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## MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT

DATE: 7 June 70

MISSION NUMBER: (1-3-048) 7 Jun 70

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: Jolly Green 27 and Jolly Green 64

MISSION OBJECTIVE: Lovebug 208-1 Bravo

LOCATION: 15° 51'N; 107° 53'E.

SAVES: 1 Combat Save

Classified by AD / 31200  
 SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION  
 SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652  
 AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO  
 YEAR INTERVALS.  
 DECLASSIFIED ON 5/18/76

1. (C) Jolly Green 27 (HH-3E) and Jolly Green 64 (HH-53C) had just refueled with King 34 (HC-130P) after a Frag mission when a May Day was heard at approximately 0530Z concerning a Marine F-4 (Lovebug 208-1). Bravo man was heard of, Alpha was not. He was down at 240/20 NM/Ch 77. OSC was Lopez 17 (OV-10). Both Jolly Greens departed the refueling area after completion of refueling by King 34. We headed to the area of the survivor and held approximately 1 mile north east of SAR area. Both Jolly Greens arrived 0550Z, and awaited the arrival of the Spads and Area Preparation. At approximately 0600Z Spad 11 (A-1) assured OSC from Lopez 17. He pin pointed the location of the survivor and started to sanitize the area. Spads and Marine gunships, (UHL's) were both working together. The location was a ridge away from a suspected 51 Cal Site and a quick pickup was prudent. After concentrated preparation, Spad 11 briefed Jolly Green 27 as to the location, terrain, route-in, route out tactics. Jolly Green 64 held high in the immediate SAR area, and was ready if needed. After being briefed, Jolly Green 27 made a circling 360 at the entrance to the valley, dumped fuel and jettisoned tip tanks prior to initiating run-in for pickup. We started in as 2 Spads laid two strings of smoke on both sides of the survivor just below the ridge lines. At 0606Z Jolly Green 27 started in between the smoke vectored by Scarface (UH-1); prior to reaching the survivor's position a third Spad laid a wall of smoke in front of Jolly Green 27. Jolly Green 27 and the survivor were surrounded by 3 walls of smoke. Jolly Green overshot the survivor by some 30 meters due to not being able to find the survivor's chute, due to dense forest coverage. After it was located, a hover was maintained over the survivor. Erratic wind conditions made the hover some what difficult but not impossible. (Helicopter was hovered in a left gusty crosswind, plus valley downdrafts and to turn the helicopter into the wind would have placed the tail rotor into the trees). After locating the survivor, the penetrator was lowered and while the survivor was hoisted up, Number 2 engine fire warning illuminated. All engine instruments indicated normal and the hover was maintained until survivor was at the door. Pick up was made at 0620Z and Jolly exited the same route as entrance route. During the hover, Spads and Scarface Gunships provided suppressive fire

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and Spads dropped additional smoke which added immeasurably in concealing the helicopter from the area of a suspected 51 Calibre Site. Height of the pick up was around the 1700 ft level on the side of a ridge 2500' high, the survivor was in single canopy shallow jungle. Jolly exited at approximately 0620Z and although ground fire was reported coming from the western ridge by the Spads, Huey Gunships and the crew of Jolly Green 27, no hits were taken due to the outstanding smoke screen cover. Landing was at 0640Z at Channel 77 without incident and survivor was in good condition. Radio discipline was very good down to the last man, however there was a lot of static on some radios, particularly VHF and the static was reported by all aircraft.

2. 2 Sorties/2.9hrs/HH-3E/37APRS; 2 Sorties/2.9hrs/HH-53/37APRS; 2 Sorties/3.6hrs/HC-130/39APRS; 4 Sorties/5.9hrs/A-1E/OL-AA, 56 SOW; Sorties/flying hours not available for Huey Gunship, Huey Cobras and OV-10 aircraft.

3. None

4. None

5. The survivor of Lovebug 208-1 Bravo (Marine F-4) was recovered in good condition. The PJ was not deployed but treated the Bravo man for small cuts and bruises enroute to home base. The survivor was turned over to the Air Force Flight Surgeon at Da Nang AB, RVN.

6. Jolly Green Crews:

#### Jolly Green 27

AC Capt Miguel Garcia  
CP Maj Edward L. Hlavaty  
FE MSgt Carroll A. Tatley  
RS SSgt Duane D. Hackney

#### Jolly Green 64

AC Capt Jerald A. Brown  
CP Maj Ryland R. Dreibelbis  
FE SSgt William Johnson  
RS Sgt Gary T. Osborne  
RS SSgt Michael M. Van Brunt

*Edward L. Hlavaty*  
for MIGUEL GARCIA, Captain, USAF  
Aircraft Commander JG 27

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DATE: 7 JUN 70

10 June 1970

MISSION NUMBER: 1-3-048-7 JUN 70

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 36

LOCATION: 240/20/77

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: LOVEBUG 208-1 (F-4)

SAVES: 1 Combat

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1. (C) At approximately 0500Z, Queen reported downed aircraft at approximately 230/22/77. King 36 proceeded toward the area and contacted Lopez 17 who gave the position as 240/20/77. Lopez 17 was the working FAC and was appointed On-Scene-Commander. Only 1 chute was sighted and voice contact with Bravo was established. Lopez 17 & Lovebug 208-2, both said they felt that Alpha man went in with the aircraft.

