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MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT

DATE: 9 June 70

MISSION NUMBER: (1-3-050) 9 Jun 70

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: Jolly Green 64 (HH-53C) and Jolly Green 66 (HH-53C)

MISSION OBJECTIVE : Sea Fox 02 (F-4 USAF)

LOCATION: 16-08N; 106-37E

SAVES: 2 Combat Saves

Classified by *2813/3/2/2/2*
SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO
YEAR INTERVALS.
DECLASSIFIED ON *31 Dec 11*

1. (C) The 37 ARRS Duty Officer was notified by Queen at 1615Z that Sea Fox 02 was down due to hostile fire approximately 92 miles west of Da Nang on the 270 radial of Channel 77. Jolly Green crews 64 (Low) and 66 (High) were notified that a first light effort would be made to rescue the downed pilots. Both crew members, Sea Fox Alpha and Bravo were in voice contact and reported to be in good condition with the exception that Sea Fox Alpha stated his arm was either fractured or dislocated. The SAR Forces were scheduled to launch at 2100Z. Due to weather report from Blind Bat 26 (EC-121) the SAR Forces with the exception of King 34 (HC-130) were held for 45 minutes. Spads 01, 02, 11 and 12 (A1-E's) and Jolly 64 and 66 were launched at 2140Z. Nail 51 (OV-10) was designated OSC until Spad 11 arrived in the area. Two Jolly Greens and two Sandy's were launched from Udorn AB, Thailand and NKP AB, Thailand, to provide additional SAR forces. Fast movers were also scheduled to arrive over the area. Jolly Greens 64 and 66 were joined by Spad 01 and 02 who would be escort to the first holding point. Spads 11 and 12 were enroute to the scene. Panama control advised Jolly Green 64 to proceed westbound on the 250° radial of Channel 77 to avoid artillery fire. At 2052Z Spads 01 and 02 were diverted and Spads 11 and 12 were advised to hold position until Jolly Green 64 and 66 made rendezvous. No reason was given as to why Spads 01 and 02 were diverted. Approximately 2105Z Jolly Green 64 and 66 joined Spads 11 and 12 for escort to the scene. The first holding point was 266° at 86 miles off Channel 77. A tentative refueling was set up with King 34 at 2345Z. Upon arrival at the first holding point it was decided to proceed immediately across the trail to a second holding point, 010°, 30 miles from Channel 72. This was done to take advantage of extensive cloud cover over the crossing point (South of Delta 45) which is one of the most heavily defended choke points on the major North Vietnamese infiltration route to South Vietnam. At 2200Z, Nail 51 (OV-10) and Spad 11 and 12 reported the weather moving in over the area and the rescue should be started. They reported that there was a break in the over cast south of the area for Jolly 64 to let down in, but due to the location the Jolly would have to make his run in along the road. Jolly 64 was asked how he felt about making the run in from that position and decision was made to go in. The survivors had reported no troop movements, but he could hear 37mm and 23mm as they were being fired. A marker smoke bomb was placed at the initial point and at 2202Z the

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run in was initiated. Jolly Green 64 was joined by the Spads and Nail 51. During the run in 23mm fire from six gun positions was observed off to the right and along the road. An immediate break to the left was made and Nail 51 gave vectors to the survivors. Sea Fox Alpha was told to pop his smoke. His position was sighted by Jolly Green 64 in a deep jungle covered box canyon type ravine. He was located approximately twenty feet from a well traveled trail of about six feet wide and near the canyon terminal end at an elevation of 2500'. Hover was established over Sea Fox Alpha and the penetrator was lowered. Sea Fox Alpha had some difficulty with the penetrator because of his injured arm. As the first attempt was made to raise the survivor it was discovered that the penetrator had become tangled in some telephone lines. It was necessary to lower Sea Fox Alpha to the ground so he could untangle the penetrator from the telephone wires. After considerable difficulty and hampered by the limited use of one arm, Sea Fox Alpha was able to free himself from the telephone lines. Recovery was completed at 2215Z. Nail 51 then directed Jolly Green 64 to take up a heading of 240° to Sea Fox Bravo. He was located near the crest of a ridge above the location of Sea Fox Alpha. A hover was established over the approximate spot and Sea Fox Bravo was told to pop his smoke. He said he did not have any smoke flares. (It was later learned that the lanyard on his remaining day smoke had broken and he was unable to set it off). He was then asked if he could see Jolly Green 64. He said "no, but I can hear him". Jolly Green 64 began hovering forward and then Sea Fox Bravo was heard to say "send the penetrator down". He was then spotted by the hoist operator and recovery was accomplished. Jolly Green 64 departed the scene on a heading of 240° climbing to 10,000 MSL. During the run in, Jolly Green 66 was in orbit over the overcast at 9,000 MSL. When the gun sites opened up on the Spads and Jolly 64, Jolly 66 observed numerous air bursts and moved his orbit several miles to the south. Weather was a factor. Due to the overcast conditions, fast movers were not able to sterilize the gun positions and Jolly Green 64 was forced to descend and make his run in from a very undesirable position. Refueling was not necessary before or after the rescue. The radio discipline was outstanding. All participants on the SAR mission are to be commended.

