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COMMANDING OFFICER'S NOTE

Since this is my first Wolfgram, I would like to take this opportunity to tell each member of this command how proud I am to be a Seawolf. It is certainly an honor and a privilege to serve as Commanding Officer of this truly great squadron.

A superb example that my pride is not misplaced was the recent move from Vung Tau to Binh Thuy. All hands involved with the moving of our headquarters and approximately 90 tons of equipment did a fast, efficient and outstanding job - which has become the standard for H₁(L)-3. I compliment the squadron on their performance during this monumental task of moving and still maintaining 22 aircraft at combat readiness. "Well done," to all hands.

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DET ONE (TERRELL COUNTY)

Det-1 has made another big move this month. We are with the TERRELL COUNTY now and are enjoying the luxurious accommodations. Since the JO's beat the Swifties to the upper TOQ, there has been a marked improvement in morale. Not only has our combat readiness been improved, but the upper TOQ's strategic location allows the JO's to converge upon the wardroom and secure a perimeter within seconds of the chow or movie call.

Our OinC, LCDR HARTMAN, has been called away on emergency leave to be with his wife who has undergone surgery. We hope that LCDR HARTMAN has a smooth trip home and wish Mrs. HARTMAN a safe and speedy recovery.

This month Det-1 will lose the services of two FTL's. We would like to say so long and good luck to LTJG "Wild Bill" WALLEN who will be leaving us for HC-7. So long also to LT Woody KNIGHT. Woody will be going to Det-5 as their new Maintenance Officer. We'd also like to wish Det-5 lots of luck.

Now that LTJG Rick (Sarge) SADLER and LTJG Bob (Stretch) SHORE have made AHAC, Det-1 will have an all JG fire team. The Det is taking the news in stride, but there has been some grumbling among the co-pilots. LTJG SHORE is now recovering from a lacerated foot he received at a beach party thrown by the now departed WESTCHESTER COUNTY. It seems that the Captain of the WESTCHESTER did not take to an Airdale dunking (especially since he was in his khakis). Bob was nearly stomped to death by the C.O., but he will live to laugh another day over this little incident.

We will be picking up two new pilots in the Month of May. LTJG Marty CHAMBERLAIN will be very relieved to know that LTJG Don O'CONNELL will be the new boot aboard. Marty has received his ration from all the "bull JG's" here in Det-1.

We would like to welcome AMH3 FRYBURGER back on Det after his extended 30 day leave. It seems that FRYBURGER got an extra four days at Travis AFB. He was a haircut hold! The most recent additions to our crew are ADJAN CHRISTENSON and ABH3 COCKE. They are now under training with two of our best crewchief/doorgunners, ADJ1 HUNT and AO3 MC GOWAN. AE3 JASMANN and AN OLBY have also reported aboard, but have been here several weeks now and are doing a fine job. AOAN LASOTA left us this month for VAL-4. We would like to wish him lots of luck with the BLACK PONIES. Rumor has it that VAL-4 traded five crewmen and an undisclosed amount of cash to secure this one squared away SEAWOLF.

That's it from Det-1. We would like to wish the other Dets many safe flight hours and vast expanses of lead free air.

DET TWO (Nha Be)

Greetings from the sunny South, Vietnam that is, and beautiful downtown Nha Be in particular. The first of the month found the Wolf Den overrun with dogs, and the helo pad jammed with Army birds, all looking for a space to park so they could enjoy the chow at Nha Be.

Since the time our last Wolfgram went out we have welcomed three new pilots to the Det. LT Hand "SOPA" Innes, who has since been made an instant FTL. "Uncle Hank", as he is known around the Det., spent his first month at Nha Be running for the Bunker every time they tested the siren.

LTJG Dwight "Dew Melon" JOHNSON is also new but has gotten right into the swing of things by growing a moustache and looking for the motor pool. LTJG Jon "The Pear" COOK was also welcomed aboard Det 2 in the last month. Jon, another Canoe U. graduate, was sent up to Nha Be to help even the score between Academy and Non-Academy graduates: stationed at Nha Be. If Jon's savings plan works out he will be the richest kid on the block.

The Seawolves at Nha Be have the unique privelege of having the most short timers in one Det. A total of four pilots during the month of April had less than thirty days to serve in Vietnam.

LT Tom "Picasso" COGSWELL was given two hours notice, in a typical Seawolf surprise, that he was being transferred up to Duc Hoa and Det 4. Needless to say, he had some unquotable quotes about that one.

LTJG Tim "The Tree" HAYES has also made like a leaf in Autumn and fallen out of the happy family at Nha Be. The last 3 weeks he was here everyone was continually looking for him, but no one could see him with his tree hat on. That's what he said and we went along with him. We all agree that Tim was ready to get back home. A tree ?

LTJG George "The Egg" PIEL, another short timer, has been wandering around Nha Be in limbo waiting for the time his Freedom Bird takes off. If he hasn't been in limbo (or the Twilight Zone) he's been in Sydney or Hong Kong. George has spent his last month in country visiting the major capitols of the world in his own People - to - People program.

Our last short timer is our esteemed OinC LCDR Dave "Budweiser" BLAIR has been looking forward to his last combat flight in Viet Nam. In Nha Be, and throughout the Delta, he has been proclaimed King of the Doors because of his go round with the maintenance people about doors. Come to think of it, the doors for one bird have never been found.

Finally, we get to the Det 2 officers who are in the middle; between the nuggets and the short timers. They have been plugging along as usual, not getting into too much trouble and not getting more than their share of ataboys.

