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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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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE AIR MEDAL
(FIFTH OAK LEAF CLUSTER)

TO

JOHN F. TOBEY

Airman First Class John F. Tobey distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight as a HH-43F Pararescue Specialist in Southeast Asia on 7 November 1966. On that date, Airman Tobey, while under hostile fire, professionally performed exact and timely medical treatment which saved the life of the survivor of a downed Q-1E. The professional ability and outstanding aerial accomplishments of Airman Tobey reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

NOVEMBER 7

Tolly Greens - Joffers - Hackney
HH-43 alert - Tobey

Tobey made pickup of OI-E
observer. (Pilot killed) U.C. searched
wreckage, survivor hid. Lowered
hoist to survivor who was unfamiliar
with it. After getting him aboard to
chopper (on hoist) started receiving ground
fire. No hits. Checked him for injuries
and found 2nd degree burns of arms,
one side of face, scalp lacerations and
possible fractured leg. By the time
we arrived at Da Nang all wounds
had been taken care of.

So the pickup portion went real fine
none of the 15-20 f rounds fired
is us connected.

NOVEMBER 8

Tolly Greens - Duffy, Joffers
HH-43 Alert - Gabourel

What a Birthday party Tobey
& Souza (his son's) had. Drank
two 5 r's of medicinal whiskey