

FROM: Det 6, 38th ARRS, APO 96227 (Keaver Holley, RCC) 11 March 68

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (6-38-9-6 March 68)

TO: Det 6 C
38th ARRS C
3rd ARRGp (JSARC)
IN TURN

1. This report is submitted in accordance with ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRGp Sup 1, dated 15 June 67.

2. At 0642Z on 6 March 68, this unit was notified by the Bien Hoa control tower via the primary crash phone that an F-100 pilot had ejected from his aircraft approximately three miles west of Bien Hoa Air Base. They indicated the bail out had just occurred and no other information was available at that time.

3. One HH-43F was scrambled immediately and proceeded directly toward the pilot's reported position. More precise information was obtained from the tower while enroute, and the pilot's parachute was quickly sighted in an open area approximately two and a half miles west of Bien Hoa. The terrain was flat and covered with waist-high grass. The downed pilot was then sighted a short distance from the parachute. The pilot had landed in an area that is considered insecure.

4. An approach was made to the site and a landing accomplished within twenty yards of the pilot. The flight engineer immediately exited the aircraft and ran toward the pilot, who was already moving rapidly toward the helicopter. Within a matter of seconds both men were safely aboard and an immediate takeoff was made. The rescued pilot showed no signs of injury and stated he had been on the ground only a few minutes. He was returned directly to Bien Hoa Air Base and released to the USAF dispensary.

5. A total of six minutes and one combat save was logged by Detachment 6.

6. The recovered pilot was 1stLt William V. Tomlinson of the 3rd TFW.

7. Det 6 crewmembers were:

Major Keaver Holley III	RCC
1stLt Jon C. Long	RCCP
SSgt James B. Reed	FE
Sgt Jerry R. Staley	RS

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KEAVER HOLLEY III, Major, USAF
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