

Son Tay

Task Force Ivory Coast (Son Tay Raid - November 21, 1970)

Ten Pararescuemen participated.

Apple One: MSgt Harold W. Harvey, SSgt Jon K. Hoberg

Apple Two: TSgt William E. Lester, SSgt Randy S. McComb

Apple Three: SSgt James J. Rogers, SSgt Angus W. Sowell

Apple Four: TSgt Lawrence Wellington, SSgt Wayne L. Fisk

Apple Five: SSgt John J. Eldridge, SSgt Daniel E. Galde

The ARRS members of this mission became some the most heavily decorated men from a single mission in the Vietnam War.

Four Jolly pilots were awarded the AF Cross ([click hyperlink to read narrative](#))

John V. Allison - Pilot - 21 November 1970

Warner A Britton - Pilot - 21 November 1970

Frederic M. Donohue - Pilot - 21 November 1970

|Herbert D. Kalen - Pilot - 21 November 1970

One Jolly FE was awarded the AF Cross

LeRoy Wright - FE - 21 November 1970

Seven PJs were awarded the Silver Star ([click hyperlink to read narrative](#))

JOHN J. ELDRIDGE - 15 May 1975

WAYNE L. FISK - 21 November 1970

DANIEL E. GALDE - 21 November 1970

JON K. HOBERG - 21 November 1970

WILLIAM E. LESTER - 21 November 1970

RANDY S. MCCOMB - 21 November 1970

LAWRENCE WELLINGTON - 21 November 1970

The Son Tay Raid - U S Army Personnel

Support Element

COL Arthur D Simons

CPT Eric J Nelson

CPT Glenn R Rouse
CPT Udo H Walther
SFC Earl Bleacher
SFC Leroy N Carlson
SFC John Jakovenko
SFC Jack G Joplin
SFC Daniel Jurich
SFC David A Lawhon Jr
SFC Salvador M Suarez
SFC Donald Taapken
SFC Richard W Valentine
SSG Walter L Miller
SSG Robert L Nelson
SSG David S Nickerson
SSG Thomas E Powell
SSG John E Rodriguez
SGT Gary D Keel
SGT Keith R Medenski
SGT Franklin D Roe
SGT Marshall A Thomas

Assault Element

CPT Richard J Meadows
CPT Thomas W Jaeger
CPT Dan H McKinney
1LT George W Petrie
MSG Thomas J Kemmer
MSG Billy K Moore
MSG Galen C Kittleson
SFC Anthony Dodge
SFC Lorenzo O Robbins
SFC William L Tapley
SFC Donald R Wingrove
SSG Charles G Erickson
SSG Kenneth E McMullin
SGT Patrick St Clair

Command Element – Security

LTC Elliot P Sydnor
LTC Joseph R Cataldo
CPT James W McClam
CPT Daniel D Turner
MSG Joseph J Lupyak
MSG Herman Spencer
SFC Tyrone J Adderly
SFC Donald D Blackard
SFC Freddie Doss
SFC Jerry W Hill
SFC Marion S Howell
SFC Billy R Martin
SFC Gregory T McGuire
SFC Charles A Masten Jr
SFC Joseph M Murray
SFC Noe Quezada
SFC Ronnie Strahan
SSG Paul S Poole
SSG Lawrence Young
SGT Terry L Buckler

Support Personnel

LTC Bill L Robinson
LTC Gerald Kilburn
CPT Randel L Smith
SGM Minor B Pylant
MSG Jesse A Black
MSG Edgar C Britt
MSG Bernard L Rauscher
SFC Franklin Abramski
SFC James A Bass
SFC Archie Batrez Jr
SFC Robert L Dodd
SFC Charles M Erwin
SFC James A Green
SFC Bobby R Hansley
SFC Roswell D Henderson
SFC Frederick L Hubel
SFC Bruce M Hughes

SFC John R Jourdan
SFC Ernest R Pounder
SFC Aaron L Tolson Jr
SFC Burley W Turner
SFC Grady C Vines
SSG Elmer D Adams
SSG Rodger D Gross
SSG Larry G Stroklund
SSG David L Wilson
SGT Brian J Budy
SGT Michael G Green
SGT Robert R Hobdy
SGT John J Lippert
SGT Arlin L Olson
SP5 William F Dezurik
SP5 Lawrence C Elliot
SP5 Gary R Griffin
SP4 Christopher Casey
SP4 Frank J Closen

UH-1 Crew Members

1LT George W Williams
CW2 Ronald J Exely
CW2 Jackie H Keely
CW2 John J Ward
SP6 Larry C Boots
SP4 Alan H Wood