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MISSION NARRATIVE: Mission 10-38-007-9018, 1 sortie, 0.7 hours

At 1650L Binh Thuy Navy Operations called and requested pick up of two wounded Korean Navy personnel off a US Naval LST. Pedro 39 launched at 1655L for location of ship at WS933022. Enroute weather was broken 4000' with 10 miles visibility. Pedro 39 was informed that the LST suffered much battle damage and had two seriously wounded on board. Also they informed Pedro 39 that the ships personnel knew little if any of stokes or litter pick ups. Pedro 39 arrived at the ship at 1705L. On location for cover from possible hostile fire, were two Seawolfs and two River Patrol Boats. Pedro 39 hovered over the moving ship and deployed the PJ. Landing on the ship was impossible due to cargo on the deck. One man had serious head injuries and other had serious leg wounds. The PJ bandaged the head of the one wounded and splinted the leg of the other. Pedro 39 then hovered in again, which was extremely difficult due to the fact the ship was moving crosswind. The FE lowered the stokes litter to the PJ who strapped the one personnel with the leg wounds in the litter. The FE raised the wounded and secured him inside the helicopter. The Forest Tree Penetrator was then lowered, on which the PJ secured the personnel with the head wounds. He was then brought up by the FE. The FE then lowered the penetrator for the PJ to be raised on board. With all personnel on board, Pedro 39 departed the area at 1725L. Pedro 39 arrived at the 29th Army Field Hospital at 1730L disembarking the wounded personnel. Pedro 39 left the hospital at 1732L terminating at Binh Thuy at 1735L. Negative ground fire observed at the rescue location. Two combat saves.

The names of the survivors are unknown.

Crewmembers of Pedro 39, an HH-43F Helicopter, Serial Number 62-4508, all personnel assigned to Det 10, 38ARRS.

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PJ ALC Theodore J. Polys

Supporting Document #1