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CAPTAIN'S CORNER

As the spirit of Christmas and the holiday gaiety of New Years approaches, the officers and men of Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron THREE turn their thoughts to happier times and places. It is not that these men are reluctant to perform their necessary duties, but rather at times like these, think back to the happy family gatherings of the past with their loved ones.

We fight in Vietnam to ensure that our loved ones will never have to endure the hardships and suffering of war's devastation. To preserve the blessing of liberty and democracy for America's allies is the goal of all HA(L)-3 personnel.

I extend my congratulations for a job well done to all HA(L)-3 personnel. A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you and your families.

NAVY BREVETS

From talking to young officers and men in the Navy, from reading letters coming to Washington and letters to the Editors of Service papers, it is apparent that there is a fairly widespread lack of full understanding of the part that the Navy Exchange system plays in the Navy. A great many people think of the Navy Exchange system as existing only to provide the more necessary articles or more usual articles needed for men and their families at a lower price than is found in the general retail market, and at a price which our people - some with many expenses and relatively modest salaries - can afford. In other words, it is considered as a benefit to supplement pay. It is also widely recognized as an absolute necessity on isolated bases, such as Adak or Midway where there is no other source of supply.

Based on these views, many complain that they have found articles during some sale in a retail store where there may be "loss leaders" sold under the Navy Exchange price. Thorough studies have been made by outside agencies which prove conclusively that, on the average, Exchange prices are considerably lower than retail prices in civilian stores, including "discount" operations. However much more important is the fact that the Navy Exchange system provides for almost all of the recreational facilities in the Naval Establishment. It supports all of our athletics and much of our special services activities. It pays the cost of all of the movies seen by the Navy afloat and at most overseas bases (at a cost of over five million dollars annually). Many Navy people (and others) think the Navy has free movies; there are no such things as free movies. Exchange profits also support parties and picnics, and provide hobby shops. Sometimes swimming pools are funded from Exchange profits though they really should be charged to appropriated funds which cannot be obtained. During FY 69 the Exchange system provided 37.2 million dollars to Navy recreational activities throughout the world; and the projection for FY 70 is 42 million dollars. It could be argued that many of these recreational activities should be paid for by the appropriated funds. Every effort is made in appropriate cases to obtain appropriated funds, particularly for athletic activities, etc. However, the Navy has not been successful in obtaining substantial funds in these areas due to the limitation on total funds. Therefore, we would have no real recreational program as we now know it on our many bases, or any athletic programs within the fleet, or unit parties, such as ship's dances, were it not for the profits from the Exchange system.

Viewed in this light, it is clear that we should patronize our Navy Exchanges even if prices were slightly higher than commercial prices, as it is the Navy man who benefits by whatever profit is made. In a very real sense he is a stockholder in the Navy Exchange and receives a 5.3¢ dividend on every dollar he spends in the Exchange; paid out in the form of recreation benefits which he and his family can enjoy.

Therefore, when you are using the exchange for purchases, you are generating profits to run the Navy athletic and recreation system for men and for dependents. Fortunately, and due to the fact that the Exchange can operate with lower expenses, prices are definitely lower than in civilian stores. The fact that in one or two isolated cases some items of merchandise may be purchased for a lower price in the commercial retail market, it is insignificant when you consider that all the profits are returned for Navy use.

ORPHANAGE DRIVE

Our Providence Orphanage is in need of clothes, soap, food, etc. If any FAC/US personnel desire to help a small, homeless child, please send monetary contributions C/O Public Affairs Officer, Binh Thuy. Truly this would be a fitting gesture in the spirit of Christmas.

DET ONE

Since the last Wolfram was published, Det One has gone through two LST's. We are now aboard the VERNON COUNTY (LST-1161) and are enjoying the luxurious accommodations.

Congratulations to the following new FTL's, LT John (horns) QUARTERMAN, LT Steve (spott) SANDBERG, LTJG Mack (the rack) THOMAS, and LTJG Marty CHAMBERLAND. LTJG Gary (sot) WRIGHT has also made AHAC during the month of November. Gary would have made AHAC about two weeks earlier, but his all time low score on the NATOPS exam necessitated a retake. Welcome back to LTJG Mack THOMAS. Mack spent a few restful(?) days and fulfilled nights with his wife in Hawaii. We ~~would~~ would all like to thank LT Hank (the Hawk) INNES for his help while our DET was short of second tour pilots. Old Hank was just getting into the swing of things when the big hand from the North stamped QA on his forehead and assured him that he was getting another good deal. LTJG Bob (drone) SHORE left the Det last week with a whole bunch of hours and combat missions. Bob is on his way to HC-7 and we would like to wish him lots of luck. Welcome to our two new guys, LTJG Russ (catfish) HALLAUER and LTJG Bill (the little kid) MC CAMY. LT Steve (Spott) SANBERG has been pulled back to Binh Thuy as legal officer and his replacement out here should be LTJG Bud CORNETT.

