

CHAPTER II

OPERATIONS

During the quarter, the detachment was credited with two combat saves and two non-combat saves as a result of participation in four search and rescue missions. A brief narrative of each mission follows:

Mission No. 11-38-032, 1 July 1969 - The detachment was notified¹ at 1115L that the base dispensary had an emergency appendicitis patient who needed evacuation to the U.S. Army Hospital at Qui Nhon Army Air Field. Pedro 24 was scrambled at 1120L and loaded the litter patient at the dispensary helipad at 1125L and proceeded to Qui Nhon Army Air Field approximately 45 miles northeast of Tuy Hoa. Pedro 24 returned to base at 1245L and it was later learned from dispensary personnel that we were credited with saving the life of one non-crew member. 1.4 hours flying time and three sorties logged.

Crewmembers were:

AC Capt Walter F. Turk

CP Major Morgan A. Downing

FE SSgt Leroy W. King

PJ Sgt Michael E. Fish

Mission No. 11-38-033, 2 July 1969 - The detachment was notified at 2045L by the tower that a mortar round had exploded on a Swift boat approximately three miles south of Tuy Hoa Air Base. An Army UH-1D was on the scene, but was unable to hover over the boat due to high winds and rough seas. Pedro 05 was scrambled at 2050L and arrived at the scene at 2055L. An Army flare ship dropped flares

1. L (Local Time) = Greenwich Mean Time + 8 hours