

Mission Narrative
(Advent 12)

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On the 29th of December 1967, Crown 1 was launched early for a first light SAR mission on Advent 12 which had gone down on the night of the 28th. Crown 1 arrived in the area of CH39 and contacted Alleycat (C-130 ARCCC) and he stated that a Nail FAC (O-2) would be contacting Crown on SAR UHF Primary. Advent 12 went down at approximately 090/60 $\frac{1}{2}$ /CH39, 17-25N 105-42E. Sandies 5/6/7/8 became airborne and contacted Crown and stated that they would be holding in the area of 085/50/CH39 till all forces were assembled. Jolly Green 16 & 20 contacted Crown 1 and stated that they were heading towards the holding area. Crown 1 contacted Nail 46 and he stated he was inbound to the area of the down pilots. Crown 1 heard a beeper and DF it to the area of Advent 12. Crown called on guard WHF(243.0) and requested that Advent 12 hold on his beeper till he asked for it also that we would be in to get them out in about one half hour. Crown 1 contacted Cricket (C-130 ARCCC) and told him that fighters were needed for a SAR. Between Crown 1 and Cricket a schedule was worked out so that there would always be fighter aircraft over the down pilots for at least a 2 hour period. Crown found out through Intelligence that an Arc Light was scheduled for a point 3 miles north of the down pilots, Crown asked Cricket and Compress to get it diverted. Nail 46 made beeper then voice contact with both Advent 12A and B. "B" had a head injury, was dizzy and was numb. Crown sent in the first group of fighter call ~~sign~~ sign ~~Sticks~~ Sticks 75A and B (F2F-4B). Sandy 5 and 6 entered the area and also made voice contact with the down pilots, Sandy 5 requested more fighters and Crown sent in Gunfighters 1 and 2 (F-4C) Crown had stacked in the holding area three flights at all times. Crown requested tankers from Compress and received Blue Anchors 72P and 75P to take care of the different types of aircraft refueling needs. Nail 46 ask for another set of fighters Power House 1 and 2 (A-4) ~~were~~ were sent into the area. At this time the Sandy 5 ask for Nail 46 to keep a steady stream of fighter going in on a line that he marked while the Jolly Greens tried for a pickup. Crown sent Cobalt 1-4(F 105), Watched 1-4 (F 1-5), Simmer 1-4(F 105), Hobo 11 and 12 (A 1E) to Nail 46 control. Advent 12A was pickup with too much grouble but "B" was very hadd to find. After both pilots were picked up, Jolly Green 16 who made the pickup stated that "A" as had slash burns cuts and back injury. "B" had a cut over the right eye and injuries to both legs. Crown called Invert to have a doctor meet Jolly Green 16. All SAR forces were RTB

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SUMMARY TABLE OF RESCUES

DATE	RESCUE NO.	SURVIVOR	CREW ACFT	SERVICE	LOCATION	JOLLY GREEN CREW
2 Oct	203	Maj Miller	RF4C	USAF	Laos	Maj Haynes Lt Barton
2 Oct	204	Maj Brown	RF4C	USAF	Laos	SSgt Androsky A2C Taylor
3 Oct	205	Maj Moore	F4C	USAF	Laos	Capt Etzel Capt Hall
3 Oct	206	Maj Gulbrandson	F4C	USAF	Laos	SSgt Zerbe Sgt Braboni
23 Oct	207	Capt McLean (Deceased)	F105	USAF	Thailand	Maj Haynes Lt Platt SSgt Keyes Sgt Smith
26 Oct	208	Lt Sanchi	T28	RTAF	Laos	Maj Haynes Lt Platt
26 Oct	209	Unknown	T28	RTAF	Laos	Sgt Allen Sgt Duffy
5 Nov	210	Capt Sparks	F105	USAF	North Vietnam	Capt Walker Lt Col Lowe MSgt Boles TSgt Smith
8 Nov	211	Capt Gordon	F4	USAF	North Vietnam	Capt Richardson Lt Barton SSgt Brooks Sgt Lombard
11 Nov	212	Maj Griffith	A1E	USAF	Laos	Lt Platt Lt Sichterman SSgt Negrette A1C Taylor
18 Nov	213	Lt Col Reed	F105	USAF	Laos	Capt Richardson Lt Privette SSgt Warmack A1C Taylor
20 Nov	214	Lt Col Scholtz	RF4	USAF	North Vietnam	Lt Col Britton Maj Wells
20 Nov	215	Capt Simenero	RF4	USAF	North Vietnam	SSgt Androsky Sgt Duffy
29 Dec	216	Capt Altman	F4	USAF	Laos	Capt Etzel Maj Wells
29 Dec	217	Capt Coburn	F4	USAF	Laos	SSgt Thacker Sgt Sowell

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