2. 2 Sorties/5.0hrs/HH-53C/37ARRS; 2 Sorties /5.1hrs/HC-130/39ARRS; 2 Sorties /3.4hrs/HH-53C/40ARRS; 10 Sorties/15.8 hrs/A-1E/56 SOW; 4 Sorties/7.2hrs/A1E/OL-AA 56 SOW; Sorties/Flying time not available for numerous fast movers, Bat Cat 26 (EC-121) and FACS (OV-10's).

3. None

4. None

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

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6. Jolly Green Crews:

Jolly Green 64 (Low)

AC Lt Col Royal A. Brown, Jr.
CP Major Ryland R. Drieibebis
FE SSgt David M. Cutillo
RS MSgt Malcolm E. Williams
RS SSgt Michael K. Van Brunt

Jolly Green 66 (High)

AC Major Hobert M. Berthold
CP Major Harry S. Copperthite
FE Sgt John C. Kriletich
RS SSgt Jules C. Smith
RS Sgt Gary T. Osborne

Royal A. Brown, Jr.
ROYAL A. BROWN, JR., Lt Col, USAF
Aircraft Commander JG 64

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DATE: 10 JUN 70

12 JUNE 1970

MISSION NUMBER: 1-3-050-10 JUN 70

AIRCRAFT DESIGNATION: KING 34

LOCATION: 023/27 $\frac{1}{2}$ /72

DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT: SEAFOX 02 (F-4E)

SAVES: 2 Combat

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SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
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1. (C) The King 34 crew was alerted at 1845Z for a first light SAR effort for Seafox 02 Alpha & Bravo. We were airborne at 2000Z as briefed and proceeded enroute to 262/58/69 with an ETA of 2100Z to be on scene.
2. (C) Queen gave King 34 a briefing on VHF to include all known information. Blind Bat 06 was on scene talking with Seafox 02 Alpha on the hour and half hour and providing weather data in the area. SAR forces had been instructed to be on scene at 2145Z but a one hour weather hold came through from Joker. At 2035Z King 34 advised Queen to go ahead and launch the SAR forces due to the fact that the Alpha man had reported seeing stars most of the night and the reported weather was not in his immediate area. Queen advised the forces would be kept on a weather hold.
3. (C) King 34 arrived on scene at 2110Z, evaluated the weather and again requested the SAR forces be launched. Queen advised they would be launched ASAP. King 34 could not hear the survivors so Blind Bat 06 was asked to remain in the area. At 2130Z King 34 refined the position of Alpha and made voice contact with him. At 2140Z Blind Bat 06 was RTB'd.
4. (C) Nail 51 and Covey 214 arrived on scene at 2155Z just as King 34 made voice contact with Seafox 02 Bravo. Nail 51 copied the survivors so he was told to take On-Scene Command, maintain his position, and try to get a visual contact.(2215Z). By 2235Z Nail 51 had pinpointed both survivors.
5. (C) Spad 11 arrived at 2240Z and was briefed by King 34 and Nail 51. He was appointed On-Scene Commander at 2250Z and he requested the Jolly Greens be brought in to attempt an early pick up. Even though this was a high threat area I concurred due to the cover afforded by the low clouds. Past experiences in the area had shown that very little or no ground fire was received during this kind of weather. Spad 12 was directed to bring Jolly Green 64 & 66 in for the recovery.
6. (U) Spad 12 reported some small arms fire at one point crossing a road and directed the Jollies away. Alpha was picked up first because he had suffered an injured left arm. Bravo was picked up by Jolly Green 64 shortly thereafter at 2320Z. All forces were told to RTB as the Spads and Jollies were egressing. The Survivors were taken to Channel 77.

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Declassified after 12 years.

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1	JUNE BROWN, R.	66	572	1/LT HENRY L. BALLANCE XXXXXXXXXX HHB DIV ARTY (AMERICAN) AVIATION SEC.	202/27/77	NO
	LINDGREN		573			
1	JOHNSON			1/LT PETER R. PEREZ XXXXXXXXXX HHB DIV ARTY (AMERICAN) S-2 SECTION CHU LAI 96374	"Phowit 4"	
2	HARVEY				LOH	
	SCOTT					
6	JUNE HOILMAN	27	577	CAPT KWIECINSKI WILLIAM XXXXXXXXXX SGT MICHALES, S XXXXXXXXXX	FERT WRT	NO
3	MERINO		578		C-119	
H	ALCORN		574	18 SOS, DANANG	Lemon 01	
	MYERS				Lemon 07	
6	JUNE PALMER	64	575	HAY, R. F., 1/LT.	Lemon 02	NO
	STACY		576	XXXXXXXXXX		
53	WOLFE		576	WILLIAMS, MERLE CAPT. XXXXXXXXXX	Lemon 03	
	PALMER				"Feet weest"	
	PHYTHIAN				C-119	
7	JUNE GARCIA	27	578	PEPPER, W. T.	240/20/77	NO
	HLAVATY			1/LT	LOU B-9	
H3	TATLEY			1 MW?	F-4	
	HACKNEY					
10	JUNE BROWN, R.	64	579	CLINGAMAN RONALD CAPT XXXXXXXXXX	270/92/77	YES
	DREIBELBIS					
	CUTILLO					
53	WILLIAMS		580	RIPPLE, C. W.	SPAFUX 02	
	1/LT DRINT			CAPT 469 KORAT	F 4	