

FROM: RCC

28 Apr 68

SUBJ: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-28, 27 Apr 68)

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TO: 10-38C *RRS*
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3rd ARRGp (JSARC)
IN TURN

1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2/3rd ARRGp Sup 1, dated 15 Jun 67.
2. Det 10, 38th ARRS was called by Navy Operations at 0510 GMT, 27 Apr 68. Navy Ops said that a Coast Guard boat, presently at 09 degrees 37 minutes west, 106 degrees 41 minutes north, had an injured crewman on board and was requesting a med evac. They further requested that we rendezvous with them at 106 degrees 40 minutes west, 09 degrees 42 minutes north at 0800 GMT. They were then in heavy seas and were trying to find calmer water. Due to the seriousness of the wound, a flight surgeon was requested to accompany us. Pedro 39 scrambled at 0630 GMT and flew direct to Tra Vinh for refueling. Pedro 39 departed Tra Vinh at 0710 GMT and arrived over the boat at 0800 GMT. The boat was approximately 50 feet long and was rolling and pitching severely. Contact with the boat was made on FM and the crew was briefed on the operation. An approach was made to the boat and the stokes litter was lowered to the deck and disconnected. Then a second approach was made to retrieve the patient. During the approaches, the boat changed speed several times to try to minimize the rolling and pitching. The patient, who was suffering from a punctured abdomen, was brought on board Pedro 39 at 0805 GMT. Pedro 39 then departed for Dong Tam 3rd Field Hospital and arrived there at 0840 GMT. The patient was offloaded and Pedro 39 returned to Binh Thuy at 0915 GMT. Weather was 2/8 cu at 3000 feet. Wind 070/20 with scattered thunder storms. No ground fire, one non combat save.

3. The name of the survivor was: Hellesen, R.D., RDSN, Coastal Surveillance Force, US Coast Guard.

4. Crewmembers of Pedro:

Pedro 39

RCC	Capt Thomas D. Precious
RCCP	Capt Leslie E. Johnson
RS	AlC Lonnie N. Davidson
FS	Capt Charles Caton
FE	SGT ARCHELAYS WHITEHEAD

Thomas D. Precious
THOMAS D. PRECIOUS, Capt., USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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