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MISSION NUMBER: 2-3-47 30 JUN 67

SUBJECT: USAF F-105

HH-3E

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OPEN/CLOSE
OL2-3RDCR-47
30 JUN 67
COMBAT
SAVE (ACM)

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Brief

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FM 3ARRGP OL 2 UDORN RTAFB THAI

TO RUMSEJ/3ARRGP TAN SON NHUT AB RVN

RUEDHQA/HQ USAF

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RUHLKM/PARRC HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUMSEJ/7AF TAN SON NHUT RVN

RUMTJA/USAF MPC RANDOLPH AFB TEXAS

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UCLBMA/48ARRS EGLIN AFB FLA

RUEDNBA/TAC

RUMNAF/39ARRS TUY HOA AB RVN

ZEN/TUOC UDORN RTAFB THAI

RUMSAGP/OL 1 3ARRGP DANANG AB RVN

RUMKAH/388TFW KORAT RTAFB THAI

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FOR AFCEP/AFXOPH MAC FOR MAOCCA AND MCP. PACAF FOR DOCC-R, USAFMPC

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FOR AFFMSC, 7AF FOR DOTO, DO, DP, DI, BDPMP, CP, 3 AFRGP FOR JSARC,

TAC FOR DOSS-LR

1 RESCUE OPEN/CLOSE REPORT

2. 2-3-47-30 JUN 67

4. A. F-105D ONE POB

B. TACTICAL

C. NOT RELEASABLE

D. F-105D OZARK 3 TAIL NBR 624316

E. USAF

F. 388 TFW, KORAT AB THAILAND

G. KUSTER, RALPH L. MAJ

H. ONE POB

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1. STANDARD
5. OL-1, 3 ARGP AND CROWN 2, OL-1, 39 ARRS 30/0852Z
6. NOT REQUIRED
7. 30/0852Z
8. DIVERTED 4 A1E FROM SAR ORBIT AND CRAMBLE 2 HH-3E FROM LS-36
- AT 30/0852Z, ACTUAL LAUNCH TIME OF HH-3E 0855Z.
9. 2046N 10348E
10. 20000 SCID, 4000 BRKN, 9000 OVCST, 12 MILES VIS
11. OL-2, 3 ARGP, MAJ R.P. FRANK

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12. NONE
13. DET 2, 37 ARRS/HH-3E WITH HOIST AND FOREST PENETRATOR 30/0936Z
15. A. 1/1/1/1/0/0. 2. C/F
16. RETURNED TO UDORN RTAFB THAILAND
17. 4/10X40/A1E/602FS(C); 2/2X10/HH-3E/DET 2, 37 ARRS; 1/1X10/
 HD-130P/OL-1, 39 ARRS
18. S/E
19. A. (RCC) WELLS, M.L. MAJ., (CP) JAMES, M. 1/ST: (HM) PICKLE-
 SIMER, J., SSGT.; (PJ) FIGHINI, J.L. 42C. CREW ASSIGNED TO DET 2, 37
 ARRS, UDORN RTAFB THAILAND.
- B. KUSTER, R.L. MAJOR, 388 TFW, KHORAT RTAFB, THAILAND
20. H. THIS IS A COMBAT SAVE. AT 0852Z, OL-1, 3 ARGP, AND CROWN 2
 REPORTED AN F-105, CALL SIGN OZARK 3, IN TROUBLE WITH PILOT BAILING OUT
 AT 2046N 10348E. OZARK FLIGHT RECEIVED GOOD CHUTE AND BEEPER. FOUR A1E
 ON SAR ORBIT OVER CH 97 WERE DIVERTED AS COVER, AND TWO JOLLY GREENS
 (09/36) WERE SCRAMBLED FROM L-36. AT 0914Z SANY 5 REPORTED A VISUAL
 ON THE ACM BUT NO VOICE CONTACT. L-36 RADIO REPORTED THIS AREA TO BE
 SECURE. AT 0925Z JG 05 MADE VOICE CONTACT WITH DOWNED ACM, AND MADE
 THE PICKUP AT 0936Z. SURVIVOR WAS REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION, AND WAS

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 RETURNED TO UDORN RTAFB THAILAND. GP-4
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: RGRC

13 July 1967

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (U)

TO: Hq ARRS (AROOPCR)

1. (U) The attached mission narrative is forwarded in accordance with Chapter 2, paragraph 4c of ARRSM 55-2.
2. (U) When attachment is withdrawn or not attached, the classification hereon is cancelled.

