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SAFETY

The monsoon season is just around the corner. With it comes some new problems. Although the dangers of tornadoes are remote here in the Delta, the danger of severe turbulence in the vicinity of thundershower is very real. Pockets of tornado type turbulence are possible near fast moving lines of thundershowers. The only way you can identify this type of turbulence is by disturbances sighted on the ground, such as a dust devil or waterspout. If you note such a ground disturbance don't overfly it to investigate. Fully developed, these "tubers" pack a wallop no aircraft can withstand.

A more common problem for us in the Delta are the extensive thundershowers. They can pack a good wallop too. The most dangerous period in a thunderstorm's development is the mature stage, the period of heavy rain, thunder and lightening. Inside the cloud in the mature stage, there are updrafts of up to 60 feet per second and wind shear line backed by 30 feet per second downdrafts. The best policy is to avoid all thunderstorms. What if you can't avoid them? Our experts advise that the best place to go through a line of thunderstorms is at the base of the cloud layer which is the area of lightest rain. Don't fly low level in the vicinity of a thundershower. A downdraft can slam you into the ground before you can even react.

By the way, knowing your weather is as important to flight as a good pre-flight. Good hunting! Good flying!

MEDICAL

NOISE

Noise is an unwanted sound primarily transmitted through the air. At birth the human ear can perceive a range of 40 - 20,000 cps and decreases thereafter. It's unit of measurement is termed a decibel (0.0002 dynes/cm²).

Noise has many effects on man beside the commonly accepted one of loss of auditory acuity, such as:

Hearing loss, both temporary and permanent,
interference with orientation and coordination,
interference with communication,
discomfort, pain and damage to the delicate inner ear tissue,
fatigue, loss of sleep, psychosomatic and psychiatric symptoms, etc.,
long term cumulative impairment of physiological brain functions.

At 130 db people start to get symptoms. Increasing the intensity of a sound two times causes an increase of only 3 db. Example:

One jet engine: 90 db
Two jet engines: 93 db

DETACHMENT ONE

"Hello" to the outside world from the displaced persons bureau at beautiful downtown Tran Hung Dao III (listed under "SEAFLOAT" in your Funk & Wagnalls). The Seawolves of Det One now find themselves spending every other night away from the hardship conditions of IST life and surrounded by the luxurious accommodations afforded by the Navy's latest floating resort hotel (sure to challenge the Lake Geneva Playboy Club-Hotel).

Det One's Genghis Khan, better known as CDR CARSON, besides leading the Mongol horde into battle, would like to thank Binh Thuy for his prompt FTL check and the AITWA Co. for the outstanding performance of his cassette recorder. Our "Enforcer", LCDR John QUARTERMAN, between showings of all "R" and "X" rated movies, continues his never ending battle to rid the land of VC flags. The latest addition to Det One's "Heavie Heaven" is LCDR Bill ROY - the Delta sure has Naples beat by a klick, eh, Bill?

Returning from Hong Kong, "TOQ Actual", LTJG Marty CHAMBERLAIN was instructed to hang up his guns and spend his remaining month with Det Zero, located somewhere on the Lower Bassac River. Det One mourns its loss and envies Marty's return to the real world. Another short-timer, just back from Hong Kong but still in our midst, is LTJG Bud "HAAM" CORBETT who continues his "H&I" approaches to the IST. During the past month, LTJG Gary "Sot" WRIGHT made FTL and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal. Surpassing these trivial honors was the pompous presentation, the WASHOE COUNTY galley, of his movie projectionist card. This makes Gary Det One's duty steward.

LTJG Russ "Catfish" HALLAUER can usually be found at the ship's store buying cheap cigars to pass out upon the arrival of "Catfish, Jr.". Congrats on making AHAC, "Catfish". Speaking of AHAC's, LTJG Bill "The Ol' Dad" MC CANNY will now be doing his thing from the right seat. Of course now one knows Mac's Seawolf number yet, but we are sure it will be used frequently in the air.

Assuming the reigns as "AH2P Actual" is LTJG Jack "Filth" LUDWIG. Binh Thuy learned how to lure "Filth" away from his rack - they sent him on an all expenses paid vacation to the Philippines. If he finds his way out, "Jungle Jack" will be back next month. Leaving fun-filled Binh Thuy after five months and reporting to dull old Det One as "Super Newbee", LTJG Ray WIKSTROM (so new he doesn't have a nickname) becomes our first converted slick driver. Ray spends so much time in the rack that we haven't had a chance to teach him about guns yet.

