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3d ARRGp Hist, Apr - Jun 66

In this period we have received approval for 160 Air Medals, 3 Purple Hearts, 1 Airman's Medal, 1 Bronze Star, 24 Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 4 Silver Stars.

o. (U) MISSIONS.

(1) Combat.

Det 1-3-21-10 Apr

(C) Four USN WIA and one MIA aboard Swift Boat, call sign Red Dog 6. 3 ARRGp dispatched 2 H-34's and HU-16 with Flight Surgeon aboard to rendezvous with boat at 1700N 10735E for air evacuation. Meanwhile SH-3A's were enroute from ship with another doctor. HU-16 Crown Charlie located Red Dog 6 and vectored SH-3A's in to lower doctor. (USN) SH-3A airlifted one survivor to DaNang; two survivors, two deceased and doctor remained on boat.

Det 1-3-22-13 Apr

(U) An OLE pilot took a hit in his engine at 1635N 10632E and had to make a forced landing. Pilot was recovered and returned to Khe Sanh by USMC H-34's assigned to 3 ARRGp for primary SAR.

Det 1-3-23-14 Apr

(U) Two B-57 crews involved in a mid air collision bailed out near DaNang. HU-16 located four survivors and directed Marine helicopters in the area to the crew members. USMC H-34's picked up three survivors and a 3 ARRGp HH-43 picked up the last survivor. The pararescueman (SSgt Charles A. Kezer) while assisting the crewman board the rescue device was injured on the survivor's knife which protruded from its scabbard.

Det 1-3-24-17 Apr

(C) Two Navy pilots bailed out of their A6 Intruder when the wing caught fire about 45 NM north of DaNang. A 3 ARRGp HU-16 from DaNang located the two pilots, made an uneventful open sea landing and returned survivors to DaNang AB, RVN.

Det 1-3-25-17 Apr

(C) Eight Special Forces personnel were stranded 5 miles S.W. of Khe Sanh. 3 ARRGp coordinated with USMC for pickup; two USMC H-34's returned 8 survivors to Khe Sanh.

Det 1-3-26-18 Apr

(C) An A1E was hit in the right wing by automatic weapons fire over Tiger Island. Crown Alfa HU-16 from DaNang recovered pilot who was in excellent condition.

Det 1-3-27-5 May

(C) An A4C pilot bailed out of his aircraft into the water at 2040N 10728E. SAR HU-16 in the area made an open sea landing and recovered the Navy pilot in good condition by use of a heaving line.

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