

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

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11-38-008-12 Feb 69 - the detachment operations was notified by the 39th ARRSQ operations officer that an aircraft had crashed approximately 35 miles west/northwest of Tuy Hoa AB. The type of aircraft was unknown. Pedro 24 launched immediately and arrived in the approximate area 20 minutes later. While enroute radio communications had been established with Crown 6, an HC-130 aircraft orbiting the area. As Pedro 24 arrived at the scene, the downed aircraft was sighted by an O-2 aircraft. Pedro 24 received vectors from the pilot of the O-2 aircraft and hovered over the wreckage. The downed aircraft was a U.S. Army O-1. Both crewmembers were trapped inside the fuselage. The pararescueman from Pedro 24 was deployed to free the trapped crewmembers. He discovered that one of the men was deceased. The survivor and the deceased were hoisted aboard the helicopter using the semi-rigid litter. The pararescueman was then hoisted aboard and Pedro 24 flew to Phu Hiep AAF. One combat save. Sorties and flying time: 2/1.9

Crewmembers were:

RCC Capt William F. Austin

RCCP Maj Morgan A. Downing

FE SSgt Leroy W. King

PJ A1C Ian T. Burr

11-38-009-18 Feb 69 - the detachment was notified at 1630 that a U.S. Army UH-1 helicopter had crashed approximately 25 miles southwest of Tuy Hoa AB and that five people were trapped inside. Pedro 05 launched immediately however, Pedro 24 was awaiting a functional check flight and was not released for the mission until 1800. Pedro 05, upon