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winch. After the vessel was located, a PJ was lowered to assist the seaman who was subsequently hoisted on board and flown to the 95th Medical Evacuation Hospital. Credit was given for one non-combat save.

Eleven additional non-combat saves were recorded by the squadron as a result of the combined efforts of Major Robert H. Heiges and Lt Col Harold R. Walthall on 26 Jul 71 when they evacuated eight passengers and three crew members from an Army UH-1H that had made a forced landing on the beach near Hai Van Pass. The two alpha alert aircraft responded to the call for assistance while they were enroute to their fraggd airborne alert orbit. SAR checklists were run enroute to the scene due to the possibility of hostile forces in the area. After a thorough evaluation of the site was made, Major Heiges executed an approach and landing and took on eight passengers from the downed aircraft. While Major Heiges was returning these people to the Da Nang area, Lt Col Walthall remained on scene to provide cover for the UH-1H crew members until an Army recovery team could be brought in. When the team arrived, they were unable to extract all the remaining crew members due to aircraft limitations. Lt Col Walthall answered the call for assistance, landed on the beach and recovered three additional personnel.

Combat saves, 13 of them to be exact, became the order of the day on 20 Aug 71 for Major Gerald J. Lange and crew on a mission that graphically demonstrated the flexibility required of the SAR force.

37 ARRS Picks Up Dozen

The 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron chalked up 12 non-combat saves July 26, as two aircraft from that unit combined forces to rescue U.S. Army soldiers from a beach 18 miles south of Hue.

Piloting the HH-53 "Jolly Green Giant" rescue helicopters were Maj. Robert H. Heiges Jr., and Lt. Col. Harold R. Walthall, both of the 37th ARRS.

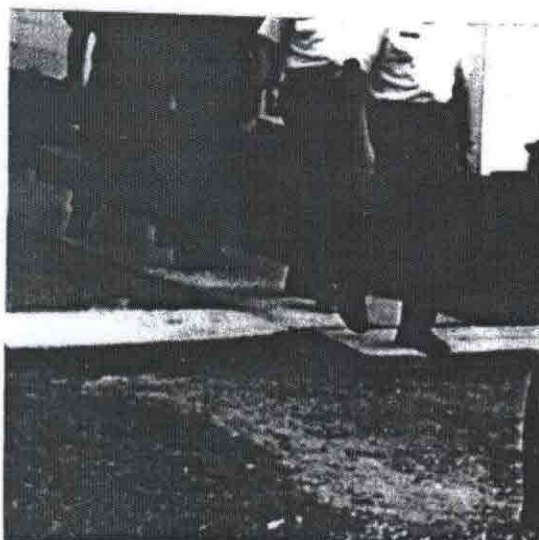
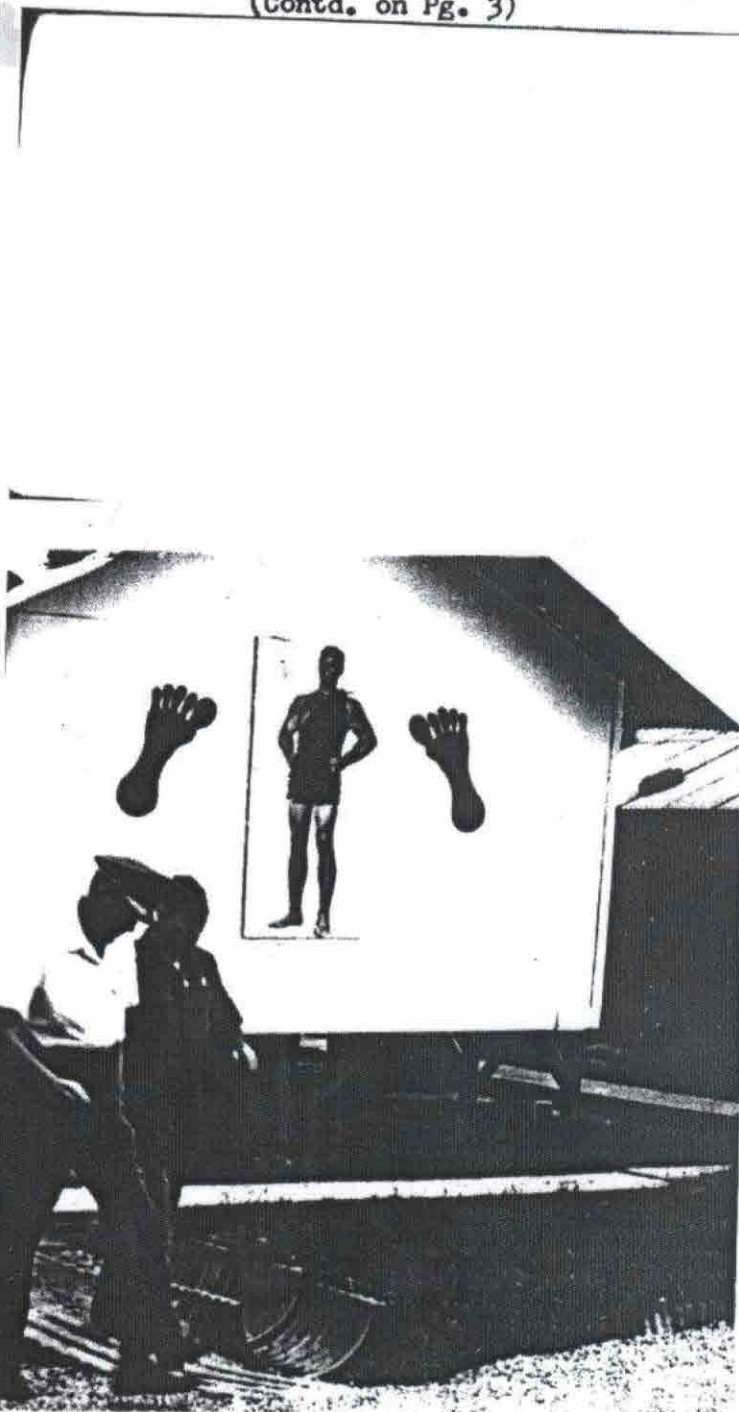
The soldiers were aboard a UH-1H "Huey" helicopter, when mechanical problems forced them to land on the beach.