New crewman in Det-1 include ADJ3 William BROOKSHIRE, AE3 Dennis STALLING and AMS3 Don HARBAUGH. We would like to wish AMH2 FRYBURGER lots of luck in his new squadron. FRYBURGER spent 18 months in country and did a fine job while with Det One. Welcome back to AN OLBY and ADJAN CHRISTENSON. These boys spent their 30 day extension leave together back in the world and firmly convinced everyone that the SEAWOLVES were in town.

That's about all from Det One for now. We would like to wish all the Dets good luck and good flying in the future.

DET TWO

November has come and gone, but Nha Be's Seawolves are still here in full force. With the advantage of five new pilot's ready room is a standing room only and flight time abounds. The only "scrambles" Det-2 now has is to see if you can get over 20 hours of flight time a month.

CDR W. W. WETZEL, our O-in-C, has only two major problems: 1. Keeping everyone's name, job, and face in place and 2. Trying to schedule a "heavy" and a "normal" pilot together because we have become a max gross detachment.

1LT J.S. "Ski" WOLNIEWICZ, assistant O-in-C and Det philosopher, poet, and all around critic has made LCDR and congratulations are in order. Speaking of orders, everyone is waiting for the order to fall in, or out, for his wetting down party.

Congratulations are also in order for LT Clyde "missed the target by a click and a half" KIZER who was informed he made LCDR.

1LT Dave "very short" O'NIEL has three weeks packing to do and only a week to do it in. "Little Las Vegas" states was financially improved for his trip home by donations from four NSA Nha Be Black Shoes. He was very appreciative.

Now from the World of Sports, a report on Det 2 heavies. FLASH: LTJG W.M. "Buck" up BRAKEALL has returned to the basketball court after a two week disappearance for being Nha Be's village idiot. He has also been reinstated as C club photographer for Sunday afternoon VN bands.

The three stooges have brought their talents to Det-2. They are Moe-LTJG Joe E. COOK, Larry-LTJG Larry WOOD and Curley-LTJG Don DOWNING.

LTJG Joe E. COOK from Post, Texas brought his lasso with him and since there are no cows to rope he has all the dogs terrified. LTJG Don DOWNING, a boat school boy, has promised that the academy will be 8-2 NEXT YEAR. He has also put his best "BEAT ARMY" T-shirt away for another season.

LTJG Larry WOOD, all around good guy and casual drinker, can't understand how Navy beat Virginia for Navy's only win. Virginia will be 8-2 next year fans.

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LTJG Dick "Icebod Crane" Scott is in Hong Kong with a list of goodies to bring back. LTJG Jan "Fat Albert" Cook, buck buck champion of Nha Be has consented to be Santa Claus to all the troops here. Then he will jump in his sleigh and go to Hawaii for a week's R&R with his wife. LT Jack "The general got engaged" MULCAHY has been designated Det photographer and all around snotter bag consultant. LT MULCAHY is from Miami, Fla. and HC-1 on the West Coast.

Det-2 also has two "fearless foxtrots". They are LTJG Carl FRANKSEN and LTJG Bill FELLNER who are current authorities on just about everything.

LTJG John "you name it and I'll build it" WRIGHT is now in the process of designing and building a Seawolf patio and lounge outside the ready room. At the rate he is going the patio will be ready for the VN turnover.

Not last and not least is Canoe U's gift to Det-2 LTJG Gary CALMAN. LTJG CALMAN in a new set of "camys" was going to give the SEALs a run for their money.

The best was saved for last and that being LTJG Joe DENIGRO who keeps the division running smoothly or so he thinks. Being Det-2's newest AHAC and most squared away pilot, LTJG Denigro is willing to help anyone with any problem which might arise.

DET THREE

The friendly local Chamber of Commerce gave our boys a rousing welcome, the other day and felt they would show their appreciation by building something of value, a bunker. Cheerfully plying pick and shovel, rocket box and sandbag, and plywood the boys made their bunker.

In the early part of November Chris "The Shadow" STONE departed for the land of milk and honey, somewhere around HC-5. "Hawk" THOMAS reported aboard, as did "Fu" MANNING, "Crank" Cronk, "Puff" WHEAT, LCDR LEE, "Round Man" SALA, "Wiley" LIND, "Shoelless" DAVIS, and "Glyde" COLLINS. As for the others, life bubbles merrily on. We do have a new ship with fine spirit and ability, the "Toast of the Coast", USS JENNINGS COUNTY (LST 846).

Rumblings heard recently: "Slug" SLUNAKER has been heard griping since the water started going down. It seems some of his favorite plunging pools are getting full of rocks and old brass. It will come as a surprise to very few the "Clonk" BOLES was finally eaten by his moustache. He of course tried to talk it out of it, but no luck. Rumor has it that "Grinnoy" GRINNELL got that gap tooth by catching an incoming round from an AK-47 and spitting it back. And never interrupted

his 900 rds/mi of M-60 machine gun fire. "Smug" PRATT can be found hanging at odd angles fishing in the Tram on certain mornings when the sun is just right. "Snoop" PUTNEY said he got married on R&R. "Pipos" HARRIS, our master plumber, has been going about, mumbling things about repairing every JP4 pump South of Vinh Long. The head Beagle is leaving soon, nose down and tail up, with a wild look in his good eye. It's said he's going to school in Norfolk, Staff College.

