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

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (Mission Number 6-38-103-30 Jun 66) 2 Jul 66

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

1. 3rd JSARC notified me at 2047 hours, 30 Jun 66 of 3 U.S. Army wounded located at 1052 N, 10722 E, which is 33 miles, 101 degrees from Bien Hoa AB, RVN. We refueled both HH-43F's and were airborne at 2100. I requested that a flare ship stand by over the target area should lighting be required. Artillery was being fired near our flight path. Paris control vectored us around it. We picked up Falcon flight, our armed UH-1B escort at Xuan Loc and arrived over the pickup area at 2130. The ground party showed a white light and I made an approach in Pedro 74 to a hover over 150 foot trees. Since one of our other crews drew ground fire in the same general area the night before, I elected to make the pickup without lights. First pickup was made using the stokes litter and the second man was picked up on the forest penetrator. I climbed out from amongst the trees at 2148 and Capt Potter made his approach in Pedro 73 at that time. His first pickup was by stokes litter and the second was by forest penetrator. After completing his pickups, both helicopters proceeded to the 93rd Evacuation Hospital near Bien Hoa. Dispite efforts by SSgt O'Beirne, the rescue specialist in Pedro 73, the soldier who was raised by stokes litter died enroute to the hospital. We landed at the 93rd at 2230, offloaded the wounded and returned to Bien Hoa AB, landing at 2245. Communications with the ground party was excellent with them assisting the helicopter over the FM radio. Weather was 1200 foot overcast over the pickup area. Crew coordination was excellent. Four sorties were flown for 3:30 by 2 HH-43F helicopters.

2. Pedro 74, the first helicopter had 2 saves.

Crewmembers were as follows:

RCC	Captain Charles P. Nadler
CP	Captain Edward E. Pharaoh
HM	TSgt Kenneth L. Perkins
RS	A2C Fredrick L. Sanger

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3. Pedro 73, the second helicopter had one save.

Crewmembers were as follows:

RCC	Captain Dale L. Potter
CP	1st Lt Mark C. Schibler
HM	A1C Gerald C. Hammond Jr.
RS	SSgt Henry J. O'Beirne

4. The survivors were from "A" Co, 2nd Battalion, 503 Inf, 173rd Airborne Brigade. Their names are: SP-4 Jenkins, PFC Anthony Burnett and PFC John B. Price.

Charles P. Nadler

CHARLES P. NADLER, Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander