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BIOGRAPHY
COLONEL GEORGE C. PINYERD
3rd ARRGp COMMANDER

Colonel George C. Pinyerd, a command pilot with more than 15 years of Rescue experience became Commander of the 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group (MAC) on 18 October 1970. He directs Air Force Rescue personnel in Southeast Asia who are responsible for searching for, locating and recovering downed aircrrew personnel and flying local base rescue missions. With men and aircraft located at all major air bases in the Republic of Vietnam and Thailand, these forces have been responsible for the saving of more than 3,000 lives since December, 1964.

Colonel Pinyerd was born in Crestline, Ohio, on 16 October 1920. He entered the Naval Reserves in August 1939, and was commissioned on 3 January 1943, upon the completion of Flying Cadet School.

Assigned to the 39th Martin B-26 Group, Colonel Pinyerd flew 56 combat missions in England and France during World War II. On 42 of these missions he flew as squadron and group lead. He returned to the United States in February 1945 and was assigned to the 5th Ferrying Division, Air Transport Command, Love Field, Texas.

Separating from the service in November 1945, Colonel Pinyerd joined the Air National Guard's 164th Reserve Fighter Squadron and flew P-51s, B-26s, T-6s and C-47s. He was recalled to active duty in April 1951, and began his tour in Rescue with the 39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron stationed at Ashiya Japan. He flew 35 combat mission during the Korean Conflict in a Rescue SA-16.

He spent five years with the 1707th Flying Training Squadron as Operation Officer and Commander followed by two years as Chief of the F-84/SA-16/S-2F and Ryan Firebee Drone weapons system division, at West Palm Beach AFB, Fla., and Brookly AFB, Ala.

After attending the Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Ala. he was assigned to the 79th ARRSq, Andersen AFB, Guam, where he served as operations officer.

Returning to the United States in July 1964, he was stationed at Hq ARRS, Orlando AFB, Florida, as the Chief of Command and Control Division. Prior to his present assignment, Colonel Pinyerd served as the Commander of the 31st ARRSq, Clark AB, Phillipines.

Colonel Pinyerd has been awarded the following medals: Dist. Flying Cross, Air Medal with 12 OLCs, Meritorious Service Medal, AFCM with 2 OLCs and the Croiz de Guerre with palm.

He is married to the former Mary D. Gush of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Pinyerd's have four daughters and a son: Captain Georgene Pinyerd, 24, US Army nurse who completed a Southeast Asia tour in July 1970 and is currently stationed at Sandia Base, N. M.; Maureen, 22, married to Captain George K. Muellner, who is presently completing his second tour in Southeast Asia as an F-4 pilot; Cynthia, 19, Karen, 15, and George, Jr., 13, reside in Winter Park, Florida with Mrs. Pinyerd.

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CHAPTER I

MISSION, ORGANIZATION, AND RESOURCES

MISSION

Primary Mission

(U) The primary mission of the Third Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group (3ARRGp) is to provide a tactical force to rescue and recover personnel engaged in operations in or adjacent to hostile territory; to provide Local Base Rescue (LBR) units at selected bases; to plan, organize, coordinate, and control the execution of personnel rescue operations; to provide command and control of subordinate units; and, to provide the Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) and Rescue Coordination Centers (RCC) at selected locations. The geographical area of operations is Southeast Asia (SEA).

Subordinate Functions

(U) The Commander, 3ARRGp, serves on the 7th Air Force staff as Director of Aerospace Rescue (DSR). His subordinate functions are:

1. Advises the Commander, 7AF, on matters pertaining to rescue and recovery requirements and procedures.
2. Coordinates on matters pertaining to all ARRS activities, requirements, and responsibilities in SEA.
3. Exercises operational control of all rescue forces in SEA in accordance with policies established by the Commander, 7AF, and/or the Commander, 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Wing.

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4. Keeps the Commander, 41ARRWg, informed of SAR/recovery requirements and all planned or conducted SAR operations.
5. Reports directly to the Commander, 41ARRWg, on all command and administrative matters.

OrganizationCommand Organisation¹

(U) The 3ARRGp is assigned to the 41ARRWg of the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service (MAC) and comes under the operational control of the Commander, 7AF. The 3ARRGp exercises command over the following units:

Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC), Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN
 OL-Alpha, 3ARRGp, Rescue Coordination Center (RCC), Son Tra AB, RVN
 OL-Bravo, 3ARRGp, Rescue Coordination Center (RCC), Udorn RTAFB, Thailand

37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron (37ARRSq), Da Nang AB, RVN
 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron (38ARRSq), Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN

Det 1, 38ARRSq, Phan Rang AB, RVN
 Det 2, 38ARRSq, Takhli RTAFB, Thailand
 Det 3, 38ARRSq, Ubon RTAFB, Thailand
 Det 4, 38ARRSq, Korat RTAFB, Thailand
 Det 5, 38ARRSq, Udorn RTAFB, Thailand
 Det 6, 38ARRSq, Bien Hoa AB, RVN
 Det 7, 38ARRSq, Da Nang AB, RVN²
 Det 9, 38ARRSq, Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand
 Det 11, 38ARRSq, Tuy Hoa AB, RVN
 Det 12, 38ARRSq, U-Tapao RTAFB, Thailand
 Det 13, 38ARRSq, Phu Cat AB, RVN
 Det 14, 38ARRSq, Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN

39th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron (39ARRSq), Cam Ranh Bay, AB, RVN³

40th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron (40ARRSq), Udorn RTAFB, Thailand

Det 1, 40ARRSq, Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand⁴

1. Organizational chart on page 5.

2. Det 8, 38ARRSq, Cam Ranh Bay AB, RVN, was inactivated on 15 September 1970. See amplifying data in Chapter 5 and Supporting Documents.

3. The 39ARRSq, Tuy Hoa AB, RVN, moved to Cam Ranh Bay AB, RVN, effective 15 September 1970. See amplifying data in Chapter 5 and Supporting Documents.

4. Operates as an independent unit and reports to 3ARRGp directly per MAC Special Order 6-40, dated 18 March 1968.

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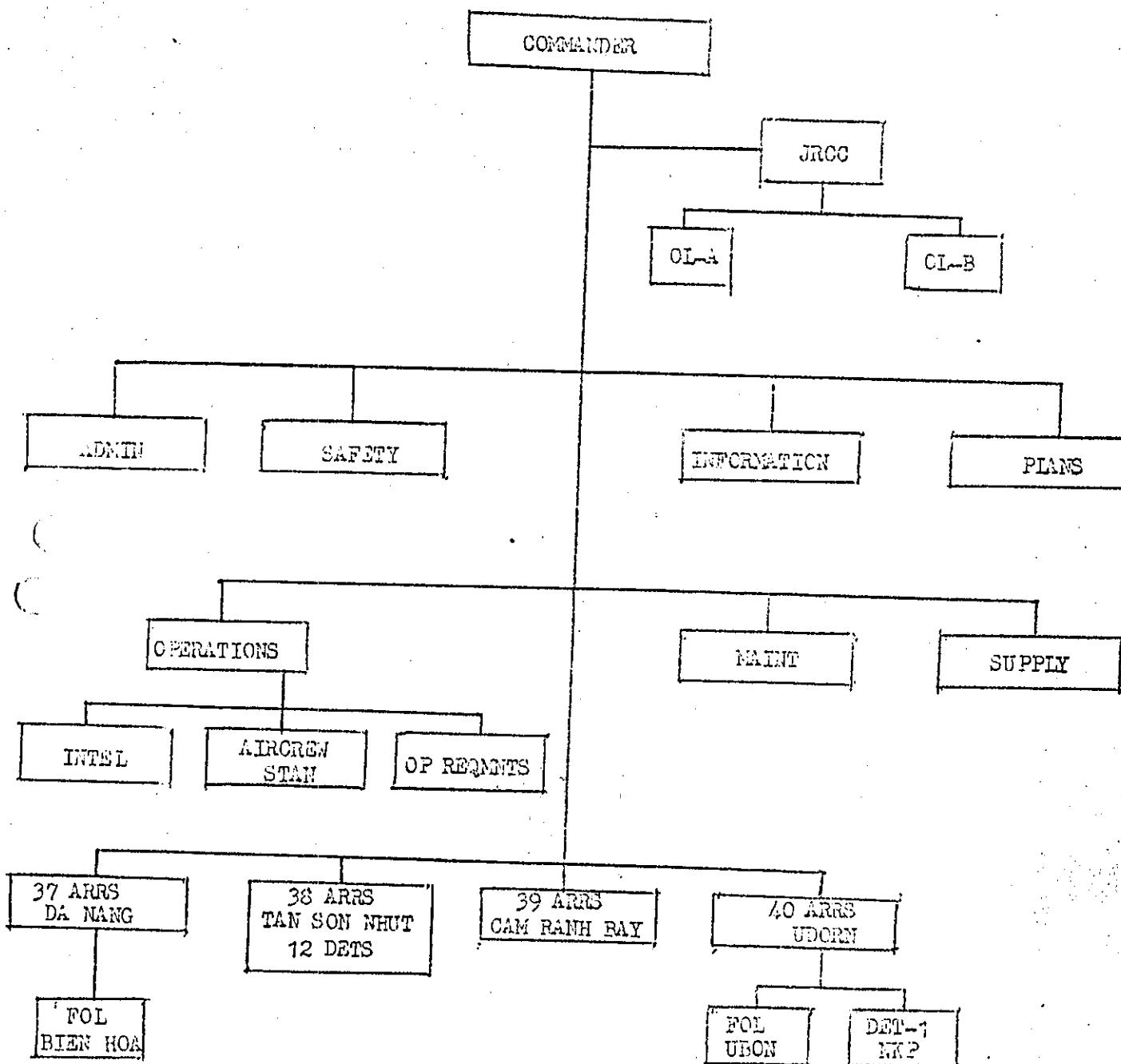
(U) These units are located in two nations and are responsible for SAR activities in an area encompassing some 1.1 million square miles. This area extends from the Mekong River Delta to the Chinese border and to the Burmese frontier.

