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Det 9-38-23-13 August

(U) Two HH-43 helicopters from Pleiku were escorted by armed UH-1s to a mountainous area to evacuate wounded Army soldiers. Each helicopter picked up one injured soldier using the stokes/litter hoist and brought him to the hospital at Pleiku.

Det 12-38-5-13 August

(U) An Army O-1E crashed in the vicinity of Nha Trang. The search force consisted of 2 HH-43s, 2 F-4Cs, 3 Army O-1Es and 2 UH-1Ds. An Army O-1E located two survivors and was fired on during his identification pass. Despite sporadic enemy fire two successful hoist pickups were made by the primary rescue helicopter. The two survivors were returned to Nha Trang and appeared to be in excellent condition.

Det 9-38-25-14 August

(U) Two HH-43s were escorted to Chu Pong mountain by UH-1s to air evacuate seriously wounded soldiers. The pickups took place at night in conjunction with a flare ship in poor weather conditions. To pinpoint their location the ground personnel vectored the SAR forces in on FM radio by visual sighting and flashlights. Two wounded were hoisted aboard one helicopter and three were hoisted aboard the other for hospitalization at Pleiku.

Det 9-38-26-16 August

(U) A hoist equipped helicopter was required to extract some wounded soldiers from the jungle. Two UH-1 gunships escorted two HH-43 helicopters to Chu Pong mountain to evacuate wounded soldiers the Army helicopters could not reach. On arrival in the area two litter patients and one killed in action were hoisted aboard the primary helicopter. The pararescueman was recovered by the secondary HH-43 and both helicopters recovered at the field hospital at Oasis.

Det 9-38-27-17 August

(U) Two UH-1 gunships escorted two HH-43 helicopters to Chu Pong mountain. The rescue helicopters retrieved three men (one combat wounded and two others) from the jungle and evacuated them to Pleiku hospital. No hits were taken by the rescue force although there was much firing on the ground during the pickup.

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