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CO'S NOTE  
COMMANDING OFFICER  
CAPT A. H. MUNSON

It was indeed a pleasure and a great honor to take over command of HA(L)-3, "The Navy Seawolves". Commander Bob SPENCER had formed from a bare minimum an organization filled with zeal and dedication.

The officers and men have been carpenters, electricians, plumbers, bricklayers, ditchdiggers, etc., but first and foremost let us never forget they were fighters. The "Seawolves" have become known throughout the Delta for their accuracy, swiftness and fearlessness. These attributes were not won without effort or skill.

During this period of great turnover in which you who built the name of this squadron are leaving, I wish to assure you that we, who take over, will continue to build on those sturdy foundations that you leave to us. We will continue first and foremost to be fighters. We will try our best to maintain the high traditions of the "Navy Seawolves" so that you may always be proud of that name.

XO'S NOTE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CDR W. D. MARTIN

It is a privilege to return to Vung Tau from the Delta to serve as your Executive Officer. There is a tremendous turnover of personnel taking place at this time. The old guard built a good foundation during the first year and they would be gratified to see how the new fellows are taking hold. The detachments continue to train replacements without letting up in their aggressive pursuit of the enemy. At Vung Tau, many projects are in full bloom including: new bunkers (yes, Charlie finally got around to lobbing a few rounds into the area), creation of an X-division, clean water in the BOQ, and, would you believe it, a Navy head near the maintenance hangar?

On 4 May, the squadron bid farewell to CDR SPENCER, as CAPT MUNSON took the helm. It was a nostalgic moment in which the first year's great accomplishments were reviewed with pride, and the "Seawolves" re-dedicated themselves to another year in support of Operation Game Warden. The month also saw the installation of our new Leading Chief, Master Chief Petty Officer SPROUSE.

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DET ONE (HARNETT COUNTY)

DET ONE is undergoing a complete turnover of personnel. Many new faces are arriving with the pilot and crew training becoming heated.

LCDR WANTZ, our present O-in-C, has his relief aboard now and is working on the indoctrination program. LCDR HARKER will be taking over in the O-in-C capacity shortly. LCDR HARKER is newly arrived in HA(L)-3. He comes from a tour with the Navy's Space and Astronautics Orientation Team. We all wish you a welcome aboard and are looking forward to more of your unique humor.

LT "Sumo" SOTO the latest addition to the Bassac Raiders comes from a tour of VRF flying. LT SOTO, the renowned "South American Wrestler", is presently on a strict Vietnamese diet of rice only.

LT CHRISTENSEN has departed for the homeland after a hectic final week in the Delta where he utilized rice paddy landing fields twice. Best of luck, Chris.

ADJ2 HARRIS, our leading petty officer has departed, not only finishing up his Vietnam tour, but also his Navy tour. Petty Officer HARRIS did a fine job for the Detachment. We all extend to him the best of luck at school.

This month also has seen the addition of two new gunners, AMHAN ROBINSON and ATN3 NIMMO. Both men are already seasoned veterans and are certainly welcome additions.

LTJG David CRANOR was last seen with bag in hand, carrying a "Manila or Bust" sign. The leave fever hits hard.

DET TWO (NHA BE)

Since Uncle Ho's birthday the pace has slackened somewhat in the greater Nha Be area, but our newly painted helo pad (known throughout South Vietnam as Nha Be Muni) continues to attract heavy Army traffic due to the quality of the Navy chow. LCDR Ron PENNINGTON has relieved LCDR Norm ELDER as O-in-C and, before his departure for Vung Tau, Mr. ELDER was presented an engraved putter from the appreciative officers and men of DET TWO. Mr. ELDER left with the threat that he would return at least once a month to renew old acquaintances. "Charlie" and the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) at Nha Be were relieved at the recent departure of LT Dick STANGER, but the Det will miss this aggressive pilot who issued a challenge to all "Seawolves" to equal or better his total flight time (over 600), fiscal night time (170 hours) and combat missions (550). LTJG Pete SHAY left this fair country for HC-6 and didn't appear to be a bit upset. The Det feels the loss of ABO John KEAWE who is headed for Imperial Beach, as is ADJ2 George SAPPENFIELD. To augment these losses, Vung Tau has seen fit to send LT John CONNOLLY of recent HC-1 fame; ADJ3



Bruce BOISSEY, who is learning to make coffee, ATNAN Ben SMITH and ATNAN Jim ROBINSON. We share the same manpower shortage as the rest of the squadron, but have maintained this Det's usual high level of proficiency.