LT Tommy THOMPSON has also jumped on the band wagon of moustache growers. He trims it faithfully every day using the five gallons of fresh water he hoards in his room ala Silas Marner.

LTJG Dick "Celery Stick" SCOTT is still trying to be able to put the bird into the revetment first try every time. He has got it down to three out of five now. His shuffleboard at the club has about the same degree of efficiency and accuracy.

LTJG Bill "Baby-san" WAGNER can be seen daily around the ready room with a broad smile on his face and a stick of gum in his mouth. Since taking over as Maintenance Officer of Det 2, he has been making more trips to Vung Tau than the average bear, but he says he enjoys being sandblasted.

Bringing their gunning careers to an end are the oldest and shortest two men at Sandy Point; Ben "Smitty" SMITH and Glen "Chunky" SMITHEN. They are spending their remaining days by daydreaming about their new cars, leave and all the other extra-curricular activities that go along with the first two.

In the month of April, Det TWO welcomed two new gunners. Jay "Cutie" WAKELAND is already in training for crew chief and primed as the new "Big Gun" on the .50 caliber. Gary GOEHL, also a new assition to the Det, will soon become a crew chief - that is if he can get the training in between his never ending duties as a mechanic.

The title of Rip Van Winkle goes to Mike "Sleepy" KING. He figures that if he sleeps 12 hours a day, his time in country will only be half as long. Ray "Lifer" VARNUM is spending his last few months on detachment trying to convince everyone that he is a short timer in the Navy, but we all know he is a career man.

Al "Ole Buddy" Scott is one of the detachment's newest crew chiefs. As crew chief he is doing a fine job, but he must be reminded that flight suits are worn right side out-even on scrambles. Keep trying Scottie, it's easy once you get the knack.

There are two tidbits of unbelievable news for April. One is that Bob "Playboy" Arnold made first class! He also got a movie projector to show films of himself and his new crew, but it turned out to be as hungry as he is and ate all his film. Second, our canine corps - Ralph - is really a girl. The vet promised that he/she was a boy; about that school you attended Doctor? Ky is doing fine in the peace and quiet without her pups. They have all found new homes - by hook or by crook in some cases.

That's all the news from Nha Be for this month. All of us here hope that next month will be a good month for our families and friends back in the "States" - it's bound to be a good one for all of us as we will be one month shorter.

DLT THREE (YRBM-20)

Det 3, still operating off the blessed YRBM-20 and out of the accursed Moc Hoa Mike compound, or somewhere in between, has had a general personnel fruit basket turnover. In the past few weeks the det has welcomed LCDR Bruce BORKUIST, our new Oin C, who has, or so tis said, the longest and curliest mustachio in the Delta - and the funniest colored! LCDR Bob TOUHELY has returned to the det from Squadron Central (better known as Disneyland Asia), and has led his fireteam on their first mission to Moc Hoa, highlighted by a swim break in the POL; towels hanging from the helo doors, boots neatly in a row, flight suits strewn about, just like stopping by Pensacola Beach for a swim.

His AHAC on the same mission, Chris "The Shadow" STONE, did the impos - sible in blowing the sandals off a curious onlooker at Cai Cai, a light - footed fellow indeed. Never could do that to LT Kirk WALSH, our new AHAC.

Det 3 sent off the two venerable veterans of the Delta, Eric ALEXANDER and John TITCHENER, with a rousing internal fuel leak and a bird down in a farmer's field. The farmers turned out to be friendly and, after a hook out, John and Eric were last seen making their way to the bar at Binh Thuy,

mumbling something about, "We're too short for this"

We were honored to have the services of "Light Major" Bob SPROSTY, newly ordained Lieutenant, for the last month. Bob broke an old Bill Calhoun record on the YRBM-20 by logging 23 continuous hours of beautiful air conditioned sleep. Speaking of Bill "The Crusher" CALHOUN, he has his hands full (with all of three month's experience) breaking in the det's newbies; Jerry LEACH, Bruce WATTS, and Jim MOSSER; all by now crusty Moc Hoa veterans.

In the real Navy part of the det-the rear seat rippers of the gunner division-Det 3 has sent "Big Willy" WILLIAMS into Binh Thuy to be a white collar worker and welcomed Clarence "Little Willy" WILLIAMS to the fold. Little Willy scored a direct hit on a sampan with a smoke from 1500 feet. If only our rocket shooters could do as well! Suffering along with the det at Moc Hoa are the old pro gunners, Mike COTITA, Russ CARTER, Dennis MILLY, and Steve EGSGAARD. Recent "intra-det" transfers are Bob GARRITT, Jim DELORL, and Dick GRINNEL - all welcome additions to a fast becoming veteran and expert crew, although Dennis and Steve owe a few beers here and there for being a might too slow on the trigger (releasing it that is).

If you noticed Det 3's lack of entries in the Wolfgram lately, it has been because (1) we haven't written an issue, or (2) because Binh Thuy hasn't written a Wolfgram! Anyway, all take care and we will catch you next month.

DET FOUR (DUC HOA)

Here at Det 4, where we developed gunship tactics, regardless of what others might say, another breakthrough has arrived. It deals with aerial dissemination of psychological leaflets, fondly known throughout the Delta as "Ah gee, not psy-ops again!". Our new method was innovated by upset gunner Jake JACOBS, who felt our leaflet drops needed more concentration to really bring the point home. We can now drop 25,000 pamphlets, weighing close to 50 pounds, packed into a three square foot area. Now there's advertising. The results have been heartening. Local officials give Det 4 credit for one VC tax collector and two cadre workers, who recently decided that it was time to switch. We've also been given credit for 2 Viet Cong KBB (that's Killed by Bundles), which proves once again that the pen is mightier than the sword.

