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MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

01 - 28 February 75

GROUND FIRE INCIDENTS

DATE	A/C No. Type & Contract	LOCATION	REMARKS
01 February 1975		WT 3248 Cambodia	13F had been shut down for approximately ten minutes at C48 air-strip when the field came under mortar attack from the Northeast. The closest round impacted approximately 100 yards from the acft on the West end of the strip. Other rounds impacted N/NW side of the strip and in town, UHIG KAF gunships were working the river East bank to the Northeast of Neak Luong. Mortaring occurred when the gunships landed at C48 for re-arming. No damage to aircraft and no personnel injuries involved.
02 February 1975		On ground Cambodia	Both aircraft had been shut down at C01 for about one hour when 3 rounds of 107mm rocket fire impacted on either side of the runway. Crews proceeded to bunker to sit out the attack by fire. The aircraft were undamaged by the incoming and there were no personnel injuries.
03 February 1975		WT 2121 Cambodia	While marking a high speed pass to check on a damaged tug in the river, encountered heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire from the west bank at coordinates above. Departed the area to the North, climbing out until clear of the area, then returned to VH-669. No damage to aircraft and no personnel injuries.

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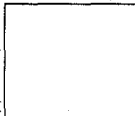
* 04 February *
* 1975 *



* XR 4697 *

* 05X had just landed at V-52 when 8
* one round of mortar fire impacted *
* 100m. NW of the acft. Pax quickly *
* boarded aircraft and PIC departed *
* the area as soon as all were on *
* board. Capt. BURKE changed his *
* approach/letdown pattern in sub- *
* sequent landings from the NW to *
* the NE quadrant. No further acti- *
* vity was observed. No damage to *
* aircraft, no personnel injuries. *
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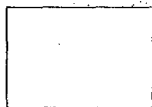
* 05 February *
* 1975 *



* WU 4829 *
* Cambodia *

* Prior to making a 180 degrees turn *
* for take-off on rwy 23, heard a *
* large explosion to the right rear *
* of the aircraft. Upon completion *
* of the turn-around, crew observed *
* a large column of smoke and debris *
* settling down at the edge of the *
* runway about 40' - 50' from the *
* aircraft. Departed post haste. *
* Customer at the site confirmed *
* that the explosion was a round of *
* incoming after take-off. No da- *
* mage to aircraft and no personnel *
* injuries. *
* * * * *

* 07 February *
* 1975 *



* VT 751123 *
* Cambodia *

* During the first landing of the *
* day into C-47, Capt. BARTLETT found *
* the runway blocked by a C47 air- *
* craft. Capt. BARTLETT initiated *
* a go around and was later briefed *
* that while turning to heading 060 *
* for downwind leg, that hostile *
* small arms fire was directed at *
* the acft from a position approxi- *
* mately one km south of the airfield *
* Capt. BARTLETT did not hear or ob- *
* served the groundfire and was un- *
* aware that the incident had taken *
* place until he was so briefed by a *
* Khmer lieutenant at C47. For the *
* second landing of the day, a *
* straight-in approach was used as *
* the runway was no longer blocked. *
* No damage resulted from the inci- *
* dent and there were no personnel *
* injuries. *
* * * * *

10 February 1975



Commercial ramp of Cambodia

Caribou N11014 was refueling at C01 airfield when one round of probable 107mm rocket fire impacted on the Northwest perimeter of the airfield, approximately 2500' from the aircraft. The attack by fire consisted only of one round. N11014 departed C01 after completion of refueling and resumed normal operations. No aircraft damage and no personnel injuries.

11 February 1975



VT 836772 Cambodia

Helicopter 71-20110 had just departed C01 when one round of probable 107mm rocket fire impacted on the Northeast end of the airstrip. The aircraft had been shut down on the old C-130 ramp on the commercial side, approximately 400 yards from where the rocket impacted. There was no damage to the aircraft, and no personnel injuries.

16 February 1975



VT 8477 Cambodia

Aircraft was shut down on the ground when one unknown type rocket impacted in the vicinity of the north end of the runway. No personnel injuries or aircraft damage involved. PIC observed a World Airways aircraft on base leg when the rocket impacted. World Airways aborted and departed the area.

16 February 1975



WT 3243 Cambodia

Capt. GREENWAY reports that on three separate occasions mortar fire impacted in the vicinity of the Landing Zone at Neak Luong (C48) while his aircraft was on the approach or just after landing. No personnel injuries or aircraft damage involved.