(U) Headquarters, 3ARRGp, is located at Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN. Units under the command of the Group are located in the Republic of Vietnam and Thailand.⁵

5. Refer to the map on page 6 for unit locations.

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KORAT
DET 4, 38ARRSq

UBON
FOL-4CARRSq
DET 3, 38ARPSq

DA NANG
37ARPSq
CL-A, 3ARRGp
DET 7, 38ARRSq

MIU CAT
DET 13, 38ARPSq

BANGKOK

U-TAPAO
DET 12, 38ARRSq

CAMBODIA

PHNOM PENH

CAM RANH BAY
39 ARPSq
DET 8, 38ARRSq

BIEN HOA

FOL-37ARPSq
DET 6, 38ARRSq

PHAN RANG
DET 1, 38 ARPSq

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RESOURCES-PERSONNELAuthorized Versus Assigned

(U) There were two changes in the number of authorized/assigned officers and airmen from the previous quarter. The number of officers increased by one, and the number of airmen decreased by seven. There was no change in the authorized/assigned civilian strength.

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>AIRMEN</u>	<u>CIVILIAN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
AUTHORIZED	23	32	1	56
ASSIGNED	19	25	1	45

Roster of Key Personnel (U)

Colonel Frederick V. Sohle Jr.,	Commander
Colonel George C. Pinyerd,	Vice-Commander
Lt Col Cortez C. Brown,	Chief of Operations
Lt Col Clyde B. Routt,	Chief of JRCC
Lt Col Dale C. Gordon,	Chief of
Lt Col Archibald S. Waller Jr.,	Maintenance Officer
Major Gerald N. Cozort,	Chief of
Major Grant D. Kerber,	Standardization
Captain James F. Mahoney,	Chief of Plans
Captain Rosemary McCulley	Chief of Safety
	Chief of Supply
	Chief of Personnel/
	Administration

Change of Key Personnel

Colonel Frederick V. Sohle Jr. assumed his position of Commander replacing Colonel Malcom C. Frazee on 17 July, 1970.

Colonel George C. Pinyerd assumed his position as Vice-Commander replacing Colonel Frederick V. Sohle Jr on 25 August, 1970.

Lt Col Cortez C. Brown assumed the duties of Chief of Operations replacing Lt Col Chester J. Gaseor on 7July, 1970.

Captain Rosemary McCulley assumed the position of Chief of Personnel/ Administration replacing Captain Frank Jackson Jr. on 5 July, 1970.

Manning Problems (U)

During the quarter, 3 ARRGp experienced two major manning problems.

1. A431XOC (Airborne Mechanic). As in the last quarter flight mechanics continue to be a problem. Total authorization for this Hq and subordinate units was 42 versus 32 assigned.
2. A435XOA (Flight Engineer). At the end of the quarter 3ARRGp had a total of 33 authorized versus 21 assigned. No get-well date is known at this time.

Awards and Decorations

(U) A total of 709 awards and decorations were approved for 3ARRGp personnel during the quarter. Included in this total were 1 Air Force Cross and 18 Silver Stars.⁴

Civic Action Program

(U) During this report period, the 3ARRGp continued to support the Co-Nhi-Vien-Hoa Orphanage located in the Cholon District of Saigon. A total of \$543.00 was utilized by the 3ARRGp to purchase both formula and medical supplies for the orphanage infants. Members of the Group visit the orphanage every Thursday to assist the sisters in projects and to play with the children. Sports equipment has been obtained from the Base Special Services Office and is being used by the orphanage. An English class is still being conducted for the nuns, and during September, 40 children were taken to the Republic of Vietnam Exposition in Saigon.

⁴. See Appendix¹ for the numerical listing by grade of recipients.

