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APO 96316

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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (11-38-002-26 May 1970)

TO: 3ARRGP (3JSARC)
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THRU: 38ARRSQ (38-0)
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DATE: 26 May 1970

MISSION NUMBER: 11-38-002-26 May 70

FLIGHT DESIGNATION: Pedro 05

LOCATION: 13° 08' N - 109° 04' E

SAVES: One USAF, Combat, Aircrew Member

1. SUMMARY OF SAR ACTIONS: On 26 May 1970 at 0717Z the primary crash alarm rang and Pedro 05 was scrambled at 0720Z for an F-100 with engine malfunctions. The pilot elected to eject and landed on a mountain valley floor in trees. An Army UH-1, Demon 66, arrived at the scene within minutes after the pilot reached the ground. Aided by downed pilot's wingman who was circling overhead, the "Huey" pilot was able to locate the chute and establish radio contact with the survivor who directed him to a hover over his position. The Army pilot requested the survivor to move to a small clearing several hundred yards away for the pick up as his helicopter was not equipped with a hoist or rope. Such was the situation when Pedro 05 arrived on the scene at 0730Z. Intelligence reports had reported potentially hostile forces in the area but none were observed nor was any ground fire received. The wingman controlling the SAR effort was informed of Pedro 05's capability to accomplish the over-tree pick up and he immediately released the UH-1 helicopter and cleared Pedro 05 in for the pick-up. A hover was established at 100 feet over the survivor's position and the forest penetrator was lowered through the trees. The Helicopter Mechanic sighted the survivor below and observed that he was capable of utilizing the pick up device unaided. A light rain fell during the hover and takeoff. Winds were estimated at 18 knots with mild gusts. The survivor was hoisted aboard without incident and, escorted by the wingman, was evacuated to the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing Dispensary at Tuy Hoa AB. Pedro 05 then departed the dispensary and returned to the home alert pad. The mission was terminated upon landing at 0750Z.

2. Aircraft Sorties and Hours Flown: One (1) sortie and 0.5 hours flying time by Det 11, 38ARRSQ.

3. Number of Ground Vehicles: None

4. Number of Fixed Radios and/or Mobile Radios Participating: Survivor utilized his URC-64 Rescue Radio.

5. Number of Pararescuemen Involved: The Pedro crew included One (1) Pararescueman, but no medical treatment was given as the survivor was uninjured.

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6. Complete List of Crew Members:

AC Merlin, Kenneth F., Capt
CP Hall, John A., 1st Lt
PJ Parks, Derald D., MSgt
HM Yund, Robert A., Sgt



KENNETH F. MERLIN, Captain, USAF
Aircraft Commander

Approved.



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