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FROM: Aircraft Commander

17 July 1969

SUBJECT: Mission Narrative Report (10-38-044-16Jul69)

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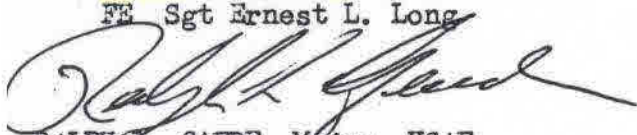
1. This report is submitted IAW ARRSN 55-2, 3ARRGp Sup 1, 11 July 1968.
2. At 1213L, Binh Thuy Tower called and notified Pedro 91 of a downed UH-1D at WS510980. Pedro 91 scrambled and launched at 1215L for rescue location. Radio contact was made with Steel 92, a C-47 orbiting the downed aircraft. Pedro 91 was 10 minutes from rescue location when they found out an Air America Helicopter had picked up five passengers from the downed aircraft. Pedro 91 arrived at the site at 1250L and made an immediate approach to the area. Pedro 91 landed and picked up the four crewmembers while two gunships provided for cover. Pedro 91 departed the area at 1255L. Once on board, the crew asked to be taken to Vinh Long. The crewmembers were uninjured and in good condition. Pedro 91 arrived at Vinh Long at 1330L offloading the crew. Pedro 91 then departed and terminated at Binh Thuy at 1355L. No ground fire was observed. Four combat saves credited. Three sorties with 1.7 flying time.

3. The names of the survivors were:

Saczyaski, Casimia Z, SP/4,	114th AVN CO
Plante, Michael A, PFC,	114th AVN CO
Heavey, Michael C, 1stLt,	114th AVN CO
Johnson, Robert L, W-1, (Pilot)	114th AVN CO

4. Crewmembers of Pedro 91:

AC Major Ralph L. Gaede
CP Capt Jack D. Cusano
PJ TSgt Jackie L. Porter
FE Sgt Ernest L. Long


RALPH L. GAEDE, Major, USAF
Aircraft Commander

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Det 10, 38ARRSq History, Jul - Sep 69

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MISSION NARRATIVE: Mission 10-38-045-16Jul69, 1 sortie, 0.9 hours

At 1213L Binh Thuy Tower called and notified Pedro Operations of a downed UH-1D 50 NM North of Binh Thuy. Pedro 91 scrambled and was airborne at 1215. Enroute, radio contact was made with a C-47 orbiting the downed aircraft and two gunships were on the way. An Air America Helicopter got to the scene before the Pedro crew and rescued five of the nine survivors. Upon arriving at the site, an immediate approach and landing was made and the four other survivors were taken aboard with their gear. The survivors were taken to Vinh Long and left there. Pedro 91 arrived back at Binh Thuy at 1355L. As the helicopter was making the approach for landing, the standby crew in Pedro received a call from Navy Operations to medevac two wounded by mortar 25 NM East of Binh Thuy. The fuel truck was called immediately. Pedro 91 and the fuel truck arrived at nearly the same time and in five minutes, the crew was airborne again. The crew arrived at the location and made visual contact with the ground personnel. They landed, loaded the two critically wounded men and were off again for the 29th Army Field Hospital. Arrival at the 29th Evac was at 1445L, with termination ten minutes later. In two and one half hours, the crew had been on two missions making six combat saves. This upped the total combat saves for 1969 to 75, going over the total of 69 for all of 1968.

The names of the survivors were:

1stLt Michael C. Heavey, 114th AVN Co
W-1 Robert L. Johnson, 114th AVN Co
Sp4 Casimir M. Saczyanski, 114th AVN Co
PFC Michael A. Plante, 114th AVN Co
SSgt Robert Guarm, USA, ADV Team 68
GI E-5 Robert Eston, USN, 535 River Division

Crewmembers of Pedro 91, an HH-43F Helicopter, Serial Number 62-4560, all personnel assigned to Det 10, 38ARRS.

AC Major Ralph L. Gaede
CP Captain Jack D. Cusano
PJ TSgt Jackie L. Porter
FE Sgt Ernest L. Long

**RECORD OF SAVES FOR THE HH-43 UNIT OF THE 40th ARRS SINCE THE
ORGANIZATION OF THE DETACHMENT 9, 38th ARRS 1964**

	COMBAT	NON COMBAT	MED EVAC
SAVE NUMBER 100 on 21 September 68 (EST)*	63	37	
Remainder of 1968	10	4	2
1969	-	12	4
1970	4	5	1
1971	8	3	0
1972			
1968			
23 Sep		1	
5 Oct		2	
15 Oct			2
30 Oct	1		
12 Nov	9		
1969			
11 Jun Troop Evacuation		6	
26 Jan Sick Troopers	0	0	0
14 Jul Huey Gunship Crash		3	
8 Apr Troop caught on aircraft during parachute jump.			1
15 Apr Wounded Army Patient Transfer			2
16 Apr Wounded Vietnamese Troop			1
26 May Malaria		1	
8 Aug Downed LOH Crew		2	
1970			
14 Mar A-1 Crash on Takeoff	0	0	0
19 Mar A-1 Crash		1	
30 Mar F-4 Bailout	1	2	1
8 Apr Snake Bite at Camp Hunkey		1	
15 Nov F105 Bailout	2		
4 Dec Snake Bite		1	
28 Dec A-7 Bailout	1		
1971			
19 Jan Med Evac (Patient Stopped Breathing)		1	
5 Mar C-119 Bailout	8		
18 May Med Evac (Infant)		1	
2 Aug QU 22 Crash Landed		1	
17 Aug QU 22 Engine Failure on Short Final 0		0	0

PERCENT COMBAT VS. NON COMBAT SAVES ESTIMATED FROM RANDOM SAMPLING OF RECORDS AVAILABLE AT THIS UNIT NOV 71.