

CHAPTER III

OPERATIONSMISSIONS/SAVES

Detachment 8, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron flew 517 intercept missions during the past quarter and was called on to fly 201 missions in support of the 12th Combat Support Group, the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, and other units of the Cam Ranh Bay Air Base vicinity. During the quarter, the Detachment had seven false missions for a total of 725 intercept, support, and false missions.²¹

Sixteen saves were credited to the Detachment during the July through September 1967 period.

On 23 July 1967 the Alert Crew commanded by Captain Allen Martin was scrambled to evacuate a Navy sailor with a gunshot wound in the chest. The injured sailor was on-loaded at the Navy transmitter site on the lower Cam Ranh Peninsula and taken to the 12th Air Force Hospital. The patient was revived three times enroute by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.²²

An Air Force F-4C aborted take-off from Cam Ranh Bay Air Base on 3 August 1967 after experiencing an explosion and fire. The Alert Crew commanded by Captain Allen Martin was scrambled. When the Rescue aircraft arrived on the scene, it was ordered to withdraw. A survivor was then seen by the air crew. Disregarding the expired time factor of the crashed aircraft's bomb load, the Crew Commander landed the helicopter and successfully evacuated the critically injured survivor to medical aid.²³

Cam Ranh Bay Tower scrambled Pedro 04 and 51 on 8 August 1967 to assist in search and rescue of an Army UH-1D crashed 16 miles south of the base. Nine survivors were sighted and successfully rescued to medical attention. The Rescue Crew Commander was Major Armand Fiola.²⁴

A doctor and oxygen equipment were transported to the Vietnamese village of Ba Ngoi on 8 September 1967 to aid a 25 day old baby suffering from pneumonia. The patient was examined and the doctor advised immediate evacuation to the 12th Air Force Hospital. The evacuation was successfully executed without incident.²⁵

21. ARRS Monthly Report, Jul - Sep 1967

22. Mission (8-38-19-23 Jul 67)

23. Mission (8-38-20-3 Aug 67)

24. Mission (8-38-21-8 Aug 67)

25. Mission (8-38-22-8 Sep 67)