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20 Mar 68

SUBJ: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-21, 19 Mar 68)

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

2. On 19 Mar 68, at 0800 GMT, Det 10, 38th ARRS was notified by JSARC that an LST, the USS Park County, had a seriously ill man on board and requested his medical evacuation. The first set of coordinates given to us placed the LST 35NM off the South Vietnam coast south of Bac Lieu. Since no rescap aircraft was available to aid in navigation the mission was refused. Further checking, however, revealed that an Army Mohawk from Can Tho was available and that the LST was capable of transmitting on UHF so that we could use the DF feature of our UHF for navigation. At this time a new set of coordinates, (08 deg 43 min N 105 deg 23 min E) were received that placed the LST closer to Ca Mau where we refueled at 0900 GMT and departed at 0915 GMT. As we approached the coast, contact with the Army Mohawk was attempted but was unsuccessful. Contact was established with LST and as we came closer to the coast, visual contact was made. Pedro 91 proceeded to the LST and during the approach, contact was made with the Army Mohawk who was then just passing the coast line. He was advised that we had visual contact with the LST, which was approximately 5NM off the coast, and that his assistance was no longer required. Pedro 91 landed on board the LST at 0935 GMT and the patient was loaded on the aircraft. At 0945 GMT, Pedro 91 departed the LST and flew direct to Soc Trang, arriving at 1030 GMT. The patient was turned over to the 82nd medical detachment, US Army, and Pedro 91 refueled and returned to Binh Thuy. The mission was terminated at 1120 GMT. Weather throughout the mission was 3/8 to 4/8 stratocum, bases at 3000, wind 130 deg at 10 kts. During the flight to Cau Mau, a smoke layer was encountered that restricted visibility to 1 mile. No ground fire was encountered. 3 sorties, 2+40.

3. The name of the survivor was: Bradley, Cleve A., EMC USN, 4897308.

Crewmembers of Pedro:

Pedro 91

RCC Capt Thomas D. Precious
RCCP Capt Leslie E. Johnson
FE Sgt Archelaus Whitehead
RS ALC Lonnie N. Davidson

Thomas D. Precious
THOMAS D. PRECIOUS, Capt., USAF
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