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FROM: 7-380 (Capt. Richard E. Porter, 3440)

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report 1-7-085-0221

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1. (U) This report is submitted IAW ARRESM 55-2, 3 ARROp Sup 1, dtd 11 Jul 68.

2. (C) Narrative:

On 8 Aug 68, Pedro 69 was scrambled by the DaNang Control Tower at 0230Z for the bailout of Ringneck 511-2, a Marine F-4. Pedro 69, airborne at 0232Z, headed toward the rescue area at the 010/08 fix of Channel 77. There was no difficulty enroute to the area of the pickup. No hostile activity was experienced either to or from the rescue objective. Ringneck 511-2, experiencing severe battle damage, was attempting to reach DaNang for an emergency landing. Unable to stay with the aircraft any longer, both pilots ejected 10 miles northeast of DaNang. The wingman of 511-2 vectored Pedro into the immediate pickup area and pinpointed the survivors positions as a mile west of the aircraft's floating wreckage. Pedro 69, subsequently, spotted both pilots still descending in their parachutes, and headed for the closest one. The downed pilot followed his prescribed bailout procedures. He was free of his chute and ready for pickup when 69 arrived. The rescue sling was lowered to the survivor, and he was hoisted aboard. The rescuee's only apparent injury was a twisted knee. The survivor was in the water approximately two minutes prior to pickup. A small navy boat picked up the other survivor and carried him to shore where Pedro 69 boarded him also. Pedro 69 left the rescue area at 0250Z and carried both pilots to the USAF Dispensary. The second pilot sustained no injuries, and both pilots departed the helicopter without aid. Pedro 69 terminated at 0300Z. The mission execution and coordination were excellent, and no difficulties of any kind were encountered.

3. 1 combat save

4. Survivor: Captain Stephen M. Greal, 092429, USMC

5. Crewmembers of Pedro 69:
Capt. Richard E. Porter, RCC
Capt. Richard A. Mayer, FP
Sgt. Joe Santos, FE
Sgt. Robert D. Baker, RS

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