LCDR Jim ALKIRE recently received his flt papers. His flt check took place on a scramble and he did it without the benefit of maps or frequencies. Another good example of Det 4 rewriting the Tactics Manual.

Our new Assistant O-in-C, LT Gene WALKER has just arrived after serving his time in Vung Tau. We think Gene is quite pleased with his new assignment, but why else would a grown man run around the Duc Hoa FMCV Compound waving his arms wildly while screaming "I'm a Gunship, I'm a Gunship!". He'll fit in quite nicely with the rest of the Yo-Yo's.

Social Chairman, LTJG Bob Tom KRUSL, has really gone overboard this past month. Every other night is showtime. Teamed with karate expert LT Dickysan Ca-Tone, the two are billed as "Dick and his trained dog, Spot". The act is sensational and the only complaint comes from poor Mama-san, who has to clean up after the fellas let off a little steam. She's also worried about our health and hopes that everyone is caught up on their distemper shots.

LTJG's Matt FISHAK and Little Jimmy CANNICHAEL have stayed out of trouble this month due to that immobilizing disease "The Duc Hoa Schuffle". Just guess where they've been shuffling to.

Our congratulations to LTJG Will FRADDELL for making AHAC and at the same time avoiding a tour as Squadron Awards Officer. He felt so happy that a little celebration was in order. Now into his third week of revelry, we all wonder if he's not stretching the point.

Det Poet, Al ROSS, noted for his lucid free verse of the kind often found on walls, has been showing junior man Roy (Henry Hawk) HALL the ropes. In return, Henry has been unselfishly sharing his worldly possessions with Al. Like his bed, when Henry isn't in it. It seems that Al is afraid of height and Henry's lower bunk offers the perfect refuge. Problems sometimes arise when both wish occupancy and there's room for only one plus Henry's teddy bear.

Our new leading petty officer, AO1 Walter BURTON has settled nicely into his job and even seems to be keeping everyone in line during their off hours by setting a good example.

Our appreciation to Fred FRADDELLS, Jerry REAL, Ken ALLEN, and Tony SINCLAIR for sharing the thankless job of guard duty. Without their help, Det 4 aircraft would be non-existent as the ARVN have that habit of picking up small souvenirs, i.e. an engine, an air frame, a rotor etc.

Recent weeks have seen Det 4 gunners work overtime without complaint. Roger that - if you listen to Dale ODON or Jim PICCOLO you'd think the 14th amendment had been repealed. And Jess BRADBURY swears he's losing weight. To counter this he has increased his daily beer ration. We all hope it's successful because nobody likes the looks of a scrawny crew chief.

Dwane "Lurch" FLETCHEROLF has made an interesting discovery he wants everyone to know about - 2 parts tomato juice and one part Vodka. He wants to call his drink a Bloody Mary. The rest of us want him to call it quits.

The amazing and terrifying Norm GLIST has really been saddened by Duc Hoa. This place holds about as much challenge for him as Arnold Palmer on a pitch and putt. His talents for procuring needed items are really being wasted here at Podunk. Hopefully Norm's In-Country R & R chit to Dong Tam will be approved. It will be like sending the Green Bay Packers to a Free Smorgesborg.

Finally we'd like to welcome our newest gunner Sonny LAY, who has broken all previous records for getting checked out. If he keeps up the good work he'll be a living legend in his own time.

So, in closing, we would like to quote the immortal words of Pogo Possom, when he said, "The best laid eggs of mice nor men aft gang aglom".

DET SIX (USS GARRETT COUNTY (LST 786))

Well, things at Det SIX have calmed down considerably. We are happily situated aboard our new home the USS GARRETT COUNTY. Our O-in-C, LCDR STRLEY, is getting harder to please than ever. He wouldn't even accept the proposal that we trade his rack for a hammock so we could have two chairs in our operational headquarters. LCDR WASS has just returned from Vung Tau, having become an official test pilot. He's working on a new arresting gear system so he can land an F-4B on the GARRETT COUNTY. LT Charlie FITZGERALD's back from his in-country R&R at Cam Ranh Bay. We're all happy he's back, but think he's holding back a little. It took him two weeks aboard ship to find C.I.C. Now he's getting ready to leave for a tour with the "Home Guard"

LTJG Bob "Do it my way" ROMANELLI is planning another trip to Hong Kong. You would have thought he had gotten everything he wanted the first time he was there. I guess he forgot a few things. Well, he still has a few inches of room left in his "quarters". LTJG Dave HILBERT has been turning the wardroom into a cut and paste replica of Ding Dong School. He made the nicest "little" 40 foot map of the Delta for us. If we fly close enough together, both aircraft can use it at the same time. Thanks to our friendly PBA officers aboard, we found Dave stuck to his rack this morning covered with acetate. LTJG "Rip Van" WARLICK has returned to Vung Tau and is counting the hours between now and his flight to the land of the big PA. I think he's going to try to sleep every one of them away. You've been a great help, Tom. Thanks and have a good trip home.

We want to congratulate LTJG Cliff PARRIN on his new hovering record for the GARRETT COUNTY. Hey Cliff...when are you coming down? LTJG Ken "Non-Smoker" LOWE has teamed up with "Non-Buyer" ROMANELLI in the cockpit. Missions have been falling below par due to nicotine fits on rocket runs. Really, Ken, you've got to pick up a least one vice while you're over here. Congratulations are also in order to LTJG Skip GINGRICH and his wife Joan on the birth of their new son. Skip is all smiles and handing out cigars.

