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Detachment 5
Pacific Air Rescue Center (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Det 5 PARC

29 March 1965

SUBJECT: Narrative Report of Mission Number Det 3 246 26 Mar 65

TO: COMARQ

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-8U call "Mayday Mayday" and say 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 eop aircraft and ten minutes later the downed pilot was spotted at 1062N162E, twenty miles Northeast of Danang. At 1530 a pickup 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 USAR hospital there, completed the mission.

JOSEPH F. PHELAN

USAF

Rescue Crew Commander

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MISSIONS

RESCUERS

LOCATIONS

SURVIVORS

Name

Aircraft

Name

Service

Aircraft

5-PARC-70-8 Feb
3-PARC-128-11 Feb
3-PARC-187-2 Mar

Capt Hartley
Capt Richardson
Maj La Dou
Maj Ingraham
Capt Freedman
Lt Phelan
Capt Kelly

HH-43F
HU-16B
HU-16B
HH-43F
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1607N - 10812E
1728N - 10848E
1743N - 10634E
1706N - 10640E
1615N - 10525E
1720N - 10655E
1604N - 10340E

Maj Hung
LT Majors
Lt Cullen
Capt Baird
Maj Panas
W/O Van Phu
Capt Spagnola

VNAF
USN
USA
USAF
USAF
VNAF
USAF

A1H
A4C
F-100
F-105
F-105
A1H
F-105

3-PARC-252-22 Mar
3-PARC-266-26 Mar

Maj Waechter
Maj Shook
Lt Phelan

HU-16B
HU-16B
HH-43F

1758N - 10638E
1758N - 10635E
1620N - 10823E

LCol Risner
CDR Shugart
LT Wangman

USAF
USN
USN

F-105
A4E
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 McNeill

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

LT Field

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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