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MISSION NARRATIVE - 21 JULY 67

(U) On 21 July 1967 at approximately 1140 hours the crew of Jolly Green 55 was notified by Compress that the aircraft was to be used in a SAR effort which was in progress at the time. J.G. 55 was airborne enroute from NKP to Udorn, Thailand. Compress advised us to return to Udorn to pick up an interpreter before diverting to the area where Eagle Blue Three was down.

(U) Jolly Green 55 landed at 1200, picked up the interpreter, and was airborne again at 1205 local. We arrived in the area approximately 30 minutes later and were given vectors and directions to the scene where Pony Express 21 had already landed and was effecting the recovery. These vectors were given by Crown 1, Eagle Control (airborne), and finally by P.E. 21.

(S)(GP-4) The downed Thai pilot had been led away by what was determined to be friendly forces so the Rescue Specialist and Flight Engineer from P.E. 21 left the aircraft to locate and assist him to the aircraft. Eagle Control departed the area just as we arrived on the scene and headed for Vientiane because of low fuel. By this time the pilot on P.E. 21 reported that they had the Thai pilot on board but that the two crewmembers had not returned to the aircraft. Jolly Green 55 made radio contact with the two crewmembers and advised them to return to P.E. 21.

(S)(GP-4) At this time Eagle Control called and advised that he was making a precautionary landing in a field approximately 070° at 15 NM from Vientiane. Jolly Green 55 proceeded to this area, landed, and recovered the two crewmembers, Major Joseph C. Holden and SSgt Albert F. Sellers. The area was open, grass-covered at 1000 feet elevation. The temperature was 35°C.

(U) Compress was advised of the location of the downed aircraft so it could be recovered later. There was no enemy activity sighted. weather in the area and enroute was very good. Radio discipline was and Co-operation between all agencies was excellent.

Jolly Green 55

RCC Lt Col Britton
RCCP Capt Bradley
FE SSgt Watson
FE SSgt Keys
PJ ALC Davis

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25 JUL 1970

(Date)

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James A. Britton
JAMES A. BRITTON, Lt Col, USAF
Commander

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Det 1, 37th ARRS, History, Jul - Sep 67.

2. (S)(GP 4) Maj William Lloyd, Lieutenant Andrew Gonos, ALC Ronald Malone, and A2C Luther Davis picked up Capt Robert Bennett, an Air Force F-105 pilot, in Thailand, on 6 July.

3. (S)(GP 4) On July 7, Capt Robert Svoboda, Capt Richard Orsini, SSgt Jerry Johnson, and A2C Patrick Allaire, picked up Mr. Rainville, Mr. Parker, and a Laotian Lieutenant from an Air America H-34, in Laos.

4. (S)(GP 4) Capt John Firse, Capt Clyde Fehser, SSgt Floyd Watson, and A2C Michael Fraboni, picked up Major Maurice Seavers, an Air Force F-105 pilot, in Laos, under fire, on 10 July.

5. (S)(GP 4) On 18 July, Major Glen York, Lieutenant Billy Privett, SSgt Theodore Zerbe, and A2C Randy McComb, rescued Lt. J. G. Larry J. Duthie, an Navy A-4 Pilot, under fire.

6. (S)(GP 4) Lt Col Warner A. Britton, Capt Harold Bradley, SSgt Floyd Watson, SSgt Harvey Keyes, and A2C Luther Davis, picked up Major Joseph Holder and SSgt Albert Sellers from an OLE, in Laos, on 21 July.

7. (S)(GP 4) On 28 July, Capt Evan Thompson, Lieutenant Edward Sichterman, SSgt Floyd Watson, TSgt Charley Smith, picked up Lt. Karl Richter, an Air Force F-105 pilot, in Laos.

8. (S)(GP 4) Capt Robert Dowdy, Major Edward Russell, SSgt Vincent Androwsky, and A2C David Sliger, picked up Capt John Bischoff, an Air Force F-105 pilot, in Laos, on 3 August.

9. (S)(GP 4) Capt Richard Orsini, Major Powell Moore, SSgt Vincent Quinn, and A2C David Sliger, picked up Capt Joseph Otto and Capt Loy Meeks, USAF RF-4C pilots, in Laos, on 7 August.

10. (S)(GP 4) Capt Robert Greer, Lieutenant Andrew Gonos, ALC Roger Graham, and MSgt Ted Hawkins, picked up Maj DeMarque and Lieutenant Piet, USAF F-4C pilots, in Thailand, on 23 August.

11. (S)(GP 4) Major Gerald Haynes, Major Richard Wagner, ALC William Jaynes, and ALC John Pighini, picked up Capt Shanon, an Air Force F-105 pilot, at night, in Thailand.

12. (S)(GP 4) Capt Evan Thompson, Major Powell Moore, SSgt James Brooks, and A2C Michael Fraboni, picked up Capt Patterson, an Air Force F-101 pilot, and McComb, a Jolly Green, Para-rescue Specialist, in Laos, under fire.

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Det , 37th ARRS, History, Jul-Sep 67.

CHRONOLOGY

- 3 Jul 67 - Capt Etzel, Capt Bradley, A1C Cotter and A2C Pighini made pickup number 182.
- 6 Jul 67 - Maj Lloyd, Lt Gonos, A1C Malone and A2C Davis made pickup number 183.
- 7 Jul 67 - Capt Svobada, Capt Orsini, SSgt Johnson, and A2C Allaire made pickups numbers 184, 185 and 186.
General Benjamin Davis visited Jolly Greens.
- 10 Jul 67 - Capt Fiese, Capt Fechsner, SSgt Watson and A2C Fraboni made pickup number 187.
- 18 Jul 67 - Maj York, Lt Privette, SSgt Zerbe and A2C McCombe made pickup number 188.
- 20 Jul 67 - Capt Thompson and Capt Walker set up a static display for the Air America Wives.
- 21 Jul 67 - Lt Col Britton, Capt Bradley, SSgt Watson, SSgt Keyes and A2C Davis made pickups 189 and 190.
- 27 Jul 67 - Capt Thompson and Lt Sichterman set up a static display at Nakhon Phanom for Thai Intelligence Officers.
- 28 Jul 67 - Capt Thompson and Lt Sichterman, SSgt Watson and TSgt Smith made pickup number 191.
- 3 Aug 67 - Capt Dowdy, Maj Russell, SSgt Androwsky and A2C Sliger made pickup number 192.
- 7 Aug 67 - Capt Orsini, Maj Moore, SSgt Quinn and A2C Sliger made pickups numbers 193 and 194.
- 18 Aug 67 - Col Lovelady, ComMander, 3d ARRGp and Maj Ewing of PACAF Jungle Survival School arrived at Udorn.
- 20 Aug 67 - Col Lovelady presented DFC's to Maj Moore, Lt James, A2C Pighini, A1C Malone(Basic & 1st OLC), Capt Orsini (1st OLC) and A2C Berro(1st OLC).
- 23 Aug 67 - Capt Greer, Lt Gonos, A1C Graham and MSgt Hawkins made pickups numbers 195 and 196.

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