

33rd ARSq Hist, Jul - Sep 1965

(3) During GT-5, 192/30 hours were spent on strip alert by HU-16B crews of the squadron. Five (5) pararescuemen were deployed in support of GT-5; three (3) to Samoa and two (2) to Singapore.

b. Narrative Accounts.

(1) Combat Missions.

*Airman TDY or attached to the 33rd Air Recovery Sq.

(a) Date - 3 July 1965.

Number picked-up - One USN seaman with acute appendicitis, name unknwn from U.S.S. Small.

Crew - *Capt Pratt, William E. Jr.,
 *Capt Doyle, Louis R.,
 *Capt Sharpe, Jimmie H.,
 Capt Price, Terrill E. Jr.,
 *SSgt Vest, Andrew J.,
 *SSgt Prouty, Watten R.,
 *SSgt Johnson, Bobby L.,

(b) Date - 11 Aug 1965.

Number picked-up - One F-105 Pilot, Name - Lawrence Wilson, Capt, USAF.

Crew - Major Wismer, Frederick C.,
 Capt Graue, Robert W.,
 Capt Coslett, Roger J.,
 SSgt Warren, William K.,
 ALC Yocabet, Anthony S.,
 *ALC Lande, Colin A.,
 *A2C Finn, Harvey W.,

The downed pilot was sighted by his wingman as he ejected and descended. The HU-16B on precautionary orbit nearby was vectored to the scene by ARA-25 homer and visually. A routine open sea landing and take-off was accomplished and the pilot was returned to Danang AB, RVN.

(c) Date - 6 Sep 1965.

Number picked-up - One A-4 Pilot, name unknown.

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which was prepositioned at a forward site in Laos was launched to recover survivors. It entered the same area where the four aircraft had been downed, approximately 40 miles west of Hanoi, and was led to the downed pilot by RESCAP aircraft. The survivor was on a heavily wooded slope and marked his position with red smoke. The helicopter was forced to hover at approximately 80 feet above the pilot due to the high trees. After the pilot had put on the hoist harness and was raised 10 feet a hoist malfunction occurred. The crew was unable to lift the pilot the remaining 70 feet manually. The crew decided a landing would have to be made in order to rescue the survivor, so they flew to a rice paddy $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away with the survivor dangling 70 feet below the helicopter. Immediately after landing and recovering the survivor the helicopter came under automatic weapons fire and received 3 hits, one of which missed the fuel tanks by 6 inches. The remainder of the return journey was uneventful. CH-3C aircraft commander was Capt George C. Martin, and rescued F-105 pilot was Capt Frank Tullo.

(5) (S) 38-761-28 Jul 65. A USN A-4E was downed over Laos. Two HH-43 helicopters were scrambled from Nakhon Phanom to make the pickup. The downed pilot was located by A-1E RESCAP aircraft which led the helicopters to the scene. The A-1E aircraft had to conduct continuing attacks against hostile troops that were attempting to reach the downed pilot. As the helicopter moved in for the pickup the A-1E's laid down covering fire. The survivor was located on the side of a hill, and in order for the helicopter to maneuver over the pilot to effect the pickup it was necessary to have the blades come within inches of the side of the mountain. The pickup was successful and an uneventful flight back to Nakhon Phanom, Thailand followed. The aircraft commander of the HH-43 making the pickup was 1Lt Walter F Turk, and the survivor was LT JG Townsend B. Grant.

(6) (U) 38-814-11 Aug 65. An HU-16 on precautionary orbit over the Gulf of Tonkin received a call on guard channel from an F-105 that was hit coming off a strike in North Vietnam. The F-105 pilot declared he was going to bail out. The HU-16 requested a homing steer from the distressed aircraft's wingman, and as he turned to the heading, made a visual sighting on the descending parachute. The HU-16 jettisoned wing tanks and was on final approach as the survivor landed in the water. The pickup was made approximately 14 miles off the shore of North Vietnam. The HU-16 aircraft commander, Major Frederick C. Wisner, made a normal water take off and delivered the survivor to DaNang AB, RVN.

(7) (U) 38-822-13 Aug 65. Lt Robert J Hyland, USNR, was piloting an A-1H which was hit by flak over North Vietnam. His wingman contacted the HU-16 on precautionary orbit and advised it of the impending bailout. The A-1H was able to make the coast and the pilot bailed out over the sea. His wingman directed the HU-16 to the incident site. The HU-16 made a water landing, recovered the survivor, and delivered him to DaNang AB, RVN. The HU-16 aircraft commander was Capt Richard F. Reichardt.

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MISSIONSRESCUERSLOCATIONSSURVIVORSNameAircraftNameServiceAircraft

3-PARC-562-8 Jun

Capt Curtis

HH-43B

1812N - 10549E

Capt Rademacher USAF F-105

3-PARC-568-9 Jun

Capt Cunningham

HH-43B

1624N - 10415E

Capt Keeter USAF F4C

3-PARC-630-23 Jun

Capt Curtis

HH-43B

1752N - 10552E

Capt Getman USAF F-105

38-664-3 Jul

Capt Allen

HH-43B

1821N - 10301E

Maj Wilson USAF F-105

6-38-446-20 Jul

Capt Layman

HH-43F

1055N - 10654E

Capt Johnson USAF F-105

38-744-24 Jul

Capt Curtis

HH-43B

1638N - 10634E

Lt Barriere USAF F-100

38-754-27 Jul

Capt Martin

HH-3

2105N - 10513E

Maj McClelland USAF F-105

38-761-28 Jul

Lt Turk

HH-43B

1748N - 10547E

Capt Tullo USAF F-105

39-814-11 Aug

Capt Graue

HU-16B

1910N - 10609E

LTJG Townsend USN A4E

38-822-13 Aug

Capt Reichardt

HU-16B

1853N - 10556E

Capt Wilson USAF F-105

38-860-24 Aug

Capt Stambaugh

HH-3

1948N - 10450E

LT Hyland USN A1H

38-882-31 Aug

Capt Stambaugh

HH-3

1948N - 10450E

Maj Tagreco USAF F-105

38-899-6 Sep

Capt Holm

HH-43B

2105N - 10420E

LtCol Hendricks USAF F-105

38-901-6 Sep

Capt Berthold

HU-16B

1740N - 10650E

Capt Clark USAF F-105

38-902-6 Sep

Capt Lockhart

HH-43B

1642N - 10345E

Capt Barnhill USAF F-105

7-38-532-6 Sep

Capt Lockhart

HH-43F

1938N - 10555E

LT Burton USN A1H

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

1726N - 10716E

Capt Pope USA

38-919-10 Sep

Capt Vatis

HU-16B

1614N - 10850E

Sgt Jackson USA A1E

38-931-10 Sep

Capt Purvine

HH-43B

1736N - 10543E

Capt Graybill USAF L-19

38-943-17 Sep

Capt Cook

HH-43F

1105N - 10650E

Lt Davidson USAF H-34

38-954-21 Sep

Capt Martin

HH-3

1736N - 10543E

SP-5 Kee VNAF F-105

Capt Greenwood USAF

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