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DATE: 30 June 1972

MISSION NUMBER: A-40-016

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: Jolly Green 64

MISSION ORIGINATOR: Mail 37

LOCATION: ID 427 408

Classified by

SRM/E 1.1

GROUP 1

DATE 31 DEC 1978

RECLASSIFICATION

31 DEC 1978

1. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS: Initial notification from I-DASS, Hue ADG, indicated that Mail 37 was down five clicks east-southeast of Quang Tri with two good chutes. Jack reported Mail 37 down but the position given was Southwest of Hue. Sandies were launched. The Alpha aircraft were off at 1045Z. The flight proceeded fast west to a holding point over the water ahead of the SAR area. Sandies were holding in the same area when we arrived. Covey 75 was CSB and an Army helicopter team was available. The SAR Force had lost voice contact with the survivor and did not have his position pin-pointed. He was moving on the ground to a better location. Covey 05 was low on fuel and started to transfer CSB to Covey 110. The F-4's reported SA-7 fired at their aircraft. King recommended that Sandies avoid the SA-7 threat. The Army chopper team started a run-in and Covey 75, although low on fuel, remained in the area. The F-4's called for Sandies to cover the chopper team. Center 06 started a run-in and looked for the survivor. At this point 13 started transmitting a call up to Covey 75 on the SAR primary uniform frequency. This seriously hampered the SAR effort for it blocked communications between the recovery chopper, Center 06, and the survivor. Center located the survivor and made the pick-up. As he was egressing, Center called that he had two wounded on board and was proceeding to Tan Ky. The low bird, Jolly Green 72, headed for Tan Ky to provide medical airlift if required. Then Center 06 called that one wounded was very serious. Immediately, Gallant Man called on SAR primary uniform and advised that he had medical facilities, a green deck, and gave the bearing and distances. Jolly Green 64 headed for the beach and told Center 06 that we could either pick up the wounded or we could land him to medical aid, 12 miles away if he had the fuel. Jolly Green 64 joined the Center 06 at the beach and lead him to Gallant Man. NOTE: At this point the low bird receivers apparently failed and they were not able to hear the change in medical status and the call by Gallant Man. They joined Jolly Green 64 when they observed the other SAR forces proceeding to Gallant Man. Center 06 landed on Gallant Man and was met by medical personnel. The Jollies held in the area forty minutes for two reasons: One, in the event medical airlift was required and two, to provide escort for Center 06. The Jollies and King received word that the patients had stabilized and that Center 06 would leave. The Jollies then proceeded to CH.77. Thirty miles from CH.77 King relayed that Jack wanted Mail 37 picked up and brought to CH.77. He asked if this was a medical requirement or, if initiated by Jack had it been coordinated with medical personnel on board Gallant Man. Jack then asked if we could land on Gallant Man. We replied affirmative but that we did not recommend a night ship landing if there was no medical reason. Also at this point Jolly Green 72 had failure of both airspeed indicators. King concurred with our recommendation. Jolly Green 72 joined on Jolly Green 64 and the flight recovered at CH.77.

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1. AIRCRAFT SORTIES AND ACQUISITIONS:

WALL SIGN	SORTIES	ACQUIS
JG-64	1	2.3
JG-72	1	2.3

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29 Jun

2230Z	gt	SSgt Haller to duty
2330Z	gt	SAR Posture to JACK
2350Z	gt	SAR Posture & ITEM RPT to JOKER
	J	JG 72 ↑ TNG
1112Z	J	JG 72 - OV-10 ON FIRE WITH 2ND OV-10 TRAILING - GOING AFTER IT - 320/32/69
1115Z	J	JG 72 - WING FIRE ON OV-10 - COVER 87 JACK - SCRAMBLE ALPHA'S 40-015
1119Z	J	DITCHED 330/18/69 - JACK
1121Z		1 MAN IN RAFT OTHER IN WATER
1122Z	J	JG 65 ↑ SAR-E / JG 64 ABORT
1124Z	J	JACK - SCRAMBLE SANDY'S
1131Z	J	JACK - CAUX SANDY'S
1133Z	J	GREENBUG MADE PICKUP - GOING TO CAMERA BUG
1140Z	J	JOLLY'S RTB
1218Z	J	MOTEL - FRONT SEATER DID NOT GET OUT B-MAN DID NOT SEE A-MAN
1231Z	J	JG 72 / TNG & JG 65 ↓ SAR-E
1232Z	J	MOTEL - CAMERA BUG / CH46 - WHEN ACFT LEFT THE SCENE COVER-87 ACFT WAS UPSIDE DOWN IN THE WATER - NO SIGN OF A-MAN.
1315Z	J	FORSTAT & DNAR TO JOKER