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20. DET PROV FIRST-1-14 Nov 65 (U). Capt Pfadenhauser, the pilot of a HH-43B, out on a base support mission, noticed a crowd on the beach waving and trying to attract his attention. After landing he learned that an airman had been pulled out of the water, and was being administered artificial respiration. Leaving his two crewmembers, 1st Lt Theodore S. Cochran, and TSgt Eddie Hagerman, to take over the first aid treatment of the still unconscious victim, the pilot flew to the base to pick up a doctor. By the time he returned to the incident scene with the doctor, the two crewmembers had revived the victim. Upon the doctor's recommendation they evacuated the survivor directly to the US Army hospital at Nha Trang. <sup>22</sup>

21. 38ARS-1138-17 Nov 65 (U). The F8E piloted by Commander Robert Chew Jr, was hit by ground fire while running on a target in North Vietnam. He turned out to sea and ejected off the coast. The HU-16 piloted by Capt David Richardson had been relieved at the orbit station and was proceeding to Danang when he monitored the emergency call. He was vectored into the survivors position by Commander Chew's wingman. Following the pick up the survivor was taken to Danang AB.

22. 38ARS-1141-18 Nov 65 (S). Captain Larry Mahaffey's F-105 was hit by ground fire over North Vietnam. He turned towards the mountains and ejected when he lost control of the aircraft. He landed in trees 100 feet high, and made no attempt to reach the ground. The HC-34 on prepositioned orbit headed toward the bail out scene and two HH-43's were scrambled from Nakhon Phanom, Thailand. The downed pilot made contact with RESCAP aircraft utilizing his URC-10 radio. The helicopters had difficulty finding the pilot due to the dense foliage, but the survivor fired several pen flares which were spotted by the helicopter crew. The forest penetrator was lowered, and the uninjured pilot recovered and taken to Nakhon Phanom by the HH-43 pilot, Capt John B. Reiderick. <sup>23</sup>

23. DET 7-671-21 Nov 65 (U). On 21 Nov 65 a C-123 crashed one mile short of the runway at Danang AB. The LBR crew scrambled, and were directed into the crash scene by the control tower operator. The landing at the incident sight was hampered by gusty winds, heavy rain, and darkness. It was necessary for the helicopters to land in a mine field to pick up two of the most seriously injured crewmembers. The flight to the hospital was a busy one for the rescue technician, A1C Michael D. Leonard, as both survivors, A1C Michael J. Kelly and A1C Kirby R. Whellern, were in shock. A1C Kelly's injuries were so painful that he had to be held down while the recusitube was held in his mouth. The hospital was unlighted and obscured by clouds and rain, but a successful landing was made. The HH-43F crew commanded by Capt Alva C. Graham had indeed surmounted many obstacles in saving the lives of the two survivors.

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| MISSIONS                                                            | RESCUERS                    |                  | LOCATIONS                        | SURVIVORS                                                         |             |          |
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|                                                                     | Name                        | Aircraft         |                                  | Name                                                              | Service     | Aircraft |
| Det, Prov, First - PARC -<br>219 and 220 - 15 May<br>31-336-18 June | 1Lt Hartke<br>Capt Muehling | HH-43B<br>HU-16B | 1513N - 10017E<br>1709N - 11737E | 3 Thai<br>Lt Col Anderson<br>Lt Harton<br>Lt Coolige<br>Lt Lerves | Civ<br>USAF | B-52     |
| 5-PARC-19-25 Jun                                                    | -                           | HH-43B           | 1745N - 10243E                   | Pilot                                                             | RVN AF      | T-28     |
| 31-571-22 Sep                                                       | Capt Reichardt              | HU-16B           | 1757N - 11354E                   | 4 Men                                                             | USN         | E1B      |
| Hq 38-172-1 Nov                                                     | -                           | HH-43B           | Tan Son Nhut                     | 13 Men                                                            | USN         | P-2V     |
| 4-38-874-4 Nov                                                      | -                           | HH-43B           | 1440N - 10200E                   | 1 Thai                                                            | Civ         |          |
| 6-38-1049-8 Nov                                                     | -                           | HH-43F           | 1058N - 10649E                   | A2C                                                               | USAF        |          |
| 4-38-875-10 Nov                                                     | Capt Lapham                 | HH-43B           | 1423N - 10128E                   | 4 Thais                                                           | Civ         |          |
| 7-38-668-12 Nov                                                     | Capt Rockwel                | HH-43F           | 1609N - 10805E                   | Pvt Pullis                                                        | USMC        |          |
| Det, Prov, First-38-1-14 Nov                                        | -                           | HH-43B           | 1201N - 10913E                   | Airman                                                            | USAF        |          |
| 38-1233-19 Dec                                                      | -                           | HH-3             | 1725N - 10410E                   | Capt Kan<br>Lt Moran                                              | USAF        | F-4C     |
| 6-38-1067-21 Dec                                                    | -                           | HH-43F           | 1058N - 10649E                   | Airman                                                            | USAF        |          |
| 2-38-1106-22 Dec                                                    | -                           | HH-43B           | Takli Runway                     | Pilot                                                             | USAF        | F-105    |
| 7-38-685-23 Dec                                                     | Capt Kneen                  | HH-43F           | 1607N - 10815E                   | Airman                                                            | USAF        |          |
| 5-38-142-29 Dec                                                     | Capt Butera                 | HH-3             | 1740N - 10238E                   | Pilot                                                             | Thai AF     | T-33     |

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