★ Remembrances On This Day ★

October 3

"All gave some. These gave all."

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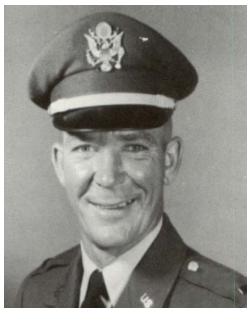
DICs — October 3

Randall C. Engram

First Lieutenant Randal Clyde Engram IN 5-65 died from an other explosive device on 3 October 1966 while serving with Company C, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade, RVN. He had been in country 154 days.



Donald V. Freeman

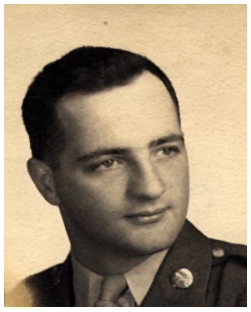
Captain Donald Vern Freeman IN 9-64 died from gun or small arms fire on 3 October 1967 while serving with the United States Agency for International Development, American Embassy, RVN. He had been in country 62 days.

Valor Awards — October 3

Erwin B. Jones

✦ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS ✦

Colonel (then Major) Erwin Bailey Jones IN 20-1942 was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for actions between 1 and on 3 October 1944 while serving with 339th Infantry Regiment, 85th Infantry Division in Italy. In three days, Major Jones personally killed 13 German soldiers and captured six, and was instrumental in smashing two desperate enemy counterattacks, and then led an attack which resulted in the knocking out of two enemy machine guns and the seizure of important ground. After serving in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, Erwin Jones retired as a colonel. He was inducted in the OCS Hall of Fame in 1967.



Donald J. Arthur

✦ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS ✦

Captain Donald James Arthur IN 369-1945 was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for actions on 3 October 1951 while serving as the commanding officer of Company F, 2d Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, near Chorwon, Korea. As his men struggled to advance against the tremendous volume of enemy fire, Captain Arthur realized that the only means of wresting the hill from the enemy was a rapid and concentrated attack by his men, directly up the slope. Moving from man to man, he instructed them to fix bayonets and prepare for a frontal assault. When he gave the order to charge, Captain Arthur observed that his men were reluctant to face the heavy enemy fire and so, with utter disregard for his personal safety, he stood before them, fully exposed to intense small-arms and automatic weapons fire, and called for them to follow him. As he charged up the slope and leaped into an enemy position, his men, inspired by his fearless actions, moved forward in a body and engaged the enemy in close combat.