

Da Nang AFD 4 Oct 72

Air Rescues Finest Hour

Fraught with inclement weather, bad radios, darkness, uncooperative foreign Nationals; AIR RESCUES best Sq came through to save an Vietnamese pilots life. All of my readers by now know that we saved a VNAF pilot on 3 Oct 72, but most of you are not familiar with the hardships involved nor the courageous parts played by the crews of Jolly 64 and Jolly 71. The two ALPHA aircraft were just landing from a two hour training flight when they were informed of a possible mission south of Da Nang. A VNAF A-37 was reported either down in the ocean or close to going down as the restarted engines and prepared to scramble. Both aircraft were airborne around five pm and finally received confirmation of the A-37 pilot actually having punched out over the ocean. Both aircraft were scanning the sea when Jolly 71 was vectored to a small boat by another acft overhead. The only problem with this was; it was merely a small fishing boat and not a downed pilot. As 71 was leaving this area, Jolly 64 spotted a Vietnamese fishing boat with the downed pilot aboard. They deployed Sgt Conard via the hoist to give any emergency medical treatment required plus he was to evaluate the best way of getting the pilot aboard a Jolly and evacuated to a hospital. Sgt Conard upon boarding the boat found the survivor unconscious and asked for another PJ for assistance, Sgt Hammock was lowered into the sea next to the boat and boarded it also. At this stage of the mission Jolly 71 left the area and came home for fuel, while Major Korper's crew aboard 64 orbited the area, keeping

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in contact with the boat and trying to find the most expeditious and safest manner to move the injured pilot from the boat to a Jolly. The boats captain refused to allow the Jolly to hover over them for fear of capsizing and due to a lack of good communications equipment a Navy ship could not be brought to the boat. Jolly 71's crew led by Captain Boroczka had been refueled and were back in the area in less than 45 minutes and Jolly 64 was headed back to home plate for fuel.

When the boats captain was convinced to head for shore so the crews could get the pilot off the boat and on one of the Jollies. Jolly 71 landed on the beach and SSgt Baker, Sgt Buchanan and Dr Howell were sent out to meet the boat in the water. Sgt Jones was posted to the rear of the aircraft to guard against possible enemy action, Sgt Cocoran was posted point to guard also, and it was just a matter of time before the boat got close enough to the beach for Sgt Buchanan and Dr Howell to take a stokes litter to the boat. Jolly 64 deployed a seven man life raft to float the survivor from boat to acft. The three PJ's Buchanan, Conard and Hammock along with Dr Howell then brought the survivor ashore while SSgt Baker stood guard over the beach. The survivor was brought to acft 784 and loaded aboard while some of the crew members along with a Vietnamese marine kept a large crowd at a distance. With the survivor aboard, 784 flew from the beach to Da Nang AFD where the VNAF pilot was taken to the base hospital for treatment.

I believe all personnel who took part in this mission are deserving of praise and to be truthful one has to say all personnel of the 37th Took part. Once

		getting VNN Gunboat to assist.
0935Z	B	New Dmc 115/08/77.
0945Z	B	Boat going to Port. want let Jolly's lover over him. Survivor conscious
0955	B	JG 71 ↓ for fuel
1000Z	B	Calling for Dust off with UNAF on Board. to INTERPORT. JG 64 will go on reserve fuel at 1855L.
1014	B	Doc Howell going back out with JG 71
1015	B	^{EAGLE 297} UNAF 279 on way to SAN. Area from M.M.
1020	B	JG 71 ↑ with Flares onboard
1022	B	Boat 1391 heading to fishing anchorage. Survivor to be taken to 95th.
1025	B	JG 64 going to head back for gas.
1028	B	UNAF 279 going to head home - bingo fuel.
1030	B	JG 64 ↓ for fuel. / EAGLE 16 on way to AREA.
1043	B	UNAF 279 back on scene
1050	B	JG 64 ↑
1110	B	Doc & PJ's swimming out to boat with STOKES LITTER & LPU's.
1120	B	^{7 man} Raft dropped with Lanyard inflated. PJ's moving raft to boat.
1135	B	Survivor in Raft. Heading for shore.
1143	B	Raft on the beach. Beach .
1150	B	Survivor being ON-LOADED.
1158	B	JG 64 & 71 taking off to come BACK.
1205	B	JG 64 ↓
1210	B	JG 71 ↓

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0615L	JB	SSG BREEDEN ON DUTY
0720L	JB	LINE ALPHA p. ITEM # 2 TO JACK
0814L	JB	JG 71 ↑ TNG (SCH)
0445Z	JB	JG 71 ↓ TNG
		JG 66 OUT 0001 - 2359 EAGLE 09
0820	B	Major Quisenberry (APAT) advises a UNAF A chopper down at ZD 130 125. Three SOB in water swimming for beach. Kingstar 22 rose P. ... enttled his ...

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JG 64 OUT 1730 TO 2000

02 OCT 72

0600 AS

SSG BREWSTER ON DUTY

0710 AS

LINE ALPHA & ITEM #2 TO JACK

JG 64 OUT 0630 TO 1300

JG 65 OUT 0630 TO 1430 & 1700 TO 2359

JG 66 OUT 0630 TO 1300 & 1700 TO 2359

PEDRO 60 OUT 0001 TO 2359

PEDRO 61 OUT 0001 TO 2359

0710 B

JG 71 & TNG (ALPHA) NOTE: Scheduled TRNR CANX'd

B

JG 65 & TNG (ALPHA)

1000 B

JG 71 & TNG (A2 ICS HOT MIKE & MINIGUN'S)

1005 B

JG 65 & TNG (A2, possibly A1: Trim pulls to right, Gear won't retract, ICS HOT MIKE)

1020 B

DAAR to JOKER

JG

03 OCT 72

0600 AS

SSG BREWSTER ON DUTY

0635 AS

LINE ALPHA & ITEM #2 TO JACK

PEDRO 60 OUT 0001 TO 2359

PEDRO 61 OUT 0001 TO 2359

~~JG 65 OUT 0001 TO~~

JG 66 OUT 0001 TO 0830

TRAINER CANX

JG 64 OUT 0830 TO 1215

0630 AS

JG 64 & 71 & TNG (ALPHA)

0835 B

JG 64 & 71 & TNG (ALPHA)

0850 B

JG 64 & 71 told to Launch for Tiger 40 (#37)
feet wet 5m S/E CH 77.

0905 B

JG 64 & 71 & 115/05/77

0910 B

JG 64 reports survivor picked up by a boat (#1391)
and is apparently injured.

0915 B

JG 64 sending a PJ down with radio to check
condition of survivor.

0925 B

will deploy Stokes litter (survivor unconscious)
and bring survivor to CH 77 (~~0925~~) (0925)

0930 B

Survivor has Neck/Back/Extremity Injuries. Blooded

SURVIVOR
NAME & RANK
SSAN & SQ

DATE	CREW	SAVE	JG		LOCATION	TYPE SAVE
22 SEP	BOROCZK LAND FOY JOHNSON BUCHANAN	865	72	CPT POMEROY, JOHN H. XXXXXXXXXX 14 TRS	3112/79/69	1 COMBAT
OCTOBER						
4 OCT	BRUNER LAND VICTOR CALDWELL CHARLESWORTH	866	64	VNAF		1 COMBAT
4 OCT	BOROCZK PEREIRA COCHRAN BEAUCHAMP BUCHANAN	867	65	VNAF		1 COMBAT
2 OCT	LONG STOUT ROUHIER BAKER BEAUCHAMP HATHCUX HOWELL	868	72	BOLIVIAN NATIONAL		1 NON COMBAT