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First as MAST unit Plattsburgh det medevacs baby

PLATTSBURGH AFB, NY—Det. 18, 48th ARRSq. here was designated a Military Assistance for Safety and Traffic (MAST) unit Sept. 10. It is the third Rescue unit to be so

designated.

On Sept. 13, Det. 18 performed its first mission as a MAST unit when adequate civilian transportation was unavailable. A portable

isolette was picked up in Champlain, NY, before on-loading a premature infant at Alice Hyde Memorial Hospital in Malone, NY. Forty minutes later the infant was delivered to Montreal Children's Hospital in Canada.

Radio contact and assistance from a civilian ambulance service helped save time and coordinate transfers.

Crewmembers were 1st Lt. Lee Fogle, pilot; Maj. James Murtha, co-pilot; 1st Lt. Art Kenney, auxiliary pilot; **Sgt. Paul Kunn, pararescue-man**; and Sgt. Frank Schiller, flight mechanic.

The mission was the 53rd for the 20-man detachment since its activation in September 1971. Thirty civilian lives have been saved in Northern New York and Vermont.

Other Rescue MAST units are Det. 14, 48th ARRSq., MacDill AFB, FL, and Det. 22, 48th ARRSq., Mountain Home AFB, ID. Since MAST began, more than 2,400 missions have been flown by Air Force and Army units. More than 2,700 patients have been transported.

MAST is authorized as a supplement to the local civilian emergency medical service systems and is intended solely as an interim addition to those services until a civilian capability is developed. By Public Law 93-155, Nov. 16, 1973, Congress authorized assistance to the extent that it does not interfere with the military mission.

AIR RESCUE NOW! **Facelifting underway**

HQ. ARRS, SCOTT AFB, IL — Three new features make their debut in the AIR RESCUE this month.

The "One Thru Nine Line," written by CMSgt. Charles T. Walther, ARRS senior airman advisor, provides current information and discusses topics of interest to the Rescue enlisted force. (p.2)

"S.A.R.* (*Stories and Reports) about Rescue People" presents summarized people and unit stories that normally would not appear for lack of space. This column is for everything from awards and marriages, to reenlistments and assignments. (See p. 4-5)

The third new feature, "ARRS Saves Data," is a chart from the Hq. ARRS Operations

Reports Section detailing saves data for each month of the current year. It also shows the number of saves earned since the ARRS organization in 1946, and presents the data in five divisions: (1) civilian saves, (2) noncombat saves other areas, (3) noncombat saves Southeast Asia, (4) combat saves, and (5) total saves. (See p 4)

These features are added to better serve the interests of our readers. You are encouraged to make comments and suggestions on the new additions, or an other item in the AIR RESCUE. Call the editor at Autovon 638-2803/4615, or write MAC/OII/Stop 100D, Scott AFB, IL 62225.

—Ed.

Hercules, Jolly team aids seaman

KADENA AB, OKINAWA—An HC-130 Hercules and HH-3E helicopter team of the 33rd ARRSq. here medevaced a suspected appendicitis victim from a ship 300 miles south-east of Okinawa Aug. 1.

Diosdado Nierves, a 25-year-old

Filipino cadet seaman suffering abdominal pains and vomiting, was delivered to Camp Kuwae Army Hospital five hours after the call for help came in. His prognosis was "good."

The mission began at 4:12 p.m. After navigational assistance and one

aerial refueling from the HC-130, the chopper reached the Philippine cargo ship at 6:30. Communications were hampered by the language barrier.

The 'copter hovered for 40 minutes as SSgt. Dennis G. Dalmo, pararescueman, prepared the litter patient for hoisting before being brought up himself. SSgt. Bert S. Bayhille, HC-130 loadmaster, provided flare illumination during the operation.

One more refueling was required before the chopper landed at Camp Kuwae at 9:05 p.m. It was the 23rd rescue mission this year for the 33rd ARRSq. Sixteen were "saves." The squadron has also taken part in 30 mission "assists" this year.

