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MISSION NUMBER: 3PARC-82-1Dec 64
SUBJECT: USAF A1E
VICINITY: HH-43F

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ROUTINE CLOSING

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FM PACARESCUECEN HICKAM AFB HAWAII
TO RUEARQ/HQ USAF
RUCDAA/MATS
RUCQSM/ARS
ZEN/PACAF
RUMABA/13AF
R 072300Z
FM DET 3 PACARESCUECEN TSN AVN
TO PACARESCUECEN HICKAM AFB HAWAII
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[redacted]/DET 3/30281. FOR YOUR TELECON REQUEST OUR MSG DET 3/30240 IS RETRANSMITTED. QUOTE.
CONFIDENTIAL DET 3/30240. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPR, PACAF FOR PFJCC-A, ARS FOR ARODC, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. CLOSINGREPORT. RCS: 1-ARS-R1.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC-32-1 4 DECEMBER 1964
3. DATE OF REPORT: 2 DECEMBER 1964.
4. N/A. SEE OPENING REPORT MSN 82.
5. NUMBER PERSONNEL MISSING: ONE VNAF ASPIRANT.
6. N/A. SEE OPENING REPORT MSN 82.

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7. N/A
8. TOTAL SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HH-43F THREE SORTIES 4:15
USAF A-1E 12 SORTIES FOR 16:30
USAF O-1F 7 SORTIES FOR 4:45
VNAF A-1H 2 SORTIES FOR 1:50
VNAF L-19 1 SORTIES FOR 0:55
USAF U-10 2 SORTIES FOR 2:45
9. NUMBER OF GROUND PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH:
A. NONE 1 DEC OR 2 DEC. SEE BELOW.
10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: MISSION CONTROL PASSED TO VNAF. VNAF SAR OFFICER ADVISES GROUND SEARCH OPERATION BEING PLANNED FOR 3 DECEMBER. AREA IS ENEMY CONTROLLED. ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE HASBEEN OFFERED TO THE VNAF.
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RUILKN/PACARESCUEN HICKAM AFB HAWAII
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RUMSAF/2ND AIR DIVISION TSN AFLD RVN
RUMSAF/34TH TAC GROUP BIEN HOA RVN
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[redacted] 3 5 9230. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPN, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, ARS FOR AFODC, MATS FOR MACOC/AT, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. OPENING REPORT. SDS: 1-ADS-P1
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC -SC- 1 DECEMBER 1964.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC, TAN SON NHUT RVN.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: CREW OF USAF A-1E SHOT DOWN.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 111230N, 1065330E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: AT 01/0236 DET 3 PARC WAS GIVEN REPORT OF OVERDUE ACFT, A-1E CALL SIGN HAWK 60. THIRTY MIN OVERDUE. AT 01/0237 A CHECK WAS BEING MADE

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WITH RADAR CRC AT TAN SON NHUT BY DET 3 WHEN NOTIFICATION CAME OF SIGHTING OF SMOKE AND PARACHUTE ON 010 DEGREE HEADING AND 14 NM FROM BIEN HOA.
7. PERSONNEL INVOLVED: TWO. ONE USAF AND ONE VNAF. USAF PILOT WAS PICKED UP BY ARS HH-43F AT 01/0400Z. VNAF STILL MISSING.
8. WEATHER IN AREA [redacted] 3000 SCAT, 7 MILES VIS, WIND 060/5 KTS.
9. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: AT 01/0240 SCRAMBLED TWO HH-43 HELICOPTERS FROM BIEN HOA. AT SAME TIME ARRANGED FOR AIR COVER OVER AREA, ARMED HELICOPTER SUPPORT, AND PHOTORECONNAISSANCE.
10. FUTURE PLANS: BEING FORMULATED AT THIS TIME.
11. ADDITIONAL INFO: A-1E WAS SHOT ON DEMONSTRATION PASS. SMOKE IN COCKPIT AND LOSS OF RADIOS FOLLOWED. AFTER LOSING ALTITUDE, USAF PILOT DECIDED ON BAILOUT. NOTICED THAT VNAF STUDENT HAD HIS CANOPY OPEN. USAF PILOT [redacted] VNAF PILOT ON SHOULDER AND GAVE HIM SIGNAL TO BAIL OUT. USAF PILOT BAILED OUT AND AFTER LANDING HID UNDER LOG AND OBSERVED ENEMY TROOPS IN AREA OF CRASH. USAF PILOT PICKED UP 01/0400Z BY HH-43F HELICOPTER. PARAMEDICS FROM HH-43F INVESTIGATED ACTUAL CRASH AND COULD FIND NO TRACES OF VNAF PILOT.

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DET 3 PARC 82-1 Dec
A/C Shot down
14 mi NORTH BIEN HOA
1 USAF 1 VNAF

OPENING REPORT
OPENING/CLOSING REPORT

1. RCS (FOLLOWED BY WORDS "OPENING" OR OPENING/CLOSING").
2. MISSION NUMBER AND DATE.
3. SAR OBJECTIVE. 1 USAF 1 [redacted]
4. TYPE FLIGHT PLAN. TAC
5. COMPLETE FLIGHT PLAN INFORMATION.
6. COLOR OF SAR OBJECTIVE (AIRCRAFT, BOAT, VEHICLE, ETC.).
7. PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (AF), ADDRESS (CIVIL). —
8. POB. 2 POB 1 USAF 1 ~~VNA~~ VNAF
9. ARS LER/SC/CENTER ALERTED AT (GMT). DET 3 61/0286 a By Radar 3 TC
10. BY ARTC, FLIGHT SERVICE STATION, GCI, ETC. Observed HAT SMOKE & a parachute were sighted 14 mi NORTH OF BIEN HOA
11. EXTENDED GCDI SEARCH COMPLETE (GMT).
12. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT)_____.
    a. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT)_____.
    b. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT)_____.
13. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT).
14. LAST KNOWN POSITION (GCI, RADAR, POSITION REPORT).
15. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED OR PROPOSED ROUTE, OR SEA CONDITION, IF APPLICABLE).
16. CONTROLLING AGENCY.
17. ASSISTING AGENCY.
18. NAME OF MISSION COMMANDER.
19. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS (RAMP, ROUTE, TRACK LINE SEARCH, ETC.).

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14 mi NORTH BIEN HOA
1 USAF 1 VNAF

1. REQ (NO. STA. IN MSG FOR INITIAL NOTIFICATION/ALERTING).
2. DATE-TIME MISSION WAS LAUNCHED.
3. MAP OR CHART. 1 USAF 1
4. TYPE FLIGHT PLAN. VAC
5. COMPLETE FLIGHT PLAN INFORMATION.
6. COLOR OF EACH SEPARATE AIRCRAFT, BOAT, VEHICLE, ETC.).
7. PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL).
8. POB. 2 POB 1 USAF 1 ~~VNAF~~ VNAF
9. ANY LOSS/DAMAGE REPORTED AT (GMT). OCT 3 01/0286 By Radar 3 TC
10. IF APPLICABLE, ELECTRONIC SIGNALS, ETC, IN USE. Lost sight of HAT SMOKE & a parachute. were sighted 14 mi NORTH OF BIEN HOA
11. EXTENDED OVER SEARCH OBJECTIVE (GMT).
12. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT)_____.
    a. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT)_____.
    b. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT)_____.
13. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT).

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14. LAST KNOWN POSITION (DOI, RADAR, POSITION REPORT).
15. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED OR PROPOSED ROUTE, OR SEA CONDITION, IF APPLICABLE).
16. CONTROLLING AGENCY.
17. ASSISTING AGENCY.
18. NAME OF MISSION COMMANDER.
19. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS (PAST, ROUTE, TRACK LINE, SEARCH, ETC.).

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Last Pos Rptd 3D [illegible]

Last Pos Rptd 32-1 Dec
- E Stick Leave
14 mi North Bien Hoa
1 USAF 1 RVNAF

1. REQUESTING AGENCY AND TASK FORCE/TASK GROUP (OPCON).
2. MISSION NUMBER AND DAY.
3. SAR DESIGNATOR. 1 USAF 1
4. TYPE FLYING U.S. TAC
5. COMBINE FRIENDLY SAR RESOURCES.
6. CALLSIGN OF SAR SUBJECT (NUMBER, TYPE, COLOR, ETC.).
7. PILOT'S NAME, RANK (AF), AGE (DOB).
8. POB. 2 POB 1 USAF 1 ~~RVNA~~ VNAF
9. A/C LOC/ETA/POINT OF ORIGIN OF EMERGENCY (GMT). DCT 3 61/0286 by Radar 3 TC reported HAT SMOKE & a parachute, were sighted 14 mi NORTH OF BIEN HOA
10. WX ENRTE, ALTN [illegible], FORECAST, ETC, ETR.
11. EXTENDED OVER-WATER CAPABILITY (YES).
12. SAR FORCES ALERTED PRIOR (GMT)_____.
    a. SAR FORCES LAUNCHED PRIOR (GMT)_____.
    b. SAR FORCES ARRIVED THERE (GMT)_____.
13. NUCLEAR TOXIC HAZARDS (GMT). 1435Z 61 OAS
14. LAST KNOWN POSITION (GCI, RADAR, POSITION REPORT).
15. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED OR PROPOSED ROUTE, OR SEA CONDITION, IF AN ESCAPE).
16. CONTROLLING AGENCY.
17. ASSISTING AGENCY.
18. NAME OF MISSION COMMANDER.
19. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS (DATE, ROUTE, TRACK LINE SEARCH, ETC.).

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20. WEATHER FORECAST IN EACH AREA

21. ANTICIPATED FORCES AVAILABLE (NUMBER AND TYPE).

22. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

23. FOR OPENING/CLOSING ONLY:

a. AGENCY SIGHTING (GMT) AND RECOVERING (GMT) SAR OBJECTIVE.

b. NUMBER SURVIVORS/DECEASED.

c. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS AND DECEASED.

d. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES - IF AVAILABLE.

e. NUMBER OF TEAMS/PERSONNEL/GROUND VEHICLES/FIXED AND/OR MOBILE RADIOS/VESSELS OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING ORGANIZATIONS.

f. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

g. THIS CONSTITUTES FINAL MISSION REPORT.

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MISSION NUMBER: D3-PARC-128-11 FEB 65
SUBJECT: USN A4C
VICINITY: HU-16

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UNCLAS E F T O SAR 20465 SEP 65. THE FOLLOWING MSG IS RETRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. INITIAL MSG WAS UNCLAS ZFTO SAR 20105 FEB 65. QUOTE.
1. NO PUBLICITY RELEASE FROM DETACHMENT 5 PARC CONCERNING MSN ON 11 FEB 65.
2. DA NANG AB, RVN: AIR FORCE'S HU-16I SANDS IN OPEN SEA AND PICKS UP DOWNED NAVY PILOT. ON 11 FEB 65, CAPT DAVID K. RICHARDSON, THE HU-16 RESCUE CRE COMMANDER AND CREW CONSISTING OF CO-PILOT: CAPT RICHARD T. MISSMAN, ENGINEER: SSGT RONALD G. DUNAGAN, PARARESCUEMEN: SSGT EDWARD F. PADILLA AND A2C CHESTER W. BURDETTE

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FORM THE 31ST AIR RESCUE SQUADRON CLARK AB, P.I., AND NAVIGATOR: CAPT GEORGE M. SHIMABUKO, RADIO OPERATOR: AIC ROBERT M. SHIMAMOTO FORM THE 76TH AIR RESCUE SQUADRON KICKAM AFB, HAWAII MADE THE SAVE.
3. WHILE FLYING A NORMAL RESCUE ORBIT, THE CREW INTERCEPTED A MAYDAY CALL OVER THE RADIO FM LT WILLIAM T. MAGO, USN, WHO WAS BAILING OUT 8 MILES OFF THE COAST OF NORTH VIETNAM. THE DISTRESS CALL CAME AT 2040Z. THE NAVIGATOR PLOTTED THE POSITION GIVEN BY THE DISTRESSED PILOT AND WITH ADVANTAGE OF THE DESCENT FROM 18,000 FEET, THE RESCUE AIRCRAFT PROCEEDED RAPIDLY TO THE INCIDENT SCENE. VISUAL CONTACT WITH MISSION AIRCRAFT ORBITING THE DOWNED PILOT WAS MADE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY SIGHTING THE SURVIVOR. CAPT RICHARDSON MADE A RAPID EVALUATION OF SEA CONDITIONS, JETTISONED HIS DROP TANKS, AND PREPARED FOR A WATER LANDING/LAND ING WAS EXECUTED AT 2703 ZULU. SGT DUNAGAN DIRECTED THE PILOT IN FOR A RAFT APPROACH TO THE SURVIVOR IN A DINGHY AND MADE THE PICKUP. PARAMEDICS CHECKED THE SURVIVOR FOR INJURIES. TAKEOFF WAS MADE IN 0711 ZULU AND SURVIVOR WAS DELIVERED TO MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT DA NANG AB, RVN. PHOTOGRAPHS WERE NOT OBTAINED. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FORMAL RELEASES MADE ON THIS MISSION. THE RECOVERY HAS BEEN

PAGE 3 RUMSAR 667 UNCLAS E F TO
ANNOUNCED THROUGH SPOT NEWS RELEASES RELATING TO THE OVERALL ACTION BY US ARMED FORCES ON THAT DATE. RECOVERY OF DOWNED PILOT HAS LIKE-WISE APPEARED IN NEWS MEDIA AS PART OF THE ARTICLES RELATING TO ARMED FORCES OPERATION IN GENERAL. NO IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVID-UALS, BRANCH OF SERVICE, OR DETAILS WERE INDICATED. ON 19 FEB, CAPT RICHARDSON WAS AWARDED THE AIR MEDAL BY GENERAL MOORE. ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HU-16 CREW ARE BEING RECOMMENDED FOR THE SAME AWARD. UNQUOTE.
THIS MSG IN ANSWER TO YOUR SECRET MSG DOAMO 20495 SEP 65. CONCERNS MSN NBR 36-126 11 FEB 65. (NARRATIVE)

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1. OPENING/CLOSING REPORT, RCS: 1 -ARS-F1T
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 128 - 11 FEB 1965.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 YARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF US NAVY A4C BAILED OUT.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 17 DEGREES 28" - 106DEGREES 46'.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITALLY NOTIFIED: MISSION AIRCRAFT AT 0640Z.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF ZB
PIM ACTION. ONE OF TRCNPREPOSITIONED

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HU-16 AIRCRAFT IN YRECAUTIONARY ORBIT PROCEEDED TO SCENE IMMEDIATELY. SECOND PREPOSITIONED HU786 DIRECTED TO PROCEED TO INCIDENT SCENE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SERVE AS OSC AND COMMUNICATIONS RELAY. THIRD HU-16 ON GROUND ALERT SCRAMBLED TO RESTORE PRECAUTIONARY POSTURE AND SERVE AS RESERVE.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJEVUIVE: ACCOMPANYING USN MISSION AIRCRAFT.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: 31ST ARS HU-16 PILOT - RICHARDSON EXECUTED A WATER LANDING AND MADE TWIN ENGINE RAFT APPROACH TO PILOT FOATING IN PPERSONALY DINGHY. MA-1 KIT NOT DEPLOYED.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: TAKEN TO DANANG AB RVN.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY.
USAF HU-16, 4 SORTIES, 5 PLUS 50. UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF USN MISSION ACFT REMAINED ON SCENE TO PROVIDE RESCAP. SORTIES AND FLYING TIME NOT APPLICATBLE TO SAR EFFORT.
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SERACH: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: WATER LANDING AT 0703Z. TAKE OFF SUBSEQUENT TO PILOT RECOVERY AT 0711Z.
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1 (FOLLOWED BY THE WORDS "OPENING OR "OPENING/CLOSING REPORT").

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2. MISSION NUMBER AND DATE. DET 3 PARC 12 FEB 68

3. SAR OBJECTIVE/TYPE FLIGHT PLAN/COMPLETE FLIGHT PLAN/DESCRIPTION, AND/OR IDENTIFYING FEATURES OF SAR OBJECTIVE/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL/POB. USN A4C PILOT BAILED OUT AT 7 NM OFF SHORE 120 NM NW OF DANANG

4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY ARTC, FLIGHT SERVICE STATION, STATE POLICE, ETC. 0640Z BY MISSION ACFT

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5. EXTENDED COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT).

6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT). HU-16 ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT PROCEEDED TO SCENE IMMEDIATELY

b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT) SECOND PRE-POSITIONED HU-16 ALSO ON ORBIT WAS ORDERED TO PROCEED TO INCIDENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND ACT AS O.S.C.

c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD(GMT). THIRD HU-16 SCRAMBLED TO RESTORE PRECAUTIONARY POSTURE AND SERVE AS RESERVE

7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT). 2 HU-16

8. LAST KNOWN POSITION (IF, RADAR, POSITION REPORT, ETC.). ———

9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED OR PROPOSED ROUTE, OR SEA CONDITIONS IF APPLICABLE). NOT REPORTED

10. CONTROLLING AGENCY (APPLICABLE TO THE DESIGNATED SAR MISSION COORDINATOR). DET 3 PARC

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11. ASSISTING AGENCY(S). None

12. NAME OF SAR MISSION COORDINATOR. [redacted]

13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS. N/A

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREA(S). N/A

15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NUMBER AND TYPE). N/A

16. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPENING REPORT ONLY). HU-16 MADE A WATER LANDING AT 07032 AND A TWIN-ENGINE RAFT APPROACH TO PILOT FLOATING IN PERSONAL DINGHY. MA-1 KIT NOT DEPLOYED. TAKE OFF 07112.

17. FOR OPENING/CLOSING ONLY:

a. AGENCY SIGHTING AND TIME (GMT), AGENCY RECOVERING AND TIME (GMT) SAR OBJECTIVE. USN MISSION ACFT

b. NUMBER SURVIVORS/DECEASED. 1 SURVIVOR USN PILOT

c. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED. TAKEN TO DANANG

d. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCY(S)/ORGANIZATIONS - IF AVAILABLE. HU-16 4 SORTIES 5450

UNK NR USN MSN ACFT PROVIDED RESCAP

e. NUMBER OF TEAMS/PERSONNEL/GROUND VEHICLES/MOBILE RADIOS/FIXED RADIOS OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS.

f. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (MISSION TERMINATION TIME, ETC.).

g. THIS CONSTITUES THE FINAL MISSION REPORT.

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USN PILOT

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OPENING, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT

1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1 (FOLLOWED BY THE WORDS "OPENING OR "OPENING/CLOSING REPORT").

2. MISSION NUMBER AND DATE.

✓ 3. SAR OBJECTIVE/TYPE FLIGHT PLAN/COMPLETE FLIGHT PLAN/DESCRIPTION, AND/OR IDENTIFYING FEATURES OF SAR OBJECTIVE/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL/POB). HU-16 MADE AN OPEN SEA LANDING A 1728N 10647E PICKED UP NAVY PILOT. PILOT IN GOOD COND PILOT OF HU16 WAS CAPT RICHARDSON 11/0713Z

4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY ARTC, FLIGHT SERVICE STATION, STATE POLICE, ETC. 7MI E DING HOI

5. EXTENDED COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT).

6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT).

b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT)

c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD(GMT).

7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT).

8. LAST KNOWN POSITION (IF, RADAR, POSITION REPORT, ETC.).

9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED OR PROPOSED ROUTE, OR SEA CONDITIONS IF APPLICABLE).

10. CONTROLLING AGENCY (APPLICABLE TO THE DESIGNATED SAR MISSION COORDINATOR).

11. ASSISTING AGENCY(S).

12. NAME OF SAR MISSION COORDINATOR.

13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS.

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREA(S).

15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NUMBER AND TYPE).

16. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPENING REPORT ONLY).

17. FOR OPENING/CLOSING ONLY:

a. AGENCY SIGHTING AND TIME (GMT), AGENCY RECOVERING AND TIME (GMT) SAR OBJECTIVE.

b. NUMBER SURVIVORS/DECEASED.

c. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED.

d. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCY(S)/ORGANIZATIONS - IF AVAILABLE.

e. NUMBER OF TEAMS/PERSONNEL/GROUND VEHICLES/MOBILE RADIOS/FIXED RADIOS OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS.

f. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (MISSION TERMINATION TIME, ETC.).

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MISSION NUMBER: D5-PARC-70-8 FEB 65
SUBJECT: VNAF A1H
VICINITY: HH-43F

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MISSION NUMBER:	3 PARC 187 - 2 MAR 65
SUBJECT:	2 USAF F-10Φ's 3 " F-10Φ's 1 VNAF A1H } Pilots
VICINITY:	HH-43B — 2 F-10Φ HH-43F — 1 F-10Φ & 1 A1H HU-16B — 1 F-10Φ } Pilots Recovered

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DET 3 PARC 157
2 MAR 65
5 USAF 1 RVN PILOTS
MISSING AFTER AIR
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PROGRESS, ~~SUSPENDING, CLOSING~~ REPORT

Prog #2

1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1 (FOLLOWED BY WORDS "PROGRESS REPORT" AND NUMBER OR "CLOSING REPORT" OR "SUSPENDING REPORT."

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Msgs Det 3 - PARC 157
3rd & 1 cy to USAFHQ TSN AB
1cy to Ft Belvoir VA

2. MISSION NUMBER AND DATE.
DET 3 PARC 157 2 MAR 65

3. DATE OF REPORT.
3 MAR 65

4. AREA SEARCHED LAST PERIOD/EFFECTIVENESS/RESULTS (PROGRESS AND SUSPENDING ONLY). SEARCH ACFT FLEW SWEEPS OVER AND IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE PILOT. (UNK) ROR EFFECTIVE DUE TO POOR WX AND EVASIVE ACTION DUE TO GUN FIRE FROM HOSTILE NATIVES.

5. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA(S) (PROGRESS AND SUSPENDING ONLY).
VARIABLE CEILINGS 200' TO 1Q
VISIBILITY 7 NAI.

6. LEADS AND SIGHTINGS (PROGRESS ONLY).
BOTH VISUAL & ELECTRONIC SEARCH PROVED NEGATIVE.
THE PARACHUTE LOCATED ON 2 MAR WAS REMOVED.

7. AGENCY SIGHTING AND TIME (GMT), AGENCY RECOVERING AND TIME (GMT) SAR OBJECTIVE (CLOSING ONLY) OR REASON FOR SUSPENDING AND TIME (GMT) (SUSPENDING ONLY).
N/A

8. FUTURE PLANS (PROGRESS ONLY). CONTINUOUS SEARCH WITH FIGHTER COVER AS EARLY AS WX PERMITS

a. PLANNED SEARCH AREA(S). AIRCRAFT WILL PERFORM EXPANDING SQUARE FROM LKP. HU16 CONTROL ACFT WILL BE ON-SCENE-COMMANDER. TWO HH-43F'S WILL STANDY-BY AT NEAREST SECURE FIELD FOR RECOVERY OPERATION, IF SURVIVOR IS LOCATED.

b. WEATHER FORECAST IN SEARCH AREA(S). UNK

c. FORCES AVAILABLE (CIVILIAN AND MILITARY). UNK

9. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED - IF APPLICABLE.
UNK

10. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCY(S)/ORGANIZATIONS - IF AVAILABLE.
12 RESCUE ACFT TOTALS 19 SORTIES 64 SORTIES
HU-16 7 SORTIES 33 HRS; HH43F 29 35 HRS 164 30 HRS

11. NUMBER OF TEAMS/PERSONNEL/GROUND VEHICLES/MOBILE RADIOS/FIXED RADIOS/VESSELS OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCY(S)/ORGANIZATIONS - IF AVAILABLE
N/A

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2 MAR 65
MISSING F-100 PILOT
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1 (FOLLOWED BY WORDS "PROGRESS REPORT" AND NUMBER OR "CLOSING REPORT" OR "SUSPENDING REPORT."

2. MISSION NUMBER AND DATE.
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3. DATE OF REPORT.
5 MAR 65

4. AREA SEARCHED LAST PERIOD/EFFECTIVENESS/RESULTS (PROGRESS AND SUSPENDING ONLY). BAD WX IN SEARCH AREA PREVENTED ANY VISUAL SEARCH. AUDIO LISTENING WATCH ONLY.

5. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA(S) (PROGRESS AND SUSPENDING ONLY).
MULTI-LAYERED CLOUDS, SURFACE TO 13⁰
RAIN SHWRS & FOG

6. LEADS AND SIGHTINGS (PROGRESS ONLY). Classification (cancelled) (changed to UNCLAS), effective on 14 MAY 75, under the authority of EDS, by H.
NONE.

7. AGENCY SIGHTING AND TIME (GMT), AGENCY RECOVERING AND TIME (GMT) SAR OBJECTIVE (CLOSING ONLY) OR REASON FOR SUSPENDING AND TIME (GMT) (SUSPENDING ONLY).
N/A

8. FUTURE PLANS (PROGRESS ONLY).

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a. PLANNED SEARCH AREA(S).

b. WEATHER FORECAST IN SEARCH AREA(S).

c. FORCES AVAILABLE (CIVILIAN AND MILITARY).

N/A

9. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED - IF APPLICABLE.
UNK

10. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCY(S)/ORGANIZATIONS - IF AVAILABLE.
NONE FOR 5 MAR 65
TOTAL TO DATE
83 SORTIES 272+55

11. NUMBER OF TEAMS/PERSONNEL/GROUND VEHICLES/MOBILE RADIOS/FIXED RADIOS/VESSELS OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCY(S)/ORGANIZATIONS - IF AVAILABLE
NONE

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12. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (MISSION TERMINATION/SUSPENDING TIME, ETC.).

13. THIS CONSTITUTES THE FINAL MISSION REPORT. (CLOSING REPORT ONLY).

ADDITIONAL INFO.

PILOT WAS OBSERVED TO SUCESSFULLY EJECT FROM HIS BURNING F-100. HIS LEAD & OTHER ACFT REMAIN OVERHEAD CONTINUOUSLY AND ONE HOUR LATER A HH43F ARRIVED REMAINING IN THE AREA 30 MINUTES AND AT THE SITE OF THE PARA-CHUTE 15 MINUTES WHERE THE PILOT'S HELMET WAS RECOVERED. AT NO TIME DURING THE SEARCH WAS ANY VISUAL OR ELECTRONIC SIGNAL OBSERVED. A CONTROL TEAM OF ONE OFFICER & ONE NCO ARRIVED AT DANANG AB AT 0300 3 MAR 65 TO CONTROL & CO-ORDINATE THE SEARCH EFFORT. ACTIVITIES THUS FAR HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY MARGINAL WEATHER AND GROUND FIRE.

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RUMSATA/DEP CMDR 2AD UDORN THAI
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RUMSAG/613 TFS DANANG AB RVN
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RUMSATA/67 TFS KORAT AB THAI
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RUMBDK/DET PROV FOURTH PARC KORAT AB THAILAND
RUMSATD/428 TFS TAKHLI AB THAILAND
RUABKM/33 ARS NOA AB OKINAWA
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[redacted] SAR 50230 MAR 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AI AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. PROGRESS REPORT NUMBER TWO, RCS: 1-ARS-F1.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC-187-2 MARCH 1965.
3. DATE OF REPORT: 3 MARCH 1965.
4. AREA SEARCHED AND PERCENT EFFECTIVE: SEARCH AIRCRAFT FLEW SWEEPS OVER AND IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE PILOT 1712N-10641E. SEARCH CONSIDERED TO BE 20 PER CENT EFFECTIVE. LOW DEGREE OF EFFECTIVENESS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO POOR WEATHER AND EVASIVE ACTION MADE NECESSARY BY GUN FIRE FROM HOSTILE GUN

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5. WEATHER IN SE
RCH AREA: VARIABLE CEILINGS 200 TO 1,000
FT OVERCAST. VISIBILITY SEVEN MILES.
6. RESULT OF SEARCH: PRESENCE OF SAR OBJECTIVE UNDETECTED BY
EITHJ VISUAL OR ELECTRONIC MEANS. THE PARACHUTE THAT HAD BEEN
LOCATED 2 MARCH BY ARS HH-43F HAS BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY REMOVED.
7. FUTURE PLANS: PLANS FOR TOMORROW ARE TO INITIATE A CONTINUOUS
SEARCH WITH FIGHTER TYPE AIRCRAFT AS EARLY AS WEATHER WILL PERMIT.
AIRCRAFT WILL CONDUCT EXPANDING SEARCH FROM LAST KNOWN POSITION.
HU-16 CONTROL SHIP WILL EFFECT ON SCENE COMMAND AND TWO HH-43F'S
WILL STAND BY AT CLOSEST SECURE AIRFIELD TO ATTEMPT RECOVERY IN THE
EVENT SURVIVOR IS LOCATED.
8. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT AND AGENCY: 2 AND 3 MAR 65

USAF HU-16	7 SORTIES	35:10 HOURS
USAF F-100	12 SORTIES	25:00 HOURS
USN A1H	12 SORITES	53:45 HOURS
VNAF A1E	5 SORTIES	12:40 HOURS
USAF F-105	5 SORITES	9:00 HOURS
USMC H-34	4 SORITES	6:20 HOURS

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USAF HH-43F	19 SORTIES	24:35 HOURS

9. N/A
10. ADDITIONAL INFO: PILOT WAS OBSERVED TO SUCCESSFULLY EJECT
FROM HIS BURNING F-100. HIS LEAD AND OTHER AIRCRAFT REMAINED OVER-
HEAD CONTINUOUSLY AND ONE HOUR LATER A HH-43F ARRIVED
REMAINING IN THE AREA 30 MINUTES AND AT THE SITE OF THE PARACHUTE
15 MINUTES WHERE THE PILOTS HELMENT WAS RECOVERED. AT NO TIME DURING
THE SEARCH WAS ANY VISUAL OR ELECTRONIC SIGNAL OBSERVED. A CONTROL
TEAM OF ONE OFFICER AND ONE NCO ARRIVED AT DANANG AB AT 0200, 3 MAR
TO CONTROL AND COORDINATE THE SEARCH EFFORT. ACTIVITIES THUS FOR
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1 (FOLLOWED BY WORDS "PROGRESS REPORT" AND NUMBER OR "CLOSING REPORT" OR "SUSPENDING REPORT."

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2. MISSION NUMBER AND DATE.

3. DATE OF REPORT. 4 MARCH 65

4. AREA SEARCHED LAST PERIOD/EFFECTIVENESS/RESULTS (PROGRESS AND SUSPENDING ONLY). NO SEARCH DUE WX.

5. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA(S) (PROGRESS AND SUSPENDING ONLY). 300-800 ⊕ ALONG COAST LOWERING TO 0-0 5 MI. INLAND. RAIN SHWRS THRUOUT AREA.

6. LEADS AND SIGHTINGS (PROGRESS ONLY).

7. AGENCY SIGHTING AND TIME (GMT), AGENCY RECOVERING AND TIME (GMT) SAR OBJECTIVE (CLOSING ONLY) OR REASON FOR SUSPENDING AND TIME (GMT) (SUSPENDING ONLY).

8. FUTURE PLANS (PROGRESS ONLY). CONTINUE EFFORT AS SOON AS WX PERMITS USING HU-16 AS ON SCENE CMDR - FIGHTERS TO SWEEP AREA & 2 HH-43F ON STAND BY.

   a. PLANNED SEARCH AREA(S).

   b. WEATHER FORECAST IN SEARCH AREA(S).

   c. FORCES AVAILABLE (CIVILIAN AND MILITARY).

9. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED - IF APPLICABLE.

10. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCY(S)/ORGANIZATIONS - IF AVAILABLE.

11. NUMBER OF TEAMS/PERSONNEL/GROUND VEHICLES/MOBILE RADIOS/FIXED RADIOS/VESSELS OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCY(S)/ORGANIZATIONS - IF AVAILABLE

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TOTAL TIME TO DATE 77 SORTIES 185+20

(ARS 21 SORTIES 62+15)

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12. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (MISSION TERMINATION/SUSPENDING TIME, ETC.).

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13. THIS CONSTITUTES THE FINAL MISSION REPORT. (CLOSING REPORT ONLY).

REASON FOR SUSPENDING MISSION: NO VISUAL OR AUDIO SIGNALS RECEIVED BY RESCUE OR RESCAP ACFT. SEARCHING IN AREA OF BAILOUT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BAILOUT AND BY FIGHTER ACFT CONDUCTING SWEEPS WITHIN A TEN MILE RADIUS OF PARACHUTE LANDING LOCATION ON FOLLOWING DAY. PRESENCE OF HOSTILE GROUND PERSONNEL IN AREA OF BAILOUT IS REVEALED BY THE REMOVAL OF PARACHUTE WHICH HAD NOT BEEN RECOVERED ON DAY OF BAILOUT. IF MISSING PILOT SUCCEEDED IN AVOIDING CAPTURE, THE PROBABILITY OF HIS REMAINING IN AREA IS EXTREMELY REMOTE. FURTHER SEARCH IN THE HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT PREVAILING IN THE AREA IS NOT WARRANTED DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF AUDIO SIGNALS DETECTED BY RESCUE AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA ON THE 4TH & 5TH OF MAR AND THE LACK OF OTHER POSITIVE LEADS AND THE TIME ELAPSED SINCE BAILOUT. THE MISN IS SUSPENDED WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF COMMDR 2ND AIR DIVISION.

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RUMSAG/DET 5 PACARESCUEGEN DA NANG AB RVN
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RUMBDK/DET PROV FOURTH PARC KORAT AB THAI
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-71, SUSPENDING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 5 PARC - 187 - 2 MARCH 1965.
3. DATE OF REPORT: 5 MARCH 1965.
4. AREA SEARCHED AND PERCENT EFFECTIVE: BAD WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA PREVENTED ANY VISUAL SEARCH. AUDIO LISTENING WATCH ONLY.
5. WEATHER IN AREA: MULTI-LAYERED CLOUDS, SURFACE TO 15,000 FEET. RAIN SHOWERS AND FOG.
6. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL MISSING: ONE

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7. REASON FOR SUSPENDING: NO VISUAL OR AUDIO SIGNALS RECEIVED BY RESCUE OR RESCAP AIRCRAFT SEARCHING IN AREA OF BAILOUT FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BAILOUT AND BY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT CONDUCTING SWEEPS WITHIN A TEN MILE RADIUS OF PARACHUTE LANDING LOCATION ON FOLLOWING DAY. PRESENCE OF GROUND PERSONNEL IN AREA OF BAILOUT REVEALED BY REMOVAL OF PARACHUTE WHICH HAD NOT BEEN RECOVERED ON DATE OF BAILOUT. IF MISSING PILOT SUCCEEDED IN AVOIDING CAPTURE, THE PROBABILITY OF HIS REMAINING IN AREA IS EXTREMELY REMOTE. FURTHER SEARCH IN HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT PREVAILING IN THE AREA IS NOT WARRENTED DUE TO ABSENTS OF AUDIO SIGNALS DETECTED BY RESCUE AIRCRAFT IN AREA ON 4 AND 5 MARCH, LACK OF OTHER POSITIVE LEADS AND TIME ELAPSED SINCE BAILOUT. MISSION SUSPENDED WITH CONCURRENCE OF COMMANDER 2 AIR DIVISION.

8. TOTAL SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
9 SORTIES FOR 40:55 HOURS BY USAF HU-16
20 SORTIES FOR 27:55 HOURS BY USAF HH-43
14 SORTIES FOR 25:20 HOURS BY USAF F-100
6 SORTIES FOR 9:00 HOURS BY USAF F-105
20 SORTIES FOR 32:25 HOURS BY USN A-1H
6 SORTIES FOR 7520 HOURS BY USMC UH-34

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5 SORTIES FOR 12:40 HOURS BY VNAF A-1E
9. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING: NONE
10. ADDITIONAL INFO: NONE
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OPENING, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT

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1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1 (FOLLOWED BY THE WORDS "OPENING" OR "OPENING/CLOSING REPORT").

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3. SAR OBJECTIVE/TYPE FLIGHT PLAN/COMPLETE FLIGHT PLAN/DESCRIPTION, AND/OR IDENTIFYING FEATURES OF SAR OBJECTIVE/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL/POB). AIR STRIKE

4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY ARTC, FLIGHT SERVICE STATION, STATE POLICE, ETC. RCC BY Mission A/C 1545L

5. EXTENDED COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT).

6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT).

b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT).

c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT).

7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT). PREPOSITIONED SAR FORCES RESPONDED TO DECLARATION OF INFLIGHT EMERGENCIES

8. LAST KNOWN POSITION (DF, RADAR, POSITION REPORT, ETC.).

9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED OR PROPOSED ROUTE, OR SEA CONDITIONS, IF APPLICABLE). 30 ① VSBY 15M W/V 140/10

10. CONTROLLING AGENCY (APPLICABLE TO THE DESIGNATED SAR MISSION COORDINATOR).

11. ASSISTING AGENCY OR AGENCIES.

12. NAME OF SAR MISSION COORDINATOR.

2. 13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS. FIGHTERS WILL SEARCH AREA TO LOCATE OBJ. A. WITH HU-16 ORBITING OFF SHORE AS OSC & Comm PLATFORM

14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREA(S). CONDUCT SEARCH FOR OBJ. E WITH BALANCED FORCE & CHECK OUT LEAD

15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NUMBER AND TYPE).

1. A. USAF F-100 PILOT/BAILOUT. HELMET & PARACHUTE RECOVERED BY P.J. LOWERED BY HOIST FROM HH-43. INTENSIVE GROUND FIRE FORCED WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES. HH-43F RECEIVED ONE ROUND APP 30 CAL THRU ROTOR BLADE

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B. USAF F-100 PILOT/BAILOUT RECOV BY HU-16
C. USAF F-105 PILOT/BAILOUT RECOV BY HH-43B/
D. USAF F-105 PILOT/BAILOUT RECOV BY HH-43B/
E. USAF F-105 PILOT/BAILOUT RECOV BY HH-43B/PILOT WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO HU-16 AT UBON, THAI FOR TRANSPORT TO KORAT, THAI
F. VNAF AIR PILOT/BAILOUT RECOV BY HU-16

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16. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (OPENING REPORT ONLY).

17. FOR OPENING/CLOSING ONLY:

a. AGENCY SIGHTING AND TIME (GMT), AGENCY RECOVERING AND TIME (GMT) SAR OBJECTIVE.

b. NUMBER SURVIVORS/DECEASED.

c. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED.

d. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT OF CONTROLLING/ ASSISTING AGENCY(S)/ORGANIZATIONS - IF AVAILABLE.

e. NUMBER OF TEAMS/PERSONNEL/GROUND VEHICLES/MOBILE RADIOS/ FIXED RADIOS OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS.

f. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (MISSION TERMINATION TIME, ETC.).

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RUMSAG/23AB GP DA NANG
RUMFUK/CTG 77.5
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RUMSAG/DET 5 PACARESCUECEN DA NANG AB
RUMSAG/613 TFS DA NANG AB
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MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-R, 13AF FOR JSARC.
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GRESS REPORT NUMBER ONE, RCS: 1-ARS-F1.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC -187-2 MARCH 1965.
3. DATE OF REPORT: 3 MARCH 1965.
4. ITEM 4 THRU 9: N/A.
10. ADDITIONAL INFO: REF OUR MESSAGE SECRET SAR 50224, 2 MAR 65.
OBJECT ECHO RECOVERED BY USAF JJ-43B AT 2941H. LOCATION OF PICKUP
IS 1604N 10340E. PILOT REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION AND WILL BE
TRANSFERRED TO RU-16B AT UBON, THAILAND, FOR TRANSPORATION TO
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1. OPENING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 187 - 2 MARCH 1965.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVES:
   A. USAF F-100 PILOT (BAILOUT)
   B. USAF F-100 PILOT (BAILOUT)
   C. USAF F-105 PILOT (BAILOUT)
   D. USAF F-105 PILOT (BAILOUT)

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E. USAF F-105 PILOT (UNKNOWN)
F. VNAF A-1H PILOT (BAILOUT)

5. LOCATION OF INCIDENTS:
A. 1712N - 10641E (RV)
B. VIC 1740N-10640E (DRV)
C. 1706N-10640E (DRV)
D. VIC 1615N-10525E (LAOS)
E. 090 RADIAL UBON THAILAND DISTANCE UNKNOWN.
F. VIC 1720N-10655E (DRV)

6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: MISSION AIRCRAFT. FIRST ALERT 1545 LOCAL.

7 PERSONNEL INVOLVED: TOTAL 5 USAF AND 1 VNAF

8. WEATHER IN AREA: DRV WX 3,000 SCAT VIS 15NM WINDS 140/10K

9. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: PREPOSITIONED SAR FORCES RESPONDED TO DECLARATION OF INFLIGHT EMERGENCIES.

10. FUTURE PLANS: CONDUCT EARLY MORNING FIGHTER SWEEPS IN EFFORT TO LOCATE OBJECTIVE A. ORBIT HU-16 OFF-SHORE TO ACT AS OSC AND COMM PLATFORM. PREPOSITION HELICOPTERS FOR POSSIBLE RECOVERY. CONDUCT SEARCH WITH BALANCED FORCE FOR OBJECTIVE E.

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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OBJECTIVE A. STATUS UNKNOWN. HELMET AND PARACHUTE WAS RECOVERED ON LAND. PILOT WAS NOT IN IMMEDIATE AREA. INTENSIVE GROUND FIRE FORCED WITHDRAWAL OF RECOVERY FORCES.
OBJECTIVE B. RECOVERED BY USAF HU-16 AT 1615 LOCAL.
OBJECTIVE C. RECOVERED BY USAF HH-43F AT 1700 LOCAL.
OBJECTIVE D. RECOVERED BY USAF HH-43B AT 2146 LOCAL.
OBJECTIVE E. STATUS UNKNOWN. HAVE GOOD LEAD AS TO POSITION AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM ASSUMED POINT AT WHICH PILOT [illegible]ED EMERGENCY. IS CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE BUT NOT [illegible]MED.
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-FL, PROGRESS REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 187 - 2 MARCH 1965.
3. DATE OF REPORT: 4 MARCH 1965
4. AREA SEARCHED AND PERCENT EFFECTIVE: NEGATIVE SEARCH.
5. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA: GENERALLY 300 TO 500 BROKEN TO OVER CAST ALONG COAST LOWERING TO ZERO 5 MILES PLLAND. RAIN SHOWERS THROUGHOUT AREA.
6. RESULT OF SEARCH: NEGATIVE - WEATHER PRECLUDED ANY SEARCH.

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7. FUTURE PLANS: CONTINUE EFFORT TOMORROW UTILIZING FOUR F-100 CONTINUOUSLY WEATHER PERMITTING. FIGHTERS WILL SWEEP THE AREA WATCHING FOR SIGNALS. HU-16 WILL BE ON SCENE COMMANDER WITH 2HH-43F STANDING BY FOR POSSIBLE PICKUP OF SURVIVOR.
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4 SORTIES FOR 10:20 HOURS BY USN A-1H
2 SORTIES FOR 2:00 HOURS X USMC UH-34
2 SORTIES FOR 2:20 HOURS BY USAF F-100
9. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: NONE
10. ADDITIONAL INFO: WEATHER FORCAST FOR TOMORROW DOES NOT APPEAR FAVORABLE.
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9. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: NONE
10. ADDITIONAL INFO: WEATHER FORCAST FOR TOMORROW DOES NOT APPEAR S;94-723.
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Detachment Provisional Fourth (PARC)
Air Rescue Service (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO San Francisco, California 96233

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Major Waechter

6 Mar 65

SUBJECT: (U) Mission Narrative

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TO: Pacific Air Rescue Center
APO U.S. Forces 96553

1. (U) Mission Number: Det 3, PARC, 187, 2 Mar 65.

2. (C)(GP-4) Chronology of Events:

0425Z Adman 66 was airborne on a scramble to cover mission number 184. Our mission was to replace Adman 58, who had been diverted to intercept a Navy HU-16.

0430Z A Top Secret briefing was conducted at Da Nang Air Base for mission number 187. The crew of Adman 66 did not attend.

0450Z Adman 66 was on station for mission 184.

0707Z Adman 66 departed orbit to assume new orbit location for mission number 187.

0720Z Adman 66 was on station for mission number 187. The position was given to us by Adman 63 (Major Ladon) and we orbited approximately 8 miles south of Tiger Island. Original on station time as briefed prior to departure was 0745Z.

0800Z By this time the mission was well under way. We were now aware that two pilots were down; one inland, one at sea. Adman 63 advised that he was heading for the inland survivor and that we should take the one at sea. Adman 63 had already scrambled the H-43 helos out of Quang Tri and they were on the way (Bandy 95 and 96). We spotted Adman 63 over the coast and tried to get the position of the survivor in the sea. He then told us to take the inland survivor and he would take the one in the water.

0820Z Adman 66 was turned back by flak.

0830Z We saw more flak and proceeded north up the coastline.

0840Z Proceeded inland towards a column of smoke and received fairly reliable D/F's from the inland Rescap aircraft.

0845Z Spotted chute and sent Rescap aircraft back to the coast to escort the helos into the area.

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0850Z Rescap finally found the helos and escorted them into the area.

0929Z Enroute to our sitting Bandy 95 and 96 spotted another chute and recovered the pilot's helmet. They then were guided into our area and picked up a downed F-105 pilot. Rescap aircraft then escorted them to the coast where we met them over the water and escorted them back towards Quang-Tri.

0950Z We met Emblem 1 and 2 (Marine H-34's) just off the coast near Quang-Tri and we left Bandy 95 and 96 to escort the Emblem helos back to the target area. Bandy 95 strongly recommended that there was insufficient Rescap or daylight left to continue the mission and that the helos would be in danger if they tried to go back into the area.

1000Z We instructed Emblem 1 and 2 to return to Quang-Tri.

1100Z We had been orbiting Quang-Tri waiting for the helos to refuel, but they advised that they did not require us to escort them back to Da Nang. We then departed for Da-Nang.

1135Z Adman 66 landed at Da Nang.

3. (C)(GP-4) Specific Comments:

a. Radio Discipline. Throughout the entire mission, radio transmissions on all frequencies were on the verge of complete chaos. Most of the time it was impossible to understand the Rescap or Rescue aircraft because of simultaneous transmission on the same frequency. The confusion became worse when aircraft began using Guard frequency.

b. Location of Downed Airmen. Initial reports of downed airmen were made by the wingmen in reference to the first or the second target areas. Since we were scrambled before the strike mission briefing, we were unaware of the target location or coordinates. Our D/F equipment was useless because of multiple transmissions and the APX-28 was of no value with all aircraft transmitting IFF simultaneously. At least three different sets of coordinates, in degrees and minutes, were given in addition to bearing and range references from the target. The latter proved to be most satisfactory and expeditious, had we only known the exact location of the target.

4. (C)(GP-4) Recommendations:

a. Radio discipline must be maintained. Rescue frequencies should be preset into all tactical aircraft on a specific channel. Anyone then observing a bailout or damaged aircraft would be able to immediately switch channels and contact Rescue or Rescap. This frequency must be protected from tactical transmissions.

b. Rescue and Rescap call signs appear to be confusing. Suggest that pre-planned orbit points be designated as One, Two or Three or Alpha, Bravo

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Cocoa. Rescue and Rescap aircraft would then assume the appropriate call sign. Continued use should be made of VCSL call signs on SSB and HF

c. Rescue aircraft should have accurate information on all target areas for plotting purposes and more expeditious recovery of personnel.

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LUTHER H. WAECHTER
Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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Air Rescue Service (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO San Francisco, California 96233

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Capt Kelly 5 Mar 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO: Pacific Air Rescue Center
APO U.S. Forces 96553

1. Mission Number: Det 3, PARC, 187, 2 Mar 65

2. Situation: Two helicopter crews were on alert at Det Prov Fourth to cover the F-105 participation in a strike mission. One helicopter was configured for LRR, one for ACE. Both Detachment helicopters were participating. Captain Seebo, Detachment Commander, was RCC on the LRR helicopter intercepting numerous F-105s in emergency conditions when Captain Seebo heard the F-105 pilot requesting assistance from Ubon. Fuel state near empty. Captain Seebo requested the tower operator to scramble the other helicopter to Ubon. At approximately 0853Z, 2 Mar 65, the F-105 pilot stated he had flamed out at 12,000 feet. Someone instructed him to get out by 5000 feet. His last transmission was at 7000 feet. The second HH-43B was getting airborne at this time.

3. At 0852Z, 2 Mar 65, Korat Air Base Tower advised Detachment Provisional Fourth, PARC, of an F-105 flameout and impending bailout in the vicinity of Ubon, Thailand. The HH-43B was scrambled at 0854Z with Captain Joseph W. Kelly, RCC; 1st Lt Larry N. Young, Copilot; A1C Harold L. Morgan, Firefighter; and A1C John P. Cibesu, Medical Technician as the crew. Captain Seebo on aircraft radio advised that the pilot had just bailed out near Ubon and to proceed to Ubon. Korat Tower advised that Korat Radar had a fix on the crash and to go Radar Frequency for a steer. Radar gave the heading as 056° and the estimated distance to be 135 miles. Distance-fuel calculations were made. Since the range of the helicopter was insufficient to proceed to the crash site and then to Ubon, the helicopter proceeded direct to Ubon, arriving at 1100Z, 2 Mar 65.

4. Captain Seebo landed at 0913Z and requested the C.Q. to notify Captain Brown, HU-16B RCC, to report to Fighter Operations immediately. At 0918Z ASOC was contacted. ASOC, Major Barnes, advised to scramble the HU-16B to 090° radial of Lion, coordination had been made with the Rescue Control Center at Detachment 3, PARC. ASOC was advised that the HH-43B was on the way to Ubon. Captain Brown was advised to attempt contact with the HH-43B on radar frequency enroute to Ubon. The HU-16B was airborne at approximately 0940Z.

5. On arrival at Ubon at 1100Z, Captain Kelly checked for information from the tower and radar. Nothing positive. Captain Seebo at Det Prov Fourth was notified. Captain Seebo instructed Captain Kelly that the HU-16B was in the search area and to contact Detachment 3, PARC as soon as possible, if

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unable then to get airborne and contact the HU-16B. Captain Kelly contacted Detachment 3, PARC and was advised to contact ASOC at Udorn, Thailand. ASOC advised the HH-43B to remain on the ground at Ubon and await further instructions as the pilot had not been located. At 1615Z, ASOC advised Captain Kelly that the survivor had been located near Ban-Thanat-Buri, Thailand, and would be transported to Roi-Et, Thailand for recovery at 0200Z, 3 Mar 65. Captain Kelly and crew were airborne from Ubon at 0030Z, 3 Mar 65 and arrived Roi-Et at 0130Z and the survivor arrived approximately 5 minutes later. The survivor pickup was completed and the takeoff was effected at 0255Z and the survivor was off-loaded into an awaiting HU-16B for transport to Korat AB, Thailand. After refueling at Ubon, the HH-43B departed for Korat. Shortly after takeoff the helicopter was instructed to return to Ubon. After returning and finding negative requirement, the helicopter departed for Korat, arriving at 0720Z. Total sorties: 5. Total flying time: 7:25.

6. Recommendation: Provide a longer ranged, higher speed helicopter with a fully instrumented capability, in addition to the present LRR helicopters.

THOMAS C. SEEBO
Captain, USAF
Commander

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STATEMENT

To Whom It May Concern: 7 March 1965

SCENE - Two HH-43F and two H-3d helicopters at Quang Tri air strip alert. HU-16 (Adman 63) orbiting Quang Tri and HU-16 (Adman 66) orbiting 15 miles east of DMZ.

At 1536 we were directed to scramble from Quang Tri on an aircraft downed approximately 40 miles north, over land. Because of the short distance involved, we elected not to take on any additional fuel above the 1200 pounds we already had aboard. We contacted the OSO in the HU-16 who advised that we proceed northeast, over water, to a point east of the survivors' location. This portion of the flight was made at minimum altitude in hope of avoiding either visual or radar detection. We arrived at the approximate area at 1615 and established an orbit while waiting for contact with our RESCAP. After approximately 15 minutes, Lt Phelan, ACO of the primary aircraft sighted orange smoke about a mile further at sea. He flew to that point and hoisted to safety the pilot of a VNAF A-1H which had ditched there a short time before. Around 1645 OSO reported a parachute in sight about 13 miles inland from our position. We rendezvoused with our escort, four Navy A-4B's call sign Fortress 5, 6, 7 and 8, just off the coast. Fortress 5 reconnoitered the area between us and the parachute, recommending a penetration at our present position. I assumed the lead at that time since Lt Phelan's aircraft was already crowded. I decided to attempt the penetration at minimum altitude since intelligence reports and the talk among the strike aircraft led me to believe that they were drawing automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of the survivor. I requested the escort aircraft to assist us by directing us through the areas which appeared least inhabited and to suppress any hostile fire encountered.

We crossed the beach and dune area with no difficulty. As we reached the cultivated area just west of the dunes we began to hear small arms fire from the vicinity of the houses we passed. Our escort guided us past the more heavily populated areas, giving instructions such as, "Turn a little to the north now until you cross the river --- now back to the south". Without this assistance we could easily have blundered over a barracks area just south of our course from which we later heard, most of the groundfire was coming. The jets on the RESCAP reported that each area we passed lit up like a christmas tree with small arms and anti-aircraft fire. When we were about two miles from the chute reported by our OSO, the escort sighted another one just north of us on the side of a small hill. (This was the location of the pilot downed first, for whom we were originally scrambled.) I had already passed beyond the next hill, so Lt Phelan, who had it in sight, made an approach to check it out and I flew cover around him. As I passed southeast of him we heard groundfire coming from the ridge leading to a village about a mile from their location. I reported this to the escort, requesting that they expend some suppressive fire in that area. Four of the RESCAP jets made firing passes on the ridge toward the village while Lt Phelan recovered his pararescueman. At that time I thought that they had recovered the pilot. When they took off, I again took the lead, proceeding to the second parachute.

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It was also on a slope in a densely wooded, confined, uninhabited valley. As we entered the valley at approximately 1715, we could see the parachute and a small column of smoke rising from the stream bed about 3/4 of a mile from the 'chute. As we got closer we could see the pilot waving a white cloth. I circled once while descending to hover. As I turned away, he fired a series of tracers into the air. Possibly he thought we hadn't seen him. I hovered above the trees, probably 125 feet or slightly higher, while he was hoisted aboard. The crew chief selected the rescue sling rather than the forest penetrator because the pilot was in a relatively open position and the sling is less difficult for the survivor to use.

Once the pilot was aboard, I asked our escort and RESCAP if they were receiving any flak at altitude. They and the OSC reported none, so I elected to climb before proceeding to the coast. We reached 5000 feet before crossing any populated areas, cruised at 6000 feet to the coast and then descended seaward to minimum altitude, proceeding south to Quang Tri the same way as we went up. We landed at Quang Tri at 1815, refueled, made a temporary repair to the damaged rotor blade on Lt Phelan's aircraft and departed for Danang.

As we neared Hue Citadel Lt Phelan reported a severe vibration and said that he was going to land at the Citadel airstrip. Because of the darkness we decided to leave the damaged helicopter there and transferred his crew and passenger to the Marine H-34's which had been standing by at Quang Tri with us. We arrived at Danang at 2105.

I believe our basic procedures are practical and feasible where opposition is restricted to small arms and light automatic weapons fire. Careful selection of the penetration route and altitude, based on factors existing at the time, can help to insure success. The crews must be thoroughly briefed on the necessity for close coordination with the escort.

I recommend that all units who might be involved in RESCAP or escort missions be briefed on our procedures and capabilities and advised of what we expect of them. If possible, a rescue representative should give a detailed briefing during mission briefings.

Although our present equipment serves the purpose, a twin-engine, high speed armored helicopter should greatly enhance our chances for success on future missions. The element of surprise which served us well on this mission will be missing in future operations. The additional speed and the higher survivability of a twin-engine helicopter might offset this loss.

RONALD L. INGRAHAM,
Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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STATEMENT

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SCENE - Two HH-43F and two H-34 helicopters at Quang Tri on strip alert. HU-16 (Aman 63) orbiting Quang Tri and HU-16 (Aman 66) orbiting 15 miles east of DMZ.

At approximately 1535L the first downed aircraft was reported by Anchor 30. Aman 63 accepted on scene command. The pilot of the downed aircraft was reported alive and uninjured by rescap. The two HH-43F's were scrambled at approximately 1536L and instructed to head north to the coast.

In rapid succession, two more downed aircraft were reported. The first had a parachute spotted approximately 1½ miles from the original downed pilot's position. The second reported a pilot in the water at XE 7060. At approximately 1550L contact was made with the two HH-43's as they crossed the coast and headed north. At this time, since Aman 66 had contact with the helicopters and was in the immediate area, Aman 63 directed that he assume control of the helicopter mission and Aman 63 immediately departed northward toward the pilot reported in the water.

Enroute to the site, four Navy A-1H's picked up Aman 63 and escorted him to the incident site. Two F-100's that had rapped the downed pilot were released upon the arrival of the A-1H's and the HU-16. Four junks and small boats ranged approximately two miles north and west of the downed pilot. The survivor was spotted on the first pass approximately two hundred yards west of the oil slick left by his aircraft and about four miles off shore. The survivor was in his life raft and displayed dye marker as the HU-16 passed over. About three "beeps" from his URT-21 were heard while directly overhead. (It was later learned that the URT-21 antenna had been broken off.)

While the A-1H's maintained surveillance on the boats, the HU-16 jettisoned its fuel tanks and made a water landing near the survivor. The seas were estimated at four to five feet with two swell systems approximately 60° apart and a light easterly wind. The actual pickup of the survivor was at 1615L, position 17438 106348. A water take-off was accomplished and the HU-16 headed back southward.

A report of another bailout was received and Aman 63 set up a search in the area of the reported bailout. After about one hour of search with negative results, Aman 63 was cleared to return to Danang AB, landing at 1845L.

EDWARD M. LADOW
Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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STATEMENT

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SCENE - Two HH-43F and two H-34 helicopters at Quang Tri on strip alert. HU-16 (Admin 63) orbiting Quang Tri and HU-16 (Admin 66) orbiting 15 miles east of DMZ.

At 1538 local time the two HH-43F's were directed to scramble from Quang Tri on an aircraft reported down approximately forty miles north over land. After we became airborne we contacted the HU-16 on scene commander and we were directed to proceed north over the coastline and out over the water to a point just east of the survivors' last known position.

During this flight we elected to remain at a low altitude to avoid radar detection. At approximately 1615 local we arrived in the area and set up orbit awaiting our rescap aircraft. After orbiting the area for a short time we spotted orange smoke a mile or two further out at sea. We immediately proceeded to the site and hoisted to safety a VNAF pilot from an A-1E which had been shot down. The Pararescue Specialist administered first aid at this time.

At about 1645 we made contact with our rescap Fortress A-1E Navy aircraft and the on scene commander advised that he had a parachute in sight approximately ten miles inland. With the A-1E escorting us and steering us around known unfriendly positions we penetrated the coastline of North Vietnam. Since our aircraft was already carrying a rescuee, we elected to have Major Ingraham's aircraft assume the lead. As we proceeded inland we encountered small arms and automatic weapon fire. The jets flying rescap reported that a lot of flak was seen above us. After we had flown ten miles or so inland we spotted a parachute on the side of a hill. With Major Ingraham flying cover we made an approach to the site. Establishing a hover the Pararescue Specialist was hoisted down to look for the pilot. During this time our rescap were making passes to surpress the ground fire coming from the ridge line above us. The pilot could not be found in the area. The pararescue man recovered his helmet.

While he was on the ground looking for the pilot we sustained a hit in one of the rotor blades and at this point we hoisted the pararescue man back on board and were forced to leave the area because of the ground fire. Upon leaving this site we proceeded to fly cover for Major Ingraham's helicopter while they picked up another downed pilot about two miles southwest. After Major Ingraham's crew had made their recovery we climbed to altitude and proceeded to return to our staging area at Quang Tri. We landed at Quang Tri at 1815 local where the VNAF Pilot we were carrying received further medical aid. We refueled and made a temporary repair of the damaged rotor blade.

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Shortly afterward we departed for Danang. Enroute over Hue Citadel we experienced a severe vibration and out of track condition. We elected to land at Hue, transfer to the escort helicopters and leave our helicopter there until it could be repaired and flown back to Danang. We arrived Danang at 2105.

The procedures which we are following at the present time are adequate, although it is imperative that everyone remain thoroughly familiar with them. Recap and escort are a must in these type recovery missions and clear cut communications between recap and rescue aircraft is a necessity.

I recommend that in the near future a twin engine, high speed combat equipped helicopter be provided for these type missions. The equipment we are working with at present is adequate but in future missions of this sort our chances for success would be greatly enhanced with the addition of such a helicopter.

JOSEPH P. PHELAN
1/Lt, USAF
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Capt Westenbarger

8 Mar 65

SUBJECT: (U) Narrative Report of Det 3, PARC Mission Number 187, 2 Mar 65

TO: Pacific Air Rescue Center
APO U.S. Forces 96553

1. (U) This report reflects the action taken by Adman 44, HU-16B, during Detachment 3, Pacific Air Rescue Center mission number 187.

2. (C)(GP-4) Chronology of Events:

0513Z Adman 44 became airborne at Korat AB, Thailand, for a precautionary orbit in support of a Navy Yankee Team. (Det 3, PARC mission number 186)

0700Z Adman 44 arrived on station at 10,000 feet over Nakhon Phanom, Thailand.

0900Z Det 3, PARC requested Adman 44 to contact Invert Control (GCI) relative to a Navy aircraft reported to be down on the 118 degree radial of Nakhon Phanom TACAN at 110 miles. Invert confirmed the aircraft down. Info was relayed to Det 3, PARC and Adman 44 commenced operation in support of Det 3, PARC mission number 187.

0902Z Det 3, PARC directed Adman 44 to begin search under the radar control of Invert. Adman 44 was vectored to position 16 degrees, 33 minutes North, 106 degrees, 27 minutes East. This area is approximately 20 miles southeast of Tchepone, Laos. Baste Flight, 2 F-105s provided Rescap support for search in this area. Adman 44 searched the Besaynon River Valley and adjacent ridges for 30 miles to Tchepone. Search effectiveness was limited due to anti-aircraft installations and haze along Route 9. Several burning areas were investigated with negative results. One truck convoy was seen moving southeast on Route 9.

1045Z Det 3, PARC requested search be abandoned in this area and commence search on the 135 degree radial of Nakhon Phanom TACAN at 85 miles. Adman 44 proceeded towards the new search area following Route 9 northwest and climbing to 7,000 feet.

1052Z Rescap Baste 31 reported a possible UHF beacon near coordinates 16 degrees, 35 minutes North, 105 degrees, 42 minutes East. Also reported departing the area with minimum fuel. Adman 44 continued search without Rescap maintaining 7,000 feet.

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1110Z Adman 44 arrived in new search area and commenced an expanding square electronic search.

1115Z A weak signal from a URT-21 transmitter was received on guard.

1120Z A positive URT-21 signal was received and located with the ARA-25, UHF Homer. This signal was also observed on the ITT receiver. Invert and Det 3, PARC were notified and requested to alert Rescue helicopters and send Rescap.

1130Z A white flare was observed in the search area. The flare ascended to approximately 2,000 feet and decended as though it was a para-flare. Minutes later a second and similar flare was observed. These flares did not appear to be of a type normally in the possession of a survivor. A red flare was also ignited on the ground.

1134Z Det 3, PARC was requested to ascertain what pyrotechnics were carried by the downed pilot and necessary information for possible authentication.

1136Z Darkness. Area presumed to be hostile due to the proximity of unfriendly anti-aircraft installation. The radio operator was sent to the rear of the aircraft to establish contact with the survivor through blinking code by the Aldis lamp.

1140Z Adman 44 dropped one M94l para-flare and a Mark 6, Mod 2, 45 minute smoke light with a personal strobe light attached to mark the survivors position The smoke light started a small fire which persisted throughout the recovery operation.

1146Z Det 3, PARC provided the information previously requested and confirmed the survivor to be Air Force. They had no further information concerning Rescap. Rescap was again requested from Invert.

1200Z Adman 44 decended for better blinker communications and to insure visual contact with the survivor.

1220Z Survivors authentication confirmed, and additional queries made of Invert and Det 3, PARC on the status of Rescap.

1300Z Det 3, PARC advised that the pilot was down in a friendly area. Adman 44 received an ETA of 1320Z from Bandy 21 and 41, HH-43 helicopters from Nakhon Phanom. Hotel 21 and 22, Air America helicopters were also inbound to the area. Adman 44 began illuminating the area with SA-8 para-flares and directing the helicopters to the recovery area through use of the ARA-25 Homer.

1327Z Adman 44 directed HH-43, Bandy 41, to the survivor and recovery was accomplished. The survivor, Major George W. Panas, was not injured. (His aircraft call sign was Baste 19)

1328Z A flare aircraft, call sign Smokey Orange, arrived in the area to support possible rescap operations. No rescap had arrived and Smokey Orange was released.

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1330Z Det 3, PARC advised Adman 44 to escort Bandy flight to Nakhon Phanom and pick up the survivor. Escort commenced.

1432Z Adman 44 landed at Nakhon Phanom, escort completed.

1552Z Adman 44 departed Nakhon Phanom for Korat with Major Panas on board.

1735Z Adman 44 landed at Korat, mission complete.

3. (C)(GP-4) Specific Comments:

a. Communications and assistance provided by Det 3, PARC were excellent throughout the mission.

b. A pre-mission intelligence briefing provided by Fighter Operations at Korat supplied invaluable information concerning target area, routes and strike force composition. This information later made it possible for us to determine who was experiencing difficulty and where.

c. The lack of Rescap coverage during the search and recovery phases could easily have cost the lives of those engaged in the search and recovery operation.

d. Radio communications became confusing due to the large number of transmissions on 364.2 mcs and guard. Distressed aircraft did not appear to know the call signs of rescue aircraft in their vicinity and were therefore forced to make blanket calls. The same applied to Rescap aircraft.

