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

2. At 0752Z, 9 Mar 68, this unit was requested to evacuate a wounded sailor from a PBR that had received .30 caliber fire. The PBR had moved up river away from the battle zone and was waiting for a Pedro pickup. At 0755Z "Pedro 39", HH-43F, launched and made FM Radio contact with the PBR "Handlash Foxtrot" at 0805Z. "Seawolf" a flight of two armed Navy helicopters, were on hand to provide cover incase of enemy action. The PBR had beached and requested a litter. They had secured an open field next to the town of ApAn Ninh. Pedro 39 landed at 0812Z and the pararescue technician and the flight engineer took the litter to the PBR and transported the injured man to the helicopter. The sailor had a large hole in his left leg with a fractured femur and a severed artery. Pedro 39 took off at 0820Z and enroute to the Dong Tam hospital the pararescue technician applied dressings and a pneumatic splint which subsequently stopped the bleeding. Pedro 39 offloaded the patient at Dong Tam at 0850Z, refueled, and returned to Binh Thuy at 0935Z. FM radio was used exclusively in coordinating the recovery with "Handlash Foxtrot" and "Seawolf". Negative ground fire.

3. The name of the survivor was: VanDerGrill, Danny R., F/N, River Section 512, CTF 116.

4. Crewmembers of Pedro:

Pedro 39

RCC Capt Laurence W. Conover ✓
RCCP Capt Albert E. Tollefsen ✓
FE Sgt Harold D. Cooper
RS A1C Lonnie N. Davidson

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