Significant accomplishments: "Tight" WATTS and "Kamikaze" NEKOMOTO and "Blak" THOMAS were designated AHAC. "Light'nin" LEACH has yet to find a place where he could not sleep, and spent one evening of mortar and .50 cal. music looking for a safe place to sleep on the canal bank. "Muzzle Flash" WALSH has achieved the ultimate survival situations, a variation of the ancient Turkish Torture - initiated the water over pistol, and flak jacket while strapped in.

DET FIVE

Since the last WOLFGRAM appeared, Det-5 has been fairly active, with a high rate of personnel turnover and a response to the new offensive. Perhaps most violent of all the shuffling of personnel was the sad loss of our own "Mad Dog" LTJG Tom SCOOT and the arrival of LTJG James "Fyg" TOONE. Planted by the Binh Thuy Awards Office where he has proved to be highly efficient in turning out and bringing up to date massive volumes of work, Tom (according to the latest rumors) had to take R & R in the war zone - at any rate he recently showed back at Det-5 to terrorize the Tran Hung Dau for a few days.

Further in conjunction with the heavy turnover of personnel, history was made at LTJG CAMPANA's farewell party, the best party Chau Doc has ever seen. We've sadly observed the loss to CIVPAC and to Det-9 our skilled gunners AMS1 MATHEWS, AO1 NESBY, ADJ2 YELTON, ADJ3 SHROPSHIRE, and AN ELLIOTT. But we are happy to welcome aboard AMS3 ROGOSKI and ADJ2 WELLHOUSER. Perhaps now with the technical advice of the new mech, WELLHOUSER, the gunners can master their door knob. We further extend the warm hand of welcome to LT'sJG Pat "I wanna do it now" McGOVERN and Frank ISSI.

We've all been anxious lately to see who will inherit this motley aggregation of vagabonds when our unmatched O-in-C LCDR YAEGER is called away to Binh Thuy and thence to the real world. Perhaps with a little more experience LTJG "Such a Deal" BLACKWELL can carry on the tradition of the E.F. YAEGER Good Housekeeping Award for Neatness and Organization.

The Det-5 PBR sailors have recently seen our AO-in#6 LT KNIGHT show up for a patrol looking like a new Boy Scout at Christmas. Gee, Woodie, with all that paraphernalia how did the boat remain afloat?

New FTL's LT'sJG Mike FARLOW and Bill VINCENT are to be congratulated for their achievement.

And among the flight crews under the watchful eye of AO2 "Wally the Finger" WALIN, ADJ3 MUELLER and his protoge ADJ3 YOUNG have the .50 shooting like the miniguns, while ADJ3 "Gas Caps" MARK and AN "Sideburns" CABEZAS have "laid it" on the local Cong so hot and heavy that they can but cower in Cambodia. AE3 ARRINGTON hasn't stopped grinning since he got back from his 30 days Stateside; wonder why he's so happy back in Vietnam - he must really like it here. There's been the problem at night of locating ADJ3 "Hot Bunk Zeke" BAUER: hey guys, does he have his own rack? It's regrettable to see AN CABEZAS returning to Binh Thuy, but no harm done since he can't get clearance to fire at the unidentified aircraft recently seen in Tran Hung Dau - he claims the pilot of the craft appeared to be a fat man in a red flight suit.

So until the next WOLFGRAM the crew of Det-5 bids a Merry Christmas to all and to all a Grand New Year.

DET SEVEN

Now that most of our remodeling has been completed our O-in-C LCDR STOCK has some time to relax and pursue his true passion - animals. LCDR STOCK can be found digging up worms for our lucks, stocking our luck pond with fish and holding serious conversations with our dog Squiggles. LT LEE'S "The Cheeseman" JEWETT is continually proving the theory that man can live on coffee, cigarettes, and wine. LTJG Jim MOWERY has gone to the land of milk and honey. A voice from heaven was heard on our radio telling Jim to report to Saigon as Protocol Officer. He packed up his truckloads of gear and to the strains of "Those Were The Days" sang by LTJG Pat STAEBELI on his harmonica and shouts of, "Remember your friends" he went to airconditioned spaces. LTJG Billy MATTHEWS is exhibiting signs of "heartiness", as he is due to depart our ranks soon.

LTJG Pat "Body Beautiful" STAEBELI will be our entry to the Mr Tay Ninh contest. Pat can be seen jogging around the base wearing weights all over his body and dropping exhausted occasionally. In talking to Pat we have discovered

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he has set his sights on the big contest "Mr. Makong 1970", which requires some talent. Pat says that he doesn't want to be remembered just for his body.

