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NARRATIVE OF RESCUE MISSION

At 1010 local on the 29th of December 1965, Jolly Green 32 was on a local training flight, the Udorn tower requested that he break out of traffic and orbit south of the field because there was an aircraft emergency in progress. A Pedro HH-43 was in the immediate area south of the field with fire suppression kit awaiting the distressed aircraft. At 1020 local the tower notified both the Pedro and Jolly Green 32 that they had lost the T-33 on radar about ten miles out on the 280° radial from Channel 31. The Pedro advised the tower that he had to return to the field and drop the fire suppression kit. The tower requested Jolly Green to proceed to the area and search. At about five miles out of Channel 31 the tower was asked for any other information on the T-33 that would help in the search. The tower knew nothing more than they had mentioned before. Almost immediately after talking to the tower the explosion from the aircraft crash was sited about four miles in front of Jolly Green. A large column of black smoke started to rise above the crashed aircraft. About a mile past the crash site a parachute was seen at about 1500 feet above the terrain. Within a minute after the pilot landed, the Jolly Green was on the ground. Three crew members went to the pilot's aid. The pilot indicated problems with his back and left leg, so he was not moved until a medic arrived on the Pedro. At that time he was examined by the medic and placed on a litter for transportation in the Jolly Green back to Udorn. After airborne the tower was notified and an ambulance and doctor requested to meet the aircraft. He was offloaded at Udorn at 1057 local.

Crew Members Jolly Green 32:

BCC Capt James L. Butera
CP Capt William E. Cowell
HM A/1C Frank I. Clubb

Crew Members Pedro:

BCC Capt Charles E. McMillan
Fireman SSgt James C. Baldwin
Fireman A/2C Antony F. Desmond
Medic A/1C Keith R. Nolder

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MISSIONSRESCUERSLOCATIONSSURVIVORSNameAircraftNameServiceAircraft

Det, Prov, First - PARC -
219 and 220 - 15 May
31-336-18 June

1Lt Hartke HH-43B
Capt Muehling HU-16B

1513N - 10017E
1709N - 11737E

3 Thai Civ
Lt Col Anderson USAF B-52
Lt Harton
Lt Coolidge
Lt Lerves

5-PARC-19-25 Jun

- HH-43B

1745N - 10243E

Pilot RVN AF T-28

31-571-22 Sep

Capt Reichardt HU-16B

1757N - 11354E

4 Men USN E1B

Hq 38-172-1 Nov

- HH-43B

Tan Son Nhut

13 Men USN P-2V

4-38-874-4 Nov

- HH-43B

1440N - 10200E

1 Thai Civ

6-38-1049-8 Nov

- HH-43F

1058N - 10649E

A2C USAF

4-38-875-10 Nov

Capt Lapham HH-43B

1423N - 10128E

4 Thais Civ

7-38-668-12 Nov

Capt Rockwel HH-43F

1609N - 10805E

Pvt Pullis USMC

Det, Prov, First-38-1-14 Nov

- HH-43B

1201N - 10913E

Airman USAF

38-1233-19 Dec

- HH-3

1725N - 10410E

Capt Kan USAF F-4C

Lt Moran

6-38-1067-21 Dec

- HH-43F

1058N - 10649E

Airman USAF

2-38-1106-22 Dec

- HH-43B

Takli Runway

Pilot USAF F-105

7-38-685-23 Dec

Capt Kneen HH-43F

1607N - 10815E

Airman USAF

5-38-142-29 Dec

Capt Butera HH-3

1740N - 10238E

Pilot Thai AF T-33

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