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3d ARRGp Hist, Oct-Dec 66

the hoist the Jolly Green was hit by about 4-5 rounds of .30 cal ammunition on the port side. I elected to remain in the hover for approximately five seconds and allow the PJ a fair shake on making it back into the bird. After taking more hits and still the PJ was not on board the helicopter, I elected to pull up and off target with him still on the forest penetrator. About fifty yards down stream we paused momentarily and allowed the hoist operator to pull the PJ on board. Immediate assessment of the damage showed continued flight was not practical. We were directed to the nearest landing site and landed without further incident at 0540Z. Evaluation of the battle damage showed: One of the survivors we had just rescued was shot through the left arm, the bullet exiting through his back; the PJ was severely damaged being jerked through the trees, requiring 20 stitches in his head and two in his arm; two hydraulic lines were severed which sent fluid all over the inside of the helicopter, two electrical lines were severed causing failure of the #2 generator and transformer rectifier; one rotor blade was hit causing a vibration in the helicopter; the two left tires were punctured and extensive holes and tears were inflicted on Jolly Green 18. The two pilots and the PJ were immediately air evacuated for prompt medical treatment. Since Jolly Green 18 needed repairs, the crew was flown home by Jolly Green 15.

Det 2-3-131-17 Nov (RCC Narrative)

(C) (GP-4) Jolly Green 56 (Low Bird) and Jolly Green 36 (High Bird) were scrambled at 0755Z. Some indigenous personnel involved in a mission were seen by an O-1E waving a distress panel. Jolly Green 56 and 36 were off shortly and proceeded to the area, at 7000 feet. The weather enroute was approximately 9000 feet overcast, clear below, with visibility 30 miles plus. Sandies 5 and 6 proceeded direct to a rendezvous with the O-1E and Sandies 7 and 8 escorted the Jolly Greens. While enroute it was determined that an observer on board the spotting O-1E had made a positive visual identification of the five people on the ground. Because of the positive identification from the Nail flight, a direct entry was made into the area. Sandy 5 led Jolly Green 56 over the waving personnel, tip tanks were punched and a hover was entered. The people on the ground were lacking in tree penetrator operation knowledge so the PJ was lowered to the ground to assist them. The surrounding jungle was extremely thick and ground fire was expected at any time but never came. Three of the people were lifted aboard and the other two indicated reluctance to ride by disappearing into the jungle. The pickup was accomplished at 0858Z and Jolly Green 56 departed the area, met Jolly Green 36 above the 5000 foot deck and proceeded to home base. The Sandies provided their usual excellent cover and the whole mission ran smoothly.

Det 2-3-133-22 Nov (RCC Narrative)

(C) (GP-4) While standing strip alert on 22 Nov word was received from Compress at 0330Z that a mission was to be performed that afternoon by the Jolly Greens and Sandies and that a briefing would be given about 0800Z.

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NK	Lt Webster Lt Dean	A2C Meyer SSgt Farrior	107	Capt Luken	2 Nov 66	USAF	LAOS	F-105
NK	Capt Lisko Lt May	A1C Graham SSgt Hunt	108	Capt Elmer	4 Nov 66	USAF	LAOS	F-105 Under Fire
NK	Capt Hartwig Lt Lavender	A2C Cotter A2C Bowers	109 110	Maj Wright Capt Hetcher	6 Nov 66	USAF	THAI	U-6A
NK	Lt Webster Lt Dean	A2C Meyer SSgt Farrior	111	Capt Fowler	15 Nov 66	USAF	LAOS	A-1E Under Fire
NK	Lt Webster Lt Dean	A2C Meyer SSgt Farrior	112 113 114	3 man ground party (class)	17 Nov 66	LAOS	LAOS	
NK	Capt Hartwig Lt Gunnin	A1C Whisehunt A2C Bowers	115 thru 130	15 man ground party (class)	22 Nov 66	LAOS	LAOS	
NK	Lt Webster Lt Dean	A2C Meyer A2C Davis	131	Capt Roper (deceased)	29 Nov 66	USAF	LAOS	A-1E
NK	Capt Lloyd Capt Hester	SSgt Riley A2C Bowers	132 133	L/C Dyke Capt Fannemel	6 Dec 66 6 Dec 66	USAF USAF	NVN NVN	RF-4C RF-4C Under Fire
NK	Capt Fivse Maj Shows	SSgt Johnson SSgt Hunt	134 135	A2C Bowens A2C Stevson	6 Dec 66 6 Dec 66	USAF USAF	NVN NVN	HH-3E HH-3E Under Fire
NK	Capt Hartwig Lt Hall	A1C Whisenhunt A2C Stevson	136	Capt Cowley	14 Dec 66	USAF	NVN	F-105 Under Fire

NOVEMBER

H 19 They've brought Thai and Italian troops
14 to secure the area so the main men
14 can fix tonight. Then we flew fast and
water into the garden. I took it
148/19 down the forest and took some pictures
coming up.

149 F.C. 18 out of Guma. In a down
we scramble. They picked up
19 2 out of a H.E. The crew chief
they don't think was a survivalist.
The pilot was shot pretty bad coming
up the forest. A P.S. went down the
19 forest to treat the wounds for the
2nd guy and the 3rd guy really
opened up. They dragged him through
the trees. Heard he was hurt
19 pretty bad. We got 100 miles
out and they RTB us.

NOVEMBER 17

Souma

19 The bird saw signal panels
out 60 miles on the 1400 river
Kai River. Compress launched us.
They shot 5 or 6 guys and guys
19 clothes. Looks like it might be
50 a intel team. We go on in however
they don't know they're here.
The penetration force go down
19 and shoot them. I kept my
eye on them but if it ever did
have been a bad guys we wouldn't
have had a chance. I picked 3
19 of them guys and took
them back to NKF.

Souma was P.S. yesterday.
He'll be all right after a few
19 days. No sign of the crew
chief. The Col. was shot sitting
on the P.S. seat while he was on
the ground.