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Two Jolly Green Crewmen Awarded DFCs

Capt. Charles W. Hoilman, Jr., an HH-3 Jolly Green Giant helicopter pilot and Sgt. D. H. Southward a Jolly Green mechanic, both

with the 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, recently were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism while particip-

ating in aerial flight.

Captain Hoilman was cited for a Dec. 3, 1969 flight when he penetrated an extremely hostile area to effect the rescue of two downed Air Force pilots. Even after his aircraft had sustained severe battle damage, he persisted until both pilots had been safely hoisted aboard from the midst of surrounding enemy troops.

On Oct. 6, 1969 Sergeant Southward participated in an aerial flight which penetrated an area of known hostile activity in an attempt to rescue eight downed Air

Force crewmembers from the midst of converging enemy ground forces. Despite intense and accurate enemy ground fire Southward manned his position providing sup-

pressive fire for his vulnerable helicopter until, ex-

tensively damaged by hostile fire, the Jolly Green was forced to withdraw.