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FROM: Det 7, 38th ARRSq/Maj Mayfield

12 Nov 1966

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report 2-3-128 (U)

TO: Hq 3rd ARRGp, APO 96307

(S) As primary Rescue Crew Commander (Jolly Green 15) 11 November 1966, I was enroute from DaNang Air Base to Quang Tri, Vietnam to perform strip alert duty. At 0910L hours, notification was received from Waterboy (GCI Control) of two F4 aircraft, call sign Phantom 12 and 13, being down in the demilitarized zone (DMZ) northwest of their station. At 0915L, I was advised by Waterboy and Crown 1 to proceed from present position (110 radial/15 NM Channel 46) to the downed aircraft area, 330 radial/15 NM Channel 46 (17°01'30" N, 106°58'E).

(U) Enroute weather was clear to scattered clouds, 4000 - 6000 feet MSL and visibility 10 miles plus. In the target area, weather was a scattered to broken cloud deck 3800-4500 feet, visibility 10 miles plus.

(S) Upon approaching the area, rescap aircraft were spotted flying irregular patterns above and through the clouds. Rescap consisted of two O-1 aircraft, three F4's, four H-46 Marine Helicopters and Jolly Green 15. Automatic weapons fire had been reported by the O-1 aircraft and Marine helicopters in the vicinity of the target area. Also a report was received that two parachutes were observed after one of the Phantom aircraft had been hit.

(S) I requested two armed H-46 Marine Helicopters (Bonnie Sue 1-1 and 1-2) to assist me in pinpointing the aircraft crash and locating the survivors position. We descended to 3800 feet, parallel to a scattered deck of clouds, and proceeded toward the area. The burning aircraft were observed and strong beeper signals were being received. While approaching the burning aircraft, extremely heavy automatic weapons fire (with tracers) and 37/57mm was received from all directions. Air bursts were observed close to the port side of my aircraft and I immediately broke to the right and took cover in the cloud bank, reversing my course. I pulled back, with the other helicopter escorts, to a safe position and reported the situation to Crown.

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(S) Later two A-1E aircraft (Sandy 05 and 06) arrived on scene. They made two orbits of the area at 4500 feet while being apprised of the local situation. Sandy 05 started down for a pass across the target area. Again a barrage of ground fire was received, hitting the Sandy aircraft. I maneuvered my aircraft to keep Sandy 05 in sight and saw the aircraft trailing smoke. I immediately began a descent toward the aircraft and after observing his parachute, I began a descending orbit over him. He landed in a wooded area at 16°57' N, 106°58'30" E. When I came to a hover over the pilot for a hoist pickup, I had the H-46 helicopters take up a hovering position on either side of my aircraft and slightly to the rear to give maximum coverage with their .50 cal. machine guns. Sandy 06 orbited overhead.

(U) During the pickup no known ground fire was received although unfriendly personnel with hand held weapons were observed throughout the area. No difficulties were encountered during the recovery phase. The pilot sustained a broken ankle. Crew coordination was excellent throughout the entire mission. Sandy 05 aircraft received hits at 1017L hours; bailed out at 1020L and pickup was completed at 1025L.

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Rescue Crew Commander

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5 Planes Downed Over N. Vietnam

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SAIGON—Eight U.S. aircraft were shot down by communist groundfire including 5 over north Vietnam, military spokesmen reported Saturday.

Four of the planes downed Friday over the north were jets. The fifth was a Skyraider. The Skyraider pilot was rescued. Six crewmembers of the downed jets were reported missing.

Three helicopters were shot down Friday over the Republic of Vietnam. Casualties among the crews were described as heavy. The copters were supporting Operation Paul Revere IV near Plei Djereng.

A military spokesman said the aircraft downed over the north included two Air Force Phantoms, an Air Force Thunderchief, and a Marine Crusader.

The Skyraider pilot bailed out and was rescued about seven miles north of the DMZ.

The spokesman said that Friday's loss did not match the most planes shot down over the north in a day since bombing runs started there in 1964. He said seven were shot down last Aug. 7, and that six were shot down on July 6, 1965.

The U.S. has now lost 426 planes in the air war over the north.

Meanwhile, Air Force, Navy and Marine pilots were held to 18 missions over the north Friday as poor weather limited strikes

to the panhandle, Hanoi and Dien Bien Phu areas.

