

Hurt Jolly

Trailing a stream of fuel from a hole in its tank, a battle-damaged HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant rescue helicopter is escorted out of North Vietnam by an HC-130 King refueling tanker. The helicopter of the 40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron which was heavily damaged by small arms fire during rescue operations deep in enemy territory, had to refuel several times during the flight home.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Sgt. Jim Strong

Two Phantom pilots rescued near Laos-NVN border

In a search and rescue (SAR) effort that spanned six hours late last month two U.S. Air Force Phantom pilots were rescued near the Laos-North Vietnam border west-southwest of Hanoi.

Giant rescue helicopters. One chopper, piloted by Capt. Bennie F. Orrell, maneuvered over Miller, dropped the jungle penetrator within ten feet of the downed airman and hoisted him into the helicopter.

"When I got a glimpse of his parachute on the side of the hill, I told the guys to put me on the ground so I could get to him," said Sgt. Charles McGrath, one of the two PJs on the chopper. "I was about two feet away from him before he actually saw me," the PJ said.