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DETACHMENT ONE  
(SOLID ANCHOR)

November and December held many changes for Det One; air conditioning, a new runway, the return to CONUS of our old OINC, the one and only CDR SCHMITT, the aquisition of LCDR Duane STEINER as our new pilot, LCDR Scottie GORDON off to Det 7, LTJG Carl "Widetrack" NELSON making AHAC and FTL, LT Jim PETROVICH selling all his super guns save two Swedish K's only to learn he was to become \$12,000 richer, LT Rudy DEATLEY making AHAC and finally showing a beard after three months growth (Odds are he will shave it off for his wife while on R&R in Hawaii in January), LT Don THOMSON on his first hop as AHAC took two 51 cal. holes. LTJG Al GEORGE flew off to JEST School and then 14 days leave in CONUS with wife and family. FTL LTJG Terry "Body-Snatch" WALDBEESSER was off to Binh Thuy in the Safety Office, R&R in Hong Kong and leave in Sydney. We really miss him but the VC must really be relieved. LTJG Earl "Van Gogh" SHAUT was off to JEST School and still receiving his usual piles of mail.

Cut-off's and casual dress went by the wayside when Command of Solid Anchor was turned over to a Marine Colonel. Oh, well! A fine new front porch was added to the wolfden by Charlie "the carpenter" COLLINS (aided by Petro and Arnie) during a moment off from squaring the Colonel and "Palfrey" away and insuring that no one was cut any undue slack. A punching bag and 400 pounds of barbells were acquired as tension relieving devices when we couldn't get any clearances. A pat on our own back for collecting and delivering on Christmas Day, 65 pounds of candy and Cool-Aid for the Chinese Children in Father WAN's village at Hai Yen. Several weapons (souviners) were received from the SEALS and now hang in appropriate places. The dry season arrived in a cloud of dust and before long our stroed rainwater was gone. The well water has 600 parts salt, 500 parts sulfur, and 400 parts phosphorus, which is all obvious by the taste! Our military supply system was fair but our civilian supply system was better. Our civilian supply officers, Arnie and Kelly (Tug Boat Skippers) insure the tugs arriving from Saigon contribute many goodies to the Wolfden's cupboard. "Shewolf" or "Wolf" for short is our mascot which was obtained from a Korean freighter. Recently this puppy received rabies and distemper shots, a dog tag, a collar made from SEAL handcuffs and numerous UH-1 flight time.

The two finest gunners in the Delta are leaving us for CONUS after both spending 28 consecutive months behind their 60's. "Chris" CHRISTENSON and "Obe" OLBY are irreplaceable. We bid them farewell and wish them the best of all things. After leave in Hong Kong, Mike DOISSON finally retrieved his lost jewels. No Sweat G.I.! Dave SMALE is off to CONUS for 30 days leave in Arizona and the ski slopes of Michigan before returning for another six months with Det One. John HOSFORD, Tom KLAVER, Miguel MELENDEZ and Dave SHIBE arrived and are already qualified as gunners and

doing a fine job. The New Slimer? Woody WOODWARD is still trading guns. Mike ELTMAN has been observed frequently by the Colonel milling about the helo pad in his highly starched rags (crotchless, corduroy cut-offs) and shirt?! Mike says this disguise still has the colonel fooled. Dan LOCKE has returned from JEST and has reverted to using his twin 60's. Fred STARK put on a fine show for the Colonel Christmas Eve and received a standing ovation, or so he has been told, I think.

The USO troop of five lovelies from Colorado State College were treated to several hours of pink champagne, cold duck, Mateuse wine, and the only Coors beer in tall cans in the Delta. Love it!

Christmas brought many goodies from home. Our Christmas dinner at Solid Anchor was clearly outstanding. New Years Eve brought Det Six's arrival for steak, lobster, champagne, Mateuse and good times for all.

Farewell for now Det One, friends and lovers. We aim to please.

DETACHMENT TWO  
(NHA BE)

Detachment Two would like to extend Season's Greetings to all personnel, families and friends of the squadron. CDR. BRIGGS has made one of the major adjustments to duty with the Seawolf clan: His posterior has molded itself to the contours of the UH-1's seat. Our amiable officer-in-charge plunged headlong into his responsibilities, qualifying as aircraft commander within one month of reporting aboard the detachment. He also cornered "Flight Hog of the Month" laurels for December. Lt Bob GOODRICH, our assistant OINC, has opened his own monkey-pod wood carving factory. Meanwhile LT Bill GILBERT has authored his first book: Everything You've Wanted to Know About Everything\* (\*Without Even Asking). Bill is the first member of the detachment to take advantage of the new two week leave policy. He will depart for the sunny climate of California in January. Bill qualified as an aircraft commander in November. Another AHAC is LT Tom MOSS. One of Tom's collateral duties is that of liaison officer between the Seawolves and the "Black Shoes" of NHA BE. Tom has calmed rough seas on several occasions. Two of the detachment's last "Old Hands" are preparing for their return to the States. Our twelve month on detachment man, LTJG Gordie PETERSON, promises not to be testy nor say naughty words during his last month. The prospect of a June wedding makes Gordo anxious to proceed to his next duty station, HC-4 in Lakehurst, N.J.. LTJG Craig VOSSETEIG qualified as an FTL in November and is fast becoming the detachment's expert on emergency procedures and incident reports. Craig pulled orders to HS-11 at Quonset Point, R.I., when detached in February.

