

Silver Stars Go to Crewmen at DaNang for Rescue in Red Sector

DA NANG AB, Vietnam—Eight crewmen from the rescue helicopters of Det. 7, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq. have been awarded the Silver Star for rescuing three survivors of a downed AC-47 gunship in VC-held territory.

The primary copter, with Capt. Donald V. Couture and Harold A. Soldberg at the controls and SSgt David L. Lancaster and A2C in the crew, rescued the three surviving members of the downed aircraft.

The secondary copter landed and tried to find the other members of the crew until it became apparent that they had been killed by the VC. Crewmembers are Lt. Arthur F. Machado, Capt. John B. Kneen and SSgts Crutis F. Yaney and David S. Wheeler.

Successful rescue of three aircrewmembers of AC-47 under fire at A Shau, Republic of Vietnam 9 March 1966. HH-43F

Low Bird

P. Capt. D. V. Couture

C.P. Capt. H. A. Solberg

RS H.M. A2C A. W. Foster III

HM R.S. SSCT D. L. Lancaster

High Bird

P. 1st Lt A. F. Machado

C.P. Capt. J. B. Kneen

H.M. SSGT. C. F. Yancy

R.S. SSGT. D. S. Wheeler