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CO'S NOTE  
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It gives me great pride and pleasure to announce that the Secretary of the Navy has approved the Navy Unit Commendation for Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron THREE for service as set forth in the following citation:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from 1 July 1967 through 1 January 1968 while based in the Republic of Vietnam in direct participation in combat operations against Communist insurgent (Viet Cong) forces. During this period, the units of Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron THREE were continuously present to provide close air support to the elements of Operation Game Warden and allied forces engaged in combat. Despite the unique problems inherent in the manning and utilization of the United States Navy's first attack-helicopter squadron while actively engaged in combat, the Squadron maintained a high level of availability which provided virtually the only effective close air support for Operation Game Warden. In the field of aerial operations, without precedent in the annals of Naval warfare, the personnel of Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron THREE developed a new doctrine of close air support that proved to be a decisive factor in the application of Riverine operations to the United States Navy counterinsurgency effort. The Squadron units operated from non-aviation ships, as well as land based staging areas and developed unique tactics covering a multiplicity of missions. In the face of their vulnerability to enemy anti-aircraft fire, the Units of the Squadron continuously sought out and attacked the enemy throughout the Mekong Delta area. The courage, skill, and devotion to duty displayed by the officers and men of Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron THREE reflect great credit upon themselves and the United States Naval Service."

The commendation was presented to the Squadron on 26 October 1968. On that day the squadron along with other Navy units in Vung Tau commemorated Navy Day.

DET ONE (USS HARNETT COUNTY)

During October, Det ONE had a rather heavy personnel exchange. We greeted two pilots; LT Tom DOYLE from HS-4 and LTJG Pat (Fantasmo) BRIDGES of Det SEVEN and CTF117 fame. Tom apparently will be with us only a short while as he is to go to Det SEVEN eventually. Fantasmo is still up in the air as to whether he will return to Det SEVEN or will remain with the "Pacifiers of the Lower Bassac". We wish to welcome both aboard. It was hail to some and farewell to others as LTJG Dave MINAHAN, that young purveyor of wit and wisdom and LTJG Dave CRANOR, Indiana's gift to the Far East departed. Dave MINAHAN will soon be leaving for some place called CONUS and after a well deserved rest will report to HS-5 at Quonset Point. Dave CRANOR is still awaiting his railroad tracks and will spend his remaining months at Vung Tau - in case BUPERS is looking for him. Both will be greatly missed by the Det and we wish them the very best.

HARNETT COUNTY was recently honored to have VADM ZUMWALT and SECNAV IGNATIUS aboard for a short while. The Boss, LCDR HARKER stole the show by presenting both with Det ONE scarves. Mr. HARKER has been active in other areas also and recently (with his partner in crime LTJG MINAHAN) led the ship down the south river to Coastal Group 36 for some of Milwaukee's finest. They, of course, were driving their beloved SWAB. While at 36 Mr. HARKER arranged deep sea fishing expeditions aboard the Yabuta junks. All Det personnel are being outfitted with black pajamas for their days in the South China Sea.

LT Jim BEEM recently arranged a couple of nights at his old home in Binh Thuy. "Bad Weather" unfortunately delayed his return the second night so he was forced to remain in those evil surroundings.

LT "Sumo" SOTO continues in his role of JO control and thus far is doing an excellent job. When not involved with his previously mentioned duty he acts as hatchet man in the wardroom during all movies. LTJG "Wild Bill" WALLEN recently made landing number 4,000 aboard HARNETT COUNTY. "Sumo" was the AHAC, but for some unknown reason gave Bill the landing. Maybe old Sumo has a heart of gold after all.

LTJG Noel CAMPBELL continues to harass "Wild Bill" daily. Noel's behavior seems to stem directly from the IFAR system for which he has never expressed great pleasure.

LTJG Chuck BAGLEY has been useless all month as leave at Taipei was nearing. He has been heard to mutter something in his sleep about beer without formaldehyde.

There were new faces in the crews ranks also. AN Bill GIBSON returned from R&R to Australia to find that he was on his way to Vung Tau. AMS3 Fred RECORD was "same same" and after his down under trek returned to Vung Tau. ADJ3 Tom OLEZESKI was the third man to be called back. Yet another Australia returnee was ATN3 Lyle NIMMO, who at this writing remains with us. All of the Australia returnees heartily endorsed it and were all smiles after their brief return to "The World". The new face was that of ADJ1 HUNT who comes to us from Vung Tau. We extend a hearty welcome aboard to him.

Chief WALSH continues to lead our crew to greater heights and

"occasional" unheard of mechanical feats.

AE2 SEARLE is usually the hatchet man for the aforementioned feats with AOAN Ron McALLISTER, AOAN Jim McGOWAN, AN Dan KELLY and AN Dom BASILE assisting. This outstanding crew recently replaced an entire rotor blade on the deck of the HARNETT COUNTY, by no means a small feat.

That concludes the mentionable activities on the Lower Bassac for the month of October. We'll write you folks back in the land of turn-pikes and drive-in movies once again next month.

DET TWO (NHA BE)

Greetings from Sandy Point Naval Air Station. As was the case in all the other Dets, the highlite of the month was the enlisted advancements. Topping the list was our enlisted crew leader, Larry (Shorty) TAYLOR, who was advanced to ADJ1. Too bad that with all that know-how and experience he can't figure out how to fire a M-60 machine gun from a helo. Speaking of firing a machine gun, ATR2 "Tweets" ARNOLD has had his troubles hanging onto the .50 caliber. As long as the target is bigger than a football field, he has no trouble hitting it. What the Rung Sat needs is more big barns for "Tweets" to shoot at. Our short-timer in the outfit, Morriss "Tar-Heel" PENDLETON, rates a double congratulation. Firstly, for his advancement to AO2 and, secondly, for his upcoming marriage to his county seat sweetheart. ATN3 Ben SMITH, one of our brand new petty officers, sighed with relief when he delivered his last mail call and handed the job down to AN Glen "Hawkeye" SMITHEN. "Hawkeye" has spent the month of October behind the Acey-Ducey board, but the latest word is he hasn't learned how to hold the dice in order to roll those magic numbers. Anyone want to show him? By the time this goes to press, all of us in the Det hope that Ed "Grape Juice" WELSH will have his hard hat back in operation. We haven't heard a word from him in the Helo in the last half dozen duty days. AN Chuck "Pork" GIER has gone "whole hog" in the photography game. He recently purchased a telephoto lens that is eighteen inches long and weighs ten pounds. It takes great pictures but he has one problem - it takes both his hands to lift the lens!

This month, we welcomed YN3 Bob "Early Bird" HUNT to our Det. Two weeks later we had to congratulate him for making YN2. Bob has been a God-send to our det. Paperwork that once took two weeks, he now does in two hours. But, he hasn't adapted to life in the barracks. Can you imagine anyone going to sleep in the "Wolvesden" at 2100!? Speaking of welcoming people into the Det, we gained two Ordnancemen during the month, AO3 Jack "the Comedian" CARTER and newly promoted AO3 Bob "Skinny" RYAN. Jack CARTER, who will sew on another stripe on Dec 16th celebrated a little early by putting four rounds from his M-60 thru and into the flex guns - thereby buying the Det four cases of beer. Nice celebrating, Jack! Between Jack CARTER and Bob RYAN, the Det has not only gained two new gunners, we also gained 13 feet and 500 pounds! And the skipper wonders why we can't get the birds off the ground! Another addition to the petty officer ranks in Det TWO is ADJ3 Jim "Money Bags" ROBINSON. Jim has also taken over the running of the Det's coke mess. We all hope he

makes enough money from it to finance the purchase of a set of beads to go along with his long hair. Jim "Sparky" EVANS was so excited about his 16 Oct advancement to AE2 that he absentmindedly walked out to the helo smoking a cigarette. The pilot was quick in reminding him that the Det has a standing rule of no smoking for 24 hours prior to flight and no drinking within 50 feet of the helo. George "Dog catcher" HEADY has the Det officers a bit upset. Seems he serves his dog better meals in the Ready Room than they get in the Officers' Mess. Last but not least, we said "farewell" to an outstanding petty officer during October. AO2 Gary NOYD left us for a short stay at Vung Tau before leaving for the land of the big PX.

