

FROM: Aircraft Commander

10 June 1969

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-039-9Jun69)

TO: 10-38C

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1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSM 55-2, 3ARRGp Sup 1, 11 July 1968.
2. Det 10 Operations received a call from Special Forces at 1025L. They had one wounded man on a mountain 50NM NW of Binh Thuy who needed a hoist extraction. Pedro 39 was airborne at 1030L climbing to 2500 feet. When a buildup of Cumulus Clouds with showers was encountered, a climb to 4500 feet was needed to find a hole in the clouds. Finally the Pedro crew arrived in the area and circled once until the smoke marker was spotted. A quarter mile away on another part of the mountain, the smoke from artillery and a battle could be seen. After circling once and receiving no ground fire, Pedro 39 made the approach. During the approach, light automatic weapons fire was observed behind and to the right but no hits were taken. As the crew hovered over the trees, the PJ lowered the hoist and after the survivor was strapped in the stokes litter, hoisted him aboard. During this time, the pilot had to maintain a constant steady hover since the troops on the ground didn't unhook the litter from the cable. Power was added and the takeoff was made. On the way back to the 29th Army Field Hospital, the PJ assessed the injuries from multiple shrapnel in both legs and applied the needed First Aid. The trip back was uneventful with landing at the 29th at 1150L and termination at Binh Thuy at 1155L. The crew was credited with one combat save with 1.4 hours flying time.
3. The name of the survivor is unknown.
4. The crew of Pedro 39:

AC Maj Ralph L. Gaede

CF Capt David L. Bachman

PJ TSgt Dudley R. Peckinpaugh

FE Sgt Kenneth P. Johnson

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