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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 37 OPS/6104

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-158, 7 Oct 67) (U)

TO: 37C *kpe*
3rd ARRGp (RGRC) APO 96307
IN TURN

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At approximately 0915Z, Crown 5 heard Pistol Flight calling on guard that Pistol Lead was bailing out. Pistol 2 gave the position of ejection as 2116N 10653E. He reported a chute beeper but no voice contact. Pistol 2 further stated that Lead had ejected at over 500 knots and was probably unconscious. Pistol Two's call was also heard by Steel 1 Howzer (SAR Destroyer) who began setting up Navy SAR forces. He had Jolly Green 29 and Big Mother 70 join on his 050/10 channel 20. He sent Electron 1 and 3 toward the position of the downed pilot and sent Electron 2 to join up with Jolly Green 29 and Big Mother 70.

During the initial phase of the SAR, Crown 5 and Red Crown began recycling strike aircraft coming off tankers to join in the SAR effort as RESCAP. The first flight off tanker and on scene was Vampire (F-4C's), later joined by Olds (F-4C's) and Hatchet (F-105's). Upon arrival, Vampire Flight relieved Pistol 2 and 3 after sighting the chute of the downed pilot. After being relieved, Pistol Flight headed for a tanker and was later RTB'd. Vampire Flight directed Electron 1 and 3 to the scene. Shortly after arriving on scene, Electron 1 determined the area was safe for a SAR effort and called for the helicopters to be sent into the area. At this time Jolly Green 29 and Electron 2 went 'feet dry' heading for the scene. Electron 1 reported he was getting a continuous beeper, had the chute in sight, but still no voice contact. At 1008Z Electron 1 reported the beeper had stopped and that the chute had disappeared. He again called on guard but without response. At this time Electron 1 recommended all SAR forces be RTB'd because it was apparent Pistol Lead had been captured. Harbor Master (Navy SAR Commander) concurred with Electron 1 and had all forces RTB. As the forces withdrew, Vampire Flight reported hearing on guard, "I'm alive", "I'm alive", but that it sounded like a recording. After repeated attempts no further voice or beeper contact could be made with Pistol Lead. All SAR forces proceeded to 'feet wet' without further incident.

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Vietnam War Aircraft Losses

711	6 Oct 1967	A-1E	LAOS	Armstrong F. A.	Maj	KIA				
712	7 Oct 1967	F-4D	NVN	Appleby I. D.	Maj	MIA		Austin W. R. II	Capt	POW (retur
713	7 Oct 1967	F-105F	Sea	Howard J. C.	Capt	Rescued	USMC Helo	Shamblee G. L.	Capt	Rescued
714	7 Oct 1967	F-105D	NVN	Fullam W. E.	Maj	KIA				
715	9 Oct 1967	F-105D	NVN	Clements J. A.	Maj	POW (returned)				
716	12 Oct 1967	O-1G	SVN	Siebert W.	Maj	Rescued	Army Helo			
717	12 Oct 1967	F-4C	NVN	Derrickson T. G.	Capt	MIA		Hardy J. K.	1Lt	KIA
718	15 Oct 1967	F-4C	Sea	Maloy R. W.	Col	Rescued	USAF	Paul W. S.	Capt	Rescued
719	15 Oct 1967	RF-4C		Applehans R. D.	Capt	MIA		Clarke G. W.	Capt	POW (died
720	16 Oct 1967	O-1E	SVN	Alexander M. H.	Maj	Rescued	USAF			
721	17 Oct 1967	F-105D	NVN	Sullivan D. E.	Maj	POW (returned)				
722	17 Oct 1967	F-105D	NVN	ODell D. E.	Maj	POW (returned)				
723	17 Oct 1967	F-105D	NVN	Andrews A. C.	Capt	POW (returned)				
724	18 Oct 1967	RF-101	LAOS	Pishvanov N. A.	Maj	Rescued	USAF Helo			
725	21 Oct 1967	F-100D	Sea	Hemmel C. J.	Capt	KIA				
726	24 Oct 1967	F-105D	NVN	Scott M. D.	Capt	Rescued	USN			
727	25 Oct 1967	F-105D	NVN	Smith R. E. Jr	Maj	POW (returned)				
728	25 Oct 1967	F-105D	NVN	Horinek R. A.	Capt	POW (returned)				
729	27 Oct 1967	F-105D	NVN	Flynn J. P.	Col	POW (returned)				
730	27 Oct 1967	F-4D	NVN	Black J. D.	Capt	POW (returned)		Conner L.	1Lt	KIA
731	27 Oct 1967	F-105D	NVN	Stirm R. L.	Maj	POW				

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