

0550 Maj Hatch relayed from Sgt Woodbridge at
Shoestring that the Iran aircraft will not be
ready for FCF until Friday.

0600 JG 64 airborne to Marble Mt.

0630 JG 64 landed ch 77 - LOGGED 4.4 HRS

0730 JG 30 landed ch 77 - LOGGED 1.3 HRS

0815 JG 65 airborne

0905 JG 27 airborne for 2.5 Local Training

0943 JG 65 on the deck Ch 77 - logged 4.0

1035 JG 27 landed - 2.6

1140 Maj Elkin off duty - Sgt Rodriguez on duty:

1240 DAAR TO JRCC /mw/ TOTAL FOR Today 12.3

1320 PHONE CHECK - OK. Sgt Rodriguez off duty.

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2045 Z MAJ STALNECKER ON DUTY

2315 Z QUEEN ADVISE SCRAMBLE THE ALPHA FORCE
PHONEX 4 WITH 3 SOB DOWN 20 WEST OF 74
HOSTILE AREA.

2322 Z JG-65 & 66 AIRBORNE.

2335 Z JG-65 & 66 20 MI. EAST OF 74

2325 Z QUEEN REQUESTED TWO MORE JG'S BE GENERATED
DUE TO AREA.

2400 Z JG HOLDING NORTH OF CA 74

0005Z SPAD 11 ON SCENE COM.

0010Z COBRAS IN AREA

0040Z SPADS PREP'ING AREA MOVEMENT UP HILL FROM
SURVIVORS.

0045Z JG 66 & 65 IN AREA

0047Z JG 66 STARTED RUN IN.

0052Z Pick-up Comp. RTB 77-2 SURVIVORS

0058Z ETA 0105Z MINOR MED.

0103Z	JG-66 LANDED WITH SURVIVORS	
0105Z	JG-65 DOWN - MISSION NUMBER 1-3-046, 6 JUNE 70	
0225Z	JG-64 LAUNCH FOR FRAG. (REPLACE 66)	
0230Z	JG-65 LAUNCH FOR FRAG.	
0300Z	JG-23 AND JG-27 LOGGED 1.1 HRS AT FWD LOCATION (EACH)	
0310Z	JG-27 AIRBORNE	
0400Z	SPOKE TO MAS LIGHTNER: HAS GUNED REC. OUT ON J-23	
0415Z	Capt Marino on duty	
0455Z	JG 64 & 65 Landed	
0614Z	JG 27 Landed to Pickup 2 crew members	
0735	JG 27 RTB 0735 A-2	
0840	JG 27 Landed	
1005Z	Capt Marino off - Sgt Rodriguez on duty	
1300	DAAR TO JRCC - OF- TOTAL TIME TODAY, EXCLUDING JG 23 & 27, 13.1	
	5 JUNE 70	
2045Z	CAPT HAMICA ON DUTY	JWH
2100Z	STATUS TO QUEEN	GRH
0035Z	WORDS EU AS WEFKV YE ^(W) FROM QUEEN	JWA
0220Z	PRIMMY HOTEL ALPHA	GRH
0225Z	MAINTENANCE CALLED JG 65 NORM	QVA
	RELATED TO QUEEN	GRH
0235Z	FCF FOR 712 NOW 05/1130	QVA
0300Z	MAINTENANCE CALLED JG NORSE	GRH
	RELATED TO QUEEN	GRH
0315Z	JG 64+27 AB 0315Z FOR 4400	JWA
0405Z	CAPT HAMICA OFF DUTY	
0405Z	Capt Adams On Duty	
0510Z	Queen. Have Ops Call 3 AMGP ASAP	
0517	IC-111 - landed - 1 crew member 30	

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DATE: 4 JUN 70 ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ June 1970

MISSION NUMBER: 1-3-046-4 JUN 70

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 33

(S) LOCATION: 202/27/77

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: PHOENIX 04

SAVES: 2 Combat, 1 Missing In Action

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1. (S) At 2210Z King 33 was requested by Queen to assume King 34's orbit due to mechanical problems on King 34. At 2313Z King 33 was advised by Queen that Phoenix 04 was down at 202/27/77. King 33 immediately proceeded to that position to take Airborne Mission Command of the SAR effort.