New additions include LTJG Mike "The Goose" BRENCK who is the only man to have had a Marine fatigue cap grafted to his head. LTJG "Sleeping Sam" FEOLA, one of the few men to bring his own Beauty Rest mattress to Vietnam. The newest jaygee is Jay PATE who is so new that we don't have anything on him yet except he's from North Carolina. You're still welcome Jay.

Highlight of the month was an awards presentation by CAPT BROWNWITH. The duty awards reader for the affair was LTJG Frank PINEGAR, who is a booming voice awarded LTJG Billy MATTHEWS for meritorious service in the Philippines sometime during 1966. The afternoon ended with Bill thinking thoughtful of the Navy, the C.O. wondering if he should declare Tay Ninh an extra hardship tour and Frank wondering how he could work the HT-8 training command award for one of our door gunners.

So another month has slipped by. Time just goes too fast to enjoy it around here. The detachments social news concerns the opening of the enlisted mens bar which we are currently celebrating, even though the bar opened last month.

A new addition to the Det is AN MATTHEWS who is now undergoing the rigorous training necessary to be a gunner. He is already a master at holding the flash-light for AN WILLINGHAM while Willy tries to reassemble his gun in the air. Our clean shaven PO-in-C is no more. Something is growing under his nose. It must be catching. Our "Safety Petty Officer" AMS2 PAGE has some fuzz on his face too. AOAN SMALE is still busy keeping up the Det's firepower. Congratulations are in order for AO3 BECKES, formerly AOAN. ADJ3 BOYLES is still tinkering with our engines. Oh yes, Herman SHULTZ is still alive and well and living in Tay Ninh. The Phantom, AMS3 SOTO, is still here sometimes. He keeps disappearing and its rumored that he hides out in Vung Tau.

Det-7 wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, including Charly, who is still celebrating the 4th of July. The poor guy must be mixed up.

DET EIGHT

Since our last WOLFGRAM, we have seen the departure from Det-8 of LTJG John MANN, originator and purveyor of more "true sea stories" than any other pilot in the history of HA(L)-3. Also departing for CONUS was AO2 J.A. TRUEX, with a chest full of medals to attest to his tour in Vietnam. Just prior to departure, he was presented with his second DFC and, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Single Action Air Medals. AN DAVIDSON departed on his 30 days extension leave to the U.S.A., with a pocket full of money and a wide grin. Our illustrious Leading Petty Officer, AT1 Jerry MORRIS spent three days at the Vung Tau R & R Center. ADJ3 TIMOTHY, who was recently elevated to that rate, marked his promotion by an impromptu swim from the LCCVP, an appropriate way to wet down his new stripe. Our three arrivals of two months ago, AMH2 W.L. KUNTZ, AO3 C.L. HART, and AN R.E. FECHNER, are now "old hands". KUNTZ did an outstanding job as relief crew leader during the lengthy P & R of MORRIS' at Vung Tau, HART is now sporting his new aviation-type glasses, and FECHNER is well checked-out on the liberty spots in metropolitan Bach Gia City. Two of our newest Det-8 crew members are AO3 "Eagle Eyes" LOCKE, and AO3 G.O. BECKER.

An unauthorized chronical of the antics, illusions and command decisions of our PO-in-C, LCDR W.B. LESTER, was uncovered by him, with the lucid title of SEA MAINTENANCE ICG. LT Frank BUTLER, and the dubious Assistant O-in-C, LCDR (USN) TOMMY THOMPSON, we checked that twice) Tommy THOMPSON. LTJG Rick HARMON has been on double duty in his personal war against the "aggressor" VC, as a PER warrior and Seawolf pilot by night. LTJG Mike McNAULL has been tasked with running the Maintenance Department single-handedly while our talented Maintenance Officer LTJG Rick SADLER has been running the sound department of SABLET STUDIOS and SABLET COMPANY. He has been in the "sound" department for 2 1/2 years on the

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flight deck, as well as transferring the Det-8 set of weights between staterooms. LTJG Al YATES recently escaped from the Binh Thuy Ordnance Shop to join Det-8 and LTJG Bill BROWN arrived in-country and is the newest member of the pilot contingent.

And so Walt's Wonderful White Winged Weekend Warriors continue their crusade to keep Kien Giang Province safe from the VC by night, and the USS HARNETT COUNTY safe from the Seawolfs by day, the former by numerous night scrambles, the latter by sleeping during the ship's normal working hours.

DET NINE

The end of November finds Det-9 facing a changeover of personnel. The O-in-C IZOR TOUHEY would like to extend but the "Silver Fox" has confided that he feels he must give another eager pilot a chance to spend a most rewarding tour in Vietnam. Assit. O-in-C "Scurvy Jim" McCALLUM has visions of R & R dancing through his head as he is constantly checking the squadron R & R list. Detachment Maintenance is capably run by James "Troll" MOSSER.

By now Al ROSS should have garnered his "fair share" of the finer things in life on his leave in Taiwan. I am sure, knowing "Baby Al", that his fair share will in fact turn out to be the lions share. When it comes to KY-28's there is no better key sitter in the Delta than our Bill BICKENBACH. Det-9's mad-scientist certainly keeps things going with his most appropriate subtleties. Now that the RivDiv's have moved their people off the YRBM-21, Officer's country is quite spacious.

