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(C) A routine Search and Recovery (SAR) was successfully conducted on 18 April for Battlecry 305 who ejected from a US Navy A-7 aircraft after sustaining battle damage from 23 or 37 millimeter anti-aircraft artillery (AAA). The Navy flyer was shot down at approximately 1800L on the previous day while conducting a bombing mission under direction of Covey 261, a Forward Air Controller (FAC). The survivor parachuted to a position west of D-41, an interdiction point on an extremely well defended segment of the Ho Chi Minh Trail complex in Laos. Due to the lack of remaining daylight hours when the pilot bailed out, a first light effort was planned for the following morning and the SAR forces anticipated that major enemy resistance would be waiting. #85

(C) During the planning and briefing stages it was decided to launch the Jolly Green Giant helicopters and have them proceed to a safe holding point (227/78 from Tacan Channel 77) without their normal A-1 escorts. The decision was based on extremely limited A-1 resources and resulted in saving two sorties without compromising security of the helicopters. Sandy 09/10 remained on ground alert with an immediate launch capability to protect the Jolly Greens or to escort them when the pick-up plan was executed. #86

(C) Sandy 03/04 launched from Nakhon Phanom RTAFB at 0410L and proceeded to the objective position. When they arrived Stormy 22, an F-4 FAC and King 21, the airborne controller, were already

85 SARCO Report for Battlecry 305, 18 Apr 71, Document #1.

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on scene. Covey 261, the FAC who had been working with Battlecry 305 the previous day, was enroute. He had observed the descending parachute, knew the objective's approximate position and was very familiar with the terrain and enemy defenses in the area. When Covey 261 arrived he pointed out Battlecry 305's parachute and approximate position to Sandy 03/04 who immediately started trolling for ground fire in the area. #87

(C) Another FAC, Covey 269, arrived and Sandy 03 directed him to execute fast mover (jet fighter-bomber) resources on a road east of the objective position. This was an area of known enemy activity and AAA emplacements and the strikes would serve as a diversionary tactic. The A-1's continued their trolling procedures and encountered no apparent resistance. From his ground position, Battlecry 305 reported activity in the general area although he could detect no ground fire. #88

(C) When Sandy 03 was satisfied that the area was permissive he coordinated with Covey 261 and used his knowledge of the area to devise a rescue plan. Sandy 09/10 were launched to escort the helicopters, smoke aircraft were ordered and Sandy 03 marked the initial point (IP) and too-far position with dud Mk-47 White Phosphorous bombs. By this time Sandy 03/04 reached minimum fuel and were forced to depart the area. Sandy 01/02 were enroute to take command and execute the pick-up. #89

(C) Sandy 01/02 received a comprehensive briefing and agreed with the plan. At 1030L Sandy 01 directed Covey 261 to execute the

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plan for smoke aircraft while Covey 269 continued to direct strikes on the near-by road complex. Sandy 09/10 arrived and escorted the Jolly Greens to a forward holding point west of the route structure and near the objective position. Sandy 01 expended CBU-25 (cluster bomb units) and 20 millimeter ammunition on the ingress route and directed Sandy 02 to point out the route for the helicopters. The pick-up phase of the rescue was then executed. #90

(C) Jolly Green 65 departed the IP while Sandy 09/10, in their normal daisy chain formation, expended ordnance on the immediate path of the helicopters. Enroute Jolly Green 65 reported small arms ground fire and was directed to "press on" by Sandy 01. The Jolly Green proceeded to what was supposed to be the pick up point but the very excited survivor, who was without signal flares, was approximately 50 or 60 feet away. Battlecry 305 was directed to calm down and help direct the rescue helicopter to his position. This procedure took an unusually long time but did not otherwise hamper the rescue since the immediate area was permissive. The survivor was picked up while the A-1's continued to sanitize the area and prepare the egress route. The remainder of the rescue mission was uneventful. #91

(C) Sandy 09/10 escorted Jolly Green 65/66 to DaNang Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, with the happy survivor while Sandy 01/02 returned to Ubon RTAFB. A total of six A-1's from this station participated in the effort which was relatively uncontested although the survivor was thought to be in the middle of the enemy's back yard. #92

