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MIKE:

GREETINGS; RECEIVED YOUR REQUEST TODAY... ENCLOSED IS "SLOPPY VERSION". I HAVE MOST OF THE PAPERWORK ON THE EARLY UNITS I WROTE DOWN AND WILL SEND TO UHPA C. RAYLE SOON.

DID CHARLIE R. SEND YOU THE "STUFF" ON THE CH-47 AND HH-43's? I KNOW THE MEMBERSHIP WILL ENJOY THE CH-47-46, HH-43 CH-21 STUFF, AS INDICATED BY MY ARTICLE IN THE NEWSLETTER WHICH PROMPTED SO MUCH RESPONSE -

DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS (HISTORIES) ON 3RD ARRGp 1968 ARRIVED YESTERDAY (CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY IT WAS EVER CLASSIFIED) A VERY INTERESTING NOTE - USCG WAS NOT THE ONLY PILOT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE USAF; (QUOTE) - NAVY PILOT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

THE NAVY PILOT EXCHANGE PROGRAM WAS INITIATED ON 18-SEPTEMBER-1968. THIS IS A MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF RESCUE HH-3 PILOTS WITH NAVY CH-3 PILOTS FOR 30 DAY PERIODS; TWO AT THE 37TH ARRSq AND TWO AT DET 1, 40TH ARRSq. OUR FOUR RESCUE PILOTS FLY

WITH THE GULF OF TONKIN AIRCRAFT CARRIERS.
THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE
AN INTERCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THE TWO
DISTINCTIVE SAR MISSIONS. (END QUOTE)

HAVE "FUN" WITH THE ENCLOSED (HA HA)

"IN THE GREEN"

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Units other than ARRS Units

UNIT	PARENT	LOCATION	FROM	TO	COMMENTS
14th	SOW		UNK	UNK	Help
20th HSq	14th ACW	Tan Son Nhut	8 OCT 65	10 MAR 66	14 CH-3Cs
Flt A 20th HSq		Da Nang	10 DEC 65	10 MAR 66	8 CH-3Cs
20th HSq		Nha Trang	10 MAR 66	JUN 66	14 CH-3Cs
Flt A 20th HSq		Udorn	JUN 66	AUG 68	CH-3Cs
Flt B 20th HSq		Udorn	JUN 66	AUG 68	CH-3Cs
Flt C 20th HSq		Udorn	June 66	AUG 68	CH-3Cs
Flt D 20th HSq		Tan Son Nhut	JUN 66	AUG 68	3 CH-3Cs
Det ? 20th HSq		Nha Trang	JUN 67		UH-1Fs
Det ? 20th HSq		Ban Me Thout			UH-1Fs
Det ? 20th HSq		Kontum			UH-1Fs
20th SOS	14th ACW	Udorn	AUG 68	JUL 69	to 21st SOS
21st HSq	14th ACW		SEP 67	AUG 68	CH-3Es to 21st SOS
21st SOS	14th ACW		AUG 68		
Det 10	100th SRW	Da Nang	Help	Help	2 CH-3E drone recovery
Det 10	350th SRS	Da Nang	66	73	2 CH-3Cs
606th	ACS	Nakhon	66	67	Help
FTD 917H	3635th FTG	Tan Son Nhut	12 JAN 63	20 AUG 64	VNAF training

U.S. Air Force Abbreviations:

ACW = Air Commando Wing
 ARR = Aerospace Rescue and Recovery
 ARRGP = Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group
 ARRS = Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron
 ARS = Air Rescue Squadron
 FTD = Field Training Detachment
 HSq = Helicopter Squadron
 RCC = Rescue Control Center
 SRW = Strategic Reconnaissance Wing

~~RESCUE DET. (PROV) 8 / TANKS / 10 / 15 / 72 TO~~
~~DET 14, 41 ARRW / TAN SON NHUT / 8 / 20 / 72 TO 9 / 15 / 72~~
~~DET 14, 40 ARRS, / TAN SON NHUT / 9 / 15 / 72~~

