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Mission Narrative Report (1-3-029-6 Mar 69)(U)

(S) At 0715Z, 6 March 1969, Queen notified the Quang Tri alert crews to standby on cockpit alert for a possible mission. Queen, through Crown 6, scrambled Jolly Greens 27 and 28 at 0730Z. Nail 12 had bailed out and his position was 256/50/Ch 109. Immediately after take off from Quang Tri, Jolly Greens 28 and 27 requested Waterboy vector them into the area of the survivor. Climb was initiated to FL 080 and Waterboy vectored Spads 11 and 12 to join with Jolly Greens 27 and 28. Nail 38 was on the scene almost immediately after Nail 12 bailed out and he had good voice contact with Nail 12. Nail 38 had all the gun positions plotted and was prepared to bring in the Fast Movers for suppression. Nail 38 also advised that Nail 12 was located in heavy jungle growth about 200 meters wide. One mile north was a road with 37/57 mm gun positions. Other gun placements were ten miles southeast and four miles east. Nail 38 also advised the SAR forces converging on the scene that Nail 12 had a broken left leg and would need assistance even though he had managed to get out of his parachute. Sandys 03, 04, 07 and 08 arrived on scene and immediately prepared for the pickups. Sandy 03 assumed On Scene Commander and Nail 38 brought the fast movers in to suppress the gun positions located one mile to the north. Sandys continued to make passes over Nail 12 to see if they would draw any ground fire. At approximately 0845Z Sandy 03 returned five miles south to the orbiting Jolly Greens and advised Jolly Green 27 of the situation and requested that Jolly Green 27 descend to FL 050 and prepare for the pickup. After letting down, Jolly Green 27 jettisoned his tip tanks and dumped fuel down to 100 pounds in each tank. Pressure altitude at the survivor's position was 200 feet and temperature was 20°C. Sandy 03 led Jolly Green 27 to the survivor's position and told the survivor when to pop his smoke, then instructed the other Sandys to set up a daisy chain. Jolly Green 27 sighted the smoke about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile on final and set up a hover directly over the pilot. The PJ was lowered through the trees immediately over the survivor. Immediately after reaching the ground the PJ and survivor started receiving ground fire, so the PJ put the survivor on the penetrator and instructed the FE to start them up. During the ascent, while the penetrator was coming through the trees, the PJ tried to protect the survivor because he was in pain and his head was bobbing around. While trying to protect the pilot, a branch caught on the AR-15 and dropped it to the ground. As soon as they were in the cabin, Jolly Green 27 moved off and Sandy 03 instructed Jolly Greens to take up a heading of 120° to avoid gun positions. Sandys 03, 04, 07, 08, and Spads 11 and 12 escorted the Jolly Greens out of the area. As Jolly Green 27 was approaching a hover, Jolly Green 28 advised Sandy 03 that he was receiving ground fire. Inspection of Jolly Green 28, after landing at Da Nang AB, revealed that it had taken one hit through the horizontal stabilizer. During the return to Da Nang Jolly Green 27 asked

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Crown 6 to rendezvous for A/R. Crown 6 refueled Jolly Green 27 and Jolly Greens 27 and 28 landed at Da Nang at 1030Z. An ambulance met Jolly Green 27 at the ramp to take the injured survivor to the hospital. Weather enroute was fifteen hundred overcast tops four thousand. In the immediate pickup area it was high thin scattered. Most of this flight was conducted on top.

JOLLY GREEN 27 (Low)

RCC Major Ronald L. Haglund
RCCP Major Anthony F. Argo
FE SSgt William L. Crawford
RS SSgt James L. Miller

JOLLY GREEN 28 (High)

RCC Capt Charles P. Lowry
RCCP Major Edwin A. Tinlin
FE MSgt Charles L. Manes
RS ALC Dennis C. Palmer

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Date: 6 Mar 69

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Mission Number: 1-3-029-6 Mar 69

Flight Designation: Crown 6

Distressed Aircraft: Nail 12 (02)

Location: 255/50/109

Saves: One (1) Combat

1. At 0657Z, while on Crown 6 normal orbit, we received a call on Guard from Agile lead stating that Nail 12 had been shot down and the pilot had bailed out with good chute visible. Nail 40 was about five minutes away from the scene and was instructed to proceed to a position over the scene and assume OSC. At 0706Z, Nail 38 arrived on scene and appeared to know the area better than Nail 40. Nail 38 was appointed OSC. At this time, Agile and Cutter flights were standing by if needed for gun suppression.
2. We asked that the Jolly Greens and Sandys be launched. Crown 6 proceeded to the area. JFs 27/28 were launched from Channel 103 and Spads 11/12 were launched from Channel 77; Sandys 3/4 and 7/8 were launched from Channel 89. Crown received an ETA of 0805Z from Spads 11/12 and JGs 27/28. Sandys were estimating on scene at 0810Z.
3. There were suspected 37mm guns 1½ miles to the north of the survivor, but Nail 38 held off on using the fastmovers until Sandy 3 was near the scene. Agile, Shorty and Tyler were used to silence the guns north of the survivor.
4. Sandys, Spads and JGs arrived on scene at 0810Z. At this time, Sandy 3 had pinpointed the survivor. Nail 12 advised that he had a broken left leg and would probably need a PJ to help him get on the hoist. He was in heavy jungle growth and said he did not think they could put the penetrator right by him.
5. JGs were held at a safe position, 345/50/72, till 0901Z; Sandy 3 asked JG 27 to come in escorted by Sandys 7/8 at this time. JG 27 went in with the Sandys in a daisy chain. Sandys did not expend until JG 27 had the survivor's smoke in sight. Pick-up was made at 0909Z. JG 28 held high SE of the scene escorted by Spads 11/12.
6. Enroute to Channel 77, JG 27 advised that PJ reported ground fire while on the ground but they did not know if they took any hits. During pick-up, JG 28 called ground fire, but Spads 11/12 reported they did not see anything.
7. JG 27 was refueled north of Danang. He was getting low on fuel and wanted fuel before going into Danang.

