

37ARBS, History, April - June 1967 (Continued)

	<u>Auth</u>	<u>Assgd</u>
7 Level	0	3
5 Level	28	10
3 Level	0	0
Total	28	13

b. Missions:

(1) 1-3-58, 10 April 1967, Jolly Green 24 and 56 scrambled from Quang Tri, RVN on a downed F-105 pilot. Due to no voice contact and a hostile populated area, recovery actions were discontinued.

(2) 1-3-62, 1 May 1967, Jolly Green 10 and 15 scrambled from Quang Tri, RVN on four downed crewmembers of a Marine UH-1D helicopter fifteen nautical miles southeast of Dong Ha. The crew was recovered and returned to Alpha Medical Battalion, Hue Phu Bai, RVN.

(3) 1-3-64, 4 May 1967, Jolly Green 10 and 15 scrambled from Quang Tri, RVN on a downed Marine F-8 pilot twenty-one nautical miles southwest of Hue Phu Bai, RVN. The pilot was recovered and returned to DaNang.

(4) 1-3-65, 5 May 1967, an HU-16B was diverted from it's Gulf of Tonkin orbit to rescue seven crewmembers of a grounded boat, one hundred and ninety nautical miles east of DaNang. The crew was recovered and returned to DaNang.

(5) 1-3-69, 10 May 1967, Medical evacuation from Navy Tug, AFB 779 to Naval Support Activity Hospital, DaNang AB, RVN.

(6) 1-3-70, 10 May 1967, Jolly Green 07 and 15 scrambled from Quang Tri, RVN on a downed Marine UH-1E helicopter with five crewmen thirty-five nautical miles southeast of Khe Sanh. Jolly Green 07 received battle damage from small arms fire and was forced to return to Hue Phu Bai, RVN. After the A-1E's further sanitized the area, Jolly Green 15 recovered the crew and delivered them to Hue Phu Bai.

(7) 1-3-71, 13 May 1967, Medical re-supply of the hospital ship, Sanctuary, from the Naval Support Activity Hospital at DaNang.

(8) 1-3-73, 16 May 1967, Jolly Green 10 and 11 were scrambled from Quang Tri, RVN on two Marine F-4B pilots eleven nautical miles west of Dong Ha. Jolly Green 10 attempted rescue but sustained ground fire and compressor stall and returned to Dong Ha. Jolly Green 11 recovered the pilots and returned them to Dong Ha.

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JOHN F. TOBEY

Staff Sergeant John F. Tobey distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an HH-3E Rescue Specialist in the Demilitarized Zone of North Vietnam on 16 May 1967. On that date, Sergeant Tobey entered an intensely hostile area and braved automatic weapons fire in attempting to rescue two downed American pilots. Although forced to withdraw after hostile fire disabled one of the aircraft's engines, Sergeant Tobey's efforts paved the way for a later successful rescue operation by another helicopter. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Sergeant Tobey reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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<u>SAVE NO</u>	<u>SURVIVOR'S NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>
29-36	6 ARVN UNK, 2 ARMY UNK	UNK		12 Mar 67	1-3-41
37	M.F. Guy	Cpl-M		13 Mar 67	1-3-42
38	Peter Kruger	Capt-M		15 Mar 67	Sq Scrapbook
39	Jack C. Spillars	Maj-AF		26 Mar 67	1-3-54 M.N.
40	Lyle W. Townsend	Maj-M		1 May 67	1-3-62
41	D.S. Brachins	Capt-M		1 May 67	1-3-62
42	James H. Holland	Cpl-M		1 May 67	1-3-62
43	Thomas E. Hughes	Cpl-M		1 May 67	1-3-62
44	Edward F. Townley	Maj-M		4 May 67	1-3-64
45	L.E. Alexander	Maj-A		10 May 67	1-3-70
46	H.E. Burke	Capt-M		10 May 67	1-3-70
47	J.L. Murphy	1/Lt-M		10 May 67	1-3-70
48	M.W. Leftridge	Cpl-M		10 May 67	1-3-70
49	E.J. Ferraira	Pfc-M		10 May 67	1-3-70
50	Robert Powell	Lt-N		10 May 67	Sq Scrapbook
51	O.E. Hoy	Capt-M		16 May 67	1-3-73
52	Mike Carson	1/Lt		16 May 67	1-3-73
53-56	UNK-ARVN	UNK		21 May 67	1-3-76
57	Charles C. Rhymes	Maj-AF		25 May 67	1-3-78
58	Ronnie E. Randolph	1/Lt-AF		25 May 67	1-3-78
59	Clarence Kough	Maj-AF		5 Jun 67	1-3-83
60	Charles A. Colton	Maj-AF		9 Jun 67	1-3-85