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Dear Mr. Dwyer,

First I will comment that while I am familiar with many of HAL-3's ~~shoot-em-up's~~ I have never heard of Norm Station. I do know that Lt. R. Baranko was recommended for a ~~Medal~~ ~~Citation~~ Honor, but not awarded, a Medal of Honor. Also:

1967	? Silver Stars	& ? Navy Crosses	
1968	? Silver Stars	& ? Navy Crosses	
1969	6 Silver Stars	& 2 Navy Crosses	(Adj-1 Lt. T. Williams) (Lt. J.R. Walker)
1970	9 Silver Stars	& 0 Navy Crosses	
1971	1 Silver Star	& 0 Navy Crosses	

Lt. Williams was awarded his Navy Cross for running from his crashed H2O to ~~the~~ that of their wing ship while it was being assaulted by the enemy. He pulled George Page from the burning wreckage and carried him back to the perimeter that had been established. ~~He~~ George Page, unfortunately died of his burns a few weeks later.

I am not familiar with the circumstances of Lt. Walker's Navy Cross.

I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THING YOU CAN
TELL ME ABOUT NORM SIMMONS NAVY CROSS.

WE HAVE IN OUR FILES A ~~WELL~~^{CONSIDERABLE}
INFORMATION ON HAL-3 INCLUDING THE
COMBINED HISTORIES FOR 1968, 1970 AND 1971.
THESE INCLUDE CHRONOLOGY, NARRATIVE, AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED,
FLIGHT TIME SUMMARY, ORDINANCE EXPENDED, ENEMY
DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES, COMMANDING OFFICER BIOGRAPHIES,
AWARDS, ROSTERS, KIAs, ETC. WE ALSO HAVE A
FEW HISTORIES ON HAL-3 INCLUDING THE SEMINAL
WORK BY JIM SPRINKASS.

WE ALSO HAVE A SMALL PACKET OF INFORMATION
FROM CAPT. CHARLIE BORGSTROM WHICH INCLUDES
~~SEVERAL~~ COPIES OF PHOTOS OF AKA NINE HAL-3
DETACHMENTS. CAPT. BORGSTROM HAS THE ORIGINAL
8x10 B&W CROSSIES. I WILL COPY THIS INFO.
AND FORWARD IT TO YOU AS CHARLIE IS ILL
AND UNDERWENT AN OPERATION IN ~~SEPTEMBER~~ AUGUST
OR SEPTEMBER.

~~WE ARE~~^{IF YOU} LOOKING FOR A HISTORIAN TO WRITE
A FULL LENGTH BOOK ON HAL-3 ~~AND ARE THINKING~~
~~OF SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN~~ ~~CONTACTED~~ I HAVE TWO
NAMES TO CONTACT. ~~WHO WE LEARNED FROM~~
WE WOULD LEAD OUR FULL SUPPORT TO THIS INDIVIDUAL.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE FORWARD ME COPIES
OF YOU WORKS.

SINCERELY,

CONVERSATION WITH TAMARA MENIA

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- ① NAVY DEPT. LIBRARY (SINCE 1800)
- ② NAVY OPERATIONAL ARCHIVES
- ③ CURATOR OF THE NAVY (ARTIFACTS) ^{WHO HAS}
- ④ NAVY AVIATION HISTORY BRANCH
- ⑤ THE NAVY'S COMMADE HISTORY PROGRAM
- ⑥ DR. MARK JACOBSON IS WRITING ON THE NAVY'S AIR INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM.
- ⑦ ED WIKOLDA WROTE VOL 1 + 2 OF NAVY AIR WAR IN VIETNAM
- ⑧ DR. TAMARA MENIA
ON ORIGIN STAFF WORKING AT THE NAVY HISTORICAL CENTER
AT THE WASHINGTON NAVY YARD IS AN ARMY
- ⑨ = LIBRARIAN
- ⑩ ADDITIONAL INFO AT NAVY PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTE
- ⑪ " " " U.S. NAVY ACADEMY
- ⑫ 22 PEOPLE WORKING IN HISTORY IN NAVY
(150 IN ARMY + 180 IN AIR FORCE)