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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 38-7C

17 NOV 1969

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative 7-38-037-16 Nov 69 (U)

TO: J3ARC

1. Detachment 7 alert crew was scrambled at 0501L by tower for a A-6 (Ringneck 377) for one engine out (received hits on takeoff). Initial contact with tower after airborne indicated that crew had ejected seven miles north of DaNang Air Base. Pedro 69 (alert aircraft) returned to alert pad and discharged two fighters. Crew consisted of Pilot, Copilot, Flight Engineer, and Paramedic. The beeper was heard almost immediately after airborne and flight continued north to indicated area. Voice communication of downed pilot was heard approximately 5 minutes after airborne. His transmission was loud and clear but he obviously did not hear our transmissions. Kept referring to Pedro as Jolly Green. Voice direction of downed pilot was confusing, however his use of flares and signal lights enabled us to establish position of both survivors with relative ease. Extreme darkness precluded good hover referencing until circling twice in area and establishing reference with lighted ships in harbor near shore. First survivor was not in raft, and picked-up twelve minutes after becoming airborne. Three minutes afterward the second survivor (in raft) was picked-up. Survivors were returned to 22nd Casualty Staging Flight Hospital, in apparently good condition. On approach to hospital pad, an engine fire light was illuminated. A faster than normal approach and landing was accomplished and survivors discharged. It was determined a short in the fire detect system and Pedro 69 was flown back to the alert pad terminating mission at 0539L. Two combat saves.

2. The crew of Pedro 69 was:

Pilot - Hogan, Walter E., Captain,
Copilot - Voigt, David A., Captain.
FE - Ball, Gordon L., TSgt,
RS - Phythian, Curtis W. Jr., SSgt,

3. This report is submitted in accordance with 3ARRGP/SUP 1 to ARRSN 55-2.

Walter E. Hogan
WALTER E. HOGAN, Captain,
Aircraft Commander

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Pedro 93 then returned to the alert pad and terminated the mission.

One non-combat save was credited. The crew of Pedro 93 was as follows:

Capt James A. Tassie	AC
Capt David A. Voigt	CP
Sgt Randy L. Luke	FE
Sgt Harry C. Chalmers	PJ

3. Mission # 7-38-037, 16 November 1969. At 0501L, Pedro 69 was alerted by the tower that a USMC A-6 was 4 minutes out with an engine shut down and with battle damage. Pedro 69 was airborne within three minutes. Immediately after airborne, a Mayday was heard and tower advised Pedro that the A-6 went down seven miles north of DaNang. Pedro 69 landed at the alert pad and offloaded the firemen. After airborne again, radio contact was established with the A-6 pilot while Pedro was enroute to the scene. A flare pinpointed the pilot's position and proceeding to the survivor, Pedro 69 hoisted him aboard. At this time, a second flare was observed coming from the second survivor, (the bombardier/navigator). He was clinging to his life raft. A time was spent chasing the raft and survivor. Finally he was picked up, but due to him still being in his parachute and harness, he was lowered into the water to release his chute. Having done so, he was again raised to the helicopter.

Both survivors were delivered to the USAF 22nd Casualty Staging Flight, and the mission was terminated. Two combat saves were credited. The crew of Pedro 69 was as follows:

Capt Walter E. Hogan AC

Capt David A. Voigt CP

TSgt Gordon L. Ball FE

SSgt Curtis W. Phythian Jr. PJ

4. Mission # 7-38-038, 22 November 1969. At 0954L, Pedro 93 was alerted by the tower of a USAF F-4 with battle damage involving no radio, one engine out, a hole in one wing, and gear trouble. The entire crew scrambled and was airborne within two minutes. While orbiting and awaiting further word, Pedro 93 received word that both crew members were ejecting at a position six miles east of DaNang. Pedro landed at the alert pad and discharged the firemen and then proceeded toward the area. Enroute, Pedro 93 sighted two parachutes descending toward the water. Pedro arrived in the area just as the two survivors splashed down. Within two minutes, the first survivor was on board and in an additional three minutes, the second survivor was also recovered. Pedro discharged both uninjured survivors to the 366th TFW Dispensary and terminated the mission.