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CHAPTER III

OPERATIONS

MISSIONS

During the reporting period, Detachment 9 flew 313 sorties of which 54 were in support of aircraft or personnel in distress. There were 131 base support sorties and 107 training sorties. The remaining 11 sorties were functional check flights.

SAFETY OF OPERATION

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There were no accidents or incidents during the reporting period however one aircraft crashed due to hostile fire. All personnel on board received injuries to some degree. The pilot, Capt William F. Clark,

was temporarily hospitalized with minor injuries. The co-pilot, 1LT Warren F. Kaufman, is still in a DNIF status but currently in an ambulatory condition with the unit. SSgt Gus Jones, Firefighter attached to the unit suffered a broken ankle and has been returned to flying status. TSgt Donald W. Gooding, sustained numerous bruises but has returned to status. 1LT George P. Bogner security policeman attached for flying had slight lacerations of the arm. SSgt Luther T. Jones, received cuts and contusions over his right eye.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

There were no awards and decorations presented during this quarter.

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OPERATIONS

Mission/Saves

The new year commenced with a flurry of Pedro (the HH-43 call sign) mission activity which resulted in the logging of 100 combat and 55 non-combat saves for a total of 155 saves during the quarter. ¹

Combat Losses

On 26 Jan 1969, HH-43F, SN 63-9712 at Pleiku AB, RVN, crashed while flying in the local area. Subsequent investigation revealed combat damage and the aircraft was declared a combat loss by 7AF. ²
All crewmembers escaped with minor injuries.

Safety of Operations

The 38th ARRSq was accident free for the quarter.

Awards and Decorations

The total number of individual awards and decorations presented to the 38th ARRSq personnel is included in the 3rd ARRGp History for the corresponding quarter. ³

Hours Flown

Unit aircraft (HH-43B/F) flew 3200 hours during the period 1 Jan ⁴ to 31 Mar 1969.

1. See 3rd ARRGp Saves Log.
2. See supporting document 2, 7AF Msg., 131630Z Feb 69.
3. See 3rd ARRGp History (1 Jan - 31 Mar 69) for names and order numbers.
4. See 3rd ARRGp Monthly Maintenance Summary, March 1969.