4. (C)(GP-4) Recommendations:

a. Rescap coverage should be preplanned to support post strike SAR operations. Whenever possible this Rescap should be composed of propeller type aircraft in order to be compatable with the search and recovery aircraft. If jet type fighters must be used, I recommend that they assume a strip alert posture until actually needed to neutralize a target in the search area or provide cover for the recovery operation.

b. A bright, long burning, dropable electric marker light is virtually essential in order to mark the position of survivors during night rescap/recovery operations over land. Adman 44 did not possess such a light. I recommend that two such lights be obtained for each HU-16 in this theatre. Fires started by the existing smoke lights pose an additional threat to the survivor.

c. Strike forces must be prebriefed on the exact call sign of the rescue aircraft in their immediate area. This will permit distressed aircraft to direct their transmissions to the force most capable of providing assistance. In order to accomplish this I recommend that call signs be designated for

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known orbit positions and that the rescue aircraft providing the orbit assume this call sign. Similar to the use of Duckbutt Xray Bravo to identify an aircraft or station at a specific point.

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Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

THOMAS C. SHEBO
Captain, USAF
Commander

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Detachment Provisional Second
APO
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det Prov Second

6 MAR 1965

SUBJECT: Det 2, Para Rescue (U)

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TO: PACAF

1. At 1200Z this detachment received two messages simultaneously. Detachment 2, PARC at Nakhon Phanom and a second from ADVON at Udorn by phone. Both messages directed that Detachment Provisional Second scramble two HH-43B's, under the control of the HU-16 control ship, Invert 41, to proceed to a point 60 nautical miles from Invert on a 128 degree radial for the possible pickup of a downed pilot. At this time we were briefed by Invert that the area was "hot" and to proceed with caution. At 1210Z two HH-43B's departed and climbed to an altitude of 3,000 feet above the ground on a 130 degree heading, using UHF, VHF beacon and DF equipment from the HU-16, which was orbiting the pickup point. Invert was unable to paint either HH-43B during the first 30 miles of the flight. Between 50 and 70 miles Invert was able to paint our aircraft and vector us toward the HU-16. With the HH-43B's approximately 20 miles from the pickup point, the HU-16 dropped a flare, which we were able to home on. The HU-16 received word that the area was safe and that the pickup should be made immediately, without waiting for Rescap. While approximately 5 miles from the target, we sighted the HU-16, which we were advised was then over the pickup point. At this time, 1320Z, the HU-16 dropped a second flare directly over the target. The lead HH-43B started a descent to the pickup point, while the second orbited the area at 3,000 feet above the ground. The HU-16 advised us that the pickup point was marked by two adjacent lights. We spent several minutes in locating the area. Visibility was poor, due to smoke at low altitude and because there were other lights within the immediate area. We could not discern one light from the other. After locating the two lights, I made one pass over the area to verify the location and to insure that the people were friendly and that the HH-43B could be landed safely. I then circled the landing area and landed. The rescue and survival technician departed the aircraft and spoke with the local people. The downed pilot soon appeared with several men, who were helping him carry his equipment. With the pilot and equipment aboard the aircraft, we took-off and turned to a heading of 300 degrees for NKP. The helicopter, which had remained at 3,000 feet above the ground, also started for home, and because of his altitude, still had an ADF bearing on the NKP radio beacon. The HU-16 and a C-47, which had arrived in the area escorted both HH-43B's to the Thailand border. At the border we advised the C-47 that his assistance would no longer be needed. At 1430Z both HH-43B's landed at Nakhon Phanom AFB and were followed shortly by the HU-16. At no time on the return to the home field did Invert paint either HH-43B.

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2. When using two aircraft at night, because of the limited visibility, it is necessary for the escort aircraft to remain within 1/4 mile of the lead [illegible] aircraft. Also, the pilots of this detachment feel that an IFF or SIF [illegible] would greatly aid in getting vectors allow safe routes to the pickup point and in keeping two HH-43's and escort aircraft together in limited visibility.

ISAAC FRIEDMAN
Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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APO, SAN FRANCISCO, 96553

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: DOARC

SUBJECT: (U) Recovery Operations

15 March 1965

TO: Hq Air Rescue Service
Attn: ARCCO

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1. (U) As previously reported through numerous messages and telephone conversations, ARS forces in Southeast Asia achieved a high success rate during support rendered for Rolling Thunder V. The performance of the ARS forces in recovering five out of six distressed pilots, some under extremely hazardous conditions, has been lauded by the highest level of command in the Pacific area.

2. (U) The attached narrative summaries or chronology of events, as appropriate, were prepared by the ARS personnel who were involved in these noteworthy operations. It is readily apparent that the performance of all personnel was outstanding; however, the bravery and heroic actions of Major Ingraham and Lt Phelan must be recognized as being distinctive. Both of these officers and all members of their crews have been recommended for award of the Silver Star. These recommendations have been approved by the PACAF board and forwarded to CSAF for final approval.

3. (S) The value of the attached reports as newsworthy items is recognized and 2d Air Division has made international news releases covering the performance of ARS forces. It is believed that ARS can use these reports for this same purpose within the bounds of discretion and providing reference is not made to specific areas in NVN denoting possible target complexes.

4. (U) This letter is classified secret to uphold the security classification of tactical operations.

WALTER F. DERCK
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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2. Statement, 7 Mar 65 (S)
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REPLY TO ATTN OF: DOARC

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SUBJECT: SEA Operations 15 April 1965

TO: Hq ARS

1. The two attached mission narratives and one favorable communication package are forwarded for information.

2. Certain items appearing in the mission narratives requires action to resolve indicated deficiencies. This office has taken the following action to seek resolution of problem areas.

a. Minor damage to the HU-16 caused by an open sea landing in a complex sea condition was explained in PARC message DOARS 00584, 2 April 1964. Reporting procedures for the timely dispatch of information on like incidents or the waiver of reporting responsibilities has been clarified with ARIOS. (Paragraph 1, Attachment 1)

b. The recommendation for coordination with CINCPAC to identify frequency 364.2MC as rescue primary is considered inappropriate. Commander 2nd Air Division, as the SEA SAR coordinator, is responsible for the designation of frequencies for SAR operations. The indicated interference on the rescue frequency has been brought to the attention of Detachment 3, PARC. (Paragraph 3, Attachment 1)

c. The REFS referred to in Attachment 2 is a local modification designed to extend the range of the HH-43B for the purpose of permitting recovery operations in Laos. Although this system has been used to advantage in making two successful recoveries in Laos there is an element of danger connected with this type modification. To eliminate the danger and still provide a method of range extension, two self sealing auxiliary fuel tanks are being transferred from Bien Hoa to Nakhon Phanom. Installation of subject fuel tanks to include plumbing and tank security will be accomplished under the supervision of a qualified NCO from Detachment 4, PARC.

3. Attachment 1 and 2 are classified and contemplated news releases or inclusion in unclassified documents must not positively identify operating areas. Attachment 3 is unclassified and may be used as desired.

4. When attachments 1 and 2 are withdrawn this letter is unclassified.

WALTER F. DERCK
Colonel, USAF
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DETACHMENT 3
Pacific Air Rescue Center
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO San Francisco, California, 96307

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SAR

16 March 1965

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Det 5 PARC
APO US Forces 96337

Det Provisional Second
APO US Forces 96310

Det Provisional Fourth
APO US Forces 96233

31 Air Rescue Squadron
APO US Forces 96274

33 Air Rescue Squadron
APO US Forces 96235

It is indeed a pleasure to convey the congratulations and appreciation from signatories of attached letters for superb performance. The professionally coordinated and cooperative effort which combined to the overall success of the mission and elicited such laudatory comments is a tribute to all personnel participating. I am most privileged to add my appreciation and congratulations for performance in keeping with the highest traditions of the Air Rescue Service.

Edward Knafka

EDWARD KNAFKA
LtCol., USAF
Commander

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1. Ltr fm Amb Taylor
2. Ltr fm Gen Westmoreland
3. Ltr fm Maj Gen Moore

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM
Office of the Commander
APO San Francisco 96243

Serial No 912
5 March 1965

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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

THRU: Commander
Second Air Division
APO U. S. Forces 96307

TO: Lieutenant Colonel Edward Krafka
Commanding Officer
Detachment 3
Pacific Air Rescue Center
APO U. S. Forces 96307

The attached letter from Ambassador Taylor expressing his appreciation to the members of your detachment for their extraordinary performance of duty on 2 March 1965 is forwarded with pleasure. I want to add my appreciation and congratulations for a job well done and in the highest military tradition.

W. C. Westmoreland

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W. C. WESTMORELAND
General, United States Army
Commanding

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2d AIR DIVISION
THIRTEENTH AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96307

OFFICE OF
THE COMMANDER

15 March 1965

Lt Colonel Edward Krafka
Commanding Officer
Detachment 3
Pacific Air Rescue Center
APO US Forces 96307

It is a pleasure to add my personal congratulations to those of Ambassador Taylor and General Westmoreland for the extraordinary performance of your detachment on 2 March 1965. Such a performance is of great credit to the Air Force and to the nation we serve.

J. H. MOORE
Major General, USAF
Commander

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EMBASSY
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy,
Saigon, Viet-Nam,
March 3, 1965.

Dear Colonel Krafka:

My attention has just been called to the extraordinary performance of some of your helicopter pilots in rescuing five out of six of our pilots downed in yesterday's attack against North Viet-Nam. This is indeed an outstanding record and testifies to the gallantry of your people in exposing themselves to rescue downed comrades.

Will you transmit to the members of your detachment my appreciation and admiration for their conduct?

Sincerely,

Maxwell D. Taylor

Maxwell D. Taylor

Lieutenant Colonel Edward Krafka,
Commanding Officer, Detachment 3,
Pacific Air Rescue Center,
APO 96307, U. S. Forces.

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SUBJECT: USAF F-105
VICINITY: HU-16B

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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING /CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC -252-22 MARCH 1965.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF USAF F-105.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1758N-10638E. APPROX TWO MILES OFF SHORE. VINH SON
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: WINGMAN OF SAR OBJECTIVE. NOTIFIED HU-16 OR BAILOUT AT 22/1646HRS.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: USAF HU-16

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PAGE 2 RUHLKM 615 C O N F I D E N T I A L
MADE OPEN SEA LANDING AND PICKUP. LANDING MADE 22/1700HRS, TAKEOFF AT 22/1710HRS.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF HU-16
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USAF
10 AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESUCE OF SURVIVORS: SEE PARA 7.
11 DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: RELEASED TO USAF MED PERS AT DANANG AB RVN.
12 SORTIE FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HU-16 2 SORTIES FOR 3 PLUS 30
USAF F-100 4 SORTIES FOR 6 PLUS 00
USAF F-105 3 SORTIES FOR 1:00
13. NUMBER VESSELS PARTICIPATED: NONE
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: NONE.
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Air Rescue Service (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO San Francisco, California 96233

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Maj Waechter

SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

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TO: Pacific Air Rescue Center
APO U.S. Forces 96553

1. Chronology of events.

0650Z
22 Mar 65: Iola Alpha was airborne from Danang AB, RVN and proceeded north towards mission orbit position located fifteen miles off-shore from the target area (ocean orbit Romeo). Initial climb was to flight level 5,000 feet. Upon crossing the seventeenth parallel, a descent was made to 300 feet to avoid radar detection; however, airborne radar aboard the aircraft indicated a definite lock-on by unfriendly coastal radar.

0830Z: Iola Alpha arrived at orbit position and open sea evaluation made. No smoke was dropped due to possibility of enemy detection or the confusion of friendly forces.

0845Z: Received UHF transmission on 364.2MC from "Thunderbird Three", who advised Thunderbird Lead was hit and planned to eject. Thunderbird Three was instructed to transmit a ten second hold-down for a bearing. Immediately after heading was established, wingman advised that Thunderbird Lead had ejected with a good chute opening.

0850Z: Sighted landfall which proved to be two small mountainous islands just off the North Vietnamese coast. Iola Alpha was advised to remain well clear of armed junks and radar controlled coastal batteries, which were reported by Rescap as active. Rescue aircraft endeavored to remain beyond effective firing range and located survivor with help of day smoke. A large armed fishing junk was within 800 yards and under full sail towards the survivor.

0900Z: Iola Alpha made water landing on predetermined heading; time being of essence and evasion from enemy fire paramount. Rescue aircraft contacted water on crest of swell; however, height of swell compounded by a short swell system caused the aircraft to be thrown back into the air in a fully stalled position. An estimated 15 to 20 knot cross wind then weather vained the aircraft slightly, causing it to contact the water a second time in a slight crab, which resulted in minor damage to the aircraft.

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0905Z: Survivor picked up within one and one-hal[redacted]
Only minor laceration of chin caused by oxygen mask on ejection or subsequant chute deployment.

0909Z: Iola Alpha airborne on return flight to Danang. After Rescue aircraft became airborne, Eagle Flight (Rescap F-100s) expended 114 rockets on armed junk, demolishing same.

1030Z: Iola Alpha landed at Danang. Flight Surgeon notified to meet aircraft.

2. Specific Comments.

a. Radio discipline was excellent. No extraneous transmissions were overheard and all instructions strictly adhered to. It must be noted, however, that the US 7th Fleet utilized 364.2MC for both tactical and carrier take-offs and landings. Due to range and altitude of Rescue aircraft during this particular mission, no problem was encountered. This subject has been discussed with Commander, Det 3 (PARI) and appropriate action taken.

b. Rescap was exemplary and must be commended for neutrilizing enemy gun positions and escort on return flight. No battle damage was received by the Rescue aircraft.

3. Recommendations.

a. Coordinate with CINCPAC to establish frequency 364.2MC as Rescue primary. Same to be pre-channeled in all SEA tactical aircraft. Additional frequencies are needed in cases of multiple bailouts.

LUTHER H. WAECHTER
Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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SUBJECT:	USN A4E USN F8U
VICINITY:	HU-16B A4E HH-43B F8U

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1. ACS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPRT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 5 PARC - 266 - 26 MAR 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 5 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVES: A. PILOT OF NAVY A4E.
B. PILOT OF NAVY F4.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: A. 1758N 10835E.
B. 1628N 10823E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AF DTG ARS NOTIFIED:
A. USS TOWERS AT 26/1415.

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PAGE RUMSAR 650 C O N F I D E N T I A L
B. TOWER, DANANG AB AR26/1515.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION:
A. HU-16 PROCEEDED TO PICKUP POINT FROM PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT PICKUP MADE 1500 LOCAL.
B. 2 HH-43F SCRAMBLED FROM DANAV AB RVN. PICKUP MADE 1550L.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE
A. HU-16 TDY TO DET 5 PARC.
B. HH-43F FROM DZ 5 PARC.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: TWO
10. AGENCY AND XTHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS:
A. HU-16 OPEN SEA LANDING.
B. HH-43F HOIST RECOVERY WITH BASKET.
11. DISPOSITIONOF SURVIVORS: RELEASED TO USAF MEDICAL AUTHORITIES DANANG AB, VN.
12. SORTIES AND FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
RUSAF HU-16 5 SORTIES 7 PLUS 40 HOURS
USAF HH-43F 5 SORTIES 1 PLUS 25 HOURS
USN A-1H 4 SORTIES 3 PLUS 40 HOKS
USN A-4E 4 SORTIES 5 PLUS 20 HOURS
13. NUMBER GROUP PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH:

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NONE.
14. ADDITIMAL INFO: HU-16 PICKUP MADE IN SIX FOOT SEA WITH TWO MAJOR SWELLS. BOTH NAVY PILOTS EJECTED AS A RESULT OF BATTLE DAMAGE SUSTAINED DURING STRIKE IN NORTH VIETNAM AND WERE RECOVERED IN GOOD CONDITION.
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MISSION NUMBER: 26 MAR 65 DET 3 PARC 266

OBJECTIVE/POB: _____

TYPE FLT PLN: _____

FROM - TO: _____

STATUS: _____

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1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.

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2. DATE OF REPORT: 26 MARCH 65

✓ 3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

OBJECTIVES: TWO NAVY PILOTS DOWNED DURING AIR STRIKE. 1(A4E A/C) 1(F8U A/C)

4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: 26/1415 HRS. BY U.S.S. TOWERS

5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): _____

✓ 6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): ARS HU-16 ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT

b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): 2 HH-43B AT DANANG

c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): _____

7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): _____

✓ 8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: PILOT #1. 6 MI NE VINH SON PILOT #2 29 MI NNE DANANG

9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): UNK.

10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 5 - PARC

11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: USN

12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): UNK

13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: N/A

14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: N/A

15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): N/A

✓ 16. REMARKS: HU-16 MADE PICK-UP OF PILOT #1 IN SIX FOOT SEAS. (HU-16 TDY TO DANANG). BOTH NAVY PILOTS EJECTED AS RESULT OF DAMAGE SUSTAINED DURING STRIKE IN NORTH VIET NAM. HH-43B PICKED UP PILOT #2. BOTH NAVY PILOTS, IN GOOD CONDITION, WERE TAKEN TO DANANG.

PILOT #1 PICKED UP 1503 HRS.
PILOT #2 PICKED UP 1530 HRS.

16 SORTIES
24 HOS. MRS

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Detachment 3
Pacific Air Rescue Center (PACE)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO US Forces 96337

29 March 1965

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det 3 PARC

SUBJECT: Narrative Report of Mission Number Det 3 264 26 Mar 65

TO: DOARC

On 26 March 1965 at 1515 Local time Lt Phelan and his crew were airborne in an HH-43B Rescue Helicopter when they heard a Navy pilot flying a Crusader F-4C call "Mayday Mayday" and say that his aircraft had flamed out 35 miles Northeast of Danang. Lt Phelan proceeded immediately toward the flamed out aircraft. The Navy pilot was at altitude and decided to get as close to Danang as possible before ejecting. His wingman stayed with him giving short counts to the rescue helicopter. As the Navy aircraft was gliding toward Danang, the rescue helicopter was enroute to an intercept. The Navy pilot ejected at 2000 feet and his wingman reported a successful ejection and that the pilot was in his one man life raft. The rescue helicopter continued to home in on the top aircraft and ten minutes later the downed pilot was spotted at 1001[illegible], twenty miles Northeast of Danang. At 1530 a pick-up was made utilizing the hoist and rescue basket. The pilot was examined in the helicopter by our pararescue technician and was found to be in good condition. An uneventful return trip to Danang and the transfer of the pilot to the USAF hospital there, completed the mission.

JOSEPH P. PHELAN
1/Lt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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VICINITY: HU-16B

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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 277 - 29 MARCH 1965.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVES: A. PILOT OF USN A-4E
B. PILOT OF USN F-8
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENTS: VICINITY 2006N-10743E
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFED:
A. USAF HU-16 ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT 1955N-10735E NOTIFIED AT

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29/1520 HRS. NOTIFED BY ELEMENT OF STRIKE FORCE.
B. USAF HU-16 CONTROLLING RECOVERY OF OBJECTIVE A NOTIFIED AT 29/1550 HRS. NOTIFIED BY ELEMENT OF STRIKE FORCE.
7. PERSONNEL INVOLVED: TOTAL TWO USN, ONE EA ACFT
8. WEATHER IN AREA: CLEAR. VIS 10 MILES IN LIGHT HAZE.
9. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION:
A. USAF HU-16 PROCEEDED TO SCENE AND ORBITED OVER DOWNED PILOT WHO HAD BAILED OUT OF A-4E. USAF HU-16 DIRECTED SAR SUBMARINE TO LOCATION FOR SUCCESSFUL PICKUP AT 29/1545 HRS.
B. USAF HU-16 CONTROLLING PICKUP OF OBJECTIVE A PROCEEDED TO AREA WHERE OBJECTIVE B, USN F-8 BELEIVED CRASHED OR DITCHED IN WATER. SEARCH OPERATIONS COMMENCED.
10. FUTURE PLANS: UNDETERMINED.
11. ADDITIONAL INFO: USAF HU-16 AND UNK NAVY ACFT TERMINATED SEARCH OPERATIONS FOR TODAY AT 29/1805HRS. PROGRESS REPORT TO FOLLOW AFTER DEBRIEFING. GP-4

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MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 - PARE 277

OBJECTIVE/POB: A. PILOT of USN A-4E B. PILOT of USN F 8

TYPE FLT PLN: TACTICAL

FROM - TO: —

STATUS: OPERATIONS 1 SURVIVOR 1 MISSING

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1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.
2. DATE OF REPORT: 29 MARCH 65
3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: ELEMENT of STRIKE FORCE a. 29/1520 HRS b. 29/1550 HRS
5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): —
6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): USAF HU16 ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT
   b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): —
   c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): —
7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): USAF HU16
8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: a.) B.) VICINITY of 15 MILES N.E. of ORBIT POSITION
9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): CLEAR, VIS 10 MILES IN LIGHT HAZE
10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: —
11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: —
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): —
13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: —
14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: —
15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): UNK NO. of NAVY AND AF ACFT.
16. REMARKS: (A.) USAF HU16 PROCEEDED TO SCENE AND ORBITED OVER DOWNED PILOT WHO HAD BAILED OUT of A4E. HU16 DIRECTED SAR SUBMARINE TO LOCATION FOR SUCCESSFUL PICK UP AT 29/1545 HRS. (B.) HU16 CONTROLLING PICKUP of A4E PILOT PROCEEDED TO AREA WHERE OBJECTING (B.) USN F-8 REPORTED CRASHED OR DITCHED IN WATER. SEARCH OPERATIONS COMMENCED. NO SIGHTING.

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OBJECTIVE/POB: _____

TYPE FLT PLN: _____

FROM - TO: _____

a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): _____

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b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): _____

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c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: _____

d. NUMBER SAVED: _____

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: _____

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f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS: _____

_____ TOTAL: SORTIES _____ HOURS _____

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL): _____

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: _____ RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE): _____

NUMBER OF VESSELS: _____

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2. MISSION NUMBER AND DATE. DET 3 PARC 277

3. DATE OF REPORT. 31 MARCH 65

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4. REASON FOR REOPENING AND TIME (GMT) (TO INCLUDE GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES LOCATION OF SAR OBJECTIVE). NAVY HAD A SIGHTING

5. SAR ACTION TAKEN AND TIME (GMT) (INCLUDE METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS AND/OR RECOVERY OF DECEASED, IF APPLICABLE).
PICKED UP BY HU-16 FROM DANANG

6. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED, IF APPLICABLE.
TAKEN TO AF DISPENSARY AT DANANG

7. FUTURE PLANS, IF APPLICABLE (NUMBER AND TYPE OF SAR FORCES).
N/A

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8. FORECAST WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA (REOPENING ONLY).
N/A

9. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE AIRCRAFT OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING AGENCY(S)/ORGANIZATIONS - IF AVAILABLE.
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10. NUMBER OF TEAMS/PERSONNEL/GROUND VEHICLES/MOBILE RADIOS/FIXED RADIOS/VESSELS OF CONTROLLING/ASSISTING ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCY(S).
NONE

11. MISSION SUSPENDED/CLOSED TIME (GMT).
1400 31 MAR

12. REMARKS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (MISSION TERMINATION/SUSPENDED TIME, ETC.).

13. THIS CONSTITUTES THE FINAL MISSION REPORT. (FOR REOPENING/CLOSING OR REOPENING/SUSPENDING REPORTS ONLY).

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S E C R E T SAR 96302 MAR 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPA, MATS FOR MAOCD/AT AND MCP, PACAF FOR PFOCC-R, ARS FOR ARODC, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, REOPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSIONNUMBER: DET 5, PARC-277-29 MARCH 1965.
3. DATE OF REPORT: 31 MARCH 1965.
4. MISSION WAS UNDER CONTROLOF CTF 77. AT 0920 DET 5 PARC WAS NOTIFIED BY DET 5 PARC AT DANANG THAT THE NAVY HAD A SIGHTING AND WAS REQUEYING AN HU-16 FOR A PICK-UP. LOCATION OF SIGHTING 2010-10757E.
5. SAR ACTION TAKEN: HU-16 1931/ SCRAMBLED FROM DANANG AT 1000, HAS PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO AND ARRIVED IN THE AREA AT 1130, HAS OVER THE

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PAGE 2 RUMSAR 766 S E C R E T
SURVIVOR AT 1132, LANDED AT 1150. THE SURVIVOR WAS NOT ABLE TO ASSIST HIMSELF IN GETTING INTO THE HU-16 BECAUSE OF A DISLOCATED SHOULDER. A PARARESCUEMAN ENTERED THE WATER AND PROVIDED THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE. THE SURVIVOR WAS THEN PLACED IN A LITTER, AS HE WAS IN A MILD STATE OF SHOCK. THE HU-16 WAS AIRBORNE AGAIN AT 1152. AFTER FLYING ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES THE SURVIVOR WASBROUGHT OUT OF SHOCK AND WAS ABLE TO DRINK SOME SOUP. WHILE ENROUTE HIS SHOULDER POPPED BACK INTO POSITION. THE HU-16 LANDED DANANG AT 1400.
6. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: DELIVERED TO AIR FORCE DISPENSARYAT DANANG.
7. TOTAL SORTIES AS ASSISTING AGENCY:
USAF HU-16 TWO SORTIES FOUR HOUR. CONFIDENTIAL
8. N/A
9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: ON SCENE COMMAND WAS EXERCISED BY A USN E-1, AND THE NAVY WAS PROVIDED RESCAP ON THE SCENE AND ESCORTED BACK TO SEVENTEENTH PARALLEL BY USN A-4'S, F-8'S, AND F-4'S.
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PROGRESS, SUSPENDING, CLOSING REPORTS

MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC 277 29MAR 65

OBJECTIVE/POB: PILOT USN F-8

TYPE FLT PLAN: TACTICAL

FROM - TO: —

[redacted]: CLOSING

BRIEFED 31 MAR 65 JC

1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.
2. Date of report: 30 MAR 65
3. AREA SEARCHED LAST PERIOD/EFFECTIVENESS/RESULTS: /

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4. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA (PROGRESS ONLY): /
5. ~~LEADS AND~~ SIGHTINGS: ✓ FOLLOWING INFO RCVD FROM PARC, (31/2615Z) COL MASK, VIA KY-9: A HU-16 FM DET 5 MADE AN OPEN SEA PICK-UP OF THE NAVY F-8 PILOT THAT WAS SHOT DOWN ON 29 MAR 65. PILOT WAS SUFFERING FROM A BROKEN SHOULDER AND SHOCK. PICK-UP MADE AT 2090N/10595E.
6. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): /
7. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): /

REASON FOR SUSPENDING AND TIME (GMT): MISSION CONTROL EXCERCISED BY U.S NAVY. NO ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.

FUTURE PLANS (PROGRESS ONLY):

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WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA:

FORCES AVAILABLE:

8. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED:
9. NUMBER OF SEARCH AIRCRAFT, SORTIES, AND FLYING HOURS:

TODAY: TO DATE:

10. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL):

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: [redacted] MOBILE):

NUMBER OF VESSELS:

ARS FORM 27 MAR 65 [redacted] RODC # 65212

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UNCLAS F T O SAR 00160 MAR 69. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPAWN MATS FOR
MAOCOAT MCP, PACAF FOR PSOCC-R, ARS FOR ARODC, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 277 -29 MARCH 1969.
3. DAT OF REPORT: 30 MA
IN 1969.

ITEMS 4 THRU 9: N/A.
10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: MISSION CONTROL EXERCISD BY US NAVY
AND NO ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTED.

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Detachment 5
Pacific Air Rescue Center
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO US Forces 96337

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det 5 PARC

3 April 1965

SUBJECT: Narrative Report of Mission Number 277 Det 3 31 March 65

TO: DOARO

Supplemental Narrative Report on Det 3 PARC Mission 277 on 31 March 1965. Major Shbok's crew was notified of a SAR incident at 0925L. We were airborne at 1000L and were briefed that a man had been spotted in a life raft at 2010N 10737E. With vectors from land and airborne radar we arrived over the scene at 1130L. The downed pilot was being covered by Navy A1E's and F8U's from nearby carriers. After extensive water evaluation, Capt Richardson pilot made an open sea landing. While taxiing to life raft, the pilot indicated that he had an injured arm. Approximately 20 feet away SSgt Stone pararescue man jumped into the water and pulled the life raft to the aircraft. The F8A pilot was Cmdr William N. Donnelly from the USS Coral Sea. He was shot down on the 29th of March. After a successful take off the HU-16 landed at Danang AB at 1410L. Crew members on the HU-16 were Maj Kenneth L. Shook, Rescue Crew Commander, Capt David K. Richardson, Pilot, Lt Jack O. Slocombe, Navigator, SSgt David E. West, Flight Engineer, A2C Robert M. Shimamoto, Radio Operator, SSgt Richard N. Stone, Pararescue, A2C Robert J. Lubbers, Pararescue.

Kenneth L. Shook

KENNETH L. SHOOK
Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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SUBJECT: USAF F-100
VICINITY: HH-43B

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RUHBDK/DET PROV FOURTH HQ PARC KORAT AB THAILAND
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S E C R E T SAR/50303 MAR 65. HQ USAF FOR AFKOPH, MATS FOR MAOCOAT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13 AF FOR JSARC
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1. OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSIONNUMBER: DET 3 PARC-283-31 MARCH 1965.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY:DET 3 PARC.

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4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF USAF F-100.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1717N-10545E.
6. ALERTING AGFCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: RADAR CONTROL RECIEVED MAYJY CALL AND PASSED TO DET 3 PARC AT 31/1135HOURS.
7. TYPE AND TVE OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: SCRAMBLED 2 USAF HH-43B

PAGE 2 RUHSJ 767 S E C R E T
HELICOPTERS FROM NAKHON PHANOM THAILAND AND DIVERTEDMNE USAF [redacted]
HU-16 TO ACT AS ON SCENE COMMANDER 31/1140HOURS.
8.UGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF HH-43B.
9 NUMBER OF SURVIVORS:ONE USAF.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR: USAF PAJRESCUEMAN LOWERED BY HOIST AND ASSISTED PILOT INTO SLING.
11. DISVSTION OF SURVIVOR: FLOWN TO NAKHON PHANOM THAILAND BY USAF HH-43. TRANSFERRED TO USAF HU-16 AND RELEASED TO USAF MEDICAL AUTHORITIESUT KORAT AB THAILAND.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGFCY;
USAFHJH-16 TWO SORTIES FOR 4.5o
USAF H[redacted]43B TWO SORTIESFOR 6:00
13 AND 14: NONE. GP-4.
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Detachment Provisional Second (PARC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO US Forces 96310

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det Prov Second 1 APR 1965

SUBJECT: Det 3 PARC Mission No. 283 31 Mar 65

TO: Headquarters Pacific Air Rescue Center

INFO: Det 3 PARC

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1. By coincidence, one of our HH-43's was flying a local training flight and heard the distressed pilot's initial "Mayday". The helicopter pilot relayed it to Invert at 1000 hours (all times approximate and local), and Invert, in turn, alerted the alert duty officer, myself. The fact that our aircraft are placed on alert each morning at 0900, put us in good position for immediate scramble, even though today's official alert did not begin until 1120.

2. I notified Det 3, PARC of the pilot's ejection at 1030 and relayed his approximate position (098° @ 58 miles) as given me by Invert. The alert crews in the meantime, had been alerted by the still airborne HH-43 and initiated final aircraft combat mission configuration, including the "Range Extension Fuel System" (REFS). Final readiness was confirmed at 1040 and takeoff was accomplished at 1050.

3. Takeoff, climb to 4000' MSL, and cruise progressed smoothly, and initial contact with Invert was established on frequency 278.4. We learned that F-100 Recap aircraft and Basil 66, HU-16, were enroute to the scene. Soon after border penetration, we established contact with Air America's Victor Rescue Control aircraft. Changes of frequencies had proceeded from 278.4 through 321.0, 311.0, to 354.2 before satisfactory communication was established among all aircraft. Prior to reaching the target area, both helicopters jettisoned the 55 gallon drums, making up REFS. REFS procedures were considered routine and the system functioned as expected.

4. The target area was reached at 1150. A few signals from the survivor's URT-21 were heard faintly, but neither Alban aircraft (HH-43's) could home on it. Some confusion existed at this time as to the exact location of the crash site, and we experienced a considerable amount of chatter over the GAR frequency as we tried getting within visual range of Basil and/or Victor Control aircraft.

5. At 1230, I (in Alban 21) sighted a small amount of smoke. I circled the area at 3500' MSL four or five times. I saw what I thought to be a signal mirror flashing. The area was made up of very dense jungle and no visual habitation was within 8 - 10 miles. I advised Alban 41 I was

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descending for investigation. (In the critique following the mission, it was felt that I should have perhaps requested that Rescap aircraft go down for the initial look. I certainly agree with this concept if time and conditions warrant.) The area was, in fact, the crashed aircraft and what I had seen flashing was the sun reflecting from scattered metal pieces. All of this time, both Alban helicopters were intermittenly receiving weak signals from the survivor's URT-21 radio beacon. They would come and fade, but never get strong. The HH-16 could not pinpoint the location, and Victor Rescue had no ADF homing equipment. By turning until the signal got louder, we got closer to the survivor. Finally the signal became strong enough that our ADF could home on it. We passed over the survivor's chute approximately 1250 and one of my crew members spotted it. Alban 41, circling above us, called simultaneously that he had it spotted also. One of my crew dropped a smoke grenade to mark the area and the survivor released one about the same time.

6. The foliage was so thick, we could not see the survivor. The URT-21's signal was coming in exceptionally loud at this time. We have since conjectured that a combination of a weak battery and dense vegetation limited the signal intensity, thereby shortening its range.

7. Assuming the pilot was injured, I lowered a paramedic to him with the hoist. I hovered over a small opening about 90-100' from the parachute canopy. I estimate the trees to have been 100' tall, as it took all the hoist cable to reach the ground, even with the helicopter touching the tree foliage in places. As the paramedic reached the ground, the survivor walked up to him. Though he had a suspected broken arm, the survivor managed to hold himself in the sling safely enough to allow his exit through the surrounding foliage. The paramedic was subsequently hoisted aboard at 1300 and both Alban aircraft proceeded home.

8. The crew for the mission consisted of the following personnel:

Low A/C (Alban 21)

Captain Jay M. Strayer, 65501A (P)
Captain James C. Rodenberg, 66754A (CP)
A1C Cecil A. Boothby, AF27350317 (EM)
SSgt Elson J. Farmer, AF19290428 (PJ)
A1C Herbert H. Rousch, AF19527466 (PJ)

High A/C (Alban 41)

Captain Israel Freeman, 72104A (P)
Captain Warren K. Davis, AO3040721 (CP)
A1C Frank P. Hanutke, AF16789217 (EM)
SSgt Harold G. Stroud, AF16555542 (PJ)
A2C Eric A. Anderson Jr., AF18659054 (PJ)

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9. In summary, the mission [illegible] any significant drawbacks. Two outstanding factors were responsible for our success:

a. The makeshift HH-43B supplementary fuel system (HSFS), that allowed us an extra 35 minutes "stay" time. Considering the time it took to locate the survivor, the lack of HSFS would have delayed his recovery by an unknown and perhaps crucial, length of time. Jettisoning of the HSFS tank was a definite advantage in that it allowed much more cabin room for crew members and eliminated the danger of spilled fuel in case of a hit from ground fire.

b. The survivor's possession of an operating URT-21 radio beacon. Without this device, it is quite conceivable the survivor might never have been located because of his injury and the surrounding high, dense foliage. The advantages of possessing a properly operating signal - supplemented by smoke flares, a strobe light and signal mirror - cannot be overstressed to crew members flying over hostile territory. There can be no doubt in anyone's mind that the success of this particular mission was the direct result of such an operating signal device.

JAY M. STRAYER
Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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SUBJECT: USN A4C
VICINITY: HU-16B

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1. ROS: I-ARS-P1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC-319-9 APRIL 1965.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF US NAVY A4C. 1 survivor
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 16524N-12541E. 15 mile North of VINH
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED:
USN SAR DESTROYER NOTIFIED PREPOSITIONED RU-16 AT 10/1702 HOURS.
7 TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: RU-16 PROCEEDED TO SCENE.

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PAGE 2 RUMSAR 228 C O N F I D E N T I A L
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USN C-1 ACFT. Located Downed PILOT
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USN.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: USAF RU-16 MADE OPEN SEA LANDING APPROX ONE MILE OFF SHORE AT 10/1800 HOURS AND TAXIED TO POSITION APPROX ONE HALF MILE OFF SHORE FOR PICKUP AT 10/1810HRS. TAKEOFF VMDE AT 10/1820ARS.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: RELEASED TO USAF MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT DANANG AB RVN. CONDITION GOOD, MINOR INJURIES ONLY.
12 SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF RU-16 3 SORTIES FOR 16:00
USAF F-100 6 SORTIES FOR 10:00
USAF F-102 2 SORTIES FOR 2:00
US NAVY A-1 4 SORTIES FOR 12:00
US NAVY A-4 4 SORTIES FOR 8:00
15. N/A.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: NONE OP-4.
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DETACHMENT 5
PACIFIC AIR RESCUE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO U.S. FORCES 96337

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DET 5 PARC

12 Apr 1965

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO: DET 3 PARC

On 9 Apr 1965, HU-16's Alpha and Bravo were circling "Sharpnote", a U.S. Navy Destroyer, when a message came of an aircraft down in the water about one mile off-shore. Both aircraft proceeded outbound, and further information, ie, the exact location, positive sighting of a survivor, Rescap available, was secured. Additional Rescap with air-ground ordnance was requested, and was pulled "off-target" by the Navy and diverted to the SAR area. The HU-16's arrived in the target area at 1745H, sighting was made of the survivor, and a recheck of the local sea condition made. The crew of Alpha elected to attempt a open-sea landing and pick-up. Landing was made on a heading of 230°, with touchdown approximately 1 to 1½ miles off-shore. The aircraft was taxied at low to medium speed toward the survivor under the direction of Bravo and the Rescap, as spray prevented positive sighting by the aircraft on the water. When informed that the survivor was about 100 yards ahead, the aircraft was brought to "dead slow" taxi, visual sighting established, and a two engine pick-up made. Estimated position of the aircraft at time of pick-up was 800 to 1,000 yards off-shore. Immediate taxi out to sea was made, then take off was accomplished on a heading of 230°. Landing time was 1805H, pick-up at 1810H, and take-off at 1820H. Prior to landing, small arms fire had been reported by the Rescap, and they had reported that they believed they could supress it. During landing, water operations, and take-off the Rescap maintained constant firing passes on the shore line and high ground in the area, performing what I consider an outstanding job. Pick-up could not have been attempted without adequate Rescap to insure safety of the aircraft and crew from ground fire. The survivor was in good condition, with a cut on his left thumb and bruises on both thighs. All injuries were sustained when the survivor "bailed out"by spinning the aircraft to throw himself out after ejection systems had failed. The downed aircraft was an A-4C Skyhawk. The Survivor was returned to Danang A.B. and turned over to the station medical personnel.

Landing Aircraft HU-16 51-7217 31st ARS
Survivor----- LtCdr Charles H. McNeil, USN
Crew Members-- RCC-Capt. R.F. Reichardt; Pilot-Capt. F.A. Burkhart; Nav- 1lt Slocombe,J.O.; FM- SSgt K.V. Lundy; RO- SSgt J.A. Powers— all 31st ARS. PJ-Alc H.J. O'Bierne, 36th ARS; PJ-Alc L. Huyett, 33rd ARS.

Richard F. Reichardt
Captain USAF
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VICINITY:	HH-43B

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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 393 - 27 APRIL 1965.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF US NAVY A1H.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: FIRST DISTRESS CALL 1740N - 10530E. PICKUP EFFECTED AT 1727N - 10445E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: HU-16 IN

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PAGE 2 RUMSAR 978 C O N F I D E N T I A L
FREQUENTIONARY ORBIT AT 1135H.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: HU-16 PROCEEDED TO INTERCEPT DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT. HELICOPTERS ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE BAIL OUT.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF HU-16.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR: USAF HH-43B.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: HH-43 S RECOVERED SURVIVOR TO NAKHON PHANOM THAILAND. HE WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO HU-16 AND FLOWN TO DANANG AB RVN.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HH-43B, FOUR SORTIES FOR ONE PLUS ZERO HOURS.
USAF HU-16, TWO SORTIES FOR FIVE PLUS FIFTEEN.
13. ADDITIONAL INFO: SURVIVOR SUSTAINED NEGATIVE INJURIES.
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Detachment Provisional Second (PARC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO U. S. Forces 96310

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det Prov Second

28 APR 1965

SUBJECT: Rescue Mission Det 3, PARC 28 Apr 65 - 393

TO: Det 3, PARC

1. At 0340Z Radar Operations alerted us that they had contact with a Navy A-1H, squawking emergency. I went directly to Radar Operations, where at 0345Z I overheard a radio transmission from an A-1H in a flight of two, saying that they were 19 miles out and would attempt an emergency landing at this station. I immediately made the decision to scramble one helicopter to intercept the damaged aircraft. Since the aircraft was or would soon be in Thailand, I directed that the additional survival gear not be loaded aboard the aircraft. At 0350Z helicopter 60-230 was airborne.

2. Radio transmissions upon take-off revealed that the pilot of the damaged A-1H had elected to bail out. Upon turning out of traffic we had the flight of A-1H's, followed by the Rescue HU-16, in sight. In an attempt to gain altitude, the flight of A-1H's made a 360 degree turn around the base. On approximately the 030 degree radial, about two miles from the base, the pilot abandoned his aircraft. The aircraft made a descending turn to the right and dove into an uninhabited, wooded area just over a mile from the base. The pilot's parachute "blossomed" a few seconds after he left the aircraft, and he floated almost straight down in the very light wind. I flew descending circles around the pilot until he touched down in a lightly wooded area. I was able to land in a confined rice paddy, not more than 75 yards from the downed pilot. The pilot apparently did not strike any trees, but his parachute tangled in the top of one tall tree. As I was making a hover landing, the pilot released himself from the parachute harness and dropped five to ten feet to the ground. The pararescue man and crew chief departed the aircraft and assisted the pilot to and aboard the helicopter. The pilot apparently suffered only minor superficial injuries.

3. With the pilot aboard I made a max-performance take-off and returned to the base. I left the crew chief at the sight to recover the pilot's survival equipment. The crew of a second helicopter later assisted and picked up the crew chief. After letting off the downed pilot, who was met by the base doctor at the ramp, I returned to the downed aircraft to insure that the fire had not gotten out of control. I terminated the flight at 0420Z.

4. The weather throughout the mission was 4,000 feet scattered to broken, visibility 15 miles, winds light and variable.

James C. Rodenberg

JAMES C. RODENBERG, Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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SUBJECT:	USAF F-105
VICINITY:	HO-16B

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OBJECTIVE/POB: USAF F-105 PILOT

TYPE FLT PLN: TACTICAL

FROM - TO: UNK

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a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): AN HH-16 LOCATED THE PILOT, 25 M SE THANH HOA NORTH V.N.

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): THE SAME HH-16 MADE AN OPEN-SEA LANDING & RECOVERED THE F-105 PILOT

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: 1 SURVIVOR

d. NUMBER SAVED: 1

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: RELEASED TO MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT DANANG AB RVN

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS:

TOTAL: SORTIES 2 HOURS 15+45

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL): NONE

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: / RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE): /

NUMBER OF VESSELS: NONE

h. REMARKS: THE HH-16 PILOTED BY CAPT RICHARDS WAS ON A PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION IN WHICH THE F-105 WAS INVOLVED. THE ACFT STATED IT WAS IN DISTRESS. THE HH-16 DIVERTED FROM THE ORBIT TO RENDER AID TO THE PILOT OF THE F-105 WHO SUBSEQUENTLY EJECTED FROM HIS ACFT. THE HH-16 LOCATED THE PILOT & RECOVERED HIM WHILE OTHER ACFT PROVIDED RESCAP. THE EXCELLENT RESCAP SUPPORT IN THE NEUTRALIZATION OF SURFACE VESSELS AIDED MATERIALLY IN THIS RECOVERY.

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TYPE FLT PLN: _____

FROM - TO: _____

STATUS: _____

1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.

2. DATE OF REPORT: _____

3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

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4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: _____

5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): _____

6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): _____

   b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): _____

   c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): _____

7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): _____

8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: _____

9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): _____

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10. CONTPOLLING AGENCY: _____

11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____

12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____

13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): _____

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S E C R E T SAR 50423 MAY 1965. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCRN ARS FOR E ODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13 AF FOR JSARC.

1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 428 - 7 MAY 1965.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF USAF F-105.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1935N-10605E
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: PREPOSITIONED RESCUE AIRCRAFT NOTIFIED BY DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT AT 07/1530H
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: USAF HU-16B RESPONED

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PAGE 2 RUMSAR 187 S E C R E T
TO BAILOUT AREA AT 07/1530H.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: PREPOSITIONED USAF HU-16B.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: USAF H[redacted]
PERFORMED OPEN SEA LANDING FOR WATER PICKUP.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: RELEASED TO USAF MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT DANANG AB RVN.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HU-16 ONE SORTIE 5:15 HOURS
USN A-1H TWO SORTIES 10:30 HOURS
OTHER AIRCRAFT IN AGIA PROVIDED RESCAP SUPPORT DURING ACTUAL RECOVERY.
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/UESSELS PARTICIPATING IN DLAR
0: NONE
14. XIRVIVORKEPORTED SLIGHTLY INJURED DURING EJECTION. RECOVERY EFFECTED BY CAPT. REICHARDT AND CREW, 31ST ARS. EXCELLENT RESCAP SUPPOVT IN THE NEUTRALIZATION OF SURFACE VESSELS AIDED MATERIALLY IN THIS RECOVERY.
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Pacific Air Rescue Center (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO U.S. Forces 96337

- Vandergrift Ltr ep7 20 Oct 65 Paragraph

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DET 5 PARC

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO: DET 3 PARC

HU-16 No. 15302 took off from Danang at 1330H to cover an ocean orbit position a5 19 30N 106 10E, arriving on station at 1500H. Shortly after 1530H a call received from "Chevy" flight stated a pilot had ejected. His chute was good, and they were following him down. When asked on the location, they stated they were about 10 miles off shore. DF bearings were taken, all giving random bearings, showing the transmissions were in the immediate area. Another call was received that they had the 16 in sight, just to the south. A turn was made to the north, and the chute sighted. The HU-16 orbited under the chute as it descended. Sea evaluation was rechecked, and 020 was selected as possible heading. As the chute approached 1000' (estimated), the landing pattern was established. Drop tanks were jettisoned on down wind. The survivor made contact with the waters as we turned on final. Landing run-out was within 200 feet of the survivor, and the 16 manouvered for normal recovery. Landing time was 1545H, location 19 35N 106 05E. The survivor had not released his canopy prior to pick up, thus it was cut loose by the para-rescue team as the survivor was brought aboard. An immediate take off was made in a northeasterly heading, and then first aid treatment was administered to wounds on the right arm of the survivor after airborne. Reason for expediting take off was numerous small craft in the immediate area. Several of which were destroyed by Rescap while the 16 was on final approach and on the water. The 16 landed at Danang at 1805 H, and the survivor was released to the Danang Station Hospital. X-Rays revealed foreign metalic objects in the arm, which were removed by the Marine Surgeon.

Survivor Major Lambert, Robert L., 354th Fighter Sq.. Downed Aircraft F-105. ~~HU-16 Crew~~ - RCC, Capt Richard F. Reichardt, Pilot, 1st Lt David W. Haines; Navigator, Capt Alexander F. Stewart; AM, SSgt Paul El Lucier, all of the 31st ARS, Clark. RADIO Operator, Robert M. Shimamoto, 76th ARS. PJ's, TSgt William V. Vargas and SSgt Donald G. Smith, Both 31ARS.

Richard F. Reichardt

RICHARD F. REICHARDT
Capt., USAF
RCC

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SUBJECT: USN RF8A
VICINITY: HU-16B

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MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC 433

OBJECTIVE/POB: USN RE-8 PILOT

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FROM - TO:

a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): HU-16 ALFA 58/1722H

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): HU-16 MADE OPEN SEA LANDING AT 08/1742H 38 MI N.E DONG HOI NORTH V.N.

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: ONE SURVIVOR

d. NUMBER SAVED: /

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: RELEASED TO USAF MED PERS AT DANANG AB RVN

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS:

TOTAL: SORTIES 3 HOURS 3+50

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL): NONE

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: NONE RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE): NONE

NUMBER OF VESSELS: NONE

h. REMARKS: RCC - CAPT REICHARDT. SURVIVOR WAS APPARENTLY NOT INJURED. NARATIVE FOLLOWS.

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MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PACC 433

OBJECTIVE/POB: USN RF-8 PILOT

TYPE FLT PLN: TACT

FROM - TO:

STATUS: OPEN/CLOSING

1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.
2. DATE OF REPORT: 8 MAY 65
3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):
   USN RF-8 PILOT BAILOUT
4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: PREPOSITIONED RESCUE A/C AT 08/1722 H
5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): N/A
6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): PREPOSITIONED HU-16 08/1722 H
   b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): N/A
   c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): N/A
7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): SAME AS 6
8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: 1753 N - 10705 E
9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): UNK
10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: N/A
11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: N/A
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): N/A
13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: N/A
14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: N/A
15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): N/A
16. REMARKS:

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1- 1-ARS-FL, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT3.
2- T MISSION NUMBER: 3 433 - 8 MAY 65
3- CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC
4- SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF USN RF-8
5- LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1753N-10705TE
6- ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: PREPOSITIONED RESCUE AIRCRFAT NOTIFIED AT 8/6722H
7- TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: PREPOSITIONED AIRCRAFT

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PAGE 2 RUMSAR 213 S E C R E T
RESPOTNED TO BAILOUT POSITION AT 8/1722H.
8- AGENCY LOCATION OBJECTIVE: USAF HU-16
9- NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE
10- AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: USAF HU-16 MADE OPEN SEA LANDING AT BAILOUT SITE AT 8/1742H
11- DISPOSITION OF SURVIVIRS: RELEASED TO USAF MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT DANANG AB RVN
12- SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BTY TYPE AIRCRAFT AND AGENCY: 3 SORTIES FOR 3:50 HOURS BY USEF HU-16./
13- VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH: NONE
14- ADDITIONAL INFO: RESCUE CREW COMMANDER WAS CAPT. REICHARDT. SURVIVOR WAS APPARENTLY ININJURED.
FOR PARC AND ARS: MISSION NARRATIVE FOLLOWES. GP-4.
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Pacific Air Rescue Center (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO U.S. Forces 96337

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DET 5 PARC 12 May 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO: DET 3 PARC

1. Toot Bravo departed home station at 1525 on 8 May and arrived position 16 30N 106 25E at 1640H. At 1700H we were advised by a navy aircraft, Call Sign Vocal Cord, that Cork Tip 966, sustained battle damage over the target and assistance may be required. Other navy aircraft joined on Cork Tip 966 and advised him he had a fuel leak in the wing section. 966 stated he would attempt to join tanker aircraft to take on fuel.

2. At 1708 the escorting aircraft advised 966 that he was leaking hydraulic fluid and smoke was coming from the center wing section. Approximately the same time the pilot advised his RPM had "Unwound" and he was ejecting. Toot Bravo departed station for the scene which was about 35 miles to the south.

3. At 1710H we were told the ejection was successful and the pilot was in the chute. Bravo arrived at the scene, 17 33N 107 05E at 1735H. A sea evaluation was made and landing executed at 1739H and take off at 1715H.

4. The primary swells was 3½ to 4 feet and the almost perpendicular secondary swell was running about 2½ to 3 feet.

5. The survivor, Lt William B. Wilson, VFP-63, Det Alpha, U.S.S. Midway was in excellent condition and Bravo returned home station landing 1910H.

6. Crew members: RCC, Capt Richard F. Reichardt, Nav, Capt Alexander F. Stewart, Pilot, 1st Lt David Maines, PJ, TSgt William V. Vargas, MI, SSgt Paul E. Lucier, PJ, SSgt Donald E. Smith, all 31ARS. RO, A1C Robert Shimamoto, 76 ARS.

Richard F. Reichardt

RICHARD F. REICHARDT
Capt., USAF
RCC

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MISSION NUMBER: D3-PARC-448-12 May 65
SUBJECT: USAF F-105
VICINITY: HH-43B

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S E C R E T SAR 5 0434 MAY 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-FL, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC -448- 12 MAY 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF USAF F-105. 30 miles south of NAKHON PHANOM
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: APPROXIMATELY 1655N, 10443 E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: WINGMAN OF DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT NOTIFIED HU-16 IN PRELAUTIONARY ORBIT, AND ALSO RADAR AT NAKHON PHONOM THAI AT 1120Z.

PAGE 2 RUMSAR 331 S E C R E T
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: HH-43B AIRBORNE AT THE TIME DEPARTED IMMEDIATLY FOR THE SCENE
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: WINGMAN ORBITED DOWNED PILOT IN A FIELD UNTIL HELICOPTER ARRIVED
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR: PICKED UP BY HH-43B.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: TAKEN TO NAKHON PHONOM, TRANSFERRED TO HU-16 AND TAKEN TO UDORN, THAILAND.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HH-43B, 1 SORTIE FOR 1:00 HRS
USAF HU-16B, 2 SORTIES FOR 7:50 HRS 3/8+50
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH: NONE.
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det 1 Prov Second

13 May 1965

SUBJECT: Rescue Mission [redacted] PACAF 12 May 1965 - 448

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1. At 0930 the pilot of one of our helicopters on a local training flight overheard a radio transmission by an F-105 pilot that he had experienced an explosion. His wing man reported that he looked all right on his right and left. The pilot reported that he thought he had lost his "utility system". The formation, which the helicopter crew had observed cross the base in a southerly direction, reported proceeding on to Ubon. Immediately thereafter, the pilot declared "MAY DAY" and ejected. His wing man reported that the pilot made a successful ejection and had him in sight.

2. The rescue helicopter was advised by Invert that the crash occurred 30 nautical miles on 182° heading. Another fix was from Lion 355°/98 miles. The wing man reported having the pilot in sight walking in a rice paddy. He appeared OK. He was remaining over the survivor.

3. Since there was enough fuel remaining in the local helicopter and the pilot appeared OK, the decision was made to take the local helicopter and make the pickup, leaving the alert crews and helicopters on station for other emergencies.

4. Invert vectored us to the bail out area. A KC-135 orbited over the site to relay messages. At 30 miles out on 182° heading Invert told us to look to the right and we would see the F-105 orbiting. The F-105 told us that he would fly over the site and pull up over the survivor. At the spot of his pull up, a spread-out chute was spotted in a rice paddy, and we immediately heard the personal locator beacon. We were at 2,500 ft MSL and approximately 2 mile from survivor.

5. The site was evaluated as a confined area surrounded by tall trees. Lower was checked for safe landing and take off in the area. A steep approach was made into the site and the survivor plus equipment was picked up at 0933. The survivor had some small cuts on the face and was bruised. Other wise, he was in good shape with little sign of shock. Site "Z" was [illegible] 0934.

6. Helicopter returned to base with survivor at 0940Z where an examination by the base flight surgeon revealed that he experienced no notable injuries.

7. The weather was 4,000 ft scattered to broken, visibility 15 miles, winds light and variable, scattered rain showers.

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8. Crew: Pilot was Capt Ballinger, co-pilot, Lt Turk, and helicopter mechanics were Sgt Rainey and A2C Cuttle.

9. Excellent vectoring by radar, assistance by the wing man and the survivor's excellent knowledge and use of survival equipment made this mission almost routine.

FOR THE C.O.
JOHN T. BALLINGER
Capt, USAF
Commander

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MISSION NUMBER:	D3-PARC-469-17 MAY 65
SUBJECT:	USAF F-105
VICINITY:	HH-43B

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OBJECTIVE/POB: R.P. USAF E-105

TYPE FLT PLN: TACTICAL

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a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): OBJECTIVE WAS UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE BY WINGMAN, OTHER TEAMS, FINALLY BY HH43 ON ALERT. [illegible] ASSUMED THE OSC & COORDINATED ACFT TASKS. USAF HH43 MADE PICK-UP AT 1504 GMT.

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): [illegible]

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: 1

d. NUMBER SAVED: 1

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: SURVIVOR TAKEN TO NAKHON PHANOM BY HH43 THEN TRANSFERRED TO KORAT BY HU16 DUE ACFT LIMITS USED BY HOK.

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS:

TOTAL: SORTIES 41 HOURS 66.37

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL): NONE

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: N/A RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE): N/A

NUMBER OF VESSELS: N/A

h. REMARKS: HELICOPTER RECEIVED MODERATE TO HEAVY GRND FIRE DURING THE PICK-UP. THE NAVY A-1H ACFT WERE VERY EFFECTIVE IN PROTECTING THE HELICOPTERS. SURVIVOR LANDED IN A HEAVILY WOODED & BAMBOO AREA AND HAD TO LOWER HIMSELF TO THE GRND. THE 100 FT OF HOIST CABLE WAS BARELY LONG ENOUGH TO REACH THE SURVIVOR.

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S E C R E T SAR 5043 MAY 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13 AF FOR JSARC.
1- RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NBR : DET 3 PARC - 469- 17 MAY 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF USAF F-105.
5. LOCATION OF ICIDENT: 1905N-10442E. (DRV)
6- ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: WING MAN ALERTED USAF HU-16 IN PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT AT 17/1507 HOURS.
7- TYPE AND TIME OF INTIAL SAR ACTION: AFTER POSITION OF OBJECTIVE

PAGE 2 RUMSAR 469 S E C R E T
DETERMINED, HU-16 SENT HIS ESCORT, TWO USN A-1H ACFT, TO SCENE.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: LOCATION KEPT UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE, FIRST BY WINGMAN, THEN BY OTHER JET ACFT PASSING THROUGH AREA, AND FINALLY BY USN A-1H ACFT SENT IN BY HU-16.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USAF.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: ON SCENE COMMAND PASSED BY FIRST HU-16 WHICH WAS IN TONKIN ORBIT TO ANOTHER HU-16 ARRIVING IN ORBIT AT NAKHON PHANOM THAILAND FOR PRECAUTIONARY SAR. TWO USAF HH-4$$B HELICOPTERS SCRAMBLED FROM NAKHON PHANOM AND PROCEEDEJBOW DIRECTLY TO AREA. SECOND HU-16 COORDINATED RENDEZVOUS BETWEEN RESCAP/ESCORT AND HELICOPTERS, ALOS COORDINATED WITH RESCAP COVERING DOWNED PILOT. AIR AMERICA PROVIDED BACK-UP HELICOPTERS AND BACKUP CONTROBW4:4-15. PICKUP MADE BY USAF HH-43B AT 17/1804 HOURS. PILOT IN GOOD CONDITION.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: TAKEN TO NAKHON PHANOM AB THAILAND BY USAF HH-43B, THEN TRANSFERRED TO HU-16 FOR RETURN TO KORAT AB THAILAND. HU-16 DIVERTED TO UDORN DUE WEATHER.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HU-16 3 SORTIES FOR 10:05
USAF HH-45B 3 SORTIES FOR 6:00

PAGE 3 RUMSAR 469 S E C R E T
USAF F-105 11 SORTIES FOR 24:00
USAF F-4C 8 SORTIES FOR 12:32
USN A-1H 6 SORTIES FOR 14:00
PARTICIPATING : NONE.
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S E C R E T SAR 50443 MAY 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MAIS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PEOCC-H, 13 AF FOR JSARC.
1- RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
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13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING : NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: HELICOPTER WAS RECEIVING MODERATE TO HEAVY GROUND FIRE DURING PICKUP. USN A-1H ACFT VERY EFFECTIVE IN PROTECTING HELICOPTERS. SURVIVOR HAD LANDED IN HEAVILY WOODED AND BAMBOO COVERED AREA, HAD TO LOWER HIMSELF TO GROUND. THE FULL 100 FT OF HOIST CABLE JUST BARELY SUFFICIENT TO REACH PILOT. FOR PARC: HH-43B PICKUP CREW: RCC: HEPP, BRUCE C. CAPT; CO-PILOT SCHAETZLE, STANLEY O. CAPT, HM: ROBINSON, WILLIAM A. A1C; PJ: WALLACE, RICHARD A. A2C. HH-43B ESCORT CREW: RCC: TURK, WALTER F. 1LT: CO-PILOT: BALLINGER, JOE E. CAPT; HM RODRIGUEZ, ROBERTO SSGT, PJ: BRENAMAN, MARVIN F. A2C. HU-16 RCCS: TONKIN ORBIT: CAPT VADIS. NAKHON PHANOM ORBIT AND ESCORT OF HELICOPTERS: CAPT PRATT. GP-4.

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4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: _____
5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): _____
6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): _____

   b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): _____

   c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): _____
7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): _____
8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: _____
9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): _____

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10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: _____
11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____
13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): _____

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24. Helicopter Crew Members & F-105 Pilot:

Tick 12
P - Capt Hepp, Truce C., 509[illegible]
CP - Capt Schaetzle, Stanley G., 62882A
HM - SSgt Rodriguez, Roberto, AF18440110
PJ - A2C Wallace, Richard A., AF19755004

Tick 41
P - 1st Lt Turk, Walter W., AO3121160
CP - Capt Ballinger, AO3037391
HM - A1C Robinson, William A., AF14782708
PJ - A2C Prenaman, Marvin F., AF18617980

Rescued F-105 pilot - Capt J. J. Taliaferro

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Bruce C Hepp

BRUCE C. HEPP
Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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MISSION NUMBER:	D3-PARC-493-23 MAY 65
SUBJECT:	USAF F-105
VICINITY:	HU-16B

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17. FYI (OPENING/CLOSING ONLY):

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MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PACC 493-23/MAY

OBJECTIVE/POB: PILOT OF USAF F105 DOWN IN NORTH VIET

TYPE FLT PLN: TACTICAL

FROM - TO:

a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): HU-16 1500 H

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): HU-16 MADE WATER LANDING 20 MILE EAST OF VINH, NTH VIETNAM AND RECOVERED THE PILOT & REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 1

d. NUMBER SAVED: 1

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: TAKEN TO DANANG AB BY HU-16.

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS:

TOTAL: SORTIES 2 HOURS 5+40

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL):

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE):

NUMBER OF VESSELS:

h. REMARKS:

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3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

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4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: _____
5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): _____
6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): _____

   b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): _____

   c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): _____
7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): _____
8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: _____
9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): _____

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10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: _____
11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____
13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): _____

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR/50452 MAY 65. HQ USAF FORAFXOPH,-MATS FOR ACCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13 AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 493 - 23 MAY 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3, PARC
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF USAF F-105, BAILOUT
5. LOCATION OF INDICENT: 18401,-10600E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: WINGMAN NOTIFIED ARS HU-16 IN PRECAUSTIONARY ORBIT 20 MILES FROM DOWNED PILOT AT 1515H.

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7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: HU-16 PROCEEDED IMMEDIATLY TO SCENE UNDER USAF TACTICAL FIGHTER RESCAP.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: HU-16, AT 1540H.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE: HU-16 MADE A WATER LANDING AND RECOVERED THE PILOT. REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: TAKEN TO DANANG AB RVN BY HU-16.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HU-16 TWO SORTIES 5 PLUS 40 HOURS
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS: NONE
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RECHARDSON FROM GENERAL HUNTER HARRIS, CINCPACAF.
MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED FOR YOUR
SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY MISSION OF 25 MAY 1965. THE
PROFESSIONALISM DISPLAYED BY YOU AND YOUR CREW IS IN
KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF AIR RESCUE SERVICE
AND IS RECOGNIZED BY THE STAFF OF THIS HEADQUARTERS.
PLEASE CONVEY MY WELL DONE TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED.
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Detachment 5
Pacific Air Rescue Center (PACAFTS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96337

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DET 5 PARC

26 May 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narative

TO: ARS

1. Mission No. 493, 23 May 1965.

2. Alerted by destroyer.

3. HU-16, 50007/1

a. Capt. David K. Richardson, AO3081788, 31st Air Rescue Sq, Clark A.B., P.I., RCC.

b. 1st Lt David W. Maines, 62614A, 31st Air Rescue Sq, Clark A.B., P.I., Co-Pilot.

c. 1st Lt John I. Glasgow, AO3117672, 31st Air Rescue Sq, Clark A.B., P.I., Navigator.

d. SSgt. Ralph S. Schreiner, AF10109207, 31st Air Rescue Sq, Clark A.B., P.I., Radio Operator.

e. SSgt. David E. West, AF14496275, 31st Air Rescue Sq, Clark A.B., P.I., Engineer.

f. SSgt. Dudley Peckinpaugh, AF16500928, 33rd Air Rescue Sq, Naha A.B., Okinawa, Pararescue.

4. Notified at 0710Z (1510H) while flying airborne orbit, spotted survivor at 0744Z. Open sea landing at 0750Z.

5. All rescap aircraft in area had to leave due to emergency fuel status. No rescap in area. Rescap was requested prior and at 0711Z from nearest carrier, which was over a hour flying time away. We were notified that they were airborne at 0813Z, which is after we were airborne from the pick up.

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6. The survivor was spotted 2 miles from shore in the open sea. There was one junk within ½ mile and 20 within 5 miles radius.

