

observed a fire truck approaching the crash. Our medic reported the casualties on board were in satisfactory condition so Pedro 46 maneuvered into position to support the fire truck with rotor wash. From our vantage point, we observed that the U-21A had collided with a USAF ambulance. The ambulance was crushed under the nose of the U-21A and both the ambulance and the nose of the U-21A were engulfed in flame. Pedro 46 maintained its supporting hover until several more trucks arrived and the fire was brought under control. No persons were observed being evacuated from the U-21 but we subsequently learned the pilot and co-pilot were unharmed. The two medical technicians in the ambulance perished in the crash. When the base fire chief released Pedro from the crash scene, we started to take off to deliver our casualties to the hospital. At this moment, an ambulance was observed traveling along a nearby taxiway. We flew to the ambulance and advised him with the loud hailer that we had two casualties on board. When the ambulance stopped, Pedro 46 landed and transferred the two patients to the ambulance. Pedro 46 then proceeded back to the first location to retrieve our FSK. The hoist was utilized to bring the hookup man on board. Pedro 46 terminated at the Pedro alert pad at 1440L. Crew Members: RCC - Captain P.J. Kerrigan; RCCP - Major D.L. Jordon; MT - TSgt R. Rodriguez; RS - SSgt E. Russell; RS - Sgt G.B. Courts.

6. Rescue/Recovery Mission. 14-38-10-29 Jun 68. 3 Sorties - 0+25 hours. The detachment was notified by JSARC at 0902L that an Army UH-1B helicopter gunship had made a forced landing approximately one (1) mile west of Tan Son Nhut AB, while on a combat mission. Another

gunship was reportedly orbiting over the scene to suppress possible hostile fire and secure the area. Pedro 46 scrambled at 0905L and proceeded to the scene. Weather at the time of launch and enroute was 1700' scattered with seven miles visibility. No difficulties were encountered enroute. Paris Control put us in UHF contact with the airborne gunship (Razorback 42) which directed Pedro to the site and relayed the information that the downed aircraft was Razorback 41 with four (4) persons aboard and no apparent injuries. The Razorback crew deployed a green smoke grenade to pinpoint the position and give wind direction. The actual coordinates of the site were 10°50'N, 106°38'E. Pedro 46 landed at the scene and unloaded two of the crew members, with a number of weapons including two M-60 machine guns. The two remaining crew members stayed with the aircraft to secure the area until replacements could be brought in. The two unloaded crew members were taken to the Saigon Heliport for debriefing and Pedro returned to the alert pad, landing at 0930L. Two combat saves claimed. Crew Members: RCC - Captain L.E. Bielstein; RCCP - Captain H.L. Pierce; RS - TSgt R. Rodriguez; FE - TSgt C. Ezell.

#### COMBAT LOSSES

Sgt Wilber J. Hallock Jr. was killed in the performance of duty with the 377th USAF Dispensary on 19 June 1968. Sgt Hallock was attached to Detachment 14 for flying as an Aeromedical Technician.

#### SAFETY OF OPERATION

During the period 1 April 1968 to 30 June 1968, Detachment 14 recorded