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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 370

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (1-3-37, 19 April 68) (U)

20 APR 1968

TO: 370 Koe
3rd ARRGp (JSARC)
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1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARRS 55-2/3ARRGp Sup 1, dated 15 Jun 67.

2. (C) Jolly Green 21 and Jolly Green 10 were returning to DaNang from Quang Tri alert when contacted at 1034Z by Crown 4. Crown 4 advised that the pilot of a USMC A-4, call sign Hellborn 550-2, had ejected at approximately 0350/10/Ch 69. At 1036Z the survivor was visually spotted about five miles to the south of JG 21. The crew of JG 21 observed the survivor's last 200 to 300 feet of descent and were on final approach when he hit the water. JG 21 landed approximately 30 yards down wind of the survivor and water taxied up to him. The FE and RS pulled the uninjured survivor aboard at 1040Z, less than 75 seconds after he had entered the water. There was some difficulty freeing the survivor from the shroud lines which had bound his legs tightly together. As the shroud lines were being cut away the parachute drifted counter-clockwise around the helicopter and became entangled on the retracted nose gear. An attempt at rearward water taxiing and one at shallow hovering did not disentangle the chute. The PJ then entered the water and swam to the left side of the aircraft. While holding the FE's hand through the left forward cargo compartment window, the PJ freed the parachute from the aircraft. After entering a minimum hover and ascertaining that the parachute had fallen away, JG 21 departed the area at 1052Z. JG 10 circled overhead during the entire operation advising JG 21 of the parachute's position. Termination of the mission occurred at 1120Z when JG 21 and JG 10 landed at DaNang.

3. (U) RESCAP was Hellborn 550-1 (USMC A-4). Crew coordination aboard JG 21 was excellent.

4. (C) The survivor was: Captain Key

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5. (U) The Jolly Green crews were:

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JOLLY GREEN 21

RCC Capt Paul D. Ashley
RCCP Capt Ronald G. Spray
FE SSgt Jimmy L. Dodgen
RS Sgt Angus C. McDougall

RCC Capt Harvie L. Stringer
RCCP Capt Don W. Wiegard
FE A1C Hoyle L. Sykes
RS A1C Robert K. Cassidy

Paul D. Ashley
PAUL D. ASHLEY, Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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GROUP 4

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after 12 years

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(3)(U) 1-3-34, 10 Apr 68. JG 22 was on strip alert at DaNang when notified of a F-105 pilot declaring an emergency. At 0610Z Jolly Green 22 was airborne and at the same time, the F-105 pilot bailed out 30 miles northeast of DaNang AB. Utilizing DF steers, JG 22 was within one mile of the pilot when he landed in the water. The copilot of JG 22 spotted the survivor and lined up the aircraft for the final approach to a water landing. Some difficulty was encountered pulling the survivor on board because he was tangled in his parachute. The flight engineer utilized the hoist to raise the survivor out of the water and the pararescueman entered the water and cut away the parachute shroud lines. The uninjured survivor was Colonel David W. Winn, FR36636, 355TFW. The parachute billowed up behind the helicopter as JG 22 lifted off the water. An immediate landing was made and the pararescueman then cut away the shroud lines that had become entangled on the fuel drain and sponson below the water line. JG 22 landed at DaNang at 0645Z.

(4)(U) 1-3-37, 19 Apr 68. JG 21 and 10 were returning to DaNang from Quang Tri alert when they were diverted to a position 10 miles northeast of Hue to rescue a UH-1C A-4 pilot that had ejected. The survivor was spotted about 5 miles to the south of JG 21's position and the last 200 to 300 feet of descent of the survivor was observed as final approach to a water landing was

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established. The landing was completed approximately thirty yards down wind of the survivor and the survivor was pulled aboard at 1040Z, less than 75 seconds after he had entered the water. There was some difficulty freeing the survivor from the shroud lines which had bound his legs together. As the shroud lines were being cut away, the parachute drifted counter-clockwise around the helicopter and became entangled on the nose gear. The pararescueman entered the water and while holding the flight engineer's hand through the left forward window, the pararescueman freed the parachute from the aircraft. After entering a minimum hover to determine that the parachute had fallen away, JO 21 departed for DaNang at 1052Z. Rescap was a USMC A-4. The survivor was Captain Key Cook, USMC.

(5)(U) 1-3-38, 21 Apr 68. Jolly Green 30 and 21, strip alert at DaNang Air Base, were launched at 0213Z to the objective located 21 miles southwest of DaNang. Spads 11 and 12 had launched at 0200Z and were proceeding to the area to locate eight uninjured survivors from two Huey gunships that were reported down in the vicinity and had been on the ground overnight having been constantly chased by the Viet Cong. Upon arrival at the scene, an orbit was set up at 6000 feet four miles east of the survivors' position. Both Spad 11 and 12 were in contact with the survivors and were directing suppressive strikes with another Huey gunship against ground fire to the south and west of the scene.