

Summary Report 1-3-66, 5 July 1968

At 0648Z, Misty 31 (F-100 FAC) ejected with his rear seat crew member. At 0705Z the rear seat member was picked up by a Navy helicopter. Jolly Green 10, whom was on orbit in the Gulf of Tonkin, moved to the ejection area, arriving at 0720Z. Jolly Green 10 landed on the water and retrieved the survivor at 0720Z. While enroute to DaNang AB, RVN, Jolly Green 10 was directed to pick-up the rear seat member from a Navy ship. Both survivors (Col Preston B. Hardy, Vice Cmdr 37TFW, plus one) were delivered to the DaNang area medical facility.

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MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-68, 8 July 68) (U)

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IN TURN

8 JUL 1968
3 C/REPR by LRRS/DOOR
dest: 1 C/TOUSP HOP N10 full
1 C/TO " " with sat
" " et Belvoir VA

1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARRSN 55-2/3ARRGP SUP 1, dated 15 Apr 68.
2. (C) On 5 July 1968 JG 27 was on station at Echo orbit position. At 0950Z Misty 41 (an AF F-100 FAC) called on guard that Cheetah Lead (an AF F-4) was down at 315/53/109. Misty 41 reported two good chutes and established radio contact with the survivors on the ground. Misty 41 said that the survivors were in good shape and that he had advised them to proceed to the west to the low foot hills, since it would provide a better possibility for rescue. Misty 41 at this time said he recommended no SAR effort at this time because of the limited time prior to sunset. Crown 4 stated they wished to attempt an effort at this time.
3. (C) JG 28 was scrambled from Quang Tri and JG 07 and Spads 11, 12 and 13 were scrambled from CH77. JG 27 requested Crown 4 to ask Misty 41 the best route into the area, whether it was from the east or the west. Crown 4 was unable to immediately get this information. A new position of the survivors was passed by spotlight code, but this position proved invalid. JG 27 evaluated the best entry to the area could be made from the west and proceeded from orbit to fly south of the DMZ to rendezvous with JG 28, JG 07 and the Spads prior to proceeding up the western border of North Vietnam along the mountains.
4. (C) At 1005Z JG 28 lost No. 2 engine and proceeded CH77. JG 28 landed safely at 1110Z.
5. (C) At 1020Z 7th AF advised that the best entry into the area could be made from the east and advised JG 27, JG 07 and the Spad to proceed to a position 340/50 CH109 and that Jolly Greens from NKP were proceeding for a possible entry from the west.
6. (C) JG 27, JG 07 and the Spads rendezvoused a beam CH109 and proceeded feet wet up the coast. 1045Z all rescue forces were RTB'd and were advised there would be a first light effort. The Spads landed at CH77 at 1115Z and JG 27 and JG 07 landed at 1140Z.

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7. (C) Crewmembers of Jolly Greens were:

Jolly Green 27

RCC Capt Walter R. Blackwell
RCCP Capt Don W. Wiegard
FE SSgt Jimmy L. Dodgen
RS Sgt Robert D. Baker

Jolly Green 07

RCC Maj Don P. Olsen
RCCP Capt Ronald G. Spray
FE ALC Hoyle L. Sykes Jr.
RS Sgt Roger A. Klenovich

Jolly Green 28

RCC Maj John W. Robey
RCCP Capt John L. Lenamon
FE Sgt Alvin A. Malone
RS ALC Joel E. Talley

