

Mr. Don Thompson

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Dear Mr. Thompson;

I am a professional naval writer and historian researching an article on HAL-3 operations in Vietnam and was hoping you might be able to lend a hand.

My name might be familiar to you from a Locator Notice Tom ran for me in your Newsletter a couple of months ago... I was wanting to find Navy Cross recipient, Norman Stayton. Still haven't found him.

In the course of research I have written several former HAL-3 COs, among them, Capt. Charles Borgstrom. He called me last night and among other things, told me he wrote an 8-page summary type of document on HAL-3, listing all the COs, etc. and, I think, giving an overview of their ops through 1972. Needless to say, such a document would be very helpful to my research.

Since he told me he thought you had a copy of it, I'd like to ask if you would send me a copy... or, send the original and let me make a copy and I'll return the other to you. Glad to pay the copying fee if you want to do it that way.

Capt. Borgstrom also told me he had photos taken of all the HAL-3 bases in Vietnam. Might you know who has those? Would like to obtain them also.


My article is going to center on Norm Stayton's Navy Cross action, but will put it within the context of HAL-3 operations in general, their missions, etc., type choppers used, armament and the like.

By the way, have you any idea where Mr. Stayton might be these days. As stated, I had no reply to the Locator Notice. Called the long-distance operator for the California city he used to live in. No luck. Borgstrom didn't know; neither did Capt. Twite.

Any leads would be appreciated.

Looking forward to hearing from you and receiving copy of the HAL-3 document. Thanks very much for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,


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