LTJG Gary LOWE and "Duke" LOVERING are ready to start the new year off with their AHAC Checks. One comment attributed to Gary as he was working his way into the Det's awards officer billet was: "There's only one use for paper and it's not to type on." Hunt, peck. Duke's abilities as a copilot

have earned him the appellation of "Prince Henry the Navigator". Right Mel! Davie, the det monkey, eagerly awaits the bananas Duke brings him each day.

Welcome Aboards are extended to LT Marty CONLEY and LTJG Dave QUACK. Marty, or "Beer drinker actual" as he is affectionately referred to, is our new maintenance officer. Dave has endeared himself to Ralph and Keeper with his nightly offerings of hamburger; one of Dave's jobs is Dog Control Officer. The grapevine reported that LT Clint DAVIE was married shortly after arriving in the States in December. Clint and LTJG Dave RUCKER set a squadron record for the brevity of their checkout. Dave required two tractor trailors to haul his hold baggage to Saigon. Anyone in the vicinity of HC-6 territory in Norfolk that spots a herd of porcelain elephants knows Dave can't be far away. Det Two bid adieu to its own Southern Gentleman on 15 December when LTJG Charles Tinsley FOWINKLE left for duty aboard the USS Lexington.

The past two months have witnessed a major turnover in the Detachment's enlisted personnel. Welcome aboard to our new leading petty officer ADJ1 Ray WOJNE, AMS2 Jim HAUKE, AE2 Jim FANNIN, AMH3 John HOOD, AO3 Tony BEVELOT, AMH3 Mac McCLUSKY, and AEAN Phil BOGUE. Their drive and initiative are clearly illustrated by each man's rapid qualification as a second gunner at a time when the detachment sorely needed their talents. AO2 Rick HUBER, AO3 Jim WALL, and AEAN "Grumpy" GRINSTEAD all qualified as crew chiefs during the same period. Petty Officer HUBER has been hard at work perfecting his own project: A door mounted minigun that sings like a canary. AE2 Jim FANNIN is to be congratulated for his recent reenlistment. His fat VRB was a nice Christmas present. AO3 Tony BEVELOT happily distributed cigars when his wife gave birth to a girl on 8 December. Det Two's former leading petty officer, ADJ1 "Red" FAIRBANKS returned to Binh Thuy in November to serve with the squadron's NATOPS team. ADR3 Larry ROGERS shipped out for the green hills of North Carolina in December. ADJ3 John SLAWKO likewise made it home for a Christmas reunion. He will report to HC-4 in January. ATN3 Bruce MILLER returned from Taipai minus his beard, but the loss of his chin whiskers could not erase the wide smile he displayed whenever he recounted his adventures there. AE2 Karl "The Smoker" PETERS would like to convince everyone that he is getting short. He is the shortest "E" with four months to go, but that is a dubious distinction at best.

The sand has run out of the glass for 1970. Reflections on the activities of the past twelve months indicate that it was an eventful year. The detachment's primary mission of protecting shipping on the Long Tau channel leading to Saigon was pursued vigorously utilizing constant overhead coverage. Our efforts have been rewarded with marked reduction in shipping attacks and harassments. The Seawolves conducted numerous successful operations with a wide variety of U.S. and Vietnamese units. SEAL teams, U.S. Army, Vietnamese RF's with their U.S. Marine advisors, Provincial Reconnaissance Units; all have received support from Detachment Two. We in turn have witnessed a dramatic improvement in the caliber of the Vietnamese units in the Rung Sat Special Zone. Their increased capability is readily apparent. Within the

past year a high degree of Vietnamization has been realized. All PBR and Brown Water activities are now conducted by the Vietnamese Navy. This is in part a result of our efforts and Seawolves, past and present can be proud of the accomplishment. Pacification has taken tremendous strides. The majority of the Rung Sat is a work/fishing area for the Vietnamese inhabitants in the locale. This was made possible by the determination and dedication of all Allied Forces. Hopefully the trend will continue for 1971. Best Wishes for the new year!

DETACHMENT THREE  
(CA MAU)

We've had a number of people join us recently, including LCDR Mike "Where's the Basketball Court?" O'CONNOR and LTJG Tim "Trail Dust" PFAHLER, sometimes known as "Minigun". LTJG Mike "California Fats" CANNIS found his way to Ca Mau, passing LTJG Jim "Drip" THOMSON and Denny "Short" ANDERSON on their way to the land of the round eye. LT Tom "OINC" HEINTZELMAN went north to the good life at Binh Thuy, following Buzz "Clark" SMITH.

LTJG Rick FRENCH'S parting gift of Spiro C. WOLFE continues to dirty up our hootch, never discriminating between the O's and E's. A really democratic dog. LT Tom "AHAC" PADON was surprised to be awakened by Spiro out at the airstrip one morning while LTJG Mark "Milo" MIZEL continued to explore the various supply systems available in the Delta. LT Mel "XO" HOWELL returned from Olongapo R&R, with AN "Beatle" BAILEY, a little late. It seems some kind of storm hit just in time. Really?

At this time we would like to thank Dets five and eight for the gift of some of their finest gunners, ADJ1 John BAZAN, AE3 Andy "The Rat Killer" PAGAN and AN John "Grunt" FANELLO. Terry "Corn Flakes" MAPLES decided to leave this good life in Ca Mau to take charge of the galley back at Imperial Beach. Andy PAGAN is getting an even better trade, pulling orders to VF-51. Good Luck, Andy! AMH2 Frank "The Swede" VILLARREAL and ATN3 Woody "you've got the watch" WOODWARD have recently joined the team.

