

FROM: Det 11, 38 ARRSQ

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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (11-38-06-20 Apr 68)

TO: 3ARRGP (JSARC)
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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2, 3ARRGP Sup 1, dated 15 April 1968.

2. This mission was a combat save involving the recovery of Capt Leo F. Dunsard III, an F-100 pilot assigned to the 306 TFS, Tuy Hoa AB, RVN. At 0330Z, 20 April 1968 Detachment 11 was informed by Tuy Hoa Tower that an F-100 pilot had ejected overwater on a heading of 010 degrees, 18 nautical miles from Tuy Hoa. Pedro 05, which was the primary aircraft and Pedro 24 launched at 0332Z. An Army O-1E and a rescue C-130 which had just departed Tuy Hoa were in the area. The weather at launch time and throughout the mission was clear, winds 030/12 knots, with 20 miles plus visibility. Shortly after take-off the rescue crew could see the smoke from the aircraft which had crashed in the water. The O-1E crew had the F-100 pilot in sight and was orbiting his position. The C-130 crew informed us that the downed pilot was south of the smoke and they would drop smoke to mark his location. Pedro 05 and 24 arrived on the scene at 0343Z. The pilot was out of his chute and in his life raft. He appeared to be calm and O.K. He immediately popped smoke to give a wind indication for the pickup. The sea was fairly calm and due to the expert hoistmanship of Sgt Prevratil, the pilot was plucked from his floating raft and was aboard the helicopter on his way back to Tuy Hoa AB at 0346Z. While Pedro 05 was making the recovery, Pedro 24 was orbiting the area. The pilot was turned over to medical personnel at the 31st USAF Dispensary at 0358Z. The mission was terminated at 0400Z. Pedro 05 landed at 0400Z. With a total elapse time of 30 minutes from notification to termination.

Crewmembers were:

Pedro 05

Capt James A. Darden, Jr. - RCC

Maj Delmar G. Worsch, - RCCP

SSgt Charles W. Prevratil - FE

Sgt George H. Kraft, - MT

James A. Darden, Jr.
JAMES A. DARDEN, Jr. Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

APPROVED

S. Logan Wagner
S. LOGAN WAGNER, Lt Col, USAF
Commander

Pedro 24

Maj Herbert G. Gates, - RCC

Maj George S. Mangum, - RCCP

MT SSgt Robert A. McAllister, - RS

Sgt Gregory M. Hodak, - FE

PS A1C Steven R. Tuttle, - RS

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CHAPTER III

OPERATIONS

MISSIONS

On 1 April, Tuy Hoa Tower relayed a report to Detachment Operations of an Army O-1G down and burning fourteen miles west of Tuy Hoa AB in hostile territory. A Pedro aircraft with FSK launched, crewed by Lt Col Fagner, Capt Dely, TSgt Kozlowski, SSgt McAllister, and Sgt Phelps. The fire was put out, but the two crewmem had perished in the crash (mission #11-38-3). On 4 April, Detachment Operations monitored a UHF Guard transmission of an aircraft making an emergency landing 10 miles east. A Pedro aircraft, crewed by Lt Col Fagner, Capt Dely, Sgt Soden, and A1C Krause, located the aircraft and provided cover until Army assistance arrived. No personnel injuries were sustained by the Huey downed by mechanical failure (mission #11-38-4). On 10 April, a Pedro Med-Evac resulted in the non-combat save of a triple amputee by airlifting the critical patient to the 91st Army Med-Evac Hospital at Phu Hiep. Crewmembers were Lt Col Fagner, Capt Dely, Sgt Soden, and TSgt Kozlowski (mission #11-38-5). On 20 April, Detachment Operations was advised by Tuy Hoa Tower that an F-100 pilot was bailing out over the sea eighteen miles north of Tuy Hoa AB. A Pedro aircraft, crewed by Capt Darden, Maj Worsech, SSgt Prevratil, and Sgt Kraft, launched and recovered the pilot for a combat save (mission #11-38-6). Another combat save was logged by Capt Darden, Maj Worsech, Sgt Thompson, and A1C Krause in the recovery of an F-4C pilot downed by

Huskie Crew Hoists Pilot From South China Sea

TUY HOA—A rescue team from Detachment 11, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Tuy Hoa AB recently gave a 31st Tactical Fighter Wing F-100 Supersabre pilot a second chance at a record.

The pilot, Capt. Leo F. Dusard, San Antonio, was forced to eject from his Supersabre into the South China Sea because of engine failure. Two minutes after notification, the HH-43 Huskie crew was airborne and on its way to the scene—18 miles north of Tuy Hoa and four miles from land.

Khe Sanh Instrument Airdrop a Success

KHE SANH COMBAT BASE, RVN—The first successful airdrop under complete instrument flight conditions was executed by an Air Force crew at this Marine outpost at the height of the recent siege.

The drop was made by a C-130 Hercules aircrew of the 779th Tactical Airlift Squadron, a Tactical Air Command unit temporarily assigned to the 315th Air Division.

The aircrew, commanded by Capt. Ronald C. Spivey, was flying the lead aircraft in a formation of Hercules making the drop in zero visibility weather conditions.

Because of the weather, Captain Spivey was forced to bring the Hercules down to an altitude of 400 feet on approach and to reduce airspeed to 130 knots, thus making the C-130 vulnerable to hostile enemy fire below, around and even above them from the surrounding hills.

On the first pass, SSgt. George Arleth Jr., the load-

master, detected a malfunction in the load rigging. He completely re-rigged the load prior to drop time, but a "no-drop" was called by Capt. Peter P. Drugan, the navigator, when he discovered a misalignment by ground control approach (GCA), which could have resulted in dropping the load into hostile territory.

