

MISSION NARRATIVE 1-3-9 14 May 1969

(U) At 0425Z, 14 May 1969, Jolly Green (JG) 15 (low) and Jolly Green 28 (high) were scrambled from DaNang. They were to intercept the United States Ship Muskeegon some where in the vicinity of North Reef and pick up an injured crewman. The crewman had a perforated ulcer and required immediate hospitalization. Jolly Green 15 and 28 made rendezvous with Crown 7 in the vicinity of PE-1 at 0534Z. Crown 7 made high frequency radio contact with Muskeegon and located the ship by means of HF DF. Crown 7 then vectored the Jolly Greens to the ship's position (1718N, 11054E). Jolly Green 15 came to a hover over the Muskeegon's fan-tail at 0630Z. The Pararescue Specialist was lowered to the ship to assist in preparing the injured crewman to be hoisted aboard JG 15. The crewman was hoisted aboard in a stokes litter and JG 15 departed the ship at 0640Z accompanied by Jolly Green 28 and Crown 7. JG 15 had a doctor on board, Denver Nelson, Capt, USAF. He and the Pararescue Specialist administered to the crewman while enroute to DaNang. While enroute to DaNang, JG 15 and 28 both accomplished air refueling from Crown 7. Jolly Green 15 took the injured crewman to the Naval Support Activities Hospital, DaNang and returned to DaNang Air Base at 0815Z.

(U) Survivor: Dionisio Z. Pangilinan, United States Naval Ship Muskeegon, Rank unknown, nationality unknown.

JOLLY GREEN 15

AC LtCol James H. Grady
 CP Capt Martin E. Richert
 FE Sgt Carl H. Chunn
 RS ALC Donald M. Lester
 FS Capt Denver Nelson

JOLLY GREEN 28

AC Capt Charles P. Lowry
 CP Capt John K. Coder
 FE SSgt James K. Hall
 RS Sgt Harry C. Chalmers

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Date: 14 May 1969

Mission Number: 1-3-009-14 May 69

Flight Designation: Crown 7

Distressed Individual: Crewman aboard USNS Muskeegan

Location: 065/178/77

Saves: 1, non-combat

1. At 0430Z, Crown 7 was airborne to assist JGs 15/28 in making the recovery of a sick crewman with a bleeding ulcer aboard the USNS Muskeegan. The ship was located at 065/178/77 enroute to Danang. JGs 15/28 were airborne from Channel 77 at approximately 0430Z. Crown 7 arrived in the area at 0520Z and established radio contact with the ship on 2182 MHZ. Using the #2 ADF radio, we homed in on the ship until radar contact was established on the APN 59. Visual contact was made at 0545Z. Crown 7 circled the ship giving DF steers to JGs 15/28. Using UHF homers, the JGs arrived over the ship at 0615Z. The pick up was made at 0625Z by JG 15. A Flight Surgeon was aboard JG 15 and the patient was administered emergency medical aid enroute to the Naval Hospital at Danang.

2. JG 15/28 were refueled enroute to Channel 77 with each Jolly taking on 1000 pounds of fuel.

3. Crewmembers:

- a. AC Captain Ahlstrom
- b. CP Captain Harris
- c. NN Captain Mitchell
- d. RO ALC Toomer
- e. FE TSgt Wright
- f. FE TSgt Walden
- g. LM SSgt Gately

WILTON J. AHLSTROM, Captain, USAF
AC, Crown 7

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0100 TSGT BELL From Duty.
 2050 Heegeman on duty 14 May 69
 2145 MX Status to Queen
 2300 JG 07 airborne for CH 103
 2315 JG 27 airborne for CH 103
 0040 JG 07 on deck CH 103
 0115 JG 27 on deck CH 103
 0145 JG 03 - airborne - TNG
 0300 JG 03 - on deck CH 77
 0355 scramble A18 A2 for MEDEVAC
 0400 Use JG 22 + 25 for Backup alert.
 0400 TSGT BELL to duty
 SURVIVOR ON SHIP 180 NM E of Hono.
 0430 JG 15 + 28 ABN / (MEDIVAC ALERT)
 TUY HOA to LAUNCH C-130 FOR MISSION
 0535 JG 21 ABN (MEDIVAC)
 0602 CROWN 7 HAS SHIP IN SIGHT
 0620 PICKUP MADE. ETA 77 0805
 0655 JG 21 on deck

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TAKING MEDIVAC to NSA

0800 JG 28 ON DECK
 0810 JG 15 ON DECK
 1020 JG 07 + 27 ABN 103.
 1132 JG 07 ON DECK 77
 0025 TSGT BELL FROM DUTY.

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2045 Heegeman on duty
 2125 MX Status to Queen
 2310 JG 22/25 airborne for CH 103
 2315 JG 25 RTB CH 77 - Lost UHF -
 2320 JG 25 changed his mind - UHF O.K.
 2325 JG 25 RTB CH 77 - UHF trouble.

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