

FROM: 37(0)

12 May 1969

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-052-12 May 69)

TO: 37C

3rd ARRGp (JSARC)

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1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSN 55-2/3 ARRGp Sup 1 dated 15 June 1968.

2. At 0240Z, 12 May 69, JGs 15 and 28 were scrambled for a Marine F-4, call sign Love Bug 232 who had battle damage and was at 007/45/77 bearing feet wet to DaNang. JGs 15 and 28 were airborne at 0250Z and were vectored by PANAMA Control to intercept the distressed aircraft. At 0253Z, Love Bug crew ejected at position 040/20/77. At 0300Z JG 15 spotted one of the downed pilot's smoke flare and set up an approach to put the pararescue specialist into the water. At 0306Z Love Bug Alpha and PJ were hoisted aboard JG 15. JG 28 spotted Love Bug Bravo 300 yards west of the first survivor and deployed his PJ. Love Bug Bravo and the PJ were hoisted aboard at 0309Z. JGs 15 and 28 Rtb at 0325 with both survivors in good shape.

3. Survivors names are: Love Bug Alpha - 1/Lt Dean H. Matzko, 092885, MAG 13, Chu Lai. Love Bug Bravo - 1/Lt Patrick E. Daly, 095267, MAG 13, Chu Lai.

4. Jolly Green Crew Members:

JOLLY GREEN 15

AC	Capt	Charles P. Lowry
CP	Maj	Bruce E. Prouse
EE	SSgt	James H. Jenereaux
RS	ALC	Robert H. Fields

JOLLY GREEN 28

AC	Maj	John G. Kakacek
CP	Lt(JG)	Robert T. Ritchie
EE	SSgt	Billy R. Bloomer
RS	SSgt	Eugene L. Nardi
AP	Sgt	Michael F. Orcutt



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Aircraft Commander



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Date: 12 May 1969

Mission Number: I-3-052-12 May 69

Flight Designation: Crown 4

Distressed Aircraft: Lovebug 23-2 (F-4)

Location: 043/21/77

Saves: 2, combat

1. A Mayday call was heard at 0235Z. Lovebug 23-2 had taken a hit while pulling off a target near Channel 109. Guard frequency was used until Panama Control sent Lovebug 23-2 to 306.9. The damaged aircraft turned down the coast and headed for Channel 77. A controllability check was made and the pilot decided to punch out rather than land.

2. The weather was clear with excellent visibility. The pick ups were made at 043/21/77 (feet wet) with JG 15 making one pick up and JG 28 making one pick up. The pilots were picked up at 0305Z. They were in good condition and spent less than 10 minutes in the water. No refueling was required and the SAR forces RTB at 0310Z.

3. Crown did not receive the chute beepers and we were never more than 20 miles away from the SAR scene at all times.

4. Crewmembers:

- a. AC Captain Thornton
- b. CP Captain Harris
- c. NN Captain Mitchell
- d. RO SSgt Moe
- e. FE MSgt Berger
- f. FE TSgt Raper
- g. LM TSgt Donahoe

ROBERT E. THORNTON, Captain, USAF
AC, Crown 4