Walter R. Blackwell

WALTER R. BLACKWELL, Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARRSN 55-2/3ARRGp SUP 1, dated 15 Apr 68.
2. (C) On 5 July 68, JG 10 was on fragged orbit in the Gulf of Tonkin. At 0646Z Misty 31 stated he was having oil pressure problems. JG 10 attempted to ascertain his position. At 0648Z Misty 31 reported he had bailed out. The Co-pilot of JG 10 immediately obtained vectors from "Waterbay" to the scene. JG 10 proceeded at best possible speed. At 0705Z Misty 31A was picked up by Landslide 10, a Navy CH46. JG 10 continued toward the area. Two other JG's from Quang Tri had joined the search. Crown 4 established communications with Misty 31B commenced directing Crown to his position. Since the UHF/DF in JG 10 was inoperative, a visual intercept heading on Crown was flown. Just prior to Crown passing overhead, Misty 31B ignited a MK13. At 0720Z the RS, who had previously prepared himself for a water recovery, spotted the survivor at 11 O'clock, 1/4 mile. As JG 10 passed overhead heading upwind, the FE deployed a smoke. A 360 degree approach was made. After carefully evaluating the situation, a water landing was selected as the safest means of recovery. The helicopter was positioned so the wind and sea were from 10 O'clock. The aircraft was landed with the survivor at the 2 O'clock position, just outside the rotor wash. He was directed to leave his raft by the CP and FE. The aircraft was taxied to 10' from him; and he swam 3 strokes to the refueling boom. The FE assisted him in moving aft. The RS and FE lifted the survivor into the aircraft and cut his raft free (to be destroyed by one of the other helos in the area.) JG 10 lifted off at 0722Z. The RS treated the survivor for shock. Enroute to DaNang, JG 10 was directed to proceed to the USS Camden to recover Misty 31A. A ship landing was made and JG 10 was refueled while on deck. JG 10 returned to DaNang.
3. (C) Crew co-ordination was excellent. The survivor did everything properly, thus greatly assisting in his safe recovery. The recovery phase of this mission was straight from the book.
4. (C) SURVIVOR: Col Preston B. Hardy, Vice Cmdr, 37th TFW

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5. (C) Crew of JG 10 were:

RCC Lt Lance A. Eagan
RCCP Capt Richard D. Griffiths
FE SSgt Gordon T. Greever
RS SSgt James F. Spears

L A Eagan
LANCE A. EAGAN, Lt, USCG
Rescue Crew Commander

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RUMSAL/7AF/DOO/DP/DO/DI/BDPMP/CP/TACCSS/TSN AB RVN
RUMUFKA/3ARRGP/JSARC/TSN AB RVN
RUMUHFA/MACV SAIGON RVN
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RUHHBRA/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HAWAII
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C O N F I D E N T I A L/JOPREP JIFFY RESCUE/OL-1, 3ARRGP/JULY 68

SUBJ: RESCUE INFORMATION REPORT.

1. RESCUE OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.

2. 1-3-67/5 JULY 68.

4. A. F-100F/2 P.O.B. B. TACTICAL C. CLASSIFIED. D. USAF/
MISTY 31/226. E. U.S.A. F. 37TFW, PHUCAT RVN. G. CAPT. JENNY,
37TFW. H. 2. P.O.B.

5. MISTY 31 ON GUARD, 05/0645Z.

6. 0645Z.

7. 3/HH-3E/37ARRS; 1/HC-130P/39ARRS.

8. DIVERTED JOLLY GREEN 10 AND CROWN 4 FROM NORMAL ORBIT. SCRAM-
BLED JOLLY GREEN 27 AND 28 FROM FORWARD OPERATING LOCATION.

9. MISTY 31 PILOT 1648N 10741E. MISTY 31 COPILOT 1755N 10732E.

10. A. NOT A FACTOR.

11. OL-1 3 ARRGP/MAJ JOE B. MARSHALL JR, CAPT FLOYD W. WEAVER, TSGT
WILLIAM L. SCHWENCER.

12. PANAMA (GCI), WATERBOY (GCI), USN.

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13. CROWN 4/0655Z/1648N 10741E (PILOT); CROWN 4/0714Z/1655N 10732E
(COPILOT)

