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MISSION NARRATIVE - JOLLY GREEN 09 AND 37 - 7 AUG 67

(S)(GP-4) At 1530L on 7 Aug 1967, Jolly Green 09 and 37 were scrambled from Channel 89 to attempt the recovery of an F-4C, call sign, Edging, downed on the 106/83 of Channel 89. The two Jolly Greens proceeded to the area without escort. They maintained approximately 8000 feet and circumnavigated the anti-aircraft and automatic weapons positions along highway 911.

(U) At 1615L, Jolly Green 09 and 37 arrived in the area. The weather was good with a scattered layer of alto-stratus clouds at 8500 feet. Visibility was 15 miles or better.

(S)(GP-4) Mallard Flight, two F-105's were in the area over the downed pilots. The Flight Leader informed Jolly Green 09 that he had both visual and radio contact with both pilots. He located their position in a level valley about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from a nearby village and one hundred yards from a road that intersected the village. The area was about 1000 feet above SEA level and seemed relatively calm. The few persons in the village had made no attempt to secure the survivors.

(S)(GP-4) Jolly Green 09 advised Mallard that the Sandy aircraft would be in the area in twenty minutes, and then asked Mallard Flight to point out the survivors exact position. While Jolly Green 37 remained in orbit out of the area, Jolly Green 09 descended to 3500 feet and almost immediately observed the parachute of one of the survivors in an open field. Jolly Green 09 then was able to contact both Edging crewmembers on their survival radios and was also able to pinpoint their ground positions exactly. Jolly Green 09 advised Edging that the helicopter was awaiting the arrival of the Sandy's and that since their physical conditions were good and no movement toward them was observed, pick-up would not be made until the arrival of the Sandys'. However, Jolly Green 09 remained in an orbit about 1000 feet above the ground near the survivors in the event that a recovery would need to be made before the arrival of the A-1E's. At 1635L, the Sandy's arrived and immediately made low passes over the area to insure its safety. As Jolly Green 09 descended toward the first survivors position, the two Sandy aircraft dropped phosphorous ordinance between the survivors positions and the village, effectively screening the rescue activities. At this time personnel could be seen moving along the road from the village toward the survivors position. The Sandy aircraft made some low level runs over them and their movement ceased.

(S)(GP-4) Jolly Green 09 had no trouble retrieving the pilot of Edging since he was located in the low jungle underbrush and easily visible. The navigator of Edging, however, was located in high trees up against a small knoll. Once the forest penetrator had been dropped to him, he experienced some difficulty in entering it. He then became entangled, momentarily, in the penetrator itself. After a few moments, he was able to put one seat of the penetrator down, climb aboard, and strap himself in. He was then easily hoisted aboard.

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(S)(GP-4) At 1643L, Jolly Green 09 and 37 departed the area with both survivors, in good condition, on board. Sandy 1 led the way as the Jolly Greens tried to gain as much altitude as possible before traversing highway 911.

(U) At 1740L, Jolly Green 09 and 37 arrived back at Channel 89.

(S)(GP-4) The exact coordinates of the pick-up were 1703N, 10612E.

(S)(GP-4) The survivors were:

Capt Joe Otto IV

Lt Loy E. Meeks II

Jolly Green 09

RCC Capt Orsini, Richard A.

RCCP Maj Moore, Powell

FE SSgt Quinn, Vincent

RS A2C Sliger, David W.

Jolly Green 37

RCC Maj York, Glenn P.

RCCP Maj Wells, Maurice L.

KEC ALC Whisenhunt, John W. Jr.

ES TSgt Smith, Charley D.

Richard A. Orsini

RICHARD A. ORSINI, Capt, USAF
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Det , 37th ARRS, History, Jul-Sep 67.

CHRONOLOGY

- 3 Jul 67 - Capt Etzel, Capt Bradley, ALC Cotter and A2C Pighini made pickup number 182.
- 6 Jul 67 - Maj Lloyd, Lt Gonos, ALC 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 Firse, Capt Fechser, 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, ALC Malone(Basic & 1st OLC), Capt Orsini (1st OLC) and A2C Banno(1st OLC).
- 23 Aug 67 - Capt Greer, Lt Gonos, ALC Graham and MSgt Hawkins made pickups numbers 195 and 196.

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

2. (S)(GP 4) Maj William Lloyd, Lieutenant Andrew Conos, 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 Conos, 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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