

MISSION NARRATIVE: Mission 10-38-48, 30 Nov 68, 2 sorties, 0.7 hours.

Pedro Operations was notified by Binh Thuy tower with a request from Paddy Control for a pickup of wounded personnel at 1120L, 30 Nov 68. Pedro 91 launched at 1125L enroute to location WS663132. Weather enroute and on return was 2000 bkoken, eight miles visibility with light haze. Before arriving at target, artillery in area had to be terminated. Pedro 91 arrived in area at 1135 local and was in radio contact with Shotgun 916, an Air Force FAC. After three minutes of orbiting in area, contact was made with wounded troops by visual sighting of smoke flare. Pedro 91 made a tactical approach into area which was a rice paddy adjacent to a canal. Power was held on aircraft to prevent settling into rice paddy. The flight engineer and PJ waded through the rice paddy in order to aid the pickup of eight wounded ARVN soldiers. The wounded were carried to the helicopter and placed inside. Five of eight were ambulatory and three were critically wounded. Pedro 91 departed area at 1145L enroute to Eakin Compound at Can Tho RVN. Pedro arrived at Eakin Compound at 1200L, off-loaded wounded and departed at 1205L enroute for Binh Thuy AB, RVN. Pedro 91 arrived for termination at 1215L. Negative ground fire was encountered on approach or departure from pickup point. Eight combat saves credited.

Names and unit of wounded unknown.

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

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