

FROM: 37(0)

26 June 1969

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-3-064-24 June 1969)

TO: 37C

3rd ARRGp (JSARC)

IN TURN

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

2. On 24 June at 2200Z 37th ARRS was directed to launch two helicopters to rendezvous with King 7 to effect the medical evacuation of SFM 2 Roger A. Hornbecker, who was suffering from an apparent appendicitis attack, from the U.S.S. Kennebec located 380 miles southeast of DaNang at position 11/17, 112/25E. Jolly Greens 28 and 21 launched at 2230 and rendezvoused with King 7 at 2400Z, 50 miles east of Channel 81. An air refueling was accomplished at 0100Z by both helicopters. King 7 proceeded to the U.S.S. Kennebec. Jolly Green 28 arrived on scene at 0155Z. The pilot advised the ship to take up a heading of 200 which made a relative wind of 25 - 30 knots across the starboard bow enabling a large reduction in power necessary to hover. Flight Engineer MSgt Ambrose lowered the rescue specialist Sgt Sherman to the bow of the ship. Sgt Sherman prepared the patient for hoisting in a stokes litter. Sgt Sherman was hoisted first to assist the F.E. in bringing the litter aboard. The litter was hoisted at 0210Z. King 7 vectored the helicopters on course to Cam Ranh Bay. Sgt Sherman attempted to continue the IV injections started aboard the ship, however the turbulent air encountered prevented this. Another air refueling was accomplished enroute and Jolly Green 28 delivered the patient to the hospital pad at Cam Ranh Bay, while JG 21 proceeded to Tuy Hoa. After a one hour refueling delay, JG 28 departed Cam Ranh Bay at 0500Z and returned to DaNang at 0730Z. I attribute the efficiency with which the 850 mile mission was completed to excellent crew coordination and the maximum assistance provided by King 7. It is gratifying to know that the Air Force will go to such lengths for humanitarian reasons, however the need for sending two amphibious helicopters is, in my mind, redundant, and at best, of dubious value.

3. Jolly Green Crew Members:

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| CP | CAPT | JOHN K. CODER      |
| FE | MSGT | ARTHUR L. AMBROSE  |
| RS | SGT  | MICHAEL J. SHERMAN |

  
JAMES M. LOOMIS, Lt, USCG  
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## SUPPORTING DOCUMENT #14

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## MISSION NARRATIVE 1-3-64, 24 June 69

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