



Battle damaged F - 4C with one main gear in the up position. Date: 14 February 1969.

CREW OF PEDRO: Lt Col Drake, Capt Holland, TSgt Fernandez, Sgt Pillsbury, Sgt Cunningham

14 Feb 69 An HH-43b rescue helicopter from Det 8, 38ARRS, responds to an F-4C emergency at Cam Ranh RVN. On 14 February 1969, a battle damaged F-4C landed with its right main gear up, rupturing and exploding the right wing tank upon touchdown. The local base rescue HH-43 "Pedro", deployed the fire suppression kit, discharged one pararescueman and two fire fighters at the scene and established a hover at the burning aircraft. The rotor down-wash from the helicopter blew out the fire from the burning fuel tank. One fireman activated the fire suppression kit and laid a foam path to the aircraft, while the other fireman and the pararescueman assisted the pilots in evacuating the stricken F-4C.