

The standard feet wet airborne alert sortie took a different turn for Capt Glen Walder on 12 May 71 after the chance sighting of a red distress smoke signal by TSgt Charles S. Salome (PJ) just off the beach due east of Quang Tri. Upon arriving in the area of the signal it was discovered that an Army helicopter (OH-58A) had crashed without injury to its occupants. They were taken on board and returned to Quang Tri, after which Capt Walder continued his airborne alert. Credit was given for three non-combat saves.

Crew Rosters

AC Capt Glen W. Walder	AC Maj Joseph F. Mudd
CP Capt Robert W. Uljua	CP Maj Gerald V. Lange
HM A1C George P. Ojala	HM TSgt James B. Barrett
RS TSgt Charles S. Salome	RS TSgt Allen J. Avery
RS SSgt Roy A. Taylor	RS A1C Randy L. Zonker
RS A1C Ralph R. Moreno	RS TSgt Richard M. Crowley

Additional assistance was rendered the Army on 24 May 71 when Jolly Greens from the 37 ARRSQ were brought into the SAR effort for an injured O-1A crew member. Significantly, both alpha high and low aircraft took an active part in this combat save as a result of a critical fuel situation for the alpha low helicopter, flown by Maj Charles E. Posey. After arrival on the scene and receiving a briefing on the situation, Maj Posey elected to make an immediate rescue attempt. The penetrator was lowered, but the survivor appeared to be in shock or otherwise unable to strap himself to it. As a result of his reduced fuel state, Maj Posey made the decision to pull off and refuel immediately. At the same time, Maj Robert H. Heiges, flying the alpha high aircraft, which had sufficient fuel to attempt a rescue, dove down to the scene prepared to lower a PJ. Upon

finally locating the survivor, who had neither radios nor flares, TSgt Henry C. Kirk III (PJ), was lowered and found himself near an enemy encampment and that the survivor had been defending himself with an M-79 grenade launcher. The survivor, who was suffering from shock and possible broken ribs, was extracted and flown to Qui Nhon AB for treatment.

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CP Capt Roger T. Colgrove	CP Capt John R. Weimer
HM TSgt James B. Barrett	HM A1C George P. Ojala
RS TSgt Henry C. Kirk III	RS TSgt Eugene L. Nardi
RS TSgt Jon H. Young	RS A1C William P. McDonald
RS A1C Charles B. Aldean	RS A1C David G. Mueller
HM A1C James K. Ashdown	

The successful ejection of two Covey (OV-10) FAC crew members on 4 Jun 71 after receiving heavy ground fire, brought the airborne alert aircraft to make the last two combat saves of the quarter. The SAR area, which was reported to contain a considerable number of anti-aircraft weapons, had received a devastating pounding from both Sandy and fast moving aircraft, thus allowing Maj Donald L. Jensen to make his rescue run shortly after arriving on the scene. The first survivor was located and extracted easily, whereas the second, due to his position in a deep, heavily foliated ravine, had his smoke signal retarded from clearly marking his position. During the extraction of the second crew member the PJ's opened fire on suspected enemy positions and slight battle damage to the Jolly Green was sustained. Additional ground fire was noted during the egress phase and this was also returned by the PJ's.

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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617	Indigenous Person	--	9 Apr 71	A-3-016-09
618	Richard E. Forman	1 Lt	18 Apr 71	A-3-017
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	W01	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

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
TO
CHARLES B. ALDEAN

Airman First Class Charles B. Aldean distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as a Pararescue Specialist on an HH-53 Rescue Helicopter near Phan Rang, Republic of Vietnam, on 24 May 1971. On that date, Airman Aldean's outstanding airmanship and extensive technical skill, displayed under the extremely hazardous conditions of making a pick up in a known hostile area, culminated in the rescue of a United States Army aircrew member from probable death or capture by hostile armed forces. With complete disregard for his own personal safety, and despite the threat of hostile ground fire, Airman Aldean exposed himself on the open ramp of the helicopter to man his defensive gun position throughout the search for and rescue of the survivor. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Airman Aldean reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

Bob -

Kirk Young

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH AIR FORCE PACAF
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96307

SPECIAL ORDER
G-3461

27 NOVEMBER 1971

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT, EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IS
AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS FOR HEROISM WHILE
PARTICIPATING IN AERIAL FLIGHT ON THE DATE INDICATED.

