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q. (U) During the period of this history, the aircraft assigned to the 3d ARRGp were operationally ready 82.7% of the time. The 17.3% of time not operationally ready (NOR) were contributed to 9.1 NOR (Maintenance) and 8.2 NOR (Supply). Greater battle damage was sustained by our helicopters in this quarter than the previous one, accounting for a higher NOR(M) rate.

r. (U) Members of the 3d ARRGp have been awarded 6 Purple Hearts, 20 Silver Stars, 102 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 11 Bronze Stars, 13 AF Commendation Medals, 233 Air Medals and 4 Airmen Medals, during the period of this report.

s. (U) Special Order G-204. Hq MAC, 2 December 1966 discontinued Det 1, 3d ARRGp and Det 2, 3d ARRGp in the first paragraph of the order. In the second paragraph of the same order operating locations, CL 1, 3d ARRGp and CL 2, 3d ARRGp, were designated and established at Danang Appt, Vietnam and Udorn Afd, Thailand respectively, effective 15 Dec 1966.

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