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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
DET 1, 40TH AEROSPACE RESCUE & RECOVERY SQUADRON (MAC)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96310



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: RCC

21 Nov 68

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (020-3067, 18 Nov 68) (U)

TO: Det 1-40 *C. J. M.*
3rd ARRG (JSARC) *229*
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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3ARRGP Sup 1, dated 11 July 1968.

2. (C) At 0645L, 18 November 1968, Compress notified Det 1, 40 Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron that Nail 28 (02 aircraft) and Litter 14 (F-100 aircraft) were down at approximately 097/69/89 and to scramble the Jollies and Sandies 1, 2, 3, and 4. The UMD coordinates of the survivor were given as WD883 989 for Nail 28 and WD819 982 for Litter 14. Jolly Green 09 (Low), and Jolly Green 15 (High), took off at 0650L and proceeded to the area. Sandy 1, 2, 3, and 4 were scrambled; Sandy 1 and 2 proceeded to the area ahead of the Jollies, while Sandies 3 and 4 escorted the Jollies to the orbit point. Nail 69 and a Litter flight were in the area of the downed pilots. Nail 69 was the on scene commander until relieved by Sandy 1. Jolly Green 09 and 15 arrived at an orbit position of 095/65/89 at 0720L and were held at this position while Sandy 1 and 2 conducted an electronics search for the survivor. Nail 28 was located in a dense double canopy jungle area 100 yards from the heavily defended highway route 911 and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from choke point "Golf". Sandy determined that Nail 28 was in the greatest danger and the decision was made to pickup Nail 28 first. At 0735L Jolly Green 09 was called in for the pickup with Sandy 3 and 4 escorting Jolly 09 in. Jolly Green 09 was at tree top level, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the area of the survivor with a forward ground speed of 20-30 knots, when it passed directly over some huts and picked up intense automatic weapons fire. The ground fire was called out to the Sandies who rolled in and strafed the reported ground fire position. The survivor heard the ground fire and stated it was coming from a position 100 feet south-west of him. The survivor became excited and it was very difficult to have him impart instructions to the Jolly. Captain Sam Wheate, the copilot of Jolly 09, did an outstanding job in talking to the survivor, giving him reassurance that everything was going to be OK and that he was going to be rescued. We finally got the survivor to give us directions and ignite a smoke flare. The smoke was sighted and the Jolly went into a hover at 0745L for the pickup. During this time Sandies 1, 2, 3, and 4 were in a daisy chain around the helicopter, strafing the area. The forest penetrator was used to recover the survivor, requiring approximately 150 feet of cable. At 0753L the survivor was on board, and the Jolly exited the area escorted by the Sandies toward Litter 14. Litter 14 was located on the side

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of a karst with a deep jungle canopy of approximately 200 feet. To be able to have enough cable for the penetrator to reach the survivor, Jolly 09 had to hover with the bottom of the helicopter touching in the top of a tall tree. The Jolly entered a hover at 0800L; the entire length of the cable was required for the forest penetrator to reach the survivor. The pickup was completed at 0809L. During the second pickup, again the Sandies formed a daisy chain and gave us that secure feeling of safety while they strafed. Jolly 09 exited via the entry route. Climb out was to 6000' to join up with Jolly 15 and return to home base escorted by Sandies 1, 2, 3, and 4. The weather was scattered to broken, smoke and haze reducing visibility to 5-6 miles. Condition of both survivors was good. The Jolly Green's incurred no battle damage. Radio discipline was outstanding between the Sandies, Crown, Nail 69, Litter flight and the Jollies.

3. (C) The names of the survivors are: Captain William Grenoble Jr.,
USAF, 23rd Tactical Air Support Squadron, Nakhon Phanom
RTAFB, and Captain Robert Welch, USAF, 809th Tactical Fighter
Squadron, Tuy Hoa AB, RVN.

4. (U) Crewmembers of Jolly Green:

JOLLY GREEN 09 (LOW)

RCC Lt Col Royal A. Brown
RCCP Captain Samuel P. Wheate
FE SSgt Kenneth P. Harnegan
RS TSgt Aaron D. Farrior

JOLLY GREEN 15 (HIGH)

RCC Major Raymond P. Sancton
RCCP Captain Ronald McKinley
FE Sgt Mickey D. Berry
RS A1C Douglas L. Horka

Royal A. Brown Jr.
ROYAL A. BROWN JR., Lt Col, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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