.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:30:48) BOSSMAN

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:30:51) Would you estimate. I'd estimate about 3 miles to the south maybe at 150.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:30:58) COFFEE 51, FOSSIL 22 BRA 155/27 base plus 25, track north.

COFFEE 52: (UHF) (21:31:04) Yeah BOSSMAN, uh, there was no ROZ effective in that area tonight as far as our brief was concerned, you concur?

BOSSMAN: [REDACTED] (21:31:08) KMART, this is BOSSMAN 2: Rough coordinates of bomb drop, 3124/6555. If they over flew again they could give it, but we turned them away. And just confirm that you have no ROZ active at that location, over?

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:31:12) BOSSMAN.

BOSSMAN: (UHF) (21:31:18) BOSSMAN concurs.

COFFEE 52: (VHF) (21:31:27) Yeah, stand by for the microscope huh?

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:31:30) Yeah.

COFFEE 52: (VHF) (21:31:32) I'm at your right side.

COFFEE 51: (VHF) (21:31:33) Roger that. I'm going cameras off.

KMART: [REDACTED] (21:31:33) BOSSMAN from KMART, that's affirmative, we copy coordinates, over.