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## FOOD POISONING

Food poisoning is a term which by common practise has been applied to certain illnesses of abrupt evolution, usually intestinal in nature and acquired through food consumption. The term applies to the food intoxications due to chemical contaminants (heavy metals, floccides, and others), to toxins produced by bacterial growth (staphylococcal toxins, botulinus toxins), and to a variety of organic substances that may occur in natural foods such as certain mushrooms, mussels, eels, and other sea food.

Many other infectious diseases are spread occasionally through food, particularly milk. These include typhoid and paratyphoid fever, shigellosis, streptococcal pharyngitis (septic sore throat), diphtheria, brucellosis, infectious hepatitis, amebiasis, trichinosis, and other intestinal parasitic infections. Food poisoning outbreaks are usually recognized by the sudden occurrence of a group of illnesses within a short period of time among individuals who have consumed one or more foods in common.

Staphylococcal toxins produce an intoxication (not an infection) of abrupt and sometimes violent onset with severe nausea, cramps, vomiting, severe diarrhoea and prostration. Subnormal temperature and lowered blood pressure are sometimes severe. Deaths are exceedingly rare; duration of illness is commonly not more than a day or two. Diagnosis is usually through recognition of a group of cases with the characteristic short interval between eating food and onset of symptoms.

The toxic agent may be one of several intestinal toxins of staphylococci which are stable at boiling temperatures. Staphylococci multiply in food, producing toxin which causes poisoning. The reservoir and source in most instances are staphylococci from purulent discharge of an infected finger, abscesses, nasal secretions or the apparently normal skin of hands and forearms. It may be transmitted by a wide variety of food products; pastries, custards, salads and salad dressing, sandwiches, sliced meat and meat products in which the toxin-producing staphylococcus has been introduced with the food, then prepared in a manner permitting growth of the organism and elaboration of toxin. The interval between taking food and onset of symptoms is 1-6 hours, usually 2-4 hours. There is no specific treatment.

### CONTROL

- 1) Prompt refrigeration of sliced and chopped meats and of custards and cream fillings to avoid multiplication of staphylococci accidentally introduced: fill pastries with custard immediately before sale, or adequate heat treatment of finished product. Avoid improper care of leftover foods.
- 2) Temporary exclusions from food handling of persons suffering from infected skin lesions, especially of the hands.
- 3) Education of food handlers in strict attention to sanitation and cleanliness of kitchens, including refrigeration, hand washing and the danger of working while having skin infections.

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### AVIATION INSTRUCTORS CAN EARN COLLEGE DEGREES

Naval Aviators and Flight Officers now have the opportunity to earn baccalaureate degrees while attached to the Naval Air Training Command, according to BUPERSNOTE 1520 released August 11, available in the squadron admin office.

Officers would attend college part-time, while performing half-day duties as an instructor. Unrestricted line commissioned officers with Naval Aviator or NFO designators are eligible if their grade is LTJG, LT, or LCDR, and if they have sufficient college credits to enable them to complete degree requirements or qualify for another undergraduate program within 24 consecutive months.

Minimum service requirements will be incurred on the basis of one year for each six months, or fraction thereof, of duty under instruction. All school expenses will be paid by the officer, although he is eligible for tuition aid under the G. I. Bill.

Designated candidates will be responsible for gaining admittance to the desired institution. Interested officers should state their desires in the remarks section of the Officer Preference Card.

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### LTJG MORRISON TOP TALENT IN RVN

LTJG Steve MORRISON, HA(L)-3's First Lieutenant, sang and picked his 12-string Martin guitar through a congregation of the finest amateur military talent in Vietnam and won first prize honors in a USO-sponsored talent contest in Saigon on October 5.

The Saigon contest brought together regional talent winners from all over Vietnam. LTJG MORRISON had earlier won top honors at the Can Tho USO's talent show, thus qualifying him for the trip to Saigon.

In taking the All-Vietnam title from five other contestants in his category, Steve sang "The Lady Came from Baltimore" and "In the Early Morning Rain."

Earlier at Can Tho, Steve won over the judges with "The Lady Came from Baltimore," "Reason to Believe," and "Suzanne."

## DET ONE

Our new O-in-C, LCDR Rollie "Barking Spider 15" HABICHT, has finally beeped down from the overspeed condition he was in during his first two weeks at the controls. LCDR HABICHT is the only FTL in Det One who scrambles for an admin hop. Although we have trouble keeping up with him at times, we all admire his hard-charging attitude.

LTJG Mack "The Rack" THOMAS, LT Steve "Spot" SANDBERG and LTJG Marty "Meat on the Table" CHAMBERLAIN have all made AHAC in August. Det One has unleashed a new weapon that has revolutionized helicopter tactics and befuddled the enemy. The aerodynamic duo of THOMAS and CHAMBERLAIN have teamed up to bring fear into the hearts of men (mainly the crewmen) and spread their ominous message throughout the Ca Mau Peninsula: "Get Off Guard!"

When LTJG Rick SADLER (now with Det Eight) got back from R & R in Hawaii, he reported that he had a really good time and only spent \$163.50. Of course his wife didn't look forward to the swim back to California.

We would like to wish ADJ3 KELLY a speedy recovery while in the Naval Hospital at Yokosuka. KELLY was one of our finest crewmen and all hands here feel that he made a great contribution to the detachment.

Welcome back to ADJ1 HICKS. HICKS was in Bangkok for a little R & R, but we understand he got more than a little. Welcome aboard to STEDMAN, who is under training now, and has all the prospects of being an outstanding gunner.

That's about all this month from Det One. We would like to wish the other dets many safe and successful flight hours. Mack THOMAS would also like to thank LTJG Gary WRIGHT for his first air medal.

## DET TWO

Well, hasn't this been a busy month for Det Two. Just for a starter let us bid a fond farewell to our gallant O-in-C for the past four months, CDR SERIG. We've shared many a harrowing operational and administrative experience together. Sorry to see you go, sir.

A hearty welcome to our new O-in-C CDR WETZEL, just arrived from the world. J may not look like much right now, sir, but you'll grow to love Vietnam as we all have.