HH-3 crewmembers were 1st Lt. Donnie Rowland, pilot; 2nd Lt. F. Randall Starbuck, copilot; Sgt. Clinton R. Solt, flight mechanic; and Sergeant Dalmo, PJ.

HC-130 crewmembers were Capt. Jerry Lionetti, pilot; 1st Lt. James W. Whitehurst, copilot; 1st Lt. Gary P. Jensen, navigator; TSgt. Clayton J. Covey, flight engineer; SSgt. Robert J. Will, radio operator; and Sergeant Bayhille, loadmaster.

Sgt. Stephen A. Durham and A1C Patrick E. Fitzpatrick, pararescuemen, were on board the HC-130 in the event a paradrop was required.



As seen from the circling 33rd ARRSq. HC-3, The Philippine cargo ship "President Magasaysay."



Hospital personnel help the flight mechanic and pararescueman unload the patient at Camp Kuwae.



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S.A.R.* (*Stories and Reports)

"S.A.R.* (*Stories and Reports) about Rescue People" is a new monthly column designed to present, in an abbreviated fashion, Rescue people and unit stories which normally would not be published for lack of space. News items such as commendations and awards, marriages and births, reenlistments and retirements, and command and personnel assignments are welcomed. See your Unit Information Officer about submitting S.A.R.* material. —Ed.

TSgt. Jules C. Smith and SSgt. Brian Quayle, pararescuemen at Det. 9, 39th ARRWg., Zaragoza AB, Spain, recently graduated from the MAC NCO Academy. Sergeant Smith was seventh in a class of 135 students. He was an honor graduate.

TSgt. Eugene N. Cothran, 33rd ARRSq. flight engineer at Kadena AB, Okinawa, finished the MAC NCO Academy in the top of his class. An Airman Education and Commissioning Program (AECIP) hopeful, he is also a distinguished graduate of the MAC NCO Leadership School.

ROKAF Capt. Yi, Song Yul was awarded a certificate of appreciation and graduation certificate at Det. 13, 41st ARRWg, Osan AB, Korea. He completed five months of search and rescue mission coordination training. **Col. Frederick V. Sohle Jr.**, ARRS vice commander, made the presentation.

Capt. Henry F. Morrissey Jr., 37th ARRSq. at F. E. Warren AFB, WY, was a recent distinguished graduate of Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, AL.

Lt. Col. Joseph Henjum Jr., Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) director, Scott AFB, IL, was a recent distinguished graduate of the Air War College at Maxwell.

Maj. Lloyd W. Esberry, AFRCC at Scott, was a distinguished graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL.

Maj. Paul McComb and TSgt. Wayne Fisk were selected Outstanding Officer and NCO Instructors of the Year at the 1550th ATTWg., Hill AFB, UT.

Now attending Troy State University at Troy, AL, is former A1C **Hugh Ivey**, 39th ARRWg., Eglin

AFB, FL. He receives an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship and is studying business administration.

A new aircraft commander, 1st Lt. **Dan Arnett** of the 33rd ARRSq. at Kadena AB, Okinawa, had an active 30-minute medevac July 23 on his first mission as a qualified AC. After the mission, he told two USAF Academy cadets (on their orientation flight): "That's what it's all about — "That Others May Live."

SSgt. George D. Weyandt, an Aug. 16 graduate of the MAC NCO Academy, was selected NCO of the Quarter (Jul-Sept.) for Det. 1, 48th ARRSq., Homestead AFB, FL.

First Lieutenants William T. Griffin and Donnie R. Rowland, 33rd ARRSq. at Kadena AB, Okinawa, recently accepted appointments in the Regular Air Force.

1st Lt. Michael E. Humphreys, 1550th ATTWg., Hill AFB, UT, won first place in the recent 1974 MAC Flying Safety Writing Contest. His

article on aviation professionalism and discipline was published in the July MAC FLYER.

Capt. Steven H. Findeiss, 40th ARRSq., NKP RTAFB, Thailand, won second place in the same contest. His "Dollar Ride with the Old Man" appeared in August's MAC FLYER.

