

Det 11, 38th ARRSQ, Hist., Jan-Mar 1969

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11-38-007-10 Feb 69 - while on a precautionary orbit, Pedro 24 received a radio transmission on guard frequency declaring that a U.S. Army helicopter had crashed approximately 15 miles southwest of Tuy Hoa AB. Pedro 24 left immediately for the crash scene. The secondary helicopter was flown on a functional check flight and was then released for the mission. Pedro 05 departed for the scene approximately a half hour after Pedro 24. Pedro 24 picked up five survivors by hoist and transported them to the 91st Army hospital at Phu Hiep AAF, four miles southeast of Tuy Hoa AB. Pedro 05 arrived at the scene, the top of the 3600 foot mountain peak, as Pedro 24 was departing. Pedro 05 picked up the remaining six survivors. However, due to heavy fuel load, they were picked up two at a time. The first four were transferred to a nearby radio relay site and the final two were taken to Phu Hiep AAF. The mission was hampered throughout by poor weather conditions at the crash site. Eleven combat saves. Sorties and flying time: 5/2.6

Crewmembers were:

Pedro 24

RCC Capt Henry P. Fogg

RCCP Capt Charles T. Wohlneck

FE SSgt Charles F. Soderboom

PJ Sgt Richard E. Evans

Pedro 05

RCC Capt William F. Austin

RCCP Maj Morgan A. Downing

FE SSgt Leroy W. King

PJ ALC Paul E. Fatka