We'd like to thank three great guys - Airmen O'BRIEN, SOTO, and KINGLEY for the help they gave us during last year. "You did good men". Two old-timers, A03 Terry SCOTT and ABJ2 John BUDDY have rejoined us once again. Now all we hear about is how great the skiing was at Aspen this winter. Thanks a lot! Also congrats to Scotty for making rate. ADJ3 Lloyd CONNORS, our faithful Logs and Records Yeoman, is returning to the parent squadron at Binh Thuy this month. Guess we'll have to figure out the LFAR System now. Good luck in the big city. Congratulations to A03 Neil McDONALD and AT3 Al SCHLIER for making rate. MAC has left for his 30 day leave back in the World.

Ahh! Roger BENISH lately taught us all how to use his new 450 power telescope. By the time we got it together, it was too dark to see anything though. A02 SAMUEL, our leading ordnanceman has been keeping the .50 cal. tuned to fighting perfection. Keep up the good work, Sam. ADJ2 Vince P. ONL, the grand old man of Det SIX, gets shorter every day. It's been a long and successful tour for you, Vince.

Finally, LCDR Bill FRANKLIN just checked in. He's going to be our new O-in-C. "Welcome aboard, Sir."

DET SEVEN (Binh Thuy)

Another month across the road has just come to an end. Everyone seems to have adjusted to the new life of heat and dust. It has become the popular opinion that the men of Det 7 are much better pilots and crewmen than they are hotel managers. It does have its advantages though, we do get to see all our old friends from the other Dets. FLASH: Det 7's sand buggy sank, but fortunately no hands were lost.

LCDR Merle STOCK has been very busy this month qualifying as AHAC and PTL plus carrying out the vigorous task of a new O-in-C.

We are sad to say LT Tex RICHIE's final month has passed and he will be departing shortly for the land of the great PA.

This has been a good month for LT Tom DOYLE, since he has been anticipating R&R since his arrival in country. His only comment was "R&R is great".

LTJG Bill CARLO earned the title of AHAC this month and along with this distinction also shaved his moustache.

LTJG Bill "Luck" MATTHEWS, better known as the hair lip of the Delta, still prefers North Carolina to Binh Thuy.

Fortunately for us LTJG Jim MOWIKY is still making sure we get all the milk we can drink at chow.

Our dietetic LTJG Bob POTHIER has been on a crash diet for three weeks. When asked how it was coming he said he hasn't lost any, but he has cut down on gaining.

Last but not least we would like to welcome aboard our two newest nuggets LTJG's Pat STABHILL and Larry CRUHL.

The new pastime is building rockets or belting ammunition. This came about when we lost ABF1 Pancho SANCILLO and A01 Bob FULLWOOD along with A03 Wayne DRAPLER to the land of the big PA. Best of luck to you all ... you are definitely missed (especially by AN John RANDALL, who has been standing their duty).

Speaking of personnel changes, two new names are now appearing on our flight schedule and one old one has been scratched. A13 "Binjo" RUTLEDGE has traded in his .50 cal. for a one-way ticket to VP-30 in Pax River, Md. Their gain is Det 7's loss. We would like to welcome our two newest gunners, AMH3 Newton EARL and PR3 Ed SCHMIDT. They come to us with hidden talents - "Newt" is extremely good at patching those "funny little holes" in the birds and Ed's talent is so hidden we haven't found it yet.

AB51 Marvel "Clarabelle" THOMAS (same-same den mother) is getting shorter by the day. Tom can go home knowing he has achieved one thing; he finally was admitted to the water buffalo of the month club.

A02 "Big Ed" LLEWELLYN seems to have his hands full keeping our new mini-guns working. Cheer up, Ed, being the new PO-in-Charge doesn't mean you won't have time to work on your mini's.

AT2 William SHULTZ has had his problems this month also. Seems our FM radios never want to work. Don't worry, your're getting short. ADJ3 Bob "The Bear" SULLENS has found his hidden talent and we all wish he'd loose it. Sully, please learn to play that guitar and practice in the Red trailer. A03 Tony "The Tiger" SCHELL has been busy this month hunting down herds of buffalo and taking pictures of anything that moves. A03 Frank "The Coalminer" GALE has found a new toy this month, "The Firefly!" Try lighting a canal up next time instead of herds of buffalo. AN John KENDALL has found a new job being the only ground crewman left... YA'LL come back now, you hear.

ADMIN DEPT

For all those who think the "Wolfgram" has become a semi-annual publication, our brand new PAO (Public Affairs Officer) LTJG Gary WRIGHT informs us that it will return to a monthly basis - if his job as Awards Officer doesn't bury him first. All you HEROES knock it off! Another newcomer who is happy in our wonderful air conditioned office is the Assistant Admin Officer LTJG Bill BICKENBACH. Bill's ambition to be a Det pilot has been stifled and he is "confused". Join the club, Bill!

That club has picked up quite a few members in recent months, another member being the Legal Officer, LTJG George "Gob" BLACKWELL. Fortunately for George, there are no "bad guys" in HA(L)-3, so he has nothing to do but watch Det 7 heroes take off and land during the day. Eat your heart out "Gob".

The other "Nugget" attached to Admin is our hard working First Lieutenant, LTJG Tim HARRIS. Tim is doing such a fine job on the Captain's quarters that we expect to see the civilian construction companies pounding on his door at the spacious Binh Thuy Hilton (BOQ).

Don't worry guys, CDR OSBORNE, "The Boss of Admin" says your time in the "Home Guard" will pass quickly. Sure thing, Sir!

