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DET ONE (JENNINGS COUNTY)

DET ONE extends a hearty congratulations to our new OinC LCDR (Curly) WANTZ who has recently taken over the reins of the Lower Bassac SEAWOLVES. The event was celebrated by LT Len WOLTERS DORF and LT Steve CHRISTENSEN dog fighting over the JENNINGS COUNTY in an effort to determine who would make the 2000th landing. LT (Iron Jaw) CHRISTENSEN triumphed due to skillful planning with the ships personnel. LTJG Jack CURTIN co-pilot, Airman BEACH and Airman GIBSON also shared the glory of the 2000th landing.

All hands are contemplating the soon to be realized move from "HOME SWEET HOME" JENNINGS COUNTY to our new home the HARNETT COUNTY that will soon be on station, hopefully packed with lots of ships store goodies from her stay in Japan.

DET ONE gives a welcome aboard to its newest pilot LTJG Dick HENNESSY who comes to us from Kingsville, Texas. Dick has already distinguished himself among the Det J.O.'s by grabbing off the J.O. Bunk Room record of the longest consecutive time in the feathers - WELCOME ABOARD DICK.

LCDR (Diamond Jim) BRADY is presently visiting DET ONE. He is soon to become the Squadron Safety Officer and is getting broken in the hard way, on the job training.

Soon to be departing for the land of the big PX is LTJG Charlie BILLER. Charlie will take a week of R&R in Tokyo prior to his permanent departure to try and accustom himself to peacetime living slowly, after compiling over 300 Combat Missions on his tour - GOOD LUCK CHARLIE.

Newly arrived Crew Chief and Gunner Petty Officer HARRIS ADJ2. He was a welcome addition to the Det due to his experience on turbine engines in VUNG TAU.

ENS Dave MINAHAN was last seen searching the bunk room for a pamphlet entitled "How to Get Married in Hawaii in Three Days" GOOD LUCK DAVE.

Airman BEACH has recently returned from an Exotic R&R port with a suntan & smile. The word quickly spread about the benefits of foreign travel and several more R&R requests were made.

DET TWO - NOT SUBMITTED

DET THREE (VINH LONG)

It is that time of the month again so here goes from Vinh Long's, Pride of the Delta, Det THREE. This month finds us saddened by the departures of some of our outstanding officers and men: LT Web WRIGHT left early in the month on a "special arranged" flight; LTJG Bill FEASER tried his

darndest to stay but orders are orders so he had to leave; LTJG Hal GUINN made a quick exit and its funny, I'm still waiting for his return; ENS Dick MARTZ, "where ever you are" come home, all is forgiven, your room is occupied but we can always find a place for an Ensign, the "JG's" need you! "Dew Drop" NUNES and Cliff WIMER another couple of Det THREE Aces left unexpected and we all miss them. Dew Drop was an old timer while Cliff had just joined our det. Best of luck to the both of them. Larry SCOTT, the only gunner who has to lean forward the entire hop because of his height, is broken up completely with his orders leaving the Det a month early. Larry, I tried my darndest to help but they just can't do without you in V.T.

On the other side of the ledger, we have our arrivals. Before we mention our latest, we must mention last month's arrival none other than "Oh my arm" ANDRES. For a little guy he sure packs a wallop. "Slippery" FRAZIER appeared one day on the flight line and luckily I asked who he was and where he was going. He had been there for 3 days. "Conk" CONKLIN had arrived but wanted to go on R&R to V.T. so bad that he finally got the opportunity, the hard way. Expecting his return before this is printed.

In the officer ranks we inherited the United Nations. LT "P-ski" PRZYBYSZEWSKI (I have enough trouble spelling it, let alone trying to say it.) LTJG "Never-say-drop" PATTERSON arrived with open arms and we've filled them, with work. LCDR TOBEY also arrived in the Heart of the Delta as the new prospective OinC of Det THREE. I can still hear him say, "Once again, where is the bunker?" LT LAZO arrived at the same time, wanting to know the same thing. CDR "Kernel" SAPP appeared one day ---- We definitely have the United Nations and a swell bunch of guys.