7. None. He was unable to open survival kit due to it being wet.

8. Major Robert F. Herman, 39983A, 334th Tactical Fighter Sq, 355th Tactical Fighter Wing.

9. At 0415Z, the rescue HU-16 was airborne for SAR Support over the Gulf of Tonkin. We arrived over the radar ship at 0615Z, but we did not proceed to orbit position because the rescap aircraft had to return to their ship at 0700Z. Our orbit was 30 minutes from the radar ship. At 0709Z No. 2 man called us and the radar ship on SAR UHF, so the ship relayed. The flight was picked up on radar 88 NM from our position. Arrived in area at 0737Z, but wing man had lost track of survivor. We set up a radii search from a smoke bomb, dropped in the area. On the 4th leg we spotted survivor and his raft at 0744Z. After evaluating the sea and junks in the area we decided to make a landing. We dropped our drop tanks on down wind and landed in moderate choppy seas at 0750Z on a heading of 270. We picked up Major Herman at 0755Z. He was not and had not been in his life raft but was holding onto it. There was small arms fire from the junks. The HU-16 was airborne at 0800z from position 18 40' North, 105 50' 30" East. We landed at Danang Air Base at 1000Z.

10. Comments: No rescap aircraft met the aircraft.

David K Richardson

DAVID K. RICHARDSON
Captain, USAF
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SUBJECT:	USN F8
VICINITY:	HU-16B

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OBJECTIVE/POB: USN F8 PILOT FROM CARRIER

TYPE FLT PLN: _____

FROM - TO: _____

a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): US MARINE F-4

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): USAF H-43 MADE OPEN SEA LANDING 30 MILE EAST of VINH

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 1 LT FIELDS USN

d. NUMBER SAVED: 1

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: RELEASED TO MEDICS AT [redacted] DANANG AB.

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS: _____

TOTAL: SORTIES 7 HOURS 25+50

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL): _____

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: _____ RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE): _____

NUMBER OF VESSELS: _____

h. REMARKS: CAPT BRUNNER RCC & H-43 CREW ASSIGNED 40TH ARS TDY 33RD ARS.

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10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: _____
11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 529 - 1 JUNE 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF USN F-8.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1847N - 10609E
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: PREPOSITIONED USAF RESCUE ACFT NOTIFIED OF BAILOUT BY CAP ACFT AT 1/1155H.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: PREPOSITIONED ACFT

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PAGE 2 RUMSAR 11 S E C R E T
PROCEEDED TO BAILOUT SCENE AT 01/1155H.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USMC F-4.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USN
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: USAF HU-16 MADE OPEN SEA WATER LANDING TO RECOVER PILOT.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: RELEASED TO USAF MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT DANANG AB RVN.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
    2 SORTIES FOR 5:40 HOURS BY USAF HU-16
    4 SORTIES FOR 18:40 HOURS BY USN A-1H
5   1 SORTIE FOR 1:30 HOURS BY USMC F-4
13. NUMBER VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH: NONE
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: FOR ARS: CREW MEMBERS MAKING SAVE ARE:
    PILOT - CAPT EDWARD M BRUNNER
    CO-PILOT - 1ST LT DAVID C RECHLITZ
    NAV - 1ST LT CARL D GLOVER
    MECH - A1C NORMAN L STRATLING
    RO - SSGT ALBERT H MAILLOUX
ALL ARE ASSIGNED TO THE 48TH AIR RECOVERY SQUADRON, TEMPORARILY ATTACHED TO THE 33RD AIR RESCUE SQUADRON.
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Detachment 5
Pacific Air Rescue Center (MAIS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO San Francisco 96337

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DET 5 PARC

3 June 1965

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO; ARS

1. Mission Det 3 PARC-529-1 June 1965.

2. SAR Alerted on Guard Channel by SUNDOWN 11, F4B.

3. HU-16B.

a. Pilot - Brunner, Edward M., Capt., 48ARSQ.

b. Co-Pilot - Rechlitz, David C., 1st Lt., 48ARSQ.

c. Navigator - Glover, Carl D., 1st Lt., 48ARSQ.

d. Radio-Operator - Mailloux, Albert H., SSgt., 48ARSQ.

e. Flight-Mechanic - Stradling, Norman L., AIC., 48ARSQ.

4. Initial notification 0355Z, located survivor 0400Z, landed 0410Z, takeoff 0415Z.

5. CAP assistance SUNDOWN 11, already on scene.

6. Open sea pick-up.

7. ARA-25 Homer.

8. Lt Merrit R. Field, USN, VFP-63, USS Midway.

9. At 0355Z
We received a call on UHF Guard from SUNDOWN 11, calling us, by name, to advise he was circling a pilot decending in a chute. SUNDOWN gave his position as the SHARPNOSE 270 RADIAL at 37 miles.

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Our position was the SHARPNOTE 285 RADIAL at 35 miles, heading 105 degrees, altitude 3,500 feet. I immediately started a turn to 270 degrees and requested a UHF tone from SUNDOWN. His bearing was 210 degrees from me and I took up this heading. I went to climb power and started a descent. SUNDOWN advised the bailout was now contacting the water and gave another TACAN position. I requested another tone and received the same 210 head on bearing. SUNDOWN and I now switched to 282.8 MC, the mission SAR Secondary UHF Frequency in order to clear guard frequency. Another tone was requested and received and the bearing was again the same. Now descending through 1000 feet I observed on the surface a large circular greenish area. I asked SUNDOWN if the survivor was marked with sea marker dye. Simultaneously, SUNDOWN answered negative, I passed directly over the green spot and now easily recognized it to be the aircraft impact point heavily littered with debris, SUNDOWN passed directly overhead myaircraft, and the co-pilot spotted the survivor, ahead, at approximately two miles. The water was very suitable for a landing. No boats were visible in the area. We marked the survivor with a smoke. The wind was light and variable. I made a low drag of the area, continued around, dropped the tanks on base, and landed. A two engine raft approache was completed with the aid of a lifeline. The survivor lost his grip on the line but contact was quickly re-established and the RO, FM and NAV all assisted the survivor into the aircraft. He was entangled in his survival gear which included his dingy. This was all brought into the aircraft where everything was disentangled. The survivor appeared to suffer nothing more than neck rope burns which were bleeding slightly. These were treated by the Navigator using the aircraft first aid kit. We reported the survivor's condition as Okay, took off, and returned him to Danang. Here he was turned over to medical personnel.

10a. At the time of the emergency, SHARPNOTE, Milestone 603 and 608, our rescap, and my aircraft were all working 364.2 MC Primary SAR UHF Frequency. Either 603 or 608, had a stuck microphone button and the frequency was completely unsuitable. SHARPNOTE and I were attempting contact with 603 or 608 to clear the frequency. I believe SHARPNOTE monitored the emergency squak and attempted to contact me unsuccessfully due to the frequency block. SUNDOWN's guard call overrode the block and I went to guard. The stuck mike button on Milestone has been a recurring problem and he has been notified about this same problem on two previous missions.

10b. The bailout position and my position were within from five to ten miles of each other. The surface wind was very light causing no whitecaps. Location of the survivor was uncomplicated for these two reasons. There was time to operate only the ARA-25. Total time elapse from initial notification until airborne from the water was approximately twenty minutes.

EDWARD M. BRUNNER
Capt., USAF
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a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): WINGMAN NOTIFIED & PREPOSITIONED HU-16 AT 1725/08, THAT LEAD ACFT HAD BAILED OUT. THE HU-16 MOVED TOWARD BAILOUT AREA WITH RESCAP ACFT AT 1725

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): HH43B SCRAMBLED FROM NAKHON PHANOM. PICKUP MADE BY HH43B FROM HOVER POSITION. HH-3 HAD EXTEND ALL 100' OF CABLE & HAD TO LOWER IT'S WHEELS INTO THE TREE TOPS TO REACH THE PILOT. HE WAS IN DENSE FOREST & JUNGLE.

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 1

d. NUMBER SAVED: 1

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: FLOWN TO NAKHON PHANOM BY H3 THAN HU-16 TO UDORN

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS:

TOTAL: SORTIES 15 HOURS 47:00

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL):

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE):

NUMBER OF VESSELS:

h. REMARKS:

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11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____
13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1. OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 562 - 8 JUN 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF USAF F105.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1812N-10549E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: WI NGMAN NOTIKED PREPOSITIONED USAF HU-16 ACFT AT 8/1725H. THAT LEAD ACFT HAD BAILEDOUT.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION. PREPOSITIONED HU-16 MOVED

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8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: OBSERVED TO BAILOUT BY WINGMAN.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USAF.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: PICKUP WAS BY USAF HH-43B FROM MAXIMUM HIEGHT HOVER. ALL 100 FEET OF HOIST CABLE WERE EXTENDED AND PILOT HAD TO LOWER WHEELS OF HELICOPTER INTO TREE TOPS TO REACH PILOT ON GROUND. HOVERING OUT OF GROUND EFFECT PICKUP WAS MADE OVER DENSE JUNGLE AND ROUGH TERRAIN.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: FLOWN TO NAKHON PHANOM BY RECOVERY HH-43B AND TRANSFERRED TO USAF HU-16 FOR FURTHER TRANSPORT TO UDORN AE, THAILAND.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
    3 SORTIES FOR 14:10 HOURS BY USAF HU-16B
    2 SORTIES FOR 5:00 HOURS BY USAF HH-43B
    5 SORTIES FOR 11:20 HOURS BY USAF F-105
    1 SORTIE FOR 3:30 HOURS BY USAF HC-135
    4 SORTIES FOR 16:30 HOURS BY USN A-1H
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: FOR ARS AND PARC; CREW OF HH-43B MAKING

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2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 562 - 2 JUN 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF USAF F-105.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1812N-10549E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: WINGMAN NOTIFIED PREPOSITIONED USAF HH-06 ACFT AT 8/1705H. THAI LEAD ACFT HAD BAILED OUT.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: PREPOSITIONED HH-16 MOVED

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8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: OBSERVED TO BAILOUT BY WINGMAN.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USAF.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: PICKUP WAS BY USAF HH-43B FROM MAXIMUM HEIGHT HOVER. ALL 100 FEET OF HOIST CABLE WERE EXTENDED AND PILOT HAD TO LOWER WHEELS OF HELICOPTER INTO TREE TOPS TO REACH PILOT ON GROUND. HOVERING OUT OF GROUND EFFECT PICKUP WAS MADE OVER DENSE JUNGLE AND ROUGH TERRAIN.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: FLOWN TO NAKHON PHANOM BY RECOVERY HH-43B AND TRANSFERRED TO USAF HU-16 FOR FURTHER TRANSPORT TO UDORN AB THAILAND.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det Prov Second 11 Jun 1965

SUBJECT: Det 3, PARC Rescue Mission #162, 8 Jun 1965 (U)

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19 MAY 1970

TO: Det 3, PARC

1. 0924Z. White 3L called Invert Control and advised that the pilot of Texas 01 was ejecting in the vicinity of his target area at 17°57'N 106°00'E.

2. 0926Z. Invert Control called the Rescue duty officer and passed information called in by White 3L. The helicopter ROC's proceeded to radar operations.

3. 0934Z. Initiated call to Vinog via SSB and intercepted the duty officer's call to me. He advised me of the ejection and to standby for scramble of our helicopters. He also stated that Buyer Charlie was enroute to the scene. Fuel requirements for the radius, and an out of ground effect hover had been preplanned and the auxilliary tanks were being filled with the required fuel at this time.

4. 0955Z. Received a landline call from Major Lawrence. He advised us to scramble the helicopters and that Buyer 44 was departing Udorn as soon as possible.

5. 1006Z. Curse 22 and 21 airborne and climbing to 9,000 feet. Crossed the Mekong River under Invert's control as we were unable to contact either Buyer Charlie or Buyer 44.

6. Milestone 604, a RESCAP A1H, joined with Curse Flight as we leveled at 9,000. An initial heading of 045° was maintained to avoid known AAA positions.

7. 1035Z. Curse 22 and 21 turned to a heading of 285° and proceeded direct to the target area. Established radio contact with Buyer Charlie. Milestone 604 still flying RESCAP for the flight.

8. 1040Z. Established visual contact with Buyer Charlie and advised Invert that the HC-16 would assume navigation for us.

9. 1100Z. Milestone 604 was continuing to fly low RESCAP on the downed pilot and had a good mark on his location. He had received the UHF-21 beacon at intermittent intervals in addition to a visual sighting of a flare.

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10. 1170Z. Requested Milestone to mark the target and advise Curse Flight of any ground fire or movement in cutlines in the area. Teak Spare and Milestone stated they had experienced no ground fire nor observed any movement of personnel. Curse 22 started a descent from 9,000' and Curse 21 was instructed to remain at altitude unless required to make the pick up. Milestone 801 continues to fly low RESCAP and gave a final mark on the area.

11. 1172Z. Curse 22 called for radio silence and then flew directly over the survivor on the first pass. A good VHF/AM signal was received and the pilot also ignited a penguin flare. Since the first pass was downwind, a hard 180° turn was made to get in position over the smoke before it dissipated. An out-of-ground effect hover was established on the east side of the ridgeline, which was quite steep and covered by 100' trees and dense undergrowth. The helicopter was lowered as much as possible into the trees and the full length of the hoist cable was required to reach the survivor. The hover required 28.5 lbs of torque initially, and 30 lbs after the survivor was in the sling. (Coordinates of pick up point - [redacted])

12. 1177Z. The hoist pick up was completed and a climb was made directly over the area to 6,000'. Curse 21 joined up and a climb on course was made to 10,000'. Buyer Charlie departed for home plate and Buyer 44 assumed on-scene command. Curse Flight maintained 10,000' over a broken to occasionally overcast condition until 35 miles from Nakhon Phanom. We found a hole and descended VFR below the clouds. Milestone and Teak Flight continued to fly RESCAP until we crossed the Mekong River at 1225Z.

13. 1235Z. Curse Flight landed at Nakhon Phanom. Mission complete.

14. Helicopter Crew Members:

Curse 22 (Save Helicopter)

P Curtis, Thomas J., Capt, 477534
CP Napp, Bruce C., Capt., 58924A
HM Cubillo, David H., A2C, AF18677668
PJ Wallace, Richard A., A2C, AF19755004

Curse 21 (Cover Helicopter)

P Schaetzle, Stanley O., Capt., 62882A
CP Turk, Walter P., 1st Lt., 83156A
HM Alvarado, Francisco, A1C, AF18443905
PJ Mahoney, Michael T., A2C, AF19755001

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15. Invert Radar Controller: Foote, James E., 1st Lt, AO3138289.

16. Rescued Pilot: Rademacher, Harold W., Capt, AO2225875

FOR THE COMMANDER

THOMAS J. CURTIS
Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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MISSION NUMBER:	D3-PARC-568-9JUN65
SUBJECT:	USAF F-4C (2)
VICINITY:	HH-43B

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S E C R E T SAR 52488 JUN 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOP, MATS FOR MAOCO/AUM AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-N, 13 AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1ARS-F1, OPEFING /CLOSING REQORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC-"68-? JUNE 65.
3/ CONTROLLING A3!(6: DEZ 3 PARC
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: TWO (2) CREWMEXBERS-USAF F-4C
5. LOCATION OF INCIDEFT: 1624N-10415E
6 ALERTING AEFCY AFD DZG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: WINGMAN NOTIFIED ARS HU-16 IN PRECAUTIONAJY ORBIT AT 1315.
7/ TYPE AND TIME OF INTITIAL SAR AKTION: HU-16 SCRAXBWE HH-43B
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PA3 2 RUKSAR 264 S E C R E T
FROM NAKHON PHANOM, THAILAND AND DET 3 SKRAMBLE ONE HH-43B FROM UBON, THAILAND.
8. AEFCY LOCATING OBJEKTIVE: WINGMAN REXAINED OVER DOWNED PILOTS.
9. NUMBEJ OF SURVIORS: TWO (2).
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIORS: PICKED UP BY UBON HEWICOPTER AFTER IT WAS DEZERMINED THAZ PILOTS WEJE IN GOOD SHAGE BY THE CREW OF THE NAKHON PHANOM HEWICOPTER. HU-16 WAS ON SCENE COMMAND.
11. DISQOSITON OF SURVIVORS: TAKEN TO UBON, THAILAND IN HH-'3/
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE AOFT AND A3!(6:
USAF HU-16 2 SORTIES 9 PLUS 35
USAF HH-43 4 SORTIES 4 PLUS 10
USAF F-'C 2 SORTIES 1 PLUS PP
13/ NUMBEJ GROUND PERSONNEL/VEYICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INJO: NONE
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AIR RESCUE SERVICE (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO, SAN FRANCISCO, 96553

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOARO

22 Jun 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO: Hq ARS

The attached narrative report of Det 3, PARC Mission Number 568, 9 Jun 65, is forwarded for your information and use as deemed appropriate.

FOR THE COMMANDER

HERBERT E. HIGAKI
Captain, USAF
Administrative Services Officer

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Ltr, Det Prov Second, 14 Jun 65,
Det 3, PARC Rescue Mission
Number 568, 9 Jun 65

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Detachment Provisional Second (PARC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO U. S. Forces 96310

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det Prov Second 14 Jun 1965

SUBJECT: Det 3, PARC Rescue Mission Number #568, 9 Jun 65

TO: [redacted] PARC

1. At 0505Z Radar Operations notified us that there was a flame-out approximately 70 nautical miles SSW of Invert. The helicopter crew, call sign "Flesh 22" commenced to scramble.

2. At 0506Z both pilots succesefully ejected from Leopard 4 after an unsuccessful attempt to make an emergency refueling. The wing man, Leopard 3, reported both chutes in sight.

3. During the helicopter scramble, the crew received new information from Invert that the pilots ejected 67 nautical miles on the 198° radial. Flesh 22 was airborne at 0509Z and departed on a heading of 198°.

4. When airborne, Flesh 22 contacted Lilt 43, on-scene commander, who was also enroute. Leopard 3 reported the pilots were located 63 nautical miles on the 200° radial from Invert's tacan.

5. At 0555Z Flesh 22 was notified by ASOC via Invert that Flesh 22 was not to pick up the pilots. They stated that "Rescue 562" out of Lion would make the pick up. At this time Flesh 22 was over the bailout area and was directed over the survivors by Leopard 3.

6. The survivors were located in an elongated clearing of rice paddies. The wind direction was determined by using the survivors' smoke signal and a safe landing was accomplished at 0600Z.

7. The pararescue man examined the pilots for injuries and found them to be in good condition except for a few small scratches, which required only minor first aid. The pilots' condition was relayed to Lilt 43.

8. At 0645Z Rescue 562 arrived and also landed in the clearing.

9. At 0655Z Rescue 562 departed to Lion with both survivors on board, escorted by Lilt 43.

10. At 0700Z Flesh 22 departed for Invert and landed at 0810Z.

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11. Additional information is as follows:

Crew of Flesh 22

P Capt Richard A. Laine
CP Capt Joe E. Hallinger
NM A3C Darwin L. Devers
PJ A2C Michael T. Henebry

Number of Sorties - 2

Total Time - 1+55

12. Recommendations: Instructions not to pick up survivors should not be given to a rescue crew until the survivors' condition is positively determined.

FOR THE COMMANDER

RICHARD A. LAINE
Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

Note:

Pilots recovered were Capt Jerry L Getman, A03050200 45TFS and ———— Capt Carroll D Keeter, A03047419 43TFS

Ref Para 12. Instructions were passed from V ASOC on the assumption that survivors were in good condition as reported by rescap. Request originated from survivors parent unit at Ubon. Considered a reasonable request.

EDWARD KRAFKA
LtCol., USAF
Commander

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ENTRY/CLOSING [redacted]
MISSION NUMBER: D9-38-1-28 Nov 65
SUBJECT: USAF F4C (2)
VICTIMS: HH-43F (1) HH-43F (1) (19A)

ENTRY/CLOSING [redacted]
MISSION NUMBER: D7-38-642-23 Oct 65
SUBJECT: USN (2 MARINES)
VICTIMS: 2 HH-43F's (19B)

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Detachment 9
38th Air Rescue Squadron (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO San Francisco, 96295

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det 9, 38 ARSq 2 Dec 1965

SUBJECT: F-4C Mission Narrative from Pleiku AB, RVN (Det 9, 38 ARS-1-28 Nov 65)

TO: Hq ARS
Orlando AFB, Fla

On 28 Nov 65, at 1342L the Base Ops crash phone rang with information that a F-4C had an engine fire on one engine and a flame-out on the other. The primary crew scrambled to their aircraft, becoming airborne at 1344L. The secondary crew was notified and also scrambled, becoming airborne at 1345L. During the scramble a large column of smoke was seen coming from an area north of the field. Both aircraft were airborne within 3 minutes after notification heading toward the column of smoke from the burning aircraft. The crash was approximately 5 miles north of the base. The helicopters proceeded northwest from the downed aircraft to search for survivors. The parachutes were all white and thus difficult to locate. A pengun flare was spotted approximately 1 mile northwest of the crash site. Shortly after, the secondary crew orbited both survivors to insure no unfriendly forces were in the area while the primary crew made their approach. The crewmembers were approximately 100 yards apart. After determining that there were no unfriendly forces in the area, the secondary crew made their approach to the remaining crewmember. The primary crew landed in a clear area close to a spot where one of the pilots had wandered. The Rescue Specialists quickly departed the helicopter and brought the pilot on board. The primary crew immediately took off to fly cover for the secondary crew. The secondary crew found the remaining survivor lying in tall elephant grass still attached to his parachute. An approach was made to this area; as the helicopter landed the rotor blades were within 2 to 4 inches of the grass. The crew chief and medical technician departed the helicopter to assist the pilot. They soon discovered him to be only slightly dazed but otherwise alright. He was brought on board the helicopter, which immediately departed the area accompained by the primary helicopter. On the way back to Pleiku AB, fuel fumes were very strong in the cockpit of the secondary helicopter. A firetruck was requested to standby. On touchdown, the rotor wash sprayed fuel over the aircraft and an immediate shutdown was made. After evacuation of the aircraft it was determined that the aft fuel cell had sustained a bad puncture from either an anti-helicopter stake or a sharpened stump, causing the loss of more than 800 pounds of fuel. The recovered pilots were delivered to the USAF flight surgeon. After landing, US Special

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FOLLOWING MISSION REPORT RETRANSMITTED:
1. RCS: 1ARS-71 OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. 7-642-23 OCT 65
3. WOUNDED MARINES
4. COMBAT POST
5. AIR EVACUATION / 1550
6. : 1556 N - 10802E
7. 1500 BROKEN 2000; VERCAST VIS 15 MI (2.5) IN RAIN
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8. DET 7, 5 AIRARRS
9. N/A
10. DET 7 AIRARRS/ 2 HH-43 / MOIST PICKUP WITH APPROX. 200FT.
CABLE
11. 8 SURVIVORS
12. 2 SAVED
13. EVACUATED TO MARINE HOSPITAL
14. 6 SORTIES/5 PLUS 40 HH-43B/ASSISTING ORGANIZATION UNK
15. 2 MARINE armed HU-1IT ESCORTS
16. PRIMARY AIRCRAFT CREW: P CAPT ROSENBERG, JAMES C.,
CP 1ST LT BROWN, TOMMY L., AC LORGEIRE, MARLIN P.V 1ST
RS A/C FOSTER, ALBERT W. III.; SECONDARY AIRCRAFT CREW:
P CAPT GREENE, ROCKWELL H., CP 1ST LT VICK, RALPH E., RS
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FOLLOWING MISSION REPORT RETRANSMITTED:
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1 OPENING/CLOSING REQORT
2. 7-642-23 OCT 65
3/ WOUNDED MARINES
4. COMMAND POST
5. AIR EACUATION/1550
6. 1556N - 10802E
7. 500 BROKEN 2000 OVERCAST VIS 15 MT (2 MT IN RAIN SHOWERS)

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PA3 2 RUMSAG 15 C O N F I D E N T I A L
8. DET 7, 38ARS
9. N/A
10. DET 7 38ARS/2HH-43F*S/HOIST PICKUP WIH APPROX.200 FT.
OF CABLE
11. 8 SURVI

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9. N/A
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OF CABLE
11. 8 SURVIVORS
12. 2 SAED Two combat saves (sea bags)
13/ EVAKUATED TO MARINE HOSPITAL
14. 1 SORTIES/5840 HH-43F/ASSISTING ORGANIZATION UNK
15. 2 MARINE ARMED HU-1B ESCORTS
16. PRIMARY AIRCRAFT CREW: P CAPT RODENBERS,JAMES C,. CP 1ST LT
BROWN,ROMMY L,. HM LONGMIRE,HANLIN P,. TSGT,RS A2C FOSTER,ALBERT
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SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE
1. DET 7/642 RQ - 23 SEPTEMBER 1965 OCTOBER
2. DANANG TOWER
3. 4H-43F 64-1759
RCC-CAPT JAMES C. RODENBERG- DET 7, 38ARS, HAL TEAD, KAN
CP- 1ST LT TOMMY L. BROWN - DET 7, 38ARS, FORTVIPLE, MD
HM- TSGT HARLAN D. LONGMIRE - DET 7, 38ARS, SOLDIERS GROVE, WISC
RS- A1C ELBERT W. FOSTER III - DET 7, 38ARS, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

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HH-43F 64-9717
RCC- CAPT ROCWELL N. GREENE, DET 7, 38ARS, LINCOLN, KAN
CP- 1ST LT RALPH E. VICK - DET 7, 38-ARSN MILWAUKEE, WISC
HM - A1CEDGAR W. FORRESTER JR - DET 7, 38ARS, NORTH ATTLEBORO, MASS
RS - A1C MUCGAEL D. LEONARDN- DET 7, 38ARS, LYLER, OOMA
4. NOTIFIED 0750Z, OVER SCENE 0800Z FIRST PICKUP 0930Z, SECON 0940Z, ERMINATED 1ST FLIGH 1000Z, DEPARTED 2D FLIG 1012Z, THIRD PIC UP 1040Z, FGARTH 1044Z, FIFTH 1102Z, SIXT 1056Z, SEVENTH 1100Z, EIGHTH 1110Z.
5. TWO AIR FORCE 0-1'S, TWO ARMED MARINE HU-1B'S
6. 65" 56"N - 108" 02" E MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN (JUNGLE)
7. FM RADIO USED BETWEEN HELICOPTERS AND GROUND PARTY. GROND PARTY PUT OUT YELLOW SMOKE.
8. 8 MARINE SURVIVORS 2 EXTREMELY CRITICAL), NAMES UNKNOWN.
9. TWO HH-43F'S WERE DIVERTED TO SCENE. 0-1 AIRCRAFT ASSISTED RESCUE 67 (64-1750) IN LOCATING CAMP SITE. FIRST ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MARINE GROUND PARTY FRUSTRATED BY BROKEN CLOUDS AT CAMP SITE LEVEL, POOR RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH GROUND

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AND ERRONEOUS DIRECTIONS BY GROUND PARTY DUE TO DISORIENTATION.
RESCUE 67 ENCOUNTARED SMALL ARMS FIRE WHILE IN HOVER NEAR GROUND PARTY. RESCUE 67 TOOK SEVERAL HITS AND DEPATED SCENE FOR DAMGE CHECK. MARINES REPORTED ACEA SECURE AND RESCUE 7/8 4'57",3E 194 88: 70. FORESTPENTRATOR USED WITH APPROX - MATELY 200 FEET OF CABLE. WITH ONE SURVIVOR ABOARD CREW SUSPECTED GROUND FIRE AND DEPARTED. RESCUE 99 (63-717) PICKED UP GROUND SURVIVOR. RESCUE 68 DEPARTED FOR MARINE HOSPITAL AND WAS FOLLOWED BY RESCUE 99. ALL HELICOPTERS RETURNED HOME PLATES FOR FUEL. ON SECOND FLIGH RESCUE 99 PICKED UP 3 AND 4TH SURVIVOR. RESCUE 7 PICKED UP 5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH. RESCUE 9 PICKED UP 8TH SURVIVOR. ALL TAKEN TO MARINE HOSPITAL ENGINE CHIP LIGHT ILLUMINATED AND RESCUE 7A MARINENUT POR. RESCUE 99 RETURNED TO DANANG TO PICKUP ENGINE EMECHANIC. RESCUE 67 CHECKED OUT OK AND BOTH AIRCRAFT TERMINATED A 1135Z. TIME 5 PLUS 40, SORTIES 6.
10. THE SAVING OF A LEAST 60 LIVES CAN BE ATTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THE COMMENDABLE PERFORMANCE OF BOTH HELICOPTER CREWS IN SPITE OF EXTREME DANGER.
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ARESCUECEN HICKAM AFB HAWAII
RUMSBJ/38ARESCUE SQ TSN AB RVN
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SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE.
1. DET 7/6412 R) - 23 SEPTEMBER 1965
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3. HH-43F 64-1759
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25 JUN 65

MISSION NUMBER: PET 3 PAIR 630 25JUN65

OBJECTIVE/POB: F-105 / 1 P.O.B.

TYPE FLT PLN: TACTICAL

FROM - TO:

a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): USOF WINGMAN @ 17177

70 MI ENE NAKHON PHANOM DET 3

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): ~~[redacted]~~ HH-43 B

FROM NAKHON PHANOM AT 1515Z

(NAKHON) (PHANOM)

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 1

d. NUMBER SAVED: 1

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: TAKEN TO NAKHON PHANOM THAILAND, THEN TO UDORN

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS:

TOTAL: SORTIES 16 HOURS 41+05

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL):

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE):

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2. DATE OF REPORT: _____
3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

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4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: _____
5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): _____
6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): _____

   b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): _____

   c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): _____
7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): _____
8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: _____
9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): _____

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10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: _____
11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____
13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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REPLY TO ATTN OF: DOARO

13 July 1965

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO: Hq ARS

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HERBERT E. HIGAKI
Captain, USAF
Administrative Services Officer

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Subj: Det 3, PARC Rescue Mission
#630, 23 Jun 1965

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13 MAY 1970

Congratulation msg on this mission sent late June

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det Prov Second

26 Jun 1965

SUBJECT: Det 2, PARC Rescue Mission #30, 25 Jun 1965

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TO: Det 2, PARC

1. At 0618Z the alert duty pilot, located in Radar Operations at Invert, was notified that a pilot from Fire Flight was ejecting. A set of coordinates were given by the ring man. They were plotted on a map and a flight plan was initiated. It was estimated that 25 gal of extra fuel would be needed. The 2 alert aircraft were fueled and all other necessary equipment was loaded.

2. At 0622Z a second set of coordinates (WS 82 76) were obtained from Invert Operations. These were plotted and found to be about 13 miles further north than the original set. Maps were drawn up with a flight plan route to avoid known enemy positions and AAA.

3. At 0638Z Maj Lawrence at ASOC-V called to initiate an immediate scramble. All crew members prepared for takeoff.

4. At 0653Z both helicopters Hobby 22 and 21 were airborne. Contact was made with Uhoop 12. Several steers were given by Uhoop 12 and Fire Flight aircraft who were orbiting in the pickup area.

5. At approximately 0730Z both Hobby aircraft were cruising at 8,000'. Many cloud build-ups and moderate rain made navigation difficult. Hobby 22 entered a cloud bank and was unable to remain VFR. A 180° turn was initiated and Hobby 21 was notified to start a turn in the opposite direction. A descent was started and Hobby 22 broke out at about 7,500' between layers. An orbit was established and steers were transmitted for Hobby 21 who had become separated. Hobby 22 located a hole and attempted to descend through the overcast so that the flight could be continued. After descending to approximately 1,500' AGL, it was determined that the cloud cover extended to ground level. A climb was again started and Hobby 22 leveled at 8,500'. A light area was located and Hobby 22 managed to get through to a semi-clear area and proceed VFR to the pickup site.

6. At 0810Z Hobby 22 arrived over the pickup site and was receiving the SART 21 signal. The AlHs flying low cover made several passes over the area where the survivor was supposed to be located. Hobby 22 descended to 1,500' AGL. A transmission from the survivor over guard channel, stated, "Helicopter turn right, turn right". A right hand orbit was set up. The survivor was requested to fire a flare. He answered that he could give us some smoke. No smoke was observed so a descent was started.

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det Prov Second

SUBJECT: Det 1 PARC Rescue Mission #30, 23 Jun 1966

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by [illegible] 25 Jun 1975

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TO: Det 1, PARC

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At approximately 300' AGL the parachute was spotted hanging in a tree top in the bottom of a small valley. The location was approximately ½ mile from the position originally indicated by the A1Es. One more orbit was required to position the helicopter over the survivor so a pickup could be accomplished. Approximately 60 feet of hoist cable was necessary to reach the survivor. He was located high in the top of a large tree. It was estimated that his position was about 150 feet above the ground. The helicopter hovered to within 2 or 3 feet rotor tip clearance from other trees which were beside the aircraft. Some rather careful maneuvering was required to thread the hoist cable down to the survivor. He entered the hoist sling at which time he dropped his survival equipment. The hoist was started up however, the survivor became tangled in the shroud lines from his chute. The hoist was let down a short distance and the survivor kicked free. The hoist was again started up. No further complications were encountered. The pickup was completed at 08152 and an immediate takeoff was initiated. A circling climb was utilized to obtain enough altitude to clear AAA in the immediate vicinity. During the climb Hobby 21 joined up with Hobby 22. Hobby 21 had been orbiting over the pickup site while Hobby 22 was making the pickup. A heading of 270° was established after reaching 6,500'. The climb was continued to 9,000'. Two A1Hs and Undap 32 escorted Hobby flight back to Invert where a landing was made at 09252. The survivor was transfered to the Undap aircraft for return to Brigham. Mission closed for both Hobby aircraft.

7. Survivor: Major Robert W. Wilson, 357 TFS, Korat AB, Thailand.

8. Crews:

	Low Hobby 22	High Hobby 21
AC	Bruce C. Hepp, Capt	P Walter F. Turk, 1st Lt
CP	Thomas J. Curtis, Capt	CP Stanley C. Sobastyle, Capt
HM	Francisco Alvarado, A1C	HM David M. Cutillo, A2C
PJ	James E. Poole, A2C	PJ Michael T. Hemebry, A2C

FOR THE COMMANDER

BRUCE C. HEPP
Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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RUMSATA/33 ARS SITE ONE UDORN AB THAILAND
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: DET 3 PARC - 630-23 JUN 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 3 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIV: PILOT OF USAF F-105.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1752N-10552E.
6 ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIF-
ED: PREPOSITIONED

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IAW AFR 205-2
19 MAY 1982

RESCUE ACFT NOTIFIED OF BAILOUT
/BY WINGMAN AT 23/1717G.

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7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR SACTION: PREPOSITIONED RESCUE AKFT WITH US NAVY A-1H RESCAP IMMEDIATEDLY DIVRTED TO BAILOAT SCENE.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIV: WINGMAN LOCATED PILOT ON GROUND AND ESTABLISHED VOICE RADIO CONTACT.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USAF.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RECOVERZ OF SURVIVOR: USAF HH-43B FROM NAKHON PHANOM MADE HOIST PICKUP OF PILOT AT 1515G. HELICOPTERS ESCORTED BY USAF TC-54 AND USN A-1H ACFT OVER 70 MILES OF UNFRIENDLY TERRAIN TO EFFECT RECOVERY.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: PILOT TRANSPORTED TO NAKHON PHANOM, THAILAND BY USAF HH-43B THEN VIA USAF HC-54 TO UDORN, THAILAND. RELEASED TO USAF MEDICAL PERSONNEL AT THAT STATION.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCYWC
0 SORTIE FOR 9:00 HOURS BY UEAF HU-1"B
1 SORTIE FOR 3:20 HOURS BY ASAF HC-54
10 SORTIES FOR 12:45 HOURS BY USAF F-105
2 SORTIES FOR 11:00 HOURS BY USN A-1H
2 SORTIES FOR 5:00 HOURS BY USAF HH-43B
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: NONE
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: NAME OF F-105 PILOT: WILSON, R.W. MAJOR

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2510A. PILOTS OF RECOVERY HELICOPTERS (TWO ACFT AS TEAM) CAPT CURTIS AND 1ST LT TURK, PILOT OF HC-54: CAPT LESTER, PILOT OF HU-16: CAPT PIKE. FOR PARC: LAST OPENING MISSION REPORT TRANSMITTED WAS MISSION NUMBER 625, 22 JUN 65.
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Detachment 5
Pacific Air Rescue Center (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO U.S. Forces 96337

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DET 5 PARC 26 Jun 65

SUBJECT: Narrative of Mission Report

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TO: Pac ARescue Cen
33 ARescue Sq
DET 3 Pac ARescue Cen

1. This report reflects action taken by Pigmo Bravo on Det 3 PARC Mission Number 630, 23 June 1965. Pigmo Bravo, HU-16 10058, of the 33 Air Rescue Sq was commanded by Captain Donald C. Hollfelder, A02227005. Additional crew members were: Captain David P. Westemburger, 62088A, Co-Pilot; 1st Lt Donald S. Price, A03121056, Navigator; SSgt Frank J. Trombino, AF19484611, Radio-Operator; AlC James M. Allen, AF14568604, Flight-Mechanic; AlC Eldrige M. Neal, AF13753971, Pararescue; and SSgt Patrick Abernathy, AF14519776, Photographer.

2. Cronology of Events:

1415 Pigmo Bravo intercepted the following call on UHF Guard "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY, This is Pine Two. Pine lead has been hit, bailed out over target, MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY". At this time Pigmo Bravo was on SAR Patrol at Coordinates 18:10 N 106:35 E with Locket 581 and Wingman (two Navy A-1H Aircraft) as Rescap. Climb was immediately commenced from 2000 feet, SAR patrol altitude. Captain Hollfelder responded to the distress on guard obtaining bailout coordinates and bearing to distressed pilot. Simultaniously, Det 3 PARC was notified of the emergency via single side band. Pigmo Brave then returned to UHF SAR patrol frequency and advised Texaco, a U.S. Navy Destroyer, of the emergency. Pine Flight left distress scene due to low fuel.

1425H Pigmo Bravo crossed the coast of North Vietnam west bound, 10 miles north of Dong Hoi at 7,000 feet and climbing. Locket Flight was in loose trail formation. The coastal weather was 2,500 feet scattered, 5,000 feet broken, Tops 7,000 feet. Det 3 PARC was notified of penetration, estimate for the search area of 1446H and helicopters were requested. Bailout position was confirmed as 4 miles west of 17 degrees 52' N 105:52 E with Pine Two. Texaco was advised of our departure from SAR Patrol station and intentions.

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1436H Det 3 PARC advised that UNCAP 32, HC-54, was also enroute to the area and that a top cover of fighters was on the way.

1440H UHF radio contact was established with UNCAP 32 who had received a different set of bailout coordinates. It was mutually decided that UNCAP 32 would commence search at his coordinates and Figmo Bravo would commence at 17: 52'N 105: 52E.

1446H Figmo Bravo arrived on scene at 11,000 feet and commenced an expanding square elctronic search using a two mile track spacing.

1449H On the third leg of the search pattern a loud distress homing signal was received. Bearings indicated Figmo Bravo was over the downed pilot. Captain Hollfelder assumed on scene command. Uncap 32 was directed to proceed to 17 52'N 105 52'E at 12,000 feet. Locket Flight was sent down to attempt to pin point the survivor with their UHF homers while making low passes. Det 3 PARC was advised of the situation.

1502H Uncap 32, Whiplash (F-4C Highcover) and Bango Flight (F-105) were all on station. Hobby 21 and 22 HH-43F's were enroute. Weather was low scattered, high broken to overcast with light rain, thunder storms surrounded the area. Figmo Bravo commenced descent to 6,000 feet for more effective visual and electronic pin pointing of the downed pilot. Uncap 32 was to maintain altitude, assist in vectoring Hobby 21 and 22 to the area and keep invert (RADAR) appraised of the on scene situation.

1530H Locket 581 reported sighting a pen gun flare from the downed pilot. Det 3 PARC advised that there were known flack positions 5 miles north and 5 miles south of the bail out site. Location of flack positions was relayed to all aircraft by Figmo Bravo and East/West flight path was reccommended over the bail-out site. Rescap aircraft were further divised to keep a look out for troops moving into the area. Locket 581 acknowledged.

1532H Figmo Bravo established radio contact with Pine Lead, the downed pilot on UHF Guard. Pine lead advised that he was OK and had no broken bones. Captain Hollfelder acknowledged and suggested that he conserve his radio batteries by maintaining radio silence until the choppers entered the area. ETA of the choppers was relayed to Pine lead as 1550H. Voice contact with survivor could only be made directly over his position.

1550H Pine lead again called on Guard stating that he was OK and that the A-1 Rescap had just passed directly over head. Captain Hollfelder advised that weather had caused a slight delay of the choppers. Their ETA was now 1610H. Captain Hollfelder again suggested that Pine lead conserve his batteries pending arrival of the choppers.

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1610H Hobby 22 arrived and commenced a circling descent from 8,000 feet. While Figmo Bravo and Locket 581 pointed out the downed pilot's position.

1612H Pine lead began vectoring Hobby 22 into him on Guard.

1613H Pine lead set off the day end of a Mark 13 Flare. The orange smoke was clearly visible to all.

1617H Hoist pick-up of Pine lead was completed by Hobby 22. Det 3 PARC was advised.

1618H Locket Flight was assigned to escort Hobby 21 and 22 to NAKHON PHANOM accompanied by Uncap and Bango aircraft. Figmo Bravo commenced climb to 10,000 feet and relinquished SAR Control to Uncap 32.

1625H Figmo Bravo departed scene east bound at 10,000 feet and established radio contact with Texaco.

1645H Figmo Bravo recrossed the coast of North Vietnam at 10,000 feet descending and reestablished SAR Patrol with Locket 589, two Navy A-1H's, as rescap.

1800H Figmo Bravo was released from SAR Patrol by Det 3 PARC.

3. Specific Comments.

A. Communications with Det 3 PARC were excellent throughout the mission. Services of Rescap and Top cover aircraft were both adequate and timely.

B. The great value of the UHF distress homer and UHF voice communications employed by the downed pilot cannot be overemphasized. Without these electronic signals, this pilot could not have been located from the air. He had landed in a heavily forrested area.and his chute was not visible.

C. A faster and longer range helicopter stationed at NAKHON PHONOM would immeasureably reduce time period during which SAR Forces and survivors are exposed to possible attack by hostile forces. In this instance the on scene time could have been cut in half if faster helicopters with IFF capability had been available to make the pick-up.

D. Cooperation between the various forces on scene was especially outstanding in view of intermittant UHF contacts resulting from the requirement to constantly change between UHF Guard for homing/survivor contact and UHF 364.2 SAR Frequency for coordination of on scene forces. No common VHF coordination was possible due to an apparent lack

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of operable VHF Equipment on Uncap and Range Aircraft.

4. Recommendations.

A. Faster and longer range helicopters should be placed at NAKHAI PHANON. ✓

B. SAR Aircraft should have dual UHF equipment in order to permit simultaneous coordination and homing capability as well as provide continued capability should one of these invaluable transceivers fail. ✓

DONALD C. HOLLFELDER
Capt., USAF
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RUMSATA/33 ARS SITE ONE UDORN AB THAILAND
RUMEDK/6234 TWP KORAT AB THAILAND
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 50552 JULY 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARCDC, PACAF FOR PFOCCH, 13AF FOR JSARC.

1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1 OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS-664- 3 JULY 1965
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT BAILED OUT OF F-105 1 SURVIVOR
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1821N-10101E 120 MILES N.E. of UDORN
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: DISTRESSED ACFT NOTIFIED ARS HC-54 IN PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT THAT HE HAD INSUFFICIENT FUEL TO REACH AN AIRFIELD.

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7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: AT 03/0100Z HC-54 CONTACTED HELICOPTERS OPERATING THE AREA AND HH-43B FROM UDORN WERE SCRAMBLED
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: ARS HC-54 SPOTTED PARACHUTE IN TREES
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: PILOT WAS HANGING 30 FEET FROM THE GROUND IN A TREE 125 FEET HIGH. FIRST ATTEMPT MADE BY H-34 WAS UNSUCCESSFAL. PILOT WAS UNABLE TO DISENGAGE SHROUDLINES FROM TREE OR CUT HIMSELF FROM HARNESS. HH-43B LET OFF CREW CHIEF AND MEDIC ON THE GROUND. THEY WALKED IN TO THE POSITION. A ROPE WAS FASTENED TO THE END OF THE HH-43 HOIST, LOWERED IT ALL THE WAY TO THE GROUND, RAISED THE MEDIC UP TO THE PILOT. THE MEDIC SECURED THE PILOT TO THE HOIST ROPE AND THEN CUT THE SHROUD LINES. THE HOIST WAS REELED IN AND THE HELICOPTER HAD TO MAKE A VERTICAL CLIMB OUT TO CLEAR THE TREES. WITH THE DISTRESSED PILOT AND THE MEDIC HANGING ON BELOW THE AIRCRAFT THEY FLEW TO A CLEARING. THE HELICOPTER CO-PILOT OPERATED THE HOIST.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: DELIVERED TO UDORN BY HH-43B AND ON TO KORAT AB BY HC-54.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
HH-43 B 8 SORTIES 9:30
HC-54 1 SORTIE 7:30 9/17+00

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NUMEROUS SORTIES BY NON MILITARY AGENCIES
13. NUMBER OF GROUND PERSONNEL: NONE
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: FOR PARC SURVIVOR; CAPT. KENNETH R JOHNSON 463944A. PILOT OF RESCUE ACFT CAPT ALLEN. LAST OPENING/CLOSING REPORT MISSION NUMBER 662.

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SUBJECT: USAF F-105
VEHICLE: HH-43B

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MISSION NUMBER: 38-744-24 June 65

OBJECTIVE/POB: USN A64 / 2 POB F-105 / 1 POB

TYPE FLT PLN: TACTICAL

FROM - TO:

a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): ASOC AT DOWN 24/1104

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): USAF UH-3A HELICOPTER RECOVERED USN CREWMAN AND HH-43B RECOVERED USAF PILOT

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 3

d. NUMBER SAVED:

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 2 USN TAKEN TO HILL AB BY UH-3A TRANSFERRED TO HH-16 TO DA NANG - USAF PILOT TO NAKHON PHANOM/SECOND TO UDORN

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS:

TOTAL: SORTIES 43 HOURS 99+05

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL):

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE):

NUMBER OF VESSELS:

h. REMARKS: A6A CRASHED APPROX 105 MI NW DA NANG REPORTED BY WINGMAN WHO SIGHTED TWO GOOD CHUTES. F-105 WAS ASSISTING IN SEARCH WHEN THE PILOT BAILED OUT DUE TO FIRE WARNING LIGHT AND CONTROL DIFFICULTIES. ONE USN CREWMEMBER PICKED UP BY HUNT, THE UH-3A LANDED TO PICK UP 2ND USN WHO WAS HAD AN INJURED LEG. HH-43B MADE HOIST PICK UP OF F-105 PILOT

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TYPE FLT PLN: _____

FROM - TO: _____

STATUS: _____

1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.
2. DATE OF REPORT: _____
3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

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4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: _____
5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): _____
6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): _____

   b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): _____

   c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): _____
7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): _____
8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: _____
9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): _____

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10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: _____
11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____
13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): _____

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1. POS: 1-ARS-FL, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 AAPS - 7AA -24 JUL 65
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY:38 ARS TSN AFLD RN
4. R OBJECTIVE: OBJECTIVE A. 2 USN ASA CREWMEN
OBJECTIVE
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: OBJECTIVE A. 16-38N
106-12E LAOS
OBJECTIVE B. 16[illegible]N -106-34E LAOS
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: ASOC UDRON THAILAND

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24/1112Z.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: DIVERTED HH-16 ENROUTE TO PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT POINT. SCRAMBLED 2 HH-43 HELICOPTERS FROM NAKHON PHANOM THAILAND. SCRAMBLED 2 USMC UH-34D HELICOPTERS PREPOSITIONED AT QUANG TRI RVN.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USN A1H AIRCRAFT THAT WERE PERFORMING RESCAP DUTIES.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: 2 USN, 1 USAF
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: USAF HH-43 HELICOPTERS RESCUED OBJECTIVE A VIA HOIST PICKUP. USMC UH-34D HELICOPTERS RESCUED OBJECTIVE B 1 VIA HOIST PICKUP, 1 VIA LANDING.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: OBJECTIVE A(USAF PPILOT) AIRLIFTED BY HH-43 TO NAKHON PHANOM-THAILAND. TRANSFERRED TO HC-54 AT NAKHON PHANOM THAILAND AND TAKEN TO UDORN THAILAND. OBJECTIVE B (2 USN CREWMEMBERS) AIRLIFTED BY UH-34D TO NUE PHU BAI RN TRANSFERRED TO HU-1 AND TAKEN TO DANANG RN.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HH-16 2 SORTIES FOR SIX PLUS FORTY HOURS
USAF HH-43 12 SORTIES FOR TWELVE
USAF F-105 15 SORTIES FOR SIXTY

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USAF KC-135 4 SORTIES FOR EIGHT PLUS TWENTY MINS
USAF HC-54 2 SORTIES FOR TWO PLUS FORTY MINS
USMC UH-34 10 SORTIES FOR EIGHT PLUS TWENTY MINS
USN AND USMC FIXED WING TIME WILL BE INCLUDED IN A SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING : NON
14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INITIAL SAR ACTION AND CONFIRMATION OF THE DOWNED PILOT'S POSITION BY WINGMANS REPORT OF CHUTE SIGHTING, THE UH-43 HELICOPTERS WERE RETURNED TO NAKHON PHANOM FOR LATER LAUNCH TO REPLACE UH-34 HELICOPTERS ON SCENE AT FUEL EXPIRATION
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PHANOM FOR LATER LAUNCH TO REPLACE UH-34 HELICOPTERS ON SCENE AT FUEL EXPIRATION IF NECESSARY. THE UH-1G, ACCOMPANIED BY THE UH-34S ARRIVED IN THE AREA OF BAILOUT AT 1810H. NO ELECTRONIC SIGNALS NOR VISUAL SIGHTINGS OTHER THAT PARACHUTES HAD BEEN REPORTED AT THIS TIME. WEATHER AND LOW VISIBILITIES PREVAILED IN THE SEARCH AREA. AT 1215H, A USAF F-105 PILOT PARTICIPATING IN THE SEARCH ENDEAVOR BAILED OUT IN IMMEDIATE SEARCH AREA DUE TO FIRE WARNING LIGHT AND CONTROL DIFFICULTIES. AT 1240H, HELICOPTERS FROM NAKHON PHANOM AND HC-54 FROM UDORN WERE DIRECTED TO PROCEED TO INCIDENT SCENE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER ELECTRONIC SIGNAL WAS DETECTED BUT FADED BEFORE A POSITIVE FIX COULD BE ESTABLISHED. AT 1345H AND 20 MINUTES AFTER UH-34S WERE FORCED TO DEPART THE AREA DUE TO FUEL SITUATION, THE SIGNAL

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1. 38 ARS, Mission Number 744, 24 July 1965.

2. GUM

3. a. HU-16B (WIPE BRAVO)

b. H-34 (RUTLEDGE 6-0 and 6-2)

c. HH-43F (IRON 21 and 41)

d. HC-54 (SPUD 30)

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e. HU-16B Crewmembers

(1). RCC - Brunner, Edward M.; Capt.; AO3081919; 48th Air Recovery Sq

(2). P - Rechlitz, David C., 1st Lt; 75858A; 48th Air Recovery Sq

(3). N - Glover, Carl D.; 1st Lt; AO3138073; 48th Air Recovery Sq

(4). RO - Maillcux, Albert H.; SSgt.; AF11204464; 48th Air Recovery Sq

(5). AM - Stradling, Norman L.; AlC; AF19557330; 48th Air Recovery Sq

(6). RS - Bradley, Thomas F.; AlC; AF24615822; 33rd Air Recovery Sq

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4. Initial notification for WIPE BRAVO 0334Z. First pickup by IRON 21 or 41 at 0655Z; second pickup by RUTLEDGE 6-0 at 0822Z; third pickup by RUTLEDGE 6-2 at 0827Z.

5. CAP assistance: CANASTA 573, 577, 574, and 576. MERCURY Flight, VAPOR Flight.

6. AREA: Land pickup by helicopter.

7. Survivors untilized the URT-21 and possibly a URC-11 or URC-4. SAR aircraft used the ARA 25 and the APX 26.

8. Survivor name unknown for MERCURY Lead. Survivor names for FLYING ACE 508:

a. BORDONE, R.P.; LCDR; 584350; VA 75; CVA 62.

b. MOFFETT, P.R.; LT JG; 661922; VA 75,CVA 62.

9. a. At 0334Z WIPE BRAVO received instructions from GUM to divert from the scheduled relief assignment for WIPE BRAVO and to intercept and accompany RUTLEDGE 6-0 and 6-2 to a reported bailout site, coordinates 16:30N, 106:12E. Bailout call sign was FLYING ACE 508. BRAVO was instructed to assume on scene command for SAR activities. At this time 6-0 and 6-2 had been scrambled and were already enroute and about 40 miles from the site. BRAVO elected to remain over water and parallel the coast line Southeast bound to avoid hot areas and then proceed inland roughly on the same track as 6-0 and 6-2. This route placed BRAVO an estimated 100 miles from the site. Enroute BRAVO climbed to 10,500 feet.

b. Overland the weather was an overcast layer bases ragged 1500 feet to 2500 feet and tops 8000 feet to 9000 feet. Another overcast had a base at 15,000 feet, tops unknown. Visibility between layers was 15 miles. Visibility below the lower overcast was 5 miles to 10 miles and down to one mile in numerous scattered rainshowers. Occasional small breaks in the lower overcast permitted brief glimpes of the ground from altitude. However, these breaks closed as rapidly as they formed. These conditions prevailed throughout the entire activity.

c. The terrain was hilly to mountainous with occasional valleys having an average elevation of 1000 feet. Hills averaged up to 2000 feet with occasional mountains up to 4000 feet.

d. Numerous aircraft were already on scene while 6-0 and 6-2 and BRAVO were enroute. All aircraft were working Primary SAR UHF. Transmissions stated that two chutes were visible on the ground about 400 yards apart. One survivor was visible near one chute. Numerous aircraft monitored URT-21 transmissions. One aircraft reported voice communication with one survivor, and about this time weather began closing in overhead the site.

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e. At 0415Z BRAVO estimated a position 30 miles from the site and 6-0 and 6-2 reported almost at the site. At this exact time MERCURY Lead, an F-105 providing high RESCAP, declared a fire warning light, then a flame out, and that he was bailing out. His wingman MERCURY 3, reported a good chute and that it was descending into the lower overcast. MERCURY 3 immediately went into an orbit over head that position.

f. 6-0 and 6-2 were now in the general area of the original site and BRAVO was in the general area of the second site. The two sites were estimated to be 25 miles apart.

g. MERCURY 3 almost immediately reported receiving a strong UHF Guard tone at his position. BRAVO took a steer on MERCURY 3 and went to that position. Arriving there BRAVO also monitored a strong tone which was a continuous UHF tone and definitely not a URT-21 transmission. This tone could be monitored only in a small area and was easily lost. The URT-21 tone at the original site continued but was periodic and also easily lost. No visual contact could be made with the ground except by 6-0 and 6-2 who were operating at 1500 feet to 2000 feet at the original site. 6-0 and 6-2 continued working the original site with a WHIPLASH and a DECOY aircraft. BRAVO continued at the second site with MERCURY and COTTON PICKER. For 30 to 45 minutes all aircraft periodically monitored signals at both sites but with continuous loss of signals. The numerous transmissions began to hamper any attempted operation of the ARA 25. At this time BRAVO elected to concentrate all efforts on the stronger continuous UHF tone at the second site. BRAVO requested 6-0 and 6-2 to proceed to the second site. However, it was now near fuel bingo time 6-0 and 6-2. 6-0 declared bingo at 0500Z and was cleared to depart. 6-0 stated his estimated time for return would be 0730Z. By now CANASTA 573 and 577 had arrived to provide RESCAP for BRAVO. 573 and 577 found a hole in the lower overcast and went down taking over for COTTON PICKER 4 to search the second site at low level. Visibility was poor. At 0550Z 573 spotted a chute in the trees. At 0630Z 573 spotted MERCURY Lead and reported the survivor was waving. At about this same time BRAVO was notified by GUM that SPUD 30 was escorting IRON 21 and 41 from INVERT, and all were airborne and enroute. At 0615Z BRAVO contacted SPUD 30 who gave his position as 30 miles from BRAVO. SPUD 30 utilized the APX 28 for distance to BRAVO. BRAVO notified 573. 573 advised a rainshower was moving toward the survivor and visibility was decreasing. 573 requested the ETA of IRON 21 and 41. BRAVO gave an estimate of 20 minutes. It was understood by BRAVO that 573 then reported his bingo as 25 minutes away. So BRAVO took advantage of another break in the overcast to descend and relieve 573 until IRON 21 and 41 could be vectored in. BRAVO arrived at 2500 feet and three miles from 573 and 577 when 573 suddenly decided his bingo was 1000Z. BRAVO remained in the area at that altitude. SPUD 30 steered on BRAVO. IRON 21 and 41 descended from 8500 feet through the same break used by BRAVO.

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21 and 41 went through the light shower and 573 indicated the position of the survivor. MERCURY Lead was picked up by 21 or 41 (unknown) at 0655Z. 21 and 41 climbed back to 8500 feet and departed for INVERT in company with SPUD 30. BRAVO and CANASTA 573 and 577 climbed to 9000 feet and proceeded to the original site.

i. Enroute BRAVO made radio contact with VAPOR 3 who reported he was receiving the URT-21 signal. BRAVO took a steer for VAPOR 3. Upon arriving that position BRAVO was able to monitor the URT-21. BRAVO attempted voice communication but had no success. CANASTA 574 and 576 had by now arrived upon the scene and took over as RESCAP for BRAVO. 573 and 577 went down down to search visually. At 0745Z BRAVO made radio contact with RUTLEDGE 6-0 and 6-2 who were inbound to the site for the second time. 6-0 and 6-2 were given steers and came back into the general area at 0800Z. At 0804Z 573 spotted one chute and the survivor. At 0810Z 577 spotted the other chute and survivor. 6-0 and 6-2 made visual contact with 573 and 577. 6-0 coordinated with 573. 6-2 coordinated with 577. Both 6-0 and 6-2 experienced difficulty spotting the exact site due to the necessity to operate at low altitude in poor visibility and weather, but 573 and 577 continued making low passes until 6-0 and 6-2 were within range to make voice communication with the survivors. 6-0 completed a pick up of one survivor of FLYING ACE 508 at 0822Z. 6-2 completed a pick up of the other survivor at 0827Z. 6-0 and 6-2 elected to proceed at low altitude to HUE PHUBAI. 573 and 577 could not operate VFR low enough so they both climbed out and were cleared to return to home station. BRAVO remained at 8000 feet with 574 and 576 and escorted 6-0 and 6-2 to HUE PHUBAI. BRAVO, 6-0, and 6-2 landed at 0920Z. CANASTA 574 and 576 were cleared to return to home station. The survivors were transferred to BRAVO and transported to Danang. BRAVO landed at Danang at 1005Z. The survivors were immediately turned over to the Flight Surgeon.

10. a. The primary aircraft and individuals responsible for the success of this mission were CANASTA 573, 574, 577, and 576 who were able to get down and make the actual spotting of the survivors and then indicate the positions to the helicopters. And also RUTLEDGE 6-0 and 6-2 and IRON 21 and 41 who were able to operate in the limited weather conditions and around the hazardous terrain to make the actual pick ups.

b. UHF communications were good. There was no unnecessary "Chatter". All stations were aware of when to maintain radio silence for the low level communications attempts with survivors.

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ATTN OF: DET 7 38ARS

6 Aug 1965

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO: PARC (DOARO)
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1. 38 ARS, Mission Number 744, 24 July 1965.

2. GUM

3. a. HU-16B (WIPE BRAVO)

b. H-34 (RUTLEDGE 6-0 and 6-2)

c. HH-43F (IRON 21 and 41)

d. HC-54 (SPUD 30)

e. HU-16B Crewmembers

(1). ACC - Brunner, Edward M.; Capt.; AO3081919; 48th Air Recovery Sq

(2). P - Rechlitz, David C., 1st Lt; 75858A; 48th Air Recovery Sq

(3). N - Glover, Carl D.; 1st Lt; AO3138073; 48th Air Recovery Sq

(4). RO - Mailloux, Albert H.; SSgt.; AF11204464; 48th Air Recovery Sq

(5). AM - Stradling, Norman L.; AlC; AF19557330; 48th Air Recovery Sq

(6). RS - Bradley, Thomas F.; AlC; AF24615822; 33rd Air Recovery Sq

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4. Initial notification for WIPE BRAVO 0334Z. First pickup by IRON 21 or 41 at 0655Z; second pickup by RUTLEDGE 6-0 at 0822Z; third pickup by RUTLEDGE 6-2 at 0827Z.

5. CAP assistance: CANASTA 573, 577, 574, and 576. MERCURY Flight, VAPOR Flight.

6. AREA: Land pickup by helicopter.

7. Survivors untilized the URT-21 and possibly a URC-11 or URC-4. SAR aircraft used the ARA 25 and the APX 28.

8. Survivor name unknown for MERCURY Lead. Survivor names for FLYING ACE 508:

a. BORDONE, R.P.; LCDR; 584350; VA 75; CVA 62.

b. MOFFETT, F.H.; LT JG; 661922; VA 75, CVA 62.

9. a. At 0334Z WIPE BRAVO received instructions from GUM to divert from the scheduled relief assignment for WIPE BRAVO and to intercept and accompany RUTLEDGE 6-0 and 6-2 to a reported bailout site, coordinates 16:30N, 106:12E. Bailout call sign was FLYING ACE 508. BRAVO was instructed to assume on scene command for SAR activities. At this time 6-0 and 6-2 had been scrambled and were already enroute and about 40 miles from the site. BRAVO elected to remain over water and parallel the coast line Southeast bound to avoid hot areas and then proceed inland roughly on the same track as 6-0 and 6-2. This route placed BRAVO an estimated 100 miles from the site. Enroute BRAVO climbed to 10,500 feet.

b. Overland the weather was an overcast layer bases ragged 1500 feet to 2500 feet and tops 8000 feet to 9000 feet. Another overcast had a base at 15,000 feet, tops unknown. Visibility between layers was 15 miles. Visibility below the lower overcast was 5 miles to 10 miles and down to one mile in numerous scattered rainshowers. Occasional small breaks in the lower overcast permitted brief glimpes of the ground from altitude. However, these breaks closed as rapidly as they formed. These conditions prevailed throughout the entire activity.

c. The terrain was hilly to mountainous with occasional valleys having an average elevation of 1000 feet. Hills averaged up to 2000 feet with occasional mountains up to 4000 feet.

d. Numerous aircraft were already on scene while 6-0 and 6-2 and BRAVO were enroute. All aircraft were working Primary SAR UHF. Transmissions stated that two chutes were visible on the ground about 400 yards apart. One survivor was visible near one chute. Numerous aircraft monitored URT-21 transmissions. One aircraft reported voice communication with one survivor, and about this time weather began closing in overhead the site.

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e. At 0415Z BRAVO estimated a position 30 miles from the site and 6-0 and 6-2 reported almost at the site. At this exact time MERCURY Lead, an F-105 providing high RESCAP, declared a fire warning light, then a flame out, and that he was bailing out. His wingman MERCURY 3, reported a good chute and that it was descending into the lower overcast. MERCURY 3 immediately went into an orbit over head that position.

f. 6-0 and 6-2 were now in the general area of the original site and BRAVO was in the general area of the second site. The two sites were estimated to be 25 miles apart.

g. MERCURY 3 almost immediately reported receiving a strong UHF Guard tone at his position. BRAVO took a steer on MERCURY 3 and went to that position. Arriving there BRAVO also monitored a strong tone which was a continuous UHF tone and definitely not a URT-21 transmission. This tone could be monitored only in a small area and was easily lost. The URT-21 tone at the original site continued but was periodic and also easily lost. No visual contact could be made with the ground except by 6-0 and 6-2 who were operating at 1500 feet to 2000 feet at the original site. 6-0 and 6-2 continued working the original site with a WHIPLASH and a DECOY aircraft. BRAVO continued at the second site with MERCURY and COTTON PICKER. For 30 to 45 minutes all aircraft periodically monitored signals at both sites but with continuous loss of signals. The numerous transmissions began to hamper any attempted operation of the ARA 25. At this time BRAVO elected to concentrate all efforts on the stronger continuous UHF tone at the second site. BRAVO requested 6-0 and 6-2 to proceed to the second site. However, it was now near fuel bingo time 6-0 and 6-2. 6-0 declared bingo at 0500Z and was cleared to depart. 6-0 stated his estimated time for return would be 0730Z. By now CANASTA 573 and 577 had arrived to provide RESCAP for BRAVO. 573 and 577 found a hole in the lower overcast and went down taking over for COTTON PICKER 4 to search the second site at low level. Visibility was poor. At 0550Z 573 spotted a chute in the trees. At 0600Z 573 spotted MERCURY Lead and reported the survivor was waving. At about this same time BRAVO was notified by GUM that SPUD 30 was escorting IRON 21 and 41 from INVERT, and all were airborne and enroute. At 0615Z BRAVO contacted SPUD 30 who gave his position as 30 miles from BRAVO. SPUD 30 utilized the APX 28 for distance to BRAVO. BRAVO notified 573. 573 advised a rainshower was moving toward the survivor and visibility was decreasing. 573 requested the ETA of IRON 21 and 41. BRAVO gave an estimate of 20 minutes. It was understood by BRAVO that 573 then reported his bingo as 25 minutes away. So BRAVO took advantage of another break in the overcast to descend and relieve 573 until IRON 21 and 41 could be vectored in. BRAVO arrived at 2500 feet and three miles from 573 and 577 when 573 suddenly decided his bingo was 1000Z. BRAVO remained in the area at that altitude. SPUD 30 steered on BRAVO. IRON 21 and 41 descended from 8500 feet through the same break used by BRAVO.

