

FROM MIKE SULLIVAN
HE FLEW WITH BOB HAGERTON

Don,

I've just been looking through the Seawolf info. I've gotten over the past few months - and it's been jogging my memory a little (not much) I don't even remember what number Jet I was on - I do remember it was the Garrett County for awhile - then it was the Hunterdon County - we were on the Hom Long and the Co Chien rivers. - we used to take overnight R&Rs at Vinh Binh (I think) since it's 10 below zero out tonight - it's sort of easier to sit by the fire and try to remember.

There was 2 of us when we arrived in country - we flew in from the Philippines - one order stated HAL-3, Viet-Nam - they flew us by C-130 into Chu Lai - here we are 2 sailors in our dress whites looking up north with all these Marines. It took us 2 days of searching to finally get to the Seawolf main base in Vung Tau. Most of the guys preceding us had some sort of gunner training at Fort Benning / we had on the job training - I had a bitch of a time trying to get that M-60 to shoot more than one round at a time.

Anyway - we had mech. training / First Aid
etc in a hangar in Vung Tau / then we
were sent out on Det. - My first flight in
a Huey was my flight out on Det. - not
much in the way of preparation. Vung Tau
at that time was totally secure - we even got
to the beach a few times - I can remember
a big mountain to the right as we flew
into Chuong Tau airport. I still have most
of my flight records - # of times / # of times
receiving fire. I can remember some names -
Rick Bouke was a pal of my crew chief / until
they split us onto different plagues. He lives in
Hawaii and I've corresponded with him for
a few years now. We had an AE named
Ainsworth / an AO named Wheeler / another
AE named Mark Korman - who was sent home when
a guy named Richardson accidentally fired a 45
slug through his forearm and we sat around
bull shitting in our racks on one of the ships.
We had a pilot named Murson (they called
him Howdy Dorky), a Ltjg named Haggerton /
a real nice Lt by the name of Barnes Bailes
and another Lt Barnes.

Well I won't take up any more of your
time - but it's been fun, remember? -
if I can help you with anything feel free

P.S. You guys are doing a great
job - organizing it all.

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