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RUHHABA/41ARRWG/PROCP/HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUSQNA/3ARRGP/JSARC/TAN SON NHUT AB RVN

RUEFHQA/CSAF/FCP/AFXPCH

INFO RUCIEUA/MAC/MCP/BUCKA/SCOTT AFB ILL

RUKLAAA/TAC/COS LR/LAGLEY AFB VA

RUMTFJA/USAFMPC/AFPMSC/RANDOLPH AFB TEX

RUHB/CINCPACAF/CC/HICKAM AFB HAWAII

RUCEAAA/USAF ALTERNATE CP/MAXWELL AFB ALA

RU VB/7AF/DOO/DO/DO/DI/ELPMP/CP/TEN AB RVN

RUEBAAA/ARDC/ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND MARYLAND

RUSDAF/23 TAS NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAI

RHMSMVA/MACV SAIGON RVN

RUMOSRA/602 SOS UDORN RTAFB THAI

RUHHBRA/CINCPACFLT PEARL HARBOR HAWAII

RUMFSAA/COMMANDER SEVENTH FLT

RUMFSAA/ALL TF SEVENTH FLT CVA TG CRDS

RUMFSAA/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

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RUMFSAA/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT ZERO

RUMFSAA/CTE SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX

RUMOSRA/OL 2 3ARRGP UDORN RTAFB THAI

RUHPTB/6 SOS OLEIKU AB RVN

RUMLUHA/39 ARRS TUY HOA AB RVN

RUSVTF/37 ARRS DANANG AB RVN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L / JOPREP JIFFY/OL-1 3ARRGP/RESCUE 029/

061130Z MAR 69.

1. RESCUE OPENING/CLOSING REPORT - 6 MAR 69.

2. 1-3-029-6 MAR 69.

3. A. TACTICAL B. CLASSIFIED C. CAMOUFLAGED/6721386/0V-2/NAIL12

12. D. USA E. 23 TASS F. MAJOR T. SCANLAN G. 1 POB H.

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4. PANUIA (GCI)/0700Z.

5. NOT A FACT.

6. CROWN 6/0700Z: SPED 11 AND 12/0701Z: JOLLY GREEN 27 AND 28/0702Z.

7. DIVERTED CROWN 6/0700Z: SCRAMBLED SPADS FROM DANANG AT 0714Z AND

JOLLY GREENS FROM JANG TRI AT 0702Z.

8. 16-36N 106-16E.

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9. A. NOT A FACTOR B. NOT A FACTOR C. NOT A FACTOR

10. OL-1 3ARRGP MAJ J.B. MARSHALL JR., CAPT R.G. REED, SGT J.R.

STIEFEL, TSGT W.L. SCHWENCER.

11. PANAMA (GCI), INVERT (GCI), WATERBOY (GCI).

12. NAIL GEIN 0714Z/16-36N 106-16E.

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13. 37ARRS/HH-3E/FOREST PENETRATOR/0910Z.
14. 1/1/1/1/0/0.
15. RETURNED TO DANANG.
16. 2/6.6/HH-3E/37ARRS; 2/7.0/A-1E/6SOS; 4/9.7/A-1E/602SOS;
2/4.3/HC-130P/39ARRS.
17. 0/0/0/0/NOT AVAILABLE/0/NOT AVAILABLE/NOT AVAILAOLE.
18. A. ALL OF 37ARRS; RCC MAR R.L. HAGLUND, RCCP MAJ A.F. ARGO,
FE SSGT W.L. CRAWFORD, RS SSGT J.L. MILLER. B. MAJ T.A. SCANLAN,
23 TASS.
19. A. 16-36N 106-16E, 100 PER CENT EFFECTIVE. B. SURVIVOR LOCATED AND
R COVERED. H. ONE ARRS COMBAT SAVE/NO AIR REFUELINGS/OBJECTIVE DOWNED
DUE TO HOSTILE FIRE/ONE USAF CREWMEMBER, US NATIONALITY/ONE PJ DE-;
PLOYMENT. NAIL 12 WAS DOWNED DUE TO HOSTILE FIRE AT 0700Z. CROWN 6
DIVERTED AND SPADS 11 AND 12 LAUNCHED FROM DANANG. JOLLY GREENS 27
AND 28 LAUNCHED AT QUANG TRI FOR RENDEZVOUS WITH SPADS 11 AND 12.

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AFTER ARRIVING AT SCENE SAR AIRCRAFT HELD SAFE WHILE AREA WAS SOFTENED
BY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. JOLLY GREEN 27 MOVED IN FOR PICK UP UNDER SMOKE
COVER LAID DOWN BY SANDY 3. SURVIVOR SUFFERED A BROKEN LEG BELOW THE
KNEE AND RESCUE SPECIALIST WAS DEPLOYED TO AID UNJURED SURVIVOR. IN
THE RESCUE, GROUND FIRE WAS RECEIVED DURING PICK UP. GP-4.

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