Sorry to say that none of our Det officers were promoted this month. But, considering the fact that none were up for it, we weren't too disappointed. We did, however, blot the ink on the Attack Helicopter Aircraft Commander papers for two more of our pilots - LTJG Brian "Stereo" CUDEBACK and LTJG Tim "Honeymooner" HAYES. Since the Det is a little top heavy with AHAC's now, LCDR Mike "Clean Sweep" RETZ has been relaxing in the left seat of the wingship with nothing to do but surprise the new AHAC's with an occasional simulated tail rotor failure or hydraulics-off. Brian has set up a tape recording studio in his room and, much to the dismay of his neighbors, shakes the bulkheads with his pair of 50 watt speakers. But we hear that LTJG George "Fast Break" PIEL is not going to take it lying down. He is shopping for a pair of 60 watt speakers with which to retaliate. "Stereo" CUDEBACK spent a week in Vung Tau during the month and returned to us a bona-fide test pilot and cram-full of knowledge about the UH-1B helicopter. Maybe some of it will rub off on the rest of the pilots. Our fearless leader, LCDR Ron "Mr. Universe" PENNINGTON has been busy setting up a physical fitness program for himself. He has to find a way to combat the calories of the the "goodies" his better half keeps sending him. Ron has spent all month preparing his fitness program and, with luck, he may start on it within the next month or two. Time is getting short before LTJG Wil "Stache" DAVIS and LTJG Al "The Diplomat" BILLINGS leave on their well earned Hawaii vacations. Al is happy to hear that he doesn't have to wear a hat on R&R. The poor guy buys and loses more hats per week than anyone else in Vietnam. However, his latest is a one-of-a-kind and he shouldn't have too much trouble finding it - no one else would wear it on a bet! The big Hawaiian question is - how long will Wil DAVIS be with his frau before the mustache comes off. Someone better remind Wil to remove his tape recorder's earplug before he leaves. Or is it growing out of his ear? LT John "The Ambassador" CONNOLLY has a new pastime - paint by numbers. His only problem was the canvas board required a two foot square area on his desk before he could paint. It took six hours, but John finally moved enough junk to handle the painting. Nice going, John. Can anyone tell LTJG Tim HAYES how to keep the batteries in his new electric movie camera from going dead with each roll of film? Wonder if Cecil B. DeMille had that problem? Finally, all of us in the Det were sorry to see LTJG Derek BROWN leave us for duty in the Paper Palace at Vung Tau. He has taken over as Squadron Awards Officer. Good luck, Derek.

DET THREE (VINH LONG)

October, or the Vietnamese month of Thang Muoi, has slipped slowly by and it is once again time to report the month's events to the folks at home. The officers and men of U.S. Naval Air Station, Vinh Long, bid you greetings from our ramshackle conglomeration of four conexas, four trailers and beaucoup sandbags. At this writing, we have survived yet another month of the perils of the Delta, tolerating rain, heat, mosquitos, Army chow and the deafening racket of the cargo planes as they take-off and land a scant thirty feet from our front door. And so, to events....

This month has seen a large turnover of personnel and quite a few advancements in rate. A fond "hello Dere to our new crop of Vung Tau warriors, PN2 WYNN, AN ABBOT, ATN3 HABERN, AE2 ROTHAMEL, ADJAN CHRISTENSEN, ADJAN MAIRE, ADJ3 MEUTE, AO3 SHAFERNOCKER, and AO3 BOEDEKER. Hardy congratulations to our mud-pond swimmers (those who made rate), among them stroker WYNN, our only blackshoe, who made PN2, skater SWICEGOOD, who made AE2, our own Delta Mauler, SHAFERNOCKER, who sewed on his AO3 crow, B-B stacker BOEDEKER, advanced to AO3, and hillbilly SUBLETT, who also made third class.

A lot has been accomplished this month. It has been rumored that people have seen us building a bar, filling sandbags, constructing a new radio shack, stacking sandbags, comshawing a 1500 pound refrigerator (which can cool 50 cases of beer - enough to keep us happy for three or four hours), filling more sandbags, performing a slight bit of maintenance on the aircraft, and stacking more sandbags. Chief BARGER has been hard at work trying to get us to work on time. ADJ1 CATELING has been trying to control our wild and ferocious aircrew. ADJ1 WILLIAMS has been kept busy working on the new bar while AZ2 EASLEY was working his pencil down to the nub trying to keep up the flight time records and status reports. ATN2 DUNNIVANT (everyone has been hoping that he contracts larengytis) has done an outstanding job driving the troops and spearheading some of the more manual jobs that needed to be done and AE2 ROTHAMEL has taken up his role as "Chicken Man" in trying to do three things at once. Our AE2, SWICEGOOD, has kept occupied driving the trucks (constantly) and AO2 PASCHKE has maintained his cool while dealing with our ancient ordnance systems. All the strapping third classes, JAMES, FERRERA, KENNER, SUBLETT and BOEDEKER have been hacking the load of maintenance and odd jobs that have arisen, and the ever-working airmen, ABBOTT, MAIRE, CHRISTENSON, ANTHONY, MARK, JOHNSON and CLARK have been doing their share as the real workers of the outfit. Our men behind the .50 caliber and M-60 door guns, the ones who keep the helos inspected and find the gripes for maintenance, are with it as usual. Third Classes TRUEX, MEUTE, and SHAFERNOCKER, and airmen LARSEN, MUNGER, RIORDEN, DANKEL, and PAGE, keep "Mr. Charles" busy with the live rounds coming his way. It looks as though the war stories we tell the guys in Vung Tau will never be the same since the excitement they had the other night. Really, we're just hoping that the only time we see Charlie is when we're out looking for him, 'cause it ain't thrilling to be dragged out of bed in the middle of the night to the cry of "incoming".

Across the way at the officer's hootch, items of interest include the renewed and devastatingly vigorous battle between "Shakey" Mike PETERSEN

and the sandbag--it is reported that he has added one hundred fifty new bags to his already five feet thick command bunker. PA&E was dispatched the same day to shore up that particular corner of the compound which was seen to sink five feet below ground level. Well, anyway Mike, you're planning ahead. As the fire team returned from it's patrol the other day and began its approach to land, an ever-observant Peter Pilot gaped out the window and, thinking he'd made the Market Time spotting of the war, radioed that he'd seen a red-headed Russian spy swimming in the My Tho river. The observer, questioned later, went on to hypothesize that the fellow was trying to disguise his subversive activities by pretending to bathe with the Vietnamese papa-sans. We were relieved to discover that it was no spy but none other than "Shakey-Mike" again--Det THREE's own one-man people-to-people unit.

LTJG Joe (Super-Sleuth) HART our Det Weapons Officer, has been running in frantic circles in his attempts to solve the case of the misplaced M-79. One is moved to sympathy for Joe as I think we're all familiar with the military proverb, "Woe be unto him who loses government property, for his days shall be filled with weeping and much sorrow". So--if anyone's seen an M-79 floating around...

Our Det Assistant Oinc and Safety Officer, LCDR "Diamond Jim" BRADY has been nominated as Detachment JO control officer and has had his hands full keeping us all hard at work and safe.

