

Leave No Man Behind

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That same day (14 October 1966), the third day of the search for (Lt Deane) Woods, Lieutenant Junior Grade Vann Goodloe's crew, manning North SAR while the Woods rescue effort continued, was vectored to a point 60 miles northwest of Vinh, making it the deepest penetration into North Vietnam by a Navy rescue helicopter. Goodloe joined an Air Force SAR effort as the rescue assets in theater were spread thin by the biggest day of bombing of the war to date, with 175 sorties flown over the North and three SARs active in addition to the Woods effort. They stood by to assist as an Air Force HH-3E picked up Major R.P. Taylor of the 354th TFS. While they didn't make the rescue themselves, they were subjected to hostile fire for their trouble during the egress.