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COMMAND CORRESPONDENCE STAFF SUMMARY SHEET

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SUBJECT OR TITLE:

Aircraft Loss (U) 25 MAY 68 west

SUMMARY (USE REVERSE SIDE IF NECESSARY)

1. (S) Cobalt/2 F4/UBN departed Ubon at 1139H for an AGM-62 (Walleye) strike against a cave storage site in RP-1, thirty miles Northeast of Dong Hoi. Cobalt 01's missile scored a direct hit on the cave entrance while 02's was 150 feet short. Cobalt flight then checked in with Cricket and was turned over to Misty 11 for a strike against a POL storage site. Misty 11 made the first pass on the site followed by Cobalt 01. Cobalt 01 made a dry pass and Cobalt 02 expended CBU's on the POL site. As 02 was coming off the site he observed a large fire and immediately began a communication check for 01. The time was 1240H. In approximately 10 minutes 02 heard strong beepers. A Nail FAC in the area stated he had the wreckage plus chutes on the ground. Cobalt 02 and the Nail FAC remained in the area until the SAR forces arrived. Cobalt 01 stated they were hit coming off the target on the left side of the aircraft by either 37 or 57MM. They immediately got fire warning lights, lost hydraulic pressure and could not control the aircraft. Both crewmembers ejected safely and were recovered. The Bravo pilot received a minor shrapnel wound on the left arm.

2. (S) SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

- 1255H - 7AFCC notified that Cobalt 01 was down 59 miles east of Nakhon Phanom in Steel Tiger - Echo.
- 1301H - SAR force will consist of Sandy/4 A1E/NKP, Jolly Green/2 HH3E/NKP, Panda/2 F105/TKL and Newark/2 F105/TKL. Misty 11 and Nail FAC capping area now.
- 1305H - Voice contact established. One pilot received shrapnel wounds but they are minor. Jolly Greens off and estimating area at 1335H.
- 1310H - Enemy troops reported in area.
- 1319H - All four Sandy's airborne.
- 1340H - Sandys in area. Jolly Greens holding clear.
- 1346H - Jolly Green 16 will attempt pickup

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1347H - Voice contact. Bravo pilots injuries minor. Jolly Green 16 lowering penetrator.

1354H - Bravo on board. O.K.

1403H - Penetrator going down for Alfa pilot.

1405H - Jolly Green 16 has both pilots on board. RTB NKP.

1437H - Jolly Green 16 landed at NKP.

3. AIRCRAFT AND AIRCREW INFORMATION:

a. Aircraft:

- (1) Call Sign - Cobalt 01
- (2) Type Aircraft - F-4
- (3) Serial Number - 66 7569

b. Alfa Pilot:

- (1) Name - Capt Darrel J. Ankeny, FR3157009
- (2) Total Flying Time - 1042 hrs
- (3) Total Fighter Time - 776 hrs
- (4) Total Time in Aircraft - 762 hrs
- (5) Total Missions - 135
- (6) Total Counters - 90

c. Bravo Pilot:

- (1) Name - 1Lt Armon A. Turner, FR80706
- (2) Total Flying Time - 397 hrs
- (3) Total Fighter Time - 397 hrs
- (4) Total Time in Aircraft - 397 hrs
- (5) Total Missions - 140
- (6) Total Counters - 98

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On May 25, Colbalt 1, an F-4 was hit by ground fire and the aircraft went in at WE 925 819. Crown 1 orbiting east of CH89 was notified at approx 1130L by Colbalt 2 that his leader had been hit and that the aircraft had crashed but he was sure that both pilots had ejected safely. Crown 1 then got a call from Nail 75 who saw both pilots eject and he was flying over place of the pilots chutes. The position was 096 radial at 59 miles off of Ch89. Crown 1 directed Colbalt 2 and Misty 11, a FAC, to proceed to the position of Nail 75 to suppress any enemy in the area. Crown 1 then notified Compress of the situation and advised them to scramble the Jolly Green helicopters and the Sandies out of 89. Crown 1 proceeded to the position of the downed A/C and made contact with Nail 75 and the two downed pilots. Both pilots were okay and reported no enemy in sight. Crown 1 requested and received from Hillsboro, Hornet flight and Gunfighters flight to act as MIG CAP and also to be used for suppression if needed. JG 16 low and JG 20 and Sandies 5/6/7/8 were scrambled from 89, and proceeded to the position of the downed pilots. Two other FAC's, Nail 01 and Covey 01 were also directed to the area to observe any hostile movement in the area. Jolly Green 16 and 20 and Sandy 5/6 were given vectors and directed to the area by Crown 1. Sandy 5 assumed on scene commander from Nail 75 and made an evaluation for JG 16 to make the pickup. Both pilots were constantly talked to on the emergency radio to insure they were both all right and also to confirm their location. JG 16 picked up Colbalt Bravo at 1255L and he picked up Colbalt Alpha at 1303L. Both pilots were okay and flowned to CH 89. Crown 1 RTB all forces at approx 1310 local.

