

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

SUBJECT: Narrative Report (Mission Number 6-38-116- 3 Aug 66) 4 Aug 66

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

1. Pedro 73 and Pedro 74 had just completed a base support photo mission and Pedro 74 landed while Pedro 73 remained airborne on a training flight. We had made one approach and were on downwind for a second when "Saber 74" declared an emergency for a hung nose gear and an emergency fuel state. We continued our approach to get out of the way of Pedro 74 who would be scrambling on the emergency. However, at that instant "Saber 04" stated he had just had a flameout so we immediately headed towards his location.

2. We were able to observe the ejection and opening chute, which we headed for. We also watched the aircraft crash in the Dong Nai river well clear of habitation. We arrived over the pilot three minutes after he bailed out and about a minute after he hit the ground. The pilot landed fifteen feet from a road and we were able to land in a nearby paddy and pick him up. He was in good shape and was released to a 3d TFW Dispensary ambulance upon arrival at Bien Hoa Air Base. After we left the pick up point with the pilot Pedro 74 landed and retrieved his personnel equipment. No communications were required as the pickup was achieved visually. Four sorties for 0:30 flown.

3. Crewmembers aboard rescue helicopter:

RCC 1st Lt Mark C. Schibler

CP Captain Dale L. Potter

RS A2C Michael P. Benno

HM A1C Gerald C. Hammond Jr

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Rescue Crew Commander

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Det 6-38-116-3 August

(U) F-100 pilot with a hung nose gear and emergency fuel state had to eject near Bien Hoa when the engine flamed out. An airborne HH-43 heard the distress call and, also observed the ejection. The rescue helicopter landed near the pilot who was in good condition and picked him up about one minute after he hit the ground.

Det 1-3-53-6 August

(U) The pilot of an F-105 hit by hostile fire bailed out over the Gulf of Tonkin. The HU-16 on orbit in the area received vectors to the incident from a Navy ship and the downed pilot's wingman. On reaching the scene, a water landing was made and the pilot recovered. Numerous junks moved to within 1000 yards of the aircraft but no gunfire was noted. The HU-16 recovered at Danang and the survivor was in excellent condition.

Det 1-3-54-7 August

(U) Two pilots ejected from an F-105 over the gulf southeast of Hanoi. RESCAP formed overhead while the rescue HU-16 was enroute. An open sea landing was made; the two airmen were picked up and returned to Danang.

Det 2-3-95-8 August

(C) An RF-101 pilot downed in an area 34 miles southwest of Yen Bay made radio contact with a rescue force who was searching for another airman. A-1E RESCORT aircraft accompanying the helicopters searched out the pilot and pinpointed his position. The pararescueman had to be lowered to help the injured survivor get aboard; both men were hoisted into the helicopter and returned to home base.

Det 2-3-97-8 August

(C) An F-105 was reported down several miles west of Dong Hoi. RESCAP of F-105s and A-1Es had formed over area. RESCORT A-1Es accompanied two HH-3Es to the bailout area. A Navy A-1E led the low helicopter to where the parachute was; at that time, a pin flare was spotted. The tree penetrator was lowered from the hoist and the survivor climbed aboard it for a successful recovery.

Det 6-38-117-8 August

(U) One engine of an F-5 surged on takeoff and the other failed on final because of suspected ground fire. The pilot bailed out in the vicinity of Bien Hoa; an HH-43 landed at the incident site, picked up the survivor and returned to Bien Hoa.

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