

FROM: Det 6, 38ARRS

24 Oct 68

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (Mission 6-38-19-23 Oct 68)

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1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3ARRGp Supl dated 11 Jul 68.
2. At 1107L (0307Z) 23 Oct 68, Det 6, 38ARRS was alerted by the tower of a VNAF A-1 that had crashed on take off. Pedro 77 (59-1569) was airborne at 1110. After scrambling it was learned that the A-1 was actually 2 NM, NW of the departure end of runway 27. After engine failure the A-1 had made a successful forced landing in a rice paddy in two feet of water. The forced landing was without fire and the pilot appeared uninjured. We elected not to drop off the FSK, due to the marsh area in which the aircraft went down. The jungle penetrator was lowered to the downed pilot, he tried standing on the seat. He was directed to stand clear and a fireman (SSgt Renaud) was lowered to demonstrate the correct position on the rescue seat to the survivor. With Sergeant Renaud's help the Vietnamese pilot had no problem riding the penetrator to the waiting helicopter. Picked up the fireman and return the VNAF pilot to the Pedro Pad. Total flying time 20 minutes.

3. Members of Det 6, 38ARRS taking part in the rescue:

PEDRO 77

RCC 1st Lt John F. Kolar

RCCP Major Richard W. Lorey

FF SSgt John A. Hudson

FF SSgt Joseph A. Renaud

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