

★ Remembrances On This Day ★

March 21

"All gave some. These gave all."

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DICs — March 21



Thomas Murphy

First Lieutenant Thomas Joseph Murphy IN 3-66 died from a friendly fire incident 21 March 1967 while serving with B Co, 2nd Bn, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 70 Days.



Monte Thomas

Second Lieutenant Monte Vernon Thomas IN 9-66 died from gun or small arms fire 21 March 1967 while serving with C Co, 2nd Bn, 18th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, RVN. He had been in country 55 Days.



Peter Larson

Captain Peter Swinnerton Larson IN 8-64 died from gun or small arms fire 21 March 1967 while serving with A Co, 1st Bn 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, RVN. He had been in country 292 Days.



Harry Gibson

First Lieutenant Harry Hutchison Gibson EN 37-67 died from a non hostile air loss 21 March 1969 while serving with 335th AHC. 268th Av Bn, 17th Avn Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, RVN. He had been in country 127 Days.



Robert O'Brien

Captain Robert Edward O'Brien IN 3-66 died from air loss 21 March 1969 while serving with HHC, 2nd Bn, 8th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division, RVN. He had been in country 252 Days.



William Dent

First Lieutenant William Lorance Dent IN 65-67 died from multiple fragmentation wounds 21 March 1969 while serving with B Co, 1st Bn, 502rd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division RVN. For action on this date he was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He had been in country 134 Days.



Michael Thompson

Captain Michael Kelly Thompson FA 14-67 died from a non hostile maintenance related air loss 21 March 1968 while serving as a pilot with 173rd AHC, 11th Avn Bn, 12th Avn Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, RVN. He had been in country 262 Days.



David Peterson

Captain David Bruce Peterson FA 126-66 died from hostile fire causing aircraft crash 21 March 1969 while serving as a pilot with 225th Avn Co, 223rd Avn Bn, 17th Aviation Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, RVN. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He had been in country 338 Days.



Robert Dalton

First Lieutenant Robert Alan Dalton FA 31B-67 died from a non hostile maintenance issue 21 March 1969 while serving as a pilot with 61st AHC, 268th Avn Bn 17th Avn Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, RVN. He had been in country 97 Days.



Thomas Jones

First Lieutenant Thomas Edward Jones Jr IN 47-67 died from a non hostile air loss 21 March 1969 while serving with with 335th AHC. 268th Av Bn, 17th Avn Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, RVN. He had been in country 136 Days.



Richard Benicewicz

Captain Richard C Benicewicz IN 26-67 died from from a non hostile maintenance issue 21 March 1969 while serving as a pilot with 61st AHC, 268th Avn Bn 17th Avn Group, 1st Aviation Brigade, RVN. He had been in country 181 Days.



Gary Barnett

Captain Gary J Barnett IN 519-68 died from an air loss 21 March 1970 while serving with A Co, 158th ASLT HELO BN, 101st Avn Group, 101st Airborne Division, RVN. He had been in country 263 Days.



Robert Richmond

Captain Robert Stanley Richmond IN 7-67 died from an air loss 21 March 1968 while serving with A Co, 158th ASLT HELO BN, 101st Aviatio Group, 101st Airborne Division, RVN. He had been in country 18 Days.



Donald Frazelle

First Lieutenant Donald Jerome Frazelle IN 25-69 died from gun or small arms fire 21 March 1971 while serving with A Co, 4th Bn, 31st Infantry, 196th Infantry Bde, Americal Division, RVN. For action on this date he was awarded the Silver Star. He had been in country 199 Days.

Valor Awards — March 21



John Tissler

◆ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS ◆

First Lieutenant John G Tissler FA 42A-67 was awarded the Distinguished Cross for actions on 21 March 1969 while serving with Headquarters and Headquarters Co, 3rd Battalion, 34th Artillery Regiment, 9th Infantry Division, RVN. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2024.



William Dent

◆ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS ◆

First Lieutenant William Lorance Dent IN 65-67 was awarded the Distinguished Cross for actions on 21 March 1969 while serving with B Co, 1st Bn, 502rd Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, RVN. He was inducted into the OCS Hall of Fame in 2024.

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