FTD 917S - ORGANIZED 12 / 3 / 62 - ARRIVED SEA 1-12 / 63
 FTD 917H - ~~FORMED FROM~~ ACTIVATED 6-17-63 TO 8 / 20 / 64
 ∴ ARMY

MEDICAL — MEDICAL PLT. MED CO., 315TH COMBAT SUPP. BN.
 3RD BDE (SEP) - NEED TO BE PUT WITH
 MEDICAL UNITS

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U.S. AIR FORCE HELICOPTER UNITS

The VHPA's data on USAF helicopter units is arranged in two groups. The first group contains Aerospace Rescue Service (ARS) and Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service (ARRS) units. The second group contains all other helicopter units.

Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service Units

The Command Organization for the ARRS in Southeast Asia was the 7th Air Force, to the 41st ARR Wing, and to the 3rd ARR Group. The 3rd ARR Group exercises command over most of the following units.

UNIT	PARENT	LOCATION	FROM	TO	COMMENTS
HQ	3rd ARR Gp	Tan Son Nhut	8 Jan 66		
JRCC	3rd ARR Gp	Tan Son Nhut			Joint Rescue Coordination Center
Det 1	3rd ARR Gp	Tan Son Nhut			Rescue Coordination Center
Det 1	3rd ARR Gp	Da Nang			Rescue Coordination Center
Det 2	3rd ARR Gp	Udorn			Rescue Coordination Center
37th ARRSq	3rd ARR Gp	Da Nang			
DET 1	37th ARRSq		8 JAN 66	UNK	Help
DET 2	37th ARRSq		8 JAN 66	UNK	Help
38th ARRSq	3rd ARR Gp	Tan Son Nhut			
Det 1	38th ARRSq	Phan Rang	18 MAR 66	1 JUL 71	
Det 2	38th ARRSq	Takhli	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	
Det 3	38th ARRSq	Ubon	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	
Det 4	38th ARRSq	Korat	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	
Det 5	38th ARRSq	Udorn	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	
Det 6	38th ARRSq	Bien Hoa	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	To Det 14 ?
Det 7	38th ARRSq	Da Nang	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	To 37th ARRS
Det 8	38th ARRSq	Cam Ranh Bay	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	
Det 9	38th ARRSq	Pleiku	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	To 40th ARRS ?
Det 10	38th ARRSq	Binh Thuy	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	
Det 11	38th ARRSq	Tuy Hoa	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	
Det 12	38th ARRSq	U-Tapao	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	
Det 13	38th ARRSq	Phu Cat	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	
Det 14	38th ARRSq	Tan Son Nhut	8 JAN 66	1 JUL 71	
39th ARRSq	3rd ARR Gp	Tuy Hoa			
40th ARRSq	3rd ARR Gp	Udorn			
Det 1	40th ARRSq	Nakhon Phanom			
Det 3	40th ARRSq	UNK	UNK	20 AUG 72	Help
Det 5	40th ARRSq	UNK	UNK	20 AUG 72	Help
Det 7	40th ARRSq	UNK - DAN HANG	UNK - 12/11/72	11 DEC 72	Help
RESCUE Det 8 (Prov)	40th ARRSq	Takhli	15 OCT 72		
Det 10	40th ARRSq	UNK	UNK	10 JAN 73	Help
Det 14	40th ARRSq	UNK - TSIN	UNK 9-15-72		Help
PARANT 41st ARRW	3rd ARR Gp		UNK	UNK	Help - HAWAII
43rd ARRSq	3rd ARR Gp		71	72	Help
56th ARRSq	3rd ARR Gp	Korat	8 JUL 72	20 AUG 72	
"	41st ARRWg	Korat	20 AUG 72		

NOTE: US Coast Guard pilots flew with the 37th ARRS.

