

OFFICE OF THE
COMMANDER IN CHIEF
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

25 Jun 75

TO: GENERAL CARLTON

Dear P.K.,

Had it not been for the determination and courage of our chopper crews in the assault landings at Koh Tang, the Mayaguez incident could have been a minus instead of a plus.

We have put the story together in the attached booklet. I think you will find it fascinating reading, particularly about the great job of the Jollys.

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LOUIS L. WILSON, JR.
General, USAF

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KNIFE 23 (627)

1LT SCHRAMM, JOHN H.
1LT LUCAS, JOHN P.
SSGT GROSS, RONALD A. - WIA
A1C ARRIETA, EDUARDO E.
SSGT BARSCHOW, JAMES M.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
FLIGHT MECHANIC
PHOTOGRAPHER

KNIFE 31 (925)

MAJ CORSON, HOWARD A., JR. - WIA
2LT VANDEGEER, RICHARD - KIA
SSGT HARSTON, JON D. - WIA
SGT HOFFMASTER, RANDY L.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
FLIGHT MECHANIC

KNIFE 32 (932)

1LT LACKEY, MICHAEL B.
2LT WACHS, CALVIN O.
TSGT OLSEN, MICHAEL B.
SSGT MORALES, NICK - WIA

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
FLIGHT MECHANIC

KNIFE 51 (927)

1LT BRIMS, RICHARD C.
2LT DANIELSON, DENNIS L.
SSGT RILEY, MARION L.
A1C PACK, PHILLIP A.
TSGT FISK, WAYNE L.
SGT COOPER, ROLAND A., JR.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
FLIGHT MECHANIC
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN

KNIFE 52 (626)

1LT RAKITIS, ROBERT E.
2LT LYKENS, DAVID J.
SSGT MCDOWELL, DONALD R.
TSGT DUNBAR, WILLIAM R.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
FLIGHT MECHANIC

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ATTACHMENT 4

HELICOPTER CREWS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATION

JOLLY GREEN 11 (364)

1LT BACKLUND, DONALD R.
1LT WEIKEL, GARY L.
SSGT CASH, HARRY W.
MSGT ELDRIDGE, JOHN J.
SGT STANALAND, JOSEPH S.
A1C MARX, BRAD E.
1LT RAND, RONALD T.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
Co-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN
CAMERAMAN

JOLLY GREEN 12 (793)

CAPT JACOBS, PAUL L.
CAPT NICKERSON, MARTIN A.
SSGT KAISER, JOSEPH L.
MSGT GRAY, DAVID L.
SGT COOK, BURT W., JR.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN

JOLLY GREEN 12 (793)

CAPT WALLS, BARRY R.
LT COMER, RICHARD L.
SGT DEJESUS, JESUS P. - WIA
(SSGT CASH, HARRY H. REPLACED DEJESUS)
TSGT PATTERSON, DAVID L.
SGT STYER, RANDY H.
A1C RHINEHART, FREDERICK

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC

PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN

JOLLY GREEN 13 (794)

1LT GREER, CHARLES R.
1LT BROWN, CHARLES D.
SSGT KING, MILAS L.
SSGT FROEHLICH, KARL J.
SGT LUNDRIGAN, RONALD A.
SGT LEMMINN, STEPHEN W.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN

JOLLY GREEN 41 (795)

1LT COOPER, THOMAS D.
1LT KEITH, DAVID W.
TSGT LITTLE, RHORNELL
SSGT DONOVAN, JEFFREY
SSGT BERANEK, THOMAS E.
A1C FERRIS, JOHN E.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
FLIGHT MECHANIC
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN

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JOLLY GREEN 42 (785)

1LT PACINI, PHILIP M.
1LT DUBE, ROBERT C.
TSGT STRAUGHN, ANDREW, JR.
SSGT JABLONSKI, MARTIN M.
SSGT BROWN, MICHAEL A.
A1C DUNHAM, LEWIS L., III
SSGT CAVAVOS

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
FLIGHT MECHANIC
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN
CAMERAMAN

JOLLY GREEN 43 (792)

CAPT PURSER, ROLAND W.
1LT GRADLE, ROBERT P.
TSGT WILLINGHAM, BILLY D.
TSGT HARDING, PETER S.
SGT BATESON, THOMAS J. - WIA
A1C MCKIVER, DENNIS W.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN

JOLLY GREEN 44 (786)

1LT BLOUGH, ROBERT D.
1LT MASON, HENRY M.
SSGT BOUNDS, ROBERT G.
SSGT HOWELL, JIMMY F.
SGT DALY, BRUCE M.
A1C ASH, DAVID D.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
FLIGHT MECHANIC
PARARESCUEMAN
PARARESCUEMAN

KNIFE 21 (926)

LCOL DENHAM, JOHN H.
1LT POULSEN, KARL W.
TSGT BOISSONNAULT, ROBERT A.
SSGT RUMBAUGH, ELWOOD E. - KIA

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
FLIGHT MECHANIC

KNIFE 22 (928)

CAPT OHLEMEIER, TERRY D.
2LT GREER, DAVID W.
SSGT WILSON, MICHAEL C.
SGT PAUL, NORMAN A.

