

FROM: Det 8, 38ARRSq (8-380)

10 Oct 1968

SUBJECT: Rescue Narrative Report (8-38-022-8283)

TO: 3ARRGp (30)

1. The following is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2, 3ARRGp Sup 1.

a. Det 8 was notified at 0820Z, 9 Oct 1968 by the Naval Air Facility that a destroyer, 90 miles at sea, was requesting an air-evac of a seaman with a puncture wound of the left eye. 3ARRGp JSARC was immediately notified and informed Det 8 to hold while they tried to obtain an Army Chinook to accomplish the mission. At 0830Z, JSARC released Det 8 to launch 2 helicopters with a fixed wing escort. The Navy provided a C-45 and Pedro 04 was launched at 0905Z. The only problem encountered was securing a fixed wing escort, which did delay the launch.

b. There was no difficulty enroute and no ground fire was encountered.

c. Weather at launch - 3500 foot scattered vsby 6 miles plus Wind 120° 8 kts. Weather enroute - CAVOK Wind 240° 15 kts. Target weather - CAVOK Wind 090° 6 kts.

d. Cooperation and coordination with the Navy C-45, and the destroyer were excellent.

e. Radio discipline was exceptional. The destroyer vectored Pedro 04 in from 20 miles out and Navy 126 was relaying all messages not completely understood.

f. 0940Z, location as given by the destroyer 11°25'N, 110°03'E.

g. N/A

h. The injured seaman was ambulatory.

i. Hoisted aboard the helicopter in the stokes litter. No difficulties encountered.

j. The factor which delayed the pickup was the fact that the HH-43B's were not released til a fixed wing escort was available.

k. Pedro 04 departed the area at 0950Z.

l. Pedro 04 landed at 1025Z.

m. N/A

n. N/A

o. N/A

p. N/A

2. Crew Members were:

a. Pedro 04:

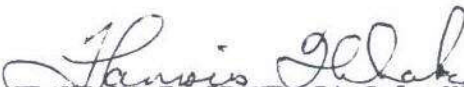
Capt Bruce K. Ware
Maj Andrew E. Kralj
SSgt Benjamin J. Marshall
Sgt Daniel T. Nungesser

Rescue Crew Commander
Rescue Crew Co-Pilot
Flight Engineer
Pararescueman

b. Pedro 51:

Capt Peter W. Gissing
Capt Peter J. Connolly
Sgt James W. Simmons
TSgt Joseph Fernandez

Rescue Crew Commander
Rescue Crew Co-Pilot
Flight Engineer
Pararescueman


FLAVIUS F. DRAKE, Lt Col, USAF
Detachment Commander

CHAPTER III

OPERATIONSMISSIONS/SAVES

Detachment 8, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron flew 543 sorties during this past quarter. The flying summary is as follows:

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SORTIES</u>
Rescue/Recovery.....	11
Intercepts.....	318
Support.....	79
Training.....	121
Maintenance.....	10
False.....	4 ¹
	<u>543</u>

Detachment 8 was credited with 5 non-combat saves. Rescue missions flown were;

Mission 8-38-022-8283: 2 Sorties - 2+40 hours, HH-43B, Det 8 38ARRS, 1 sortie - 1+20 hours C-45 Naval Air Facility, Cam Ranh Bay. Detachment 8's alert crew commanded by Capt. Bruce K. Ware was notified at 1620 on 9 October 1968 by the Naval Air Facility Cam Ranh AB that a destroyer 90 miles at sea, was requesting a med-evac of a seaman with a puncture wound of the left eye. 3ARRGp JSARC was immediately notified and informed Detachment 8 to hold while they tried to obtain an Army Chinook to accomplish the mission because of the distance to the destroyer which was steaming westward at 25 knots. At 1630 JSARC released Det 8 to launch two helicopters with a fixed-wing escort. The Naval Air

Facility was contacted and said they could provide a C-45, Navy 126 as escort. Pedro 04 was launched at 1705. Pedro 51 and Navy 126 launched at 1710. No difficulties were encountered enroute. Weather was excellent. Radio contact was established with the destroyer USS DUPONT DD 941 and Pedro 04 was vectored in from 20 miles out. Captain Ware requested the destroyer to stop and at 1747 the injured seaman, Cornell D. Makovsky, SA, USS DUPONT, was hoisted aboard Pedro 04 in a stokes litter. All three aircraft returned to Cam Ranh AB. Pedro 04 landed at the 12th USAF Hospital pad at 1825 and delivered the patient to waiting medical personnel. Other crew members of Pedro 04 were Maj. Andrew E. Kralj RCCP, SSgt Benjamin J. Marshall, Flight Engineer, and Sgt Daniel T. Nungesser Pararescueman. The crew members of Pedro 51 were Capt. Peter W. Gissing RCC, Capt. Peter J. Connelly RCCP, Sgt. James W. Simmons Flight Engineer, and TSgt. Joseph Fernandez Pararescueman. This mission constitutes one non-combat save.²

Mission 8-38-024-8355: 2 Sorties, HH-43B, 0+55 hours. On 20 December at 2200 the 12th Security Police Squadron notified Detachment 8 that an Army enlisted man had been injured at a construction site on National Highway 1 about 3 miles south of Cam Ranh AB. Medical Evacuation was requested. The alert crew