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PARA RESCUE MISSION

Rotogravure photographer Paul Krause recently accompanied the 46th Air Rescue Squadron, stationed at Westover Field Air Base, on a training rescue mission which involved the rescue of a team of men from a wooded area unknown to the pilots and para rescuers who carried out the mission. It was a thrilling experience to photograph the search and the rescue, as is made clear in the accompanying on-the-spot picture story.

The 46th Air Rescue Squadron is one of 48 Air Rescue squadrons strategically located throughout the world to perform emergency rescue operations, both military and civil. At Westover, the 46th has five SA-16 Grumman Triphibians and two H-19 helicopters, staffed with specially trained crews. These aircraft are augmented by a C-47. Air rescue pilots and their crews maintain a 24-hour a day alert every day of the year. The Squadron ably demonstrated the value of its personnel and equipment during the recent disastrous floods.



DE-BRIEFING SESSION

Back from four rugged days in the woods, the men reported their experiences to Col. Stout. Left to right, are: A/IC Bill Vargas, S/Sgt. Eugene Slabinski, S/Sgt. William Smith, and S/Sgt. Joseph Hall.

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Helicopter Crew Records Eight Flood Rescues



Westover AFB, Oct. 20—Chalking up eight more saved lives to their credit are the crew members of 1st Lt. Kenneth M. Richardson's H-19 helicopter which saw action in the flood emergency in Connecticut last week end. A/1c William Vargas of Honolulu, Hawaii, para-med, applies the paint brush to a rescued man symbol on the nose of the helicopter while looking on are Lt. Richardson of Providence, R. I., aircraft commander, standing; and 1st Lt. John Armstrong of Portsmouth, N. H., pilot, kneeling. This crew, all members of the 46th Air Rescue Squadron, picked up six persons following a power plant explosion in Norwalk, Conn., and rescued a couple from a marooned farmhouse in Poquonock, Conn., both Sunday morning. Lt. Richardson's 'copter completed a rescue of five persons in the Northeast Airlines crash in New Hampshire a year ago. Lt. Richardson is a close-up of Lt. Richardson.