LTJG Randy (one-shower-per-day) MILLER, in spite of protests from some quarters, insists that more than this depletes his "vital body fluids" and damages his delicate pigments. The most frequent sound heard emanating from LTJG MILLER of late is something like that of a strangled parrot saying "Gee Whiz, low man again this month?!! - I'll never make AHAC at this rate!"

Our fragrant Cuban (I was born and raised here, son) LT Ray LAZO, has been busy demonstrating his affinity for the acquisition of cast-off (??) goods such as jeeps, reefers, tile, and his latest item, a class "A" phone (it is rumored that he shares the line with the Airfield Commander). All we can say is that is must be his Latin charm.

For those of our number who are physical fitness bugs, LTJG ALEXANDER has announced the formation of running classes, conducted daily around the perimeter road of the airfield. In addition to offsetting the weight-gaining effects of our "good Army chow", it is said to be guaranteed to cut hootch-to-bunker times by as much as two seconds or your money back.

Famous last words #1: LCDR SNYDER -- "Three-three, this is three-six, we'll climb up to about a thousand feet and orbit to let the door guns work out - we shouldn't take any fire at that altitude". Roger that, Boss; you're now current in hydraulics-off landings!

LTJG Dick "PSP" BARR relinquished his "plumber of the month" award to LTJG Eric "Strafe" ALEXANDER only to promptly win it back again with another "PSP" hover check.

We hate to dwell on it but it's really such a choice subject that one cannot resist mentioning it when the opportunity arises-- anyway, we're happy to report that LT Bob COOPER is back in the saddle again; firmly,



this time. We noticed that he always came to a two foot hover before he'd sit down anywhere, those first few days after he returned from Japan. But now he's all better, and with his new PTL papers in hand is raring to go.

Well, that appears to be the sum total of things around the Det THREE campus for October. See you next month.

#### DET FOUR (USS GARRETT COUNTY)

Det FOUR has been privileged to tour the Delta in the past month, sampling the hospitality of the USS JENNINGS COUNTY and the USS HUNTERDON COUNTY. During this time our home ship, the USS GARRETT COUNTY, rose to new heights of valor making the dangerous cruise to the besieged city of Saigon and there making their most daring contribution to the war effort yet.

LCDR Joe PRIESTLEY, OinC of our little group, has been busy planning a wake to be held at Coastal Group 35 to mourn the unfortunate demise of "BS", their pet monkey.

LCDR Paul FRANKENBERGER has designated himself monitor of the JO's sandbox; a difficult job since sand gets thrown out of the box and into his hair.

LT Raul VAZQUEZ has taken over the duties of Operations Officer which includes training aspiring young naval aviators to be aircraft commanders. When treated nicely he lets LTJG Bob KRUSE turn off and on the radios. These new duties have required Raul to relenquish his coveted lead in the marathon sleeping contest.

LT Bill BAILES, our former Operations Officer, has gone to Vung Tau to help man Fort Courage. We will definitely miss Bill.

LTJG Paul "Good Guy" STEUBE was thought had proven he who hoots with owls cannot fly with the eagles. But he's getting gradually convinced.

LTJG Bob "Quick Quip" HAGGERTON has sadly broken his record of never missing a trip to Vung Tau.

LTJG Jim CARMICHAEL has modestly accepted first place in the marathon sleeping contest. He's being pushed hard by Daryl SPELBRING and the PBR officers.

LTJG Bob "Pinky" KRUSE is rapidly learning that it's less painful to sleep in his airconditioned bunk room. Even though his bunk is filled with cans of cokes and his five roomies' boots, it's better than sleeping in the mid-day sun on the quarterdeck.

LTJG Daryl SPELBRING has come back to Det FOUR after going on R&R (where it rained so they had to stay in their room) and being loaned to CTFL17. Anyone else wanting to borrow Daryl can drop us a line.

ATL Art AINSWORTH was witnessed passing through between relapses of his "golden" foot. Art, A02 Ollie GROSS and AN "C. W." BUSH all have a new toy. A .50 caliber machine gun on which they keep busy polishing and learning to hang onto.

ADJ1 Hank BERIONES, ace mechanic, is a new addition to Det FOUR. He earns our congratulations on his promotion to first class.

ADJ3 Dick BAUSKE was getting short, but is now getting a round trip ticket since he has extended for six more months in HA(L)-3. We're undecided

if he is crazy or dedicated. HA(L)-3 is lucky to keep him.

AO3 Bruce HOCK has finally been allowed to spend a night in Vung Tau and also Dong Tam. It's a good way to appreciate the ship.

AN John SADLER hasn't done anything we can mention this month since he has been relatively good?

AMS3 Bob LITTLE has left Det FOUR to go to Fort Courage and then back to the states where rumor has it that he will open a hair styling shoppe.

AN Jess BRADBURY has replaced Bob WHEELER as "slippery fingers" of the Det FOUR good guys.

This month we welcome Don JACOBS, Dave FRIDALES, and Stan PIOS. Stan has just made third class. Don is aspiring to be a mechanic. He and Dave, both fairly new to the Navy, are enthusiastically learning about maintaining our Huey helicopters.

#### DET FIVE (BINH THUY)

The fearless leader of the Filthy Five has finally decided to leave his loved ones in the famed Mekong Delta and return to his dependents stateside. After a year of fighting the hated Cong, we hope he finds life in Willow Grove bearable. Although the JO's regret losing Tom's valuable leadership, with one less flight time hog, they welcome the opportunity to get some flight time. We extend a hearty welcome to LCDR Bill LANG who will shortly be taking the helm as Det FIVE's new OinC. We know he will have no trouble finding us; just go to the nearest Det and we're sure he will find one of our birds down there. We all sincerely hope he will like his new life as a gypsy rover.

Leading the pack with 1000 hours this month (would you believe 50), our undaunted XO, LCDR Norm SCHRADER, has been heard to say "show me the bird I can't fly and I'll show you a bird that's not worth flying!" This was heard at the bar shortly after every bird in the squadron was downed. Don't worry Norm, we understand that Marvin the ARVN needs a co-pilot. Next, LT Jon WALKER. Say Jon, what have you done besides fly every day this month? Just because you're our new test pilot, that doesn't mean you have to test the planes every hour of every flight! Seriously; congratulations on finishing Test Pilot School - rack up another qual for the ole' log book.

LT Steve "Paperwork" PORCH has now gone on to the land of the big bundles. We're proud that one of ours reached Utopia. Keep those cards and letters and POD's coming Steve!

LT Stan Z\_\_\_\_\_SKI (this isn't a dirty word; we just can't spell it!) has now relieved "TITI work, beaucoup fly" WALKER as Det Admin Officer. We're glad to see that our organized pandemonium is not organized pandemonium. Say Stan, is there any truth to the rumor that you've lost Mr. CALKIN's orders to go home?

"Beef Jerky Junky" FRY is now providing the Det with smoked delights. Steve has been very physical fitness conscious lately and has been running every evening. At sunset he can be seen running into Ben Xe Moi for more Beef Jerky. Oh well, he needs a good workout.

In the short time Det FIVE has been located at Binh Thuy, "Frair Tuck" Tom TURNER has provided NOC with nightly headaches trying to interpret his daily ~~sitcom~~. Keep up the good work Frair! After all, anyone that can keep the NOC watch officer in an uproar has a promising future as a wobble not inspector on the syrinagator.

"Wild Bill" OGLE has rejoined Det FIVE after a visit to his next duty station, Naha, Okinawa. By the way "Wild Bill" is there any truth to the rumor that you have made arrangements to have a couple of H-3A's delivered to Det FIVE. Do you really think you can trade them for two new gunships for the filthy five?

