



**DECORATED** — Air Force Technical Sergeant Jon H. Young was decorated with his eighth award of the Air Medal at DaNang AB, Vietnam. A pararescue recovery technician, he was cited for outstanding airmanship and courage. His wife, Muriel, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Syd Pygott of Bothell.

## 'Jolly Green' crew rescues LOH team

**DA NANG AFLD** — A standard airborne alert flight unexpectedly turned into a life saving mission recently when rescue crews from the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron "Jolly Greens" picked up three U.S.

Army helicopter crewmen from their crashed light observation helicopter, 15 miles east of Quang Tri.

The HH-53 Super Jolly Green. Giant rescue helicopter was headed north along the coast when one of the pararescuemen on board spotted a red flare about 200 yards inland from the beach, according to Capt. Glen W. Walder, aircraft commander of the rescue chopper.

"We notified our control point that we had spotted a flare and were going in to investigate," recalled Captain Walder. "As we approached the beach we could see three men waving their arms near the wreckage of their helicopter." The three rescued men, WO1 Cjarni O. Bradwell, Sgt. Gary L. Westphal and Spec. 5 Alvin R. Simon, moved to a clearing just north of the wreckage and ignited a yellow smoke flare to indicate wind direction and signal the rescue helicopter to land.

The rescued men are assigned to Company D, Third Squad, Fifth Cavalry, at Quang Tri.

The area was considered relatively safe and the big rescue helicopter was receiving no ground fire, so the crew scanned the clearing for obstructions and the decision was made to land. SSgt. Roy A. Taylor, one of the PJs, left the aircraft and met the survivors. He found them safe and uninjured, so after gathering their equipment from the wreckage they were brought on board.

Other crew members on the rescue aircraft included Capt. Robert W. Uljua, co-pilot, and the flight engineer, A1C George P. Ojala.

This marked save numbers 619, 620 and 621 for men of the Jolly Greens.

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# Downed Fliers Ringed With Bombs in Rescue

**SAIGON (AP)**—U.S. Air Force fighter-bombers dropped bombs virtually on top of seven downed Army helicopter crewmen in order to save them, rescuers said Sunday.

"The Skyraiders were dropping their ordnance so close it even scared me," said Air Force Capt. Rodney S. Griffith. "But that's the way we like to have it. That's where it does the most good."

Two U.S. Army helicopters were shot down Friday while on an observation flight four miles southeast of Khe Sanh six miles from the Laotian border and 20 miles south of the Demilitarized Zone. Two helicopter crewmen were killed and two were wounded in the crashes.

An Air Force rescue team plucked seven men to safety from one helicopter after fighting off enemy ground forces with the help of the downed troops.

The rescue teams, operating out of Da Nang,

were on the scene within minutes after the two helicopters were shot down.

"As soon as we arrived, we began laying ordnance around the area to suppress the hostile fire," said Lt. Clifton Groves, a rescue team pilot.

The helicopter and the North Vietnamese troops were in 10-foot high elephant grass about 25 yards apart.

When the fighter-bombers roared in, the North Vietnamese stopped firing on the downed helicopter and began tossing hand grenades. As the first big rescue helicopter hovered over the downed Army men, ground fire erupted again and the aircraft was damaged.

The pilot managed to fly the helicopter back to its base at Da Nang despite the damage, which caused some control problems.

Two more A1 Skyraiders flew to the area, strafed and bombed the North Vietnamese positions, and dropped smoke grenades to conceal the second rescue attempt.