Maj. Clarence C. Campbell, Hq. ARRS, Scott AFB, IL, won honorable mention in that contest. (See December MAC FLYER)

Capt. Willie Cole, 41st ARRSq., McClellan AFB, CA was commended for his performance as mission commander during the mid-summer Brave Crew 74 joint exercise.

Det. 2, 48th ARRSq., K. I. Sawyer AFB, MI and Det. 3, 37th ARRSq. at Grand Forks AFB, ND were commended for short notice airlift support for Secretary of State Kissinger July 25.

Det. 14, 48th ARRSq. at MacDill AFB, FL received compliments from a MAC IG office for "excellent airlift support" during a recent inspection tour.

ARRS saves data

	1946—DEC 1973	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
TOTAL CIVILIAN	6109	41	30	29	43	34	37	60	78	36			
NONCOMBAT SAVES O/A	9860	42	32	30	48	38	41	57	86	43			
NONCOMBAT SAVES SEA	1272	1	3	2	6	3	2	7	4	1			
COMBAT SAVES	3624												
TOTAL SAVES	14756	43	35	32	54	41	43	64	90	44			

Cocktails, colonels & Jolly Greens

There is a calm from standing here on my island
With silent thoughts floating out and above
Rising softly - so gently -
Wafting out amidst the harsh cacophony
Of clattering glasses, voices mixed
With cocktails and colonels and Jolly Greens

—Annette Tippin

(Miss Tippin, 25, wrote this poem while at a Jolly Green Pilots Association meeting at the Scott AFB, IL Officers Open Mess. She has a Master's Degree in comparative literature.)

ports) about Rescue people

CMSgt. Martin H. Juback, Pararescue Standardization NCO-in-charge, 1550th ATTWg., Hill AFB, UT, made his 447th and last jump Aug 26 as a PJ. After the jump, wife Sofie's comment was, "Now you're ready for a rocking chair." He ends a 27-year PJ career.

SSgt. George M. Daffern, 55th ARRSq., Eglin AFB, FL, was named for the Commandant's Award and as distinguished graduate of the 21st Air Force NCO Leadership School. He competed with 53 other NCOs.

Capt. Dale E. Stovall, Hq. ARRS, Scott AFB, IL, was married Sept. 14 to Carol J. Boza. They met at the Scott AFB Pass and I.D. office. He's a former rotary-wing pilot, she's a fixed-wing stewardess with American Airlines.

The 55th ARRSq. recently received the MAC Outstanding Dormitory Award during the MAC Commander's Facility Inspection. **Lt. Gen. Daniel James**, MAC vice commander, headed the inspection team and presented the award. Eglin-

based MAC units got an overall 93.1 per cent rating.

Three Rescue units were selected to receive MAC Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Team (MSET) awards for the Jan. 1973 — Apr. 1974 cycle. **Det. 9, 39th ARRWg.** at Zaragoza AB, Spain; **Det. 13, 41st ARRWg.** at Osan AB, Korea; and the **48th ARRSq.**, Fairchild AFB, WA, received the awards for outstanding maintenance management, professionalism and attainment of the highest MSET scores.

Det. 13 went on to earn the ARRS Detachment Maintenance Unit of the Year (FY 74) award. The **1550th ATTWg.** at Hill AFB, UT won the squadron level award for the same period.

Maintenance NCOs of the Year (FY 74) are **SSgt. Daniel B. Davis**, 39th ARRWg. at Eglin AFB, FL; and **TSgt. George A. Hauser**, Det. 5, 48th ARRSq. at Edwards AFB, CA. Maintenance Airmen of the Year

(FY 74) are **A1C Donald R. Parker**, 55th ARRSq., Eglin AFB, FL, and **A1C William R. Geaves**, Det. 14, 39th ARRWg., Keflavik NAS, Iceland.

