

Det 10, 38 ARRSq History, Oct - Dec 68

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MISSION NARRATIVE: Mission 10-38-47, 27 Nov 68, 2 sorties, 1.7 hours.

Pedro Operations was called at 2210L, 27 Nov 68, by the Navy River Patrol at Binh Thuy with a request for immediate medevac of 3 seriously wounded sailors from coordinates WS 167167. Frequencies were given for rendezvous with Asternold 4, the PBR force control ship. Pedro 91 launched at 2230L, and arrived in the area at 2315. A Navy Seawolf fire team had arrived at the scene earlier with Seawolf 74 orbiting the area with one wounded sailor on board, while Seawolf 70 was picking up a second. The pickups were being made from a treeline field a short distance from an outpost. Pedro 91 made a steep night approach to the spot when Seawolf 70 departed at 2330L. The last wounded sailor suffering from multiple shrapnel wounds to both legs was litter loaded along with a KIA that had not previously been mentioned. During the return trip, the paramedic applied multiple pressure bandages to the wounds in order to stem the flow of blood. Pedro 91 departed the area at 2335L and terminated at Binh Thuy at 0015L. The wounded sailor and the KIA were delivered to the 29th Med Evac Hospital at Binh Thuy. Light ground fire was encountered during approach and departure from the pickup point. One combat save.

The name of the survivor was Gunners Mate 3rd Class Wayne D. Maxwell, River Division 53, USN.

Crewmembers of Pedro 91, an HH-43F helicopter, serial number 62-4560, all personnel assigned to Det 10, 38th ARRSq

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