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Mission Narrative 1-3-29

26 March 1968

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At 2117Z (0517H), 26 March 968, Medevac Chase, a marine CH-34, called on guard that he was going in at 360/20/CH94.

Sooky 14 heard the call and alerted rescue. Spooky proceeded to the scene and began dropping flares. Jolly Green 25 arrived at 0635H and picked up two survivors at 0650H. Crown 4 arrived at 0710H. Crown established search areas for Jolly Greens 25, 22, 07 and 04, and began an expanding square search of the area. After 30 mins searching, Crown 4 sent Jolly Greens 22 and 07 to Cigar to assume alert. JG 25 took his survivors to NSA hospital. The survivors were the pilots. They stated that they had lost an engine and gone #straight in". The did not believe that anyone else survived as they surfaced and found each other immediately but could not locate any other. There were seven souls on-board. (One medic and six seriously wounded litter patients)

There was a destroyer (Zulu #367) on scene, as well as numerous small surface craft. Also, there were two Marine Chinooks and two Marine Hueys.

The area was searched until 1200H, with 100% coverage, 100% effectiveness. No further sightings were made.

Thomas B. Baines, Capt, USAF  
Rescue Crew Commander

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|---------|-------------|----|------|
| Brown   | Ralph       | W. | MAJ  |
| oliver  | Thomas      | J. | Capt |
| Cruse   | Doyle       | R. | TSGT |
| Davis   | James       | C. | SSGT |
| Hawkins | Lewis       | M. | MSGT |
| Barkley | Clarence H. |    | TSGT |
| Wilson  | Lance       | F. | SSGT |

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
37TH AEROSPACE RESCUE AND RECOVERY SQUADRON (MAC)  
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96337



REPLY TO  
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27 March 1968

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-29, 25145188d (v))

SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION  
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652  
AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO  
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TO: 370

3rd ARRGp (JSARC)  
IN TURN

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

2. (C) At 2100Z, 25 Mar 68, the crews of JG 25 (Low) and JG 04 (High) were advised by Queen of a downed H-34 (Marine MEDIVAC), 20 miles north of DaNang. Queen advised to scramble only one crew. JG 25 was airborne at 2120Z and arrived at the SAR site at 2130Z. A search was established with the assistance of Spooky 14 (an AC-47) who was dropping flares in the area. Since no survivors were immediately sighted JG 25 requested that Queen scramble additional Jolly Greens. At 2135Z the FE on board JG 25 sighted a short duration flare and vectored the pilot in that direction. About 40 seconds later another flare was sighted at the two o'clock position one half mile away. Two survivors were located and recovered by 2140Z. The hoist and sling were utilized as the sea state was 4. Spooky 14 dropped several flares in the area to assist in the recovery. No external lights were used by JG 25. A smoke flare was dropped by JG 25 while still in a hover to mark the location of the recovery. The survivors, pilot and copilot, were in good condition; therefore, JG 25 elected to search until more aircraft arrived. Seven other people had been on board the H-34. At 2310Z JG 22 and 07 arrived in the area and JG 25 departed for Marble Mountain to off-load the survivors, landing at 2320Z. JG 25 departed at 2325Z after refueling and returned to the search area. JG 04 was now on scene and JG 22 and 07 proceeded to Quang Tri. With the assistance of Crown 04 and Zulu one, a Navy destroyer escort, the area was searched until 0135Z, 26 Mar 68, with negative results. JG 04 and 25 landed Channel 94 at 0148Z. Weather was 200 feet scattered, 1500 feet overcast and 10 miles visibility.

3. (C) The survivors were two USMC Lieutenants, names unknown.

4. (U) Crew members of Jolly Greens:

JOLLY GREEN 25

RCC Major Green, Joe B.  
RCCP Lt Col Klinkert, Charles  
FE Holden, Elmer L., SSgt  
RS Sgt Camun, Peter J.

JOLLY GREEN 04

RCC Capt Stringer, Harvie L.  
RCCP Capt Wiegard, Don W.  
FE SSgt Brand, Arthur T.  
RS Sgt Klenovich, Rodger A.

GROUP 4

Downgraded at 3 year  
intervals; declassified  
after 12 years

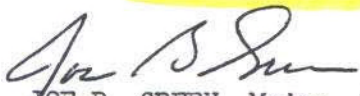
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JOLLY GREEN 22

RCC Capt Otte, Fred H.  
RCCP Capt Spray, Ronald G.  
FE SSgt Brand, Arthur T.  
RS Sgt McDougall, Angus C.



JOE B. GREEN, Major, USAF  
Rescue Crew Commander

JOLLY GREEN 07

RCC Capt Griggs, Jerry M.  
RCCP Capt Cardile, Frank  
FE SSgt Carroll, William L.  
RS A1C McGill, Douglas J.

GROUP 4

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interval, declassified

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a point twenty-three (23) miles east of Dong Ha, RVN. At 0840Z Jolly Green 04 recovered the pilot of a USMC F-8, Capt Gary L. Post, USMC 086936, VMF (AW) out of the water and returned to DaNang.

(19)(U) 1-3-25, 17 Mar 1968. At 0210Z Jolly Green 28 was scrambled from Quang Tri to recover the crew of a USAF F-4C down in the water twenty-eight (28) miles north of Dong Ha, RVN.

Jolly Green 28 landed on the water at 0240Z and pulled Major Paul D. Lambrides, USAF, on board. A USN SH-3A recovered the other pilot. Jolly Green 28 returned both pilots to DaNang.

