

(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.

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(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.

31ST AIR RESCUE SQUADRON
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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TO: 31ARSA

22 June 1965

SUBJECT: 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	123:10			123:10
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.

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ATTN OF: DET 5 PARC

26 May 65

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative

TO: ARS

1. Mission No. 493, 23 May 1965.

2. Alerted by destroyer.

3. HU-16, 500071

a. Capt. David K. Richardson,
Sq, Clark A.B., P.I., RCC.

31st Air Rescue

b. 1st Lt David W. Maines,
Clark A.B., P.I., Co-Pilot.

31st Air Rescue Sq,

c. 1st Lt John I. Glasgow,
Clark A.B., P.I., Navigator.

31st Air Rescue Sq,

d. SSgt. Ralph S. Schreiner,
Sq, Clark A.B., P.I., Radio Operator.

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e. SSgt. David E. West,
Clark A.B., P.I., Engineer.

31st Air Rescue Sq,

f. SSgt. Dudley Peckinpaugh,
Naha A.B., Okinawa, Pararescue.

, 33rd Air Rescue Sq,

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 0815Z,
which is after we were airborne from the pick up.

6. The survivor was spotted 2 miles from shore in the open sea. There was one junk within $\frac{1}{2}$ 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, 354th 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
Captain, USAF
RCC

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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 HH-43F
Capt Richardson HU-16B
Maj La Dou HU-16B
Maj Ingraham HH-43F
Capt Freedman HH-43B
Lt Phelan HH-43F
Capt Kelly HH-43B

1607N - 10812E
1728N - 10648E
1743N - 10634E
1706N - 10640E
1615N - 10525E
1720N - 10655E
1604N - 10340E

Maj Hung VNAF A1H
LT Majors USN A4C
Lt Cullen USA F-100
Capt Baird USAF F-105
Maj Panas USAF F-105
W/O Van Phu VNAF A1H
Capt Spagnola USAF F-105

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

Maj Waechter HU-16B
Maj Shook HU-16B
Lt Phelan HH-43F

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

LCol Risner USAF F-105
CDR Shugart USN A4E
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 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

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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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	23 Jun		1		1				1	29

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