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37TH AEROSPACE RESCUE AND RECOVERY SQUADRON (MAC)
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SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-5, 16 Jan 68) (U)

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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSN 55-2/3 ARRGp Sup 1 dated 15 June 1967.
2. (C) Jolly Green 30 and 10 were scrambled from Da Nang at 0600Z, 16 Jan 68, for extraction of wounded members of an Army Special Forces Team. The location was given as 244°/23/Ch 94. The Team was in contact with the enemy and drawing heavy fire from the west and southwest. Four UH-1 gunships, four A-1E and two F-4C aircraft were provided for escort. The terrain was mountainous and the team was located in a saddle at the 2000 foot level. The weather was 6000 feet overcast with intermittent scattered and broken layers below. VMC maneuvering area was extremely limited as the tops of many surrounding hills were covered with clouds. Jolly Green 30 initiated the approach at 0700Z with two UH-1 gunships on each side for ground fire suppression. The A-1Es and F-4Cs were orbiting the immediate area and making repeated fire suppression passes. The approach was executed using high terrain to the west of the pickup area as a shield from enemy ground fire. Jolly Green 30 was in a hover approximately 15 minutes and picked up eight WIA using the hoist and tree penetrator. The jungle canopy was very heavy with 80 to 100 foot trees. Jolly Green 30 then pulled out. Jolly Green 10 approached in the same manner and picked up three WIA and four KIA using the hoist and tree penetrator. The UH-1 gunships made continuous fire suppression passes while JG 30 and 10 made their approaches and were in the hover. Both Jolly Greens then proceeded to NSA Hospital, discharged the survivors, and returned to Da Nang, landing at 0812Z.
3. (C) No battle damage was reported by the aircraft involved in the mission.
4. (C) The Jolly Greens and UH-1 gunships orbited the area approximately 45 minutes awaiting the F-4Cs and final clearance for the pickup.
5. (C) The survivors were US Army Special Forces Vietnamese nationals.

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6. (C) Aircraft involved in mission:

Alleycat Flight Two US Army UH-1 gunships
Hostage Flight. . . . Two USMC UH-1 gunships
Gunfighter Flight . . . Two USAF F-4Cs
Big O-2 USAF O-1
Big O-3 USAF O-1
Unidentified. USAF O-2
Unidentified. Four USAF A-1Es
Crown 5 USAF HC-130P
Jolly Green 30. . . . USAF HH-3E
Jolly Green 10. . . . USAF HH-3E

7. (U) Crew members of Jolly Greens:

JOLLY GREEN 30

RCC Capt Fred H. Otte
RCCP Capt Jerry M. Griggs
FE Sgt Dennis M. Richardson
RS A1C Richard H. Garlie

JOLLY GREEN 10

RCC 1Lt Rodney G. Parks
RCCP Capt Jerry D. Clearman
FE SSgt Windell L. Stumbaugh
RS Sgt Robert D. Baker

Fred H. Otte

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Rescue Crew Commander

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At 0145Z the uninjured survivor, Captain Harold E. Foreman, FV3026449, 357 TFS, was hoisted aboard Jolly Green 04 and returned to DaNang. The original search for the missing pilot of the A-3 was later terminated with negative results.

(2)(U) 1-3-3, 7 Jan 1968. At 0605Z, Jolly Green 04 was scrambled from DaNang to recover the pilot of a USAF F-100 who had bailed out eighteen (18) miles east of DaNang. Crown 05 made contact, spotted and marked the survivor's position in the water. Jolly Green 04 made a water landing and picked up the survivor, Major Dwayne P. Wright, FR31198, 37 TFW, APO 96368. The survivor was uninjured and Jolly Green 04 returned him to DaNang terminating the mission at 0630Z.

(3)(U) 1-3-4, 12 Jan 1968. On this mission, Jolly Green 04 and 10 were utilized to search for a missing USMC CH-53A at a point sixteen (16) miles southwest of Quang Tri. They were assisted by USMC H-34s, UH-1 helicopter gunships and a USAF O-1E Forward Air Controller (FAC) aircraft. At 0010Z the wreckage was sighted and Jolly Green 14 made an approach to investigate. The H-53 had flown into the mountainside and was completely consumed by fire. After hovering over the wreck, Jolly Green determined there were no survivors and the mission was terminated.

