

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
DETACHMENT 11, 38TH ARRSQ (MAC)
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ATTN OF: 38-11 D

13 February 1969

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (11-38-008-9043) (U)

TO: 3rd ARRGp (JSARC) *JSARC*
APO 96307

THRU: 38TH ARRSQ (O) *E/R*
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1. This report is submitted IAW ARFSM 55-2, 3rd ARRGp Supplement 1, 15 April 1968.
2. Detachment 11 was alerted at 0710Z by the 39th ARRSQ operations officer that an aircraft had crashed approximately 37 miles on the 210 degree radial of Phu Cat AB, RVN TACAN. Pedro 24 was launched at 0715Z and proceeded toward the area. Shortly after take off radio communications were established with Crown 6, an HC-130 aircraft from the 39th ARRSQ which was orbiting the general area. Crown 6 stated that he had heard occasional voice transmissions from the downed crew and also a beeper. Approximate coordinates were relayed to Pedro 24 by the Crown aircraft. Pedro 24 arrived in the general area about 20 minutes later and Crown 6 was sighted. Shortly thereafter the pilot of Rage 27, an O-2 aircraft searching the area, stated that he had the downed aircraft in sight. Just prior to this one of the downed airman started to give directions to Rage 27 to direct him to the crash site. The O-2 aircraft directed Pedro 24 to the site by making a second pass over it. The helicopter was hovered over the crash and a pararescueman was lowered to the ground. The downed aircraft was in a small ravine, the sides of which were covered with elephant grass, small trees and large boulders. The pararescueman informed the helicopter crew that there were two survivors, both injured, and one was trapped inside the wreckage. The first survivor, Capt James Jenkins of the 185th RAC, was hoisted aboard using the semi-rigid litter. He was in shock and had several crushed ribs on his right side. When he was securely on board the helicopter, the hoist operator lowered the medical kit, crash access kit and the litter. The pararescueman proceeded to the wreckage and determined that the other man was deceased. The victim had suffered a major head wound and severe internal injuries. The pararescueman had a great deal of difficulty in freeing the victim from the wreckage. He had nearly disassembled the right side of the cockpit in order to remove the body. The remains were hoisted aboard using the semi-rigid litter. The horse

collar was lowered to effect the pick up of the pararescueman. The final pick up was completed at 0815Z. Pedro 24 requested Crown 6 to inform the 91st Hospital, Phu Hiep AAF, that Pedro had a severely injured man with possible back injuries on board and would be landing at Phu Hiep at 0845Z. Pedro 24 transported the survivor and the deceased to the hospital. The mission was closed at 0910Z when Pedro 24 landed at Tuy Hoa AB.

The mission resulted in one combat save, a US Army aircrew member.

The crewmembers of Pedro 24 were:

RCC Capt William F. Austin
RCCP Major Morgan A. Downing
FE SSgt Raphael C. Martin
RS ALC Ian T. Burr



WILLIAM F. AUSTIN, Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

APPROVED:



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