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19 December 1967

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-198, 17 Dec 67) (U)

TO: 37C *LM*
3rd ARRGp (JSARC)
IN TURN

1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3 ARRGp Sup 1 dated 15 June 1967.

2. (C) On 17 Dec 67 at 0925Z Jolly Green 04 was enroute from Whiskey Orbit to Cigar when a call was monitored on Guard. Phantom 51 (F-4C) informed Lead (Phantom 52) that he was on fire and should bail out. JG 04 was approximately 10 NM away and saw the F-4C (Phantom 52) burst into flames and fall into the sea. The aircraft entered the water at 0200/11/Ch 109. JG 04 circumnavigated a US Navy destroyer which was shelling the North Vietnamese Coast and arrived on scene at 0933Z. JG 04 spotted the survivor some 1.5 miles from shore and assumed mission command. As JG 04 arrived on scene the survivor got out of his raft. JG 04 set up an approach and a hover was established over the survivor at 0936Z. Despite the rough sea, recovery of the survivor was accomplished by the Flight Engineer with the rescue sling at 0939Z. JG 04 then searched for and found the body of the second crew member floating beneath the surface of the water supported by the inflated LPU. It was surrounded by the oil slick and debris from the crashed aircraft. JG 04 then deployed the Rescue Specialist who jumped into the water from an altitude of 10 feet. The Rescue Specialist attached the body to the rescue sling but because of the rotor wash and rough sea he was unable to cut the shroud lines from the parachute. The parachute began to billow as the body was raised out of the water and it had to be lowered back into the water. The Flight Engineer then directed the pilot to back away from the body to reduce the effect of the rotor wash on the water and parachute. The full length of the cable was extended and the Rescue Specialist cut the parachute shroud lines. ~~The body was recovered and then the Rescue Specialist. JG 04 departed the area at 1005Z and arrived at Channel 94 at 1045Z.~~ *amended by sup atch*

3. (C) Jolly Green 03, which was on alert at the FOL at Quang Tri, launched at 0930Z, proceeded to the recovery area and arrived just as JG 04 was making the pickup of the dead crewmember. Crown 5 advised JG 03 that there was a report of another aircraft (F-8) being downed at 0500/15/Ch 109 and directed JG 03 to initiate a search in that area. JG 03 proceeded to the scene and commenced search at 1000Z. Two O-2 FAC aircraft joined the search at 1015Z and a CAP was provided by two F-105s. During the search Crown 5 attempted to determine the source of the report of the downed aircraft and after some delay found the report was incorrect. Search was terminated at 1100Z and JG 03 RTB'd to Channel 94 arriving at 1154Z.

4. (C) The weather was high overcast with ten miles visibility and was not a factor. The sea was rough and the sea state estimated at 3. No enemy fire was encountered. No aerial refueling was used.

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5. (C) The name of the survivor was Col Rock Brett, USAF, 12th TFW.

6. (U) Crew members of Jolly Greens:

a. Jolly Green 04:

RCC 1Lt Rodney G. Parks
RCCP Lt Col Kenneth D. Caughron
FE Sgt Dennis M. Richardson
RS Sgt Charles P. Vogeley

b. Jolly Green 03:

RCC Major Vernon A. Dander
RCCP Captain William A. McKenney III
FE Sgt James A. Bowers
RS Sgt James D. Locker

Rodney G. Parks
RODNEY G. PARKS, 1Lt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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