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CHAPTER III

OPERATIONS

Missions

During this quarter 137 scramble missions were flown for a total of 44.3 hours and 39 support missions were flown for a total of 46.5 hours. The following is a narrative of three significant missions flown during this period.

Mission 2-38-01, 28 Jan 68. The crew of Pedro 57 responded to a call from the tower that an F-105 had crashed after takeoff south of the base. The wreckage was located and a faint beeper signal was detected. On the second pass over the site a chute was sighted in the crash area. The helicopter was landed and the medical technician and rescue specialist recovered the pilot who was flown to the base hospital. Later investigation disclosed that the pilot had not ejected from the aircraft, but had remained in his seat on impact and then was thrown from the aircraft. He was very seriously injured, however, the rapid response of the Pedro crew was believed to be a paramount factor in his survival, consequently a "save" was claimed for this mission. The crew of Pedro 57 consisted of:

ROG	Capt Andrew J.M. Archer
CP	Maj Bruce C. Smith
RS	SSgt Thomas J. Nicholson
RS	Sgt Richard W. Turner
MT	Sgt Henry A. Boehrke