

### CHAPTER III

#### OPERATIONS

##### MISSIONS/SAVES

Detachment 8, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron flew 455 intercept missions during the past quarter and was called on to fly 282 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.<sup>1</sup>

During the quarter, the Detachment scrambled on 6 Search/Recovery/Med-Evac missions totalling 27 sorties. During this period four combat saves and eight non-combat saves were credited.<sup>2</sup>

On 1 January 1968 at 0255 local, the alert crew commanded by Major Armand J. Fiola was notified by the U.S. Naval Support Facility that an injured seaman required immediate evacuation to the 12th USAF Hospital. E-4 John Campbell, USN, had been seriously injured in a vehicle accident. Pedro 04 was scrambled and was landed in a baseball diamond where the patient was loaded aboard the helicopter. The rescue mission was terminated by delivering the injured seaman to awaiting attendants at the hospital helipad.<sup>3</sup>

On 2 January 1968 at 1030 local, the 12th Tactical Fighter Wing Command Post notified Detachment 8 of a reported helicopter crash approximately eight miles south of the base. The alert crew commanded by Major Armand J. Fiola was scrambled. An Army UH-1D was located in

1. Detachment Monthly Flying Summary, Jan - Mar 1968

2. Ibid

3. Mission Number 8-38-01-01 Jan 1968

the surf approximately 9NM southwest of the base in an insecure area. Pedro 04 was landed and soon joined by Pedro 51 commanded by Captain Eugene H. Boortz. One ambulatory and two litter patients were loaded aboard 04 and one litter patient was loaded aboard 51. Both helicopters proceeded to the 12th USAF Hospital where WO Richard F. Gallagher, WO Richard B. Deer, SP-4 James E. McLeon, and E-4 Gary B. Davidson were delivered to awaiting attendants.<sup>4</sup>

The Detachment 8, 38ARRS alert crew commanded by Major Armand J. Fiola was notified at 1130 local on 26 January by the 87th Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army, that a truck accident occurred on Route 1, two miles south of the village of DuLong, Republic of Vietnam. It was reported that several seriously injured personnel required immediate evacuation. Pedro 51 scrambled and proceeded to the accident scene. The helicopter was landed and one ambulatory and two litter patients were treated and flown to the 12th USAF Hospital at Cam Ranh Bay Air Base, Republic of Vietnam. All three patients, Captain Ho One Kang, Sergeant Seo Tai Choi, and Mr. Leam Neo were delivered to awaiting attendants.<sup>5</sup>

On 5 February 1968 at 1340 local, Detachment 8, 38ARRS was notified by the Cam Ranh Bay Harbormaster that a critically injured seaman required immediate evacuation from aboard ship at sea. The seaman had received multiple chest wounds from exploding ammunition.

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4. Mission Number 8-38-2-8 Jan 1968

5. Mission Number 8-38-3-26 Jan 1968