Larry CRUME is busy perfecting his definition of The Happy Man. To date, it is a well fed, Sea Wolf with a well trimmed mustache attired in a most comfortable Nehru Narrow scivvy shirt. For perfection's sake how about the aforementioned with a different location for example, The World. Lastly there is a new arrival on Det, Mike O'HEARN. Things are going as smoothly as things go for a new pilot on Det. He has stated that he is not too worried about selecting his next Duty Station since he is signed for everything on Det-9 he figures he is bound to end up in the Naval Prison for lost gear. After all, you can only write off just so many things for being lost in a fire fight.

At the present we have seven gunners out here with us and two on leave. We also have a hydraulic expert, Ed HULSER, who, believe it or not, got his finger stuck in the hydraulic reservoir while the bird was turning and held up our patrol for 15 minutes. Our BIG Mechanic, Dale ODOM, who answers to the name of OGO, is back in the world right now enjoying his extension leave. Jim BEEMUS, our AOB still has trouble tearing down his 60, and at the present is home enjoying the holidays with his family. We're still trying to stop Chester from shooting up the friendlies; PBR's are on our side Dennis!! Joe VERSACE tries to make everybody think that his 60 shoots faster than it really does, but when you link your arms one-to-one, what can we say! Neil FOSSA who will definitely make Third Class if he gets a HO CHI, is still waiting for his hair to grow back since he and IZOR O'HEARN made a stop at the barber shop.

Merry Christmas from all of us and we will see you next month.

and that completes the news from the different Detachments in and around the

ADMIN

Since the last edition of the WOLGRAM, Admin has undergone quite a turnover in personnel. LCDR SCHEIFF has replaced LCDR WARTMAN as assistant Admin Officer, while Mr. HARTMAN has departed for HC-2. LTJG WEISSTROM has relieved LTJG NACHAND as CMCO and Clyde as final home with his wife. Other new positions are; LTJG MONROE as P/O, with LTJG CAUGHEY joining the squadron at Det-4, LTJG LAMBERT as the new FIRST LIEUTENANT, LTJG DAVIS as Special Services Officer, and LTJG HOLMES as Awards Officer. LTJG SCOTT who was the previous Awards Officer will be departing for CONUS in the near future. Admin has also been blessed with more Yeomen; YNC KATZMANN, YN2 LABRAKE, YN2 GRINESTAFF, and YN3 CASSIDY.

CDR OSBORNE still has the conn as Admin Officer and continues to co-ordinate the various problems and solutions that envelope Admin daily. The old gang; YN1 KOLGAY, YN3 ZARRILLI, and YN3 LONG are still performing admirably and are always willing to answer the many questions of the new personnel. Many thanks goes to ERNAN FITZPATRICK, our TAD from Personnel, for his outstanding contribution to the office when Admin was short of typists.

Well, that's about it from Admin. Remember your R & R eligibility date is the source as the date you arrived in-country. There has been some misunderstanding about this point in the past.

OPERATIONS

As the time passes things change; this is not an uncommon factor in the operations department.

Operations Officer CDR EHL, as well as filling his assigned position is now Acting Executive Officer. On the departure of CDR WHITMIRE, CDR EHL stepped in and is now HA(L)-3's XO/OPS Officer. Let us all wish him luck in his twofold task.

Let's now talk about the Fearless Five. It all started with three brave men and now the group has blossomed to five. Of course I'm talking about LTJG BARNES and the men from OPS-D-O. We have LTJG TEAGUE one of the quickest on the walk-a-phone model TLS-10, LTJG BUELOW slowly building a reputation as the fastest coordinator of the group, LTJG THOMSON's beginning to fit right in and last but not least our newest member to the team LTJG HAYES, known as just "New". The most remarkable thing about this team besides their task of insuring that the distribution of aircraft and flights run smoothly is that they are all carrying on their individual positions throughout operations.

Our new flight schedules officer, LTJG HAYES seems to be fitting in well. Although we must look at the men he has to work with. In the Operations Office we have three enlisted men. AE3 LORENZ seems to be working hard at keeping the boards up to date and turning out the daily flight schedule. AN Johnny CUMMINGS "Red" will be leaving us to go out to Det in his place AW3 BYRD will try under the direction of LTJG THOMSON to square away logs and records.

LTJG BARNES is now in the process of moving from the Ops Office to training. In this position he will lend a fatherly hand to Air Crewman as Air Crewman Training Officer. Mr. BARNES will work together with our new Training Officer, LTJG THOMSON, to bring the old school spirit and academic level up to it's potential. AN BOUTWELL, Training PO, reports "Training is much improved and is going to improve more in the future. The new air crew classroom is near completion. Along with new desks and a new program we should have a fine school year." Let's not forget the back bone of training although we don't see much of them. They are etched in the fine work (?) they do. AN BOUTWELL our duty club supervisor and AN DAVIS are turning out some fine air crewman schedules.

