



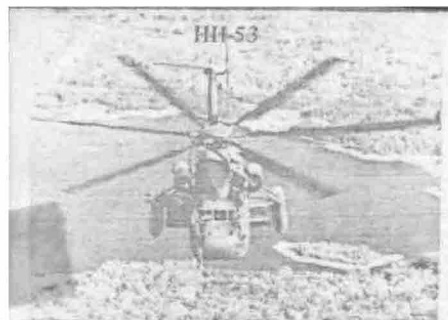
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37th SQ CHALKS UP 600th SAVE

DA NANG AFLD, Republic of Vietnam (MNS) — The 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron chalked up "save" number 600 recently with the rescue of U. S. Air Force Capt. David A. Warner.

Captain Warner and his second crewmember, Maj. Herman E. Kiefer III, both from the 421st Tactical Fighter Squadron, ejected from their F-4 Phantom fighter-bomber when it exploded and burned shortly after takeoff here.

The jet fighter pilots were picked up by two HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant helicopters from the 37th ARRSq. The aircraft commander of the first Super Jolly Green on the scene was Capt. Gary H. Hoven.

"We were returning to Da Nang from another mission," he said,

"when we saw a fireball in the sky. At first we had no idea what it was, but we went in to investigate.

"Then the co-pilot spotted two parachutes and we radioed our control point that we were going in after them.

"We were circling when the pilots hit the water and our pararescuemen were already getting into their water gear. The men had been in the water less than two minutes when we made our pass and dropped the first 'PJ' into the water. We immediately went over to the other downed pilot and dropped off another 'PJ,'" related Captain Hoven.

The two pararescuemen were MSgt. Malcom E. Williams, and SSgt. Jules C. Smith.