

FROM: RCC

2 April 1969

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-027-1Apr69)

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1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2, 3 ARRGp Sup 1, 11 July 1968.

2. At 2345L, Pedro Operations was notified by Navy TOC to effect a pickup for wounded PBR Personnel. Pedro 39 launched at 2350L enroute to the vicinity of Rach Gia City. Pedro established radio contact with Paddy Control during take-off. At this time, Paddy Control diverted Pedro 8NM up the Bassac River for clearance around artillery. Pedro then was cleared to proceed direct to Rach Gia. Pedro established radio contact with the PBR's whose call sign was "Bullock Whiskey". Bullock Whiskey gave a rough estimate of his position as WS 085 266 to which Pedro proceeded. Pedro was again diverted for artillery and an operation in the area Northwest of Rach Gia. Two Seawolf choppers were proceeding to the pickup area. Where they flew cover during the pickup operation. Visual contact was made with the PBR's by use of two strobe lights. The rescue chopper made a low pass to survey the area for possible landing sites. The area was suitable for landing and Pedro made a normal approach into a touchdown along side of a canal. Pedro picked up three Navy personnel who were inflicted with multiple head wounds received from flying shrapnel. Pedro remained on the ground for five minutes while performing the pickup operation and then departed at 2330L for the 29th Medevac Hospital at Binh Thuy. Pedro arrived at the hospital at 0010L, 2 April 1969, and offloaded the wounded. Pedro then terminated at home base at 0015L. Negative ground fire was encountered enroute and on return, but the PBR's were receiving fire again as Pedro was climbing out of the area. Three combat saves credited; two sorties; 1.4 hours flying time.

3. The names of survivors are: Lowe, William L; Muzandan, Roy N; Kennedy, Robert N; Riv Div 513.

4. Pedro Crew:

RCC Major Ralph L. Gaede

RCCP Capt Cecil A. Jessee

FE Sgt Kenneth P. Johnson

PJ ALC Theodore J. Polys



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