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37TH AEROSPACE RESCUE & RECOVERY SQUADRON (MAC)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96337



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 37C

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-104-8291, 17 Oct 68)(U)

TO: 37C
3 ARR Gp (JSARC)
IN TURN

1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARRSM 55-2/3 ARR Gp Sup 1, dated 15 Apr 68.

2. (C) At 2020L on 17 Oct 68, JG 31 and 27 were scrambled by Queen to the 320/20 of Ch. 77 for Search and Rescue operations on the crew of a downed Army helicopter Lovebug 40. We were airborne at 2040L and proceeded to the general area. While enroute Queen refined the survivors position to the 090/15 of Ch. 69. We were instructed to contact a Navy Destroyer call sign "Jilting Joe" on 364.2 UHF on 142.7 VHF, however unable to make contact. Contact was eventually made on 41.0 FM and JG 31 instructed all units in the effort to establish communications on that frequency.

3. (C) Jilting Joe briefed that it had picked up two survivors, one of whom had expired. The two survivors left in the water were the pilot and one passenger. The pilot was believed to be equipped with a Mae West and penguin flares and the passenger with no survival equipment.

4. (C) Aircraft participating in the effort in addition to JG 31 and 27 were Spooky 11 (Flare Ship), Swabber 13 (Huey Flare Ship), Basketball 687 (Flare Ship), Gunner 25 (Army Huey). After searching the area for approximately 50 minutes, JG 27 developed a utility hydraulic leak requiring him to RTB and JG 31 escorted him back to Ch. 77. JG 31 refueled and was advised by Queen to terminate the effort.

5. (U) Jolly Green crews were:

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RCCP Capt V. Ziccardi
FE A1C W. Swenson
RS SSgt A. Avery

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RCCP LtCol H. Simpson
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Summary Report 1-3-104-8291, 17 Oct 68

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