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

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (Mission Number 6-38-104-1 Jul 66) 2 Jul 66

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

1. After returning from mission number 6-38-103-30 Jun 66, I completed the necessary reports and got to bed at 0015. At 0050, 3JSARC called us about another Army casualty pickup mission located at 1144N, 10633E, 48 miles NNW of Bien Hoa AB. All the necessary information was compiled at 0100. The second alert crew was notified, the helicopters refueled and we were airborne in both HH-43F helicopters at 0115. Flare ships and UH-1B armed escort helicopters were to meet us at the pickup scene. We joined up with the Hueys at An Loc and together searched for the pickup area. After some 15 minutes, we spotted a red and a white light on the ground. A second white light was spotted some 100 meters NW of the first two lights. When the ground personnel were unable to explain the third light, I continued to orbit until they finally decided that it was a light mounted on their mortar tubes. I made an approach and blackout landing in Pedro 73 in a large clearing at 0220. Two severely wounded soldiers were on-loaded and I pulled out of the clearing. Pedro 73 then landed and recovered one KIA. After taking off, we headed back to the 93rd Evacuation Hospital near Bien Hoa. Weather in the pickup area was 1500 foot overcast and enroute to Bien Hoa, the ceiling lowered to 1200 feet. We climbed above the clouds, topping out at 2500 feet. Paris Control had us on radar and tracked us in to the Bien Hoa area. While proceeding to the 93rd, A2C Sanger, my rescue specialist deemed it necessary to start on I.V. (his first) on one of the wounded soldiers. He completed it very successfully under adverse conditions complicated by night time and the confined area of a vibrating helicopter. We descended through a hole in the clouds NW of Bien Hoa and landed at the 93rd Evacuation Hospital at 0330 and offloaded our passengers. Communications with the ground party was excellent with them assisting us into the area over FM radio. Crew coordination again was excellent. Six sorties were flown for 5:00 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.

Crewmembers were:

RCC	Captain Dale L. Potter
CP	1st Lt Mark C. Schibler
HM	A1C Gerald C. Hammond Jr.
RS	A2C Gordon C. Thayer

4. The survivors were from "B" Co, 1st Battalion, 20th Inf, 1st Inf Division. Their names are: E-5 Robert Riddle and E-3 Anthony Brokken.

5. The clearing that we landed in to recover the wounded was large enough to accomodate a CH-47 Chinook helicopter. This was a typical "Dustoff" mission.

Charles P. Nadler

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