

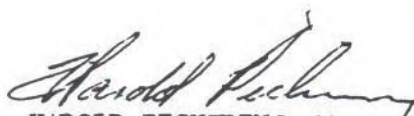
MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT, 10-38-44, 21 October 1967:

One combat save, negative hostile fire. Det 10, 38th ARRSq was notified at 0003Z by US Navy Operations Center Binh Thuy that they had one wounded USN personnel requiring evacuation. The man had been shot through the left leg slightly above the knee and was bleeding badly. Two HH-43F's were dispatched for the pick-up; Pedro 39 off 0005Z, Pedro 91 (High Rescap) off 0020Z. The man was taken from the zone of hostile contact to a small boat, "Boston Whaler", and was being brought up-stream for hoist pick-up by Pedro 39. A flight of USN UH-1B armed helicopters "Seawolf 15 and 17", were scrambled from a LST downstream and joined Pedro 39 near Tra On. The boat with the injured man was three nautical miles south on the Song Hau Giang at coordinates 9 degrees 55 minutes north 105 degrees 57 minutes east. Pedro 39 made visual contact with the boat and directed him to beach on the east river bank, near a friendly outpost, for the hoist pick-up. Landing area was not available. The UH-1B's flew low fire suppression cover over Pedro 39 during the recovery. Hoist pick-up was completed at 0025Z. Pedro 91 and the flight of "Seawolves" were released to return to home stations. First aid was given by the pararescue technician and man released to 3d Field Hospital, Dong Tam (9th Infantry Division) at 0105Z. FM radios were a major factor in achievement of excellent pick-up and fire coverage coordination.

CREWS: (All Assigned to Det 10, 38th ARRSq)

Pedro 39 - RCC: Capt Donald E Van Meter
RCCP: Capt Laurence W Conover
RS: MSgt Ted R Hawkins
FE: Sgt Larry E Hawkins

Pedro 91 - RCC: Maj Harold Pickering
RCCP: Capt William P Shea
FE: SSgt William L Crawford
RS: ALC James L Parks


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