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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative 13-38-031, 27 Mar 69

PHU CAT

TO: Commander/Major Migia

Det 13, 38 ARRSq

3rd ARRGp (JSARC)

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1. This report is submitted in accordance with ARRSM 55-1/3rd ARRGp Sup 1, 15 Jan 68.

2. At 2240Z, Pedro 22, airborne on a scramble with FSK, was notified by tower of another emergency. This was Yellowbird 40, a B-57 with battle damage. As Pedro 22 orbited over the field, its crew saw the B-57 plunge to earth about 12 miles south. The secondary crew of Pedro 99 was alerted and Pedro 22 dropped off its FSK and headed for the crash area using radar vectors. An F-4, Manual 45, was circling the scene and had two chutes spotted on the ground in mountainous jungle terrain at 1700 feet MSL. The initial position was 185° at 11 miles off channel 87. At the scene, Pedro 22 located both chutes and began making low passes to check for hostile fire and a closer look at pick-up obstacles. One downed pilot was spotted but only the chute of the other could be seen about 1000 yards down the ridge line. Huey gunships from Lane Field had been called for at the outset of the mission and arrived some 20 minutes later. Meanwhile Pedro 99 had arrived as high cover for Pedro 22. An F-100, "Misty", callsign, was flying CAP at 4500 feet. Pedro 22 then went in to pick-up the pilot who had been sighted. The downed pilot had used his radio extremely well and popped smoke for the approach. The pick-up was made over the trees after a hover time of 5 minutes. The P.J. was not used. Pedro 22 then flew high cover as Pedro 99 went in to get the other survivor. The medic was lowered down the hoist to search. The pilot was found hanging from the shrouds, helplessly entangled. During the ensuing 20 minutes the medic cut the pilot free and hoisted him up. The penetrator was then sent down again for the medic. As gunships circled closely, Pedro 99 lifted off and with Pedro 22, returned to Phu Cat. Both survivors, apparently unhurt, were released to the 37th USAF Dispensary at Phu Cat for treatment and observation. ARRS credited with (2) two combat aircrew member saves.

3. Names of the pilots are: Richard W. Burkholder, LtCol and Harold V. Wright, LtCol.

4. A. Crew members of Pedro 22

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