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MISSION NARRATIVE - JOLLY GREEN 36 - 23 Aug 67

1. Shortly after 1600 hrs on 23 Aug 67, it was reported that the crew members of Ford 3 had ejected in the vicinity of 090/53/CH 86. At 1610 Jolly Green 36 was scrambled by Compress from CH 89, with the takeoff being made at 1616 and an ETA to the area of 1645. After takeoff Crown 2 was contacted and advised Jolly Green 36 that they were circling the area and had established voice and beeper contact with Ford 3. Also Jolly Green 36 was advised of new coordinates of Ford 3 to be 085/54/CH 86. Because of a direct headwind of approximately 20 Kts, a revised ETA of 1650 was passed to Crown 2. Weather enroute and at the scene was high scattered with visibility more than 20 miles.
2. While enroute Jolly Green 36 asked Crown 2 if the survivors were separated and if there were any injuries. Crown 2 advised that the survivors were separated a short distance and no injuries. Jolly Green 36 asked Crown 2 to advise the survivors to join up on the ground if possible to facilitate more rapid recovery. The request was passed to the survivors and Crown 2 advised that one survivor was in a small clearing surrounded by trees, while the other was in a nearby rice paddy.
3. When approximately 15 miles from the area, visual contact was made with Crown 2 and they proceeded to intercept Jolly Green 36 and lead us directly over the survivors at 1650. By this time we had established voice contact with Ford 3 and they reported us in sight. Ford 3 advised that they had joined up and were both in a small clearing surrounded by trees. We asked for a smoke flare and within in a few seconds had their location pinpointed. As we neared the ground numerous tree stumps were observed and it was decided to execute the recovery using the hoist. The survivors were signalled to come to where the aircraft was hovering and by 1700 both were aboard. A number of indigenous personnel were observed in the immediate vicinity, but they neither molested the survivors nor interfered with the recovery operation.
4. After takeoff from the recovery area, Crown 2 advised Jolly Green 36 to take the survivors to CH 86. Jolly Green 36 arrived CH 86 at 1735 and the mission was closed. It may be noted that the high bird, Jolly Green 15, did not accompany Jolly Green 36, as they were positioned at L 98 at the time.

Jolly Green 36

RCC	Capt Greer, Robert
RCCP	1/Lt Gonos, Andrew
FE	AIC Graham, Roger
RS	MSgt Hawkins
AF	SSgt Castro, Joe

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2. (S)(GP 4) Maj William Lloyd, Lieutenant Andrew Gonos, ALC Ronald Malone, and A2C Luther Davis picked up Capt Robert Bennett, an Air Force F-105 pilot, in Thailand, on 6 July.
3. (S)(GP 4) On July 7, Capt Robert Svoboda, Capt Richard Orsini, SSgt Jerry Johnson, and A2C Patrick Allaire, picked up Mr. Rainville, Mr. Parker, and a Laotian Lieutenant from an Air America H-34, in Laos.
4. (S)(GP 4) Capt John Firse, Capt Clyde Fechser, SSgt Floyd Watson, and A2C Michael Fraboni, picked up Major Maurice Seavers, an Air Force F-105 pilot, in Laos, under fire, on 10 July.
5. (S)(GP 4) On 18 July, Major Glen York, Lieutenant Billy Privett, SSgt Theodore Zerbe, and A2C Randy McComb, rescued Lt. J. G. Larry J. Duthie, an Navy A-4 Pilot, under fire.
6. (S)(GP 4) Lt Col Warner A. Britton, Capt Harold Bradley, SSgt Floyd Watson, SSgt Harvey Keyes, and A2C Luther Davis, picked up Major Joseph Holder and SSgt Albert Sellers from an OLE, in Laos, on 21 July.
7. (S)(GP 4) On 28 July, Capt Evan Thompson, Lieutenant Edward Sichterman, SSgt Floyd Watson, TSgt Charley Smith, picked up Lt. Karl Richter, an Air Force F-105 pilot, in Laos.
8. (S)(GP 4) Capt Robert Dowdy, Major Edward Russell, SSgt Vincent Androwsky, and A2C David Sliger, picked up Capt John Bischoff, an Air Force F-105 pilot, in Laos, on 3 August.
9. (S)(GP 4) Capt Richard Orsini, Major Powell Moore, SSgt Vincent Quinn, and A2C David Sliger, picked up Capt Joseph Otto and Capt Loy Meeks, USAF RF-4C pilots, in Laos, on 7 August.
10. (S)(GP 4) Capt Robert Greer, Lieutenant Andrew Gonos, ALC Roger Graham, and MSgt Ted Hawkins, picked up Maj DeMarque and Lieutenant Piet, USAF F-4C pilots, in Thailand, on 23 August.
11. (S)(GP 4) Major Gerald Haynes, Major Richard Wagner, ALC William Jaynes, and ALC John Pighini, picked up Capt Shanon, an Air Force F-105 pilot, at night, in Thailand.
12. (S)(GP 4) Capt Evan Thompson, Major Powell Moore, SSgt James Brooks, and A2C Michael Fraboni, picked up Capt Patterson, an Air Force F-101 pilot, and ALC Randy McComb, a Jolly Green, Para-rescue Specialist, in Laos, under fire.

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CHRONOLOGY

- 3 Jul 67 - Capt Etzel, Capt Bradley, A1C Cotter and A2C Pighini made pickup number 182.
- 6 Jul 67 - Maj Lloyd, Lt Gonos, A1C Malone and A2C Davis made pickup number 183.
- 7 Jul 67 - Capt Svobada, Capt Orsini, SSgt Johnson, and A2C Allaire made pickups numbers 184, 185 and 186. General Benjamin Davis visited Jolly Greens.
- 10 Jul 67 - Capt Firse, Capt Fechser, SSgt Watson and A2C Fraboni made pickup number 187.
- 18 Jul 67 - Maj York, Lt Privette, SSgt Zerbe and A2C McCombe made pickup number 188.
- 20 Jul 67 - Capt Thompson and Capt Walker set up a static display for the Air America Wives.
- 21 Jul 67 - Lt Col Britton, Capt Bradley, SSgt Watson, SSgt Keyes and A2C Davis made pickups 189 and 190.
- 27 Jul 67 - Capt Thompson and Lt Sichterman set up a static display at Nakhon Phanom for Thai Intelligence Officers.
- 28 Jul 67 - Capt Thompson and Lt Sichterman, SSgt Watson and TSgt Smith made pickup number 191.
- 3 Aug 67 - Capt Dowdy, Maj Russell, SSgt Androwsky and A2C Sliger made pickup number 192.
- 7 Aug 67 - Capt Orsini, Maj Moore, SSgt Quinn and A2C Sliger made pickups numbers 193 and 194.
- 18 Aug 67 - Col Lovelady, Commander, 3d ARRGp and Maj Ewing of PACAF Jungle Survival School arrived at Udorn.
- 20 Aug 67 - Col Lovelady presented DFC's to Maj Moore, Lt James, A2C Pighini, A1C Malone(Basic & 1st OLC), Capt Orsini (1st OLC) and A1C Benno(1st OLC).
- 23 Aug 67 - Capt Greer, Lt Gonos, A1C Graham and MSgt Hawkins made pickups numbers 195 and 196.

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