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21 and 41 went through the light shower and 573 indicated the position of the survivor. MERCURY Lead was picked up by 21 or 41 (unknown) at 0655Z. 21 and 41 climbed back to 8500 feet and departed for DNV RT in company with SPUD 30. BRAVO and CANASTA 573 and 577 climbed to 9000 feet and proceeded to the original site.

i. Enroute BRAVO made radio contact with VAPOR 3 who reported he was receiving the URT-21 signal. BRAVO took a steer for VAPOR 3. Upon arriving that position BRAVO was able to monitor the URT-21. BRAVO attempted voice communication but had no success. CANASTA 574 and 576 had by now come upon the scene and took over as RESCAP for BRAVO. 573 and 577 went down deer to search visually. At 0745Z BRAVO made radio contact with RUTLEDGE 6-0 and 6-2 who were inbound to the site for the second time. 6-0 and 6-2 were given steers and came back into the general area at 0800Z. At 0804Z 573 spotted one chute and the survivor. At 0810Z 577 spotted the other chute and survivor. 6-0 and 6-2 made visual contact with 573 and 577. 6-0 coordinated with 573. 6-2 coordinated with 577. Both 6-0 and 6-2 experienced difficulty spotting the exact site due to the neccessity to operate at low altitude in poor visibility and weather, but 573 and 577 continued making low passes until 6-0 and 6-2 were within range to make voice communication with the survivors. 6-0 completed a pick up of one survivor of FLYING ACE 508 at 0822Z. 6-2 completed a pick up of the other survivor at 0827Z. 6-0 and 6-2 elected to proceed at low altitude to HUE PHUBAI. 573 and 577 could not operate VFR low enough so they both climbed out and were cleared to return to home station. BRAVO remained at 8000 feet with 574 and 576 and escorted 6-0 and 6-2 to HUE PHUBAI. BRAVO, 6-0, and 6-2 landed at 0920Z. CANASTA 574 and 576 were cleared to return to home station. The survivors were transferred to BRAVO and transported to Danang. BRAVO landed at Danang at 1005Z. The survivors were immediately turned over to the Flight Surgeon.

10. a. The primary aircraft and individuals responsible for the success of this mission were CANASTA 573, 574, 577, and 576 who were able to get down and make the actual spotting of the survivors and then indicate the positions to the helicopters. And also RUTLEDGE 6-0 and 6-2 and IRON 21 and 41 who were able to opefate in the limited weather conditions and around the hazardous terrain to make the actual pick ups.

b. UHF communications were good. There was no unnecessary "Chatter". All stations were aware of when to maintain radio silence for the low level communications attempts with survivors.

Edward M Brunner

EDWARD M. BRUNNER
Capt., USAF
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SUBJECT:	USAF F-105
VICINITY:	CH-3C

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RUMSIA/MACV SAIGON RVN

ZEN/2AD TSN AFLD RVN

RUMSAIA/7AF ASOC UDORN AB THAILAND

RUMDIK/6234 TFW KORAT AB THAILAND

RUMSATD/6235 TFW TAKHLI AB THAILAND

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RUMSATA/DET 5 3R ARS UDORN AB THAILAND

RUALAL/36 ARS TACHIKAWA AB JAPAN

RUMDA/79ARS ANDERSEN AB GUAM

RUMADA/61 ARS CLARK AB PI

RUAKH/3 ARS NAHA AB OKINAWA

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[redacted] SAR 50622 JUL 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPW, MATS FOR MAOCC/A HQ MAP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PROOR-W, 13 AF FOR JSARC.

1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 3R ARS - 75A - 27 JULY 65
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 3R ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVES: A. PILOT OF USAF F-105 C/S HUDSON 02
   B. PILOT OF USAF F-105 C/S WEALEY 02
   C. PILOT OF USAF F-105 C/S CEDAR 02
   D. PILOT OF USAF F-105 C/S DOGWOOD 02
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT:

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A. 2[illegible]N - 1051[illegible]
B. 21[illegible]N - 1051[illegible]
C. 21[illegible]N - 10514E
D. 21[illegible]N - 10513E

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6. ALTITUDE AGENCY AND BYS AFS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: HC-54 WAS NOTIFIED BY WINMAN OF HUDSON 02 AT 0705Z. ALL OTHER AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED DOWN WITHIN 20 MINUTES.
7. PERSONNEL INVOLVED: FOUR F-105 PILOTS.
8. WEATHER IN AREA OF LAST KNOWN POSITION OR ENROUTE: MARGINAL WX - DELAYED RECOVERY FORCES ENROUTE TO FORWARD OPERATING SITE. WX IN AREA OF PILOT RECOVERY NOT A FACTOR.
9. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: CH-3C AND TWO HH-43B'S WERE SCRAMBLED FROM LIMA SITE 36 WHERE THEY WERE REFUELED. HC-54 ACCOMPANIED THEM TO LIMA SITE 36. ADDITIONAL REFUELING ACCOMPLISHED. CH-3 AND HH-43B'S PROCEED TO BITTLOP OBJECTIVE AREA.
10. FUTURE PLANS: DEPENDENT ON PERSISTENCE OF OTHER WINDMEN.
11. ADDITIONAL INFO: OBJECTIVE ALFA. DEBRIEFING OF HUDSON LEAD REVEALED THAT HUDSON 02 WAS HIT AT APPROX 50 KNOT ALT, IMMEDIATELY WAS ENGULFED IN FLAME, BURNED A SMOKE CLOUD AND THEN WENT STRAIGHT IN. NO PARACHUTE WAS SPOTTED. OBJECTIVE BRAVO. DEBRIEFING OF

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WEALEY LEAD REVEALED THAT PILOT OF WEALEY 02 DID NOT EJECT. PARACHUTE WAS SPOTTED IN A FIELD. [illegible] SPOTTED A PARACHUTE IN THE RIVER BUT AT NO TIME DID HE SEE THE PILOT.

[illegible]SIGNAL

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DUPLICATE

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S E C R E T SAR 30622 JUL 65. NO USAF FOR AFXOPM, VATS FOR MADDI/A
XO MOP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PDCC-W, 13 AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARC-F1, OPENING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 75A - 27 JULY 65
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVES: A. PILOT OF USAF F-105 C/S HUDSON 02
B. PILOT OF USAF F-105 C/S HEALEY 02
C. PILOT OF USAF F-105 C/S CEDAR 02
D. PILOT OF USAF F-105 C/S DOGWOOD 02
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT:

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PAGE 2 RUMSAR 1107 S E C R E T
A. 2045N - 10[redacted]
B. 2100N - 10[redacted]
C. 2105N - 10514E
D. 2510N - 10513E
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: HC-54 WAS NOTIFIED BY WINGMAN OF HUDSON 02 AT 07252. ALL OTHER AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED DOWN WITHIN 20 MINUTES.
7. PERSONNEL INVOLED: FOUR F-105 PILOTS.
8. WEATHER IN AREA OF LAST KNOWN POSITION OR ENROUTE: MARGINAL VX DELAYED RECOVERY FORCES ENROUTE TO FORWARD OPERATING SITE. VX IN AREA OF PILOT RECOVERY NOT A FACTOR.
9. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: OV-10 AND TWO HH-43B'S WERE SCRAMBLED FROM LIMA SITE 36 WHERE THEY WERE REFUELING. HC-54 ACCOMPANIED THEM TO LIMA SITE 36. ADDITIONAL REFUELING ACCOMPLISHED. OV-10 AND HH-43B'S PROCEEDED TO SITE OF OBJECTIVE DELTA.
10. FUTURE PLANS: DEPENDENT ON DEBRIEFINGS OF OTHER WINGMEN.
11. ADDITIONAL INFO: OBJECTIVE ALFA. DEBRIEFING OF HUDSON LEAD REVEALED THAT HUDSON 02 WAS HIT AT APPROX 50 FEET ALT, IMMEDIATELY WAS ENGULFED IN FLAME, BEGAN A SLIGHT CLIMB AND THEN WENT STRAIGHT IN. NO PARACHUTE WAS SPOTTED. OBJECTIVE BRAVO. DEBRIEFING OF [redacted]

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HEALEY LEAD REVEALED THAT PILOT OF HEALEY 02 DID BAIL OUT. PARACHUTE WAS SPOTTED IN A RIVER. THEN LEAD SPOTTED A DINGHY IN THE RIVER BUT AT NO TIME DID HE SEE SIGNS OF A SURVIVOR. HE NEITHER HEARD NOR SAW ANY SIGNALS. HE HAD TO DEPART FOR REFUELING AND WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE POSITION [redacted]

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PROGRESS / SUSPENDING / CLOSING REPORTS

MISSION NUMBER: 38-754-27 July 65

OBJECTIVE/POB: 3 F-105 / IPOB ON EACH ACFT

TYPE FLT PLAN: TACTICAL

FROM - TO:

STATUS: SUSPENDING

BRIEFED 29 July MTM

1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.
2. Date of report: 28 July 65 OBJECTIVE: ALPHA, BRAVO, CHARLIE
3. AREA SEARCHED LAST PERIOD/EFFECTIVENESS/RESULTS:
   ELECTRONIC SEARCH BY TACTICAL ACFT AND LISTENING WATCH BY RESCUE ACFT IN PROXIMITY OF THE AREA DURING PART OF THE DAY
4. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA (PROGRESS ONLY): NOT A FACTOR
5. LEADS AND SIGHTINGS: NONE
6. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT):
7. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT):
   REASON FOR SUSPENDING AND TIME (GMT): NEGATIVE RESULTS ON ELECTRONIC SEARCH ABSENCE OF ANY EVIDENCE OF SURVIVORS WHICH WOULD WARRANT SEARCH, S SUSPENDED AT END OF DAY 28 July
   FUTURE PLANS (PROGRESS ONLY):
   WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA:
   FORCES AVAILABLE:
8. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED:
9. NUMBER OF SEARCH AIRCRAFT, SORTIES, AND FLYING HOURS:
   TODAY: TO DATE: 33/125
10. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL):
    NUMBER OF VEHICLES: RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE):
    NUMBER OF VESSELS:

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OPENING, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT

MISSION NUMBER: 38-754-27 Jul 65

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TYPE FLT PLN: TACTICAL

DOWNGRADED IAW AFR 205-2

FROM - TO:

STATUS: OPENING

1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.

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2. DATE OF REPORT: 27 July 1965

3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: HC 54 WAS NOTIFIED BY WINGMAN of HUDSON 02 AT 0725Z. ALL OTHER ACFT REPORTED DOWN WITHIN 20 MINUTES.

5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT):

6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): CH 3C AND 2 HH43 Bs WERE SCRAMBLED FROM LIMA SITE 36 WHERE THEY WERE REFUELING. HC 54 ACCOMPANIED THEM TO LIMA SITE 36. ADDITIONAL REFUELING ACCOMPLISHED. CH 3C AND HH43Bs PROCEEDED TO SITE of OBJECTIVE DELTA.

b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT):

c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT):

7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT):

8. LAST KNOWN POSITION:

9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): MARGINAL WX DELAYED RECOVERY FORCES ENROUTE TO FORWARD OPERATING SITE. WX IN AREA of PILOT RECOVERY NOT A FACTOR

10. CONTROLLING AGENCY:

11. ASSISTING AGENCIES:

12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME):

13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: FUTURE PLANS DEPENDENT ON DEBRIEFINGS of WINGMEN.

14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS:

15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE):

16. REMARKS: OBJ. ALPHA: DEBRIEFING of HUDSON LEAD REVEALED THAT HUDSON 02 WAS HIT AT APPROX 50 FEET ALT, IMMEDIATELY WAS ENGULFED IN FLAME, BEGAN A SLIGHT CLIMB AND THEN WENT STRAIGHT IN. NO PARACHUTE WAS SPOTTED.

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OBJECTIVE/POB: _____

TYPE FLT PLN: _____

FROM - TO: _____

a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): _____

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): _____

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: _____

d. NUMBER SAVED: _____

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: _____

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS: _____

TOTAL: SORTIES _____ HOURS _____

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL): _____

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: _____ RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE): _____

NUMBER OF VESSELS: _____

h. REMARKS: _____

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F-105 Pilot Ejectee

On 24 July 1965 a CH-3C helicopter, assigned to the 38th Air Rescue Squadron, recovered a downed F-105 pilot.

An Air Rescue Service HC-54 on precautionary orbit was notified that four F-105's were missing 40 miles west of Hanoi. A CH-3C helicopter and two HH-43B helicopters were scrambled from Lima Site 98 where they were refueling. The HC-54 accompanied them to Lima Site 36 where additional refueling was accomplished. The helicopters then proceeded to the area of the SAR objective. The pilot of one F-105 was spotted on the ground and radio contact was established between the downed pilot and the Air Rescue HC-54 flying RESCAP. Continuous radio communication between the HC-54 and the downed F-105 pilot was maintained until the Air Rescue Service controlled CH3C helicopter arrived on the scene and recovered the pilot.

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Detachment 5
38 Air Rescue Squadron
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO San Francisco 96237

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INFO: ARCCO

Sch'd depart by ARRS/Door 08.29Z to USAF Hosp Mtn Home

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Capt Reeves

1 C/T to FT Belvoir VA 35 NM NW (Hanoi)

CH3C Pilot, Capt Martin

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission Number 754

TO: Hq PACAF
Hickam AFB, Hawaii

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1. This report concerning mission 754, was flown on 27 July 1965. The crew members were: rescue Crew Commander, Capt Robert K. Reeves, 48th ARS; Co-Pilot, Capt Emmett E. Williams, Jr., 36th ARS; Navigator, Capt Harrison N. Yoneda, 36th ARS; Flight Mechanic, TSgt Floyd L. England, 36th ARS; Flight Mechanic, SSgt Antranig A. Gurvnlian, 48th ARS; Radio Operator, SSgt Newton C. Boykin, 54th ARS. The recovery aircraft was an HC-54D, 42-72666, call sign SPUD 29, from 36th ARS, Tachikawa AB, Japan. Mission objective was to escort a CH-3C helicopter, call sign - SHED 85, to LIMA SITE 36, then orbit site 36 and standby for possible recovery of downed pilots.

2. At 0420Z, we departed Udorn AB, Thailand. We arrived at orbit area ALPHA (20-00N 104-29E) at 0449Z. At 0500Z SHED 85 was intercepted. We contacted 03Z, an Air America aircraft, for site 36 and site 98 weather. 03Z reported some holes in broken layers and alright for arrival of SHED 85 at site 98. He reported site 36 weather to be overcast with bases at 5,500 ft. The overcast had a hole 20 NM wide and visability was good. From our position the weather looked unfavorable in all quadrants as far as could be seen. SHED 85 was somewhat concerned with the weather at both sites, but continued on to site 98 which was enroute to site 36. At 0610Z SHED 85 landed at site 98 to refuel. Because of the questionable weather he felt that a refueling stop was necessary in the interest of safety. Two HH-43B helicopters from Udorn, PEDRO 1 & 2 also landed at site 98 approximately the same time. SPUD 06, an HC-54D from Udorn had escorted the PEDRO choppers to site 98. Together we orbited site 98 while waiting for SHED 85 to refuel. SPUD 06 and PEDRO 1 & 2 were remaining at site 98 on alert. At 0620Z we were advised that the weather at site 36 was favorable for SHED 85 to land. We attempted contact with SHED 85 on UHF and HF which he had been advised to maintain contact on while at site 98. We attempted contact through PEDRO aircraft without success. At 0643Z we finally contacted PEDRO 2 and he advised SHED 85 to take off ASAP as directed by Hq 38 ARS. SHED 85 advised us he would have just for 2 - 00 hrs flight when reaching site 36, providing he landed and dropped off some personnel and other weight. His ground time for refueling was 20 min. and this would give him 4 00 hrs of fuel. SHED 85 and SPUD 29 departed site 98.

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At 0729Z we heard a call to BRIGHAM (Udorn Radar) over UHF giving the following position of HEALY-2 who went down - 2100N 105-18E. We advised SHED 85, SPUD 06, and Hq 38th ARS. 38th ARS advised us that CHESTNUT flight was due over target in 20 min and would provide RESCAP. At 0740Z CHESTNUT 20 advised that CEDAR 2 had also gone down at 21-05N 105-14E. At 0753Z 38th advised CHEVY flight would be in target area for RESCAP at 0803Z. At 0755Z we advised SHED 85 to take on enough fuel for 3 trips to target area and return as per 38th ARS instructions. 85 advised he could only make 2 trips. At 0810Z SHED 85 landed at site 36 and refueled. PEDRO 1 & 2 were close behind and also refueled at 36. At 0810Z LEOPARD and CHEVY flights advised they were in the area and had negative electronic signals or visual of any of the downed pilots. At 0813Z VICTORY LEAD relayed through whiplash flight that DOGWOOD 02 had gone down at 21-00N 104-58E. At 0825Z DOGWOOD 1 relayed that an electronic signal had been received from DOGWOOD 02 at 21-13N 104-56E. At 0832 38th ARS advised SAM ENVELOPE was effective for 45 NM radious of Hanoi. We were advised to remain clear and not approach the 45 NM radious above 1500 feet. This message was relayed to all aircraft in the target area. At 0902Z DOGWOOD flight departed target area. At 0914Z SHED 85 departed site 36. CHESTNUT and CHEVY flights departed area and WHIPLASH entered the area. We escorted SHED 85 via site 107 to the Black River 6 NM west of Yan Yen North Vietnam. At 0940Z one CHESTNUT aircraft who had remained on scene reported that he had sighted the pilot in an isolated area and that he was O.K. He estimated the elevation to be 3000 feet and was receiving electronic contacts each 15 minutes. At approximately 0942Z SPUD 06 requested RESCAP as he was behind us and approximately 25 NM south of us. At this time we only had 2 AIC's for low coverage. The RESCAP flights coming in were having to leave for refueling on the tankers or returning home plate. We requested all available RESCAP in order to help cover SPUD 06 and PEDRO 1 & 2. We especially needed low coverage for search, however we were advised that all AIH's and AIE's were committed on missions. At 0947Z DARK 98 and CANASTA 3 entered the target area. At 1005Z PANTHER 120 and SUNDOWN 112 entered the area. SHED 85 was advised to contact CANASTA flight for vector into target area. At 1025Z we reached the Black River and orrited to stay out of 45NM range of Hanoi. SHED 85 continued heading 070° as vectored by CANASTA flight. At 1030Z PANTHER and SUNDOWN flights departed area and CHESTNUT 3 and COBRA flights arrived on scene. CHESTNUT 3 was sent low to help with low cover of SHED 85. At 1026Z we advised SPUD 06 that LEOPARD and COBRA flights were inround and to contact them for RESCAP in their area. We also sent WHIPLASH flight to their area to cover until COBRA and LEOPARD came on scene. At 1038Z CANASTA 57Z and 57h sighted SHED 85 and lead him to the survivor at 1049Z and at 1102 SHED 85 advised he could not hoist the pilot up due to a hoist malfunction. He was vectored to a clearing by CANASTA flight where he landed. At 1114Z SHED 85 reported that the pilot had gotten out of the horse collar and was on board in good physical and mental condition. At approximately this time SPUD 06 advised they were given instructions to return to site 36 as no visual or electronic contacts had been made at any of the other locations. At 1114Z we vectored SHED 85 to our orbit position and at 1120Z we departed orbit with SHED 85 enroute to site 36. At 1143Z Hq 38 ARS requested to know if any aircraft

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were available at site 36 to evacuate the pilot. SHED 85 reported a malfunction with one of his engines and felt that a night flight under these conditions was too hazardous to risk. PEDRO 1 & 2 were of the same opinion. There were no other aircraft available for evacuation so 38th ARS advised that Air America would evacuate him the next morning. At 1210Z two Air America helicopters took off and orbited site 36 in order to vector us in as it was dark. They also ignited 4 oil drums by 1220Z along with SHED 85 we arrived over site 36. The 2 Air America choppers led 85 down and he was on the site at 1228Z. He reported ground fire damage and advised he would talk to tech rep before departing. We vectored SPUD 06 and PEDRO 1 and 2 into site 36 at 1232Z. The 2 Air America choppers lead PEDRO 1 and 2 down to site 36. At 1259Z we departed site 36 with SPUD 06. We landed at Udorn AB at 1405Z. SPUD 06 landed approximately 1415Z.

The foremost problem during this mission was the enormous amount of UHF traffic working 364.2. SPUD 06 was escorting and controlling PEDRO 1 and 2 into one area as we were doing the same with SHED 85. RESCAP was coming in and out so rapidly that it was almost impossible to keep record of the aircraft. This was due mainly to the short bingo times for the majority of the aircraft. This also created a heavy workload on UHF. There was a shortage of A1H's for low level search and cover. Most of the jet aircraft were too low on fuel to provide low level search. The CH-3C crew seemed to lack confidence in our ability to navigate. He continually asked where he was and if we knew our position. This created more excess traffic on UHF. I recommend that two separate frequencies be used when two missions are being processed in close proximity. This of course would have to be coordirated in advance for RESCAP aircraft arriving on scene.

Particularly worthy of note was the risk SHED 85 took in continuing to the target area even though one of his engines had flamed out on landing at site 36 enroute. Also CANASTA 572 and 574 stayed on scene to guide SHED 85 to the survivor. They stretched their bingo time 30 minutes rather than leave the survivors position. The Air America helicopters and ground lighting were responsible for speedy location of site 36 during darkness. Without them it is possible we may not have found it at all.

Overall this recovery was successful due to the combined efforts and cooperation of all elements involved. The TACAN on the destroyer LOCAMOTIVE was invaluable in pin pointing our positions. Due to the increased traffic through site 36 I recommend placement of some type of homing BEACON there. It would help more than anything I can think of to recommend. Actually a portable TACAN at site 36 would probably be the best solution. In this area the helicopters fly high enough to receive TACAN. With TACAN equipment installed their capability would be increased considerably.

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RUM ATA/V ASOC UDORN AB THAILAND
RUMBDK/6234 TFW KORAT AB THAILAND
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RUMBDL/DET 1 38 ARS NAKHON PHANOM AB THAILAND
RUMSATA/DET 5 38 ARS UDORN AB THAILAND
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S E C R E T SAR 50826 JUL 65. USAF HQ FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/A AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PROCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, SUSPENDING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 754 - 27 JULY 65
3. DATE OF REPORT: 28 JULY 65
4. AREA SEARCH AND PERCENT EFFECTIVE: ELECTRONIC SEARCH CONDUCTED BY MISSION AIRCRAFT.
5. WEATHER IN AREA: NOT A FACTOR
6. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL MISSING: A. PILOT OF USAF F105 CALLTILSIGN HUDSON TWO, B. PILOT OF USAF F105 CALLSIGN HEALEY TWO, C. [redacted]

PAGE 2 RUMSAR 1150 S E C R E T [redacted]
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7. REASON FOR SUSPENDING: TACTICAL [redacted] CONDUCTED FIRST LIGHT ELECTRONIC SEARCH AND RESCUE AIRCRAFT MAINTAINING LISTENING WATCH WHILE OPERATING IN PROXIMITY OF AREA DURING MAJOR PORTION OF DAY FAILED TO RECEIVE ANY SIGNALS FROM SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT. ABSENCE OF EVIDENCE, THE NATURE OF WHICH WOULD WARRANT FURTHER SEARCH EFFORT.
8. TOTAL SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF F105 16 SORTIES 68 HOURS, USAF FAC 12 SORTIES 24 HOURS, USAF KC135 2 SORTIES 7 HOURS, HC54C 2 SORTIES 28 HOURS, HH-16 1 SORTIE 14 HOURS. 6416:Z1351 2071422 ZEQ2 IMI ZEQ2 DIRECT TO RUMABA
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VICINITY: HH-43B

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OBJECTIVE/POB: USN A4E / POB

TYPE FLT PLN: TACTICAL

FROM - TO:

a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): ~~DET. 1-38 HH43 USN A1E~~ A1 28/0510Z

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): DET. 1-38/H443-B MADE GROUND pick up ~~EFT~~ Approx. 65 nm ENE NAKHON PHANOM

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 1

d. NUMBER SAVED: 1

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 1 RETURNED TO NAKHON PHANOM by HC-130 THEN TO UBON by USAF A1E

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS:

TOTAL: SORTIES 20 HOURS 45 1/2

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL): NONE

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE):

NUMBER OF VESSELS:

h. REMARKS: USN A1E ESCORTED HC-54 - HH43B FORWARD FROM NAKHON PHANOM, ONE HC-54 FROM UBON

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2. DATE OF REPORT: _____
3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

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4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: _____
5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): _____
6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): _____
   b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): _____
   c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): _____
7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): _____
8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: _____
9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): _____

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10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: _____
11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____
13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): _____

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S E C R E T SAR 50825 JUL 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR APODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1/ ROS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 761 - 28 JUL 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY : 38TH ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: USN A-4E PILOT
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1748N - 10547E
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: 28/0510Z USAF HC-54 THRU USN A1E.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 28/0515Z SCRAMBLED [illegible]

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PAGE 2 RUMSAR 1148 S E C R E T
FROM NAKHON PHANOM AND AIRBORNE 0523Z . 28/0519Z SCRAMBLED HC-54 FROM UDORN. 28/0520Z SCRAMBLED A1 FROM UDORN, PLACED HACKUP HH-43B ON IMMEDIATE GROUND ALERT.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USN A1E
9. NUMBR OF SURIVORS: ONE
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURIVORS: USAF HH-43B MAKING GROUND PICKUP.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: TAKEN TO NAKHON PHANOM BY USAF JJ-43B THEN TO UDORN BY USAF A1E.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USN A1H - 6 SORTIES FOR EIGHTEEN PLUS ZERO HOURS
USAF A1E - 2 SORTIES FOR FIVE PLUS FORTY HOURS
USAF HU-16 - 1 SORTIE FOC THREE PLUS ZERO HOURS
USAF HC-54 - 1 SORTIE FOR THREE PLUS ZERO HOURS
USAF F-104 - 2 SORTIES FOR TWO PLUS FIFTY HOURS
USAF F-105 - 4 SORTIES FOR SIX PLUS ZERO HOURS
USAF KC-135- 1 SORTIES FOR TWO PLUS ZERO HOUR
USAF HH-43 - 2 SORTIES FOR FOUR PLUS FORTY HOURS
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: NONE
FOR PARC: LAST OPENNING REPORT TRANSMITTIVED WAS 744. GP-4
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VICINITY:	HU-16B [redacted]

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UNCLAS E F T O SAR 00366 AUG 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13 AF FOR JSARC.
1. RQS: 1-ARS-F1; OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 814 -11 AUG 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: USAF PILOT F-105
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1910N - 106-02E
6. ALERTING AGENCY ANFILTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: 11/0206Z USAF U-16 RECEIVED BAILOUT CALL FROM F-105 PILOT, HU-16 RELAYED TO 38 ARS TSN AFLD RVN

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7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 11/0206Z PREPOSITIONED USAF HU-16 DISPATCHED TO AREA, MC-54 AND RH-43B'S SCRAMBLED AS BACKUP.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF HU-16
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USAF PILOT
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: WATER PICKUP BY USAF HU-16
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: WLIKNLOAKEN TO DANANG BY HU-16
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USN A1E 2 SORTIES FOR THREE PLUS ZERO HOURS
USAF HU-16 1 SORTIE FOR TWO PLUS ZERO HOURS
USAF F-105 3 SORTIES FOR ONE PLUS FORTY FIVE HOURS
USAF MC-54 1 SORTIE FOR PLUS THIRTY MINUTES
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH. NMNE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: NONE
FOR PARC. LAST OPENING REPORT TRANSMITTED WAS MISSIMN 813.
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SUBJECT:	USN AIH
VICINITY:	HU-16B

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MISSION NUMBER: 38-821 13 AUG 65

OBJECTIVE/POB: OBJ A USN DD / AD
" B USN DD / AD
" C " HH-16 / AD

TYPE FLT PLN: TACTICAL

FROM - TO:

a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): OBJ A - USN DESTROYER, OBJ B - USN DESTROYER, OBJ C - USAF HH-16 (25 MI NW ORBIT)

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): SAME AS ABOVE

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 3

d. NUMBER SAVED: 1

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 2 AIRMEN, CH-16 - 1 TAKEN TO DA NANG AB.

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS:

TOTAL: SORTIES 2 HOURS 5+40

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL):

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE):

NUMBER OF VESSELS: 2

h. REMARKS: SAR DESTROYERS NOTIFIED HH-16 ON A AND WINCHAN OF OBJ C NOTIFIED HH-16 - MADE OPEN FOR PICKING OF SURVIVORS. ALL SURVIVORS IN GOOD CONDITION.

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FROM - TO: _____

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1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.
2. DATE OF REPORT: _____
3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

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4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: _____
5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): _____
6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): _____
   b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): _____
   c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): _____
7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): _____
8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: _____
9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): _____

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10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: _____
11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____
13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

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15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): _____

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RUMFUB/CTG SEVEN SEVEN
RUMFUS/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE
RUMFUJ/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SIX
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ACTION: ARODC
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S E C R E T SAR 50856 AUG 65. Q USAF FOR AFXOPH, USAF MPC FOR ZFPMSC, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PROCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.

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RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENNING/CLOSED REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 822 - 13 AUG 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: OBJ A: 1 USN A-4, OBJ B: 1 USN RF-8, OBJ C: A1H
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: OBJ A: APPROX 1925N -10655E, OBJ B: APPROX 1925N -10655E, OBJ C: 1853N -10556E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED:

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PAGE 2 RUMSAR 527 S E C R E T
OBJ A: SAR DESTROYER NOTIFIED U-16 IN PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT
OBJ B. SAR DESTROYER NOTIFIED HU-16 IN PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT
OBJ C: WINGMAN OF FIREWOOD 206 NOTIKED HU-16 IN PRECAUTIONARY

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7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION:
OBJ A: DESTROYER PROCEEDED TO SCENE
OBJ B: DESTROYER PROCEEDED TO SCENE
OBJ C: U-16 PROCEEDED TO SCENE
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: OBJ A: USN DESTOYER, OBJ B: USN DESTROYER, OBJ C: USAF U-16
9. NUMBER OF SERVIVORS: OBJ A: 1 SURVIVOR, OBJ B: 1 SURVIVOR, OBJ C 1 SURVIVOR.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: OBJ A: ABOARD SHIP, OBJ B: ABOARD SHIP, OBJ C: TAKEN TO DANANG AB RVN.
12. SORTIES/FLYING OURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
OBJ A: NONE, OBJ B: NONE, OBJ C: HU-16 2 SORTIES FOR FIVE PLUS FORTY OURS.
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/HICLES VESSELSMPARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: OBJ A: 1 USN DESTROYER, OBJ B: 1 USN DESTROYER.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: ALL SURVIORS REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION.
FOR PARC: LAST OPENNING REPORT TRANSMITTED WAS 817
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DET 7 38ARS-5 0 4 0 4 EEP 65.
SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE.
1. MISSION NUMBER: 822 13 AUGUST 1965.
2. FIREWOOD 2 05.
3. HU-16B.
PCC - CAPTAIN RICHARD F. REICHARDT - 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ
CP - CAPT&INFREDERICK A. BURKHARDT - 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ
N - 1ST LT DAVID N. GARDNER - 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ
FM - SSGT PAUL E. LUCIEDZ - 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ
RO - SSGT NORWOOD STEELE - 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ

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LJ - SSGT RICHARD N. STONE - 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ
4. 25 MINUTES.
5. 1 A-1H - USN: 1 HU-16 ESSAY BRAVO.
6. GULF OF TONKIN ; OPEN SEA; 19:33N - 105:55E.
7. UHF/DF, DYE MARKER, NUNU JOKE FLARES
8. ROBERT J. HYLAND, LT, USNR, VA 145, USS CORAL SEA.
9. ESSAY CHARLIE WAS AIRBORNE ON SCRAMBLE TAKE OFF AT 0800H AND PROCEEDED NORTH ENROUTE HO AREA. NEW INSTRUCTIONS WERE RECEIVED TO ORBIT 19:00N - 107:00E. WHILE ON ORBIT AT OFRV PTL IT WAS, ODXTLCSS KXLL WAS RECEIVED FROM FIREWOOD 2 05 AT 1325H. HIS WINGMAN HAD BEEN HITVY FLAK OVERLAND AND WAS HEADING OUT TO SEA. PROCEEDED TO AREA. WAS HOLD FIREWOOD 206 WAS IN THE WATER IN SIGHT. AT 1-/0H DROPTANKS WAJA JETTISONED AND LANDING AT 1343H. ON HEADING OF 023. RAFT APPROACH WAS EXECUTED AND PARARESCUE MAN DEPLOYED TO ASSIST SURVIVOR ABOARD AT 1350H. TAKE OFF ACCOMPLISHED AT 1353 AFTER ALL PERSONNEL ABOARD SHRAPPED
N. RETURN TO DANANG AND RELEASED SURVIVOR HO MEDICAL AUTHORITIES. LOCATION OF PICKUP, 19:33N - 105:55E. SWELLS SYSHEWS, 4 - 6 FEET, WIND 120/9K. SURVIV R.J. HYLAND, LT, USNR, VA 145, U.S.S CORAL SEA.

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10. NONE
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OFTC JAW RUHMCZA0007 2362114-CCCC--RUMTFIA.
DE RUHSAR 993 2361225
ZNY CCCCC
O 241225Z
FM 38 ARS TSN AFLD RVN
TO RUEA Q/HQ USAF
LUMBS/USAF MPC RANDOLPH AFB TEX
RUCDAA/MATS
RUMTFIA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
RUHLHH/PACAF
RU LHH/PACARESCLECEN HICKAM AFB HAW
RUMABA/13AF CAB PI
RUHMA/MACV
ZF/2AD TSN AFLD RVN
RUHSNIA/TACC RCC UDORN AB THAILAND
RUHKDK/6234 COMBAT SPT GP KORAT AB THAILAND
RUHKDL/DET 1 38 ARS NAKHON PHANOM AB THAILAND

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RUHBK /33 ARS NAHA AB OKI
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 50867 AUG 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MACCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-FL, OPENING/CLOULNG REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 860 - 24 AUG 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS 105
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: 1 USAF AQFT PILOT
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 19-48N - 104-50E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: PREPOSITIONED SAR AIRCRAFT AT 23/2300Z.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTIONS: 1 HC-54 AND 1 C -3C

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PAGE 2 RUHSAR 993 C O N F I D E N T I A L
DIVERTED TO BAILOUT AREA
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: RECOVERY ELICOPTER DET 1 38 ARS.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE SURVIVOR
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR: DET 1 7 ARS C -3C HELICOPTER MADE HOIST PICKUP FROM 60 FOOT HOVER.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: DELIVERED TO UDORN AB THAILAND
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
HC-54 1 SORTIE FOR TWELVE PLUS ZERO HOUS.
ASE 4 SORTIES FOR FIFTEEN PLUS ZERO OURS
F-105 11 SORTIES FOR FORTY ONE PLUS FIFTY OURS
KC-135 4 SORTIES FOR EIGHT PLUS THIRTY HOURS
CH-3C 4 SORTIES FOR NINE PLUS FORTY HOURS
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SARCH: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: SURVIVOR REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION. HIGHLY DOUBTFUL THAT PILOT WOULD HAVE BEEN PICKED UP WITHOUT USE OF PERSONAL RADIO BEACON.
FOR PARC: LAST OPENING REPORT TRANSMITTED WAS 838. GP-4.
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P 040852Z
FM PACARESCUECEN HICKAM AFB HAWAII
TO RUMSDF/DET 5 38ARESCUESQ UDORN AB THAILAND
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RUWTSTA/4468TST SQ EGLIN AFB FLA
RUWTFIA/HQ ARS ORLAND AFB FLA
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UNCLAS E F T O DOARC 01590 SEP 65/PERSONAL FOR CAPTAIN JA
STANBOUGH FROM COLONEL DONALD T.SMITH,COMMANDER PARC.
MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED TO YOU AND YOUR
CREWMEMBERS FOR THE HEROIC RECOVERY OF A USAF CREWMAN ON
24 AUG 65.BE ASSURED THAT ALL AIR RESCUE UNITS
PERSONNEL IN THE PACIFIC VIEW YOUR ACTIVITIES WITH
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INFO RUMSBJ/38ARESCEUSQ TAN SON NHUT AB RVN
RUWTFIA/HQARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
RUCDAA/HQ MATS SCOTT AFB ILL
ZEN/PACARESCUECENHICKAM AFB HAWAII
RUMSRJ/2AD IV TAN SON NHUT AB RVN
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UNCLAS E F T O C 31516 SEP 65/ PERSONAL FOR CAPTAIN JAMES
STANBAUGH FROM GENERAL HUNTER HARRIS, CINC PACAF. MY PERSONAL
CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR NOTEWORTHY PILOT PICKUP
ON24 AUG 65. THE PROFESSIONALISM AND TEAMWORK DISPLAYED BY
ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS RECOVERY MISSION WERE NOTED WITH
PRIDE. PLEASE CONVEY MY WELL DONE TO ALL WHO TOOK PART.
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INFO: PACARESCUECEN HICKAM AFB HAWAII

UNCLAS/ARSCP 07609. AUG 65.

THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS. PART I. REFERENCE 38ARS 860 - 24 AUG 65. NEED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR MATS NOT LATER THAN 02/1700Z: NAME AND HOME TOWN OF THE RESCUE PILOT AND SURVIVOR. PART II. REQUEST NAMES AND HOME TOWNS OF RESCUE PILOTS AND SURVIVORS ON ALL FUTURE MISSIONS INVOLVING SAVES. INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN THE REMARKS SECTION OF MISSION REPORTS.

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GEORGE C. PINYERD, Maj., USAF

JAMES H. HOCKLEY, Major, USAF
Actg Chief, Ops Division

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MISSION NUMBER: 38-882-31 AUG 65
SUBJECT: USAF F-105
VICINITY: HH-43B

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31AUG65

MISSION NUMBER: 38-882

OBJECTIVE/POB: USAT F 105 PILOT

TYPE FLT PLN: _____

FROM - TO: _____

STATUS: OPEN/CLOSE

1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.

2. DATE OF REPORT: 31 AUG 65

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3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

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4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: _____

5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): _____

6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): 31/0811Z BY BRINGHAM CRC-UDORN (COMBAT REPORTING CENTER)

b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): _____

c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): _____

7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): HC-54 DIVERTED FROM PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT & HH-43 SCRAMBLED

8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: LOCATED BY HH43 65 N.W. HANOI, HELO LANDED & PICKED UP PILOT

9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): _____

10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 5 38ARS

11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____

12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____

13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: ~~LOCATED BY HH-43~~

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14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): _____

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16. REMARKS: ~~12 SORTIES FOR 17+20 HOURS~~

AT 0811Z ON THE 31ST THE BRINGHAM CRC AT UDORN NOTIFIED ARS OF THE BAILOUT. AN HC-54 WAS DIVERTED FROM PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT & AN HH-43 WAS SCRAMBLED. THE HH-43 LOCATED THE PILOT 65 N.W. OF HANOI. HE THEN LANDED, PICKED UP THE PILOT & RETURNED HIM UNINJURED TO UDORN. 12 SORTIES WERE FLOWN FOR 17+20 HOURS

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17. FOR OPENING/CLOSING ONLY:

MISSION NUMBER: _____

OBJECTIVE/POB: _____

TYPE FLT PLN: _____

FROM - TO: _____

a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): HH-43

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT): HH-43

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: 1

d. NUMBER SAVED: 1

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/~~DECEASED~~: RETURNED TO UDORN

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS: 1 HC-54 1/2+30; 2 HH43 3/4+00; 2 A1E 2/6+50; 6 F105 6/4+00 TOTAL: SORTIES 12 HOURS D+20

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL): NONE

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: _____ RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE): _____

NUMBER OF VESSELS: _____

h. REMARKS: _____

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O 311520Z
FM 38 ARS TSN AFLD RVN
TO RUEAHQ/HQ USAF WASHINGTON D C
RUWGBS/USAF MPC RANDOLPH AFB TEXAS
RUCDAA/MATS SCOTT AFB ILL
RUNTFIA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
RUHLKZ/PACAF HICKAM ADB HAWAII
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RUMASA/13AF CLARK AB PI
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S E C R E T SAR 5 0892 AUG 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F 1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 882 - 31 AUG 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 5, 38 ARS, UDORN AFLD, THAILAND.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: USAF F-105 PILOT
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 2115N - 10421E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: BRINGHAM CRC, UDORN, THAILAND 31/0611Z.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: HC-54 DIVERTED FROM PRE-

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AUTIONARY ORBIT, AND HH-43 ACFT SCRAMBLED TO SUSPECTED BAIL OUT AREA
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF HH-43 ACFT.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: USAF F-105 PILOT.
10. USAF HH-43 LANDED AND RECOVERED PILOT AT 0832Z.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: RETURNED TO UDORN AFLD, THAILAND.
12. SORITES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
ONE USAF HC-54 1 SORITE 2:30 HOURS
TWO USAF HH-43 3 SORTIES 4:00 HOURS
TWO USAF A1E'S 2 SORITES 6:50 HOURS
SIX USAF F-105'S 6 SORITES 4:00 HOURS
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: PILOT WAS RECOVERED WITH ONLY MINOR INJURY. (SLIGHT SCRATCH ON LEFT EAR)
FOR PARC: LAST OPENING/CLOSING REPORT: MSN NUMBER 868, 24 AUG 65.
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DE RUMSAR 1299 2431520
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0 311520Z
FM 38 ARS TSN AFLD RVN
TO RUEAHQ/HQ USAF WASHINGTON D C
RUWGBS/USAF MPC RANDOLPH AFB TEXAS
RUCOAA/MATS SCOTT AFB ILL
RUNTFIA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
RUHLKM/PACAF HICKAM ADB HAWAII
RUHLKM/PACARESCUECEN HICKAM AFB HAWAII
RUMABA/13AF CLARK AB PI
RUMSIA/MACV SAIGON RVN
ZEN/2AD TSN AFLD RVN
RUMSATA/TACC RCC UDORN AB THAILAND
RUMBDK/6234 COMBAT SPT GP KORAT AB THAILAND
RUMSATA/DET 5 38 ARS UDORN AFLD THAILAND
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S E C R E T SAR 50892 AUG 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F 1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 882 - 31 AUG 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 5, 38 ARS, UDORN AFLD, THAILAND.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: USAF F-105 PILOT
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 21 05N - 104 20E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: BRIGHAM CRC, UDORN, THAILAND 31/0811Z.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: HC-54 DIVERTED FROM PRE-

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Department of the Air Force
Detachment 5
38 Air Rescue Squadron (MATS)
APO San Francisco 96237

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission 38 ARSQ 882 - 31 Aug 65

TO: Hq ARS (ARODC)
Orlando AFB, Fla
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1. At 1435L on 31 Aug 65, PEDRO 1 and 2 (Rescue Helicopters of Det 5, 38 ARSQ) departed deployment site 107 (2024N -10343E) enroute to an orbit point as near as practicable to the next scheduled air strike.

2. At approximately 1450L, the phrase, "Number 1 is down" or something similar was heard on UHF. PELT 06 (Rescue C-54) attempted to direct us toward the general area of bailout, the exact coordinates being unknown at that time.

3. Approaching the target area, PEDRO flight was very heavy with fuel because they had been prepared to fly orbit for an extended period. Realizing the difficulty of hovering with such a fuel load, PEDRO 1 jettisoned a barrel of JP-4 (460 Lbs).

OK, it can be done

4. Prior to the arrival of PEDRO flight, PELT 06 and the Rescap had positively located the downed pilot at 2105N - 10420E. PEDRO flight arrived overhead at 1510L. PEDRO 1, the pickup helicopter started descent immediately. PEDRO 2 stood by at 10,000 ft. At approximately 2500 ft above the terrain, PEDRO 1 spotted the chute and an orange smoke flare and moved in for the pickup.

5. The terrain was made up of many small hillocks, 200 - 300 ft high and heavily covered with vegetation, tree height estimated 100 - 125 ft. The hillock on which the survivor was located was approximately 300 yards from the edge of a cultivated vally, down the middle of which was a well marked road. Estimated average terrain altitude, 2500 ft.

6. As the helicopter hovered over the chute, the hoist operator's interphone went dead. The survivor could not be seen. The hoist was lowered into the heavy foliage and within a minute or so, the hoist cable became taut. The hoist was raised and within seconds the pilot was seen emerging from the foliage. The survivor was secured in the helicopter and PEDRO 1 quickly departed the scene at 1520L.

7. During the hoist operation several groups of people were seen running toward the pickup area. However, warning rockets from the Rescap discouraged further approach. Additionally, two men were ~~seen running up~~ a stream

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bed about 100 yards from the hovering helicopter. The co-pilot, alert to such an emergency, fired his M-16 in automatic almost continuously during the entire hoist operation. The helicopter did not sustain any battle damage. (order one new barrel)

8. The survivor was in good condition, although he had a deep lasceration in his left ear. The medic treated it and bleeding stopped.

9. PEDRO 1 rejoined PEDRO 2 and both helicopters proceeded to deployment site 36 (2000N - 10330E) for re-fueling, landing at 1645L. They departed site 36 at 1715 arriving Udorn AB, Thai at 1925L. Total time, 8:20, 6 sorties.

10. Crew members were as follows:

PEDRO 1			
RCC	Allen, David E.	Capt	24977A
CP	Forsythe, John K.	1/Lt	62593A
MT	Lockard, Bedford T.	A2C	AF19759640
HM	Lepsey, George O.	A3C	AF19799193
PEDRO 2			
RCC	Hurt, Hoyt B.	Capt	A03040432
CP	Hart, Jake C.	Capt	A03080167
MT	Fulford, William (NMI)	TSgt	AF25028215
HM	Dager, Robert W.	A1C	AF13843527

David E. Allen

DAVID E. ALLEN, Capt, USAF
Commander

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SVC RUEAHQ 5596 266 92 & RUHHCTA 5382
ZNR 1848 X HW ZDK RUHSAR 972 261639
OO RUHSNA RUHADA RUHLHH RUCDAA RUEAHQ RUHTFIA
DE RUHSAR 972 266 1638
ZNY CCCCC
O 222 91Z
FM 38TH ARS TSN AFLD RVN
TO RUEAHQ/HQ USAF WAS DC
RUCDAA/MATS SCOTT AFB ILL
RUHTFIA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
RUHLHH/APCHF HICKAM AFB HAWAII
RULSN/PACARESCHECEN HICKAM AFB HAWAII
RUHADA/13AF CLARK AB PI
RUHSNA/MACV SAIGON RVN
ZEN/2AD TSN AFLD RVN
RUHSNA/JGS JOC MACSELN SAIGON RVN
RUHSAS/DET 7 38 ARS DANANG AB RVN
RUHADA/3 ARS CLARK AB PI
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 5 0959 SEP 6. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, WATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARCDC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F 1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 9V -22 SEP 66.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: VNAF A1H PILOT
5. LOCATION OF INCIDEN: 13N-107E.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: HU-16DN
PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT 22/1852ZHOURS.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTIONS: DIVERTED HU-16 FROM

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PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT TO LOCATION OF DOWNED PILOT 22/1841 HOURS.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF HU-16
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE VNAF PILOT
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: USAF HU-16 MADE A WATER LANDING AND RECOVERED VNAF PILOT IN GOOD CONDITION AT 22/1687 HOURS.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: RETURNED TO DANANG AB RVN
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HU-16 2 SORTIES FOR 1 PLUS 28 HOURS
USN A E 2 SORIES FOR 4 PLUS 30 HOURS
13. NUMBER GROUND/PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPAED IN SEARC :
NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: NONE.
FOR FREQ: LAS OPENING REPOR RANSMITTED WAS 954.

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UNCLAS E F T C/O ORC 8 12Z6 SEP 65/PERSONAL FROM COLONEL SMITH TO CAPTAIN DAVID K. RICHARDSON. MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE ON 22 SEP 65. YOUR SUCCESSFUL OPEN SEA PICKUPS OF DISTRESSED PILOTS ARE INDICATIVE OF HIGH PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE. PLEASE CONVEY MY ADMIRATION AND A WELL DONE TO YOUR CREW MEMBERS.
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RUABGK/3/QUX MISSION NARRATIVE
1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE MISSION NARRATIVE OF A SAVE ON
22 SEPTEMBER 1965. MISSION NUMBER 959. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARC MESSAGE UNCLAS DOARO-00639 14 APRIL 1965.
2. VNAF A-E ADVISROR FLYING ON THE SAME MISSION.
3. HU-16 - 51-5302
RCC - CAPTAIN DAVID K. RICHARDSON - 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ -
PITTSFORD, NEW YORK
X2#CPR - 1ST LT DAVID H. HAINES - 31ST AIR RESCUE

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FM - SSGT PAUL E. LUCIER - 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ -HYANNIS, MASS.
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4. 1025H -: AIRBORNE DANANG FOR PRECAUTIONAUY SAR ORBIT,
1535H - NOTIFIED OF DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT AND BAILOUT.
1548H- OVER DOWNED PILOT
1554H - LANDED 17:09N - 117:04E
1600HK- VNAF PILOT PICKED UP
1605H - AIRBORNE FROM WATER
1700H M- LANDED DANANG
MISSION 959, LOGGED 6 & 35 HOURS. 2 SORTIES
5. FOUR NAVY A-1H (RESCAPV)
THREE VNAF A-E
TWO USAF F-214
TWO VNAF H-34
6. THESAREASAZ 17:09N, 117:04E, WHICH IS THE OPEN SEA TWO MILES
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7. THE DOWNED PILOT WAS COVERED OY THE USAF ADVISOR TO THE VNAF
A-E PROGRAM. HE RADIOTED THE EMERGENCY AND THE ENTIRE FLIGHT CIRCLED
THE DOWNED PILOT WHO WAS FLOATING IN HIS LPU. THGPILOT DID HAVE
A URT-21 WHCIH WAS ACTIVATED OUT WAS NOT USED. FOR HOMING DUE TO THE
EXCELLANT CAP AND CLOSE PROSIMSITY OF THE ORBIT.
8. CAPTAIN N.V. TUOUNG, COMMANDER OF THE VIETNAM AIR FBCE SQUARRON
522 SERIAL NUMBER 53A/600016.
9. THE HU-16 WAS ORBITING 40 MILES NORTH OF THE SAJ INSIDENT.
WHILE PROCEEDING TO THE SCEFE WE TRIED TO CALL OUR ADVANCED
HELECOPTER BASE FOR THEIR SUPPORT. WE RECEIVED NO ANSWER VIA SSB
RADIC. WHEN OVER THE PILOT WE CALLED ON UHF AND STILL NO AEBNSWER.
A DISSSICISION TO LAND EAS MADE. WE HAD FIV AIRCRAFT COVERING US.GV
AFTER LANDING AND WHILE TAXVING TWARD THE SURVIVOR, TOM VNAF H-3GJ
ARRIVED AND TRIED TO MAKE THE PICK UO. THE SURVIVOR GRABBED ON TO THE
RESCUE COLLAR BY HAND BUT FELL OFF AS SOON AS HE WAS OUT OF THE
WATER. THE SECOND TIME HE GOTO THESSLING PROPERLY, HOWEVER,
VSURVIVOR STILL HAD HIS PARACHUTE ON AND IT PULLED HIM OUT OF
TTHE SLING WHEN HE WAS 20 FEE IN THE AIR. AZ THIS TIME, THE HU-16-
TAXIED OVER TO THE SURVIMOR AND MADE A SUCCESSUFUL RECOVERY THE
SURVIVOR WAS EXAMINED AND TREATED BY OUR PARASCEU MEDIC BEFORE

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TAKE OFF. DURING THE TAKE OFF RUN, THE NAVY RESCAP CALLED SAYIFM
THAT WE WERE BEING SHOT AT. A DOZEN LARGE SHELLS EXPLODED IN THE
WAKE OF THE HU-16, WITH NO DAMAGE;. THE AIRCRAFT LANDED AT DANANG
WITH OUT INCIDENT.
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VICINITY: HU-16B

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 50963 SEP 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F 1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 968- 24 SEPT 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS, TSN AFLD, RVN.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: TWO F-4C USAF CREW MEMBERS.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1708N - 1075E
6. ALERTING AGEFKY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: ORC, TSN AFLD RVN 24/1712 HOURS.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: DIVERTED HU-16 ON PRECAUTIONARY

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PAGE TWO RUMSAR 1079 C O N F I D E N T I A L
ORBIT TO THE SCENE OF THE REPORTED BAILOUT. 24/1713 HOURS.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE(USAF HU-16.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/CONDITION: TWO USAF CREW MEMBERS, REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: HU-16 MADE A WATER LANDING AT 24/1734 HOURS, AND RECOVERED DOWNED CREW MEMBERS.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: RETUR NED TO MEDICAL FACILITY AT DANANG AB, RVN.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HU-16 2 SORTIES FOR 1:00 OURS.
USAF F-4C 2 SORTIES FOR 2:00 HOURS.
USN A-1H 2 SORTIES FOR 2:10 HOURS.
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VESSELS PARTICIPATING: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: FOR PARC(LAST OPENING/CLOSING REPORT, 38 ARS MSN 968, 22 SEPT 65.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 5096. SEP 65. TWO PART MESSAGE,
REFERENCE MISSION NUMBER 268, 24 SEPT 65.
PART ONE: HU-16 CREW MAKING RECOVERY:
RCC: MAJOR DONALD C. HOLLFELDER, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.
CO PIOOT: 1ST LT JOSEPH G. KIRBY, PHOENIX, ARIXONA.
NAVIGATOR: 1ST LT LAWRENCE A. BRITT, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA
ENGINEER: SSGT PATTRICK D. MC COY, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
PARAESCUEMAN: A2C ELDRIDGE M. NEAL, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINA.
RDAIO OPERATOR: A1C CLYDE L. PLAYER, CAYCE, SOUTH CAROLINA.
PART TWO: CREW MEMBERS RECOVERED:
CAPT. JACK D. GRAVES, AO-3084407, TAMPA, FLORIDA.
1ST LT WYLIE E. NOLEN, AO-3119631, SPRING DALE, ARKA
GP-4.
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UNCLS E F T O/D OARC/ 01740. SEPT 65. PERSONAL COL SMITH
TO MAJOR DONALD C. HOLLFELDER. WY CONGRATULATIONS ON YTUR RECOVERY
MISSION ON 24 SEPT 65. THE "CAN DO" ATTITUDE DISPLAYED BY ALL
INVOLVED CONTRIBUTES IMMEASURABLY TO THE MORALE OF ALL FORCES
ENGAGED IN AIR OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. YOUR SUCCESSFUL OPEN
SEA PICK-UP IS INDICATIVE OF HIGH PROFESSIONAL COMPETANCE. PLEASE
CONVEY WY ADMIRATION AND A WELL DONE TO ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR CREW.
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UHSAR/38ARESCUESQ TAN SON NHUT AB RVN
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DET TU 38ARS-55422 SEP TYTM
SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE.
1. MISSION NUMBER 38ARS-968-24 SEPTEMBER 1965.
2. GRIZZLY 3 - F-4C.
TEM MU-16B
RCC - MAJOR DONALD C. MOLLFELDER - 33RD AIR RESCUE SQ - OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA
CP - 1ST LT JOSEPH G. KIRBY - 33RD AIR RESCUE SQ - PHOENIX, ARIZONA
NAV - 1ST LTLAWRENCE A. BRITT - 33RD AIR RESCUE SQ -

PAGE 2 RUMSAG 48 C O N F I D E N T I A L
MONTGOMERY , ALABAMA
FM - SSGT PATRICK D. MCCOY - 33RD AIR RESCUE SQ - BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
RO - A1C CLYDE L. PLAYER - 41ST AIR RESCUE SQ - AZCE, SOUTH CAROLINA
RS - A2C EDLDRIDGE M. NEAL - 33RD AIR RESCUE SQ - CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINA
4. THIRTY MINUTES.
5. 2 - A-1, CANASTA 571 AND 579
1 - F-4C, GRIZZLY 3
MQATER, OPEN SEA, 17:08N - 107:05E.
7. ARA-25 HOMED IN ON PERSONNEL LOCATOR BEACON AND CAP AIRCRAFT. PINPOINTED SURVIVORS BY THEIR USE OF SIGNAL MIRROR.
8. TWO F-4C PILOTS FROM SAME AIRCRAFT. PILOT, CAPT JACK D. GRAVES A03004487, TAMPA, FLORIDA. CO-PILOT, 1ST LT WYLIE E. NOLAN, A03119631, SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS.
9. SUMMARY OF EVFTS.
1703H - MAYDAY CALL RECEIVED ON GUARD FREQUENCY FROM GRIZZLY 3, F-4C REPORTING THAT GRIZZLY LEAD HAD BEEN HIT, WAS ON FIRE AND THE TWO PILOTS WERE EJECTING OVER THKE COAST. ACTION TAKEN BY

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CREW OF AGE BRAVO, MU-16 51-7144 MN PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT WAS TO ESTABLISH LOCATION OF INCIDENT BY USING ARA-25. BEARING TO INCIDENT WAS ESTABLISHED AND AGE BRAVO PROCEEDED TO THE SCENE AT MAXIMUM SPEED. 38TH AIR JSCUE SQUADRON, SALON, WAS NOTIFIED OF INCIDIENT BY RO. ON SSB.
1707H - RECEIVED CALL FROM GRIZZLY 3 WHO WAS ORBITING THE SCENE, BOTH PILOT HAD EJECTED SAFWY AND HE HAD THE CHUTES IN SIGHT.
1708H - OVERHEARD PILOT OF GRIZZLY LEAD TALKING ON GUARD CHANNEL . HE STATED HE WAS O K AND WAS GOING TO LAND IN TTE WATER NEAR HE CAOST.
1710H - CANASTA 571 AND 579 A-1 CAP AIRCRAFT PROCEEDING TO SCENE AHEAD OF AGE BRAVO.
1715H-CAP AIRCRAFT OVERSCENE. STATED BOTH PILOT BN WATER AND QPEARED TO BE 100 YARDS APART,OK, APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES OFF THE COAST.
1720H - AGE BRAVO STILL PRONEEDING TO SCENE ALTITUDE 500FEET. WWER EVALUATION, WINDS CALM, SINGLE LOW ROLLING SWELL APPROXIMATE HEIGHT 3 FEET. DIVIDED LANDING DIRECTION WOULD BE PARALELL TO THE SWEL. DROP TANKS WERE EMPTY AND NOT JETTISONED. PILOTS WERE SIGHTED BY THEIR USE OF SIGNAL

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MIRROR. IT WAS VERY HAZY AND THE MIRROR FLASHES WERE ECELLANT MEANS OF PIN POINTING THE SCEN.
1725H - AGE BRAVO INFORMED CAP HE WAS GOINT TO LAND. AN OPEN SEA TYPE APPROZCH AND LANDING WAS MADE THE AIRCRAFT COMING TO A STV 100 YARDS FROM ONE OF THE PILOTS. CAP A IRCRAFT REPORTED SHORE BATTERIES FIRING AT AGE BRAVO AND SURVIVORS. AGE BRAVO SPOTTED NUMEROUS WTER SPOUTS FROM SHELLS IN THE AREA. APPARENTLY THE MORE GUN BATTERIES WERE RANGING IN ON THE SITE. AGE BRAVO REQUESTED CQ TO HIT THE SHORE BATTERIES. CANASTA FLIGHT PROCEEDED TO SHORE LINE AND COMMENCED STRAFING AND BOMBING RUNS OF THE SUSPDTED LOCATION OF THE SHORE BATTERIES.
1726 - AGE BRAVO NEAR ONE PILOT AND MAKING APPROACH FOR PICKUP. NUMEROUS SHELLS IMPKTING IN AREA ANDIGETTING CLOSER.
1717H - FIRST PILOT NEAR REAR HATCH. PARARESCUE MAN IN WATER WITN LINE. ALL CREW MEMBRS ACEPT PIGT WERE IN THE REAR OF THE AIRCRAFT ASSISTING IN THE PICKUP.
1728H - FIRST PILOT AND PARARESCUE MAN ON BAORD SAFELY.
PROCEEDING TO SECOND PILOT 100 YARDS AWAY, SHELLS GETTING CLOSER.
1730H - SECOND PILOT BY REAR DOOR PARARESCUE MAN IN WATER WPH LINE.

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1731H - SECOND PILOT AND PARARESCUE MAN ABOARD AGE BRAVO. SHELS IMPACTING 10 TO 15. YARDS FROM AIRCRAFT.
1732H - AGE BRAVO AIRBORNE, BOTH PILOTS IN GOOD CONDITION. PARARESCUEMAN SKINNNED UP ON CHECST AND KNEES FROM BEING PULLED INTO AIRCRAFT OVER DOOR SILL.
1733H - AGE BRAVO DEPARTINVAREA FOR DANANG.
1735H - ALL AGENCIES NOTIFIED THAT THE PILOTS WOULD BE TAKEN TO DANANG AB.
1740H -ETA DANANG AB 1820H . FLIGHT LEVEL 2000 FEET, CRUISE POWER AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY OK AND HAD NOT SUSTAINED AX DAMAGE.
1745H - BOTH SURVIVORS HAVING COFFEE. PARARESCUE MAN OBSERVING THEM FOR SIGNS OF SHOCK.
1825H LANDED DANANG AND OFF LOADED SURVIVORS TO HOSPITAL PERSONNEL. MISSION CLOSED.
1835H - INSPECTED AIRCRAFT FOCDAMAGE. NONE WAS FOUND.
18. COMMENTS: EXCELLENT COORDINATION BY ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED RESULTED IN A SAVE OF WO AIR FORCE PILOTS IN MINIMUM TIME. THE CALMNESS AND LEVEL HEADED THINKING BY ALL CREW MEMBERS OF THE RESCU AIRCRAFT UNDER EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS WAS OUTSTANDING. GP-4
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RETRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFO.
S E C R E T SAR 30956 SEP 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPR, MAFS FOR MAJCOM
AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-M.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS -954-21 SEP 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS UDORN
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: 1 USAF F-105 PILOT
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1736 N 105436 (ORV)
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: DOWNED PILOTS

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PAGE 2 RUHLKM 1004 S E C R E T
WINGMAN REPORTED TO DET 1, 38 ARS AT 21/1624H.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: AT 21/1634H CH3C WAS
LAUNCHED FROM NAKHON PHANOM. REPOSITIONED HC-54 AND HU-16 DIVERTED
FM ORBIT POSITION TO OBJECTIVE AREA. ALES SCRAMBLED FM UDORN
FOR CAP. 8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF F-105
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: 1 USAF
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR: HOIST PICKUP BY CH-3C
USAF 11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: TAKEN TO NAKHON PHANOM BY CH-3C,
THEN TRANSFERED TO HC-54 AND AIRLIFTED TO KORAT AB THAILAND. SUFFERED
LEG INJURY.
12. SORTIES AND FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF CH3C 1 SORTIE 1 HOUR 40 MINUTES
USAF HC54 3 SORTIES 9 HOUR 55 MINUTES
USAF A1E 2 SORTIES 4 HOURS 25 MINUTES
USN A4C 4 SORTIES 5 HOURS 30 MINUTES
USAF KC135 3 SORTIES 9 HOURS
USAF F-105 10 SORTIES 15 HOURS 30 MINUTES
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH:
NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: SURVIVOR PICKED UP BY CAP AIRCRAFT AND HC-54 IN

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ADDITION VOICE CONTACT WAS MADE. CH-3C DID NOT PICK UP BEACON, AND
HAD VOICE CONTACT AT APPROX 3/4 OF A MILE. POSITION WAS PINPOINTED
BY THREE RED PEN FLARES SURVIVOR FIRED. CH3-C WAS UNDER GROUND FIRE
PRIOR TO, DURING AND FOR A SHORT TIME FOLLOWING HOIST PICKUP.
THOUGHT TO HAVE RECEIVED HITS BUT DAMAGE NOT EVALUATED AT THIS TIME.
SURVIVOR: CAPT FREDERICK R. GREENWOOD A03103291 PHILADELPHIA PENN
CH-3 C CREW: AC CAPT MARTIN, GEORGE C.D
1LT WARREN, GEORGE OP
CC SSGT GIBBS, LEROY OP
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[redacted] 2 SEP 75 FROM COL DAVID SMITH TO [redacted] GEORGE S. MARTIN, THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE [redacted] BY YOU AND YOUR AIRCREW ON 21 SEP 75 IS RECOGNIZED [redacted] APPRECIATED BY MYSELF AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE AIR RESCUE [redacted] IN THE PACIFIC AREA. YOUR PROFESSIONALISM REFLECTS HIGH [redacted] ON YOURSELVES AND THE U. S. AIR FORCE. PLEASE CONVEY [redacted] COMBAT DECORATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPATING CREW MEMBERS.