RESOURCES - AIRCRAFT

(U) While Headquarters, 3ARRGp, did not possess any aircraft of its own, it is significant to note the aircraft flown by its subordinate units. These consisted of both fixed-wing and rotary-wing types. The HC-130P "King" was the only fixed-wing aircraft in the Group and was assigned to the 39ARRSq. The helicopter complement consisted of the following three types: the HH-3E "Jolly Green", assigned to the 37ARRSq; the HH-43B/F "Pedro", assigned to the 12 detachments of the 38ARRSq; and, the HH-53B/C "Super Jolly Green", assigned to the 37ARRSq and the 40ARRSq.

(U) Total aircraft strength at the end of the quarter was:

<u>AIRCRAFT TYPE/SERIES</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>ASSIGNED</u>
HH-3E	7	5
HH-43B/F	25	25
HH-53B/C	17	28
HC-130P	11	11
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(U) Compared with last quarter's aircraft resources totals, there was an increase of 4 HH-53s to the inventory while 4 HH-3Es and 1 HH-43 were deleted. The HC-130P total remained constant causing a decrease of one aircraft in the total inventory of 3ARRGp.

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CHAPTER II

OPERATIONS, TRAINING, AND SAFETY

OPERATIONS

~~(S) (CP)~~ The primary function of Headquarters, 3ARRGp, is to serve as the command and control agency for all USAF rescue forces in SEA. In addition to serving as the operations center for SAR forces, 3ARRGp Operations is responsible for Standardization/Evaluation, Intelligence, and Training, Group-wide. To accomplish the combat SAR mission, rescue aircraft are strategically positioned throughout SEA to provide quick response for the SAR missions. The HH-3E and HH-53B/C "Jolly Green" helicopters stand ground alerts and fly airborne orbits. The HC-130P "King" aircraft fly airborne orbits and serve Airborne Mission Commanders (AMC). In addition, the HC-130Ps and HH-3E/HH-53B/Cs operate as a team using air-to-air refueling to provide rapid-reaction time for SAR efforts. A-1E "Sandy/Spad" aircraft provide rescue escort (RESCORT) and fire suppression of hostile ground forces. HH-43B/F "Pedro" helicopters provide Local Base Rescue (LBR) and a SAR capability within a 75-nautical mile radius of their assigned base. The authorized force posture for 3ARRGp is: 7 HH-3Es, 25 HH-43B/Fs, 17 HH-53B/Cs, and 11 HC-130Ps.

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a. The SAR aircraft are stationed as follows:

1. Da Nang AB, RVN

(a) Twelve HH-3E/HH-53B/C rescue helicopters call sign "Jolly Green", assigned to the 37ARRSq.

(b) Two A-1s, call sign "Spad 11, 12", of the 56th Special Operations Wing's OL-Alpha Alpha are on daily alert to perform RESCORT duties.

2. Bien Hoa AB, RVN

(a) Two HH-3E/HH-53B/C rescue helicopters, call sign "Jolly Green", TDY from the 37ARRSq.

(b) Two A-1s, call sign "Spad 13, 14", of the 56th Special Operations Wing's OL-Alpha Alpha are TDY from Da Nang AB and are on daily alert to perform RESCORT duties.

3. Cam Ranh Bay AB, RVN

(a) Eleven HC-130P rescue Airborne Mission Command and Control (AMC) aircraft, call sign "King", assigned to the 39ARRSq. These aircraft also serve as aerial refueling tankers for the rescue helicopters.

4. Udorn RTAFB, Thailand

(a) Ten HH-53B/C rescue helicopters, call sign "Jolly Green", assigned to the 40ARRSq.

5. Nakhon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand

(a) Four A-1s, call sign "Sandy 1-4", from the 56th Special Operations Wing are on daily alert for RESCORT duties.

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6. Ubon RTAFB, Thailand

(a) Two HH-53B/C rescue helicopters, call sign "Jolly Green", TDY from the 38ARRSq.

(b) Two A-1s, call sign "Sandy 5, 6", from the 56th Special Operations Wing are TDY from Nakhon Phanom RTAFB and are on daily alert to perform RESCORT duties.

7. HH-43B/F - 38ARRSq

(a) Twenty-five HH-43B/F rescue helicopters, call sign "Pedro", of the 38ARRSq are stationed at 12 detachments throughout the Republic of Vietnam and Thailand. While primarily utilized as LBR aircraft, when necessary and as requested by the JRCC, these helicopters perform combat ACR missions.

