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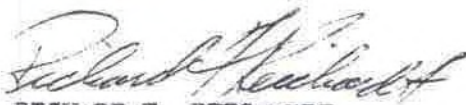
ATTN OF: DET 5 PARC

12 May 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TC: 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 1733H. A sea evaluation was made and landing executed at 1739H and take off at 1715H.
4. The primary swells was $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 feet and the almost perpendicular secondary swell was running about $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 feet.
5. The survivor, Lt Williams 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 Haines, PJ, TSgt William V. Vargas, EM, SSgt Paul E. Lucier, PJ, SSgt Donald E. Smith, all 31ARS. RO, ALC Robert Shimamoto, 76 ARS.


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TO: 31ARSA

22 June 1965

ECT: Monthly Historical Report (RCS: AU-D5(ARS) 1 - 31 May 1965)

TO: Hq ARS (ARCOI)
Orlando AFB Fla

1. NAME OF UNIT: 31st Air Rescue Squadron
2. REPORTING PERIOD: 1 May thru 31 May 1965
3. STATION: Clark Air Base, Philippines
4. ASSIGNMENT: 31st Air Rescue Squadron
Headquarters Pacific Air Rescue Center
Air Rescue Service
Military Air Transport Service
5. COMMANDER: Lt Col Karol F Rybos
Regular Commander

Lt Col Gardner W Kendall
Previous Commander
6. MISSION: To operate and maintain assigned search and rescue equipment to search for, locate and recover personnel and / or aerospace hardware in support of Air Force and other agencies in global air and space operations including research and development.
7. OPERATIONS: Flying time for the month of May was as follows:

<u>TYPE A/C</u>	<u>MISSION</u>	<u>TRAINING</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
HU-16B	373:25	19:30	4:25	397:20
HH-43B	9:10	60:35	3:05	72:50
HC-54	127:50			127:50
HC-97	<u>123:10</u>			<u>123:10</u>
TOTAL	633:35	80:05	7:30	721:10

a. Squadron mission activity again increased to a new high of 633:35 and 119 sorties.

(1) HU-16 missions: Two HU-16 aircraft and crews were deployed in SEA during the month of May. A total of 59 sorties were flown for 373:25 hours. Of this total 315:30 hours and 48 sorties were combat support in SEA.

(4) On 8 May 1965 an HU-16 crew performed a combat rescue mission in hostile territorial waters to pick up a Navy pilot downed by enemy fire. While on a precautionary orbit the crew received a distress call from a Navy aircraft with battle damage. While enroute to the intercept the crew was advised the pilot had ejected. The HU-16 crew made an open sea landing, picked up the survivor and returned him to the deployment base. The crew has been recommended for the Distinguished Flying Cross. Crew: RCC Capt Richard F Reichardt, CP Lt David W Haines, N Capt Alexander F Stewart, AM SSgt Paul E Lucier, RO ALC Robert M Yamamoto (76th ARS), PJs Tsgt William V Vargas and SSgt Donald G Smith.

(5) On 23 May, an HU-16 aircrew performed a hazardous combat rescue mission in hostile territorial waters. The mission required an extremely difficult open sea landing under enemy fire. While on a precautionary orbit the HU-16 crew received a distress call from the wingman of a USAF pilot who had ejected. Although a rescaper was available the crew proceeded to the impact area and began a search for the survivor. In a few minutes he was located and in spite of enemy fire from several surface vessels in the area and without rescaper, the crew effected an open sea landing, picked up the survivor and returned him to the deployment base. The crew has been recommended for the Silver Star. Crew: RCC Capt David K Richardson, Lt David W Haines, N Lt John I Glasgow, AM SSgt David W West, RO SSgt Ralph S Greiner, PJ SSgt Dudley Peckinpaugh (33rd ARS).

d. On 14 May the squadron received HU-16 51-7166 from 48th ARS after long delays due to mechanized troubles. Engine personnel were sent to Guam from 31st to expedite repairs and subsequent delivery. This increased to five the number of HU-16 aircraft assigned.

e. During the month the squadron was forced to vacate the building housing enlisted personnel and orderly room. Operations and the orderly room were consolidated in building 7620 thus centralizing command and operational functions. NCO's were moved to building 7500, the MATS NCO billets.

PERSONNEL:

Assigned officers: 26
Airmen 78, total 104.
Attached officers 9,
Airmen 34, total 43.

EQUIPMENT:

HU-16 aircraft - 5
HH-43B aircraft - 3
HC-54 aircraft - 2 (36th ARS & 79th ARS)
HC-97 aircraft - 1 (76th ARS)

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR REMARKS:

a. Commanders Call was conducted on 12 May 1965.

b. Colonel Walter F Derck, Commander, PARC, and Lt Col Ernest J Trexler, Operations Staff Officer, PARC, visited the squadron on 8 thru 11 May. Purpose of visit was Col Derck's final tour of units of his command prior to being reassigned.

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Mission Number				Rescue Aircraft			Persons Saved			Totals			
Det	ARC	Sq	Msn	Date	HU-16	HH-43	HH-3	USAF	USN	USA	Fgn Mil	Indiv Msn	Accumulative
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	25 Jun		1		1				1	29

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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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HH-43B

1607N - 10812E
1728N - 10848E
1743N - 10634E
1706N - 10840E
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 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 Talliaferro

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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