(4)(U) 1-3-5, 16 Jan 1968: At 0600Z Jolly Green 30 and 10 were scrambled from DaNang to attempt THE EXTRACTION of a US Army

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Special Forces team at a point twenty three (23) miles west south-west of DaNang. The team was in heavy contact with a large enemy force. Escort for the Jolly Greens was provided by four (4) UH-1 gunships, three (3) USAF A-1Es, three USAF FAC O-1Es and two (2) F-4Cs. Jolly Green 30 was in the hover approximately fifteen (15) minutes hoisting eight (8) wounded in action (WIA) aboard the helicopter. Jolly Green 10 picked up the remaining three (3) WIAs and four (4) dead. The survivors were all US Army Special Forces Vietnamese nationals. Jolly Green 30 and 10 landed at DaNang at 0812Z after discharging the survivors and bodies at the Naval Support Activity (NSA) hospital.

(5)(U) 1-3-6, 27 Jan 1968. At 0325Z Jolly Green 25 was scrambled from DaNang to an area fifteen (15) miles east to recover two USAF pilots forced to bail out under controlled conditions by a landing gear malfunction. At approximately 0410Z, Jolly Green 25 entered a hover over the aircraft commander and deployed the pararescueman, Sgt Walter White, into the water to assist the survivor. The pararescueman was forced to cut away part of the survivor's parachute when he became entangled in it while being hoisted aboard the helicopter. The survivor's name was Major Richard W. Phillips, FR25208, 366 TFW, APO 96337.

Jolly Green 25 acted as cover ship while an HH-43B from Det 7, 38 ARRS recovered the other F-4C pilot. Both helicopters then

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At 0552 Stanley Looker and Spicy Goggles say they want Jollies to come in as soon as gunships are refueled, Queen advises hold short until OK from Blue Chip. Carstairs requested Jollies to move to 240/10/CH94 as they have a drop in process at their location. Jollies moved to new position. 0610 Queen approved JG 30 to proceed with four gunships to the scene. 0625 JG 30 has L/Z in sight and ready to go in. A check with Queen determined that gunfighter flt (F-4) were not airborne and did not have approval. Queen said King would not let JG 30 land until the gunfighter flt was in the area. Then Queen asked JG 30 if there were any FAC's in the area. Jollie contacted Big 02 on FM also advised Queen the weather was starting to move in and requested to move in ASAP. 0643 Alley Cat 8 advises they have 4 KIA and 12 WIA to pick up. 0655 Queen advises fighters in the area and JG proceed with pickup. 0715 Jollie 30 reports 8 wounded and one doctor onboard and proceeding to NSA. ~~Reported~~ negative ground fire. 0730 Jollie 10 reported 3 wounded and 4 KIA onboard, proceeding to Pulp rest, then to NSA. All aircraft returned to their own controll.

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SUMMARY TABLE OF RESCUES

DATE	RESCUE NUMBER	SURVIVOR	TYPE AIRCRAFT	SERVICE	LOCATION	JOLLY GREEN CREW	UNDER ENEMY FIRE
3 Jan	218	Maj Pattee	T28	USAF	Laos	Maj Ferrell Lt Sichterman Sgt Grau ALC Taylor	No
6 Jan	219	Capt Brownlee	F-105	USAF	Thailand	Capt Walker Capt Canfield Sgt Otero Sgt Boles	No
6 Jan	220	Maj Gustafson 76th Mission 2nd pickup	F-105	USAF	Thailand	Lt Platt Capt Greer Sgt Keyes Sgt Lombard	No
16 Jan	221 222	Maj Lewis Lt Kelly	F4	USAF	NVN	Capt Greer Capt Canfield Sgt Warmack Sgt Harding	No
18 Jan	223	Capt Stovin	F4	USAF	NVN	Capt Conant Capt Greer Sgt Cole Sgt Allaire	Yes
28 Jan	224	Capt Brown	T28	USAF	Laos	Capt Otsini Capt Greer Sgt Warmack Sgt Harding	No
2 Feb	225 226 227	Lt JG Jacobs AP2 Forbski AT1 Arntzen	P2V	USN	Laos	Lt Platt Maj Williams Sgt Keyes Sgt Boles	No
27 Feb	228	AP1 Gonzales	P2V	USN	Laos	Capt Walker Maj Washington Sgt Parker Sgt Harding	Yes

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