

Mission 6-38-005- 22 Jun 70

At 0154Z, the primary alert crew responded to an inflight emergency consisting of an O-2 with one engine running rough. At 0155Z, before lift off, the crew was notified through Central Security Control, 3rd Security Police Squadron, that a Vietnamese Airman had stepped on a mine and needed medical evacuation. After reconfiguring for this mission, Pedro 95 departed at 0200Z for the area of the injured man on the Southwest perimeter of the base. Arriving on scene at 0202Z, it was readily apparent that the injured man was not in the minefield but 100 yards to the west. However, the mine field to the east and the marshy land to the west would have unduly delayed the arrival of any ground party. It could be seen from the air that the injured man was bleeding profusely. Another Vietnamese Airman, the co-worker of the victim, was observed nearby and by his movements it was determined that the immediate area was safe for a landing. This eliminated the risks involved in making repeated hoist operations from a high hover and diminished the time the injured man would be in pain. After landing, Sgt Vogel and Sgt Debell exited the aircraft, strapped the injured man into the stokes litter and loaded him aboard the aircraft at 0205Z. Normally, Vietnamese are supposed to be evacuated to the Cong Hoa Hospital in Saigon, but due to Pedro 95 being the alert helicopter and because of the victim's serious condition, he was medevaced to the 93rd

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Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh Army Post which is approximately four miles from Bien Hoa Air Base. Pedro 95 arrived back at Bien Hoa Air Base at 0230Z, at which time the mission was terminated. One non-combat, non-aircrew save was made. Crewmembers were: Capt Roy M. Litzen (AC), Capt Raymond F. Hunter (CP), Sgt Roy T. Vogel (RS) and Sgt John A. Debell (HM).

SAFETY OF OPERATION

Det 6 receives a monthly Explosive Safety Survey administered by the 3TFW. In addition a self-survey is accomplished each month by the Safety Officer. On 2 - 3 Jun 70, Capt Hayes and SSgt Johns of the 3ARRGP conducted a safety survey. Areas found noteworthy during the survey were (A) strong support of the command accident prevention program by the Det Commander and all personnel in their day to day operation. (B) General house keeping throughout the maintenance and operations area was outstanding. (C) Incoming/out processing briefing checklist was excellent.

TRAINING PROGRAM

This quarter witnessed a considerable amount of training. SSgt Duffy and Sgt Vogel were upgraded to Instructor Pararescuemen. Capt Dunlap was upgraded to Instructor Pilot. ALC's Warf and Wright were initially qualified as Helicopter Flt Mechanics. TSgt Mullins and Sgt's Wachs and Thomen were initially qualified as Medical Technicians.