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Mission Narrative Report (1-3-080-8211, 29-30 July 1968)

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1. (U) Submitted IAW ARRSN 55-2/3 ARROp Sup 1 dated 15 June 1967.
2. (C) The crew of Jolly Green 25 (Da Nang primary) was alerted at 1115Z on 29 Jul 68. The objective of the mission was to evacuate a Marine Lance Corporal who had been critically injured while working aboard an ammunition barge approximately 220 nm southeast of Ch. 77. After awaiting the arrival of two Flight Surgeons, JG 25 launched at 1215Z. A landing was made at the NSA hospital where four pints of blood were put aboard the helicopter. At 1225Z, JG 25 departed NSA and headed out to sea. Crown 6 intercepted the Jolly Green at 1245Z and began providing position and heading information. Crown 7 replaced Crown 6 at 1330Z. Crown 7 sighted the barge and its tug at 1000/86/Ch.81, and JG 25 arrived on the scene at 1425Z. Radio contact was established with Tug Comanche and flares were dropped by Crown 7. JG 25 made two passes over the barge and after it was determined that a landing would be impossible due to limited clearances and a heavy sea condition, came into a hover at 1430Z. One Flight Surgeon (Capt Matthews), the Rescue Specialist, and a Stokes litter were lowered by hoist to the deck. The helicopter then proceeded away from the barge while the doctor examined the patient and the Rescue Specialist placed him in the litter. JG 25 now returned to a hover, hoisting up the survivor first and then the Flight Surgeon and the Rescue Specialist. JG 25 departed the scene at 1450Z and, upon the recommendation of both doctors, headed for Ch.77 and the NSA hospital. In order to maintain a safe fuel reserve, a night air refueling was accomplished at 1555Z. The survivor was delivered to the NSA hospital at 1635Z, and JG 25 terminated the mission at Ch.77 at 1645Z.
3. (U) The weather conditions enroute and at the scene were high scattered clouds and good visibility. However, once over the water, there was not a visible horizon. Weather on the return flight varied from 1000 ft broken to clear. Sea state was 4.
4. (U) Extensive crew coordination was required aboard JG 25 and between JG 25 and Crown 7. This coordination was excellent at all times. The assistance provided by Crown 6 and 7 was outstanding. The tasks performed by Dr. Matthews were particularly noteworthy.
5. (C) The survivor was: Lance Corporal Carlos E. Stuart Jr., USMC ; Supply Co., Ammo Section, FLC, Chu Lai.

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6. (C) The crewmembers of JG 25 were:

RCC Capt Paul D. Ashley
RCCP Capt Ronald G. Spray
FE A1C Hoyle L. Sykes Jr.
RS SSgt James L. Miller
FS Capt Richard L. Matthews
FS Capt Norman J. Harris

Paul D. Ashley

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

James H. Grady
JAMES H. GRADY, Lt. Col, USAF
Operations Officer

Charles R. Klinkert

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Jolly Green 25 departed Danang AB, at 1215Z on 29 July to evacuate a Marine whom had been injured on an ammunition barge. Medical personnel and supplies were acquired prior to launch. The airborne mission commander (AMC) (C130 aircraft) vectored Jolly Green 25 to the barge. Flares were dropped by the AMC to light the area. It was not possible to land Jolly Green 25, therefore the medical officer and rescue specialist were lowered by hoist to the barge. A successful evacuation of the patient, medical officer, and rescue specialist was made at 1450Z. The patient was delivered to medical facilities at Danang AB, RVN. The patient was Lance Corporal Charles E. Stewart Jr. USMC, 23688683.