

Both Pedro aircraft launched and difficulties in communications existed between the aircraft and ground party which hampered the rescue. Contact was made and a PJ was lowered to assist in the pick-up. The victim was returned to the 12th USAF Hospital. One combat save is credited.²

Mission 08-38-003 22 Mar 70: 3 Sorties - 2.8 hours, Det 8, 38ARRSq. Pedro 17 was launched at 0635Z to recovery RMK_BRJ civilian employees that were stranded when their ship, the "Madison", ran aground 15NM south of Cam Ranh Bay AB. Two crewmen were hoisted aboard and returned to RMK_BRJ operations unharmed. At 0810Z, Det 8 was again notified by RMK_BRJ company that another tug ran aground while attempting to free the "Madison". Pedro's 17 and 51 were launched and rescued a total of nine survivors. All survivors were released to RMK_BRJ medical personnel. Nine non-combat saves are credited.³

Mission 08-38-004 23 Mar 70: 2 Sorties - 1.2 hour, Det 8, 38th ARRSq. Det 8 was notified by tower that a tugboat, the "Win Quett" was aground on a coral reef, at the same location as mission number 003. Both helicopters were launched and the low bird rescued four RMK_BRJ civilian employees. Four non-combat saves are credited.⁴

Mission 08-38-005 28 Mar 70: 1 Sortie - .7 hours, Det 8, 38th ARRSq. Cam Ranh tower called Pedro operations requesting assistance. A swimmer was caught in the surf and unable to swim to shore. Pedro 51 scrambled and when it reached the scene it was unable to locate the swimmer for

2. IBID, 3 February 1970

3. IBID, 22 March 1970

4. IBID, 23 March 1970

approximately twenty minutes because the body was submerged. After locating the body, a PJ was deployed into the water. Pedro 51 landed on the beach and the swimmer was loaded aboard and flown to the 12th USAF Hospital. He was DOA at the 12th USAF Hospital.⁵

5. IBID, 28 March 1970