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

SUBJECT: Narrative Report (Mission Number 6-38-114-25 Jul 66) 26 Jul 66

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

1. We received notification via primary crash phone at 1757 hours, 25 Jul 66, of an F-100 30 miles southeast of Bien Hoa AB with battle damage and low on fuel. We scrambled in Pedro 73, an HH-43F helicopter at 1800 hours with the fire suppression kit and established an orbit south of the runway. At approximately 1805 hours we were notified the pilot had bailed out. We made an approach to a clear area near the taxiway, lowered the fire suppression kit to the ground, and departed for the bailout area.

2. A flight of F-100's were over the bailout area, and on GCA radio frequency. We switched to GCA frequency and were directed to the area which was about 12 miles SSE of Bien Hoa AB, by GCA. Light rain was encountered enroute. Immediately after arrival over the area, a parachute was spotted in an open field, and the pilot was spotted about 200 yards to the north of the parachute. Hostile forces were approximately 400 yards south of the survivor and were firing at him. An approach and landing was made and the pilot jumped aboard with only minor scratches and bruises. An immediate departure was made.

3. On the return trip to Bien Hoa AB, Pedro 73 was joined by Pedro 74, the second HH-43F which had become airborne approximately 10 minutes after notification. After arrival at Bien Hoa AB the survivor was released to a 3d TFW Dispensary ambulance. Communications were good. Four sorties for 0:40 flown. Time from bailout to recovery approximately ten minutes.

4. Crewmembers aboard rescue helicopter:

RCC	Captain Karl G. King
CP	Captain LaMonte M. Kahler
RS	SSgt Henry J. O'Beirne
FF	SSgt Charles B. Carr

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