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Det 6-38-116-3 August

(U) F-100 pilot with a hung nose gear and emergency fuel state had to eject near Bien Hoa when the engine flamed out. An airborne HH-43 heard the distress call and, also observed the ejection. The rescue helicopter landed near the pilot who was in good condition and picked him up about one minute after he hit the ground.

Det 1-3-53-6 August

(U) The pilot of an F-105 hit by hostile fire bailed out over the Gulf of Tonkin. The HU-16 on orbit in the area received vectors to the incident from a Navy ship and the downed pilot's wingman. On reaching the scene, a water landing was made and the pilot recovered. Numerous junks moved to within 1000 yards of the aircraft but no gunfire was noted. The HU-16 recovered at Danang and the survivor was in excellent condition.

Det 1-3-54-7 August

(U) Two pilots ejected from an F-105 over the gulf southeast of Hanoi. RESCAP formed overhead while the rescue HU-16 was enroute. An open sea landing was made; the two airmen were picked up and returned to Danang.

Det 2-3-95-8 August

(C) An RF-101 pilot downed in an area 34 miles southwest of Yen Bay made radio contact with a rescue force who was searching for another airman. A-1E RESCORT aircraft accompanying the helicopters searched out the pilot and pinpointed his position. The pararescueman had to be lowered to help the injured survivor get aboard; both men were hoisted into the helicopter and returned to home base.

Det 2-3-97-8 August

(C) An F-105 was reported down several miles west of Dong Hoi. RESCAP of F-105s and A-1Es had formed over area. RESCORT A-1Es accompanied two HH-3Es to the bailout area. A Navy A-1E led the low helicopter to where the parachute was; at that time, a pin flare was spotted. The tree penetrator was lowered from the hoist and the survivor climbed aboard it for a successful recovery.

Det 6-38-117-8 August

(U) One engine of an F-5 surged on takeoff and the other failed on final because of suspected ground fire. The pilot bailed out in the vicinity of Bien Hoa; an HH-43 landed at the incident site, picked up the survivor and returned to Bien Hoa.

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Location: Gulf Breeze, FL

Comments: Great web site. Ed Larson and I were rescued from the Gulf of Tonkin on 7 August, 1966, by Red Angstadt's HU 16. I was sorry to hear that they were lost a few months later. We in the Wild Weasel program have the utmost respect for you rescue guys.
Thanks again.

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363	7 Aug 1966	F-105F	Sea	Larson E.	Capt	Rescued	USAF HU16	Gilroy K. A.	Capt	Rescued
364	7 Aug 1966	F-105F	NVN	Sandvick R. J.	Capt	POW (returned)		Pyle T. S.	Capt	POW (retur
365	7 Aug 1966	F-105D	NVN	Brazelton M. L.	1Lt	POW (returned)				
366	8 Aug 1966	F-4C	Sea	Goldberg L. H.	Capt	MIA		Wynne P. E.	1Lt	KIA
367	8 Aug 1966	F-105D	NVN	Flom F. R.	1Lt	POW (returned)				
368	8 Aug 1966	F-105D	NVN	Kasler J. H.	Maj	POW (returned)				
369	8 Aug 1966	F-4C	SVN	Walling C. M.	Capt	MIA		Kommendant A.	1Lt	MIA
370	8 Aug 1966	F-105D	NVN	Casper J. R.	1Lt	Rescued	USAF Helo			
371	11 Aug 1966	F-4C	Sea	Penn R. L.	Capt	Rescued	USN Helo	Finzer B. B.	1Lt	Rescued
372	12 Aug 1966	F-105D	NVN	Neuens M.	1Lt	POW (returned)				
373	12 Aug 1966	F-105D	NVN	Allinson D. J.	Capt	KIA				
374	12 Aug 1966	RF-101C	NVN	Wrye B. C.	Maj	MIA				
375	14 Aug 1966	F-105D	NVN	Franklin C. E.	Capt	MIA				
376	14 Aug 1966	F-105D	NVN	Eaton C. A.	Capt	MIA				
377	14 Aug 1966	F-105D	NVN	Brodak J. W.	Capt	POW (returned)				
378	17 Aug 1966	F-105F	NVN	Brand J. W.	Maj	MIA		Singer D. M.	Maj	MIA
379	19 Aug 1966	RF-4C	NVN	Hawks E. T.	Capt	Rescued	USN Helo	Miliken R. M.	1Lt	KIA
380	21 Aug 1966	F-105D	Sea	WelLaos N. L.	Capt	Rescued	USN Helo			
381	22 Aug 1966	F-5	SVN	Johns C. L.	Capt	Rescued	Army Helo			
382	27 Aug 1966	F-4C	Sea	Barrow J. E.	Maj	Rescued	USN Helo	WaLaosh T. H. Jr	1Lt	Rescued
383	29 Aug 1966	F-105D	NVN	WelLaos N. L.	Capt	POW				

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EDWARD A. DE SHAE

Airman Second Class Edward A. De Shae distinguished himself by heroism while participating in aerial flight as an HU-16B Para-rescue Specialist over hostile waters on 7 August 1966. On that date, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, Airman De Shae, while under intense hostile fire entered the water on two occasions, swam to the two downed airmen and returned them safely to his rescue aircraft. The outstanding heroism and selfless devotion to duty displayed by Airman De Shae reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.