"We had just taken off for airborne alert," stated Major Heiges, "and had completed test firing the weapons, when we heard the call for assistance.

"A light observation aircraft circling over the downed helicopter relayed the call for assistance to us," he continued.

After obtaining clearance from the local control center, Major Heiges passed over the area and decided it was a relatively secure place to set down. The crew took the necessary precautions and armed their weapons as Major Heiges set the "Jolly Green Giant" down about 75 feet from the downed helicopter. Eight of the crewmembers scrambled aboard the aircraft and were returned to Da Nang.

Meanwhile, Colonel Walthall was orbiting in the vicinity of the Huey providing
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NAME RANK

SSN

DATE	CREW	JG	SAVE #	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	TYPE SAVE
21	CROWE ULLOA PRIANTE Muelch Ande MORENO	66	625	JOO ONE KIM (KOREAN ^{MERCHANT} SEAMAN) med evac To VUCR. RUPTURED APPENDIX	USNS BARRETT 1445N 11145E MSN II A-3-026-2 JUL	MED EVAC NON COMBAT
22	KOMICH GRIFFITH JADROSICH BARRETT WARDI THOMPSON PEARSON	77	626	NAVY SHIP 125/15/77 (NO NAME) NAVY SEAMAN with severed hand - To 95th HOSP.	NAVY SHIP 125/15/77 MSN II A-3-027-22 JUL	1 MEDICAL NON COMBAT
26	HEIGES TYLER Theriot PROSE MANICK CROWLEY	65	627 628 629 630 631 632 633 634	NO NAMES 45TH ENGR BTN U.S. ARMY	103/17/69 MSN II A-3-028	8 NON COMBAT

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CHAPTER XI

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Supporting Document #1 (Saves)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>SURVIVOR</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>MISSION NUMBER</u>
625	Joo One Kim	Civilian	21 Jul 71	A-3-026
626	Bud Riggle	Civilian	22 Jul 71	A-3-027
628	Mark J. Musich	E-4 (Army)	26 Jul 71	B-3-028
629	David C. Banks	Sgt(Army)	26 Jul 71	B-3-028
630	Unknown	Army	26 Jul 71	B-3-028
631	"	Army	26 Jul 71	B-3-028
632	"	Army	26 Jul 71	B-3-028
633	"	Army	26 Jul 71	B-3-028
634	"	Army	26 Jul 71	B-3-028
635	"	Army	26 Jul 71	B-3-028
636	"	Army	26 Jul 71	B-3-028
637	Unknown	Army	26 Jul 71	B-3-028
638	Larry M. Niebuhr	1Lt(Army)	20 Aug 71	A-3-029
639	Landis L. Lingren	WO4(Army)	20 Aug 71	A-3-029
640	David Silva	E-4(Army)	20 Aug 71	A-3-029
641	Martin Wilson	E-4(Army)	20 Aug 71	A-3-029
642	Indigenous Person		20 Aug 71	A-3-029
643	Indigenous Person		20 Aug 71	A-3-029
644	Indigenous Person		20 Aug 71	A-3-029
645	Indigenous Person		20 Aug 71	A-3-029

SURVIVORS

DATE	CREW	JG	SAVE #	ORGANIZATION	LOCATION	SAVE TYPE
26	WALTHALL	70	635	45TH ENG BTN	103/17/69	3
	ULUA		636	U.S. ARMY.		NON-COMBAT
	McKINNEY		637	NO NAMES	MSN #	
	DINOS				A-3-028	
	Muelch					
	GRAY					

TOTAL MONTHLY SAVES 13