NOTAM: Det FIVE will have 3 new AHAC's (LTJGs FRY, TURNER and SKAAR) operating in the Mekong Delta until further notice. LTJG "wow em" SKAAR has been quiet and unheard from this month - he's brought back every aircraft in which he has gone out! With "Rice Paddy Daddy" gone, he has lost his leader and exists only for the next-----!

Our leading Petty Officer, ATL "Grease 'em" CONNELLY has just returned from R&R in Hong Kong. From the satisfied smile he was wearing on his return he must have had an enjoyable time. It seems that he had a nice visit with his girl. CONNELLY has been sending a contribution to help support a girl in China and had the opportunity to meet her while in Hong Kong. Det FIVE is proud to have men of this type.

"Duke of Earl" GUTHAUSER is always just getting back from leave, R&R or is just getting ready to go on leave or R&R. How do you manage to do it Duke? However, right now he is confronted with one big problem. He has so much free leave that he cannot figure out when to take it. Too bad we all cannot have problems like that.

AE2 "Mr. Atlas" COMA has returned to Det FIVE after several days in the hospital at Binh Thuy. The Dr. finally released him so they could have a little peace. It seems that COMA was always giving the nurses a hard time - or maybe the nurses were giving him a hard time, at any rate, Det FIVE is pleased to have him back. COMA, try to be careful, after all one more Purple Heart and you have to leave this tropical paradise and return stateside.

Who said miracles had ceased? We have two gunners who just made 3rd class and proved him wrong. Congratulations to "Cajon" Stuart SEAL and Tony "the man" MARINACCIO. These two well deserving lads have made numerous contributions to Det FIVE. Tony makes sure the icebox is supplied with cokes and the Cajon makes sure the EM Club doesn't become overstocked with CH<sub>3</sub>OH beverages.

Det FIVE's olympic boxing potential "Mangler" PORTER will have to wait until the 1972 olympics to display his talents. A swollen nose, obtained in a recent sparring match, is responsible for his absence in Mexico City this year. Det FIVE has a potential gold medal winner.

"Drifty Dave" DAVIS has been keeping Det FIVE's ordnance systems in operational condition. We wish he would do the same with our horseshoes. We just received word that "Drifty Dave" will receive a Seawolf Surprise for an early Christmas present, rumors have been going around that he will be wearing 2nd class crowns soon. Congratulations.

A hearty welcome is extended to "our newest gunner", Bruce "Twain" CARTER. Twain, although we realize you are very enthusiastic about flying, please refrain from leaving the aircraft during a rocket run.

DET SIX (DONG TAM)

Visitors to Dong Tam are often surprised these days by the sweeping changes that have come over the dust shrouded little community. The mighty 9th Division is here in all it's (their word, not ours) glory. With them they have brought a dandy new airfield known affectionably as the "Horror Show of the Delta". And then there is that small band of intrepid aviators who comprise the Det SIX Seawolves. HUZZAH! They have constructed a marvel of 20th Century (BC) aerodrome architecture that rises from the mud and dust of Dong Tam in unparalleled splendor. Onlookers are often heard to remark such admiring phrases as: "MY GOODNESS!", or "SAKES ALIVE" or "LOOKY THERE" or #!@%&#!!!

In all seriousness, we are very, very proud of LTJG Bob ROMANELLI and his crew for the incredible job they have done. Of special note is the contribution of our new people who are working their-er-heads off. Special thanks and welcome aboard to ANs VREELAND, CONNERS, CELONE, HARKINS, YELTON, WAKELAND, SPIEK, OLBY, CHIAPPONE and ALEXANDER.

Some arrivals and departures: A01 Bob HARVEY has joined the ranks of the Yung Tau warriors as has ASM3 Glenn WILSON. We are happy to welcome the return of an old shipmate, A03 Neil McCONALD. We are also joined by PN2 Larry BLECHER, AMS3 Sammy POPOVIC, and AN Vincent SOTO. A special welcome is in order for our new leading PO, AMH1 Roger BENISH.

Some gentlemen of note have received advancement in rate this month. Sewing on crowns were ADJ3 Wayne (Soupy) CAMPBELL, ADJ3 John BUNDY, AZ3 Dan HIGGINS, ASM3 Glenn WILSON and AMS3 Sammy POPOVIC. A01 Bob HARVEY got his 1st class and to everyone, congratulations!

Fire team lead papers have gone in for LTJG Johnny HANKEL. LTJG Ed WILSON is up for AHAC, and our perennial PQM, LTJG Bob ROMANELLI, is awaiting AH2P papers.

Our beloved LCDR Bill LANG has gone to become a wandering cavalier with Det FIVE. He is their new OinC. We miss him down there, wherever it is that they live.

The boss, LCDR CHILDRESS, is back from five days with his wife in Hawaii and seems to be not too much worse for wear. LT Jack WILSON is looking forward to a similar trip and seems suitably anxious. That is, he has a marked blankness of stare and quickening of pulse at the mention of Hawaii.

A few random notes; LT Jeff LEWIS is flying AHAC and seems to enjoy it; LTJG Lud MCKAY is in Yung Tau, ostensibly attending Test Pilot School. If you happen to be in Dong Tam be sure and stop by the new duty office and admire LTJG Dick LARSON's handiwork. Say nice things about it and mention the nice cabinet work, but for Pete's sake don't TOUCH anything. He is sensitive about that sort of thing, you see.

ADJ3 Jerry BARTLESON and ADJ3 Vince PAONE are looking forward to 2nd class in the near future. AMS2 Roger MCELHINEY is thinking about extending. "AGAIN"!! Airman Mike O'BRIEN, Ron Ron KINGREY and Terry SCOTT were good this month and get another gold star on their foreheads.

DET SEVEN (BINH THUY)

The month of October began, like most months, on the first. After all, there are things even the remoteness of Vietnam can't change. But that is where this particular October ceased being a normal, red blooded, run-of-the-mill October.

First of all, we acquired two new weapons, a loudspeaker (complete with exciting collection of PSYOPS tapes for the discriminating connoisseur of crying babies and CHIEU HOI speeches.) and a .50 cal. Browning machine gun. Don GREEN and Rodney GRIFFITH, our .50 gunners, claim the speaker and gun will make a darn good trick or treat combination for Victor Charlie on Halloween. It's not all fun however. The .50 is a new and relatively unfamiliar weapon to MAS, Binh Thuy, and GREEN and GRIFF have been seen at all hours of the day in the gunner's conex thinking of names other than ".50 cal. Browning machine gun" when it refuses to be re-assembled after cleaning.

"River Jumper" MOLINA was called on to a better life early this month and reluctantly left us for Vung Tau and eventually home. Good luck MO and keep SMITTY and HELMS out of trouble until they leave.

This is also the magic month for Butch TAYLOR. It's not too long until he begins the homeward stretch of his enchanting tour of the mystic Orient, with extended stopover in Vietnam. He passes much of his time mumbling things to himself like "I'm too short to fly".

ATN2 Terry MARSDEN is a new arrival to our resort on the lower Bassac and once more ADJ3 DOUGLAS had to surrender his seat by the right door temporarily for training purposes. War is hell you know.

Our newest arrival of all is AEG JOENKS. He is flying with us temporarily to get experience so he can return to Vung Tau and become the training chief. That gives you a whole month to think up a way to become permanently assigned here chief, but air strikes on Hangar 4 wouldn't quite be legal.

Our other new gunners, ADJAN Mike GOOD and AE3 Richard "Binjo" RUTLEDGE were arrivals of early September. They returned from temporary duty with Det FIVE, our neighbors from the other side of the rocket conexes, with exciting stories of bravado, gallantry, and unparalleled courage in the face of overwhelming odds. After asking them carefully prepared questions and listening objectively to their answers, we finally gave the credit for killing 13 banana trees and brassing Mr. GGLE. They immediately accepted our offer for a few days off and, along with the "Mad Canadian" John KENDALL, went into Vung Tau for some good old fashioned goofing off.

