

Mission 6-38-21-7 December 1968

At approximately 1900 Detachment 6 was notified by Bien Hoa Tower of an US Army CH-47 inbound with an unknown emergency. Pedro 95 scrambled at 1905 and was informed by the tower that no further radio contact had been made. At the same time a MAYDAY call from a Laserbeam 143 was heard. The aircraft indicated that he had made a forced landing 3 Nautical Miles southwest of Bien Hoa Air Base, Republic of Vietnam. Pedro 95 proceeded to the area guided by flares and the aircraft rotating beacon. After checking for ground fire an approach was made to the aircraft with the Fire Suppression Kit still attached. Communications were established using hand signals and Loud Hailer and two persons were hoisted into the helicopter. The Fire Suppression Kit and the two personnel were flown to Bien Hoa Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, and the Pedro 95 returned to the downed aircraft and picked up the remaining six personnel. The Detachment was credited with eight combat saves.

Crewmembers were:

Rescue Crew Commander	Captain Walter D. Murphy
Rescue Crew Copilot	Captain Harvey B. Bell
Firefighter (Hoist Operator)	Staff Sergeant William E. Niemann
Firefighter	Sergeant Edward S. Bevens