2. (C) At 2317Z Blue Ghost White 26 was appointed On-Scene Commander. At this time Phoenix 02 and other Army gunships were suppressing enemy movement to the north of the two survivors. Blue Ghost White 26 had good communications with the survivors and through them it was learned that the distressed aircraft had taken a hit in the tail rotor gone into a flat spin and the third man aboard had been thrown out at tree top level. The missing man was never seen or contacted on the radio. The weather in the area was good with the survivors located in 400 to 700 ft. terrain near a river. At 2311Z King 33 requested launch of SAR forces from Channel 77. At 2326 Jolly Green 66 and 65 were airborne and requested to hold "feet wet" until we could get the Spads in to evaluate the situation. Spads 11 and 12 were airborne at 2341Z and arrived on scene at 2355Z. After getting a briefing from Blue Ghost 26, Spad 11 was appointed On-Scene Commander at 0002Z/5 June. Blue Ghost White 26 and 23 RTBd at 0002Z.

3. (C) Spads 11 & 12 continued to put in strikes to the north of the survivors. At 0036Z Spad 12 brought Jolly Green 66 & 65 up for briefing. At 0039Z the Spads laid down smoke and 2 minutes later the Jolly Greens made their run-in up the river. At 0049Z both survivors were on the penetrator and brought into Jolly Green 66. They were in good shape. It was decided by the SAR forces that there was little hope of locating the 3d man and all SAR forces were withdrawn at 0052Z. Spads 11 & 12 and Jolly Greens 66 & 65 RTBd to Channel 77.

4. (C) Aircraft Participating In The Recovery:

King 33 (HC-130P)

Spads 11 & 12 (A-1)

Jolly Green 66 & 65 (HH-53)

Blue Ghost White 26 & 23 (UH-1)

Phoenix 02 (UH-1)

Aircraft Available But Not Used

Helix 14 (OV-10), 1 Slick (UH-1)

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Loach (UH-1), 2 Snakes (UH-1)

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MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT

DATE: 4 June 1970

MISSION NUMBER: (1-3-046) 4 June 1970

MISSION OBJECTIVE: Phoenix 04 (Army OH-6)

LOCATION: 15°36'N, 108°03'E

SAVES: 2 Combat Saves

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1. (C) At 2315Z, Queen notified Pot Belly that an Army LOH helicopter, Phoenix 04 (Army OH-6) with three crew members were down in an extremely hostile area with a location of 285/45/74. Jolly Green 66 (Low) and Jolly Green 65 (High) were scrambled and were airborne at 2325Z. King 33 (C-130) advised the Jollies to proceed feet wet to Channel 74. At 2350Z, King 33 advised the Jollies to establish feet wet orbit 20 NM north of Channel 74. Orbit was established and King 33 advised Jollies that survivors and Cobra Gunships (AH-1G) were on guard [redacted] channel, and the strikes by all aircraft were on VHF 121.75. FAC (OV-10) was also in the area. Spad 11 and 12 were scrambled and enroute. Blue Ghost, the Cobra Gunship lead (UH-1G) had located two survivors approximately 27 miles south west of Da Nang AB. The survivors were in a crater, requiring a Jolly Green for extraction. The third crew member was thrown from the aircraft, at tree top altitude without a parachute, when the aircraft went into an uncontrollable spin following ground fire. The condition and location of the third crew member was not known. Blue Ghost, the Cobra Gunship lead, advised that heavy ground fire was coming from the west side of the valley, opposite the survivors, and that he was putting in ordnance. The survivors reported heavy ground fire to the west, and movement 200 meters to the north. Spads 11 and 12 arrived on scene and were briefed on survivors location, ground fire and enemy troop movement. The Spads rolled in on the ground fire for strikes with CBU-25, rockets, mini-guns and 20mm. The Cobras advised that they were low on fuel and would expend the rest of their ordnance before departing. More air strikes were put in and survivors reported that strikes were right on target. Original Cobras departed to refuel and Blue Ghost lead reported inbound with four new Cobras and a Army Slick Gunship (UH-1). At 0010Z Spad 11 requested Jolly Green 66 (Low) and Jolly Green 65 (High) to depart orbit and head for crash site. Spad 12 was detached to escort the Jollies. Blue Ghost lead arrived on scene and was briefed by Spad 11. The Cobras put in another air strike and decided to save the rest of their ordnance until Jolly Green 66 started the run in. At 0025Z, the Jollies established a secondary orbit at 20/30/77. Jolly Green 66,

