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MISSION NUMBER: 2-3-81 23 OCT 67
SUBJECT: (2) F105D
HH-53

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9. 1600/0201Z  
 10. CONTINUED  
 11. DE 2, 3ARRS. MAJOR JOHN L. PROHASTA  
 12. NONE  
 13. CRASH ONE 23/0210Z  
 14. DET 1, 3ARRS. UDORN RTAFB THAILAND, STOKES LITTER 23/0424Z  
 DET 2, 3ARRS. NAKON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND, STOKES LITTER 23/0335Z  
 15. A. 2/272/110/1 B. 070/070/070  
 16. TAKEN TO KORAT RTAFB THAILAND HOSPITAL  
 17. 1/37255/HK-13 OR, DET 1, 3ARRS UDORN.  
 1/2PLUS5/HK3, DET 2, 3ARRS UDORN RTAFB THAILAND. 1/240/HK3E/  
 DET 1, 3ARRS NAKON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND. 3/2PLUS5/HK3/DET 4, 38ARRS.  
 18. S/E  
 19. WILDCAT ONE:

A. (RCC) CAPT. CAYLOR, RUSSELL; (CP) PANZA, JOSEPH A. 1LT.  
 (HML) SELLERS, G.A. SSGT. (PJ) FAVOUR, HOWARD T. MSGT.  
 THOMPSON, ALLAN M. SSGT., CIACCIO, H. M. SSGT., STRACKLE,  
 S. P. AIC. ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED DET 2, 3ARRS UDORN RTAFB.  
 B. FREEMAN, EARL W. JR. MAJOR, 355TFW TAKHLI RTAFB THAILAND.

## WILDCAT TWO:

A. (RCC) HAYNES, JERALD C. MAJ., (CP) PLATT, JAMES, 1LT.  
 (HND) SSGT KEYS, M.W. (PJ) TSGT. SMITH, CHARLIE D. ALL DET 1, 3ARRS  
 B. NOT FOR RELEASE (DECEASED)

20. H. AT 0830Z RCC WAS NOTIFIED OF A MID AIR BETWEEN WILDCAT  
 01 AND 03. PEDRO 33 WAS SCRAMBLED VIA CRASH NET AT KORAT. JOLLY  
 GREEN 09 WAS SCRAMBLED FROM HNP AND ONE HH-53 (QUID 13) WAS SCRAMBLED  
 FROM UDORN, TO ASSIST THE PEDRO, JG 09 AND QUID 13 ARRIVED ON SCENE  
 AT 0810Z. QUID 13 LOWERED 3 HJS TO REMOVE THE SURVIVORS FROM THE  
 TREES. AREA OF RECOVERY WAS DENSE JUNGLE WITH HEAVY UNDERBRUSH, MAK-  
 ING RECOVERY VERY DIFFICULT. WILDCAT 02 WAS DECEASED WHEN HE WAS  
 REMOVED FROM TREES. WILDCAT 01 HAD MULTIPLE FRACTURES AND WAS REC-  
 COVERED BY LITTER AT 0424Z. THE FLIGHT SURGEON INDICATED HE WAS IN  
 FAIR CONDITION. ONE ARRS SAVE CLAIMED. THIS IS THE FIRST RECOVERY  
 BY ARRS IN SE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. GP+4

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1 NON COMBAT  
 SAVE  
 1/H53

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PAGE 2 RUMBAD 27A C O N F I D E N T I A L

TAF FOR DOTO, DG, DP, DI, BDPMP  
 O., 3ARRS FOR JSARC, TAC FOR DOSS-LR  
 1. RESCUE OPENING CLOSING REPORT

8. DIVERTED CRW ONE FROM ORBIT AND DIRECTED KORAT LBRPEDROS (HH43)  
 N SCRAMBLED HH-3E FROM BAK  
 PHANOM 23/0150Z AND HH-53 FROM UDORN  
 RTAFB AT 23/0222Z AS BOX UP RESCUE FORCE.

