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SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-194, 7 Dec 67) (U)

TO: 37C *WJ*
3rd ARRGp (JSARC) APO 96307
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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3 ARRGp Sup 1 dated 15 June 1967.

2. (C) Jolly Greens 04 and 28 were scrambled from Quang Tri at 0910Z on report from Queen that Hammer 22, an F-4C, was down at 0870/17/Ch 72. The JG's were airborne at 0915Z and gave an ETA of 0950Z. An IFR flight clearance was necessary enroute until approximately ten miles from the crash site at which time the Jolly Greens were able to proceed under VFR conditions. JG 04 and 28 arrived in the area at 0950Z and at about the same time 3 A-37's, Dragon 01, 02 and 05, arrived on-scene. The FAC in the area, Covey 646 an O-2, pointed out the position of the downed pilots. Because of low fuel Covey 646 had to depart the area as soon as the JG's spotted the survivor's position. No ground fire had been observed by Covey 646. Because of the overcast sky condition only 10 or 15 minutes remained before night fall. JG 04 decided to make an immediate rescue attempt rather than have the Dragon RESCORT further secure the area. JG 04 had voice contact with both survivors and instructed the front seater to pop his smoke. Visual contact was made at 0957Z and the first survivor was taken aboard at 1000Z. The second survivor then directed JG 04 to his position about 200 yards away and he was taken aboard at 1005Z. Automatic weapons fire was directed at JG 04 from a position about 100 meters away during and after the pickup of the second survivor. Two hits were taken by JG 04 before Dragon 05 suppressed the fire by dropping CBU and strafing. Ground fire was directed at JG 04 from a hillside to the left and above the helicopter during departure from the area until the fire was suppressed by Dragon 05. Both survivors were in excellent condition. JG 04 and 28 departed the area at 1010Z and landed at DaNang at 1130Z.

3. (C) This was the first time that A-37's have been utilized as RESCORT by the 37th ARRS. The maneuverability and performance of the A-37's make them extremely effective as RESCORT aircraft. The chandelle technique utilized by the A-37's enabled them to stay very close to and above the JG's in a position to provide immediate suppressive fire.

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4. (C) The survivors were Major Robert Ray, USAF, and 1Lt Frank Cerrato, USAF.

5. (U) Crew members of Jolly Green 04 and 28:

a. Jolly Green 04: RCC 1Lt Rodney G. Parks
RCCP Capt Jerry D. Clearman
FE Sgt Alvin A. Malone
RS TSgt John L. Hennessey

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b. Jolly Green 28: RCC Major Arthur J. Anderson
 RCCP Lt Col John W. James
 FE SSgt Windell L. Stumbaugh
 RS Sgt Charles P. Vogeley

Rodney G. Parks

RODNEY G. PARKS, 1st Lt, USAF
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At 0900Z Jolly Green 03 picked up Sgt Melvin J. Jorgensen, RA17593760 and Sp/5 Timmothy V. Brown, RA15716924, 138th AVN Co (RR), U. S. Army.

A ground team inserted into the area by Jolly Green 28 determined the rest of the U-6A crew were dead.

(28) 1-3-192, 5 Dec 1967, at 0842Z Jolly Green 04 and 10 were scrambled from Quang Tri to search for two US Navy personnel that had fallen overboard. At 0930Z Crown spotted the men and marked their position with smoke. Jolly Green 10 picked them up. The survivors were David C. McCullough, B316923, and Richard L. Thomas, R403827, AC Div B, USN.

(29) 1-3-193, 7 Dec 1967, at 0700Z Jolly Green 10 was scrambled from Da Nang AB, RVN to 240°/23/94, 33 miles West South-West of Da Nang, to airevac three wounded ARVN personnel. RESCORT was provided by two U.S. Army UH-1E gunships. At 0740Z Jolly Green 10 picked up three WIA's and one sick, names unknown, and returned to Da Nang.

(30) (C) 1-3-194, 7 Dec 1967, at 0910Z Jolly Green 04 and 28 were scrambled from Quang Tri, RVN to 17 miles East of Saravan, Laos to recover the crew of a USAF F-4C. RESCORT was provided by three USAF A-37s and a USAF O-2. At 0957Z Jolly Green 04 picked up Major Robert Ray, USAF and 1st Lt Frank Corrato, USAF. As the pickup was in progress, heavy automatic weapons fire was directed at Jolly Green 04 and suppressed by Dragon Flight. This was the first use of A-37s as RESCORT, and they provided good cover.

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At 0906Z, Hillsboro advised Crown 5 they had Hammer 22(F-4) hit and probably eject. Hillsboro then advised Crown 5 that Covey 646 (Bingo 1800) had seen the pilot eject and had two good chutes. Jolly Green's 04/28 were launched from Cigar and proceeded to 090/17-72(0950Z ETA)(15-38N 106-44E) (910281) where the Covey had the pilots in sight on the ground. Crown 5 proceeded to the area and assumed mission command. The weather in area was 5000' scattered to overcast with terrain elevation of approx 1000' with hills up to 2000'. Dragon 01 and 02(A-37) and Bingo 1740, Misty 31(F-100) Bingo 1800 were called in to supply cover if needed. Jolly 04 & 28 gave an ETA of 0950Z and then Sandy 7 & 8 called in and gave an ETA of 1030Z. Covey 646 reported no ground fire in area and had voice contact with the two survivors and they reported they were in good shape. The survivors were approx 300 meters apart. Hammer 21 had to RTB because of fuel. Seen at this time scrambled Gunfighters 31 & 32 for additional cover. Dragon 01 and 02 RTB'd because of bingo fuel at 0920Z, at which time Dragon 05 proceeded into the area with a bingo time of 1825. Jolly 04 was on scene at 1000Z and Covey 646 directed him to the downed survivors. Dragon 05 then made low passes over the area for ground fire and none was reported. (Covey 646 had bingo fuel and left area after showing Jolly 04 the location of the pilots, Covey 056 (O-2) was overhead to relieve 646) Jolly 04 then picked up survivor one at 1009Z and then survivors two at 1013Z with no groundfire. Covey 056 spotted groundfire as the Jolly was leaving the area and marked for Dragon 05 who dropped ordnance on sight. Jolly 04 & 28 gave an ETA of 1100Z to Chan 94. Crown 5 then RTB'd all forces with a job well done. Sandy 7 & 8 were directed to 86.

Glen E. Nemecek, Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander



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