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40th ARWSq Hist, 1 October - 31 December 1970

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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 unopposed. 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 11 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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RCS: ARS-V6

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APO 96307

DATE: 11 December 1970

MISSION NUMBER: B3-48-11 December 1970

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: Jolly Green 62

MISSION OBJECTIVE: 1 Military Personnel

LOCATION: 1647N 10016E Phitsanulok Airport

SAVES: 1 U.S. Military

SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS :

1. (U) I was notified by our operations section at 0130 hours, 12 December 1970, that an American G.I. was in critical need of evacuation to a suitable hospital. It was known that he had a bullet lodged in his stomach resulting in some internal bleeding and his condition would require immediate professional attention. We launched Jolly Green 62 at 0224 hours and proceeded to the briefed pick up point at Phitsanulok Airport. Brigham Control was very helpful providing assistance as did the Thai-operated DORA Control. Weather was generally good with a scattered deck of clouds at 5,000 feet with a full moon, a great assist for navigation. The patient was ready for immediate on-load and delay at Phitsanulok was only ten minutes. The two paramedics provided the interim care required on the return trip. Total enroute time out and back was 2+21 where the Udorn Medical Officer of the Day relieved us of the patient. Mission was routine and I have no recommendations for improvement.

2. (U) 40 ARRS SAR Force was JG 62 with a flying time of 2.5 and 1 sortie.

3. (U) The one survivor was SSgt Willy M. Burke,
1980 Comm Sq OL-B Takhli RTAFB.

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4. (U) 40 ARS SAR crew members were :

AC - Jay M. Strayer, Major,
CP - Burwell Block, Major,
FE - Inus G. Crawford, Sgt,
PJ - Robert A. Wheeler, TSgt,
PJ - Jon K. Hoberg, SSgt,



JAY M. STRAYER, Major, USAF
Aircraft Commander