Ten 1550th ATTWg. men at Hill AFB, UT, received resource conservation awards recently for saving the Air Force a total of \$67,900. Commended were: **Maj. Robert L. Leadows**, \$30,600 in FY-74, rescue hoist turn-in; **MSgt. Colin A. Lane**, \$10,700 in FY-74, combining pararescue classes; **MSgt. Herbert W. Kee**, \$9,000 in FY-74, medical supplies transfer; **MSgt. William F. Lyster**, \$7,200 in FY-74, relocating a civilian position; **Maj. Richard V. Everhart**, \$4,800, civilian grade reduction; **Maj. David N. Busby**, \$2,000 in FY-74, personnel assignment action; **Maj. Paul D. McComb**, \$1,400 in FY-74, action with pararescue wet suits; **1st Lt. Michael E. Humphreys**, \$1,100 in FY-74, processing location for personal authenticator cards; **Capt. Ronald L. Benton**, \$1,000 in FY-74, 75 and 76, training raft procurement; and **SSgt. Allyn L. Mathieson**, \$100 in FY-74, reducing publications.

Third of 10 in MAC's Best Ten Individual Management Actions award program was **Maj. Paul D. McComb**, 1550th ATTWg., Hill AFB, UT. Through study and eventual elimination of one training course, he saved the Air Force \$455,810 in FY 74 with FY 75 and 76 savings of \$1,259,682 per year. He was also a MAC nominee for an Air Force resources conservation award.

1st Lt. Michael E. Humphreys, 1550th ATTWg., Hill AFB, UT, was tenth in MAC's Ten Best Individual Management Actions award program. He evaluated air refueling training and determined the number of sorties could be reduced. This resulted in annual savings of \$200,000.

CMSgt. William C. Stonebraker, 41st ARRWg., Hickam AFB, HI was a first place supply area plaque winner in FY 74 Program Project Officer Awards. He determined HH-43 War Readiness Spares Kits were no longer necessary in Thailand (except for one at Korat AB) and provided guidance for their return to supply stocks. This action saved the Air Force \$614,299 without affecting local base rescue capabilities.



MCCLELLAN AFB, CA—MSgt. Charles K. W. Schwartz, professional artist and 41st ARRSq. pararescueman here, shows **Maj. Gen. William A. Dietrich**, Military Airlift Command chief of staff, an unfinished portrait of a PJ. The general inspected the artist's room during the recent Commander's Facilities Inspection.

HH-3 crews 'save' 36 flood victims

OSAN AB, KOREA—Two HH-3E helicopter crews from Det. 13, 41st ARRWg. here saved the lives of 36 persons stranded in heavy flooding Aug. 31 near Kwang Ju City, Republic of Korea.

Hampered by darkness, 1st Lt. Edward Fleming and Lt. Col. Travis Wofford and their crews flew almost 10 hours in a 5-mile radius of Kwang Ju.

Lieutenant Fleming's crew brought in 21 cold, wet and hungry Koreans. He had a surprise on his first pickup. "We were hovering over this group of people and had sent the parajumper down into the water. When the hoist came back up, there was Sergeant (Cledgi) Chambers holding a 1-day-old baby."

Colonel Wofford, Det. 13 commander, recovered 15 persons in other areas. "The first man we saw was stranded in water up to his chest," he said. "At first he wasn't sure what we were going to do. When we hovered over him and lowered the sling, he broke out in a big smile."

Lieutenant Fleming's crew made four pickups in the last hours before darkness stopped the search. The largest group was seven persons plucked from atop their thatched roofed house. "At first," said 1st Lt. Larry Brooks, copilot, "they didn't want to leave their home. The Korean interpreter finally convinced them they would be in danger of losing their lives as well as their home. So they came with us."

"I give the Korean National Police a lot of credit," recalled Colonel Wofford, who was still weary from the previous day's mission. "We picked up a police interpreter at Kwang Ju Air Base before setting out on the search. With his radio, he was in continuous contact with a command post which helped direct us to the groups who really needed help fastest."

During one mission, Lieutenant Fleming's helicopter flew almost 28 miles at 100 feet altitude. "The clouds were so thick and low we couldn't get high enough. At one point we were only 30 feet off the ground," he said.

