

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

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report

15 April 1966

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

1. Mission Number: 6-38-80-12 April 1966
2. SAR Alerted by: 3rd JSARC
3. SAR Aircraft used: 2 HH-43F

Crewmembers of Primary Aircraft were:

RCC	1/Lt Mark C. Schibler
CP	Capt Edwin A. Henningson
HM	A1C Alexander Montgomery
RS	A1C Henry J. O'Beirno

Crewmembers of Secondary Aircraft, from Det 10 were:

RCC	Maj Charles R. Kay
CP	Capt John R. Denham
HM	A1C Malcolm G. Aldridge
RS	SSgt Leon Fullwood

4. Reaction time from notification to pickup: 1+30
5. CAP Assistance: 1 OLF, 2 UH-1B
6. Area and type of pickup: The helicopter from Det 6 (Pedro 97) landed in a clearing blasted in the jungle. Casualties were then litter loaded on the aircraft. The helicopter from Det 10 (Pedro 91) made two hoist pick-ups with the stokes litter from an area of dense jungle.
7. Casualties were located by directions from the FAC.
8. Survivors names: Unknown
9. Summary of Events:

Det 6 was alerted at 0934, 12 Apr 66 for a possible requirement to evacuate Army wounded. At 0944 we were given a definite "go" and were told that another HH-43F from Det 10 would join us for top cover. We launched at 0950 and rendezvoused with Sidewinder 23 at 1025. When we arrived in the area a Sidewinder 21 was conducting an air strike $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of the pick-up

point so we were told to orbit to the west. We orbited for approximately thirty minutes until the air strike was complete. We then contacted the Army unit on the ground and asked them to mark their position and we would begin our pick-ups. The Army replied that they would have a clearing blasted in about twenty minutes, so we waited. When the clearing was blasted a CH-47 made the first landing in the area. He had room to hover, but could not land. Pedro 97 landed next and was able to set down. Three severely wounded were immediately loaded on the aircraft. Due to the height of the trees and limited amount of maneuvering room we elected to leave our Para-medical and all the gear we did not need on the ground, to give us a power reserve. We then flew the wounded to a field hospital at Binh Ba. While we were enroute the Army cleared more brush and trees out of the landing zone which gave us more room on subsequent landings. When we landed in the hole the second time we off loaded ten gallons of water and six stretchers and picked up three more wounded. At this time we were informed that the para-medical who was left on the ground the night before had been fatally wounded when the unit he was with was overrun. We then took off and delivered our wounded to Binh Ba. We and our cover ships refueled this trip and picked up twenty gallons of water to return to the troops at the landing zone. Enroute back to the LZ we were informed by Sidewinder 23 that there was a hoist pick up required. With the water we had no room to maneuver the stokes litter in the cabin so we informed 23 that we would make one more trip to the LZ. By the time we arrived the Army had enlarged the LZ enough that the Chinooks and Dustoff helicopters could land so we determined there was no longer a need for us in that area and we could go make the hoist pickups. However, before we could land to drop off the water and pick up our para-medical, Pedro 91 reported in and it was decided they would make the hoist pickups. We then landed and picked up our para-medical and two Army personnel and returned to Binh Ba to await further developments. We refueled and when Pedro 91 landed we were informed that there was no further requirement for us and we were released. On the return flight to Bien Hoa Pedro 97 carried two severely wounded patients back to the 93rd Field Evac Hospital. We landed at Bien Hoa at 1410. Mission completed.

10. Comments: None

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