2. (C) Alleycat 08 & 09 (helicopter gunships) were working with Lopez 17 to suppress ground fire approximately 500 meters north of survivor. Alleycat 08 then attempted a pick up twice, but lost engine power both times during hover and had to pull out. Alleycat 08 & 09 were RTBd for fuel and ammo. King 36 contacted I Corps DASC for helicopter gunship support until arrival of Spads. Scarface 05 & 06 (helicopter gunships) arrived in area and covered area with suppressive fire.

3. (C) At approximately 0540, Spad 11 & 12 arrived on scene along with return of Alleycat 08 & 09. Spad 11 assumed On-Scene Command, organized the gunships for fire support, briefed Jolly Green 27 & 64, proceeded to lay suppressive ordinance. At approximately 0605Z, Jolly Green 27 & 64 proceeded in for pick-up. Pickup was completed at 0620Z by Jolly Green 27. Jolly Green 27 & 64 proceeded to Channel 77 with survivor. All other SAR forces were RTBd.

4. (C) Aircraft Participating in the Recovery:

|                     |                |                                   |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| King 36 (HC-130P)   | Lopez 17 (O-2) | Alleycat 08 & 09 (Cobra gunships) |
| Jolly Green 27 & 64 | Spads 11 & 12  | Scarface 05 & 06 (Cobra gunships) |

5. (U) King 36 Crewmembers:

|        |               |    |                |
|--------|---------------|----|----------------|
| AMC/AC | MAJ RIGGERT   | FE | MSG HENDERSON  |
| CP     | MAJ JONES, R. | FE | TSG MILLER     |
| N      | MAJ BEGLEY    | LM | SSG RICHARDSON |
| RO     | MSG JONES, C. |    |                |

*Melvin E. Riggert*  
MELVIN E. RIGGERT, Major, USAF

Airborne Mission Commander/Aircraft Commander

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| 6/2230             | JOLLY GREEN 27 AIRBORNE FOR SEARCH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Jax |
| 6/2232             | JOLLY GREEN 64 AIRBORNE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Jan |
| <del>07/0042</del> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |     |
| 07/0042            | JG 27 ON DECK. (WR) Time <del>2.3</del> 2.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |
|                    | JG 64 on Deck. QB Time <del>2.3</del> 2.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |     |
| 07/0208            | JG 27 AIRBORNE & JG 64 AIRBORNE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | JB  |
| 07/0230            | JG 65 AIRBORNE DESTINATION PLEIKU AB, RUN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | JB  |
| 07/0345            | CAPT BLACKWOOD OFF DUTY. CAPT WAMMER ON DUTY & BRIEFED                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | JB  |
| 07/0400            | ALERT SYSTEM CHECKED O.K.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | dtw |
| 07/0415            | QUEEN CALLED. J.G. 65 LANDED PLEIKU AT 0351Z LOGGED 1.3                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | dtw |
| 07/0508            | QUEEN CALLED - AFT DOWN 230/22 CHAN 77<br>J.G.'s ON ORBIT - BEING SCRAMBLED TO THE AREA. KING 34 & 36 ON ORBIT<br>LOPEZ 17 HAS SURVIVOR IN SIGHT. ONE CHUTE OBSERVED<br>ALLIED CAT 8 ALSO ON SCENE. MADE TWO ATTEMPTS TO GO IN ON SURVIVOR. LOST POWER BOTH TIMES & HAD TO PULL OFF. | dtw |
| 07/0530            | LOPEZ 17 REPORTS HE ALSO HAS A RED TEAM IN THE AREA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | dtw |
| 0545               | SPAD 11 ASSUMED ON SCENE COMMANDER HAVE CONTACT WITH BRADMAN ONLY.                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | dtw |
| 07/0550            | SURVIVOR APPEARS IN GOOD CONDITION.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | dtw |
| 7/0607             | PHASE ALPA COMPLETE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | dtw |
| 7/0614             | PHASE BRAVO IN PROGRESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | dtw |
| 7/0620             | PHASE BRAVO COMPLETE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | dtw |
| 7/0625             | MSG # 1-3-048-7 (QUEEN ON HC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | dtw |
| 7/0635             | 364 NORM ETIC 1530                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | dtw |
| 7/0636             | J.G. 26 & 64 LANDED LOGGED 3.9<br>JB 26 (#578)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | dtw |

