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Misty No.	Pilot	Date of Rescue	Rank at Time
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Name

1	DAY, GEORGE E. (Bud)	26Aug67	POW until Feb73	Maj
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Jolly Crew C Ray Dunn RCC/IP, W. Rich Blackwell RCCP, Fredric Halbert, FE, Joseph Duffy, PJ, Johnny Griffin, Combat Photographer – HH-3E -No Pickup due to no radio contract. –HH-3E- 37 ARRS DaNang

13	Kippenhan, Corwin M. (Kipp)	26Aug67	Rescued	Capt
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Jolly Crew C Ray Dunn RCC, W. Rich Blackwell RCCP, Fredric Halbert, FE, Joseph Duffy, PJ, Johnny Griffin (AP) , Combat Photographer – Misty 31 Alpha picked up 26 Aug 67 at Fingers Lake, North Viet Nam HH-3E – 37 ARRS DaNang - JG 28 BD; Maj George E. Day (A) captured; Silver Star for helo AC, DFCs for CP, FE and PJ; JG 26(H) driven off by 57mm. –HH-3E- 37 ARRS DaNang

MISTY FAC for Rescue - Bill Mayberry MISTY 5 and ?????? Flying as MISTY 32 for this mission

22	Neel, Charles B. (Charlie)	08Nov67	Rescued	Capt
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Jolly Crew W. Rich Blackwell, RCC, Joe Bowers, RCCP, Bob Baldwin, FE, , James A. Bowers, FE, Martin Roepstorff, PJ, Combat Photographer – Thomas E Altenburg, (AP) . Successful Pickup off North Viet Nam Coast under fire –HH-3E- 37 ARRS DaNang

25	Jones, Eben D.(Jonesy)	07Apr68	Rescued	Capt
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Harry W. Walker, RCC, Louis D. Yuhas, RCCP, Bernard W. Grau, FE, Michael R. Fraboni, PJ, Bradley W. Kirk, (AP) – HH-3E – Det. 1, 40 ARRS NKP

26	Sibson, Don A. (Sib)	30Dec67	Rescued	Maj
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William E. Brennan, RCC, Frank Cardile, RCCP, John Enriquez, FE, Ricky D Hindman, PJ, Glenn C Colley AP – HH-3E – 37 ARRS DaNang

The mission overland, and JG 10(L) picked up both survivors. JG 27(H) stayed above the clouds while the pickup was going on.

Rich's memory – It seems the whole of NVN was under heavy cloud cover. Bill Brennan was being escorted above the clouds when a hole appeared. Bill was able to descend down through the hole and the hole closed before the High Bird could get down. Bill and crew proceeded low level, under the clouds until he was able to get to the survivors.

29	Gruters, Guy D.	08Nov67	Rescued	20Dec67 POW until Feb73	Capt
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8 Nov 67 Pickup - Maj Arthur Anderson, RCC, Capt Ernie Betancourt, RCCP, SSGT Elmer Larry Holden, FE (KIA June 1968), Sgt Ricky Hindman PJ. – Successful Pickup off North Viet Nam Coast under fire –HH-3E – 37 ARRS DaNang

Guy captured immediately on 20 Dec 67 along with Misty17 Bob Craner.

36 Williams, Brian (B. Willy) 18Mar68 Rescued Capt

Joe B. Green, RCC, Gerald B. Lowe, RCCP, Robert H. Baldwin, FE, Steve M. Northern, PJ#1, Michael L. Walker, PJ#2 – HH-3E – 37 ARRS – DaNang - Capt Howard K. Williams (A) KIA this event

40 Rutan, Richard G.(Dick) 17Aug68 Rescued Capt

Lonnie L. Mixon, (USCG) RCC, Don W. Wiegard, RCCP, Herbert H. Honer, FE, Robert K. Cassidy, PJ - Water landing HH-3E – 37ARRS – DaNang

52 Shaheen, Charles A.(Chuck) 17Aug68 Rescued Capt

Charles E. Wicker, RCC, Robert E. Booth, RCCP, Jackie L. Mangrum, FE, Eugene L. Nardi, PJ#1, James A. Thibodeau, PJ#2 - Water landing HH-3E – 37ARRS – DaNang

