

so they were able to walk on board the helicopter. Pedro was unable to avoid flying over hostile territory on takeoff. During takeoff, Razorback 45 advised us to take evasive action because we were receiving ground fire. Also, we learned that the downed crew had been under light sniper fire prior to our arrival. No battle damage was received by Pedro 46. There were no injuries. Later information revealed that friendly forces were in heavy contact with 110 enemy troops in the immediate vicinity. The Razorback crew was returned to their helicopter pad where they crewed up another helicopter and went back to war. The mission was terminated at 1515 hours (local). Five Combat Saves are claimed. Crew Members: RCC Captain P.D. McComb; RCCP - Major D.L. Jordon; MT - TSgt R. Rodriguez; FE - SSgt W.R. Gladish.

2. Rescue/Recovery Mission. 14-38-05-5 May 68. 2 Sorties - 0430 hours. The alert crew was notified by crash telephone at 1949 hours (local) that an unknown aircraft was down and burning on the west side of Tan Son Nhut Air Base. Pedro 46 was airborne with the FSK at 1950 hours. It turned out to be a Vietnamese Air Force C-47 flare ship and its location was about 500 yards outside the base perimeter. Pedro 46 arrived on scene at 1952 hours and deployed the FSK, the fireman and medic. The cabin and cockpit were already engulfed in flames. Shortly after the firefighters began cutting their path, the flares in the cabin of the C-47 began exploding, sending sparks and flames more than 100 feet high. By this time

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flashlight signals. Night hoist operations was used to recover both pilots at 2150L. The mission was terminated at 2200L after the F-4 crew was released to the 8th USAF Disp Medical authorities for observation.

Crew Members

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| RCC   | Major Glenn M Marks     |
| Pilot | Capt Clarence L Hansell |
| MT    | Sgt Usama Rasheed       |
| RS    | Sgt Donald W Jowers     |
| RS    | Sgt Wesley R Barnes     |

4. 22 May 1968. An Army U-6 crash landed after take-off from Ubon. "Pedro" was scrambled and arrived on the scene to find all occupants of the U-6 standing near the aircraft and in good condition. There was no fire or injury to personnel involved. Since base crash and medical personnel were on the way by vehicle "Pedro" stood by until their arrival then returned to the base.

5. On 4 June the first operational mission was flown from our new alert facility.

6. "Pedro" and crew were scrambled to the Ubon bomb range on 7 June to evacuate a Thai national who received scrapnal wounds when an unexploded bomb he found exploded during his attempt to move it. Pedro's quick reaction and speedy medical aid prevented loss of the injured man's hand.