

CHAPTER III

OPERATIONS

MISSIONS

On 1 April, Tuy Hoa Tower relayed a report to Detachment Operations of an Army O-1G down and burning fourteen miles west of Tuy Hoa AB in hostile territory. A Pedro aircraft with FSK launched, crewed by Lt Col Fagner, Capt Dely, TSgt Kozlowski, SSgt McAllister, and Sgt Phelps. The fire was put out, but the two crewmen had perished in the crash (mission #11-38-3). On 4 April, Detachment Operations monitored a UHF Guard transmission of an aircraft making an emergency landing 10 miles east. A Pedro aircraft, crewed by Lt Col Fagner, Capt Dely, Sgt Soden, and A1C Krause, located the aircraft and provided cover until Army assistance arrived. No personnel injuries were sustained by the Huey downed by mechanical failure (mission #11-38-4). On 10 April, a Pedro Med-Evac resulted in the non-combat save of a triple amputee by airlifting the critical patient to the 91st Army Med-Evac Hospital at Phu Hiep. Crewmembers were Lt Col Fagner, Capt Dely, Sgt Soden, and TSgt Kozlowski (mission #11-38-5). On 20 April, Detachment Operations was advised by Tuy Hoa Tower that an F-100 pilot was bailing out over the sea eighteen miles north of Tuy Hoa AB. A Pedro aircraft, crewed by Capt Darden, Maj Worsech, SSgt Prevratil, and Sgt Kraft, launched and recovered the pilot for a combat save (mission #11-38-6). Another combat save was logged by Capt Darden, Maj Worsech, Sgt Thompson, and A1C Krause in the recovery of an F-4C pilot downed by

hostile fire nineteen miles south of Tuy Hoa Air Base. Notified by a UHF Guard "Mayday" call relayed by Tuy Hoa Tower, the Pedro aircraft launched and sighted a personnel chute in dense jungle. While the aircraft hovered over the hostile territory for fifty long minutes, A1C Krause treated the injured crewmember so he could be hoisted to the helicopter. The second pilot struck the ground before his chute had time to open. All rescue crewmembers have been recommended for appropriate decorations (mission #11-38-7). On 25 June, two Detachment aircraft launched to a position over the jungle forty miles north of Tuy Hoa AB to aid in the search for the pilot of a downed F-100. One of the Pedro aircraft, crewed by Capt Dely, Maj Worsech, Sgt Soden, and A1C Krause, found and recovered remains of the deceased pilot (mission #11-38-8). Two Pedro aircraft also launched on 26 June when a CH-47 called that it was going down, but rescue assistance was not required. The aircraft had suffered mechanical failure and landed safely (mission #11-38-9).

FLYING OPERATIONS

The following is a breakdown of missions and operations for the calendar quarter April through June 1968.

	<u>Sorties</u>	<u>Flying Time</u>
Intercepts	100	17
False Missions	5	3
Miscellaneous (Support	294	124