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escorted by Spad 12, descended to 4000 feet and made a pass over the survivors and was briefed on procedures to be used by Spad 11. The survivors were on the west side of a steep valley running north and south. The valley was a sharp cut made through a ridgeline by the Song Thu Bon River, about 6 miles WNW of the Haip Duc Special Forces Camp. The ridgeline to the west was about 550 feet and rose to over 900 feet to the east. The survivors were about halfway up the western slope and the ground fire was coming from the eastern slope, above the survivors position. This would put the helicopters in a precarious position, exposed to ground fire from above, while in a hover. We were briefed that there were two survivors in good condition. Spad 11 briefed that the run in would be to the north, and exit would be to the south. Smoke would be laid on the eastern slope and the Spads would fly a daisy chain on the way in and the Cobras would cover us in the hover. At 0042Z, a Cobra reported spotting 40 or 50 enemy troops moving towards the survivors about 300 yards north. It was decided to start the attempt immediately before the enemy could get into firing position. Jolly Green 65 remained in the secondary orbit, where he could see the whole action. Spads 11 and 12 laid smoke in and on the eastern slope and turned to rejoin Jolly Green 66 as the run in started. Jolly Green 66 jettisoned the auxiliary fuel tanks and dropped down to tree top level at 150 KTS. As Jolly Green 66 approached the survivors and started slowing down, Spad 11 and 12 continued on by dropping CBU-25 and strafing with 20mm in the area that the ground fire was coming from. Due to the rough terrain and jungle canopy Jolly Green 66 was not able to spot the survivors. Jolly Green 66 then turned around and hovered slowly south until the survivors said we were directly over them. At this time the Flight Engineer spotted the survivors on a steep slope clinging to a tree. The Spads made another run-in, dropping CBU-25 and 20mm, at this time the Cobras moved in over the eastern slope where the ground fire was coming from. The position of the survivors dictated that a very precise hover be held to drop the penetrator right on them, as the survivors were not able to move on the steep slope. Hovering was made difficult by the steep slope and wind updrafts. On one side the tree tops were on the bottom of the aircraft and on the other side the tree tops were a hundred feet below. The penetrator was dropped into the survivors hand on the first attempt and the survivors were aboard the aircraft within three minutes after spotting them. The Spads and Cobras did an amazing job suppressing ground fire, and Jolly Green 66 received no hits during the mission. Weather was no factor and the radio discipline was excellent. In fact, it was one of the better SAR missions that I have been on and all concerned are to be commended. Air refueling was not required before or after pick up.

2. 2 Sorties/3.6hrs/HH-53/37ARRS; 2 Sorties/2.3hrs/HO-130/39ARRS; 2 Sorties/3.2hrs/A-1E/OL-AA. Sorties/flying time not available for numerous Huey Cobra Gunships, OV-10, and UH-1 Gunship.

3. None

4. None

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5. Survivors were recovered in good condition. None of the two Pararescuemen on board deployed; they did treat the survivors for cuts and burns. All survivors were turned over to the Air Force Flight Surgeon at Da Nang AB, RVN.

6. Jolly Green Crews:

Jolly Green 66

AC Lt Col Royal A. Brown Jr.
CP Capt John Lindgren
FE SSgt William Johnson
RS MSgt Harold W. Harvey
RS MSgt James D. Scott

Jolly Green 65

AC Maj Albert W. Palmer
CP Capt Aaron T. Stacy
FE Sgt John C. Kriletich
RS SSgt Curtis W. Phythian
RS SSgt Larry E. Palmer