Communication/intelligence/navigation is still here, with a few changes. We have a new Communications Officer, LTJG BUELOW. He replaced LTJG CARLO (stateside) with very little difficulty. LTJG TEAGUE, our air Intelligence/Navigation Officer, is still plugging away and eagerly waiting for his much needed R & R trip to Hawaii. AN EVANS is still the shortest man in the Squadron with over

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280 days left. He has not grown any but he is coming along fine in the Comm/Nav Division. CYN3 (Bob) BLUESMER, serving as communications/intelligence Yeoman, is on a selling spree.

Operations Department has something else to be proud of, besides the wonderful work they do. A real honest to goodness Christmas Tree. DEJESNER's parents tramped out in the snow and cut the tree, a fir tree from Northern California, with all our names on it. It once looked like a tree, now it looks like the full spirit of Christmas, decorated with, well, you name it and it's on there.

We would like all the personnel in HA(L)-3 to have a very Merry Christmas and a happy Happy New Year.

PERSONNEL

Everything here in the trailer is still humming. Actually there has been quite a bit happening. First let us welcome our new Officers, LT CLARK who relieved LT CATONE, who wasted no time getting back out on Det. Then LT SANDBERG relieved LTJG CORNETT as legal Officer. He is really doing a land office business. Next we have a completely new addition, LTJG FRENCH has assumed the job of Educational Services Officer.

Chief HENRY, is presently back in the states on emergency leave, and we hope that everything turns out alright. Wally is still sitting guarding the door to the trailer. PN1 CALHIEM has moved around and he is now working as Legal PN plus doing all reenlistments. His new quarters are in the training trailer. PN2 POOLE has moved back to Education Office as he likes the peace and quiet there. PN2 HARRISON has moved to the night shift, since he says that he'd rather sleep all day anytime. His two assistants are PNSN MORRIS and PNSN OSTROWICKI. They are still having problems sleeping days and staying awake at night. SN SHEEHAN and PNSN FITZPATRICK are working days to assist the chief and Wally.

MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION

Happy Dry Season from HA(L)-3's Maintenance Admin Office here at Navy Binh Thuy. Things here are going strong as ever as we struggle to keep high the standards set by the Seawolves.

CDR PRICE, the Maintenance Officer since April of this year has been flying many hours besides his numerous responsibilities in the HA(L)-3 Maintenance Admin Office. CDR PRICE is hoping to go out to Det 2 in January. The Maintenance Department sure will miss him and his flying experience. LCDR PEEPLES a "newbie" and now the Assistant Maintenance came to us from NAS Pensacola. He relieved our prior AMO LT L.J. "Green" WILLETS. Mr. WILLETS is now the Maintenance Administrative Officer.

Other hard-working personnel in the Maintenance Office are LT M.O. SMITH who is the Aircraft Division Officer and his valuable assistant LTJG John DICKERSON. Also we have LT L.D. BURNS the AV/WEPS Officer and his assistant LTJG Dave HETTER who came to us from Det Six. Mr. HIETER is getting short but I think he'd still be able to make a couple of more rocket runs. LTJG W.M. CALHOUN who has for four years been our line officer after being on Det 3 will be going back to Dets in a very short time. His relief will be LTJG CANTNER.

And of course working with us is our senior enlisted man, ATCS H.M. GAMBLE. Chief GAMBLEY is the Squadron's leading Chief Petty Officer, and is always on the go either working on some worthwhile project or attending to the many tasks assigned a leading Chief. New in the office also is AZ3 FANCHER who came to us from C.A. To correct the last WOLFGRAM, instead of 1972, FANCHER will be going gunning 15 December 1969. That's about it from Maint. Admin. so until next month, Happy Hovering to all you Seawolves.

AIRCRAFT DIVISION

The rapid change over of personnel within the aircraft division is surpassed only by that of the division officers. Within these past few months three faces have appeared on the scene. Relieving LT Tommy THOMPSON was LTJG Curt FRANDSEN. Sporting a departing grin from ear to ear he turned the division over to LT Mike SMITH with his assistant LTJG John DICKENSON. Working with him will be Division Chief Kenneth TAYLOR of Check Crew. The division's demanding jobs require the help of the capable branch supervisors, Power Plant's Chief LEO HENNINGER (soon to go to Det), Airframes Chief Harry ROZZELL (soon to go to Det) and Aviator's Equipment PR1 CLARK.

The efforts of these supervisors and the men of their shops have resulted in the following statistics. Over forty percent of all flight time in AIRPAC was flown by HA(L)-3. We had more hours per helicopter than any UH-1B outfit in all of Vietnam. More helo time than all Pacific Anti-Submarine Helo Squadrons together, and more than any helicopter combat support squadron in the world. This is accomplished only because of the diligent efforts of all men in the division. The rotor changes, engine changes, PE turns, supply of flight gear, painting, even jeep repairs add up to a man sized challenge that is met not in the air conditioned spaces of Operations or maintenance control, but out in the heat and dust of HA(L)-3 hanger and line.