PN1 ERICKSON arrived from Vung Tau earlier this month to handle all our personnel paperwork. All the mess and litter in the Admin Office has at last been put in order. Like all of us here, Eric has experienced the peace and tranquility of pleasant country living on the lower Bassac. He no longer longs for the good liberty and airconditioned trailer at Vung Tau.

The rest of the old faces are still here also. ADRL Fred MAHANNAH, POIC, AMS3 HUGHES (Stretch), ADJAN DELORE, and "Mighty Mouse" AO3 BOYD, and AMS2 HARTING, who hails from Vinh Long.

Fred MAHANNAH is possibly one of the most experienced gunner-crew chiefs still remaining with the squadron. It will be a great loss to the "world famous Navy Seawolves" when he finally boards that great silver fixed-wing and flies all the way to Travis AFB early next year. At least that's what he tells us!

AMS3 HUGHES is running a close second to Fred as senior enlisted man on this detachment. "Stretch" has almost come to consider Binh Thuy his second home. He has spent his entire tour thus far at Det SEVEN. And boy-o-boy does he know some sea stories!?

AMS2 HARTING is a relatively new arrival to us, but is no stranger to Vietnam. He spent the majority of his tour with Det THREE at Vinh Long. He is spending his 6 month extension here.

ADJAN DELORE is the detachment photographer's model and song leader. Jim is to have the distinction of having a picture of him in action used in National Geographic in a future article on the Mekong Delta. As a song leader, we here at Navy Binh Thuy liken him to some of the greats such as; Leonard Bernstein, Lawrence Welk, Henry Mancini and Tiny Tim.

"Mighty Mouse" BOYD and AO3 W. C. DRAPER are the detachment moonlighters. They work at the EM club during their off-duty hours as bartenders and "duty hosts". Incidentally, they're both disgustingly honest and make us pay for all our drinks. The manager hanging around all the time is no excuse!

Apart from DRAPER and KENDELL, the rest of our ground crew is AO2 R. A. FULLWOOD and ABF2 V. J. "Pancho" SAUCEDO. FULLWOOD is POIC of ground crew and has a fanatic desire to beat Mr. SPROSTY at monopoly. Pancho is head bogus in charge of the chinkas (fuel).

Now that October is almost over, we can look forward to November and some more air medals. Besides, we get just that much shorter.

And speaking of getting short, even the boss, "Cactus Jack" CONNELLY is beginning to make those plans. Cactus recently returned from an R&R (his last) to Hawaii and is looking forward to spending his last few months at Vung Tau. A warrior's life is not really so bad, is it "Chung uy" WHITTEMORE?

Our boss-to-be, Ed FUREY, has had himself a busy time this month. (It's amazing what a short trip to Hong Kong will do for one's morale...) Each morning finds Mr. FUREY working or studying, preparing himself to take over next month from Cactus.

LT John MESERVE spent the month working on a special project for 116.1. Although it was generally believed he would have been in Vung Tau a month by now - John is still hanging on at Binh Thuy. With a lot of luck and a little bit of imagination...anything can happen, right, John? Carl "Pete" PETERSON celebrated the passing of October by finally cranking up the infamous dune buggy and driving it around the pad. It turns out the buggy has been ready to go for a month or so, but Pete was waiting for a bet. I've got to admit it didn't look like it would run.

Tex Richie, our representative from guess where (Texas) showed his true value on Navy Day (October 27). Det SEVEN celebrated with a Mexican dinner and Tex was responsible for most of the preparations. Of particular

note was his chili(which was excellent). The secret, Tex says, is in following the recipe.

Tom WARLICK, looking over my shoulder, has asked me to interject that he is keeping his record of "no mistakes" intact. Tom does this by following a well-known philosophy - he does nothing.

Bob "Cat Whiskers" SFROSTY celebrated his Halloween this year in Taipei. He'll probably have much to tell us about the "trick or treat" customs of that friendly city.

Terry LACKY and John TITCHENER "the boys from N. C." have spent their month studying Vietnamese. They purchased a T. V. set, but due to problems in reception receive only VN stations. Well, as Terry says, "We look at it as an investment....."

OPERATIONS  
CDR HILLE

The month of October found the Ops Department looking like a busy intersection with the Traffic Director smoking a big cigar. CDR WILLIAMS has been getting ready to go to Pensacola and acting as Traffic Director while CDR HILLE went out and flew with Det 4 a while. LT Jerry PRATT, when he's not going on a honeymoon to Hawaii, has been working diligently on a Stan Manual. LTJG Peter "Pilot" MADLEY has been getting the loose ends together for his relief LTJG Dave CRANOR. Pete keeps mumbling the word "next" and something about "Lakehurst here I come". LT Stan ZAJKOWSKI pinned on his railroad tracks, got a new lease on life, and made it out to Det 5. LTJG Bob CATHCART is holding down the fort in the Ops Trailer, adding the Comm Officer hat to his already colorful hatrack. LCDR Dave BLAIR has been constantly on the move back and forth to the coffee pot. It must be the trials and tribulations of the Safety Office that are driving him to drink so much coffee. LT Howie PRICE has been making several trips to the swimming pool in an all out effort to get the squadron swim qual'ed. Actually Mr. CATHCART does most of the work; CDR BARTLETT helps quite a bit; and Mr. PRICE gets all the credit.

YN1 SHELSTAD is running the front office in Ops smoothly. However, the scuttlebutt has it that Shel will be in transit soon - bound for the Admin Dept. AD1 JOHNSON joined the Training Office this month and is busy getting the "Straight Scoop" organized to give to the new Seawolves. ADJ3 OLEZESKI finally returned from Det 1 after several unprintable threats from Chief SWART. CYN3 ANDERSON has returned from the "Land of the Great PX" and assures one and all that it's as wonderful as we remember. CYN3 BRANHAM has been busy breaking CYN3 COLLRIN to the intricacies of the Comm Office. No doubt this includes a check out on the Vung Tau night life. SN RYAN has been busy learning the ropes in the Air Intelligence Office and the Ops radio watch. Sometime in the process of checking in and out and cleaning out of desks someone uncovered one of the largest gedunk caches of the war. Subsequent investigation reveals that AN HARKSEN and AN KELSEY are running their own delicatessen. One would think that they are not pleased with the wonderful free Army chow.

A serious note: Although his stay in Ops was short, Petty Officer SHELSTAD, brought his administrative prowess to bear on our correspondence and administrative procedures, produced significant improvements. His contributions are greatly appreciated by all in the department.

MAINTENANCE  
CDR DEY

October was a month of trying to make ends meet but the aircraft weren't quite that elastic. We started the month two aircraft short and transferred two more to CONUS for overhaul. The bind got tighter when two replacement aircraft were delivered but were not operational and we spent the rest of the month making them ready. The old theory of things happening in threes came through when an Army H-53 hovered over aircraft 321 and bent it all out of shape. At least the old girl will get to go back home early.

Things appear to be looking up as the Army reports replacement birds are on their way.



LINE

This is the month of the big change - Line division has or is going to loose eleven men - the result will be a lot of new faces around our sun drenched revetments. AMS1 FITE, AO2 WHEELER, AMS2 MOLINA, AO2 HENRY, ADJ3 PAREJKO, ADJ3 CHASE, ADJ3 SULLIVAN, ASM3 FRISK, ASM3 HAROLD and AN GIBSON are all eagerly awaiting their flights to the land of the big PX, real ice cream and "Round Eyes"-FITE says "We ain't left yet?".

Assisting Chief MAC these days is Dave GOODELL AMEL and two thirds - (Makes the hat in Jan. 1969).

