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Mission Narrative Report (2-3-018-10 Mar 69)(U)

(S) At 0635Z, 10 March 1969, Jolly Greens 32 and 04 were scrambled from Channel 103 by Queen Control on a SAR mission for PAPAYA 2 (F-4) reported down at 103/082/89. Jolly Greens 32 and 04 were airborne at 0640Z and climbed to 8000 feet over Ch 103 to rendezvous with Spads 11 and 12 from Channel 77. The Jolly Greens and Spads proceeded to 270/30/109, then to 282/50/109, the orbit point. Contact was established with Sandy 03, the On Scene Commander. Sandy 03 had fast movers and Hobo flight condition the area around the survivor for pickup. The pressure altitude was reported to be 900 feet, temperature 25°C and a light west wind. Voice contact had been lost with PAPAYA 2A, therefore the SAR effort concentrated on 2B. After the area was sanitized Sandy 03 with Spad 11 led JG 32 in for the pickup. While JG 32 was on final approach, Hobo flight laid CBU 19 just east of the survivor. PAPAYA 2B popped a red smoke and a hover was established over the survivor at 0832Z. Continuous ground fire heard during the hover was made ineffective by repeated passes by the Spads and Sandys. The survivor was brought aboard and JG 32 departed at 0836Z by the same route used for entry. Enemy ground forces were sighted on departure firing at JG 32. M-60 fire was returned by the Flight Engineer and Pararescue Specialist. The only hit sustained by JG 32 was a ricochet off the pilot's windshield apparently fired from the right side. JG 32 and 04 were escorted back to 240/30/109 by Spads 11 and 12. JG 32 and 04 proceeded to Channel 103 and landed for fuel. The survivor, who was in good physical condition, stayed aboard and was brought back to Channel 77. Crew coordination and radio discipline were excellent. Sandy 03 did an outstanding job as On Scene Commander. Sandy 04 and Spads 11 and 12 performed equally well throughout the entire mission. Considerable difficulty was experienced with the M-24 Gas Mask during the hover. Distortion caused by the flexible eye piece made it very difficult to judge height above the ground. This problem was reported by the entire crew.

(U) Survivor: Aldis P. Rutyna, Captain, FV3176484, USAF, 435 TFQq, Ubon, Thailand.

(U) Jolly Green Crewmembers:

JOLLY GREEN 32

RCC Major John G. Kakacek
RCCP LtCol Homer H. Howell Jr.
FE MSgt Charles L. Manes
RS ALC Dennis C. Palmer

JOLLY GREEN 04

RCC Capt Richard D. Griffiths
RCCP Capt Robert A. Reichert
FE TSgt Billy G. Benson
RS SSgt Allen J. Avery

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