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Det 12-38-7-12 September

(U) One seriously ill soldier in a combat area near Nha Trang was retrieved by HH-43 helicopter from a small opening in the jungle canopy using the hoist/stokes litter and taken to Tuy Hoa.

Det 2-3-108-13 September

(C) An F-105 pilot down south of Vinh was in voice contact with the RESCAP overhead. A-1Es of the SAR force made visual contact with him and an HH-3 helicopter accomplished a hoist recovery using the forest penetrator.

Det 10-38-19-13 September

(U) Two HH-43Fs recovered eight survivors from a downed Army UH-1 aircraft near Binh Thuy by landing at the incident site. Although, small arms fire was noted in the area, neither rescue helicopter received any hits.

Det 1-38-7-14 September

(U) An airborne HH-43 heard a call on guard channel that a chopper was down about 6 miles west of Phan Rang. Immediately, heading for the area a beeper was picked up and aided in guiding the rescue helicopter to a downed H-13 aircraft. The crew of two was unhurt and returned to Phan Rang. The H-13 pilot reported he had received a hit over the mountains and autorotated into the riverbed.

Det 1-38-8-14 September

(U) An F-4C crashed 10 miles west of Phan Rang. An airborne HH-43 (call sign Pedro) proceeded to the site and made a hoist pickup of one pilot. A later ground search revealed the other pilot had perished in the incident.

Det 6-38-123-15 September

(U) Two HH-43s were scrambled to recover the crew of a downed UH-1 helicopter south of Saigon. Rescue helicopters landed at the site, picked up five survivors and took them to Tan Son Nhut.

Det 1-3-64-16 September

(C) Two HH-3Es were launched from Quang Tri to pick up two pilots of an F4C down near the DMZ. A FAC in a light aircraft guided the low bird (HH-3 helicopter) to the first survivor and then to the second one. Both were recovered by hoist and returned to Dong Ha.

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