

Narrative Mission Report

(6-38-64-21 Nov 67)

1. On 21 November 1967, an Army H-13 helicopter experienced an engine failure while flying four miles south of Bien Hoa. Detachment 6 was notified by the control tower and at 1305L launched two HH-43's, five minutes after notification. Enroute it was learned that the Army aircraft had struck high tension power lines and then crashed into the Bien Hoa River.
2. Both Pedro 77 and 95 arrived in the vicinity of the power lines and began a systematic search of the area. Other Army helicopters then arrived to render assistance. Within ten minutes the pilot was located in the center of a heavily populated Vietnamese area and appeared to be uninjured.
3. Pedro 77 assumed a high hover over the pilot and lowered the hoist, and lifted the downed pilot aboard. Ten minutes later all were on the ground at Bien Hoa.
4. It was then learned the pilot suffered only minor cuts after exiting his aircraft under water. He was given medical treatment and released for duty.

CREWMEMBERS

PEDRO 77

Captain James A. Darden	RCC
1st Lt Jon C. Long	CP
SSgt Donald S. Kearton	FE
Sgt Roger A. Porter	RS

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PEDRO 95

Captain Charles W. Burridge	RCC
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Captain Sheriden K. Hawk	CP
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Sgt Robert A. Sloat	FE
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AlC Gunther Bahrenburg	RS
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Pilot

W-1 James R. Little