"I'm really proud of my mission," added Colonel Wofford. "But most of all, I'm proud of my crews. They did a truly professional job. They saved 36 lives and not one person had so much as a scratch.

Even the day-old baby was in good shape."

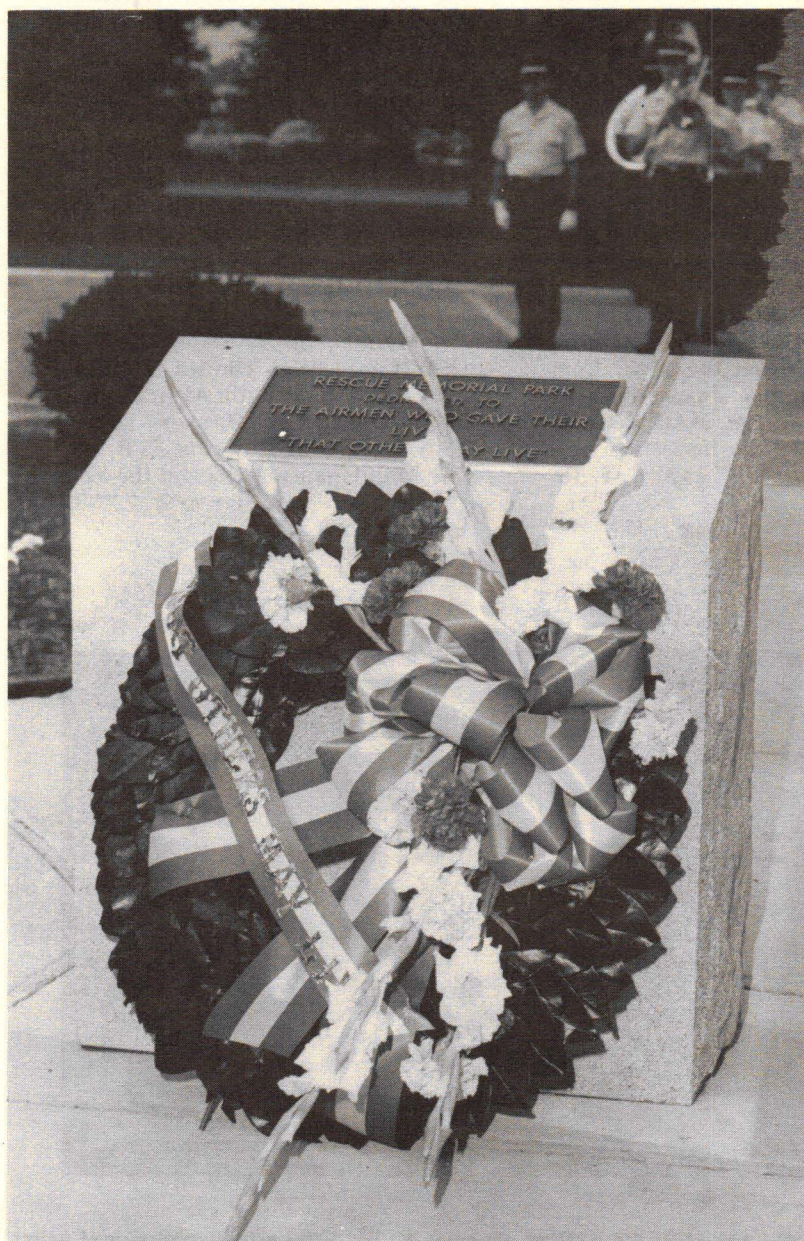
The helicopters were flown to Kunsan Air Base to remain on alert overnight.

Rains let up during the night and rescue efforts were turned over to South Korean government agencies.

