

FROM: Det 6, 38ARRS

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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (Mission 6-38-006-15 June 69)

TO: Det 6, 38ARRS (C) ✓
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3ARRGP (3JSARC) *leg*
IN TURN

1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3ARRGp Sup 1, 11 July 68.

2. Joker notified Det 6 at 0755Z 15 June 69 of a downed Army OH-6 helicopter at 1113N 10657E. The on scene Commander was an Army helicopter, Redhorse 6. Pedro 95 launched at 0802Z followed by Pedro 77 about three minutes later. Pedro 95 and 77 arrived in the area at 0825Z. Redhorse 6 remained high while directing Pedro 95 into the search area. Another Army OH-6 (Ray 13) was hovering over the downed aircraft. Ray 13 reported sighting a survivor and that he was waving. This later proved to be incorrect. Pedro 95 lowered the Pararescueman and stokes litter. The PJ reported the crewman was dead at this time. Pedro 95 elected to retrieve the body as there had been no enemy activity reported nor had we taken any fire in the 15 to 20 minutes that we had been hovering. The PJ reported it would take him a little while to extract the body. Pedro 95 was running short of fuel, so had to pull out. Pedro 77 came in immediately and remained over the crash site until the PJ had secured the body for pickup. Pedro 77 retrieved the body and the PJ and both aircraft returned to Bien Hoa at 0915Z.

3. There were no difficulties encountered during the mission. Weather was VFR, the terrain was double layer jungle canopy with 200 foot trees and dense under growth making ground movement difficult. Cooperation of all parties concerned with rescue effort was excellent, as was radio discipline. Two sorties and 2.4 hours were flown.

4. Crewmembers:

Pedro 95

AC Capt Thomas R. Scharf,
CP Maj Lyle A. Beck,
FE Sgt Dell C. Cady,
PJ A1C Terry M. Wells.

Pedro 77

AC Maj Richard W. Lorey,
CP Capt Paul L. Lantz,
FE Sgt Elbert M. Dewberry,
PJ TSgt David D. Rhody,

Thomas R. Scharf
THOMAS R. SCHARF, Capt, USAF
Aircraft Commander

15-JUNE 69 Tell on - Heat and soft rainy. Crew is Capt. Sharf, Maj. Beck & Sgt. Cady

ACR - Got a call about 1600 that the wreckage of an OH-6 had been found 18 miles north of here. Scrambled in 714 with 600 lbs of

fuel and got on scene about 1630. 2 Cobras and an OH-6 were orbiting over area. I was told to ~~go~~ go down as the pilot was injured (on the way there, we were informed that the survivor was sitting under a tree, away from the wreckage, waving at the OH-6 crew!). Anyway - as soon as Capt. Sharf said I was going down, I went off interphone, took the med kit on my back and got on the paratrooper ~~jump~~ ~~paratrooper~~ Somehow there was a lag of coordination between the KE (Cady) and the AC (Sharf). To make it short - each guy thought the other guy had goathered the wreckage and thus I was let down - about 100 yds from the OH-6 remains, with a 20-30 ft gap ~~to~~ and one hell of a lot of jungle between it and me. I tried going south then east and then west, but to no avail. Locating the site ~~from~~ from the air, Capt. Sharf ~~had~~ had the hoist lowered and I was relocated about 10 yds west of it. On reaching the wreckage I saw the pilot's body laying about 4 ft from the left side of the OH-6. I found no pulse and noted that the body was semi-stiff and thus notified 95. The Stokes litter with body bag was then lowered and I got the body in both with little difficulty (except the damn zipper on the body bag). ~~At~~ At this point 95 was running low on fuel so 77 came in. (Maj. Loney, Capt. Gantz & Sgt. ²¹⁰⁻⁴³ Lintz) and picked up the Stokes, then me (much oscillation)