55 Jenny, David W.(Dave) X 05Jul68 Rescued Capt

David W. Jenny had Preston B. Hardy (Attached) in the back seat when they were shot down on 05Jul68 – See A-4 at end of the list

Water landing, Marine CH-46 recovered (A), Capt. David W. Jenny, Columbia, S.C

61 Kimball, Frank T. 20Nov68 Rescued Capt

Jolly Crew, Lt Col John J. Devlin RCC (37 ARRS Commander) Maj. Herman C. Stafford Jr., Charles L. Manes, FE, Eugene L. Nardi, PJ - 150 ft hover above tree canopy HH-3E, 37 ARRS DaNang

66 Irving, L. 20Nov68 Rescued Capt

Jolly Crew, Lt Col John J. Devlin RCC (37 ARRS Commander) Maj. Herman C. Stafford Jr., Charles L. Manes, FE, Eugene L. Nardi, PJ - 150 ft hover above tree canopy HH-3E, 37 ARRS DaNang

Spads – William Farnam & Capt _ Thomas

67 Detwiler, Ross (Rosie) April 22, 1969 Rescued – Shot Down in F-100D after completing MISTY tour

Charles P. Lowry, RCC, Bruce E. Prouse, RCCP, James E. Jenereaux, FE. John J. Eldridge, PJ

77 Bryan, Robert (Bullet Bob) X 12Jan69 Rescued 1Lt

1Lt R.E. Bryan (B) picked up by OH-6

83 Cassaro, Robert F. (Cass) 12Jan69 Rescued Capt

Richard D. Griffiths, RCC, Homer H. Howell RCCP, Leslie E. Bunting, FE, Thomas T Winters, PJ – HH-3E, 37 ARRS DaNang

88 Grathwol, John M. 23Jan69 Rescued Maj

Charles E. Wicker, RCC, Russell G. Mills, RCCP, Arthur L. Ambrose, FE, Thomas T. Winters, PJ – HH-3E, 37 ARRS DaNang

89 Clarke, Colin A.(Arnie} 23Jan69 Rescued Capt

James H. Grady, RCC, Donald P. Olsen, RCCP, Charles L. Manes, FE, Robert K. Cassidy, PJ – HH-3E, 37 ARRS DaNang

93 Veach, Charles Lacy 01Apr69 Rescued 1Lt

Henry E Simpson, Jr RCC, Robert A Reichert, RCCP, Charles Severns FE, Eugene L. Nardi PJ, Donald M. Lester AP – HH-3E, 37 ARRS DaNang

99 Standerfer, Ronald G.(Ron) 01Apr69 Rescued Maj

Henry E Simpson, Jr RCC, Robert A Reichert, RCCP, Charles Severns FE, Eugene L. Nardi PJ, Donald M. Lester AP – HH-3E, 37 ARRS DaNang

119 Muller, Don (Devil) 24Oct69 Rescued 1Lt

Robert T. Ritchie, (USCG) RCC, Sidney A. Sosnow RCCP, Frank Gaydos Jr. FE, Jon K Hoberg PJ#1, Edward K. Rendle, PJ#2 JG 76 shot off on first attempt; Silver Star for AC, DFC for CP/FE/PJ1,

Also picked Donald Smith, PJ; Air Force Cross for Smith - HH-3E, 37 ARRS DaNang

132 Clapper, Jack K. 24Oct69 Rescued Capt

Ted L. Smith, RCC, Edward B. Robbins, RCCP, Robert E. Hunt, FE, Paul L. Jenkins, PJ#1 (KIA 30 June 1970), Leland H. Sorensen, PJ#2 –HH-3E – Det. 1 40 ARRS

JG 28 Low bird, attempt to pick up MISTY 119, Charley Langham, RCC, Charles Bond, RCCP, James E. Smith, FE, Donald Smith, PJ

Aircraft shot up while in hover and hoist failed. TSgt Donald Smith, PJ had been lowered to assist survivor. TSgt Donald Smith, PJ stayed with pilot.

Aircraft crashed 1.5 miles away from survivor's location.

