

- 1- July 1969- July 1970
- 2- Main base Binh-Thuy
- 3- AMS-3- ^{AIR FRAMES-} ~~check crew~~ tracking crew etc. Last 3 or 4 months spent in check crew.
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- 5- Sqdn CO- CAPT Benkwith
- 6- none
- 7- June 1 1970 a Sealord aircraft crashed not far from the landing strip at Binh Thuy. 1st class Bowles and 1st class Wilbur Frahm along with the pilot a Lt. Muldrey were all killed, it happened early in the morning just after a FOD walkdown, I remember walking past the Sealord as it sat on the line before the test flight. Two young E-3's were supposed to go along on the flight, but Frahm and Bowles bumped them and went instead. Just after the crash word spread around the main base that a Sealord went down, and we could look out in the distance and see the smoke from the crash and one or 2 army choppers circling the crash site. They went out and brought

what was left of the bodies back, and later on the pieces of the chopper and spread them out in UAL-4's barge.

8- none -

9- none

10. no contact with ARVN's,

1. Hardly thought at all about the war, can't remember even watching much on the news, always thought it would be just like Korea, there would be a truce signed, and a North and a South Vietnam. Never did stop thinking about the people I knew in HAL-3 and how they were doing, I think that started on the flight home over the Pacific.

2.- When Saigon fell in '75, it really started to hit home, felt let down, failure, not that we had failed, but that somehow all the days spent working and sweating on the choppers seemed to be for nothing, especially the lives lost.

Couldn't believe the sight of the pilots ditching the Hueys in the China Sea, and the sailors pushing the Hueys off the deck of the ships.

13 - Felt as if we did our job as best we could, and as far as I'm concerned we won, South Vietnam fell after we pulled out and the reason it fell was the policies of the U.S. Govt and the inability of the South Vietnamese to hold up on their own. We won, we did our part, and it bothers me to hear people say Vietnam was the first war the U.S. lost.

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5 - The fondest memories I have are of the good times I spent with my close friends, the laughs and jokes we played on each other also the quiet times spent talking about home and family.

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7 - no.

8 - Felt as though HAL-3 was a very unique person and that not enough people knew what part HAL-3 paid in the war.

9 - The people who were my closest friends, plus others whose faces I can still see but don't know their names. and Tom Becker who was and still is a character. I first met him in San Diego at Imperial Beach, and only saw him every so often at Binh Thuy.

10 - I've always been a quiet type of person but it seems that since HAL-3 I've not been able to have any close friends as I did in HAL-3 or even in school before I've worked

for the Post office in Clementon for 15 years and we have about 60 employees and not once in those 15 yrs has anyone of those people been in my home. at work, people talk about Vietnam but I can never bring myself to say anything about HAL 3 or Vietnam.

21- the free time, going to a flick after work or the cheeseburgers and milkshakes at the USO in Can Tho.

2- the heat dirt and sand working out on the line, the roaches and rats in the barracks, and wondering if we were ever going to get ~~hit~~ hit at Binh Thuy.

4. the seals.

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7. no.

8. no.

9. yes, I would very much like to see what's left of the base at Binh Thuy, if it's still there etc,

30- 1 yr, 3 1/2 yrs total.

31- The death of Frahm and Bowels, and the week I spent in Hawaii with my wife.

34. Bridge over troubled water, He aint heavy hes my brother
35. cant remember any one book, I remember reading all the time I could, and the times the Red Cross would donate paperback books and picking out the ones I liked out of the stacks of books we sometimes got.
36. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, and a Movies with Henry Fonda, Once ~~a time~~ upon a time in the West
37. The hard work we put in over there and the lives we helped.
38. snacks and fresh cakes from home,
39. Kool aid.
40. helped out at the local orphanage, we tried building them a wading pool, I don't know if it was ever finished.
41. Not bad - considering. I usually tried to get a good breakfast. coffee toast eggs etc. not knowing about the other days meals.

42- DEN GRIMSLIN

ERIC GAWKOWSKI

DAVE HOLTZMASTER

BILL SOTO

MENDOZA

J.R. COHORN

DON HARBOUGH

K. YOUNG.

D. PRESTON

JEFF BOCK

I would very much like to know where
they are now, I only know the whereabouts of
GRIMSLIN, SOTO, COHORN, HARBOUGH, BOCK.

43-

44- yes.