

37ARRSQ HISTORY, 1 JANUARY - 31 MARCH 1972

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

During this quarter the following decorations were submitted for approval:

Silver Star.....	6
Distinguished Flying Cross.....	18
Bronze Star Medal.....	2
Air Medal.....	72
Commendation Medal.....	16

During this quarter the following decorations were awarded:

Meritorious Service Medal.....	1
Bronze Star Medal.....	1
Air Medal.....	29
Commendation Medal.....	7
Purple Heart.....	2

CHAPTER V

MISSION NARRATIVES

Search and Rescue operations for the first quarter of 1972 were limited. On 20 January 1972, the Squadron Commander, Lt Col William M. Harris IV, and his crew on Jolly Green 71 were launched for a possible SAR on an Air Force F-4. The F-4 pilots were subsequently picked up by an Army helicopter. While enroute, the Jollies heard Charley Horse 25 call on guard that he was on fire and going down in the Khe Sanh Valley. The Jollies arrived just as Charley Horse 33 was evacuating the six survivors to Quang Tri. Jolly Green 71 escorted them to Quang Tri where the survivors were transferred to the Jollies and rushed to the 95th Medical Evacuation Hospital at Da Nang. Lt Col Harris made an excellent approach to the small, unlighted pad at Quang Tri and

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the survivors were quickly exchanged. Two of the survivors were in critical condition, one with burns over 100% of his body, and the two PJ's, A1C Pearson and A1C Aillet, began immediate first aid to keep them alive. The need for immediate medical help for the two critically injured necessitated an intermediate stop at the 85th Medical Evacuation Hospital at Hue. Here the four survivors with less serious injuries received interim medical aid. The survivors were then evacuated by the Jollies to Da Nang.

Ten days later another Army helicopter was shot down and Queen launched Capt Roger Colgrove's crew to assist in the recovery. Charley Horse 36 had gone down in dense jungle southwest of Hue. The Jollies orbited at 5000 feet three miles south of the crash site while Sandy 7 checked the security of the area and an Army team of three men cut the two survivors from the wreckage of the Cobra gunship. When the survivors were free, Sandy 7 led Jolly Green 65 to the crash site and the ground team popped a smoke grenade to further mark their position. Capt Colgrove hovered for 26 minutes in high hover over the 135 foot trees while TSgt Pickelsimer was lowered with the stokes litter and then he and the two survivors and the three man ground team were hoisted aboard. The Jolly crew exited the area and rushed the two injured men to the 95th Medical Evacuation Hospital.

Our last save this quarter was made by Capt "Bo" Johnson's crew on 8 March 72. Queen launched the alpha crews for a Navy A-4 with an emergency fuel condition northwest of Da Nang.

19 JAN 72 CONTINUED

0520 FR J.G. 71 ↑ FOR TNG-1
 0745 B JG 71 ↓ FOR TAG
 0910 FR J.G. 64 ↑ FOR AL TNG
 0915 FR J.G. 73 ↓ FM TNG-2
 1155 DA JG 66 ↓ FM TNG

20 JAN 72

02300 AY SGT Yount on duty
 0245 AY MAINT. STATUS TO QUEEN.
 0300 AY ITEM REPORT TO JOKER + ITEM 16
 FROM QUEEN (ITEM 16 CANCEL)
 0410 AY JG 66 ↑ FOR TNG-AH
 0500 AY JG 71 ↑ FOR TNG. AL-
 0540 FR J.G. 65 ↑ FOR TNG-1
 0600 FR J.G. 71 ↓ FM AL TNG.
 0735 FR J.G. 65 & 66 ↓ FM TNG-1 & AH TNG
 0735 FR J.G. 71 & 66 SCRAMBLED BY QUEEN!
 0940 FR MAJ. LAUGE NOTIFIED A-3-003
 0945 FR STORMY 04 DOWN! AT 110NM ESE CH-89
 0955 FR MAJ. LAUGE SAYS COCK BRAVO'S
 0945 FR J.G. 71 & 66 ↑ ~~SCRAMBLED~~ A'K'BORNE.
 0950 FR ~~BE~~ LOCATION 252/43/103
 0955 FR ONE NIGHT EQUIPPED JOLLY GREEN AND ONE
 SANDY LAUNCHING OUT OF CH-93.
 1030 FR BRADY OR LOACH PICKED UP SURVIVORS
 1025 FR CHARLIE HORSE 25 ON FIRE GOING DOWN
 IN RIVER AT KHE SAN. NEW SAR,
 CHARLIE HORSE 33 REQ FAC & ORDNANCE FAST
 A-3-004

				SURVIVOR (S)			JAN 72
				NAME, RANK	LOCATION		
DATE	CREW	JG #	SAVE #	SSN, ORGN	OF SAVE	TYPE SAVE	
20	HARRIS SUTTON POPE AILLETT PEARSON GOODWIN	71 66	699	UNKNOWN	CH 69	NEW COMBAT	
30	COLGROVE SCOTT MINSHAW P. KELSIMER PEARSON GOODWIN (AP)	JG 65	700 701	CAPT MILLS, AUGH (WIA) W.O. (WIA) BRYANT S4 WOOD John F XXXXXXXXXX S4 FLOTT, John B. XXXXXXXXXX S4 MARSH, Theodore XXXXXXXXXX ALL OF "D" TROOP 35 CALURY	SW OF PHUBAI GROUND PARTY	2 COMBAT SAVES	