On the lighter side we have a few interesting notes in general. Asking a few men what they think of R&R and so LTJG MACKKEY was quizzed on this matter but all I could get out of him was "Aloha, Aloha" -- what ever that means. MAXWELL has been muttering something like that also since his return. LCDR WESELESKEY will be leaving soon and we are all wondering who will get the "royal suite", any bidders? I can't understand what is so interesting in the Saigon (Tan Son Nhut) Airport that a few of our lads wanted to spend an entire R&R period there. I'll have to go through there again.

To the other detachments on R&R at Vinh Long, if you only see the upper $\frac{1}{2}$ of our ready-crew trailers on the flight line, its only because Joe BOUCHARD & his number 1 assistant, CPO SMITH have placed so many sandbags on the roof that the weight has become too much to hold. Take the first tunnel to the left!

A happy Easter to all.

The flying weather has been cool and clear, but we're about to see the last of that weather until next dry season. Our beautiful countryside around Vinh Long is about to submerge when the April rains start their flooding action.

Our amazing Maintenance Officers dog Seawolfess, gave birth to seven pups. "Grandpas Joe BOUCHARD & Chief SMITH "are recovering very nicely from the experience. They've faithfully nursed the mother & pups by taking turns sitting around the dog house to be sure all stays well. Anyone want a Puppy?

DET FOUR (GARRETT COUNTY)

In addition to our usual busy routine of keeping "Charlie" in check, we have undergone quite a change in personnel over the last couple of months. In order to keep everyone informed we'll officially welcome aboard the following: AE2 Mark KORMAN, AMSAN Gary WEAVER, ADJAN Richard BAUSKE, ADJAN Mike SULLIVAN, LTJG Daryl SPELBRING, LTJG John MOORE, and ENS Jim BEAIRD who is back for his second time with Det 4.

We also bid farewell to those who served us so well. The list includes LT Dale HAIN, CSI William JOHNSON, AOAN KLUJ, AE2 PRZYBECK, ADJ3 James HACKMAN, ASMB Alan WILSON transferred to the Home Guard and LT Wade TURNER who has departed for VC-8 in Puerto Rico via the "Great PX" to the east.

As everyone knows R&R is something we all look forward to. LTJG BULSON said that he enjoyed Hawaii very much, but he is not crazy about being at Tan Son Nhut during Tet. Also, "The Boss" recently returned from Hawaii looking like a new man. LT BARNES has just left for Hawaii with the biggest smile he has yet displayed. LTJG ANZ/LONE and ENS BEAIRD were frantically studying the English language in anticipation of their joint trip to Australia.

Crew Chief JONES has been keeping his new AMS striker, WEAVER, busy in his rate by enlarging the holes in the wind deflector. Although JONES thinks it keeps things cooler, WEAVER is worried about running out of patches. DORMAN and GARDINER seem to have found a supply of hard to get items over at Tra Vinh. However, they are most reluctant to divulge their source. Congratulations to Mike LOUY on his recent promotion to Lieutenant.

While "The Boss" was on R&R we were glad to have LCDR George CROWELL fill in for him and likewise LCDR Jolly Roger McPHERSON who filled in for LT BARNES.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the officers and men of Det 3 for their continued hospitality during the past month. We have had the occasion to spend several days at Vinh Long while the GARRETT COUNTY has been at Vung Tau.

Last but not least, we of Det 4 want to thank all the parents, wives, and sweethearts for the many wonderful letters and Care packages. Thank you all from all of us.

DET FIVE (HUNTERDON COUNTY)

The first of March saw LCDR Tom CALKIN and Len GOZA (The World Travellers) return from Taipei. They were tired but happy. We lost Steve BEGUIN to the Vung Tau Empire and Steve (Better known as fearless Snaggle Tooth) will certainly be missed. When he departed the ship immediately took a 10 degree list. That boy had more junk than any 10 normal people.

Det 5 would like to welcome LT Jerry PRATT and LT Steve PORCH. Steve is already well known for the entertaining, enlightening and intellectual after action reports.

We would also like to welcome our two new gunners AT2 CONNELLY and AN GUTHAUSER (It's spelled right but its normally pronounced Hey Gut). CONNELLY is well on his way to being the first winner of a standing bet by Len GOZA for all new gunners. GUTHAUSER lost but is the fastest shooter in the Delta (One at a time that is).

