

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS SEVENTH AIR FORCE (PACAF)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96307

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Jan 67-136 A

PLEIKU RESCUE DETACHMENT SETS OUTSTANDING RECORD

Pleiku (7AF) — JUNGLE RESCUE — Airman Second Class Allen R. Stanek, 20, of Boyd, Wis., rides a forest penetrator up into a hovering Air Force H-43 rescue chopper during a training operation. Staff Sergeant Charles L. Barrix of Laurenceville, Ind., operates the hoist from the chopper. Both men are assigned to Detachment #9, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Pleiku air base. The squadron is credited with 92 combat pick ups which include 60 combat saves in just one year in Southeast Asia. (AIR FORCE PHOTO).

D-N

- 30 -

NOTE: This item has been cleared for release by MACV.

4 Copter Crewmen Rescued in Jungle

By TOM QUINN

SES Staff Correspondent

SAIGON—An Air Force helicopter crew Thursday and Friday rescued four crewmen of a downed Army chopper 85 miles northwest of Pleiku.

A1C Allen Stanek, of Det. 9, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq., was lowered by cable 150 feet through the foliage and

found two of the survivors of the wrecked helicopter. Both were in shock and one had a broken leg.

The two were lifted out of the jungle and flown to a hospital while the search continued for the chopper and the two other crewmen.

During the night an Air Force Dragonship, Skyraider and flare-ship circled the area in a night-long vigil to keep the Viet Cong from reaching the wrecked chopper.

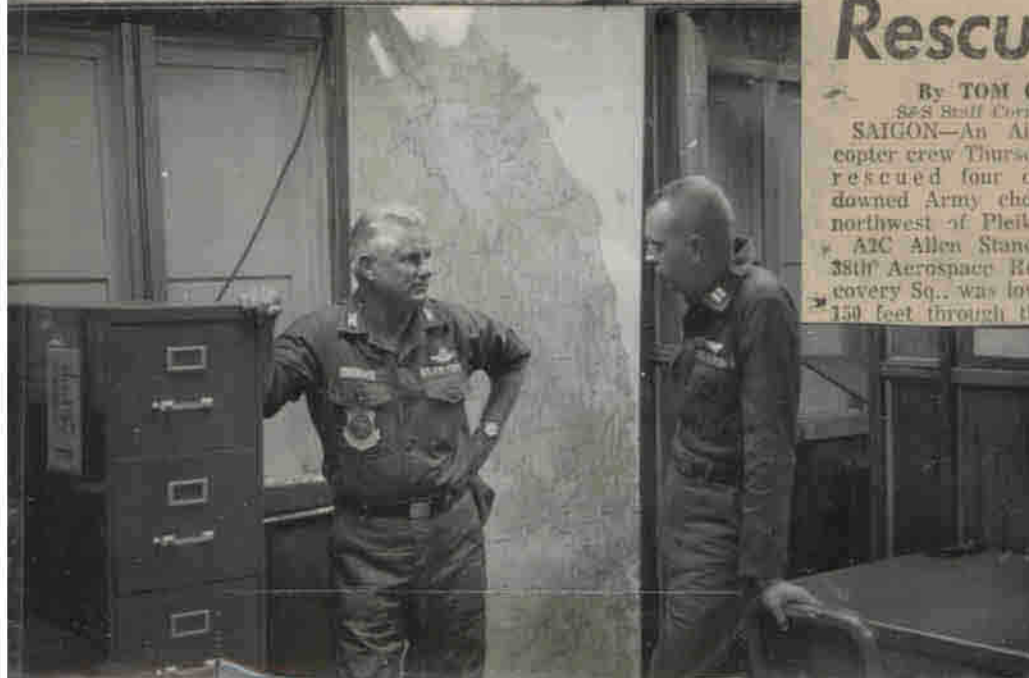
Friday morning, Stanek and pararescue man, SSgt. George Shipper finally located the wreckage with two Army crewmen trapped inside. Both were seriously injured.

After making sure part of the aircraft, the two Army men were removed and flown to Pleiku Air Base hospital.





ROLL CALL



4 Copter Crewmen Rescued in Jungle

By TOM QUINN

Staff Correspondent

SAIGON—An Air Force helicopter crew Thursday and Friday rescued four crewmen of a downed Army chopper 65 miles northwest of Pleiku.

A1C Allen Stanek, of Det. 9, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq., was lowered by cable 150 feet through the foliage and

found two of the survivors of the wrecked helicopter. Both were in shock and one had a broken leg.

The two were lifted out of the jungle and flown to a hospital while the search continued for the chopper and the two other crewmen.

During the night an Air Force Dragonship, Skyraider and flare-ship circled the area in a night-long vigil to keep the Viet Cong from reaching the wrecked chopper.

Friday morning, Stanek and pararescue man, SSgt. George Shipper finally located the wreckage with two Army crewmen trapped inside. Both were seriously injured.

After tearing away part of the aircraft, the two Army men were removed and flown to Pleiku Air Base hospital.

A1C KELSEY AFTER ANOTHER SAVE.



A2C Kelsey after another save