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24. 38ARS-1167-26 Nov 65 (U). An Army UH-1B made a forced landing in an unsecure area of South Vietnam following an engine explosion. An HH-43B, piloted by Capt Franklin Chase, was scrambled from Tan Son Nhut along with armed UH-1B and F-100 escort. Upon arriving at the scene the HH-43 landed within the defense perimeter the six survivors had set up. All six were recovered in good condition and taken to Tan Son Nhut.

25. 38ARS-1174-28 Nov 65 (S). Lt JG Frank Harrington was hit by ground fire over North Vietnam. He was able to nurse his damaged F8E over the sea before ejecting. Upon hitting the water he found himself in a very precarious position. There were several junks in the area which immediately headed towards him. The HU-16 was alerted to the bail-out by the SAR destroyer and was given vectors into the area. Two A1H RESCAP aircraft were sent ahead, and fired warning shots across the bows of the junks. However, three of the junks continued positive movement toward the survivor. Both A1H pilots commenced strafing and Zuni attacks against the junks, which they severely damaged. By this time the HU-16 was in the area and making his approach. After taxiing along side the survivor, the rescue technician, TSgt Raymond Hawco, jumped into the water and helped the survivor board the aircraft. The slightly injured survivor was taken to Danang.

26. 38ARS-1188-2 Dec 65 (U). While on a bombing mission over South Vietnam the crew of a USN F4B, Lt JG Potter and Lt Schmidt, were forced to eject. An HH-43F was scrambled from Bien Hoa, and vectored into the incident area by a C-123. While the HH-43 was enroute the C-123 pilot notified the RCC, Capt Raymond Murden, that one of the survivors appeared to be injured. He also stated that he had a doctor on board and suggested the HH-43 land at a secure field five miles from the bail out location and transfer the survivors to the C-123, so they could be given immediate medical attention. The HH-43 spotted the first survivor in a field and landed to make the recovery. The downed pilot, who appeared to have a fractured pelvis, was administered morphine by the rescue technician, A1C Henry O'Bairne. The second crewmember was located about one mile away. The HH-43 again landed and picked up the uninjured crewmember. Both survivors were taken to a small field nearby and were transferred to the waiting C-123. 24

27. 38ARS-1220-15 Dec 65 (U). Capt Dewitt was forced to eject from his crippled F-105 over the Gulf of Tonkin. The HU-16 on prepositioned orbit took up a heading for the bail out site. As the HU-16 made its approach it came under fire from shore batteries. This continued throughout the pick up. There were several junks in the area; however, they did not interfere with the rescue. The HU-16 pilot, Capt Nicholas, taxied toward the survivor, and when he was brought aboard he was found to be in shock and had a broken leg. He was taken to Danang and turned over to the waiting ambulance.

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33rd ARS Hist, Oct-Dec 1965

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(c) Mission # 1174 - 23 November 1965. 2 Sorties. HU-16
 Pilot rescued from Gulf of Tonkin: Lieutenant Junior Grade Frank Harrington, Bennington, Vermont. Rescue crew responded to May-Day call from the pilot of distressed aircraft. Vectors to area of bail-out were accomplished by the navigator using the APX-28 and homing in on the Wingman. Survivor was five miles from shore and in vicinity of hostile junks. An open sea landing, rescue and take-off were accomplished. Survivor was not injured and HU-16 sustained no damage.

Crew attached to 33rd from 53th ARS on TDY except for Pararescueman.

ROC	Major Glenn A. Higginson	58th ARS
CP	Captain Frank J. Linseisen	58th ARS
NAV	1st Lt Carl F. Lemon	58th ARS
RO	SSgt William O. Muckoles	58th ARS
FM	TSgt Lyle E. Martinie	58th ARS
Pararescueman	TSgt Raymond J. Hawco	33rd ARS

(d) Mission # 1220-15 December 1965. 2 Sorties HU-16
 Pilot rescued from Gulf of Tonkin: Captain Harry D. DeMitt, Moscow, Idaho. While on orbit, Rescue crew responded to May-Day call from an aircraft. Same aircraft transmitted a Tacan fix of the downed pilot. Using the Tacan fix and Radar vectors from the friendly ship, the HU-16 proceeded to area arriving in 14 minutes. An oil slick was sighted with seconds later Captain Nicholas sighting a pen gun flare. An open sea landing was made in a Sea Condition of IV, 3 miles from the closest hostile island. Due to the fact that the survivor was injured, both the pararescueman and the survivor were pulled to the aircraft on a line. While crew was trying to install Jato bottles in the rough sea, the HU-16 came under hostile artillery fire or a high caliber Anti-Aircraft gun. The Rescap flew towards the island and drew the fire away from the HU-16. An open sea take-off with three (3) Jato bottles was made. Fourteen minutes had elapsed from landing to take-off. First Aid was administered to the survivor suffering from a dislocated left knee and facial cuts. HU-16 had sustained no damage.

CREW	ROC	Captain Mansel E. Nicholas	
	CP	1st Lt Raymond M. Bauer	
	NAV	Captain Joel Ruiz	
	RO	A1C John L. Williams	
	FM	SSgt Harold W. Bayer	
*	Pararescue	SSgt Larry A. Barnes	AF Unk 31st ARS

(e) Mission # 1234-20 December 1965. 2 Sorties. HU-16
 Rescue HU-16 damaged by hostile ground fire while on low level search mission in hostile area near islands. Aircraft lost its water capability, but otherwise remained airworthy. There were no injuries to crew.



DOWNED PILOT RESCUED —
American pilot Frank Harrington
is helped from a rescue plane af-

ter being plucked from the South
China Sea off North Viet Nam.
His plane was shot down. —AP

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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>	
38-1187-28 Nov		HH-43B	30NM SW Tan Son Nhut
38-1174-28 Nov	Maj Higginson	HU-16B	20 NM NE Thanh Hoa
9-38-1-28 Nov	Capt McFarlane	HH-43F	1403N - 10802E
38-1188-2 Dec	Capt Hill	HH-43F	5 NM NE Pleiku
	Capt Murden	HH-43F	1139N - 10632E
6-38-1059-7 Dec	Capt Kessler	HH-43F	1054N - 10648E
7-38-682-13 Dec	Lt Brown	HH-43F	1528N - 10740E
38-1220-15 Dec		HU-16B	2040N - 10724E
6-38-1065-19 Dec		HH-43F	1039N - 10711E
38-1236-20 Dec	Maj Dewitt	HU-16B	2055N - 10715E
38-1239-21 Dec	Capt Butera	HH-3	1752N - 10543E
6-38-1068-21 Dec	Capt Nadler	HH-43F	1044N - 10704E
7-38-681-29 Dec		HH-43F	1537N - 10815E
			6 Soldiers USA UH1B
			LTJG Harrington USN F8E
			USAF F4C
			USAF F4C
			LTJG Schmikt USN F4B
			LTJG Potter USN F4B
			Capt O'Conner USAF 01E
			MSgt Forrester USMC UH1B
			USAF F-105
			1 Soldier USA
			Capt Ruffo USAF F-105
			Capt Sullivan USAF F-105
			1 Soldier USA
			1 Pilot USMC HE1E
			4 Marines

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