

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

SUBJECT: Narrative Report (Mission Number 6-38-109-9 Jul 66)

10 Jul 66

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

1. At 1640, 9 July 1966, 3JSARC notified me of some U.S. Army wounded located 37 miles NNW of Bien Hoa AB, RVN (1132N, 10632E). Both HH-43F's were refueled and were airborne at 1650. We landed at Minh Thanh and were briefed on the pickup situation. We took off with our armed UH-1 escort helicopters and proceeded to the pickup area some 4 miles to the north. Duchess Alfa, the ground party threw yellow smoke and I started my approach in Pedro 74, arriving over the area at 1700. I picked up one badly wounded man in the stokes litter and a second wounded soldier on the forest penetration. As I departed from the area, Lt. Schibler came to a hover over the 50 foot trees in Pedro 74. He picked up two wounded soldiers. In the meantime, I flew my wounded back to an aid station at Minh Thanh. Lt. Schibler passed and I passed each other enroute as I headed back to the pickup point. Duchess Alfa again threw smoke and I picked up two more wounded by hoist/stokes litter and forest penetrator. Lt. Schibler returned and hoisted in three additional wounded. After offloading my patients, I returned to Duchess Alfa to pick up the last wounded soldier from that area. The medical officer at Minh Thanh told me of one wounded man at Duchess Bravo which was one kilometer from Alfa. I circled after making the one pickup until Duchess Bravo came up on radio. After they threw purple smoke, I made an approach to the area and made the pickup. My medic and crew chief noticed two dead VC in black pajamas some 15 feet in front of a U.S. machine gun which was located on the defensive perimeter. Both helicopters returned to Minh Thanh, refueled and each one transported a badly wounded soldier back to the 93rd Evacuation Hospital near Bien Hoa. We then returned to Bien Hoa AB, landing at 1935. A total of 13 sorties were flown for 5:30 hours and 11 saves were made. Escort by Copperhead 22 and 24, the armed Hueys was excellent. FM radio communications with the ground were satisfactory. No ground fire was encountered. F-100's and A-1H's were striking a mile away. Survivors were from A and B Co, 1st Batt, 18 Inf, 1st Inf Div.

2. Pedro 74, the first helicopter flew 7 sorties for 2:45 and had 6 saves. The crew was:

RCC	Captain	Charles P. Nadler
CP	Captain	LaMonte M. Kahler
HM	A1C	Alexander Montgomery
RS	A2C	Fredrick L. Sanger

3. Pedro 73, the second helicopter flew 6 sorties for 2:45 and had 5 saves.
The crew was:

RCC	1st Lt	Mark C. Schibler
CP	Captain	Dale L. Potter
HM	TSgt	Kenneth L. Perkins
RS	A2C	Gordon C. Thayer

Charles P. Nadler

CHARLES P. NADLER, Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander, Pedro 74

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Det 2-3-84-6 July

(C) An allied T-28 pilot crash landed in an area north of Udorn. An HH-3 helicopter was diverted to the scene and recovered the airman using the hoist with the tree penetrator attached.

Det 2-3-85-7 July

(C) The rescue HC-130 on orbit north of Udorn scrambled two A-1Es and two HH-3Es to search for the members of a downed U-10 aircraft. When located the HH-3 helicopters landed and boarded three survivors, returning them to Nakhon Phanom.

Det 1-3-43-8 July

(C) A Marine CH-46 helicopter hit by groundfire crashed west of Hue, SVN. Two HH-43s were dispatched to the scene and returned three survivors to Quang Tri for medical assistance. A Marine CH-46 recovered eight survivors to Dong Ha.

Det 6-38-109-9 July

(U) Two HH-43s from Bien Hoa retrieved eleven Army wounded from the jungle using the hoist/stokes litter and forest penetrator. Pickup site was 37 miles NNW of Bien Hoa; rescue helicopters were escorted to the combat area by armed UH-1 helicopters.

Det 1-3-44-10 July

(C) Two pilots aboard an F-4C, hit by groundfire, ejected just off the coast northeast of the DMZ. The HU-16 in orbit over the Gulf was diverted to the area and landed on the open sea. In spite of small arms fire from the shore and from small boats nearby, both pilots were safely recovered. RESCAP which had formed overhead expended considerable ordnance in an attempt to suppress the hostile gun fire.

Det 2-3-88-11 July

(C) An HH-3 helicopter and two A-1E fighter escorts were launched to recover the downed pilot of an F-105 NNE of Udorn. The wingman of the downed pilot provided vectors to the scene. When the SAR force arrived the survivor released red smoke for visual location and was retrieved in good condition from an area covered by trees approximately 150 feet high.

Det 2-3-87-11 July

(C) Two HH-3 helicopters (call sign "Jolly Green") flying orbit, responded to the mayday of an F-105 pilot. A-1E fighters escorted the helicopters to the incident site, over 50 miles southwest of Hanoi.

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