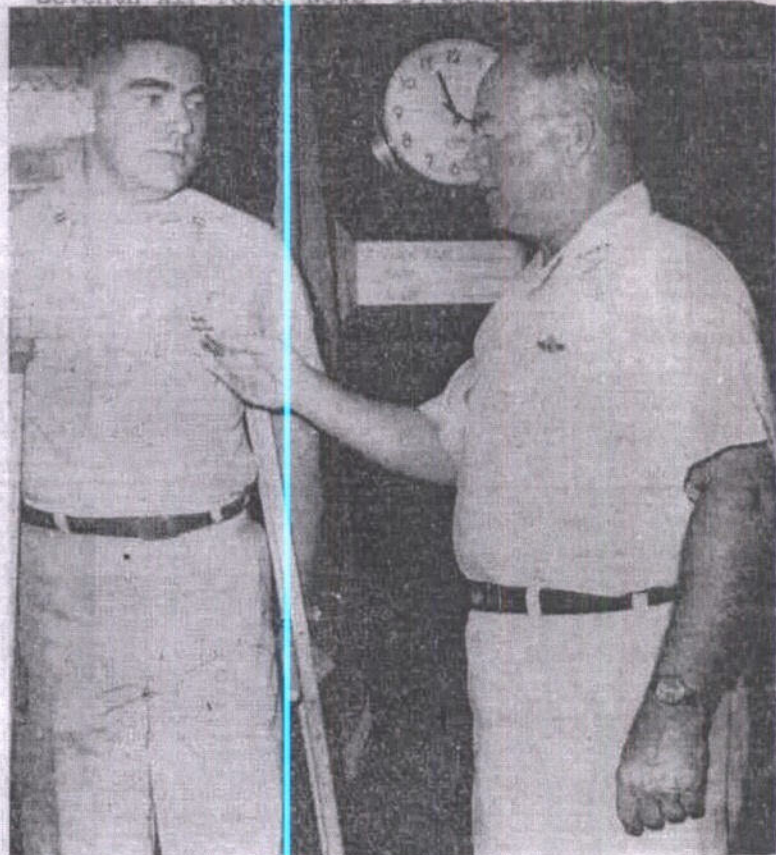
Pilots braved heavy antiaircraft and automatic weapons fire to bomb and strafe enemy transportation facilities, water traffic and bridges.

One flight of Air Force Thunderchiefs reported saturating a railroad yard 55 miles northeast of Hanoi with 750-pound bombs. Returning pilots reported many rail lines and roads in the area were severed, while numerous buildings were demolished in the yard complex.



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Seventh Air Force News 13 January 1967



Capt. Dick "Rosie" Rosecrans, Dubuque, Iowa, perhaps holds the record for the shortest time in North Vietnam. He was forced to bail out of his battle damaged A-1E and landed in a tree top. Captain Rosecrans had been flying cover for a Jolly Green helicopter when he bailed out. The helicopter swooped in and made the recovery in less than five minutes. He won the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, and one Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters.

AWARDED DFC—Air Force Capt. Richardson P. Rosecrans (left) of Dubuque, Iowa, recently received the Distinguished Flying Cross from Gen. Hunter Harris, Pacific Air Forces commander. Captain Rosecrans, an A-1E Skyraider pilot, was cited for his actions during a May 1966 mission: He sustained a broken leg recently when forced to bail out of his aircraft over North Vietnam. Captain Rosecrans was rescued in less than five minutes. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



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SUPPORTING DOCUMENT# 16

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The following documentation is an attempt to verify the number of saves recorded by the 37 AERS. The historian, Captain Campbell has researched all existing sources within his control and unless any direct discrepancies are found this document shall be considered official.

<u>SAVE NO</u>	<u>SURVIVOR'S NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
1	Dieter Dengler	Lt JG-N	UNK	20 Jul 66	Sq Scrapbook
2	James R. Mitchell	Capt-AF	UNK	27 Jul 66	Sq Scrapbook
3	E. Dobbs	Capt-AF	UNK	5 Sep 66	2-3-107 M.N.
4	Phillip R. O'Brian	LtCol-AF	UNK	8 Sep 66	1-3-59 M.N.
5	H.J. Knoch	1/Lt-AF	UNK	16 Sep 66	1-3-64 M.N.
6	D.D. Giere	1/Lt-AF	UNK	16 Sep 66	1-3-64 M.N.
7	Alan K. Rutherford	Capt-AF	UNK	17 Sep 66	1-3-65 M.N.
8	Richard Rosecrans	Capt-AF	UNK	11 Nov 66	2-3-128 M.N.
9	Gordan F. Bradburn	Col-AF	UNK	16 Nov 66	1-3-86
10	Charles Smith	LtCol-AF	UNK	16 Nov 66	1-3-86
11	Kulmayer	Capt-A	UNK	20 Dec 66	Sq Scrapbook
12-17	UNK	UNK-N	UNK	11 Jan 67	1-3-08
18	William O. Mayfield	Maj-AF	UNK	15 Jan 67	1-3-13
19	Frank L. Trochak	Maj-AF	UNK	15 Jan 67	1-3-13
20	Michael W. Mulvany	AlC-AF	UNK	15 Jan 67	1-3-13
21	William P. Tracey	SSgt-AF	UNK	15 Jan 67	1-3-13
22-26	UNK	UNK-N	UNK	15 Jan 67	1-3-12
27	Eugene R. West	Capt-AF	UNK	28 Jan 67	1-3-20
28	Robert C. Mays	Capt-AF	UNK	2 Mar 67	1-3-34