ANS1 "Old Man" HICKS is hard at work training his replacement, ANS1 Bill WHITE, as LPO so that HICKS can return to Binh Thuy for the finer things in life. ADJ3 "Blon'ie" BROOKSHIRE finally got A03

FRAZIER is going to be handling the ordnance at NAS Beeville, Texas, which should be close to home. Police the area and cut the grass around the Ammo bunkers.... AZ3 FANCHER will be going to VP-31 at Moffett Field. ATN3 Jay WAKELAND is still pestering everyone to check and see if his orders came in. He just can't wait to get the feel of "shipboard life". AMS3 Otto TALLEY goes home on 30 days leave in April. We welcome back two of the gunners we trained. The "dynamic duo" consists of AO3 Bill "I've been there" SIMMONS and AN Randy "I was there with him" LINDBERG. AN Bill BEEEMAN is still the mad inventor and never fails to surprise us with his ideas. ADJ3 Mike "The Spiker" BOWMAN stills plays volleyball with his own unique Jungle Rules. Our gunners are getting sore arms from our 200 rounds LOMM H&I runs through the Rung Sat. We extend an invitation to any and all Dets to sport a comparable volleyball or bucking barrel team.

DETACHMENT FOUR

From beautiful downtown Ben Luc, the "fog cutters" of Det Four would like to wish everyone a Merry Monsoon season. Only 10 shopping days left.

We'd better start with LTJG Ted "Who" WHITE before we forget him. Everyone else has. He though he was leaving in May, but BUPERS forgot to assign him a new duty station, Admin forgot to request a flight booking for him and Operations forgot to inform him that his PTL papers had been signed. But we're sure things will finally turn out okay for what's-his-name.

LT "Deacon" JOHNSON left on R&R to Hawaii and LTJG "Rookie Rich" PARKER was called in to straighten out Binh Thuy, cutting us to three PTL's and ANAC's. CDR HAMMON will still have to fly every day, even after the "Deacon" gets back. "Beaucoup Map", as LT JOHNSON is referred to by Mamasan, won't be much good for anything after coming back from Hawaii. Rookie Rich's talent for hiding should be of great value in Binh Ptui.

LTJG Check "Carlos" STEHLE has opened a chain of combination taco stand-minigun exchange outlets with branches in Cu Chi, Tan An and Ben Luc, with others soon to open in Long Binh, Vinh Long and Vientiane. LTJG "Wierd Harold" BLACK is still looking for his mysteriously vanishing M-60 bolts.

Latest Det Four basketball casualty was LTJG "Buckets" CAUGHEY (named after his golden touch on the court) who got 4 stitches in his head after going for a rebound. Who will it be in April?

Three additions arrived this past month; LT Tom RIBOLLA and LTJG Denny ROWLEY are new in country and LTJG Bill BELTZ was shafted, shifted from Det Eight. Oh well, with TV, booze and all the attractions of the big city, what more could you want. As one of our departed pilots used to say, "going home is for sissies."

That is not all, we have blisters, sunburns and mosquito bites. We have also obtained new skills, like filling sand bags, cutting weeds, building bunkers and assembling porta-campers.

As this is being written, LCDR Vic BECK is holding a needlework training session: Our subject this morning is the sewing on of the Squadron patches. He assures us that pink hearts will be awarded for all casualties.

DETACHMENT SEVEN

After more than two months since we last saw ourselves in print, the officers and men of Det Seven have seen a lot of changes and turnovers in personnel. As we settle into the Ben Luc social whirl we have unloaded most of the combat veterans from Tay Ninh and the crew has a new look as we anxiously await the move to Moc Hoa.

Our former Officer in Charge, CDR Merle STOCK has departed Vietnam for greener pastures with the Naval Air Systems Command in Washington, D.C.. We gave the Boss a real rip-roaring farewell but we have all since recovered and are now hard at work keeping those UN-IB's working. All hands are now waiting to Welcome Aboard our new OINC, LCDR R. L. REDMAN. LCDR Lee EWERT, our acting OINC has been busy preparing us all for the transition as we are turned over to LCDR REDMAN.

Also departed from Det Seven after seven months of faithful service is AMS2 Jim PAGE, who is now back with his wife in Saginaw, Michigan living the life of a family man. AMIC Harry ROZELLE has taken over PAGE's old job as POINC.