I'm not sure GILLILAND is still with us. Occassionally someone sees a frail pale body peer out of the crews quarters and ask if its the 10th of April. His partner in crime the famous "Brasser" DRAPER says he is so short he's not sure whether he has a sore throat or a sprained ankle.

Chief SWART has survived another Chief's initiation but he may have a relapse so we are watching him closely. John BROWN has some very nice slides of PENANG. He even was able to take one of himself with his own camera. Trick photography is BROWN's specialty.

It is rumored that there has been a major breakthrough in Det 5. Jim JONES said a whole sentence loud enough to be overheard (but not reprinted) at 10 paces. It was an answer to Morrie STEEN when Morrie asked him if he would reenlist.

Our short timer Bill RAMSEY has been making sure he is well rested for the long trip home. He says he is also protecting his night vision from the bright sunlight.

Soon Jake will be our old salt gunner. He has been promoted (He won the Indian wrestling tournament) for the empty 30 Cal Job. He will have to keep COMI and P.J. in line and let them benefit from his alertness and cunning.

Our Wheeler and Dealer OinC LCDR Ralph SCHWARTZ is going on leave to Penang or Taipei or Australia or Bangkok on the 9th or 10th or 20th of April or May or June, I think.

Our newest fire team leader George SPROWLS has been given a reprieve and will be allowed to join the Home Guard. WOW you should have been there. ENS Bill OGLE put on a demonstration on how to Buzz the Bridge of an LST. The ships OOD saw eye to eye with him on his first night landing qual.

Our other new pilot Dick BASYE just left for Australia. No comments from here but we are all wondering if he will return with the same smile Morric STEEN brought back.

To conclude, Next month is Easter and Det 5 intends to sponsor an Easter Egg hunt in the Than Phu Secret Zone. All VC are cordially invited. The My Tho Seals have agreed to furnish the eggs.

See you Next Month.

The Hunters of the HUNTERDON

DET SIX DONG TAM

Greeting and felicitations once again from the "Diamond of the Delta", Det SIX of course. And this makes the ninth month that the veterans have been here in what we affectionately refer to as the "Delta's Own Dust Bowl". We are men of action and when faced with a problem, we get right in there and give it the business. This would be very evident to you if you could fly over our home. It can be identified by lush green grass, well kept flower gardens, and new bunkers. This is what our "Green Thumb" men have done. They have transformed what was once a mud hole into a beautiful "Seawolf Botanical Garden". Most of the credit goes to LCDR Charles "Burbank" OYLER, who is the "Officer in Charge of Flowers and Roots". Larry KIER, our own frustrated Frank Lloyd Wright, has designed and is creatively building a bar which looks similar to a gazebo in style. It will be beautiful when it is finished so he tells us. Bill LLOYD says he would like to help Larry, but he is always someplace between Vinh Long and Vung Tau at about 2,000 feet. Mike STOCK, an engineer in his own right, is also a self taught typist. His work is very distinctive, look for the paper with the most erasures. Jimmy "Evil" SAVAGE informs us that the diet he went on last month is working out very well. He hasn't gained a pound. He hasn't lost any either, but then that is beside the point. Nick PRESS and Dan OAKLEY treated all hands to a wetting down party here in Dong Tam. We must say that it was not only enjoyed to the fullest by all hands, but it was also the first time in Det SIX history that the officers and crew have been able to get together at one time to have a "blow-out". We're looking forward to many more of the same. Would you believe that Ray LaROCHELLE has received the "Mail Hog of the Month" award for the third consecutive month. Dave DICK beat him out for the month of December, but since the girls at Hood College got hold of Ray's address it has been no contest.

We would like to welcome aboard several new men this month. LCDR Hugh CHILDRESS comes to us from Pensacola, Florida, where he did a stretch at NAS Saufley Field. LT Howie PRICE is happy to be away from the books at Monterey and back to flying again. Our new "ground pounders" include Jerry SCOTT and Niel McDONALD who have come out to us from Vung Tau to lighten our load a little. Above all, the men whom the officers were most happy to welcome aboard was Rosalio DELOS SANTOS. We've never had a harder worker, or a cleaner "hotel". Keep up the good work Rose. We

were real sorry to say good-bye to Dick WHITE who left in a real big hurry, muttering something about a dice cup. He was called back with a ceremony to fill the thinning ranks in Vung Tau. We did have an Awards Ceremony and would you believe that it went off as planned with no interruptions from Charlie. Good ole Charlie, made us postpone several previous attempts. Also leaving this month was Tex SWAFFORD. He is now on his way to Miramar in San Diego. Best of luck in your new job, Tex. Luthor "EYE" IBARRA has been transferred twice this month and each time he was returned to us before he got packed to leave. (It is a new variation to the Seawolf Surprise"). Seems as though everyone wants an ordnanceman and we've got the best.