Silver Star for AC, DFC for CP/FE/PJ1, Air Force Cross for PJ Donald Smith; JG 21(H)

Langham & crew recovered by another Jolly - High Bird USCG LT Dick Butchka, RCC , John Coder RCCP, Joe Vai, FE. George F. Hoffman, PJ – HH-3E- 37 ARRS, Da Nang

Donald R. Almanzar, RCC, Peter L. Fekke, RCCP, Harold R. Hailey, FE, Anthony J. McFarr PJ#1, Douglas W. Crowder, PJ#2, Gregory L. Anderson, (KIA) (AP) HH-53. 40 ARRS. Three pickup attempts, shot off last time w/ battle damage; made emergency landing at Saravane

134 Merrill, Josiah L.III(Josh) 18Jan70 Rescued 1Lt

Ted L. Smith, RCC, John A. Raper, RCCP, Daryl I. Durant, FE, Ricky L Fleming, PJ#1, Lehman L. Booher, PJ#2, F-100 hit by 23mm near Ban Tok, tried to make Thailand; helo needed immediate AAR w/ HC-130, only 400 left HH-3E – Det. 1 40 ARRS

138 Scott, Harry D 18Jan70 Rescued Capt

Ted L. Smith, RCC, John A. Raper, RCCP, Daryl I. Durant, FE, Ricky L Fleming, PJ#1, Lehman L. Booher, PJ#2, F-100 hit by 23mm near Ban Tok, tried to make Thailand; helo needed immediate AAR w/ HC-130, only 400 left HH-3E – Det. 1 40 ARRS

143 Brown, Daniel F.,III (Dan) 19Jan70 Rescued Capt

David A. Voigt, RCC, John A. Tyson, RCCP, Randy L. Luke FE, Luther E. Davis, PJ. (KIA 25 May 1970) – HH-43, Det 7 38 ARRS

146 Farnsworth, E. 19Jan & 19Mar70 Rescued Capt

19 Jan 70 Pick-up - John H. Winter, RCC, James Z. Elkington. RCCP, Joseph J. Vai FE, Gary T. Osborne, PJ#1, George P. Hoffman III, PJ#2

19 Mar 70 Pick-up – David E. Vaughan, RCC, James Z. Elkington, RCCP, Claude C. Franks, FE, Terry L. Wetzel, PJ - F-100F. The crew was shot down just north of Delta 43, while doing an assessment of the status of an IDP (interdiction point).; Sandies laid smoke, JG 35/36 high cover during split pickups - HH-3E – 37 ARRS DaNang

151 Richards, James P. (J.P.) 08May70 Rescued 1Lt

Recovered by Loach in Laos

153 Davies II, James D. 19Mar70 Rescued Capt

John H. Fette, RCC, Charles C. Adams, RCCP, Gerald L. Hartzell, FE, Robert Reisig, PJ#1, Jon K. Hoberg, PJ#2 – Damaged acft flew back to Thailand for bailout; survivor injured, Davies had broken leg ,requiring both PJs on ground, 20 minute hover. - HH-3E – 37 ARRS DaNang

155 Marks, Jerry 08May70 Rescued Maj

Recovered in Laos by small unmarked helicopter (Possibly Air America)

A- 2 Snyder, Don 30Dec67 Rescued Capt

William E. Brennan, RCC, Frank Cardile, RCCP, John Enriquez, FE, Ricky D Hindman, PJ, Glenn C Colley AP - HH-3E – 37 ARRS DaNang

A- 3 Tapman, Thomas R 07Apr68 Rescued Maj

Harry W. Walker, RCC, Louis D. Yuhas, RCC, Bernard W. Grau, FE, Michael R. Fraboni, PJ, Bradley W. Kirk, (AP) – – HH-3E – Det. 1, 40 ARRS NKP

A-4 Hardy, Preston B. 05Jul68 Rescued Col

Lance A Eagan (USCG), RCC, Richard D. Griffiths, RCCP, Gordon T. Greever, FE, James F. Spears, PJ - Water landing - CH-46 recovered (A) Capt D.W. Jennie, HH-3E – 37 ARRS DaNang