E-4 2438603  
 PETERSON, C.E.  
 1/LT- 0108691  
 LARSON, D.K.  
 HM3. 13527338  
 ROYSE, C.W.  
 1/LCL- 2567733  
 HENDERSON, A.R.  
 1/LCL- 2585699  
 GIBSON, F.D.  
 1 MARINE DIVISION  
 (B CO, 1 RECON BTA)

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|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----|
| 4 JUNE        | BROWN, R.<br>LINDEREN<br>JOHNSON<br>HARVEY<br>SCOTT         | 66 | 572<br>573               | 1/LT HENRY L. BALLANCE<br>[REDACTED]<br>HHB DIV ARMY (AMERICAN)<br>AVIATION SEC.<br>1/LT. Peter R. PERC<br>[REDACTED]<br>HHB DIV ARMY (AMERICAN)<br>S-2 SECTION<br>CHU LAI 96374 | 202/27/77<br>"Phowit 4"<br>LOH              | NO  |
| 6 JUNE        | HOLLMAN<br>MERINO<br>ALCORN<br>MYERS                        | 27 | 577<br>578<br>579<br>574 | CAPT KWIECINSKI<br>WILLIAM<br>[REDACTED]<br>SFC MICHAEL, S<br>[REDACTED]<br>18 SOS, DANANG                                                                                       | Feet wet<br>C-119<br>Lemon 01<br>Lemon 07   | NO  |
| 6 JUNE<br>53  | PALMER<br>STACY<br>WOLFE<br>PALMER<br>PHYTHIAN              | 64 | 575<br>[REDACTED]<br>576 | HAY, R.F., 1/LT.<br>[REDACTED]<br>WILLIAMS, MERCE<br>CAPT. [REDACTED]                                                                                                            | Lemon 02<br>Lemon 03<br>"Feet wet"<br>C-119 | NO  |
| 7 JUNE<br>H3  | GARCIA<br>HLAVATY<br>TATLEY<br>HACKNEY                      | 27 | 578                      | PEPPER, W.T.<br>1/LT<br>IMAW?                                                                                                                                                    | 240/20/77<br>LOUBUH<br>F-4                  | NO  |
| 10 JUNE<br>53 | BROWN, R.<br>DREIBELBIS<br>CUTILLO<br>WILLIAMS<br>VAN BRUNT | 64 | 579<br>580               | CLINGAMAN<br>RONALD CAPT<br>[REDACTED]<br>RIPPLE, C.W.<br>CAPT<br>[REDACTED]<br>A69 TFS<br>CAPT                                                                                  | 270/92/77<br>SEAFUT 02<br>F4                | YES |



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|         | SCOTT      |    |     | 1/1- <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del><br>CAMPBELL, R.L.<br>(A CO., 1 RECON BTN)<br>E-4 <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del><br>PETERSON, C.E.<br>1/1LT- <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del><br>LARSON, D.K.<br>HMS- <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del><br>ROYSE, C.W.<br>1/CPL- <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del><br>HENDERSON, A.R.<br>1/CPL- <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del><br>GIBSON, F.D.<br>1 MARINE DIVISION<br>(B CO., 1 RECON BTN) | Ch-44        |     |
| 4 JUNE  | BROWN, R.  | 66 | 572 | 1/1LT HENRY L. BALLANCE<br><del>XXXXXXXXXX</del><br>HHB DIV ARTY (AMERICAN)<br>AVIATION SEC.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 202/27/77    | NO  |
|         | LINDEREN   |    | 573 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |     |
| 17      | JOHNSON    |    |     | 1LT. Peter R. PERCE<br><del>XXXXXXXXXX</del><br>HHB DIV ARTY (AMERICAN)<br>S-2 SECTION<br>CHU LAI 96374                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | "Phowit 4"   |     |
| 2       | HARVEY     |    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | LOH          |     |
|         | SCOTT      |    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |     |
| 6 JUNE  | HOILMAN    | 27 | 573 | CAPT KWIECINSKI<br>WILLIAM<br><del>XXXXXXXXXX</del><br>SGT MICHLISS, S<br><del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | FERT WET     | NO  |
| 3       | MERINO     |    | 574 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | C-119        |     |
| 1       | ALCORN     |    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Lemon 01     |     |
|         | MYERS      |    |     | 18 SOS, DANANG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Lemon 07     |     |
| 6 JUNE  | PALMER     | 64 | 575 | HAY, R.F., 1/1LT.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Lemon 02     | NO  |
|         | STACY      |    |     | <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |     |
| 53      | WOLFE      |    | 576 | WILLIAMS, MERCE<br>CAPT. <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Lemon 03     |     |
|         | PALMER     |    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | "Feet weest" |     |
|         | PHYTHIAN   |    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | C-119        |     |
| 7 JUNE  | GARCIA     | 27 | 578 | PEPPER, W.T.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 240/20/77    | NO  |
|         | HLAVATY    |    |     | 1/1LT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | LOURBIA      |     |
| 13      | TATLEY     |    |     | 1MAW?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |              |     |
|         | HACKNEY    |    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | F-4          |     |
| 10 JUNE | BROWN, R.  | 64 | 579 | CLINGAMAN,<br>RONALD CAPT<br><del>XXXXXXXXXX</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 270/92/77    | YES |
|         | DREIBELBIS |    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |     |
|         | CUTILLO    |    |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |     |
| 53      | WILLIAMS   |    | 580 | RIPPLE, C.W.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | SEAFUT 02    |     |
|         | DRYNT      |    |     | CAPT 469 KORAT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | F4           |     |

