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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

6 Dec 68

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (2-3-073-8338, 3 Dec 68) (U)

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TO: Det 1-40 *JSARC*
3rd ARRG (JSARC)
IN TURN

1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRG Sup 1,
dated 11 July 1968.

2. (C) At 1730Z 3 December 1968 Compress notified the Duty Controller at Detachment 1, 40th ARRS that the two pilots of an F-4D had ejected at 082/58/89. Nail 69, an O-2 from NKP was in the area and reported good radio contact with both survivors. Both were reported to be in good physical condition. A first light effort was planned, and Nail 69 helped brief the Sandy and Jolly Green crews at 2000Z. Sandies 1 and 2 were airborne at 2211Z, and proceeded direct to the area. Jolly Greens 17 (low) and 36 (High) were airborne at 2225Z, and were escorted to the area by Sandies 3 and 4. Upon arrival of the Jolly Greens in the area at 2305Z, Sandy 1 had already pin-pointed the survivors with the aid of Nail 69, who had returned from NKP. Sandy 1 determined that the area, at WE 705 340, was safe for a pickup attempt. Jolly Green 17 dumped fuel and descended over the karst area to the northwest of the flat terrain where the survivors were located. Jolly Green 36 remained in orbit over the karst. A drop tank malfunction on Jolly Green 17 delayed the pickup for approximately five minutes. Tampa 02A, the F-4 aircraft commander, was hoisted aboard at 2315Z. Tampa 02B was approximately 200 yards away and was hoisted aboard at 2319Z. Sandies 1, 2, 3 and 4 "daisy chained" around Jolly Green 17 during the pickups. During the hover for Bravo, two men were observed approximately 100 yards to the northwest in a field. One of the men had a rifle, but no gunfire was exchanged. Exit from the area was by reverse course, with Sandies 3 and 4 escorting Jolly Green 17 and 36 back to NKP. Landing at NKP was at 2355Z. Weather throughout the route and pickup area was clear. Radio discipline was excellent during the entire mission. No enemy action was observed. Aerial refueling was not required. Both survivors were in excellent condition, with only a few minor bruises. I consider this to be an almost perfect mission, due to the excellent coordination and teamwork between all SAR and support forces involved.

3. (C) The names of the survivors are: Major Cliff Gallagher, A/C Commander, 497th TFS, Ubon RTAFB, and 1Lt Dave Chastain, pilot, 497th TFS, Ubon RTAFB.

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4. (U) The Jolly Green Crewmembers:

JOLLY GREEN 17 (Low)

Capt Richard J. Harwood

Maj William J. Warwick

Sgt Henry L. Burnett

SSgt Don A. Beasley

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JOLLY GREEN 36 (High)

Capt Edward L. Heft

Capt Robert Heron Jr.

Sgt Duncan A. Scott

TSgt Aaron D. Farrior

GP-4

Richard J. Harwood

RICHARD J. HARWOOD, CAPTAIN, USAF

Rescue Crew Commander