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A lunch time scramble at the Bien Hoa FOL sent Capt, Steven R, Tyler and crew heading for the hear t of Cambodia to rescue a downed American A-37 pilot on 29 Nov. Enroute to the scene all applicable checklists were run and both Jolly Greens were ready for the rescue attempt upon arrival at the Initial holding point. While the area was being prepared by both fast and slow moving TAC AIR the Jolly's were moved to a position almost directly over the SAR area. Capt Tyler was briefed and was making his final preparations for a run in when the survivor advised that there was intense ground fire in the area and that he was with a group of armed friendlies that could take him to a more secure area. After the survivor was relocated and it was determined that the area was relatively secure Capt Tyler initiated an authoritative descent a round clouds to a barren dirt field. The survivor boarded the aircraft and a near vertical departure was made from the area. The survivor was treated for second degree burns on his face, neck and arms during the return flight to Bien Hoa.