It sure is good to have Dan "Shades" HIGGINS back with us after he completed the Squadron Gunnery School. He has been teaching Vince PLONE and Dennis ROBERTSON to drive the pickup we have for scrambles. Rumor has it that the truck may not last the instruction. Bob SEAMAN is all smiles since he found out he will be going to his next duty station in Washington State. He's happier than all those clams they have up there at low tide. Rumor has it that Al ROPER and Bobby BOONE have been looking over the Delta country near here with the idea of buying a spread and going into the water buffalo business. We are all crazy about Vietnam, but this is ridiculous. Paul ANDRUS informs us that Dennis CRABTREE and Joe KRZYSLAK have really done it this time. They have made arrangements for all the members of the Det to be the proud owners of look-alike sweat shirts. The shirts will have a psychedelic likeness of an attack helicopter on them with the name "Seawolves" and on the bottom the words, "VC for lunch bunch". We can hardly wait. Jerry BARTLESON and Wayne CAMPBELL have also just completed gunnery school and soon will be members of the "fire from the hip club".

Things have slacked off quite a bit for us since TET and now it's training time. With so many pilots and gunners we've been flying mostly training and maintenance flights this month. There's one sampan down on the Cai Lai River that has been sunk fifteen times in the last Thirty Days. Charlie has a chewing gum factory down there especially for repairing sampans.

The title "brand X" has been floating around from fire team to fire team, but we've finally retired the name when Jim "Evil" SAVIGE left us to go to Vung Tau. Can you believe Evil will be the new standardization officer? Who is going to standardize you, Jim? Paul Andrus has left us unexpectedly to join the ranks of the Vung Tau Warriors. He has done an outstanding job for us and will be a tremendous asset to the Maintenance Department in Vung Tau.

DET SEVEN (BINH THUY)

Det SEVEN was happy to greet several new faces this month: LCDR Jack CONNELLY, LTJG Pat BRIDGES, LTJG Mike WHITEMORE, AMSAN Jim HELMS, ATNAN Don SMITH, AMSAN Mike MOLINA, and AMSAN Dennis WOBBE.

We also said farewell to several old hands that will be missed by all: "Colonel" Chuck SAPP to Vinh Long; LOL "Papa-san" PENNELL, and ATN3 John HLAKE.

Worthy of mention: Before he was pulled back to Vung Tau, John HAAKE was conducting his personal "People to People" program, teaching English in Can Tho to Vietnamese orphans.

The big social event of the month at the "O" Club was CDR Bill MARTIN's "wetting down" party. Big Hawaii Luau-- the only fresh pork roll in the scenic Delta area of Vietnam coupled with coconut shells filled with an exotic punch; a magic show that will never again be duplicated by mortal man; and a dance performed by a trained American "Seal" that we hope the western world will never see.

Our beloved "Colonel" SAPP became a full-fledged Colonel with his promotion to Commander. His "wetting down" was a little more conventional ---- as the sign said "NO FOOD, NO PUNCH-----JUST BOOZE". The Det's congratulations go out to both our new Commanders.

Speaking of parties, the DET 7 cook-out was a big success. Good food (once you thawed out the hamburger) and good cold beer (sorry about that duty crew). Everything remained relatively calm till "Baby Huey" SMITH decided to cool things off with the fire hose.

LX3 Steve WRIGHT is anxiously awaiting a telegram from the States these days. Steve seems to think that he is to be the proud father of a bouncing baby boy. Got news for you Steve. Quite a few of us will win a bear if it's a girl. So, Come on, Mrs. WRIGHT.

Well, that's about it till next month from the wayward warriors of Det 7. Now we must get on with our work, aiding the budding young republic in its search for freedom.

