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ATTN OF: OPS/3446

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative, 28 February 1968, 2-3-17

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TO: CMD W
3rd ARRGp (3JSARC) APO 96307
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1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARSM 55-2/3ARRGp Sup 1, dated 15 June 67.

2. (S) At 1535L, 28 Feb 1968, Jolly Green 36(L) and 17(H) were advised that a Bear aircraft was down approximately 80 miles east of Channel 89. Both Jolly Green aircraft and Sandy 5,6,7 and 8 were scrambled by Compress at 1540L, and Jolly Green 36 and 17 were airborne at 1545L. The weather was 7,500' scattered layer, with 10 miles visibility throughout the mission. Crown 2 advised on VHF that an F-100 aircraft, call sign "Nash", was capping the downed pilot and Nail 12 was also in the area. Rendezvous with Sandy 5,6,7 and 8 was sixty miles east of Channel 89; Sandy 5 & 6 continued ahead of the helicopters to locate the pilot. Nail 12 led Sandy 5 & 6 over the man, whose parachute was visible on top of the trees. He was semi-conscious, and Sandy 5 was unable to contact him as he flew over the chute. The survivor had previously stated he thought both legs were broken, and he was unable to move them. Sandy 5 advised the area around the downed airman appeared safe, and he led Jolly Green 36 to a position over him at 1635L. The parachute was easily seen by Jolly Green 36 and an immediate approach to a hover was made. No radio contact was established at anytime with the survivor by Jolly Green 36. Since the downed pilot had reported he had two broken legs the Rescue Specialist went down on the hoist. The survivor was hanging in his chute at approximately 2,500' MSL on the side of a karst formation with 150' trees. As the Pararescue Specialist was going down on the hoist Sandy 6 reported ground fire to the north; Sandy's 5,6,7 and 8 began expending ordnance in this area. The Pararescue Specialist secured the survivor, who was unable to be of assistance to the penetrator and rode up with him on the hoist; the stokes litter could not be used due to density of the foliage surrounding the man. Jolly Green 36 hovered over the pilot for twenty minutes while he was being strapped on the penetrator. Sandy 5 advised the best exit route from the area and Jolly Green 36 departed at 1700L and arrived Channel 89 at 1740L. The survivor appeared to be in good shape, despite two broken thigh bones. Jolly Green 36 did not receive any battle damage, although all aircraft were well within range of several 37mm sites. Small arms and automatic weapons fire was drawn and suppressed by the Sandy's, and battle damage was sustained by both Sandy 7 and 8. Sandy 8 had his hydraulic's shot out. Radio discipline throughout the effort was excellent, and the cooperation of Nail 12 and Sandy's 5,6,7 and 8 was responsible for the extremely expeditious recovery of the pilot.

3. (C) The name of the survivor: GENE J. BASEL, Captain, USAF, 354 TFS.

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4. (U) Crew of Jolly Green 36:

DALE L. ODERMAN, Major - RCC

GEORGE W. GREER, Captain - RCCP

MICKEY D. BERRY, Sergeant E-4 - FE

JOSEPH M. DUFFY, Sergeant E-4 - RS

Dale L. Oderman

DALE L. ODERMAN, Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

ORGANIZATION 600 Photo Squadron		PROJECT NUMBER 6/84SM		DATE FILMED 23 February 1968	
SUBJECT Air Rescue (Captain Gene I. Basel)				CAMERAMAN Sgt Brown	
LOCATION Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand				SOUNDMAN N/A	
CLASSIFICATION Unclassified		AUTHORITY FOR CLASSIFICATION N/A		OTHER SERVICES COVERING None	
CAMERA NR N/A	MAGAZINE NR N/A	TYPE FILM N/A	16 MM X	35 MM	FTG EXPOSED N/A
					MORE FOLLOWS N/A

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HEADQUARTERS 3RD AEROSPACE RESCUE & RECOVERY GROUP (MAC)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96307