We would like to extend an open invitation to Det 5, who helped us out while we were hung up in Maintenance Control. Det 5 is invited to come on down to the Ca Mau long strip anytime; we've got plenty of PSP and C-Rats for everybody.

DETACHMENT FOUR  
(BEN LUC)

Seasons Greetings from Det Four, home of Boss CALDWELL'S PUPPY FARM, C. Wolfer, commanding. It's been quite a month for the Seawolves here (especially for Dave BLACK, who make it back to the big island.) And speaking of personalities, we had CLR DUFF over for a brief R&R from Binh

Thuy. That was quite a scramble you made for the aircraft, Sir; our ditch will never forget it!

Ben Luc has greeted a few more New-bees since the last Wolfgram. Among the men with the white tee-shirts are Dave VIDEON, Mike HOLLIS, John MEDEIROS, and Jay BABSON. The tee-shirts aren't staying white for long though; The Ben Luc wash water soon takes its toll.

It seems the "E" hootch has sprouted a few Art Jocks lately. "Goose" ENNIS has a red trim job on his .50 that rivals nothing (except maybe Goldy or Wild Bill RUDDICK'S Helmet.) Also, Jim COPELAND and MURPH (the minigun makers) have come through with a mini that won't be mistaken for anyone else's. We would like to say that the CNO has made his presence felt at Det four. Grizzly CHURCH, upon receiving unsavory comments about his furry chin, threatened to pull a Z-gram 57 on his high ranking adversaries.

The local volleyball wizards have really been working out lately. First, there was the amazing Christmas Bowl Game with brilliant performances by Grinch KITCHEN and "Philly Dog" VIDEON among others. Not ones to rest on their laurels, the team rallied again on New Years Day for the First Annual Dust Bowl. The game was marked by more uncanny feats of agility by "Big Bob" GANNON, the BOSS, "Big Kid" Rowley, and Pete. "the X" NAVONE. Quite a show!

The boys from Giant Rubber Land would like to invite the rest of the Wolves to come over for the first round of the Delta Invitational Volleyball Tournament to be held at beautiful NAS Ben Luc. Drop in anytime during daylight hours. (We've had a little trouble with the athletic field lighting.)

DETACHMENT FIVE  
(OFF TAN CHAU)

Well, hello and a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all from Det Five, which is not located at, let me see, where are we now? Oh yes, anchored in the Mekong by the Tan Chau Op Base. These last couple of months have been traveling months for our Det. We started at the YRBM 20 off Chau Doc, moved to our old home, the YRBM 16, located at the same place. Then the ship moved down the Bassac to the Op Base at Chau Doc, our future land base. ~~We moved around to keep Charles guessing.~~ Last, but not least, we moved here. The next move is anybody's guess.

We want to say goodbye to some of our illustrious alumni. LTJG Greg "Water Skier" RHODES departed for Binh Thuy and was last seen working in Operations. Greg along with LTJG Dick "57 Ways" KRULIS even got to fly Sealords together on the special mission. Glad to see you're keeping the old team together guys, but you better get the turn and bank indicators fixed before you fly together again. Get in balanced flight you guys!

We also bid farewell to AT1 Frank GREGORY, our faithful POIC, who is spending his remaining days as NATOPS evaluator for Binh Thuy crews. A quick hello and an even faster goodbye to AMH1 BALDWIN, who visited us for a couple of weeks R&R in Chau Doc. Business commitments forces his untimely return to Binh Thuy. We did appreciate ADJ1 Red FAIRBANKS' good job filling in until arrival of our new POIC, ADJ1 Jim PERINOVIC. Other new additions are AN Tom GANTT and LTJG Tom HALWACHS (to keep LT MADDEN, our other boat school chum, company).

Det Five has earned the somewhat dubious distinction of being Det Three's second team, coming off the bench to make three flights south for the Winter. Our most memorable trip was the 10 days we spent at Christmas where we stood by at the Long Strip and had our Christmas chicken cooked over a JP-4 fire. However, on our most recent trip to Ca Mau noticed an improvement in the facilities over the holiday accommodations.

Our crewmen are looking forward to our impending move to Chau Doc Op Base so they can continue to patronize the services of the Army exchange. The courtesy of the employees at the exchange typifies the "new" military and can be considered another inducement to a military career.

Our boss, LCDR Lynn KEHRLI is hoping for assignment as a metalsmith when done out here. He's been practicing at patching up holes in our aircraft. It's a valuable skill at the rate holes have been developing in our aircraft. LT "Deadeye" Dick BARR, HA(L)-3's only returning letterman, has become hard to live with since his 2KBA per rocket night. He claims he did it only to save the taxpayers money. He also earned the title "The Dancing Seewolf" since his performance during the USO Show. LT Lew "Mad Dog" MADDEN in addition to keeping our aircraft in top shape, led his Fire Team on several successful missions, not the least of which was one where he obliterated one evading loud speaker in the Team. LTJG Doug "Gunner" DUNN is a new December AHAC and has given our co-pilots something to do by keeping our miniguns in good shape.