MAINTENANCE
LCDR HOLLINGWORTH

FROM THE MAINTENANCE OFFICER

March has been a tough one, and there is no letup in sight for the weary hanger dwellers of HA(L)-3.

Many of our crew are now short-short and there will be an occasional desire to express this feeling by goofing off a little or letting down on the job or plain day dreaming about that wonderful trip home. Remember, our flight crews are depending on us for quality and each of us, no matter how short we may be, must plug on to the very end.

My sincere thanks to all of our good people at home for the letters, packages and the many thoughts and prayers that are sent our way each day. The morale of the Maintenance gang could not hold up without your help. Thanks again!

MAINTENANCE CONTROL DIVISION

Not being a reporter, or a writer, I hereby submit a few words to see if they might be accepted. As LCDR HOLLINGWORTH mentioned, there are a few short timers around, I, being one of the short ones, wish to place a few lines to all of HA(L)-3.

The year has been long, and a lot of changes have come and gone, the phrase, I believe, is "Seawolf Surprise". The result, here today, gone today, "What Det. did Joe go to?". In spite of these sudden changes, a few red alerts and a lack of parts to work with, the birds have moved and flown in the hands of our Det. personnel. The squadron has emerged and set records with Army aircraft that the Army would like to equal. The only reason this was possible, was Navy know how. What wasn't known, was learned. I would like to extend to all personnel in the Maintenance Department a well done!

April first is not only April Fools Day, it is the birthday number ONE fo HA(L)-3. Like any infant, we have had our growing pains, but now he squadron is beginning to mature and settle down to a real seasoned combat team. A team of maintenance, gunners and pilots. No part is good without the other. Together, a truly number one team. So keep on working together, and get Charlie, each in your own way. "Be it wrench, or bullet and rocket".

To all my friends, and all the Det. pilots, take note, the frown is gone, I now wear a smle! I'm short! Secure, what are you talking about, there is work to be done!

AVIONICS AND WEAPONS DIVISION

The Avionics and Weapons Division has lost two fine petty officers this month. AOC GHORMLEY has transferred to the 1st. Lieutenants Division and AO1 BOGGS has headed for the Continental United States. Both of these exceptional men will be hard, if not downright impossible, to replace.

ATN2 KOCSIS and AO3 BOWEN have reutrned from the Seawolf clan in Vinh Long. Now Vung Tau has its own version of the "GOLD DUST TWINS".

Speaking of twins, AO2 LEEPER (AND HIS WIFE) only had a half set of twins; but one healthy, 9 pound 12 oz. baby boy is enough according to Petty Officer LEEPER.

In the Electric Branch, a new arrival with lost of talent is AE1 ANCRUM. Somewhere between Vietnam and the far side of the Pacific, Petty Officer ANCRUM's seabag was misplaced. It must be part of an Air Force plot. Reports have it that ANCRUM is negotiating a trade with our new ATC, Chief LAFERTY, for his et of Viot-Cong pajamas and coolio hat. ANCRUM knows the VC PJs aren't regulation, but until his seabag arrives.....

The Electric branch also has two other new additions. One is a new spark plug for Chief MORGAN's motorcycle and the other is a new door for the shop storage area. Since no wooden doors were available, the enterprising AE's came up with a Vietnamese ribbon curtain. New Division officer LTJG SMITH agrees that the new door is "colorful". Maybe someday we'll get a wooden one?

That's about it for this issue. See you again next press time.

"AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE IS FUN"

It's really a "FUN" day in the life of a HA(L)-3 Maintenance man when he looks at a hanger full of dirty broken Helicopters. He knows it's going to be "FUN" to clean away the grit, dust and grease. The real "FUN" part starts when he needs a special part or tool that is not available. To really have his day made is to get chewed out by a pilot or crewman because he isn't moving quite fast enough to get them back home for a steak dinner, movie or crew party. The word "FUN" as explained by Mister Webster is that feeling one gets when doing something that is pleasing to the senses. "FUN" as explained by the Aircraft Maintenance Officer is:

"FRUSTRATED UNTIL NAUSEATED"

To all Dets - Please do not "BUG" Maintenance about your little green helicopter. Everything possible will be done to get you home as soon as possible. Don't make it a "FUN" day for Maintenance.

AIRCRAFT DIVISION

"Hello Charlie New Guy, I'm Getting Short!"

