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SUPPORTING DOCUMENT #2

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MISSION NARRATIVE 1-3-39 2 Apr 69

(C) Jolly Green 33 and Jolly Green 27 were flying local airborne alert at DaNang AB RVN when at 0810Z 2 Apr 69, Jolly Green 33 heard Hillsboro notify Crown 6 that Flamingo 1 (a USAF F-4 fighter bomber) had gone down and they had two good parachutes. Crown 6 then notified Queen who alerted the Spads at 0813Z then scrambled them at 0814Z. Jolly Green (JG) 33 and JG 27 joined up near Marble Mt. just South East of DaNang and proceeded at 4000 feet direct to the survivors site which was a position of 200/30/77. Spads 11 and 12 arrived on scene at 0830Z. Spad 11 then assumed the duties of On Scene Commander. JG's 33 and 27 arrived at 0835Z. Spad 11 placed JG's 33 and 27 in left hand orbit over a ridge line approximately 2 miles NW of the survivors. Spad 11 had positive radio contact with both survivors. He determined that both were in good condition and that they had heard no enemy activity. Both Flamingo 1-A and Flamingo 1-B were still in their parachutes suspended from the trees. Spad 11 made positive visual identification of both survivors. He then flew directly over the survivors and marked them for JG 33 by dipping his wings when over the survivors. The spads after talking to the survivors and trolling the area determined it was safe to initiate a rescue. The Spads then laid smoke to the south of the survivors. Spad 11 then cleared JG 33 in on a heading of 150 and gave JG 33 vectors to the immediate area of Flamingo 1-B. When cleared in JG 33 ran his hostile area check list, dropped tip tanks and dumped to 1200 lbs total fuel. After visual sighting of Flamingo 1-B's parachute JG 33 came to a hover directly over the survivor. Due to dense jungle foliage and very tall trees (approximately 200 ft) it took 10 to 12 minutes to complete the pick-up. The pick-up was made at 0855Z. Spad 11 then directed JG 33 to Flamingo 1-A. Pick-up of Flamingo 1-A was made at 0907Z. JG 33 departed the immediate area to the west as advised by Spad 11. JG 33 and 27 with the Spad escort returned to Channel 77.

(U) Survivors were: Flamingo 1-A Lt Col Cecil G. Foster, USAF Flamingo 1-B 1st Lt Joseph P. McMahon Jr., USAF.

(U) Crews involved:

JOLLY GREEN 33

AC Maj Leo M. Wright
 CP Capt Edwin L. Shobert Jr.
 FE TSgt Charles D. Severns
 RS MSgt Glenwood C. Wilkinson
 AP Sgt Thomas A. Dotson Jr.

JOLLY GREEN 27

AC Capt Joseph R. Hall Jr.
 CP Capt Charles D. Langham
 FE SSgt James E. Smith
 RS SSgt Stephen T. White

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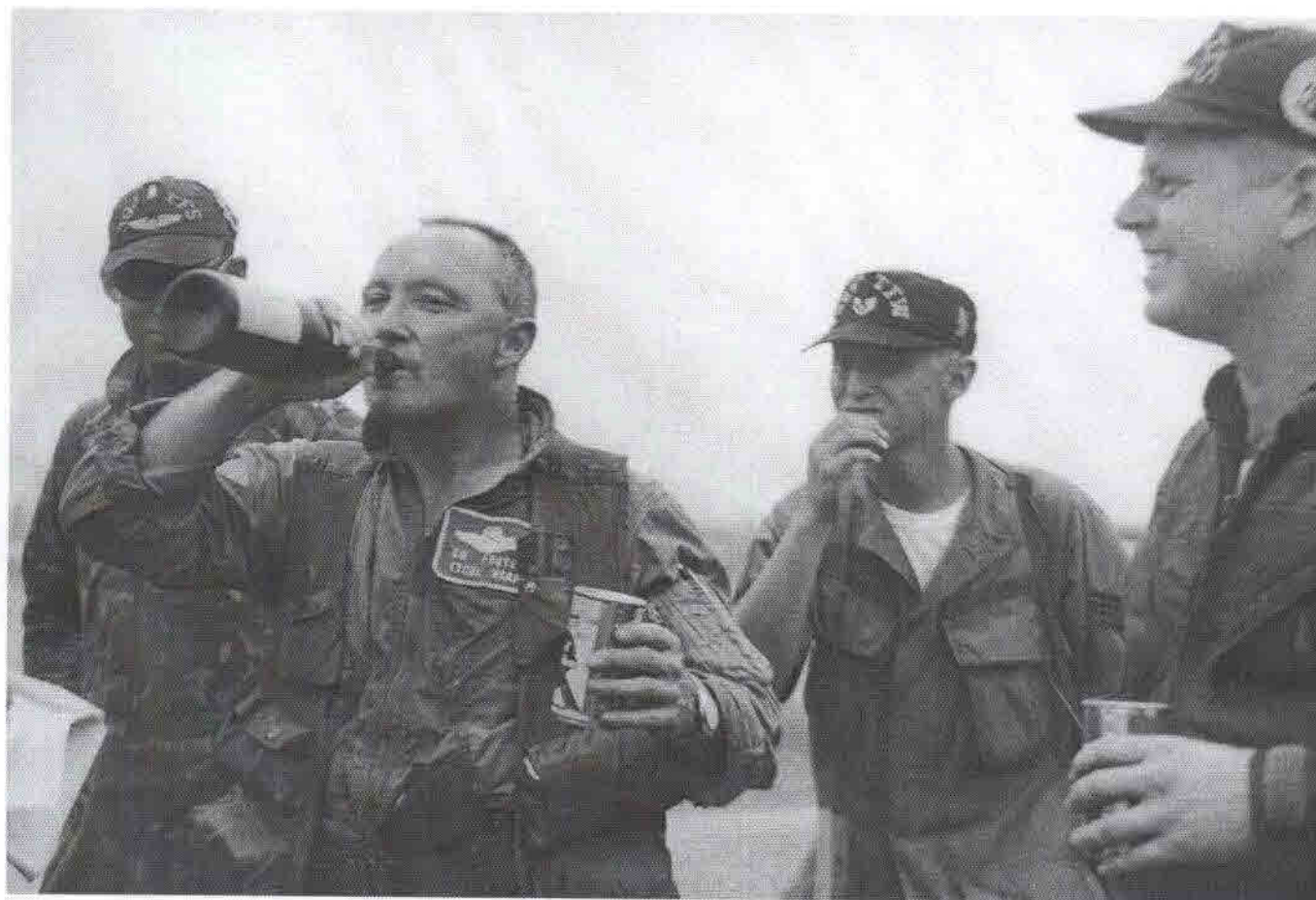
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LT. COL FOSTER GUNFIGHTER CC

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SUBJ: RESCUE MISSION 1-3-039-2APR 69.

PLEASE CONVEY MY APPRECIATION TO MAJ WRIGHT, CAPT SHOBERT, MSGT
WILKINSON, TSGT SEVERNS AND SGT DOTSON, AIRCREW OF JOLLY GREEN 33
ON 2 APR 69 FOR THEIR SUPERB EFFORT IN THE RECOVERY OF TWO DOWNED
AIRMEN. THEIR RAPID REACTION TIME WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE PICK UP
OF THE SURVIVORS IN LESS THAN ONE HOUR FROM BAILOUT. SIGNED HOLLOWN
H. BRIDGESN COMMANDER.

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