Two of our short-timers, LTJG Mal ROBERTS, who has been seen parading around in a bathing suit since his return from Australia, and AE2 Dave HILTON, who has taken to sleeping in the bunker at night, give the rest of us some hope that the tour really does have an end. LT Ed McCASKILL and his dauntless co-pilot, LTJG Wil DAVIS have assumed the roles of flight time hogs and are making a name for themselves throughout the area. LTJG Dave (R.I.P.) GOLLAHAN has finally emerged from his cubicle prior to 1300 and has managed to meet the new hands. LCDR Ron PENNINGTON is wondering what happened to his 48's and has taken out his frustration on the cribbage board with a respectful, although unlucky, LTJG Derek BROWN. LTJG Dick SIDNEY will be headed for Vung Tau early in June to assume the duties of Material Officer and, hopefully, will empty his "personal drawer" in the admin desk before he leaves. LTJG Al BILLINGS was observed manning his aircraft on a night scramble wearing only one boot and minus his Australian bush hat. A similar night scramble found ADJ2 TAYLOR running from the barracks with pistol in one hand and pillow in the other. Rumors have it that AMH3 Steve BARRETT is making elaborate plans to take home his .50 caliber when he's not entranced with Country-Western music. AMH3 George HEADY acquired two dogs during the last month - one met his demise after drinking some of BOISSEY's coffee, the other, after several "suggestions" was returned to the CPO's quarters. AE2 Gary NOYD has been kept busy replacing rotating beacon bulbs and distributing Budweiser buttons. AMHAN Bob FARRELL has continued to receive James FARRELL's mail; through his unique sunglasses, one detects a look of disappointment. AMH3 Terry REASNOR, another short-timer, raced to the protection of the bunker at the commencement of a B-52 raid in nearby Long An (12 miles away). AMS3 Johnny CRUSE is waiting for his transfer to Vung Tau then CONUS. He has aided with the bookkeeping during the last few weeks. ADJ2 Doug WOZNIAK (The wizard of Woz) has acquired a slight slouch due to the number of medals he sports around his neck. AO3 Morris PENDLETON has taken over as the Det photographer. He's always seen with a camera of some description.

Thus our detachment fights the forces of evil in the Rung Sat Special Zone with cunning, courage and color.

DET THREE (Not submitted)

#### DET FOUR (GARRETT COUNTY)

It's time again for another change of pace for the chargers of DET FOUR. The "Seawolves" of this det not only get new personnel, but ships too. The USS JENNINGS COUNTY will soon be departing for an R&R site, to be replaced again (Would you believe?) by the USS GARRETT COUNTY. So to the officers and men of the JENNINGS, please accept our heartiest thanks for your warm hospitality. We do have a minor request before you go.

Please forego swapping movies with the GARRETT on her return trip. Re-runs of the re-runs are discouraging even to the most devoted movie watchers.

The change of personnel continues. The latest departures for CONUS were LTJG Marv BULSON and ENS Jim BEAIRD, two major figures in the Det's own three-ring circus. LTJG "Mumbles" MOORE must now shoulder the burden of providing the comic relief. The single remaining short-timer, LCDR Art CLARK, really hated to see his two principal antagonists leave. After many months of association with Marv and Jim, he will admit that he is now just a bit "balmy". Hang in there Mr. CLARK -- you're next! Marv is heading to HC-6, Norfolk, Virginia. Jim is also bound for the east coast, taking up with HC-2, Lakehurst, New Jersey. Good luck to both of you from all of us.

We welcome aboard the newest members of the DET FOUR family, and what a cross-section it is -- an easterner from Boston, a South American, a Virginian (accent and all), and a Texan.

LCDR Paul FRANKENBERGER comes to us from HS-5, Quonset Point, R. I. LT Raul VAZQUEZ, our new Maintenance Officer was stationed at VRF-31, Norfolk. LTJG Paul STEUBE comes to us via Guam and Station SAR duty. LTJG Bob HAGGERTON, the small Texan without boots, arrived from NAS, Dallas. WELCOME!!

We also welcome ATL Art AINSWORTH, who comes from VC-3, Det San Clemente Island, A02 "Gunslinger" WHEELER who was previously stationed aboard the USS TICONDEROGA (CVA-14) via AO "A" school, AMS3 Robert LYTTLE from AMS "A" school and ADJAN John SADLER, previously stationed at ADJ "A" school, Memphis.

Those returning to join the Vung Tau Warriors were AMS1 James JONES, Jr., AE2 Mike CAUDILL, ADJ3 Steve GARDINER and ADJ3 Steve PITMAN.

LT VAZQUEZ says he thinks he's hearing things these days. It seems that "sweet nothings" are being whispered in his ear via the airways. Come to find out it was just another South American LT O. SOTO of DET ONE saying "Vazquez, Vazquez, where are you Senor?". The reply: "I'm in Vietnam on the Co Chien".