AIRCRAFT COMMANDER
CO-PILOT
FLIGHT MECHANIC
FLIGHT MECHANIC

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ATTACHMENT 3

CREW STATUS - USAF WIA/KIA*

<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Knife 21	SSgt Rumbaugh	X		Lost at sea.
Knife 23	SSgt Gross		X	Gunshot wounds in both shoulders, left thigh, foot, and head (grazed). Surgery conducted on Coral Sea.
Knife 31	2Lt Vandeger (CP)	X		Aircraft took hit on co-pilot side. Body remained in aircraft during fire.
Knife 31	Maj Corson		X	Five-inch cut on back received at impact. Treated and released on Coral Sea.
Knife 31	SSgt Harston		X	Second-degree burns right lower arm, entire left arm. Received injuries exiting aircraft. Treated and released on Coral Sea.
Knife 32	SSgt Morales		X	Gunshot wound in chest. Collapsed lung and severed main artery. Flown to U-Tapao on K 32 for initial surgery and evacuated to Clark. Recovery expected.
Jolly 43	Sgt Bateson		X	Shrapnel wound in the shoulder.
Jolly 12	SSgt DeJesus		X	Gunshot wound left leg. Treated on Coral Sea.

*Entries are in chronological order.

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ATTACHMENT 2

KOH TANG ISLAND MARINE INSERTION/EXTRACTION RECAP*

	<u>INSERTION</u>	<u>REINFORCEMENT</u>	<u>MEDEVAC</u>	<u>EXTRACTION</u>
JG 11		27		20
JG 12		26		
JG 13			4 (WIA)	
JG 41	22			
JG 42	27			
JG 43	29	28		54
JG 44		5		74 (40 + 34)
K 21	20			
K 22				
K 23	20			
K 31	**			
K 32	13			
K 51		19	5 (WIA)	70 (41 + 29)
K 52				
Total	131	100	9	218
Total Inserted:		231***		
Total MEDEVACED/Extracted:		227		
KIA left on island:		1		
MIA:		3		

*Includes only those wounded on Koh Tang and evacuated. Does not include one Marine wounded on K 32 before offloading.

**Four USAF crew members plus 20 Marines and 2 USN personnel on board. Three crew members plus 10 Marines picked up by USS Wilson, 13 KIA.

***Seven additional personnel were unable to disembark from helicopters (five on JG 41 and two on K 32). These seven are not included in the "231" figure. Neither are the personnel from K 31 included since they never reached the beach. All 231 personnel, as well as K 31 personnel and those who were taken to Koh Tang but could not unload, are listed in an unclassified message from the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division, titled, "Koh Tang Operation, Personnel Roster (U)," 250507Z May 75.

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C. EXTRACTION (5 HELOS)
 (1100Z - 1330Z)
 (1800L - 2030L)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>HELO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GSF EXTRACTED</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>RECOVERY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1115Z (1815L)	JG-11/364 LT BACKLUND	EAST	20	3 HOLES. AFT SECTION DAMAGED.	CORAL SEA	K-23'S GSF & CREW RECOVERED.
1130Z (1830L)	JG-12/793 CAPT WALLS	EAST	NONE	MAJOR BATTLE DAMAGE. SLIDER GUIDE MAST. TAIL ROTOR SECTION. HYD LINES. AUX FUEL TANKS. ROTOR BLADES. INTERMEDIATE GEAR BOX.	CORAL SEA	ASSISTED RECOVERY OF K-23. 1 USAF WIA, S/SGT DEJESUS. NOT RELAUNCHED.
1150Z (1850L)	K-51/927 LT BRIMS	WEST	41	NONE	CORAL SEA	HAD DELIVERED FUEL FOR K-52 ON COAST ENROUTE FROM U-T. ASSISTED K-23 SAR.
1154Z (1854L)	JG-42(43)/792 CAPT PURSER	WEST	54	NONE	CORAL SEA	
1157Z (1857L)	JG-44/786 LT BLOUGH	WEST	34	NONE	OFF-LOADED ON HOLT	WENT TO HOLT TO SAVE TIME. OFF- LOADED IN THE DARKNESS. RETURNED TO KOH TANG.
1230Z (1930L)	JG-44/786 LT BLOUGH	WEST	40	NONE	CORAL SEA	
1310Z (2010L)	K-51/927 LT BRIMS	WEST	29	NONE	CORAL SEA	LAST MARINES EXTRACTED AFTER SEVERAL ATTEMPTS WHICH WERE HINDERED BY DARKNESS.