NOTE - 41st ARRW was PARANT TO 3rd GP. STATIONED IN HAWAII - 41st IN CHARGE OF PACIFIC SECTOR SAR.

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UNIT

2ND AIR DIV.

DET 3

PACIFIC AIR RESCUE CENTER / TAN SON NHUT / 1-4-62

DET.

33RD ARS / NAKHON PHANOM / G-?-64 / ^{FROM} NAHA AIR STATION
(TEMP DUTY) OKINAWA

DET 4 (PROV) ARS / KORAT / 8/14/64 / ^{FROM} MAXWELL AFB / 2 HH-43^S / CAPT PRINSE / CO.

DET. 4, 36TH ARS / TAKHLI / 8-?-64 / ^{FROM} OSAN KOREA / 2 HH-43^S

DET 1 (PROV) FORMED AT BIEN HOA / 8/?/64 FROM FOLLOWING
DET 2 (PROV) FORMED AT DA NANG

DET 10 - MAXWELL, DET 1 - GLASGOW,
DET 2 - MINOT, DET 4 - PAINE, DET 5 - McHORD

DET 4 PACIFIC AIR RESCUE / BIEN HOA / ~~SEP~~ 9/16/64
DET 5 PACIFIC AIR RESCUE / DA NANG / ~~SEP~~ 9/16/64
CREATED BY SPECIAL ORDER G-13/ TO REPLACE

DET 1 (PROV) AND DET 2 (PROV) WHICH
WENT TO TAKHLI AND NAKHON P. RESPECTIVELY

38TH ARS / HQ AT TSH / ^{FORMED} 30 - JULY - 65 /

DET 1, NAKHON P; DET 2 - TAKHLI;

DET 3 - UBON; DET 4 - KORAT; DET 5 - UDORN;

DET 6 - BIEN HOA; DET 7, DA NANG;

9-15-65

DET 9 - PLEIKU; DET 10 - BINH THUY

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DET(POU) 38TH / ARS / CAM RANH (AY) 10-10-65 TO 1-15-66

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HQ 3RD ARRG TSN 8-JUNE 66

THRU

FTS 917 H

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND
SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS 62304

SPECIAL ORDER
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6 Oct 1972

Rescue Detachment Provisional, 8, is activated at Takhli AB, Thailand (WQYO) effective 15 October 1972. Unit is attached to the 40 ARW for administrative and logistical support, and operational control. The 41 ARW will notify HQ MAC/XMO by message of completion of mission whereupon this unit will be inactivated. Action will be reported in accordance with AFM 20-49. Authority: AFM 26-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER



Det 8, 41 ARW

MAJ R. MONTAGUE, Colonel, USAF
Director of Administration

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- 1 - 1400ABWG/DAA/STOP 201, 1400ABWG/DAD/STOP 253, 1400ABWG/AC/STOP 225, 1400ABWG/CBPO-DPMF/STOP 208; AGRO, SCOTT AFB IL
- 6 - MAC/ACE
- 1 - HQ USAF/DAA, Wash DC 20330
- 1 - HQ USAF/AFADSA, AFADSLD3, AFOMOM; 89 MAWG/DP; USAFMPC/AFPM3AU
- 2 - HQ USAF/AFOAPO, AFPOG; USAFMPC/AFPMC; AU Library; 443 MAWG; MACMET TRAVIS
- 3 - HQ USAF/AFM3G; MACMET MCJIRE
- 7 - ARPC/IRPCAS
- 5 - 21AF/DA; 22AF/DA; 41 ARW; 436 MAWG/DAD; 438 MAWG/DASO; AAVS; Each unit listed; Comdr, each base listed
- 10 - AWCDAF
- 11 - HQ MAC/CSAH/Stop 115
- 1 - MAC/ADP
- 5 - 40 ARW
- 5 - 41 ARW
- 10 - USAF Postal & Courier - PACAF Region
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