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Rescue Rilot, PJ Receive Silver Stars

TAN SON NHUT—Two men from the 3d Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Group here recently received the Silver Star. Maj. Gen. Robert J. Dixon, Seventh Air Force vice commander, presented the awards.

Capt. Charles D. Langham and SSgt. Earnest D. Casbeer were cited for "... gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force..." Oct. 24, 1969, and Oct. 5, 1968, respectively.

Both are assigned to the 3d ARRG's 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Da Nang AB.

As aircraft commander of an HH-3 Jolly Green helicopter, Captain Langham was trying to recover two downed Air Force pilots when his aircraft was damaged by hostile fire.

According to the citation accompanying the award, he nursed his helicopter to a safer area and landed. In doing so he "... saved his crew from probable serious injury or possible death."

Sergeant Casbeer, a rescue specialist on the HH-3, had penetrated a heavily defended enemy area to take out a U.S. Special Forces team surrounded by enemy forces when his aircraft was hit and finally downed.

The sergeant then helped rescue his aircraft commander and provided covering fire while he and the rest of his team were rescued.



PJ AWARDED DFC

DA NANG AB, RVN (7AF) — A1C George P. Hoffman III, a pararescue specialist with the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron here, was recently awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Brig. Gen. Allison C. Brooks, commander, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, made the presentation.