LT Norm HICKS, our Operations Officer and an ex-black shoe, is really burying himself deep in OP-ORDERS and publications trying to make sense out of the whole mess when he is not in the shower pampering himself. LTJG Frank PINEGAR, our happy Maintenance Officer, is still staying up all hours of the night trying to figure out why our tired old BRAVC gunships still fly. Frank's assistant, LTJG Keith WHITE seems to be grafted to our office phone as he waits patiently to put a call in to Binh Thuy to request a few luxuries like UNIF radio units, tail rotors, and search light assemblies. The rest of us old salts from the Tay Ninh days are still active but mostly on the basketball court. LTJG Sam FEOLA's financial management has kept our beer and soda mess out of debt and he seems to be making a little on the side. LTJG Jay PATE and LTJG Mike BRINCK are locked in that never ending struggle to keep flight logs and records up to date, occasionally though they can be seen in pursuit of leisure and recreation as they attempt to take on the black-shoes in such sports as liar's dice and beer guzzling. Last but not least, DET SEVEN's amateur philosopher and intellectual in residence, LTJG Pat STABELLI is getting short. We'll hate to see you go.

activity. In the past few nights, our newest FTL Larry CRUME and AFAC Mike O'HEARN both have reported hords of little people in orange NVA sweatshirts goosestepping across Barrier Reef. Mainly through Ram HAWLEY's fierce attitude, coupled with Jack HOGAN and Ben FRANKLIN's fantastically accurate mini-gunnery, all being new AH2P's, has this inundation been driven back. Tim WRIGHT and Ed DYER, our newest newbies, add the most devastating one-two punch in the Delta. And if there are any further reports of FBR's being pelted by watermelons, this devastating machine will again scramble into action, action, action, action.....

NESBY is back from the P.I. after surviving the horrifying experience in Olongapo City. It seems that ADJ2 ODOM, AMH2 HULSER, AN VERSACE and AN FLEMING are finally starting to get short, when the word fly is mentioned a working party has to be summoned to drag them out of the CONEX box and strap them into the birds. In a fit of temporary insanity CHESTER has decided to extend. DIAL and BRYANT are using digital computers to count their days and our latest newbies SHULTZ is still wandering around with a blank stare in his eyes bumping into the bullheads.

ADMIN

With the change of command well under way and the Admin change of command completed, the pulpmill of the Delta has had to chain three yeoman to their desks and give CDR SCHMITT, known affectionately as "Uncle Art" to those of us who work for him, a chin strap for his beanie copter.

Recapping the month briefly, nothing of earth stirring significance occurred until the Ides of March. On that day, the Admin Department sadly lost the leadership of its beloved and ever smiling leader, CDR OSBORNE. He departed, with his tan, a Navy Marine Corps Medal, a Bronze Star, and without his travel orders along with the second in command, the memorable Chief KATZMANN. CDR OSBORNE went to be the Executive Officer of HT-8 while the Chief went to his twilight cruise in Athens, Georgia. In their places stepped the new comedy team of SCHMITT, CLARK and JACKSON. So, you can now count on a new song and dance in Admin.

CDR SCHMITT was moved from the second string position to the front desk with a minimum of confusion; and no flight time. His new assistant, LT Howard CLARK, the old Personnel Officer, was schrewdly switched to the new office while on R&R to minimize the sounds of his anguishing screams. On his second day, LT CLARK could be heard to say, "Are you sure that the office is always this way?" and "How come everybody is always flying when I need them?"

Chief JACKSON, the copywriter of the office staff, comes to us from far-off Judge Advocate General's Office. Any time of day, he can be seen merrily chopping up every written item submitted to Admin with his trusty correction pen. The bill of Rights would never pass his "schruteny."

"One must not forget the boys in the First Lieutenant Division and heavy equipment operator LTJG LAMBERT when throwing bouquets."

"Our testimonial to a job well done was the many comments received from people who couldn't believe we were in the middle of Vietnam when they watched the ceremony."

"The only things missing were the wives and the white uniforms. However, the sword was there for the cake cutting (Thanks to the USO girls)."

"I know I have not mentioned everyone who helped make this an outstanding event but you can rest assured that everyone appreciates the effort put forth by all." - - - Love Uncle Art.