FOR THE COMMANDER

John F. Hagemeister
JOHN F. HAGEMELSTER, Major, USAF
Chief of Administrative Services

1 Atch
Ltr, Det 2, 37ARRS, 30 Jun 67 (S)
Subj: Msn Narrative, 2pgs, 2cy.

Cy to: PARRC, 7AF(DOCO), 48ARRS, Hq
636th CSG, ATTN: Commandant
PACAF Jungle Survival School,
CINCPACAF (DIOE)

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MISSION NARRATIVE - JOLLY GREEN 09 AND 36 - 30 JUNE 1967

(S)(GP-4) At 0850Z on 30 June, JG 09 and JG 36 were notified that Ozark 2 had bailed out with good chute and beeper. The two Jolly Greens were airborne at 0855Z, or before the survivor touched ground in his parachute. The Jolly Greens were on alert at L-36 with Sandy 7 and 8 on airborne alert overhead. Sandy 5 and 6 were holding on airborne alert at channel 97. The survivor's location was given as 030°/11 miles, channel 97. The weather for launch, enroute and at the pickup point was 7000 feet, broken to overcast. *KUSTER*

(S)(GP-4) Sandy 5 made contact with Ozark 2 shortly after arriving in the area. Mountain tops in the immediate area reached an altitude of approximately 6500 feet. The survivor was eventually pinpointed by Sandy 5 on a 60° slope at 4500 feet. The terrain interference on the survival radio transmissions caused some difficulty in obtaining ADF cuts to pinpoint the target, however, Sandy 5 accomplished this by 0920Z at which time he made a visual sighting. JG 09 was low bird and 36 was high, arriving in the area at 0920Z. 09 made a let down, attempting to keep Sandy 5 in sight, while Sandy gave directions to Ozark's position. During the descent, 09 passed directly over Ozark and voice contact was established. A turn was made to stay over this position as the descent was continued. Again the terrain cut out the survivors transmissions. At this point Sandy 5 made a low pass over the survivor and pinpointed him by tipping his wing at the target area. JG 09 made a slow pass by the survivor and was able to make a visual with the aid of a smoke flare.

(S)(GP-4) A turn was made away from the mountain side to drop the tip tanks in order to get light enough to hover at this altitude. The survivor had attempted to move on the slope, but had found it impossible because of the steepness of the rocky surface. 09 therefore advised him to hold by his parachute and the attempt would be made there.

(S)(GP-4) One of the tip tanks failed to jettison and the remaining fully loaded tip tank shifted the lateral C.G. violently, however, control was not lost, and the crew rapidly employed the alternate jettison system which functioned properly, releasing the remaining tip tank. Approximately 90 seconds was lost during this operation.

(S)(GP-4) The survivor was positioned in a tight wooded ravine which sloped up the mountain side at approximately a 60° angle. JG 09 called for a second smoke flare, then attempted a hover approximately 100 yards out from the survivor. This was necessary in order to perform a power check while an escape route was still available. The power was sufficient to hover and JG 09 slipped into the ravine. The slope prevented a head-on

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approach because of rotor blade clearance of the tree on the side of the mountain. A side approach was made with the tail rotor backed into the mountain ravine. The hoist operator literally placed the forest penetrator between the legs of Ozark 2. He did not have to move from the position where he had "dug in" to prevent rolling down the hill, only reach out and climb on. The pickup was completed at 0935Z, 45 minutes after bailout. Survivor had minor cuts and abrasions.

(S)(GP-4) The survivor was landed at L-36 at 1005Z while JG 09 refueled. The SAR forces were RTB'd and the survivor was returned to L-98 at 1125Z where Jolly Green 37 picked him up and returned him to channel 86. JG 09 and 36 resumed alert at L-98.

(S)(GP-4) Survivor gave excellent steers to aid both Sandy and Jolly Green to his position. He was quick to respond to direction and became a tremendous asset to his own rescue.

(S)(GP-4) Sandy 5 led the mission in an exemplary manner. He relayed applicable information back to the Jolly Greens which allowed for proper preplanning of the pickup. His assistance in rapidly locating the survivor and pinpointing him for JG 09 greatly decreased the reaction time.

(S)(GP-4) The entire mission was carried out "by the book". All phases were handled as planned with only the tip tank release system hampering the effort

LOW BIRD - 09

HIGH BIRD - 36

RCC Max F. James, 1st Lt
RCCP Maurice L. Wells, Maj
FE Jack Picklesimer, SSgt
PJ John L. Pighini, A2C

RCC Glenn P. York, Maj
RCCP James B. Barton, 1st Lt
FE Theodore A. Zerbe
PJ Michael R. Fraboni, A2C

SURVIVOR: Major Ralph Kuster

Max F. James
MAX F. JAMES, 1st Lt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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TO ZEN/38ARRG UDORN RTAFB THAILAND

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RUEHLM/USAF SCOTT AFB ILL

RUECLF/AFMCC AFB ORLANDO AFB FLA

UNLXK/PARRC HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUESSJ/7AF TAD 804 AB RVN

RUESSJ/3ARRGP TAD 804 AB RVN

RUEHJMA/USAF HPC RANDOLPH AFB TEXAS

RUEHJMA/AFMCC SAIGON RVN

RUEHJMA/AFMCC HONOLULU HAWAII

ZEN/7 13AF DEP COMMANDER UDORN RTAFB THAI

RUEHJFP/TUCC UDORN RTAFB THAI

RUEHJMA/4ARRG BELL AFB FLA

RUEHJFP/CL 1 3 ARRGP DANANG AB RVN

RUEHJMA/TAC LAWSLEY AFB VA

RUEHJMA/38STFW KORAT RTAFB THAILAND

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PFCCO-H, USAFPC FOR APPLSC, 7AF FOR DCTC, DC, DP, DI, BDRFP, CF,

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1. RESCUE OPENING REPORT

2. MISSION NUMBER : 2-3-25-2 APRIL 1967

4. (A) PILOT OF LVER LEAD.