LT Bill BARNES has received his orders. Hopefully his wife, has received all her shots by now. Maybe next time he'll get Naples instead of Pt. Mugu, California. One must always be prepared for the worst of course.

It has been suggested that A02 WHEELER tie a rope to his gun before shooting, that way he'll always remember where it is...or went.

ADJ3 "Sully" SULLIVAN, better known as one shot SULLIVAN, is slowly but surely stockpiling the ordnance at DET FOUR by squeezing off one round at a time....it's a machine gun "Sully"!

AE2 KORMAN, the last of the "Old Gunslingers" is still going strong by training the new gunslingers. If you ask for his advice it's free, and he'll give it.

It seems that the USS JENNINGS COUNTY is still looking for the "Phantom Seawolf" who started stenciling "Seawolves" here and there around the ship after the gunships got mysteriously stenciled with the JENNINGS COUNTY mark. All's fair in love and war!

#### DET FIVE (HUNTERDON COUNTY)

The month of May will be the last month for two of our pilots to enjoy the fun capitol of the world, sunny Vietnam. Soon, LT Dick BASYE and LTJG Larry KIER will be departing this beautiful land to return to the smog and fog of such places as San Diego. We sure wish you guys could stay another year with us, but that's life.

LCDR Norm "One Shot" SCHRADER is Det FIVE's new Assistant O-in-C. We don't know yet if he is just lucky, or if he is lethal. The way he has started out, there will soon be a sampan shortage on the Ham Luong. We would also like to welcome two new gunners, "Hay Stack" MARINACCIO and "Swift Talking" SEAL. We understand that MARINACCIO was a farmer before joining the Navy. Growing hay was his specialty.

"Dead-eye" WILLIAMS and Mike CONNELLY are taking a little three day vacation. Wung Tau had better hide their gun pylons because we hear WILLIAMS uses them for target practice. He says if you hit them just right some kind of pretty purple fluid will gush forth. For some reason PAPERNO doesn't seem to enjoy this sport as much as does WILLIAMS. Danny JACOBSEN has been lifting weights and letting his hair grow longer and longer. We don't know whether it's for his Australian R&R, or whether maybe MGM is hunting for a new Tarzan. We are glad to see that COMA's chin is well. Chief SWART got a Purple Heart for almost the same thing. Wonder what the difference was? Chief SWART really enjoyed his day patrol with the PBR's. He said searching sampans can be an eye opening experience.

EMS OGLE "the Far East Trader" has been buying and selling so much stereo gear lately we wonder if he isn't really some Japanese salesman in disguise. Jerry "Care Package" PRATT has been keeping the Detachment well supplied with "goodies" thanks to his girl friend. We don't know if they are simply Care packages, or perhaps as the old saying goes, "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach". LTJG GOZA is supposed to be going to Hawaii shortly to meet his wife. With all the money we saw him with today we wonder if maybe he plans on skipping country, too. LCDR CALKIN has many hard decisions to make now that he is the O-in-C of DET FIVE. The hardest seems to stem from new car fever. He can't decide whether he wants an MG or a Cadillac!



As we close the Wolfgram for the month of May, we have one final wish. We hope that Vung Tau will send us a few more LCDR's to fill our vacancies. ENS OGLE would especially appreciate it so that he wouldn't have to share all his jobs with another Ensign.

DET SIX (DONG TAM)

Greetings fun seekers, and welcome to the enchanted garden of the Delta. Dong Tam has been mercifully quiet during the last month. Some of the old hands have claimed they can't sleep; the silence is deafening. Due to reasons known only to himself, LCDR Hugh CHILDRESS has delayed the rainy season and cancelled the month of June. LCDR Charles OYLER is planting again, the botanical gardens were never lovelier. A hearty welcome aboard to LTJG Ed WILSON, a young officer of striking character and graceful countenance who shows great promise. Also, welcome aboard to AO2 Bob HARVEY, AM32 Roger McELHINEY, AN Merrit BUSH and AA Charles LARSEN, gentlemen of conspicuous talent from whom we expect great things. ENS Ray LAROCHE is just back from R&R in Sydney. No one really knows if he had a good time, we can't get the grin off his face long enough for him to talk about it. ADEN Bobby BOONE and AO3 Arthur IBARRA are also back from R&R on the Pearl of the Orient, Vung Tau. ATNAN Benjamin SMITH and ADJAN James MERRIFSON have left for gunners school where we wish them the best of luck and success. AN Dennis ROBERTSON, we are sorry to say, has been transferred to DET FOUR. We hope they are aware of their good fortune.

Congratulations to Ed WILSON for putting on his LTJG bars. Not to be outdone, ADEN Jerry BARTLETON rowed on his crew. Congratulations Jerry. We will, indeed, be sorry to say good bye to LTJG Dave DICK who is leaving for Sanley Point in the Philippines. He's one of the few old timers left. LCDR CHILDRESS seems relieved, however, at the prospect of running his own detachment. Good luck, Davey!

