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MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT: Det 10, 38th ARRSq (10-38-48, 9 Nov 67)

At 1521Z, the Senior Advisor to the 2d Troop, 9th Cavalry, ARVN notified Det 10, 38th ARRSq that they had one seriously injured American and requested medical evacuation assistance. They believed the injured man had a broken back and advised that the area, located four miles northwest of Binh Thuy on Highway 27, was secured. 3d ARRGp (3JSARC) approved the mission and Pedro 91 launched at 1535Z, with the Binh Thuy Flight Surgeon on board. "Spooky 51" was in the area and advised he would orbit over Pedro's position to provide fire suppression and flares if needed. Pedro 91 arrived at the site at 1545Z. A ground pick-up was utilized to recover the injured man. The flight surgeon advised that the man's injury was probably a broken right hip bone. The recovery was completed at 1555Z and Pedro 91 returned to Binh Thuy. A C-123 from the 19th Air Commande Sq (USAF) was waiting on the runway to evacuate the injured man to the 3d Field Hospital in Saigon. Pedro 91 landed at 1605Z and a transfer of the injured man to the C-123 was successfully completed. From 1605Z until 1630Z Pedro effectively expedited the movement of special splints and medical personnel to the C-123 where the patient was treated prior to further evacuation. Weather during the mission was 9000 ft broken, visibility 7 miles and winds were light and variable. Light ground fire was encountered during approach and departure from the area, but no aircraft hits were sustained. Excellent ground recovery coordination and contact with the cover ship (Spooky 51) was effected exclusively on FM radio. One combat save.

CREW: Pedro 91 (All assigned to Det 10, 38th ARRSq unless otherwise indicated)

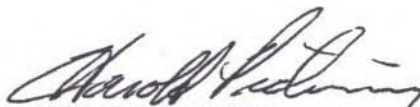
RCC - Major Harold Pickering

RCCP - Capt Albert E Tollefsen

Flt Surgeon - Capt Charles A Caton - Assigned to 632d CSGp

FE - SSgt William L Crawford

PJ - Sgt Gary G Harold



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