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

2. On 2 Mar 68 at 0325Z, Det 10, 38th ARRSq, was requested by Navy Operations, Binh Thuy, to evacuate a wounded man who had a critical head wound. The injured man was aboard a river patrol boat, "Druid Juliet", which was heading upstream from the battle zone. Pedro 39 scrambled at 0328Z and made visual contact with the PBR at 0350Z. The boat was directed to turn down river into the wind and maintain 1500 RPM. A moving hover was maintained over the boat as the pararescue technician lowered a stokes litter (by hoist) to the aft deck. After the man was strapped into the litter he was hoisted up to the helicopter and flown to the hospital at Can Tho RVN. The pararescue technician administered medical aid and changed the dressing and was of the opinion that the man would live. The man was offloaded at the soccer field in Can Tho and transported to the hospital. FM radio was the only communication link with "Druid Juliet". The helicopter pilot had no visual reference to the boat and depended solely on the verbal instructions of the pararescue technician while hovering for the pickup. Weather was high thin scattered, 6 miles, 060/7. Time over the boat was 5 minutes departing at 0355Z. The wounded man was offloaded at Can Tho at 0417Z and Pedro 39 terminated at Binh Thuy AB at 0426Z. One combat save. Negative ground fire.

3. The names of the survivors were: Due Dan Hong, Diet Kich, Popular Forces.

4. Crewmembers of Pedro:

PEDRO 39

RCC Capt Laurence W. Conover ✓
RCCP Capt Leslie E. Johnson
FE Sgt Archelaus Whitehead
RS ALC Larry D. Nicholson

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