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Reg A 45036

FROM: Det 2, 304th AERSC/Captain Marcum/4184

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report - 25 May 1966

TO: 3rd AERGP (RCOI)

1. Captain Marcum, primary RCC, received a call at 1235 local hours from Major Bruster, JSARC, stating he had received information of a FAC C-1 aircraft had been downed. C-1 aircraft call sign Baron 09, was reported downed at YA 760470. Major Bruster requested we call II DASC and see if they had any further information to confirm the aircraft being downed. While talking to II DASC, CRP called confirming the incident. CRP stated Baron 01, C-1 FAC aircraft, was on scene directing a strike and searching for the downed pilot in Baron 09. When air cover was requested from II DASC, we were informed that three A-1E aircraft were on scene at the time.
2. Pedro 42 and 56 scrambled from Pleiku AB at 1245 hours. Enroute weather was forecasted to be 2,000 scattered, 8,000 broken with 7 miles and rain showers. No difficulties were encountered enroute to the crash site.
3. Pedro aircraft arrived at crash site at 1305 hours. Pedro 42 started a low level search near the crashed aircraft while Pedro 56 remained high for top cover. Pedro 42 and Baron 01 had to remain west of the crash site due to A-1E's making strikes on NVA troops a few meters to the East of the crash. Special Forces ground party, Savoy 61 Alpha, was moving in from the West to look for the pilot. When ground party arrived at the C-1 crash, they reported the pilots' helmet still in the aircraft and there were no traces of blood. The ground party made a concentrated search of the immediate area while Pedro 42 and Baron 01 continued with the air search.
4. Savoy 61 Alpha called requesting med-evacuation of three personnel in ground party who were casualties of an earlier ambush. One soldier was seriously wounded and two were deceased. Baron 01 requested Pedro aircraft med evac the casualties after being on scene for approximately 45 minutes and there was no sign of the downed pilot.
5. Savoy 61 Alpha secured a landing zone near the casualties and Pedro 42 and 56 landed to pick up casualties. Both Pedro aircraft were airborne at 1350 hours enroute to Pleiku.
6. Casualties were taken to C Team Special Forces Camp at Pleiku since they were Montagnard forces. Pedro 56 needed maintenance work, so Pedro 42 returned to the crash site after refueling. When on scene, Baron FAC aircraft advised Pedro 42 that pilot had been found deceased approximately 300 meters from the crash. Pedro 42 returned to Pleiku at 1540 hours to terminate mission.

7. Flying time: 4 hours and 15 minutes

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4 Sorties

Crews: Pedro 42

RCC Capt Lawrence F. Marcum

CP 1STLT Michael E. Davis

HM TSGT James E. Johnson

RS A2C David A. Carl

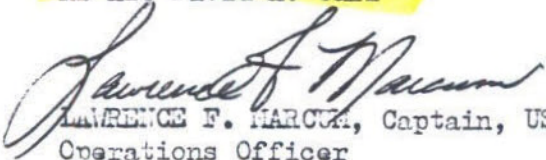
PEDRO 56

RCC Capt Fredrik M. Bergold

CP Capt Richard L. Cardwell

HM A2C Harry E. Hull

RS A2C Allen R. Stanek


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