Hearty slap on the back to LT Howie PRICE upon receiving his AHAC papers. LTJG Johnny HANDEL is sporting a new pair of black pajamas. If that sounds weird, you should have heard Johnny haggling in terrible English with the tailor who spoke Vietnamese flawlessly. LT Jack WILSON has developed a slight tic in his left eye and has developed a habit of muttering darkly to himself. Something to do with paper work, we think.

An O-in-C relieving ceremony was held on May 8 with LCDR C. H. CHILDRESS taking over as O-in-C from LCDR Charles MEYERS. Welcome aboard, sir!

We are sorry to say that LT Bill LLOYD has been transferred to Operational Test and Evaluation Forces Pacific, located at North Island. He is an exemplary officer and an outstanding aviator. We shall miss him very much. We wish his wife, Nancy, a swift recovery and send them congratulations on the twins along with our very best wishes. Take care, Bill!

## DET SEVEN (BINH THUY)

Well, things at DET SEVEN are picking up again. The O-in-C is smiling. Old "Cactus Jack" has finally recovered from the loss of his first jeep. Well, look at it this way Mr. CONNELLY, with the help of the DET ONE drivers you've eliminated the DET SEVEN auto safety program. LCDR Ed "The Neck" FUREY, a new arrival to the Det, says he's trying to lose a little weight (who isn't except "the Ancient Mariner"). We think he's going to find it a little rough eating three meals a day plus C-rations. LT Jim "Fly-all-the-time" BEEM also arrived here this month. He is rapidly becoming a one man arsenal. In just a few short weeks he's picked up an M-14 rifle, a "grease" gun and a .45 cal. pistol. I don't know what he's worried about. He's surely safer here than he was in the Training Command. LT Jim WALKER, the professional "hot dog", is flying his last few combat flights in his wild flight suit this month. Jim is returning to a nice soft "white collar" job in Vung Tau for the duration. Good luck, you desk jockey. LT Bill "the Goat" FOLEY left us for the "land of the free and the home of the brave" this month. He's going to be a Navy test pilot for Kaman Aircraft in Connecticut. Rough duty--hope he can hack it. LT "Little John" MESERVE has recently taken a commanding lead in the Det's worst rocket shot category. Three kilometers off target? A sniper in a tree? Well, he's getting better. A lot of people around DET SEVEN are getting swelled heads lately. Seems we've got a few movie stars out here. An NBC-Navy film team came here to film a portion of a movie that is to depict a day in the life of aviators in Vietnam (note: nothing was said about normal aviators). In the DET SEVEN portion of the film, there are a few revealing sequences. "Cactus Jack" CONNELLY reveals that our living conditions are great----Pete MADLEY reveals a great deal of humility ----Mike WHITTEMORE reveals all in a daring shower scene,----"Wally" COX reveals that he considers paper work a recreation (take note Vung Tau). Pretty good acting, Whit, but we couldn't hear you humming. Pat "the-angry-young-man" BRIDGES' scene had to be cut when the interviewer foolishly asked his opinion on the Army. You really didn't mean that did you Pat? "Pete" PETERSON just returned from a ten day maintenance test pilot school----was the school that tough "Pete". He came back tired and broke. We said goodbye to our NCOIC AMH Ben SUTTON. It was sad to see a grown man cry when we told him he couldn't take his "monkey belt" with him. You guys in Vung Tau might remember seeing old "Gungee" weaving around there in May waiting to leave. Remember two big red lights over a silly grin? ADJ2 Dwayne BELL was overjoyed to have taken over the crew. The only time we "might" see him is between the club and the SEAL barracks. The club here was very happy this month. Their intake reached a new high thanks to ADJ3 John "Mag" WEIL. AMS3 Rick HUGHES returned from Vung Tau and a little in-country R&R. Everyone has dug out their ear plugs again. Has anyone seen Den WOBBE? Bet he's sand-bagging. We think we lost him. He left for Vung Tau weeks ago and hasn't come back yet. We want to acknowledge an oversight in the last "Wolfgang". Don "Hate" SMITH did make ATN3. O. K. Smitty. Now

everyone knows, so you can quit sulking! With a big sigh of relief ADJ3 Jim "Herc" HELMS finally finished his courses for rate. We think he got a lot of help from his friend Ralph. AO3 Bob SCHOCK is having quite a time explaining the gun system to our new gunners. They get him off the subject discussing the differences between liberty in Vung Tau and Bon Xe Moi and when Bob starts thinking about liberty he's no good for the rest of the day. We want to welcome our new gunners, ADJAN Jim DELORNE and ABHAM "Butch" TAYLOR, the big man from Nevada. Mike MOLINA is still here. He comes out of the gunner's CONEX whenever we have a cookout. AX2 Steve WRIGHT wants it known that when his wife Janell does something she does it in a big way. Last April she gave birth to a 9 lb. 2 oz. boy, Shayne. All Steve knows about his son is that he's blond, blue-eyed, has a good set of lungs and squirts people. What does that mean Steve? We also want to express how much of an asset AMS2 Omar CARTER was to DET SEVEN. Old "comshaw" CARTER can never be replaced. Just a warning to his new outfit----"Watch your gear".

