

The alpha crewmember from Gunfighter 13 was not recovered.

On 20 January 71 while Jolly Greens 77 and 71 were flying locally they observed a ball of fire in the air and then saw two parachutes descending feet wet two miles east of Monkey Mountain. Both helicopters immediately went to the scene and recovered the crew of Gunfighter 03. The aircraft commanders of Jolly Green 70 and Jolly Green 71 were Major Mudd and Captain Gary Hoven. Major Mudd made the 600th save recovered by the 37ARRS on this mission.

On 6 February 71 while Jolly Greens 65 and 73 were on orbit they were advised by Queen that a South Vietnamese UH1H, call sign Butterfly 063 was down 109 degrees for 18 miles off Channel 69. Five persons were on board. Both helicopters departed for the scene and were joined by Sandy aircraft. After the Sandy aircraft prepared the area Jolly Green 65 recovered the five South Vietnamese crewmembers. Jolly Green 65 was flown by Major Ryland R. Drelbelbis. This may have been the first recovery of Vietnamese personnel by Jolly Green forces.

On 9 February 71 a Medevac mission was completed by Jolly Green 77, which was on alert at Bien Hoa. A woman was hemorrhaging at Con Son Island and required evacuation to medical facilities. The evacuation to Saigon was without incident. The aircraft commander of Jolly Green 77 was Captain Donald G. Beattie.

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(U) At 1325Z 27 JAN 71 Alert Crew was scrambled by JOKER as directed by JOKER for an Aeromed Evac of a young Vietnamese woman in critical condition at Con Son Island. JG 27 was off the blocks at 1410Z and airborne at 1420Z. Initial intentions were to intercept JOLLY CREW 77 who was launching from Ban Hoa. The initial intercept point of 170/00/102 at 1500Z was revised when JG 77 advised he was proceeding direct to Con Son. Accordingly K 27 arrived overhead Con Son as JG 77 touched down on a mid-town soccer field which had been lighted by vehicles parked on the perimeter. The patient was unloaded and K 27 proceeded to escort JG 77 to Vung Tau as instructed at launch. However, enroute to Vung Tau JOKER advised a change in destination to Long Binh. Upon crossing the Coast Line K 27 and JG 77 contacted Wide Minnow for Med Evac information. Shortly afterwards Wide Minnow advised us that no OR/Cyn were available at Long Binh and suggested JG 77 consider landing at 3rd Field Hospital, Saigon. After evaluation of this alternative and discussion with JOKER regarding a night landing on a very small helipad JOKER directed JG 77 to land at Tan Son Nhut and transfer the patient to an ambulance. JG 77 landed at Tan Son Nhut at 1621Z and K 27 was cleared to RTB to CH 71.

I would like to point out that the Radio Operator on duty at JOKER did an outstanding job throughout this mission. What appeared to be a rather simple and straightforward task for K 27 and JG 77 deteriorated into a series of last minute changes in destination and handling instructions for the patient whose condition was described as critical. The calm, professional manner in which the JOKER Radio Operator passed requests and instructions back and forth among the Rescue Forces involved was exceptional.

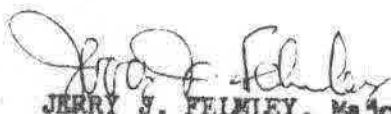
A similar tip of the KING Crown is extended to the JOKER duty officer and his crew for their very rapid and efficient handling of all the last minute changes involved in the mission. Between approximately 1605Z when Wide Minnow advised Long Binh was not OH/Syn manned and 1625Z when JG 77 landed at Tan Son Nhut there were at least five (5) actions requiring JOKER'S coordination with Air Force and Army agencies. The simple fact that JG 77 was able to continue to Tan Son Nhut without an enroute delay or loiter for completion of all the ground coordination reflects the efficiency of JOKER'S efforts.

SAR Forces Utilized

3ARROp (7AF JROC)
KING 27
JOLLY GREEN 77
MARKET TIME NAVAL VESSEL, CALL SIGN
CAVIAR

KING 27 Crewmembers

AC/ACC	Major Felmley
CP	1Lt Crielly
N	Major Good
RO	MSGT Jones, C.
FE	SSgt Gagnon
LM	TSgt Stone


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