OPERATIONS

Things have been rumbling in the Operations Department since the last Wolfgram. CDR WETZEL has taken over the reins of power, while CDR SERIG, sporting his "short timer's" ribbon from time to time, just received an 11 day cut. He'll be the last of the old guard to go, preceded by LCDR FRANKLIN and LCDR LESTER. It seems that Mr. LESTER went on a jeep scramble here last week, logging a "hard landing" at the end of his "hop". For calmly accepting the situation and using his head in the face of grave danger, he was awarded the coveted "John-Dickapson, Wrongway-Weber, Twite-the-Tourist, Lester Landing Award." Needless to say it is only the select who merit such a distinction. Rumor has it that a certain newbie skipper of a well-known Navy attack helo squadron recently spent an unscheduled overnighiter at Clark AFB.....ah well, we all have our moments.

LCDR BECK has Tactics well in hand, and LCDR QUARTERMAN is our new MATOPS "expert". Upon his return from leave LCDR WEBER will be departing BRAVO TANGO for greener pasutres on Det 8, where he'll be teamed up once more with LTJG Kevin DELANEY. LTJG Jim THOMPSON has made it out to Det 3, relieved by newbie LTJG Jim CHURCH. LTJG's Pete BUELOW and Tom HAYES are counting the days until their turn comes for Det, while newbie LTJG Mitch BROWN is busy learning the ropes and/or knots that Kevin left him. LTJG Bob POTHIER has made it for home and LT Marty POLSENSKI is back for his final forty-two days and a wake-up. That leaves LTJG Gary CALMAN as the only "old hand" left, and even he is beginning to see the light from the East.

AN Neil FOSSA has been helping CYN3 Bob BLIESNER hold down the fort at Communications, and they are breaking in newbie AN Dwane FRIEHAUF. AWH3 Frank BYRD and ADJ3 Dave COLLINS are so short you can hardly talk to them, and AN Loren PUTNEY and AE2 "Stormin" Norm GEIST are off to terrorize new horizons. AE3 Tony LORENZ recently starred in the Change of Command Color Guard, and hard working AN Howard EVANS is off to Hawaii on R&R. In Training YN3 Duncan SAUNDERS is on loan from Admin aiding ACl Ken RECHART and AE2 Bill CURSLER. Training has recently played musical offices with Operations, and the squared-away training trio has made the Training Office into a real showplace. Such plans they have - how's a blue desk with red and black-checked tile top grab ya'?

CHECK CREW

Wow! We just about have our feet on the ground again. We are trying for an average of six aircraft going out of check every week. Since

patiently to go to Det. He just wanders around all day in a daze. AMS1 SIMPSON checked in about a week ago. He doesn't know the Squadron well yet, but he does a good job of faking it. We all feel sorry for him and he doesn't understand why as of yet, but we think he soon will.

Night Check, surprisingly enough, is still in operation. If it weren't for a few small, unimportant incidents such as grease guns on the heads when the day shift comes on and has to take them off in order to fly, plus FOD'ed engines and flashlights in the transmission, no one would know we did anything.

Mid Check is still hanging in there with RUSSELL in comand and FLARIDA stroking just to try to keep LINDBERG busy. We realize your problems, fellas. Well, that's about it from the Line this month.

Electric Branch Av/Arms

Well, it seems like just yesterday that the shop submitted the Wolfgram for March and then for some reason, it was omitted completely from the press. So, this month we will see if we can get inserted in there someplace even if it's on the last page.

There really hasn't been much happening in the Electric Shop other than the detachments have been trying to keep us busy with the unscheduled maintenance, but we have always been able to keep one step ahead of them. There has been a few new faces in the shop in the way of Electricians checking into the shop. AN SMITH, AN GENTZ, AE3 HEARD, AE3 BLACK and AE3 MC CALL have all reported aboard since the publishing of our last Wolfgram and the only loss is AE2 SCHLEIP who has gone to CONUS and the life of a civilian. His talents are going to be missed around the shop.

So that's about it for this month and we'll be seeing you all in the next edition of the Wolfgram.

AIRFRAMES

Hi gang. Once more, from deep in the confines of Hangar One at beautiful Binh Thuy, we bring you our entry to the Wolfgram. This seems to be the month for R&R. AMS1 PHILLIPS went to Hawaii this month to enjoy some of the finer things in life. We are quite sure he had a very enjoyable stay. AMS3 SHAY visited Vung Tau this month. It is rumored that he's very willing to get back there, we wonder what the attraction is up there that seems to have him spellbound. Perhaps AMS3 HUEBENER will be able to tell us after he visits the center this month. Also slated for R&R this month are AMH2 SOLLBERGER, AMH3 WRIGHT, AMS3 HOLTMASER, AMSC JODRY, AMS3 KRAMER and AMS3 LANCHON. We all hope they have a good time.