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Copter Crewmen Rescue Six in 3-Hour Stretch

SAIGON (OI)—A Huskie helicopter crew of Det. 10, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq., Binh Thuy AB, made six combat saves within a three-hour period one night recently. In Southeast Asia, the Huskie is nicknamed Pedro by the crews.

The first save was made when the crew rescued four downed Army HU1 Huey helicopter crew members and a wounded soldier five miles southwest of Can Tho.

The second save was about three hours later by the same crew. They picked up an F-100 Supersabre pilot from the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Bien Hoa

AB, who was shot down by enemy ground fire one mile north of Binh Thuy.

The Pedro crew members were Capt. Lawrence W. Conover, 37, San Francisco, aircraft commander; and Leslie E. Johnson, 37, Bruceton, Tenn., pilot; T.Sgt. Kenneth Hogan, 39, Roanoke, Va., flight engineer, and Airman 1.C. Larry D. Nicholson, 21, Dixly, Calif., a pararescueman who was on his second mission after one month in country.

The first save, of the unarmed Army Huey from the 82nd Medical Det., Soc Trang Airfield, was made after the Air Force

Pedro crew, preparing to at Binh Thuy, received a from the downed crew.

When the Pedro arrived at scene, a Navy Sea Wolf helicopter was already there and provided air cover for the rescue. Enemy fire was received about 50 meters on either side of the chopper during the rescue, but the save was made without incident and they returned to Binh Thuy.

Units of the 3rd Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group, which the 38th ARRS is a part of, have completed more than 100 successful rescues since December 1964.