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SAC - Strategic Air Command

SAR - Search and Rescue mission

SEA - Southeast Asia

TDY - Temporary Duty

TFW - Tactical Fighter Wing

SAVES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Survivor's Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Mission Number</u>
614	Indigenous Person	--	9 Apr 71	A-3-016-09
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619	Alvin R. Simon	SP/5	12 May 71	A-3-018
620	Gary Westphal	Sgt	12 May 71	A-3-018
621	Bjarni O. Bradwell	WO1	12 May 71	A-3-018
622	Robert A. Wolff	1 Lt	24 May 71	A-3-020
623	Sam Ross	Maj	4 Jun 71	A-3-021
624	Art Moxon	Capt	4 Jun 71	A-3-021

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	CURTILLO		616	PERSONNEL		
	PETTY		617		MSN #	
	HACKNEY				A-3-016-9APR71	
	PECORARO					
18	WALDER	65	618	FORMAN, RICHARD	241/81/77	1 COM.
	GAMM, LL			E. USN	1522N	
	MCKINNEY			BATTLE CRY 305	10701 E	
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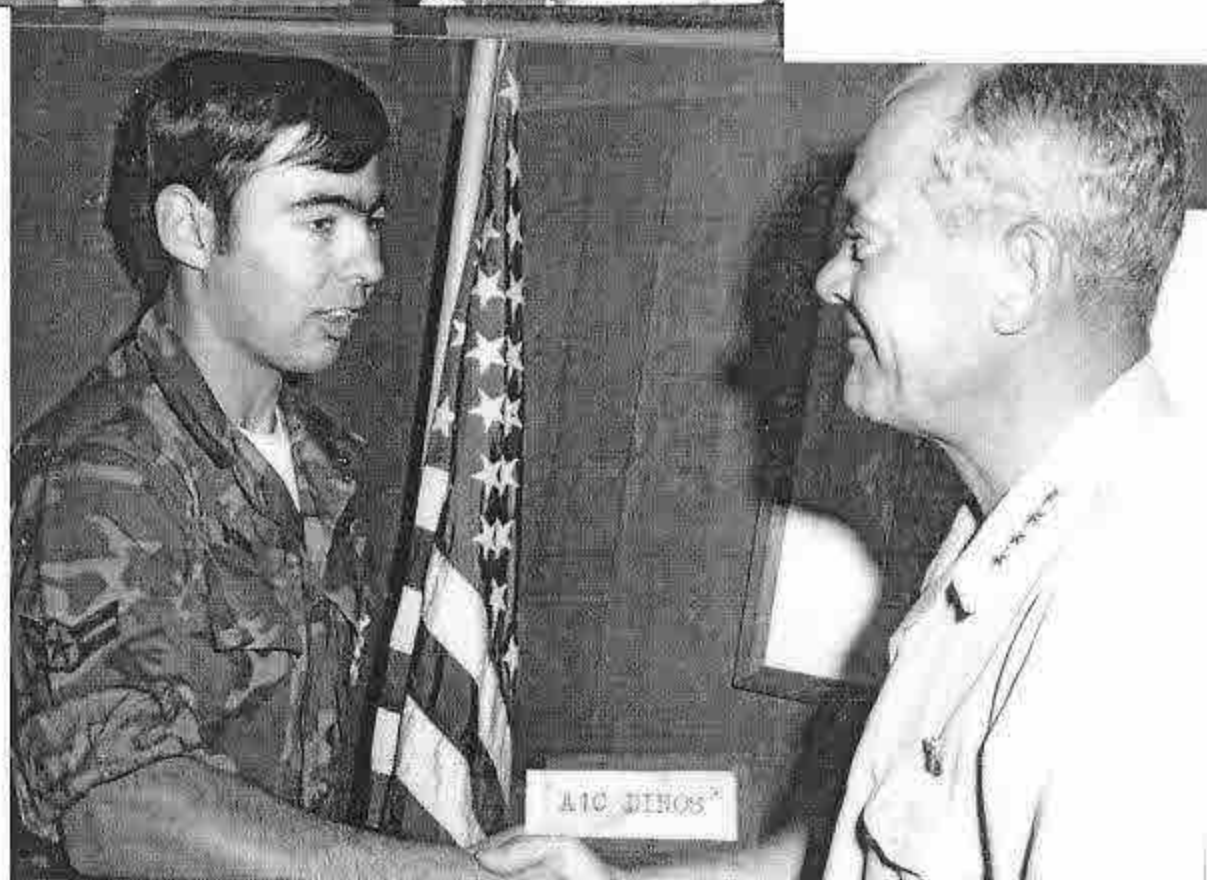
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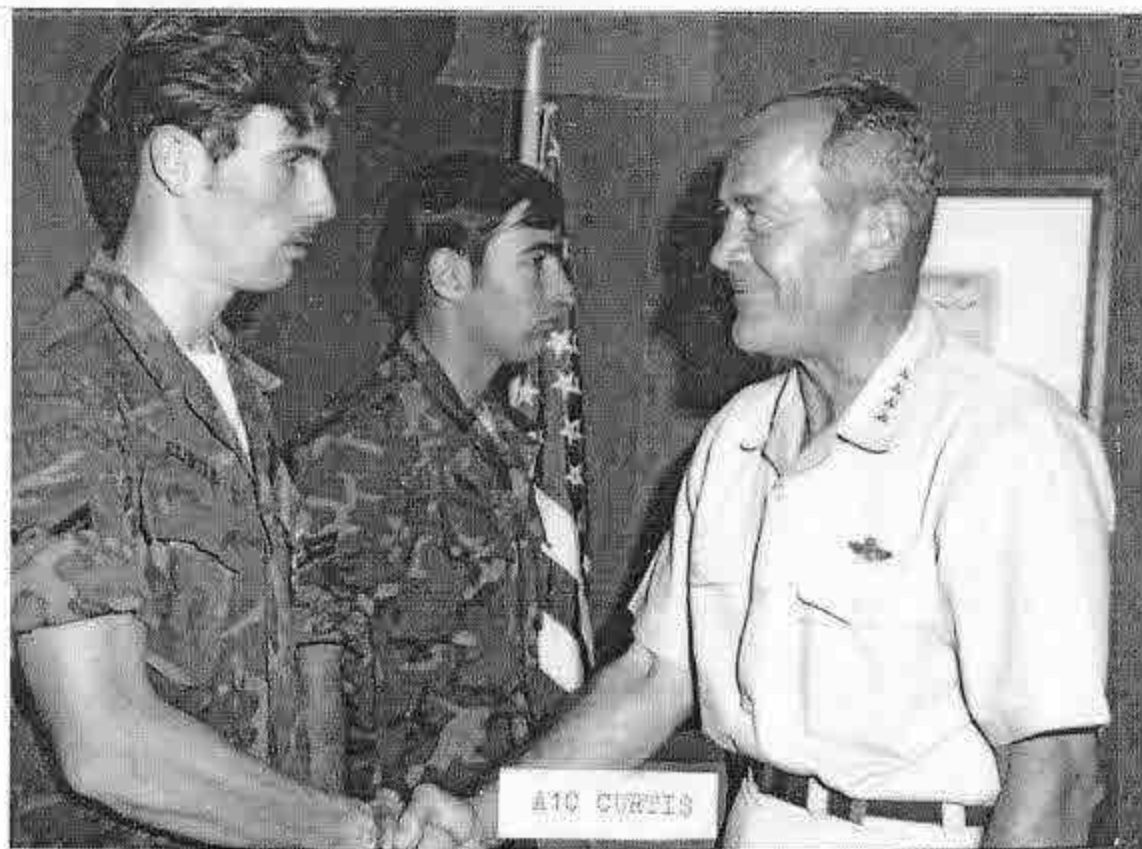
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Construction of the units was started in February by members of Detachment 2, 823d (RED HORSE) Civil Engineering Squadron, and VNAF airmen. The RED HORSE team built the first unit with the VNAF to give them on-the-job training so they will be able to complete the remaining units. Thus, the program is a self-help program. All the basic material will be provided to the VNAF airmen and they will construct the units, with USAF airmen serving as advisers.