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S E C R E T DOARO 50520 SEP 65. THE FOLLOWING MSG IS
QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION.
S E C R E T FROM DET 1 50323 23 SEP 65
NARRATIVE REPORT OF 38 RESCUE MISSION, 21 SEP 65. WE WERE
NOTIFIED OF A DOWNED PILOT AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 HOURS ON THE
21ST SEP. THE CREW PROCEEDED IMMEDIATELY TO THE AIRCRAFT AND
WAS NOTIFIED THRU THE TOWER TO TAKE OFF ASAP. SOME DIFFICULTY
WAS ENCOUNTERED IN STARTING THE HELICOPTER NUMBER ONE ENGINE WO
NOT DEVELOP POWER AND CONSIDERABLE EFFORT WAS EXPENDED BY
PILOT, CO-PILOT AND GROUND CREW BEFORE ENGINE COULD BE MADE TO

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OPERATE PROPERLY. THIS RESULTED IN A DELAYED TAKEOFF AT 1620.
WE PROCEEDED NORTHEAST AT 9,000 FT TO THE P/U SITE BY-PASSING
KNOWN ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS. WE HAD NO KNOWN FIGHTER COVER ENROUTE.
ABOUT 5 MILES WEST OF THE TARGET AN F-105 MADE A STEEP DIVING PASS
RIGHT PAST THE CHOPPER AND WE OBSERVED HIM ALL THE WAY DOWN.
RIGHT AT GROUND LEVEL HE PULLED UP AND A VOICE
SAID QUOTE HE'S RIGHT THERE UNQUOTE. I SAID, QUOTE WAS THAT THE 105
TALKING? UNQUOTE THE F-105 PILOT REPLYED QUOTE AFFIRMATIVE UNQUOTE
AND WE HAD THE TARGET LOCATED. AT THIS TIME WE STARTED A LETDOWN FROM
2,000 FT AND HAVING ABOUT 1,800 POUNDS OF FUEL IN THE MAIN TANKS I
JETTISONNED THE REMAINING 250 GALLONS IN THE AUX TANK. THE PILOT WAS
DOWN IN THE ROUGHEST TERRAIN I HAVE YET SEEN IN SEA. I IMMEDIATELY
HAD SOME DOUBT THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET DOWN TO HIM. AT
THIS POINT THE SURVIVOR WAS UNOBSERVED BUT HIS CHUTE WAS EASILY
SEEN. THE PILOT SHTED 2 RED FLARES (BELIEVED TO BE PEN GUN).
THE FLARES WERE EASILY SEEN BUT NOT THE PILOT. DUE TO HIS ALMOST
INACCESSABLE POSITION I WAS FORCED TO MANEUVER SLOWLY COVER
THE CHUTE FLYING A SERIES OF 4 CIRCLES, 2 TO THE RIGHT AND
2 LEFT. I HEARD GROUND FIRE ON BOTH RIGHT HAND CIRCLES AND
BELIEVE WE TOOK A HIT ON THE SECOND ONE, DURING MOST OF THIS

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TIME HE HAD TWO WAY VOICE CONTACT WITH THE SURVIVOR WHO WAS
ATTEMPTING TO TALK US TO HIS POSITION. AT THIS POINT I SHOULD
LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT IF HE AD HAD RED SMOKE INSTEAD OF FLARES
HE WOULD HAVE BEEN SEEN IMMEDIATELY. ESTABLISHING A HOVER ABOUT
100 FEET ABOVE HIS PARACHUTE I ASKED HIM ONCE AGAIN FOR HIS POSITION
FROM THE CHUTE. I WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR HIM SAY "YOU'RE TOO LOW,
I'M ABOVE YOU". I WAS HOVERING NEXT TO A NEAR VERTICAL WALL OF
SOLID ROCK AND AS I LOOKED UP I SAW HIM PERCHED ON A SMALL LEDGE.
FORTUNATELY I WAS ABLE TO RAISE THE HELICOPTER TO
A POSITION ABOUT 50 FEET ABOVE HIM WITH THE ROTOR TIPS APPROXIMATELY
10 FEET FROM THE ROCK WALL. THIS "ROCK WALL" EXTENDED
AROUND US ON THREE SIDES, EAST, SOUTH AND WEST AND IT WAS
NECESSARY TO HOVER IN SIDEWAYS ON AN EASTERLY HEADING TO REACH HIS
POSITION. IF HE HAD BEEN 10 FEET CLOSER TO THE WALL WE
WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO REACH HIM AND AS THIS WALL ROSE AT LEAST
500' ABOVE US ALL OF THE CALBE AND ROPE WAS USELESS. THE
PILOT WAS ABLE TO POSITION HIMSELF PROPERLY ON THE TREE PENETRATOR
BUT DID NOT USE THE SAFETY STRAP.
REPEATING LAST LINE
BUT DID NOT USE THE SAFETY STRAP. AS SOON AS HE WAS FIRMLY

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SEATED ON THE APPARATUS I MOVED OFF IN A SLOW CLIMB TO THE EAST.
THE SURVIVOR WAS HOISTED ABOARD WITHIN THE NEXT 2 OR 3 MINUTES.
PICKUP WAS ACCOMPLISHED AT 1025Z. DURING THE DEPARTURE MORE GROUND
FIRE WAS HEARD AND AT LEAST 4 PEOPLE WERE SEEN FIRING. WE
RETURNED THE FIRE AND ONE OF THE FOUR WAS SEEN TO FALL. SHORTLY
BEFORE THE PICKUP, 2 A E'S, SANDY FLIGHT 1 AND 2 ARRIVED AND
PERFORMED LOW CAP. AS THE HELICOPTER DEPARTED THEY EXPENDED ROCKETS
IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO US AND THE HELICOPTER WAS ROCKED SEVERLY
FOR SEVERAL SECONDS. WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE THEM THERE BUT WERE NOT
ADVISED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO FIRE. THE RETURN TRIP WAS UNEVENTFUL AND
LANDING WAS MADE NKP AT 1100Z. I HAD REQUESTED DOCTOR AND AMBULANCE
STANDBY AS SURVIVOR HAD SUSPECTED BROKEN ANKLE.
HEROD 34 LANDED AT NKP TO AIRLIFT SURVIVOR. THE HELICOPTER
SUSTAINED 2 SMALL ARMS HITS RESULTING IN 8 HOLES. NO
MAJOR COMPONENTS WERE HIT. I WISH TO COMMEND ALL MEMBERS OF MY
CREW WHO PERFORMED IN A HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL MANNER.
AIRCRAFT COMMANDER MARTIN, GEORGE C., CAPT, CHICAGO, ILL
CO-PILOT WARREN, GEORGE W., LT WARRENTTEN,/ 943
#., DIGGE, LEE R. SSGT, WAYNOKA, OLA
HM GUNNER TART, SHELDON C. A1C CHICAGO, ILL

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PARARESCUE MAN SCHERZER, ROY E. A2C SWANTON, OHIO
SURVIVOR GREENWOOD, FREDERICK CAPT
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HOIST RECOVERY OF DOWNED
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FROM: Det 6 38th Air Res Sq, APO US Forces 96227 25 September 1965

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report 6-38-820-24 Sep 65

TO: Hq ARS (ARSCP)

1. Mission Number 6-38-820-24 Sep 65.

2. SAR alerted by UHF radio.

3. Type SAR aircraft used - 1 HH-43F helicopter.

Crew:

RCC Captain Carl G. Layman
CP Captain Dale L. Potter
HM TSgt Joseph W. Blaquiere
RS A2C William H. Pitsenbarger

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pick-up - 10 Minutes.

5. RESCAP assistance - 2 armed HU-1B helicopters.

6. Area and type of pick-up - 20 ft high dense jungle type growth. Hoist pick-up.

7. Person picked up - Major Martin W. Barbena, 43378A, 6251st TACFTRWG, Bien Hoa RVN.

8. Summary of events: At 0804, 24 September 1965, the primary crew was scrambled for an A-1-H with hung ordnance. Before I could become airborned with the fire suppression kit I heard a MAYDAY call over UHF radio. An F-100 had a flame out east of the field. I immediately took off (0806L) and headed east. I made radio contact with the wing man on guard channel and had visual contact with an F-100 orbiting about 5 miles east. I didn't see the parachute but I did see smoke from the impacted aircraft. The wing man gave me directions to the parachute. After hovering over the parachute approximately 3 minutes and not seeing the pilot I moved 20 yards north to a small stream of smoke we had seen. It was determined later that the smoke was from a pen gun flare returning to earth. I moved back to the parachute and was getting ready to send my medic down when the pilot was sighted in the heavy undergrowth. A hoist pick-up was made utilizing the forest penetrator seat. The pilot was returned to Bien Hoa and delivered to the 6251st A.F. Dispensary. Flight time 0+15, 1 sortie.

Carl G. Layman
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Rescue Crew Commander

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UNCLAS E F T O/C OARC/ 87119. SEPT 65. PERSONAL-COL SMITH TO CAPTAIN CARL G. LAYMAN. CONGRATULATION TO YOU AND YOUR AIRCREW FOR A JOB WELL DONE ON 24 SEPT 65. THE PROFESSIONALISM AND "CAN-DO" ATTITUDE DISPLAYED BY YOU AND YOUR AIRCREW HAS UNDOUBTEDLY CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO THE MORALE OF ALL U.S. FORCES ENGAGED IN AIR OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. PLEASE EXTEND MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPATING CREW MEMBERS.
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FROM: Det 6 38ARescuesq, APO San Francisco 96227

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative, 6-38ARS-718-9Sep65 11 Sep 65

TO: Hq, PARC (DOARO)

1. Mission Number 6-38ARS-718-9Sep65.

2. SAR alerted by Bien Hoa Tower.

3. Type SAR aircraft used - 2/HH-43F helicopters, one with fire suppression kit.

Primary Alert Crew:

RCC Capt Darvan E. Cook
CP Capt Donald E. Stranahan
HM TSgt Domenick J. Cocuzzi
RS A2C William H. Pitsenbarger

Secondary Alert Crew:

RCC Capt Raymond L. Murden
CP Capt Carl G. Layman
HM TSgt Joseph W. Blaquiere
RS A2C Michael R. Donegan

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pick-up: Approximately 15 minutes.

5. CAP Assistance - One Army HU-1B directed us to the incident site and orbited the area until the pick-up was completed. No enemy fire was encountered.

6. Area and type of pick-up - Forest area with 100 foot trees, approximately 5 miles Northeast of Bien Hoa Air Base. Hoist pick-up using the forest penetrator.

7. Signalling equipment used to locate injured party - Smoke grenades were used by Army ground forces to mark incident site.

8. Injured party's name and serial number - E-4 Ralph Williams, RA13731708, "C" Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Division.

9. Summary of events:

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Since the primary alert HH-43F had the FSK, the secondary alert helicopter hovered over the 100 foot trees and lowered the pararescue man with a URC-59 radio. The primary alert HH-43F returned to Bien Hoa AB to leave the FSK and pick-up a Stokes litter. The pararescueman examined the injured party, who had a chest wound, and consulted with the Army Medical Specialist with the ground party. The Army medic recommended that the patient be hoisted on the forest penetrator and evacuated to the Army Field Hospital rather than wait for the Stokes litter. The hoist pick-up was accomplished and the HU-1B led us to the helipad at the 173rd Airborne Brigade Hospital adjacent to Bien Hoa AB. As the hoist pick-up was being accomplished the primary alert HH-43F returned to the site to provide back-up in case of enemy fire or emergency.

The patient was delivered to the Army Field Hospital at 1710L. The primary and secondary helicopters landed at Bien Hoa AB at 1715L. Mission completed. Det 6 38ARSq 2/HH-43F - 4 sorties - 0:50, 1 US Army HU-1B sorties and time unknown.

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USAF A-1E/1 POB. ACFT WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE WHILE ASSISTING IN SEARCH ON MISSION 38-917. ACFT LEFT SEARCH AREA TRYING TO REACH DANANG AB TRAILING SMOKE. HU-16 ON-SCENE COMMANDER ESCORTED THE A-1E. THE A-1E WAS FORCED TO DITCH APPROX. 40 mi. E DONG HOI. THE HU-16 MADE AN OPEN SEA LANDING ABOUT 30 SECONDS LATER AND PICKED UP THE UNINJURED PILOT APPROX THREE MINUTES AFTER LANDING. THE SURVIVOR WAS TAKEN TO DANANG AB IN GOOD CONDITION.

TOTAL OF 3 SORTIES/5:05 HOURS AND ONE SAVE.

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S E C R E T SAR 5 0918 SEP 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F 1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS-919-18 SEP 65
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF A1E
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1740N-1065E
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: 18/1730H PREPOSITIONED HU-16.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 18/1730H HU-16 ESCORTING

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A1H OVER WATER. H-34 SCRAMBLED FOR IMMEDIATE BACKUP.
8. AGENCY LOCATION OBJECTIVE: USAF HU-16
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USAF
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURIVORS: USAF HU-16 MADE WATER PICKUP.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: SURVIVOR TAKEN TO DANANG AB RVN
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY
USAF HU-16 ONE SORTIE FOR 2 PLUS 15 HOURS
USMC H-34 TWO SORTIES FOR 2 PLUS 50 HOURS
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: A1E AND HU-16 WERE ON SCENE FOR RESCUE OF DOWN NAVY A4E MISSION 917. THE A1E WAS HIT AND WAS REURNING TO DANANG TRAILING SMOKE. THE HU-16 WAS ESCORTING. THE A1H HAD TO DITCH AND WAS FOLLOWED DOWN BY THE HU-16 FOR A WATER PICKUP.
PILOT MAKING PICKUP: CAPT VATIS, 31ARS CLARK AB PI
PILOT RESCUE WAS: CAPT PAUL V. GRAYBILL, 241 SHUVPERT ST., FT WALON BEACH, FLA
FOR PARC: LAST OPENING REPORT TRANSMITTED WAS 918. GP-4.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DET 7 38ARS 56372 SEP 65.
SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE.
1. SAR MISSION NUMBER 918/10 SEPTEMBER 1965.
2. PILOT OF USAF A-1E/CALL SIGN SANDY 11/REPORTED THAT HIS WINGMAN SANDY 12, WAS TRAILING SMOKE AFTER BEING HIT BY GROUND FIRE ON A SEARCH FOR A DOWNED A-1E PILOT NEAR VINH, NORTH VIETNAM.
3. HU-16, CALL SIGN: MABLE BRAVO
RCC - CAPT MARTIN D. VATIS, 5[illegible]1A, 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ - SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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OP - CAPT RICHARD R. LUND, A03[illegible]F, 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ - TACOMA, WASHINGTON.
N - CAPT DAVID L. ROSS, [illegible]252A, 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
RO - SSGT BOBBY R. TYNDALL, AF[illegible]34[illegible]2, 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ - [illegible], NORTH CAROLINA
RM - ASC ROBERT L. KEY, AF19780[illegible], 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ - SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA
RS - SSGT RICHARD M. STONE, AF17232[illegible], 31ST AIR RESCUE SQ - SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

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4. HU-16 WAS ORBITING AT 1000[illegible]FEET, OVER WATER, SOUTHEAST OF VINH, AS ON SCENE COMMANDER DURING SEARCH FOR A-1E PILOT. UPON NOTIFICATION THAT SANDY 12 WAS HIT AND TRAILING SMOKE, HU-16 DESCENDED AND INTERCEPTED HIM AS HE FLEW OUT TO SEA. HU-16 ESCORTED SANDY 12 TOWARD FRIENDLY TERRITORY BUT SANDY 12 WAS FORCED TO DITCH AT SEA WHILE NORTH OF THE DMZ. HU-16 LANDED WITHIN 30 SECONDS OF SANDY 12 AND PILOT WAS IN WATER APPROXIMATELY 3 TO 4 MINUTES.
5. PICK-UP WAS COVERED BY USAF A-1E (SANDY 11), HU-16 (MABEL CHARLIE), AND TWO USMC H-34 HELICOPTERS (HILLPOINT 1-1 AND 1-2).

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6. AFTER (OPEN-SEA) PICK-UP AT 1712[illegible]N, 107:1[illegible]E 40 E DONG HOI
THE DISTRESSED AIRCRAFT (SANDY-12) REMAINED IN VISUAL CONTACT FROM INITIAL NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY TO PICK-UP.
7. SURVIVOR: CAPT PAUL V. GRAYBILL JR., [illegible]1191A, USAF
602ND FIGHTER SQUADRON (COMMANDO)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96227
HOME TOWN: FORT WALTON, FLORIDA 32548
8. WHILE ON SEARCH FOR DOWNED A-1E PILOT, SANDY 12, WAS FLYING LOW LEVEL PASSES IN SMALL VALLEY SOUTH OF VINH. THERE WERE MANY REPORTS OF GROUND FIRE (SMALL ARMS AND FLAK) THROUGHOUT THE SEARCH AND SEVERAL AIRCRAFT TOOK HITS OF NO CONSEQUENCE. WHEN SANDY 12 TOOK HIS HIT, HE IMMEDIATELY TURNED TO SEA, JOINED WITH SANDY 11, AND CAME INTO VIEW AS HE CROSSED THE COAST. HU-16 IMMEDIATELY TURNED ON-SCENE COMMAND OF THE SEARCH VINH OVER TO AN HC-54 (SIDE 28), WHO WAS ALSO IN AREA, AND ESCORTED SANDY 12 TOWARD DONG TRI, SOUTH VIETNAM. SANDY 12 TRAILED SMOKE DURING ENTIRE TIME AND WHEN OIL PRESSURE DROPPED TO ZERO, HE ELECTED TO DITCH. HU-16 FOLLOWED SANDY 12 DOWN FINAL APPROACH AND LANDING AND EFFECTED PICKUP IMMEDIATELY.
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SUBJECT: USA L-19 (2)
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C O N F I D E N T PTA L SAR 50928 SEP 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBE
UC 38ARS - (931) - 14 SEP 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: USA L-19 CREW
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1614N - 10805E 15NM N.W. DANANG
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY [redacted] H
HU-16 ON PREPOSITION ORBIT INTERCEPTER [redacted] RELAYED
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7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 14/0805H 2 ~~HH-43~~'S SCRAMBLED FROM DANANG AB RVN
8. AGENCY LOCATION OBJECTIVE: USA L-19
9. NUMBER OF SUGLVIVORS: 2 USA
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: USAF HH-43, LANDED ON BRIDGE.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: PICKED UP IN GOOD CONDITION, BROUGHT TO DANANG ARMY OPERATIONS.
12. SORTIES/FLYING OURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HH-43 3 SORTIES FOR 1 PLUS 30 HOURS
EZ USA L-19 1 SORTIE FOR 30 MINUTES
USAF F-104 1 SORTIE FOR 30 MINUTES
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: ACFT LANDED IN SHALLOW WATER, CREW WADED ASHORE AND WAS PICKED UP ON A BRIDGE. SURVIVOR: PILOT, 1LT THOMAS DAVIDSON, 05318152, LOUISBURG, TENN. OBS: SP5 HARRY I KEE, RA27354614, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. HELICOPTER PILOT: CAPT BRUCE A PURVINE, LONGBEACH, CALIF. FOR PARC: LAST OPENING REPORT 928. GP-4.
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UNCLAS E F T COMNC 21683 SEP 83/ PERSONAL FOR CAPT [illegible]
PURVINE FROM COL DONALD T. SMITH. CONGRATULATIONS ARE EXTENDED
ON YOUR RECOVERY OF 14 SEP 83. YOUR SUCCESS REFLECTS GREAT
CREDIT UPON YOURSELVES AND THE U. S. AIR FORCE. REQUEST ALL
CREW MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED BE CONGRATULATED ON THE EFFECTIVE
AND NOTEWORTHY TEAM WORK. A WELL DONE TO ALL.
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MISSION NUMBER: 38-943-17 SEP 65
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S E C R E T SAR 50945. SEPT 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND MCP, ARS FR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC. 13 MAY 1975

1. CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 3875# -4 - 943 - 17 SEPT 65.
3. DATE OF REPORT: 18 SEPT 65.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE LOCATED BY USAF L-19 AT 11-05N 106-50E AT 17/2100L
5. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS, DECEASED AND OR MISSING: ONE VNAF CREW MEMBER RESCUED BYT WAS SEVERLY BURNED. FOUR CREW MEMBERS MISSING.
6. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS AND/OR RECOVERY OF DECEASED: THE ONE SURVIVOR WAS RETURNED TO TSN AFLD RVN BY A USAF [redacted]

PAGE 2 RUMSAR 867 S E C R E T
HH-43, FROM DET 6 38TH ARS, WHO LANDED AT THE SITE OF THE CRAS AND PICKED THE MAN UP.
7. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: USAF HH-43 RETURNED THE MAN TO TSN AFLD RVN WHERE HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO AN AMERCIAN AMBULANCE AND TAKEN TO A VIETNAESE HOSPITAL.
8. TOTAL TIME AND SORTIES BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:

USAF	HH-43	5 SORTIES	2 PLUS ARP HOURS
USAF	C-123	1 SORTIE	4 PLUS 00 HOURS
VNAF	H-43	2 SORTIES	1 PLUS 30 HOURS
VNAF	A1E	2 SORTIES	4 PLUS 40 HOURS
USA	UH1B	2 UE	

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NUMBER OF GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/CESSELS PART UAXBP8,& 8./3-4: : NOT AVAILABLE
10. ADDITIONAL INFO: THE ARVN SENT IN A GROUND PARTY AT FIRST LIGHT TO SECURE THE AREA AND SEAROM FOR THE FOUR MISSING MEN. NEGATIVE RESULTS WERE OBTAINED FROM THE SEARC AND THEY REPORTED THAT ACTIVE USAF SEARCH ASSISTANCE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.
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MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS -943 - 17 SEPT 65. OPENING ?
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: CREW OF VNAF H-34.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1105N - 1065E. 25 NM N SAIGON
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: TACC TSN AFLD ADVISED VNAF H-34 LOST RADIO AND RADAR CONTACT WITH PARIS ORC. 17/2040 HOURS.

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7. PERSONNEL INVOLVED: FIVE VNAF.
8. WEATHER IN AREA OF LAST KNOWN POSITION OR ENROUTE: NOT A FACTOR.
9. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 17/2042 HOURS PLACED HH-43 ON IMMEDIATE GROUND ALERT, AND ADVISED ARMY AVIATION THAT ARMED HELICOPTERS MAY BE REQUIRED.
10. FUTURE PLANS: ARVN GROUND TROOPS WILL BE DISPATCHED INTO THE AREA AT FIRST LIGHT AND ATTEMPT TO SECURE IT.
11. ADDITIONAL INFO: HH-43 FROM BIEN HOA MADE A PICKUP OF ONE OF THE CREW MEMBERS. THE MAN WAS SEVERELY BURNED, AND WAS IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO THE MEDICAL FACILITY AT TSN AFLD. THE CRASH SITE IS IN AN UNSECURE AREA, AND GROUND FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED. FOR PARC: PILOT MAKING THE PICKUP WAS CAPT COOK, DARVAN E. 728 48A, HOISINGTON, KANSAS. LAST OPENING/SUSPENDING REPORT WAS MISSION NUMBER 940, 17 SEPT 65.
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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative, 6-38ARS-943-17 Sep 65

TO: Hq ARS

1. Mission Number 6-38-943-17 Sep 65.

2. SAR alerted by 38ARS.

3. Type SAR aircraft used - 2/HH-43F helicopters.

Primary Alert Crew:

RCC Capt Darwan E. Cook
CP Capt Donald E. Stranahan
HM TSgt Domenick J. Cocuzzi
RS A2C William H. Pitsenbarger

Secondary Alert Crew:

RCC Capt Carl G. Layman
CP Capt Dale L. Potter
HM TSgt Joseph W. Blaquiere
RS A2C Michael R. Donegan

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pick-up: Approximately 40 minutes.

5. CAP Assistance - Two armed Army HU-1B helicopters, two Al-E aircraft and one C-123 flareship.

6. Area and type of pick-up - Small rice paddy surrounded by forest areas.

7. Person picked-up - Lt Cao Dang An, 217 Sq, VNAF.

8. Summary of events:

On 17 September 1965 at 2100 hrs, Det 6 38th ARS was alerted for a possible mission on a VNAF H-34. About 15 minutes later, we were scrambled to the crash site .010°/18 miles from TSN. A flare ship was already over the spot dropping flares so we were able to head directly to the site in-spite of the low ceilings (varible 800' to 1500') poor visability and rain showers. On arriving over the site, we orbited about 5 minutes waiting for two armed HU-1B's to arrive from Tan Son Nhut AB. After the armed ships joined us, our primary aircraft went down for a low pass to evaluate the spot in formation with the HU-1B's while our secondary aircraft stayed high for coverage for us. On the low pass, ground fire was encountered and the

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second HU-1B took one hit. Our secondary aircraft said they could see some tracers coming up. Another orbit was made with the primary aircraft coming to a hover over the crash and the HU-1B's continuing to circle around us. The wreckage appeared to be 90% burnt out and except for the blades at the outer edge of the crash, it couldn't be distinguished as a helicopter. There was no chance for anyone to be in the wreckage and still be alive. At this time a figure ran out of the trees in front of us and started waving his arms. He appeared to be wearing a flying suit and I could see his squadron patch. We landed a few yards away and signaled for him to run to the helicopter. Our pararescue man kept him covered with his AR-15 while the crew chief searched him for weapons. He didn't have a weapon of any kind so I called the HU-1B's and said we were coming out. As we left the spot the HU-1B's flew towards us fining rockets and tracers into the trees behind us. We climbed up and entered an orbit pattern with our secondary aircraft while questioning the VNAF pilot. We had some problem communicating with him due to language differences and his tense and excited state but understood him to say that he was the only one alive. Since he was badly burned and entering shock we decided to take him to the hospital at Tan Son Nhut AB and then come back if necessary. The weather got progressively worse toward Saigon and we were forced to descend to 300' to stay VFR. Visibility was limited and the AN/ARA-25 had to be used between the helicopters to stay together. The VNAF pilot was delivered to an ambulance and taken to the hospital where he was questioned by the Vietnamese. He then said that he thought 2 more people got out and ran into the woods. We were then alerted to go back as soon as the VNAF could secure the area with ground troops. VNAF decided to wait until morning and we were released from the mission. Returned to Bien Hoa without further incident.

I strongly recommend the adoption of a Decca type navigational system for use on all HH-43F's in RVN. It would have been invaluable on this particular mission and on any off base crash. A suitable substitute would be IFF equipment and VOR/TACAN. On all such missions we work with Paris control and the ability to be painted would greatly simplify our mission. Location of crash sites are often given in tacan positions which are not meaningful to us. The VHF radio could be eliminated to make room as UHF and FM are predominately used. Flight time: 2:40, 5 sorties.

Darvan E Cook

DARVAN E. COOK
Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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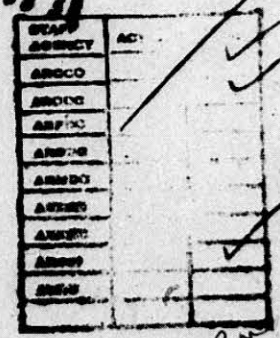
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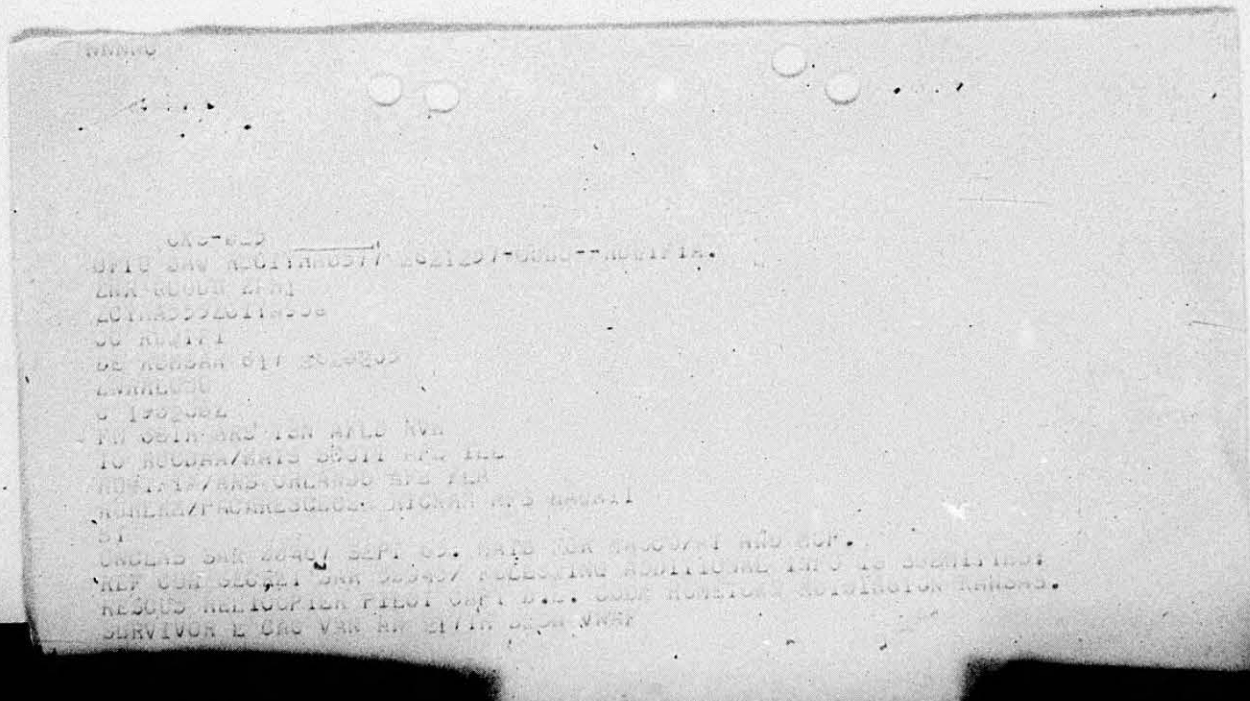
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UNCLAS E F T O/DOARC 0729 SEP 65/PERSONAL FROM COL SMITH TO
CAPTAIN DARVIN E. COOK. MY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RECOVERY
MISSION ON 17 SEP 65. THE "CAN DO" ATTITUDE DISPLAYED BY ALL
INVOLVED CONTRIBUTES IMMEASURABLY TO THE MORALE OF ALL
UNITED STATES AND REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FORCES ENGAGED IN AIR
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AND A WELL DONE TO ALL YOUR CREW MEMBERS.
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F-105 WITH 1 POB ON A TACTICAL FLIGHT PLAN. A PRE-POSITIONED HU-16 WAS ALERTED BY THE PILOT AS HE BAILED OUT AND DEPARTED ORBIT AREA IMMEDIATELY FOR AREA OF THE DOWNED PILOT(APPROX. 22 MI. NE DONG HOI), MADE A WATER LANDING TO PICK UP SURVIVOR AND RETURNED HIM TO DA NANG AB. THE SURVIVOR WAS REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION.

TOTAL: 2 SORTIES/5:10 HOURS.

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RUCDAA/MATS SCOTT AFB ILL
RUWTFIA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
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RUMAPA/13AF CLARK AB PI
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 5Ø9Ø SEPT 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR AROOC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FCSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F 1, OPENNING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 899 - 6 SEP 65
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38TH ARS.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: 1 USAF F-105 PILOT
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1740N- 1Ø65E. 22 MI NE DONG HOI
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: PREPOSITIONED USAF HU-16, 6/Ø112Z.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: USAF HU-16 DEPARTED

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ORBIT ENROUTE TO LOCATION OF SURVIVOR, 6/Ø113Z

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8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF HU-16
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: 1 SURVIVOR
1Ø. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR: PREPOSITIONED USAF HU-16 PERFORMED WATER LANDING AND RECOVERED SD
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: RETURNED SURVIVOR TO DANANG AB, RVN
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
HU-16 2 SORTIES FOR FIVE PLUS TEN HOURS
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: SURVIVOR REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION. PERSONAL SURVIVIAL BEACON OPERATED FOR APPROX 15 MINUTES. LOST SIGNAL 10 MINUTES. SURXVOR USED SMOKE TO BE SIGHTED PRIOR TO PICKUP.
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SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE.
1. 899 USB BT 6 SEPTEMBER 1965.
2. ELM LEAD -EQUIPPED PILOTS WINGMAN.
3. HU-16
RCC - HOLM, JOHN R.- CAPTAIN - 7B42 - 41 ARESCUE SQ - LAKEFOREST, ILLINOIS.
CP - GLAESER, GEORGE E. CAPTAIN - A03038758 - 41ARESCUE SQ - AUSTIN, TEXAS
N - TOMTAN, THOMAS O.7 CAPTAIN - 67264A - 41 ARESCUE SQ -

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PJ - FLEIMAN, J.E. - A2C - AF15675103 - 33 ARECOVJY SQ - RUSSIA, OHIO.
4. NOTIFIED AT 0105Z, ON SCENE 0125. ON WATER 0132Z.
5. YES - 3 F-105'S AND 2 NAVS A-1'S.
6. 19 MILES EAST OF DONGHOI, DVN - 1738N X 106:43E - WATER PICKUP
7. ARA 25 - HOMING ON WINGMAN, MARK 13 MADE 0 DAY XOKE. NO RADIO OR BEACON FROM SURVIVOR.
8. CLARK, JOHN T. - A03039296 - KPTAIN - 67TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON.
9. MABLE ALFA ON ORBIT AT 18:25N XOPU:2 E AT 9,000 FEET - 0105Z ALERTED BY ELMLEJ THAT ELM 2 HAD EJECTED OFF COUT OF DONG HOI. WE PROCEEDED TO SCENE AT 215 KNOTS TAS.
0125Z - ON SCENE. OIL QICK OBSERVED. PILO NOT IN SIGHT OF ANY AIRCRAFT.
0128Z - NAVIGATOR OBSERVED DAY XOKE 2 MILES ABEAM.
0130Z - DROPPED MK 6 MOD 3 40 MINUTE DAY SMOKE MARKER ABEAM PLOT. JETTISONED DROP TANKS.

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0132Z LANDED IN SEA.
0142Z - PARARESCUE MAN HAS PILOT ON BOARD.
0145Z - TAXING TWRD SHORE AND CALMER AATER.
813E -7 911 53 2-534 JATO TAKE OFF.
0248Z - LKDED DANANG AB RVN.
10. COMMENTS.
A. NO URT-21 OR URC-11 RECEIVED.
B. WATER CONDITIONS - WIND 215 DEGREES - 12 GUSTING - 20 KNOTS. 8 FOOT WIND WVE, PRIMARY SWELL MOVING 280 DEGREES, 10 - 12 FEET. SECONDARY SWE
L MOVING 260 D433, 7 - 9 FEET. MANY 10159 127 CONFIDENTIAL
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C. SURVIVOR - NO APPARENT INURIES.
D. TEAM WORK AND EFFICIENCY OF ENTIRE CREW WAS OUTSTANDING.
E. DESITE ROUGHT SEAS - 4 JATO BOTTLES LOADED IN MINIMUM TIME. TAKE OFF COMPLETD 5 MILES OFF SHORE.
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RUCDAA/MATS SCOTT AFB ILL
RUWTFIAJFARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
RUHLKM/PACAF HICKAM AFB HAWAII
RUHLKM/PACARESCUECEN HICKAM AFB HAWAII
RULHL/CINCPACT PEARL ARBOR HAWAII
RUMFUL/COMSEVENHFLT
RUMFCR/ALL SEVENFLT
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RUMABA/13AF CLARK AB PI
RUMSMA/MACV SAIGON RVN
ZEN/2AD TSN AFLD RVN
ZEN/ CTE 70.2.1.1
RUMSAGGXDET 7 38TH ARS DANANG AB RVN
RUABKH/33ARS NA A AB OKINAWA
BT
C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 50906 SEPT 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH
MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-(#
13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCSJC 1-A
S-F-,7 03,E,&/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38TH ARSJA 902- 6 SEPPT 65
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38TH ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: USN PILOT A-1H
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1938N - 10555E 15 SE THANH HOA
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: WINGMA
ADVISED ON GUARD C ANFL, 06/1403H.

ACTION ARODC
INFO: ARCOI

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7. TYPE AND IME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: DICERTED HU-16 ON PRE-
KUTIONARY ORBIT TO AREA OF DOWNED PILOT, 06/1404H.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECICE: USAF HU-16
9. NUMBER OF SURVICORSJC ONE USN PILOT
10. AGENCS AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURCIVOR: USAF QJAQY MADE
WATER LANDING A 1414H, AND WAS AIRBORNE WITH REVOCERED PILOT AT
1423H.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: RETURNED TO DANANG AB, RVN
12. S
TIESJXFLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HU-16 2 SORTIES FOR 6:20 RS
13. NUMBER GOURND PERS
NNEL/VEHICLESJXVESSELS PARTICIPATED IN
SEARCH: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INNO: NAVY PILOT WAS RECOVERED IN GOOD CONDITION.
FOR PARC: LAST OPENING REPORT TRANSMITTED WAS 901.
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FM DET 7 38ARS DNVAB RVN
TO RUNTFIA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
~~RUALKM/PARC HICKAM AFB HAWAII~~
RUMSAR/38ARSHSN AB RVN
RUMDGK/33ARCOVERYSQ NAHA AB OKI
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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DET 7 38ARS-836 SEP 65.
~~SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE~~
1. MISSION NUMBER 902.
2. DOWNED PILT'S WINGMAN.
3. HU-16
RCC - NICHOLAS, MANSEL C. - CAPT - AO3825532 717 ARECOVERY SQ - COLDWATER, KANSAS.
CP - SISSON, DAVID A. - CAPTA AO3[illegible]083 - 33 ARECOVERY SQ - SHANVILLE, VIRGINIA
N - RECOUF, RONALFR. - 1ST LT - AO3[illegible]088 - 33 ARECOVERY SQ -

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PAGE 2 RUMSAG 76 C O N F I D EN T I A L
MEDINA, NEW YORK.
RO - MILLICAN, CHARLES L. - A1C - AF14'3428 733 ARECOVERY SQ - WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
FM - HUYETT, LARRY D. -A1C - AF1360[illegible]33 - 33 ARECOVERY SQ - MANCHESTER, PENNSYLVANIA
4. NOTIFIED AT 0600Z ON SCENE 0614.
5. YES - 2 A-4'S - 2 A-1H'S
6. 18 MILES SOUTHEASTMF THANH HOA, WATER - 19:38N - 105:55E
7. ARJ-25 HOMEING ON A/C ON SCENE RB. LT JAMES L. BURTON - 68997 - USN - WASHINGTON, D.C.
9. ABLE BRAVO ON GBIT AT 0315Z AT 5000 FEET AT 19:40N - 106:00E
AT 0600Z WE WERE ALERTED WIW MAN OF MAGIC STONE WAS ON FIRE AND TRYING TO MAKE IT TO THE WATER.
0604Z - WE WJE TOLD THAT MAGIC STONE 17 WAS IN THE WATER AND PILOT WAS IN THE WATER AND OK.
0604Z - WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO THE SCENE. WE ARRIVED ON SCENE AT 0617Z, WE WERE M THE WATER AT 0617Z, AND WERE OFF HE WATER AT 0625. PARARESCUE MAN WMENT INTO WTER WITH ROPE AND

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PAGE 3 RUMSAG 76 C O N F I D E N T I A L
SWAM TO DOWNED PILO. THE PILOT WAS PULLED TO THE AIRCRJFT PARARESCUE MAN SWAM TO AIRCRAFT. LANDED AT DANKG 0805Z (1605H)
10. A. PILOT DID NOT USE ANY RADIO AID AND NO SMOKE DUE TO HE SEA CONDITION. WE HAD PILOT IN SIGHT 3 MILES OUT.
B. THE WATER WAS GOOD.WE HAD A SWELL SYSTEM FROM 120 DEGREES AND A HEIGHT OF 1 TO 2 FEET. WIND WAS LIGHT O VER.
C. THE CREW DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB. CUT OUR WATER TIME DOWN TO 9 MCUTES.
GP-4
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ACTION ARCOI
INFO: ARCOI

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MISSION NUMBER: 38-901-6 SEP 65
SUBJECT: USAF F-105
VICINITY: HH-43B

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17. FOR OPENING/CLOSING ONLY:

MISSION NUMBER: 38-901 (6 SEPT 65)

OBJECTIVE/POB: F-105 PILOT

TYPE FLT PLN:

FROM - TO:

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a. AGENCY SIGHTING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT):

b. AGENCY RECOVERING OBJECTIVE AND TIME (GMT):

c. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED:

d. NUMBER SAVED:

e. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED:

f. SORTIES/HOURS BY UNITS:

TOTAL: SORTIES _____ HOURS _____

g. GROUND FORCES PARTICIPATING (TEAMS/PERSONNEL):

NUMBER OF VEHICLES: _____ RADIOS (FIXED/MOBILE): _____

NUMBER OF VESSELS:

h. REMARKS:

MISSION 38-901, 6 SEPT 65 AN OPENING/CLOSING REPORT

AN F-105 PILOT BAILED OUT 65NM S.E. UDORN. ARS WAS ALERTED BY BINGHAM CRC WITH DET 5, 38 ARS BECOMING THE CONTROLLING AGENCY. AN HH-43 SCRAMBLED FROM UDORN, LANDED IN AREA OF BAILOUT AND RECOVERED THE PILOT WHO WAS IN GOOD CONDITION AND WAS RETURNED TO UDORN.

TWO SORTIES FLOWN FOR 1HR AND 20 MIN.

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MISSION NUMBER: _____

OBJECTIVE/POB: _____

TYPE FLT PLN: _____

FROM - TO: _____

STATUS: _____

1. RCS: 1-ARS-U1.
2. DATE OF REPORT: _____
3. COMPLETE FLT PLN/DESCRIPTION/PILOT'S NAME, UNIT (MIL), ADDRESS (CIVIL):

_____

_____

4. RCC ALERTED AT (GMT) BY: _____
5. COMMUNICATIONS SEARCH COMPLETED (GMT): _____
6. a. SAR FORCES ALERTED FIRST (GMT): _____
   b. SAR FORCES ALERTED SECOND (GMT): _____
   c. SAR FORCES ALERTED THIRD (GMT): _____
7. INITIAL FORCES DEPLOYED (GMT): _____
8. LAST KNOWN POSITION: _____
9. WEATHER (AT TIME OF INCIDENT ALONG INTENDED ROUTE): _____

_____

10. CONTROLLING AGENCY: _____
11. ASSISTING AGENCIES: _____
12. SAR MISSION COORDINATOR (NAME): _____
13. PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

_____

14. WEATHER FORECAST IN PLANNED SEARCH AREAS: _____

_____

15. ANTICIPATED SAR FORCES AVAILABLE (NO. & TYPE): _____

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16. REMARKS: _____

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RUCDAA/MATS SCOTT AFB ILL
RUWTFIA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
RUHLKM/PACAF HICCAM AFB HAWAII
RUHLKM/PACARESCUECEN ICKAM AFB HAWAII
RUMABA/13AF CLARK AB PI
RUMSMA/MACV SAIGON RVN
ZEN/2AD TSN AFLD RVN
RUMSATA/DET 5 38TH ARS UDORN AB THAILAND
RUMSATA/TACC RCC UDORN AB THAILAND
RUMBDK/6234 CMBT SPT GP KORAT AB THAILAND
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 50905 SEPT 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODPACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPOST.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS- 901- 6 SEPT 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 5, 38TH ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: USAF F-105 PILOT
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1642N - 10345E. 65 SE UDORN
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: BRINGHAM CRC, 0935Z.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: SCRAMBLED HH-43 FROM

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UDORN AT 0945Z.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAFHHH-43 HELICOPTER
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USAF F-105 PILOT
10. AGENCY
WD METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVO: USAF HH-43 LANDED IN AREA OF BAILOUT , AND RECOVERED PILOT AT 0235Z.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: RETURNED TO UDORN, THAILAND
12. SORTIES/FLHWN AND AGENCY: ONE USAF HH-43
2 SORTIES FOR ONE PLUS TWENTY HOURS.
13. NQMBER OROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH: NONE
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: SURVIVOR RECOVE
ED IN GOOD CONDITION.
FOR PARC. LAST OPENING REPORT TRANSMITTED WAS 899.
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SUBJECT: USAF B-57 (2)
VICINITY: HH-43F

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ON SUBJ MSG X
PP RUCDAA RUEADX RUEAHQ RUHTFIA RUHLKM RUMABA RUMSBJ
DE RUMSAG 102 249 1220
ZNY CCCCC
P 060142
FM SDET 7 38 ARESCUE SQ DANANG AB RVN
TO RUHTFIA/HQ ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
INFO RUHLKM/HQ PARC HICKAM AFB HAWAII
RUMSAR/38 ARESCUE SQ TSN AFLD RVN
RUCDAA/HQ MATS MAOCC AT SCOTT AFB ILL
RUEADX/HQ TAC LANGLEY AFB VA
RUEAHQ/HQ USAF AFXOPH WASH DC
RUMSBJ/2AD TSN AFLD RVN
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RCS: 1-ARS-F 1, SOPENING/NLOSING REPORT. DET 7, 38ARS 532, 6 SEP 65
LBR MISSION. AIRCREW RECOVERY OF TWO CREW MEMBERS FROM B-57
BAILOUT IN WATER AT 1605N 10812E.
PRIMARY CRASH NOTIFICATION FOR DECLARED EMERGENCY CONDITION
AT 0733Z. HH-43F AIRBORNE AT 0740Z WITH FIRE SUPPRESSION KIT.
ONE HH-43F ROTORS TURNING ON GOUND MONITOR OF RADIO. THE B-57
ON LONG FINAL WAE OBSERVED TO ROLL INTO INVENTED DIVE AND CREW
BAILOUT. ABT 0744Z. AIRBORNE HH-43F DEPOSITED FSK ON GRAES AREA
ADJACENT TO RUNWAY. THE SECONDARY HH-43F WAS LAUNCHED. THE PRIMARY

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PAGE 2 RUMSAG 102 C O N F I D E N T I A L
HH-43F MADE AN APPROACH TO THE PILOT, CAPT HAMANN, WILFORD C. WHO
WAS JUST INFLATING HIS LPU. THE SECOND HH-43F ABOUT 5 SECONDS
BEHIND PULLED IN OVER THE NAVIGATOR, 1/LT LANE, ROBERT '. BOTH
CREW MEMBERS WERE ABOUT 150 FEET APART. THE PILOT WAS PICKED UP
ON THE FOREST PEETRATOR, AND THE NAVIGATOR WAS PICKED UP IN THE SLING.
THE PARACHUTE WAS CUT FROM THE NAVIGATOR AFTER HE WAS ABOARD THE
HELICOPTER. AF AMBULANCE MET HELICOPTERS AT THE ALERT PAD 9EST IMATE
BOTH CREW MEMBERS ON BOARD HELICOPTERS WITHIN 3 MINUTES OF BAILOAT.
7 SORTIES 42 MINUTES. NEGATIVE FILM. BASE 10 WORKING ON STORY. GP-4

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SUBJECT: USA OIE (2)
VICINITY: HH-43F

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SUBJECT: USA SOLDIERS (7)
2 HH-43F's

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NOTIFICATION

ORGANIZATION NOTIFIED: IRS

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 494

PERSON CONTACTED: ERRISON

OPERATOR WHO MADE CONTACT: BP

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ACTION: ARODC
INFO: ARCOI

OFTS JAW RUMMOGA0017 278225 1-SSSS--RUMTFIA.
DE RUMSAF 10C 278 B 10
ZNY SSSSS
O 05 B 00Z
FM DET 6 38ARESCUESQ BNH RVN
TO RUMTFIA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
RUEAHQ/CSAF
RUEPDA/DEPT OF ARMY
RUCDAA/MATS
RUHLKM/PACAF
RUHLKM/PACARESCUECE HICKAM AFB HAWAII
RUHLHS/COMUSARPAC
RUMSMA/MACV SAIGON RVN.
RUMSBJ/2AD IV
ZEN/625 TFW
RUMSAR/38ARESCUESQ TAN SON NHUT
RZEN/COMD GEN 173AB BNH RVC
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S E C R E T DET 6/38ARS 5 B 317 OCT 65.
HQ USAF (AFXOPH)MATS (MAOCO/AT/MCP) ARS (ARODC) APACAF (PFOCC-HD
13AF (JSARC) 38ARS (SAR)
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F 1 OPENING/CLOSING REORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 6-898-5 OCT 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY DET 6 38ARS IBIEN HOA AB RVN
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: EVACUATE 31 US ARMY CASUALTIES FROM DENSELY WOODED AREA IN WAR ZONE D
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT : 1105 N 10655E
6. ALTERNATING AGENCY: 38ARESCUESQ SARCC 5 OCT 65 1535L SAIGON TIME

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MTYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION SCRAMBLE TWO HH-43F HELICOPTERS AT 1541L SAIGON TIME
8. AGENCY LOCATION OBJECTIVE DET 6 38ARS HH-43F
9. NUMBER OF DECEASED 24 WOUNDED 7 DECEASED
10. ATENCY AND METHOD OF RECEOVERY OF SURVIVORS AND DECEASED
TWO HH-43F HELICOPTERS LANDED AND MED EVAC 24 WOUNDED 7 DECEASED AND 3 OTHER ARMY PERSONNEL
11. DISPOSITION OF DECEASED ALL PERSONNEL EVACUATED TO 173AIRBORNE BRIGADE FIELD HOSPITAL. 1700 POUNDS OF WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT TRANSPORTED TO 173 AIRBORNE BRIGADE.
12. SORTIES FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY EIGHTEEN SORTIES 4 PLUS 30 HORS FLOWN BY TWO HH-43F HELICOPTERS.
13. N/A
14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
ALERT CREW
RCC RAYMOND L MURDEN
CP DALE L POTTER
HM TSGT KENNETH L PERKINS
RS A1C RICHARD O STEINERT
SECONDARY CREW

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RCC CAPT CHARLES P HADLERDGLCP 1ST LT JOSEHPH T CONNELL
HM TSGT RICHARD H CONNON
RS SSGT LEON FULLWOOD
PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN ON THE MISSION BY ONE HH-43F CREW MAMBER FROM THE AIR AND BY AN UNKNOWN ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOGRAPHER ON THE GROUND. DISTRIBUTION HAS NOT BEEN MADE AS YET. MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT WILL FOLLOW. FIVE OF THE WOUNDED WERE SAVES CONFIRMED BY THE ARMY 3RD SURGICAL HOSPITAL.
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NOTIFICATION

ORGANIZATION NOTIFIED: RCS

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 494

PERSON CONTACTED: ERRISON

OPERATOR WHO INITIATED CONTACT: BP

IFR

ACTION: ARODC
INFO: ARCOI

ZFT S JAW RUMQGA0017 278225 1-SSSS--RUWTFIA.
DE RUMSAF 18C 278 1518.
ZNY SSSSS
O 051518Z
FM DET 6 38ARESCUESQ BNH RVN
TO RUWTFIA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
RUEAHQ/CSAF
RUEPDA/DEPT OF ARMY
RUCDAA/MATS
RUHLHH/PACAF
RUHLHH/PACARESCUECE HICKAM AFB HAWAII
RUHLHS/CINUSARPAC
RUMSMA/MACV SAIGON RVN
RUMSBJ/2AD IV
ZEN/625 TFW
RUMSAR/38ARESCUESQ TAN SON NHUT
RZEN/COMD GEN 173AB BNH RVC
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S E C R E T DET 6/38ARS 5 0317 OCT 65.
HQ USAF (AFXOPHM/MATS (MADCO/AT/MCP) ARS (ARODC) APACAF (PFOCC-HD
13AF (JSARC) 38ARS (SAR)
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1 OPENING/CLOSING REORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 6-898-5 OCT 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY DET 6 38ARS BIEN HOA AB RVN
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: EVACUATE 31 US ARMY CASUALTIES FROM DENSELY
WOODED AREA IN WAR ZONE D
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT : 1105 N 10655E
6. ALTERNATING AGENCY: 38ARESCUESQ SARCC 5 OCT 65 1535L SAIGON TIME

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MTYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION SCRAMBLE TWO HH-43F
HELICOPTERS AT 1541L SAIGON TIME
8. AGENCY LOCATION OBJECTIVE DET 6 38ARS HH-43F
9. NUMBER OF DECEASED 24 WOUNDED 7 DECEASED
10. ATENCY AND METHOD OF RECEOVERY OF SURVIVORS AND DECEASED
TWO HH-43F HELICOPTERS LANDED AND MED EVAC 24 WOUNDED 7 DECEASED
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HM TSGT KENNETH L PERKINS
RS A1C RICHARD O STEINERT
SECONDARY CREW

PAGE 3 RUMSAF 18C S E C R E T
RCC CAPT CHARLES P NADLER/OIC CP 1ST LT JOSEHPH T CONNELL
HM TSGT RICHARD H CONNON
[illegible] MISSION BY ONE HH-43F CREW MAMBER FROM
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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Squadron, APO US Forces 96227

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report 7 Oct 1965

TO: Hq Pacific Air Rescue Center (DOARO), APO US Forces 96553

1. Mission number 6-38ARS-898-5 Oct 65.

2. SAR alerted by 38ARSq

3. SAR aircraft used: 2 HH-43F's. All crewmembers from Det 6, 38ARSq.

PRIMARY ALERT CREW
RCC Capt Raymond L. Murden
CP Capt Dale L. Potter
HM TSgt Kenneth L. Perkins
RS A2C Richard O. Steinert

SECONDARY ALERT CREW
RCC Capt Charles P. Nadler
CP 1/Lt Joseph T. Connell
HM TSgt Richard A. Connon
RS SSgt Leon Fullwood

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pickup of first load of casualties: 20 Minutes.

5. CAP assistance: Two Army UH-1B armed helicopters, 2 USAF A-1E's and one USAF Forward Air Controller in O-1F.

6. Area and type of pickup: 8 nautical miles northeast of Bien Hoa AB in dense jungle terrain in war zone "D" (11 05N - 106 53E).

7. Signalling equipment used: Smoke grenades.

8. Survivors names not available.

9. Summary of events:

At 1535L 5 Oct 65, 38th Air Rescue Squadron SARCC called informing us that the Army had thirty one casualties eight miles northeast of Bien Hoa AB. Primary and secondary alert HH-43F helicopters scrambled at 1540L. The third alert crew was called in to provide LRR coverage while primary and secondary alert crews were on the mission.

Bien Hoa tower informed us that there was artillery firing in the northeast quadrant from Bien Hoa. We requested that artillery fire be stopped. We circled just north of the runway for approximately five minutes until tower informed us that the artillery fire had ceased. An

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escort of two armed UH-1B helicopters scrambled from Tan Son Nhut AB as requested by 38th SARCC.

We were led to the site by an Air Force Forward Air Controller in an O-1F. As we approached the site we were joined by the armed Hueys. Personnel on the ground used smoke grenades to mark their location. They had blasted a small clearing from the dense jungle. The trees in the area were 125 to 150 feet high. The floor of the clearing was strewn with felled trees and stumps. Army UH-1B medical evacuation helicopters had evaluated the clearing and determined that it was too small for them to get into.

From initial evaluation of the clearing it appeared that it would be necessary to recover the casualties by using the hoist and stokes litter. I decided to descend as far as possible into the chimney like opening to reduce the length of hoist pickups. As we descended it was determined that we would be able to descend all the way to the ground. The landing was accomplished by straddling stumps and maneuvering the helicopter to avoid the many felled trees. The UHF/VHF antenna under the front of the helicopter was touching a stump in front and the bottom of the vertical stabilizers were resting on limbs of felled trees.

The diameter of the clearing was so small that on the first approach of each H-43, during the vertical descent into the clearing at about 75 feet, the rotor blades contacted light foliage. Three crew members, TSgt Perkins, TSgt Connon and SSgt Fullwood remained at the site to assist with the wounded, enlarge the clearing, improve the landing area and direct the landings. Two chain saws were flown in on a subsequent sortie.

During the course of the mission we learned that the casualties were from "A" Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade and that the casualties had been sufferred during the previous four hours in a battle with the Viet Cong 600 meters from the clearing. While operating at the site there were several explosions nearby of unknown origin. During one climbout the primary alert H-43 was thirty feet above the ground when it was blown several feet rearward by the concussion of an explosion.

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10. Comments:

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Raymond L Murden

RAYMOND L. MURDEN, Capt., USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Squadron, APO US Forces 96227

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report 7 Oct 1965

TO: Hq Pacific Air Rescue Center (DOARO), APO US Forces 96553

1. Mission number 6-38ARS-898-5 Oct 65.

2. SAR alerted by 38ARSq

3. SAR aircraft used: 2 HH-43F's. All crewmembers from Det 6, 38ARSq.

PRIMARY ALERT CREW
RCC Capt Raymond L. Murden
CP Capt Dale L. Potter
HM TSgt Kenneth L. Perkins
RS A2C Richard O. Steinert

SECONDARY ALERT CREW
RCC Capt Charles P. Nadler
CP 1/Lt Joseph T. Connell
HM TSgt Richard A. Connon
RS SSgt Leon Fullwood

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pickup of first load of casualties: 20 Minutes.

5. CAP assistance: Two Army UH-1B armed helicopters, 2 USAF A-1E's and one USAF Forward Air Controller in O-1F.

6. Area and type of pickup: 8 nautical miles northeast of Bien Hoa AB in dense jungle terrain in war zone "D" (11 05N - 106 53E).

7. Signalling equipment used: Smoke grenades.

8. Survivors names not available.

9. Summary of events:

At 1535L 5 Oct 65, 38th Air Rescue Squadron SARCC called informing us that the Army had thirty one casualties eight miles northeast of Bien Hoa AB. Primary and secondary alert HH-43F helicopters scrambled at 1540L. The third alert crew was called in to provide LER coverage while primary and secondary alert crews were on the mission.

Bien Hoa tower informed us that there was artillery firing in the northeast quadrant from Bien Hoa. We requested that artillery fire be stopped. We circled just north of the runway for approximately five minutes until tower informed us that the artillery fire had ceased. An

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SUBJECT: USA SOLDIERS (3)
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FOR CSAF (AFXOPH), MATS (MACCO/AT/MCP), ARS ARCOC, PACAF (PFOCC-H)
13AF (JSARC) 38ARS (SAR).
1. RCS 1-ARS-F1 OPENING /CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER 6-38ARS-929-9 OCT 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY DET 6 38ARESCUESQ
4. SAR OBJECTIVE EVACUATE 3 WONDED ARMY PERSONNEL FROM WAR ZONE "D"
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT 110N 106 33E
6. ALERTING AGENCY 173RD AB BRIGADE 9 OCT 65 1345L
7. TYPE AD TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION 2 HH-43F AT 1355L 90CT 65

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PAGE 2 RUMSAF 960 C O N F I D E N T I A L
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE DET 6 38ARS
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS 3
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS 2 HH-43F UTILIZING THE RESCUE HOIST AND STROKES LITTER FROM A HOVERING ALTITUDE OF 35 FT.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS 2 SURVIVORS EVACUATED TO A FORWARD FIELD HOSPITAL AND 1 SURVIVOR EVACUATED TO 173 AB HOSPITAL
12. SORTIES/FLYING HORS BY TSPE ACFT AND AGENCY 11 SORTIES
PLUS 38 HOURS BY 2 HH-43F
13. N/A
14. ALERT CREWS
NR 1 HH-43F CREW
RCC CAPT DARVAN E. COOK
CP MAJ WILLIAM T. HAYES JR
HM TSGT DOMENICK J. COCUZZI
RS A1C WILLIAM H PITSENBARGER
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NR 2 HH-43F CREW
CAPT DALE L. POTTER
CAPT RAYMOND L. MURDEN
TSGT KENNETH L PERKINS
SSGT GEORGE G. SCHIPPER

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OPERATOR WHO NOTIFIED CONTACT PC

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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Squadron, APO US Forces 96227

SUBJECT: Mission Narative Report 9 Oct 1965

TO: Hq Pacific Air Rescue Center (DOARO), APO US Forces 96553

1. Mission Number: 6-38ARS-929-9 Oct 65.

2. SAR alerted by 173rd AB.

3. SAR aircraft used: 2 HH-43F's. All crewmembers from Det 6, 38th ARS.

PRIMARY ALERT CREW:

RCC Capt Darvan E. Cook
CP Maj William T. Hayes Jr.
HM TSgt Domenick J. Cocuzzi
RS AlC William H. Pitsenbarger

SECONDARY ALERT CREW:

RCC Capt Dale E. Potter
CP Capt Raymond L. Murden
HM TSgt Kenneth L. Perkins
RS SSgt George E. Schipper

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pick-up of first casualty: 50 minutes.

5. CAP assistance: Two Army UH-1B armed helicopters.

6. Area and type of pick-up: 18 nautical miles northeast of Bien Hoa AB in secondary growth jungle in war zone (D). (11° 07' N 106° 33' E).

7. Signalling equipment used: Smoke gernades.

8. Survivors names not available.

9. Summary of events:

At 1345L, 9 Oct 65, the 173rd AB called us to evacuate ~~some~~ wounded personnel from the jungle south of Ben Cat. The clearings they were in were too small for the army helicopters to land. Both HH-43's were airborne in 10 minutes and 20 minutes later landed at an army forward control site. There we picked up an army captain to show us where to go and 2 armed UH-1B's for escort. We proceeded to the evacuation sites which were marked by ground personnel with smoke gernades. The jungle growth was about 20' high but very

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dense, so the hoist was used with the stokes litter. The armed UH-1B's circled continually during the pick-ups. In all, 3 hoist pick-ups were made. Two were made by the primary crew and both casualities airlifted to the forward army site. The secondary made one pick-up and transported him to the 173rd Field Hospital near Bien Hoa AB. Six (6) sorties, four (4) plus 40 hours.

DARVAN E. COOK, Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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S E C R E T SAR 51687 OCT 65. H USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCOX
AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARCDC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F 1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2M MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 1027 - 13 OCT 65
3M CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS UDORN AB THAILAND
4M SAR OBJECTIVE: USAF F-105 PILOT (TRIUMPH 01)
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 2132N - 103-17E (DRV)
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: WINGMAN NOTIFIED [redacted]
KC-54 ON REPOSITIONED ORBIT 13/1908Z
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: DIVERTED REPOSITIONED

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KC-54 TO AREA FROM LIMA 36, DIVERTED A-E'S FOR RESCAP 13CRPUH.
CH-3C SCRAMBLED FROM L-36 13/1928Z. 2 ADDITIONAL A-E'S SCRAMBLED
FROM UDORN 13/1931Z.
8M AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF WINGMAN
9M NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USAF
10M AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIORS: USAF CH-3C LANDED
TO MAKE PICKUP.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIORS: TAKEN BY CH-3C TO UDORN AB THAILAND
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY.
C-54 1 SORTIE 6 PLUS 30
CH-3C 3 SORTIES 4 PLUS 00
HH43 2 SORTIES 3 PLUS 00
A-E 4 SORTIES 17 PLUS 20
F-105 13 SORTIES 14 PLUS 00
KC-135 3 SORTIES 2 PLUS 00
13M NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN
SEARCH. NONE
15M ADDITIONAL INFOC
LAST MISSION REPORT WAS 1005. THE SURVIVOR WAS MAJOR JAMES RANDALL
FROM WICHITA KANAS. THE HELICOPTER WAS UNDER GROUND FIRE DURING

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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F 1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2M MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS - 1827 - 13 OCT 65
3M CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS UDORN AB THAILAND
4M SAR OBJECTIVE: USAF F-105 PILOT (TRIUMPH 01)
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 2132N - 10317E (DRV)
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: WINGMAN NOTIFIED [redacted] HC-54 ON REPOSITIONED ORBIT 13/1908H

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7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: DIVERTED REPOSITIONED

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HC-54 TO AREA FROM LIMA 36, DIVERTED A-1E'S FOR RESCAP 1308ZPUH.
CH-3C SCRAMBLED FROM L-36 13/1920H. 2 ADDITIONAL A-1E'S SCRAMBLED FROM UDORN 13/1931H.
8M AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF WINGMAN
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F105	13 SORTIES	19 PLUS 00
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13M NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH. NONE
14M ADDITIONAL INFOC
LAST MISSION REPORT WAS 1805. THE SURVIVOR WAS MAJOR JAMES RANDALL FROM WICHITA KANAS. THE HELICOPTER WAS UNDER GROUND FIRE DURING

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S E C R E T SAR-3 1826 OCT 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARCOC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-M, 13 AF FOR JSARC.
1. OPENING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS-1855-22[illegible] 65
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 11 DIRECT[illegible] SUPPORT CENTER (DASC)
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: 1 USAF AIR PILOT BLOCK 81D
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 153N 107[illegible]E RVN (37NM SSW OF PLEIKU) (13341N)
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: 22/0137H BY 11 DASC.
7. PERSONNEL INVOLVED: 1 USAF

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PAGE 2 RUHSAR 000 S E C R E T
8. WEATHER IN AREA OF LAST KNOWN POSITION: NOT A FACTOR
9. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: FLARE SHIP AND WINGMAN IMMEDIATELY OVER DOWNED PILOT FLYING CAP. 22/0137 TWO F-100S LAUNCHED FROM TAN SON NHUT FOR CAP. 22/0158 ARMY FIRE TEAM PLACED ON IMMEDIATE ALERT AT PLEIKU AND SPECIAL FORCES CAMP SENT OUT PATROL.
10. FUTURE PLANS: ATTEMPT PICK UP AT FIRST LIGHT BY HH-43F HELICOPTERS/VN FROM BIEN HOA. THEY WILL BE IN PLACE AT PLEIKU AND LAUNCH TO BE OVER SURVIVOR/SURFACE RESCUE/RENDEZVOUS AT 0650H.
AT 0700H TWO A1ES WILL BE ON SCENE WITH HELICOPTERS, ONE A1E WILL HAVE SMOKE TO COVER RESCUE. SECOND SET OF A1ES WILL ARRIVE AT 0715H FOR ADDITIONAL COVER.
11. ADDITIONAL INFO: PILOT BAILED OUT WHILE MAKING STRAFFING PASS IN VICINITY OF SPECIAL FORCES CAMP WHICH WAS UNDER VC ATTACK. HE HAD VOICE CONTACT WITH WINGMAN. HIS POSITION WAS REPORTED AS 200 METERS FROM PERIMETER OF SPECIAL FORCES CAMP. PATROL WAS DISPATCHED BUT DID NOT MAKE CONTACT WITH OBJECTIVE. DURING THE DAY ARMY HELICOPTERS MADE SEVERAL ATTEMPTS TO GET INTO OBJECTIVE SITE BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF BY WHAT THEY ESTIMATED WAS FIVE MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS. PILOT'S POSITION HAS BEEN PINPOINTED IN A CLUMP OF TREES APPROX 25 FEET HIGH. VOICE CONTACT WAS MAINTAINED. LAST TRANSMISSION REPORTED AT 2000H 22 OCT. AT 22/1835H

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Elliot on MSN
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11 DASC REQUESTED HH-43S BE FURNISHED TO BE IN PLACE AT PLEIKU FOR FIRST LIGHT RECOVERY ATTEMPT. TWO HH-43FS LAUNCHED FROM BIEN HOA AT 23/0650H ESCORTED BY 0 E. ESTIMATE ARRIVAL AT PLEIKU 23/0800H.

