

CHAPTER 11

OPERATIONS

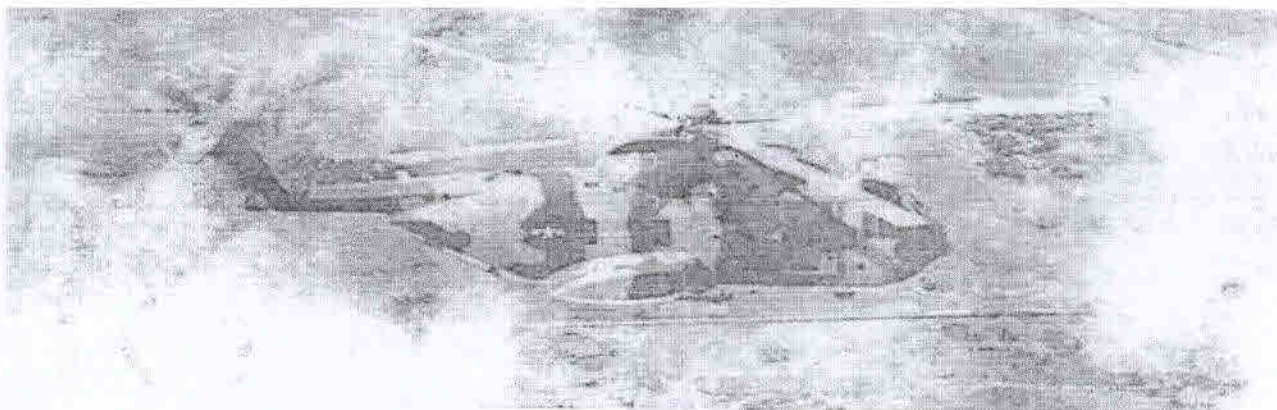
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HH-3 Jolly Green Giant flies lifesaving mission

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567 rescues in SEA

Jolly Greens DEROS after five years

DA NANG—The last HH-3 Jolly Green Giant helicopter used by the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service in Vietnam left here recently after having participated in 567 rescues of American servicemen from the jungles and waters of Southeast Asia.

The Jolly Green Giants, in service since 1965 with the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, have been replaced by the HH-63 Super Jolly Green Giant.

"While the HH-3 was an excellent aircraft for rescue work and has an outstanding record, its replacement, the Super Jolly Green Giant, is an improvement in that it has increased range, more power, plus three 7.62mm miniguns, each capable of firing 4,000 rounds per minute," stated Col. Albert L. Holcomb, 37th ARRS commander.

The last HH-3 was flown to Naha Air Base in Okinawa. "Three of the original 12 Jolly Greens were lost in combat," explained Capt. Dale R.

Clark, pilot on the last flight. "Three others previously were sent to Osan AB, Korea; two to Clark AB, R.P.; one to Albrook AFB in the Canal Zone, and the remaining two to Naha AB."

Of the 567 saves the Jolly Green Giants have made since 1965, the years

1967 and 1968 were the busiest with 174 and 263 saves.

The Jolly Green crew members assigned to the 37th ARRS since 1965 have earned the Medal of Honor, 11 Air Force Crosses and 106 Silver Stars.

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0400	ALERTING SYSTEM check	DS
0400	MSGT Smith duty	DS
0500	STATIC Display left for Gun play	
	1415 - 1445 - 362 - Graves/Gannell	
0715	JG 66 ON the Deck <u>3.8</u>	DS
0750	JG 77 ON the Deck <u>4.0</u>	DS
0755	JG 23 ABN for 2100	DS
0745	JG 71 ON the Deck <u>5.0</u>	DS
0920	JG 23 ON the Deck <u>1.4</u> HL 1-5	DS
1000	JG 77 ABN	DS
1100	JG 77 ON the Deck <u>1.0</u>	DS
1120	DAAR to JRCC <u>14.7</u> - .5. 15.2	DS
1140	Live check 5x5	DS
1200	MSGT Smith off duty	DS

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2040	CAPT WAMMER ON DUTY	Off
2120	QUEEN NOTIFIED OF STATUS	Off
0003	J.G. 23 AIRBORNE (LAST OF THE NITROX POWER!)	Off

0210	Item 14 LB DS IUGH CVRZ	Off
0215	J.G. 65 AIRBORNE	Off
0235	J.G. 66 AIRBORNE	Off
0236	J.G. 71 AIRBORNE	Off
0400	Alerting System - check	DS
0401	MSGT Smith on duty	DS
0515	JG 65 ON the Deck <u>3.1</u>	DS
0530	JG 66 ON the Deck <u>3.0</u>	DS
0545	JG 71 ON the Deck <u>3.2</u>	DS
0715	JG 77 ABN	DS
1030	JG 72 AT B.H flew <u>4.0</u> 18-L - 1-5 H	DS
1200	JG 77 ON the Deck <u>5.0</u>	DS

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2045	MAS LIGHTHOUSE ON DUTY - STATUS TO QUEEN	J
2225	MAS STALMORER CALLED FROM CUBA ADVISING THAT C-130 (998) WILL BE ARRIVING AT 1600 (H) WITH LC C. BROWN, MAS VANGHAN, MAS STALMORER + Ferry crew FOR H-3 783. PLAN 1HR GRND TIME. REQUEST TRANSPORT & QUES FOR LC BROWN Tentative 1600H ARR J	
2340	MORNING REPORT TO JOKER	J
0210	ITEM 14 RECEIVED - MAINT ADVISED	J
0355	JG 64 ARRIVED FOR 3100 / JG 66 ABN 0425 3100 DS	DS
0400	ALERT SYM CHECKED - MAS LIGHTHOUSE OFF DUTY	J
0401	JG 70 AT B.H. FCF 0.7	DS
0401	MSGT Smith ON DUTY	J
0445	FM SGT Chambers AT JOKER ADVISES THAT THE "DAILY OPERATION STATUS REPORT" WILL BE REQUIRED ONLY MON THRU SAT. NOT ON SUNDAYS	DS
0800	JG 64 ON THE DECK 3.1	DS
0732	JG 66 ON THE DECK 3.0	DS
0738	JG 70 Rep B.H 1435H 4100	
	LANDING CH 81 FOR FUEL	DS
0925	JG 70 LANDED CH 81 FOR FUEL	DS
1010	JG 70 ABN EN CH 81 ETA CH 77 1940H	DS
1135	JG 70 ON THE DECK 4.7	DS
1205	DAAR JOIRCE 12.0 11.5-flw	DS
1210	Called in to JEC 0.5 to much -	DS
1230	LINE CHECK 5+5	DS
1235	MSGT Smith OFF DUTY	DS

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2045	CAPT HAMICA ON DUTY	J.A
2130	STATUS TO QUEEN	QUIZ
2330	DAILY OPERATION STATUS TO JOKER	J.A
	1112Z NFM JOLAT	J.A