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FROM: 37(0)

6 March 1969

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-028-5 Mar 69) (U)

TO: 37C

3rd ARRGp (JSARC) *for*  
IN TURN

1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSR 55-2/3 ARRGp Sup 1 dated 15 June 1968.
2. (C) 366th Command Post contacted 37th Ops and notified them of impending bailout of Gunfighter 8 at 0618Z. Queen was notified immediately of the emergency and directed the Jollys be scrambled. Jolly Green 33 was airborne at 0625Z and arrived at the scene of the bailout which was reported as 100/08/77 at 0630. Jolly Green 28 was already in the area having been diverted by Queen enroute to Ch 77 from Ch 103. No survivors were sighted on the surface of the water and a searching orbit was established. At this time Jolly Green 33's Co-Pilot spotted two parachutes at approximately 1000' alt and reported their position to Jolly Green 28. Jolly Green 33 told Jolly Green 28 that he would pick up the first man to hit the water and for 28 to get the other pilot. Jolly Green 33 dumped 1500Lbs of fuel landed and deployed his RS. Jolly Green 28 deployed his RS and recovered Gunfighter 8 Alpha utilizing the rescue collar from a hover. The pick-up was routine. Gunfighter 8 Alpha was recovered in minimum time with no apparent injuries. Jolly Green 33 & 28 RIB'd Ch 77 0650Z.

3. (U) Survivors were: Capt Edward A. Davis, FR79854 and 1st Lt Charles Wiles Jr., FV3189370 both with the 390th TFS.

4. (U) Crews of Jolly Greens were:

## WATER LANDING

## JOLLY GREEN 33

|      |      |                      |
|------|------|----------------------|
| RCC  | CAPT | RICHARD D. GRIFFITHS |
| RCCP | CAPT | GEORGE E. STOKES     |
| FE   | SSGT | ERNEST R. CYRUS      |
| RS   | SGT  | ERNEST D. CASBEER    |

## HOIST

## JOLLY GREEN 28

|      |      |                      |
|------|------|----------------------|
| RCC  | MAJ  | EDWARD G. QUILLAN    |
| RCCP | CAPT | VINCENT A. ZICCARDI  |
| FE   | ALC  | JAMES A. THIBODEAU   |
| RS   | ALC  | GEORGE P. HOFMAN III |

*Richard D. Griffiths*  
RICHARD D. GRIFFITHS, Capt, USAF  
Rescue Crew Commander

*routine to everyone  
except the guy who  
was saved!*

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