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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 3RD AEROSPACE RESCUE & RECOVERY GROUP (MAC)  
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96307

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: RGRC

29 March 1967

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (U)

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TO: Hq ARRS (ARROPCR)

1. (U) The attached mission narrative(s) is/are forwarded in accordance with Chapter 2, paragraph 4c of ARRS 55-2.
2. (U) When attachment(s) is/are withdrawn or not attached, the classification hereon is cancelled.

FOR THE COMMANDER

JOHN F. HAGEMASTER, Major, USAF  
Chief of Administrative Services

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Ltr, Det 2, 37 ARRS, 28Feb67 (S)  
Msn Nbr 2-3-12 28 Feb 67

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Mission Narrative  
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(C) (GP-4) at 1530, 23 Feb 67, Jolly Green 52 and Pony Express 21 were scrambled from Channel 86 to Channel 89 as backup for Jolly Green 09 and JG 27. At 1540, an F-105, call sign Otter Lead, declared a mayday and ejected at coordinates 105/43N, 17/43E. Jolly Green 52 and Pony Express 21 immediately diverted to the survivor's area. Sandy 05 and Sandy 09 was diverted to provide escort and rendezvous was accomplished at the fence, North of Channel 89. The weather enroute, was 5500 ft overcast, visibility 5 miles in haze. In the rescue area, the weather was clear, 5 miles visibility with fog rapidly moving into the area.

(C) (GP-4) Because of numerous anti-aircraft positions in the area, Jolly Green 52 and Pony Express 21 were required to fly a circuitous route and arrived in the survivor's area at 1655. While Jolly Green 52 and Pony Express 21 maintained a high orbit, Sandy Flight made several firing passes through the area to suppress automatic weapons and small arms fire in the vicinity. In addition, white phosphorus bombs were dropped on a line between the survivor and the enemy defenses which effectively shielded Jolly Green 52 during the rescue attempt.

(S) (GP-4) At 1700, Jolly Green 52 spotted the survivor and while Sandy Flight was sterilizing the area, initiated recovery action. After leaving the high orbit, Jolly Green 52 descended to tree top level one ridge line away from the enemy defenses, then at the last moment, darted quickly over the ridge line, relocated the survivor and completed the recovery.

(U) (GP-4) Some difficulty was expected during the recovery as the survivor was lodged half-way up a 200 foot tree and engulfed by extremely dense foliage. However, the disciplined teamwork of this crew of Jolly Green 52 coupled with the survivor's positive actions eliminated any delays and the recovery was completed at 1710. The survivor took several positive steps on his own behalf that deserve comment. Finding himself lodged in the tree and unable to reach the ground, he removed his parachute harness, cut a length of shroud line and lashed himself to a large limb. He used his flares exactly as requested and retained his helmet for protection during his extraction from the dense foliage. He secured himself to the tree trunk before severing the shroud lines and by properly signaling the hoist operator, helped prevent the cable and tree penetrator from becoming entangled.

(U) (GP-4) Immediately after the recovery, Jolly Green 52 proceeded over the ridge line away from the enemy defenses and then climbed to altitude and exited the area for Channel 89. The survivor was released to the flight surgeon at Channel 89 and Jolly Green 52 and Pony Express 21 then RTB'd to Channel 86.

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(S) (U-1) Throughout the mission, the two forces performed in a highly professional manner. There was minimum delay, excellent coordination and cooperation of all activities with excellent radio discipline. This high degree of professionalism is orientated by the fact the separate air missions were being conducted simultaneously.

Yellow Green 51 - Low Bird

Capt James A. Hartwig - TSC  
Capt Evans G. Thompson - RCAF  
1st Lt John L. Hissenhunt - MA  
1st Lt Franklin D. Stevens - RF

Orange Express 41 - High Bird

Capt Vasquez - TSC  
1st Lt Doornvost - RCAF  
1st Lt Hanstke - MA  
1st Lt Powers, Robert G. - RF

Survivor - Captain Hallbridge - Korat AB, Thailand

*James A. Hartwig*

JAMES A. HARTWIG, Capt., USAF  
TSC

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