

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

4 January 1969

SUBJECT: Rescue Narrative Report (8-38-001-9003)

TO: 3ARRGp (30) *JED*

1. Det 8, 38ARRS was notified by Combined Tactical Operations Center at 0244Z, 3 January 1969 that an ARVN soldier had been wounded and required immediate medical evacuation. Pedro 48 launched at 0245Z without difficulty and proceeded to the rescue site 11°44'N 109°04'E 17 NM South West of Cam Ranh Bay AB. Enroute weather was 1500 scattered, 4000 broken, visibility 6, W/V 320/10. Pedro 48 arrived on the scene at 0300Z, confirmed the pickup point on FM radio with an allied security vehicle, landed, unloaded the casualty and departed at 0305Z for the 12USAF Hospital arriving there at 0320Z. The soldier was wounded in the shoulder, had been given morphine and was taking IV when Pedro 48 arrived at the recovery site. Pedro 48 returned to the Pedro Pad at 0325Z terminating the mission. No ground fire was encountered. The pickup area was secured by a platoon of ARVN troops. There were no difficulties.

2. Crew Members were:

Capt Peter W. Gissing
Major Andrew E. Kralj
A1C Wilbur L. Jeffcoat
Sgt Gary P. Bryant

Rescue Crew Commander
Rescue Crew Co-Pilot
Flight Engineer
Pararescueman

Flavious F. Drake
FLAVIOUS F. DRAKE, Lt Col, USAF
Detachment Commander