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RUCDAA/MJTS SCOTT AFB ILL
RUMTFIA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1. CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS -1055 -23 OCT 6
3. DATE OF REPORT: 23 OCT 65/1053Z
4. SAR OBJECTIVE LOCATED BY LICK 02 A1E WINGMAN AT 21/1735Z
5. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: 1 USAF PILOT
6. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: 2 USAF HH-43F, HOIT PICKUP 23/0343Z
7. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: DOWNED PILOT TAKEN TO HOLLOWAY ARMY

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AIR FIELD DISPENSARY FOR A MIDICAL CHECK.
8. TOTAL SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HH-43F
USAF L-19
USAF F-100
USAF A1E
USA UH-1B
9. NUMBER OF GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: NONE.
10. ADEHTIOONNAALL INFO: REFERENCE NUMBER 9. GROUND PERSONNEL (SPECIAL FORCES PATROL) HAD ATTEMPTED TO MEET THE DOWNED PILOT OUTSIDE THEIR CAMP BUT WERE DRIVEN BACK BY VC FIRE. REFERENCE NUMBER 8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW ASAP.
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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Squadron, APO US FORCES 96227 28 Oct 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report

TO: Hq PARC (DOARO), APO US FORCES 96553

1. Mission number 38-1055-23 Oct 65.

2. Notification: Det 6, 38th ARS first notified by Bien Hoa COC. Coordination and dispatch made by 38th Air Rescue Center.

3. SAR aircraft used: 2 HH-43F's. All crewmembers from Det 6, 38th ARS.

PRIMARY ALERT CREW

RCC	Capt Dale L. Potter	FV3069261
CP	Capt David C. Henry	FV3110080
HM	TSgt Richard A. Connem	AF17390646
RS	SSgt Leon Fullwood	AF14626923

SECONDARY ALERT CREW

RCC	Capt Raymond L. Murden	FV3087594
CP	Capt Raymond H. Matthews	FV3009200
HM	TSgt Domenick J. Cesanzi	AF12289309
RS	AlC William H. Pitsenbarger	AF15680744

4. Cover aircraft used during pilot pickup. Two (2) USAF A-1E's, 3 army UH-1B armed helicopters, one USAF forward air controller in an O-1F.

5. Location of pickup: One half ($\frac{1}{2}$) mile SW of Plei Me Special Forces Camp. 1336 N 107 33E.

6. Terrain and type of pickup utilized: Small jungle clearing covered with dense elephant grass and small bushes. Pilot picked up from a two foot hover.

7. Signaling equipment used: UHC 10 radio was used by downed pilot and smoke rockets used by FAC to mark pickup location.

8. Recovered pilots name: Captain Melvin C. Elliott.

9. Summary of events:

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At 0030L, 23 Oct 65, two Det 6, 38th ARS HH-43F helicopters were dispatched by the 38th Air Rescue Squadron SARCC to the Pleiku area for the purpose of recovering Captain Melvin C. Elliott who had bailed out of his A-1E at 0130 hours on 22 Oct 65. The bailout has occurred while Captain Elliott was participating in the air to ground action around the Plei Me Special Forces Camp.

Because of the long distance involved between Pleiku and Bien Hoa (218 N.M.) and the lack of navigational equipment in the HH-43F a FAC O-1F was sent to accompany the 43's. Because of fuel limitations the flight was to stop at Ban Me Thout for refueling.

At departure time the weather between Bien Hoa and Pleiku was reported 2500' scattered 10,000 feet broken to overcast with scattered rain showers. Fifteen minutes after departure from Bien Hoa the flight was in weather at 7000' indicated. A climb was made to 9,500' and the rest of the first leg to Ban Me Thout, Vietnam was 50% on top and 50% in weather. Turbulance and sporadic rain showers were encountered in the clouds. The cloud deck ended at Ban Me Thout and a VFR approach was made and refueling accomplished. Due to the weather the first leg required 2400 of flying. Departing Ban Me Thout at 0245 the last leg again was made in weather at 5000' indicated, arriving Pleiku at 0400 hours.

At Pleiku contact was made with TASC-TWO, for final briefing on the pilot pickup. The recovery operations plan called for the pickup to be made shortly after day light at approximately 0715 hours. Because of the large Viet Cong force around the Plei Me Camp and the concentration of automatic weapons, three air strikes were planned for between 0645 and 0715 to silence as much ground fire as possible. At this time I was briefed on Elliotts location in the jungle outside the Plei Me camp by a FAC who had just returned from there.

Departing Pleiku at 0530 hours we proceeded to Army Holloway for refueling and coordination with the Huey Fire Control Team. At Holloway their CCC directed us to a 0600 briefing for army chopper personnel who were going to participate in the recovery. At this briefing I was informed that the Army was going to use one of their slick UH-1B's for the pickup and that the plan had been approved by the TASC-2 Commander. I was invited and volunteered to proceed with the Hueys to Plei Me and watch the show.

Departing Holloway at 0630 hours 23 Oct 65 in company with 4 armed UH-1B's and 1 slick UH -1B we proceeded to the Plei Me area. The air strikes were made as scheduled but the FAC on scene became unsure of Elliotts position so the pickup attempt was called off. The uncertainty of Elliotts position at this time stemmed from the fact that the night before (22 Oct 65) the army had made an unsuccessful attempt in recovering him and in doing so had revealed his position to the V.C. This forced Elliott to change his position, and caused a temporary situation where

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his exact location was unknown. Heavy automatic weapons fire was still prevalent in the pickup zone at this time.

With the pickup postponed indefinately all helicopters returned to Holloway Field at 0815 L 23 Oct 65. After landing at Holloway the recovery of Elliott went into a hold status until the FAC's could again pin point his location.

At 1030L the FAC's again made radio contact with Elliott and were able to plot his position. At this time Elliott said the location he was now in seemed relative quiet and he believed a successful pick-up could be accomplished. At this time I was at TASC-TWO Headquarters discussing the situation with the senior TASC-TWO controller. With the new information I decided to shoot for a 1130L pickup of Elliott. A call was made to the army COC at Holloway and arrangements made for a 3 ship UH-1B fire control team to provide cover for the pickup.

At 1110L we departed Holloway in company with the three armed Hueys for the Plei Me Camp. Arriving over Plei Me at 1120, contact was made with the FAC who was to mark Elliotts position for the pickup. The FAC informed us that a C-123 which was making supply drops to the camp was receiving heavy fire from a point close to Elliotts position. Before the pickup could be made this gun position would have to be neutralized. At 1130L two A-1E's that were flying CAP over the site were called in to strike the gun position. A double napalm drop was made and the ground fire ceased.

At 1135L all helicopters, the FAC, and Elliott went to guard channel for communicating. During the pickup the FAC marked Elliotts position with a smoke rocket and we made our approach in over the Plei Me Special Forces Camp to his position which was ½ mile SW of the camp. The location of the pickup was a 300' by 35' opening in the jungle. This opening was carpeted with 6' elephant grass and various small trees. When we were about 2/3 of the way down the length of the clearing Elliott was spotted coming out of the trees on the left. I made a rudder turn to the left to put the side cabin door on his side. Because of the grass and small trees a landing was impossible but we were able to hover at a 2 foot altitude. Elliott crawled through the grass and vines to the helicopter and was pulled into the cabin by the crew chief and the pararescueman. Take off was immediate and we departed the area by the same route used for the approach. Time in the clearing was 2-3 minutes. Throughout the approach and while we were hovering, the army UH-1B's were laying down a solid blanket of rocket and machine gun fire around our position. Their coverage was outstanding.

The UH-1B formation commander said we received ground fire on take off but it was not effective. We were probably not in sight of the V.C. gunners and they were only firing at sound.

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At the time of his pickup (1L/3L), Captain Elliott had spent 34 hours hiding from the Viet Cong who surrounded the Plei Me Special Forces Camp. Several times during this period the Viet Cong had made intensive searches for him. Captain Elliott is to be commended for the initiative and patience that he exhibited while waiting for rescue. The conditions that he faced were quite hostile.

Once the actual rescue pickup was started coordination and timing among the different parties was outstanding and the mission was completed in minimum amount of time.

Dale L. Potter
DALE L. POTTER
Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS-1073-28 OCT 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38ARS UDORN AB, THAILAND
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: CREW OF USN F-4B (EGGSHELL 104)
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1635N- 10624E (LOAS)
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: 28/1240H, WINGMAN OF EGGSHELL
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 28/1240H DIVERTED PREPOSITIO-

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12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
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USAF HC-54 1 SORTIE 7 PLUS 05
USAF HH-43B 2 SORTIES 6 PLUS 00
USAF Q1E 4 SORTIES 19 PLUS 30
USN A1H 4 SORTIES 18 PLUS 00
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13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: 2 GOOD CHUTES WERE SPOTTED. THE HU-16 THAT WAS RETURNING TO HIS HOME BASE WAS DIVIRTED TO THE AREA AND BECAME ON

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SCENE COMMANDER UNTIL HE WAS REPLACED BY HC-54. BFE BEEPER WAS PICKED UP FROM THE CREW OF EGGSHELL. THE CHUTES LANDED ABOUT ONE MILE APART. EACH OF THE HH-43B MADE ONE PICKUP AT 28/1420H. WEATHER IN AREA NOT A FACTOR. VOISE CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED WITH ONE SURVIVOR, AND FLARES FIRED BY SURVIVOR AIDED IN PINPOINTING POSITION.
SUVIVORS: LT CMDR AUSTIN M. LINDSEY, GULFPORT MISS; LT ROBERT W COPPER PHIL, PENNA: RESCUE CREWS: HH-43F: P CAPT BURDEAUX, P. MIAMI FLA: CP CAPT UHL, W.R., ATLANTA GA; PJ A/1C BIRTEL, H.W., HAWKLEY PENNA; MECH A/1C TADEWALD, L.J., PALMDALE CALIF: SECOND CREW, HH-43F P CAPT MCMILLAN C.E., FT WORTH, TEX; CP CAPT RUSH, C.P., CHARLOTTE S.C., MECH A/2C PAPARELLA, QUEENS, N.Y. LAST MISSION REPORT 1069.
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38TH ARS- 1084 - 1 NOV 65.
3.. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 TH ARS
4. OBJECTIVE: 1 USAF PILOT F-105?
SWORD 98
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 2051N 10736E
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: [illegible] RF-101
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TO PROCEED TO THE LOCATION OF THE DOWNED PILOT AT 0325Z.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: LOCATED BY USAF HH-16 1/0356Z.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: 1 USAF PILOT
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OFFSURVIVORS: USAF HH-16 MADE WATER
PICKUP.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: FLOWN TO DANANG AB RVN
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HH-16 2 SORTIES FOR 3 PLUS 40 HOURS
USAF F-104 2 SORTIES FOR 2 PLUS 00 HOURS
USAF F-105 2 SORTIES FOR 2 PLUS 00 HOURS
USN A1H 2 SORTIES FOR 3 PLUS 00 HOURS
13. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED: NMSEARCV
NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: THE PILOT BAILED OUT AT 0302Z. THE PILOT WAS
PICKED UP AT 0340Z AND TOOK OFF AT 0413Z. THE PILOT WAS IN GOOD PHYSICAL
CONDITION AND REPORTED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HIT HIS AIRCRAFT. HH-16
REPORTED RECEIVING GROUND FIRE (SMALL ARMS) FROM A JUNK. THE A1H (ROCKET)
AIRCRAFT SANK THE JUNK.
HH-16 CREW: RCC CAPT DAVID P WESTEN BARGER, FAIRFIELD, OHIO. CP
CAPT DAVID E MENOT, BOULDER, COLORADO. NAV 1ST LT DONALD S PRICE,

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J TROMBINO, MONTERELY PARK, CALIF PAR A2C JAMES E PLEIMAN, NOT
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RUASAB/33ARECOVERY SQ NAHA AB OKINAWA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DET 7 38ARS SO 48. NOV 65. SECTION 1 OF 2.
1. MISSION NUMBER AND DATE: NR 1084/1 NOV 65.
2. SAR ALER BY: RADIO ON GUARD BYSWORD 99
3. TYPE SAR AIRCRAFT USED: HU-16S, 1MP IBIAN
CREW
POSITION NAME ORGAN HOMETOWN
CREW COMDR CAPT DAVID P. WESENBARGER 33 ARECOVERY LANCASER, OHIO
CO-PILO CAPT DAVID K. WEND 33 ARECOWFRY BOULDER, COLO
NAVIGATOR 1/LT DONALD S. PRICE 33 ARECOVERY PENNSAUKEN, N.J.
RADIO OPR SSGT FRANK J. TROMBINO 33 ARECOVERY MONTEREY PARK, CAL

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FLT MECH A1C JAMES M. ALLEN 33 ARECOVERY OXFORD, FLA
PARAESCUE/A2C JAMES E. PLEIMAN 33 ARECOVER RUSSIA, OHIO
4. TIME FROM INITIAL NOTIFICATION TO PICKUP: 1 PLUS 07
5. C AGHDDISANCE: N/A
6. AREA AND TYPE PICKUP: WAER 20DEG ON 107DEG 28 E
7. SIGNALING EQUIPMENT USED TO LOACTE DOWNED PILOT: MK13 MODO FLARE AND DYE MARKER.
8. SURVIVOR NAME: HUGGINS, NORMAN P. SERIAL NO. FV3006007, HOMETOWN MULLINS, SOUTH CAROLINA
9. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: CROWN ALPHA, HU-16 NO. 10071 WAS ON STATION 15 MIKES NORTHEAST OF HOI MATT ISLAND, COORDINATES 19DON, 106 10E. AT 1102 WE OVER EARD A CALL ON GUARD CHANNEL FROM SWORD 99, AN F-101. HE SAED THAT HIS WINGMAN, SWORD 98 HAD BEEN HIT AND BAILED OU. BAILOUT COORDINATES WERE GIVES AS 20DDEG 51 N 107DEG 30E (40 MILES EAST OR HAIPHONG AND 140 NORTHEAST OF OUR ORBIT STATION). SWORD 99 FURTHER STATED TRAT HE HAD SEE THE PARACHUTE OPEN BUT HAD NOT SEEN IT LAND. HE THOUGHT HIS WINGMAN LANDED ON AN ISLAND. CROWN ALPHA ARRIVED IN THE SEARVH AREA AT 1145 WIH TWO A-1 RESCPA (LOCKET 590 ANF592) AND VENUS FLIGHT AS TOP COVER (F-104'S). WE INITIALLY SIGHTED AN OIL SLICK 2 MILES EAST OF A LARGE ISLAN

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IN THE LLEE QUAN-LAN GROUP. AT 1158 SWORD 99 REPORTED SIGHTING AN ORANGE SMOKE SIGNAL FRO T E WEST SIDE OF THE ISLAND. RAIN SHOWERS I N HE AREA WERE VERY HEAVY. A 1200 WE SIGHED THE ORANGE SMOKE APPROXIMAELY 100 YARDS OFF SHORE. AT 1202 CAPT WENDT SPOTTED THE SURVIVOR AND COMMENCED COUNT DWN FOR SMOKE DROP, AS SURVIVOR WAS APPROXIMATELY 80 YARDS OFF STAR-BOARD WING. AT CAPT WENDT'S COMMAND A 15 MIN SMOKE BOMB WAS RELEASED BY
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ALLEN FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 80 FEE. WE HE TURNED ONTO DOWN WIND (225DEG) FOR A LOW PASS OVER THE AREA. OMBASE LEG RAIN BECAME INTENSE AND AN INSTRUMENT LET DOWN WAS COMMENCED. THE A/C BROKE OUT OF THE RAIN AT 100 FEET, 2 MILES SHORT OF THE SMOKE. THE WATER WAS SMOOTH BUT VERY SHALLOW. ON THIS PASS REEDS WERE OBSERVED GROWING OUT OF THE WATER TO HE IMMEDIATE LEF AND RIGHT OF THE AIRCRAT TRACK. THE TRACK WAS INTO THE WIND (12 KTS) ORALLEL TO THE CAOST AND APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS FROM THE BEACH. THE SURVIVOR WAS SIGHTED BRIEFLY ON THIS PASS. HE WAS BEING APPROACHED BY A SMALL JUNK WHICH WAS ABOUT 150 YARDS SOUTHEAST OF THE SURVIVOR. THE RIGHT SCANNERS REPORTED GUN FLASHES FROM THE JUNK AND I REQUESTED LOCKET FLIGHT TO NEURALIZE THE JUNK. WATER DEPTH WAS ESTIMATED A 10 FEET IN A CHANNEL 300 FEET WIDE,

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15 MIKES NORTHEAST OF HOI MATT ISLAND, COORDINATES [illegible]. AT 1102 WE OVER HEARD A CALL ON GUARD CHANNEL FROM SWORD 99, AN F-101. HE SAED THAT HIS WINGMAN, SWORD 98 HAD BEEN HIT AND BAILED OUT. BAILOUT COORDINATES WERE GIVEN AS GOODEY 91 N 107DEG 30E (40 MILES EAST OR HAIPHONG AND 140 NORTHEAST OF OUR ORBIT STATION). SWORD 99 FURTHER STATED THAT HE HAD SEE THE PARACHUTE OPEN BUT HAD NOT SEEN IT LAND. HE THOUGHT HIS WINGMAN LANDED ON AN ISLAND. CROWN ALPHA ARRIVED IN THE SEARCH AREA AT 1145 WITH TWO A-1 RESCAP (LOCKET 590 AMF592) AND VENUS FLIGHT AS TOP COVER (F-104'S).
WE INITIALLY SIGHTED AN OIL SLICK 2 MILES EAST OF A LARGE ISLAND

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IN THE LWEE QUAN-LAN GROUP. AT 1153 SWORD 99 REPORTED SIGHTING AN ORANGE SMOKE SIGNAL FRO T E WEST SIDE OF THE ISLAND. RAIN SHOWERS I N E AREA WERE VERY HEAVY. A 1200 WE SIGHTED THE ORANGE SMOKE APPROXIMAELY 100 YARDS OFF SHORE. AT 1202 CAPT WENDT SPOTTED THE SURVIVOR AND COMMENCED COUNT DOWN FOR SMOKE DROP, AS SURVIVOR WAS APPROXIMATELY 20 YARDS OFF STARBOARD WING. AT CAPT WENDT'S COMMAND A 15 MIN SMOKE BOMB WAS RELEASED BY MC ALLEN FROM AN ALTITIDE OF 50 FEE. WE HF TURNED ONTO DOWN WIND (225DEG) FOR A LOW PASS OVER THE AREA. ONBASE LEG RAIN BECAME INTENSE AND AN INSTRUMENT LET DOWN WAS COMMENCED. THE A/C BROKE OUT OF THE RAIN AT 100 FEET, 2 MILES SHORT OF THE SMOKE. THE WATER WAS SMOOTH BUT VERY SHALLOW. ON THIS PASS REEDS WERE OBSERVED GROWING OUT OF THE WATER TO BE IMMEDIATE LEF AND RIGHT OF THE AIRCRAT TRACK. THE TRACK WAS INTO THE WIND (12 KTS) PARALLEL TO THE COAST AND APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS FROM THE BEACH. THE SURVIVOR WAS SIGHTED BRIEFLY ON THIS PASS. HE WAS BEING APPROACHED BY A SMALL JUNK WHICH WAS ABOUT 150 YARDS SOUTHEAST OF THE SURVIVOR. THE RIGHT SCANNERS REPORTED GUN FLASHES FROM THE JUNK AND I REQUESTED LOCKET FLIGHT TO NEURALIZE THE JUNK. WATER DEPTH WAS ESTIMATED A 10 FEET IN A CHANNEL 300 FEET WIDE,

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100 YARDS OUT AND PARALLELL TO THE COAST. THE WATER ON EITHER SIDE OF THIS CHANNEL WAS ESTIMATED AT 3 FEET DEEP. WHILE CROWN ALPHA WAS ELIISOWED. THE LEFT TANK FAILED TO FALL OFF AND ATTEMPTS TO SHAKE IT LOOSE AT THAT TIME FAILED. ANOTHER INSTRUMENT FINAL WAS COMMENCED IN HEAVY RAIN AND A FINAL SHAKING OF THE A/C FREED THE LEFT DROP TANK. A LOW DRAG WAS ESTABLISHED AND THE A/C TOUCHED DOWN 1500 FEE SHORT. OF OUT SMOKE BOMB. ON TAXIING UP TO THE SURVIVOR, WHO WAS WEARING AN LPU WE OBSERVED 3 OTHER SWIMMERS IN THE WATER. A PISTOL BATLE BETWEEN THE SURVIVOR AND ONE OF THE SWIMMERS WAS OBVIOUSLY IN PROGRESS. I TAXIED BETWEEN THE OPPOSING PARTIES PLACING THE SURVIVOR ON THE PORT SIDE WITH TWO OF HIS WOULD BE CAPTERS ON THE STARBOARD SIDE. THE FLIGHT MECHANIC, A1C ALLEN OPENED FIRE WITH AN M-16 FIRE OUT THE STARBOARDMYOMBINO, RADIO OPERATOR, WHO WERE DRAGGING HIM AND THE SURVIVOR TOWARD THE AMPHIBIAN BY THE ATTACHED ROPE. THE CO-PILOT, CAPT WENDT, STOOD IN HIS SEAT AND KEPT THE REST OF THE CREW POSTED ON HE LOCATION OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE ORIGINATING FROM THE HI
LS BEHIND THE BEACH. THIS FIRE WAS OF CONSIDERABLE CONCERN AS HE PROJECTILES COULD BE SEEN SPLASHING INTO THE WATER ABOUT 100 TO 150 FEET OFF THE STARBOARD SIDE. THE EXACT POINT OF FIRE FROM THE ISLAND COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED FOR STRIKE BY OUR RESCAP. THE SURVIVOR AND AIRMAN PLEIMAN WERE PULLED ABOARD BY LT PRICE AND SGT TROMBINO. THE AMPHIBIAN WAS BACKED UP SLIGHTLY AND ABRUPTLY TURNED 180 DEG TO PORT IN ORDER TO AVOID THE SWIMMER OFF THE BOW AND TO BE IN POSITION FOR DOWNWIND TAKE OFF IN THE SAME CHANNEL USED FOR LANDING RAIN WAS AIN ENCOUNTERED DURING TAKEOFF ROLL AND TRANSITION WAS MADE TO INSTRUMENT TAKE OFF PROCEDURES. THE AIRCRAFT BROKE WATER AT 1211 FOR A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES ON THE WATER. OP COVER F-104'S WERE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DET 7 38ARS 58548. NOV 65. FINAL SECTION OF 2.
REPLACED BY F-105'S (DODGE 3 AND 4) AND VROWN ALPHA PROCEEDED TO
DANANG. LANDING WAS MADE AT 1430 WITH 800 LBS OF FUEL REMAINING
ON BOARD AFTER 9 HOURS 30 MINUTES OF FLIGHT.
10. COMENTS:
A. THE SURVIVOR, CAP HUGGINS REPORTED THATHE HAD BEEN
ENGAGED IN HIS PISTOL BATTLE WITH THE SWIMMERS FOR APPROXIMATELY
30 MINUTES BEFORE WE ARRIVED. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE AUTOMATIC
WEAPONS FIRE WHICH HAD BEEN DIRECTED AT HIM BEFORE OUR ARRIVAL
WAS INTENSIFIED UND TRAINED ON US AS WE MADE OUR PASES OVER HIM.

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WE DID NOT OBSERVE THIS FIRE UNTIL AFTER LANDING, PROBABLY
BECAUSE OF THSRAIN.
B. CAPT HUGGINS HAD TWO RADIOS, NEITHER OF WHICH WERE USEABLE
TO HIM. HIS URC 11 WAS COMPLETELY INOPERATIVE. HIS URJT 21 WAS
STRAPPED TO HIS BACK AND HE COULD NOT FIND IT OR REACH IT. HIS
BEACON DID NOT OPERATE BECAUSE IT WAS NOT TURNED ON. THE
WHITE PLASTIC SAFETY BUTTON HAD BEEN EXTRACTED BUT OBVIOUSLY
THE BEACON HAD BEEN PACKED WITH THE ON/OFF SWITCH IN THE OFF POSITION. THE
BEACON CHECKED FINE ONCE IT WAS TURNED ON.
C. THIS MISSION WAS LARGELY POSSIBLE DUE TO THE USE OF
A-1'S AS RESCPA. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE BY FAR THE MOST COMPATIBLE
FIGHTER AVAILABLE FOR USE WITH THE HU-16. THEIR ENDURANCE, LOW
ALTITUDE, SLOW SPEED CAPABILITY, AND EXTREMELY ACCURATE FIRE
POWECHERE ALL ESSENTIAL TO THIS MISSION.
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Detachment 4
Pacific Air Rescue Center (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO San Francisco 96227

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det 4 PARC

31 May 1965

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative , 4PARC269/28 May 65

TO: Hq PARC (DOARO)
APO US FORCES 96553

1. Mission number 4PARC269/28 May 65

2. SAR alerted by Bien Hoa tower primary crash circuit and telephone from 118th Aviation Company.

3. Type SAR aircraft used - 2 HH-43F helicopters with fire suppression kits.

Primary Alert Crew:

RCC	Capt	Beryl E. Warden Jr.
CP	1stLt	Joseph E. Connell
HM	SSgt	Kelly R. Hughes
PJ	A2C	Richard O. Steinert

Secondary Alert Crew:

RCC	Capt	John A. Boyles
CP	Capt	Kenneth L. Spaur
HM	SSgt	Emil F. Miehlke
PJ	TSgt	Harold E. Moak

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pick-up. Approximately 15 minutes.

5. CAP assistance - None.

6. Area and type of pick-up. South side of Bien Hoa Air Base. Man extracted from burning wreckage.

7. Signaling equipment used to locate survivor - None.

8. Survivor's name and Serial number not available.

9. Summary of events:

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The primary alert crew (Capt Warden) initiated their scramble when the primary crash phone range. Almost simultaneously, the duty officer from the 118th Aviation Company called on the telephone and said that they had a mid-air collision between two UH-1B helicopters in their area. The secondary alert crew was scrambled.

The primary alert crew arrived on the scene about three minutes after notification and noted two fires about 100 yards apart. Personnel on the ground motioned them to one of the fires and the FSK was positioned and the fire-fighters off-loaded. While this crew was fighting the fire, an Army helicopter evacuated the only survivor of this crash, a crewmember who had been thrown clear of the wreckage.

The secondary alert crew arrived on the scene approximately five minutes after initial notification, positioned the FSK, off-loaded the fire-fighters at the other fire and began fighting the fire. The helicopter fuselage was inverted and after most of the fire was put out the fire-fighters, with the help of numerous Army personnel who had arrived on the scene, raised one side of the wreckage and extracted the survivor of this aircraft. The survivor was placed aboard the secondary HH-43F and flown to the 34th TAC Gp Dispensary where he was given emergency first-aid and then evacuated to the Navy Hospital in Saigon.

10. Comments: Sgt Moak, the Pararescueman on the secondary alert crew, sustained a back injury while moving the wreckage. The extent of his injury is not known at this time.

FOR THE COMMANDER

JOHN A. BOYLES
Captain, USAF
Operations Officer

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FOR CSAF (AFXOPH), MATS (MROCC/AT) & (MCP), ARS (ARSCP), PACAF (PFOCC-H), 13AF (JSARC).
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 6-38-446/20 JUL 65.
EMX CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 6, 38TH AIR RESCUE SQA
4. SR OBJECTIVE: 1 PILOT OF USAF F-100. 1 SURVIVOR 1 SAVE
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1055N 10654E. 6 NAUTICAL MILES EAST SOUTHEAST BIEN HOA AB, RVN.
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DATE/TIME ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: BIEN

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HOA TOWER 20 JUL 65, 1955L.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INTIAL SAR ACTION: HH-43F SCRAMBLED AT 1955L.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: DET6/38ARS.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR: DET 6/38ARS. BAILOUT OCCURRED OVER UNSECURE TERRITORY AT NIGHT IN HEAVY RAIN. HH-43F ON IMMEDIATE ALERT SCRAMBLED WITHIN TWO MINUTES OF NOTIFICATION. URT-21 BEEPER SIGNAL WAS PICKED UP ON UHF 243.0 IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKEOFF. HELICOPTER HOMED IN ON SIGNAL AND PROCEEDED TO GENERAL AREA FLYING AT 500 FIBM SECOND HH-43F ARRIVED ON SCENE 10 MINUTES LATER. DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY, HEAVY RAIN, AND ERRATIC HOMING NEEDLE SWING, BOTH HELICOPTERS DESCENDED TO 25 FEET AND CONDUCTED LOW LEVL SEARCH WITH FLOODLIGHTS AND LANDING LIGHT. DURING THIS TIME SPORADIC TRACER FIRE WAS OBSERVED AND ONE GUN FLASH IN CLOSE PORXIMITY TO THE SEARCHING HELICOPTERS. AFTER 10 MINUTES OF FURTHER SEARCH THE DOWNED PILOT WAS LOCATED AND RECOVERED. PILOT WAS LOCATED THROUGH THE USE OF HELICOPTER LANDING LIGHT AND FLOODLIGHTS ONLY. PILOT FLARES OR STROBE LIGHTS WERE NOT USED.

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11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: RELEASED TO USAF DISPENSARY, BIEN HOA AB, RVN.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS: HH-43F/3 SORTIES 1:10. C-47/1 SORTIE 0:40.
13. NUMBER OF GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES INVOLVED: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: FOR ARS. NARRATIVE REPORT FOLLOWS.
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Detachment 6
38th Air Rescue Squadron (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO US FORCES 96227

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det 6/38ARS 23 July 1965

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report 6-38-446-20 Jul 65.

TO: Hq ARS (ARSCP)
Orlando AFB, Fla

1. Mission Number 6-38-446-20 Jul 65.

2. SAR alerted by Bien Hoa tower on primary crash circuit.

3. Type SAR aircraft used - 2/HH-43F helicopters.

Primary Alert Crew:

RCC Capt Carl G. Layman
CP Maj William T. Hayes, Jr.
HM TSgt Joseph W. Blaquiere
PJ A2C Michael R. Donegan

Secondary Alert Crew
RCC Capt Darvan E. Cook
CP Capt Donald E. Stranahan
HM TSgt Domenick J. Cocuzzi
PJ A1C Kenneth W. Williams

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pick-up: Twenty minutes.

5. CAP assistance - None.

6. Area and type of pick-up - Helicopter landed in hostile unprepared territory.

7. Signaling equipment used to locate survivor - URT-21 radio.

8. Survivor's name and serial number - 1st Lt William Barriere, 70688A. 429th Tactical Fighter Sq, Cannon AFB, New Mexico.

9. Summary of events: At 1953 hours, 20 July 1965, the primary crash circuit was activated at Bien Hoa Air Base, and the rescue alert crew was advised that an F-100 pilot had ejected from his disabled aircraft east of the field. It was night, and a thunderstorm was directly over the field bringing with it heavy rain, a ceiling of 400 feet, and 30 knot winds.

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The rescue alert crew scrambled within two minutes of notification and immediately after takeoff started receiving an emergency beeper tone on guard channel over the UHF radio. With direction finding equipment on the HH-43F it was determined that the signal was coming from the east. Capt Layman, the Rescue Crew Commander, immediately proceeded towards the emergency signal flying at approximately 300 feet above the ground in an effort to maintain visual ground contact in the heavy rain and low ceilings. As the helicopter approached a position approximately 5 miles east of Bien Hoa Air Base, the direction finding needle started giving erratic readings and rotated aimlessly. At this time flares were being dropped immediately to the east and several bursts of automatic tracer fire were observed within a few hundred yards of the helicopter. The downed pilot had landed on the edge of a firefight between elements of the 1st Airborne Division, US Army, and the Viet Cong. As homing indications for the emergency beeper signal were still erratic, and due to the observed ground fire, Capt Layman initiated a random pattern search to provide as ellusive a target as possible to the Viet Cong. During this time all crew members were especially vigilant to observe flares, strobe light or flashlight signals, and guard channel was continuously monitored for emergency transmissions from the downed pilot. During this period the flares ceased dropping but sporadic ground fire was still observed. After five minutes of intensive search it appeared likely that the F-100 pilot was unable to signal the rescue helicopter due to injuries received on ejection or upon making ground contact during darkness and with winds gusting to 30 knots. Another possibility was that he had been captured by the Viet Cong. If the downed pilot was unable to contact the helicopter the only way he could be rescued would be by visual sighting from the helicopter utilizing floodlights to provide necessary illumination. All crewmembers with the exception of the pilot (Capt Layman) armed their AR-15 automatic weapons and, with the copilot (Major Hayes) scanning to the left, the helicopter mechanic (TSgt Blaquiere) scanning to the right, and the pararescue technician (A2C Donegan) scanning to the rear, Capt Layman turned on all external floodlights and the landing light and brought the helicopter down to 50 feet where he initiated sweep searches of the general area at about 20 to 30 knots airspeed. After five minutes the primary helicopter was joined by another rescue helicopter which aided in the search. Both helicopters continued to receive very erratic bearings from the emergency radio beacon. For another five minutes the search continued with both helicopters searching at low speed within 50 feet of the ground with all external floodlights on. During this time the helicopters were extremely vulnerable targets and all crew members were in great personal danger from hostile small arms and mortar fire. Tracer fire continued to be seen and one mortar round was observed to explode. Most of the search effort was conducted over and between the American and Viet Cong positions. When the US Army first sighted the helicopters they ceased firing while the helicopters were in their line of fire. Once the search commenced all tracers and mortar fire observed by the helicopter crews were of Viet Cong orgin. At the end of 20 minutes searching, including over ten minutes under extremely hazardous conditions, the downed pilot was spotted simultaneously by two crew members. Capt Layman landed immediately in front of the pilot, and while Major Hayes covered the area to the left, and TSgt Blaquiere covered the area to the right, Airman Donegan ran to the pilot who was crouching by a bush, and led to the helicopter. The apparently uninjured pilot was then returned to Bien Hoa Air Base and released to the base dispensary for observation. Later questioning of the downed F-100 pilot indicated that

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he was unable to use his signaling devices due to the proximity of the Viet Cong.

10. If public release of this information is contemplated it is requested that any mention of Major Hayes be withheld. Neither his wife or parents are aware that he is flying helicopters in Viet Nam.

William T. Hayes Jr.

WILLIAM T. HAYES, JR.
Major, USAF
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HQ USAF FOR AFXOPR, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC,
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1 OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER, DET 5 PARC-313-2JUNE 1965.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 5 PARC.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: USMC O-1E CREW.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 16 11N-108 OBE.
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7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: TWO HH-43F S SCRAMBLED AT 1906 HOURS. PROCEEDED TO CRASH AREA.
8. AGENCY LOCATION OBJECTIVE: UAF HH-43F LOWERED PARESCUE MAN BY HOIST TO DETERMINE IF THERE WERE SURVIVORS.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: TWO DECEASED.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SUVIVORS AND/OR RECOVERY OF DECEASED: GROUND PARTY RECOVERED BODIES.
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: DECEASED RELEASED TO USMC ISPENSARY AT DANANG AB, RVN.
12. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE OF AIRCRAFT OF CONTROLLING ASSISTING ORGANIZATIONS: USAF HH-43F 3 SORTIES 1 PLUS 05; USA UH-1B; 2 SORTIES 1 PLUS 30.
13. NUMBER OF GROUND PERSONNEL: 50 NUNGS SECURED THE AREA.
14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: USAF HH-43F SERIAL NUMBER 63-9713 WAS INCAPACITATED BY UNFRIENDLY GROUND FIRE DURING RECOVERY MISSION. ALL CREW MEMBERS OF THE HH-43F WERE RECOVERED WITH ONLY MINOR INJURIES. SECOND HH-43F SERIAL NUMBER 63-9714. RECOVERED CREW MEMBERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INCIDENT.
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F. MINOR INJURIES.

PAGE 2 RUMSBJ 36A UNCLAS E F T O
G. SSGT KILPATRICK, DEWEY A., AF 14289763, HELICOPTER MECHANIC, IN CABIN, MINOR INJURIES.
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L. AND M. NONE.
N. RESCUE LOCAL/1Ø8Ø'
O. DANANG AIR BASE, RVN.
P. CLEAR 1Ø PLUS VISIBILITY.
Q. MISHAP CASUED BY HOSTILE ACTION. THIS IS A FINAL REPORT.
R. A/C IMPACTED IN HOSTILE AREA. RVN TROOPS SECURING AREA IN PREPARATION FOR SALVAGE OPERATION.
S.N/A
T.N/A
U.NO/NO.
V. NON
W. NO
X. NO/MACV/UNK.
Y. JAMES J. FETZER MAJ, USAF, FSO, 2741.
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A. Ø2 JUNE 65 - 1925R.
B. 1611N - 10808E.
C. HH-43F - S/N 63-9713.
D. MATS, ARS, PARC, DET 5, DANANG ABN RVN.
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AIRCRAFT MISHAP REPORT FINAL MESSAGE PACAF REG 127-4. FOR
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A. 2 JUNE 1965, 1925H.
B. 16 11' NORTH, 108 08E.
C. HH-43F, SN 63-9713
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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO: HQ ARS (ARSCP)

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INFO: ARCOI

S E C R E T SAR 91039 NOV 65. MSG USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR HHCCO/
AT AND MSP, ARS FOR ARCOC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-14, 13AF FOR JOARC.
1. RCDs 1-ARS-F1 OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER 36 ARS-1000 - 1 NOV 65
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 36 ARS UDORN AB THAILAND
4. SAR OBJECTIVES: 1 USN PILOT (A-4C)
5/LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 18030N-103400E
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS NOTIFIED: SH WINGMAN NOTIFIED 1016 ON
AIRCRAFT BOUNCE AND IT CRASH.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTIONS: SCRAMBLED USAF HH-43B FROM

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PAGE 2 RUHHBA 32 S E C R E T
NAKHON PHANOM AB THAILAND AT 0627Z.
8. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USAF CH-3C ESTABLISHED VOICE AND VISUAL
CONTACT AT 0730Z AND 0800Z RESPECTIVELY.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USN PILOT
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR. USAF CH-3C HOOK HOIST
PICKUP, PILOT WAS ON BOARD THE CH3C AT 0930Z
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: PILOT WAS TAKEN TO NAKHON PHANOM AB
THAILAND WHERE A MEDICAL OFFICER WAS STANDING BY.
12. SITT

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19 ADDITIONAL INFO:
PILOT IS LT CDR SALLY V. WHEAT. THE PILOT WAS REPORTED TO BE IN
SEVERE PAIN SUFFERING FROM A GROIN INJURY. A MEDICAL OFFICER WAS IN

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PAGE 3 RUHHBA 32 S E C R E T
CONTACT WITH THE CH3C ON UHF RADIO AND HAD A AMBULANCE STANDING BY
HH4 THAT WAS ON THE SCENE RETURNED NAKHON PHANOM THAILAND TO PROVIDE
MED EVAC ASSISTANCE. THE HH4 WAS ALERTED AND AIRBORNE AT 0633Z
AND THE HH3'S AT 0634Z. THE WINGMAN REPORTED SEEING THE CHUTE GOING
INTO THE TREES AND SMOKE FROM THAT SAME LOCATION. THE SAR ACFT WERE OVER
THE AREA AT 0751Z THEY REPORTED POSITIVE ELECTRONIC SIGNALS THE
CH3C WAS ALERTED WHEN THE HH3'S DISCONTINUED LOW ON FUEL
AND WAS AIRBORNE AT 0905Z. A PARAMEDIC WAS LOWERED TO EXAMINE THE
PILOT. IT IS BELIEVED AT THIS
TIME THAT THE INABILITY OF THE HH3'S TO LOCATE THE DOWNED PILOOOTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
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5/LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1003N-10540E
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS NOTIFIED: SH WINGMAN NOTIFIED HA16 ON
RESCAP HOURLY GUARD AT 0422Z.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: SCRAMBLED USAF HH-43B FROM

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ACTION: ARCDC
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PAGE 2 RUHHAR 32 S E C R E T
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CONTACT AT 0915Z AND 0925Z RESPECTIVELY.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USN PILOT
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6-38-1047 (6 NOV 65).

OPENING/CLOSING REPORT

DET 6, 38 ARS WAS called upon to EVACUATE TWO AUSTRALIAN ground force CASUALTIES located 10NM EAST OF BIEN HOA.

DET 6 as the controlling AGENCY deployed TWO HH 43F's to the CASUALTY AREA.

A HOIST and STOKES LITTER PICK UP WAS accomplished and the two AUSTRALIAN SURVIVORS were released to the U.S. ARMY 3rd Mobile EVACUATION HOSPITAL.

ARS WAS credited with ONE CONFIRMED SAVE ON this MISSION.

TOTAL OF 4 SORTIES FOR 2 HR & 40 MIN

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FOR ARS(ARSCP). MATS (MACCO/AT AND MCP). PACAF (PFOCC) 13AF (JSARC)
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1 OPENING/CLOSING ?
2. DET 6, 38/1047/6 NOV 65.
3. TACTICAL EVACUATION. TWO AUSTRLIAN CASUALTIES.
4. 173RD FAC
5. 2 HH-43F DEPLOYED. 1755 HRS LCL, 6 NOV 65.
6. 11 04N, 107 03E.
7. CLEAR 15 MILES VISIBILITY.
8. DET Y, 38TH ARS.
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PAGE 2 RUMSAF 1350 C O N F I D E N T I A L
9. DET 6, 38TH ARS.
10. DET 6, HOIST AND STOKES LITTER.
11. 2 SURVIVORS.
12. 1 SAVE
13. RELEASED TO 3RD MOBILE EVACUATION HOSPITAL (US ARMY).
14. CONTROLLING 4 SORITES/2-40 HOURS. ASSISTING UNKNOWN.
15. UNKNOWN.
16. PRIMARY ALERT CREW:
CAPT RAYMOND L. MURDEN
CAPT KARL G. KING
A1C GERALD C. HAMMOND JR.
A1C WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER
SECONDARY CREW:
CAPT CHARLES P. NADLER
CAPT MAURICE G. KESSLER
TSGT KENNETH L. PERKINS
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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO San Francisco 96227 8 Nov 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report

TO: Hq Air Rescue Service, Orlando AFB, Fla 32813

1. Narrative report of save during mission Det 6/38-1047-6 Nov 65 in accordance with PACARESCUECEN Msg 00639 APR 65.

2. Detachment 6, 38th ARS was requested by a 173rd Forward Air Controller to evacuate two casualities from "D" zone, coordinates 1104 N, 10703 E.

3. At 1755 hours, 6 Nov 65, Det 6 scrambled the following HH-43F helicopters and crews: Primary Alert Crew in helicopter 63-1712, RCC Captain Raymond L. Murden, FV3087594, Co-Pilot Captain Karl G. King, FV3103564, Helicopter Mechanic AlC Gerald C. Hammond, AF11365690, Pararescueman AlC William H. Pitsenbarger, AF15680744. The secondary crew in Helicopter 63-1711 consisted of Captain Charles P. Nadler, FR32161, RCC, Captain Maurice G. Kessler, FV3024099, Co-Pilot, TSgt Kenneth L. Perkins, AF15466708, Helicopter Mechanic, and AlC Henry J. O'Beirne, AF12580938, Pararescueman.

4. Initial notification was received at 1752 hours. At 1755 hours the helicopters departed Bien Hoa Air Base and arrived over the general area at 1810 hours. Army helicopters marked a bomb crater with smoke, and ground personnel started moving the casualities toward the crater. Hoist pickups were started at approximately 1845 hours and completed at 1905 hours.

5. Upon arrival of the HH-43F helicopters, one army O-1F aircraft, and one UH-1B helicopter was capping the area. Three armed UH-1B helicopters and two A-1E aircraft arrived to cap the area, after arrival of the HH-43F's. The secondary alert HH-43F remained in orbit to provide back up.

6. The area was covered with dense undergrowth, with scattered trees up to 100 feet high. Hoist pickups were made from a bomb crater using the stokes litter.

7. Smoke bombs were dropped by the army helicopters to mark the area.

8. Survivors were Sgt A. J. McIvor, AD6310927 and Pvt Glen B. Woodward, 16293. Both were assigned to 1st Platoon, Company A, Royal Australian Regiment. Sgt McIvor was suffering from serious head wounds, Pvt Woodward from shoulder wounds.

9. After notification the HH-43F helicopters proceeded to the area, contact with the forward air controller aircraft and the army UH-1B helicopter was established. The UH-1B dropped smoke bombs in a bomb crater and reported that the ground personnel were moving the survivors toward the crater. The FAC aircraft reported seeing gunfire to the south of the area when the UH-1B

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flew over. After survivors were moved to pickup spot the primary HH-43F, piloted by Captain Murden made an approach and lowered the stokes litter by hoist. The personnel on the ground disconnected the litter from the hoist cable, but they did not load the survivors into the litter. AlC Pitsenbarger was then lowered by hoist, and loaded the survivors into the litter. After the last survivor was hoisted aboard, AlC Pitsenbarger was hoisted aboard and the HH-43F's departed for Bien Hoa. The last two pickups were made after dark, and it was necessary to use the floodlights to remain clear of the trees and see the persons being hoisted. After returning to Bien Hoa, the survivors were released to the Army Third Mobile Evacuation Surgical Hospital. Hospital personnel later confirmed one save.

Raymond L. Murden

RAYMOND L. MURDEN
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Rescue Crew Commander

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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO San Francisco 96227 8 Nov 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report

TO: Hq Air Rescue Service, Orlando AFB, Fla 32813

1. Narrative report of save during mission Det 6/38-1047-6 Nov 65 in accordance with PACARESCOMCEN Msg 00639 APR 65.

2. Detachment 6, 38th ARS was requested by a 173rd Forward Air Controller to evacuate two casualities from "D" zone, coordinates 1104 N, 10703 E.

3. At 1755 hours, 6 Nov 65, Det 6 scrambled the following HH-43F helicopters and crews: Primary Alert Crew in helicopter 63-1712, RCC Captain Raymond L. Murden, FV3087594, Co-Pilot Captain Karl G. King, FV3103564, Helicopter Mechanic AlC Gerald C. Hammond, AF11365690, Pararescueman AlC William H. Pitsenbarger, AF15680744. The secondary crew in Helicopter 63-1711 consisted of Captain Charles P. Nadler, FR3216l4 RCC, Captain Maurice G. Kessler, FV3024099, Co-Pilot, TSgt Kenneth L. Perkins, AF15466708, Helicopter Mechanic, and AlC Henry J. O'Beirne, AF12580938, Pararescueman.

4. Initial notification was received at 1752 hours. At 1755 hours the helicopters departed Bien Hoa Air Base and arrived over the general area at 1810 hours. Army helicopters marked a bomb crater with smoke, and ground personnel started moving the casualities toward the crater. Hoist pickups were started at approximately 1845 hours and completed at 1905 hours.

5. Upon arrival of the HH-43F helicopters, one army O-1F aircraft, and one UH-1B helicopter was capping the area. Three armed UH-1B helicopters and two A-1E aircraft arrived to cap the area, after arrival of the HH-43F's. The secondary alert HH-43F remained in orbit to provide back up.

6. The area was covered with dense undergrowth, with scattered trees up to 100 feet high. Hoist pickups were made from a bomb crater using the stokes litter.

7. Smoke bombs were dropped by the army helicopters to mark the area.

8. Survivors were Sgt A. J. McIvor, AD6310927 and Pvt Glen B. Woodward, 16293. Both were assigned to 1st Platoon, Company A, Royal Australian Regiment. Sgt McIvor was suffering from serious head wounds, Pvt Woodward from shoulder wounds.

9. After notification the HH-43F helicopters proceeded to the area, contact with the forward air controller aircraft and the army UH-1B helicopter was established. The UH-1B dropped smoke bombs in a bomb crater and reported that the ground personnel were moving the survivors toward the crater. The FAC aircraft reported seeing gunfire to the south of the area when the UH-1B

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flew over. After survivors were moved to pickup spot the primary HH-43F, piloted by Captain Murden made an approach and lowered the stokes litter by hoist. The personnel on the ground disconnected the litter from the hoist cable, but they did not load the survivors into the litter. AlC Pitsenbarger was then lowered by hoist, and loaded the survivors into the litter. After the last survivor was hoisted aboard, AlC Pitsenbarger was hoisted aboard and the HH-43F's departed for Bien Hoa. The last two pickups were made after dark, and it was necessary to use the floodlights to remain clear of the trees and see the persons being hoisted. After returning to Bien Hoa, the survivors were released to the Army Third Mobile Evacuation Surgical Hospital. Hospital personnel later confirmed one save.

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AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, SUSPENDING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38TH ARS - 1110 - 6 NOV 65
3. DATE OF REPORT: 8 NOV 65
4. AREA SEARCH: VICINITY OF 2030N - 10530E
5. WEATHER IN AREA: 1500 FT LOW OVERCAST WITH MT PEAKS VISIBLE
6. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL MISSION: 5 USAF. (A) A1E (SANDY 12) ONE.
(B) CREW OF CH-3C (JOLLY GREEN GIANT) THREE. (C) A1E (SANDY 14)
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7 NOV 65.

USAF HC-54	2 SORTIES FOR 14 PLUS 20 HRS	
USAF A1E	8 SORTIES FOR 32 PLUS 10 HRS	
USAF CH-3C	2 SORTIES FOR 6 PLUS 10 HRS	
USN A1H	4 SORTIES FOR 10 PLUS 00 HRS	
USN SH-3	2 SORTIES FOR 7 PLUS 00 HRS	
USAF F-4C	10 SORTIES FOR 30 PLUS 00 HRS	
USAF KC-135	4 SORTIES FOR 8 PLUS 10 HRS	
USAF F-105	6 SORTIES FOR 12 PLUS 20 HRS	
USN UH-2	2 SORTIES FOR 2 PLUS 20 HRS	

FLYING TIME AND SORTIES FOR 8 NOV 65 NOV AVAILABLE.
9. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH:
NONE.
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2. MISSION NUMBER: 38TH ARS - 1110 - 6 NOV 65
3. DATE OF REPORT: 8 NOV 65
4. AREA SEARCH: VICINITY OF 2838N - 10536E
5. WEATHER IN AREA: 1500 FT LOW OVERCAST WITH MT PEAKS VISIBLE
6. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL MISSION: 5 USAF. (A) A1E (SANDY 12) ONE. (B) CREW OF CH-3C (JOLLY GREEN GIANT) THREE. (C) A1E (SANDY 14) ONE.

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9. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: NONE.
10. ADDITIONAL INFO: A FIRST LIGHT SEARCH WAS INITIATED AND NO BEACON SIGNALS WERE RECEIVED DURING EARLY PORTION OF THE SEARCH BY AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA. AFTER SEVERAL PASSES OVER THE AREA WITHOUT DRAWING ANY SIGNALS OR GROUND FIRE A BEEPER WAS HEARD AT 0938H. A FEW MINUTES AFTER THE BEEPER SIGNAL WAS RECIVED AND AIRCRAFT ENTERED THE AREA TO PINPOINT THE POSITION, HEAVY GROUND FIRE

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WAS REPORTED. AT 1005H THE SECOND BEEPER SIGNAL WAS RECEIVED AND WHEN THE AIRCRAFT WENT INTO THE AREA THEY DREW MORE INTENSTIVE GROUND FIRE. AIRCRAFT GOING INTO THE AREA AFTER EACH SIGNAL WAS RECEIVED HAD DRAWN HEAVY GROUND FORE AND ALSO REPORTED TAKING DIRECT HITS. TWO A1E'S SUFFERED SERIOUS ENOUGH DAMAGE TO CAUSE THEM T FO SITHDRAW FROM THE AREA. ON SCENE REPORTS INDICATE THAT FORCES IN THE AREA SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN DUE TO THE INTENSITY OF GROUND FIRE. THE MISSION WAS SUSPENDED AT 1044H AFTER COORDINATION THE COMDR 2AD.
DISREGARD MISSION REPORT 38TH ARS - 1103 - 5 NOV 65 AND USE AS REFERENCE FOR MISSION REPORT 38TH ARS UDORN - 1110 - 6 NOV 65. GP-4.
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S E C R E T SAR 51046 NOV 65. NO USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR USARC.

1. PROGRESS REPORT 1
2. MISSION NUMBER : 38TH ARS UDORN-1110-08NOV 65.
3. DATE OF REPORT: 7 NOV 65.
4. AREA SEARCHED: VICINITY OF 20-29N 105-27E.
5. WEATHER IN SEARCH AREA: NOT A FACTOR.
6. RESULTS OF SEARCH: USN SH3 (NIMBLE 07) PICKED UP TWO CREW MEMBERS OF DOWNED USN SH3 (NIMBLE 02). USAF CH3C (JOLLY GREEN GIANT) PICKED UP TWO CREW MEMBERS OF NIMBLE 02. USN ANGLE PICKED UP ONE CREW MEMBER

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OF USAF CH3C (JOLLY GREEN GIANT).
7. FUTURE PLANS: RESCUE OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS AT THIS TIME.
8. SORTIES/FLYING TIME: NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.
9. NUMBER GROUND /VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH:
NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.
10. ADDITIONAL INFO: AT DUSK ON 06 NOV NAVY ANGLE MADE A PICK UP OF ONE CREWMEMBER OF (JOLLY GREEN GIANT)-USAF CH3C. AT FIRST LIGHT 07 NOV NAVY SH3(NIMBLE 02) MADE ATTEMPT TO PICK UP IN THE AREA OF JOLLY GREEN GIANT. NIMBLE 02 WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE, LOSING FUEL AND ATTEMPTING TO MAKE IT TO OPEN WATER BUT WAS FORCED DOWN AT 19-53N 105-11E. ANGEEL 07 ATTEMPTED PICK UP ANDMADE SUCCESSFUL RECOVERY OF TWO OF MBERS. JOLLY GREEN GIANT ASSISTED ANGEL 07 AND PICKED UP THE REMAINING TWO CREW MEMBERS. ALL AIRCRAFT THEN RETURNED TO LIMA 36. TWO USAF A1E'S WERE ALSO HIT BY GROUND FIRE BUT WERE NOT FORCED DOWN. BEACONS AND VOICE CONTACT WITH CREW WS DOWNED JOLLY GREEN GIANT HAD BEEN MADE BY CAP AIRCRAFT. RESCUE OPERATIONS STILL IN PROGRESS AT THIS TIME, ADDITIONAL INFO WILL FOLLOW. HOPPER SIGNALS IN THE AREA INDICATED SEVERAL PERSONNEL ALSO POSSIBILITY THAT PILOT OF A1E (SANDY 12 STILL AT LARGE). NO INFORMATION AT THIS TIME ON PILOT OF MISSION A1E (SANDY 14

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S E C R E T 1/PRCOP/5 1589 NOV 69. THE FOLLOWING MSG IS
QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. QUOTE:
SECRET
JOPREP PINNACLE:OPREP-3 (U)
1. FOLLOWING IS DEBRIEF OF NIMBLE 62 CREW, SH3A TEMP ATTACHED TO INDEPENDENCE; NIMBLE 62 LAUNCED FROM INDEPENDENCE AT 1515H, REFULLED FROM TUCKER AT 1700H AND WAS ON STATION, 19-00N/105-45E AT 1800H. A FEW MOMENTS LATER PROCEEDED OVER BEACH WITH LOCKET ONE HDG 317 DEGREES, 90 KNOTS 10,000 FT. COAST IN POINT 19-00N/105-37E. PROCEEDED TO 19-25N/105-12E THEN TO 19-53N/OPTAQQE THEN TO PICK UP POINT, 20-06N/

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WHILE AWAITING RESCUE.

SURVIVOR HAD FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT/

SE (1) NCR BEACON
(2) ARC-11 RADIO
(3) SIGNAL MIRROR
(4) POCKET KNIFE
(5) CLOTH SURVIVAL CHART
(6) BLOOD VHIT

IN ADDITION HE CARRED SMALL BOTTLE ASPIRIN, SMALL BOTTLE WATER PURFICIATION TABLETS, 3 PROPHYLACTIC, 24 ROUND 238 SHELL AMMO, CIGARET LIGHTER, AND 1 PACK CIGARETTES,. US ED NCR BEACON, RADIO, SIGNAL MIRROR, AND CIGARET LIGHTER. SURVIVOR IN EXCELLENT CONDITION WITH MINOR BURNS AND SCRATCHES.

UNQUOTE:

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THUNLAND. (B) 06/1352H RECEIVED THROUGH
SSB, NAKHON AB, THAILAND.
7. PERSONNEL INVOLVED: (A) 1 USAF. (B) 4 USAF (C) 1
8. WEATHER IN AREA OF LAST KNOWN POSITION OR ENROUTE: NOT A FACTOR.
9. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: (A) 06/1148H LAUNCHED CH-3C
FROM LIMA 36. ALSO PREPOSITIONED HC-54 INTO THE AREA. (B) 06/2351 4H
NAVY LAUNCHED WITHSJC- O TGMSITENI :H-3C
10. FUEFRE PLANS: UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.
11. ADDITIONAL INFO: CH-3C LAUNCHED TO ATTEMPT PICKUP OF SANDY 12.
CH-3C HIT BY GROUND FIRE, BURNING AND FOUR CHUTES OBSERVED. 2AD
ADVISED FORCES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE AREA. 2 HH-43'S LAUNCHED FOR
ATTEMPT PICKUP OF CH-3C CREW DFT WERE WITHDRAWN AGAIN BY 2AD DUE TO
HEAVYHAONCDITRATIONSHMF GROUND FIRE. CAP AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED TO AREA TO
SEARCH FOR CREW MEMBERS. CAP AIRCRAFT HAD VOICE CONTACT WITH CH-3C
CREW. CH-3C FROM PHANOM BEING PREPARED FOR LAUNCH IS OUT OF
COMMISSION AT THIS TIME. NAVY SH-3 WENT INTO THE AREA ESCORTED BY USAF
A1ZHWMD SIDEWINDER FLIGHTS. THE SH-3 REMAINDED UNTRW BINOVHDUEL THEN
RETURNED HOME. NEGATIVE SIGHTINGHPFJREW MEMBER RORTVCHUTES REPORTED.
NEGATIVZ BEEPER OR VOICE CONTACT WITH CREW OF CH-3C MADE. HVONTACT
AIEHUSANDYTMAT WAS ESCORTING NAVY COPPER. SANDY 14

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HAS NOT ARRIVED AT HIS HOME STATION AND WINGMAN HAD NO VISUAL OR
ELECTRONIC CONTACT WITH HIM AFTER THE REPORTED RADIO LOSS.
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TACC Rescue Control Element
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO San Francisco 96237

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TACC/Capt. Reeves

10 Nov 1965

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission Number 1110

TO: Hqs PARC, Hickam AFB Hawaii

Crown 29 was an HC-54D, No. 42-72666, assigned to 36 Air Recovery Squadron, Tachikawa AB, Japan. The following crewmembers manned the aircraft:

RCC - Robert R. Reeves, FR58833, 4ARS, Eglin AFD, Florida
CP - John A. Vogt, FR73445, 36 Air Recovery Squadron, Tachikawa AB, Japan
NAV - Robert P. Sarbell, FV3139046, 36 Air Recovery Squadron, Tachikawa AB, Japan
RO - E. L. Wasley, AF16394371, 36 Air Recovery Squadron, Tachikawa AB, Japan
FM - V. L. Flores, AF19359605, 36 Air Recovery Squadron, Tachikawa AB, Japan
FM - G. W. Ashworth, AF18441596, 36 Air Recovery Squadron, Tachikawa AB, Japan

1. On 7 November 1965 Mission Number 1110 was briefed by Lt Col Hamilton, Director of TACC, Udorn. Crown 29 was to proceed to Sam Tev and orbit. We were to back up the Navy who was already searching for Sandy 12 and 14 and Jolly Green 85. If not successful we were to request permission from Compress to enter the mission. Jolly Green was to refuel at Site 11 with Sandys orbiting overhead for use if needed.

2. The following agencys were involved:

TACC/Rescue Control Element - Compress
38th Air Rescue Squadron, Tan Son Nhut - King
HC-54 On Scene Commander - Crown 29
HU-16 On Scene Commander - Crown Alpha
Destroyer - Astronaut
Navy A1-H5 - Locketts
Navy Choppers - Nimble 62 and Angel 07
Navy F8s - Sea Grape 103 and 104
A-1Es - 2 Sandys and 3 Hobos
F-4Cs - Bango Flt and Zebra Flt
CH-3 - Jolly Green 76
HH-43s - Pedro 3 and 4

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3. Crown 29 departed Udorn AB, Thailand at 2244Z with an ETA at Sam Tev orbit point of 2344Z. My radio operator reported having difficulty reading Compress. This difficulty was experienced on almost every early morning flight and later cleared up. As we proceeded toward orbit point we were reading Compress weak but readable. At 2323Z we were reading King 5 by on HF and he requested us to advise Lockett Flight, in search area, to contact Crown Alpha who was working off coast. We advised Lockett flight to contact Crown Alpha on SAR primary.

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Approximately 2333Z we relayed to Compress through King that we had negative contact with Jolly Green and could not get his ETA at Site 11. We arrived on orbit at 2344Z. We could hear Lockett Flights UHF transmissions. They were talking on Guard to someone which turned out to be some of the survivors in the search area. The navigator got a radar (APX-28) fix on them. He had numerous targets on the Sarah Receiver also. We pinpointed their position at 060° 66NM from Sam Teu. Lockett Flights high cap left at 2345Z and we advised that Zebra Flight was due in the area at 0010Z. We attempted contact with Zebra on SAR Primary and Guard without success. At 2346Z Astronaut advised, bogeys closing on SAR area from the North. Approximately the same time we received a Red Mig Alert over HF in the same quadrant. We attempted contact with Zebra Flight again on Guard numerous times without success. Lockett was trying to get Cap from Astronaut also. At 2347Z Locketts advised they were receiving heavy ground fire. Shortly afterwards Lockett 2 was hit and reported boost control failure, fumes in cockpit, and he was unable to open canopy. The problem looked critical, but fortunately the fumes cleared and Lockett 2 said he was O. K. and would continue to search. At 2350Z Lockett 3 reported that they were receiving strong VRC-21 signals. Lockett flight was still picking up considerable ground fire. We advised Crown Alpha to attempt contact with Zebra flight as requested by King. Crown Alpha could not contact Zebra either, nor could Locketts. Nimble 62 was hit by ground fire as he was crossing into the SAR area. He reported heavy ground fire and his fuel tanks were damaged. He estimated only 30 to 40 minutes of fuel remaining and could not return to the destroyer due to rapid fuel loss and fumes in the cockpit. This was at 0005Z and Astronaut advised that the Bogeys had turned back to a 360° heading. This took some of the pressure off, but we still had no High Cap. Lockett flight started searching for a landing area for Nimble 62. Lockett 3 located an open area large enough for the damaged chopper. It was only 24NM East of our orbit position at Sam Teu. My navigator advised me of the bearing and distance to L. Site 36 and we knew Nimble 62 could not make it that far. He was too far from any friendly sites to recover. Lockett flight requested Astronaut to scramble another chopper for pickup of 4 crewmembers. Angel 07 was scrambled by the Navy for the recovery. At 0015Z King advised us that Bango Bravo flight was estimating the area in 30 minutes. We advised Crown Alpha. We confirmed negative high cap with Compress at 0022Z. At 0028Z Lockett 3 led Nimble 62 to the landing spot on top of a mountain where trees had been chopped down. It was just large enough for him to land with relative safety. The navigator pinpointed Nimble 62 on the APX 28 with a bearing of 111° for 26NM from Sam Teu. The co-pilot sighted them visually as they were orbiting the landing area. They reported no hostile ground fire or movement. When Angel 07 reported some doubt of recovering all 4 survivors we called Sandy flight at Site 11 and requested they relay to Jolly Green to expedite refueling at Site 11. At 0035Z Lockett 3 advised that Nimble 62 had landed safely and all were outside the chopper and appeared to have no injuries. At 0040Z Angel 07 was crossing coastline and Lockett 3 advised him he could not land and would have to hover out of ground effect. At this point I decided to scramble Jolly Green for back-up for Angel 07. We had no contact with Pedro 3 and 4 at Lima Site 36 so we could not scramble them. Just about this time Pedro 4 contacted us. He had taken off from L. Site 36 to give Jolly Green a steer to 36. He thought Jolly Green was enroute to 36 and became worried when they figured he was overdue. While we were talking to Pedro 4 Compress advised us to put the Pedros on Red Alert at 36. We advised Pedro 4 to land and standby Red Alert. This was at 0055Z and since Pedros were advised to

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hold Red Alert at 36 I immediately called Sandy flight and requested they scramble Jolly Green and escort him to San Teu. At 0110Z Compress advised that Bango Bravo was on tanker and would contact us when off. Sandy flight advised us that Jolly Green's ETA was 0210Z. Compress was advised. At 0120Z Compress requested that we move Lockett flight out of the area so Bango Bravo could plot and suppress flak. We advised there was no flak or ground fire in the area. Compress requested that Sandy 13 plot flak and we advised there was no Sandy 13 in the area. At 0139Z Angel 07 reported 1st pickup of one survivor. He only had 7 minutes till Bingo fuel and advised we would probably have to use Jolly Green. We advised Jolly Green. At 0140Z we started vectoring Bango Bravo into our position and at 0145Z he passed directly overhead. He was a welcome sight as the area had no high cap for approximately 1458. His Bingo time was 0215Z. Compress advised us to use Sandy 13 and Hobo 91 as forward air controllers for Bango Bravo. We advised 91 and decided to keep them with us in case Lockett 3 and Angel 07 needed them for assistance. At 0151Z Angel 07 recovered second survivor on slow running pickup due to weight and altitude. At 0156Z Bango Alpha arrived in area for high cap. At 0158Z Angel 07 departed for the destroyer. At 0200Z Jolly Green and Sandy flight and Hobo flight arrived at San Teu and we had Lockett 3 vector us to the scene. We located the 2 remaining survivors and orbited directly overhead so Jolly Green could see us and fly directly to the scene. At 0205Z Compress advised us to proceed with primary mission after recovery of Navy survivors. Bango Bravo bingoed at 0215Z and headed for a tanker. Jolly Green started jettisoning fuel since he was too heavy for recovery at that altitude. He only had 2400 hours of fuel remaining after jettisioning. We advised him to return to Site 36 with two Sandys and refuel or launch Pedros for primary search. At 0217Z Compress again advised us to have Sandy 13 take Bango Bravo to primary area for expending. We again advised that there was no Sandy 13 in the flight and that Bango Bravo was recycling on tanker. At this time Lockett, Sandy and Hobo flights escorted Jolly Green over scene. We all went to (UHF) guard to preclude excess traffic and all were advised to maintain radio silence except as necessary. At 0222Z Jolly Green recovered both survivors and said they were in good condition. After Jolly moved out of area Lockett 3 expended rockets into the disabled chopper as directed by Astronaut. Sandy and Hobo followed suit and the chopper was left in roaring flames. Lockett 3 departed as he was low on fuel. The other Locketts had departed approximately 15 minutes earlier. At 0227Z Compress advised return all Sandys not taking part in strike. At 0228Z Bango Alpha, Sandys, Hobos, Jolly Green and Crown 29 headed for primary search area. At 0233Z Jolly Green advised he would only have 20 minutes fuel for search in primary area. Compress was notified and they advised us to send Jolly Green to Site 36. Jolly Green was advised and we sent 1 Sandy and 1 Hobo with him for escort. At 0240Z remaining Sandys, Hobos, Bango Alpha and Crown 29 continued toward primary area. Five minutes later Bango Alpha said he would Bingo in ten minutes and Bango Bravo would be back in 30 minutes. New Lockett aircraft reported coming in but they had no high cap. They requested high cap from Astronaut. With no high cover for 20 minutes at least, we advised Lockett to hold short and Sandy, Hobo, and Crown 29 pulled back to San Teu awaiting high cap. At 0302Z Compress again advised us to have Sandy 13 direct high cap for expending ordnance and we advised that no Sandy 13 was anywhere in the area to be found. We checked with the Sandys and found out that Hobo 93 had been Sandy 13 in the days previous search. He was enroute with Jolly Green to Site 36 and said he did not have enough fuel to return to the search area and get back to home plate.