The aircraft came around for its second approach, once again through a hail of lead thrown from entrenched enemy guns. This time the load was dropped right on target.

Captain Spivey's crew included: 1st Lt. John D. Howder, co-pilot; Capt. Drugan; TSgt. Lawrence R. Ervin, flight engineer; and Sergeant Arleth.

Voices From MARS Have Hearts, Too?

CAM RANH BAY—"Hi Mom, I'm at the Cam Ranh Bay Air

Arriving on the scene, the rescue crew was directed to Captain Dusard's location by a C-130 Hercules crew which had seen the disabled aircraft impact in the sea.

An Army O-1E Birdog pilot had also witnessed the pilot's ejection and was circling over his life raft.

Moving into position over the pilot, the rescue crew lowered the hoist and removed the captain from the water.

With Captain Dusard safely aboard, they turned for home.

Landing at the 31st U.S. Air Force Dispensary, the HH-43 crew transferred him to the care of medical personnel. After an examination by doctors, he was released.

Total time from notification to termination of the rescue was 30 minutes.



Captain Leo F. Dusard is hoisted to the waiting HH-43.

QUICK SAVE . . . Capt. Leo F. Dusard III (center) tells of quick pickup from South China Sea by HH-43 helicopter after bailout from his F-100. Col. Frank D. Henderson (left), 31st TFW vice commander, and Lt. Col. John S. Rivers greeted Dusard when he landed at Tuy Hoa AB.

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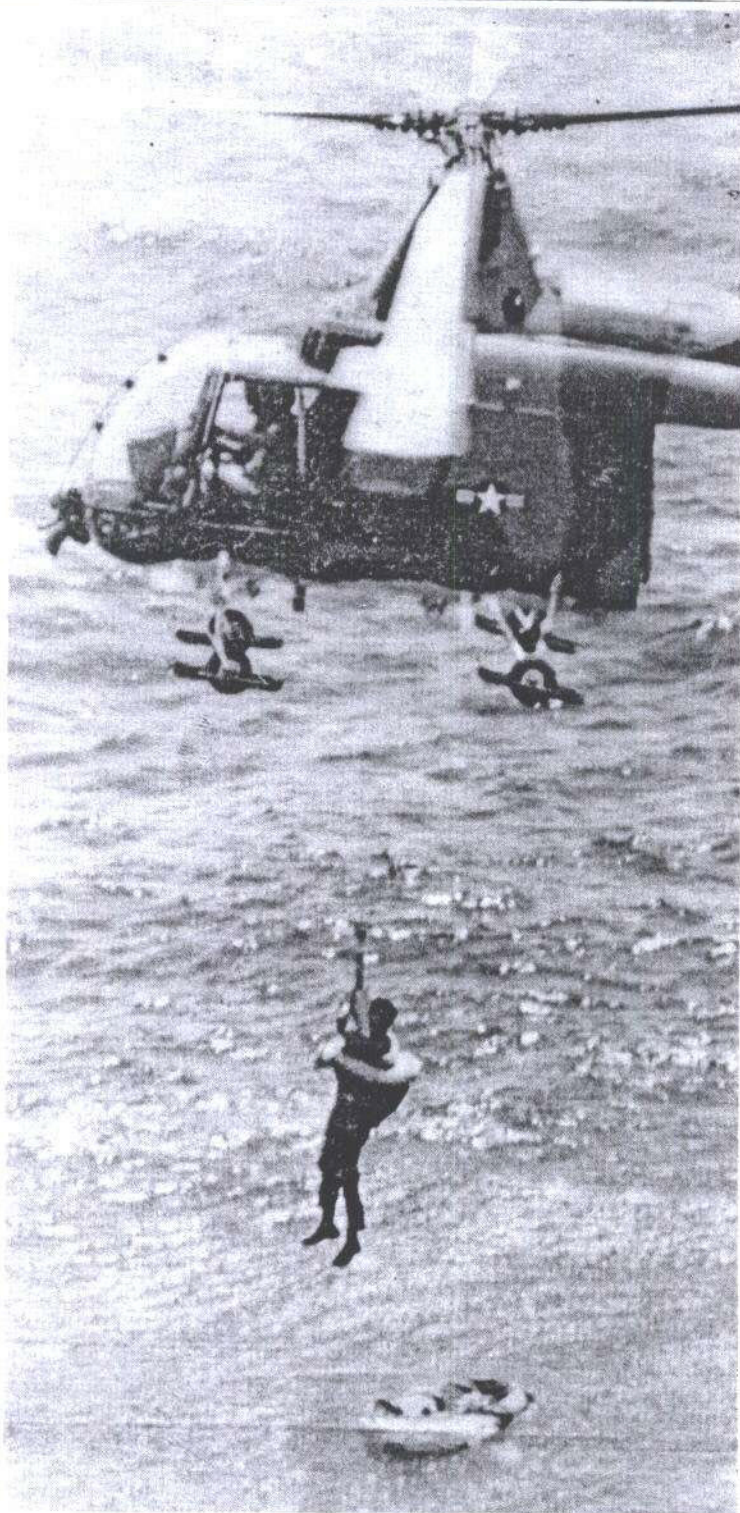
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QUICK SAVE

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COMING UP—Capt. Leo F. Dusard is hoisted to the waiting HH-43 Huskie rescue helicopter from his life raft bobbing in the South China Sea. He was rescued recently after ejecting from his disabled jet fighter.
(U.S. Air Force Photo)