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 3C

7 March 1968

SUBJECT: Commander's Letter for February 1968

6 ADM-9

TO: All Squadrons & Detachments, 3ARRGp

1. On 28 February, Major Dale Odernan and his Jolly Green crew of Det 1, 37ARRS, at Nakhon Phanom made the 1000th combat save since rescue operations started in SEASIA in 1964. The recovery was up near the Mu Chia pass and had all the ingredients of a good story; an F-105 pilot with 79 missions completed; two broken legs; a first save for the RCC; a descent into the jungle by the PJ; the 21st save for the PJ; Sgt Joe Duffy, on a 6 month tour extension; and a bit of hostile action in the neighborhood. We brought the crew to TSN and did a TV panel type discussion film at AFVN studios. All the major networks had camera coverage; NBC, ABC, CBS, BBC, and AFN. Without many preliminaries, the cameras started grinding and the crew told the story of their individual participation in the mission (without a note). Following about a half hour stint in front of the cameras, we went down to the Joint United States Public Affairs Office (JUSPAO) for a "Show and Tell" session before 60 to 70 press representatives from all over the world. Luckily, there had been a combat photographer on board the HH-3E during the mission and the film was shown followed by essentially a repeat of the TV presentation and a question and answer session. According to the 7AF Director of Information, we got a lot of mileage out of the 1000th save. Evidently Saigon must be pretty rough duty because the crew members told me later that they'd prefer to go to North Vietnam anytime rather than go through that routine again.

2. In early February an HH-43 engaged in a night recovery mission was shot down. The debriefs of the crew members and the Army Dostoff pilot revealed facts which should be considered in the "Lessons Learned" category and which may be applicable to your unit. The two pilots were not wearing their survival vests at the time they were hit but had placed them on the floor of the cockpit next to the seat. During the crash, the pilot's vest and M-16 rifle were pulled from the aircraft by the branches of the trees through which they were descending. The co-pilot's vest was to his left rear next to the seat and when he reached for it he found it was already in flames. Although the pararescueman was wearing his vest properly, when he

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HISTORY DET 1 40 ARRS JAN-MAR 68

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DATE	RESCUE NUMBER	SURVIVOR	TYPE AIRCRAFT	SERVICE	LOCATION	JOLLY GREEN CREW	UNDER ENEMY FIRE
28 Feb	229	Capt Basel	F-105	USAF	Laos	Capt Greer Maj Oderman Sgt Berry Sgt Duffy	Yes
6 Mar	230 231	Capt Marler Maj Benziger	B66	USAF	Thailand	Maj Oderman Maj Reagan Sgt Otero Sgt McComb	No
6 Mar	232	Capt Lewark	B66	USAF	Thailand	Maj Orsini Capt Holt Sgt Grau Sgt Fraboni	No
11 Mar	233 thru 268	Classified	EVACUATION OF L.S. 85		Laos	Maj Haynes Maj Yuhas Sgt Berry Sgt Fraboni	No
11 Mar	269 thru 294	Classified			Laos	Maj Oderman Maj Williams Sgt Cole Sgt McComb	No
25 Mar	295	Sgt Hill	C123	Laos	USAF	Capt Richardson Maj Yuhas Sgt Peele Sgt Fraboni	No
30 Mar	296 297	LtCol Johnson Maj Doran	02	Laos	USAF	Lt Platt Maj Yuhas Sgt Berry Sgt King	No
30 Mar	298 299	Maj Marquardt Capt Hodges	F-111	Thailand	USAF	Maj Oderman Capt McKinley Sgt Hannegan Sgt Boles	No

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History - Det 1, 40th ARRSq, Jan - Mar 68

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- 3 Jan - Rescue of Zorro 11 by Jolly Green 20(#218).
- 6 Jan - Rescue of Boswell 3 by Jolly Green 16 and 36(#219, #220).
- 10 Jan - Det 1 visited by Col Freshwater, Vice Commander, 3rd ARRGp.
- 12 Jan - Medical evacuation from L-85 by Jolly Green 17.
- 15 Jan - Jolly Green 20 crashed while on Prevue 1 mission in North Vietnam.
- 16 Jan - Rescue of Hangar 2 by Jolly Green 16(#221, #222).
- 17 Jan - Crew of Jolly Green 20 rescued by Jolly Green 71 of Det 2, 37 ARRS.
- 18 Jan - Rescue of Hangar 1A by Jolly Green 09(#223).
- 23-24 Jan - Maj Orsini briefed the 553rd Reconnaissance Squadron at Korat RTAFB on SAR mission.
- 25 Jan - Det 1 visited by Col Emil Beaudry, Vice Commander ARRS, Col William Misick, Deputy Commander Material, ARRS, and Col Paul E. Leske, Commander, 3rd ARRGp.
- 26 Jan - Col Beaudry presented Silver Stars to 1Lt Privette and Sgt McComb.
- 11, 12, 13 Feb - Maj Orsini briefed 388th Tactical Fighter Wing at Korat RTAFB on SAR mission.
- 27 Feb - Rescue of Sophomore 50 by Jolly Green 37 and 20. (#225-#228). 37 ARRS also took part and rescued three other crew members.
- 28 Feb - Rescue of Bear 1 by Jolly Green 36(#229). This was the 1000th combat rescue made by 3rd ARRGp.
- 29 Feb - The crew of Jolly Green 36, Maj Oderman, Capt Greer, Sgt Berry, and Sgt Duffy went to Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN, for interviews on the 1000th rescue. They were interviewed by the major television networks, for a UPI newspaper story and USAF hometown news releases, and appeared at the Saigon daily Armed Forces briefing for reporters.
- 2-3 Mar - Maj Orsini, Capt Walker, Capt Holt, Lt Platt, and SSgt Keyes interviewed for a National Geographic Magazine article of rescue in SEA.