FITE (good old FITE) completed project "GO CART" and is now the terror of the Airforce "Boo" ramp.

Chief "Sleepy Roy" HAUN is still looking after the night portion of things in the division. If CHASE gets any more mail or if Monna MEYER sends her boy any more care packages we are going to have to expand the line shack.

"Nuff" for now from the Lovers of the line. Stop by and coffee up with us anytime.

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MATERIAL

BOOM BOOM goes the big drum as those sharp looking Seawolf AKs go passing in review. Yes another one of those glorious military Material Control Change of Command ceremonies has taken place. LTJG Richard W. SIDNEY passed the keys, pen, paper, water cups, No-Doz etc, etc, to that great helmeted, gold winged, warrior from the sky (Det-3), LT T. R. PATTERSON.

The emotional strain was almost too much for "Smilin Sid" as it took ten scroamin' seamen to hold him back from running all the way to Saigon in search of that big bird headed for US of A.

Oh, twas a sight to behold, Dearhearts, as LT PATTERSON took hold of the reigns and yelled "What am I doing here?".

They danced in the streets after seeing LTJG SIDNEY climb aboard that aircraft headed for Saigon with another DFC, yes friends it was a sight to behold, AN DEVERELL and AN CURTIS dancing the Monkey together.

At the reception, the haunting melody of the HA(L)-3 DRINKING SONG kept echoing through the Material Control Office as LT PATTERSON made his first decision as Ass't Material Officer, "Coffee, Tea or Kool-aid".

We now see a new smilin' face on day check, AK3 BRIGHT, and a new grim face on night check, AK3 VANDERHOFF. We believe that it is just a rumor that the new third class on night check has a heavy port list due to his new crew. CONGRATULATIONS, "Big" Bill VANDERHOFF, and we hope that the paperwork on AK3 BRIGHT will get squared away soon, as we've run out of cigars and sure are getting thirsty.

What's this we hear about LT PATTERSON letting a certain AK3 BRIGHT talk him into having his picture taken. Who paid \$5.00 for that film LT? Is it true that certain AK had never used a Polaroid and took eight pictures of you of which none turned out? Tsk Tsk, look out boys, you'd better stay away from those cameras for awhile.

Speaking of cameras, I hear AK1 NASH borrowed a camera and after instructions from BRIGHT went flying to the Dets a couple of days ago. He was very happy when he returned and said he got some of the best shots he has had in a long time. Real candid shots he says. Trouble is, BRIGHT forgot and set the camera on ten second delay. Boy we'll bet NASH has some real candid shots. Sorry 'bout that. Better luck next time.

Chief GAY and his fighting SeeBees AKAN NEAL, AN BAKER, AN DEVERELL and AN CURTIS have finally completed the storeroom and toolroom. Gee fellows, where's all that room we were going to have? Is it true we are now supporting our supporting unit? Any more parts and we'll have to have to have another hangar for supply. Word on our storeroom is out all over the country. There are certain units as far away as Saigon coming down to us for parts. The Army knows who's squared away!

If the Army sends us any more reconciliations we'll have to shut down the office to check our files. Gosh fellows, what do you do in that office all day. All I ever see you doing is running around. Won't the people leave you alone.

The Army desk has a new superintendent, AKAN GUY. The only thing he can't figure out is what to do with all the papers, cards, logs, boards and requisitions. "Wow", says GUY, "did I ask for this?".

Night check is really in full swing now. AKAN PATEREAU is really supporting those Maintenance boys working on the Hueys. He figures he has issued enough parts in the past month to build four complete birds. Hey, there fellow, you'd better check and see what the guys are doing with those parts. They might be planning a secret mission. "Homeward Bound". Don't lose out!

Is it true that AKAN NEAL is the only seagoing sailor in the squadron? I hear he has been making more boat rides to a ship out in the bay than the guys on the ship. If he likes that ship so much I think we can arrange something along those lines. If he likes that ship so much I think we can arrange something along those lines. Wat ya'll say NEAL? Don't worry about Charlie throwing artifacts at us anymore. A collection has been taken up to give to AN BAKER. It seems he was a little short of money this month and couldn't pay Charlie, so we're taking care of it for you BAKE ole boy. Be nice, VC!

#### QUALITY ASSURANCE

Since the last time we met here on the pages of the popular Wolfgram much has come to pass for this division. The first surprise came from "Seer" LTJG Tom CRULL and his uncanny ability to pick a winner. That one-hundred dollars must have come in handy on R&R huh, "Lucky"? We understand you now have a picture of your St. Louis Cardinal hero Mike Shannon in place of Chris Noel in your locker.

Speaking of people who are in the pink, LT E. R. MILLER is running around yelling "SHORT" and right behind him comes our new division officer, LT BAILES who for some reason has a slightly confused look about him. Could it be all the info that has to be consumed in a short period of time?

Chief LOCKEY has finally left for his fact finding trip to our detachments, so all you "T.K.'s" beware and start coming up with the correct answers. The future will find that we will be losing AMH2 CHANEY who is transferring to Key West, Florida. CHANEY's relief will be AMH2 BRADBURY who no one really sees much since most of his days are spent on the line. Welcome to Q/A.

The Navy will gain a new chief in the person of Robert HUFFMAN this coming March. CONGRATULATIONS!!

That's all for this month folks; we will leave you with well wishes and a warning to those who will receive our losses for their gains. Treat them carefully!!!

#### MAINTENANCE CONTROL

Greetings from chaos control! It's the end of another month, and we're just as confused as we ever were.

Our Maintenance Chief, ADCS WILSON, who says his hair is getting grayer by the day, is "Sockin' it to 'em" on the hangar deck during the heavy work schedule of the last few weeks.

A consolation is that our main situation has never run more smoothly. AZZ OWSLEY has taken over the work scheduling job on the day shift. He's still wondering what a pineapple circle is, but we don't know. It's probably something similar to a pencil sharpener.

Speaking of pencil sharpeners, I wonder where Chief EATON is?

Speaking of where people are, I wonder where POOLE is?

I'm not really sure, but it would be my guess that they're probably at Papa san's with our new duty driver, AN REED.

Of late, AN McMULLEN has been pulling his own disappearing act. He keeps mumbling something about a green door. Whatever he's doing with a green door I'll never know, but I hope he's enjoying himself.

"AN BOLLINGER returned from three days in-country R&R to find his desk hidden from sight by a mountain of paperwork. He thanks everyone concerned for their cooperation during his absence.

Let us not forget our fearless night check crew, led by ADJC BREWER, who may be seen late at night roaming the hangar area in search of his clipboard.

The chief is aided in his search by his new right hand man, ADJ1 KNIGHT. KNIGHT seems very calm and reserved, but we'll give him another few weeks and he'll be just like the rest of us-----NUTS!!!

Our itinerant night check work order scribe, ADJ3 SALAZAR, has been receiving brochures from numerous colleges throughout the land. Perhaps they want to offer him a scholarship for his amazing linguistic abilities. We hear he speaks Portugese over the intercom and FM systems.

Our friendly, jolly, smiling boss, LCDR J. R. HICE bids you all a fond farewell until next month and sends his wishes for a very happy Halloween.

#### POWER PLANTS

Not much has happened out of the ordinary in the shop this month.

We lost BARE to the hospital and he's now in the land of the big FX. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery.

Joining the shop this month are ADJ2 PETERSON from VFP-62, ADJ2 PICCOLO from AMD Cecil Field and ADJAN WILSON from "A" school, NATTC, Memphis.

Last, but not least we received AN Bruce MUELLER from the line. Bruce will be going to a detachment shortly so we're giving him that extra bit of training before he starts cutting Charlie's hair.