We do have two former Det pilots in our cheerful crowd. LT Dave O'NEILL has taken the reigns as Personnel Officer and Ration Card Officer. He gives everyone a Ration. Our other hero is so "short" he walks under the doors - when, and if, he comes to work at all. That's our own, brand new Lieutenant (that's right folks, he made it) Bob "Spros" SPROSTY. Good luck in the U. S. Bob.

We'd like to apologize for the time lapse since our last edition of the "Wolfgram", but due to circumstances beyond our control, our writer went on vacation and publication ceased. Now that Admin takes the entire blame for the late publication, we'd like to offer full refund for subscriptions to our subscribers. If you'd kindly forward all claims to our complaint department we will cheerfully refund your money in due time. Please, as a favor to Admin, don't hold your breath waiting.

YN1 Owen "Pappa Kahuna" SHLESTAD just returned from his ~~trip~~ in the land of pineapples and sunshine. He finds it hard to believe that his ~~trip~~ is over as he wears his straw hat and lei to work every morning. Claims the reason he took all his pictures of Hawaii from the 16th floor was "The view was better from way up there". Sure Shel...

YN1 Dwight KOLOLGI reported aboard for duty just recently and seems to be ready to go back. Strange noises at night, although quite harmless and quiet, keep him peeking out the door. He can't seem to understand how such loud noises can be on our side. Welcome aboard anyway, we're on your side.

From up north way we'd like to welcome two newcomers to Ha(L)-3. YN2's Charles HANDRA and Ray RACOBS, received from Cam Ranh Bay, have joined the elite group of "Seawolves". "CB" is presently handling anything and everything, but most of all he's counting his days left, 88. Claims he is next. Poor Ray took over the Awards Yeoman spot and found out that Seawolves do get awards. In fact to hear Ray talk you'd think there were nothing but heroes in Ha(L)-3.

YN2 Tom KLAUS just returned from his 30 days extension leave from back home. Claims it was the fastest 30 days of his life. Says he's glad to be back and get it all over with, but the way he daydreams all day it makes one wonder.

SN Jim "Surfer" KOSKINAS wasn't quite happy with the move from Vung Tau to Binh Thuy. His surfboard is useless to him out here but he's working on a set of wheels to connect to it so he can surf down the runway. Might shake up a few of the pilots coming in for a landing, but what the heck, he has to surf somewhere.

AN Tom HARTNETT, everybody's friend when a lot of mail comes in, has really turned-two since the squadron switched to Binh Thuy, and has been responsible for the construction of our new mail room. Now that the cage is built, Tom, where are you? By the way Tom's real last name is pronounced HART - NLT ... even though he isn't sure anymore.

That should about close out Admin section for this month. We've finally made our move to Binh Thuy and have settled so we're ready for the presses to roll again. In closing we'd like to say to all you sweet Mothers back there, Happy Mother's Day from all the Admin crew.

PERSONNEL - LEGAL

Much has happened since you last heard from us. There have been quite a few changes in the personnel office. We have said farewell to all three of our second class personnelmen. Good luck and smooth sailing to WYNN, BLECHER and FADEN. To even things out just a little we welcome to our ranks PN2 Mel CALHOUN and PMSA Phil MORRIS.

Our short-timer (PNC KUNBERGER) due to leave in July is still waiting for orders. While our other chief (WILLIAMS) has a new job. We can't figure out if he is the Assistant Leading Chief or the Assistant to the Leading Chief. He does seem to keep busier with his new job though.

We are soon to lose our "TK". AN MILLER thinks that he wants to go gunning. Good luck "TK"!

There isn't much new with our PNL. He just keeps plugging away. Cheer up SHARRAH you'll last the year yet.

Saving the best for last our two officers. Our Personnel Officer, LT O'NEILL is really looking forward to getting back out on detachment. Let's hope that he doesn't lose his cool before he leaves.

Our Legal Officer LTJG "Gob" BLACKWELL, is running around with a big smile on his face. He has purchased a camera and is having more fun trying to make it work.

OPS DEPT - OFFICERS

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new." And so, June finds the move from Vung Tau to Binh Thuy completed, and the Ops Dept. almost settled into its new spaces. CDR V. C. WHITMIRE, is spending his last month as Operations Officer, before his elevation to XO., indoctrinating LCDR Jim KELLS on the orderly confusion that occurs daily. With constant reliance on instructions and notices, Jim is in full swing. There's more help on the way, too, with the expected arrival of CDR J. W. LHL this month.

As Wolfgram goes to press, we bid farewell to LTJG Noel CAMPBELL, battle weary and totally exhausted from his DaNang cross countries and photography outings. You should have it so good in HS-4, Noel! Noel's relief, LTJG John WRIGHT, "stepped into it" as he assumes the job of Comm Officer. Thought you were going right to a detachment, eh, John?

Another rookie in beautiful Binh Thuy is LTJG Ted WHITE, HAL-3's new Flight Officer. Maybe he'll be able to schedule a hop or two for all the "caged tiger" J.O.'s currently flying their latest issue Mark 1, Mod 4 desks.

LT Charlie PITTMAN, fresh from Det 6, replaces LT Jon WALKER as Safety Officer. Jon is headed for staff duty in London, England, and we all know his thoughts will be with us in HAL-3 the entire time he's there!

Jim TLAGUE, HAL-3's lone Ensign, is ecstatic over the anticipated arrival of WO2 HOCKENBERRY (to be assigned to Maintenance). Jim thinks it will be a vast improvement not being low man on the ladder, but he forgets that it is not going to change his being a gold bar wearer.

