

Det 12, 38 ARRS Unit History January - March 1969

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Green Hornet 935 (UH-1 Gunship) was already on scene. A large impact area was evident but there were no discernable aircraft pieces. Sgt Felker was lowered into the impact zone on the jungle penetrator. He collected several small aircraft parts which were scattered over a wide area and spent 20 minutes on the ground searching for survivors and/or human remains. None were found. Continuous radio contact was maintained between Pedro 21 and the PJ on the ground who was using the RT 60P radio. Sgt Felker was retrieved using the jungle penetrator and Pedro 21 recovered at Nha Trang at 0830L. Recovered aircraft parts were taken to 14th SOW Command Post and it has been determined that the aircraft was Sage 30, an RF-4C from the 460th Tac Recon Wg at Tan Son Nhut AB, RVN. Mission 12-38-003-9030 closed at 0830L 30 Jan 69. No saves recorded. A ground party later determined that both RF-4C pilots had been killed in the crash.

Crewmembers of Pedro 21

1st Lt Willis J. Thayer, RCC

Major Robert J. Kazmerchak, RCCP

SSgt John B. Gent, FE

Sgt Louis C. Felker, PJ

A1C Timothy M. Reynolds, PJ

B. Mission Summary:

(1) January:

	SERVICE	MISSIONS	SORTIES	HOURS
Intercept	USAF	11	11	2.6
	VIAF	4	4	.2
	Air America	2	2	.4