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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3 ARRGp Sup 1, dated 15 June 1968.

2. (C) At 0745 Z, 3 December 1968, Jolly Green 04 and Spads 11 and 12 were scrambled from strip alert at Da Nang AB, RVN, and instructed to proceed to Kham Duc. Jolly Green 33 was airborne alert and rendezvoused with Jolly Green 04 as it turned out of traffic and headed south, feet wet. Enroute it was learned that Redeye 22, an Army Mohawk had been shot down approximately 1½ miles north of Kham Duc. Redeye 20 was over the scene and had spotted two parachutes. He established radio contact with the survivors and was attempting to locate their position when the Spads arrived on scene. No enemy activity had been noted in the immediate area and the guns that were believed to have shot down Redeye 22 were out of range to the south; so the Spads requested the Jolly Green's come direct to the site. The Jolly Green's went feet dry just below the Song Cua Dac River and proceeded towards the site, above the scattered clouds. As the Jolly Green's approached the mountains the clouds became a solid overcast and Spads advised that the Jolly Green's should approach under the clouds. The Jolly Green's descended and received DF homing cuts, from Spad 11, on way to the area. The Jolly Green's arrived in sight of Kham Duc airstrip at approximately 0820 Z and were directed to hold north of the Dok Mi river until the Spads layed a smoke screen. Jolly Green 04 turned north and the crew prepared the aircraft for the pickup. The Spads layed the smoke screen and before the Jolly Green's could set up an orbit point, Spad 11 cleared Jolly Green 04 in for the rescue attempt. Jolly Green 04 initiated a descent, dumped fuel and jettisoned the external fuel tanks. Spad 11 escorted Jolly Green 04 into the deep revine and marked the area with a smoke rocket. As Jolly Green 04 descended into the revine the crew spotted the two personnel parachutes and Spad 11 requested Redeye 1 to ignite a smoke flare; however he did not immediately comply and Jolly Green 04 made a slow 360° turn above the chutes and again requested smoke. When Redeye 1 popped the smoke Jolly Green 04 executed a 180° side approach to a high hover over him. The Spads continued to deliver ordnance into the surrounding area and Jolly Green 33 orbited above the scene. As Redeye 1 was being hoisted aboard Jolly Green 04, its' Rescue Specialist sighted Redeye 2 waving a flag approximately 200 feet off the aircrafts' left side. He was located on the extremely steep slope of a ravine wall and in very dense jungle growth. He had the helicopter in sight but could not move from his position. When Redeye 1 was aboard, 0825Z, Jolly Green 04 hovered up over Redeye 2 and began to hoist him aboard. The high bird, Jolly Green 33, then observed a ZPU gun position beneath his orbit position and advised the Spads and Jolly Green's. When Redeye 2 was clear of the trees Jolly Green stated a vertical climb until the survivor was on board, 0831Z, then rolled the nose over and exited the area to the east, away from the gun position.

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The survivors were in good condition with minor cuts and scratches from the parachute landing, which were treated by the Rescue Specialist. The Spads escorted the Jolly Green's until feet wet and all forces recovered at DaNang AB at 0910Z. The crew coordination on board the Jolly Green's and the coordination between the Spads and the Jolly Green's were excellent, which allowed the expeditious recovery of the downed Redeye crew members.

3. (U) Crewmembers of Jolly Greens:

JOLLY GREEN 04 (Low)

RCC Capt Jon E. Hannan
RCCP Maj Robert D. Shular
FE TSgt Charles D. Severns
RS ESgt Eugene L. Nardi

JOLLY GREEN 39 (High)

RCC Capt Joseph R. Hall
RCCP Maj Russell G. Mills
FE SSgt Samuel C. Adams
RS Sgt Earnest D. Casbeer

4. (U) The Spads were:

Spad 11

Maj Dineen

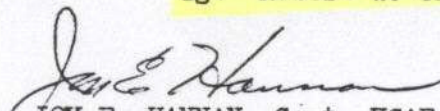
Spad 12

Maj Richards

5. (U) Other aircraft assisting on SAR effort was Redeye 20 and Crwon 6.

6. (U) Survivors names:

Capt Norman H. Srarrer
Sgt Robert W. Christensen


JON E. HANNAN, Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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