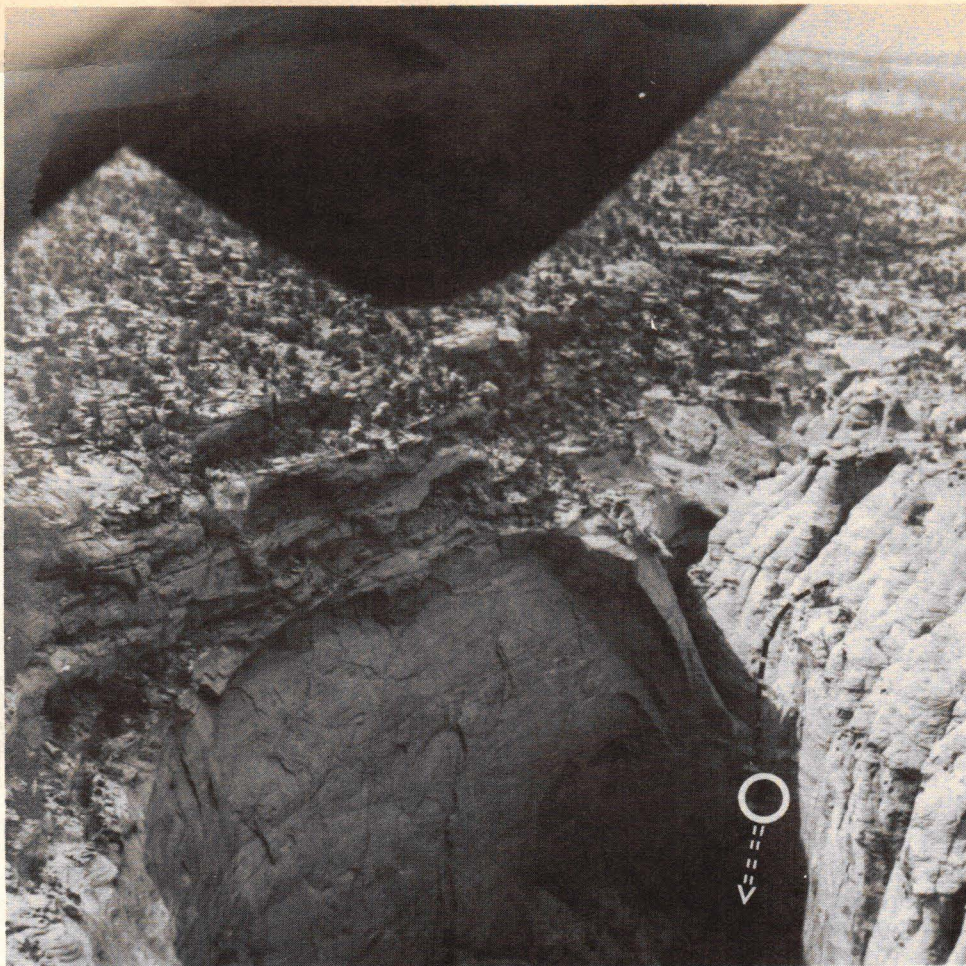
Colonel Wofford's crew included

2nd Lt. Dennis K. Miller, copilot; SSgt. Tommy L. Brown, flight mechanic; Sgt. Gilbert G. Vaillancourt and Sgt. Larry Guillingsrud, pararescuemen.

Lieutenant Fleming's crew included Lieutenant Brooks, copilot; SSgt. Dennis W. Hales, flight mechanic; Sergeant Chambers and A1C Steve Humburg, pararescuemen.



SCOTT AFB, IL—A wreath stands against the Rescue Memorial Park plaque dedicated Sept. 27 to the 278 Rescue airmen "Who Gave Their Lives' That Others May Live." Gen. Paul K. Carlton, MAC commander, formally dedicated the memorial for the Jolly Green Pilots Association. (Photo by SSgt. Deal Toney)



Dotted line shows the path of Greg Sullivan's 150 foot fall, where he stopped and the descent.

After 150 foot fall

Hill team rescues mountain climber

HILL AFB, UT—The 1550th ATTWg. here claimed its second 1974 "save" June 13 when HH-53 and HC-130 crews rescued a mountain climber seriously injured in a 150-foot fall.