(20)(U) 1-3-26, 18 Mar 1968. At 0325Z Jolly Green 28 and 04 were scrambled to recover the two man crew of a USAF F-100F downed by enemy fire fifty-three (53) miles north of Khe Sanh, RVN. RESCORT was provided by USAF A-1Es and another F-100F. At 0425Z the A-1Es located one survivor, Capt Brian Williams, whom Jolly Green 28 recovered using the hoist. A search was conducted with negative results for the other pilot.

(21)(U) 1-3-27, 21 Mar 1968. At 1900Z Jolly Green 24 and 04 were scrambled to recover the pilot of a USN A-4 nine (9) miles southeast of DaNang. Recovery was delayed until 2200Z by bad weather and low visibility. At first light, Jolly Green 24 landed and recovered Major John A. Herber, USMC 063664, VMA 311. No hostile fire was encountered during the mission.

(22)(U) 1-3-29, 25 Mar 68 AT 2100Z Jolly Green 25 and 04 were scrambled from DaNang to recover the crew of a USMC H-34 down in the water twenty (20) miles north of DaNang. A USAF C-47

assisted in the search by dropping flares. Two pilots were recovered by Jolly Green 25 utilizing the hoist. A search was conducted with negative results for the other members of the crew. The names of the survivors are unknown.

(23)(U) 1-3-30, 30 Mar 1968. On this mission four Jolly Greens were utilized to recover the crews of six (6) USMC helicopters downed by hostile fire nineteen (19) miles west of Hue, RVN. Two of the six helicopters were downed while the Jolly Greens were enroute to the pickup area. Despite the cover provided by four (4) USAF A-1Es, two (2) Huey Cobra gunships, numerous UH-1 gunships and two (2) USAF A-37s, the Jolly Greens were under constant heavy automatic weapons and B-40 rocket fire. Jolly Green 10 recovered four survivors, names unknown, before being driven from the hover by hostile fire. Jolly Green 07 hoisted four more crewmen aboard after the A-1Es made several strafing passes. Jolly Green 25 recovered the six remaining survivors; Major H.E. Lowery Jr, 062151, Capt McDonald, 092570, Capt C. E. Coon, 091739, Cpl C.D. Chester, 2145541, and L/Cpls Eltzroth, 2324241, HML 367, and West, 2214136.

SUMMARY: In the twenty-three (23) missions this quarter, twenty-one (21) resulted in sixty-six (66) combat saves, two (2) operational saves and forty-seven (47) combat MEDIVACS. The combat saves are further broken down into categories - aircrew recoveries and team extractions. The aircrew personnel recovered

1967 (cont)

- 13 Dec 67 The 58th ARR Squadron, with HH-43s, recorded 10 saves, rescuing the crew of the Italian freighter, *Zante*, aground in heavy seas off the Libyan coast.
- 16 Dec-21 Dec 67 Extremely heavy snows in northeastern Arizona, and related floods around Nogales in southern Arizona, caused emergency conditions. The Western ARRC dispatched a control team, which coordinated relief and rescue efforts by personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and many civilian agencies. The lives of 12 persons were saved, 676 persons were assisted, and 349,000 pounds of food and supplies were delivered.

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- 26 Jan 68-18 Jun 69 As a result of the seizure of the USS *Pueblo* by North Korea on 23 January, the 305th ARR Squadron (AFRES) was called to active duty, effective on 26 January. The HC-97 aircraft and aircrews of the 305th augmented the resources of other ARRS units for 18 months.
- 9 Feb-8 Aug 68 In response to the *Pueblo* crisis, ARRS organized a provisional squadron and three provisional detachments in Korea on 9 February. A fourth det was organized on 29 March. These detachments were discontinued on 8 August 1968.
- 30 Mar 68 Four H-3s from the 37th ARR Squadron were involved in a mission to recover 14 crewmen from six United States Marine Corps (USMC)



General George S. Brown awards the Air Force Cross  
Major Joe B. Green.

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30 Mar 68 (cont) helicopters downed by hostile fire in the A Shau Valley, Vietnam. Despite friendly support from A-1E, AH-1, and UH-1 gunships and A-37s, the H-3s were under constant enemy fire during the rescue. Leading the H-3s, Major Joe B. Green and his crew picked up four of the surviving Marines on his third approach. A second H-3, piloted by Major Jerry M. Griggs, picked up four more, and a third H-3, piloted by Major Stuart H. Hoag, picked up the remaining six Marines. Majors Green and Griggs later received the Air Force Cross as a result of their actions.

10 Apr 68 Two Philippine fishing boats capsized in rough seas about 400 miles north of Clark AB, dumping 31 fishermen overboard five miles from shore. The 31st ARR Squadron sent an HC-130 to the scene, and two pararescuemen parachuted into the ocean to aid the victims. The pararescuemen rescued about 17 fishermen and put them in life rafts dropped from the HC-130.

22 Apr 68 The Lebanese cargo ship *Alheli*, with 26 crewmen aboard, radioed that they were sinking in rough seas about 900 miles east of Bermuda. An HC-130 from the 55th ARR Squadron, Kindley AFB, Bermuda, orbited the sinking ship, vectored a British ship, the *Megantic*, to the scene, then dropped flares to aid the loading of the survivors aboard *Megantic*.

30 May 68 Sergeant Thomas A. Newman, a pararescueman, rescued a downed F-105 pilot near Savannakhet, Laos. After Sergeant Newman was lowered into the jungle at the location of the survivor, enemy fire threatened his crew and aircraft, and Sergeant Newman requested that they evacuate. Another HH-53 descended and lowered its hoist in the dark-



Sergeant Thomas A. Newman

ness. In response to a tug, the crew reeled up the hoist, but lowered it again because Sergeant Newman was caught in the coiled cable. Finally, they reeled in the pararescueman and the downed