

were exploding and they were under sniper fire. The Medic, TSgt Rodriguez, calmly and efficiently administered first aid under these same conditions. Three combat saves are claimed. Crew Members: RCC - Captain P.D. McComb; RCCP - Major D.L. Jordon; MT - TSgt R. Rodriguez; RS - SSgt E. Green; RS - Sgt J.R. Evans.

3. Rescue/Recovery Mission. 14-38-06-14 May 68. 1 Sortie - 0+45 hours. The primary alert crew was alerted at 0840Z by Saigon tower that an Army OH-6A helicopter was down southeast of Saigon at UTM coordinates XS900/915. The alert crew was airborne in Pedro 46 at 0845Z. The area was located, however the aircraft wreckage was not spotted until the downed crew ignited a MK-18 smoke flare (time was approximately 0900Z). Helicopter gunship cover was requested through Paris Control (Saigon GCI); however after some delay, Paris advised that no gunships were available. Pedro 79 arrived on the scene and assumed a high bird orbit for cover. The Pedro 46 crew elected to take a close look to determine the security of the area. From a lower altitude, Vietnamese Army troops were observed in the area. Pedro landed at the scene at 0903Z, while Pedro 79 maintained high bird cover. The OH-6A was badly damaged, but the crew of two was uninjured. Pedro 46 and crew remained on the ground for approximately ten minutes where the Army crew stripped their helicopter of weapons and other vital equipment. At 0913Z Pedro 46 was airborne headed for the survivors home base of Di An, RVN. Pedro 46 returned to Tan Son Nhut after delivering the survivors

and their equipment to Di An. The mission was terminated at 0930Z. The Army crew advised us that the area several meters north of the crash scene was occupied by a large enemy force of division size.

Later investigation revealed that the area was hot, however, neither helicopter received ground fire during the operation. Two combat saves are claimed. Crew Members: RCC - Captain P.D. McComb

RCCP - Major D.L. Jordon; MT - Tsgt R. Rodriguez; FR - Sgt G.J.

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Pierce; RS - Sgt J.L. Ball.

4. Rescue/Recovery Mission. 14-38-07-13 Jun 68. 3 Sorties - 1+20 hours. Det 14 was notified by JSARC, at 0910L, that an Army UH-1 helicopter had gone down 22 nm from Tan Son Nhut on the 220 degree radial of Tan Son Nhut TACAN. Pedro 46, low bird, and Pedro 79, high bird, launched at 0920L. No difficulty was encountered enroute. Weather was 2000 scattered. Paris Control relayed information to us enroute including artillery advisories and notification that UH-1 gunships had arrived on scene. The two helicopters arrived on scene at 0940. Although we were notified of enemy activity in the vicinity, the area of the crash site was quiet. The four crewmembers of the downed helicopter were uninjured and were waiting beside their aircraft with a considerable amount of guns and ammunition. Both helicopters landed and on-loaded two crewmembers each, 2 M-60's and several hundred pounds of ammunition. The two helicopters took off again at 0945 and proceeded to Tan An AB, where the survivors and cargo were off-loaded. The Pedros then returned to Tan Son Nhut. The mission terminated at 1040. Four