8. Other

(a) Available resources of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force, as required, are diverted to the SAR mission and become a part of the SAR Task Force (SARTF).

b. Resources of the 3ARRGp are fragged as follows:¹

1. Two HC-130P aircraft are fragged daily for the first-light to last-light orbits: one in the vicinity of Attopeu, Laos; one in the vicinity of Paksane, Laos. In addition, an HC-130P stands 30-minute alert at Udorn from first-light to last-light, and one HC-130P stands 30-minute alert at Cam Ranh Bay from first-light to last-light. This latter aircraft is on 24-hour alert as a backup for use as an AMC or

1. See page 15 for orbit positions.

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2. Two HH-53B/C helicopters orbit over the Gulf of Tonkin south of the DMZ, as required. These helicopters are on station while U.S. reconnaissance aircraft are flying in the eastern half of Route Package I in North Vietnam.²

3. Two HH-53B/C helicopters maintained on strip alert at Da Nang; they are on 15-minute strip alert from first-light to last-light (when not flying the orbit described in paragraph 2 above). From last-light to first-light, the alert posture reverts to a 45-minute strip alert for the two aircraft.

4. Two HH-3E/HH-53B/C helicopters are maintained on 15-minute strip alert at Bien Hoa from first-light to last-light.

5. Two HH-53B/C helicopters are maintained on strip alert at Nakhon Phanom; they are on 15-minute strip alert from first-light to last-light (except for the airborne orbit over Central Laos during the last 2½ hours of daylight).³

6. Two HH-53B/C helicopters are maintained on strip alert at Ubon; they are on 15-minute strip alert from first-light to last-light (except for the airborne orbit over the central Laotian Panhandle during the last 2½ hours of daylight).³

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7. Two A-1 (Spad) aircraft are on 15-minute strip alert at Da Nang from first-light to last-light.

8. Two A-1 (Spad) aircraft are on 15-minute strip alert at Bien Hoa from first-light to last-light.

9. Four A-1 (Sandy) aircraft are on 15-minute strip alert at Nakhon Phanom from first-light to last-light. Two of these aircraft are fraged to orbit with the "Jolly Greens" as described in paragraph 5 above.

10. Two A-1 (Sandy) aircraft are on 15-minute strip alert at Ubon from first-light to last-light. These aircraft are fraged to orbit with the "Jolly Greens" as described in paragraph 6 above.

Combat and Non-Combat Saves

(U) The units subordinate to 3ARRGp were responsible for 27 total saves during the quarter; 9 combat saves and 18 non-combat saves were made.⁴ The total number of saves for 3ARRGp since 1 December 1964 now stands at 3091 (2132 combat and 959 non-combat).

3ARRGp Flying Hours

(U) 3ARRGp units flew a total of 8495.8 hours during the quarterly reporting period.⁵

4. Appendix 2 lists the number of saves for each month of the quarter.

5. Appendix 3 lists the number of flying hours by type airframe for each month.

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Vietnam

Gulf
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Tonkin

Laos

JG/A-1 Orbit

HC-130P
Orbit

UDORN

NKP

JG Orbit

JG/A-1 Orbit

DA NANG

HC-130P
Orbit

South
Vietnam

TUY
HOA

Cambodia

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Standardization

(U) During the quarter, Major Hubert M. Berthold, 3ARRGp HH-53B/C Standardization Officer, completed his tour in SEA and returned to CONUS. To date, his replacement has not reported in to the Group.

(U) 3ARRGp standardization personnel conducted 17 visits to subordinate units during the quarter.⁶

6. Appendix 4 lists the dates, units visited, and actions taken

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JOINT RESCUE COORDINATION CENTER

(U) The primary mission of the JRCC is to provide coordinated direction of multi-service forces when they are involved in SAR operations. The secondary purpose is to develop a free and unrestricted flow of information concerning rescue procedures and available rescue resources among all U.S. forces in SEA.