RESCUE MISSIONS COORDINATED/SUPPORTED BY MISTY

15 October 1967 -Gunfighter Lead in North Viet Nam - Gunfighter 2 Feet Wet toward Da Nang.

Misty 21 – Mac McHugh/Jim Mack

F-4C -Stillette 01, Survivors - Robert Malloy. William S. Paul each picked by the following JOLLYs:

JOLLY #1 Fred H. Otte, RCC, Ernest B. Betancourt Jr., RCCP, Smith Williams Jr. FE, Rodger A. Klenovich, PJ - HH-3E – 37 ARRS DaNang

JOLLY #2 Thomas E. Bair, RCC, Mark H. Mutchler, RCCP, Charles M. Harris, FE, Peter H. Eyrych, PJ - HH-3E – 37 ARRS DaNang

11 November 1967 –AWOL – F-4 – Sandy Shot Down on Mission and rescued. Jolly crewmember wounded. Misty 21. Don Sibson and Ray Lee – Lance Sijan AWOL 01B not rescued and died as a POW.

Misty 11 – Jim Mack & ????

Multiple Jollys and A-1 Sandys from Nakhon Phanom (NKP), Thailand

Pickup of Sandy Pilot - William E. Griffith,

James H Platt RCC, Edward J Sichterman Jr, RCCP, Benny D Negrette, FE, Roy A. Taylor, PJ HH-3E NKP

AFC to A-1E Ralph Hoggatt; JG 27 watched A-1 crash; PJ down to untangle survivor; Silver Star for PJ; DFC for CP, FE

20 November 1967

Crab 02B - F-4C Mission supported by MISTY FAC Charlie Neel – Jere Wallace

Herbert D. Kalen, RCC, Robert A. Bunker RCCP, William L. Carroll, FE, Donald K. Claudius Jr., PJ, Survivor - James L. Badly (KIA in 1968); (B) made it to shore (I believe he landed on shore-WRB), helo landed for p/u. HH-3E, 37 ARRS Da Nang

Rich Blackwell, RCC, John I. Patterson, RCCP, Jimmy L. Dodgen, FE, Donald J. Boushelle, PJ - HH-3E – 37 ARRS DaNang (JOLLY 07) HH-3E, 37 ARRS Da Nang

JG 07 scrambled from CIGAR (MACV Compound at Quang Tri to check out oil slick / raft; landed for closer look, but no survivor. Raft, not inflated was amid wreckage, it was assumed that Capt John M. Martin (A) did not eject and died when the aircraft impacted the sea. JOLLY landed on water impact site, no evidence pilot survived the crash. JOLLY eventually driven off by ground fire from shore.

1/18/1968 Hangar 01A F-4D North Viet Nam

Mission supported by MISTY FAC Charlie Smith (MISTY 38)

Henry C. Conant, RCC, George W. Greer, RCCP, Don E. Cole, FE, Patrick F. Allaire, PJ, Survivor Scott B. Stovin HH-3E NKP

1Lt Thomas N. Moe (B) became POW - returned 1973; DFC for CP, FE, DFC (1OLC) for PJ: JG 37(H)

14 March 1968 - Gunfighter 41 In Ah Shau Valley

First F-4 pilot recovered by Army Huey

Stuart H. Hoag, RCC, Gerald B. Lowe, RCCP, Dennis M. Richardson, FE, James D. Locker, PJ (KIA 9 June 1968). Attempting to recover second pilot, shot off survivor, FE WIA in shootout with enemy; Silver Stars for AC, CP, PJ; AFC nomination for FE (not resolved).

Joe B. Green, RCC, Charles R. Klinkert, RCCP, Windell L. Stumbaugh, FE, Angus C. McDougall, PJ

UH-1B was attempting to recover second pilot and were shot down. Army Crew recovered were R. L. Greene, G. W. Hubbell, plus survivors Sgt E.A. Jackson and Cpl M.W. Miller, Silver Star for AC, CP, PJ

All Aircraft - HH-3E, 37 ARRS Da Nang

Mistys Ed Risinger, Don Sheppard

9 Jun 1968 - Master 01 Maj Carl Light - F-105 First Light Mission in North Viet Nam

F-105 First Light Mission in North Viet Nam Misty Pilots –Shaheen & Don Kilgus Misty 21 – Charlie Summers & Lanny Lancaster Misty 11

