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24 April 1969

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-045-22 Apr 69)(U)

TO: 37C

3rd ARRGp (JSARC) J29

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 5922/ASARRGp Sup 1 dated

1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSR 5922/ASARRGp Sup 1 dated
 15 June 1968.

2. (C) At 0710Z on 22 Apr 69, Spads 11 and 12 and Jolly Greens 32 and 07 were scrambled from alert at DaNang AB for the possible rescue of an F-100, pilot call sign Sunvalley 61, reported down at 270/30/27. This position was later changed to 090/37/72, which was the eventual pickup point. JG 32 and 07 were airborne at 0720Z and departed north climbing to 3500' MSL over the base before heading toward the survivor. They continued to climb to 9000' MSL and contacted Panama Control for vectors to the survivors position. Spad 11 and 12 proceeded directly to the survivor where Playboy 10 was already orbiting over him. Spad 11 became On Scene Commander and immediately started to survey the area. The survivor was located on the side of a steep mountain in a 100 foot high tree with a cleared field 30 yards west of his position. The survivor reported to Spad 11 that he was hanging by one leg upside down in the tree. He also stated that he was injured, was passing out periodically and would need assistance in getting out of his parachute and on to the penetrator. Shortly after this, the survivor stopped transmitting and nothing more was heard from him until the Rescue Specialist descended in the penetrator to him. The initial report of the survivors position and altitude placed him above the JG's capabilities and Pedro 62 was scrambled from channel 77 to join enroute with the JGs. JG 32 requested Spad 11 to recheck the pressure altitude and temperature and the subsequent report was 4200' MSL and 22C. With this information, JG 32 determined that he could make the pickup and told Queen to Rtb Pedro 62. As JG 32 continued toward the survivors position, the weather deteriorated and the possibility of a successful refueling after the pickup became questionable. JG 32 figured that he could jettison enough extra equipment to compensate for the added fuel required to return to DaNang AB without refueling. The equipment Jettisoned included the water rescue and survival gear, tools, smoke flares and the personal parachutes and body armor of the crew. JG 32 proceeded to the area and held north of the actual pickup point long enough to survey the area and get the final approach instructions from Spad 11. Spad 11 laid a smoke screen west of the survivor running from south to north. JG 32 initiated the approach from north to south, stopping short of the survivor to ensure adequate power was available for the pickup. As JG 32 continued toward the survivor he spotted the downed parachute on top of the trees and started to hover over the survivor at 0835Z. The pararescue specialist was deployed on the penetrator to the survivors position and strapped the survivor to the penetrator and cut the parachute shroud lines to permit them both to be lowered to the ground. Once on the ground, the pararescue specialists secured the survivor and himself to the penetrator and signaled to be brought aboard. While JG 32 was in a hover, the

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Spads made a daisy chain around him expending suppressive fire and JG 07 circled overhead so he could observe the whole operation. At 0844Z, the survivor was on board and JG 32 exited to the north climbing to 9000 feet and heading for DaNang AB. Enroute, Panama Control provided radar assistance and vector to DaNang. The pararescue specialists administered first aid to the survivor on the return flight. An ambulance was requested to meet JG 32 on landing because the survivor's leg was numb and it was doubtful that he could walk on his own. JG 32 landed at DaNang at 0940Z. The weather for the pickup was thick haze with three miles visibility and scattered thunderstorms and rain shower in the area.

3. (U) Survivors name: 1st Lt Ross C. Detwiler, USAF. Organization: 416th TFS, Phuocat, RVN.

4. JOLLY GREEN CREW MEMBERS:

JOLLY GREEN 32

AC	Capt	Charles P.
CP	Maj	Bruce E. Prouse
FE	SSgt	James H. Jenereaux
RS	SSgt	John J. Eldridge

Charles P. Lowry

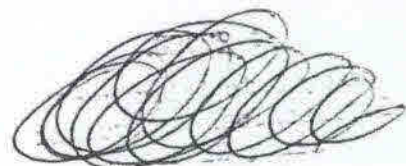
CHARLES P. LOWRY, Capt, USAF
Aircraft Commander

JOLLY GREEN 07

AC	Lt Col	James H. Grady
CP	Capt	Edwin L. Shobert Jr.
FE	SSgt	James E. Smith
RS	Sgt	John D. Nusbaum
FS	Capt	Denver H. Nelson

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