

Major Robbins

22 Dec 69

Mission Narrative Report (2-3-080, 21 Dec 69)

1-40C

3rd ARRGp (3JRCG)

IN TURN

1. (U) This report is submitted in accordance with ARRSN 55-2/3rd ARRGp Supplement 1.
2. (C) Jolly Greens 17 and 19 were on the 135° radical 40 DME, Channel 89, returning from November Orbit. At 1724L, Firefly 10 declared an emergency because of an engine malfunction. Jolly Greens 17 and 19 immediately turned toward his position, reported as 155° radical, 27 DME, Channel 89. At 1725L, Firefly 10 ejected, landing uninjured at the 155° radical, 7 DME, Channel 89. Weather in the area was VFR, the terrain forested, the environment non-hostile. Firefly 11, Sandies 5 and 6, and a Mail aircraft were in the area, and vectored JG 17 in for a routine pick-up. JG 17 arrived over the survivor at 1735L and effected his recovery without incident. The survivor was in excellent condition, and the area permissive. The pararescuer was deployed to recover the survivors rescue equipment. JG 17, accompanied by JG 19, departed the area at 1740L and landed at Channel 89 at 1750L.
3. (C) The survivor was MAJOR BOHAN, ROBERT L., 602 SOS. Nakhon Phanom RTAFB. Thailand.
4. (U) The crews of the Jolly Greens were:

JG 17:

AC Major Edward B. Robbins
CP Capt Joseph R. Brown
FE AIG David J. Bond
RS MSgt Paul L. Jenkins
Gunner Sgt Richard C. Beasley

JG 19:

Lt Colonel Joe Lyle Jr.
Major Robert M. Martin
SSgt Thayer D. Pope
SSgt Harold R. Bracken

SIGNED

EDWARD B. ROBBINS, Major, USAF
Aircraft Commander

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DET 1, 40th ARRS 4/69

Jolly Green 37 (Low)

AC Capt Leonard D. Fialko
 CP Capt Joseph M. Nall
 FE TSgt Daryl I. Durant
 RS MSgt Paul L. Jenkins
 RS Sgt Ricky L. Fleming

Jolly Green 76 (High)

AC Capt Edward D.G. Bright +
 CP Capt Richard M. Baskett +
 FE SSgt Stephen L. Lebeau +
 RS Sgt Robert L. Harris +
 RS Sgt Steven D. Brooks +

(S) (Gp 3) On the final day of the year, 31 Dec, Nail 37 was reported down in central Laos. Jolly Green 37 and 71 were scrambled and proceeded to the area. Sandy One checked out the area and located the survivor, Captain Ronald R. Russell, [REDACTED] 23 TASS. The decision was made to make an immediate pick up and Jolly Green 37 was directed into the general area. Jolly Green 37 had some difficulty in locating the survivor due to dense foliage and poor radio contact with the survivor. While attempting to locate the survivor, Jolly Green 37 received one lone round of ground fire which hit the aircraft. The survivor was soon located and hoisted aboard Jolly Green 37 without further incident.

Jolly Green 37 (Low)

AC Capt Edwin L. Shobert Jr.
 CP Capt Joseph M. Nall*
 FE SSgt Jimmie D. Rash*
 RS MSgt Paul L. Jenkins
 RS SSgt Roy D. Bloebaum

Jolly Green 71 (High)

AC Capt Edward D.G. Bright +
 CP Capt James R. Blewitt +
 FE Sgt James E. Corcoran +
 RS MSgt Ronald R. Jeczala +
 RS SSgt James A. Hunt +

Non Combat Rescue

(C) Shortly after takeoff on 21 Dec, Firefly 11, an A-1H, experienced engine malfunction and attempted to return for landing, but was unable to make it all the way back to the airfield. He bailed out at low altitude 7 miles southeast of the base. Jolly Green 17 and 19 were just about to return to base from a precautionary orbit when they heard the call that Firefly 11 had abandoned his aircraft. The Firefly 11 pilot, Maj Robert L. Bohan, [REDACTED], 602nd SFG, landed uninjured in non-hostile territory and was picked up without further incident by Jolly Green 17 on his way back from the precautionary orbit. As this aircraft was not lost due to combat, it was not credited as a combat save.

Jolly Green 17 (Low)

AC Maj Edward B. Robbins
 CP Capt Joseph R. Brown +
 FE ALC David J. Bond
 RS MSgt Paul L. Jenkins
 RS Sgt Richard G. Beasley

Jolly Green 19 (High)

AC Lt Col Joe Lyle Jr.
 CP Maj Robert M. Martin +
 FE SSgt Elmer D. Pope
 RS SSGT Harold R. Bracken

* TDY from 37th ARRS at Da Nang

+ TDY from 40th ARRS at Udorn

~~TOP SECRET - EYES ONLY~~

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DATE: 21 DEC 69

23 December 1969

MISSION NUMBER: 02-03-080-21 DEC 69

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 2

LOCATION: 159/07/89

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: FIREFLY 11 (A-1)

SAVES: 1 Non-Combat

1. (C) At 1023Z King 2 received a Mayday from Firefly 10. Firefly 10 called the Mayday for Firefly 11 giving their position as 155/19/89. Firefly 11 had smoke in the cockpit and flames from the engine area. Firefly 11's intentions were to proceed to Ch 89 for an emergency landing. Firefly 10 was escorting Firefly 11. Jolly Green's 17 and 19, and Sandy's 5 and 6 were diverted from November Orbit towards Ch 89. At 1028Z Firefly 11 reported he was unable to maintain altitude and couldn't make Ch 89. Firefly 11 bailed out and landed at 159/07/89. Firefly 10 observed the bail-out and had survivor in sight on the ground. Firefly 10 directed the Jolly Green's and Sandy's to the area. Firefly 10 reported the aircraft crashed at 152/07/89. Jolly Green 17 made the pickup of Firefly 11 at 1042Z. Firefly 11's condition was reported excellent and was taken to Ch 89. All forces RTB'd to Ch 89.

2. (U) Air Refueling Requirements: None

3. (U) Problem Areas: None

4. (U) King 2 Crewmembers:

AMC MAJ MAZACHEK
AC CPT CAMPBELL
CP CPT COUGHAN
N MAJ BEGLEY
LM TSG WOTTEN

PE MSG MINK
FE MSG SMALLWOOD
RO TSG RUSSELL
RO SSG POTTS
RO SGT SCHRIVER

Dale B. Mazachek

DALE B. MAZACHEK, Major, USAF
Airborne Mission Commander

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