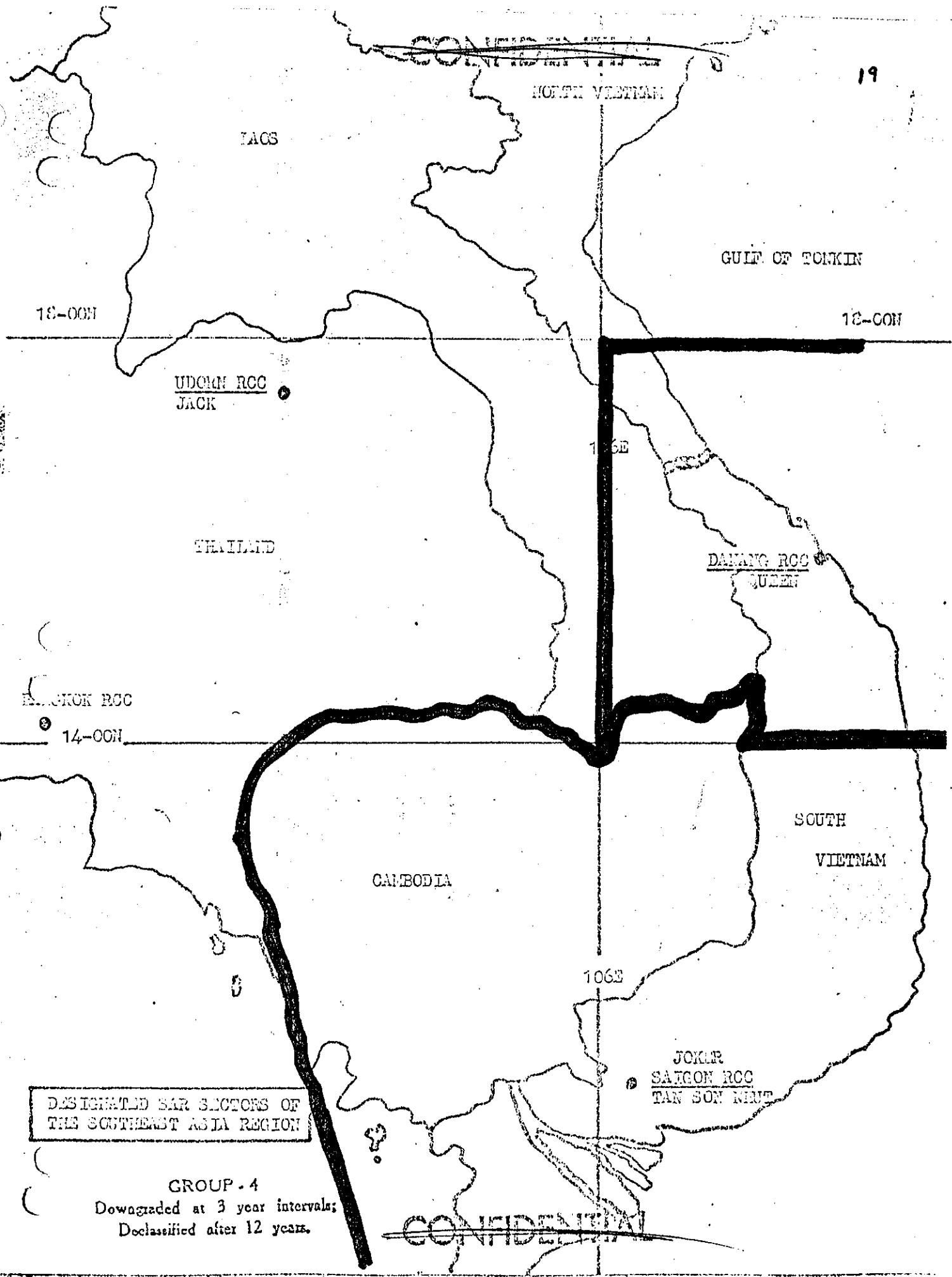
~~(C) (SP 4)~~ The Commander, 7AF, is the SAR Coordinator for the SEA Sub-Region which includes the land and water areas within the Saigon, Bangkok, and Rangoon Flight Information Regions (FIR).⁷ He maintains the JRCC under his Directorate of Aerospace Rescue (DSR) (Commander, 3ARRGp) at Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN. Because of the large size of the SAR area and the limited number of primary SAR forces, it is imperative that personnel and equipment from all services are available for rapid SAR response. Although each service commander maintains control of his forces, a centralized coordination of all SAR activities is essential. The JRCC (Joker) and the subordinate RCCs, Queen at Son Tra AB, RVN, and Jack at Udorn RTAFB, Thailand, provide an around-the-clock operation to coordinate SAR activities. The Commander, 631st Combat Support Group, Don Muang RTAFB, Thailand, is responsible for SAR activities within the Rangoon FIR. Through close coordination with the 7AF Command Center (Blue Chip) and the Tactical Air Control Center (Agate), the JRCC maintains a quick-response SAR posture.

7. See map on page 19.

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SAR Briefing

(U) Each Sunday during the quarter, a SAR briefing was given to newly-assigned aircrew personnel of the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing and the 834th Air Division at Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN.



TRAININGDisaster Preparedness/Unit Defense Team

(U) To accommodate the new personnel assigned to Headquarters, 3ARRGp, and the 38ARRSq, two programs are in effect to maintain an acceptable rate of proficiency in this broad field. One program is designed to indoctrinate all newly assigned personnel within 24 hours after arrival, and the other is used to insure that all personnel maintain proficiency in Disaster Preparedness and implementation of the Unit Defense Team.

(U) During the reporting period, 26 persons were briefed by the Training NCOIC on the Base Defense Warning Signals, Rocket/Mortar Attacks, Fit and Serviceability of Personnel Field Gear, Shelters/Revetments, Emergency Action Data Card (AF Form 1173), Booby Traps/Restricted Areas, Curfew/Local Environment, and the responsibilities of the Unit Defense Team. This overall briefing is conducted in an atmosphere conducive to learning, and every individual is afforded an opportunity to ask for clarification or additional information.