That seems to have been the greeting heard around the Aircraft Division during the past month. Therefore, starting with Chief SYLVESTER's Power Plants Shop, we would like to extend a welcome to all the "CNG's" (Charlie New Guys) in the division. Welcome to ADJ1 HUFFMAN, ADJ1 HUNT, ADJ1 MARKOWIEZ and ADJ1 ENGH. If we missed someone it probably means you haven't checked in with everybody.

Notes from other reporters in Power Plants Shop: It has been noted that JONES, ADJ1 has been checking his replacement out with complete diligence - so far he has checked him out on the Zebra Club, the Cross Roads Club, the.....

ADJAN REAL is building a "real" plane and will soon request hanger space from LCDR HOLLINGWORTH. ADJ2 GOODSON is requesting a new crow for Christmas....wonder why???

As Power Plants is saying hello to new people Airframes Shop is reminiscing about the old times and saying good-bye to some old timers.

Things have been rough, monotonous, and at times just impossible. But as most people would agree it will be good to remember these times when we're back in the land of pleasant living. Then we shall be saying, "It wasn't so bad after all."

To say the least, most of us will be proud to have served in HA(L)-3.

AME SHOP

The AME shop is now in full swing, so if there is any trouble with flight gear, bring it in and we'll help you out. Along this same line we could also use your help out on DET. Make sure you keep that MLE WEST stowed in a neat, clean manner when not wearing it, same-same with your flak jacket!! The life they save may be your own.

Well, enough for business. Now to get to the "short timers" in the shop. AMEL ROGERS and AME3 RUSSELL have their orders to VP Squadrons in Brunswick, Maine. The TAD 1st class PR FOWLER is also heading back to his permanent duty station at Itsugi, Japan. This leaves ADJ3 KENNEDY a little apprehensive to say the least, he is still waiting for some orders. Good luck!!!!!!!

Don't forget to drop in (when you have a "free" moment) and take a look at our wall paper, also our DET's Required Reading Folder.

LINE DIVISION

The Line Division has had a recent shakeup starting with the Division Officer, Ensign Dan JOHNSON. When Dan returned from his trip to Australia, he took the reins from Chief VOHS, and handed the Aircraft Division over to LT AL BACANSKAS. Line Division hasn't been the same since that day. It is rumored that if Chief VOHS receives one more memorandum he is going to run over Mr. JOHNSON with a tow-tractor. The results have been gratifying, however.

The Line Division Training Petty Officer, AO3 Alfred HENRY is doing more training now. The Line Division Ground Support Petty Officer, ASMB AL WILSON is giving more love and care to his yellow equipment, and it is rumored that he ordered three gallons of wax for his tow-tractors.

The Supply Petty Officers, AL WILSON and ADJ3 "Hot-Rod" KRAUSIE have their time down to 10 seconds flat from the Line Shack to the Material Control Office. AN Tiny PRATHER can now repair a broken flood light in five minutes, or the Skippers Bronco in ten. ADJ3 CROWLEY has been teaching ADJAN Glen DOONAN's pet parrot, RALPH, to say "SHORT!" (Ralph is the Line Shacks newest addition.)

The whole Line Division is waiting anxiously and are often heard muttering something like "Hurry 5 April!". (ENS JOHNSON departs on 5 April.)

OPERATIONS
CDR HIPP

Operations is already undergoing the big change in personnel. LTJG "Super Snooper" Bob CATHCART checked in to relieve "Mad Dog" McMAHON. "Evil" SAVAGE left the dust bowl of the Delta to become a Vung Tau Warrior and relieve "Lonesome George" CROWELL who departs the third of April. ATL "Gramps" FRANK has taken over flight schedules for the departed "Buffalo Bob" BRITTS. More changes are soon to follow with "Boss" HIPP, "The Bolt" BOLTON, "Ozzie" OSBORN, and "Who Me?" NELSON soon to depart. The only one who will be left out of the original group will be "Janitor BRANHAM" who extended for six months.

"Boss" put out the word to all involved in Training that CDR HILLE will be put through almost immediately upon arrival. Wonder if that has anything to do with CDR HILLE being the new Ops Officer. Here's hoping he's a good dart player so he can carry on in the best tradition.

