

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

SUBJECT: Narrative Report (Mission Number 6-38-124-25-Sep 66) 26 September 1966

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

1. At 0310 local hours, Det 6, 38th Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Squadron was notified over the primary crash phone of a UH-1B crash just north of the approach end of Runway 27 in a mine field. PEDRO 73 was airborne at 0315 local. The weather at time of dispatch was below minimum and PEDRO 73 hover taxied down the runway and then across to the crash site. The weather at the crash site was zero/zero, but with the light from the fire and flood lights we were able to locate two survivors. Hovering for the pickup had to be done almost over the crashed aircraft because the crash took place in a mine field and the survivors could not move. The smoke from the fire going through the rotor system and the ground fog made hoist pickups difficult. The two survivors were hoisted into the aircraft on the forest penetrator. The ground fog made search impossible and PEDRO 73 departed the area. The ground fog made contact flying impracticable and an instrument take off was made. After coming out on top of the ground fog the runway lights at the west end of the field were visible and a slow shallow approach was made through the fog to the runway. The survivors were flown to the Rescue Alert Pad and then taken by ambulance to the 3rd TAC Dispensary. From there they were taken by vehicle to the 93rd Field Hospital.

2. PEDRO 73 later returned to the crash site after the fog had dissipated at 0430, but no other survivors were located. PEDRO 73 returned to the alert pad. Total of 2 sorties, 1 hour, two saves from a mine field. Two personnel deceased in crash.

3. Crewmembers aboard the Rescue Helicopter:

RCC	1st Lt Glen P. Walther
RCCP	1st Lt Mark C. Schibler
RS	SSgt Huber L. Stover
RS	A2C John J. Dagneau III

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Rescue Crew Commander

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