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FLIGHT DESIGNATION: Jolly Green 65

MISSION OBJECTIVE: MEDEVAC for Seaman suffering from appendicitis from Rumanian M/S Bucegi.

LOCATION: 1159N 11019E

SAVES: One Non-Combat Save Credited

1. The 37 ARRS was notified at 14/1845Z of a MEDEVAC Mission of a seaman from the Rumanian M/S Bucegi. Jolly Green 65 and 70 (HH-53C's) were launched at 14/2105Z. We proceeded feet wet down the coast until contact was made with King 27 (HC-130P). A heading of 140° after passing Channel 83 was given us by King 27 and a rendezvous was made with him shortly thereafter and both aircraft air-refueled. We arrived in the area approximately 14/2330Z, the weather was about 1500 feet scattered, visibility 7 miles, wind velocity 360/10. King 27 proceeded to lead us, the first ship was the wrong one, the second ship spotted was the correct one. Direct radio contact with the ship was not established. King 27 dropped a smoke flare, the ship was heading South, an approach to the North was initiated and a PJ deployed by jungle penetrator. A stokes litter was then let down on the ship and removed from the hoist. We then circled the ship until the PJ advised he was ready for pickup. The survivor on the stokes litter was then hoisted aboard and then the PJ. We departed the ship at 15/0020Z, and proceeded direct to Cam Ranh landing at 15/0048Z where we were met by a USAF ambulance and the patient transferred aboard. Jolly Green 65 then departed Cam Ranh Bay and joined up with Jolly Green 70 and King 27 for another inflight refueling. Jolly Green 65 and 70 landed at Da Nang at 0340Z.
2. Two (2) sortie/13.3hrs/HH-53C/37ARRS; One (1) Sortie/2.4hrs/HC-130P/39ARRS.
3. N/A
4. One mobile radio was used by PJ deployed.
5. One PJ was deployed by hoist on the jungle penetrator to assist the individual being evacuated. A stokes litter was used for the medevac patient. The patient had possible appendicitis, he was inflamed and was packed with ice prior to evacuation. No other treatment was rendered by the PJ's. The patient was taken to Cam Ranh Bay, condition of patient was good.

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6. Crewmembers of Jolly Green 65:

AC	Captain Karlton I. Bakke
CP	Major Joseph F. Mudd
HM	SSgt Edward J. Koebernink
RS	MSgt James D. Scott
RS	ALC Ralph R. Moreno

Karlton I Bakke

KARLTON I. BAKKE, Captain, USAF
Aircraft Commander JG 65

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245 CAPT WAMMER ON DUTY
 100 JG 65 70 AIRBORNE
 320 JG 23 AIRBORNE
 335 JG 23 ON THE DECK A-1 0.4
 0210 JG 12 AIRBORNE
 2330 JG 65 ON THE DECK 6.6
 0355 JG 70 " " "
 # 594 MITO, CRUBU SURVIVOR
BUCERB - ONE (ROMANIAN SHIP)
 EVAC TO CH 71.

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0400 CAPT WAMMER OFF, SSGT ARISBE ON DUTY
 0407 ALERT SYSTEM TESTED
 0407 JG 67 ABN.
 0431 JG 31 ABN
 0500 JG 67 Down 1.0
 0530 JG 31 Down 1.0
 0710 JG 72 Down 6.7
 1055 DARR JNCC TOTAL 20.8 (Sgt muan)
 1100 LINE CHECK 575
 1115 SSGT ARISBE OFF DUTY

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2050 Capt. Harrow on duty
 2140 Maint. Status to Queen
 0307 J.G. 23 + 24 Airborne
 0340 Bien Hoa notified of J.G.
 71 cancelled for today
 0350 WX warning called from
 base weather CWM
 0400 Capt Harrow off duty
 0405 Sgt Rodriguez on -
 0410 PM ITCN 14 CAWX
 0420 JG 23 & 24 ON THE DECK CH 70

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The hoist was found to be stuck in the up position. The electrical connection to the lock was disconnected and a screw driver was used to break the hoist loose so that it could be used manually. The survivors were brought aboard the aircraft at 1130L and J.G. 73 proceeded to the MEDEVAC hospital at Cam Ranh Bay. Two non-combat saves were credited to Capt. A. Stacy, A.C. of Jolly Green 73.

15 Nov: At 0505 local time Jolly Green 65 and 70 were launched for the MEDEVAC of a seaman aboard a Rumanian freighter. Air refueling was accomplished enroute by King 27. King 27 also dropped smoke flares for J.G. 65 while he was hovering above the ship. At 0720L the survivor was brought aboard the aircraft and they departed for Cam Ranh Bay. One non-combat save was recorded by Capt. K. Bakke, A.C. of Jolly Green 65.

17 Nov: At 1256 local time Jolly Green 64 and 77 were launched from Bien Hoa, AB, for the MEDEVAC of a seaman aboard a German ship. One and one half hours later Jolly Green 64 established his hover over the ship. A P.J. was sent down the forest penetrator to prepare the survivor to be brought aboard the aircraft. They departed the area with the injured man at 1445L for Cam Ranh Bay hospital. One non-combat save was recorded by Maj. W. Osley, A.C. of Jolly Green 64.

3 Dec: At 1035 local time Jolly Green 71 was launched from Bien Hoa and told to proceed to Con Son Island. The island was located 135 miles to the southeast of Saigon. Weather enroute was very low ceilings down to 100' with numerous rain showers.