(U) All personnel assigned to Headquarters, 3ARRGp/38ARRSq, function in the Unit Defense Team. To insure that all are aware of their responsibilities and to maintain proficiency, a Unit Defense Team Plan was inaugurated and is updated monthly. All personnel are required to read and initial each new addition as the plan is revised. All personnel are provided a copy

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of the Pyramid Recall Plan which is revised as required. To test unit responsiveness, a practice Red Option II Alert was executed on 18 July 1970 with satisfactory results. On 20 July 1970, all personnel were required to present their AF Form 1173 for review and corrections; as a result, 28 forms were found to be in error and were corrected. A reorientation briefing and firing of the M-16 rifle and .38 revolver was conducted for 28 personnel on 28 July 1970. Under the auspices of the 377th Security Police Squadron on 10 August, a Red Option II Alert exercise was called and was concluded satisfactorily with only minor discrepancies. To correct these shortcomings, two classes were conducted by the Disaster Preparedness NCO, SSgt Pilson, on 19 August. These classes covered Weapons Handling, MACV Rules of Engagement, and Use and Proper Care of the Gas Mask. Subsequent classes covering the same subjects were given on 3, 10, and 17 September to insure all personnel maintain proficiency.

(U) During the quarter, Lt Col Chester J. Gaseor continued as Disaster Preparedness Officer while SSgt Howard R. Pilson assumed the job of Disaster Preparedness NCO from SSgt Gerald N. Aldrich.

(U) During the reporting period, 44 personnel assigned to Headquarters 3ARRGp/38ARRSq were in training; 10 were in upgrade status, and 34 were eligible for testing under the WAPS program.

On-The-Job Training

(U) Of the original 10 personnel in upgrade training, 7 were upgraded to the next higher skill level, 1 has departed PCS, and 2 remain in upgrade training. From 27 July to the present, Headquarters 3ARRGp/38ARRSq has had no personnel in overtime or non-productive training status. On 3 August, all regulations and manuals relative to the unit training office were reviewed for currency IAW AFR 0-2. No discrepancies were noted. Training assistance visits were conducted by the Training NCO during the quarter: 5-28 August at the 37ARRSq and 39ARRSq; Also during this time frame OL-Alpha, Dets 1, 7, 8, 11, and 13 of the 38ARRSq. The purpose of these visits was to provide technical service in the areas of OJT, WAPS, and Maintenance training records. The results of the visits revealed that all units were operating in a satisfactory manner with only minor discrepancies.

(U) On 15 September, the 377th Combat Support Group CBPO-OJT office conducted a staff assistance visit to 3ARRGp IAW Para 17, MAC Sup 1/AFM 50-23. Special items of interest were documentation of AF Form 623 (Consolidated Training Record), overall administration of the WAPS program, controls established over the OJT program, and currency of all regulations, manuals, and policy letters relative to this office. In each area the rating were excellent.

Weighted Airmen Promotion System

(U) All necessary study reference materials for WAPS cycle 72A were ordered through the PDO on AF Forms 124a prior to 13 July; however, many needed materials were placed on back-order. In order to insure that personnel assigned to Headquarters, 3ARRGp/38ARRSq, and Det 14 have the proper study reference materials, additional efforts were applied to procure these materials. The CBPO-QJT office provided some reference from base resources, but many were provided by personnel sources from CONUS. To date, the WAPS study reference library is more than 95% complete with only one regulation, one pamphlet, and three changes left to be procured. Although some materials are missing, they are available at the base publications library for check-out, and all personnel utilizing the WAPS library are briefed on this fact. During the staff assistance visit conducted by the 377th Combat Support Group CBPO-QJT Office, the final report stated that: "An excellent WAPS library has been established at 3ARRGp." In addition, two airmen eligible/ineligible for testing rosters were verified, and all personnel eligible for testing were scheduled and notified well in advance to insure maximum study time prior to testing. Those airmen ineligible for testing were counseled and instructed on the necessary action needed to insure that they would be eligible for the earliest promotion cycle.

(U) During the quarter, the Unit Training Officer was Major Roy A. Walker, and the Unit Training NCO was SSgt Howard R. Pilson.

General Military Training

(U) This training is waivered IAW paragraph 1-9d, AFM 50-15 (Combat Area). However, all AF Forms 572/522 of personnel assigned to Headquarters, 3ARRGp/38ARRSq, were reviewed to insure that all entries were IAW AFM 50-15. This review revealed that 18 forms were in error, and they were all reaccomplished to correct the mistakes. Code of Conduct and Communications Security (CONSEC) training is being conducted on a semi-annual basis with the next class scheduled for November 1970.

(U) The GMP MCOCIC during the reporting period was SSgt Howard R. Pilson.

