

FROM: RCC

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SUBJ: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-004-9008)

TO: 10-38C

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3rd ARRGp (JSARC) *LEZ*

1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2, 3rd ARRGp Sup 1, 11 Jul 68.

2. At 1512 Local, Pedro operations was called on the phone by Binh Thuy Tower informing Ops that a helicopter was going down south of Vinh Long, RVN. Pedro 39 scrambled at 1515L enroute to coordinates which were furnished by Binh Thuy Tower. Coordinates XS013780 were located on map and Pedro proceeded on a heading of 070° to the pick-up point. Radio contact was immediately established with observation aircraft and also with the downed chopper, outlaw 192. Using UHF/DF Homing procedures, Pedro 39 located downed aircraft at 1529L. Pedro made a straight in approach into a rice paddy approximately 5nm southwest of Vinh Long. Another outlaw aircraft, 198, was on loading radio equipment and other operational gear. Pedro 39 picked up the four crew members starting at 1530L. Pickup was completed at 1535L, and Pedro 39 departed for Vinh Long. Arriving at Vinh Long at 1540L, Pedro offloaded the crewmembers. Pedro departed Vinh Long at 1545L enroute to Binh Thuy for termination there at 1600L. negative ground fire was encountered enroute or on return; however, downed aircraft and other aircraft were performing an air strike ~~about~~ west of the area where downed aircraft was located. Extent of damage to aircraft, unknown, and negative injuries to the crewmembers. Three sorties, 0.7 hours flying time, four combat saves. Four Huey Cobras were in the area for air support during recovery. *4/27*

3. The names of crew are unknown.

4. Crewmembers of the Pedro

Pedro 39

RCC Maj Ralph L. Gaede  
RCCP Capt Cecil A. Jessee  
FE SSgt Gerald H. Jones  
RS ALC Richard C. Stiefken

*Ralph L. Gaede*  
RALPH L. GAEDE, Major, USAF  
Commander

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