OPS DEPT - ENLISTED

As the dust starts to settle from our long, nerve-racking move from Vung Tau, we find the Ops Dept. finally starting to get back to normal, that is, everyone except AN HARRIS (now ADJAN) who is still wondering why he was only quoted on the ADJ3 test. Cheer up "Harry", things will be better out on Det.

Also we have AN TIMOTHY, who is telling everyone how "salty" he is. "Tim" just went over "1" on May 22nd. "No sweat G.I.:", only 3 more to go.

As we cast a look towards our Comm Trailer we find our 2 CYN's COLLIN and BRANAK thoroughly engrossed in COLLIN's Playboy centerfold collection. Doesn't anyone have a message to be typed?

The "short-timer" in our group for this month is A01 JOHNSON, who will be leaving us the first part of June. He claims that he is so short that he can drink a "Saigon Tea" here and "Burp" back in the states. Good luck in San Diego, John.

We also have a new face in the crowd, ADJ1 WILLIAMS, who comes to us from Det 3 to replace A01 JOHNSON, WILLIAMS claims that he has never had so much free time. Just wait until things start rolling "willie".

And last, but not least, we have ALC JOHNS, who is also getting short and wondering when his relief will be getting here. When Chief JOHNS departs us he will be going to VP-50, NAS, Moffett Field. Don't get "up tight" Chief, your relief will bet here soon.

As we close for another month, this is the Ops Dept. saying "Give 'em Hell G.I."

MAINTENANCE

Upon a careful perusal of the past few Wolfgrams, it was noted by a highly perceptive J.O., namely Mrs. DEHIGG's eldest prodigy, that no mention has been made of that stalwart, courageous group of maintenance pilots, and their blackshoe maintenance control officer. It amazes me that Wolfgram reporters have consistently deleted the most colorful group of adventurers, since the Lafayette Escadrille. To correct this insolent oversight I offer the following:

A hearty welcome to the three new tigers from CONUS. Our new boss, CDR PRICE, coming to us from HT-8, has a firm grasp on the reigns and is doing everything he can to keep confusion at a minimum. LT Clyde "The Pro" KIZOR comes to us from the Pax River Test Pilot School, as our new Aircraft Officer. It's a good thing, since our only qualified test pilots, LCDR Mike RITZ and LT Bryan CUDDLEBACK, are growing short and useless. LTJG NAKOMOTO is a happy addition to the well qualified turn-up pilots. He's finding out what fun it is to do a 30 minute turn in 100 degree heat. Although he is getting a bit eager, last week I caught him sneaking in 12 pounds of torque. This is a no-no for the Duty Turn Pilots aptly named by LTJG BRACKELL as "The Toadies". After 50 turn hours, we get to keep it up to 6600 rpm and blow out the test pilot's matches.

LT M. L. BOOMGARDEN has settled into the hectic rut of Maintenance Control Officer very efficiently. LCDR HICK was kind enough to leave him a fat relief folder in the form of "The Big Board", and a quart bottle of Roloids.

LTJG MASSLOFSKY is up to his eyeballs in paper clips as the new Material Control Officer. After the fine job he did in moving the supplies on a 24 hour basis, he's developed a strange affliction. When he drinks, he sees pink fork lifts. When he doesn't drink he sees them anyway. Stay in there "Ski", they go away about the same time the Chinook lifts up from under the bed.

Last, but not least, a well deserved "Attaboy" for the poor man's Don RICKLES. LTJG ("One Shot") BRACKELL, who on 21 May 1969, did single handedly carry out a highly successful low level attack on the FASU Laundry. The battle report was phenomenal: Ammo expended - 1 round 2.75; Fuel expended - 25 pounds; Flight Level - 000; Enemy resistance - N/A. Who says the Seawolves can't hit the broad side of a laundry?

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Greetings from Quality Assurance, more commonly known as the "Blue Room" before its paint job at Vung Tau. Now, it's just plain Quality Assurance at Binh Thuy, but it's business as usual.

Recently we transferred AM2 J. E. THOMPSON and ADJ1 A. J. ICKE back to the land of the "Big PX" and freeways. It must be nice!. We also transferred ADJ2 B. K. GORRETTE to Det 3. Our loss is Det 3's gain. On the other side of the coin, we received ADJ2 R. K. PETERSON, and AM2's THORNTON and CAMERON to keep up the high standard of personnel.

All we hear at this time is, "I'm getting short" from LCDR M. J. RETZ, our Division Officer, who completes his Vietnam sentence on 1 June. Good luck to Mr. RETZ.

As for the remaining hard workers in Quality Assurance, AM2 J. H. BRADBURY, ADJ1 J. T. KNIGHT, AMH1 G. C. BOOSE, AMS1 T. L. HICKS, and Chief ROLLWITZ, we will carry on.

MAINTENANCE CONTROL

With the mowing just about finished, May finds Maintenance Control in beautiful downtown Binh Thuy. Joining the ranks in Maintenance Control is AZ2 Bob EASLEY who has been with the Seawolves for about 10½ months, Bob had the Maintenance duties at Vinh Long. Being in Binh Thuy about two weeks before the rest of us, Bob undertook the job of building the office spaces. For many hours of hard work, with his big day so close at hand, we all say, "Thanks."

Everything is getting settled, or at least on the edge of recognized organization, and we can foresee some long months ahead. All through the rains of Vung Tau and the heat and dust of Binh Thuy ads WILSON managed to carry his short timer's calender unharmed, with visions of the States. They even have AZ3 MANSFIELD counting off the days until he leaves. So, as you can tell, things are back to normal here in Maintenance Control.