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MESSAGE NOTIFICATION

Individual
Contacted:

Local Time
and Date:

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RHMSMVA/MACV/SAIGON RVN
RUMMRSA/7AF TSN RVN/CC/DO/DOO/IN/DOCT/DP
RUMMRSA/3ARRGP TSN AB RVN/JRCC
RUMUJNA/OL A 3ARRGP SON TRA AB RVN
RUMOREA/56SOW/DOO/NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND
RUMOREA/4GARRS NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND
RUMUJAA/39ARRS CAM RANH BAY AB RVN
RUMOUVA/AIRA VIENTIANE LAOS

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90 MILES NW of
NKP

1. RESCUE OPENING/CLOSING REPORT - 29 JAN 7
2. MISSION NUMBER - 6-3-007 - 29 JANUARY 1967
3. SITUATION: DOWNED T-28
4. DESCRIPTION OF SAR OBJECTIVE:
(1) Y-28/51-3531/GRAY/RAVEN 52
(2) FLIGHT PLAN - TACTICAL
(3) PILOT - NAME AND UNIT NOT RELEASABLE
(4) POB - ONE
(5) WEATHER IN AREA - VFR
(6) SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT - USAF STANDARD
(7) POSITION - 1836N-10346E

2. ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. CONTROLLING AGENCY - OL-8, 3 ARRO
2. TIME NOTIFIED - OL-8, 3 ARRO NOTIFIED C
3. 290337Z BY KING 21 (HC-130P).
4. FOLLOWING SAR FORCES ALERTED:
5. 40CARPS AT 290333Z
6. 5650N AT 290337Z

Classified by _____
SUBJECT TO GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEME OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
AUTOMATICALLY DOWNGRADED AT TWO
YEAR INTERVALS.
DECLASSIFIED ON 3/05/98

1992-1993

Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the experimental setup.

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(9) TIME SAR FORCES LAUNCHED:

(A) 1 HC-130B, 39ARRS DIVERTED AT 290337Z

(B) 2 A1E, 56 SOW DIVERTED AT 290337Z

(C) 2 HH-53C, 40ARRS LAUNCHED AT 290355Z

C. PERSONNEL INFORMATION:

(1) ONE PERSON INVOLVED, ONE LOCATED, ONE SAVED

(2) SAR OBJECTIVE LOCATED BY SANDY 1 (A-1E) AT 290350Z
POSITION 1835N 10346E.

(3) RECOVERY OF RAVEN 52 COMPLETED AT 290357Z BY NON-USAF
HELICOPTER HOTEL 89 (CH-34) BY LANDING.

(4) SURVIVOR TAKEN TO LS-35, ARRIVING AT 290515Z, THEN
TRANSFERRED TO JOLLY GREEN 62 (HH-53C) AND FLOWN TO
UDORN RTAFB, ARRIVING AT 290515Z.

D. FLYING ACTIVITY:

(1) 39ARRS - 1 SORTIE FOR 1.7 HOURS

(2) 40ARRS - 2 SORTIES FOR 2.6 HOURS

(3) 56 SOW - 2 SORTIES FOR 2.4 HOURS

(4) NON-USAF HELICOPTER - 1 SORTIE FOR 0.6 HOURS

E. SAYS DATA: ONE NON-ARRS SAVE MADE BY CIVILIAN HELI-
COPTER. KING 21 GREATLY ASSISTED SAR EFFORT BY ORGAN-

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IZING AND COORDINATING SAR MISSION.

(1) PERSON SAVED - NAME NOT RELEASABLE

(2) 1 COMBAT SAVE ACCREDITED TO NON-USAF HELICOPTER

(3) 1 AIR CREW MEMBER

G. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS:

(1) OL-8, 3ARRCP WAS NOTIFIED AT 290337Z BY KING 21 THAT
RAVEN 52 WAS HAVING ENGINE PROBLEMS ABOUT 10 MILES OF LS-35.

AT 290343Z KING 21 DIRECTED SANDY 1/2 (A-1E) TO DIVERT TO THE

AREA. AT 0350Z HOB0 42 (A-1E) SPOTTED SMOKE AT 321/30/CH 89 AND
"BOUG BUSTER" REPORTED SEEING AN AIRCRAFT GO DOWN IN THAT AREA.

BY 290350Z KING 21 HAD VOICE CONTACT WITH RAVEN 52 SURVIVOR THRU

SANDY 1 AND JOLLY GREEN 62/32 (HH-53C) WERE LAUNCHED. SNADYS 3/

6 (A-1E) WERE PLACED ON COCKPIT ALERT BUT WERE NOT NEEDED FOR

THE SAR EFFORT. THE PICKUP WAS MADE BY H-35 AT 0350Z AND THE

SURVIVOR WAS TAKEN TO LS-35, WHERE HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO JOLLY

GREEN 62 AND FLOWN TO UDORN RTAFB, THAILAND. JOLLY GREEN 62

LANDED AT 290515Z. ALL SAR FORCES WERE RTD AT 290515Z.

(2) NO AERIAL REFUELINGS WERE ACCOMPLISHED.

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Reported Bufile 03374
Smoke sighted 0350Z
Voice contact 0350Z
P/O @ 0359Z
40th Launch 0355Z