

FROM: Det 11, 38 RRSQ

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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (11-38-012-8244)

TO: 3ARRGP (JSARC)

THRU: 38ARRSQ (38C) *SP*

1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARMSM 55-2, 3ARRGP Sup 1 dated 15 April 1968.

2. At 1430L, 31 August 1968 the 31st USAF Dispensary at Tuy Hoa AB notified Det 11 that they had two patients requiring immediate transfer to the 91st Army Medical Evacuation Hospital at Phu Hiep AF, RVN. Pedro 05 scrambled, landing at the dispensary helipad at 1435L. Sgt Lawrence E. Bedford, an ambulatory patient with a severed finger was loaded on the helicopter. The helicopter waited at the helipad 15 minutes for x-ray processing. SSgt Walter R. Norris was loaded into the helicopter on litter with an intravenous injection in progress and Capt John G. Champlin Jr., a 31st USAF Dispensary Flight Surgeon also accompanied the patients with the x-rays. Airman Tuttle assisted by administering the intravenous fluid during the flight. Enroute to the 91st Hospital Capt Nicholson alerted the emergency ward to have litter bearers awaiting Pedro 83 at the dust off pad. The helicopter landed at 1455L. Airman Tuttle and SSgt Frazee assisted in offloading the patients and transferring them to the hospital. The mission was terminated at Tuy Hoa at 1510L. One week later Dr. Champlin credited this mission as a "Save". SSgt Norris had acute hemorrhagic pancreatitis with diabetic acidosis. He described his condition as very critical and deteriorating rapidly.

Crewmembers Were:

Pedro 05

Capt Daniel A. Nicholson, RCC

Capt Molland C. Urie, RCCP

SSgt Howard L. Frazee, FE

A1C Stephen R. Tuttle, PJ

Capt John G. Champlin Jr., M.D.

*Daniel A. Nicholson*

DANIEL A. NICHOLSON, Capt, USAF

Rescue Crew Commander

APPROVED:

*Herbert G. Gates*

HERBERT G. GATES, Maj, USAF

Commander

MAC - TUY HOA AB, RVN

11-38-011-8229: While on a Medical Civic Actions Program visit to a village serviced by Cung Son Special Forces Camp twenty-five miles west of Tuy Hoa on 10 August 1968, Captain (Doctor) Milton L. Bullock of the 31st USAF Dispensary at Tuy Hoa Air Base found an eighteen month old girl suffering from acute malnutrition and dehydration complicated by pneumonia. Doctor Bullock advised the crew of Pedro 83 (aircraft #59-1575), Capt. Robert E. Dely, Rescue Crew Commander, and Sgt. Richard Rodas, Flight Mechanic, that the baby required immediate transportation to a medical facility if she was to survive. Pedro 83 flew the girl to the 91st Army Medical Evacuation Hospital at Phu Hiep to record the save, logging three sorties and one hour flying time.

11-38-012-8244: On 31 August 1968 the crew of Pedro 05 (aircraft 60-254) was credited with saving SSgt. Walter R. Norris of 1370th Photo Map Wg (Ast-3), Tuy Hoa AB, by evacuating him from this air base to the 91st Army Medical Evacuation Hospital. Flying three sorties in thirty-five minutes were the following aircrew members; Capt. Daniel M. Nicholson (Rescue Crew Commander), Capt. Rolland C. Urie (Rescue Crew Co-Pilot TDY from Det. 3, Ubon RTAFB, Thailand), Capt. (Doctor) John G. Champlin, Jr. (Flight Medical Officer assigned to the 31st USAF Dispensary, Tuy Hoa Air Base), SSgt. Howard L. Frazee (Flight Mechanic), and Stephen R. Tuttle (Pararescue Specialist).

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