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in a confined area, thirty to forty ft trees within twenty five feet of the helicopter. The PJ left the aircraft to retrieve the survivor who was about twenty feet from the helicopter and making no effort to come aboard. The survivor was placed aboard the helicopter at 1537L and Jolly Green 52 departed the area. The recovered pilot appeared to have a broken arm (later confirmed) and was suffering from shock. Jolly Green 52 landed at home station at 1605L and the pilot was transferred to a base ambulance. Weather enroute and at the pickup site was 5000 feet scattered, visibility 15 miles. No radio communications were established with the downed pilot. Much of the success of the mission must be attributed to Sandy 5 for locating the downed pilot and leading Jolly Green 52 in for the pickup.

Det 1-3-82-7 Nov

(U) SAR objective: Two crewmembers of a crashed O-1E NNE of Dak To, SVN. An HH-43 helicopter in conjunction with two A-1Es (RESCORT) located scene through survivor's use of RT-10 radio and flares. Pilot was dead, however, surviving crewmember was recovered by hoist and returned to Danang AB. SAR force unable to recover deceased due to hostile forces surrounding the burning aircraft.

Det 2-3-128-11 Nov

(C) (GP-4) Search and rescue task force (SARTF) objective: Four aircrew members of two downed F-4Cs near the DMZ. The SAR force of HH-3Es, A-1Es, CH-46s and HC-130 heard beepers at the crash sites but were driven off by heavy ground fire. A Sandy A-1E was hit during search of the area and bailed out. Five minutes later Jolly Green 15 (HH-3E) made a successful pickup of the Sandy pilot. During the recovery no known ground fire was received although unfriendly personnel with hand held weapons were observed throughout the area. High altitude electronic search for F-4C pilots was continued for an hour after the Sandy incident with negative results.

Det 2-3-130-15 Nov (RCC Narrative)

(C) (GP-4) At 0140Z the Jolly Greens were scrambled by Compress. The location given for the downed A-1E pilot was an area near the DMZ. Jolly Green 52 (Low Bird) and 56 (High Bird) were airborne shortly and proceeding toward the area. Sandies 5 and 6 went direct to the downed pilot and 7 and 8 escorted the Jolly Greens. The weather enroute was approximately 8000 feet broken to overcast, clear below, with visibility 30 miles plus. After traveling 25 miles Jolly Green 52 experienced a complete loss of transmission oil pressure and made an immediate forced landing from 5000 feet. Jolly Green 56 followed 52 to the ground, determined that a safe landing was made, and began orbit to search for friendly ground troops. Since the cover ships orbiting the downed A-1E pilot's position were experiencing heavy ground fire and a swift pickup was

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NOVEMBER 11

Jolly Greens - Recco, Gabon
HH-43 Alert - Jimmy

Scruffy had two med evac.
one a marine with a chest
wound. the other shrapnel
wounds of head.

Nu-16 standing - Tobey - flew
in afternoon

Jolly Greens went into N Vietnam
for an F-4c crew shot down. While
searching a Sandy was shot down
with 37 mm flack. So long under
heavy ground fire Jolly Greens went in
and recovered the Sandy pilot taking
3 hits in the process.

NOVEMBER 12

Jolly Greens - Wedge, Recco
HH-43 Alert - Souza

Jolly Green and - Jeffers

Souza had med evac. Marine
hit by truck, in critical
condition.

19 Stayed at 98 today.
 1 bird down No. of Hamoi
 no keeper or contact. Wingman
 did spot a good chute.

19 2 Birds down out of 1 flight
 in the DMZ. 2 men in each
 plane. Sandy got them 1st.

J. L. launched out of Jung Tri.
 19 Sandy shot down while searching
 J. L. picked him up. Search
 called off before any more shot
 down. 1 more down just North

19 of there. Wingman saw 20-
 25 people ground him when
 he hit the ground. Captured
 or killed?

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44 To V down

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