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B. REINFORCEMENT (5 HELOS)

(0430Z - 0530Z)
(1130L - 1230L)

<u>TIME</u>	<u>HELO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GSF INSERTED</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>RECOVERY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
0450Z (1150L)	K-52/626 1/LT RAKITIS	EAST	NONE	MODERATE - 2 HOLES IN	THAI COAST	FUEL DELIVERED BY K-51. AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTED RETURN TO U-T AND FORCED DOWN 37NM SE U-T. (FLT. CONTROL PROBLEMS.)
0455Z (1155L)	K-51/927 1/LT BRIMS	WEST	19	MINOR - ONE HOLE IN SPONSON (BROKEN HYD LINE)	U-T	PICKED UP 5 WIA GSF FROM LZ AND DELIVERED TO U-T. RELAUNCHED.
0455Z (1155L)	JG 42(43)/792 CAPT PURSER	WEST	28	NONE	AIR REFUEL	JG-43 USED 42 CALL SIGN HEREAFTER.
0500Z (1200L)	JG 11/364 1/LT BACKLUND	WEST	27	NONE	AIR REFUEL	SUPPORTED RESCUE ATTEMPT BY JG 43, BELOW. REFUELED AT CORAL SEA. RELAUNCHED.
0500Z (1200L)	JG 12/793 CAPT JACOBS	WEST	26	NONE	U-T	PICKED UP 4 WIA FROM LZ AND GSF FM K-52 ON THAI COAST. RELAUNCHED.
0735Z (1435L)	JG-42(43)/792 CAPT PURSER	EAST	SAR	FUEL LINE HIT. ONE ENGINE OUT.	CORAL SEA FOR REPAIRS	ATTEMPTED K-23 RESCUE. 1 USAF WIA, SGT BATESON.

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ATTACHMENT 1: SUMMARY CHARTS

A. INSERTION (11 HELOS: 3 TO USS HOLT/8 TO KOH TANG
(2300Z - 0300Z)
(0600L - 1000L)

<u>TIME*</u>	<u>HELO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>GSF</u> <u>INSERTED</u>	<u>DAMAGE</u>	<u>RECOVERY</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
2305Z (0605L)	JG 11/364 1/LT BACKLUND	HOLT	**	NONE	U-T	PICKED UP K-22 GSF ENROUTE TO U-T.
2305Z (0605L)	JG 12/793 CAPT JACOBS	HOLT	**	NONE	U-T	
2305Z (0605L)	JG 13/794 1/LT GREER	HOLT	**	NONE		AIR REFUELED & ATTEMPTED RESCUE OF K-23. SEE ENTRY BELOW AT TIME 0115Z.
2255Z (0555L)	K-21/926 L/COL DENHAM	WEST	20	DITCHED INM NNW ISLAND		3 CREW RECOVERED BY K-32. 1 KIA, S/SGT RUMBAUGH.
2300Z (0600L)	K-22/928 CAPT OHLEMEIER	WEST	NONE	MAJOR BATTLE DAMAGE. ENGINE OUT, ROTOR BLADES DAMAGED. INST PANEL SHOT OUT, NUMEROUS HOLES.	THAI COAST	JG-11 PICKED UP GSF AND RETURNED TO U-T.
2300Z (0600L)	K-23/627 1/LT SCHRAMM	EAST	20	TAIL PYLON SHOT OFF, CRASHED ON BEACH.		CREW/GSF ON LZ. RECOVERED LATER BY JG 11 - S/SGT CROSS WIA.
2300Z (0600L)	K-31/925 MAJ CORSON	EAST	NONE	HIT APPROACHING LZ. CRASHED/BURNED ON BEACH.		13 KIA. 13 SURVIVORS ON USS WILSON. 2/LT VANDEGEER KIA. 2 USAF WIA: MAJ CORSON, S/SGT HARTSON.
2340Z (0640L)	K-32/932 1/LT LACKEY	WEST	13	MAJOR BATTLE DAMAGE, 2-FOOT HOLE (ROCKET). 75 HOLES IN FUSELAGE.	U-T	1 USAF WIA: S/SGT MORALES MEDEVAC TO CLARK. 1 USMC WIA ON A/C. 1 US ARMY DID NOT DISEMBARK. NOT RELAUNCHED.
0020Z (0720L)	JG-42/785 1/LT PACINI	WEST	27	MAJOR BATTLE DAMAGE. 19 HOLES IN FUSELAGE. AFCS DAMAGED.	U-T	NOT RELAUNCHED.
0020Z (0720L)	JG-43/792 CAPT PURSER	WEST	29	NONE	U-T	RELAUNCHED.
0115Z (0815L)	JG-11/791 1/LT GREER	EAST	SAR	MAJOR BATTLE DAMAGE. 35 HOLES IN AIRCRAFT. ROTOR BLADE DAMAGE. FUEL/OIL/HYD LEAKS.	RAYONG	REPAIRED. FLOWN TO U-T. NOT RELAUNCHED.
0310Z (1010L)	JG-41/795 1/LT COOPER	WEST	22	MAJOR BATTLE DAMAGE. 15 HOLES IN FUSELAGE. FUEL TANKS/ROTOR BLADES DAMAGED.	U-T	AIR REFUELED TWICE. INSERTION ON FIFTH ATTEMPT. NOT RELAUNCHED.

*Times are approximate and expressed in Zulu. For local time, add seven hours.

**Total of 57 Marines and 11 other personnel (6 civilian military sealift volunteers, 2 USAF EOD, 2 USN, and 1 US Army linguist) delivered. Breakout by helicopter not available.