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c. Combat Mission Narratives:

(1) (U) Det 6 - 446 - 20 Jul 65. An F-100 pilot bailed out at night in heavy rain over unsecure territory of South Vietnam. Two HH-43F helicopters scrambled from Bien Hoa, and picked up the downed pilots URT 21 beeper signal immediately upon take off. Due to low visibility and erratic homing needle swing, the helicopters conducted search for the survivor at 25 feet utilizing floodlights and landing lights. Helicopters were under sporadic tracer fire during the search. The pilot was located, and returned to Bien Hoa uninjured.

(2) (S) 38-664-3 Jul 65. An F-105 pilot, Capt Kenneth R. Johnson, discovered he had a severe shortage of fuel enroute to a strike in North Vietnam. He immediately jettisoned his external stores and started heading for friendly territory. He contacted the HC-54 on precautionary orbit, which in turn advised the control center to scramble helicopters from Udorn AB, Thailand. The F-105 ran out of fuel while over Laos, and the pilot made a successful bailout. He landed in high trees and was dangling in his harness 50 feet above the ground. He had suffered a broken arm. When the helicopters arrived on the scene a rescue from above was attempted. Due to heavy foliage the pararescue man was suspended in the horsecollar 100 feet below the helicopter and for ten minutes tried to chop away the vines and branches above the survivor. It soon became apparent that this approach would not work. The helicopter then landed approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from the survivor. The pararescue man walked to the site and the helicopter lowered the hoist to him. The pararescue man was hoisted up to the survivor, and tied the survivor to him utilizing a nylon rope. He then cut the parachute shroud lines, and the helicopter climbed vertically for 150 feet, then flew at 20 knots to the clearing with the two men dangling 75 feet below the helicopter. After the recovery of the two into the helicopter an uneventful flight to home base followed. The helicopter aircraft commander was Capt David E. Allen.

(3) (S) 38-744-24 Jul 65. A Navy A-6A was shot down over Laos, the crew, Lt Cmdr Richard P. Bordone, and Lt Jg Peter F. Moffett, made a successful ejection. An F-105 that was searching for the downed navy crew developed engine trouble and had to bail out within 25 miles of the first incident. Marine helicopters that were prepositioned for search and rescue operations at Quang Tri, RVN and USAF HH-43 helicopters from Nakhon Phanom, Thailand were launched to effect recovery of survivors. In spite of low visibility and marginal reception of beacon signals all crew members were located and recovered. The Marine helicopters rescued the two Navy pilots. Capt Thomas J. Curtis who was the pilot of the HH-43 helicopter picked up Major William J. McClelland, the F-105 pilot.

(4) (S) 38-754-27 Jul 65. Four F-105 aircraft were downed while flying against surface to air missile sites in North Vietnam. Of the four downed aircraft only one chute was reported. A CH-3C helicopter

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MISSIONS

RESCUERS

LOCATIONS

SURVIVORS

Name

Aircraft

Name

Service

Aircraft

3-PARC-562-8 Jun
3-PARC-568-9 Jun

Capt Curtis
Capt Cunningham

HH-43B
HH-43B

1812N - 10549E
1624N - 10415E

Capt Rademacher USAF F-105
Capt Keeter USAF F4C
Capt Getman

3-PARC-630-23 Jun
38-664-3 Jul

Capt Curtis
Capt Allen

HH-43B
HH-43B

1752N - 10552E
1821N - 10301E

Maj Wilson USAF F-105
Capt Johnson USAF F-105

6-38-446-20 Jul

Capt Layman

HH-43F

1055N - 10654E

Lt Barriere USAF F-100

38-744-24 Jul

Capt Curtis

HH-43B

1638N - 10634E

Maj McClelland USAF F-105

38-754-27 Jul

Capt Martin

HH-3

2105N - 10513E

Capt Tullo USAF F-105

38-761-28 Jul

Lt Turk

HH-43B

1748N - 10547E

LTJG Townsend USN A4E

38-814-11 Aug

Capt Graue

HU-16B

1910N - 10609E

Capt Wilson USAF F-105

38-822-13 Aug

Capt Reichardt

HU-16B

1853N - 10556E

LT Hyland USN A1H

38-860-24 Aug

Capt Stambaugh

HH-3

1948N - 10450E

Maj Tagreco USAF F-105

38-882-31 Aug

Capt Holm

HH-43B

2105N - 10420E

LtCol Hendricks USAF F-105

38-899-6 Sep

Capt Berthold

HU-16B

1740N - 10650E

Capt Clark USAF F-105

38-901-6 Sep

Capt Nicholas

HU-16B

1642N - 10345E

Capt Barnhill USAF F-105

38-902-6 Sep

Capt Lockhart

HH-43F

1938N - 10555E

LT Burton USN A1H

7-38-532-6 Sep

Capt Seebo

HH-43F

1605N - 10812E

Capt Hamann USAF B-57

6-38-718-9 Sep

Capt Murden

HH-43F

5 NM E. Bein Hoa

Lt Lane USAF

38-918-10 Sep

Capt Pruvine

HH-43F

1523N - 10754E

E-4 Williams USA 01F

Lt Machabo

HH-43F

Sgt Jackson USA

38-919-10 Sep

Capt Vatis

HU-16B

1726N - 10716E

Capt Graybill USAF A1E

38-931-10 Sep

Capt Purvine

HH-43B

1614N - 10850E

Lt Davidson USA L-19

38-943-17 Sep

Capt Cook

HH-43F

1105N - 10650E

SP-5 Kee Lt CaoVan VNAF H-34

38-954-21 Sep

Capt Martin

HH-3

1736N - 10543E

Capt Greenwood USAF F-105

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