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SUBJ: MISSION NARRATIVE REPORT (10-38-2, 21 Jan 1968)(U)

TO: 3rd ARRCGP (JSARC)

1. (U) This report is submitted IAW 55-2/3rd ARRCGP Sup 1, dtd 15 June 67.
2. (C) Det 10, 38 ARRSq was advised of a required casualty evacuation mission at 1103 GMT by Navy Operations, Binh Thuy, RVN. One US Navy SEAL team member, seriously injured in the upper leg in combat operations, was undergoing initial first aid aboard an LST, call sign "River Lass" at 9 degrees, 47 minutes north/106 degrees, 6 minutes east (28 NM bearing 120 degrees from Binh Thuy AB). Both Pedro 39 and 91 were scrambled from night standby at 1114 GMT. Pedro 91 provided high rescap due to hostile environment and hazardous night shipboard helicopter operations. Contact was made with "River Lass" on previously prescribed FM frequency and landing conditions were received from the LST. Enroute weather was scattered to broken clouds initially at 3000 feet, but lowering to 2100 feet in the objective area. Visibility was in excess of seven miles with enroute winds of 15 knots from 070 degrees. The rotating beacon on "River Lass" was sighted at 1137 GMT and a cross-wind approach was made to the ship to avoid overflight of a river island described as Vietcong occupied. A blackout landing was made on the internally lighted ship's helipad at 1144 GMT. The litterborne patient was on-loaded immediately and both Pedros returned to home station due to extensive and random artillery operations enroute to normal hospital destination at Dong Tam. Medical authorities were requested to meet Pedro 39 at Binh Thuy AB while the pararescuemen tended to the patient's welfare enroute. Patient was released to USAF medical authorities upon landing at 1209Z and the mission terminated. Although considerable ground fire was observed enroute, none appeared directed at either Pedro aircraft. One combat save. Three sorties and 1 plus 50 flying time flown. Excellent coordination of all agencies was experienced primarily on FM radio.

3. (C) The name of the survivor is: Rex W. Johnson, E-5, USN, SEAL Team Two, Det "A", CTG 116.1.

4. (U) Crewmembers of Pedro:

PEDRO 39 (Low)

RCC Major Harold Pickering
RCCP Capt William J. Haugen
FE SSgt Gordon L. Browning
PJ A1C James L. Parks

PEDRO 91 (High)

RCC Capt Thomas D. Precious
RCCP Capt Albert E. Tollefsen
FE SSgt Charles H. Herring
PJ A1C Lonnie N. Davidson

Harold Pickering
HAROLD PICKERING, Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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