In addition to family shelter units there will ultimately be a community center constructed for every 100 families at all the bases scheduled for units. The community centers will consist of a medical dispensary, day nursery and a kindergarten classroom.

Other VNAF bases which will receive housing are Bien Hoa, Binh Thuy, Pleiku, Soc Trang and Nha Trang Air Bases, and Da Nang Airfield.

F-4s destroy 18 bunkers

PHU CAT — F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers from the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing here killed 14 enemy soldiers during a pre-planned mission northwest of Kontum recently. They also were credited with destroying 18 bunkers and three structures.

One of the crewmembers, 1st Lt. Wade A. Hubbard, described the target as a suspected troop concentration in a shallow valley between two mountains.

"After the FAC threw in a few markers," he said, "we made our first bombing pass. Then the FAC gave us another area about 40 yards directly ahead of the previous bomb site."

"It looked like we wouldn't find out our results because of the heavy clumps of trees. But when we returned we found out we had 14 enemy dead plus the 18 bunkers and three military structures."

Lieutenant Hubbard closed by saying, "It shows what can be done if the efforts are completely coordinated with the FAC, the Army light observation helicopters and our aircraft."

Downed Navy Pilot Pulled Out of Laos

DA NANG (Special) — A U.S. Navy pilot was hauled out of dense Laotian jungle Sunday after spending 15 hours on the ground.

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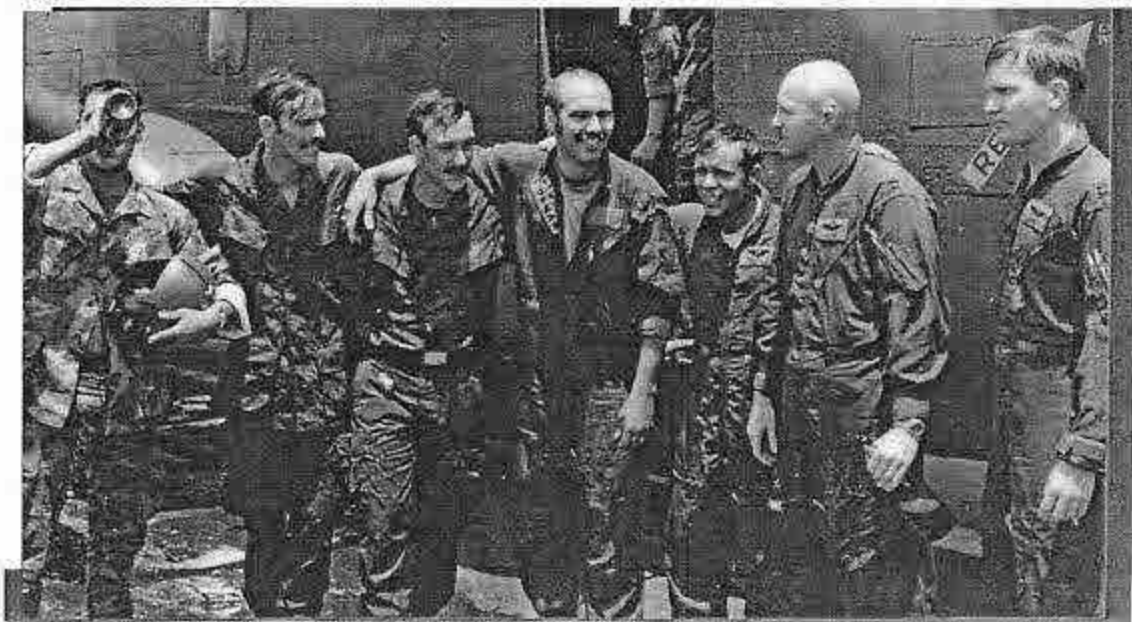
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0240	MISSION #15 A-3-017 - 17 APR 71	DS
0300	JG 70 Down <u>2.0</u> 366	DS
0300	JG 73 Down <u>2.1</u> 788	DS
0350	JG 65 Down <u>6.5</u> 363 with survivor	DS
0355	JG 66 Down <u>6.5</u> 364	DS

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CHECKLIST OF HAZARDOUS MISSIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>MISSIONS</u>	<u>SAVES</u>
1 Apr	Unclassified	Tiger 110	1 Non-Combat
9 Apr	Secret	Vietnamese Gnd Team	4 Combat
13 Apr	Secret	Raven 52	2 Combat
13 Apr	Secret	Blade 57	1 Combat
17 Apr	Secret	Battlecry 305	None
18 Apr	Secret	Battlecry 305	1 Combat
22 Apr	Confidential	Wolf 07	2 Combat
26 Apr	Confidential	Tiger 60	2 Combat
27 Apr	Confidential	Nail 83	2 Combat
29 Apr	Unclassified	Cat Killer 676	2 Non-Combat
2 May	Confidential	Eagle Green 02	1 Combat
6 May	Confidential	Gunfighter 01	2 Combat
12 May	Confidential	Charlie Horse 828	3 Combat
14 May	Secret	Cobra Red One	1 Combat
2 Jun	Secret	PFL	2 Combat
4 Jun	Secret	Covey 504	2 Combat
17 Jun	Unclassified	King Star 11	None
20 Jun	Confidential	Covey 504	2 Combat
20 Jun	Confidential	Wolf 02	None

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