

## CHAPTER III

OPERATIONSMISSIONS/SAVES

Detachment 8, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron flew 262 sorties during the past quarter. The flying summary is as follows:

| <u>TYPE</u>          | <u>SORTIES</u> |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Rescue/Recovery..... | 2              |
| Intercepts.....      | 104            |
| Support.....         | 7              |
| Training.....        | 136            |
| Maintenance.....     | 12             |
| False.....           | 1 <sup>1</sup> |

Detachment 8 was credited with 2 combat saves during the quarter.

The Rescue mission flown is as follows:

Mission 8-38-13-17 Nov 69: 2 Sorties - .3 hour, HH-43B, Det 8, 38ARRSq. On the night of 17 November 1969, at 1250Z, Cam Ranh Bay Air Base tower called Det 8, 38th ARRSq and reported that an F-4C aircraft had ditched in Cam Ranh Bay, 4 miles south of the runway. The Det 8's HH-43 Alert Crew fueled Pedro 17 and tookoff at 1255Z. While proceeding south from the air base, Pedro 17 established voice contact with the downed F-4C aircrew, call sign Pussy 02, on guard frequency. Approximately 4 miles south of runway centerline, Pedro 17 established visual contact when the rescuees ignited a survival flare. The Pedro

crew dropped a smoke flare upwind of the scene, executed a short pattern, and established a stable hover over the survivors. The Pedro Pararescue Specialist brought the downed pilots aboard the helicopter separately with the aircraft hoist. The survivors had been in the water approximately 15 minutes. Pedro 17 departed the scene and flew to the 12th USAF Hospital at Cam Ranh Bay Air Base, arriving at 1310Z. The rescuees were discharged and Pedro 17 returned to the Pedro pad, arriving at 1315Z. This constitutes two combat saves.

The crew of Pussy 02 was Major William A. Juhrs, and Major Benton Coglazier, of the 390th TFS, Da Nang Air Base, RVN.

The crew of Pedro 17 was Major Calvin W. Capper, Aircraft Commander; Captain James L. McAfee, Co Pilot; Staff Sergeant Willie A. Burchett, Flight Engineer; and Sergeant Larry C. Meyers, Pararescue Specialist<sup>2</sup>.