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At 0318Z we told Compress that Jolly Green and Hobo 93 and Sandy were 7 minutes out of Site 36. At 0324Z Astronaut said Seagrape 103 and 104 were inbound for high cap, but no one could make contact. At 0326Z we advised Compress that remaining Sandys and Hobos would only have 30 minutes to search in primary area if they left immediately. Locketts had 2+00 hours in search area, but still no high cap. Compress advised we would have 4 Bango Bravos and 2 Bango Alphas for flak suppression. They advised to use Sandys as forward air controllers for the ordnance expending. Sandy, Hobo and Lockett flights did not know the positions of any flak or ground fire in the primary search area. They said they could draw fire possibly, but we all agreed that this was not good practice as there was no high cap and they would have to recover before either Bango flight could return to the area. At 0335Z Compress advised us to recall all Sandys, Hobos and high cap ASAP, and for Crown 29 to proceed to Site 36 and orbit. When Harbormaster (destroyer) heard us recall our forces he recalled Lockett flight. We arrived at Site 36 at 0410Z and advised Compress that Jolly Green was on the ground and the 2 survivors had departed on a Porter (Papa Charlie Echoe) for Site 20. From there they would be taken to Udorn via another aircraft. We departed Site 36 at 0545Z after being relieved by Crown 29. We landed at 0647Z.

4. Pertinent comments: There was a breakdown in high cap during this entire effort. Out of the 3+41 hours covering the span when cover was needed we only had 1+05. Lockett flight and Nimble 62 were left in the primary SAR area without cover and about the same time bogeys approached from the North. We considered using Pedros for Angel 07 backup, but were told to leave them at Site 36 on Red Alert. We could not enter the primary search area (for Jolly Green 85 and 2 Sandys downed) because there was no high cover provided after the recovery of the 2 navy survivors. Sandys could not direct expending of ordnance because by the time Bango Bravo started back to the SAR area all Sandys and Hobos were Bingo fuel. None of the low cover aircraft know the location of the ground fire. I decided when the Navy chopper went down and only 2 could be recovered this became our primary mission. I considered the 2 positive survivors paramount over 4 possible recoveries with whom no visual contact had been made. Even though the Navy survivors appeared to be in an isolated area (mountain peak with valleys and villages around it 5NM distant) I could not by pass them for possible recoveries. Overall except for high cover we thought the recovery of the navy survivors was handled with flexibility which is the by-word of rescue. As on scene commander I had to use my best judgement of the situation when the Navy chopper was downed. The complexion was suddenly completely changed. Major Halsworth, Col Karschner, and Col Mask all agreed that I made the proper decision. They were the responsible rescue personnel attending the crews debriefing. My reason for mentioning this is that 2nd Air Division was directing this mission. Col Hamilton briefed the crew before departure and Col Carter, Chief of Operations for Deputy Commander, 2nd Air Division, debriefed. In the debriefing I was criticized for not carrying out the mission as briefed. My reason for deviating was obvious I thought. The entire mission changed before we even got to orbit. In addition Lockett 2 had been shot up as had Nimble 62 and all reported heavy ground fire in the area. Jolly Green 76 would have been taking much more than Rescues policy of a calculated risk, but this is not why I did not proceed as briefed. The Log at TACC reflected that we had been advised to scramble the Pedros for back-up of Angel 07 and to take Jolly Green to the briefed SAR area.

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This was not the case and the RCC of Pedro 3 at Site 36 confirmed that he heard Compress advise us to have Pedros on the ground at Site 36 on Red Alert. The recovery of the Nimble 62 crew went very smoothly. Lockett 3 and Nimble 62 demonstrated some of the best teamwork I have witnessed. Lockett2's refusal to abandon the search after being in trouble himself was commendable. Having 2 UHFs and 2 HFs on Crown 29 has been the best modification to an HC-54 in a long time. The co-pilot coordinated the high cover and worked with Astronaut on SAR secondary and I handled the recovery on SAR primary and guard. The result was excellent radio dicipline and a minimum of confusion. These 2 duplicate radios have kept A/C 42-72666 from having a single radio abort since it left Yachikawa 15 October 1965.

5. Recommendations: It has become difficult to know who the rescue crews are responsible to. One day it appears to be TACC and the next its back to the Rescue Element. I would recommend for the best mission accomplishment that this rescue operation be left to the Rescue Controllers and Element Commander who are trained for and have the experience to best perform this function. A continuation of this confusing situation could cause a rescue crew commander to err in judgement and result in a tragedy. I recommend that all HC-54s operating in South East Asia be equipped with 2 UHF and 2 HF radios. The station for the airborne controller is not needed but the charts and areas for charts and recording scheduled Bingos, etc., prove helpful. My entire crew agrees that the airborne controller is not needed and is a waste of valuable manpower. The extra radio equipment has been the God send of this modification. It is important that the co-pilot be able to transmitt on the second UHF set independantly of the Pilots, however, each should be able to monitor and transmitt on the other set if so desired. The refueling situation at the sites is critical in some cases during missions. Better equipment is needed for faster refueling. The old slow hand pump method could and probably has caused the failure of a recovery mission. If not, it will. We could give better coverage with more HC-54 planes and crews. We cannot cover the entire area with one 54 airborne. We also need more choppers for better placement and faster reaction.

6. Everyone is trying hard to recover our downed pilots. I don't mean to sound critical and every word I have mentioned is sincere and meant to be constructive. My concern is that we recover every pilot who goes down if possible and that the air rescue image is enhanced.

ROBERT R. REEVES
Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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MINUTES NORTH 105 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES EAST.
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P. JOLLY GREEN (HH-3) HELICOPTER WITH ABOVE NAMED CREW MEMBERS
TOOK OFF FROM NAKON PHANOM 6 NOV 65, TAKE OFF TIME NOT AVAILABLE,
ON A RESCAP MISSION OVER NORTH VIET NAM. CH-3 WAS DOWNED BY GROUND
FIRE AT 1238G, 6 NOV 65, WHILE APPROACHING SAR AREA. HH-3A ACFT IN
AREA RECEIVED MAY DAY AT 1235L, 6 NOV 65. LEAD ESCORT SANDY-13,
(C) CAPT GEORGE W. KORONSSEIN, FR26139, SAW FOUR CHUTES LEAVE
JOLLY GREEN AND HE MADE VOICE AND BEEPER CONTACT WITH ONE OF THE
JOLLY GREEN CREW. HE ALSO SAW ONE CREW MEMBER ON THE GROUND BATTLE

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G. DOWNED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ON SAR MISSION. CLASSIFIED SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT WILL FOLLOW.
H. (1) CAPT LILLY:
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FATHER & MOTHER: MR & MRS. CLARENCE F. LILLY, 4508 BINKLEY
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MISSING-NON-BATTLE.
A. LILLY REPEAT LILLY, WARREN ROBERT
B. CAPTAIN
C. FR57557 REPEAT FR57557
A. SINGLETON, JERRY ALLEN
B. FIRST LIEUTENANT
C. FR64676 REPEAT FR64676.
A. CORMIER, REPEAT CORMIER, ARTHUR
B. SSGT

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C. AF12459738 REPEAT AF12459738
A. NAUGLE REPEAT NAUGLE, BERKLEY EUGENE
B. SSGT
C. AF23997726 REPEAT AF23997726
D. DLI 5 36 AIR RESCUE SQUADRON USORN AB THAI, ATCHD TO NAKON PHANOM AB THAI.
E. BASE OF FLIGHT ~~Outline: NAKON~~ PHANOM AB THAI, BASE OF LAST DEPARTURE: NAKON PHANOM; FINAL DESTINATION: NAKON PHANOM AB THAI. POSITION OF LAST COMMUNICATION: CLASSIFIED, WILL BE FURNISHED IN A CLASSIFIED SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.
F. 1257L - 6 NOV 65.
G. DOWNED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ON SAR MISSION. CLASSIFIED SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT WILL FOLLOW.
H. (1) CAPT LILLY:
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FATHER & MOTHER: MR & MRS. CLARENCE F. LILLY, 3508 BINKLEY
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(3) SSGT CORMIER:
WIFE: EILEEN M. CORMIER, 1101 THOMPSON DR, BAY SHORE, NEW YORK.
FATHER & MOTHER: MR & MRS ARTHUR J. CORMIER, 3333RD ST, OPA LOCKA, FLORIDA
(4) SSGT NAUGLE:
WIFE: ANGELES C. NAUGLE, 40 DARLOW ST, GETTYSBURG, PA
FATHER & MOTHER: MR & MRS. GEORGE W. NAUGLE, 40 DARLOW ST, GETTYSBURG, PA.
I. NEXT OF KIN TO BE NOTIFIED BY HQ USAF.
J. (1) CAPT LILLY - 26 AUG 65.
(2) LT SINGLETON - 29 AUG 65
(3) SSGT CORMIER - 27 AUG 65
(4) SSGT NAUGLE - 31 AUG 65
K. ACTIVE DUTY.
L. YEAS, PAY STATUS AS CREW MEMBERS.
M. (1) CAPT LILLY - SENIOR PILOT
(2) LT SINGLETON - PILOT
(3) SSGT CORMIER - CREW MEMBER

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(4) SSGT NAUGLE - CREW MEMBER
N. (1) CAPT LILLY:
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(2) LT SINGLETON:
BARBARA JEAN SINGLETON, WIFE, 9270 MEADOWGLEN, DALLAS, TEXAS
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SUBJECT: NARRATIVE REPORT ON MISSION 38-1110 (6 NOV 65).

OPENING AND PROGRESS REPORT #1 AND SUSPENSION BY TELECON PARC AND HQ ARS. THIS MISSION IS QUITE COMPLEX AND THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS NECESSITATES A DETAILED BRIEFING. AN A1E W/1 POB WAS DOWNED 45 NM SOUTHWEST OF HANOI ON EARLY 6 NOV WHILE ON A SEARCH MISSION FOR THE F-105 PILOT THAT WAS DOWNED BY A SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE ON 5 NOV. (THE F-105 MISSION 38-1103 WAS BRIEFED AS AN OPENING REPORT LAST FRIDAY.) DET 1 LAUNCHED A CH-3C W/4 POB'S FROM LIMA SITE 36 EARLY ON 6 NOV TO SEARCH FOR THE DOWNED A1E PILOT. THE CH-3C WAS HIT BY HEAVY GROUND FIRE, THEN CAUGHT FIRE AND CRASHED 40 NM SSW OF HANOI. A COMBAT COVER ACFT SPOTTED FOUR CHUTES FROM THE CH-3C APPROXIMATELY 60 NM SSW OF HANOI AND ESTABLISHED RADIO GROUND CONTACT WITH ONE OF THE DOWNED CREW MEMBERS. AN UNDISCLOSED NUMBER OF HH-43'S WERE LAUNCHED IMMEDIATELY AND ATTEMPTED TO PICKUP THE DOWNED CH-3C CREW BUT THEY WERE DRIVEN BACK BY EXTREMELY

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JAMES H. MOCKLEY, MAJ, USAF
ACTG CHIEF, CURRENT OPS DIV

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BE A VIET-CONG TRAP. FOLLOWING IS A RECAP ON MISSION: 4 TOTAL ACFT DOWN--2 A1E'S, ONE CH-3C AND ONE NAVY SH-3. THERE ARE FIVE PERSONS STILL MISSION, TWO A1E PILOTS AND THREE DET 1 CH-3C CREW MEMBERS. ARS RESCUED A TOTAL OF TWO CREW MEMBERS AND THE NAVY RESCUED A TOTAL OF 3 CREW MEMBERS. ARS IS CREDITED WITH TWO SAVES ON THIS MISSION. SORTIES AND HOURS FLOWN ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. GP FOUR.

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HEAVY ENEMY GROUND FIRE. ON THE SAME DAY, 6 NOV, AT DUSK A NAVY SH-3 FROM THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER INDEPENDENCE PICKED UP THE CREW CHIEF OF THE CH-3C IN VICINITY OF THE BAILOUT AREA ON TOP OF A 1500 FOOT HILL. RADIO GROUND CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE CREW CHIEF B UT HE WAS ACTUALLY SPOTTED BY THE USE OF HIS PERSONAL CIGARETTE LIGHTER. THE CREW CHIEF, WHO SUFFERED ONLY MINOR SCRATCHES AND BURNS, WAS RETURNED TO THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER INDEPENDENCE. TWO A1E'S ESCORTED THE NAVY SH-3 FROM A POINT OVER WATER TO THE BAIL-OUT AREA. DURING THE ESCORT ONE A1E WAS DOWNED BY ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE 10NM NW OF THAN-HOA. ON FOLLOWING MORNING, 7 NOV, A NAVY SH-3 FROM CARRIER INDEPENDENCE SEARCHED FOR THE REMAINING THREE CREW MEMBERS OF THE CH-3C; DURING THE SEARCH THE SH-3 WITH FOUR POB'S WAS HIT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE AND WAS FORCED DOWN 20 NM SW OF THE CH-3C BAILOUT AREA. A SECOND NAVY SH-3 FROM THE CARRIER INDEPENDENCE PICKED UP TWO OF THE FOUR SH-3 CREW MEMBERS AND A DET 1 CH-3C PICKED UP THE REMAINING TWO IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORCED LANDING AREA. ALL FOUR NAVY SH-3 CREW MEMBERS SURVIVED. DURING THE SH-3 RESCUE OPERATION TWO COMBAT COVER A1E'S WERE HIT BY GROUND FIRE BUT WERE NOT FORCED DOWN; AT THIS POINT ALL RESCUE ACFT RETURNED TO LIMA SITE 36 IN LAOS. BEEPER SIGNALS RECEIVED DURING ENTIRE SEARCH INDICATED GROUND SURVIVAL OF SEVERAL PERSONNEL INCLUDING POSSIBILITY THAT THE FIRST A1E PILOT DOWN IS STILL AT LARGE. AT ~~0130L~~ 0630Z THIS MORNING PARC CALLED AND ADVISED 38TH SUSPENDED THIS MISSION DUE TO QUESTIONABLE ELECTRONIC SIGNALS RECEIVED WHICH WERE SUSPECTED TO

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A. 6 NOV 65, 1352H
B. 20 DEG 29'N 105 DEG 27'E
C. CH-3C, 639685
D. MATS, ARS, 38TH AIR RESCUE SQUADRON

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F. UNKNOWN, 4 CHUTES SIGHTED.
G. NONE.
H. TOTAL PILOT HOURS, TOTAL 1ST PILOT HOURS LAST 30, 60, 90 DAYS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.
I. DURATION OF FLIGHT TWO (2) HOURS.
J. AIRCREW RECOVERY IN HOSTILE COUNTRY.
K. AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE, OBSERVED TO BE ON FIRE, CREW BAILED OUT.
L. N/A
M. N/A
O. 2030N - 10533E
P. UNKNOWN, NOT A FACTOR
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R. N/A
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L. N/A
M. N/A
O. 2038N - 10533E
P. UNKNOWN, NOT A FACTOR
Q. HOSTILE ACTION.
R. N/A
S. N/A

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T. NONE
U. NO
V. NONE
W. UNKNOWN
X. NO, MACV WILL RELEASE.
Y. HIGH, JOHN M. CAPT, SAFETY OFFICER 2312.

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FM PACARESCUECEN HICKAAM AFB HAWAII
TO ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
BT
S E C R E T PRCOP 50590 NOV -65. THE FOLLOWAING MSG IS QUOTED
FOR YOUR INFORMATION-. QUOTE-.
JOPREP PINNACLE-/OPREP-3
SAR INCIDENT 6 NOV (-C-)
A-. MY -061736Z NOTAL
B. CTG -77.0 3061920Z NOTAL
1-. ON -6 NOV-, CTG 77.3 PARTICIPATED IN SAR OPERATIONS FOR AAIR FORCE
SURVIVORS OF ONE F-105, ONE A1E-, AND ONE SAR HELO, ALL REEPORTED
DOWAN IN THE DRV-. THIS REPORT IS BASED ON DEBRIEFING AINFORMATION
AVAILABLE ON BOARD USS ORISKANY, AND SUPPLEMENTS AOTHER OPREP--3
REPORTS SUBMITTED BY 2AD AND DTG 737.7. REFS A AND B ALSO PERTAIN.

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23. TWO ORISKAANY A13H ACFT, VOICE CALLS LOCKET 561A AND 589, ESCORTED
INDEPENDENCE SH-3 HELO, VOICE CALL NIMBLE 62, TO THE SAR SCENE, IN
THE VICINITY OF 20-33N/105-41E RPT 20-33N/105-41E. TWO OTHER
LOCKET A1H ACFT ASSISTED IN THE SEARCH, AS WELL AS A4 ACFT FROM
USS IDEPENDENCE-. AT -061124Z, NIMBLE 62 REPORTED ONE SURVIVOR FR
DONED AF HELO CREW HAD BEEN RECOVERED. LOCKET ACFT HAD LOCATED
THIS SURVIVOR BY BEEPER SIGNAL, ACQICE CONTACT-, AND FINALLY THE
FLAME OF HIS PERSONAL CIGARETTE LIGHTER.
3.E AS THESE SAR FORCES RETURNED TO THEIR BASES, FOUR MORE ORISKANY
A-1H ACFT AND A SECOND SH-3 HELO PROCEEDED TO THE SCENE. THE SEARCH
WAS CONTINUED UNTIL -161540Z. ALTHOUGH INTERMITTENT BEEPER SIGNALS
WERE HEARD, POSITIVE CONTACT WITH SURVIVORS COULD NOT BE OBTAINED
AT ABOUT 061440Z, ONE VEHICLE WAS OBSERVED AT 20-31N/105-43E,
TRAVELING RAPIDLY TOWARD THE SAR AREA.
4. SAR SOPS HVE BEEN DISCONTINUED UNTIL DAYLIGHT ON 7 NOV, WHEN
ORISKANY A1H ACFT WILL RESUME THE SEARCH.
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SUBJ: APEX BEELINE REPORT. FOR: CSAF, AFOOP-CP; COMUSMACV FOR J-3 JOC (AIRUECTION)
A. 6NOV 65/ 0533 APPROX 2029N 10527E
B. A/C MISHAP
C. (1) CH-3
(2) DET 1 38 ARS
(3) NAKHON PHANOM
(4) RESCUE MISSION FOR SANDY 12 (AIE)
(5) SA/C WAS HIT BY GROUND FIRE, CAUGHT FIRE AND CRASHED.

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PAGE 2 RUMSALA 350K S E C R E T
FOUR CREWMEMBERS WERE SEEN BAILING OUT AND WERE CONTACTED ON THE GROUNDKK SAR UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE BUT STILL IN PROGRESS 6/[redacted]
(6) GRUND FVRE
(7) 3500 SCTD VAR BKN 10000 SCT, HIGH SCT 101 FEW TR.
D. UNK
E. NONE
F. 1 CH-3C DESTROYED
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OPENING/closing REPORT

AN A4C NAVY PILOT WAS downed IN Bakin GULF 30NM EAST OF Than Hoa Shortly AFTER HE requested an emergency intercept. A pre-positioned precautionary orbiting HU-16 diverted to site of SAVE in open sea pick-up. The HU-16 pilot reported that Unfriendly Vessels were approaching The F4C pilots RAFT AT Time of pick-up. The SURVIVING F4C PILOT who was NOT injured was returned to Danang A.B.

ARS WAS credited with ONE SAVE on this MISSION.

TOTAL ONE SORTIE for 2 HR & 20 MIN.

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RUMFLA/COMSEVENFLT
RUMFCR/ALL SEVENFLT DVANCORS
RUMABA/13AF CLARK AB PI
RUMSMA/MACV SAIGON RVN
ZEN/2AD TSN AFLD RVN
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RUAUAP/36ARS TACHIKAWA AB JAPAN
RUMABA/31ARSCLARK AB PI
RUABGK/33ARS NAHA AB OKINAWA
RUMBDL/DET 1 UDORN AB THAILAND
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2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS-1111-7NOV65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF A4C (OLD SALT)
5. LOCATION OFNINCIDENT: 19-53N 106-1ME (GKLF OF TONKIN) 25NM ENE THANH HOA
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: 07/1207HRS PREPOSITIONED USAF HU-16.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 1207H DIVERTED PREPOSITIONED

PAGE 2 RUMSAR 234 C O N F I D E N T I A L
HU-16 TO SITE OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT.
8. AGENCY LOACTING OBJECTIVE: PREPOSTIONED HU-16.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USN.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR: HU-16 MADE WATER PICK UP
11. DISPOSTION OF SURVIVOR: TAKEN TO MEDICAL FACILITY AT DANANG AB RVN
12. SORTIES/FLYING TIME: HU-16 ONE SORTIE FOR 2 PLUS 20 HOURS.
13. NUMBER OF GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: CROWN ALFA(HU16) WHILE RETURNING TO HOME BASE MONITORED CALL THAT OLD SALT(A4C) WAS IN NEED OF INTERCEPT. HE WAS ENROUTE TO THE AREA WHEN WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM CROWN BRAVO, WHO WAS ALREADY AT THE SITE. WE ADVISED CROWN BRAVO THAT ALFA WOULD MAKE THE PICK UP BUT BRAVO REPORTED UNFRIENDLY VESSELS WERE APPROACHING THE DOWNED PILOTS RAFT AND THAT HE WASNDECENDING AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR THE PICK UP. CROWN BRAVO MADE A SUCCESFFUL WATER PICK UP AND RETURNED THE UNINJURED PILOT TO DANANG AB RVN.
RCC: 1LT JOSEPH G KIRBY, PHOENIX, ARIZONA.
GP: 1ST LT ROBERT KRAMEJRN TRENTON NEW JERSEY.
NAV: CAPT ROGER CASLETT, MILES TEXAS
FM: SSGT PARTICK MCCOY, BALTIMORE MD
RO: SSGR HAROLD ERUNSON FERGUSON FALLS MINN

PAGE 3 RUMSAR 234 C O N F I D E N T I A L
PJ: A1C LARRY HUYETT, MANCHESTER PA
SURVIVOR: LT COMDR CHARLES G. MASK, EFFINGHAM ILL
FOR PARC: LAST MISSION REPORT 1110.
GP-4
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 51047 NOV 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT SND MCP, ARF FOR AROOC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC. 1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS-1111-7NOV65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38ARS
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF A/C (OLD SALT)
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 19-53N 106-1ME (GULF OF TONKIN) 25NM ENE THANH HOA
6. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: 07/1207HQY
PREPOSITIONED USAF HU-16.
7. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 1207H DIVERTED PREPOSITIONED

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HU-16 TO SITE OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT.
8. AGENCY LOACTING OBJECTIVE: PREPOSTIONED HU-16.
9. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USN.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR: HU-16 MADE WATER PICK UP
11. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: TAKEN TO MEDICAL FACILITY AT DANANG AB RVN
12. SORTIES/FLYING TIME: HU-16 ONE SORTIE FOR 2 PLUS 20 HOURS.
13. NUMBER OF GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING: NONE.
14. ADDITIONAL INFO: CROWN ALFA(HU16) WHILE RETURNING TO HOME BASE MONITORED CALL THAT OLD SALT(A4C) WAS IN NEED OF INTERCEPT. HE WAS ENROUTE TO THE AREA WHEN WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM CROWN BRAVO, WHO WAS ALREADY AT THE SITE. WE ADVISED CROWN BRAVO THAT ALFA WOULD MAKE THE PICK UP BUT BRAVO REPORTED UNFRIENDLY VESSELS WERE APPROACHING THE DOWNED PILOTS RAFT AND THAT HE WASNDECENDING AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR THE PICK UP. CROWN BRAVO MADE A SUCCESFFUL WATER PICK UP AND RETURNED THE UNINJURED PILOT TO DANANG AB RVN.
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MISSION NARRATIVE.
1. MISSION NUMBER: 1111/7 NOV 65
2. SAC ALERTED BY: UHF ON SAR FREQ 364.2 CALL FROM WINGMAN.
3. TYPE SAR AIRCRAFT USED: HU-16B AMPHIBIAN
CREWNCOMMANDER 1ST LT JOSEPH G. KIRBY 33ARS PHOENIX ARIZ
CO-PILOT 1ST LT ROBERT M. KRAMER, 33ARS TRENTON, N.J.
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PARARESCUE SSGT LARRY D. HUYETT, 33ARS, MANCHESTER, PA
4. TIME FROM INITIAL NOTIFICATION TO PICK-UP 0:17 MINUTE
5. RESCAP ASSISTANCE 2 A1E'S (USN) 2 A4C'S.
6. WATER PICK-UP AT 2010N-10645E.
7. ARA -25 HOMER TO WINGMAN ON CRASH SCENE. ORANGE SMOKE FROM SURVIVOR.
8. SURVIVOR: LCDR CHARLES GALE MACK, 595696 USN VA 163-HOMETOWN EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS.
9. CROWN BRAVO WAS ENROUTE TO ORBIT POSITION WITH AN ETA OF 0416 WHEN A BAILOUT CALL WAS HEARD ON SAR COMMON FREQ AT 0410. THE WINGMAN REPORTED OLD SALT 343 HAD BAILED OUT AND HAD A GOOD CHUTE. AN IMMEDIATE HEADING TO THE DOWNED PILOT WAS REQUESTED OF THE SAR CONTROL DESTROYER (PARTRIDGE). DUE TO MANY SQUAWKF HE WAS UNABLE TO GIVE POSITIVE INFO BUT ESTIMATED SURVIVOR WAS 360/25NM FROM CROWN BRAVO. METO POWER WAS APPLIED AND ADF STEERS REQUESTED OF THE WINGMAN ORBITING THE BAILOUT AREA. 340 DEG. WAS THE FIRST STEER. SURVIVOR WAS REPORTED IN THE WATER WITH A GOOD RAFT AT APPROX 0414. AT 0421 THE SURVIVOR WAS SIGHTED 1/2 MILE NORTH OF A FLEET OF JUNKS AND 15 MILES OFF SHORE. EXTERNAL FUEL TANKS WERE JETTISIONED AT 0423. A WATEC LANDING IN SLIGHT

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SEA CONDITIONS WAS MADE AT 0425. SURVIVOR WAS INNTHE AIRCRAFT AT 0427 AND THE AICCRAFT WAS OFF THE WATER WITHOUT INCIDENT AT 0429. THE SURVIVOR WAS UNINJURED. CROWN BRAVO RETURNED TO DANANG, AND LANDED AT 0614 FOR A TOTAL OF 3:45 FLYING TIME.
FOR 38ARS:
10. COMMENTS: SURVIVORS URT-21 OPERATED INTERMITTENTLY AND WAS OF LITTLE VALUE IN THIS RESCUE. NOTED AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF TRANSMITTING ON PRIMARY SAC FREQ 364.2 DURING RECOVECY. SINCE EXCESS OF TRANSMISSIONS COULD HAMPER RECOVERY OF FUTURE SURVIVORS, REQUEST ALL FRIENDLY FORCES SEA BE ADVISED TO AVOID USE OF SAR FREQ EXCEPT WHEN NECESSARY TO ASSIST SAR FORCES.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 51/48 NOV 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR AROJC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC. 1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS-1114-6 NOV 65.
3. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38TH ARS.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE: MEDICAL EVACUATION OF US ARMY CASUALTIES, 173 AIRBORNE BRIGADE.
5. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1138N - 10657E (RVN)
6. ALERTING AGECNY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: 16/1230Z. ASSISTANCE REQUESTED THRU COMBAT OPERATIONS JACC, TSN AB, RVN, BY

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173 AIRBORNE BRIGADE.
7. PERSONNEL INVOLVED: TOTAL NUMBER OF FORCES TO BE EVACUATED KNOWN
TSZTHIS TIME DUE TO OPERATION IN PROGRESS. ESTIMATE 111 CASUALTIES INCLUDING 42 KIA.
8. WEATHER IN AREA OF LAST KNOWN POSITION OR ENROUTE: NOT A FACTOR.
9. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 38/1230H ALERTED HOIST EQUIPPED HH-43F FROM BIEN HOA AB RVN (DET 6 38TH ARSQ).
10. FUTURE PLANS: CONTINUE EVACUATION UTILIZATING HOIST EQUIPPED HH-43 ACFT UNTIL HELICOPTER LANDING AREA CLEARED TO PERMIT US ARMY HELICOPTERS TO LAND.
11. ADDITIONAL INFO: GROUND OPERATIONS IN PROGRESS AT THIS TIME. USAF HH-43 HAVE EVACUATED APPROX 28 US ARMY. EVACUATION HAS BEEN HAMPERED DUE TO EXCESSIVE GROUND ACTION AND TERRAIN FEATURES. TREES ARE REPORTED TOP 120 FEET. HELICOPTER LANDING AREA REPORTED OPTML AT TIME OF THIS MSG.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 51849 NOV 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. 1-ARS-F1. CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER 38TH ARS-1114-8 NOV 65. (MED EVAC USA 173RD AB)
3. DATE OF REPORT: 9 NOVEMBER 1965.
4. SAR OBJECTIVE LOCATED BY: 173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE.
5. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS AND DECEASED: COMPLETE FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE. THREE US ARMY HELICOPTER UNITS LACKING FIGURES. TOTAL FOR TWO US ARMY UNITS EQUALS 106 CASUALTIES EVACUATED INCLUDING 27 KIA. ALL KIA ARE US AMRY. 3 WIA ARE AUSTRALIAN.

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ESTIVATE OF COMPLETE FIGURES WOULD BE TOTAL 140 CAUSUALTIES INCLUDING 42 KIA.
6. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS/RECOVERY OF DECEASED: UTILIZED HOIST EQUIPPED USAF HH-43 HELICOPTERS UNTIL LANDING ZONE CLEARED OUT OF JUNGLE EARLY 09 NOV TO ENABLE ARMY HELICOPTERS TO EVACUATE. TOTAL 50 CASUALTIES INCL 5 KIA EVACUATED BY USAF HH-43 HELICOPTERS. 20 SAVES BYUSAF OUT OF THAT 50 TOTAL.
7. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: RELEASED TO US ARMY (173RD AB) MEDICAL PERSONNEL, BIEN HOA AB RVN.
8. TOTAL SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HH-43F 61 SORTIES FOR 9 PLUS 55
USAF HH-43B 10 SORTIES FOR 5 PLUS 00
USA UH-1B 77 SORTIES FOR 34 PLUS 30
NOTE: USA UH-1B SORTIES INCLUDE 57TH MED EVAC AND 283RD MED EVAC UNITS ONLY. OTHER USA TOTALS NOT AVAIL.
9. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING: 4 COMPANIES US INF. (173RD)
10. ADDITIONAL INFO:
CREW: BIEN HOA. PILOT. CAPT HENNINGSON, EDWIN A, FV3039781, AGE 31 WATER VLIET, NY. CO-PILOT. CAPT BACHMAN, RONALD L, FR66227, AGE 30, LAKE STEVENS WASH.
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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO US FORCES 96227 9 Nov 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report 38-1112-8 Nov 65
(Initial Mission Summary - 9 saves)

TO: 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO US FORCES 96307

THRU: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq (Commander), APO US FORCES 96227

1. Mission number: 38-1112-8 Nov 65.

2. SAR alerted by: Rescue Coordination Center, 38th Air Rescue Squadron.

3. Type SAR aircraft used: One (1) HH-43F helicopter.

Crew:

RCC	Captain Edwin A. Henningson	FV3039781	Det 6, 38th ARS
CP	Captain Ronald L. Bachman	FR66227	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	SSgt George E. Schipper	AF19525873	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	SSgt David E. Nilsten	AF19601684	Det 6, 38th ARS
HM	A1C Alexander Montgomery	AF19535951	Det 6, 38th ARS

4. Reaction time from initial notification to first pick up: Fifty-five minutes.

5. CAP assistance: 2 U.S. Army armed HU-1B helicopters.

6. Area and type of pick ups: Recovery made with rescue hoist and stokes litters from hostile area heavily wooded with trees 150-180 feet high. Coordinates 1107 N. 10656 E.

7. Signaling equipment used to locate wounded evacuees: Smoke grenades.

8. Survivors names and serial numbers: Neither available nor possible to determine.

9. Summary of events:

At 1245 hours, 8 Nov 65, a call was received from the Rescue Coordination Center at 38th ARSq that a group of 173rd Batallion personnel were in need of immediate air-evac of 50 US Army wounded from an area 13 miles at 38 degrees from Bien Hoa Air Base (coordinates YT 115-305. The army personnel on the ground reported they were trying to secure the area of Viet Cong (VC) fire and were also attempting to clear some kind of a landing/pickup area. There was a slight delay in the scramble time due to efforts to secure another HH-43 as a top cover ship (Det 6, 38th ARS had only one helicopter in commission at the time) and also to make arrangements for fire support/ cover from one of the Army's armed HU-1B (Huey) units. We were finally able to secure cover from the 501st element of the 173rd Batallion who used the call sign Firebird 91. Our recovery aircraft was instructed to use the call sign Pedro 1. Pedro 1 departed Bien Hoa at 1305 hours arriving over

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the designated area at 1315 hours. We were instructed by the army gun ships to orbit at 2,500 feet until such time as they completed their firing passes and had determined that the area was ready for us. At this time heavy rain showers were moving in from the east and made it extremely difficult to keep track of the spot and move in on it. We were instructed to remain in the eastern quadrants relative to the pick up point (PUP) and the evac landing zone (LZ) since personnel on the ground were engaged in continuous contact with the VC immediately west of these areas. The first approach to the PUP was accomplished in heavy rainshower with the aid of smoke and vectoring over the radio by both ground and airborne instructions. Although the controlling agencies for this mission had been identified as Python Control (339.6 UHF) and Diesel Stamp #1 (43.8 FM) we were never able to make radio contact with either of these parties; as a result Firebird 91, the armed army HU-1B not only acted as firepower/protector, but also coordinated the entire operation of evacuation and airlift. After considerable hovering around over the trees in the area, the selected PUP was located; it was simply a spot over trees 150-180 feet tall, and at this point none of the trees had been cut down, nor any foliage removed. The paramedic crewmember was lowered into the trees, along with a power chain saw and fuel for the saw. Then the hoist operator lowered a stokes litter into the trees to bring up the first of twelve (12) army wounded who were to be recovered in this manner. There was no clear area for the hoist operator to maneuver the litter into/through, so all he could do was to try as best he could to thread the stokes litter up and down through the branches. We were instructed to airlift the evacuees to a small LZ clearing ¼ mile north of the PUP, where they were to be picked up and air-evaced by Dustoff (a slick HU-1B Flight). During the first round trip we learned that the chain saw had broken, and that personnel in the clearing were requesting another saw, tools and more gasoline. They were also out of ammunition so we were asked to airlift in two cases of ammo, which we let down in the litter with the first pick up. One more wounded was winched up via stokes litter at which time our Firebirds reported they would have to return to Bien Hoa for fuel, and invited us to join them. Our fuel state at this time was 320#. We air-evaced the patient we had on board to the 173rd "Mash" area, then returned to Bien Hoa for fuel. Firebird flight advised us to delay getting airborne back to the site for awhile as they were in the process of blasting out a landing area in the trees. (However, when we arrived at the scene, we found the area unchanged from before). Following a phone call from Firebird we were airborne to pick up our stokes litter at the "Mash" area and then flew on to the scene. As before, we were instructed to orbit at 2,500 feet while the "Hueys" (Army HU-1B) and Mohawks completed their firing passes, and recconed the area. At the word from Firebird, we again proceeded to pick up the wounded via stokes litter, picking up seven (7) on this series of sorties, and each time bringing supplies from the LZ to the PUP area on the return trip. During this segment of the mission, personnel at the PUP again reported they were out of ammunition, and so we airlifted 6 more cases of ammo into them. In addition, 2 cases of TNT, 10 cases of medical supplies (Dextran, etc), 2 more power saws, gasoline and tools. During this period of time the HU-1B's reported taking hits (battle damage, apparently from small arms fire) just east

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of the PUP/ELZ area, and we were instructed to stay in real tight between the PUP and the ELZ in order to minimize our exposure to ground fire. On a previous run, personnel in the ELZ clearing reported what appeared to be small arms fire directed at our '43 from a point at the west edge of the clearing. Sometime during this same period of the operation, the "Hueys" also cautioned us on what appeared to be small arms fire directed at us. Throughout the recovery operation, the hoist appeared to be overheating; we could smell the strong, acrid odor coming from the cabin. We were concerned about losing the hoist during a sustained operation like this with 300 to 360 feet of cable being winched for every pick-up. Toward the latter part of this portion of the mission a few of the smaller trees directly below the chopper in the PUP area had been felled making the operation somewhat less strenuous. Our pararescue man, Sgt. Schipper who went down on the hoist the first time was later discovered to have suffered injured ribs. On the last sortie at the PUP during this trip the paramedic was recovered from the PUP and we then returned to the 173rd "Mash" area to off-load another wounded Army man. The "Hueys" were once again low on fuel and our fuel state was 280#. From the "Mash" area we returned to Bien Hoa to refuel and coordinate the next segment of the evacuation. Fifteen minutes later we were airborne enroute to the 173rd area to pick up our litter, then continued on to the evacuation area only to find as before that we would have to orbit at 2,500 feet until advised to go in due to the fact that both Navy and Air Force fighter aircraft were conducting heavy air strikes immediately adjacent to the area in which we were working. There was also considerable artillary fire in the area. However, the gunship advised that the firing would continue and to go ahead and "get on with it". At this time what appeared to be ground fire of some kind sailed past the side of the helicopter, and we were advised to get down low and stay in tight. We were once again vectored into the PUP by the higher flying HU-1 aircraft (personnel on the ground at the PUP were out of smoke flares) and proceeded to continue with the recovery of litter patients via the hoist, each time returning with medical supplies, etc. Following the evacuation of the second of this "batch" of evacuees we airlifted in 20 cases of C-Rations. After dropping the rations the hoisting crew continued with the recovery operation only to find that the hoist was inoperative. We flew to the ELZ to attempt to repair the hoist, but after landing discovered that the hoist cable has sheared and was irreparable. We were requested to make 2 more C-Ration delivery flights. Following the first of these (10 cases) when we returned to the ELZ for another load we were waved off. We loitered in the area to learn if we could be of further assistance and since there seemed to be some confusion as to whether they needed us to haul anything else we decided to return as quickly as possible to Bien Hoa to attempt rapid repair of the hoist and return to the scene before nightfall. At Bien Hoa it was learned that there would be a minimum delay of 1 hour for replacement of the hoist cable. The crew was also advised that they were to be relieved to eat and for a rest break. A summary of statistics for the mission up to this point reflects: 35 sorties flown for a total of 4:25 hours of flying time, 12 personnel evacuated by stokes litter and hoist (9 saves). Airlifted in the following equipment and supplies to the PUP: 8 cases of ammunition,

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2 cases TNT, 10 cases of medical supplies, 30 cases of C-Rations, 4 chain saws, 3 cans gasoline plus miscellaneous tools, rope, etc.

Edwin A. Hennington

EDWIN A. HENNINGSON
Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO US FORCES 96227 10 Nov 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report-38-1112-8 Nov 65
(Second Mission Summary - 5 saves)

TO: 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO US FORCES 96307

THRU: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq (Commander), APO US FORCES 96227

1. Mission number: 38-1112-8 Nov 65.

2. SAR alerted by: Rescue Coordination Center, 38th Air Rescue Squadron.

3. Type SAR aircraft used: One (1) HH-43F helicopter.

Crew:

RCC	Captain Charles P. Nadler	FR32161	Det 6, 38th ARS
CP	Captain Maurice G. Kessler	FV3024099	Det 6, 38th ARS
HM	TSgt Kenneth L. Perkins	AF15466708	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	A1C Henry J. O'Beirne	AF12580938	Det 6, 38th ARS

4. Reaction time from initial notification to first pickup: Mission preplanned on 8 Nov 65 to allow a 0600 takeoff on 9 Nov 65.

5. CAP assistance: Two (2) U.S. Army armed UH-1B helicopters.

6. Area and type of pickups: Recoveries made using rescue hoist, stokes litter and forest penetrator from very hostile heavily wooded jungle area with trees 150-180 feet high. Coordinates 1107 N. 10656 E.

7. Signaling equipment used to locate wounded evacuees: Smoke grenades.

8. Survivors names and serial numbers: Neither available or possible to determine.

9. Summary of events:

On the evening of 8 Nov 65, Major Bliss of the US Army 173rd Airborne Brigade requested that we land at the Third MASH Hospital in the 173rd AB area north of the Bien Hoa runway at 0605. We did so and were briefed on radio frequencies, artillery firing and cover aircraft. We departed the area with four soldiers, two chain saws and gasoline at 0615. We arrived in the area of YT 115-305 at 0625 and followed a UH-1B over the hole in the jungle where the pickups were to be made. We encountered tracer fire which passed some 50 feet to our left. We broke to the right and descended to tree top height over the hole. Four soldiers and their equipment were lowered in five hoist operations using the forest penetrator. The stokes litter was then lowered and a badly wounded soldier was hoisted into the helicopter. This constituted our first save. We returned him to the 3rd MASH hospital, picked up 4 more soldiers and

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returned to the hole. Personnel on the ground succeeded in enlarging the hole so that we were able to descend vertically 180 feet and land. We offloaded the soldiers, loaded 4 more seriously wounded soldiers into the helicopter (two of whom were saves), took off and landed at the 3rd MASH hospital. We loaded water cans aboard the helicopter and made a thrid trip into the hole, evacuating six soldiers. We flew to 3rd MASH hospital with the wounded. On the fourth trip into the hole, we evacuated the last four wounded soldiers. We offloaded them at 3rd MASH hospital and refuelled the helicopter at Bien Hoa AB. We departed Bien Hoa at 1000 and were diverted to YT 157-264 to pick up Australian wounded. Two stokes litters were lowered through 100 feet trees and one seriously wounded soldier was picked up. We offloaded him at a collection point from where UH-1B's flew wounded and KIA's to Saigon and Bien Hoa 3rd MASH hospital. This man constituted our fourth save. We made a second trip to the same area, picked up a second wounded Australian soldier, and flew him to the collection point. On the third trip into the area, we lowered our pararescue technician to the ground on the forest penetrater. He rode up with the third wounded Australian and informed us that there were no more wounded in that area. We offloaded that soldier at the collection point and proceeded to YT 115-305 to pick up some KIA's. As we were about to enter the hole, we were asked to pick up three litters at the collection point and bring them with us into the hole so that the KIA's would be removed. After loading the KIA's, we were told that one more wounded man was being carried into the area and would arrive in fifteen minutes. I decided to wait for him and when he arrived, he was promptly loaded and taken to 3rd MASH hospital. This soldier was our fifth save. We offloaded the KIA's at the clearing station and returned to our landing area at Bien Hoa AB at 1155.

We flew a total of twenty five sorties for five hours and ten minutes and picked up 19 wounded and three KIA's. We made a total of six hoist operations with the forest penetrater and three with the stokes litter. We transported 8 soldiers and 400 pounds of equipment into the hole. We are credited with five saves.

I strongly suggest that the HH-43F be equipped with the high speed hoist so as to reduce the length of time in a hover. Hoist operations and rescues would be made in less time thus allowing the helicopter greater fuel reserve and range. It also reduces the time that the helicopter is very vulnerable to enemy ground fire.

for CHARLES P. NADLER
Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO US FORCES 96227 9 Nov 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report 38-1119-8 Nov 65
(Initial Mission Summary - 9 saves)

TO: 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO US FORCES 96307

THRU: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq (Commander), APO US FORCES 96227

1. Mission number: 38-1119-8 Nov 65.

2. SAR alerted by: Rescue Coordination Center, 38th Air Rescue Squadron.

3. Type SAR aircraft used: One (1) HH-43F helicopter.

Crew:

ROC	Captain Edwin A. Hennington	FV5039781	Det 6, 38th ARS
CP	Captain Ronald L. Bachman	FR66227	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	SSgt George E. Schipper	AF19525873	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	SSgt David E. Milsten	AF19601684	Det 6, 38th ARS
HM	A1C Alexander Montgomery	AF19535951	Det 6, 38th ARS

4. Reaction time from initial notification to first pick up: Fifty-five minutes.

5. CAP assistance: 2 U.S. Army armed HU-1B helicopters.

6. Area and type of pick ups: Recovery made with rescue hoist and stokes litters from hostile area heavily wooded with trees 150-180 feet high. Coordinates 1107 N. 10656 E.

7. Signaling equipment used to locate wounded evacuees: Smoke grenades.

8. Survivors names and serial numbers: Neither available nor possible to determine.

9. Summary of events:

At 1245 hours, 8 Nov 65, a call was received from the Rescue Coordination Center at 38th ARSq that a group of 173rd Batallion personnel were in need of immediate air-evac of 50 US Army wounded from an area 13 miles at 38 degrees from Bien Hoa Air Base (coordinates YT 115-305. The army personnel on the ground reported they were trying to secure the area of Viet Cong (VC) fire and were also attempting to clear some kind of a landing/pickup area. There was a slight delay in the scramble time due to efforts to secure another HH-43 as a top cover whip (Det 6, 38th ARS had only one helicopter in commission at the time) and also to make arrangements for fire support/ cover from one of the Army's armed HU-1B (Huey) units. We were finally able to secure cover from the 501st element of the 173rd Batallion who need the call sign Firebird 91. Our recovery aircraft was instructed to use the call sign Pedro 1. Pedro 1 departed Bien Hoa at 1305 hours arriving over

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the designated area at 1315 hours. We were instructed by the army gun ships to orbit at 2,500 feet until such time as they completed their firing passes and had determined that the area was ready for us. At this time heavy rain showers were moving in from the east and made it extremely difficult to keep track of the spot and were in on it. We were instructed to remain in the eastern quadrants relative to the pick up point (PUP) and the evac landing zone (LZ). Since personnel on the ground were engaged in continuous contact with the VC immediately west of these areas. The first approach to the PUP was accomplished in heavy rainshower with the aid of smoke and vectoring over the radio by both ground and airborne instructions. Although the controlling agencies for this mission had been identified as Python Control (339.6 MC) and Hissel Stamp #1 (43.8 MC) we were never able to make radio contact with either of these parties; as a result Firebird #1, the armed army UH-1B not only acted as firepower/protector, but also coordinated the entire operation of evacuation and airlift. After considerable hovering around over the trees in the area, the selected PUP was located; it was simply a spot over trees 150-180 feet tall, and at this point some of the trees had been cut down, and any foliage removed. The paramedic crewmember was lowered into the trees, along with a power chain saw and fuel for the saw. Then the hoist operator lowered a stokes litter into the trees to bring up the first of twelve (12) army wounded who were to be recovered in this manner. There was no clear area for the hoist operator to maneuver the litter into/through, so all he could do was to try as best he could to thread the stokes litter up and down through the branches. We were instructed to airlift the evacuees to a small LZ clearing 4 mile north of the PUP, where they were to be picked up and air-vacced by Dustoff (a slick UH-1B Flight). During the first round trip we learned that the chain saw had broken, and that personnel in the clearing were requesting another saw, tools and more gasoline. They were also out of ammunition so we were asked to airlift in two cases of same, which we let down in the litter with the first pick up. The more wounded was climbed up via stokes litter at which time our Firebirds reported they would have to return to Bien Hoa for fuel, and invited us to join them. Our fuel state at this time was 350#. We air-evaced the patient we had on board to the 173rd "Slash" area, then returned to Bien Hoa for fuel. Firebird flight advised us to delay getting airborne back to the site for awhile as they were in the process of blasting out a landing area in the trees. (However, when we arrived at the scene, we found the area unchanged from before). Following a phone call from Firebird we were airborne to pick up our stokes litter at the "Slash" area and then flew on to the scene. As before, we were instructed to orbit at 2,500 feet while the "Hueys" (Army UH-1B) and Kshawks completed their firing passes, and reconned the area. At the word from Firebird, we again proceeded to pick up the wounded via stokes litter, picking up seven (7) on this series of pickups, and each time bringing supplies from the LZ to the PUP area on the return trip. During this segment of the mission, personnel at the PUP again reported they were out of ammunition, and so we airlifted 6 more cases of same into them. In addition, 2 cases of TNT, 10 cases of medical supplies (Dextran, etc), 2 more power saws, gasoline and tools. During this period of time the UH-1's reported taking hits (battle damage, apparently from small arms fire) just east

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of the PUP/HLZ area, and we were instructed to stay in real tight between the PUP and the HLZ in order to minimize our exposure to ground fire. On a previous run, personnel in the HLZ clearing reported what appeared to be small arms fire directed at our A/C from a point at the west edge of the clearing. Sometime during this same period of the operation, the "Hueys" also cautioned us on what appeared to be small arms fire directed at us. Throughout the recovery operation, the hoist appeared to be overheating; we could smell the strong, acrid odor coming from the cabin. We were concerned about losing the hoist during a sustained operation like this with 300 to 360 feet of cable being winched for every pick-up. Toward the latter part of this portion of the mission a few of the smaller trees directly below the chopper in the PUP area had been felled making the operation somewhat less strenuous. Our paramedic man, Sgt. Schipper who went down on the hoist the first time was later discovered to have suffered injured ribs. On the last sortie at the PUP during this trip the paramedic was recovered from the PUP and we then returned to the 173rd "Mash" area to off-load another wounded Army man. The "Hueys" were once again low on fuel, and our fuel state was 2HQ's. From the "Mash" area we returned to Bien Hoa to refuel and coordinate the next segment of the evacuation. Fifteen minutes later we were airborne enroute to the 173rd area to pick up our litter, then continued on to the evacuation area only to find as before that we would have to orbit at 2,500 feet until advised to go in due to the fact that both Navy and Air Force fighter aircraft were conducting heavy air strikes immediately adjacent to the area in which we were working. There was also considerable artillary fire in the area. However, the gunship advised that the firing would continue and to go ahead and "get on with it". At this time what appeared to be ground fire of some kind sailed past the side of the helicopter, and we were advised to get down low and stay in tight. We were once again overtaken the PUP by the higher flying HU-1 aircraft (personnel on the ground at the PUP were out of smoke flares) and proceeded to continue with the recovery of litter patients via the hoist, each time returning with medical supplies, etc. Following the evacuation of the second of this "baton" of evacuees we airlifted in 20 cases of C-Rations. After dropping the rations the hoisting crew continued with the recovery operation only to find that the hoist was inoperative. We flew to the HLZ to attempt to repair the hoist, but after landing discovered that the hoist cable had sheared and was irreparable. We were requested to make 2 more C-Ration delivery flights. Following the first of these (10 cases) when we returned to the HLZ for another load we were waved off. We loitered in the area to learn if we could be of further assistance and since there seemed to be some confusion as to whether they needed us to haul anything else we decided to return as quickly as possible to Bien Hoa to attempt rapid repair of the hoist and return to the scene before nightfall. At Bien Hoa it was learned that there would be a minimum delay of 1 hour for replacement of the hoist cable. The crew was also advised that they were to be relieved to eat and for a rest break. A summary of statistics for the mission up to this point reflects: 35 sorties flown for a total of 4.25 hours of flying time, 12 personnel evacuated by stoken litter and hoist (9 saves). Airlifted in the following equipment and supplies to the PUP: 8 cases of ammunition,

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2 cases TNT, 10 cases of medical supplies, 30 cases of C-Rations, 4 chain saws, 3 cans gasoline plus miscellaneous tools, rope, etc.

KERMIT A. HENNINGSON
Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO US FORCES 96227 10 Nov 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report-38-1112-8 Nov 65
(Second Mission Summary - 5 saves)

TO: 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO US FORCES 96307

THRU: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq (Commander), APO US FORCES 96227-

1. Mission number: 38-1112-8 Nov 65.

2. SAR alerted by: Rescue Coordination Center, 38th Air Rescue Squadron.

3. Type SAR aircraft used: One (1) HH-43F helicopter.

Crew:

ACC	Captain Charles F. Medler	FR32161	Det 6, 38th ARS
CP	Captain Maurice G. Kessler	FV3024099	Det 6, 38th ARS
HM	TSgt Kenneth L. Perkins	AF15466708	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	ALC Henry J. O'Beirne	AF12500936	Det 6, 38th ARS

4. Reaction time from initial notification to first pickup: Mission preplanned on 8 Nov 65 to allow a 0600 takeoff on 9 Nov 65.

5. CAP assistance: Two (2) U.S. Army armed UH-1B helicopters.

6. Area and type of pickups: Recoveries made using rescue hoist, stokes litter and forest penetrator from very hostile heavily wooded jungle area with trees 150-180 feet high. Coordinates 1107 N, 10656 E.

7. Signaling equipment used to locate wounded evacuees: Smoke grenades.

8. Survivors names and serial numbers: Neither available or possible to determine.

9. Summary of events:

On the evening of 8 Nov 65, Major Bliss of the US Army 173rd Airborne Brigade requested that we land at the Third NASH Hospital in the 173rd AB area north of the Bien Hoa runway at 0605. We did so and were briefed on radio frequencies, artillery firing and cover aircraft. We departed the area with four soldiers, two chain saws and gasoline at 0615. We arrived in the area of YT 115-305 at 0625 and followed a UH-1B over the hole in the jungle where the pickups were to be made. We encountered tracer fire which passed some 50 feet to our left. We broke to the right and descended to tree top height over the hole. Four soldiers and their equipment were lowered in five hoist operations using the forest penetrator. The stokes litter was then lowered and a badly wounded soldier was hoisted into the helicopter. This constituted our first save. We returned him to the 3rd NASH hospital, picked up 4 more soldiers and

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CHARLES P. MAHLER
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Rescue Crew Commander

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1. RQS: 1-ARC-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT

2. LOGIN NUMBER: 38ARS - 1138 - 17 NOV 65.

3. SAR OBJECTIVE: USN F8E PILOT (PED FLYING ONE)

4. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: USN WINGMAN ALERTED HU-16 AT 17/0354Z THEN USS SAR VESSEL ON SAR STATION.

5. TYPE AND SIZE OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: HU-16 WENT TO INVESTIGATE REPORT OF DOWNED AIRCRAFT.

6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1913N - 10746E IZONE ECHO, VIGIL IN TONKIN GULF

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7. WEATHER AT TIME OF INCIDENT: NOT A FACTOR.

8. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS

9. COORDINATING AGENCY: USN WINGMAN

10. AGENCY AND METHOD USED TO RESCUE SURVIVORS: USAF HU-16 MADE A WATER PICKUP AT 1944Z.

11. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: 1 USN PILOT

12. NUMBER OF PERSONS SAVED: ONE

13. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: FLOWN TO DANANG AB, RVN BY HU-16.

14. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HU-16 2 SORTIES FOR 6 PLUS 20
USN F8E 1 SORTIE FOR 1 PLUS 00 HOURS.

15. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH:
NONE

16. ADDITIONAL INFO: THE PILOT OF THE F8E COMMANDER ROBERT S CHEW JR, REPORTED THAT HE WAS DOWNED BY ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE WHILE HITTING HIS TARGET. THE WINGMAN SAW HI EJECT AND NOTIFIED THE NAVY SAR VESSEL AND THE USAF HU-16 (CRDMN CHARLIE). CHARLIE HAD BEEN RELIEVED ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT BY CRDMN ALFA BUT MAINTAINED A LISTENING WATCH ON EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES DURING HIS TRIP HOME.
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S E C R E T SAR 61157 NOV 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, WATS FOR ADDL AT AND CP. ARS FOR ARSOC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13 AF FOR JSARC.

1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT

2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS - 1138 - 17 NOV 65.

3. SAR OBJECTIVE: USN F8E PILOT (RED FLIGHT ONE)

4. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: USN WINGMAN ALERTED HU-16 AT 17/0354Z THRU USN SAR VESSEL ON SAR STATION

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7. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1933N - 10736E 120nm E of E. Vinh in Tonkin GULF

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8. WEATHER AT TIME OF INCIDENT: NOT A FACTOR

9. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38 ARS

10. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USN WINGMAN

11. AGENCY AND ETA/CD USED TO RESCUE SURVIVORS: USAF HU-16 MADE A WATER PICKUP AT 1744Z.

12. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: 1 USN PILOT

13. NUMBER OF PERSONS SAVED: ONE

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15. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HU-16 2 SORTIES FOR 6 PLUS 20
USN F8E 1 SORTIE FOR 1 PLUS 30 HOURS

16. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH:
NONE

17. ADDITIONAL INFO: THE PILOT OF THE F8E COMMANDER ROBERT S CHEW JR, REPORTED THAT HE WAS DOWNED BY ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE WHILE HITTING HIS TARGET. THE WING MAN SAW HIM EJECT AND NOTIFIED THE NAVY SAR VESSEL AND THE USAF HU-16 (CALL SIGN CHARLIE), CHARLIE HAD BEEN RELIEVED ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT BY CREW ALFA BUT MAINTAINED A LISTENING WATCH IN EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES DURING HIS TRIP HOME.

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S E C R E T SAR 51159 NOV 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MACCO/AT AND OP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFDCC-H, 13 AF FOR JSARC. 1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS- 1141 -18 NOV 65
3. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT USAF F-105 (CALL SIGN OAK)
4. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: 18/1443 H SINGHAM F F-105 THR WSH HC-54.
5. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 18/1443H LAUNCHED HH-43. ERO WAKRON PHANOM DIVERTED HC-54 TO AREA.
6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1814 - 10532E 25 NM South Vinh

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7. WEATHER AT TIME OF INCIDENT: WX NOT A FACTOR.
8. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 7/13 TH AF
9. AGENCY DIRECTING OBJECTIVE: THE RAMP OF F-105
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: HH-43 MADE A PICKUP OF THE PILOT
11. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE USAF
12. NUMBER OF PERSONS SAVED: ONE USAF
13. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: SURVIVOR TAKEN TO NKP THAILAND
14. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HC-54 1 SORTIE FOR 2 PLUS 25 HOURS
USAF HH-43 2 SORTIES FOR 2 PLUS 00 HOURS
USAF A-1E 4 SORTIES FOR 3 PLUS 40 HOURS
USAF KC-135 2 SORTIES FOR 3 PLUS 40 HOURS
DSN FSF UNAVAILABLE
15. NUMBER GUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH: NONE.
16. ADDITIONAL INFO: VISUAL WAS MADE ON THE PILOT UNTIL THE PICKUP. HH-43 MADE SUCCESSFUL PICKUP AND THE SURVIVOR REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION. CREW NAME PICKUP AC 1ST LT FREDERICK T DEVRIES, SALISBURY, MARYLAND. CP 1ST LT KENNETH S GRIFFIS, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

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E. ACC PHILLIP D CARLSON, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN. SURVIVOR: CAPT LARRY LAHARREY, NORWALK, OHIO.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAR 0708 JAN 66. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MACCO/AT AND HCP, ARS FOR ARXDC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC. REFERENCE SECRET MSG SAR 51859 MISSION NUMBER 38ARS-114/18 NOV 65 CREW MAKING PICKUP WAS: RCC CBST JOYB B HEIDERICK, CP 1LT CHARLES R. SWEET, NN ASC CHARLES E WEAKLEY, FJ A1C HARRY W BIRTEL. CREW LISTED ON REPORT WAS ON HIGH COVER HH-43. GP-4.
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INFO: USAFDET 6 39ARS BIEN HOA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L S R 51062 NOV 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCC/AT AND ACP, ARS FOR ARCOC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-M, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1 OPENING / CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER
: 39 ARS-1151-28 NOV 65
3. AR OBJECTIVE: 50 USA BATTLE CASUALTIES
4. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALL NOTIFIED: 23/2045H
111 DASC NOTIFIED USASC 4 TAN SON NHUT AB.
5. TYPE AND NUMBER OF INITIAL AR ACTION: 23/2045H SCRAMBLED ONE HH-43F FROM BIEN HOA WITH ARMED UHMP ESCORT. 23/2350H SCRAMBLED 3 HU1B MED EVAC ACFT FROM TAN SON NHU.

