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1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRGp Sup 1 dated 15 Jun 67.

2. On 11 Mar 68 at 2320Z (0720L) Det 10, 38th ARRS was requested by Navy Operations Binh Thuy to recover two critically wounded men from river patrol boat (PBR) Wood Holly Delta. The Pedro crew scrambled from quarters at 2330Z. Location of the PBR was 23 miles north of Binh Thuy on the Mekong River where it had been involved in a fire fight with hostile forces located on the shore. Weather enroute and on scene was clear and ten, wind 090 at 15 knots. Pedro rendezvoused with Wood Holly Delta and two UH-1D Seawolf gun ships at 2350Z. The PBR reported they had received hostile fire from the near by shore so the two men were hoisted to the helicopter at mid-river while the PBR was under way. Two stokes litter pickups were required. At 0001Z, 11 Mar 68 both of the men were safely aboard the Pedro helicopter. One man had face and head shrapnel wounds, the other had multiple lower trunk and leg shrapnel wounds. Both men were in critical condition from extensive bleeding and shock. At 0030Z Pedro landed at the 3rd Field Hospital Dong Tam RVN and the patients were released to the Army. The Pedro paramedic had dressed the wounds and treated for shock while enroute. Pedro returned to Binh Thuy at 0100Z terminating the mission. Two sorties for 1+30 hours flown by Det 10, 38th ARRS. No ground fire was encountered. Two combat saves.

3. The names of the survivors were: R.A. Wenzel, F/N, Navy Support Activity Saigon and D.G. Pfau, F/N, Navy Support Activity Saigon.

4. Crewmembers of Pedro:

Pedro 39

RCC Maj James F. Okonek
RCCP Capt Leslie E. Johnson
FE Sgt Archelaus Whitehead
RS ALC Larry D. Nicholson

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Rescue Crew Commander

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