Well, that's about it for this month. With the peace talks making such great progress, it looks like we may be here a while longer. So we return to the stalwart war eagles to join the enemy battle. See you next month.

MAINTENANCE  
CDR DEY/LCDR HOLLINGWORTH

Maintenance Officer -CDR Gordon DEY has officially relieved me as the Aircraft Maintenance Officer. I wish at this time to express my gratitude to all members of the maintenance department for the cooperation and dedication you have given me. Please carry on in your superb manner.  
LCDR R. M. HOLLINGWORTH

Welcome aboard to LCDR Jim HICE, (the oldest O4 in the world) and LT Don BATTI (the grey fox), two additions to our department that will indeed increase our service to the detachments.

The Maintenance Officer (Tiger DEY), has just returned from the big war in the Delta. From our reports we understand there are fewer trees, monkeys and VC left in the area around Vinh Long.

There are many new faces in the hangar area. Welcome aboard to Chief ("not another memo") EATON and Master Chief SPROUSE, both assigned to maintenance control. We must, with tear in eye, say so long to LCDR Joe BOUCHARD who leaves the first of June.

The maintenance area was the scene of a recent awards ceremony. CAPT MUNSON presented Bronze Star Medals to the heroic defenders of the Vinh Long Convent, LCDR Joe BOUCHARD, Chief Petty Officer SMITH and Petty Officer First Class FIELDS. All three were cited for valor during the Tet



Offensive. Armed with machine guns, they held the Viet Cong at bay and prevented the insurgents from overrunning the Orphanage and Convent at Vinh Long.

Chief SMITH, our smiling nite check CPO has been at Vinh Long playing tennis for the last three days. Understand his championship is undisputed.

More departures in early June, LTJG SMITH, Aviation Weapons Officer and LT Steve BEGUIN, Quality Control Officer. Their talents and fine humor will be a big loss to the department.

LCDR (Special Projects) HOLLINGWORTH will be departing the fun capitol in early July - but not before all projects are completed, i. e. BOQ curtains, barbecue pit, swimming pool, air conditioning in the Maintenance Officer's room, etc., etc., etc.

WORDS OF WISDOM OF THE ~~FLY~~"-After several tours in aircraft maintenance, I find one area of training lacking - namely the Army's maintenance and supply system. It certainly brings out any kleptomaniacal tendencies in a person. It goes without saying that I was highly impressed with the maintenance crew for their ability to get a tough job done and am looking forward to keeping the "Seawolves" flying for another year.

#### Down By Ye Ole Mech Shep

Chief SYLVESTER has taken his leave for the states. He received orders to NAS, Cecil Field, Florida. His last comment before departing was "keep em flying men". ADJ1 MATTHEW was close on the Chief's heels. It was reported that as he neared the finish line he maintained a steady altitude of at least 15,000 feet. We spoke to Matt just before his flight and it was very evident he thought he was already airborne and headed for Pax River. ADJ2 KOONTZ left for home and as most of us know he was sporting a sly-wolf grin that told his tale. ADJ3 PALETTA left for NAS, Imperial Beach and a happy reunion with his wife and son. We all wonder how his handle bar mustache will hold up stateside. Jack ORDNER and MacFARLANE can be seen making low passes over the area with their check-out sheets in hand. ADJ3 PITMAN departs in June, along with ADJ2 HACKMAN. HACKMAN and ADJ3 YOUNG are in Sydney on R&R. We were told they plan several night blasts while there. We hope they don't have to use their escape and evasion training. ADJ3 CRANICK is looking forward to going home to join his wife in June.

