

SYNOPSIS OF EVENTS PRECIPITATING THE FOLLOWING AWARDS

LTJG R.V. GOODLOE	DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS
LTJG R.M. CARLTON	AIR MEDAL
AX3 T.L. WILLIAMS	AIR MEDAL
ADJ2 G.L. ARMSTRONG	AIR MEDAL

The crew intercepted a distress signal from a U.S. Air Force fighter pilot and proceeded inland toward his position after crossing the heavily defended coast of North Vietnam. Skirting known enemy anti-aircraft positions under the supporting cover of Navy RESCAP aircraft, the helicopter continued to a point 60 miles into the heart of North Vietnam, the deepest penetration into enemy territory made to date by a Navy Search and Rescue helicopter. After arriving at the rescue scene the Navy helicopter reported to Air Force Search and Rescue units in the area and stood by to render assistance. An Air Force helicopter subsequently rescued the downed pilot and the crew retraced their way back over the 60 miles of defended territory to the coastline, drawing frequent anti-aircraft fire enroute.