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Mission Narrative Report (1-3-023-20 Feb 69)(U)

(C) At approximately 0700Z, 20 February 1969, the crew of Jolly Green 34 (training flight), on the ground at Ly Son airstrip on the island Cu Lao Re (096/24/50), were requested by Lt Phillips, Commander of the island radar site, to contact Med-evac helicopters from Chu Lai to provide emergency med-evac for a young Vietnamese girl who was accidentally scalded by hot water. Although on the crew as co-pilot, as the only RCC Major Davis assumed command and determined that it was reasonable for the crew to provide the urgent assistance required. The Rescue Specialist proceeded with the Lieutenant to locate the girl, evaluate her condition, treat her as necessary, and prepare her for evacuation. Jolly Green 34 flew overhead as the ground party, hitch-hiking on motorbikes, progressed down to the island village where the girl was located, about three kilometers from the airstrip. Contact was maintained utilizing the URT 10 radio on guard channel. Immediately after takeoff, Queen was contacted via radio relay through Crown 4 and advised of the situation. Queen coordinated with 3 ARRGp to authorize the mission while it was in progress. There were no suitable landing sites near the village, the bay was too shallow to permit a water landing, and it was too far to carry the girl on a stretcher to the landing strip. A hoist pickup was accomplished utilizing the semi-rigid litter for the girl and the penetrator for the crew. The pickups were routine. The girl was evacuated to the 312th Surgical Evacuation Hospital, Chu Lai AB, arriving there at approximately 0740Z. The language barrier broke only enough to determine that the girl's last name was Trang. She had received second degree burns on her legs and trunk. The exact name of the village is neither printed on the charts or understandable from the language. It is located at 109° 7'E/15°22'30"N.

(U) The crewmembers of Jolly Green 34 were:

RCC Major Edward G. Quinlan
RCCP Major Paul B. Davis Jr.
FE Sgt Walter A. Swenson
RS SSgt Allen J. Avery

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