William J. Kornitzer Jr.

WILLIAM J. KORNITZER JR., Capt, USAF

Rescue Crew Commander

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DET 1 40 ARRS HISTORY APR-JUN 68

SUMMARY TABLE OF RESCUES

DATE	RESCUE NO.	SURVIVOR	TYPE ACFT	SERVICE	LOCATION	JOLLY GREEN CREW	UNDER ENEMY FIRE
1 Apr	300 301	Maj Dwyer TSgt Owen	O2	USAF	Laos	Capt Oliver Capt Greer Sgt Grau Sgt Harding	No
7 Apr	303 302	Capt Jones Maj Tapman	F-100	USAF	Laos	Capt Walker Maj Yuhas Sgt Grau Sgt Fraboni	No
21 May	304	LtJG Ganner	P2V	USN	Thai	Capt Oliver LC Brown ALC Otero Sgt Beasley	No
25 May	305 306	Capt Amkeny 1Lt Turner	F-4C	USAF	Laos	Capt Walker Maj Yuhas Sgt Warmack ALC Curry	No
1 Jun	307	Maj Palank	A-1	USAF	Laos	Capt Richardson Maj Reagan Sgt Calhoon Sgt Harding	No
1 Jun	308 309 310 311	Maj Oderman Maj Weeden Sgt Price ALC Smith	HH-3E	USAF	Laos	Capt Conant Capt Heft Sgt Warmack ALC Curry	Yes
2 Jun	312	LtJG Fields	A-7	USN	Laos	Capt Richardson Maj Yuhas Sgt Calhoon Sgt Harding	Yes
26 Jun	313 314	Capt Jones Maj McKenna	RF-4C	USAF	Laos	Capt Heft Capt McKinley Sgt Warmack Sgt Petroski	No

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FROM: Det 1, 40th ARRS/O

SUBJ: Mission Narrative Report (2-3-45, 25 May 1968)

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TO: 1-40C RAB
3rd ARRG (JSARC)
IN TURN

1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRG Sup 1, dated 15 June 67.

2. (S) Jolly Green 16 and 20 were scrambled by COMPRESS at 1150L, 25 May 68, to attempt recovery of Cobalt 01 who was reported down with two good chutes. Electronic contact was established with the survivors of the downed F-4 by Nail 75. Jolly Green 16 and 20 were airborne at 1200L enroute to an initial position of 063/60/89. Invert advised at 1205L that an updated position of 096/56/89 had been confirmed. The weather enroute was broken cumulus clouds with bases at 4500 to 5500 feet and visibility in excess of 10 miles. At 1224L Jolly Green 16 and 20 entered a 5500' orbit pattern at 096/40/89 and awaited Sandy 5 and 6 instructions. Sandy 5 cleared in Jolly Green 16 to a final position of 096/59/89 at 1240L. The elevation of the terrain was 1200 feet in the immediate area with trees approximately 200 feet in height. At 1248L Jolly Green 16 entered a hover and established radio contact with Cobalt Bravo on guard. Cobalt Bravo was placed on board at 1253L and the survivors minor injuries were treated by the Pararescue Specialist. The second survivor's location was given as 50 meters southwest of Cobalt Bravo's position. Cobalt Alfa was located and placed on board at 1303L. The second survivor also sustained minor injuries. Jolly Green 16 and 20 departed the area at 1304L landing at Channel 89 at 1345L. No known hostile activity was directed at either helicopter. Weather throughout the mission remained unchanged and radio discipline was good.

3. (C) The survivors names were: Barrel J. Ankeny, Capt, 435 TFS, APO 96304, and Armond A. Turner, 1st Lt, 435 TFS, APO 96304.

4. (U) Crew members of Jolly Greens were:

JOLLY GREEN 16 (LOW)

RCC Capt Harry W. Walker
RCCP Major Louis D. Yuhas
FE SSgt Carl L. Warmack
RS ALC Ember A. Curry
Photo Sgt Thomas C. Grandmaison

JOLLY GREEN 20 (HIGH)

RCC Capt James H. Platt
RCCP Capt Ronald McKinley
FE SSgt Coy W. Calhoun
RS Sgt Clifton L. Caffall

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Harry W. Walker
HARRY W. WALKER, Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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