

FROM: Det 9, 38 ARRS(9-38M/Capt Butler/2822)

(170)

29 Dec 1967

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative 9-38-27 - 28 Dec 1967

TO: 3 ARRGp (3JSARC)

1. Det 9 was notified at 0350Z by Pleiku Tower that an Army HU1D had crashed 5 miles east, northeast of Pleiku. The area was thick bush country with vegetation tops approximately 30 feet.
2. Pedro 56 scrambled at 0352Z and arrived over crash site at 0355Z. The crew seemed stunned and were crawling out of the helicopter which was badly broken up and on its side. The weather enroute and at crash site was fifteen hundred scattered and wind 050/10.
3. There was a FAC overhead along with two Army gunships for cover. Pedro 56 deployed the pararescueman down, by hoist to assist the survivors. He readied two crewmembers and they were hoisted at one time, then two more were hoisted into the cabin. The remaining crewmember removed numerous radios and weaponry from the crash and the PJ sent them up the hoist. Torque pressure indicated approximately 400 pounds of gear and ammunition. The PJ was recovered and reported that the fifth crewmember elected to wait for approaching ground party.
4. The four crewmembers were taken to Hensel Field where medics were waiting. There were no apparent serious injuries.
5. The area was considered to be hostile, as early ^{over a mile} that morning a regional forces unit was over-run at Plei Neh just 2000 meters north of site. An ARVN unit was sweeping south from the village in pursuit of the VC.
6. No difficulties were encountered, Pedro 56 was in a hover for 30 minutes, logging 0:45 and two sorties.
7. Survivors:

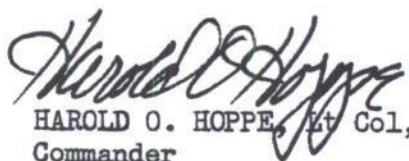
WO-1 D. Sparks,
SSgt T. Green,

SP5 M. Hughes, 1
SP4 Edwards,

8. Crewmembers:

Pedro 56

Capt Jack V. Butler	RCC
Maj Richard A. Smith	RCCP
TSgt Dale G. Haley	FE
Sgt Wayne A. Baguio	PJ


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