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the hoisting operations. When four persons had been recovered by Dustoff 16, Pedro 95 was asked to recover the last survivor. The approach was made over the survivor, located in 100 feet jungle. He did not secure himself to the forest penetrator with the strap until reminded to do so, using the loud hailer. Once he was on board the helicopter, he reported no more survivors and Pedro 95 departed for the 93rd Field Hospital where he was turned over to medical personnel at 1355Z. Pedro 95 returned to Bien Hoa AB, RVN and terminated the mission at 1405Z (2205L). Det 6 was credited with one aircrew combat save.

Crewmembers:

Pedro 95

Aircraft Commander	Capt Walter D. Murphy
Copilot	Capt Paul L. Lantz
Flight Engineer	SSgt Gary D. McGrew
Rescue Specialist	SSgt Joseph M. Duffy

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While on an intercept, Pedro 97 was notified by Bien Hoa Tower at 0532Z of an OH-6 helicopter which had autorotated into a rice paddy approximately one mile west of Bien Hoa Air Base. Kenny 18 and an O-2 FAC were circling the scene and could not establish radio contact. The FSK was deposited at the alert pad and Pedro 97 arrived in the area at 0535Z. An attempt was made to contact the pilot using UHF radio

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but was not successful. The public address was used to talk to the pilot, but he had no way to talk to the rescue helicopter. The hoist was prepared for a pickup after the pilot indicated a desire to be picked up. Once inside the helicopter, the pilot indicated that he desired to be taken to Bien Hoa Air Base to contact his unit to arrange the recovery of his aircraft. Two persons were left in the aircraft as a guard and the pilot was transported to Bien Hoa Air Base. The mission was terminated at 0550Z. The mission was required only because the U.S. Army pilot involved could not contact a FAC by radio. Had he been carrying a survival radio, all coordination could have been effected without his leaving his aircraft. Due to the unsecure area in which the helicopter was located, ARRS was credited with one combat aircrew saved. Pedro 97 flew one sortie of 0.3 duration.

Crewmembers:

Pedro 97

Aircraft Commander	Capt Walter D. Murphy
Copilot	Capt Paul L. Lantz
Fire Fighter	SSgt John A. Hudson
Fire Fighter	Sgt Edward S. Bevens