| DATE   | CREW      | J.G. | CALL SIGN | SAVE NUMBER | NAME<br>RANK<br>SERIAL NUMBER<br>ORGANIZATION | LOCATION      | JUNE 1970<br>UNDER FIRE (Y/N) |
|--------|-----------|------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| JUNE   | BROWN, R. | 65   |           | 562         | 1/LT. <del>REDACTED</del><br>KOSINSKI, J.L.   | 242/17.5/77   | NO                            |
|        | STACY     |      |           | THRU 571    | CPL- <del>REDACTED</del><br>DELAUGHTER, F.D.  |               |                               |
|        | KRILETICH |      |           |             | CPL- <del>REDACTED</del><br>BENTON, J.L.      |               |                               |
| 53     | HEITSCH   |      |           |             | CPL- <del>REDACTED</del><br>PIPICH, F.C.      | "CHATTER BOX" |                               |
|        | VAN BRUNT |      |           |             | (HMM 262-)<br>MARBLE MTN                      | 7"            |                               |
|        | SCOTT     |      |           |             | 1/LT. <del>REDACTED</del><br>CAMPBELL, R.L.   | Ch-46         |                               |
|        |           |      |           |             | (A CO., 1 RECON BTN)                          |               |                               |
|        |           |      |           |             | E-4 <del>REDACTED</del><br>PETERSON, C.E.     |               |                               |
|        |           |      |           |             | 1/LT- <del>REDACTED</del><br>LARSON, D.K.     |               |                               |
|        |           |      |           |             | HM3. <del>REDACTED</del><br>ROYSE, C.W.       |               |                               |
|        |           |      |           |             | L/CPL- <del>REDACTED</del><br>HENDERSON, A.R. |               |                               |
|        |           |      |           |             | L/CPL- <del>REDACTED</del><br>GIBSON, F.D.    |               |                               |
|        |           |      |           |             | (1 MARINE DIVISION)<br>(B CO., 1 RECON BTN)   |               |                               |
| 4 JUNE | BROWN, R. | 66   |           | 572         | 1/LT HENRY L. BALLANCE<br><del>REDACTED</del> | 202/27/77     | NO                            |
|        | LINDEREN  |      |           | 573         | HMB DIV ARTY (AMERICAN)<br>AVIATION SEC.      |               |                               |
| 53     | JOHNSON   |      |           |             | 1LT Peter R. Perce<br><del>REDACTED</del>     | "Phowit 4"    |                               |
|        | HARVEY    |      |           |             | HMB DIV ARTY (AMERICAN)<br>S-2 SECTION        | LOH           |                               |
|        | SCOTT     |      |           |             | CHU LAI 96374                                 |               |                               |
| 6 JUNE | HOLLMAN   | 27   |           | 572         | CAPT KWIECINSKI<br>WILLIAM                    | Feet wet      | NO                            |
| H3     | MERINO    |      |           | 573         | SFST MICHLER, S<br><del>REDACTED</del>        | C-119         |                               |
|        | ALCORN    |      |           | 574         |                                               | Lemon 01      |                               |
|        | MYERS     |      |           |             | 18 SDS, DANANG                                | Lemon 07      |                               |
| 6 JUNE | PALMER    | 64   |           | 575         | HAY, R.F., 1/LT.                              | Lemon 02      | NO                            |
| 53     | STACY     |      |           |             | <del>REDACTED</del>                           |               |                               |
|        | WOLFE     |      |           | 576         | WILLIAMS, MERCE<br>CAPT. <del>REDACTED</del>  | Lemon 03      |                               |
|        | PALMER    |      |           |             |                                               | "Feet wet"    |                               |
|        | PHYTHIAN  |      |           |             |                                               | C-119         |                               |
| 7 JUNE | GARCIA    | 27   |           | 578         | PEPPER, W.T.                                  | 240/20/77     | NO                            |
|        | HLAVATY   |      |           |             | 1/LT                                          | LOUR B-9      |                               |