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FROM: RCC

27 March 1969

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SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-026-26Mar69)

TO: 10-38C

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3 ARRGp (JSARC) *SP*

IN TURN

1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2, 3 ARRGp Sup 1, 11 July 1968.
2. At 1706L, Navy TOC requested Pedro's assistance for pickup of one WIA. Pedro 91 launched at 1710 enroute to XR 295 695 for pickup from a LST from the Navy Fleet. Pedro 91 cruised at 500 feet to take advantage of winds for better fuel consumption. Due to emergency of the mission, Pedro had launched with less than full fuel load; approximately 800 pounds of fuel. Pedro established radio contact with Paddy Control for artillery information and with "Hunter Don", the Navy LST. Pedro proceeded to the LST, but arrived over the LST before the WIA had gotten there; therefore, Pedro proceeded farther down the river for a rendezvous with the moving PBR. Radio contact was not established with the PBR, but visual sighting was made. When the two PBR's sighted Pedro, they immediately maneuvered into position for the pickup. During the flight from the LST to the PBR, the PJ and FE accomplished the necessary checklist items and were immediately ready for the rescue mission. Pickup was made at 1730 by use of the stokes litter. The Navy personnel had trouble unsnapping the litter, therefore, Pedro hovered over the PBR for approximately five minutes, steady until pickup was completed. Pedro departed at 1735 enroute to the 29th Field Evac Hospital. Patient had gunshot wounds of the leg and was losing blood, but did not show signs of shock and was in good spirits considering the pain. The Navy personnel had placed a temporary bandage over the wound, but in their haste, did not realize they had not completely covered the wound. Upon seeing this, the PJ removed and replaced a new wrapping over the wound which immediately stopped the bleeding. Pedro arrived at the hospital at 1745 and terminated at Binh Thuy at 1805. One sortie, 0.9 flying hours, one combat save.
3. The name of the survivor is: Fielden, Horace W, EN-2, Riv Div 512.
4. Pedro Crew:

RCC Maj Ralph L. Gaede
RCCP Capt Cecil A. Jessee
FE Sgt Ernest L. Long
PJ Sgt Michael F. Dean

Ralph L. Gaede
RALPH L. GAEDE, Major, USAF
Rescue Crew Commander

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