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3rd ARRGp (RGRC) APO 96307

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1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARRM 55-2/3 ARRGp SUP 1 dated 15 June 1967.

2. (C) Jolly Green 28 and 26 were scrambled by Queen at 0710Z from Quang Tri. Both aircraft launched at 0715Z and proceeded to an orbit point NE of the DMZ and SW of Tiger Island where they were joined by Jolly Green 25. The objective was the 2 man crew of Misty 31, an F100.

3. (C) The original position of the objective, 354°/17 miles of Channel 109, was revised enroute to 340°/17 and later to 330°/15 miles. Misty 41 had radio contact with one survivor and reported 37MM firing in the area. Air strikes were called in to suppress numerous AAA positions.

4. (C) The Jolly Greens were joined on orbit by Electron 501 and 504 (USH A-1's) who were to perform RESCORT duty. At 0735Z Jolly Green 28 and 26 and the Electrons penetrated the coast approximately 5 miles north of the DMZ at 4000'. Proceeding inland Jolly Green 28 had good voice contact with the survivor arriving over his position at 0753Z. At this time Jolly Green 26 reported he had been hit and was departing the area. Flak was being reported. Basing the survivors position on several UHF/DF cuts Jolly Green 28 started to descend and the survivor reported a visual sighting. Through his instructions and his chutes position JG 28 arrived in a hover over the survivor at 0800Z. The survivor was in good condition and got on the forest penetrator unaided. Pickup was completed at 0804Z and JG 28 departed the area.

5. (C) The pickup area had trees 25' high and approximately 30' of hoist cable was used. The survivor did not use smoke or flares due to the fact that he had previous FAC experience and felt capable of directing JG 28 to his position. The survivor reported ground fire during the approach. JG 28 came under fire while in the hover and immediately after take off heavy automatic weapons firing was directed at us from south east of the pick up point. The cabin crew immediately returned fire. JG 28 turned west and exited the area via the mountains. The survivor was in good shape and did not require medical attention. Mission was terminated upon landing at Dong Ha at 0830Z. The survivor was later returned to DaNang by JG 28.

6. (C) The weather at launch and during orbit was '000' scattered to broken with good visibility. Weather in the pick up area was high overcast with excellent visibility. Cooperation and coordination by Misty 41 was very

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good. Radio discipline throughout the pick up was excellent. The survivor did an outstanding job in directing JG 28 to his position. The crew of JG 28 performed their duties in a truly professional manner.

7. (C) Jolly Green 26, although he had been buffeted by flak, had negative battle damage. Jolly Green 28 had one round in the nose wheel well. The quick reaction of the cabin crew members in returning ground fire possibly prevented greater damage. In addition to the flight engineer and pararescue technician, JG 28 also had on board a USAF combat photographer. He displayed great courage not only by exposing himself at the cabin door to film the pick up, but also during take off when he placed himself at one of the windows and returned ground fire with an M-16.

3. (C) SURVIVOR: Capt. CORWIN M. KIPPENHAN,
416 TFS, PHU CAT AB, RVN

9. (U) CREWMEMBERS:

JOLLY GREEN 28

CAPT CHARLES R. DURN RCC
CAPT WALTER R. BLACKWELL RCCP
SSGT FRED M. HALBERT FE
A2C JOSEPH M. DUFFY RS
A1C JOHNNY GRIFFIN AF

Charles R. Durn
CHARLES R. DURN, CAPT, USAF
Rescue Crew COMMANDER

JOLLY GREEN 26

CAPT THOMAS E. BAIR RCC
LT COL JOHN W. JAMES RCCP
SSGT GARY V. PHILLIPS FE
A2C CHARLES P. VOGLEY RS
A1C RONALD S. DAVIS AF

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(26) 1-3-25, 20 Aug 67. Jolly Green 28, while on alert at Da Nang AB, was scrambled to a position ten nautical miles southwest of Da Nang AB. While enroute to recover the two wounded Marines, their status was changed to killed in action. The deceased were recovered and returned to Charlie Medical Center, Da Nang AB.

(27) 1-3-26, 21 Aug 67. Jolly Green 25 was directed on a medical evacuation of seven wounded Marines eleven nautical miles Southeast of Da Nang AB in support of Pedro. Two USMC UH-1E's aided in suppressing ground fire as the personnel were recovered and taken to the NSA.

(28) 1-3-27, 21 Aug 67. Later, Jolly Green 25 was scrambled on a medical evacuation of one wounded Marine, eleven nautical miles Southeast of Da Nang AB. He was recovered and taken to NSA.