On the incoming side, we were all happy to see ADJ1 WILLIAMS report for duty. It was noted that he had a slight difference of opinion with the clothes line behind the barracks while traveling at a high rate of speed. Ask him to smile for you. His teeth tell of his plight. ADJ1 ENGH was sent to Vinh Long where he will put his maintenance talents to use. He was last seen heading for the "Seawolf" line. It was noted he was wearing a new pair of track shoes. ADJ2 BERIONES has joined the ranks

of HA(1)-3 along with ADJ3 JAMES, ADJ2 ICKE, and, of course, ADJ3 DOONAN who fought his way to the Mech Shop. It took him 6 months to travel the 60 feet to us. He now carries one 18 inch crescent wrench which he calls his line suppressor. At this writing, ADJ2 MILBOURNE has come to us from DET ONE. From his smile we suspect he is a short-timer. Last of all, ADJ1 HUNT took over as Shop Supervisor. While he may not be as tall as Chief SYLVESTER, he carries one mighty big stick with the inscription "We do outstanding maintenance, don't we men?" on it. It's rumored, LT BACANSKAS, carries an even bigger one.

AIRFRAMES SHOP  
(The Metal Maulers)

The big rumor in maintenance is that the designation of the Airframes Shop is soon to be changed from "MARTIN's Metal Maulers" to "SMITH's Hammer Slammers". (If you can't fix it, get a bigger hammer.)

The past month has been a hard one. Many of the men worked for as long as four weeks without a day off, part of the time on twelve hours on and twelve hours off shifts. Despite the long hours, and parts shortages, the job was accomplished and the morale remained high. A "Well Done" is extended to the men of the Airframes Shop and to the other shops that enabled us to do our job in the minimum time necessary. Keep up the good work.

A hearty "Welcome Aboard" is extended to AMSC SMITH, AMSAN BURMAN, AMS3 HAYNES, AMHAN GRINNELL, AMHAN SUBLETT, AMSAN-SOTO, AMSAN WAGGANER, AMHAN FRYBURGLER, AMHAN MILLER and AMHAN PIOS. All of us hope you have a speedy and pleasant tour.

Farewell and a "Well Done" is extended to the following men who will be departing for the land of the big PX in the month of June. AMSC MARTIN, AMH1 ANDRUS. (Andy doesn't have a confirmed flight yet but, oh boy, is he working on it), AMS1 QUIBODEAUX, AMS1 "Cap" CAPOZZI, AMH3 GRESHAM (in the same boat with Andy), AMS3 LAMOREAUX, AMS1 JOHNSON, AMS3 STEMBRIDGE and ADJ1 SEAMAN (in the boat with ANDRUS and GRESHAM). Without your loyal support the past year's job would have been impossible to accomplish. All of us wish you fair skies and smooth sailing.

Word has been circulating throughout the BOQ that the AME Shop is the best "Curtain Factory" in the Republic. Did I hear that correctly?!

Until next month.....

AVIONICS/WEAPONS

It seems that the Ordnance Shop is now in the artillery business. The American advisor to the local Vietnamese training center needed some artillery, so "Seawolf" Lino (AO1) PRETTO came to the rescue by devising a mobile rocket launcher that will terrorize the Viet Cong for miles

around. Petty Officer PRETTO severed his racketeer connections with the Mafia and is now a rocketeer instead...

Congratulations to Petty Officer CARTER. "Big John" is not only the biggest, but the best of Ordnancemen.

Finally, the Ordnanceman that deserves the most credit this month is AO2 "Pappy" SHANNON. Almost singlehandedly "Pappy" put down a real Indian uprising. Kind of like General Custer and Davy Crockett combined, with perhaps a dash of Daniel Boone added.

The Electric Shop personnel are having trouble seeing their way clear. At least AEAN Tommy GRUBBS is. It seems ole Tom dropped a pair of his glasses into a Vietnamese sewage ditch. Lucky for him he had an extra pair...he did until he bent over to "fish" for the first pair. Yes, both of them ended up in that beautifully scented ditch.

AE3 THOMPSON (Gentleman Jim) was just designated Collateral Duty Inspector. Good show there James!

Petty Officer Abe ANCRUM has taken the reins of the Electric Shop from Chief MORGAN. "Honest Abe" ANCRUM is doing an outstanding job. Keep charging!

The Electronics Technicians have been busy with the new radar altimeter kits and the rather involved installation instructions. ATN3 NIMMO (You've all heard of Captain NIMMO?) departed for DET ONE, thereby cleverly avoided having to work on those radar altimeters. Happy shootin' there, NIMMO!

We'd all like to say a big howdy and welcome aboard to Petty Officers (both ATN3's) Bob EASTERWOOD and Terry MARSDEN. Both these gentlemen are really squared-away at keeping up with Joe Electron. Bob EASTERWOOD got a "numba one" helicopter indoctrination flight with LTJG Jeff "Stringer" SMITH, his division officer. After this jaunt into the wild blue, "Woody" kept mumbling something about "what am I doin' here?" and "why me?". Sorry about that, mate!

ATN2 SANDIDGE and ATN3 HARDENBROOK are departing for the land of blue skies and round eyes. Good fortune to both of you.