MATERIAL OFFICE

Since the last issue, the Material Division has undergone a marked change. The first week of May saw the departure of LCDR BATTI and AK1 NASH. Now blood arrived in the form of LTJG "Andy" MASSLOFSKY and AKC Manuel YARRA from the fabled land of the "Round Eye"

After getting to know us, Mr. Masslofsky's condition can only be

classified as somnambulistic in nature. In his few lucid moments, LTJG MASSLOFSKY been known to mutter, "Why me, Colleen, why me?" Obviously referring to an old drinking buddy.

Our stalwart of the office, AK3 NUCKOLLS, previously on knight check, has returned to daytime work. Unfortunately, he has the uncomfortable habit of turning out all the lights, complaining that they hurt his eyes. His friends hope that this little problem will soon be licked.

AK3 "Nice" GUY has moved from the office to our new warehouse to lend a hand to Chief Ybarra. When the rest of him can be found, he can usually be heard whistling, "California Dreaming." Obviously a weak attempt to tell us he is getting short.

AK3 Frank "Wedding Bells" NELL is now working on night check. When last seen, he was counting his remaining days of freedom and mumbling, "Why did I say, 'Yes?' " Good luck, Carol!

AN DEVERELL has gone back to Iowa for a well deserved 30 days leave. Stay away from those cornfields, Red.

Back in the salt mines, AKC YBARRA has his charges busily at work on our new home. When not cracking the whip, the Chief has been heard to comment, "I'm losing my mind." Someone mentioned that Louie "James" CLONE has offered to lend him his as soon as he can find where he put it. AN VERELAND is busy indoctrinating our new arrival ATIN ALLEN. It is only a question of who will crack first.

AT SHOP

The merry month of May finds all the Vung Tau Warriors of the AT Shop at their new home in Binh Thuy, with one exception. Seems like the people at Navy Binh Thuy don't like cats, so poor Sylvester has been sent back to Vung Tau to live the life of an alley cat. Chief "Bow" BOWMAN finds himself back in the shop again after a short tour as HA(L) - 3's Leading Chief. Someone must have figured he was skating, so now he runs the shop with collateral duties as Leading Chief. Keep up the good work, Chief.

We have a couple of additions to the shop this month from the old Det 3 Maintenance. "Dunny" DUNNIVANT and "Mad Dog" HABERN seem to think the Vung Tau Warriors moved in on top of them, but they don't seem to mind too much. Seems like the only thing we hear them say is, "Short." Who was it that said, "I will never go to Binh Thuy, I'm too short to go." We were all glad to see that "Spence" SPINGLET, "Clint" DUNN, and "Ed" SANTY could make it. They will be leaving soon, but who would expect them to have a short timer's attitude?

John JOHNSON, our leading airman would be happy if the shop would get in a few more strikers so he would be able to get a little slack. Cheer up, John, it's bound to happen sooner or later.

For myself, "Gil" GILMOUR, all I can say is, "Cheer up everybody. It won't be like this forever. It's bound to get worse." Thus ends the merry month of May for the AT Shop.

AIR FRAMES

Well, the move from Vung Tau is finally completed. Most everyone is settled now, except Mike FORTNEY. He's still skating back at V.T. Man, he doesn't know what he is missing. The liberty is great and Ben Xe Moi is one of the wonder playlands in the Delta. All the "Seawolves" are wild with praise for the wonderful nightclubs, clean streets, and beautiful girls. And the liberty hours have a lot to be said for them too! Especially when you consider the hours the club serves Coke here compared to Vung Tau. And the enlisted men's barracks has a great view of the local cement factory, which provides a nice layer of cement dust on racks to help daily dust baths (if you take dust baths). Oh yes, Nick BECKER left for the States the 20th for separation. Good luck, Nick, in civilian life. In his place we received several new men; Larry SWETS and Dave BAUER. To them we wish to extend a hearty welcome. Also, we forgot to mention that Mike BYRON is home on leave.

LINE

Since the Line's move to Binh Thuy, we have gone up in the world. We have a trailer for our shop, which is a great improvement over Vung Tau. We have a new Line Chief, Chief BOHN, who is taking Chief Mac's place when he leaves on 1 June. We'll all miss you, Chief MAC & good luck. Also A01 JENKINS, ASM3 MUNDELL, A02 HOCK, AN GALKINS and AN MEYERS will be leaving on 1 June. Good luck on your next assignments. We received some new men to take the short-timers places; ADJ2 LEE, AN KRIESER, AN LUND, ABH1 LABBE, and AN GEDROSE. We also have a brand new division officer, LTJG NEKOMOTO, who also got his hands dirty building the line. Even though we left V.T., AN SPIEK still feels at home because he brought our little Spot with us, who is going to be a mother shortly and SPIEK will really have his hands full then. Hope he can hack it.

ELECTRIC SHOP

Ye Ole Electrician Shop seems to be pretty well back on its feet again after the move from Vung Tau to Binh Thuy. We have about the same crew as we had, with the exception of AE2 COLLIS, who left RVN 27 May. We also have three new electricians. We welcome AE1 BENSON, AE1 COLDSNOW, and AE3 MARTIN to the shop. We would also like to wish AE2 SWICEGOOD the best of luck with his encounter with Chief WILLIAMS, our career counselor. Also the best of luck goes to AE3 SHELLY and AE2 JASSMANN, who have left the shop for a few months to fill their new billets as H(L)-3 door gunners.

