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FROM: RCC (Det 7, 38th ARRS)

3 February 1968

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (7-38-3, 2 Feb 68)

TO: Det Cmdr, Det 7, 38th ARRS *we*
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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRGp Sup 1, 15 Jun 67.
2. (C) At 1213L Det 7, 38th ARRS was requested to evacuate an extremely critical patient who was not expected to live. Pedro 69 was airborne within minutes and landed at the Dispensary seconds later to pick up the patient, suffering from a cardiac arrest, and a medical team. With all personnel aboard Pedro 69 departed for the Naval Support Activity Hospital $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles away. The direct route over hostile territory was flown due to the condition of the patient. Pedro 69 landed at the hospital, dropped off the critical patient and returned to DaNang AB, RVN; terminating at 1240L. There was one combat save. The fact that quick response by Det 7 was a major factor in saving this Seaman's life was not known until 1300L, 3 Feb 1968. The DaNang Hospital and NSA Hospital made it a point to notify Det 7 that this man would surely have died without helicopter evacuation. Gp 4
3. (C) The name of the survivor was: Wayne Michalai, B518166, ADJN, USN, USS Oriskany.
4. (U) Crewmembers of Pedro 69:

RCC	Capt George R. Andrews
RCCP	1stLt Michael L. Walker
FE	Sgt William P. Owens
RS	Sgt Vincent E. Deets

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George R. Andrews
GEORGE R. ANDREWS, Capt, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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CHAPTER III

OPERATIONS

MISSIONS

1. Mission 7-38-1, 25 January 1968. Pedro 93 was scrambled by tower on a crashed Marine O-1, 3 miles out on the 032 degree radial of channel 94 (DaNang). The crew of the O-1, Captain P.F. Meg, 092582 pilot, and LtCol J.J. Major, 01878822 observer, were both in good condition and taken to a near by Navy hospital for check-up. Pedro 93 returned to the crash sight for investigation and later returned to DaNang Air Base. Two non-combat saves were recorded.
2. Mission 1-3-7, 27 January 1968. Pedro 69 was scrambled by tower on an F-4 airborne emergency. The emergency developed into a bailout of the F-4 crew approximately 12 miles East of DaNang. Pedro 69 crew responded and recovered Lt Boyce R. Core FV3173649, by water hoist pick up. Pedro 69 crew returned to DaNang and was credited with one combat save.
3. Mission 7-38-2, 30 January 1968. Pedro 69 took off following a rocket attack on DaNang Air Base to check damages and for medical evacuation of injured during the attack. The Pedro crew air evacuated one patient, Sgt James House AF14821066, from DaNang to a near by Naval Hospital and recorded one save.
4. Mission 7-38-3, 2 February 1968. The crew of Pedro 69 responded to a call on an urgent med-evac. The patient, ADJM Wayne Michalai, B518166, had suffered a cardiac arrest, and was rushed to a near by Naval Hospital. Because of the quick response and aid given, Pedro

69 was credited with one non-combat save.

5. Mission 7-38-4, 12 March 1968. Pedro 69 was scrambled by tower on a crashed F-8 three miles out on the 035 degree radial of channel 94. The crew of Pedro 69 hovered up the side of the mountain because of poor visibility. By following the radio signal and verbal directions of the downed pilot, Lt J.G. Jerry Weber 694699, was rescued and one combat save recorded.

6. Detachment 7 activities for period 30 January - 29 February 1968: On 29 January, just prior to the start of the so-called "Tet Truce", allied military bases near the DMZ, in the extreme Northern I Corps area, came under intense enemy rocket, mortar, and ground attack. Casualties were mounting very quickly, and personnel of Det 4, 903rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, based at DaNang Air Base, were deployed on reconfigured C-130 and C-123 aircraft to the several bases under attack. Normally, Detachment 7 HH-43's carry approximately fifty critical litter patients each month, receiving these patients primarily from the 903rd AES aircraft. The "Pedro" alert crew was notified that their services would be needed. The Detachment was alerted to the fact that heavy patient loads were expected. Therefore, both HH-43's were immediately reconfigured for the medical evacuation task. The first load, though light with just five litters, was brought in late that evening. The Northern bases were under such intense attack that no other aircraft could get in to continue evacuation that night. Pedro Operations was advised to expect the real work to begin the next day.