As a parting note, we'd like to welcome the new Avionics/Weapons Officer aboard. His name is LT Don BATTI -- otherwise known as the "Grey Fox". His welcome to the "Seawolves" has been a warm one for sure. Vietnam doesn't really agree with Don though. The other day when "The Grey Fox" wasn't feeling too well, we sent him down to see division chief McGRATH. AOC McGRATH always maintained he was a Flight Surgeon before he got promoted to Chief. Chief McGRATH examined the patient and said, "Grey Fox, you have a severe gastrointestinal disorder. You are suffering from morbid fluidity and high frequency tremors, sir". "Grey Fox", he don't say nothing, just muttered, "Yeah, welcome to Vietnam".



## QUALITY CONTROL

The month of May was an extremely happy month for a few of our personnel as they departed for the land of round-eyed women and the big PX. We have had no communications with Chief Raymond CELLA, Chief Bob PERKINS, and AMH1 Tony CORRADO since they left so it is assumed that they are enjoying themselves and have more important things to do.

AE3 Thomas STEVELY joined the division a few days ago and is in the process of getting checked out on Quality Control procedures. "Steve" is being cross-trained as an AT Inspector to replace "Pete" TABACHKI who is leaving for the world on 9 June. Surprisingly enough, "Steve" said the operation was rather painless.

All of the new personnel have stated on numerous occasions that they will be glad when Chief Don GARRISON and Pete TABACHKI leave. We can't figure out why, but maybe it's because we remind them how long they have by telling them every day how short we are.

The land of the Aussies must be very exciting. At least that is the impression that we received when our division officer, LT Steve BEGUIN, returned from R&R in Sydney. It will just have to remain a mystery though as he isn't talking. Don't know why it is though, unless he is afraid he might incriminate himself. Seeing as how he is leaving in a few days, maybe he will break down and tell us before he leaves.

Well that is all from the ole QC division for this month. In closing, I might add a note for all the long-timers; just grin and keep a stiff upper lip and your time to rotate will soon come around.

## OPERATIONS CDR HILLE

May was a good month for the Operations Department. It was CDR HILLE's first month in the saddle as our boss. He has every one "turning to" on the various tasks at hand.

LCDR "Evil" SAVAGE took a break from the strenuous office work for a week of rest in Sydney. He returned to the office counting days as do all the short timers here at home base. LT Raleigh SMITH has been giving some action-filled tactics lectures to the indoctrination classes of new pilots we have coming to the squadron. We have had close to forty officers and men check-in during the past month.

The time is growing close when all of the original "Wolves" will be returned to COMUS and the squadron will be filled by "new blood". By the end of July all of the rotations will have been made.

Things are swinging down in the Communications trailer. The Comm Office finally got its own phone. CYN3 BRANLIN came down from the Operations Department to beef up the Comm staff. LCDR BRADY has been pushing out the Safety-grams from his small office. Next door the AIO, LTJG CATHCART, has added another light to his office so he can read his various maps. LTJG CATHCART will brief anyone who is interested, so stop by if you want the "scoop".

Things have been quite hectic around the flight schedule desk with LT SMITH trying to separate the "snivelers" from the "strappers" for the Duty Fire Team and "Gramps" FRANK scraping the bottom of the barrel for gunners. Welcome aboard to AN KELSEY who has been doing a number one job in taking over BRANHAM's duties in Ops.

LT SMITH has also been very busy running around the Delta giving FTL check flights. I hear he has someone else helping now. Welcome to the party LCDR McPHERSON. All this work and activity usually ends up in the hands and on the backs of the enlisted "doers".

That's it from Ops. We're looking forward to some good months ahead. The BOQ Mess and Club are swinging into shape. You wouldn't recognize the Club now. It really has the atmosphere. Stop in for a drink when you're in town.

ADMIN DEPARTMENT  
CDR BARTLETT

The feathers have settled to the ground! CAPT MUNSON, our new Commanding Officer has arrived after giving CDR SPENCER a few anxious moments. The Commander had visions of an involuntary extended tour in Vietnam. On about the same "glorious" day, CDR MARTIN, sporting the latest continental coiffure, swept in from Hawaii. As the latest golden "Beatles" hit has it, "one said hello, one said goodbye". Mission accomplished: CDR MARTIN has the XO sack!

CDR "Brutus" BARTLETT, our ever active boss, has really taken the Admin bull by the horns. The only time the Commander unstraps his flask of midnight oil is when he's leading the Vung Tau Athletic Club through the surf, shells and tar of "Back Beach". One question remains unanswered, can a full Commander outleg a budding Ensign? Willie ORR says, "never happened".

