

CHAPTER III OPERATIONS

MISSIONS

11-38-010-8210: In the early hours of 29 July 1968, a Viet Cong Sapper Team penetrated Tuy Hoa Air Base on a mission of destruction. At 0130 the explosions which destroyed two C-130's and damaged other C-130's and F-100's began. Tower informed Detachment alert personnel that no contact could be established with base crash and requested Pedro assistance; Pedro 24 (aircraft #60-282) scrambled with Maj. Delmar G. Worsch (Rescue Crew Commander), Capt. Henry P. Fogg (Instructor Pilot), SSgt. Robert A. McAllister (Rescue Specialist), Sgt. James W. Nelson (Rescue Specialist), and A1C Stephen R. Tuttle (Pararescue Specialist). Pedro 24 arrived at the site of a burning C-130 followed soon by base crash vehicles, but the fire could not be extinguished although the flame control provided by the helicopter rotor-wash facilitated fire-fighting operations. But the Pedro crew was credited with saving an adjacent C-130 by controlling spreading flames and fuel spillage with rotor-wash so the aircraft could be entered and taxied to a safe area. Pedro 24 flew a total of three sorties and thirty minutes on this mission while explosions were still resounding and mortars reported falling. For this mission, the entire crew has been recommended for Distinguished Flying Crosses.