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

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report

18 Mar 66

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

1. Mission Number: 6-38-62-16 Mar 66.

2. SAR Alerted by: 3rd JSARC.

3. SAR Aircraft Used: 2 HH-43F.

Crewmembers of Primary Aircraft Were:

RCC	Capt Harold D. Salem
CP	Capt Ronald L. Bachman
HM	A1C Gerald C. Hammond Jr.
RS	SSgt David E. Milsten

Crewmembers of Secondary Aircraft Were:

RCC	Capt Edwin A. Henningson
CP	1/Lt Mark C. Schibler
HM	A1C Thomas C. Story
RS	A1C Henry J. O'Beirne

4. Reaction time from notification to pickup: 30 minutes.

5. CAP Assistance: 1 Ol-F, 1 C-47, 2 UH-1B

6. Area and type of pickup: Helicopter landed in a clearing in a rubber plantation. Casualty and deceased were litter loaded on board.

7. Casualties were located by flare and radio directions.

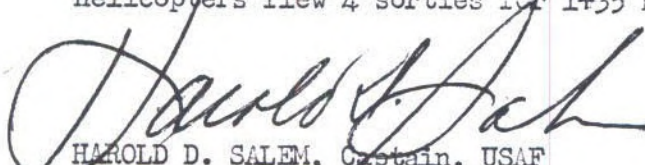
8. Survivors name: Captain Kent Miller, U.S. Army. Deceased name: unknown.

9. Summary of Events:

Det 6, 38th ARRS was notified by 3rd JSARC at 2050 hours, 16 March 1966, that several Special Forces personnel were seriously wounded and needed to be evacuated by helicopter from an insecure area (1053N, 10713E) as soon as possible. The primary alert helicopter was airborne at 2100 hours, the secondary helicopter at 2110. Shortly after take off communications was established between the Forward Air Controller and a light fire control team. At approximately 2110 the forward air controller had the personnel on the ground fire a flare to help guide us to the area. Once in the area I asked the flare ship

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to drop a flare to mark the spot and to drop it on the north side of the landing area, as the wind was from the south and would drift the flares away from us and also put the light to our back, making the approach much easier. Personnel on the ground pinpointed the area with flashlights. With the fire control team close by, I descended and landed in the small clearing at 2117 hours. The Rescue Specialist was escorted by 3 camouflaged Vietnamese special forces personnel about 100 yards into the jungle where one of the casualties lay. The helicopter mechanic immediately began loading the other casualty (he had been killed instantly) aboard the helicopter. Working with extreme speed and efficiency they had both casualties aboard the helicopter in less than 4 minutes after our landing. After take off we received instructions to take the casualties to 93rd Field Hospital near Bien Hoa. The Rescue Specialist gave first aid on the way to the hospital. The casualty, Capt Kent Miller had been shot in the right arm and in both legs, breaking them below the knee. The primary and secondary helicopters returned to Bien Hoa at 2151 hours. The two rescue helicopters flew 4 sorties for 1435 hours.


HAROLD D. SALEM, Captain, USAF
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.

DET 6-38-52-13 Mar

(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 OIF 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.

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(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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