

FROM: Det 7, 38th ARRS (Capt Johnson/3440)

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative (7-38-033-14 Apr 69)

15 APR 1969

TO: 3ARRGp/JSARC *JR*

1. Pedro 69 was scrambled by the DaNang tower at 1120Z on 14 Apr 69. A F-4 was inbound with one engine shut down; apparently a normal LBR scramble. After landing the F-4 apparently blew a left tire and skidded off the runway. It appeared that the right main gear had collapsed. The aircraft then slid through a sand bag bunkered area where the morrest crew wait for the landing aircraft to pass. After the F-4 came to rest (no fire), Pedro 69 hovered to the bunker area and deployed the PJ and firemen. There were apparently only two individuals in the bunkered area. One individual was deceased. Cpl. McCarthy was transferred by litter to Pedro 69. He had suffered an amputation of the right leg. A tourniquet had been applied by his fellow crewmembers. Just before departing, a flight surgeon arrived and boarded Pedro. The PJ maintained pressure on the tourniquet for the flight to NSA Hospital at Marble Mountain AAF, RVN. The patient was released to NSA Hospital at 1130Z. Pedro returned to the runway for futher assistance if needed. No futher assistance being needed Pedro 69 returned to Det 7 and terminated.

2. The crewmembers of Pedro 69 were:

RCC: Capt. Johnny R. Johnson, Det 7, 38th ARRS
RCCP: Capt. Henry E. Hooke, Det 7, 38th ARRS
FE: Sgt. Brian D. Morris, Det 7, 38th ARRS
PJ: A1C Sammie J. Thompson, 37th ARRSq.
RS: SSgt. Lawrence E. Boykin, 366 CES
RS: Sgt. George S. Gladu, 366 CES

3. The name of the patient was:

Cpl. Richard Charles McCarthy, 2205716
MAG-11, 1st MAW, DaNang AB, RVN

4. This report is submitted in accordance with 3ARRGSUP-1 to ARRSM 55-2.

Johnny R. Johnson
JOHNNY R. JOHNSON, Capt., USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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FROM: Det 7, 38 ARRS

14 APR 1969

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative 1-3-043-14 Apr 69

TO: 3ARRGP/JSARC *JEP*

1. Detachment 7, 38 ARRS, was notified at 0314Z, 14 Apr 69, by Queen (OL-1, 3ARRGP) that a serious auto accident had occurred on Monkey Mountain, and three critical patients required medevac to a hospital. Pedro 69 was scrambled at 0315Z, and proceeded immediately to the ridge road on Monkey Mountain. Radio contact was established with Queen, and it was determined that the exact location of the accident was unknown. The crew of Pedro 69 quickly located the scene of the accident visually on the road about 400 meters east of the Panama site. Several vehicles and people were clustered around an overturned jeep at that point. Using the HH-43 loudhailer, it was determined that one survivor was at a helipad about 500 meters away. Pedro 69 proceeded there, and landed. A single patient was there on a stretcher, being attended by an ambulance driver. He and the driver were unloaded, and the helicopter was flown to the NSA Hospital, Marble Mountain AAF, RVN, about five miles away. Enroute to the hospital the patient began choking on blood while unconscious. The PJ on board cleared his throat and applied artificial respiration until the man was breathing again. The patient was released to NSA at 0333Z. Pedro 69 then returned the ambulance driver to Monkey Mountain, and determined from witnesses at the scene that a second casualty had been taken by truck to the 95th Evac Hospital, China Beach, RVN. No third person could be found, and it was concluded that there had been none. Pedro 69 then returned to the Det 7 helipad and terminated. The patient delivered to the NSA Hospital was Petty Officer Raymond L. Murphy, USN, 3486036. Unit unknown. He had severe skull fracture, and competent medical authority confirmed that the patient would probably not have lived without the immediate evacuation to the hospital. He underwent surgery for nearly four hours after arriving at the hospital, and was given only a 50/50 chance to live five hours after the incident. One non-combat save, military non-combat, non-aircrew, is claimed.

2. The crew of Pedro 69 was as follows;

RCC: Major Tom W. Brumfield, Det 7, 38ARRS

RCCP: Captain John E. Murray, Det 7, 38ARRS

FE: Sergeant Brian D. Morris, Det 7, 38 ARRS

PJ: AIC Samie J. Thompson, 37 ARRS

3. This report is submitted in accordance with 3 ARRG Sup 1 to ARRS 55-2.

Tom W. Brumfield
TOM W. BRUMFIELD, Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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