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13. ~~36-1081-30 Oct 65 (C)~~. At 1209H the radio operator at Quang Tri, RVN, intercepted a May Day from an Army UH-1B that had crashed. Two HH-43 helicopters that were on alert at Quang Tri scrambled, and an HU-16 was diverted to the incident scene. The downed helicopter was located and the crew taken to a forward Army outpost. The two HH-43 pilots, Capt John Keen and Capt Arvo then returned to alert duty at Quang Tri. 18

14. ~~36-1081-172-1 Nov 65 (U)~~. On 1 Nov 65 the tower at Tan Son Nhut AB informed the 138 unit of a P-2V landing with one engine out. One HH-43B scrambled with a fire suppression kit and intercepted the aircraft on final approach. The P-2V blew a tire on landing, and as the aircraft came to a stop on the runway a magnesium fire broke out in the left wheel well; the flames engulfing the entire wing. The HH-43B hovered and directed its rotor wash so as to keep flames from igniting the fuel tanks or the paraflares that were mounted on the wing. They continued this until the fire trucks arrived and extinguished the flames. Due to the action of the HH-43B pilot, Capt Alden, the 13 crewmembers of the P-2V escaped without injuries.

15. ~~36-1081-1 Nov 65 (3)~~ On 1 Nov 65, Capt Huggins was forced to eject from his RF-101 over the North Vietnamese coast. He hit the water approximately 100 yards from shore. Fortunately, another RF-101 was in the area and was able to immediately locate the raft. The HU-16 along with two USN A1H aircraft proceeded to the scene. As the pilot was spotted the HU-16 began an approach for a water landing; however a go-around was initiated because a sampan was approaching the downed pilot. The A1H RESCAP aircraft were directed by the HU-16 to fire across the bow of the sampan. This was done; however, the sampan continued toward the survivor. On the next pass the sampan was sunk approximately 100 yards from the survivor. The HU-16 then water landed, and as it was taxiing to the survivor noted three armed swimmers also attempting to reach the downed pilot. During this entire time machine gun fire from the shore was being directed at both the survivor and the HU-16, and Capt Huggins was engaged in a pistol dual with the swimmers. The HU-16 called for the RESCAP aircraft to make a pass at the swimmers and taxied to the survivor. The uninjured survivor was taken aboard, and flown to Danang by the HU-16 MCC, Capt David Barger.

16. ~~36-1081-1 Nov 65 (3)~~ On 1 Nov 65, Lt Cdr Billy V. Wheat ejected from his A4C over North Vietnam. His wingman noted the successful bailout and alerted the HU-16 on precautionary orbit over the Gulf of Tonkin, which in turn alerted the rescue center at Udorn AB, Thailand. An HC-54 was diverted to the scene, and two HH-43 aircraft were scrambled from Nakhon Phanom, Thailand. Occasionally beacon signals were heard, but no visual nor voice contact was made by the time the HH-43's had reached their bingo fuel time.

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