#### ORDNANCE (ARMAMENT)

Notice of the new title sure came as a surprise to us ordnancemen. Other than that there hasn't been much happening around the shop this month. We had our normal amount of gains and losses, although the losses far exceeded the gains.

Our gains were A01 BOWLES coming to us from VT-24, Beeville, Texas via AO "B" school. Also A03 LAMBERT from the 1st Lt Division.

Our losses included almost every non-rated and third class in the shop. These were A03 BOEDECKER to Vinh Long, A03 SCHAFERNOCKER to Det SIX, A03 McDONALD to Det ONE, A03 RYAN and A03 CARTER to Det TWO.

As in most shops everyone was eagerly awaiting the returns of the August exams, and when the results came back, BOEDECKER, SCHAFERNOCKER, McDONALD, DEATHERAGE and POWERS were sporting new 3rd class crowns, "Foxy" SLOAN was a happy new 2nd and YORK a very happy 1st.

AO2 SHANNON went to and returned from Australia. AOC McGRATH took off for R&R in Hawaii and should return before the month is over.

How about next time you fellows in the shop have a party, someone grab Chief FIELDS and DEATHERAGE by the hand and lead them to the place. O.K.?!?

#### AE SHOP

Since the last issue of the Wolfgram, the AE shop has acquired several new AE's. We would like to welcome aboard AE3 L. H. ROY who comes to HA(1)-3 by way of VA-127. Also, AE3 G. E. CREMEANS who hails from VF-124, and AE3 E. E. GRYZBOWSKI from VP-123, Glenview, Illinois. You guessed it, a weekend warrior! Oh well, welcome aboard and lots of luck to all of you.

One of the most important happenings this past month was receiving the test results from the August exams. We are happy to report that everyone in the AE shop who went up for rate was rated. AEC LITTLE is still to be heard mumbling in the distance about all the water that was used on the day the test results arrived.

By the way, anyone know how many days AE3 T. A. GRUBBS and AE2 T. A. McMELLON have left until R&R to Sydney. All that can be heard from those two lately is "SHORT"!!

Speaking of short, AE2 G. C. NOYD, will be leaving us soon for separation from the Navy. We're having trouble finding a replacement for him in the AE shop. Anybody know what his official job is?

Oh well, until next month, we'll say bye to you all.

#### AVIONICS

The AT shop has had a rather slow month, though we all are becoming experts at Acey-Ducey and cribbage. Chief LAFERTY thinks he's the best, well maybe with a little more practice.

Don SMITH and Charles COSGROVE have both come in from Det. Smitty leaves for the world next week and COSGROVE soon after. LOTS OF LUCK GUYS!

We have some new faces around here now. ATN2 Jim GILMOUR came to us from AT "B" school at Memphis and ATAN's Bill SHULTS and Alan SHOLER came from AT "A" school via the line. WELCOME ABOARD.

We had an invasion by the Marines when Tom GRAY's "little" brother came down from Chu Lai for a six day visit. Wait until he tells Mom.

MOUNT says he "has a better idea". We don't know what it is, but we know his diet is killing him.

Ray EASTERWOOD is now on the squadron football team, clean living and all that, can't break training (just fingers).

Joe (Water Jug) TERRY has gone out to the line. He hopes to go on Det, eventually. Don't lose one of those Huey's Joe.

Marc HABERS has distinguished himself by not doing anything wrong all month, keep up the good work. He's looking forward to going to Vinh Long soon to replace WARRICK who is also "SHORT".

John DUNNIVANT moved down to Vinh Long and John SPENCER replaced him on night check. All recording sessions and special projects will now be done after 1600.

Cling DUNN is still holding his own in the "GREAT MAIL RACE", but Ed SANTY and Don SMITH are tied for first place. (Ed gets all the letters but Smitty outclasses him with packages.)

That's about it for this month, keep the letters coming.

#### CHECK CREW

Looking about us it's easy to see that the results from the August exams have returned to HA(L)-3, as there are many new stripes within the hanger. And the men from check crew claimed a few of these new crows. Being advanced are the following men: FILLION to AMH2; PEARSON to AMH2; LEE to ADJ3; GRINNEL to AMH3; FRYBURGER to AMH3; GRAY to AMH2; FRISTAD to ADJ3; ATHA to ADJ3 and PIOS to AMH3.

On the outgoing side we have PIOS going to Det. We won't know what to do with all the quiet that will come upon us after you leave, PIOS. Please stop back when you can and wake us up.

Our leader, Chief SMITH has both feet back on the ground once again and we are all glad to see that. BRATTEN will need track shoes if he keeps running from one check stand to the other. Since our new check stands are in operation he's worn out one new pair of boots. Leaving us for stateside duty and happy to be going home we have STONEKING with orders to HC-1, Imperial Beach and GRAY is heading for VA-15 at Cecil Field.

On the incoming side we were glad to welcome AMS2 SUDNIK and ADJ2 GARRETT. All Det personnel when you're in the area please stop in for a chat and a cup of coffee and keep us up to date on Det happenings.

#### AIRFRAMES

Usually this time of year the cigar business jumps in sales, alas no one knew what the test results were until the sixteenth; even though we didn't have the cigars, shoulders were fair game. Congratulations to all who made it: AMH1 SWISHER, AMH2 DANIELS, AMS3 BURMAN, AMS3 BYRAM, AMS3 WILLSEY, AMS3 PERRY, AMS3 SOTO, AMH3 SANDERS, and AMH3 EARL. The beach was too far away and no pool in sight, so the wash rack had to be the official baptizing site.

Airframes has been lucky this month. We gained more than we lost. Our loss was AN ABBOT to Det THREE. Our gains were AMS1 MATHEWS via "B" school and VR-30, PRL CLARK, AMH2 POWERS, AMH2 MORMAN, AMS2 POTTS, AMS3 EARL, PRAN SHEER and AMHAN RUSSELL. Welcome aboard!

MATHEWS has relieved AMH2 BRADBURY of publications and training, which gives BRADBURY more time to tracking and playing photographer. AMH2 MORMAN is shop petty officer on nights, with AMH2 POWERS night check corrosion control PO. AMS2 POTTS is corrosion control PO on days. PRL CLARK and PRAN SHEER are topside in the AME shop. AMHAN RUSSELL is with corrosion control. AMH3 EARL is working with the shop and helping check crew. Again welcome aboard!

AMSL SHOUN has returned, rested, but a few pounds lighter, and he won't tell anyone why. Well, fat or skinny, welcome back.

Since the last 'gram, the paint crew has been given a new name, it's now the corrosion control center. Corrosion has been a problem, but lately due to the heavy monsoon it has become a major problem. As you have noticed "heroes" of the delta, the aircraft have been given a complete facelifting. Corrosion control has been doing an outstanding job. A well done to corrosion control, and keep up the great job you are doing.

When November rolls around we will be missing two people who have done an outstanding job for Airframes; AMH2 DANIELS and AMS3 WEAVER. Good luck at your new duty station.

#### AME SHOP

Greetings from the paraloft. We haven't received anything new in the way of equipment, but we have a few new faces in the shop. Gilbert (papa san) CLARK, PRL, has come to us from VA-153, NAS Lemoore. Upon his arrival, our beloved AMEL "Goody" GOODELL beat feet to the line to make an all time record of three consecutive people who have worked in the AME shop. I wonder what is going on.

Edward SCHEER, PRAN, has come to us from NATTC Lakehurst. Upon his arrival, ADJ3 WESTERVELT left. He went on R&R and when he returns, he will check out of the squadron and return to the world. Good luck "chief". The only old-timer left in the shop is AMH3 "Sandy" SANDERS, who is patiently waiting for his 30 day Christmas leave in December. Well, that's all we have here until next month.