Donald P. Olsen, RCC, Charles R. Klinkert, RCCP, James A. Bowers, FE, Nathaniel T. Smith Jr. , PJ - HH-3E, 37 ARRS Da Nang

Two F-4D - Hudson 02A/B pilots rescued on same day

Donald G. Simpson, RCC, John E. Hannan, RCCP, Herbert H. Honer, FE, James F. Spears, PJ – Survivors William H. Bergman, (A) , David A. Willett, (B) HH-3E, 37 ARRS Da Nang

Loss of Jolly 23 and crew on separate mission in A Shau Valley South Viet Nam

Unknown Date Probably between July 1968 to Sep -Unknown aircraft in North Viet Nam – Da Nang Jolly H-3 responded from Functional Check Flight – PJ Went to ground for recovery

1 July 68 Scotch 3, a F-105 Thunderchief was hit. Lt. Col. Jack Modica. Jolly 21 was low bird and the crew, Lt. Lance Eagan, USCG, Aircraft Commander, with Maj. Bob Booth, USAF copilot, Sgt. Herb Honer, Engineer, and A1C Joel Talley PJ

25 July 1968 Strobe 10B, RF-4C – MISTY Pilots, Dick Rutan & Donald Harland

Paul D. Ashley, RCC, Ronald G. Spray, RCCP, Jimmy L. Dodgen, FE, James L. Miller, PJ, Survivor - Robert F. Brodman, (A) was Maj Gen Robert F. Worley, apparently disabled by flames when RCP ejected; fatally injured in crash. HH-3E, 37 ARRS Da Nang

25 July 1968 - Hellborn – Marine A-6 Hellborn 20A - Maj Curtis Lawson, USMC A-6 Intruder pilot, Hellborne 20B - Capt Paul G. Brown (Captured and held as POW. Released on March 14, 1973.

Curtis Lawson recovered by Charles E. Wicker, RCC, Robert E. Booth, RCCP, John Enriquez, FE, Steve M. Northern, PJ HH-3E, 37 ARRS Da Nang

Wild SAR - flew in and out right above water to survivor position, shooting all the way - fired 2,400 rds M60, (B) POW

High Bird – Vern Dander RCC

Have comments from Vern on this mission, rest of his crew members unknown

Original Low Bird-Aborted -Billy Wingfield, RCC, Frank Cardile, RCCP

July 14 1968 – F-105 Call Sign Panda (Maj. Mark or Robe Hanna– Misty P. K. Robinson

Recovery by NKP HH-53 supported by Sandys

Edward L. Heft, RCC, Roger C. Gibson, RCCP, Jarvis E. Peele, FE, Jay T. Lombard, PJ – HH-3E Det. 1, 40th ARRS NKP

1 Sep 68 – Sage 01B – RF-4C - No record found but the following was an NVN mission on this date.

(Carter 02A F-4D) Jack R. Wilson, (A)

Jollys from NKP

Edward L. Heft, RCC, Stuart M. Silver, RCCP, Gregory G. Gallager, FE, Don A. Beasley, PJ, - AH-1H Sandy Pilot William A. Jones III HH-3E Det. 1, 40th ARRS NKP

1Lt William L. Kinkade (B) KIA this event; Medal of Honor mission for A-1 lead - Lt Col William Jones

25 November 1968 Grommet 02 RF-4 - Jolly 19, Jolly 20 and Sandys (Probably from NKP) Unsuccessful Rescue! Mistys Chuck Holden and Bob Konopka

Date Unknown Jan – Maybe Feb 1968– Playboy –51A an 51A (both pilots used same ground call signs), an A-4 - Successful recovery of both pilots (Probably from NKP) pick south of Tchepone

January 24, 1969 Misty 51 worked rescue of Honda 3A and B

Jolly 17 = Lance Egan as RCC, Captain Roger Gibson as Co-pilot, FM MSgt Arthur Krum, PJs A1C Douglas Horka and TSgt Dal Widner – HH-3E – 37 ARRS - DaNang

5 January 1970 Pick up of ground party in Steel Tiger South area. Sandy Support, Pickup aircraft unknown.