"The Bolt" led a few of us on a psychological warfare flight over Vung Tau the 25th of March. Everybody came back with great big smiles after low leveling the town for better than an hour. No telling what affect it had other than a lot of people probably wondered what was going on.

"Super Snooper" CATHCART got right into the swing of things. He took off to Binh Thuy for a week to check out the finer points of Game Warden Operations. He hasn't had time to tell all his tales of his week there but I'm sure there will be some good ones.

Fred Lstaire better watch out. "Tex" ANDERSON has now earned the reputation of being quite a dancer. When the gal at the USO show asked for a partner, he jumped right up on the stage and earned his new reputation. He also earned another new reputation. Coffee is always pretty bad over here but somehow "Tex" has learned to make it even worse. The only person it doesn't bother is NELSON who also happens to own the biggest coffee cup ever seen.

NELSON must be trying out for the Olympic swimming team. Or maybe he's just getting ready for the beaches around San Diego. Word has it that he's been doing a little swimming in the pool behind Burkes Barracks. He better try eating carrots or seeing the Doc about getting a new pair of glasses because that's twice that he's fallen in - both times on the same night.

The board in the Ops trailer has been mighty empty lately. What happened to the "Dynamic Duel" that was going on. It looks like they're all out of sayings - LCDR HOLLINGWORTH and LCDR JONES - never happen G.I.

CDR HIPP spent a week in Nha Be getting a little flight time and getting his ear bent a bit with small problems and a few questions. Word has it that "Mr. ROBERTS" offered him the use of a new dart board. For some peculiar reason the dart with "Mr. ROBERTS" on it always landed in the same place - "Goes home early". Anybody else want to try their luck in passing off a new dart board.

DEPARTING THOUGHTS,

It appears its fast approaching the time when the "old" guard will be completely replaced by the guys with the "White Hats" - our reliefs. Looking back over the past year and what has been accomplished makes Operations very proud to have been part of the total picture; the total picture being one of a struggle for combat effectiveness in an active combat atmosphere. Gone are the days of 15 hours at Fort Benning and 10 hours of combat flying to become a living, breathing, attack helo aircraft commander. The squadron has progressed to the point where its safety, training and standardization programs are second to none. Couple this with a concerted detachment effort to integrate new pilots into the combat scene and the final result is a completely professional well trained combat attack helo pilot. The AHLC turned loose today as compared to the AHLC of one year ago is a completely different breed. Of course we take pride in being one of the old "Wolves" who had to learn the hard way and in doing gained the knowledge necessary to build our new combat "Wolves".

We, the short timers of Operations, leave this happy land of internal strife for the land of peace and quiet. Would like to continue with this but we are so short we might not be able to compl..... FINI

ADMIN DEPARTMENT

LCDR AYDELOTTE - One month to go?
LCDR PFLIMLIN - Welcome back
LT HAIN - One week to go-o-o-o-oh
LT SHERMAN - Farewell
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LTJG KEELEY - Recuperating

With the termination of the strong winds from the east, March went out like a lamb. The winds have already shifted 90° and will soon bring the monsoons from the west for April showers. The squadron as well as the season here is undergoing rapid change. With new personnel checking in and the old leaving, Admin has been kept busy with orders, check in/out procedures and stateside flight bookings. For some unknown reason all the people departing in April wanted to celebrate the Squadron Anniversary at home.

Anticipating the arrival of the new X.O. and C.O.; LCDR AYDELOTTE is rushing to get his Department in order. LCDR PFLIMLIN has returned to the Admin Dept. to relieve LCDR AYDELOTTE upon his departure.

It is rumored that LTJG KEELEY has been over-worked in the Awards branch following the Viet Cong "Tet" offensive. Over worked or not, keep the award recommendations coming in. All our people deserve recognition!

LT SHERMAN is leaving for the states and a civilian occupation. He has been a tremendous asset to the Admin Dept. as squadron (P/O) Public Affairs Officer. LT PRESS will be hard pressed (no pun intended) to perpetuate the effort.

There has been a big question as to the identity of the next Personnel Officer. With the stimulating interest shown by Ops., Admin., and various Det OinC's it was finally determined that LTJG PADGETT could not be replaced and that the Personnel trailer would be burned with all the records and Personnelmen and a shrine will be constructed on the site with the inscription "non illigiturus carborandum".