Royal A. Brown
ROYAL A. BROWN, Lt Col, USAF
Aircraft Commander, JG 66

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DATE	CREW	T.G.	CALLS	SAVE	NUMBER	NAME RANK SERIAL NUMBER ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	JUNE 1970	
								UNDER FIRE	REMARKS
53 JUNE	BROWN, R.	65	562			1/LT. REDACTED KOSINSKI, J.L.	242/17.5/77	NO	
	STACY		THRU 571			CPL. REDACTED DELAUGHTER, F.D.			
	KRILETICH					CPL. REDACTED BENTON, J.L.			
	HEITSCH					CPL. REDACTED PIPICH, F.C.	"Chatter Box 7"		
	VAN BRUNT					(HTMM 262-) MARBLE MTN			
	SCOTT					1/LT. REDACTED CAMPBELL, R.L.	Ch-46		
						(A CO., 1 RECON BTN)			
						E-4 REDACTED PETERSON, C.E.			
						1/LT. REDACTED LARSON, D.K.			
						HM3. REDACTED ROYSE, C.W.			
53 4 JUNE	BROWN, R.	66	572			1/LT HENRY L. BALLANCE REDACTED	202/27/77	NO	
	LINDEREN		573			HMB DIV ARTY (AMERICAN) AVIATION SEC.	"Phowit 4"		
	JOHNSON					1/LT Peter R Perce REDACTED	LOH		
	HARVEY					HMB DIV ARTY (AMERICAN) S-2 SECTION			
	SCOTT					CHU LAI 96374			
H3 6 JUNE	HOILMAN	27	573			CAPT KWIEGANSKI WILLIAM	Feet wet	NO	
	MERINO		574			SP5T MICHALES, S REDACTED	C-119		
	ALCORN		574			18 SDS, DANANG	Lemon 01		
	MYERS						Lemon 07		
53 6 JUNE	PALMER	64	575			HAY, R.F., 1/LT.	Lemon 02	NO	
	STACY					REDACTED			
	WOLFE		576			WILLIAMS, MERCE CAPT. REDACTED	Lemon 03		
	PALMER						"Feet wet"		
7 JUNE	PHYTHIAN						C-119		
	GARCIA	27	578			PEPPER, W.T. 1/LT	240/20/77	NO	
	HLAVATY						LOU BUGH		

	SCOTT			1/LT XXXXXXXXXX CAMPBELL, R. L. (A CO., 1 RECON BTN) E-4 XXXXXXXXXX PETERSON, C. E. 1/LT- XXXXXXXXXX LARSON, D. K. HM3. XXXXXXXXXX ROYSE, C. W. 1/CAL- XXXXXXXXXX HENDERSON, A. R. 1/CAL- XXXXXXXXXX GIBSON, F. D. 1 MARINE DIVISION (B CO., 1 RECON BTN)	Ch-44	
6 JUNE	BROWN, R.	66	572	1/LT HENRY L. BALLANCE XXXXXXXXXX HHB DIV ARTY (AMERICAN) AVIATION SEC.	202/27/77	NO
	LINDEREN		573			
H 2	JOHNSON			1/LT Peter R. Perez XXXXXXXXXX HHB DIV ARTY (AMERICAN) S-2 SECTION CHU LAI 96374	"Phowit 4" LOH	
	HARVEY					
	SCOTT					
6 JUNE	HOILMAN	27	577	CAPT KWIECINSKI WILLIAM XXXXXXXXXX SP4 MICHAEL S XXXXXXXXXX	Feet wet C-119 Lemon 01 Lemon 07	NO
H 3	MERINO		578			
	ALCORN		574			
	MYERS			18 SOS, DANANG		
6 JUNE	PALMER	64	575	HAY, R. P., 1/LT. XXXXXXXXXX	Lemon 02	NO
	STACY					
53	WOLFE		576	WILLIAMS, MERCE CAPT. XXXXXXXXXX	Lemon 03 "Feet wet" C-119	
	PALMER					
	PHYTHIAN					
7 JUNE	GARCIA	27	578	PEPPER, W. T. 1/LT 1 MW?	240/20/77 LOUR B. H. F-4	NO
H3	HLAVATY					
	TATLEY					
	HACKNEY					
10 JUNE	BROWN, R.	64	579	CLINGAMAN RONALD CAPT XXXXXXXXXX	270/92/77	YES
	DREIBELBIS					
53	CUTILLO					
	WILLIAMS		580	RIPPLE, C. W.	SEAFUT 02	
	1/LT D. R. INT			CAPT 469 KORAT	F 4	