Congratulations to two new FTL's, LT "Ski" WOLNIEWICZ and LTJG "Shark" SCOTT. Also congrats to our two new AHAC's, LT "Oh Yeah" O'NEILL and LTJG "Point One" COOK, who replaced our two old AHAC's, "Ski" and SCOTT when our old FTL LT INNES disappeared mysteriously one afternoon and is now somewhere around Ca Mau. That's a mouthful, folks, but you shoulda been here!

Speaking of disappearing acts, LTJG "Spock" BICKENRACH was picked up by a bird of prey while returning from the exchange one day after lunch. He was a great guy too. The trail of clothing, laundry tickets, mess bill receipts and blue air between his room and the helo pad were evidence of a "Seawolf Surprise Transfer." One of our number has suggested we hold packing drills. At the sound of approaching aircraft, most of the pilots are ready to go in one minute forty-seven seconds.

LTJG "Baby Sam" WAGNER is still keeping his smile before going on leave, R & R, and finally far far away. The other night was his worst moment. He was afraid he'd have nothing to remember Vietnam by. We reassured him that we had thought of that. We're making him an aromatic cheer basket of coffee grounds, egg shells, pineapple and muc mam to take back with him.

LTJG "Lurch" BRAKEALL, our very own white-winged warrior, has been disturbingly quiet lately. He thinks he'd like to be chaplain.

LTJG "When Do We Eat" CALNAN has started a Build-My-Body program with two local SEAL officers. He's whipped himself into such terrific shape that he is now able to drag himself up the BOQ stairway with one hand.

LT "Cecil" O'NEILL is now entertaining the duty crew with his home-made extravaganzas. Just yesterday we were blessed with 20 minutes of ground shots, 40 different varieties of cloud formation and a fire warning light.

LT Clyde "Surf's Up" KIZER is currently on R & R in Hawaii. We'll let you know what happened in our next exciting installment. Right now all we can say is that he failed to call and let us know he got there safely like he promised. LTJG John WRIGH a new and welcome addition from Birch Thuy, is busy keeping up Clyde's multitude of graphs and charts. You'll grow to know and love those IFAR cards too, John.

The EM's are kind of short of personnel at this time. GHIAPPONE and WAKELAND are back in the states on leave. TALLEY is just back from his 30 days leave--- ow he got to work for it.

The newest additions to the Det Two gunner roll are TAYLOR, SEAMAN(POINC), and COTITA. Mike QUINN("The Mighty Q"), is saying he's the oldest living Airman in the U. S. Navy. Airman BYRD (who thinks he made Third) has a new love this week. Good luck on your romance till next week, beau!

"Gold Joe" TAYLOR has been ruining his rep. Somebody saw him in beautiful downtown Nha Be.

Hats off to Larry ROGERS for courageously painting the ready room light on Airman CARR. Don't get carried away, LARRY. Jay WAKELAND is really short. Last easment checked him in at 4'3". That's all for now folks. In the words of our illustrious POINC SEAMAN, "You guys hang in there till next time."

### DET THREE

Our O-in-C, LCDR Bruce BORGQUIST is still at the reins of our wild team and has recently branched out by qualifying for "Seawolf Assault Boat Commander." While a notable achievement, no one seems to know who can enter it in his log book. Combining that with his continuing film coverage of operations from Ha Tien, we'd say he's pretty much on top of where it's all happening, man.

Our ex-assistant O-in-C, LCDR Bob TOUHEY split the scene, first for the blue waters of Hawaii, and finally for Det Nine. At first, when he didn't come back, we wondered if he was included in the first 25,000 to go home. As a result our newest FTL's LT Kirk WALSH and LTJG Chris "The Shadow" STONE got their first real taste of power by deciding where next to go for fuel. Kirk has just submitted an application to the Better Business Bureau for Det Three as the Delta's most efficient taxi service. And "The Shadow" in his usual outspoken manner mumbled something about suppoing any application for the Det's "Transfer to where the war is."

Speaking of transfers, our newest AHAC, LTJG James "Jungle Jim" MOSSER. Jim's last days with Det Three, aside from wondering if it was going to be a boy or a girl, were devoted to capturing in short-time exposures the various facets of night flight ops aboard the IST. While the subject matter is sometimes in doubt, there is no comparison for the beautiful psychedelic effects produced by his steady hand. (P. S. I was a girl.)

LTJG's Jerry LEACH and Bruce WATTS, by now two of the more experienced co-pilots in the squadron, are still plotting coordinates and "going hot" with the best of them. Jerry's latest hang-up seems to be understanding the OOD when getting the winds. When asked about his groovy, night-downwind approach, Jerry replied, "I wondered why I couldn't see the lights on the LSE." Bruce's latest contribution to the overall effectiveness of the Det was getting up an interest in chess between scrambles. Now that we have an avid group of players, Bruce is reading up on "how to avoid the checkmate." He's also reading up on call signs so he won't make the same mistake of calling Gallstone instead of Galsworth again.

Last, but certainly not least, we all extend a hearty welcome to our latest "recruit," LTJG Dave NEKEMOTO, who replaces one of the old pros, LTJG Bill "The Crusher" CALHOUN. We wish Bill the best and lots of flying in/out of Bravo Tango. As for Dave, after getting out to where the action is, it was two weeks before Dave could boast of finally getting "action qualified." Since then he has indicated his desire to put in for a "DFP." For those who have never made a low RPM takeoff from an IST, DFP stands for "Distinguished Flying Pucker."

The crew of Det Three, being of one mind, has decided that since they are all getting short (one way or another), they'd rather not spoil it all with any juicy comments. The Det bids a fond farewell to A03 Russ CARTER and ADJ3 Dave MAYNARD, who head for greener pastures. Al Steve EGSGAARD hasn't said a word since returning from Hawaii, but walks around with "spirits uplifted." Our old standbys ATAN Clarence "Wilby" WILLIAMS, AM2 Terry GREENELL, and AM John HARRIS continue to assist and instruct their newer members, gunners PRATT and SIUNAKER (a legal sounding twosome if ever there was). To cap it all off, our "old pros" ADJ3 Jim DELORE (now in BT) and AM2 Bob GARRETT (also short) keep plugging away at anything in their sights, and are counting the days till it's that time so let's split!

For our parting comments we would like to address a short note to those of our superiors who occasionally accompany us into action and literally take up arms to join the fight: "A careful post flight of the aircraft has served on one occasion to point out that somebody else wasn't." Safe flying to all, and to all a good flight

#### DET FOUR

Due to the irregularity with which this spic is published, Det Four would like to take this opportunity to wish all our supporters Happy Thanksgiving! Knowing that all of you will probably be overwhelmed with the refreshing new style employed in the writing of Det Four's Wolfgram, the editor wishes to announce that "Diamond Tim" HARRIS has picked up the fallen quill, lost along with his writing talent when "Matty the Fish" FISHER shaved off his "stache."

"Little Jimmy" ALKIRE is the envy of Camp Bum Luck in his new white sneakers, especially when playing with "Deacon" JOHNSON's new red frisbee. The officers and men of Det Four wish to express our gratitude to our own USO director, Mrs. Jackie JOHNSON for all she's done to keep our demented minds occupied.

Even with all our healthy recreational facilities, moral rearmament officer "Woo" FERRELL is quite concerned about "Baby Al" ROSS' smokin', drinkin', and gamblin'. Maybe Det Nine can reform Ross the Recalcitrant.

Speeding right along in this rut, we are reminded of Woo's Morals Memo of the Month. "A neatly trimmed mustache is a good attitude indicator." This flash from ops: "Three and Four Corps brace as LTJG Roy "Actual Instrument" HALL takes the rear seat"--and with good reason. You should see him hover in a Loach.

Would "Rookie" Rich PARKER's friends and relatives please keep sending him the cards, letters, and packages. His morale has never quite recovered from the initial "cultural shock" encountered on his arrival in Saigon.

BULLETIN--AS OF THIS WRITING NEGOTIATIONS WITH SEAL TEAM ONE, GOLF PLATOON, ARE NEARING COMPLETION FOR MORE MYTHOLOGICAL BODY COUNTS.

In the "E" ranks this has been a month of reorganization and personnel change. Ex-deputy sheriff, presently ADJ-1 "Rog" BRODERICK is undergoing a refresher course in law enforcement as housemother for Det Four's gunners, and career counselor for "Lollipop Otis" ODOM. Rog attempted to enter Lollipop on the playbill for a recent "Camp Bum Luck Talent Show," but discovered Otis, at age ten, had already blown his chance for recognition in the entertainment industry.

AMS3 "Lurch" FEATHEROLF recently returned from combination extension leave and honeymoon. Peggy, we all wish you luck. Along this same aisle, ADJ-3 "Snakey" JAL JACOBS--now in BT following Woo FARRELL's hard landing--provided another "Seawolf Surprise" on his return from extension leave--a picture of his new bride, Sharon.

Speaking of honeymoons, "Moonbeam" McSWAIN and "Bulk" CARNEY, have nearly completed their move from the "E" hooch to their new hideaway by the river. For the record--REAL is short and BRADBURY is next!

That's about it from beautiful Ben Luc. Oh, when asked if he'd like to send any message home in the WOLFGRAM, SN James BAPTIST replied, "What's the Wolfgram?"

## DET FIVE

As we recall from our last installment in the never ending saga of the upper Bassac, our two erstwhile hole historians were reciting the exploits of their comrades. Due to the deluge of rain following "SwouteAprille," better known as the monsoons, Detachment Five coffee klatches have moved into the wardroom of our noble YRBM-16. However the tales maintain their same mystic qualities.

Our first historian, rising with a certain pained look, straining his countenance, gathers the eager young faces around the coffee pot and begins the tales.

"Oh, what a man he is, our fearless leader, LCDR "Rockets Away" YAEGER. Two trips to Vung Tau and the party last night and he is still going strong. He truly deserves the honor bestowed upon him by his fellow officers--the Earl J. Guthausser award for uncommon acts in aerial flight. What originality to bomb the enemy with rocket pods instead of firing the things at them."

"Pray tell us," replied his associate chronicler, "the origin of these two Detachment Five Honorarians."

"Know ye not the tale of those fair young lads, "Trigger" GUTHAUSER and "Abandon Hole" COLEMAN. The Guthausser Medallion honors his feat of almost shooting down his own aircraft while not engaged in serious combat, and the Coleman Award his skillful leap from the hole during a ditching drill, thus requiring the ship's Boston whaler to save him."

"Well, our J. G.'s are becoming more worldly every day. For example, LTJG "Jesse James" FARLOW single handedly took on three VN Rangers in the O. K. Corral of the upper Bassac. Or LTJG "Giggles" CAMPANA, who managed to fly an entire hop in convulsions of laughter over his FTL. Or LTJG "C. B. DeMille" SCOTT, whose new movie camera seems to be constantly purring. Even "Straight Arrow" VINCENT has been known to occasion the beer barge on his off days."

"And what crewmen we have. The seven dwarfs to the Snow White of our beer barge. "Grumpy" MUELLER, the world's highest flying back seat driver. "Bashful" ARRINGTON, who always seems to have a wry smile for the co's. Then of course, "YELTON, the Det Five fixit man. Ah what a trustworthy crew."

"Last, but not quite least, is our new maintenance officer, LT "Track Star" KNIGHT, who keeps complaining about the lack of gym and track facilities on our little YRBM. Well, one can't have everything."

The denizens of Det Five give a hearty welcome to all our new guys. Partif regards to LTJG George "Clarabel" BLACKWELL who has honked his horn constantly since he arrived on detachment. Further we extend welcome to the "Campagne's Latest Plane" James "The Pygmic" TOONE. May he carry on the fine tradition of our late great logs and records officer, LTJG CORNETT.

We also welcome MARKS, YOUNG, BAUER, AND CABEZAS to our happy band of vagabonds and hope they enjoy life aboard Yaeger's Ark (Better known as the zoo).

### DET FIVE AWARDS FOR SEPTEMBER

1. Earl J. Guthausser Enthusiasm Award to AO2 Wayne J. WALLIN for his ardent defense of the advantages of white phosphorus.
2. W. B. LESTER Sobriety Award to LTJG G. O. BLACKWELL for lucidity and w power while under the influence.
3. Honorable mention in the W. B. LESTER Sobriety Award to LCDR E. F. YAEGER for his gallant refined actions toward our YRBM bar maids also while considerably under the influence. Worthy of note is that he never raises his voice under the trying conditions.
4. G. O. BLACKWELL Gripe Award to ADJ3 Bruce MUELLER for his ardent complaining. Worthy of mention is that he is the only man to complain about R & R in T and yet return three times.
5. W. J. FARLOW Youth Through Fun award to LT Ralph W. KNIGHT for entering his second childhood after only seven months in country and one R & R. All the ficers aboard the YRBM-16 have been amused by his demonstrations of aerial skill in the wardroom with the flying model helicopter he bought in Hawaii.

6. W. J. VINCENT Rustic Wisdom Award to LCDR E. F. YAEGGER for his enlightening and persuasive remark at our every meal about our YRBM.

7. W. J. WALLIN Public Service Award to LTJG W. J. VINCENT for bringing knowledge to the natives.

### DET SIX

With the coming of autumn we find Det Six returning to their old home, the USS GARRETT COUNTY (LST 786) after a one month stay aboard the JENNINGS COUNTY (LST 846). For the past month Det Six has been a neighbor of our good friends in Det Eight and together have endured the dust and mosquitoes of beautiful downtown Rach Gia. The lovely mountains just to the west of Rach Gia have been a point of interest since arriving in the area, and we are happy to be transferring our option to purchase the "Three Sisters" over to Det Eight.

LCDR "Trade-a-Plane" WASS has returned from R & R in Honolulu and is well on the way to recovery. Rumors are that Steve tried to get into the Church of the Cross Roads, but his Seawolf patch revealed his true character, and he was denied sanctuary.

We welcome two new pilots to the detachment. LTJG Andy "Barefoot" MASSLOFSKY comes to us from the headquarters group where he served as Materiel Control Office for four months. His first job in the Det is to procure all items which were not available during his tenure in Materiel Control. Must note that Andy's first strike was a pretty painful experience, mainly because he had his "chicken plate" installed upside down. The plane commander reported hearing a soprano on the air babbling something about not being able to reach the gunsight.

Our quick reacting gunners have corrected this deficiency by labelling all chicken plates "top," "bottom," and "the back is on the other side." Andy further relates that scrambling barefooted isn't too uncomfortable; however the sand from short strip at Rach Gia can cause discomfort, especially during night LST recovery.

"Tee Tee" Tom WECKWORTH and the tiny little "Irish Kid" POLSENSKI were our first Wolves to make a night of it in Rach Gia; Tee Tee's amazing discovery of the evening was the proper use of insect repellent.

LTJG D. C. "Crash" HIETER has finally been transferred to H. Q. just when we could really have taken advantage of his forestry experience. (U-Minh typo) Gunn McPIKE is now a firm believer in aerodynamics--his body really won't fly, even if is attached to a monkey belt--just another added feature of the quick-disconnect safety pole. Mike also had the distinction of staying behind on guard duty while rest of the crew checked out the Special Services of the Rach Gia NOC.

Cliff PERRIN got the all-time good deal of the month in bargaining with the natives and is surpassed only by his O-in-C as a wheeler-dealer, and then only when the latter is dealing with tape recorders and pineapples.

We bid bon voyage to Seiko SCHLER and Tony ANTHONY, and hope they are having fun in the land of the round eyes. Welcome aboard to our newest pilot, Bob WOLFE

#### QUOTABLE QUOTES:

"Hey, Seawolf 66, you're on fire!"--(Reply censored)

### DET SEVEN

I always thought this war would come to a grinding halt if we ran out of pay. All that happened was the WOLFGRAM was delayed for two months, and the world waited anxiously for word from the Disneyland of the Far East. Well, the Navy has definitely arrived in a former Army bastion, Tay Ninh. The Det Seven Seawolves have been spreading goodwill and cheer and generally transforming Tay Ninh into Fun City, H.

One of our big projects besides opening the Army Crusaders new club has been the start of a duck and chicken ranch. Incredible as it may seem there is fun in



profit in this type of ranching. Our casualty rate has been high---2 ducks and 1 chicken. The official autopsy from LTJG "Bones" CARLO was that the chicken drowned, and the two ducks expired from a Fever of Unknown Origin. We will keep everyone posted on the progress of our brood if they survive the stares of the Army brass.

Congratulations to our O-in-C LCDR Merlyn "The Flash" STOCK on his recent selection to CDR, and on his courageous return from a seven-day leave to Hong Kong. Under his guidance and busy hammer, he has transformed our ready room into a thing of plywood beauty. Our new Wolfden is right out of the pages of "Better Homes and Gardens."

We welcome two new officers since the last issue. LT Lee "Nha Be" EWERT, the new second-in-command, and LTJG Mike "The Dreamer" BRINCK. LT EWERT has lost his new look and has acquired his layer of Tay Minh dust and the Tay Minh twitch. LTJG BRINCK is definitely a newbie. Mike's first night in the ready hooch was spent having nightmares. It's not that bad, Mike.

We say farewell to LTJG Bill CARLO, who will be returning to Binh Thuy. We all wish Bill luck at his new squadron, HC-2. LTJG Larry "Bullwinkle" CRUME has been transferred to the new Det Nine. Larry could be heard saying "What is a YRBM?" as he flew off over the horizon to his new home. We will all miss Larry and his rapidly balding head. The Army Crusaders and their recreation fund will definitely miss Larry.

The remaining J.O.'s ("The Salty Four") hover around, constantly amazing everyone with their aerial skills. LTJG Billy "Mother Duck" MATTHEWS can be found in the woe hours of morning grooming the ducks, cooking their rice, and protecting them from roving bands of hungry Army grunts.

LTJG Jim "I'm a Camera" MOWERY is secretly working for National Geographic, or else he plans to open a postcard concession. He must be doing something with all his thousands of slides and pictures.

LTJG Pat "Rocky" STAHELL continues to amaze all with his undetected nightly raps on MOWERY's reefer. It is obvious that Pat is proud of his Baby Fu Manchu. He's the only pilot we know who cuts the fingers out of his flight gloves so he can feel his moustache while he's flying.

LTJG Frank PINEGAR has just about solved the age old question of what comes first, the chicken or the egg. He's still trying to figure out what part the rooster plays.

New enlisted additions to the Det include A1 COLDSNOW, AMS2 Jim PAGE, AN Paul WILLINGHAM, and ADAN Bobby BECKES. They all arrived with a smile and have not had any trouble finding the bunker, even in the middle of the night.

Three sharpshooting air aces, Ed ELDER, Tony SCHELL, and Frank GALE, will soon head for the land of the great PX. The Det will be faced with a loss of experience know-how, and also a loss to the crew's beer fund. We wish them all success in adjusting to the World.

Everyone is working together nicely, the new personnel are quickly learning the ropes, and our gunners are getting so cocky, they are starting to drop smokes in the aircraft to mark the target for Charlie. Our next project is to change the Black Virgin Mountain near Tay Minh into a ski resort. People laugh but after the war we will be in on the ground floor! Our parting word is that Ho Chi Minh is alive and well in Tay Minh City. He runs a Honda repair shop downtown.

#### DET EIGHT

September was a month of hails and farewells for Det Eight. The list of arrivals begins with LT "Tommy" THOMPSON, suddenly grappled from the midst of Seawolf Maintenance. LTJG Rick SADLER emigrated from Det One, and three newbies--LTJG's Mike McRICK, Rick HARMON, and Mike O'HEARN--reported in-country. LTJG O'HEARN was soon rotated to Det Nine however, to reduce the high number of Academy Graduates in the same detachment. LTJG Bud BARNES also took part in the "disperse the boat-school boys" program and is now operating out of the Bud Barnes Conex in Binh Thuy.

AT1 MORRIS arrived as the new Leading Petty Officer, and brought with him AMS: KUHNZ, A03 HART, and AN FECHNER, three new gunners.

We bid farewell to LCDR "Denny" STREY, who plans to spend about a month vacation in the "Palace" prior to reporting as a quasi-blackshoe on board LPH-12, USS INCHON. LTJG's Ken LOWE and Bobby FOSTER made their departure by Dust Off, and are presently oggling the nurses in Japan. We wish them a quick recovery.

Now a few words about the remaining Det Eight plankowners. Our new O-in-C, LCDR LESTER, decided to begin a truly navy family and recently married a "blackshoe" WAVE Lieutenant. CAPT BECKWITH participated as best man and somehow wound up with the garter! LT Frank BUTLER was assigned some new collateral duties (in addition to his nine primary duties) as malaria pill distribution officer, dinner music officer, and custodian of questionable magazines officer. After 22 days of absence, LTJG John MAN returned from his seven days of leave. Transportation is a problem in Vietnam, isn't it John?

LTJG Bob POTHIER has found he is no longer gaining weight since he cut down to four meals a day. The dynamic duo of AOT TRUEX and AN SIRJANE are still terrorizing the VC from the air, and the civilians on liberty. AN DAVISON still has trouble seeing at night, but has apparently remedied the situation by wearing his sunglasses in the daytime only. AM TIMOTHY is still counting the days until he can re-up in February. And so the heroes of the Rach Gia short strip and the "Water, Water Everywhere, but not a Drop to Drink, Shower, or Shave" USS HARNETT COUNTY, continue to make history in the Gulf of Thailand and the adjacent countryside thereto.

#### ADMIN

The coveted Admin office Distinguished Attaboy Award goes to CDR SERIG, without whose noble service above and beyond the duty call, this WOLFGRAM would never have been born (to the everlasting anguish of all its avid readers). When CDR SERIG was apprised of the mimeograph-paper shortage, he promptly directed his former devoted followers at Det Two to come to the aid of the beleaguered PAO. The old reliables promptly secured a considerable quantity of paper and stencils, proving once again that the system really works, if you just know which system to work.

The newest arrival in the Admin office is assistant admin and temporary awards officer, LCDR HARTMAN, who comes into headquarters after a spectacular tour as Det One O-in-C. The LCDR has adapted well to the old admin grind, but rumor has it he's a sucker for telephoto lenses.

LTJG Gary WRIGHT was sent out to Det One when LCDR HARTMAN came in. Gary loved it here in Binh Ptui so much he had to be dragged away. Trading off a LCDR and getting back a LTJG doesn't seem quite fair, but anyway, Det One's gain is our loss, or vice-versa.

LTJG Harvey CAUGHEY has an expansion club personality. At least that's what he must think after being slated to go to Det Eight in July, and to Det Nine in mid-September. Both of these projections were prior to the actual formulation of the new dets. Needless to say, he never got to either one, much to the chagrin of the Admin office and the jubilation of Dets Eight and Nine.

LTJG Clyde NACHAND had a very enjoyable time in Hawaii, but his handlebar moustache--one of the wonders of the lower Delta--was an R & R casualty. For the information of Clyde's fans who were wondering, yes he does have an upper lip.

The hardest worker of our jolly little crew continues to be our fearless leader, CDR OSBORNE, who attempts--sometimes successfully--to inject a touch of sanity into the proceedings. Ordinarily though, having this crew of incorrigibles at work is like having a dozen good men absent.

Our dynamic duo of YN2's, KLAUS and RACOBS, are doing an excellent job of hiding out. KLAUS went out a couple weeks ago to verify the records of all detachment personnel. He finally showed up a few days ago, looking as if he'd just come back from a 20-day survival problem, and claimed he'd only made four dets. And they were the easy four at that!

As for RACOBS, he left about a month ago, ostensibly to check out the awards situation or something. It sounded reasonable enough, whatever he said, since he's the Awards Yeoman and all. But somebody should have been suspicious when he said he would have to go to Saigon. Needless to say, he's still gone, and rumor has it he turned himself in as a Hoi Chanh.

YN Larry ZARRILLI is still trying to win the football pool. He improves every week though. Last week he got two out of thirteen right. YN Tom LONG is so overburdened with PAO, Awards, Safety, and other Admin jobs that he only has time to listen to his tape recorder 20 hours a day. We know he was a music nut, but when he made a tape of the Vietnamese National Anthem, we really began to wonder. Especially when he waited up till midnight just to get it.

SN "Crazy Jim" KOSKINAS is the man behind the scenes--the unsung hero who keeps the war going. Everyone knows you can't fight a war without paper, envelopes, and stencils--you can't even put out a memo telling everybody to conserve paper if you don't have any paper to print it on. It's KOSKINAS that procures more each time we run out. Without him, the whole allied war effort would come grinding to a halt.

YN KOLODY is determined to find some game he can beat the yeomen in. So far he's tried pinochle, cribbage, and winston rummy. Now he's thinking of switching to checkers. Better luck next time, Gy.

### OPERATIONS

Supplies for the Operations Department have finally arrived. A new shipment of dart and buzzer boards have been strategically placed about the office, providing with an even greater degree of flexibility. Many new faces have appeared on the scene while the old stalwarts left for assorted garden spots in the Delta.

Ted WHITE is now on station in Ben Luc. We'd like to wish Ted good luck and Det Four. A03 Jim BEEMUS transferred to the newly formed Det Nine; Jim's talent will be missed in the office. Aply filling in for "J.B." are AE3 Dave LORENZ and AN J "Red" CUMMINGS. The newly created position of Tactics Flight Officer was abandoned by the infamous LCDR TOUHEY. Mr. "T" slipped from the grips of the Ops Department to be seen shortly thereafter travelling as "IRISH ACTUAL"--now, really! LT Charlie PITTMAN is still referred to as the "Safest Man in the Squadron." Someone once told Charlie that he should be a LCDR; now he's started to believe it. Squadron NATO reached new heights with LT Tom DOYLE at the controls. Our status board for the credits Tom with three Attaboys and one pat on the head. Communications has also undergone some changes; old standbys CYN3's John BRANHAM and Pat COLLINS are no longer in the world. CYN3 Bob BLIESNER has filled in with few problems; new reserves in the form of 58 2" AN Howard EVANS arrived last week. We'd like to welcome Howard to a beautiful garden spot.

Saturday, October 4, 1969, was a day of infamy. ENS Angus J. TEAGUE, Squadron renowned "Bull Ensign" pinned on the coveted Silver Bars. Jimmy is already a man of many talents: Communications Officer, Navigation Officer, Intelligence Officer, Trophy Officer, and Survival Officer.

Well, that's about it from the World of Operations--now back to the dart board.

### PERSONNEL

Since we last made an appearance in the WOLFGRAM there have been numerous changes in the Personnel Office trailer. On the first of July LT "Dick" CATONE relieved LT "Dave" O'NEILL as Personnel Officer. Already he is looking forward to getting back on det. LTJG CORNETT has assumed the duties of legal officer, relieving LTJG "Gob" BLACKWELL. He has been doing quite a bit of legalizing.

Chief HENRY has relieved Chief KUNBURGER who has departed country, enroute to duty aboard the USS GALVESTON. About the best comment that Chief HENRY has come

up with so far is "This is sure different from Recruiting Duty." Of course Chief HENRY has never been with "Naval Air" before--so it's a whole new Navy(?).

We have almost a whole new crew here in the office now. Welcome aboard to PN2 "Ray" POOLE, PN2 "Tom" HARRISON, PNSN "Philip" MORRIS (after the cigarette by the same name), SN "She-She" SILESHAK, and last but not least our new PNSA "Joe" OSTROWSKI. Now that we have a few people here maybe we can get some work done.

PN1 "Cal" CALHILL, our boot first class, is now working night check and really turning out the work. Congratulations on making first class "Cal! The old timer in the office, PN1 "Wally" SHARRAH, who used to walk around smiling all the time saying "I short" isn't so short anymore. His extension finally came in. Now he has eleven more months to go. Wally set a good example though. Phil MORRIS has also extended and is the long timer in the office.

Speaking of night check--our replacement for ABHC "Birdman" WILLIAMS is our new Career Counselor ADJ1 WIEBER (pronounced WEE-BUR for you name buffs). He remains open during the twilight hours for the working man. We had to change entrance and exit doors on the Personnel Trailer to keep our HA(L)-3 "Sheriff" from sneaking in and out without warning.

#### MAINTENANCE ADMINISTRATION

Since the last WOLFGRAM many faces have come and gone from Maintenance Admin. LTJG YATES, who took over as AV/WEPS Officer in July, will soon be bound for Det Eight. LTJG FRANDSEN will also be going out to det shortly after. LT KIZER, LTJG MASSLOFSKY, and LTJG NEKOMOTO have long since departed for det, and in August LCDR ACE headed for the land of the big PX. Meanwhile, LT WILLET has come aboard. CDR PRICE has been busy flying, getting new aircraft for the squadron, and seeing that maintenance work is being done. Also arriving since the last WOLFGRAM was ATCS GARVEY, the LCPO and Maintenance Admin Chief.

#### AIR FRAMES

The last couple months for Airframes have been a busy but confusing period. To start off with, we welcomed AMH2 GRIMSLID, AMH2 FRANZ, AMS3 LANCRON, AMH3 BERRY and AMH3 TATE. We also lost two of our men, as AMH3 LANSON decided he he'd had enough and returned to the states for a discharge. AMH3 SANDERS left for a VP squadron.

Now comes the confusing part--the shop has had a face lifting and with new work benches and storage bins all the old timers feel like newbies as they can't find what they are looking for because everything is in its proper place.

Airframes also marked up another first this month with an all hands shop party. All in all it turned out very well and was enjoyed by all. FRAHM and HICKS had the honor of setting up the party, but when asked if they would set up the next one, for some odd reason they just smiled and said "No-Can-Do."

AMH3 WRIGHT has a pleasant surprise when he made a trip to Det Two to perform maintenance on one of the birds, and what should have been a one-day trip stretched into about three days. As a result, WRIGHT enjoyed a three-day in-court try R & R after being here only a month. Some guys have all the luck!

#### POWER PLANTS

Another month is behind us--for some it's the first of many, and for others it's one of the last. Three new supervisors have come to Power Plants recently. ADJ1's HATCLIFF and WIEBER are newbies, but ADJ1 WILLIAMS has been here quite awhile, so his experience will be greatly appreciated. Two others have joined our "working force"--ADJ3 WALKER on night check and ADJ3 HARRIS on days. We hope they'll like it here, but they'll probably turn out like the rest of us.

Of course things have not been all roses. ADJ1 WHEELER was transferred to QA, and ADJ2 O'CONNOR was scheduled to follow him. Also, our very own ADJAN "Percy Marvelous" DANER is tearing up the highways between Can Tho and Binh Thuy in his new job as duty driver. We're sorry to see them go, but they seem satisfied with their new billets. That's about it for this month. Don't take any wooden piaster.

### QUALITY ASSURANCE

Once again we bid you a big hello from the Quality Assurance Office. Well, right now all kinds of things have been booming during our period of "Operation Transition."

Under the leadership of that never-ending hater of aircraft discrepancies, LT M. E. DeFRIES, we strive to give good quality assured A/C to our pilots here at Binh Thuy and to our detachments. LT DeFRIES was recently awarded the Bronze Star with Combat "V" for action during January of this year while attached to Det Five aboard the YRBM 16.

There has been quite a change over of personnel in Quality Assurance. We still have our AMHC "Purple Letter" ROLLWITZ who just returned from R & R in beautiful Hawaii. Working days we have ADJ1 KNIGHT who says he is short. He just shipped over for six years. Good luck on that one Big Jin. AE1 COLDSNOW left us in early September for Det Seven. He does outstanding work six days a week, but on his day off he enjoys "Throwing Rocks." Oh well, everybody has to do his thing. Also we have AZ3 FANCHER who expects to be sent out to Det about 1972 if there is still a war to fight. Now on our day check crew are AE1 BENSON, AMH1 STEPHENS, AO2 DEATHRAGE, and ADJ2 O'CONNOR. All strappers I'm sure!! On nights we have AMS2 SPENCER and AE2 CAMERON. Now on nights are ADJ1 WHEELER and AO1 HUBLEY. Working till the wee hours of the morning, they do their part in assuring all maintenance on A/C is done at 4.0 level. Welcome aboard to the newbies, and we'll see you again next month, Seawolves!

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### AVIONICS

AT1 DUNN left the AT shop and headed for his new home in Lakehurst, N. J. Newcomers to the AT shop are AT3 HORN from NATTC Memphis, AT2 LOVIN from NAS Miramar and AT2 CUMMINGHAM from NAF Andrews.

It seems as though HA(L)-3 ground electronics may have been a better title than the AT shop. During the last months we installed numerous ground radios and squawk boxes and relocated a few more, not to mention telephones.

### ELECTRIC SHOP

It's that time again for all of us in the electric shop to rack our brains and come up with some thoughts for our WOLFGRAM readers. This month we have a few newbies in the shop, and we say welcome aboard to them. They are AEAN Ron BROWN, AE3 Armando MANSIE, AEAN Hugh DAWES, AEAN Jim FUNDERBURG, and AE3 Bob BULLOCK. The shop is losing one of its old salts, as AE3 Lonnie ROY will be leaving us to head back to the real world.

AE2 Bill OURSLER has left the shop for Det Nine, after spending some time with the headquarters fire team. We also have two brand new boot seconds! Congratulations to AE2 Keith ABBOTT and AE2 Dan MARTIN. Boy! Seems like its gone to their heads already!

Along the same line, the shop is still holding its breath for the latest results, which still weren't out at press time. We have high hopes that everyone will make his next rate.

## LINE

The line division has gone through the usual changes during the last few months. First we'd like to welcome our new Division Officer LTJG Bill "The Crusher" CALHOUN, in from Det Three. Other men reporting into the division include ADJ3 Bill BROOKSHIRE, AO3 Bob PLASCO, ADJ3 Bob SULLENS, AMH3 Ron DEBNER, and ADJ2 Gary MARKOWICZ, who has left for the world.

Other new developments include the completion of our line shack and flight gear shop and the addition of some war trophies in to the P/C's lounge thanks to our division officer Mr. CALHOUN.

## W/C 140

For the benefit of those outside the squadron, Work Center 140, alias the Check Crew, is a scheduled maintenance branch of the aircraft division within the maintenance department. The term "scheduled" means just that! Guaranteed work. Our aircraft come in for scheduled maintenance every 100 hours, or one every 1.4 days. We are allowed five days to accomplish the inspection, and the men in scheduled maintenance meet these deadlines more often than not. Like the song "the beat goes on," the work goes on for the Check Crew. Some of the new faces in W/C 140 who will carry on the job are AMSC TAYLOR, AMS1 JOHNSON, AMH2 TRUETT, AMH2 HEUER, AMH2 SPEAKS, AMH3 MARCUSEN, AMS3 BALCH, and AEB3 STALLINGS. These new faces will fall right in to replace some of the old ones who have departed. With a great deal of changes in faces, policy, and aircraft, it's a hard task to keep on having high morale. But these men do the job ten and one-half hours a day, six days--at least--per week, not counting military duties. If the men gripe at times, and who doesn't, it's while they are still carrying out their duties. It's just that we're all high spirited, and we keep the spirit high as best we can. Let the word be passed that the Check Crew is great!

## PARALCFT

Well, here it is, time again to say a few words of wit and wisdom to our loved ones back in the world and our fellow Wolves.

Papa-San CLARK spent two days of his R & R just getting out of the country. He feels he got a raw deal. Number Two Clark is seldom seen around the shop. We imagine he's out transacting business somewhere. At least we hope so. Ron MacKENZIE, our youngest rigger, is sporting a nice hairy growth under his nose. He claims it gets cold in Maine. Someone should tell him he's a long way from Maine. Ron broke 300 not long ago. Well, so long from the survival shop until next time.

