

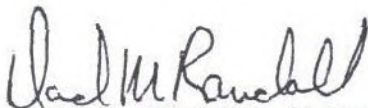
FROM: Det 6, 38th Aerospace Rescue & Recovery Sq, APO 96227

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SUBJECT: Mission 6-38-48-21 Aug Narrative

TO: Hq ARRS (AROOPCR)

1. Det 6, 38th ARRS, Bien Hoa AB, RVN recieved notification by primary crash phone that an A-37, Dragon 73, had crashed on base to final turn for runway 27. Pedro 97 was airborne 1755L, 1 minute 15 seconds after notification. The crash site was located 3/4 mile Southeast of the approach end of runway 27. Coordinates 106°53E, 10°58N.
2. An approach and landing was made in a rice paddy beside the crashed A-37. The A-37 hit flat - there was no fire. An Army UH-1 landed a few seconds before Pedro 97.
3. The pararescuer, AlC Roger A. Porter raced to the crash and found the pilot on the ground between the wing and fuselage.
4. Airman Porter took charge and immediately determined that the pilot was alive and conscious. He cleared mud from the pilot's face and cleared his mouth to restore breathing. With the help of SSgt Eddins and Airman Alves, and crewmembers from the UH-1 Airman Porter placed the seriously injured pilot in a stokes litter and loaded him aboard Pedro 97.
5. Pedro 97 took off 2½ minutes after landing at the crash site and returned to Bien Hoa.
6. During the brief flight back to Bien Hoa Airman Porter administered critically needed medical aid.
7. After landing at the rescue alert pad two Air Force Flight Surgeons worked on the injured pilot for five minutes. Pedro 97 then flew the pilot to the 93rd field Army Hospital when he was released to the medical authorities there. The Flight Surgeons commended Airman Porter for his professional skill and actions in giving medical aid to the injured pilot. All crewmembers did their job well on this mission but without question the major part of the credit for the save belongs to Airman Porter.



DAVID M. RANDALL, Major, USAF
Commander

TOOK PULSE IMMEDIATELY. HE HAD PULSE, BUT VERY WEAK. I PROCEEDED TO WIPE MUD OFF HIS FACE AND CHECK HIS AIRWAY. HE WAS STARTING TO SWALLOW TONGUE. I TOOK NECESSARY ACTION, AND CHECKED IT AT ABOUT THREE MINUTE INTERVALS TO INSURE IT DID NOT REOCCUR. I THEN HAD AIRMAN ALVES AND SGT. EDOLINS RETURN TO CHOPPER FOR STOKES LITTER DUE TO HIS CONDITION. HE HAD A COMPOUND FRACTURE OF RIGHT TIBIA + FIBIA, ALSO RIGHT FEMUR AND RIGHT ULNA AND RADIUS. I SUSPECTED POSSIBLE BROKEN BACK SO WHEN WE LOADED HIM IN LITTER I MADE SURE HE HAD AS MUCH SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE. THERE WERE ABOUT EIGHT MEN INVOLVED INTO THE LOADING OF THE PATIENT INTO THE LITTER IN WHICH WAS SLID UNDER HIM AT THIS TIME. WE THEN CARRIED HIM ^B BACK AND I NOTIFIED CAPT. WEIST TO CALL TOWER AND INSURE THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO FLIGHT SURGEONS WAITING WHEN WE LAND. WHEN WE ARRIVED THERE WERE THREE F.S. AND AN AMBULANCE. THEY STARTED TO WORK ON HIM IMMEDIATELY BY STARTING I.V.'S THEY SUGGESTED ^{WE} MED-EVAC HIM TO THE 93RD IMMEDIATELY. IT HAS BEEN ABOUT 18 HRS. SINCE THE MISSION OCCURRED AND PILOT IS STILL ALIVE BUT IN SERIOUS CONDITION. LOOKS LIKE A 50/50 CHANCE!!

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* AIC PORTER ASSUMED FIRST HELICOPTER
AT 17:55 WE WERE NOTIFIED OF F-57 DOWN
OFF BASE. APPARENTLY F-57 HAD SPUN
OUT ON ^{TURNING} BASE AND WENT ON IN FLAT, OUT OF
CONTROL. WHEN WE ARRIVED ON THE SCENE
A FIVE HAD JUST LANDED. AIC ALVES, SGT. E. PAIR
AND MYSELF JUMPED OUT OF '43 AND RAN
STRAIGHT FOR PILOT. WHEN I FOUND HIM, TWO
ARMY PERSONNEL WERE STANDING OVER HIM AND
DID NOT KNOW WHETHER PILOT WAS STILL
ALIVE OR NOT. I TOOK OVER AND CHECKED