

Duggan

Ron,

Got this from one of my former shipmates. Though I'd share it with you.

Pete Olsen

Thank you Master Chief. I can tell you first hand, it's hard to console a doc when we lose a patient. Always going through our heads after they are lost is, "I could of tried this or I should of done that" In case anyone is interested, here's the Virtual Wall for PO Duggan
<http://www.virtualwall.org/dd/DugganWJ01a.htm>

Brian "Doc" Smead Gridley 79 - 81

I served with him. I saw them bring him in and lay him on the mess deck table and pump blood into him. Shipmates of his blood type were laying all over the mess deck giving blood to give to him. The DESRON 21 Doc knew saving him wasn't in the cards unless he was gotten to a Operating Room with all the gear needed to keep him alive until they could stop the bleeding.

I saw them carry him out to the twin rotor carrier helo (the first to land on a 16 class DLG) . He died in the helo. He was placed in the reefer until the next day. Everybody tried to console the Doc. The mess deck was full and no one said anything. By ones and twos we went and tried to sleep. I was lucky I had the mid watch. Four crewmen, the PO2 in the back with Duggan wasn't hit, the pilot and co-pilot were. & n died, but they landed the helo and we had to go to DaNang to get it lifted off by a crane. We had Big Mothers (call sign) come up daily from the Carrier to do SAR. A barracks was named after him at NAS Memphis.

I was a 22 year old BT2 just starting on my second hitch in the Navy. Sometimes without warning I see him again. It is something I will never forget and I was 62 my last birthday.

Jim Hampton, Retired U.S. Navy Master Chief. (BTCM)