

FROM: Det 6, 38th Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Sq, APO US FORCES 96227

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report of a Save

9 Feb 66

TO: 3rd Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Group (JSARC), APO US FORCES 96307

1. Mission Number: 6-22-7 Feb 66.
2. SAR Alerted by: 173rd Airborne Brigade.
3. SAR Aircraft Used: 2 HH-43F helicopters.

Crewmembers of Helicopter Making Recovery were:

RCC	Capt Charles P. Nadler
CP	Capt Ronald L. Bachman
HM	ALC Thomas C. Story
RS	ALC Henry J. O'Beirne

Crewmembers of Top Cover Helicopter were:

RCC	Capt Maurice G. Kessler
CP	Capt Raymond L. Murden
HM	ALC Alexander Montgomery
RS	SSgt George E. Schipper

4. Reaction time from initial notification to pickup: 1:02.
5. CAP Assistance: 2 UH-1B's, 1 O-1F.
6. Area and type of pickup: Small jungle burned out area, 1111 N, 10648 E.
7. Survivor located by yellow smoke grenades.
8. Survivors name: Private John A. Densley, , IRAR, Royal Australian Army (Home town: Hamilton, Victoria).
9. Summary of Events:

At 1213, 7 Feb 66, the 173rd Airborne Brigade notified Det 6, 38th ARRS of a severely wounded soldier located in War Zone D in the jungle 12 miles north of Bien Hoa AB, RVN, coordinates XT 983 358 (1111 N, 10649 E). We immediately topped off the helicopter fuel tanks, loaded aboard chain saws, stokes litters and other rescue equipment and, after verifying the exact location, heading

and distance, we scrambled both HH-43F helicopters at 1230. We were airborne within two minutes of receiving the exact location of the wounded soldier. We contacted Paris control on 249.5 mc to verify artillery firing areas and confirm our UH-1B armed escort helicopters. We contacted Sunray 4, the ground controller in the area and Falcon 4, the O-1F Forward Air Controller (FAC) on FM 44.3 mc. We arrived in the area at 1242 and circled until the ground party was ready for the wounded soldier to be picked up. Although we notified Sunray 4 that we had a hoist capability and could pick the patient up with the stokes litter through the trees, the ground party preferred to proceed to a small clearing since they were administering Dextran solution intervenously. They reached the clearing located at 1111 N, 10648 E about 1310 and we made our approach with the armed UH-1B escort who had arrived about 1305. Recovery was made by loading the patient on a litter and into the helicopter and flying him to the 3rd Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) at Bien Hoa AB, where we landed at 1325. No ground fire was encountered during the mission, weather was clear with 15 miles visibility, communications were excellent.

The patient, Private John A. Densley suffered abdominal and neck wounds and is expected to recover. Crew coordination was tops with each crew member anticipating his next move. UH-1B escort was with us all the way during the recovery and orbited us at tree top level while we were on the ground.

Charles P. Nadler

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