Digging deeper toward the core of the department, LCDR SCHWARTZ, the real "Ralph" of A.Y.S.M.R. fame, barrelled through his short tenure of office. In the space of four short weeks, LCDR SCHWARTZ, checked in, R&R'd in Sydney and Kuala Lumpur, bit off an enormous chunk of the awards job, and just as hurriedly bailed out for the states. LCDR "Pierre" PFLIMLIN, graciously bid all "Au revoir". LCDR ELDER, gold plated golf club in hand, the popular O-in-C of DET TWO, stepped in, wearing his famed smile, to take the reins from LCDR PFLIMLIN.

LT Tom COGSWELL walked in to learn that he had been computer-selected to assume the monumental task of being the Personnel Officer. With his wealth of Personnel knowledge, there should be "no sweat", right, Tom? To allay any fears he might have, the department presented, Tom, with an able assistant, in the person of LTJG Tom WARLICK. With two Toms in one slot how can we miss in providing nothing but the best of service.

The blazing, "white trail", LTJG Dick WHITE, picked up all his marbles, cleaned his paint brushes, swept the barracks, and turned the 1st Lieutenant's job over to ENS Gerry MUNSOM (no relation to the Skipper). Haven't we seen you around the department before, GERRY?

Some short and sweet notes from YNL Gary McCLURE's team.

What's "the Fickler", YN2 Walt PICKLIN going to do after the July officer departures?

YN2 Walt JUTKOWSKY's influence extends just how far? He acquired (?) a 25-foot sail boat and had the Army transport it via helo to the beach. WOW!!

YN2 Sam PARKER has stopped shedding his skin. Good to see you in one piece again, Sam!

YN3 KLAUS has a very active correspondence with "Dear Abby". Some guys just can't contain their natural charm.

YN3 Ricky LARGADO's glasses are fogged and his vision blurred by reams of orange fitness reports. Smile, senior!

ADJAN Mike CALHOUN, the nasty mech in the crowd, is really flipping those letters about.

The word is out that Mac wears those dark sunglasses to keep the sun from popping those little blood vessels that are standing out in his eyes in the morning.

PAO  
LT PRESS

The PA picture this past month has been excellent. With the cooperation of the detts and the home guard, we were able to release 150 stories ranging in content from "Welcome Aboard Stories", promotions, to award



presentations. There is potential for even a larger number of releases. Prompt return of completed News Release forms to PAO, preferably with pictures (black & white individual) will boost our PA program even more. There is no ceiling or limit to the number of stories we can release. Shoot those pictures, append the facts, and we'll formulate a story for release.

We would appreciate receiving any printed story from hometown papers that your family might send. The PAO board is getting stale with the same stories attached for months at a time.

We would enlist the cooperation of all Dets in providing PAO teams from Saigon any help they might ask for, not to interfere with operational or training requirements in organizing their stories. In this regard, advise the PAO of the arrival of teams in your area, so that we are kept abreast of the PA work being done on the Dets.

A reminder to all Detachments/Departments that the Wolfgram material is to be submitted monthly by the date of the O-in-C meeting (usually the last Friday of the month). Any delays in submission forces us to put off the editing and printing of the Wolfgram.

In the past month, some squadron members received a number of fine awards. A special note of congratulations to:

LT BARNES: Silver Star  
LTJG STOCK: Silver Star  
LT CHRISTENSEN: Distinguished Flying Cross  
ADJ3 GARDINER: Distinguished Flying Cross  
AO3 IBARRA: Distinguished Flying Cross  
LCDR BOUCHARD: Bronze Star  
ADJC SMITH: Bronze Star  
AMSI FIELDS: Bronze Star  
LCDR MYERS: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
LCDR OYLER: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
LCDR SAVAGE: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
LT LLOYD: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
LT PRESS: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
LTJG STOCK: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
LTJG WHITE: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
LTJG DICK: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
ENS LAROCHELLE: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
MM1 ANDRUS: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
ADJ1 SEAMAN: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
AO2 YORK: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
ADJ2 KRZYSIAK: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
AO3 IBARRA: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
ADJ3 ROPER: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
ADJ3 BOONE: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
ABH3 TAYLOR: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
AN HIGGINS: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry  
AN CAMPBELL: Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT  
LT TAYLOR/LT SPENCE

The big news this month continues to be the welcoming aboard to new faces. First came HML FERRIN, fresh from duty in Japan, and the authority to be consulted on where-to-go and what-to-do should you be planning an R&R in the exotic Far East islands.

One of the most eagerly-awaited "new guys" made his appearance the last of the month - Doctor TAYLOR's relief, Doctor Clarence SPENCE. He was originally scheduled to go north with the U. S. Marines, but evidently decided life wasn't exciting enough in I Corps so he detoured to the Delta. Should he start enjoying the little "French Riviera" too much we can always arrange for him to visit his friends up north for a few days which should square him away.

Monthly Reminder: Remember - Flies spread disease.....