(29) 1-3-128, 22 Aug 67. Jolly Green 26 scrambled from Da Nang AB alert on a wounded Marine, eleven nautical miles Southwest of Da Nang. Ground fire was suppressed by USMC UH-1E and the recovery was accomplished. PFC Russel W. Naugle, 2336710, was taken to NSA.

(30) 2-3-61, 23 Aug 67. Jolly Green 10 and 26 were scrambled from Da Nang AB, on a downed F-105 pilot who was 10 nautical miles south of Dong Hoi, NVN. Jolly Green 27 and 15 had also scrambled from Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand. Jolly Green 27 received heavy ground fire attempting the pickup and was forced to withdraw because of battle damage. Air Force A-1E's flying escort called in other fighters to help sterilize the area. Then Sandy 7 (A-1E) laid a smoke screen for the pickup. Jolly Green 10 went in for the pickup and had to lower the pararescueman on the hoist to rescue the survivor who had a fractured back. The survivor was 1st M. A. Silva, 397th Ftr Sq, Ubon RTAFB, Thailand.

(31) 1-3-129, 24 Aug 67. Jolly Green 07 was scrambled on the medical evacuation of one Marine, twelve nautical miles Southwest of Da Nang AB. L/Cpl Ortha Lee Modger, 2306603, was recovered and taken to NSA where he was reported dead on arrival.

(32) 1-3-131, 26 Aug 67. Jolly Green 26 and 28 were scrambled from Quang Tri on two pilots from a downed Air Force F-100, just north of the DMZ. Navy A-1E's provided escort duty. Because of heavy enemy defenses, the pilot didn't use any visual signals. However, he was able to lead Jolly Green 28 to his position by giving directions over his survival radio. Jolly Green 28 received ground

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fire on the pickup. Jolly Green 26, the High Bird, was driven off by 57mm AAA fire. A search for the other downed pilot was unsuccessful. The survivor was Capt Corwin M. Kippenhan, 4167FS, Phu Cat AB, RVN.

(33) 1-3-132, 28 Aug 67. Jolly Green 10 was on a local airborne alert flight when he was notified of a Marine MEDIVAC twelve miles southwest of Da Nang AB, RVN. Four Marines wounded in action were taken to NSA. The survivors were L/Cpl's J. F. Gray, K. J. Miller, J. M. Dructor, and PFC F. Hurado, USMC.

(34) 1-3-133, 29 Aug 67. Jolly Green 28 was alerted of a Marine MEDIVAC twelve miles Southwest of Da Nang AB, RVN. Two wounded Marines, names unknown, were taken to Charlie Med.

(35) 1-3-134, 29 Aug 67. Jolly Green 10 was scrambled from Da Nang AB, RVN, for a Marine MEDIVAC twelve nautical miles Southwest of Da Nang AB. Four U.S. Marines, one wounded and three killed in action, were taken to NSA. Names of the Marines are unknown.

(36) 1-3-135, 30 Aug 67. Jolly Green 29 was on an orbit mission in the Gulf of Tonkin when a call over Guard Channel came in that the pilot of a Navy A-1E had bailed out over the gulf. The pilot's position was two miles off the shore of Haiphong, North Vietnam. Jolly Green 29 made a water landing to expedite the pickup due to unfriendly sampans in the area and firing from shore batteries. The survivor was taken to the Aircraft Carrier USS Oriskany. The survivor was Lt (JG) Lawrence E. Gardiner, USN.

(37) 1-3-137, 5 Sep 67. Jolly Green 10 and 26 were on their way back to Da Nang AB from Nakhon Phanom RTAFB when they were directed to pickup a Marine MEDIVAC fifteen miles Southwest of Da Nang AB. The Marines, Cpl R. J. Garcia and Sgt H. O. McNamora, of the 1st Force Recon Wg, were taken to the NSA.

(38) 1-3-139, 5 Sep 67. Jolly Green 10 was scrambled to MEDIVAC two wounded Marines ten nautical miles Southwest of Da Nang AB. The two Marines, Webb and Woo, 1st Force Recon Wg, were taken to NSA.

(39) 1-3-140, 8 Sep 67. Jolly Green 03 and 26 were scrambled from Quang Tri to rescue two pilots of a Marine F-4C that had gone down in the Gulf of Tonkin fifteen nautical miles East of Hue, RVN. Jolly Green 03 picked up one survivor and the other survivor was picked up by a boat from the Helicopter Carrier, Gallant Man.