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS  
 DECLASSIFIED AFTER 15 YEARS.  
 SON DIB 2500.10

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FROM: Det 2, 37ARRS/Captain Gayler/2687

2 November 1967

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative (2-3-81, 23 Oct 67)

TO: Det 2, 37ARRS (Operations) *key*  
Det 2, 37ARRS (COMMANDER) *CWA*  
3rd ARRG (RRGC) APO S.F. 96222

*McCLEAN/FREEMAN*

1. This report is submitted in accordance with ARRS 55-2, 3rd ARRG Supplement 1, dated 15 June 1967.

*VC56* 2. Quid 13, an HH-53B, was scrambled at 0915 on the 23rd of October 1967 to assist in the recovery of the survivors of two F-105s at 215/82 of the Udorn RTAFB TACAN. Enroute to the area the crew of Quid 13 contacted Compress on UHF for further instructions. They were then turned over to Crown 1. The TACAN broke lock before they reached the area, and Crown vectored them the remaining distance. Crown advised that they had contact with one survivor, Wildcat 1, who stated that he had a broken arm and leg, and was badly tangled in the underbrush. No contact had been established with Wildcat 2. At 1000 Quid 13 arrived at the crash site. Crown had marked the area with smoke flare, and some smoke was visible from the wreckage of the two aircraft. Crown also had the exact location of the two survivors. Quid 13 was vectored to the nearest survivor, Wildcat 1, and elected to send down two (2) Para-Rescue men because of the difficult terrain and severe injuries to the pilot. The pilot was able to ignite a smoke flare to further identify his exact position. The pilot was located about one fourth of the way up the gentle slope of a small ridge. The terrain had high trees and a low layer of heavy underbrush. The PJs were lowered about 30 yards down slope in a small clearing. When they reached the pilot, they found him still in the seat, with the seat belt fastened. The extended arms of the forest penetrator became entangled in the underbrush, causing some difficulty as it was being raised. Quid 13 hovered in the area for a few minutes waiting for a report from the ground party. When it became apparent that they would be longer on the ground, the helicopter circled the area to reduce fuel consumption. Communications with the ground party were hampered by the signal from the survivor's emergency beacon. The PJs could not shut the beacon off until they could clear the pilot of the brush and the ejection seat. By this time Jolly Green 09 and Pedro 33 had arrived on the scene, and Jolly Green 09 recovered the other pilot. The ground party did not want to move the survivor any more than was necessary, so the stokes litter was lowered directly to their position, which was again marked by smoke. As they were cutting the pilot free, Crown advised that Pedro 33 would leave a Flight Surgeon in a clearing for them to pick up. After getting the Flight Surgeon on board, Quid 13 returned to the site to recover the survivor and the two PJs. At 1130 they departed the crash area for Korat AB, the closest base to that position. Enroute to Korat, a Chip Detector Light was observed on Number 2 engine. All other cockpit indications were normal. This helicopter had a history of electrical problems in the Chip Detector System, and since it was essential to get the survivor to a hospital, the RGC decided to keep the engine in operation.

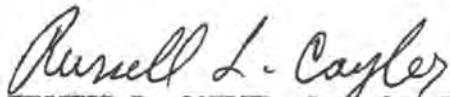


Grown escorted them to the base as a precautionary measure. Quid 13 arrived at Korat AB at 1200, a normal landing was made, and an ambulance was on hand to pick up the injured pilot. The return trip to Udorn RTAFB was uneventful. Radio discipline was good during all phases of the mission.

3. The survivor was Major E. B. Freeman, USAF.

4. Grew of Quid 13:

- a. Captain Russell L. Cayler, ROC.
- b. 1st Lt Joseph A. Panza Jr., RCGP.
- c. Sgt Gene A. Sellers, FE.
- d. MSgt Howard T. Favour, RS.
- e. Sgt Alan N. Thompson, RS.



RUSSELL L. CAYLER, Captain, USAF  
Rescue Crew Commander