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OPENING/CLOSING/SUB-SECTIONS
MISSION NUMBER: 2-3-81 23 OCT 67
SUBJECT: (2) F105D
HH-53

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PAGE 3 RUMBAD 27A C O N F I D E N T I A L ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
9. 1600Z 020222Z 75 MI. N KORAT. 100000Z KORAT FOR 020222Z 75 MI.
10. 6000Z 020222Z 75 MI. N KORAT. 100000Z KORAT FOR 020222Z 75 MI.
11. 020222Z 75 MI. N KORAT. 100000Z KORAT FOR 020222Z 75 MI.
12. NONE
13. 020222Z 23/02102 100000Z 020222Z
14. DET 1, 37ARRS, UDORN RTAFB THAILAND, STORES LITTER 23/0424Z
DET 2, 37ARRS, NAKON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND, STORES LITTER 23/0335Z
15. A. 1/2 2/2/10/1 B. 0/0/0/0/0/0
16. TAKEN TO KORAT RTAFB THAILAND HOSPITAL 3 2+3
17. 1/3 2/2/2/10/13 0/0, DET 1, 37ARRS UDORN. 3 2+50 8+55
1/2 PLUS 1/2/HH3, DET 2, 37ARRS UDORN RTAFB THAILAND. 1/2 140/HH3/
DET 1, 37ARRS NAKON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND. 3/2 PLUS 50/HH3/DET 4, 38ARRS.
18. S/E
19. VINDICATIONS:
A. (RCC) CAPT. CAYLOR, RUSSELL, CCP, PANZA, JOSEPH A. 1LT.
CHM. SELLERS, G.A. SGT. (P) FAVOUR, HOWARD T. MSGT.
THOMPSON, ALLAN W. SGT. CIACCIO, H. M. SGT., STRACKLE,
S.P. MIC. ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED DET 2, 37ARRS UDORN RTAFB.
B. WRENN, EARL W. JR. MAJOR, 355TFW TAKHLI RTAFB THAILAND.

WILDCAT TWO:

A. (RCC) HAYNES, JERALD C. MAJ., (CP) PLATT, JAMES, 1LT.
CHM. SGT. KEYS, H.W. (P) TSGT. SMITH, CHARLIE D. ALL DET 1, 37ARRS
B. NOT FOR RELEASE (DECEASED)
20. 01. AT 0330Z RCC WAS NOTIFIED OF A MID AIR BETWEEN WILDCAT
01 AND 09. HEDDEN 33 WAS SCRAMBLED VIA CRASH NET AT KORAT. JOLLY
GREEN 09 WAS SCRAMBLED FROM HEP AND ONE HH-53 (QUID 13) WAS SCRAMBLED
FROM UDORN. TO ASSIST THE PEGASO, JG 09 AND QUID 13 ARRIVED ON SCENE
AT 0340Z. 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-
COVRED BY LITTER AT 0424Z. THE FLIGHT SURGEON INDICATED HE WAS IN
FAIR CONDITION. ONE ARRS SAVE CLAIMED. THIS IS THE FIRST RECOVERY
BY ARRS 1003 IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. CP-4

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1 NON COMBAT
SAVE
1/1153

MINUS 1. WILL RERUN GARBED PORTIONS IN PAGE 2
PAGE 2 RUMBAD 27A C O N F I D E N T I A L
TAF FOR DOJO, DG, DP, DI, BDPUP
0., 380GP FOR ISARC, TAC FOR DOSS-LR
1. RESCUE OPENING CLOSING REPORT

8. DIVERTED CRW ONE FROM ORBIT AND DIRECTED KORAT LBR PEDROS (HH43)
N SCRAMBLED HH-3E FROM HAN
PHANOM 23/021502Z AND HH-3E FROM UDORN
RTAFB AT 23/0222Z AS BACK UP RESCUE FORCE.

DECLASSIFIED AFTER 10 YEARS.
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PJS
FROM: Det 2, 37ARRS/Captain Cayler/2687

2 November 1967

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

TO: Det 2, 37ARRS (Operations) *key*

Det 2, 37ARRS (COMMANDER) *CWD*

3rd ARRG (RGRC) APO S.F. 96222

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MCCLAN/FREEMAN

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

West 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 RCG 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 Udom RTAFB was uneventful. Radio discipline was good during all phases of the mission.

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

4. Crew of Quid 13:

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

Russell L. Cayler
RUSSELL L. GAYLER, Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander