

DET 1, 40th ARRS CY 4/69 = HH-3's NKP

Jolly Green 17 (Low)

AC Capt Marshall B. Nash
CP Capt John J. Livengood+
FE Sgt Brian W. Murray
RS TSgt Lehman L. Booher
RS SSgt Roy D. Bloebaum

Jolly Green 37 (High)

AC Capt Leonard D. Fialko
CP Capt Joseph R. Brown Jr.
FE TSgt Daryl I. Durant
RS Sgt Robert J. Sully
RS Sgt Charles D. Morrow

(S) (Gp 3) An F-100, Misty 11, was shot down in Southern Laos on 24 Oct. HH-3E's were launched out of the 37th ARRS at Da Nang RVN to rescue the two downed pilots. One of the pilots had a broken leg and a pararescue man was lowered to help retrieve him. At this time the 37th ARRS Jolly Green received many hits and had to depart, only to be forced by the damage he had received to crash land about a mile away. His high helicopter was right there to pick up the crew except for the pararescue man they put down with the pilot with the broken leg. He was left on the ground when his helicopter was forced away. The crew was returned to Da Nang and the crashed helicopter was destroyed to prevent it falling into enemy hands. HH-53's from the 40th ARRS at Udorn attempted a rescue, but were damaged and driven off by hostile ground fire. Two more HH-3E's from the 37th ARRS had arrived on the scene and one of them was able to pick up the pararescue man and the pilot with the broken leg, but was driven off by ground fire before he could get to the other pilot. Weather was moving through the area and caused a delay in the proceedings. The 37th HH-3E that was high aircraft attempted a rescue of the second pilot of Misty 11 but was driven off by ground fire. After considerable smoke was put in, Major Smith in Jolly Green 19 was next. Fortunately he did not receive any ground fire, as a considerable amount of hover time was required to locate the second Misty 11 pilot, Capt Jack K. Clapper, [REDACTED]. He was rescued without further incident and the SAR was terminated.

Jolly Green 19 (Low)

AC Maj Ted L. Smith
CP Maj Edward B. Robbins
FE SSgt Robert E. Hunt
RS MSgt Paul L. Jenkins
RS Sgt Leland H. Sorensen

Jolly Green 09 (High)

AC Capt Phillip O. Pfanschmidt
CP Capt David M. Barber+
FE TSgt Daryl I. Durant
RS Sgt Charles D. Morrow

(S) (Gp 3) Jolly Green 17 and 19 were flying local training missions on 1 Nov. We are allowed to use our alert aircraft for training on days that we back-up the HH-53s from the 40th ARRS at Udorn. A Mayday call was heard and the position where Firefly 27 had bailed out was given by his wingman, Firefly 26. This was in northern Laos near the Thailand border. Firefly 26 came to meet Jolly Green 17 and lead him to the survivor. The survivor, Maj Peter D. Williams, [REDACTED] 602nd SOS, was located after a few minutes and hoisted on board Jolly Green 17.

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AC Capt John H. Fette*
 CP Capt Lawrence A. Marino*
 FE Sgt Robert J.P. Lafranboise*
 RS Sgt Leland H. Sorensen

Jolly Green 19 (High)

AC Capt Leonard D. Fialko
 CP Capt John J. Livengood +
 FE TSgt Leroy M. Wright
 RS Sgt Douglas L. Horka
 FE TSgt Claude C. Franks

(S) (Gp 3) A first light effort started the day on 12 Nov. Owl 07 had gone down during the night in a heavily defended area in eastern Laos. Two HH-53s from the 40th ARRS at Udorn were launched as the primary recovery aircraft with two of our HH-3Es launched as airborne back-up. An HH-53 made a successful pick up of the first pilot on Owl 07, but was driven off by hostile fire before he could locate the second pilot. Our back-up HH-3E's were then called on the scene and Jolly Green 36 started to go in for the pick up. On the way in Jolly Green 36 started receiving hostile ground fire and suffered hits. The number one engine failed and the utility hydraulic system failed rendering his hoist inoperative. Jolly Green 36 dumped fuel to reduce his weight and departed the area. Prior to this Jolly Green 09 and 37 were launched as airborne back-up. They immediately proceeded to the area and were holding in a secure area near by when Jolly Green 36 aborted his attempt. The Sandys put more ordnance in and Jolly Green 09 went in for the pick up. Although he received hostile ground fire, he was able to effect the rescue of Owl 07 second pilot, 1Lt James G. Hayler, [REDACTED], 497th TFS, and departed the area. One Sandy aircraft crashed, but it was apparent that there was no possibility of a survivor, so all SAR forces were returned to base.

Jolly Green 09 (Low)

AC Lt Col Joe Lyle Jr.
 CP Capt John J. Livengood+
 FE TSgt Daryl I. Durant
 RS MSgt Paul L. Jenkins
 RS MSgt Lewis J. Roberts*

Jolly Green 37 (High)

AC Capt Phillip O. Pfanschmidt
 CP Capt Marshall B. Nash
 FE Sgt Brian W. Murray
 RS TSgt Lehman L. Booher

(C) On 22 Nov [REDACTED] control center was advised that Spunk 01 had received serious battle damage and would try to recover at our base. Spunk 01 had a fire on board just as he arrived over our base and both pilots ejected. The aircraft crashed one half mile south of the base and both parachutes were seen over head drifting south westward. Jolly Green 17 and 09 launched immediately. They jettisoned fuel while waiting for the parachutes to descend to the ground. The decision was made between Jolly Green 17 and 09 for Jolly Green 17 to pick up one pilot, Capt Lynn P. Wright, [REDACTED], and for Jolly Green 09 to pick up the other, 1Lt Frederick D. Paige, [REDACTED]. Both were from the 14TFW. They were picked up without further incident.

Jolly Green 17 (Low)

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 CP Maj Charles W. Bond*
 FE Sgt Joseph Vai*
 RS SSgt Roy D. Bloebaum
 RS Sgt Charles D. Morrow

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AC Maj Emmet E. Hatch Jr.*
 CP Maj Edward B. Robbins
 FE SSgt Robert E. Hunt
 RS Sgt Richard G. Beasley

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