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MISSION NARRATIVE: Det 10, 38th ARRSq (#10-38-58, 21 Dec 67)

On 21 Dec 67, at 1100 GMT, Det 10, 38th ARRSq was notified by Navy Operations, CTE 116.1.1 that a river patrol boat crew member had been severely wounded in the head and was being evacuated to the USS Jennings County, an LST located at 09 degree 42 minutes north, 106 degree 00 minute east. Due to operational combat commitments in the area, neither of the two huey helicopters stationed on board the LST were available for med-evac of the patient. Navy Operations was, therefore, requesting assistance. Pedro 39 scrambled at 1110 GMT and Pedro 91 at 1112 GMT. Weather in route was clear with slight haze, visibility 10 miles. Pedro 39 landed on the deck of the LST at 1130 GMT and departed with the patient at 1132 GMT. During the pick up, two armed huey's were in the immediate area and had stated that they would provide cover for us. Pedro 91 remained at altitude and relayed information to Pedro 39 concerning firing in the area as received from Paddy Control. Pedro 39 elected to return to Binh Thuy for fuel and to pick up a flight surgeon. At 1202 GMT, Pedro 39 departed Binh Thuy enroute to the 3d Field Hospital at Dong Tam. Pedro 91 terminated at Binh Thuy at 1212 GMT. Approaching Dong Tam, Pedro 39 was advised of mortar firing in the immediate area. The patient was off loaded at 1242 GMT and Pedro 39 departed enroute to Binh Thuy at 1245 GMT. The trip back was uneventful except for numerous sightings of .50 cal tracer fire. This posed no severe threat due to altitude being flown, 5000 ft. Pedro 39 terminated at 1325 GMT. One combat save.

CREWS: All Assigned to Det 10, 38th ARRSq, otherwise indicated.

Pedro 39:

RCC - Captain Thomas D. Precious
RCCP - Captain William P Shea
FE - Sgt Larry E Hawkins
PJ - A1C James L Parks
FS - Capt Charles Caton - 632d CSQp

Pedro 91:

RCC - Major Harold Pickering
RCCP - Capt Albert E Tollefsen
FE - TSgt Dean S Aaron
PJ - Sgt Ronald K Sholes

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