

fly to the nearest secure area to check on damage and advised the other aircraft of his decision. Pedro 99 with Pedro 20 flying cover flew about 3 NM north of Duc My - a MACV camp - and shut down. Blade damage was then found from contact with trees and enemy ground fire on the left set of rotor blade tips, and the aircraft was grounded. Blade change was accomplished the following day, and Pedro 99 returned to Nha Trang. Pedro 99's crew was: RCC - Capt Cortland D. Field; RCP - Maj Richard G. Lauderdale Jr.; FE - Sgt John B. Gent; and PJ - Sgt Edward A. DeShae. Pedro 20's crew was: RCC - 1st Lt Willis J. Thayer; RCP - Maj James N. Madsen; FE - Sgt William Grimes; and PJ - Sgt Louis C. Felker.

(2) Mission Number 12-38-11. On 31 Oct 68, Nha Trang Tower notified Det 12 that an Army UH-1D (Super Coach 524) was down 4 miles from Nha Trang on the radial. Pedro 21 was scrambled at 0842L and flew to the crash site which was marked by smoke and flames. ALC Jones, Pararescueman, was lowered through a dense canopy to a point 100 feet above the crash. He searched the crash and immediate vicinity for 25 minutes, finding two bodies in the wreckage but no survivors. He was hoisted back aboard Pedro 21. No enemy activity was encountered and Pedro 21 returned to Nha Trang at 0930L. Pedro 21's crew: RCC - Maj James N. Madsen; RCP - Capt Cortland D. Field; FE - Sgt William Grimes; and PJ - ALC Thomas B. Jones Jr.