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ARS Augments Global Facilities With 70 LBRs

The life saving facilities of the armed forces were substantially expanded Oct. 1 when OAFB's Air Rescue Service headquarters added 70 helicopter local base rescue units (LBR) to its far flung operations.

The addition of these detachments gives ARS a total of 91 operating locations from which to carry out its humanitarian mission.

Other LBRs will be detachments under Air Rescue Squadrons located throughout Europe and the Far East. They cover Germany, France, Spain, Italy, North Africa, Turkey, Greenland, Newfoundland, Okinawa, the Phillipines, Japan, Korea and Guam.

In establishing the additional units, Brig. Gen. Joseph A. Cunningham, ARS commander, declared his confidence that their personnel would continue the devotion that has been traditional with Air Rescue Service throughout its 15-year history.



NEW RESCUE CHOPPER -- Latest addition to the ARS worldwide helicopter fleet, the jet-powered H-43B "Husky" went into operational service Oct. 1. Present plans call for equipping most Local Base Rescue units with the Kaman-made aircraft.