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DUANE I. BELAND

Airman First Class Duane I. Beland distinguished himself by extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a Flight Engineer of an HH-3E helicopter in Southeast Asia on 29 May 1968. On that date, Airman Beland entered an extremely hostile area to effect the night rescue of a seriously wounded Marine. The survivor was located on a steep slope near a burning helicopter and exploding ammunition dump. Standing in the open helicopter doorway, Airman Beland directed the aircraft over the survivor, lowered the hoist and effected his rescue even through-out the distress site was obscured by tall trees and exploding ordnance. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Airman Beland has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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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 31 and 07 were scrambled from DaNang to evacuate a wounded marine at a position 12

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miles southwest of DaNang. Two Huey gunships and a flare ship were orbiting the area and provided excellent cover and flare illumination. The injured man was secured in a semi-rigid litter and hoisted aboard. The survivor was George Fowler, Jr., USMC.

(18)(U) 1-3-58, 31 May 68. Jolly Green, Low Bird, on alert at Quang Tri, was scrambled to search for an F-105 down in the vicinity of Tiger Island. During the course of the search, a beeper was heard northwest of the island. JG 07 proceeded to the area and spotted the survivor of a Navy A-7 that had ejected. The pickup was completed and the survivor, Ensign F. C. Lents, Jr., USN was taken to Marine Quang Tri.

(19)(U) 1-3-59, 1 Jun 68. Jolly Green 33 had returned to Quang Tri after 8 hours of searching the Gulf for a downed pilot when he was notified of an aircraft crash near the beach east of Camp Evans. JG 33 proceeded down the coast at low level and spotted the survivors on the beach. A tactical approach was entered and a no hover landing was made due to deep soft blowing sand. The survivors were taken to Camp Evans as directed. The names of the survivors were Major H. W. Halterman, WO1 James R. Rice, and WO1 Freston B. Dasher, 1st Air Cav, USA and Major Dean Wartick, 11th Avn Gp, USA.

(20)(U) 1-3-60, 6 Jun 68. Jolly Green 31 and 27 were scrambled from Quang Tri to assist 2 A-1E's REFORTE down 15 miles

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1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARRSN 55-2/3 ARRCM Sup 1, dated 15 Jan 1967.
2. (C) Jolly Green 31 and 07 were scrambled from DaNang at 1455Z, 29 May 1968 to evacuate a wounded marine. The position was 248/12/77. Two Huey gunships, Hostage 10-0 and 10-2, and a flare ship, Fingerprint 152, were orbiting the area. Glares provided excellent illumination. FM contact was established with the ground party and Jolly Green 31 established a hover over the position. The terrain was mountainous, the elevation, 2200', weather overcast at 6000'. A ten minute hover was held while the injured man was secured to a semi-rigid litter and hoisted up through 200 foot trees. Muzzle flashes were observed to the north during the hover. The Huey's made passes at the position without expending ordnance and the firing ceased. At 1515Z the survivor was in the aircraft. He was taken to NSA hospital at 1525Z.
3. (C) The survivor was:
George Fowler Jr. - Nike Co. 3rd Battalion, 26th Marines
4. (U) Additional aircraft were:
Jolly Green 31
Jolly Green 07
Fingerprint 152 (Flareship)
Hostage 10-0 (Huey gunship)
Hostage 10-2 (Huey gunship)
5. (U) Crews of the Jolly Greens were:

<u>JOLLY GREEN 31 (Low)</u>		<u>JOLLY GREEN 07 (High)</u>	
Major Donald G. Simpson	RCC	Major Billy J. Wingfield	
Capt John H. Lenamon	RCCP	Capt Harry W. Hagen Jr.	
A1C Duane I. Beland	FE	Sgt David Rodriguez	
A1C Douglas J. McGill	RS	TSgt Nathaniel Smith	

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DONALD G. SIMPSON, Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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