#### ADMIN CDR BARTLETT

Starting at the top of our close-knit department we find CDR Fred BARTLETT maintaining law, order and, miraculously, efficiency in the paper jungle. When not bent on emptying his "IN" basket, a futile task, CDR "B" is either sprinting along Vung Tau's sandy beaches or swimming endless laps in the posh Australian pool. Our Assistant Admin Officer, LT Steve PORCH, matches the "human torpedo" in the aquatic festivities after endless hours spent opening and routing mail. A smiling (occasionally), tho baffled, "new guy", LTJG Derek BROWN assumed the duties of squadron Awards and Public Affairs Officer, but has spent the majority of his time attempting to discover some meaning and order in the records of the Officers' Mess. His predecessor, LTJG Wally COX was unable to give a complete brief before he was sent home with a case of hepatitis - not the most desirable manner in which to get a cut! LTJG Mike WHITTEMORE took the reins as 1stLt at a never-to-be forgotten change of command ceremony, during which LTJG Jim "The Giant" SMITH turned over the myriad responsibilities. LTJG Dick HENNESSY has managed to keep atop his duties as Legal Officer, but has not had the same success with his Honda.

From the better half of Admin (enlisted) we'd like to give a hardy "Welcome Aboard" to YN1 Owen "It's still early" SHELSTAD who will be replacing YN1 Gary "No leave" McCLURE at the helm. YN1 McCLURE has done an outstanding job of squaring away the office he inherited from his predecessors. Best of luck and smooth sailing MAC in the gentle waters off Vietnam. You've got it SHELSTAD!!!

YN2 Walt JUTKOWSKY, YN2 Walter FICKLIN and YN3 Tom KLAUS received letters back from BUPERS stating their requests for 6 months extension of duty in Vietnam were approved. All three were quite happy and are now in the process of planning when to take their 30 days leave. YN2 FICKLIN decided on Ceylon, YN2 JUTKOWSKY picked France, and YN3 KLAUS chose England to start with. Many tales will be told when these three return.

YN2 Rich "Sock It to Em" BROWN received a CARE package from a former club he belonged to. The Ladies Elk Club of Cynthiana, Kentucky seem to be taking good care of Little Rich during his tour here in God's paradise. Rich was kind though and shared his packages with his buddies. All of us must admit that even though Kentucky is noted for fried chicken, the ladies of Cynthiana receive our vote for outstanding cookies and fudge. Thank-you ladies for your thoughts.

YN2 Sammy "Smiles" PARKER has recently returned from his R&R in Hawaii. To hear him talk he had an outstanding time and from the looks of his bank-book we don't doubt it. We keep hearing him tell YN3 KLAUS, "we're going to have the greatest PLAYBOY pad in all of Texas". Those bachelors really have the life; carefree, nagfree and time to love 'em all. "Here come da judge"!!!

YN3 Ricardo LARGADO seems quite happy lately. Besides passing his YN2 test last August, he has word of a YNSN (boot) reporting aboard next week. To hear him talk you'd think he would meet the new man as he steps off the plane. Here's the swab, broom, wastebaskets and the WOLFGRAM to be run off. You got it!!! Oh well, LARGADO can use the spare time to study up for YN1 which is his next goal.

AN HARTNETT is still pushing letters around in his little cage. Be nice to him guys, with Christmas coming up, the mail load has increased, much to his dismay. Don't cry HARTNETT, Christmas will soon be over and we'll forgive you for saying you hate Santa Claus.

Poor AMH1 Dave BIBEAU hasn't said much again this month. Seems as though he's trying to break Rip Van Winkle's record. Hope he wakes up in time to leave.

That about wraps up Admin for another month. Like to let everyone know Christmas falls on a Wednesday this year. You know what that means? Yep, it means we work on Wednesday!

PERSONNEL  
LT McCASKILL

November is a very hectic month in the home of the "Blackshoes". Between receipts and transfers, it is hard to remember which of our 392 men are coming and going.



Now that LT McCASKILL has passed his flight physical, he will be playing a double role. Whether in the air or on the land you can be sure he will be a very busy man. LTJG HENNESSY, the squadron Legal Officer, must be commended for the outstanding job he did converting everyones old "Funny Money".

Between being a Seabee and a Personnel Chief, PNC KUNBERGER is having a hard time building a career counselor's office and keeping the Personnel Office in order. His co-builder, ABH1 WILLIAMS, the squadron's new career counselor, will soon be in his office to discuss the benefits of shipping over as he just did.

PN1 ERICKSON, PN2 WYNN, who has just shipped for six more years, PN2 BLECHER and YN2 HUNT who are attached to four of the squadron's detachments are enjoying themselves immensely. The Navy chow they are served seems to be adding a few pounds. Their weekly reports makes one think all they do is eat and sleep.

The new office honcho, PN2 McCARTHY is doing a fine job keeping his men busy. He will be losing one of his best men very soon. PN2 MORRIS is leaving shortly for Puget Sound where he will become a civilian. The newest man in the office, PN3 BENNETT, is now considered the office mail man with his six or seven letters per day. Poor old SN McGEE is having a difficult time getting everyones orders ready so they can return to "The World".

If you ever need a course, please come in and see our Education Petty Officer. PN2 FADEN now has a hard time getting into his office because of the overstock of books. Along with FADEN there is his trusty helper SN ARMSTRONG, who has been overly busy completing all the advancement certificates.

Our night check is slowly coming to a halt. PN2 MORRIS is leaving and SN JAURIGI, who is participating with great zeal in the JFK Physical Fitness Program, has been filling sand-bags for the past 30 days and will soon be back in the air conditioned trailer on day check.

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#### RABIES

Approximately 95% of the dogs in this area are not properly inoculated against rabies. Therefore one should use caution and good judgement in handling the dogs in Southeast Asia.

About two million persons in the United States are bitten by animals yearly, a half million of which are by dogs.

In most instances, it is possible to observe the biting animal for the development of rabies. Circumstances surrounding the attack frequently give vital information as to whether or not vaccine is indicated.

The dog that bites without apparent cause or provocation should be considered rabid. Since the rabies vaccine used in dogs is not 100% effective, the fact that the dog has been vaccinated should be ignored.

Rabid dogs exhibit purposeless movements with snapping, drooling and vocal cord paralysis. Death usually occurs in two to five days. The course of rabies is similiar in man. Pain in the region of the bite is the most important early sign. The outstanding clinical sign of rabies is related to swallowing.

#### IMMEDIATE LOCAL CARE:

Immediate local care of an animal bite may make the difference between life and death. Free bleeding from the wound should be encouraged. Thorough irrigation with copious amounts of saline solution, cleansing with a 20% soap solution and administration of tetanus toxoid should also be accomplished. All soap should be thoroughly removed from the wound.

#### FOLLOW UP CARE:

When exposure to rabies is strongly suspected, hyperimmune serum is injected around the wound after sensitivity testing has been done.

The use of serum is accompanied by a fourteen day course of vaccine. Two booster injections of vaccine is given ten and twenty or more days following the last regularly scheduled injection.

#### PREVENTION:

1. Use caution in handling strange animals.
2. If you are bitten by a stray animal, capture the animal. Use adequate protective covering of arms and legs before attempting to capture the animal - then notify the medical department. Remember, it is not necessary to apprehend the animal alive!
3. Immunize ALL mascots and pets against rabies.

Occasionally, the incubation period of rabies in man is only 14 to 21 days. The rabies vaccine is most effective when given immediately after exposure and when the inoculation period exceeds 30 days. Human beings may contract rabies even though they have received 14 doses of the vaccine. No antibiotic or other chemical agent has been found to work against rabies. However, of the persons bitten by rabid animals and not given antirabies treatment, probably only 50-75% contract the disease. Approximately 40,000 to 60,000 people receive antirabies vaccine each year in the United States.