

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

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7 Level	0	3
5 Level	28	10
3 Level	$\frac{0}{28}$	$\frac{0}{13}$
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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<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

Marine Pilot Extracted By Tri-Service Rescue Team

The Observer 14 June 1967

Da Nang (USMC)—A Marine pilot hit by enemy ground fire and forced to eject from his burning jet southwest of Phu Bai was rescued in less than 45 minutes.

Major Edward F. Townley, Jr., **Prairie Village, Kan.**, Marine All-Weather Fighter Squadron 232, was flying an aerial reconnaissance mission when his **F-8E Crusader** jet was hit.

His fire warning light flashed on as he passed near the deserted French airstrip of Tabat in As Hua Valley. Seeing fire under his right wing, he radioed his wingman, Captain Richard J. Pederson, Central Valley, Calif., that he was heading to sea.

Moments later, handling difficulties forced Major Townley to eject. During his parachute descent, he became entangled in the 150-foot jungle trees and he was forced to slide down a tree trunk to the ground. Unhurt, he worked to evade any enemy forces in the area.

Meanwhile, Captain Pederson had notified rescue authorities and a tri-service rescue operation was launched. Two Crusaders from VMF (AW) 232 were orbiting overhead as four U.S. Army helicopters skimmed above the treetops.

Major Townley signaled the choppers with flares and his survival radio. They circled protectively, but could not extract the downed Marine pilot because of the thick jungle growth.

Approximately 40 minutes after Major Townley had touched ground, an Air Force rescue helicopter arrived with a special hoist. A medic descended through the jungle canopy, then he and the Marine

pilot rode the hoist out together.

"I am very grateful to everyone for their rescue efforts," Major Townley said. "It was a hell of a lonely feeling riding down that parachute and knowing there were no friendlies around, and it was a rewarding thing to arrive back in Da Nang one hour later."



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Recovery of USMC F-8E Crusader pilot Maj. Edward F. Townley, Jr. on 4 May 67.

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RCC Lt Col Victor Conley

RCC Lt Col John W. James

HM SSGT Maurice E. Taylor

ALC William J. Flower



Successful rescue of USMC, F-8E Crusader pilot Maj. Edward F. Townley, Jr. on 4 May 67. This rescue took place at about the three thousand foot level on a dense tree covered ridge just east of notorious A Shau Valley.

RCC Maj William O. Mayfield

RCCP Lt Col John W. James

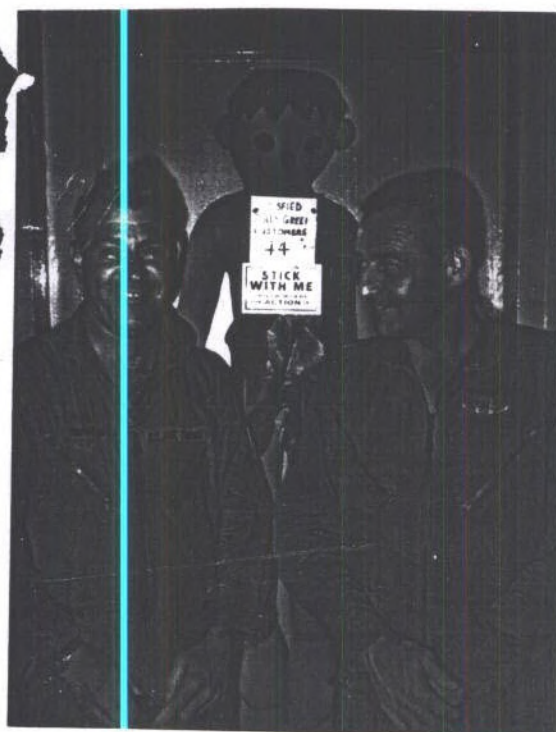
HM SSGT Earl E. Chambers

RS A2C Joseph M. Duffy

GNR ALC Michael W. Mulvany



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Duffy picked up F-8 pilot
went on ground to find
him.