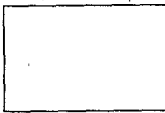
16 February 1975



WT 0864 Cambodia

Acft was enroute from Phnom Penh to Neak Luong (C48), Cambodia, when PIC observed a flash and smoke from an impacting round of DK82 fire. Capt. GREENWAY reports this projectile was targeted at his aircraft. No personnel injuries or aircraft damage involved.

* 18 February
* 1975



* WT 3243
* Cambodia

* On landing at Neak Luong (C48),
* PIC reports mortars and rockets
* were observed impacting on and in
* the vicinity of the Landing Zone
* PIC immediately picked up and on
* climbout was engaged by enemy AK-
* 47 fire. No personnel injuries
* and no acft damage involved.

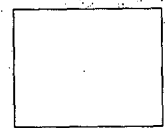
* 18 February
* 1975



* VT 8477
* Cambodia

* PIC reports while refueling on the
* military ramp at Phnom Penh (C01)
* two 107mm rocket impacted at the
* NE end of the airfield perimeter.
* No personnel injuries or acft
* damage involved.

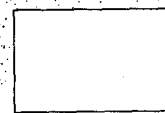
* 19 February
* 1975



* WT 3243
* Cambodia

* Capt. GENZ reports while on final
* for landing at Neak Luong (C48),
* a ground explosion was heard to
* the left of the acft. At the same
* time, PIC observed dust and gray
* smoke emanating from a row of
* houses approximately 100 meters
* north of the runway. No personnel
* injuries or acft damage involved.

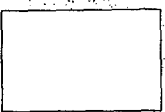
* 19 February
* 1975



* On ground
* Military
* ramp.
* Cambodia

* Acft was parked unloading cargo
* on the military ramp at Phnom Penh
* when two 107mm rockets impacted
* one of which landed approximately
* 60 yards from the parked acft. PI
* reports that the vertical stablizer
* sustained a small shrapnel hole
* No personnel injuries involved.
* A second rocket attack followed
* thirty minutes later at which time
* Capt. WILSON started engines for an
* expeditious departure.

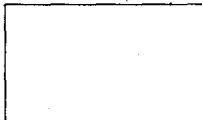
* 22 February
* 1975



* On ramp
* Cambodia

* Shortly after take off from Phnom
* Penh (C01), one rocket hit the
* east twy leading into the new C130
* ramp followed by a second round
* which impacted the ramp itself at
* a point in close proximity to where
* the acft had been parked. PIC
* reports during the one hour plus
* ground time, on a subsequent trip
* into Phnom Penh, a pair of rocket
* 200 - 300 feet SE of the NE end of
* the rwy.

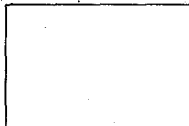
* 23 February *
* 1975 *



* WT 318465 *
* Cambodia *

* Acft was on the ground Neak Luong*
* (C48), Cambodia, when one round of*
* 107mm rocket fire hit approxima- *
* tely 150 feet to the right rear of *
* the acft. PIC reports "we imme- *
* diately became airborne". Air- *
* craft returned to Phnom Penh re- *
* turning later in the day to Neak *
* Luong to pick up the customer. *
* No aircraft damage or personnel *
* injuries involved. *

* 24 February *
* 1975 *



* WT 3243 *
* Cambodia *

* On take off from Neak Luong (C48) *
* Cambodia, American customer jump- *
* ed aboard the aircraft and yelled *
* "105". Capt. FONBURG lifted off *
* immediately and as the aircraft *
* reached an altitude of approxi- *
* mately 50 feet AGL, one round of *
* incoming artillery impacted off *
* the right side of the aircraft. *
* Aircraft sustained minor shrapnel *
* damage to main rotor blade and *
* right side cargo door. PIC pro- **
* ceeded to Phnom Penh (C01) to *
* drop passengers and inspect da- *
* mage. When damage was discovered *
* to be minor, 104 resumed normal *
* operations. No personnel inju- *
* ries involved. *

BREAKDOWN OF INCIDENTS BY AREA, AIRCRAFT
AND WEAPON

ICCS REGION I - VI	:	NIL
ICCS REGION VII	:	1
CAMBODIA	:	18 **
<u>TOTAL:</u>	:	<u>19</u>

AIRCRAFT

C-46	:	2 *
DHC-4	:	2
VTB	:	1
PC-6	:	1
UH-1H	:	5 *
204B	:	8
<u>TOTAL</u>	:	<u>19</u>

WEAPONS

ROCKET	:	10 **
MORTARS	:	3
ARTY	:	1
DK-82	:	1
AW	:	2
UNKNOWN	:	2
<u>TOTAL</u>	:	<u>19</u>

NOTE: * ACFT HITS (2 TOTAL)

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