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FROM: RCC

28 JUL 68

SUBJECT: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (5-38-002-208)

TO: DET COMDR
3ARRGP (JSARC)
IN TURN

1. (U) THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED IAW ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRG SUP 1, DTD 15 APR 68.
2. (C) PEDRO 09 WAS SCRAMBLED AT 26/1530Z ON A REPORTED C-141 AIRCRAFT FIRE. THE C-141 WAS PARKED AT TAXIWAY FOUR, UDORN RTAFB, THAILAND. UPON ARRIVAL AT TAXIWAY FOUR, THE PEDRO CREW NOTED A BURNING APU CONNECTED TO THE C-141 AND HOSTILE GROUND FIRE (TRACERS) ACTIVITY CENTERING AROUND THE PARKED AIRCRAFT. THE FSK WAS DEPLOYED AND THE RESCUE SPECIALISTS DE-PLANED AND ACTIVATED THE KIT. A FIRE, APPARENTLY THE RESULT OF ENEMY TRACER BULLETS, WAS STARTED IN THE NUMBER TWO ENGINE OF THE C-141. THE RS'S QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED THE ENGINE FIRE AND WERE MOVING TOWARD THE BURNING APU WHEN A BULLET PARTIALLY SEVERED THE FSK HOSE. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT A BULLET HAD PENETRATED THE HOSE 10 FEET BEHIND THE NOZZEL CAUSING FOAM TO EXIT AT THAT POINT. THIS RELIEVED THE PRESSURE NEEDED TO DISPERSE THE FOAM. THE HELICOPTER MEANWHILE HAD HOVERED FROM THE LEFT WING OF THE C-141 TO THE RIGHT WING TO BETTER DIRECT ITS DOWNWASH ON THE BURNING APU. WHILE HOVERING OVER, A WOUNDED AIRMAN WAS SIGHTED LYING ON THE TAXIWAY. THE RESCUE CREW COMMANDER DIRECTED THE CONTROL TOWER TO DISPATCH AN AMBULANCE AND ADDITIONAL SECURITY POLICEMEN TO THE SCENE. FIRE TRUCKS WERE ON THE SCENE BY THIS TIME AND WERE ATTEMPTING TO EXTINGUISH THE BURNING APU. THEY WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL UNTIL A RESCUE SPECIALIST WENT TO THE APU, SHUT IT DOWN, AND DISCONNECTED THE CORD. THE FIRE WAS THEN QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED. THE RESCUE CREW CO-PILOT HAD SIGHTED A SECURITY POLICEMAN BEHIND A MOUND OF DIRT. HE WAS MOTIONING TO THE HELICOPTER TO LIGHT THE AREA FROM WHICH THE HOSTILE FIRING WAS COMING. THE RESCUE CREW COMMANDER SWEEPED THE CONCERNED AREA WITH THE HELICOPTER'S LANDING LIGHT. HE CONTINUED TO DO THIS UNTIL A RESCUE SPECIALIST NOTED TRACERS BEING FIRED AT THE HELICOPTER FROM ITS REAR. THE RS CALLED THE TOWER FROM A FIRE TRUCK, ADVISING THE HELICOPTER TO EVACUATE THE AREA. THE TOWER CALLED AND PEDRO 09 EVACUATED. THE TWO RS'S DEPARTED WITH THE FIRE TRUCKS. PEDRO 09 LANDED AT 1600Z AND DISCOVERED TWO HOLES (BULLET ENTRY AND EXIT) IN THE ENGINE COWLINGS, APPARENTLY CAUSED BY .30 CALIBER FIRE. THE ENGINE SUSTAINED NO DAMAGE. THE WEATHER DURING THIS PERIOD WAS INSIGNIFICANT. ONE HH-43B WAS INVOLVED.
3. (C) UNKNOWN NUMBER OF PERSONNEL.

This young man should be commended R.

Presume he will be.

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4. (U) CREWMEMBERS OF PEDRO 09:

RCC CAPTAIN WILSON T. ARNOLD
RCCP CAPTAIN ROGER S. RHOADES
RS SSGT JESUS MUNOZ JR
RS SSGT CHARLIE E. BOWEN


WILSON T. ARNOLD, Captain, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

APPROVED:


GERALD R. GIBSON, Major, USAF
Detachment Commander

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