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

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report

14 Mar 66

TO: 3rd Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Gp, (JSARC), APO US Forces 96307

1. Mission Number: 6-38-52-13 Mar 66.
2. SAR Alerted by: Hot line from 3rd JSARC.
3. SAR Aircraft Used: 1 HH-43F.

Crew:

RCC	Capt Ronald L. Bachman
CP	Capt Harold D. Salem
HM	TSgt Richard A. Connon
RS	SSgt David E. Milsten

4. Reaction time from initial notification to 1st pickup: Approximately 35 minutes.

5. CAP Assistance: 2 UH-1B armed helicopters, 4 F-100, artillery.

6. Summary of Events:

① At approximately 1450 hours, Det 6 was notified by 3rd JSARC on the hot line that an unknown number of army casualties required evacuation from 1114N 10659E. They requested our one HH-43F assist one UH-1B Med Evac helicopter in extracting the casualties. The helicopter was refueled to 1000# fuel, two stokes litters were placed on board and Pedro 97 launched at 1500 hours. An attempt was made to contact Dunbar uptake on the FM frequency. Pedro 97 was able to receive on this frequency but unable to transmit. I then landed at the battalion forward command post at 1114N 10656E and obtained a UHF frequency and a VHF frequency on which to contact RESCAP aircraft. I proceeded to the pickup point at 1114N 10659E with two armed UH-1B helicopters as RESCAP. At this time artillery was lifted, smoke was put out to mark the spot, the UH-1B's checked the area for security and I made the first approach into the spot. A stokes litter hoist pickup was made from approximately 120 feet from a bomb crater. During the 1st pick up the RESCAP received sniper fire to the North. After the pick up the casualty was flown back to 1114N 10656E (LZ 12) and transferred to an army med evac helicopter. Three more stokes litter pick ups were made with sniper fire received during two of the operations with no hits on the aircraft. The

last four casualties were ambulatory so the pick ups were made with the forest penetrator. During the final 6 extractions air and artillery strikes were hitting within approximately 200 meters of the pick up point in an attempt to suppress the sniper fire. The last four casualties were transported directly to Phuoc Vinh medical facility where Pedro 97 was refueled. At the request of the medical personnel at Phuoc Vinh, we transported two patients and one passenger to the 93rd Med Evac hospital at Bien Hoa. Pedro 97 then returned to the alert pad at Bien Hoa.

Pedro 97 flew 13 sorties for 2:35 hours. Eight combat saves were obtained, two patients evacuated and one passenger carried. All equipment on the HH-43F operated satisfactorily.



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Rescue Crew Commander

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to rescue the man but were unsuccessful. When rescue helicopters had maneuvered into position for hoist pickup the man never reappeared.

DET 6-38-22-7 Feb

(U) HH-43 were launched, from Bien Hoa AB, on a combat medical evacuation for a number of Australian soldiers. Helicopters landed and evacuated one seriously wounded.

DET 6-38-23-12 Jan

(U) HH-43F, from Bien Hoa AB, using stokes litter evacuated a seriously injured Army troop from a combat area under fire.

DET 6-38-41-1 Mar

(U) HH-43F, from Bien Hoa AB, evacuated a wounded Army troop utilizing the stokes litter from a jungle combat zone.

DET 6-38-47-8 Mar

(U) HH-43F, from Bien Hoa AB, evacuated a wounded Vietnamese Air Force man from a mine field while grass fire burned around him.

DET 6-38-8 Mar

(U) HH-43F, from Bien Hoa AB, evacuated four Vietnamese and one seriously wounded US Army troop from a jungle clearing in a combat zone.

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(U) HH-43F, from Bien Hoa AB, utilizing stokes litter and forest penetrator evacuated 8 seriously wounded US troops from a jungle site under attack.

DET 6-38-53-14 Mar

(U) US Army O1F with 2 personnel crashed in South Vietnam. HH-43F from Bien Hoa AB, recovered one survivor and one deceased from a hostile area.

DET 6-38-57-15 Mar

(U) Six critically wounded Army personnel were combat evacuated utilizing stokes litter and forest penetrator rescue seat.

DET 6-38-57-15 Mar

(U) One wounded Army troop evacuated from a combat zone by HH-43F utilizing a stokes litter.

DET 6-38-58-15 Mar

(U) Six Army casualties rescued from heavily wooded jungle area with trees 125 feet high.

DET 6-38-59-16 Mar

(U) Combat evacuation of one wounded Australian from D zone.

DET 6-38-68-19 Mar

(U) Evacuation of two wounded Australian Army personnel from forward jungle site.

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