(B) TACTICAL

(C) TACTICAL

(D) F-105

(E) USAF

(F) 38STFW KORAT RTAFB THAILAND

(G) DRAKEST, JOHN A. CAPT. 38STFW KORAT RTAFB THAILAND

(H) ONE (1)

(I) STANDARD

5. GROWN 2 (AGCC) 02/2737Z

6. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH IS CONTINUING

7. 02/2737Z

8. DIVERTED 4 AIRCRAFT 041115 (110) AND SCRAMBLED 2 JOLLY GREENS (CHSE)

FROM MAXHON PHALON II 02/2737Z

9. 1735. 196255 (A)

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6 May 67

to: Hq ARRS (AROOPCR)

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FOR THE COMMANDER

JOHN F. HAGEMEISTER, Major, USAF
Chief of Administrative Services

2 Atch(s)

1. Ltr, Det 2, 37ARRSq, 2 Apr 67

Subject: MSN Narrative 1 cy 1 pg (S).

2. ~~Ltr, Det 6, 38ARRSq, 4 May 67~~

Subject: ~~MSN Narrative 1 cy 1 pg (U).~~

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Cy to: PARRC, 7AF(DOCO), 48th ARRS.

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MISSION NARRATIVE - JOLLY GREEN 36 AND 37 - 2 APRIL 1967

DRAM 87

(S GP-4) JOLLY GREEN's 36 and 37 were notified of a downed aircraft and were scrambled from Nakhon Phanom RTAFB by Compress, at 1445L. Airborne at 1450L, they were directed to proceed to a location 101 miles on the 082° radial of channel 89. No difficulty was encountered enroute. On scene aircraft were reporting "Launch lights" and ground fire. While holding in an area close to the downed airman a MIG alert was also sounded. During low level search by Sandy 5, Jolly Green 36 observed 37mm and automatic weapons fire directed at Sandy 5. At one point during holding orbit, ground fire was observed from the junction of two roads. No battle damage was encountered by either Jolly Green.

(U) Weather at launch and enroute was approximately 7000' scattered, visibility about 3 miles. Though the cloud coverage remained about the same in the target area, the visibility improved to approximately 6 miles.

(S GP-4) Coordination and cooperation of all concerned elements was excellent. Though radio communications were at their normal feverish pitch, radio discipline was very good. Though voice and visual contact had been made by the downed pilots wingman, no contact could be made by any SAR forces. From prior contact it was known that the downed pilot was uninjured. He directed suppressing fire from RESCAP aircraft, against enemy positions, prior to the arrival forces. The survivor then decided to leave his impact area and proceed to the top of a ridge. He was receiving ground fire from two points at this time. This was the last contact made. Jolly Green's and Sandy's remained in the area for a period of three hours, landing at Nakhon Phanom RTAFB at 1950L. This completed a five hour, unsuccessful mission.

JOLLY GREEN 36 (LOW)

JOLLY GREEN 37 (HIGH)

RCC, A. E. WEBSTER, Captain
RCCP, B.N. PRIVETTE, 1st Lt
FM, R. GODSEY, SSgt
RS, M.P. BENNO, ALC

RCC, G. P. YORK, Major
RCCP, E. G. THOMPSON, Captain
FM, J.R. JOHNSON, SSgt
RS, R. D. BOWERS, A2C

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For ARLYN E. WEBSTER, Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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DET 3 38 ARRSQ HIST JUL - SEP 1968

OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

MISSIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. 1 July 1968. Det 3, transported medicine to a Thai village 155°/52 from Ubon and recovered a medical team that had been fighting an epidemic there.
2. On 16 July 1968, Det 3, again supported the base Civic Actions Program by airlifting medical personnel to a village 50 miles north of Ubon. The medical team spent the day examining and treating villagers for various ailments.
3. 3-38-005-25 August 1968. Det 3, 38th ARRS was alerted at 0133Z on 25 Aug 68 that an F-105F (Newark 2) was losing engine oil pressure 75 NM east of Ubon RTAFB. At 0137Z Ubon TWR alerted Det 3 that the pilots were going to eject approximately 30 NM northeast. The Det 3, 38th ARRS alert helicopter (Pedro 08) made a take-off at 0140Z without the FSK for the bailout point which was 050°/27 from Ubon TACAN. Utilizing GCI vectors and UHF DF on downed crew members survival radios Pedro 08 located the approx area of survivors. By use of voice communications and orange smoke from the downed pilot's MK 13 flare visual contact was made at 0157Z with the downed pilot. The uninjured pilot was picked up by the rescue crew at 0200Z by landing on the edge of a rice paddy. Voice communication was established with the downed co-pilot at the same time pick up was made of the pilot. Co-pilot stated he was near a road one mile north of the pilot's pick up point and would proceed to the road for pick up.