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TECHNICAL SERGEANT

078328731	DOUGLAS ALLAN F	710603	NARKNR
	BASIC		

PJ

452844503	KIRK HENRY C III	710524	DAQKJR
	2ND OLC		

PJ

541464932	YOUNG JON H	710524	DAQKJR
	BASIC		

STAFF SERGEANT

201325949	WERT RICHARD L	710526	NARQC6
	BASIC		

SERGEANT

550742656	YOUNGMARK JEROME E	710529	NARKNR
	1ST OLC		

AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

PJ

471626634	ALDEAN CHARLES B	710524	DAQKJR
	BASIC		

FE

276464475	ASHDOWN JAMES K	710524	DAQKJR
	BASIC		

FOR THE COMMANDER

M. K. Pfauitsch
M/K PFAUNTSCH, SMSGT, USAF
ASST DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION

DISTRIBUTION
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G-3461

1020 DAAR JRCC TOTAL 9.0
1030 LINE CHECK 5X5
1045 SSOT ARISE OFF DUTY

24 MAY 71

2110 CAPT TYLER ON DUTY
2155 MAINTENANCE TO QUEEN
2335 ITEM 3 NQ SET CD RIPC DLMK
2340 STATUS TO JOKER
0200 JG 70 ABN
0220 JG 45 & 86 ABN @ CLARK.
ETA CH 77 0715
0228 JG 67 ABN
0342 JG 73 ABN @ CH 73 FOR 0330
0400 CAPT TYLER OFF DUTY
SSOT ARISE OFF DUTY, ALERT SYSTEM TESTED
HEADHUNTER 12 DOWN ACFT UNK REPORTED DEEPER & MAYDAY
2 POB HAS BEEN SPOTTED
0420 JG 67/70 HEADING TOWARD POSITION 250/26/87, SANDY'S
LAUNCHED FROM CH 77, 37 CAL & 50 CAL REPORTED IN AREA
0425 FAST MOVERS IN AREA
0428 SHAMROCK 67 GOING IN FOR PICKUP / PHASE ALPHA
0438 SANDY'S ABN / JG 67 & 70 WILL AIR FEET WET WITH KING 26
0440 SHAMROCK 64 OVER HEAD
0458 DUSTOFF 13 MAKING PKK UP / TAKING FIRE
0503 DUSTOFF 13 HAS ONE SURVIVOR ON PENETRATOR
0508 DUSTOFF 13 WILL PUT OUT WITH SURVIVOR AND DROP HIM OFF
SHAMROCK 64 GOING INTO AREA
0512 JG 70 ETA AREA SHORTLY. ANTICIPATE PICKUP QUEEN RECOMMENDS IT
0513 JG 70 WILL GO IN FOR PICKUP
0523 SHAMROCK 64 & JG 70 ARE BOTH IN AREA. JG 70 WILL ATTEMPT PICKUP
0525 JG 70 REQUEST'S REFUELING AFTER PICKUP.

0532	JG 70 PENETRATOR GOING DOWN.
0539	ONLY ONE SURVIVOR ON GROUND.
0540	JG 70 PULLING OUT JG 67 WILL GO IN. SURVIVOR IS APPARENTLY IN A DAZE, CANNOT GET ON PENETRATOR.
0543	JG 70 IS A/R - 090/26/107
0545	JG 67 OVER SURVIVOR, PJ ON GROUND TO HELP SURVIVOR
0549	JG 67 HAS PICKED UP PJ & SURVIVOR NUMBER 622 622 SAVE
0556	SURVIVOR IS IN GOOD SHAPE WITH POSSIBLE BOKEN RIB AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS. JOLLY'S WILL A/R & RTB. SURVIVOR WILL BE BROUGHT TO CH 81 FOR MEDICAL REASONS
0605	JG 67 UNABLE TO TALK WITH KING 24. FOR A/R. 67 WILL GO TO CH 81 AND REFUEL
0645	KING 51 LANDED ESCORT FOR FERRY FLIGHT
0655	JG 45/86 LANDED FERRY FLT.
0720	JG 70 LANDED LOGGED 5.4 MISSION NUMBER A-3-020 24 MAY 71 Brewster Time JG 65/ 363 3.1 - 4 LANDINGS JG 73/ 788 3.3 - 10 LANDINGS
0755	JG 45/86 ABN TO UTDON
0738	JG 67 LANDED LOGGED 5.8
1035	DAAR JRCC TOTAL 17.6
1036	LINE CHECK 5x5
1045	Sgt ARISRE OFF DUTY

