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Mission Narrative Report

3 ARRGp (JRCC)

DATE: 25 April 1970

MISSION NUMBER: 2-3-029, 25 Apr 70

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: Jolly Green 83

MISSION OBJECTIVE: Rancho 42

LOCATION: 170/59/70

SAVE: Rancho 42B (Non-Combat)

SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

1. On 25 Apr 70 at 1655L, JG 83 was scrambled from Ch 70 and proceeded to the SAR area of a downed F-4, Rancho 42 A & B, at 170/59/70. At 1720L JG 83 arrived on scene, was guided to the pick up location, and descended in for the rescue. Voice contact was established with Rancho 42B and vectors were given to his position. A large rice paddy near his position was sighted and the AC elected to land his helicopter. Both PJs departed the aircraft and proceeded to the Bravo man. First aid was administered for his cuts, burns, and possible broken elbow. He was brought back on board the helicopter by the two PJs aided by several friendly local people. Due to the survivors medical condition, JG 83 was told to RTB to Ch 70 and JG 79 who was now arriving on scene would conduct the search for Rancho 42A. JG 83 arrived back at Ch 70 at 1800L.

2. The survivor was Rancho 42B (Name unknown at this time)

3. Jolly Green 83 crewmembers were:

AC: Capt Richard M. Baskett
CP: Capt James T. Jewett
FR: CSgt Travis R. Hendrix
PJ: Wt Ronald R. Jaccala
PJ: Sgt Terry E. Coffey

SIGNATURE

RICHARD M. BASKETT, Captain, USAF
Aircraft Commander, Jolly Green 83

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40th ARRSq Hist, 1 Apr - 30 Jun 1970

The two days of 21 and 22 April proved to be the most productive during the three month period as five combat saves were recorded. The mission began in search of Cowpoke 18 and Hostage Man (the front and back seater of a Marine OV-10). However, before the mission was completed, rescues were recorded on two Sandys (A-1E), one Spad (A-1E), as well as Cowpoke 18.¹³

In unrelated action the 40th chalked up its fifth save of the day and the unit's 100th save overall when Jolly Green 72 rescued the only surviving crewmember of Adlib 12 (AC-130) at 070/23/72.¹⁴ When hoisted aboard, the 100th save was in shock and suffering from burns about the face and hands. He received immediate medical attention from the pararescuemen on the Jolly Green, and was returned to the medical facilities at Danang AB, RVN.¹⁵

The back seater of an F-4 crew became the sixth non-combat save when his aircraft was forced down at 170/59/70 on 25 April.¹⁶ The Jolly Green crew landed in a large rice paddy near the survivor in order that medical attention could be given to the survivor's cuts, burns, and possible broken elbow. The crew and the injured pilot returned to Udorn without further incident.¹⁷

On 8 May a Nail (OV-10) pilot was plucked from the trees at 1616N 10626E. Sandy aircraft sterilized the area as a precautionary measure before the Buff crew moved in and lowered the penetrator to the dangling pilot. The pilot was recovered and found to have no injuries.¹⁸

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