

1st AIR RESCUE SQUADRON

LINEAGE

1st Emergency Rescue Squadron, Oct 1943
1st Rescue Squadron
1st Air Rescue Squadron

STATIONS

Boca Raton, FL
Foggia, Italy
Howard Field, CZ, 1 Nov 1946-1 Sep 1949
MacDill AFB, FL, 1 Sep 1949-15 Jun 1951
Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico

ASSIGNMENTS

WEAPON SYSTEMS

OA-10
L-5
B-25
B-17
L-17B
SA-10B

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT SERIAL NUMBERS

L-17B
48-0952

OA-10
43-43845
43-43849
43-43849
43-43859
43-47959
44-33988

SA-10B
45-57842

ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT TAIL/BASE CODES

UNIT COLORS

COMMANDERS

LTC Littleton J. Pardue

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

NICKNAME

OPERATIONS

A B-29 ditched in the vicinity of Bermuda, and approximately 150 aircraft, including forces of the 1st, 5th, and 6th Rescue Squadrons, participated in the search. After four days, an SB-17 located survivors in two life rafts. An A-1 lifeboat was dropped, and a Canadian cutter was directed to the scene for the pickup. Eighteen lives were saved. 16 Nov 1949.

11 Apr 1952 Personnel from Flight C, 1st Air Rescue Squadron, rescued six persons from the crash of a Pan American airliner at sea near Puerto Rico. The six personnel and a number of bodies were evacuated in an SA-16.

The 1st Emergency Rescue Squadron was a composite unit with nine OA-10, three L-5, and three B-25 and it was transferred to Casablanca in the middle of March 1944. Later it gained four B-17s. It was active throughout the Mediterranean until the surrender of the Germans in April 1945 and racked up 244 saves.

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