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to the Navy helicopter landing scene and picked up the remaining two crewmembers. In order to hover it was necessary to dump fuel which precluded its continuing on to the CH-3C bailout area. The two Navy survivors were taken to Udorn. On the morning of Nov 8, a first light search was initiated in the CH-3C bailout area. Several passes were made and no ground fire was observed by the A1E's that were receiving a beeper. However, as more aircraft entered the area to attempt to pinpoint the beeper heavy ground fire erupted. Two A1E's were hit and had to withdraw; both landed safely at Udorn. Due to the intensity of the ground fire, the further recovery of survivors was deemed to be not feasible without additional losses. The mission was suspended on 8 Nov. The missing CH-3C crewmembers are: Capt Warren Lilly, 1Lt Jerry Singleton, and SSgt Arthur Cornier. 20

18. 38ARS-1111-7 Nov 65 (U). On 7 Nov 65, Lt Cmdr Charles Wack's A4E was hit by ground fire while pulling out of a dive over his target. He immediately headed toward the coast, and about 12 miles out over the Gulf of Tonkin he ejected. The distress call on guard channel was monitored by the HU-16 pilot 1Lt Joseph Kirby, who immediately headed for the bail out site. The HU-16 crew spotted the pilot approximately 15 minutes later, and noted a junk fleet one half mile from the downed pilots raft. The external fuel tanks were jettisoned, and a water landing made. The downed pilot was brought aboard the HU-16 just 17 minutes after his distress call went out. The uninjured pilot was taken to Danang AB.

19. 38ARS-1114-8 Nov 65 (C). At 1230H on 8 Nov, a request for MED EVAC of battle casualties was received. A large scale operation was taking place and over 100 casualties were reported. Rescue helicopters from both Bien Hoa and Tan Son Nhut were utilized in this recovery operation that was to run two days. The recovery site was a heavily wooded jungle area with trees 150 to 180 feet high. There were no clear areas, so all of the wounded had to be picked up from a high hover. A rescue technician was lowered into the pick up point with a chain saw to make a landing zone but the saw malfunctioned. Of the 71 sorties flown by the HH-43's during the two days the following was typical. They were escorted in by armed UH-1B's and waited in a high hover until the "Hueys" had made several firing passes to suppress VC ground fire. The "Hueys" received hits while performing this task. When they felt they had silenced the opposition, the HH-43's were directed in. While hovering over the 180 foot trees, the rescue technician lowered the stokes litter threading it through the tree branches. The casualties were picked up and taken to a forward aid station, and ammunitions and C-rations were taken in on the return journey. During the course of the operation the HH-43's recovered fifty personnel, of whom 20 were saves. In addition 3 cases of ammunition, 2 cases of TNT, 10 cases of medical supplies and 30 cases of C-rations were taken into the battle area. 21

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c. Combat Operations

(1) Combat flying for period 1 October to 31 December 1965 totaled 1254 hours. There were 135 SEA missions. Five open sea landings were made during the quarter with five (5) pilots saved.

(a) Mission # 1084-1 November 1965 2 Sorties. HU-16 Pilot rescued from northern Gulf of Tonkin: Captain Norman P. Huggins, Mullins, South Carolina. Rescue crew responded to May-Day call from Wingman. Position of HU-16 was 140 miles from scene. Distressed pilot had ejected over water, drifted over a hostile island, and landed in the water 100 yards from the island. Survivor was under hostile small arms fire from shore and three swimmers were trying to outflank him. Prior to the rescue a running gun battle had been in progress with one of the swimmers. The Rescue aircraft remained under hostile fire throughout the rescue. A small armed junk was neutralized while the HU-16 was rescuing the survivor. The aircraft was in the water for four minutes. Take-off was made into a rain shower and transition instruments was necessary. An uneventful flight to Danang AB followed. The HU-16 sustained no damage.

CREW	ROC	Captain David P. Westenbarger
	CP	Captain David K. Wendt
	NAV	1st Lt Donald S. Price
	RO	SSgt Frank J. Trombino
	FM	ALC James M. Allen
	Pararescueman	A2C James E. Pleiman

(b) Mission # 1111-7 November 1965. 2 Sorties. HU-16 Pilot rescued from the Gulf of Tonkin: Lieutenant Commander Charles Gale Jack, 595696 USN, Effingham, Illinois. Rescue crew responded to May-Day call from Wingman. Due to excessive chatter on frequency, radar vectors from friendly ship were blocked off and the HU-16 was vectored by DF steers on the Wingman. Survivor was 15 miles from shore and 1/2 mile from fishing boats. An open sea landing was made, the pilot rescued, and without further incident returned to friendly base.

CREW	ROC	1st Lt Joseph G. Kirby
	CP	1st Lt Robert M. Kramer
	NAV	Captain Roger J. Coslett
	RO	SSgt Harold R. Erickson
	FM	SSgt Patrick D. McCoy
	Pararescueman	SSgt Larry D. Huxett

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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>
38-959-22 Sep	Capt Richardson	HU-16B	1700N - 10715E	Capt Tuong	VNAF	A1H
38-968-24 Sep	Maj Hollfelder	HU-16B	1708N - 10758E	Capt Graves	USAF	F4C
				Lt Nolan		
6-38-820-24 Sep	Capt Layman	HH-43F	5 NM E. Bein Hoa	Maj Barbena	USAF	F-100
6-38-898-5 Oct	Capt Murden	HH-43F	8 NM E. Bien Hoa	2 Soldiers	USA	
	Capt Nadler			5 Soldiers	USA	
6-38-929-9 Oct	Capt Cook	HH-43F	10 NM W. Bien Hoa	2 Soldiers	USA	
	Capt Potter			1 Soldier	USA	
38-1027-13 Oct	Capt Jennings	HH-3	2132N - 10317E	Maj Randall	USAF	F-105
38-1055-22 Oct	Capt Porter	HH-43F	37 NM SSW Pleiku	Maj Elliot	USAF	A1E
7-38-642-23 Oct	Capt Cunningham	HH-43F	12 NM W. DaNang	2 Marines	USMC	
38-1073-28 Oct	Capt Burdeaux	HH-43F	1635N - 10624E	LCDR Lindsey	USN	F-4B
	Capt McMillan	HH-43F	1635N - 10624E	LT Cooper	USN	F-4B
38-1084-1 Nov	Capt Westenbarger	HU-16B	2051N - 10729E	Capt Huggins	USAF	RF-101
38-1088-1 Nov		HH-3	1803N - 10540E	LCDR Wheat	USN	A4C
38-1110-6 Nov		HH-3	2029N - 10527E	2 Navy	USN	SH3
6-38-1047-6 Nov	Capt Murden	HH-43F	1104N - 10703E	1 Australian	Aust	
38-1111-7 Nov	Lt Kirby	HU-16B	1953N - 10614E	LCDR Wask	USN	A4C
38-1114-8 Nov*	Capt Henningson	HH-43B	1108N - 10657E	20 Soldiers	USA	
	Capt Nadler					
38-1138-17 Nov	Capt Richardson	HU-16B	1913N - 10748E	CDR Chew	USN	F8E
38-1141-18 Nov	Capt Reiderick	HH-43B	1814N - 10532E	Capt Mahaffey	USAF	F-105
38-1150-20 Nov	Capt Keesler	HH-43B	1113N - 10643E	2 Soldiers	USA	
7-38-671-21 Nov	Capt Graham	HH-43F	1 NM S. DaNang	Lt Rucker	USAF	C-123
				A1C Kelly		

* Recovered on 9 November

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