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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 37(C)

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE (1-3-109-3304)

TO: 37C
JSARC
INTERIM

1. (U) This report is submitted LHM LPRGM 55-2/3ARRGP Sup 1, 15 Jun 68.
2. (C) At 0330Z, 30 Oct 68, JG 25 was on the active Runway 32 at Ch 103 preparing to depart for Echo Orbit when a Mayday was received on guard. The Mayday was followed by the statement, "We're going in". The tower stated, JG 25 the crash is outbound from Runway 32. JG 25 departed and observed flames and smoke approximately 1 nm from the field boundary. As JG 25 approached the crash the CH-47 became visible and its aft rotor was still turning slowly. Personnel exiting the crash proceeded west of the crash some 50 yards to the river bank. JG 25 made a landing at 0333Z on a dry rice paddy beside the survivors of the CH-47, Callsign Longhorn 039. The TE and RS questioned the survivors as they boarded as to whether or not additional personnel were in the wreckage. The TE reported 11 persons on board plus a puppy. The RS reported 2 persons with minor injuries. The CH-47 burned in two and the rear rotor began flying apart as JG 25 rose to a hover, checked power, and departed to the Northeast at 0337Z. JG 25 landed at 3 Med at Ch 103 at 0340Z to discharge survivors. JG 25 departed for Echo Orbit at 0345Z.
3. (C) The pilot's name was W/O Carmage. The other 10 names of the survivors are unknown.
4. (U) Jolly Green 25 crew members were:

RCC Maj Don P. Olsen, FR46535
RCCP Maj Herman C. Stafford, FR27062
TE Sgt Duane I. Beland, AF15740683
RS A1C Robert H. Fields, AF12923283

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENT 7

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Summary Report 1-3-109-8304, 30 Oct 68

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37 ARRSq, History, Oct - Dec 1968

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(3)(U) 1-3-104, 17 Oct 1968. This mission was an attempted night rescue of an Army helicopter crew that had gone down east of Quang Tri. Search was terminated after various aircraft had reported negative results. (Ref. Supporting Document 3, page 22.)

(4)(U) 1-3-105, 18 Oct 1968. This mission involved the successful recovery of two Marine RF-4 crew members who had gone down off the coast at Quang Tri. (Ref. Supporting Document 4, page 23.)

(5)(U) 1-3-106, 20 Oct 1968. In an attempt to rescue two survivors down at sea, Jolly Green 29 was hit while on the water. The mission that followed resulted in the successful rescue of all the Jolly Green crew members and the two original survivors. Jolly Green 29 was lost on this mission (Ref. Supporting Document 5, page 24.)

(6)(U) 1-3-108, 27 Oct 1968. On this mission Jolly Green 32 successfully recovered a downed Spad (A-1H) pilot utilizing all resources available to sterilize the area. Factors contributing to the success of the mission were: a well-briefed plan of execution; highly successful air strikes; a well-laid smoke screen and the survivor's capability to follow instructions. (Ref. Supporting Document 6, page 29.)

(7)(U) 1-3-109, 30 Oct 1968. This mission resulted in the successful recovery of 11 persons who were aboard a CH-47 that crashed near Quang Tri. (Ref. Supporting Document 7, page 32.)

(8)(U) 1-3-110, 1 Nov 1968. Jolly Green 25 recovered one survivor from the water and another was picked up off of LST Holmes County. This was the last recovery prior to the bombing pause effective