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Det 2-3-84-6 July

(C) An allied T-28 pilot crash landed in an area north of Udorn. An HH-3 helicopter was diverted to the scene and recovered the airman using the hoist with the tree penetrator attached.

Det 2-3-85-7 July

(C) The rescue HC-130 on orbit north of Udorn scrambled two A-1Es and two HH-3Es to search for the members of a downed U-10 aircraft. When located the HH-3 helicopters landed and boarded three survivors, returning them to Nakhon Phanom.

Det 1-3-43-8 July

(C) A Marine CH-46 helicopter hit by groundfire crashed west of Hue, SVN. Two HH-43s were dispatched to the scene and returned three survivors to Quang Tri for medical assistance. A Marine CH-46 recovered eight survivors to Dong Ha.

Det 6-38-109-9 July

(U) Two HH-43s from Bien Hoa retrieved eleven Army wounded from the jungle using the hoist/stokes litter and forest penetrator. Pickup site was 37 miles NNW of Bien Hoa; rescue helicopters were escorted to the combat area by armed UH-1 helicopters.

Det 1-3-44-10 July

(C) Two pilots aboard an F-4C, hit by groundfire, ejected just off the coast northeast of the DMZ. The HU-16 in orbit over the Gulf was diverted to the area and landed on the open sea. In spite of small arms fire from the shore and from small boats nearby, both pilots were safely recovered. RESCAP which had formed overhead expended considerable ordnance in an attempt to suppress the hostile gun fire.

Det 2-3-88-11 July

(C) An HH-3 helicopter and two A-1E fighter escorts were launched to recover the downed pilot of an F-105 NNE of Udorn. The wingman of the downed pilot provided vectors to the scene. When the SAR force arrived the survivor released red smoke for visual location and was retrieved in good condition from an area covered by trees approximately 150 feet high.

Det 2-3-87-11 July

(C) Two HH-3 helicopters (call sign "Jolly Green") flying orbit, responded to the mayday of an F-105 pilot. A-1E fighters escorted the helicopters to the incident site, over 50 miles southwest of Hanoi.

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