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MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT: (Det 10, 38th ARRSq Mission #10-38-46, 4 Nov 67)

Det 10, 38 ARRSq was notified at 2343Z by US Navy Operations Center Binh Thuy that they had one wounded US Navy personnel requiring medical evacuation. The man had head lacerations and fragment wounds of the upper left arm and upper left leg. One HH-43F was dispatched for the pick-up; Pedro 91 tookoff at 2345Z. Two miles south of Vinh Long a flight of armed US Navy UH-1B helicopters, lead by "Seawolf 36" joined the mission to provide air cover. The "Seal" team had beached their assault boat south of the Song Mang Thit Canal on the Song Co Chien River and had set up for a land pick-up in a flooded rice paddy. The team set off a smoke flare and an approach was made into the wind with a landing in one foot of water. The injured man was able to walk to the helicopter. The pick-up was completed at 0010Z, 5 Nov 67. The "Seawolf" flight was released after the pick-up, and the survivor was flown to the 3d Field Hospital at Dong Tam. During this flight the pararescueman replaced the head dressing and applied first aid. After pick-up and while enroute to the hospital at a altitude of 2500 feet sporadic hostile small arms ground fire was encountered. A climb was initiated and evasive action was taken. No hits were substained by the helicopter. The survivor was off loaded at the Dong Tam hospital at 0020Z. Pedro 91 then refueled at the Dong Tam landing strip and returned to Binh Thuy at 0935Z. FM radios were a major factor in achievement of proper coordination of pick-up and fire team coverage. One combat save.

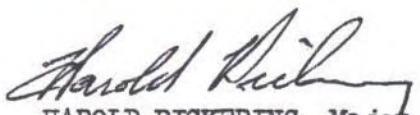
CREW: (All assigned to Det 10, 38 ARRSq)

Rescue Crew Commander: Capt Laurence W. Conover

Rescue Crew Co-Pilot: Capt William J. Haugen

Flight Engineer: Sgt Larry E. Hawkins

Pararescueman: A1C James L. Parks


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