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FROM: Det 9, 38th ARRSq/Captain Vermeys/4184

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative, 9-38-27, 17 August 1966

TO: 3rd ARRGp (RGOS)
AFC 96307

1. On 17 August at 1720 hours this detachment received a call from a Captain Mitchell of the 1st Cav Division at Operation Paul Revere II. He stated that our rescue helicopters were needed for med-evac of one wounded soldier on Chu Pong Mountain. He was referred to II DASC for rescue coordination. JSARC was notified and requested to confirm that this mission warranted our launching. At 1745, having received no further information, I decided to launch both Pedro aircraft and advised JSARC that any further information could be relayed to us through GCI. Two HH-43F aircraft were launched at 1755L.

2. Weather at Pleiku was 1500 scattered, 2000 broken, 10 miles. Similiar conditions were encountered for the remainder of the mission.

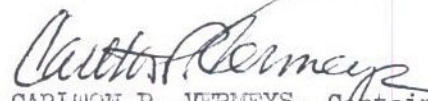
3. Enroute to Landing Zone Cat I was advised by GCI that the survivor was a critical malaria victim. At 1835 we arrived at LZ Cat, were quickly briefed on the mission, communications and gunship support. Both aircraft departed LZ Cat at 1840, lead by two UH-1D gunships of the 1st Air Cav Division. At 1855 hours we reached the area of the distressed personnel, communicated with them on FM radio. They sent up yellow smoke, which we spotted immediately. While coming to a hover, the smoke I was advised that two additional personnel required evacuation. My pararescue man was lowered with the stokes litter. The ground party then informed me that the forest penetrator was preferred. The penetrator was lowered and at 1920 hours the three survivors were aboard. The secondary aircraft then went in and picked up my PJ. At 1930 hours, three miles out of LZ Cat, where we intended to drop off the survivors, I was informed over FM radio and also observed that LZ Cat was under mortar attack. At this point, I decided to head for home. We arrived at Pleiku at 2010 and the survivors were delivered to the 13th Surgical Hospital. No apparent ground fire was drawn although my PJ reported much firing on the ground.

4. Crewmembers: PRIMARY

RCC - Captain Carlton P. Vermeys
RCCP - Captain Richard L. Cardwell
HM - MSgt James E. Johnson
RS - A2C Allen R. Stanek

SECONDARY

RCC - 1STLT MICHAEL E. DAVIS
RCCP - Captain Fredrik M. Bergold
HM - A2C William L. Houghtaling
RS - A2C David A. Carl


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