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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. Wiersma. Pedro 79: RCC - Major P.L. Rice; RCCP - Captain H.L. 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

combat saves claimed. Crew Members: Pedro 46 - RCC - Captain P.J. Kerrigan; RCCP - Major D.L. Jordan; FE - Sgt G.J. Wiersma; MT - W.J. Hallock. Pedro 79 - RCC - Captain L.E. Bielstein; RCCP - Major R.B. Vaughan; RS - SSgt E. Green; RS - Sgt G.B. Courts; FE - D.J. Nason.

5. Rescue/Recovery Mission. 14-38-8-19 Jun 68. 2 Sorties - 0435 hours. At 1405L, Det 14 was notified via primary crash circuit that an explosion had occurred in the bomb dump area and a light aircraft crash was suspected. Det 14 immediately scrambled the alert crew in Pedro 46 with the FSK. Upon arrival at the scene, it was found that an U.S. Army truck loaded with munitions was on fire and the munitions were exploding. It was subsequently learned that these munitions were captured VC munitions including 82 mm shells, B-40 rockets and hand grenades. A fire truck had just arrived on scene so Pedro 46 maneuvered into position to support the fire truck with rotor wash. The exploding ordnance forced us to hover fairly far back and one larger explosion forced us to take evasive action from flying debris. When the fire had been suppressed, Pedro 46 backed off, released the FSK and landed. The crewmembers disembarked and began rendering first aid to several casualties. The crew attended four casualties and assisted in loading the two most seriously wounded into a base ambulance which arrived on scene. One deceased was also evacuated by the ambulance. Two casualties were loaded on Pedro 46 for evacuation. At this moment, we received notification from TSN Tower that a U-21A had crashed on the runway. We took off almost immediately but did not delay to hook up the FSK because we