

FROM: 1-370

25 Mar 68

SUBJ: Mission Narrative Report (2-3-26, 23 Mar 68) (U) ✓

TO: 1-370W

3rd ARRG (JSAR)

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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRSN 55-2/3rd ARRG Sup 1, dated 15 June 67.
2. (U) At 1055L, 23 March 1968, Jolly Green 20 was launched for an Army Special Forces camp located at UD 905754. The objective was an Army sergeant with a possible broken neck. We were airborne at 1100L with a doctor from NKP. Weather throughout the mission was good. The camp was located at 1125 without difficulty although the sergeant was dead on arrival. After confirming this fact the doctor treated other men with lesser injuries received in a simultaneous but different vehicle accident. The body and a medic with an injured knee were loaded on the helicopter at 1155L and returned to NKP, landing at 1220L.
3. (U) The names of the survivors were: Identity of the personnel concerned was unavailable.
4. (U) Crewmembers of Jolly Green 20 were:

100 MAJOR GERALD C. HAINES

ROOF MAJOR MILTON S. WASHINGTON

FE SSGT CARL L. WARMACK

AS SGT J.T. LOMERD

Gerald C. Haines

GERALD C. HAINES, Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

FROM: 38RCC

25 Mar 68

SUBJ: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-23, 23 Mar 68)

TO: 10-38C *283*
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1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRGp Sup 1, dated 15 Jun 67.

2. At 0707Z, 23 Mar 68, this unit was requested by Navy River Operations, Binh Thuy to evacuate two critically wounded sailors from a River Patrol Boat (PBR) that had been hit by a B-40 rocket. "Pedro 91", an HH-43F helicopter, scrambled at 0710Z and intercepted the PBR at 09 deg 59 min N., 105 deg 58 min E. As Pedro approached the pickup area two US Navy "Seawolfs", armed UH-1B helicopters, were laying down suppressive fire to the west. The two helicopters escorted Pedro to the PBR's and then provided air cover during the pickup. At 0725Z Pedro reached the two PBR's which had beached on the shore next to a Vietnamese outpost. The PJ lowered the stokes litter to the PBR where the first injured man was strapped in and then raised to the helicopter. In order to pickup the second man the first man had to be moved from the stokes litter. This presented quite a problem as the man had a shattered femur and his leg was just barely hanging on. The PJ immediately applied a tourniquet to the leg which stopped the bleeding and then he administered medical aid and treated for shock. In the meantime the FE lowered the stokes litter and brought up the second man who also had severe leg wounds, but not quite as bad as the first man. At 0735Z Pedro transitioned into forward flight to the east and when passing through 700 feet heard several rounds of ground fire. Immediately evasive action (turns) were taken and the climbout was continued with maximum power. Later inspection revealed the helicopter did not take any hits. The patients were treated in flight and offloaded at the Dong Tam 3rd Field Hospital at 0800Z. Pedro refueled at the aerodrome and returned to Binh Thuy AB at 0845Z. Weather was 3CU30, 6CL 300, 6+, 150/6, 33C. Coordination between the PBR, Seawolf and Dong Tam was strictly by FM Radio. Two combat saves (US Navy) and light ground fire. To preclude moving the most seriously injured personnel anymore than necessary the following addition has been made to the DOI for PBR pickups: NOTE - Prior to the first pickup the PBR commander should notify the Pedro crew of the type of pickups and the number involved. Litter cases (stokes litter) will always be first followed by either rescue seat or "Horst Collar" pickups. If two or more litter cases are involved send the least injured litter case up first. This will prevent unnecessary movement of the most seriously injured personnel when the stokes litter has to be used more than once.

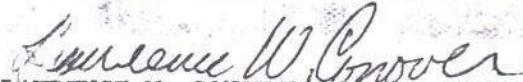
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3. The names of the survivors were: Lt W.H. Retz, River Section 511, CTF 116, USN and BMI Louis C. Schiote, River Section 511, CTF 116, USN

4. Crewmembers of Pedro:

Pedro 91

RCC	Capt Laurence W. Conover
RCCP	Lt Col Roland E. Speckman
FE	SSgt Gordon L. Browning
RS	AlC Larry D. Nicholson


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