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Jolly Green crew rescued a friendly ground combat force at 16°46'N 106°33'E. The weather was extremely poor in the recovery area, however, thorough briefing and coordination enabled the crew to accomplish the pickup unapposed. The ground party was recovered using the hoist and forest penetrator from a 15 foot hover.

Two non-combat saves were recorded after two military personnel were injured in an auto crash near the Thai village of Roi Et⁸ on 14 November 1970. A Jolly Green crew was scrambled from Udorn RTAFB to the site. The crew landed in a nearby football field, picked up the injured personnel, and proceeded to the U.S. Army Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand.

An American G.I. became the third non-combat save of the quarter after a shooting accident on 12 December 1970. At 0130 hours a helicopter was launched from Udorn RTAFB to the Phitsanulok Airport⁹ to recover the patient. The injured G.I. was returned to the Udorn hospital for medical treatment.

(S) On 12 December 1970, Jolly Green forces were deployed to recover a downed American aircrew member at 19°03'N, 10356'E. SAR forces sanitized the recovery area for more than two hours before a rescue was attempted. At 0725Z the first Jolly Green made an attempt. As the helicopter approached the survivor, it began taking ground fire from nearby high karst and simultaneously lost # 1 engine. The Jolly Green exited the area on its remaining engine. At 1016Z a second attempt was made by lowering a Pararescueman at the site. The recovery was completed 1021Z, however, the pilot was dead on pickup.

(S) The following day Jolly Green forces rescued two USAF aircrew members for the 9th and 10th combat saves of the quarter. The terrain

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DATE: 14 November 1970

MISSION NUMBER: D-3-042-14, November 1970

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: Jolly Green 55

MISSION OBJECTIVE: 3 Military Personnel

LOCATION: 140/92/70 Thai Village Rai 25

SAVES: Two U.S. Military

SUMMARY OF GAZ ACTIONS:

2. (U) Jolly Green 55 was scrambled from Udon RTAFB for a medical evacuation of three U.S. Military personnel at Thai Village Rai 17 on 14 November 1970 1005L. JG 55 landed in a football field located in the center of the village of Rai 17, Thailand, at 1045L with a medical team consisting of one USAF Flight Surgeon, one Medical Technician and two ARMC JPs. It was determined by the medical team that it was urgent to air evacuate the injured men to the U.S. Army Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand. King 21, mission commander, made arrangements with the U.S. Army Hospital in Bangkok to receive the patients and to prepare a helicopter landing site within the city of Bangkok. One patient was DOA, the second had severe head and chest injuries, and the third patient had severe leg and arm injuries. A Trenchotomy was performed on the patient with the head injury, and JG 55 crew was advised that the enroute flight to Bangkok required low level flight due to the injuries. JG 55 departed Rai 17 at 1100L and enroute navigation and coordination was provided by King 21, flying overhead of JG 55. King 21 requested Radar vectors and tactical direction from Bangkok approach radar to locate the helicopter landing site in the center of Bangkok, Thailand. JG 55 landed in a football field, two blocks from the U.S. Army Hospital at 1115L. The patients and DOA body were released to the Army medical personnel. JG 55 returned to Udon RTAFB at 2045L. The entire rescue effort was conducted smoothly and without incident. The only significance of the rescue mission is the repeated demonstration of crew coordination and professionalism between King and Jolly Green aircraft.

2. (3) 40 4413 3rd Force had 37 55 with a total flying time of 4.5 and 4 sorties. 37 4413 3rd Force were King 21 and 22 and flew 15.8 hours and 2 sorties.

3. (3) Figures are unknown at this time.

4. (3) 40 4413 3rd Force crew members were:

Major William E. Cornell	AO
Major William D. Buchanan Jr	CO
Sgt Stanton R. Nelson	PI
Sgt William E. Carson	PI
Sgt Lawrence E. Willis	PI
Sgt John A. Smith	PI

William E. Cornell

WILLIAM E. CORNELL, Major, USAF
Aircraft Commander