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Mission Narrative Report (1-3-53, 28 May 68) (U)

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1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARRSM 55-2/3 ARRGp Sup 1, dated 15 Jan 1967.
2. (C) At 2145Z, 28 May 68, Jolly Green 33 was scrambled for the pilot of a Navy A-4, callsign Fly Eagle 506, who had bailed out at 320°/50NM/Ch77. JG 33, the crew of which was preparing to depart on an orbit mission, was airborne at 2150Z. Enroute, radio contact was established with Panama GCI who provided a corrected position of 098°/30NM/Ch109 and also provided excellent vector information to that location. Nearing the survivor's position radio contact was also established with Fly Eagle 506 and his wingman, Fly Eagle 510. Fly Eagle 510 made a low pass from JG 33 to the survivor and at this time, 2215Z, the survivor shot a penguin flare which pinpointed his exact position. As JG 33 approached, the survivor also ignited a smoke generator. The survivor was in a raft in the midst of approximately 12 Vietnamese boats, the closest of which was about 75 yards from the pilot. Since Fly Eagle 510, the only Rescap available at that time was low on fuel and it was not known if the boats were friendly or hostile, JG 33 elected to make a water landing to expedite the recovery and also to protect the survivor from possible hostile fire. A landing was made about 10 yards downwind from the survivor at 2218Z. The helicopter was taxied slowly to his position and the pilot and his equipment was recovered without difficulty. Liftoff was made at 2220Z. No hostile actions by the Vietnamese boats was observed. The survivor was in excellent condition and after this was reported to Queen, JG 33 was advised to return him to the aircraft carrier "Rocket". JG 33 landed on "Rocket" at 2328Z and departed at 2330Z after off loading the pilot. JG 33 recovered at Ch 77 at 0053Z. Weather was not a factor in the recovery. Communications and coordination between GCI sites, aircraft and the downed pilot was excellent. The timely and professional actions of the survivor assisted greatly in expediting his recovery.

3. (C) The survivor was: Lt JG Hugh M. Durden, 693380, USN, VA-212.

4. (U) THE crewmembers of JG 33 were:
RCC Major Arthur J. Anderson
RCCP Capt Robert E. Hicks Jr.
FE Sgt William L. Carroll
RS Sgt Vincent E. Deets

ARTHUR J. ANDERSON, Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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scrambled from DaNang to a position 23 miles east of Saravane to recover an C-2 pilot downed in the area. The survivor was in good condition in an extremely hostile area and had sighted numerous enemy ground troops in his vicinity. Jolly Green 72 was also scrambled from Ubon and arrived at the scene first. Fire suppression strikes were directed into the area and then JG 72 attempted a pickup but was driven off by extremely heavy ground fire. The exact location of the survivor enabled the A-1's to fly fire suppression runs very close to the survivor. JG 25 then descended into the area and entered a hover over the pilot at approximately 3500 feet elevation. The survivor was hoisted aboard and a 180° turn accomplished before exiting the area. The survivor was Major Gerald T. Dwyer, USAF.

(16)(U) 1-3-53, 28 May 68. Jolly Green 33 was scrambled for a pilot of a Navy A-4 who had bailed out 50 miles northwest of DaNang. The pilot was located in a raft in the midst of approximately 12 Vietnamese boats and a water landing was made to expedite the recovery. No hostile actions by the Vietnamese boats was observed. The survivor Lt JG Hugh M. Darden, USN, was in excellent condition and was returned to the aircraft carrier Rocket.

(17)(U) 1-3-55, 29 May 68. Jolly GREEN and 07 were scrambled from DaNang to evacuate a wounded marine at a position 12