

DET 3 38 ARRSQ HIST JUL - SEP 1968

OPERATIONS AND TRAININGMISSIONS OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. 1 July 1968. Det 3, transported medicine to a Thai village 155°/52 from Ubon and recovered a medical team that had been fighting an epidemic there.
2. On 16 July 1968, Det 3, again supported the base Civic Actions Program by airlifting medical personnel to a village 50 miles north of Ubon. The medical team spent the day examining and treating villagers for various ailments.
3. 3-38-005-25 August 1968. Det 3, 38th ARRS was alerted at 0133Z on 25 Aug 68 that an F-105F (Newark 2) was losing engine oil pressure 75 NM east of Ubon RTAFB. At 0137Z Ubon TWR alerted Det 3 that the pilots were going to eject approximately 30 NM northeast. The Det 3, 38th ARRS alert helicopter (Pedro 08) made a take-off at 0140Z without the FSK for the bailout point which was 050°/27 from Ubon TACAN. Utilizing GCI vectors and UHF DF on downed crew members survival radios Pedro 08 located the approx area of survivors. By use of voice communications and orange smoke from the downed pilot's MK 13 flare visual contact was made at 0157Z with the downed pilot. The uninjured pilot was picked up by the rescue crew at 0200Z by landing on the edge of a rice paddy. Voice communication was established with the downed co-pilot at the same time pick up was made of the pilot. Co-pilot stated he was near a road one mile north of the pilot's pick up point and would proceed to the road for pick up.