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37th AEROSPACE RESCUE AND RECOVERY SQUADRON (MAC)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96337



3 July 1967

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Ops/6104

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (1-3-99 2Jul67) (U)

TO: 3rd ARRGp (RGRC) APO 96307

1. (U) This report is submitted to provide your office information required by 3rd ARRGp Supplement 1 to ARRSM 55-1, 27 April 1967.
2. (C) I was Rescue Crew Commander for our local alert HH-3E, Jolly Green 30 on 2 July 1967. At approximately 1600Z I was called by LtCol Schafer, Det 7, 38th ARRS Commander. He said that Casualty Staging had requested we fly two WIA's with head injuries from NSA hospital at Marble Mountain to the USN hospital ship Sanctuary. We were told the Sanctuary was just off TACAN channel 50 and was enroute to Dong Ha. We were given UHF frequency 317.2 on which to call them.
3. (C) We were airborne at 1715Z and picked up the two wounded and one attendant at NSA hospital at 1735Z. We delivered the two wounded to the Sanctuary at 1800Z and dropped the attendant back at NSA at 1830Z.
4. (U) Weather and communications were not a problem. The crew functioned flawlessly. No other aircraft were involved.

5(U) Jolly Green 30 crew:

RCC Major William V. D. Hickerson
CP 1stLt Robert Levins III
FE SSGT Fred M. Halbert
RS A2C Walter White III

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2. (C) I was the Rescue Crew Commander for our DaNang local alert HH-3E Jolly Green 30 on 2 July 1967. At approximately 0620Z I was notified that Queen had asked to scramble us to recover two wounded USMC reconnaissance team members from an area on the 220° radial, 19 NM from TACAN Ch 37. I was told to contact Deadlock 3-0, a USMC UH-1E, on UHF frequency 317.1mcs.
3. (C) We were airborne at 0645Z and estimating the area at 0700Z. We advised Queen and Deadlock of our progress. Deadlock 3-0 had been directing some fighter strikes around the surrounded ground party and had just pulled out due to a thunderstorm over the area. He flew to a nearby FOL to refuel and left Deadlock 3-2 to continue controlling fighters. When we arrived at 0700Z we contacted them again and remained high while Deadlock 3-2 ran a flight of two A-4's (Oxwood) in on bombing and strafing runs. When he finished, Deadlock 3-0 had returned and directed a flight of two F-8's (Wagecut) to expend their ordnance.
4. (C) We configured the aircraft for hostile area descent and started in to the pickup at 0750Z. Deadlock 3-0 and 3-2 flew close to me making gunnery and rocketing passes during my approach. My Flight Engineer SSgt Halbert spotted the objective and I pulled out in a tactical approach and turned on final again. We had contacted the ground party on FM frequency 37.8. Their call sign was Charge Sheet. They originally requested a basket be used but due to the high trees and reported hostile fire I decided to use the forest penetrator and described to Charge Sheet how to secure the survivor on to it. I was afraid the basket would be too difficult to get through the trees and would require exposing ourselves to hostile fire for a longer time if it became tangled in the trees.
5. (C) We made the pickup at 0820Z. The survivor (Charge Sheet had advised that only one man would require evacuation) was Marine Corporal Michael P. Dean, 2146854, 1st Recon Battalion who had gun shot wounds in the left knee. A2C White, the pararescue specialist, administered aid to him and we delivered him to Charlie-Med at 0835Z.
6. (C) Radio procedures and discipline were excellent. Weather was a delaying factor in that the thunderstorm kept the fighters out of the area for about 30 minutes. My crew did an excellent job in all respects. The

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Deadlock UH-1E's were extremely effective in suppressing ground fire that Charge Sheet had originally reported as extremely heavy.

7. (U) Recommendations: None

8. (U) Aircraft involved in recovery effort.

Deadlock 3-0 & 3-2	USMC UH-1Es
Oxwood Flight	2 USMC A-4s
Wagecut Flight	2 USMC F-8s
Jolly Green 30	USAF HH-3E

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