Now we take time out to salute the men of the shop who have reached the status of short; AEC LITTLE, AE1 BUNN and AE2 SWICEGOOD. We regret the loss of a most dedicated electrician to check crew, Garry PETERSON. Yes, he decided to spend his last 2½ months with check crew. This has been a good month for two of our electricians, PETERSON and COCHRAN. They received their orders to shore duty at Norfolk, Va. It seems that they will have been together four years after their tour at Norfolk.

A well done goes to AE2 SCHLIEP, who has been very efficient in running our night check with the help of AE3 ROY.

Our deepest sympathy goes to AE3 RING, whose girl informed him a week or so ago that he didn't have a girl any longer.

All the pipe smokers of the shop extend their thanks to Mrs. MIDDLETON of Okaha, Neb., for sending Rick that great Flying Dutchman. Thanks a lot Mrs. MIDDLETON!

Well, until next month these are the AE reporters signing off.

ORDNANCE SHOP

A cheery hello from the ordnance gang this month. I guess everybody survived the big maintenance department move from Vung Tau, the resort area of Vietnam, to Binh Thuy (near Can Tho, for those who can't find it on a map) down in the Delta. Seems as liberty isn't quite as good, hey fellows?

We are saying goodbye to a couple of old friends this month. AO1 Johnny ISAACS is headed for AO"B" School in Jacksonville, Fla., and AO2 Charles (Dave) DAVIS is destined for VP-47 in sunny Calif. Good Luck wishes are extended to them both. Along with our goodbyes, we should say hello to some new personnel who have checked in to the ordnance shop. They are AO1 NESBY, who comes to us from Cam Ranh Bay after a brief stay in the hospital, and AO2 C. J. JONES (yes another one) from the USS HORNET. More newcomers are AO2 HOMER from China Lake, AO3 WEBSTER from HC-1 and AOAN Budka from AO"A" School. We hope you like your tour with the HA(L)-3 "Seawolves".

Others expected shortly are AOAN BURTIS, AOAN SMALE, AOAN WORKMAN, AO3 BURNS and AO2 UTLEY. They must be the replacements for the "short-timers".

It seems like seven AO's have been sent "TAD" to a new outfit in Vietnam, VII-4. They are AO1 BURTON, AO2 VARNUM, AO2 SAMUEL, AO3 LAY AO3 McDONALD, AO3 KAPRIVL, and AOAN LASOTA. Don't worry fellows, we still like you.

Well there's work to be done, so the ordnance shop bids a fond farewell for this month. The short-timers say "see you soon in the World".

MEDICAL DEPT

HM1 Ed SPIESS sustained a fracture of the right leg when the tailgate of a vehicle in which he was riding gave way. He is now at USNH Yokosuka, his previous duty station. From there he will go back to the World. His tour of duty was shortened by 11½ months. He started a trend here - everyone is riding on the tailgate of vehicles, with the hope that "lightning will strike twice".

HM2 FRANKHAUSER recently returned from R&R in Tokyo with an LST full of electronic and camera gear - he is getting a "wee bit short".

A Hospital Corpsman must be able to improvise and HM3 HARRISON is doing it. Although our laboratory manuals have not yet arrived, he accepted the challenge of becoming our laboratory technician. When he views an object under the microscope that may be clinically significant, he takes a picture of it with his Polaroid camera. He is a young man with many talents.

On behalf of the Medical Department I would like to take this opportunity to thank AN PEREZ for the outstanding job he did while assigned collateral duty with us for the past 3 months.

MEDICAL NOTE

MALARIA

This is a systemic communicable disease, acute, sometimes severe and often chronic, commonly beginning with indefinite malaise shortly followed by a characteristic shaking chill and rapidly rising temperature, usually accompanied by headache and nausea and ending with profuse sweating. After an interval free of fever, the cycle of chills, fever and sweating is repeated, either daily, every other day or every third day, depending on species of malaria parasite. Duration of untreated primary attack varies from a week to a month or longer. Relapses are common and may occur at irregular intervals for several years. Fatality in untreated cases vary from less than 1% to 10%. Clinical diagnosis depends on characteristic intermittent chills and fever enlargement of the spleen and sometimes a mild jaundice.

There are 4 types: Plasmodium Vivax for Vivax Malaria, P Falciparum for Falciparum Malaria, P Ovale for the less common Ovale Malaria and P Malariae for Quartan Malaria. Man is the only important reservoir of the disease. The immediate source of infection is an infected mosquito.

The disease is spread from human to human by the Anopheles Mosquitoes. These mosquitoes come in some 67 species and transmit malaria in many tropical and subtropical regions.

If a female Anopheles bites someone with malaria, the blood she sucks may contain malaria parasites. Within her body, those parasites will develop over a 14 day period. After this time if she bites a healthy person, she will inject infective parasites into his blood. Some 10 to 14 days later, symptoms of malaria appear - the typical cycle of fever and chills accompanied by headaches and nausea.

Treatment: A variety of quinine derivatives.

Control: (1) Spraying billeting areas with appropriate insecticides.
(2) Protective screening of billeting areas.
(3) Eradicating breeding areas of the Anopheles Mosquitoes (ponds, pools of standing water etc.)

Prophylaxis: In endemic areas such as Southeast Asia the recommended drugs are: (1) Chloroquine - Primaquine Tablet - A medium size orange tablet taken weekly.

(2) Depsons Tablet - A small white tablet taken daily.

The C-P Tablet must be taken for 6 weeks after return to CONUS and the Depsons should be taken for an additional 30 days after return to CONUS.

/s/ C. H. SPENCE
LT, MC, USN