Little recognition goes to those deserving it, but there are those who have received their due. ADJ1 David FAIRBANKS has received a letter of commendation from his former command. He has also sewn on his first class petty officer rate. The same advancement was awarded our parachute rigger PR1 CLARK, and ADJ1 L. LEE. It could be a toss up as to who is happier, them or the men who have just sewn on their crow's. Included in this are ADJ3 R.G. RUSSELL, AMS3 A.R. LUND, AMH3 J.S. TAYLOR, and AMH3 D.R. QUIGLY, who is working in the paraloft. Then there are those who were advanced on Det, but that would require pages. Since HA(L)-3 is no place for beginners we have no one advanced to Airman.

Not to be left behind in this quest for advancement and self improvement, LT SMITH has finally completed his third lesson of his USAFI course in basic Carpentry. He realized that he missed his calling, however, when he learned of thier course in plumbing.....

Because of security we cannot list these persons reporting aboard, nor departing. Let it be known that you are all welcomed to the domain of the Seawolvs. It will be one of the hardest working years you've known. The harder you work the bigger a man you'll be, and you'll be proud of your part in this Squadron. Just ask our new check crew leader, a plank owner of HA(L)-3 just returned for his second tour in HA(L)-3, ADJ1 Jimmy KENNEDY who received a special welcome back.

There is little that can be said for the upcoming Holiday Season. It will be like no other Christmas you have spent. There is still the spirit of it all, and there is still the sincerity in our wishing all of you a Merry Christmas.

AVIONICS SHOP

Ince the last OAM we in the AT shop have gained quite a few new friends and helpers. Back in September ATR3 PHILLIPS (Seen to be ATR2) and ATN3 EWERT arrived to lend a hand; both are from the USS BENNINGTON. Also repatriating from the BENNINGTON was ATR3 COOPER who was in the shop for five months before departing for Det 6. ATN2 DLAL joined our band in October but has to be ready to depart for Det, the sooner the better he says. ATR3 COOPER arrived in the 1st of the rest of the September arrivals and since has supplemented his regular duties by repairing our battle torn antennas and antenna covers. Last but not least of the arrivals was AN WILSON from VAH-10. Unfortunately, with our great losses also had our losses. AT1 DOHVE left us for greener pastures - flight skins and all. With DOHVE in QA, AT1 ALLEN, former night check supervisor came over to run our day shifts to take ALLEN's place, AT1 GREGORY left the line and is now back in his rate as night check supervisor.

With the arrival of FASU, we had our work load lightened. We sent ATN2 JAMIN on TAD to FASU for any assistance required. FASU also lightened our field day load by relieving us of most of our shop.

We still have had our usual amount of work, though. The Avionics gear remaining keeps reminding us that they are around with nasty persistence. But we keep hoping for the day when our MAF board will be empty.

ELECTRIC SHOP

Not much has happened in the electric shop this past month. In December we'll say good bye to the shop short-timers: BINDER, MIDDLETON and TAYLOR. We still have our supply of "newbees" in SMITH, GERLEMAN, BOARDSGAARD, LEDUC and CONNERS, all AEMNs and with one year to go. Our shop mascot AE3 RING has gone home for thirty days Christmas leave after extending for six months. Nice going RING. Also add to the list of "newbees", Chief BLACK although new in the squadron he's old in the country.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Transition, transition, transition! This seems to be an everlasting - never ending task in QA. LT INNES, our new division Officer, is having a tough time making the transition from Det life to the task of ensuring that our "zero defects" program is carried out to its fullest. He keeps murmuring about flying test hops without his A/C being fully armed. Other newcomers who are making the transition into "the role of "hard work" are AMS1 FRAHM and ADJ1 GYLES. We can't understand why these "Strokers" had big smiles on their faces when they checked into the QA Division.

Those we say farewell to are LT DEFRIES and AMHC ROLIWITZ. They are going through a transition period now, but we are sure they will have no trouble adjusting to the "land of the big PXs".

AMSC STEPHENS is making a fast recovery from the heart attack caused by "the power plants". However, he keeps asking ADCS GOLDBY for the definition of "power plants". Our leading Chief can't understand why AMHC STEPHENS wears his boots to the right. Maybe he should ask the Power Plants Chief!

The Quality Assurance Division is still publishing a monthly News Letter. The purpose of the News Letter is to keep our Maintenance and Detachment personnel abreast of our research findings in Maintenance, servicing and inspection techniques. Our goal here in QA is to produce aircraft that are in perfect condition and will fly 1000 hours without any unscheduled maintenance required. We fall short of our goal sometimes, so our News Letters often serves as a Plea for help.

LINE WIG

The line has had a big turn over in people this last month. ADJ2 VANDERFORD, ADJ3 COX and AN FORSMAN have gone to Det. We are sorry to see them go.

We are also losing all of our great leaders. HHS3 MESSON is leaving for Det 9 and Chief MILLER will be going soon. AE3 MIDDLETON is departing for HS-7, AE2 COTITA will be going in January for Key West and BSA.