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FROM: RCC/CAPT MAY

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SUBJECT: Mission Report, Crown 5, 26 August 1967

TO: Commanding Officer
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1. At 0706Z, 26 Aug 67, Crown 5 received a clear beeper for about 15 seconds. Shortly thereafter, Phantom 71 advised that Misty 3 was down at 320/15 Ch 109. Crown 5 then proceeded to South Orbit.
2. While enroute to South Orbit, Jolly Green 26 and 28 were launched from Cigar. Jolly Green 25 was also in the area. He had been given an RTB 5 minutes before the SAR began and was low on fuel. Since he could not be used immediately, he went to cigar to refuel.
3. At 0720Z Electron 503 and 508 reported that they were near the area of the SAR. They were given the exact location. They then proceeded to the location abeam the SAR, staying Feet Wet. Crown 5 asked for permission to send the Electrons Feet Dry through Speed Bird. Permission was granted at 0730Z.
4. During this time, weather was a factor along the coast and off shore. Electron 503 did not break out until he was at 1000 feet between Tiger island and the coast. The weather from the coast to the SAR was clear, however.
5. At 0730Z another flight of Electrons, 501 and 504 arrived. Shortly thereafter Misty 41 reported seeing a survivor on the ground. This was confirmed by Electron 503.
6. At 0740 Jolly Green 26 and 28 arrived in the area. They remained between Tiger Island and the coast until they met Electron 501 and 504 who escorted them to the SAR. While enroute, Jolly Green 26 was hit by ground fire and departed immediately for Cigar. At 0810 Jolly Green 28 picked up one survivor. Jolly Green 28 stayed in the area another 5 minutes looking for the other pilot who the first pilot reported to have landed 100 yards away. By this time, the ground fire was becoming heavy so Jolly green 28 moved to a safer area while the Electrons continued an electronic and visual search.
7. At 0820Z Queen advised Jolly Green 28 to take the survivor to Cigar. At 0825 Electron 501 recommended termination of the SAR.
8. At 0825 Sandy 7 and 8 arrived. They were briefed on the exact location of the SAR which was described as the north end of Finger Lake. During this time, Jolly Green 25 had returned to the scene staying Feet Wet. He was joined shortly by Jolly Green 26.

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9. Sandy 7 and 8 continued searching the area. At 0740 Queen advised the Sandys to terminate the search if nothing was found in 5 minutes. At 0745 Sandy 7 concurred that the SAR should be terminated and the forces were given an RTB.

10. During the SAR, at least two flights of fighters were available at all times. They were provided by Hillsboro and Water Boy. Brown anchor 11P was used once to refuel an F-105 flight.

John T. May

JOHN T MAY, CAPTAIN, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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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>
61	Ralph D. Frank	1/Lt-AF		9 Jun 67	1-3-85
62	Bruce A. Martin	Maj-M		2 Jul 67	1-3-97
63	Michael P. Dean	Cpl-M		2 Jul 67	1-3-97
64	Ralph E. Brubaker	Maj-M		7 Jul 67	1-3-105
65	Robert R. Headley	Capt-AF		18 Jul 67	1-3-109
66	Gregory Kushner	Capt-AF		18 Jul 67	1-3-109
67	R.W. Kuhl	Lt-N		20 Jul 67	1-3-111
68	C.W. Kinney	Sfc-A		21 Jul 67	1-3-112
69	J.R. Kinshaw	Sfc-A		21 Jul 67	1-3-112
70-78	UNK ARVN	UNK		21 Jul 67	1-3-112
79-98 NC	UNK U.S. Navy	UNK		29-30 Jul 67	1-3-115
99	James E. West	1/Lt-AF		29 Jul 67	1-3-116
100 NC	Walter N. Webb	Sgt-M		1 Aug 67	1-3-118
101-103	UNK U.S. Army	UNK		6 Aug 67	1-3-120
104	Vollmer	Maj-AF		17 Aug 67	1-3-123
105-112	UNK USMC	UNK		21 Aug 67	1-3-127
113	Russel W. Naugle	Pfc-M		22 Aug 67	1-3-128
114	M.A. Silva	1/Lt-AF		23 Aug 67	2-3-61
115	Corwin M. Kippenhaw	Capt-AF		26 Aug 67	1-3-131
116 NC	J.F. Gray	Lcpl-M		28 Aug 67	1-3-132
117 NC	F. Hurado	Pfc-M		28 Aug 67	1-3-132
118 NC	J.M. Dructor	Lcpl-M		28 Aug 67	1-3-132