14. USN/CH-46/SLING/0705Z; 37ARRS/HH-3E/WATER LANDING/0720Z.

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15. A. 2/2/1/1/0/0. B. 2/0/1/1/0/0.
16. RETURNED TO DANANG AB, RVN.
17. 3/4PLUS15/37ARRS/HH-3E; 1/0PLUS30/39ARRS/HC-130P.
18. 0/0/0/0/19/0/20/5.
19. A. ALL OF 37ARRS. RCC: LT L.A. EGAN, USCG; RCCP: R.D. GRIFFITHS; FE: SSGT G.T. GREEVER; PJ: SSGT J.F. SPEARS.
B. COL PRESTON B. HARDY, 37TFW (COPILOT)
20. H. ONE NONCOMBAT ARRS SAVE/NO AIR REFUELING/OBJECTIVE FOWN DUE TO MECHANICAL FAILURE/TWO USAF CREW MEMBERS/MISTY 31'S ENGINE SIEZED DUE TO LOSS OF OIL PRESSURE AND CREWMEN EJECTED SUCCESSFULLY. CROWN FOUR AND JOLLY GREEN 10 WERE DIVERTED TO SCENE. JOLLY GREEN 27 AND 28 WERE SCRAMBLED OUT OF FORWARD OPERATING LOCATION. LANDSLIDE 10, CH-46, RECOVERED THE PILOT AND DESPOSITED HIM ON TANKER CARBOLIC XRAY. JOLLY GREEN 10 PICKED UP THE COPILOT FROM A WATER LANDING. THE PILOT WAS RETREIVED FROM CARBOLIC XRAY BY JOLLY GREEN 10 AND BOTH CREW MEMBERS WERE RETURNED TO DANANG AB, RVN, IN GOOD CONDITION. GP-4
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Pacific Stars and Stripes information for 37 ARRS

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MISTY 31 R SAR

DOWNED 5 JUL 68

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37 ARRS was a US Air Force unit
Primary service involved, US Air Force
Quang Nam Province, I Corps, South Vietnam
Location, Da Nang

Description: n Rescue 'Nice and Smooth' //Editor's note: This was a three column article on the top of a page but half of the first column was not copied from microfilm. Thus the narrative begins in mid-story.//enemy gunfire before he swooped in to pick up an F105 pilot 17 miles northwest of Dong Ha in North Vietnam. Now, three days later, he was flying an offshore pattern when his radio picked up the distress call. A Supersabre from Phu Cat AB had gone down in the Gulf while returning from a mission over North Vietnam. The two crewmen were separated by about 10 miles of water. While a Marine Chinook helicopter picked up the pilot, Capt. David W. Jennie, Columbia, S.C., Eagan and his crew rescued Col. Preston B. Hardy, Tallahassee, Fla., vice commander of the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing at Phu Cat. "That's the way I like them," said Eagan. "Nice and smooth with nobody shooting at us." Eagan is a Coast Guard pilot assigned to the Air Force Aerospace Rescue and Recover Sq. at Da Nang AB under and exchange program. He is one of only two Coast Guard aviators in Vietnam. "We set down on the water," he said, "It was a little nasty out there, but we didn't have any trouble." The flight engineer, S. Sgt. Gordon T. Greever, Sidney, Iowa, who was also in Tuesday's search effort, said, "This was my eighth rescue, and my first over water. That's the way to make them; it was real easy. The colonel got out of his raft and paddled toward us. He was very cool; he did everything right. I just reached out and he grabbed my wrist. Then Spears (S. Sgt. James F. Spears, Homestead, Fla., the pararescue man) grabbed him and we pulled him in."

Comments: *** Eagan; CG pilot with 37th ARRS; ; SSG Greever, Gordon T.; flight engineer; ; SSG Spears, James F.; pararescue; ; CPT Jennie, David W.; rescued pilot; ; COL Hardy, Preston B.; rescued pilot;

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17-3 WATER LANDING

COL PRESTON B HARDY F-105

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EAGAN, LANCE A LT USCG

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GREEVER, GORDON T SSGT

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SPEARS, JAMES F SSGT