

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

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (Mission Number 6-38-105-1 Jul 66) 2 Jul 66

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

1. A request to evacuate one wounded U.S. Army soldier from a jungle area 39 miles northwest of Bien Hoa was received at 1038 hours 1 July 1966 from 3rd JSARC. Two HH-43F helicopters were scrambled at 1045 hours. At time of notification, 3rd JSARC informed us a Forward Air Controller and army helicopters would be over the area. When we arrived over the area, two armed helicopters and a small observation helicopter were orbiting the area. Radio contact could not be made with the armed helicopters. The observation helicopter requested the ground party to mark their position. A very flare was spotted and purple smoke in another area, approximately 400 meters apart. The color was requested and reply was purple. Pedro 97 made an approach to the purple smoke, spotted the ground party and made a stokes litter/hoist pickup of the wounded soldier. After departing the rescue area we were informed to take the survivor to Minh Thanh air strip. After landing at Minh Thanh the survivor was examined by a doctor who requested he be transported to the 93rd Medical Evacuation Hospital near Bien Hoa RVN. The survivor was transferred to the 93rd and both helicopters returned to Bien Hoa AB. Flying time 3:05 and 5 sorties. One combat save logged.

2. Crewmembers were:

Pedro 97

RCC	Captain Karl G. King
CP	Major Maurice G. Kessler
RS	SSgt Henry J. O'Beirne
HM	A1C Thomas C. Story

Pedro 74

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

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Karl G. King
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