LTJG Jay "King of the Rack" PERKINS recovered from his wounds sufficiently enough to fly back and make his best boat-landing to date, notwithstanding the micro switches in the skids that prevent setting down on the white lines. He was more seriously hurt however, by the crewmen to extricate him during the wounded pilot procedure. LTJG Paul "Instant Death" SCHMID spent an "uneventful" two weeks in the Philippines. After his belated return, he roamed aimlessly around our AO getting business for us at our new home. Thanks, Paul!

LTJG Dave "Hippie" TROUP displayed his lovely gold flight suit at various installations around the area and has nearly mastered the tricky art of walking on PSP at last. He's currently hockey champ of the YRBM 16 wardroom but LTJG PERKINS and LTJG SCHMID are closing the gap rapidly. .



The men of Det Five have come to ask LTJG Tom HALWACHS any questions they may have. If he doesn't know the answer, He's sure to make something sound convincing. Seriously, the recent father is a valuable addition to our Det although we really prefer his electronic dice game. AB2 Bill TROXEL, when not manning his 50 cal. spends his time sending "Dear Abby" columns home to his wife. He's started using a "monkey" belt since he fell out of his rack one night and nearly fell off the barge returning from the bar another night. ALJ2 Glenn ZURFLUH finally got his Purple Heart by convincing us that it couldn't have been a rocket cap this time. We think he sleeps with his twin 60 mount but the boss finally convinced him to let the other gunners use it. AO3 Bill SIMMONS is getting pretty short and is contemplating trading in his 50 cal. for textbooks at Louisiana State University. Obviously he doesn't realize that he'll probably take more fire on campus than he does here.

ABH3 "Frenchy" LACHAPELLE and his searing door gun have racked up one dead minigun pylon (which in turn racked up one tail rotor) this month. He's already looking forward to JEST in February and also dreams about his future restaurant in Atlanta. AN Richard "Barny" HAMMER recovered from his back injury and got a hair cut. LCDR KEHRLI was not convinced that he couldn't sit up in the barber chair because of his sore back. AN J.J. BRENNAN missed his transportation to Binh Thuy for JEST school and had to hitchhike from Chau Doc to Binh Thuy. He's starting to count the days too and by the next issue will probably be shooting door gun for the Georgia State police. ANMervyn "Injun" HILLIS has been complaining that Det Five has too many chiefs and not enough Indians. A pow-wow was requested by LTJG Dave "You can call me mister" TROUP and they've decided to smoke the peace pipe. All our co-pilots have come to know that familiar war whoop when the Injun is on the warpath with his M-60.

Though we're always moving our position, we're always glad to have visitors drop in, especially an occasional Sealord with a bag of mail. Until next issue, so long from us, wherever we are.

DETACHMENT SIX  
(OFF LONG ONG DOC)

Since the last issue, Det six has established itself on the USS CARRBT COUNTY and is enjoying the good life. Not only has the detachment taken on a new location, it has also had a substantial change in personnel. LCDR LAMBLE has gone back to Binh Thuy to master the Sealords and see to it that others do the same. As a side line he did some entertaining at the XO's going away party. Our new OINC is LCDR HOFFMAN, who still wonders about his new nickname of "Cretin". Before coming to Vietnam he was aboard the USS DENVER where he held the billet of air officer. We also have a new Assistant OINC, LT (LCDR) CHRISTENSEN. He is a veteran of combat experience after spending three years on the campus of the University of Nebraska

in charge of NROTC. LTJG FLYNN has been pulled into Binh Thuy and if you can't recognize him, he's the one with the squared away uniform and polished boots. It came about as a result of working for the brass. LTJG TURUNEN has been transferred to Det Nine. The only thing to say here is that it's Det Six's loss and Det Nine's gain. He's probably one of the better crab killers of the Delta. LTJG BLAIR has departed for CONUS and a tour with HQ-3. LTJG COLLARD has been on vacation for the last month with trips to Sydney and Hong Kong. LT SPIDEL has escaped and is off to see if all of Bob's stories are really true. He has also taken up a new hobby on Det, Debate! The three copilots LTJG FARR, LTJG HINMAN and LTJG WATTERS are still in a close race for that magic number of 500 hours. LT "Crank" PEARSON says he really enjoys flying now that he has his glasses and can see what's going on!

One of the Det's bigger missions was to rescue the Colorado Kamba Pickers, a USO show consisting of five young college girls that were stranded on another ship. But we brought them to the USS GARRETT COUNTY so they could perform here and spend the night.

Captain TATE visited the detachment for a couple of days (it was an unscheduled-scheduled visit). While here he flew a few missions and presented ADJ4 TRAMMELL with his first Air Medal. We have several new gunner trainees on detachment: ARAN MILLER and AN HERNE who has just earned his seat after a rigorous training program. The gunners are also receiving special instruction from AE2 FOOTER on the proper technique for keeping the door box of 7.62 ammo from falling out in a steep turn. AO3 TIPTON has been giving art lessons to ADJAN CILLEY and AO3 PURINGTON. For lesson number one he had them paint the conex box, after which he added his personal touch. Det Six claims the brightest conex box in the Delta. AMM1 McCRAKEN has taken over the job of POINC for AE1 VALLESPINO who is on his way to Puerto Rico for a tour of duty. Well, that's got Det Six covered.

DETACHMENT SEVEN  
(LONG TAM)

Detachment Seven is alive and well in Dong Tam, with a new man behind the whip, CDR Scotty (Flash) GORDON, coming to us from the south where the war is. He has an able assist from Chet (Stretch) HARRISON.

LCDR John PLEPLES, Kieth (The Viking) WHITE, Norm HICKS, and Howie CLARK, the Dynamic Duo have all gone back to the land of the big PX. Tapes and letters from them have indicated that despite the strain, they were able to adjust to life and decided to stay. To replace those fabled warriors of lore, Tom (The Prophet) SCHILLING, Joe SULLIVAN III, Esq., and Dave (The Stash) SHULL have arrived at our humble abode, the APL 30. Terry (The Tuna) ANDERSON, Kirk (Binh Thuy) TODD and Tim (The Reverend Mr.) ZIEBMA have all made AHAC, and John BARNER figures that someday, with luck, he'll make AHAC during his tour.

There have been several changes among the E's since last issue. Larry GENTZ and "The Quay" RODERICK have all left Det and gone back to the world. We acquired another redhead, "Red" BELL to replace "Red" WINDNAGEL. Our newest newbie is AN FRYE who comes to us from Binh Thuy line. "Frenchy" St. JACQUES has come out to give us a hand in the mech line, while "The Kid" CARR takes thirty glorious days leave in the states to go skiing. Our night supply man AEAN ROSS has come back from a week in the jungles learning how to survive in Olongapo. AZ3 BOGLE and AN MIZE have taken on the duties and responsibilities of first gunners. Good going guys, and keep it up. John ORTH says that shortly he will be able to reluctantly turn over the much sought after position for training petty officer to "Red".

DETACHMENT EIGHT  
(RACH GIA)

The new year finally arrived and with it the hope that the Vietnam conflict will be settled in 1971. Hopefully all HA(L)-3 personnel will return to their families.

Detachment Eight has a new Officer-in Charge. LT Jim JOPLIN (a prospective LCDR) took over from LCDR Jerry WEBER who has returned to the states. Also returning to the states were LT Mike HOWE and LTJG Kevin DELANEY. LTJG Rick FENN was transferred to Det Three. New arrivals to Det Eight include LTJG Terry OGLE, ADJ2 Rex LONG and AN Norman STAYTON.

Congratulations are in order for LT O. C. FOWLER who is now an Attack Helicopter Aircraft Commander and LTJG Jim FARRAR who is a newly qualified Fire Team Leader.

A few Det personnel did some travelling in the past two months. LTJG Tom BARRETT and ADR3 Cliff WEST went to JEST School in the Phillipines. LTJG Gary FINDLAY visited beautiful Hawaii while on R&R. A02 Ronnie CHITTY is currently on 30 days leave in the States.

DETACHMENT NINE  
(TAN CHAU)

The northern nomads of Det Nine are back on the yrbm 21 after thundering south to help save the Ca Mau peninsula from lebenty-leben thousand screaming VC stormtroopers. As luck would have it the word leaked out before we arrived, and the VC laid so low that the Army even declared the peninsula pacified. Ours is not to reason . . . Moving up the coast we did get in a little action with Mike HORST and his SEALS, with future prospects good for again helping them "put the hurt" on selected aggressors. December was a pretty busy month in our own AO. Old legendary Seawolf 99, LTJG Jack HOGAN, came back out to det "on loan" from Bravo Tango, and ended his career in a blaze of glory just two days

prior to his DEROS.

There has been a considerable pilot turnover since the last issue. Our "Strawboss", LT Terry CAMPBELL, turned in his overseer's whip for the NATOPS desk in Binh Thuy where he still manages to squeeze in his four hours a month, give or take a hundred. We haven't seen much of LTJG "Deadwood" DYER recently, between leave to Hong Kong and R&R to Sydney before reporting into Binh Thuy maintenance. Joining him among the ranks of the Binh Thuy Warriors is LT Tim WRIGHT, who keeps grinning and yelling "I'm next". LT Ron McDANIEL, our new test pilot, came out in late November as our new assistant OINC, or at least we think he did; we don't see him much since he went in hibernation for the winter. LTJG Bob TURUNEN came to us from Det Six and has been advancing the cause of "Finn Power". There it is.

Our OINC, LCDR Dick STRAND, bridge player par excellence, is already packing the new bell-bottoms his wife sent him for Christmas, in anticipation of his fourteen day leave in Hawaii during the Tet holidays. He and his bridge partner, LTJG Bob MANGENE (who also runs the Italian Consulate in An Long), are our most recent FTL's. Bob enthralled us all with his six movie reels of trees, valleys, water and spectacular zoom shots during his Hawaii R&R in December. LTJG "Norris Actual" DAVIS, our resident newbie, is desperately in need of new war stories; all donations will be accepted. We don't know exactly what's on LT Skip SOPER's mind these days, but since Christmas we've noticed a new addition to his bulkhead. R&R anyone? LTJG Mitch BROWN, flying incognito behind what he passes off as a beard, started working on his "Goin' home Tan" about five months early. Need we say more?

The Old Man of the Sea, ASI Bill SIMPSON, our POINC, signed for six more big ones, followed by an extension leave in time for Christmas at home. Although with the cat away, the mice might have played it to the hilt, AMS2 "Weird Harold" ORENE has kept things pretty much on an even keel in Bill's absence. The gunner worlves have acquired a new lair beneath the flight deck, employing one of the air conditioners we got from somewhere (nobody quite remembers. . .) Now they only come out at night to howl at the moon; it must have something to do with those Monopoly marathons. If nothing else our trans-delta taxi missions have helped soothe a few of the more trigger-happy E's who were sure most other dets had far more action; like the man says, "It's all in how you tell it."

We have two additions to the crew since the last Wolfgram, AEAN Barry SOLOMON and his cohort in crime, AEAN Paul ALBERTINE. Although no major calamity has yet befallen us (anyone seen the M-60?), with a pair like those two, we're holding our breath. AMS3 Gary ELY isn't talking to anyone with more than three words at a time. He's afraid he'll get distracted and miss his flight back to the world. Unfortunately he's coming back in thirty days. All you hear from ADJ3 John PERRY and AO2 "Buggy" LANDY is that they get out of the "Nav" this year. They don't tell you when, just that it's this year. AE3 Tony "Lifer" ROSARIO kicks

himself everytime they say it (guess which Guamanian just re-upped?!)  
ADJ2 "Gupt" GUPTAITIS just keeps clearing his weapon and telling how it's  
going to be on the next special operation. What more can we say than to  
offer you Aviators Falcon Code 117.

### SAFETY

THX KXY

Vvxn though our typewriter is an old model it works quite well  
except for one of the keys. It is true that there are forty keys that  
function well enough, but just one key not working makes all the  
difference.

Sometimes it seems our naval aviation team is rather like this  
typewriter--not all of the key people are working properly.

It takes teamwork just to fly an aircraft safely, but it takes  
even more demanding teamwork between pilots, crewmen and ground support  
personnel to operate an attack helicopter and a Light Attack Helicopter  
First Team safely and effectively in a combat zone as part of the Navy  
Seawolf team in the Delta. A lot of people depend on them.

You may say to yourself, "Well, I am only one person, I won't make  
or break it," but it does make a difference because a team requires the  
participation of every person to be effective.

So the next time you think you are only one person and that your  
efforts are not needed, remember our typewriter.

(ANOTHER SAFETYWOLF PLAGIARISM)

### MEDICAL

The Medical Department wishes GOOD HEALTH TO ALL. (It would help  
cut down on our workload).

HM1 Pat NANCE, the HA(L)-3 senior corpsman left in November for the  
Naval Reserve Center in New Bedford, Mass. HM2 Al MULLINS took over his  
billet. Al is still mumbling: "What do I do now?" Our new guy is HM3  
Key GRAY. Ken is a Jack of All Trades. He is death on a typewriter,  
takes X-Rays and is also an Aviation Medicine Technician. A most welcome  
addition to our happy(?) group.

HM3 HALL and HM2 MULLINS were promoted to their present rates  
December first, 1970. HM3 HALL already has his new crown shiny from Brasso.

HN MAYWORTH saw the Bob Hope Show in Long Binh. He returned to us in quite a daze. HM3 FARROW and HM3 HALL have been awarded NEC's as Laboratory Tech. Asst's for on the job training. Congratulations to them.

Last but not least Dr. "Gil" VASQUEZ, our medical and spiritual leader, has been very busy. Gil has been to Dets Eight and Nine in order to see what medical problems the Seawolves have been getting into. After each trip he returns a little more tanned and tired. Wonder what he's really doing out there? He has also been working extensively at the Can Tho Orphanage. He has made quite a dent in the orphans medical problems. He may be found there every Sunday afternoon with a pill in one hand and a child in the other.

That's all for now from the Medical Department. Remember, "Live Clean".

### OPERATIONS

To start off this time we would like to wish a hardy bon voyage and good luck to Ray WAITS, who left in December for some easy going stateside duty with HC-6. "Rock" SAUNDERS tripped off for some fun in the sun off the coast of Florida; "Doc" MATHAE grudgingly left for the USS Constellation. SUSTENDAL turned turncoat and went to Maintenance Control, and "Chicken Man" CHICK split for the line. CDR STARBUCK left ops to become the new XO. We got back at them though: "Mac" McCONNELL came back from admin and the "Godfather" CDR ARTUSO came in from Det Two to become our number one honcho.

Dick "Hashslinger" KRULIS came in from Det Five to take over Aircrew Training. We also got a newbie: AMH3 Don "Tex" MORGAN. He came to us from NAS Kingsville, Texas. He claims the weather here is no different than Texas, except that it rains here more often.

"Flight Hog" Harry ISHIGURO snatched up 130 hours. He's a real kamikazi with 62 combat flights. He's so good that they're making him a LCDR. "Sandy" SANDBORN made E-4; congrats to him. Our new HACs are "Spiking Spence" ROBBINS, "Hashslinger" Dick KRULIS, Harry "Kamikazi" ISHIGURO, Dave "Ridgerunner" CONNELL, and Bob "Smokestack" RODGERS.

Dave CONNELL and Mac McCONNELL drew long straws and went to the Bob Hope show. They said it was great. Sammy DENNARD and Rick LAUSTEN both attended JEST in P.I. Rick also managed a 2 week leave in Hong Kong and now we are suffering through Chairman Mao's Sayings set to music. Last but not least, Leeroy STROBEL, when not relocating assets, keeps the pilots logs up to date.

That sums up the scuttlebutt from the Delta Taxi Service Dispatchers. See ya next month!

## ADMINISTRATION

Here is the latest word from the "Black Shoe" Department. During the months of November and December, Admin. made several major changes.

Our second in command, CDR DUFF, departed for 30 days leave back home in Texas before returning to duty on the staff of Commander L.S. Taiwan Defense Command. His replacement is CDR STARBUCK, who moved in after serving as the Operations Officer. Good luck to both as they move into their new positions.

Good old CDR STRANGE finally got relieved as Admin. Officer by LCDR ROY. CDR STRANGE will see "Fishing" duty as he takes over as Commander, Naval Recruiting Station, New York. Mr. ROY was serving as Assistant Admin Officer and just couldn't wait to move into the "Big Desk".

Mr. ROY's accomplice in crime will be LT Ray JOHNSTON, who reported from Naval Station Roosevelt Roads. Good Luck, Mr. JOHNSTON, you'll need it. Bob JOHNWICK (alias Perry Mason) departed for NAS Jacksonville, and LT Ben FRANKLIN left for HC-6. Mr. FRANKLIN's position was quickly filled by the creative and imaginative writer LTJG Denny BEHM, who was serving as his assistant as Awards Officer. All Denny says is "Doesn't the moon ever shine on Detachment?" It looks like LT Wayne ARENDAS is the likely man to fill Bob JOHNWICK's job.

Congratulations are in order to the following Black Shoes who were advanced in rate on 1 November. YN3 Gray "Rocket" RUFF, PC3 Jack "Kentuck" CORNETT, YN3 Bob "Doughnut" HINSHAW, and YN2 Tom "Doughnut Jr." LONG.

The old salts of the office are still hanging in there although no one gets any shorter. YNC Jerry "Chop it up" JACKSON, office supervisor (part time) is still upholding his extracurricular activities. YN2 Reo FANT is having a good time as assistant office supervisor, although no one pays any attention to him. YN3 Chuck "Fuzz Face" MARTINEZ is still trying to get the hair between his sideburns and his goatee to grow. With a little luck, he'll have a full beard before he goes home, maybe.

YN2N Dave BAKER, the newbee of the office, is finally getting the knack of things. Don't worry Dave, a year is a short time. You'll make it. Our good old Airman Seaman Postal Clerk Terry BAARDSGARD just came back from leave in the states with a gigantic smile on his face; wonder what he was doing for thirty days? Tell us about it Terry! His smile turned to a frown when he found out that someone had burned a hole in his mattress while he was gone. Another "Who done it?"

It looks as if the enlisted part of the Admin. Office will be here for some time to come because there must be some kind of extending disease spreading around. Nine out of Ten is batting pretty good for extensions in the office. But we all love it here and we are sure the

tenth fellow will see it our way in a little while longer. (Some one mentioned putting rubber padding on the walls of the Admin. Office).

#### AO SHOP

Howdy! The AO's spent a very quiet Christmas this year. Many think we're not living up to our reputation. Ha! Since the last Wolfgram we've had two personnel check out on detachment. AO2 Mike BELL, Det Seven, and AN FRYE, Det Seven. Good hunting gunners.

The Ao Shop now has a new Assistant Shop Supervisor, AO1 Bob KUEHL who reported from NAS Kingsville, Texas. He is better known as "Rapid Robert". Good Luck and welcome aboard.

From the looks of things around here the AO Shop doesn't have any more airmen. We'd like to congratulate the following personnel for advancement in rate: AO3 SEMMEL, AO3 GRAFF, AO3 KLASSEN, AO3 NAGLE, and AO3 HUGHES.

We'd like to take the opportunity at this time to wish everybody in the squadron and back in the good old USA a verry Happy New Year. Hiccup!

#### AT SHOP

Well, it's Wolfgram time again from Avionics!

This month we have acquired two more of the elite group to our highly esteemed organization, "The Tweeties". They are ATN3 Don HENSON formerly of VA-125, Lemoore and ATR3 Harry BYRD formerly of VA-128 Whidbey Island. ATN3 HEIGER has graduated from corrosion control to the shop.

Our recreation PO Hal HOBBS headed the Christmas festivities with a complete transformation of the shop. Come see our new interior decorations! Compliments of Rod WILSON, who willingly sacrificed his day off to paint the shop, and Don HENSON.

If Maintenance Control is wondering where Night Check is, they might look for forward passes and crashing sounds coming from the hangar. (campsites HEIGER, KEEFER, MCQUEEN, and EPPLER). Coach WALLER will be found sitting on the sidelines with crosswords and dictionary in hand (. . . what is that little town on the Seine?)



## AE SHOP

There have been a few changes in our AE Shop in the past few weeks. Two new personnel that have arrived are AE3 James HANDY and AEAN Roy SCHABEL. James HANDY worked in the shop at his last squadron which was HS-10, Imperial Beach, California. He made 3rd class in December and he is originally from Augusta, Montana. Roy SCHABEL worked on the line as an F-4 plane captain in VX-4, Point Mugu, California and is from North Olmsted, Ohio. Both men have been assigned to days at the AE Shop. These are about the only changes except for the addition of Christmas decorations which is in common with all of the shops this time of year. Happy New Year from all of us in the AE Shop.

## POWER PLANTS

The past two months have seen a large turnover in the Power Plants Shop. ADJ2 DENTON, ADJ2 PETITT, ADJ2 TIENSVOLD, ADJ3 KOTMEL, ADJ3 GRAY all left for separation from the Navy. ADJC FARWELL departed for NSA San Diego.

New arrivals in the shop include ADJ1 BENNETT from AIR/EVERON FOUR, ADJ1 SWEITZER from VA 122, ADJ2 CLARK and ADJ2 BRADLEY from HT-8, ADJ3 GENERIS from Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and ADJ3 SMITH from VT-9.

To all newbies we'd like to say, "Welcome to the Seawolves". From the Power Plants Shop we'd like to remind everyone to watch the torque, NI, and EGT with diligence and perhaps your fan will never quit, perhaps.

## QUALITY ASSURANCE

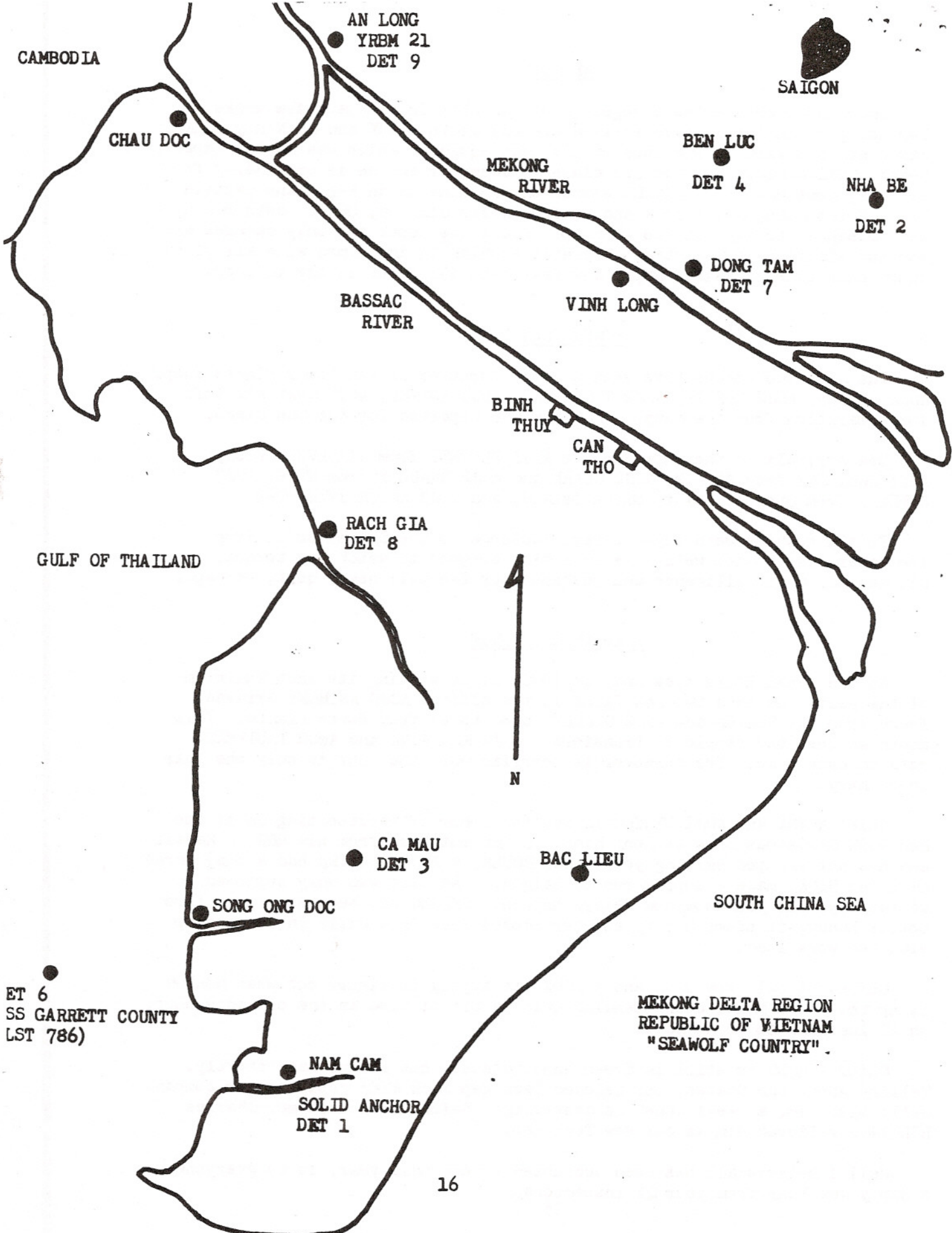
As the final hours tick away in 1970, QA is writing its last Wolfgram of the year. We have two new faces in the office. ADJC ANTHONY arrived fresh from the States and ADJ2 GILLETT came to us from Power Plants. This month we lost two people to transfers. ADJ2 MCCLAIN and AMS2 TRUTTMAN rotated back home. The turnover is terrific when the tour is only one year in-country.

Chief REYNA and ADJ1 PERINOVIC had the honor of representing QA at the Bob HOPE Christmas Show at Long Binh. LT EK returned from his R&R in Hawaii and has not stopped smiling yet. AMSC BOYER, & ADJC GERSTER had a busy three days, as HICKS made a supply run to Saigon. The trip was only supposed to be two days but you know how delays happen. EMLING has been keeping a fire bottle handy, it seems his typewriter smokes once in a while in keeping up with the work load.

Our night owl crew OAKS and WILCOX are trying to figure out what MORTON is up to. MORTON has been spending quite a bit of time in the ordnance shop, an AT learning to be an AO???

Chief HEROLD is still in dream land (States) but is due back shortly. Talking about the States, our beloved Tech Rep Jack ATER departed our company. We'll miss him, a "well done" is deserving. Before Jack left me. Charles BILLINGS relieved him as our new Tech Rep.

Well I believe all has been accounted to end this year, so to everyone a Happy New Year from your QA Inspectors.



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