

FROM: 370

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-019-7 Feb 69)

TO: 37C

3rd ARRGp (JSARC)
IN TURN

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

2. (C) At 0315Z, 7 Feb 69, JG's 32 and 33 were scrambled by Queen Control on a SAR mission reported as 120/12/77, downed aircraft call sign LOVE BUG 456-2. JG's 32 and 33 were airborne at 0325Z and proceeded out the 120 radial of Channel 77 to a feet-wet position. During this period it was reported that one crew member had been recovered by a Marine helicopter, SCARFACE 36-19, and had taken the survivor to NSA hospital. Spads 11 and 12 were also scrambled and were overhead at this time. At 0325Z Queen reported a South Vietnamese ship at the crash scene, now reported 125/14/77. At this time JG 33 was at this position and sighted a ship at his 2 o'clock position and proceeded to the area. The position of the ship was 126/16/77 and upon arriving JG 33 sighted an extensive oil slick on the water and floating debris. Recognizable was a white tiptank floating on end, a seat cushion, and other pieces of metal and paper. Also at the scene was a smaller Vietnamese boat, call sign ENFIELD COBRA, with a USN person on board. FM contact was established with him. Both FE's on JG 32 and 33 saw personnel on the small boat retrieve items from the water during this period. The USN person boarded the large ship to check on a report that the second crew member had been picked up by this ship. This report was not true and personnel on the larger ship reported seeing only one crew member bail out of LOVE BUG 456-2, and they were presently at the crash sight. All of the debris was spotted just aft of this ship's position. Conflicting reports were then received from ENFIELD COBRA, one stating that the pilot was still in the cockpit when the aircraft sank, and another report that Vietnamese on the ship saw the pilot come to the surface after the plane sank but appeared to be pulled under by the wreckage. No confirmation could be made of these reports. At 0420Z JG 32 and 33 were ordered back to Channel 77 and the mission closed. JG 32 and 33 landed at Channel 77 at 0445Z.

3. (U) No survivors recovered by JG crews.

4. (U) Jolly Green crew members:

JOLLY GREEN 33

RCC MAJOR WATSON D. BURNFIELD
RCCP MAJOR PAUL B. DAVIS JR
FE SSGT BILLY R. BLOOMER
RS ALC ROBERT H. FIELDS
AP SSGT WILLIAM T. COFFEY

Watson D. Burnfield
WATSON D. BURNFIELD, Maj, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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JOLLY GREEN 32
RCC MAJOR JOHN G. KAKACEK
RCCP LT/COL HOMER H. HOWELL JR.
FE TSGT CHARLES D. SEVERNS
RS SSGT JAMES L. MILLER

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