

SUPPORTING DOCUMENT #1

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MISSION NARRATIVE 1-3-77 6 Oct 69

(U) At 0510Z, 6 Oct the 37th ARRS was notified that there was a seriously injured American seaman aboard the USS Grasp, located at 15-47N, 111-12E, (095/174/77) with a possible broken neck. At that time, the training crew was notified of the mission and an onload of 5600 lbs of fuel and necessary litter and rescue equipment was placed aboard Jolly Green 21. The hospital was notified and Dr. Dennis B. Bealick and Dr. Emery J. Hopp were scheduled for the mission. Take off was accomplished at 0600Z and a scramble tactical IFR clearance was used to depart DaNang. Weather was as low as $\frac{1}{4}$ nautical miles visibility and less than 300 feet ceiling for most of the flight. They broke out of the weather at 130 nautical miles (NM) east of DaNang. New information came in that the injured seaman was in a litter with no movement of his right arm, no feeling in either shoulder, and he had a wound at the base of his neck. Also that the seaman was located on the canopy of the Fan Tail of the USS Norwitch Victory, and not the USS Grasp. With the assistance of King 6, they were able to DF the Norwitch Victory. After dumping some fuel in order to hover out of ground effect, and determining the wind, Jolly Green 21 went into a hover over the stern of the Norwitch Victory and lowered the Rescue Specialist (RS) to the fan tail. Jolly Green 21 then pulled off while Sgt Bullock secured the seaman in the litter and tied on guide ropes to assist the litter on its ride up. He then called Jolly Green 21 to make the pick up. Conditions for hover were: A temperature of 26 degrees centigrade, sea level altitude, a wind of 050 degrees at 10 NM, and a hover height of 100 feet. The pick up was made from 0810Z to 0815Z. A second seaman was also recovered due to an extremely smashed finger. His condition was good, but he did require medical attention. Jolly Green 21 then departed the area and immediately refueled with King 6 in order to have sufficient fuel to return to DaNang. The A/R took place from 0825Z to 0830Z and again Jolly Green 21 went IFR for the trip back. They landed at NSA Hospital at 0940Z to discharge the two seamen and then terminated the mission at 0950Z at DaNang AB.

(U) Special credit should be given to King 6 whose assistance made the mission successful. Crew coordination among the rescue crew was outstanding, when marginal weather conditions prevailed, along with minimum fuel status due to the distance out to sea.

(U) The non-combat save was: Seaman Sylvan M. Ulrey, B86-68-33
The recovered seaman was: Seaman Donald W. Sivits, 694-62-97

(U) Crew involved:

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AC	Maj	John F. Deghnee
P	Capt	Robert W. Packer
P	Capt	Kenneth T. Kelley
FE	Sgt	Robert J.P. Laframboise
RS	Sgt	Harry C. Bullock
FS	Capt	Dennis B. Bealick
FS	Capt	Emery J. Hopp