

FROM: 38RCC

25 Mar 68

SUBJ: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-24, 24 Mar 68)

TO: 10-38C *RES*
38C *E/R*
3rd ARRGp (JSARC)
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1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRGp Sup 1, dated 15 Jun 67.
2. At 0625Z (1425L) 24 Mar 68 the Det 10, 38th ARRSq, Binh Thuy AB, RVN was requested by Navy Operations at Binh Thuy to pickup 4 wounded crewmembers from a PER that had been sunk under attack 20 miles north of Binh Thuy. Coordinates and a on-scene frequency were furnished, gun ship cover was already in the area. Pedro 91 was airborne at 0630Z and arrived on scene at 0645Z. A FAC directed Pedro to a RVN outpost on a small tree lined canal. An approach and departure from east of the outpost was recommended as being most secure. While on approach the FAC, being advised by the outpost, stated that there was no available landing site, but a small bushy area was located about 50 meters west and a landing accomplished without incident. Outpost personnel and the Pedro crew helped four ambulatory patients through the perimeter fences of the outpost to the helicopter. One ARVN and 3 US Navy men were picked up here. As the Pedro departed this location the FAC advised there was an additional critical case located at an open area one mile north and when this site was marked a landing was accomplished there. A patrol size unit brought two critically wounded (1 USN, 1 ARVN) on stretchers to the helicopter. Somehow the six casualties and two crewmembers all found a place and all were soon enroute to a US Army hospital located 40 miles east arriving at 0720Z. It is known 2 WIA's were picked up by a Navy Seawolf UH-1 and that there was also 2 KIA's not evacuated from the area. Details on what took place and how the casualties came about are not known. Weather was good throughout the mission. No ground fire was encountered by the Pedro. One sortie 1+40 hours flown by the Det 10, 38th ARRS HH-43F. Mission was terminated when Pedro 91 landed back at Binh Thuy AB at 0810Z. Six combat saves credited to ARRS.

3. The names of the survivors were: Unknown

4. Crewmembers of Pedro:

Pedro 91

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RCCP	Capt Albert E. Tollefsen
FE	A1C Harold D. Cooper
RS	A1C Larry D. Nicholson

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CREWS: (All assigned to Det 10, 38th ARRSq) PEDRO 91

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