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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

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SUBJECT: Mission Summary Report

Det 3 PARC-252-22 Mar 65

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

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18 MAY 1970

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 16 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-half hours. Only minor laceration of chin caused by oxygen mask on ejection or subsequent 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 (PARC) and appropriate action taken.

b. Rescap was exemplary and must be commended for neutralizing 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-channelled in all SEA tactical aircraft. Additional frequencies are needed in cases of multiple bailouts.


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Rescue Crew Commander

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MISSIONSRESCUERSLOCATIONSSURVIVORSNameAircraftNameServiceAircraft

5-PARC-70-8 Feb	Capt Hartley	HH-43F	1607N - 10812E	Maj Hung	VNAF	A1H
3-PARC-128-11 Feb	Capt Richardson	HU-16B	1728N - 10646E	LT Majors	USN	A4C
3-PARC-187-2 Mar	Maj La Dou	HU-16B	1743N - 10634E	Lt Cullen	USA	F-100
	Maj Ingraham	HH-43F	1706N - 10640E	Capt Baird	USAF	F-105
	Capt Freedman	HH-43B	1615N - 10525E	Maj Panas	USAF	F-105
	Lt Phelan	HH-43F	1720N - 10655E	W/O Van Phu	VNAF	A1H
	Capt Kelly	HH-43B	1604N - 10340E	Capt Spagnola	USAF	F-105
3-PARC-252-22 Mar	Maj Waechter	HU-16B	1758N - 10638E	LCol Risner	USAF	F-105
3-PARC-266-26 Mar	Maj Shook	HU-16B	1758N - 10635E	CDR Shugart	USN	A4E
	Lt Phelan	HH-43F	1620N - 10823E	LT Wangman	USN	F8U
3-PARC-277-29 Mar*	Maj Shook	HU-16B	2010N - 10737E	CDR Donnelly	USN	F8U
3-PARC-283-31 Mar	Capt Strayer	HH-43B	1717N - 10545E	Capt Bigoness	USAF	F-100
3-PARC-319-9 Apr	Capt Reichardt	HU-16B	1854N - 10541E	LCDR McNeil	USN	A4C
3-PARC-393-27 Apr	Capt Rodenberg	HH-43B	1727N - 10445E	LTJG Wilkes	USN	A1H
3-PARC-428-7 May	Capt Reichardt	HU-16B	1935N - 10605E	Maj Lambert	USAF	F-105
3-PARC-433-8 May	Capt Reichardt	HU-16B	1753N - 10705E	LT Wilson	USN	RF8A
3-PARC-448-12 May	Capt Ballinger	HH-43B	1655N - 10443E	Capt Schneider	USAF	F-105
3-PARC-469-17 May	Capt Hepp	HH-43B	1905N - 10442E	Capt Taliaferro	USAF	F-105
3-PARC-493-23 May	Capt Richardson	HU-16B	1840N - 10600E	Maj Hernan	USAF	F-105
4-PARC-269-28 May	Capt Boyles	HH-43F	1048N - 10640E		USA	UH-1B
3-PARC-529-1 Jun	Capt Brunner	HU-16B	1847N - 10609E	LT Field	USN	F8
5-PARC-313-2 Jun	Capt Hartley	HH-43F	1611N - 10808E	Capt Lockhart	USAF	HH-43F
				SSgt Kilpatrick		
				A2C Smith		

* Recovered on 31 March

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<u>Mission Number</u>				<u>Rescue Aircraft</u>			<u>Persons Saved</u>			<u>Totals</u>			
Det	ARC	Sq	Msn	Date	HU-16	HH-43	HH-3	USAF	USN	USA	Fgn Mil	Indiv Msn	Accumu- lative
5	PARC	70	8 Feb			1					1	1	1
3	PARC	128	11 Feb		1				1			1	2
3	PARC	187	2 Mar		1	4		4			1	5	7
3	PARC	252	22 Mar		1			1				1	8
3	PARC	266	26 Mar		1	1			2			2	10
3	PARC	277	29 Mar		1				1			1	11
3	PARC	283	31 Mar			1		1				1	12
3	PARC	319	9 Apr		1				1			1	13
3	PARC	393	27 Apr			1			1			1	14
3	PARC	428	7 May		1			1				1	15
3	PARC	433	8 May		1				1			1	16
3	PARC	448	12 May			1		1				1	17
3	PARC	469	17 May			1		1				1	18
3	PARC	493	23 May		1			1				1	19
4	PARC	269	28 May			1				1		1	20
3	PARC	529	1 Jun		1				1			1	21
5	PARC	313	2 Jun			4		4				4	25
3	PARC	562	8 Jun			1		1				1	26
3	PARC	568	9 Jun			2		2				2	28
3	PARC	630	23 Jun			1		1				1	29

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29 March 1965

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det 5 PARC

SUBJECT: Narrative Report of Mission Number Det 3 266 26 Mar 65

TO: COMARQ

On 26 March 1965 at 1315 local time Lt Phelan and his crew were airborne in an HH-43F Rescue Helicopter when they heard a Navy pilot flying a Crusader F-8U call "Hardy Hardy" and say that his aircraft had flamed out 37 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 own man life raft. The rescue helicopter continued to home in on the cap aircraft and ten minutes later the downed pilot was spotted at 10023N1620E, 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 paramedic technician and was found to be in good condition. In uneventful return trip to Danang and the transfer of the pilot to the USARV hospital there, completed the mission.

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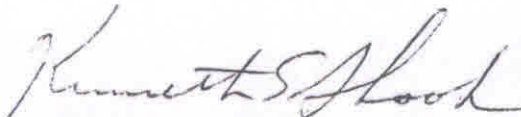
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3 April 1965

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 Shook'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.



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