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SUBJ: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (1-38-5- 14 JANUARY 68)

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1. THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED *(IZW)* ARRSN 55-2/3RD ARRG SUP 1, DTD 15 JUN 67.

2. AT 1640L, ON 14 JANUARY 68, THE ALERT CREW OF DETACHMENT 1 WAS ALERTED OF A DOWNED FAC AT COORDINATES BN 933 415. THE STANDBY CREW WAS ALERTED, AND PEDRO 92 SCRAMBLED AT 1645. ONCE AIRBORNE, TOWER GAVE NEW COORDINATES OF BN 924 899, OR A TACAN RADIAL OF 075° AT 9 1/2 MILES. WHEN THESE POINTS WERE PLOTTED, THEY DID NOT COINCIDE. THEY LAY ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF A RIDGE LINE, APPROXIMATELY THREE MILES APART. SINCE THERE HAD BEEN NO KNOWN FAC ACTIVITY IN THE ONE AREA, AND A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE RIDGE, IT WAS DECIDED, FOR LACK OF FURTHER INFORMATION, TO SEARCH THE LATTER AREA FIRST. IN THE FACE OF HIGH GUSTY WINDS AND SEVERE TURBULANCE, PEDRO 92 PROCEEDED TO THE AREA INDICATED BY THE TACAN BEARING WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF A CANYON. BY THIS TIME, PEDRO 44 AND TWO F-100'S, BLADE 1 AND 2, HAD SCRAMBLED TO PROVIDE HIGH COVER. ONCE INTO THE CANYON THE TURBULANCE BECAME EVEN MORE SEVERE. WHAT APPEARED TO BE OIL SMOKE WAS NOTED IN THE SEARCH AREA AND WHILE PEDRO 92 WAS MAKING A HIGH RECONNAISSANCE, THE DOWNED PILOT CONTACTED THE RESCUE AIRCRAFT WITH HIS SURVIVAL RADIO AND DIRECTED IT IN TO HIM. IN SPITE OF THE EXTREME TURBULANCE CLOSE TO THE RIDGE FACE, THE HELICOPTER WAS BROUGHT TO A HOVER ABOVE THE SURVIVOR, APPROXIMATELY 40 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND, AND 10 FEET ABOVE THE TREES. THE FOREST PENETRATOR WAS LOWERED AND THE SURVIVOR WAS RECOVERED AT 1700L WITHOUT FURTHER DIFFICULTY. PEDRO 92 DEPARTED THE AREA IMMEDIATELY, WITHOUT EXPERIENCING ANY KNOWN GROUND FIRE DESPITE THE SUSPECTED PRESENCE OF TWO VC COMPANIES IN THE AREA. QUESTIONING REVEALED THAT THE OI-G, WALT 42, HAD PROBABLY BEEN DOWNED BY A ROUND TO THE ENGINE. PEDRO 92 PROCEEDED TOWARD PHAN RANG AB, RVN, WITH THE SURVIVOR, WHO WAS SUFFERING FROM SEVERE BURNS ON BOTH LEGS, ABRASIONS OF THE FACE AND SCALP, A LACERATED NOSE AND WRIST, AND A POSSIBLE BROKEN ANKLE, AND OFFLOADED HIM TO A WAITING AMBULANCE AT 1710L. AT 1715L A TERMINATION LANDING WAS MADE AT THE PEDRO PAD.

3. THE NAME OF THE SURVIVOR WAS: TRISKO, WALTER H. FR68137, 1ST LT, USAF MACV ADVISORY TEAM #39.

4. CREWMEMBERS OF PEDRO:

PEDRO 92 (LOW)

RCC CAPTAIN BOBBIE L. MITCHELL  
CP 2ND LT MICHAEL T. FAGAN  
FE SGT JAMES J. RIVETTE  
RS SSGT DENNIS R. GARLAND  
MT ALC THOMAS C. PETERSEN

*Bobbie L. Mitchell*  
BOBBIE L. MITCHELL, CAPTAIN, USAF  
RESCUE CREW COMMANDER

PEDRO 44 (HIGH)

RCC MAJOR WILLIAM C. EMRIE  
CP CAPTAIN DANIEL M. THOMSEN  
RS SSGT VIRGIL H. HATTON

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