



U.S. Air Force Photo by Sgt. John Sullivan

A "newbie" passes over a combat veteran HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant rescue helicopter of Da Nang AflD's 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery

Squadron. Two new Jolly Greens recently stopped at Da Nang on the final leg of a trans-pacific flight to Udorn RTAFB, Thailand.

Downed near enemy base camp

Super Jolly saves hurt Army crewman

DA NANG AFLD — After being hit by enemy ground fire and crashing close to An Khe in the central highlands region of Vietnam, two U.S. Army crewmen were pulled to safety thanks to the cooperation and team-

work of the helicopter crewmen and rescue crews of the Air Force's 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron here recently.

When the light observation aircraft was reported downed during a reconnaissance mission, the Army helicopters in the area provided assistance to the survivors while the HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giants from the 37th ARRS rushed to the scene.

The Army crewmembers had gone down close to an enemy base camp and were forced to evade hostile troops in the area until the arrival of the rescue forces.

The huge HH-53 rescue helicopters were orbiting just north of Da Nang on airborne alert when they received word of the search and rescue effort. According to Maj. Robert H. Heiges Jr., commander of the Jolly Green that picked up one of the survivors, "We set the course and proceeded as fast as we could directly to the scene."

Meanwhile, an Army "dustoff" medical evacuation helicopter in the area had picked up the downed pilot, but was unable to get the second man aboard because of a hoist malfunction.

One of the big rescue helicopters went in to locate and recover the downed artillery observer. They located him and lowered the jungle penetrator, but the rescue helicopter was forced to leave because of fuel shortage.

Major Heiges' aircraft then went in to make the pickup. "The survivor appeared injured, so a pararescueman (PJ) was lowered to aid him," he said.

The PJ, TSgt. Henry C. Kirk III, was lowered on the jungle penetrator as the other PJ, TSgt. Joe H. Vance,

peared to be in good shape. As a matter of fact, apparently he had seen me slip, because the first thing he did was ask if I was okay.

"I put him on the jungle penetrator and then climbed on it myself and we were both pulled up into the aircraft," the sergeant said.

Added Capt. Roger T. Colgrove, copilot of the rescue mission, "It didn't seem like very long from the time we put the PJ on the ground until we were pulling them back into the aircraft. As soon as they were onboard, we got out of there as fast as we went in."

TRW gets safety award

Engineering, Base Operations and from Safety. Its sole purpose has been to identify and eliminate hazards to people, aircraft and vehicles.

Delta airbase installs new GCA radar

BINH THUY — For the first time a MPN-13 precision ground control approach radar is being installed at this Delta base.

The equipment is being installed by members of the 1837th Electronics Installation Squadron from Tachikawa AB, Japan.

The new unit will provide GCA radar training on visual flight rules to Republic of Vietnam Air Force person-

483d TAW

C-7s claim

b-u-s-y month

CAM RANH BAY — Providing vital airlift support, C-7 Caribou aircraft of the 483d Tactical Airlift Wing flew 11,267 sorties for Allied forces throughout Vietnam during May.

These sorties were recorded as the wing's five C-7 squadrons, four here and one at Phu Cat AB, shuttled supplies and passengers to remote airstrips within the country.

An excellent launch reliability, according to officials, was maintained on all sorties as the wing airlifted nearly 4,600 tons of cargo and 58,798 passengers.

The 535th Tactical Airlift Squadron transported 12,694 passengers, leading