## MAINTENANCE CONTROL

Well, Folks, it's been a long time in coming, but your friendly Maintenance "Confusion" Control is slowly starting to go somewhere. Trouble is, no one is quite sure where.

Our boss, CDR PRICE, is a gallant figure, who is doing a fine job of keeping our heads above water. As of now, this squadron has 4 or 5 aircraft which CDR PRICE can label his own, due to all the parts he talked the Army out of at Vinh Long, not to mention several checks the Army has been kind enough to do for us.

When LT BOOMGAARDEN came back from emergency leave he thought he was in the wrong office. "What happened to this place? Why is my desk here and my board there?" Above all, a dog in the office! Seen any stray coffee pots?

LT SIRMANS, the new Materiel Control Officer, is the newest face in the office. He replaces LTJG MASSLOFSKY, who was chased out to Det Six.

How can anyone entering Maintenance Control miss the dominating figure of our famous CWO "Tweet Tweet! Everybody Out of the Pool" HOCKENBERRY, who as of this writing is taking two steps backwards for every one forward. Cheer up, MR. HOCKENBERRY, after all, anyone as short as you needn't worry too much longer.

Alas, we come to our dashing CPO's. We say a fond farewell to ADCS WILSON and AMEC GOODELL who have left for the land of the big PX. We still have ADCS GOLDSBY, who has a real go-get-em spirit--he's always first one to the coffee pot in the morning.

We also extend a hearty welcome to ADJC CLARK and AMSC MULLEN, who after moving from one place to another for the past five months has finally taken the con on nights--well, for this month at least. Actually Chief MULLEN doesn't mind being bounced around so much because he still hasn't had his first chowing out. Any takers?

Now we go to the heart of Maintenance Control, which as everyone already knows is stokers corner! One of our oldtimers now is AZ2 soon to be AZ1 WALLACE. Ol' Wally will shortly be leaving this office, and go a little closer to home. Like next door in the maintenance office, but his able and now replacement is none other than AZ3 soon to be AZ2 DANES in the guise of AZ3 soon to be AZ2 DANES. Done a little painting lately?

We also have another new face, namely AZ3 soon to be AZ2 MILLER. We don't know exactly what ol' MILLER is supposed to do or where he's going, but he's on his way and he's definitely doing his thing--that is, when he can find his way to work. Then of course there's the stokers of night check. AN "Leonardo da Vinci" BEEMAN has only one problem--deciding if he'd rather be back on his old JVS or here. We suspect if he has to put up with the mess days leaves him for another week or so, he'll know for sure.

Before we forget, we want to be sure to mention our mascot, "Seawolf the Dog," and Seawolf's mascot, ADJ3 MARK. MARK's been here for quite awhile and is doing a real good job, even though he extended for six more months in the fun-in-the-sun land of Vietnam. He doesn't seem to mind, as he has 30 days of free leave coming up next month. We aren't quite sure of MARK yet; he insists on working on his days off. Well, we really don't mind--that's less work for the rest of us.

To wind up Stroker's corner there's none other than our ADJ turned AZAN FARLEY, the "Shadow," as he is known. He's a Fort Rucker gunner. We're a little lost; FARLEY's Dad is an E-8 in the Army, FARLEY himself is in the Navy. What happened to the old saying of like father like son?

Maintenance Confusion Control is a nice place to visit, but I wouldn't want to live there.

#### ORDNANCE

Chief "Get the Schematic and Multimeter" FRAZIER has gotten things well in hand now, but is still wondering how our supply system works. A01 L. L. "I'm Going to Bed Early Tonight" BOWLES, just off R & R and talking with a slight Chinese accent, keeps saying something about clean sheets and fresh water.

The shop wants to welcome aboard A02 TOGNONI, who got right into the swing of things by asking where the club is. Good thinking, Tony. A03 Mike "Get Out of My Toolbox" BURNS is, as always, amazed with all the work he does. AOAN Da "Wish I Could Go Skiing" SMALE is temporarily happy with the world since he got his popcorn popper. Can you smell it?

AOAN Harry "Boy These LRRP Rats Are Good" KOHEN is fast getting checked out in the fun spots of Binh Thuy since he won a game of Bingo at the U. S. O. without really trying. AOAN Bill "I've Got 'Em on Order" BURTIS, who has taken over as our supply "Tech Rep," is still wandering around asking people what size m

and bolt goes where. AOAN Steve "I Left My Heart in San Francisco" WORKMAN can be found almost everywhere anytime talking to himself about pizzas, spaghetti, salads, and sandwiches. Plus something about home cooking. AO3 Robert "Get Any Parts for My Pylons" RYAN can be found mulling over the instruments on his test stand and trying to get them to work.

AO1 Gene "Loan Me Five Till Tomorrow" HUBLEY has been wondering where all the MAF's for work come from. Seems like he never has enough time for recreation. AO3 W. R. "Man I'm Good Looking" JESSUP is still holding night check together with his vast amount of knowledge, like "If it doesn't fit use a bigger hammer." AOAN Don "Did I Get Any Mail" YOUNG is flying, finally. Now he's beginning to act like that famous World War I Ace, (something Beagle, sloopy?)

AOAN Alexander "I Should Get Some Sun" BRAZALOVICH still claims to be Irish; said he had to shorten his name because it wouldn't fit into any of the little squares on forms. So he dropped the "O." Would you believe O'BRAZALOVICH? AO2 Billy J. "Pappy" SLOAN is still getting gray hair, but he doesn't seem to mind. He keeps mumbling something about leaving here soon. Pappy, you short?

AO2 Jack "I'm Not Giving Don Nuttin" HOMEYER is still going nuts in the armory tracking down his infamous missing M-14's. Jack thinks they have legs and just walk out. AOAN Walt BUDKA, Jack's cohort in crime, just stands around the armory counter smiling, watching everybody work. He loves work; he can watch people work all day long. BUDKA and WORKMAN received expert pistol shot medals recently.

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