

Paris Control called on guard. They advised us that the area was hot. Viet Cong had been sited along the banks of the river. We waited until we had Army gunship cover before we went in. The gunships arrived and we went in at 0345Z. We hovered along side the ship while they got the patient ready for evacuation. The Captain of the ship was injured, but elected to remain with his ship until it docked at Saigon. The harbor pilot was hoisted aboard. He had severe injuries to the right eye, it appeared to be missing completely. He also had injuries to his forehead, face inner mouth, upper chest and arms. All injuries appeared to be from shrapnel. The patient was conscious, but in mild shock. Weather was not a factor. Cooperation and coordination of support, was from Moon River Control. RESCORT was provided by two Army UH-1 gunships, SEA WOLF-25, and five US Navy gunboats. RESCAP was provided by a USAF O-1, SNAP-1. Pedro 46 arrived in the pickup area located at 10 degrees 38 north - 106 degrees 49 east at 0345Z. No enemy action was observed during the pickup, although active Viet Cong were observed along the river banks approximately ten minutes prior to pickup. The pickup was made with a Stokes Litter. Pedro 46 departed the pickup area at 0405Z. We proceeded to 3rd Field Hospital where the patient was transferred to a waiting ambulance. Pedro 46 returned to the Pedro Pad at 0425Z. Crew Members: RCC - Major Maxie L. Trainer; RCCP - Captain Jimmy D. Griffin; FE - SSgt Donald J. Nason; MF - SSgt Claude A. Duke.

4. Rescue/Recovery Mission. 14-38-004-9080. 2 Sorties - 0+50. At 1327Z, 21 Mar 69, Det 14, 38ARRS, received a request from JSARC to

recover two wounded U.S. soldiers from a River Patrol Boat (PBR) located at 10 degrees 34 minutes north - 106 degrees 44 minutes east. Pedro 46 launched at 1337Z and proceeded direct to the recovery area. The weather was good. Pedro 46 arrived at the pickup area at 1355Z for a rendezvous with SEA WOLF-24 & 25, UH-1 gunships providing cover. Intense hostile activity existed approximately one mile west of the PBR but the immediate area was quiet. Pedro 46 descended and recovered the two casualties from the stationary PBR by hoist, one with Stoke's Litter and one with a Horse Collar. Illumination was provided by Pedro's floodlights. The recovery was completed at 1400Z and Pedro 46 departed for Saigon. The patients were both conscious, but suffering from multiple shrapnel wounds, burns and shock. They were offloaded at Third Field Hospital at 1420Z and Pedro 46 returned to the Pedro Pad terminating at 1425Z. Crew Members: RCC - Major Peter J. Kerrigan; RCCP - Captain Patrick J. McDaniel; FE - Sgt Michael R. Heister; MT - Sgt Carl S. Trantham.

Safety of Operation

Detachment 14 continued to engage in a rigorous and thorough safety program throughout the reporting period. There were no accidents during the period 1 January to 31 March 1969, although we had one incident involving a bird strike.