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NN	Connell
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FE	Coons
LM	Creer
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DET 1 40 ARRS JULY 36 MAKES P.U.

Robert LaPointe

From: Dave McNeil [dmcneil@charter.net]
Sent: Friday, November 23, 2001 7:42 AM
To: Robert LaPointe
Subject: SAR Location Information

Mr. LaPointe

I obtained your email address from Russ O'Neal and your website.
I am trying to locate the SAR reports of two pilots shot down in SEA.
These SARs are:

28 July 67 Jolly 37 Pilot Harry Walked, PJ Charlie Smith Downed Karl
Richter
28 Feb 68 Jolly 56 Pilot Dale Oderman, PJ Joe Duffy Downed G. I.
Basel

GI Basel stated in personalization to me of his book Pak Six that he
came down within 50 ft of Karl's weathered chute.

I knew karl richter in high school and began my research about him last
april. shortly after i started my search, i found your website and have
visited it often--enjoy reading the guestbook entries--a lot of
information. I have learned a lot about karl's af career and his death
but have not yet determined "where" he died. I feel that the two SAR
reports mentioned above should give the location. Do you have copies of
these reports?

The other day work, I read deeper into your website and found that over
500 SARs are listed in the appendixes of your book. are these two
listed? how many books do you have left? I am planning on ordering one
early december. When you list SAR locations in your book--is it
lat/long, utm's or a placename?

thank you for any help you can give me.

Dave McNeil
Hickory, NC

USAF AIRCRAFT LOSSES

RECORDS FROM 641201 TO 730630

C0872	DATE: 680228	ACFT: F105D -624385	TYPE LOSS: COMBAT	ACT TARGET COOR: 1711N10609E	TOT: 0825Z	RTE PKG: E -LAOS	AIR SP: UNK
UNIT: 355W TAKHLI	CALL SIGN: BEAR 01			MISSION FUNCTION: 01	TYPE OF TARGET: POL STORAGE AREA		
TOTAL RCV: 001	TOT MIA:	TOT CAP:	TOT KIA:	ENEMY DEFENSES: 50CAL AW			
GR/SERV	NAME	POS	CHT/BPR	STATUS	RETURNED		
CPT	BASEL, GENE I.	PLT	YES	YES	RCV		
				INCDT COOR: 1711N10609E	INCDT TIME: 0826Z	INCDT ALT: 02500	PASS: 2
				DOWN COOR: 1714N10604E	DOWN TIME: 0826Z	LOSS CAUSE: GND FIRE	
				ORDNANCE WHEN DOWN: 4XCBUR4-29		POD: NO	
				WEATHER VIS: 900000	DAY	CLOUDS: BROKEN	RESCUED BY: USAF
				REMARKS: AFTER ACFT CAME OFF BOMB RUN ACFT BEGAN TO TORCH FROM			
				TAIL SECTION, PILOT EJECTED BEFORE ACFT EXPLODED.			

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TS. GROUPS

28/0739/ML

OMAHA. CR 3 IN CUTE WITH OLDS (2 F4) AND TAMPA
(2 F4s) - OLDS JUST JOINED BY 2 MORE F4s - 6 CAP
ACFT NOW.

28/0746/ML

MONARK DOWN. PARIS ADVISES A MONARK IS DOWN 260/30/TSN
DOWN AND BURNING. PERS ON SCENE ADVISE NO SURV. TACC.

28/0747/ML

OMAHA. CR 3 - SANDY 3-4 IN AREA IN COMPLETE UNDERCAST.
HI-PERM IS IN AREA NOW: J4 67470 JUST COMPLETED
AIR WITH CROWN "3". AIR POS NOT KNOWN.

28/0815/ML

CR 1 DET CH 70 0812Z EST CH 83 1040Z.

