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35TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON

388TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

KORAT AIR BASE, THAILAND

Dressed for Another Day at the Aerial Office

I am ready to fly a combat mission in the F-4E Phantom II fighter bomber over southeast Asia in the summer of 1972. I am wearing a standard USAF issue green fire retardant nomex flight suit, an anti-gravity suit (a G suit) on the lower half of my body, a survival vest on my torso, a .38 caliber pistol on my hip, additional ammunition, a parachute harness with two under-arm life preserver units and 200 feet of nylon line attached to it (to lower myself to the ground if I ejected and landed in a tree), and a helmet with visor, oxygen mask and earphones.