Greg Sullivan, 28, was climbing along a canyon rim June 12 when he slipped and fell 150 feet to a four-foot ledge. It was another 150 feet to the canyon floor. Breaking an arm, leg and several ribs in the fall, Sullivan lay in a deep, five-foot wide crevasse before being rescued 24 hours later.

The Garfield County Sheriff alerted Rescue about noon June 13 after ground rescue parties failed in their attempt to get to Sullivan. Taking off at 2:05 p.m., Maj. William J. Osley flew his helicopter to Boulder, UT, where the Sheriff and Sullivan's companion boarded.

At 4:20 they spotted the survivor. MSgt. Donald G. Baehr and SSgt. Anthony J. McFarr were lowered on a hoist to the canyon rim as the chopper hovered at 20 feet. The chopper then left for refueling by the HC-130 tanker, commanded by Maj. John J. Fleck.

An offshoot of a river canyon with 500 foot vertical walls, the area consisted of large, sharp sandstone formations. The two PJs rappelled down to Sullivan's position. He was conscious, but had been "under" for an undetermined amount of time after his fall.

After initial treatment and splinting, the PJs placed Sullivan in the litter and began the 150-foot descent—100 feet of it from an overhang.

On reaching the canyon floor,

they carried the survivor half a mile to where the helicopter had landed. Sullivan was flown to Cedar City, UT, airport and an awaiting ambulance.

HH-53 crewmembers were Major Osley, Capt. William E. Elder, copilot; MSgt. Winifred J. Smith, flight engineer; TSgt. Anthony L. Markham, flight engineer; and the two PJs. Capt. Paul L. Jacobs, student pilot, and TSgt. T. Little, student engineer, were also on board.

The HC-130 crewmembers, diverted from a local training mission, were Major Fleck, instructor pilot; Lt. Col. Herbert Kalen, student pilot; MSgt. Curtis W. Long, flight engineer; TSgt. William F. Cord, student flight engineer; and SSgt. William H. Bradley, loadmaster. No navigator or radio operator was on board.

Chainsaw hits face, Huey makes save

MT. HOME AFB, ID—A 49-year-old man, suffering from a serious facial injury, was medevaced July 8 by Det. 22, 48th ARRSq. here.

Melvin Mohwinkle was operating a chainsaw when it bounced up from the log he was cutting and struck him in the face. The saw cut a deep gash from the corner of his left eye to the middle of his upper lip.

Det. 22 sent a UH-1N helicopter to the Mohwinkle's Featherville, ID, cabin and picked up the patient and his wife. Specialists at St. Alphonsus hospital in Boise performed plastic surgery on Mr. Mohwinkle that night. Doctors credited the crew with a "save."

Later that day, the same crew and helicopter were sent to Burns, OR, to medevac a man and wife, victims of a 6-person car accident. The man suffered head injuries while his wife sustained two broken ankles and several crushed ribs. A third patient on board was being hurried to Boise for treatment of a bleeding ulcer. The 4-man crew was credited with two more "saves," totaling three for the day.

The missions, part of the Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic (MAST) program, were flown by Maj. Doug Brosveen, pilot; 1st Lt. Steven Clark, copilot; SSgt. Dick Henderson, flight mechanic; and Sgt. Rick Terry, pararescueman.



Sgt. Rick Terry, pararescueman (with helmet) prepares Melvin Mohwinkle for UH-1N medevac. Mr. Mohwinkle was injured July 8 when his chainsaw bounded up from a log, striking him in the face. (Photo by Sgt. Jan Garvin)



Det. 12, 40 ARRSq.

'We Save Yours'

U-TAPAO AIRFIELD, THAILAND—Det. 12, 40th ARRSq. here became the first unit to "put its plaque where its mouth is."

The detachment was the first to respond to an invitation to mount unit emblems in the Officer's Open Mess.

Maj. John Flournoy, detachment commander, said the emblem's epigram, "We save yours," is a liberal translation of the ARRS motto, "That Others May Live."

Major Flournoy (bottom left) and Capt. Hal Schwartz (right) help Capt. Bob Bates, O-Club manager, add color to The Open Mess.