The beach is getting a good workout with the short timers reporting to go home early. Over the weekend it was noted that LTJG Shawn LUSCHER forgot to limp, LTJG Dick MARTZ trying to get a tan in one day so he could look like a bronze warrior and LCDR AYDELOTTE gathering sea shells and other beach curies as usual, along with the normal home guard "Sun for lunch" bunch.

Over heard in the Admin Office was the irate voice of our friendly Safety Officer, LCDR JONES, informing the Wolfgram editor that only two violations of wearing the LPU-2P Life Vest were observed in the last three weeks. I guess there is always that 2% that doesn't get the word!

Much to their regret, YN2 Ted FULMER and YN3 Berry JULIRE must "RIP" themselves away from the beautiful "French Riviera" of South East Asia this month and head towards that strange and interesting land called "CONUS". We want to wish both men good luck and smooth sailing. Their presence will definitely be missed. YN2 Walter FICKLIN and YN3 Robert HUNT will be assuming their jobs and we want to wish both of them good luck too. YN3 John OLSON can only say "Wait until next month". YN1 Gary McCLURE is anxiously awaiting everybodys departure so he can leave. Seems to be a trend towards TCD around here. However this trend has not interfered with the daily output of work. As a matter of fact we are temporarily out of "Midnight oil".

By the way who's this guy A.Y.S.M. "Ralph" everybodys talking about!!!

PAO/LT SHERMAN/LT PRESS

For the second consecutive month at the time of writing the Wolfgram, the P/O is checking out his relief. Got it all the first time Nick, I don't have time to repeat, I'M SHORT.

But before I go, I'd like to pass the word on the Plankowners Certificates. The last order has been received and distributed. For those that may still want one, here is the info on ordering it yourself. Give the name of Commanding Officer, date of commissioning (April 1, 1967), and request it be marked "Service in Vietnam", print your name as you want it to appear on the certificate. Send \$3.00 in check or money order to: OUR NAVY MAGAZINE, 1 HANSON PLACE, BROOKLYN, NY 11217. When it arrives, bring it to P/O for the Commanding Officer's Signature.

The Wolfgram is mailed by PAO to your wife or parents if not married but because of the already large number printed, not to both. If you do not desire it sent home, send a memo to PAO stating this.

Thanks for the fine job Det 6 PAO, we have been able to release many news items with pictures on their recent awards ceremony. They had one of their own take the pictures, using their film and NAVFORV printed them for us. WELL DONE. I haven't forgotten Det 7, as they have about 20 pictures on their awards ceremony. But they had to be sent back for more info and completed Release forms on each awardee. They had it easier in the picture dept. as an Air Force photographer did their pictures, even to printing them. How about the other dets? No ceremonies? We are not looking for just awards stories either. Any accomplishments of the det or individuals will do. Check the Memo on forwarding awards to the dets and information sheet on writing a news story, recently mailed to you, they give all the information we need. When taking pictures, use a fast film, black and white. The picture should be taken as a 3/4 view over the right shoulder of the presenter giving as much of a full view of the awardee. Make sure the medal is visible if appropriate.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

This month we regretfully bid Adieu and Bon Voyage to HMCS "Doc" OSANI who leaves us for a three year tour in Rota Spain. This assignment is a tribute to the outstanding job he has done throughout his naval career, as it is one of only three billets for a HMCS in Europe and the Mediterranean. As for future plans, the Chief concedes that it's probably time to consider appropriate actions for perpetuation of his name, and figures that he just might let some Spanish beauty bag him. Buenos suerte, Chief OSANI!

A reminder to all Flight Crews: BUMED requires that all flight personnel have an approved physical examination every 12 months, and that it is the individual's responsibility to obtain his annual physical within 30 days of his birthday.

There have been several cases of infectious hepatitis among squadron personnel lately, and this is a disease of potentially serious consequences. It's a virus infection of the liver. Hepatitis is contracted by eating or drinking contaminated food and water, so the best prevention is to refrain from eating on the local economy and buying mixed drinks or drinks with ice. Canned beer is the safest. Remember - should you get Hepatitis, you won't be allowed any alcoholic beverages for the next six to twelve months - until the liver is again normal. Xin Loi!!