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SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-20, 8 Mar 68) (U)

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

2. (S) Jolly Green 21 and 28 were scrambled at 0902Z and departed Channel 94 at 0907Z. JG 21 and 28 were directed by Queen to proceed direct to 263°/57/Ch 50 for extraction of a Special Forces Team consisting of three Americans and seven ARVN. Crown 5 in turn instructed JG 21 and 28 to hold east of reported pick-up area. Jake 70 (O-2) was in the area and Spad 37 and 38 (A-1Es) were enroute. Two A-37s (Dragon 01 and 81) were also enroute. Jolly Green 21 and 28 established orbit over Ngok Tavak (213°/48/Ch 94) at 0945Z maintaining VMC above overcast. Spad 37 and 38 arrived in the area at this time and were called in by Jake 70. Jake 70 informed Spad 37 and 38 that the ground party had reported enemy forces 50 to 70 meters west of their position. Spad 37 and 38 responded with napalm, killing two enemy as reported by the ground party. JG 21 informed Jake 70 that he had found a hole in the overcast and was holding 2 miles south of Ngok Tavak maintaining VMC. JG 28 was instructed by JG 21 to hold it's position until reported ground fire in the pickup area had subsided. At approximately 1004Z, Jake 70 reported the area appeared sterilized and JG 21 followed him visually to the pickup area. JG 28 was then instructed to let down and hold VMC over Ngok Tavak. At this time, the two A-37s arrived and were instructed by Jake 70 to orbit high. JG 21 arrived in the pickup area at 1005Z. The area was on the side of a steep hill precluding any possibility of landing. However, it was cleared by ordnance permitting easy access by the penetrator. JG 21 picked up three personnel then pulled off because of suspected sniper fire and shortage of power for hover. JG 21 then was informed that there were twelve personnel to be retrieved and returned immediately to pick up four additional personnel. JG 21 departed the area at 1015Z with seven rescued on board. Four trips of the hoist were required. JG 28 was then instructed by JG 21 to depart the orbit area and pick up the remaining five personnel. JG 28 departed the holding point at 4000' at this time and headed south down the valley. Jake 70 picked up JG 28 and gave directions to the area. JG 28 made a straight-in approach to the spot and picked up the last 5 survivors in three trips of the hoist. JG 28 was in a hover approximately 10 minutes during which time Spads 37

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and 38 were making continued rapid strafing passes. JG 21 arrived at Kham Duc at 1025Z and discharged all seven survivors (one wounded). JG 28 also delivered his five survivors to Kham Duc. Both Jolly Greens departed Kham Duc at 1038Z and arrived at Channel 94 at 1115Z.

3. (C) During the period of pickup the fire suppression was outstanding. This, in combination with the excellent direction by Jake 70 were the chief factors contributing to the success of the mission. Weather in the pickup area was approximately 3000' broken to overcast with visibility from two to three miles. Winds were negligible.

4. (C) The names of the twelve survivors are unknown.

5. (U) Crew members of Jolly Greens:

JOLLY GREEN 21

RCC Major John W. Robey
RCCP Lt Col Kenneth D. Caughron
FE SSgt Elmer L. Holden
RS A1C Michael B. Gallasch

JOLLY GREEN 28

RCC 1st Lt Jerald D. Briscoe
RCCP Capt John L. Lenamon
FE Sgt Herbert H. Honer
RS Sgt Michael L. Walker

Jerald D. Briscoe

JERALD D. BRISCOE, 1ST Lt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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(13) (C) 1-3-19, 6 Mar 1968. At 0825Z Jolly Green 25 was diverted while enroute to the southern orbit point to a point seventy-two (72) miles east of Savannahket, Laos. The SAR objective was the pilot of a USAF F-100 shot down by enemy AAA. Escort was provided by USAF A-1Es and a FAC O-2. Enemy 37mm AAA fire was directed at the helicopter while enroute to the recovery area. The survivor, Capt Frank E. Peck, FR77707, 357 TFS, Takhli Air Base, Thailand, was hoisted aboard the Jolly Green at 0950Z and returned to DaNang.

(14)(U) 1-3-18, 7 Mar 1968. At 0850Z Jolly Green 28 and 21 were scrambled from DaNang to assist in the recovery of a USMC CH-46 crew down twenty-six (26) miles southwest of Hue, RVN. Two UH-1 helicopter gunships provided escort and a search was conducted with negative results.

(15)(U) 1-3-20, 8 Mar 1968. At 0907Z Jolly Green 21 and 28 were scrambled from DaNang to extract a US Army Special Forces team located fifty-seven (57) miles west of Chu Lai, RVN. Two USAF A-1Hs and two A-37s were used under a FAC O-2's direction as cover. At 1004Z the FAC reported the entire area around the team as sterilized and brought Jolly Green 21 in under the overcast to pick up point where seven personnel were hoisted aboard the helicopter. Jolly Green 28 recovered the remaining five team members at 1030Z and all survivors were transported to Kham Duc, RVN.