

# Olin K. Everett

## F-105 History

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10-Apr-68

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"Pistol" flight from the 34 TFS hit a road in South Vietnam and some long boats in North Vietnam. The flight took off at 0730 and returned after flying for 2 hours 30 minutes. The line up was:

- #1 - Lt Col Robert W. Smith, 34 TFS commander
- #2 - Olin K. Everett
- #3 - Maj Roger Dean Ingvalson (POW, 28 May 68, in F-105D 61-0194)
- #4 - Maj Spence M. "Sam" Armstrong flying F-105D 61-0194

This was Maj Armstrong's 96th combat mission. "We hit a road segment in South Vietnam very close to the position we bombed yesterday. This time our hits were right on the road. Afterwards, we went up north of the DMZ and found some long boats underway south of Dong Hoi. Rog Ingvalson and myself made one strafing pass apiece on one each."

*Maj Armstrong's 100-mission combat log, pp 36 - 37.*

25-May-68

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"On 25 May several flights from the 34 TFS were instrumental in the destruction of a SAM site, under construction, in RP-1 of North Vietnam. The attacks took place during the late afternoon between 1430 and 1800 hours. Each of the attacking flights were worked by a Misty (F-100) FAC. Defenses were extremely heavy with 37/57 barrage and tracking firing. Strike flights were therefore restricted to high angle dive bomb and strafe tactics, yet, continued to encounter intense AAA from all quadrants, especially when attempting to make a second pass."

Capt Lamont H. Pharmer from the 34 TFS was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross (1st Oak Leaf Cluster) for extraordinary achievement for this mission. The award citation read, "... Capt Pharmer led a flight of F-105s against a heavily defended surface to air missile site. In spite of intense and accurate antiaircraft fire, Captain Pharmer made repeated attacks placing one hundred percent of his ordnance precisely on target and contributing greatly to the complete destruction of the missile site." (Citation to the DFC (1 OLC) to Lamont H. Pharmer.)

Years later, Monty Pharmer recalled the background to this mission. "I don't exactly remember working with a Misty FAC but we may have. This was in the time period after RP-6 missions were cancelled that the NVN had moved a lot of their defensive weapons south into RP-1, etc. We knew it was coming and they were really laying for us. I led a 4-ship flight that day. I believe several planes were hit but no losses. I don't remember who was in the flight with me. Gary Durkee led another 4-ship flight in the same area." (Monty Pharmer, e-mail 22 Sep 2006.)

"Locust" was another flight from the 34th attacking the SAM site. Its two-ship line up was:

- #1 - Capt Joseph S. Sechler flying his 49th counter. He logged 3:15 flying hours.
- #2 - Olin K. Everett

"Ken & I took some really tough AAA on this one going after a SAM site. Uncharacteristic of RP-1."

Lt Col Rufus Dye, Jr. was another 34 TFS pilot attacking the SAM site. He flew as "Speedo 2". "100% in target area. One secondary. SAM equipment damaged." He then attacked trucks in southern Laos. "100% in target area. Two trucks stopped." It was his 76th combat mission.

*388 TFW history, Apr - Jun 68, USAF microfilm NO584, frame 1391 & Joe Sechler mission log via e-mail 28 Apr 10 & Rufus Dye Mission History log.*