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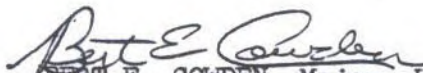
FROM: Det 13, 38th ARRSq(O/L 13-38C/Maj Cowden/412)

18 November 1967

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative #13-38-9-11 November 1967

TO: 3rd ARRGp (JSARC)

At 1003 hours local, 11 November 1967, Detachment 13, 38th ARRSq was notified via the primary crash circuit of an Army UH-1 helicopter, call sign Iroquois 545, calling mayday, and going down approximately 5 miles West of Phu Cat. At 1005 hours the primary alert crew scrambled with the FSK. Radio contact with Phu Cat Approach Control and an O1E circling the crash site revealed that the Huey was shot down 15 miles West of Phu Cat, and that no fire was present. At the receipt of this news, Pedro 21 left the FSK with friendly forces in an open field 7 miles from Phu Cat and then proceeded to the scene unescorted through extremely hostile enemy territory. The downed Huey was found in the river, with it's tail section broken off. Pedro 21 landed nearby and several of the crew members rushed into the water to lend assistance. Five of the Huey's personnel were immediately evacuated from the hostile area to An Khe by Pedro 21. The two Rescue Specialists remained at the scene with the other three survivors, because it was impossible to evacuate everyone at one time. While there, they assisted in forming a defensive perimeter around the downed aircraft. Pedro 21 left An Khe at 1035 hours and again returned to the crash site. Pedro 21 picked up the Rescue Specialists, while an Army helicopter picked up the remaining survivors. Pedro 21 returned to the open field and picked up the FSK then returned to Phu Cat where they landed at 1105 hours. This mission constituted 5 combat saves. The weather was VFR.


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