

# REPORT OF COAST GUARD UNIT ABOARD<sup>1</sup>

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NAME OF UNIT: Coast Guard Air Detachment, Bermuda  
SUB-UNITS: Radio Station, Secondary; Loran C Monitor Station, East Coast  
LOCATION: U. S. Naval Station, Bermuda

## PROPOSE OF UNIT:

To operate and maintain assigned aircraft in order to provide search and rescue service, save and protect lives and property and render assistance to vessels, aircraft and personnel in distress in accordance with statutory requirements, National SAR Plan and U. S. ICAO agreements.

Bermuda is situated in a strategic location for the SAR coverage of the approaches to the Atlantic Coast of the United States and Puerto Rico. The traffic load and pattern both surface and air, is of such magnitude and density that an active Coast Guard search and rescue capability is in the best interests of the United States and is directly responsive to statutory, international and inter-agency agreements.

The mission of the sub-units are:

- (1) Radio Station (secondary): Its prescribe purpose is to:
  - a. Provide adequate communications for Air Detachment, Bermuda, aircraft assigned and ocean station vessels when moored in Bermuda including point-to-point communications to Fifth Coast Guard District.
- (2) Loran C Monitor Station: This unit has the task of monitoring the transmissions of the Coast Guard Loran C Chain

## ACCOMPLISHMENT OF UNIT:

During fiscal 1963 the Air Detachment aircraft made 116 sorties involving 461 flight hours. Of these sorties 21 involved flights of 8 hours or more. Coast Guard SAR responsibility extends beyond the operational sorties; it also includes emergency communication services to transient vessels. These communications include the handling of distress traffic which is the basis for the launching of many of the SAR sorties and medico messages which provide essential information and guidance to mariners or which may ultimately involve off-shore landings or ship rendezvous.

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<sup>1</sup> Transcribed from original located at NARA Washington, D.C.