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Detachment 5
Pacific Air Rescue Center (MATS)
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 descending in a chute. SUNDOWN gave his position as the SHARPNOTE 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 my aircraft, 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 approach 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 JRA-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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MISSIONS**RESCUERS****LOCATIONS****SURVIVORS**

AR 88-65

MISSIONS	Name	Aircraft	LOCATIONS	Name	Service	Aircraft
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 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 Tallafarro	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

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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