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FROM: Aircraft Commander

10 July 1969

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-043-10Jul69)

TO: 10-38C
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3ARRGp (JSARC)
IN TURN

1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSN 55-2, 3ARRGp Sup 1, 11 July 1968.
2. At 1152L, Paddy Control notified Pedro Operations of F-100 bail out 20 miles north of Binh Thuy (WS82440). Pedro 39 scrambled and launched at 1155L for rescue site. While enroute, Pedro 39's UHF Transmitter became inoperative making communication with downed pilot and orbiting cover ship impossible. Pedro 39 made visual contact with orbiting F-100 providing cover at 1200L. Pedro 39 then made visual contact with the downed pilot at 1205L. Pedro 39 made immediate approach and landing picking up downed airman. The pilot was uninjured and in good shape. Pedro 39 terminated at Binh Thuy at 1220L offloading the survivor. Negative ground fire observed. One combat save credited. One sortie with 0.4 flying time.

3. The name of the survivor was:

Robert B. Hargett, 1st Lt, 531 TFS

4. Crewmembers of Pedro 39:

AC Major Ralph L. Gaede
CP Capt Jack D. Cusano
PJ SSgt Michael F. Dean
FE Sgt Ernest L. Long

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