

enroute, the Camp came under mortar and automatic weapons fire. Due to the hostile action, the steadily diminishing fuel supply, and adverse weather moving into the area, the mission was terminated. After returning to the base, it was discovered that while hovering in the ravine, the rotor blades had struck the tree tops and were punctured in several places.

THE APC FIRE: On 2 June 68, the U.S. Army called with an urgent request for assistance. An Armored Personnel Carrier had been hit by a recoilless rifle round, and was burning, with the crew trapped inside. The Albat Helicopter, crewed by Captain D.A. Adamson, ROC; Major R.W. Hastings, ROCP; SSgt A.J. Williams, Fireman; ALC Thompson, PJ; and SSgt D.L. Stevens, Flight Engineer proceeded to the site, about 20 miles Southwest of Pleiku AB. Upon arriving at the site, which had been secured by a ring of armored vehicles, the Fire Suppression Kit was expended in an unsuccessful attempt to subdue the flames and gain entry into the vehicle. Due to the intense heat, the hostile environment, and the fuel state, the helicopter and crew returned to Base.

THE A-1 INCIDENT: On 23 June 68, an A-1 returning from a mission with a full load of ordnance, crashed one mile East of Pleiku AB. Pedro 98, crewed by Captain D.A. Adamson, IP; Lt Col H.O. Horpe, Pilot; Sgt F.M. Barnes, Flight Engineer; SSgt W. Heard, Jr., Fireman; SSgt G. Murray, Fireman; and ALC M.H. Wichman, Pararescueman was on a local training flight and observed the crash. Within one minute the helicopter had landed beside