Similarly night check has had a large turn over. Now it is now in charge with ADJ3 RAMOS, AN FORGHER and AN PRYBYLSKI are new replacements.

That's about all from the line this month.

ORDNANCE

The fantastic ordnance shop, naturally the best in the Delta, is happy to announce the arrival of a new leader, Chief OSTERBERG. It seems that CHIEF FEAZIER, A02 JONES, and A03 PLASCO can not take the organized confusion of shop life and have decided to take the "easy" life on Det. Long hours of determined thinking and hard work have gone into the design of an M-60 door mount for our Det "gunners"; smile men it will not be long.

SAFETY SELECTIONS

The fire drill of Friday 28 Nov was remarkable. CDR OSBORNE outran all you young tigers when the shout of Fire, Fire, permeated the ranks of morning formation. The "Safety Save" honorable mention goes to LTJG CANTNER who's presence of mind prevailed when he ran to a phone and scrambled the fire dept. A serious reminder, the HA(L)-3 hanger has about eight UH-1B's in or just outside it almost all the time - that's 2 million dollars in hard to earn tax money. Any fire in the HA(L)-3 hanger without ground handling wheels installed makes the moving of these helicopters out of the question so any fire must be put out quickly. Lets all review our responsibilities on the fire bill for who knows, the Seawolf hanger may be next.

Maybe some of you haven't heard that quite by accident it was discovered that the UH-1B (water bird) would hydroplane for 340 feet if landed in a wet rice paddy. The prospective O-in-C that piloted this water bird is now one of the better checked out O-in-C's in HA(L)-3. I hope I'm not around when he breaks in his relief. He might try to water ski behind the water bird.

It is hoped that every pilot and crewman filled out a survival equipment survey. LTJG THOMPSON wants to see what the Seawolves use for survival equipment and what they need in the future. Here is a short poem from a recent issue of Aviation Digest that I hope will encourage you all to use the safety equipment available now.

Have you heard the many complaints,
From those who fail to use them,
About helmets and restraints,
And how they'd like to lose them?

Loose cargo and passengers aboard,
Broken blades upon a tree,
Tiedowns and harness ignored,
That's no place for you and me!

Wise up and fly restrained,
Use your gear the way you oughter
We'd like to have you back again,
To live with your mother-in-laws daughter.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

To a base of a has an insect is a tasty meal but to a man he may be a nuisance and even dangerous. For there are several kinds of insects that are trojan horses: they carry armies of viruses, bacteria and other parasited harmful to man.

The common housefly is an important carrier of bacteria. It can cause dysentery, diarrhea and other diseases.

A fly can distribute large quantities of disease organisms whenever it alights because its six feet are equipped with bristles and sticky pads.

Since the household flies breed in any moist organic material like garbage and human and animal excrement, sanitary disposal of these wastes is the most important measure in controlling houseflies. Garbage cans should be large enough so that they will never overflow, watertight with tight-fitting covers, and, if possible, set on racks to reduce the breeding beneath them.

Window and door screens that fit tightly and are in good repair help a great deal in cutting down on the number of flies in billeting areas. Numerous insecticides are also available. No chemical counterattack, is as effective, however, as good sanitary practices that prevent flies from breeding secretions that spoil the flavor of food and are suspected of carrying disease in the same way as flies.

Generally speaking cockroaches make themselves at home in kitchens, pantries and other storage areas: sewerage systems: and outdoors. They are especially fond of warm, dark places. Their favorite foods are starches like cereals, baked goods and the bindings of books or the labels on bottles. They will also feast on beer, cheese, leather, wallpaper and dead animals if they have the opportunity.

Careful storage of food and cleanliness can do much to control cockroaches. Cracks in walls and openings around doors, pipes and other utility connections should be filled since they provide harborage for roaches.

Insecticides both in dust form and liquid form can be used to effectively control cockroaches.

The bite of the mosquito is felt in almost every part of the world. In swarms, mosquitoes seriously interfere with work and recreation: individually they carry dangerous diseases like malaria, encephalitis, yellow fever, and dengue.

The female mosquito becomes infected by biting and feeding on the blood of infected animals and people. Under certain conditions, she can later pass on this infection to other animals and humans.

The Anopheles mosquito carries malaria: The Culex, the common house fly that sings before she bites, carry encephalitis causing viruses. Aedes Aegypti carries urban yellow fever and dengue.

Proper screening and repellents are all helpful ways to control the mosquito population.

The average Flea is much less likely to be a circus performer than he is to have a career of causing humans and pets to turn somersaults. This small wingless insect vaults from host to host, feeding on blood. Most prefer one type of animal but will attack others, including man, if their normal host is not available.

The oriental Rat is the chief carrier of Plague and Murine Typhus. The Flea bites a sick rodent and later gives the disease to humans. Murine Typhus is a illness of rats while plague attacks most wild rodents, including meadow mice, ground squirrels and prairie dogs. A variety of insecticides are available both for use in domestic buildings and pet kennels to help control the flea population.