28/0815/HY

SSG HANDY ON DUTY. SOPHMORE 50 & OMAHA OPEN
SSG KING OFF DUTY.

28/0823/HY

BEAR LEAD F-105 QUEEN ADV ACFT DOWN
POSN 1709/10604 GOOD CHUTE. ADV
COMP TO LAUNCH FR NKP (JG & SANDY'S).

28/0825/HY

BEAR LEAD New POSN [REDACTED]
1716/10622

28/0833/HY

BEAR LEAD New POSN 1710/10552.

28/0840/HY

BEAR LEAD CR-2 New POSN 320/52 CHBS
(1715/10608) MISTY 41 IN THE AREA.

28/0846/HY

BEAR LEAD QUEEN ADV JG 28 WAS ABN
FR QT AT 0834 IS BACK ON THE GND AT
QT WILL MAINTAIN COCKPIT ALERT.

28/0850/HY

BEAR LEAD QUEEN MISTY 41 REPTS VOICE &
BEEPER CTC. PILOT REPORTS HE IS IN A TREE.

28/0852/HY

BEAR LEAD COMP REPTS JG 17/36 ABN 0845.
SANDY'S ALSO ABN.

28/0855/HY

JSARC: JOINT
SEARCH & RESCUE
CENTER
BLUECHIP =
7TH AF COMMAND
CENTER

OMAHA All SAR FORCES RTB DUE TO
LACK OF CTC WITH SURV - EFFORT
SUSPENDED FOR TODAY (JSARC/BLUECHIP)
SANDY 1-2-3-4 REL TO CRICKET.

28/0857/HY

BEAR LEAD COMP ADV SANDY'S NOT ABN
YET.

28/0902/HY

BEAR LEAD COMP ADV SANDY 5-6-7-8 ABN.

28/0902/HY

BEAR LEAD 7TH AF ADV THEY ARE SENDING
OLDS FLT (A-F4) & TAMPA (2-F4) - THESE
ACFT WILL REPLACE ALL OTHER HI PERF IN
AREA. ADV COMP/CR2.

28/0911/HY

BEAR LEAD COMP ADV SANDY ETA 0950.

28/0915/HY

BEAR LEAD CR-2 PILOT HAS BROKEN THIGH
BONE - WILL NEED MED. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
FIRE IN AREA

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SOPHMORE 50 COMP ADV Romeo Delta
ATA NKP 0737. BRIEFED AT 0810.

TIME READY TO GO HNK. DO NOT FEEL
BRIEFING WAS SUFFICIENT.

28/0930/HY

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SOPHMORE 50 ADV COMP JPRC HAS PER
TO KEEP TEAM AT NKP OVERNITE - COMP &
NKP WILL WORK OUT DETAILS FOR GO FIRST
LITE. HAVE CLEARANCE FOR 2 SANDYS & 2 JG'S.

28/0934/HY

BEAR LEAD QUEEN ADV SANDY 5 HAS CHATE IN SITE.

28/0935/HY

BEAR LEAD SANDY 5/6 IN AREA S 7/8 HOLDING OUT.

28/0938/HY

BEAR LEAD BRINGING S 7/8 & JG'S INTO AREA.

28/0939/HY

BEAR LEAD QUEEN JG GOING DOWN FOR P/H.

28/0943/HY

BEAR LEAD CR-2 JG 36 WILL BE IN HOVER
FOR P/H IN APPROX 30 SEC.

28/0945/HY

BEAR LEAD COMP JG WILL TAKE SHRU
TO NKP.

28/0950/HY

BEAR LEAD CR-2 LAST WORD JG 36
IN HOVER.

28/0956/HY

BEAR LEAD QUEEN GND FIRE IN AREA.

28/0957/HY

BEAR LEAD CR-2 SANDY'S P/H GND FIRE
TO NORTH OF PILOTS POSN

28/0958/HY

BEAR LEAD CR-2 JG 36 HAS SHRU ON
BOARD Hdg OUT. PILOTS COND HNK.

28/1010/HY

BEAR LEAD CR-2 JG 36 & S 7/8 ETA TO
NKP 1042. PILOT IS CONSCIOUS - 2 BROKEN
LEG'S + SCATCHES & BRUISES. S 5/6 WORKING
OVER AREA HAVE BEEN DIR TO RTB.

CLOSED

28/1010/HY

JG 28 ASN BT 1400 ETE DNG.

28/1018/HY

BEAR LEAD CR-2 JG 36 REQ AMBULANCE
MEET ACFT AT NKP. SHOE STRING ADV
THIS IS ALL TAKEN CARE OF.

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