SAFETYFlying, Ground, and Explosive Accidents

(U) During the quarter, 3ARRGp were accident-free in flying and explosive activities. One ground accident occurred at the 37ARRSq, Da Nang AB, RVN, on 5 July 1970. Damage to a helicopter transmission was sustained when the top portion of a main transmission gear box shipping container was dropped. No personnel injuries resulted from this accident.

(U) Particular interest is noted in the safety area in that 3ARRGp achieved its first complete year of accident-free flying on 13 August 1970. This is the first year of accident-free flying since the Group formed.

Safety Awards

(U) Three 3ARRGp crew members received the MAC Individual Flying Safety Award during this quarter for their professional airmanship displayed during inflight emergencies. Those honored were: Captain Joseph M. Nall, 37ARRSq; Captain Richard L. Oliver, Det 13, 38ARRSq; and, Captain Davis M. Barber, 40ARRSq. Captain Nall and his crew were honored in the "Good Show" section of the August issue of the MAC Flyer.

(U) A1C Brent T. Rexford, 39ARRSq, was honored by a "Well Done" message from General Catton, Commander, MAC, and Brigadier General Everest, Commander, ARRS, for his act of heroism in saving a HC-130P aircraft on 5 July 1970. Airman Rexford entered the burning nose wheel well area of the aircraft and extinguished a fire that threatened a major conflagration. His actions were carried out with complete disregard for his own personal safety and in an expeditious manner.

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CHAPTER III

MAINTENANCE

Mission

(U) The principal mission of the Maintenance Section of 3ARRGp is to provide operationally-ready aircraft for all SAR needs.

HH-3E and HC-130P IRAN Program

(U) Two aircraft were processed through the IRAN facility at Don Muang RTAFB, Thailand, during the quarter.¹

Aircraft Rehabilitation

(U) "Project Upkeep" is a command-wide program emphasizing the maintaining of aircraft interiors. Fourteen aircraft completed the Rehab Program during the quarter.²

Isochronal Inspection Concept

(U) During the reporting period, seventeen aircraft went through the Isochronal Inspection Service Test at the 31ARRSq at Clark AB, The Philippines.³

Aircraft Battle Damage and Losses

(S) (GP-4) During the quarter, one 3ARRGp aircraft sustained battle damage as a result of hostile actions.⁴ There were no losses to enemy fire, and the total Group aircraft losses remain at 33: 15 HH-3Es, 10 HH-43B/Fs, 3 HH-53B/Cs, 3 HU-16s, and 2 HC-130Ps.

1. Appendix 5 lists the aircraft processed.
2. Appendix 6 lists the aircraft completing the Rehab Program.
3. Appendix 7 lists the aircraft processed through the test.
4. Appendix 8 lists the battle-damaged aircraft by type for each month of the quarter.

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CHAPTER IV

PLANS AND REQUIREMENTS

The following activities have taken place in the Plans and Requirements area during the past quarter:

ARRS Programming Plan 69-1

~~(S) (GP-4)~~ The 37ARRSq continued its conversion from the HH-3E to the HH-53C rescue helicopter. During the past quarter, four HH-53s have arrived in-theater; the 37ARRSq now possesses four HH-3Es and 9 HH-53s. Delivery of the remaining HH-53s will depend on a pending proposal to reduce the in-theater total HH-53 UE from 24 to 20.

ARRS Programming Plan 70-8

~~(S) (GP-4)~~ This plan was changed during the quarter to reflect guidance for Det 8 and Det 11 of the 38ARRSq versus Det 2, 38ARRSq and Det 9, 41ARRWg. Det 8, 38ARRSq, Cam Ranh Bay AB, RVN, was inactivated in-place on 15 September 1970, and its assets were redistributed to other locations in ARRS.¹ Det 11, 38ARRSq, Tuy Hoa AB, RVN, began preparing for standdown and inactivation scheduled for October 1970. This action is due to the transfer of Tuy Hoa AB to the U.S. Army.

Other Programming Actions

~~(S) (GP-4)~~ The CSAF-directed move of the 39ARRSq from Tuy Hoa AB to Cam Ranh Bay AB was completed on 16 September 1970 while continuing to maintain its mission-ready status.¹ This move was

1. See Supporting Documents section for additional information.

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also prompted by the transfer of Tuy Hoa AB to the U.S. Army.

~~(S) (GP-4)~~ Det 2, 38ARRSq, Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, will be inactivated in the near future. Political discussions to place the base in DOB status have been finalized.

SEACR Review

~~(S) (GP-4)~~ SEACR #114, the HH-53 Night Recovery System (PAVE IMP), which utilizes the Limited Night Recovery System (LNRS), is in a continuing testing phase. There are no LNRS-equipped HH-53s operational in SEA.

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