



DEPARTMENT OF
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10TH COMBAT AVIATION BRIGADE
FOB (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c AFGHANISTAN
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AFDR-CJTF-101-KH-FCO-CO

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: After Action Report for Fallen Angel Extortion 1-7

1. **Mission Summary:** 2ND PLT was alerted that a CH-47 had crashed and was on fire in the Tangi Valley IVO Juy Zarrin. 2ND PLT departed FOB (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c with 20 PAX on 2 x UH60's without full extraction equipment since the AWT and ISR platforms reported the aircraft was on fire and had seen no survivors, at that time USF where maneuvering by ground and where approximately 800 meters away. PFDRs INFILED approximately 560meters east of the crash site and began maneuvering to the crash site. Once arriving at the crash site PFDR 2-6 linked up LB (b)(3), (b)(6) and security was established. Due to the large amount of ordinance onboard the aircraft which continued to "cook-off" it was approximately 20 minutes before the recovery of the Heros could begin. The crash was located in a whadi approximately 200 meters south of Juy Zarrin, and 150meters north of a smaller Khalat. At that time the aircraft was still on fire, and as the fire burned out Heros where recovered when possible, it took approximately 6 hours before all Heros could be recovered from the burning fuselage, fortunately 38 torsos and one CAD (Combat Attack Dog) where recovered allowing ground forces to confirm that all Heros where recovered. Due to the remote nature of the crash site, recovery of the wreckage by vehicle was not possible, and the SAF threat did not allow for recovery via sling load. The aircraft wreckage was located in three sections, the fuselage was located in the whadi, the aft cowling, transmission, and rotor head were approximately 100 meters north of the fuselage, and the forward cowling, transmission and rotor head was located 75 meters to northwest of the fuselage. Because the aircraft fuselage was still smoldering and the fore and aft rotor assemblies weighed several thousand pounds, recovery to RTE (b)(3), (b)(6) which runs through Juy Zarrin was not possible, the assessment was made to sanitize the crash scene by dropping GBUs on three portions of the wreckage. PFDRs at the site relayed our recommendation to TF (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c and LB (b)(3), (b)(6) relayed the same to (b)(3), (b)(6) While waiting for approval for GBU release recovery of the Heros was accomplished by ground from TF (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c The decision was made to recover the aircraft by ground to Sayed Abad. EOD utilized several CONDETs to reduce the wreckage to pieces small enough so they could be moved by foot to RTE (b)(3), (b)(6) 94th BSB provided welders to reduce all remaining pieces. Once (b)(3), (b)(6) conducted a survey of the crash site to confirm that the aircraft was satisfactorily recovered PFDR and SOF where authorized to EXFIL. EXFIL of all remaining forces was conducted by SOA.

2. **AAR Comments:**

Issue:

Discussion:

Recommendation:

3. **Timeline:** All times given are local.

DATE	Event
6-Aug-11	
02:43	2 ND PLT NOTIFIED AND GOING REDCON 1
02:45	CH-47 W/ 32 PAX HIT BY RPG AND ON FIRE
03:03	PFDR'S LOADING 2 UH-60'S
	GRID TO LZ VC 80613 64330
04:00	2ND W/U WITH 20 PFDR
04:12	2ND W/D HLZ VC 80691 64330
04:15	33 PAX PLUS 5 CREW ON CH-47
05:00	PFDR 2-9 CALLS IN ON SATCOM EXTREMELY LOW ON H2O AT CRASH SITE
05:07	CRASH SITE SECURE
05:17	ZERO SURIVORS CH-47 DESTROYED
07:10	33/38 HERO'S RECOVERED
10:52	35 HERO'S 30 US
12:30	38 HERO'S RECOVERED
14:35	ALL HERO'S OUT ON CONVOY
8/7/2011 03:10	(b)(3), (b)(6) IS INSERTED AT CRASH SITE WITH RANGER PLT
03:51	(b)(3), (b)(6) LINKS UP WITH 2ND PLT
05:00	(b)(3), (b)(6) ARRIVES BACK AT FOB (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c
07:25	2ND PLT RECEIVES CDS DROP
11:00	HUMAN REMAINS TEAM/ A/C INVESTIGATION TEAM COMPLETE; A/C PARTS CONSOLIDATED FOR GBU DROP PFDRS/RANGERS MOVING OFFSITEFOR BOMBDROP THEN WILL CONDUCT BDA
13:30	WAITINGON (b)(3), (b)(6) TO APPROVE GBU DROP PFDRS OFF-SITE
15:50	(b)(3), (b)(6) REPORTS EOD WILL CONDUCT A CONTROL DET OF LARGE A/C PIECES TO MAKE THEM SMALL ENOUGH TO CARRY TO THE ROAD OFF COMS FOR ABOUT 10 MIN
18:15	FRIENDLY: VC 8572 6128 RPG AND SMALL ARMS; (b)(3), (b)(6)
19:00	RECEIVE ORDER TO KEEP PFDR'S ON GROUND/ PLAN TO RIP PLT'S
8/8/2011 06:40	CDS DROP RECEIVED
12:10	UPDATE: RED WILL EXFIL TONIGHT AND BSO WILL PROVIDE 2X D CO PLTS FOR SITE SECURITY
13:15	UPDATE: (b)(3), (b)(6) INTENT FOR EXFIL IS VIC PATROL W/ RCP TO SAYEDABAD
14:31	(b)(3), (b)(6) V CANCELLED RESCHEDULEDFOR 9 AUG 11 10:00 HRS
15:30	(b)(3), (b)(6) W/U TO SAYEDABAD
16:32	(b)(3), (b)(6) W/D AT SAYEDABAD
17:30	(b)(3), (b)(6) LINK UP WITH (b)(3), (b)(6) FOR CONVOY FROM SAYEDABAD TO JOY-ZARIN

19:20	PFDR'S MOVED TO HIGHER GROUND RED SP ATT
20:00	UPDATED PFDR LOC: VC 80178 64757, PLAN NOW TO WAIT UNTIL EOD
	W/ (b)(3), (b)(6) VISIT ON 9 AUG
21:15	(b)(3), (b)(6) RADIO CHECK- GOOD COMMS
8/9/2011 03:30	(b)(3), (b)(6) 7-0 MAKE LINK UP WITH (b)(3), (b)(6) AT FALLEN ANGEL SITE
05:20	(b)(3), (b)(6) LINKEDUP WITH 2ND PLT ANDIS TRACKING EXTRACTION TIMELINE
	ALSO MAKE PLAN IF EXTRACTION FAILS AND GROUND PATROL LEAVES
06:15	(b)(3), (b)(6) REQUEST CHANGE TO EXTRACTION PLAN
10:05	(b)(3), (b)(6) REPORTS TO (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c THAT ELEMENT (b)(3), (b)(6) IS IN CONTACT AT
	VC 808 638
13:05	(b)(3), (b)(6) ARRIVE BACK AT FOB (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c
17:50	2ND PLT/RANGERS SPING TO HLZ (b)(3), (b)(6) FOR PICKUP AT
	1930L AWT W/U IN 15MINTO SUPPORT MOVEMENT
20:30	2ND PLT ARRIVES BACK AT FOB (b)(1)1.4a, (b)(1)1.4c

4. Point of contact is the undersigned at (b)(6), (b)(2), (b)(3)

(b)(3), (b)(6)

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