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6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 11-13N 106-43E (RVN)
7. WEATHER AT TIME OF INCIDENT: NOT A FACTOR.
8. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 39 ARS TAN SON NHT AB RVN
9. AGENCY
CATING OBJECTIVE. N/A
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF
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(WITH USA AND USAF USED)
11. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: 50 TTTAL. 41 EVACED BY ARMY, 9 BY RESCUE HH-43S. 12. NUMBER OF PERSONS AVED: ARMY AVES UNK. DET 6, 8RT, DET 6, 3 ARS CLAIM 2 AVES.
13. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: USA HU1B EVACED 38 TT NORTHROP AID STATION AND 11 TT BIEN HOA. USAF HH43 EVACED 9 TT TAN SON NHUT AB.
14. SORTIES AND FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USA HU1B 22 SORTIES 8 HOURS
USAF HH-43 11 SORTIES 4 HOURS
15. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNE
PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: N/A
16. ADDITIONAL INFO: TWO ADDITIONAL HH-43S SCRAMBLED FROM TAN SON NHUT

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1/ 4:: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS - 1167 - 26 NOV 65.
3. SAR OBJECTIVE: US ARMY HU-1B, WARRIOR 23, 6POB
4. ALERLDNG AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: PARIS CONTROL 26/0855H HU-1B GOING DOWN 1026N 10619E (RVN)
5. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: SCRAMBLED 1 HH-43B, 3 F-100, 2 HU-1B 0900H.
6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1026N 10619E (RVN) 30 S.W. TAN SON NHUT

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7. WEATHER AT TIME OF INCIDENT: CLEAR.
8. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38ARS
9. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE. USAF FAC
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS: 38ARS TAN SON NHUT AB LBR HH-43B PICK UP.
11. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: 6 USA
12. NUMBER OF PERSONS SAVED: 6 (6 COMBAT SAVES ARMY CREW SEA)
13. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS: REORNED TO TAN SON NHUT AB MEDICAL AUTHORITIES.
14. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HH-43B 2 SORTIES FOR 1 PLUS 00 HOURS
USAF F-100 3 SORTIES FOR 1 PLUS 15 HOURS
USA HU-1B 5 SORTIES FOR 3 PLUS 30 HOURS
15. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICAPTED IN SEARCH: NONE.
16. ADDITIONAL INFO: USA HU-1B, CALL SIGN WARRIOR 23, HAD AN ENGINE FIRE WHICH CAUSED AN INFLIGHT EXPLOSION. THE CREW MADE AN AUTO ROTATION INTO A RICE PADDY THEN SET UP A DEFENSE PERIMITER. THE AREA WAS REPORTED TO BE AN UNFRIENDLY ONE SO USAF F-100'S WERE SCRAMBLED TO PROVIDE CAP FOR THE DOWNED CREW. USA ARMED HUEYS WERE DISPATCHED

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AFTER A USAFHH-43B FCOM TSN AB, RVN WERE SCRAMBLE AND WERE USED AS ADDITIONAL BACK UP FIRE TEAM. WHILE THE F-100 CIRCLE THE DOWNED CREW CAPT FRANK CHASE LANDED HIS HH-43B ANDMADE A SUCCESSFULY RECOVERY OF THE SIX ARMY CREW MEMBERS AND RETURNED THEM TO TSN AD, RVN, WHERE THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO MEDICAL AUTHORITERS. THE SIX CREWMEMBERS WERE REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION.
CREW MAKING PICKUP: CAPT FRANKLIN L CHASE, FR 65736, HAPHINTON, MASS. CAPT CHARLES DUNN, FR 68759, BABYLON, NY. V SSGT CURTIS W. THOMAS, AF 13469971, EIREJG PA. A2XC JERRY E NIDIFFER, AF 14818489, ELIZEXETH. TENN.
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S E C R E T SAR 51067 NOV 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JXLVC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38TH ARS-1174-28 NOV 1965.
3. SAR OBJECTIVE: PILOT OF A NAVY F8E (REDFLASH)
4. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIATLLY NOTIFIED: HU-16 IN A PRE-CAUTIONARY ORBIT RECEIVED A DESSTRESS SIGNAL AT 1440H/ 28 NOV.
5. HU-16 DEPARTED PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT AT 1440H.
6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1953N/10604E (GULF OF TONKIN)
7. WEATHER AT TIME OF INCIDENT: NOT A FACTOR
8. CONTROLING AGENCY: 38TH ARS TSN AFLD RVN

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9. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: USN A1H CAP ACFT LOCATED MAN IN WATER, UPADEN BIA SEA DYE MARKER.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVOR: USAF HU-16 MADE WATER PICKUP AT 1506H.
11. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS: ONE
12. NUMBER OF PERSONS SAVED: ONE
13. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: RETURNED TO DANANG AB, RVN.
14. SORTIES/FLYING HOUR BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY: USAF: HU-16, 2 SORTIES/2 PLUS 10 HOURS. USN: A1H, 3 SORTIES/6 PLUS 00 HOURS.
15. NUMBER VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH: ONE USN DESTROYER (FLEET FOX).
16. ADDITIONAL INFO:
HU-16 AFTER RECEIVING MAYDAY CALL FROM RED FLASH PROCEEDED IN HIS DIRECTION. NAVY DESTOYER CALL SIGN FLEET FOX GAVE VECTORS IN AN ASSIST AND ALSO VECTORED HU-16 CAP AIRCRAFT TO AREA OF REDFLASH. HU-16 THEN TRACKED IN ON CAP AIRCRAFT IFF TILL A VISUAL WAS MADE. THE DOWNED MAN WAS SPOTTED VIA SEA DYE. HE WAS SURRONDED BY A JUNK FLEET THAT WAS BEING STRAFFED BY HU-16 CAP AIRCRAFT. HU-16 MADE SEA LANDING AND PARA RESCUE MAN JUMPED INTO WATER AND HELPED THE PILOT TO REACH THE AIRCRAFT. A SUCCESSFUL WATER TAKEOFF WAS MADE AND THE PILOT, REPORTED

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TO HAVE SOME CUTS ON NECK AND HAND, WAS RETURNED TO DANANG AB., RVN.
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UKIAH CALIF. 58 ARS
CP: LINSEISEN, FRANK J. CAPT FR 57044
WALLER TEXAS
NAV: LEMON, CARL F. 1/LT FV 3122877
DELL CITY, OKLAHOMA
RO: NUCHOLES, WILLIAM O. SSGT AF 17101925
GREENVILLE, VA.
FLT MECH: MARTINEL, LYLE E. TSGT AF 16434498
VAL PARISO, FLORIDA
PARA RESCUE: HAWCO, RAYMOND J. TSGT AF 43060737
PHILADELPHIA, PA
SURVIVOR: HARRINGTON, FRANK H. LT JG 653308 USN
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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO San Francisco 96227 6 Dec 1965

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report

TO: Hq Air Rescue Service, Orlando AFB, Fla 32813

1. Mission Number: 38-1188-2 Dec 65.

2. SAR Alerted By: 38th ARescueSq

3. SAR Aircraft Used: 1 HH-43F

RCC Captain Raymond L. Murden, Det 6, 38ARS
CP Captain Charles P. Nadler, Det 6, 38ARS
HM TSgt Kenneth L. Perkins, Det 6, 38ARS
RS A1C Henry J. O'Beirne, Det 6, 38ARS

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pick-up: 0:48.

5. CAP assistance: 1 C-123, 2 O-1F's.

6. Area andtype of pick-up: Land, coordinates 11 39N - 106 32E and 11 39N - 106 33E.

7. No signalling equipment used to locate downed personnel.

8. Survivors Names: Lt/J.G. Donald Wayne Schmidt 659705
Lt/J.G. T. J. Potter 655752
Both were from U.S.S. Enterprise.

9. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: We were notified at 1402L by 38th ARS - SARCC that one F-4B pilot had bailed our at XT 775 890 11 39N - 106 38E. I requested that 38th SARCC arrange for armed helicopter escort and since we had only one HH-43F in commission I requested that they scramble one HH-43B from Tan Son Nhut to provide backup for us. Since our HH-43F was on LBR alert with reduced fuel, immediate refueling was requested. We checked on artillery firing in the local area and were informed that there was artillery fire in the southeast quadrant of Bien Hoa AB. There was no firing to the north. Meanwhile, the crew chief and pararescueman were loading the equipment we normally take on an off base mission, ie., stokes litter, chain saw and rope. As soon as refueling was accomplished we departed Bien Hoa AB at 1410L and proceeded toward the crash site at an altitude of 4,000 feet as instructed by 38th SARCC to avoid possible ground fire. We contacted Paris Control on UHF. Paris Control informed us that a C-123 call sign CREAMO 53 and two FAC's in O-1F's were circling the bailout area. I asked Paris Control if they had any information on our armed escort. Paris replied negative. CREAMO 53 said that there were two crew members down. One appeared to be injured. There was a doctor aboard CREAMO 53. They suggested that we land at Hon Quon, a dirt strip

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approximately 5 miles away, after picking up the survivors and transfer them to the C-123 for transport to Tan Son Nhut. During the radio conversation with CREAMO 53 we used the UHF/DF to obtain bearings to his location. We established radio contact with one of the FAC's, Viper 9, on FM. As we neared the bailout area we saw CREAMO 53 first and then we saw the two O-1F's. Viper 9 said that they had not received any ground fire and that friendly troops were on the way to the injured crew man. Viper 9 led us to the injured man. He was at the edge of a small clearing 11 39N - 106 32E. There were clumps of small bamboo and stumps scattered about the clearing, but there was adequate room to land. We landed at approximately 1450. The pararescueman, crew chief and co-pilot loaded the injured man onto a stretcher and into the helicopter. The pararescueman said that the crewman probably had a fractured pelvis and/or hip. He was in severe pain and light shock. Airman O'Beirne treated him for shock by administering morphine and liquids orally. He decided not to start an I.V. since a doctor was nearby. The friendly forces arrived shortly after we landed and deployed to secure the area. We proceeded to the second downed crewman who was about one mile east 11 39N - 106 33E. We landed in a small clearing beside a dirt road where there was a convoy of friendly troops. The pilot was uninjured. He got aboard and we proceeded to Hon Quon 11 39N - 106 37E. The C-123 had already landed there. We landed at 1520 and transferred the survivors to the C-123 for medical attention and transport to Tan Son Nhut AFLD. We departed Hon Quon and proceeded to Bien Hoa AB landing at 1600L. Mission Completed.

10. COMMENTS: Neither armed escort nor backup helicopter was present during the mission.

Raymond L Murden

RAYMOND L. MURDEN, Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO San Francisco 96227 8 Dec 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report

TO: Hq Air Rescue Service, Orlando AFB, Fla 32813

1. Mission Number: 6-1059-7 Dec 65.

2. SAR Alerted By: Bien Hoa Control Tower.

3. SAR Aircraft Used 2 HH-43F.

Members of Rescue Helicopter Were:

RCC	Captain Maurice G. Kessler	Det 6, 38th ARS
CP	1st Lt Mark C. Schibler	Det 6, 38th ARS
HM	TSgt Richard E. Connon	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	SSgt Leon Fullwood	Det 6, 38th ARS

Crew Members of Cover HH-43F Were:

RCC	Captain Harold D. Salem	Det 6, 38th ARS
CP	Captain Dale L. Potter	Det 6, 38th ARS
HM	A1C Gerald C. Hammond Jr.	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	A1C William H. Pitsenbarger	Det 6, 38th ARS

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pick-up: 0:09.

5. CAP assistance: 1 A-1E.

6. Area and type of pick-up: Land, coordinates: 1054 N - 10648 E.

7. No signaling equipment used to locate survivor.

8. Survivors name: Captain Rexford T. O'Connor, FV3005903, Assigned Hq 2nd Air Division, Tan Son Nhut, RVN.

9. Summary of Events: At 1745L we were advised by Bien Hoa tower that a O-1E aircraft had crashed to the SE at about 45 NM. Since this was beyond normal range with reduced fuel load required for LRR alert, immediate refueling was requested. The 38th SARCC was advised and top cover requested. 38th SARCC advised that Paris control had the downed pilot's position at approximately 200° at 45NM. While awaiting fuel at approximately 1749L Bien Hoa tower advised that an A-1E pilot had sighted the crashed O-1E 4 miles Southwest of Bien Hoa AB. Both HH-43F's were scrambled at 1750L and arrived over the crashed O-1E at 1754L. The A-1E was circling the crash. The uninjured pilot was picked up at 1754L and returned to Bien Hoa at 1759L. The O-1E pilot stated that he had contacted Paris control during descent after his engine failed and had given his position as "4 to 5" miles southwest of Bien Hoa. The pilot also stated that unidentified Vietnamese began approaching him after he crashed but left immediately when the A-1E approached overhead.

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10. Comments: Interpretation of the "4 to 5 miles" as "45 miles" delayed our T.O. by approximately 4 minutes. Whenever possible, recommend pilot's be briefed on the strong possibility of misinterpretation when distances are given in this manner.

MAURICE G. KESSLER
Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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C O N F I D E N T I A L/PRCOP/62428. DEC 65. THE FOLLOWING DET 7, 38th AIR RESCUE SQUADRON MOS IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION. QUOTE.
"CONFIDENTIAL DET 7 38ARESCUE SO R3597. NOV 65.
FOR PARC (CC), 38ARESCUE SQ (USAFC), 6252 TAC FTR WG (CONDR), MATS (MADCC/AT), HQ USAF (AFXOPW).
1. RCS - 1 -ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER 7-38-671-21 NOV 65
3. OBJECTIVE: USAF C-123 CREW AND PASSENGERS CRASHED 1 MILE SOUTH OF RUNWAY. SEVEN SOULS ON BOARD. ONE MARINE ON GROUND

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IN A BUNKER SLIGHTLY INJURED. C-123 OPERATED BY PERSONNEL OF 311TH-ACS WAS ON A LOCAL OPERATIONAL MISSION FROM DANANG AB RVN.
CALL SIGN - SMOKEY SILVE.
4. PRIMARY CRASH/21 NOV 65.
5. SCRAMBLED HH-43F AT 0844 HOURS 21 NOV 65.
6. 1600N 108 12 E.
7. MEASURED ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED OVERCAST, TWO AND ONE HALF MILES VISIBILITY IN LIGHT RAIN SHOWERS, TEMPERATURE SEVENTY-FOUR, DEW POINT SEVENTY ONE, WIND ZERO THREE ZERO DEGREES AT SIX KNOTS GUSTS TO TWELVE KNOTS. REMARKS OCASIONAL RAIN SHOWERS.
8. DET 7 38ARESCUEFSO.
9. DANANG FIR DEPARTMENT PERSONNE.
10. HH-43F HELICOPTER CREW FROM TWO MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED TO MARINE HOSPITAL. OTHERS WERE TRANSPORTED TO AIR FORCE DISPENSARY BY AMBULANCE.
11. SEVEN SURVIVORS PLUS ONE MARINE/NO DECEASED.
12. TWO PERSONS SAVED.
13. THREE PATIENTS RELEASED TO MARINE HOSPITAL. OTHER SURVIVORS IN CAVE OF 6252D USAF DISPENSARY.

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14. TWO SORITES/2 PLUS 4A/HH-43F
15. SIX GROUND PERSONNEL FROM CONTROLLING ORGANIZATION, ONE VEHICLE, NO VESSELS. TWENTY-FOUR PERSONNEL, SEVEN VEHICLES, NO VESSELS FROM ASSISTING AGENCIES.
16. C-123 CRASHED ONE MILE SHORT OF RUNWAY 35 AND SLID TO A STOP JUST THROUGH PERIMETER FENCE. THERE WAS NO FIRE. GCA LOST AIRCRAFT ON FINAL APPROACH, NOTIFIED TOWER PERSONNEL WHO ACTIVATED CRASH CIRCUITS. CREW OF HH-43F, CALL SIGN RESCUE 67, SCRAMBLED FROM ALERT TRAILER. FIRE DEPARTMENT AND HOSPITAL PERSONEL WERE ON SCENE WITH A SEARCH LIGHT WHEN RESCUE 67 ARRIVED ON SCENE. HELICOPTER WAS SUCCESSFULLY LANDED ON SLOPING TERRAIN ADJACENT TO CRASH DESPITE GUSTY WIND AND RAIN. TWO SERIOUSLY INJURED SURVIVORS WERE FLOWN TO MARINE HOSPITAL BY HELICOPTER. OTHER SURVUVORS WERE AKEN BY AMBULANCE TO USAF DISPENSARY. NEWS RELEASE IS BEING PREPARED BY 6252D TAC FR WG INFORMATION OFFICER." UNQUOTE.
CC-FOUR.
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PERSON CONTACTED
OPERATOR WHO NOTIFIED CONTACT

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

FROM: DET 7 38ARESCUE SQ DANANG AB, RVN

TO: ARS ORLANDO AFB, FLA

INFO: 38ARECOVERY SQ TAN SON NHUT AB, RVN
PACARESCUE CEN, HICKAM AFB, HAWAII

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MISSION NARRATIVE

1. MISSION NUMBER: DET 7-38-671/21 NOV 65
2. SAR ALERTED BY: PRIMARY CRASH PHONE
3. TYPE SAR AIRCRAFT USED: HH-43F HELICOPTER CREW COMMANDER: CAPT ALVA G. GRAHAM, DET 7, 38ARS, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. CO-PILOT: CAPT ROCKWELL N. GREENE, DET 7 38ARS, LINCOLN, KANSAS HELICOPTER MECHANIC: A1C RONALD E. RENARD, DET 7 38ARS, EUCLID, OHIO. PARARESCUE: A1C MICHAEL D. LEONARD, DET 7 38ARS, LAWLER, IOWA.
4. TIME FROM INITIAL NOTIFICATION TO PICK UP: SEVENTEEN MINUTES.
5. CAP ASSISTANCE: NONE
6. LANDED ON GRASSY SLOPE JUST INSIDE PERIMETER FENCE FOR PICKUP.
7. A LARGE SEARCHLIGHT ILLUMINATED THE WRECKAGE.
8. SURVIVORS MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED AND EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER WERE:

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DRAFTER — TYPED NAME AND TITLE: SSGT ROBERT G. CAVICCH, — PHONE: 6104

RELEASER — SIGNATURE: Rockwell N. Greene

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE: CAPT ROCKWELL N. GREENE USAF, OPS OFF.

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FROM:
DET 7 38ARESCUE

A1C MICHAEL J. KELLY, AF19754928

1LT ROGER RUCKER, FR69676

~~A2C KIRBY R. WHELLER~~, AF11406666 DIC

HOMETOWNS UNKNOWN.

9. SUMMARY OF EVENTS: THE HH-43F CREW WAS ASLEEP IN THE ALERT TRAILER ON THE FLIGHT LINE WHEN THE PRIMARY CRASH PHONE RANG AT 0035. A C-123 HAD CRASHED ONE MILE SHORT OF RUNWAY 35. NUMBER OF SOULS ON BOARD WAS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. CAPT GREENE TELEPHONED THE BARRACKS TO SCRAMBLE THE SECOND ALERT CREW. THE HELICOPTERS HAD BEEN TIED DOWN AND ANCHORED FOR SEVERE WEATHER WARNING. THE PRIMARY ALERT CREW, ASSISTED BY HOOK UP MAN, TSGT ROBERT K. FLANDERS, DET 7, 38ARS, AVENAL, CALIF., UNTIED THE ALERT HELICOPTER AND WAS AIRBORNE NINE MINUTES AFTER PRIMARY CRASH PHONE RANG. SSGT PATRICK, CONTROL TOWER OPERATER, RELAYED EXCELLENT DIRECTIONS TO CAPT GRAHAM, GUIDING HIM TO THE CRASH THUS SAVING VALUABLE SECONDS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN SPENT SEARCHING FOR THE CRASH. THE PILOTS LOCATED A GRASSY SLOPE JUST INSIDE THE PERIMETER FENCE AND ADJACENT TO THE CRASH SUITABLE FOR LANDING. THE LANDING SITE EVALUATION WAS HAMPERED BY GUSTY WINDS AND EXTREMELY POOR VISIBILITY DUE TO THE RAIN AND BLINDING LIGHTS AT THE CRASH SCENE. THE TWO MOST SERIOUSLY INJURED, 1LT RUCKER WITH A BROKEN JAW AND A1C KELLY WITH CONCUSSION AND CHEST INJURIES WERE IMMEDIATELY LOADED BY A1C LEONARD AND A1C RENARD ASSISTED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND

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USAF DISPENSARY PERSONNEL ON THE SCENE. THE CABIN CREWMEMBERS LOST THEIR CAPABILITY OF TRANSMITTIN TO THE PILOTS SO CAPT GREENE AND A1C LEONARD COMMUNICATED BY MEANS OF HAND SIGNALS TO DETERMINE WHEN THE CABIN WAS SECURE FOR TAKEOFF AND HOW MANY MORE SURVIVORS REQUIRED EVACUATION. NONE OF THE OTHER SIX SURVIVORS (INCLUDES ONE MARINE KNOCKED FROM HIS SANDBAGGED BUNKER BY THE C-123) REQUIRED AIRLIFT EVACUATION AT THIS TIME. A1C LEONARD HAD TO HOLD DOWN THE LITTER PATIENT A1C KELLY WHO WAS IN EXTREME PAIN. HE ALSO HAD TO KEEP A RECUSITUBE IN A1C KELLY'S MOUTH WHILE ADMINISTERING FIRST AID AND TREATING BOTH SURVIVORS FOR SHOCK. THE HAZARDOUS FLIGHT TO AND FROM THE MARINE HOSPITAL OVER HOSTILE TERRAIN WAS FORTUNATELY COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT. CAPT'S GRAHAM AND GREENE WERE ABLE TO LOCATE THE UNLIGHTED MARINE HOSPITAL HELIPORT AT THE FOOT OF HILLS OBSCURED BY CLOUDS AND RAIN ONLY BY SUPERIOR PILOT SKILL, FAMILIARITY WITH THE AREA, DEAD RECKONING, AND LOOKING OUT THE SIDE DOORS TO REMAIN IN VISUAL CONTACT WITH THE GROUND AS FORWARD VISIBILITY THROUGH THE RAIN AND RAIN COVERED NOSE BUBBLE WAS ALMOST NON-EXISTENT. A SECOND LANDINGXXAT AT THE CRASH SITE TO VERIFY THAT NO ADDITIONAL SURVIVORS REQUIRED EVACUATION WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON THE PERIMETER ROAD. CREW HAD REACHED THEIR HELICOPTER FOR MASS CASUALTY EVACUATION AND WERE JUST READY FOR TAKEOFF WHEN THE PRIMARY CREW RETURNED TO THE RAMP. THE SECONDARY CREW MEMBERS WERE: CREW COMMANDER: 1LT TOMMY L. BROWN, DET 7 38ARS, FORTVILLE, IND.

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FROM: DET 7 38ARESCUE

CO-PILOT: CAPT JAMES C. RODENBERG, DET 7 38ARS, HALSTEAD, KS.

HELICOPTER MECHANIC: A1C EDGAR W. FORRESTER JR, DET7 38ARS,

NORTH ATTELBORO, MASS.

PARARESCUE: A2C ALBERT W. FOSTER III, DET 7 38ARS, VIRGINIA

BEACH, VA. ASSISTED BY TSGT PATRICK A. BOWERS, DET 7 38ARS,

KINGSTON, N.Y.

THE PRIMARY CREW WAS SCRAMBLED AGAIN AT 0610 TO EVACUATE

SURVIVOR A2C WHEELER WITH A BROKEN MANDIBLE TO THE MARINE HOSPITAL.

TAKE OFF WAS AT 0620. THIS FLIGHT WAS ALSO COMPLETED WITHOUT

INCIDENT DURING DARKNESS,GUSTY WINDS, AND LIMITED VISIBILITY DUE

TO RAIN. TIME: FORTY MINUTES. SORTIES: TWO. 2 sorties, 40 minutes

10. COMMENTS: THE C-123 WAS ALMOST UNRECONGNIZABLE. THE AIRCRAFT

HAD SLID THROUGH RICE PADDIES, A MINE FIELD, ASAND BAGGED BUNKER,

AND PERIMETER FENCE COMING TO REST JUST INSIDE THE PERIMETER

FENCE. THE EMPENAGE BROKE OFF, WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE CABIN, WING,

AND ENGINES WAS INVERTED ON TOP OF THE CRUSHED NOSE SECTION. WE

WERE AMAZED ANYONE GOT OUT ALIVE. THE ABSENCE OF FIRE PROBABLY

MADE POSSIBLE RECOVERY OF ALL.XX

THE HELICOPTER CREW WAS INFORMED LATER THIS MORNING THAT THEIR

FIRST LANDING AT THE CRASH SCENE WAS MADE IN A MINE FIELD.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L DET 7 38ARESCUE SQ 50669. DEC 65
FOR HQ USAF AFXOPH, MATS MAOCO/AT AND MCP, ARS ARSCP, PCAF
PFOCC-H.
1. RCS 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. 682
3. 1 AXERICAN SURVIVOR OF CRASHE HU-1B
4. PINAMA-1 DEC 65 -43X 1515 OCAL
5. 15 DE 28°N 107 DEG 40°W
6. 3500' BROKEN, 8 MILES VISIBILITY, WINDS 060/10

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10. USAF, HH-43F HOIST
11. 1 SURVIVOR Army
12. 1 SAVE - COMBAT
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14. 2 SORTIES/ 1 PLUS 55
15. N/A
16. 1 COMBAT SAVE
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RUABGK63ARS NAHA AB OKINAWA
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C O N F I D E N T I A L 38CCO 40360 DEC 6. THE FOLLOWING MSG RECEIVED
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MATION. SARUEFFORT (U). 1. SUCCESSFUL SAR EFFORT THIS AFTER-
NOON, CONDUCTED UNDER THE VERY G NOSES AND GUNS OF THE DRV AND
VERY REAL MIG THREAT, WAS THE RESULT
OF BEAUTIFUL COODINATION
BETWEEN SURFACE SHIPS, RESCUE AIRCRAF AND COVER AIRCRAFT. THE
PILOTS LOCATION WAS PINPOINTED IN ONLY SECONDS AFER THE INITIAL ALERT
ALERTAND IT WAS A MATTER OF EXCELLENT AIR CONTROLLING
AND DETERMINATION BY THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS AT THE SCENE. 2.
THERE IS NO DOUBT BUT THAT THE PILOT OF DODGE ONE OWES HIS LIFE

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TO THE DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONAL ABILITIES OF THE USS WADDELL,
EBODGE ONE, GOOSE ONE, AND HLOLESONE 602 AND 603. UNQU
CROWN BRAVO IS A 33 ARSQ HU-16 PRESENTLY TDY TO DET 7 38 ARSQ,
DANANG AB, RVN.
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RUEBSBA/ARS ORLANDO AFB FLA
RUHLKN/PACAF HICKAM AFB HAWAII
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RUHLKN/PACARESCUECEN HICKAM AFB HAWAII
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RUHABA/31ARS CLARK AB PI
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S E C R E T SAR 51082 DEC 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH AND MATS FOR MAOCO/AT AND NCP, ARS FOR AMODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-FL, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS-1220-15 DEC 65.
3. SAR OBJECTIVE: USAF F-105 PILOT (DODGE-02)
4. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: 15/1222H OBJECTIVE CONTACTED PREPOSITIONED HU-16 AIRCRAFT.
5. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: 15/1222H PREPOSITIONEDSYU-A16 ACFT SET COURSE TO INTERCEPT.
6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 2042N 10724E GULF OF TONKIN

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7. WEATHER AT TIME OF INCIDENT: NOT A FACTOR.
8. CONTROLLING AGECNY: 38 ARS TSN AB RVN
9. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: VI NG MAN OF DODGE 01.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVIVORS AND /OR RECOVER OF DECEASED: HU-16 MADESSUCCESSFUL WATER PICK UP OF PILOT.
11. NUMBER OF SURVIVORS/DECEASED: 1.
12. NUMBER OF PERSONSS SAVED: 1 COMBAT USAF ACR.
13. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVORS:DECEASED: HU-16 RETURNED TO DANANG AB RVN THEN USAF HH-43 TOOK PILOT TO DANANG MARINE HOSPITAL.
14. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE OF ACFT AND AGENCY: 2 USAF HU-16 SORTIES 4 PLUS 20. 1 USAF HH-43 SOTIE PLUS 10.
15. NUMBER GROUND PARTICIPATED IN SEARCH: NONE.
16. ADDITIONAL INFOR: PILOT SUFFERING FROM BROKEN LEFT LEG, FACIAL LACERATIONS AND SHOCK.

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1/0200Z Called PARC, CAPT TEEL re type save (item 12) and whether combat or non-combat inflicted. Also type of med. attn required. He will call back.

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1. SAVE. KIND?

(seriously wounded)

21/0215Z COMBAT CASUALTY/ SAVE

PER CAPT TEEL PARC

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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Sq, APO San Francisco 96227 20 Dec 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report

TO: Hq Air Rescue Service, Orlando AFB, Fla 32813

1. Mission number: 6-1064-19 Dec 1965. 7065

2. SAR alerted by: Bien Hoa Tower.

3. SAR aircraft used: 2/HH-43F.

Members of Rescue Helicopter Were:

RCC	Captain Edwin A. Henningson	Det 6, 38th ARS
CP	Captain Maurice G. Kessler	Det 6, 38th ARS
HM	TSgt Richard A. Connon	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	SSgt Leon Fullwood	Det 6, 38th ARS

Members of Cover Helicopter Were:

RCC	Captain Dale L. Potter	Det 6, 38th ARS
CP	Captain Harold D. Salem	Det 6, 38th ARS
HM	A1C Gerald C. Hammond, Jr.	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	A1C William H. Pitsenbarger	Det 6, 38th ARS

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pickup: 0:45.

5. CAP assistance:

a. 2 USAF O-1 aircraft - Rescap.

b. 2 Army UH-1B helicopters - Rescort.

6. Area and type of pickup: Hoisted stokes litter pickup from hostile, heavily wooded area, trees 100-120 feet high, coordinates 1039N - 10711E.

7. Signalling equipment used to locate survivor: Smoke grenades.

8. Survivors name: SP-4 Jimmie Hunt, "B" Company, 2-18.

9. Summary of events: At 1315L hours, 19 December 1965, Bien Hoa Tower called on the telephone with information that U.S. Army personnel Southeast of Bien Hoa were requesting a hoist recovery/med evac for one (1) casualty. The information had been passed from a ground FM station to a USAF O-1 capping the scene, and had then been retransmitted to Bien Hoa Tower. It was necessary to request information required for mission planning (such as distance, extent of injuries, security of area, etc) via relay back through this extended chain of communications. Meanwhile,

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a U.S. Army UH-1B light fire team (gunship flight) was requested from 38th SARCC for Rescort. At the sametime we were given air strike information coordinates to check out. During this period of time special equipment (stokes litter, power saw, etc.) were loaded aboard the helicopter and refueling was requested. The first UH-43F was scrambled at 1335L, the second (top cover ship) following shortly thereafter. The lead UH-43F rendezvoused with one USAF O-1 who led the way to the pickup scene. The remaining O-1 had stayed to cap the incident site located 29 NM Southeast of Bien Hoa Air Base. Approximately two minutes prior to reaching the scene, the Rescort UH-1B helicopters intercepted the rescue helicopters. The U.S. Army ground party was located without difficulty in an area heavily wooded with trees 100-120 feet high. No ground fire was observed. Army personnel on the ground indicated they knew how to "rig" a stokes litter for hoisting, so the litter was lowered without putting a paramedic on the ground first. During the actual process of raising the casualty to the helicopter the stokes litter began to spin violently, more violently than any of the personnel on board either helicopter had ever seen. Had it not been for the skill and competency of the hoist operator, severe difficulties might have been encountered with the remainder of the recovery. However, with the assistance of the paramedic he was able to overcome the problem and the remainder of the process was uneventful. The survivor was on board the helicopter and on his way to the hospital by 1400L. During the return flight to the hospital, the paramedic determined that the casualty had sustained a severe wound in the leg and was suffering from shock, so he administered a Dextran Solution I.V. to him. The patient was delivered to the 173rd "Mash" area hospital at 1425 hours.

10. Comments: The Rescap, Rescort and Communications/information relay were outstainding. Support and coordination arranged for by the 38th SARCC was excellent. An EUR will be submitted on the unsatisfactory performance of the hoisted stokes litter as soon as the matter has been thoroughly investigated to determine the probable cause.

EDWIN A. HEMMINGSON
Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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S E C R E T SAR 51894 DEC 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPH, WATS FOR MACCO/AT AND MCP, ARS FOR ARODC, PACAF FOR PFOCC-R, 13AF FOR JSARD.
1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38ARS-1236-28 DEC 65.
3. SAR OBJECTIVE: F-105 PILOT, CHEVY 3, USAF, HAD SURVIVAL MIRROR, LPU, URT 21 AND DAY NIGHT SMOKE FLARE. PILOT USED BOTH ENDS OF HIS FLARE. URT 21 WAS EFFECTIVE AT ONE MILE DISTANCE ONLY.
4. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: AT 28/1529H
USAF F-105 CHEVY [redacted] ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT THROUGH
NAVY DESTROYER [redacted] REPORTED CHUTE IN SITE BUT RAN

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LOW ON FUEL AND HAD TO DEPART THE AREA.
5. TYPE AND TIME OF INITIAL SAR ACTION: USAF HU-16 TURNED TOWARD VICINITY OF THE DOWNED F-105 AND ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AT 1537H.
6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 2055N 10715E, BAY SURROUNDED BY ISLANDS AGAINST THE MAINLAND.
7. WEATHER AT TIME OF INCIDENT: 1000 SCATTERED 3000 BROKEN HIGH OVERCAST.
8. CONTROLLING AGENCY: 38ARS TAN SON NHUT AB, RVN
9. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: AFTER TAKING RADARS, VECTORS FROM THE NAVY DESTROYER THE USAF HU-16 COPILOT SPOTTED SMOKE OF BUURNING WRECKAGE; NAVNAVIGATOR AND PJ MRZYCKI MAN SPOTTED RED SMOKE OF PILOT DAY FLARE.
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USAF HU-16 2 SORTIES FOR 7 PLUS 45 HOURS
USN A1H 2 SORTIES FOR 2 PLUS 00 HOURS
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USN DESTROYER VECTORED THE HU-16 TO THE GENERAL VICINITY OF THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT.
16. ADDITIONAL INFO: THE RCC-REPORTED GROUND FIRE COMING FROM THE ISLANDS IN THE VICINITY OF THE PICK UP. THE RECOVERED PILOT SAID AFTER BEING PICKED UP, THAT HE WAS AFRAID THE HU-16 WOULD NOT LAND BECAUSE OF THE GROUND FIRE. THE HU-16 REMAINED ON ORBIT WAITING FOR ANOTHER HU-16 TO REPLACE IT ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT. THE AIRCRAFT RETURNED TO BASE WHEN THE SURVIVOR APPEARED TO BE GOING INTO SHOCK (ON TWO OCCASIONS) BUT WAS TREATED BY THE CREW AND WAS ON HIS FEET AND WALKING AROUND THE AIRCRAFT BEFORE LANDING AT DANANG. THE F-105 PILOT REPORTED THAT HE WAS HIT BY ANTI AIRCRAFT FIRE AND THE AIRCRAFT BEGAN BURNING. HE THEN EJECTED. SURVIVOR: CAPT JOHN S ROFFO, FV3034178, 354 TFS TAKHLI AB, THAILAND. HOMETOWN: 9 LACKAWANA AVE, MT MORRIS, NY. CREW: RCC, MAJ WILLIAM P DEWITT, DORCHESTER, MASS AND FT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA. CP, CAPT MAURICE F GOLDEN JR, COLUMBUS, OHIO. NAV, CAPT JAMES H HILL JR, LAURENS, S.C. FN, A1C DEAN F STOUGH, YORK, PENN. RO, SSGT BOBBY R HATHAWAY, MIDWEST CITY, OKLA. AG, SSGT DUDLEY R PECKINPAUGH, EVANSVILLE, INDIANA.
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MISSION NARRATIVE. 1.MISSION NUMBER:38ARS-1236/3C DEC 65.
2. SAR ALERTED BY: PROMAN 1520L.
3. TYPE SAR AIRCRAFT USED: HU-16B CALL SIGN CHOWS BRAVO.
RESCUE CREW COMMANDER,DEWITT,WILLIAM F.MAJOR,FR38886;
38ARS EGLIN AFB FLA,HOMETOWN:ROCHESTER,NY.
RESCUE CREW CO-PILOT,GOLDEN,MARICE F.JR.,CAPTAIN,
FR38818,38ARS EGLIN AFB FLA,HOMETOWN:COLUMBUS,OHIO
RADIO OPERATOR:HATHAWAY,BOBBY R.,SGT,AF 18471648,38ARS
EGLIN AFB FLA,HOMETOWN:MIDWEST CITY,OKLA

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NAVIGATOR:HILL,JAMES H.JR,CAPTAIN,FR37537,38ARS EGLIN
AFB FLA,HOMETOWN:LANSING,S.C.
PARARESCUEMAN:FLICKINGER,DUDLEY R.,SGT,AF16 [illegible],
53 SS MAMA AB OKINAWA,HOMETOWN:EVANSVILLE,IND.
FLIGHT MECHANIC:STOUDT,DEAN F.,A/1C,AF 13537868,38ARS EGLIN
AFB FLA,HOMETOWN:YORK,PENN. LL CREW WERE TDY TO THE
DET 7, 38ARS.
4. REACTION TIME FROM INITIAL NOTIFICATION TO PICKUP:NINETEEN MINUTES
5. CAP ASSISTANCE:TWO NAVY A-4B AIRCRAFT.
6. 7-1/2NM EAST OF HON GAY,COORDINATES [illegible]N/10716E,LOCATED
A SMALL BAY OFF THE COAST OF NVN SURROUNDED BY MANY ISLANDS.
7. SIGNALLING EQUIPMENT USED:ELPU,MARK 13MOD 0 FLARE,MK-2.
8. SURVIVOR:RUFFO,JOHN S.,CAPT,USAF,FR38878,35TH TACFTRSQ
TAKHLI,THAI,HOMETOWN:LACKAWANNA AVE.,MT. MORRIS,N.Y.
MARRIED FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN.
9. CREW APPROVED AN HU-16 DEPARTED DANANG AB RVN ON A SCRAMBLE AT
1020L BECAUSE CROWN WAS ANOTHER HU-16 WAS SUSTAINED SHELL
FIRE HITS WHILE ON SEARCH FOR A DOWNED PILOT AND HAD TO BE
RELIEVED. WE PERFORMED NORMAL ORBIT 10 NM SOUTH OF A US
NAVY SHIP CALL SIGN "PROMAN" UNTIL 1550L WHEN A CALL WAS

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CONFIDENTIAL DET 7, 3BARS 00696 DEC 65. SECTION 1 OF 11.
MISSION NARRATIVE. 1. MISSION NUMBER:3BARS-1236/22 DEC 65.
2. SAR ALERTED BY: FROGMAN 182BL.
3. TYPE SAR AIRCRAFT USED: HU-16B CALL SIGN CHOPS BRAVO.
RESCUE CREW COMMANDER,GEWITT,WILLIAM P.MAJOR,FR39[illegible]
3BARS EGLIN AFB FLA,HOMETOWN:LOCHESTER, NY.
RESCUE CREW CO-PILOT,GOLDEN,MAURICE F.JR.,CAPTAIN,
FR338[illegible],3BARS EGLIN AFB FLA,HOMETOWN:[illegible],
RADIO OPERATOR:MATHAWAY, [illegible] SGT,AF [illegible],3BARS
EGLIN AFB FLA,HOMETOWN:[illegible]

PAGE 2 RUHMAB 29 C O N F I D E N T I A L
NAVIGATOR:HILL,JAMES H.JR,CAPTAIN,FR[illegible],3BARS EGLIN
AFB FLA,HOMETOWN:[illegible],S.C.
PARARESCUEMAN:BLOCKINBAUGH,[illegible]SGT,AF[illegible],
3BARS NAHA AB OKINAWA,HOMETOWN:EVANSVILLE,IN.
FLIGHT MECHANIC:STOUGH,DEAN E.,A/1C,AF [illegible],3BARS EGLIN
AFB FLA,HOMETOWN:YORK,PENN,ALL CREW WERE TDY TO THE
DET 7, 3BARS.
4. REACTION TIME FROM INITIAL NOTIFICATION TO PICKUP:NINETEEN MINUTES
5. SAR ASSISTANCE:TWO NAVY A-4D AIRCRAFT.
6. 3-1/2NM EAST OF HON CHAY,COORDINATES [illegible](CORRECTED)
A SMALL BAY OFF THE COAST OF NVN SURROUNDED BY MANY ISLANDS.
7. SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT USED:ELPU,MARK 13MOD 0 FLARE,UHT-2.
8. SURVIVORS:RUFFO,JOHN S.,CAPTAIN,FV[illegible],35TH TACTFTRSQ
TAKHLI,THAI,HOMETOWN:SLACHAYANNA AVE.,ST.MORRIS,N.Y.
MARRIED FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN.
9. CROWN ARCVAD AN HH-16 DEPARTED DANANG AB RVN ON A SCRAMBLE AT
1828L BECAUSE CROWN ALLE ANOTHER HH-16 SUSTAINED SMALL
FIRE HITS WHILE ON SEARCH FOR A DOWNED PILOT AND HAD TO BE
RELIEVED. HE PERFORMED NORMAL ORBIT 13 NM SOUTH OF A US
NAVY SHIP. CALL SIGN FROGMAN UNTIL 1928L WHEN A CALL WAS

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PAGE 3 RUHMAB 29 C O N F I D E N T I A L
HEARD ON THE EMERGENCY RADIO.CHEVY 3,ONE OF A FLIGHT OF
FOUR A.F.F-105A AIRCRAFT STATED THAT CHEVY 3 HAD BEEN HIT A
ACK ACK AND WAS ON FIRE AND THE PILOT BAILING OUT AND HIS
POSITION WAS 38NM NORTH OF FROGMAN. [illegible] IMMEDIATELY THREW
BOTH AND PROCEEDED TO FROGMAN AT MED POWER WITH AN AIR SPEED
OF [illegible] KNOTS AT [illegible]
EMERGENCY AND VECTORED [illegible]
APPROXIMATELY TWO [illegible]
CHEVY FLIGHT HAD TO LEAVE THE AREA [illegible]
BEEN HIT. ALSO AT THIS TIME FROGMAN DIRECTED THE U.S. NAVY
AIRCRAFT CALL SIGN RAVEN 384 AND 386 THAT WERE OPERATING OVER
OF FROGMAN TO ACT AS RESCAP FORCE AND TO ASSIST IN THE SEARCH
FOR THE DOWNED PILOT. AT APPROXIMATELY 1930L WE ARRIVED IN
AREA AND BEGAN A CIRCLING SEARCH,THE WEATHER IN THE AREA WAS
ABOUT A1000'SCATTERED TO 3000'OVERCAST VISIBILITY 7 MILES.
AFTER ONE CIRCLE IN THE AREA THE CO-PILOT SPOTTED SOME BLACK
SMOKE A COUPLE OF MILES TO THE EAST. WE FIGURED THAT WAS HIS
AIRCRAFT. [illegible] AND AS WE SAILED OUT AT 3500 FEET WE HAD TO BE
NEAR IT SO WE HEADED IN THAT DIRECTION WITH THE 2 NAVY A-4D
A/C ESCORT. WHEN WE WERE ALMOST TO THE BURNING AIRCRAFT THE
A/C [illegible]

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OF 280 KNOTS. AT THE SAME TIME FIREMAN NOTIFIED US OF THE
EMERGENCY AND VECTORED US TO THE AREA OF BALOUT. AT
APPROXIMATELY 1910Z THE REMAINING THREE F-105 AIRCRAFT OF
DEVY FLIGHT HAD TO LEAVE THE AREA AS THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD ALSO
BEEN HIT. ALSO AT THIS TIME FIREMAN DIRECTED

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PAGE 4 RUMSAG 29 C O N F I D E N T I A L
NAVIGATOR AND THE PARARESCUEMAN START IMMEDIATELY NOTIFIED THE
RESCUE ORM COMMANDER THAT THEY SPOTTED AND WORKED A LF ALL TO
THE LEFT. WE IMMEDIATELY TURNED IN THAT DIRECTION TO MAKE POSITIVE
SIGHTING AND IDENTIFICATION AT APPROXIMATELY 1907Z WE FLEW
DIRECTLY OVER THE DOWNED PILOT AND SET UP A SHORT CLOSE FIGHT
ALTITUDE PATTERN BECAUSE OF THE LAND MASS AND ISLANDS BEING TOO CLOSE
ABOUT A HALF MILE SO AS TO REDUCE THE CHANCE OF BEING HIT BY G
FIRE. WE DROPPED THE DROP TANKS AND MADE A POWER APPROACH FOR
STALL MINUS RUN LANDING A 1909L LIFE THE SOUTH. JUST BEFORE
AND ABEAM THE DOWNED PILOT. THE HEIGHT OF THE WAVES WERE ABOUT TWO
FEET RUNNING EAST TO WEST AND THE WIND OUT OF THE SOUTH AT ABOUT
8 TO 10 KNOTS. IMMEDIATELY AFTER TOUCHDOWN THE THROTTLES BEING LEFT IN
REVERSE AND SO BRAKES THE AIRCRAFT TO WITHIN 50 FEET WHERE THE DOWNED
PILOT WAS AND THE PARARESCUEMAN WITH A ROPE DIVED OVERBOARD AND RAN IN
THE HANDS OF THE FLIGHT MECHANIC WHO HELD ONTO HIM TO HELP THE
DOWNED PILOT IN TO THE AIRCRAFT. THE NAVIGATOR, RADIO OPERATOR AND
FLIGHT MECHANIC ASSISTED IN GETTING THE SURVIVOR AND THE
PARARESCUEMAN BACK INTO THE AIRCRAFT. THEY NOTIFIED THE RCC THAT
OVERBOARD WAS ON BOARD IN POSITION AND READY FOR TAKE OFF. TAKE OFF
WAS MADE AT 1942L INTO THE EAST ACROSS THE WAVES AND

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BECAUSE OF THE ISLAND AND LAND MASS A HALF MILE SOUTH AND WEST
OF THE AIRCRAFT POSITION AND BECAUSE OF THE INTENSE GROUND FIRE
COMING FROM THE ISLANDS AND THE LAND MASS. AFTER TAKE OFF WE HAD TO
THREAD OUR WAY THROUGH SOME MORE ISLANDS AND AROUND NUMEROUS FISHING
JUNKS, AND TWO BIG ISLANDS. WE HAD THE RESCAP BOMB TO NEUTRALIZE
THE END OF EACH AS WE APPROACHED AND PASSED BETWEEN THEM AS THEY
WERE NOT QUITE A MILE APART, THIS SEEMED TO BE WHERE MOST OF THE
FIRING WAS COMING FROM. THE SURVIVOR SUFFERED MINOR BURNS ON THE
FACE AND BACK OF HIS NECK. HE STATED THAT WHEN HE SAW THE AIRCRAFT
APPROACHING HE FIRED THE RIGHT END OF HIS FLARE BUT THE AIRCRAFT
DID NOT SEE IT. WHEN HE SAW THE AIRCRAFT PASSING HIM HEADED TOWARDS
HIS BURNING AIRCRAFT HE FIRED THE DAY END RED SMOKE AND SAW THE
AIRCRAFT TURN TOWARDS HIM. HE ALSO STATED THAT AS THE AIRCRAFT
WERE FLEW BY HIM AT SUCH A LOW ALTITUDE AND DID NOT LAND HE
THOUGHT THAT THE PILOT SEEING THE GROUND FIRE AND BULLET SPLASHES
WAS AFRAID TO LAND AND HE WAS GOING TO BE LEFT THERE. HE SAID HE
WAS OVERJOYED WHEN HE SAW US SWING RIGHT INTO A PATTERN, COME AROUND
TOWARDS HIM, DROP THE TANKS AND LAND. HE STATED HE WAS IN THE
WATER FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES AND FROM FIVE MINUTES OF THAT
WITH NO U.S. AIRCRAFT NEAR HIM AND THE V.C. POTSHOTTING AT HIM WITH
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THE BULLETS FALLING JUST SHORT OF HIM. THE PARARESCUEMAN TREATED
THE SURVIVORS WOUNDS AND ALSO TREATED HIM FOR SHOCK. BUT HE
STILL STARTED TO GO INTO SHOCK. RESCUE HQ[illegible] AT SAIGON HAD
NOTIFIED OF THIS AND WE WERE ADVISED TO RETURN TO DANANG. WE
LANDED DANANG AT 1805L.
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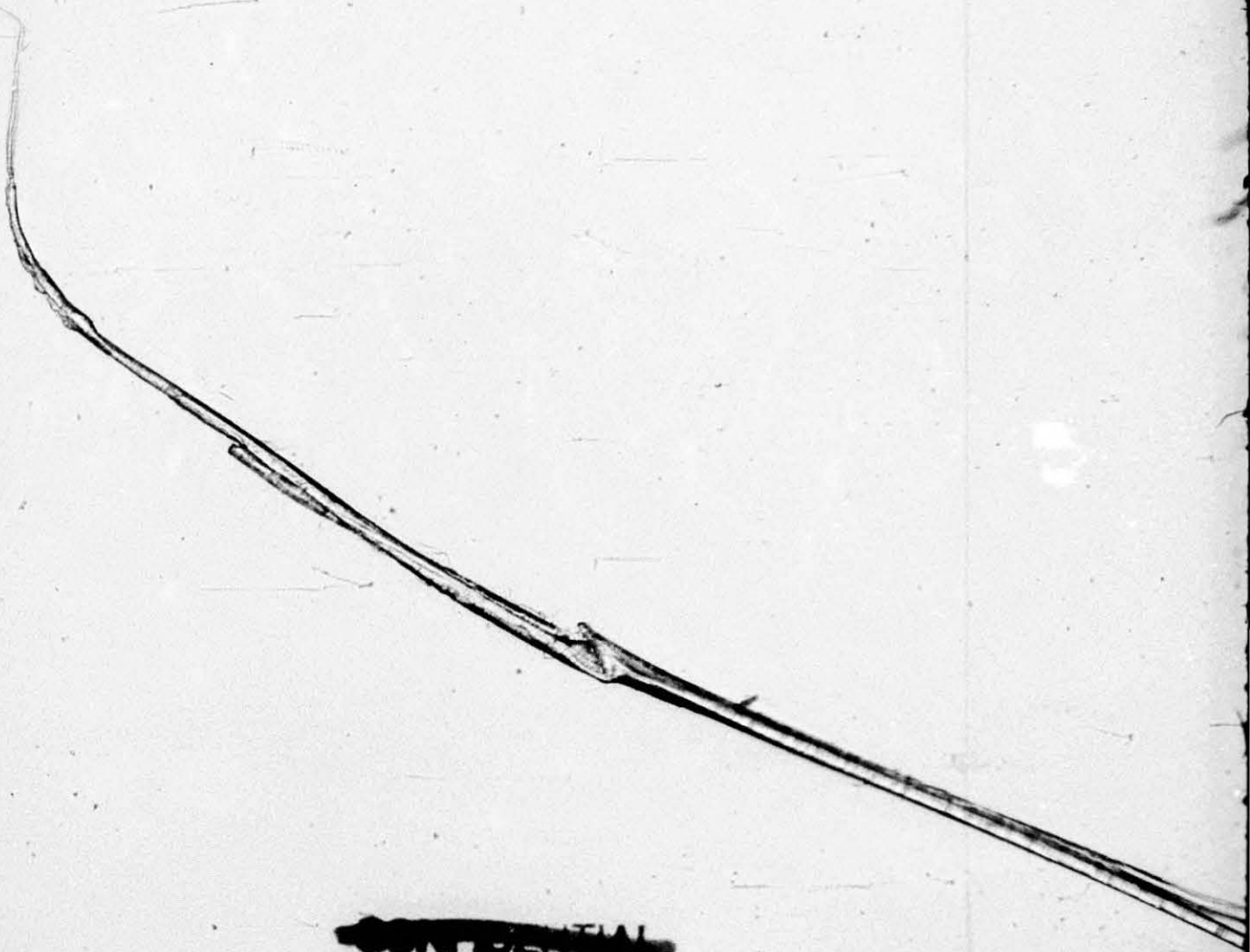
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1. RCS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS 1239- 21 DEC 65.
3. SAR OBJECTIVE: USAF PILOT, F-105 CEDAR-2, NO INFO AVAILABLE ON ADDITIONAL SURVIAL GEAR.
4. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: AT 21/0827Z H F-105 WINGMAN ALERTED HC 54 ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT THROUGH RADAR STATION AND UDORN TACC (SAR CENTER FOR DET 5 38 ARS.
5. TYPE AND TIME INITIAL SAR ACTION: HH3, HC54, AND 2 A 1E WERE

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PAGE 2 RUMSAR 804 S E C R E T
LAUNCHED AT 0838H.
6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1752N 10543E DRY THE TERRAIN WAS ROUGH IN HEAVY FOREST AREA ON THE SIDE OF A HILL.
7. WEATHER AT TIME OF IN CDENTGC NOT A FACTOR
8. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 5 38 ARS UDORN AB THAILAND.
9. AGENCY LOCATION OBJECTIVE: THE HC54 ARRIVED ON THE SCENCE AT 0918H AND AT 0915H THE HH3 AND ESCORTING A1ES ARRIVED. THE CHUTE AND PENFLARE WAS SVOTTED BY A1E PILOT AT 0923H. THE HC 54 PICKED UP BEACON AND VISUAL ON PILOT AT 0932H.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVISOR: THE HH3 PICKED UP THE PILOT BY HOIST AT 0956H
11. NUMBER OF SURVIVOR: ONE
12. NUMBER OF PERSONS SAVED: ONE COMBAT ACR
13. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: SURVIVOR WAS RETURNED TO UDORN AB THAILAND BY HH3. THE PILOT WAS IN GOOD CONDITION
14. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HC54 1/3 PLUS 05 USAF HH3 2/9 PLUS 15 USAF F-105 8/19 PLUS 34
USAF FAC 3/4 PLUS 30 USAF KC135 2/4 PLUS 08 USAF A1E 4/11 PLUS 00
USN A1H 2/4 PLUS 00
15. NUMBER GROUND PERSONNEL/VEHICLES/VESSELS PARTICIPATING IN SEARCH

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16. ADDITIONAL INFO: THERE WAS GROUND FIRE REPORTED IN THE AREA BY THE HH3 CREW. NO HITS WERE SUSTAINED.
SURVIVOR: CAPT JAMES SULLIVAN WICHITA KANSAS
HH3 CREW: PILOT BURTERA, JAMES L. CAPT NATIONAL CITY CALIF.
CP. KOWELL, WILLIAM C. CAPE HONOLULU HAWAII.
SG HEYWOOD SPENCE C. TTSGT MESA ARIZONA
PAR 8 PTEL HARRY W. A1C SHALIMAR FLORIDA
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S E C R E T SAR 51180 DEC 65. HQ USAF FOR AFXOPR AND MATS FOR MADCO/AT AND MOP, ARS FOR ARDOC, PACAF FOR PFPCC-H, 13AF FOR JSARC.
1. RQS: 1-ARS-F1, OPENING/CLOSING REPORT.
2. MISSION NUMBER: 38 ARS 1239- 21 DEC 65.
3. SAR OBJECTIVE: USAF PILOT, F-105 CEDAR-2, NO INFO AVAILABLE ON ADDITIONAL SURVIAL GEAR.
4. ALERTING AGENCY AND DTG ARS INITIALLY NOTIFIED: AT 21/0827Z H F-105 WINGMAN ALERTED HC 54 ON PRECAUTIONARY ORBIT THROUGH RADAR STATION AND UDORN TACC CSAR CENTER FOR DET 5 38 ARS.
5. TYPE AND TIME INITIAL SAR ACTION: HH3, HC54, AND 2 A 1E WERE

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LAUNCHED AT 0830H.
6. LOCATION OF INCIDENT: 1752N 10543E DRV THE TERRAIN WAS ROUGH IN HEAVY FOREST AREA ON THE SIDE OF A HILL.
7. WEATHER AT TIME OF IN CDENTGC NOT A FACTOR
8. CONTROLLING AGENCY: DET 5 38 ARS UDORN AB THAILAND
9. AGENCY LOCATING OBJECTIVE: THE HC54 ARRIVED ON THE SCENCE AT 0910H AND AT 0919H THE HH3 AND ESCORTING A1ES ARRIVED. THE CHUTE AND PENFLARE WAS SVOTTED BY A1E PILOT AT 0923H. THE HC 54 PICKED UP BEACON AND VISUAL ON PILOT AT 0932H.
10. AGENCY AND METHOD OF RESCUE OF SURVISOR: THE HH3 PICKED UP THE PILOT BY HOIST AT 0956H
11. NUMBER OF SURVIVOR: ONE
12. NUMBER OF PERSONS SAVED: ONE COMBAT AOR
13. DISPOSITION OF SURVIVOR: SURVIVOR WAS RETURNED TO UDORN AB THAILAND BY HH3. THE PILOT WAS IN GOOD CONDITION
14. SORTIES/FLYING HOURS BY TYPE ACFT AND AGENCY:
USAF HC54 1/9 PLUS
USAF F4C 3/4 PLUS
USN A1H 2/4 PLUS

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Narrative

FROM: Det 5, 38th Air Rescue Sqd, APO San Francisco 96237

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report

31 DEC

TO: Hq Air Rescue Service, Orlando AFB, Fla.

1. Mission Number: 38ARS-1239-21 Dec 65

2. SAR alerted by: Invert Radar (GCI Nakhon Phanom)

3. ARS Aircraft used: 1 HC-54, 2 HH-3C

Members of Rescue Helicopter were:

RCC Captain Butera, James L., FR66926
CP Captain Cowell, William E., FV3056890
HM TSgt Heywood, Spence C., AF19435977
PJ A1C Birtell, Harry W., AF13451830

Members of Cover Helicopter were:

RCC Captain Kamhoot, Norman B., FR61238
CP Captain Rush, Charles P., FR69405
HM SSgt Youngblood, Theodore M., AF17235041
HM A1C Crites, Robert E., AF15551790

STAFF AGENCY	ACT	INFO
ARCCO		✓
ARODC	✓	
ARPDC		✓
ARBDC		✓
ARMDC		✓
ARDAS		✓
ARXDC		✓
ARCOI		✓
AHIG		✓
ARAMS		✓

+ ALL CEN + Spts Except PACAF

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pickup: 0:50

5. CAP assistance:

a. USAF F-4C

b. USAF A1E (Sandie)

c. USN A1H

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6. Area of pickup: Approximately 200 feet down the side of a mountain in 50 to 60 foot trees, and in heavy undergrowth.

7. Survivors name: Captain James Sullivan

8. Summary of events: While on alert at Nakhon Phanom AB, Thailand we received notice from Invert at 0725 local that an aircraft was down at 18N 10550E. Received instructions from Compress (Udorn RCC) to scramble. Jolly Green 27 and 33 were airborn at 0730 local. We proceeded on the 030° Radial for 40 miles to avoid flak area ENE of Nakhon Phanom. We then proceeded 090° for another 40 miles to the target area.

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a. There was a complete overcast from the border mountains east across the pan handle of DMZ. We arrived in the target area at 0815 local. Sandies found a hole in the overcast and dropped down to begin an electronic search. Sandie 13 spotted the downed airman's chute and notified us at about 0835 local. Both Jolly Greens were still above the overcast and no holes were visible.

b. After taking radio bearings off the Sandie aircraft we positioned ourselves NE of his position, distance unknown. Sandie discribed the area below the overcast and directed us over a valley where the ceiling was 700 to 1000 feet. We took up a heading down the valley and descended thru the overcast entering the clouds at 5000 and breaking out at 2600 indicated, which was approximately 900 feet AGL. We made immediate visual contact with sandie who led us around known flak positions along a mountain ridge to the area.

c. As we arrived I observed a pen flare. We flew a low altitude, high speed pass over the spot and saw a chute but were unable to see the pilot due to tall trees and the indigenous type forest in the area. Just as I passed over the chute I received a faint call from the downed pilot which was blocked out almost immediately. I made a 180° turn coming to a hover above the chute. At this time the flight mechanic spotted the pilot and talked me into position. The pick up was made at 0845 local, 200 feet down the side of a mountain in 50 to 60 foot trees, and heavy unuergrowth.

d. The terrain dictates that I take off straight ahead which took me near a road and a village. We received two bursts of fire just below the chopper which made our tail lurch up knocking the crew in the cabin to the floor. Sandies immediately returned the fire as we turned left away from the village. No further fire was observed. The Sandies looked us over and reported no visual damage. We then took up a heading towards a valley and climbed up thru the overcast.

4ft ? ?

e. Communications between the SAR aircraft was excellent. The downed pilot's use of the pen flare aided us of His location and reduced our time in the area to a minimum. The Sandies rapid reaction to the ground fire reduced the ground fire to a minimum. We returned the pilot to Udorn at 1025 local. Actual pick up was at 1801N 10543E.

James L Butera
JAMES L. BUTERA
Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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2 Acft was F-105

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Det 2, 3RD Aerospace and Recovery Group
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO San Francisco 96237

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6 Jan 1966

STAFF AGENCY	ACT	INFO
ARCCO		
ANODC	L	
ANPDC		X
ANBDD		X
ANWDC		X
ANDAE		X
ANDDC		L
ANCCH		L
ANHD		X
ANAEC		X

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 79ARS/Capt Schneider

SUBJECT: Narrative Report, Mission Number 2-1-1

TO: Hqs PARC, Hickam AFB Hawaii

Crown 27 departed Udorn Thailand at 05/2246Z, arrived over Lima 98/20 at 05/2334Z for weather check and arrived on station at Point Alpha at 05/2355Z.

At 06/0148Z, we were advised by Compress that a Air America Hotel aircraft was down at coordinates 16-30N, 105-30E, that Jolly Green 29 and 33 were departing Shoestring ASAP along with Sandy 21/22. Two additional Sandies 11/12 were departing Compress ASAP.

Jolly Green 29 and 33 and Sandies 21 and 22 were airborne from NKP at 06/0151Z. Jolly Greens arrived on scence at 06/0235Z, Sandies at 06/0230Z, and Crown 27 at 06/0230Z.

Immediately after arriving on station, Sandy 21 reported that the Hotel aircraft was down for maintenance on an abandoned airstrip at coordinates 16-33N, 105-27E.

Spruce flight provided high cover from approximately 06/0225Z to 06/0300Z, rotating 2 aircraft at a time to the tanker orbiting NKP. Spruce flight was released when Dancehead (Forward Air Controller) near downed chopper reported Hotel aircraft safe in friendly zone and protected by friendly forces.

RTB was recieved from Compress for Task Force at approximately 06/0300Z and passed on to all aircraft, Jolly Green returned to NKP however. Dancehead requested use of Sandies against targets in his area and request was passed to Compress and denied. The Sandies remained in the area to provide immediate reconnaisance for strikes being conducted in this time period. Crown 27 orbited the area until the strikes were complete and passed the RTB to Sandies, (Sandy 11/12 to Compress; 21/22 to Shoestring).

Crown 27 maintained radio contact with Hotel 22, which landed at the abandoned airstrip to assist the downed chopper. Hotel 22 relayed the required parts through us, Compress,AA. The following parts were required; Right forward transmission mount; 2 ea flux hydraulic lines for forward and aft right lateral servos, tools, if transmission must be pulled, an A-frame will be required.

Hotel 22 airlifted the crew of the downed chopper to ls-39 via a refueling stop at Savannaket. Crown 27 departed area for NKP at 06/0348Z and received RTB at 06/0428Z. Landed Udorn at 06/0505Z

Robert L Hudson Capt
For LESLIE G. SCHNEIDER

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SUBJECT: USA SOLDIER (1)
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FROM: Det 6, 38th Air Rescue Squadron, APO San Francisco 96227

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report 27 Dec 1965

TO: HQ Air Rescue Service, Orlando AFB, Fla 32813

1. Mission Number: 6-1060-21 Dec 65.

2. SAR Alerted by: 3rd TFW Command Post.

3. SAR Aircraft Used: 2 HH-43F.

Members of Rescue Helicopter Were:

RCC	Capt Charles F. Nadler	Det 6, 38th ARS
CP	Capt Raymond L. Marden	Det 6, 38th ARS
HM	TSgt Kenneth I. Perkins	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	A1C Henry J. O'Beirne	Det 6, 38th ARS

Crew Members of Cover HH-43F Were:

RCC	Capt Karl C. King	Det 6, 38th ARS
CP	Capt Ronald L. Pachman	Det 6, 38th ARS
HM	A1C Alexander Montgomery	Det 6, 38th ARS
RS	SSgt George E. Schilper	Det 6, 38th ARS

4. Reaction time from release to scramble to pickup: 20 minutes.

5. CAP assistance: 2 A-1E's + 2 UH-1F's.

6. Area and type of pickup: Jungle area, 100foot trees, hoist pickup using stokes litter.

7. Ground party used smoke grenades to mark area and ARA - 25 used by the rescue helicopter to home in on CAP aircraft.

8. Survivors name: Unknown USA soldier.

9. Summary of Events: Detachment 6, 38th Air Rescue Squadron was notified by the 3rd TFW Command Post of a badly wounded soldier located at YS 255875, 21 miles Southeast of Pleiku Air Base, RVN at 1605, 21 Dec 1965. We were released from a prior commitment to a C-47 accident at 1626 by the 38th Air Rescue Sqdn SAR Center and were airborne at 1630. A flight of two A-1E's, Hobo 61 were orbiting the area and we homed in on them with our ARA-25 homing adaptor. We arrived at the area at 1647 and were advised that there were about 15 Viet Cong spotted one kilometer to the East of the pickup point. I picked up my UH-1F escort, Sidewinder 71, and brought the HH-43F to a hover over 100 foot trees and was able to descent amongst the trees to a 30 foot hover where the wounded soldier

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was hoisted up in the stokes litter at 1650. We departed the area and landed at the 93rd Field Hospital at 1710, offloaded the patient, and returned to Bien Hoa Air Base. Total flying time for both HH-43F's was 1:30 with 4 sorties and we were credited with one save.

Charles P. Nadler

CHARLES P. NADLER
Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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SUBJECT: USN (USMC-HF-1E) 1 ACR 4 OTHER
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RUMSBJ/38ARESCUE SQ TAN SON NHUT AB RVN
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DE 7 38ARESCUE SQ 50720. DEC 65
FOR ARS ARSCP, PARC PRCOP, 38OPS.
1. 1AARS-F1 [redacted] OPENIIIING/XPOSING REPORT
2. 7-38-681-9DEC65
3. HE-1E(USMC), CALL SIGN DEADLOCK, SHOT DOWN 26 MILES FROM

DNNANG AB
170 DEGREE TACAN RADIAL. NUMBER OF PERSONNEL
ABOUARD UNKNOWN.
4. DANANG RADAR CONTROL DEC 9
5. 2 HH-43F 1930L
6. 15DEGREE 37'N 108DEGREE 15'E

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PAGE 2 RUMSAG 13 C O N F I D E N T I A L
7. 2000 SCATTERED, VISIBILITY 5 MILES
8. DANANG RADAR CONTROL
9. USMC GROUND TROOPS
10. 02 HH-43F'S LANDED IN RICE PADDY, TOOK ABOARD 1 SERIOUSLY INJURED CREWMEMBER AND 4 MARINES SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN GROUND ACTION.
11. HH-43F MEDEVAC ONE SURVIVOR OF CRASH. OTHERS WERE NOT INJURED AND WITH FRIENDLY GROUND FORCES.
12. FIVE.
13. MEDEVAC TO MARINE HOSPITAL AT DANANG.
14. HH-43F 2/3PLUS 40
FC-47 1/1PLUS 45
ARMY O-1E 1/2PLUS 30
15. UNKNOWN-AREA WAS A BATTLEFIELD.
16. MISSION CLOSED.
GP:9
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