- 25 MAY 71 -

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2337	INCIDENT TX SET BOVENFSU4X
2350	Ops status to JOKER
0010	Major Liebtrot Ops facilities hop for 11 only Murrey
0015	Sgt M. Kneary returning on JG 73 DUE 3-5 days
0033	JG 71 Airtone to B. H. H.
0055	1111g Curren Mac CoP. VIP Col Bridges Hdg. MC



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24 MAY 71

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Joint Rescue Successful

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The downed Army pilot from the 219th Airplane Reconnaissance Company, Pleiku, and his observer, from the 92d Artillery Company, An Khe, were taken to Qui Khon for treatment of unspecified injuries suffered during the crash.

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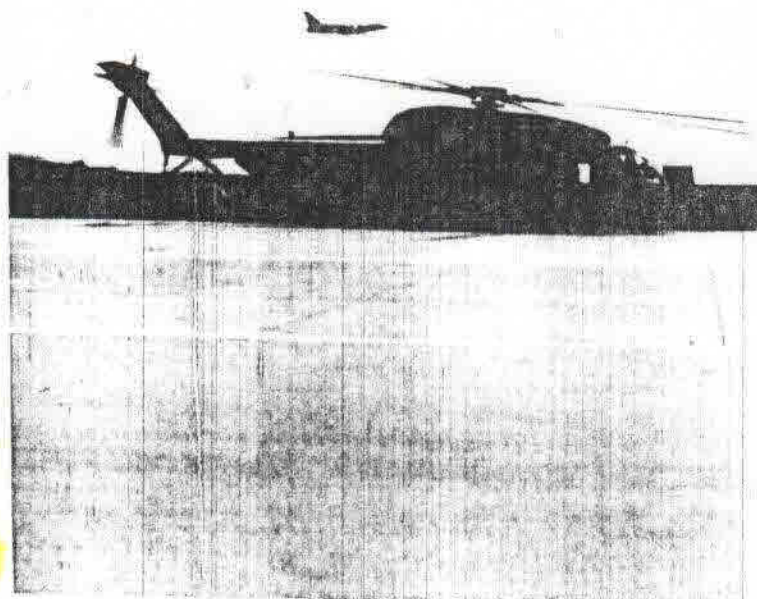
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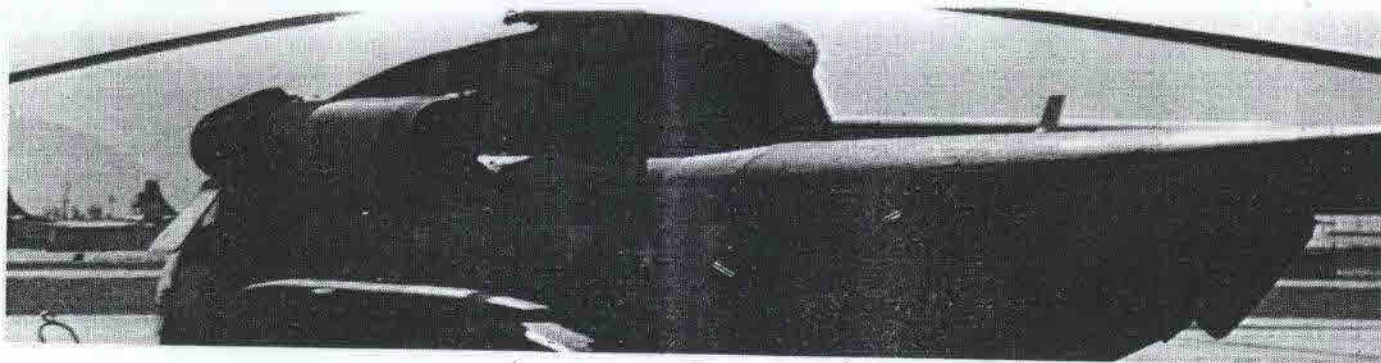
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JULY 1971





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

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24 MAY 71 SAR

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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

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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 the wing's efforts.