

WO Wicker is an experienced professional combat aviator. He is fully aware of the capabilities and limitations of the UH-1 and never exceeds them. He has mastered the use of the helicopter in an aerial rocket artillery role. The techniques and employment of this system, while not complex, requires a different solution for each situation. WO Wicker is outstanding in his ability to analyze the tactical situation quickly and come up with the proper response. Few aviators with his experience are able to consistently run a mission in the professional manner that he does. WO Wicker's performance of duty against hostile

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fire and adverse weather conditions is unfaltering.

The large turnover of aviators in this unit poses a serious training problem. WO Wicker has assisted willingly in educating new aviators. His knowledge of the aircraft, weapons system, and his personality are such that he is a highly effective instructor. The training of crew chiefs in their duties is an area in which WO Wicker's experience in maintenance is of great benefit to the unit. Besides inspecting the aircraft & monitoring the required records he frequently makes on-the-spot corrections of the crew chiefs. This includes in-flight duties as well as maintenance.

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WO Wicker is determined in his desire to accomplish the mission but he does not unnecessarily endanger the lives of his crew in order to carry it out.

As the self-appointed "morale officer" for the platoon WO Wicker contributes significantly to its morale.

WO Wicker's finesse as a UH-1 ~~Pilot~~ ^{Pilot} and his ability to employ the weapons ^{system} in a fast changing situation far exceeds that of his contemporaries. He is highly recommended for advanced schooling in aviation.

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