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FROM: Aircraft Commander

26 May 1969

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-036-26May69)

TO: 10-38C

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3ARRGp (JSARC)

IN TURN

1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2, 3ARRGp Sup 1, 11 July 1968.
2. Detachment 10 operations was called at 1145L by Special Forces TOC for medevac of one WIA at WS 001470. The weather was 3000' broken and ten miles visibility. Pedro 91 launched at 1150L and Pedro 39 launched at 1210L. Pedro 91 arrived at the coordinates at 1240L and located the exact ground position by prearranged smoke. One reconnaissance pass was followed by an approach and pickup utilizing the Stokes litter. No ground fire was observed although the area was not considered secure. The PJ checked the WTA and no medical assistance was required.. Pedro 39 was notified of the pickup and followed Pedro 91 back. The 29th was reached at 1305L and after the WIA was unloaded termination at Binh Thuy was at 1315L. One combat save was credited with two sorties and 2.4 hours of flying time.
3. The name and nationality of the survivor was unknown.
4. Crewmembers of Pedro 91:
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| AC Maj Ralph L Gaede | Pedro 39: |
| CP Capt David L Bachman | AC Capt Philip H Kammann |
| PJ TSgt Dudley R Peckinpugh | CP Capt Cecil A Jessee |
| FE Sgt Kenneth P Johnson | PJ SSgt Michael F Dean |
| | FE MSgt John G Regan Jr |

FOR THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER

David L Bachman, Capt, USAF
Co-pilot

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative 9-38-001, 26 May 69

TO: 9-38(G)

3rd ARRG (JSARC) *PJ*

IN TURN

26 MAY 69

1. This report is submitted in accordance with ARTEM 55-1/3rd ARRGp Sup 1, 15 Jan 68.

2. At 0855Z, 26 May 69, we were alerted by telephone of the SAR Objective. Crew scrambled at 0905Z proceeding to Engineer Hill for exact coordinates. LZ located by means of smoke in ravine cut out of tall trees on a slope. Aircraft unable to land. Aircraft hovered with only aux gear touching slope. PJ assisted evacuee into aircraft. Maximum power required to stagger out of hole (LZ). Evacuee taken to 71st Army Evacuation Hospital and off loaded. 5 sorties 0.6.

CREW

AC - Capt Joseph T. Herr, CP - Capt James F. Hinkel, FE - TSgt Robert A. Brouillette, PJ - TSgt Colin A. Lane. 1 non-aircrew-member non combat save.

Joseph T. Herr

JOSEPH T. HERR, Captain, USAF
Aircraft Commander

1st Ind (9-38C)

28 May 1969

DAF, Det 9, 38ARRSq

TO: 3ARRGP (JSARC)

Approved.

Robert C. Gordon

ROBERT C. GORDON, Major, USAF
Commander

Det 9, 38ARRSq Hist, Apr - Jun 69

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CHAPTER III

OPERATIONSMISSIONS

During the reporting period, Detachment 9 flew 335 sorties of which 87 were in support of aircraft or personnel in distress. There were 144 Base Support sorties and 94 Training sorties. The remaining 10 sorties were Functional Check Flights.

There were five significant operational rescue missions during the quarter. The first occurred on 22 Apr 69 when an F-100, Icon 31, struck trees on a bombing pass and was forced to bail out 35 NM Northeast of Pleiku AB. Pedro 98 launched to offer assistance and arrived in the pickup area as an Army Dustoff aircraft came to a hover over the downed pilot's position. Pedro 98 then escorted Dustoff 17 to An Khe since the Army chopper was not carrying a medic. No save was recorded.

On 26 May Detachment 9 was advised of a US Army soldier needing medevac due to extreme high temperatures (105 degrees). His problem was diagnosed on the spot as Malaria. The soldier was located near a landing zone in a suspected hostile area. Pedro 83 launched and flew to the area 9 NM Northeast of Pleiku AB. Pedro 83 located the Army patrol by directing the patrol on FM radio to pop smoke. The position was in a ravine on a 20 degree slope. The aircraft was hovered with the nose gear on the ground and the soldier was loaded on board. Maximum power was required for the take off as Pedro 83 departed the area enroute to the 71st Army Evac Hospital. The soldier was SP4 Robert A. Gillespie of the 1st Batt, 14th Infantry. Detachment 9 recorded one non-aircrew member non-combat save. Mission #9-38-002.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENT 1

MISSION NARRATIVE 9-38-002, 26 May 69

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3. Survivor. Gillespie, Robert A., SP4, 1st Batt, 14th Inf.

4. CREW

AC - Capt Joseph T. Herr, CP - Capt James F. Hinkel, FE - TSgt Robert A. Brouillette, PJ - TSgt Colin A. Lane.

5. 1 non-aircrew-member non combat save.