

Date: 3 Dec 1968

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Mission Number: 3-005-8338

Flight Designation: Crown 7

Distressed Aircraft: None

Location: 085/100 CH 71

Saves: 2, non-combat

1. At 0835Z, 3 Dec 68, Crown 7, CH 83 alert was scrambled to escort two CH 77 Jolly Green helicopters on a MEDEVAC mission for two patients on a German tanker, name unknown, at a position 085/100 CH 71. Takeoff was delayed by King awaiting an increased flare load (100 flares). Flares were delivered at 1022Z. Crown 7 was airborne at 1040Z intercepting the helicopters at CH 50. Jolly Green 31 experienced maintenance difficulties and recovered at CH 50 with Jolly Green 21. Jolly 04 was dispatched to replace 31 and mission was once again under way from CH 50 at 1240Z, estimating the scene at 1500Z. The ship was located at 1502Z at position 085/100 CH 71. No communications were available with the vessel. Crown 7 lighted the area while Jolly Green 04 lowered a PJ with a radio. Communications were established and the patients were determined to be suffering from a form of acute food poisoning or possible exposure to gas and would be evacuated to CH 71. Pick-up completed at 1540Z and Jolly Greens recovered at CH 71 at 1635Z to RON. Crown 7 recovered at CH 83 at 1705Z.

2. Crewmembers:

- a. RCC Major Benson
- b. CP Major Weekley
- c. MN Captain Zawadzki
- d. FMO Captain Houston
- e. NO AIC Powell
- f. FE SSgt Praxier
- g. FE TSgt Hammond
- h. LM MSgt Rose
- i. LM SSgt Davis

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