

VNAF Joins Navy To Learn Gunship Role

BINH THUY AB, Vietnam (Special) — Ten helicopter crews from the Republic of Vietnam Air Force's (VNAF) 4th Air Div. here have begun supplementing the U.S. Navy's "Seawolves" quick reaction gunship teams operating in Military Regions 3 and 4.

The VNAF crews are undergoing familiarization to allow them to assume the Seawolves' role.

The Seawolves' official designation is HAL-3 (Helicopter Attack Light Sq. 3.) The unit operates from nine small detachments in MR-3 and MR-4. It provides immediate gunship support for river patrols and friendly forces who tangle with Viet Cong units.

U.S. Air Forces Maj. Walter A. Malkiewicz, advisor to the commander of the VNAF's 217th Helicopter Squadron, said the familiarization program would last for three months.

The program began July 1

with ground crew briefings by the U.S. Navy at Binh Thuy. The U.S. Navy-VNAF teams will use Army UH1 Huey gunships during the early phases of the program. Later, the VNAF's more modern UH1 gunships may be integrated into the operation.

Malkiewicz emphasized that the combined operation should not be considered a training program. "This is not like the U.S. Army-VNAF medical evacuation training or the U.S. Army-VNAF copilot combat assault training going on at Vinh Long Airfield and other bases.

"The VNAF crews are experienced. The pilots are rated first pilots and the gunners all have several hundred missions to their credit. The U.S. Navy crews will work with the VNAF to provide them insight into the Seawolves' role."

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55 Stocks 287.52 291.95 286.60 290.48 up 4.47

Standard and Poor's 500-Stock Index

	Close	Change
425 Industrials	105.83	up 1.54
20 Railroads	41.72	up .82
55 Utilities	57.63	up .33
500 Stocks	96.00	up 1.34

New York Stock Exchange Closing Index

Market up 57 cents. Index 53.03 up 0.74.
 Industrial 56.82 up 0.84. Transportation 43.48 up 1.03.
 Utility 38.20 up 0.26. Finance 67.71 up 1.11.

American Stock Exchange Index

High	Low	Close	Change
24.73	24.40	24.61	up .21

Dow Jones Commodity Futures Index

Open	High	Low	Close	Change
141.78	142.41	141.78	142.41	up 0.32

Dow Jones Spot Commodity Price Index closed at 141.36, up 0.22.

ACF Inds	47 7/8	Amer Standard	21 7/8
Air Reduction	19 3/4	Amer Tel & Tel	43 3/4
Alcan	19 3/4	Ampex	15 1/2
Allied Chemical	30 3/4	Anacanda	18
Allied M	21	Amco	16
Allied Stores	31 1/2	Atlantic Richfield	69
Allis Chalmers	13 1/4	Avco Corp	13 1/2
Amer Airlines	33	Bath Iron Works	33 3/4
Amer Brands	43 3/4	Beckman Instruments	35 1/4
Amer Broadcast	40 7/8	Bell & Howell	38 3/4
Amer Can	33 1/4	Bendix	53 1/8
Amer Cyanamid	32 1/2	Beneficial Fin	6
Amer Elec Power	27 1/4	Benguet	22
Amer Home Prod	78 1/4	Bethlehem Steel	16 1/4
Amer Mach Fdy	37 3/4	Boeing	22 1/2
Amer Metal Cl	30	Boise Cascade	26
Amer Motors	6 7/8	Borden	27 1/4
Amer Natural Gas	36 1/4	Borg Warner	8 1/2
Amer Smelt & Ref	22 3/4	Borman Foods	11
Amer South African	48	Branniff	

Cerro Corp	48 1/2
Chase Manhattan	52 3/4
Chem Corp	60
Ches & Ohio	26 1/2
Chrysler	42 3/4
C I T Fin	42 1/2
Cities Service	18 1/2
Cluett Peabody	102
Co-ca-Cola Co.	45
Colgate Palmolive	45 1/2
CBS	34 1/2
Columbia Gas	62 1/2
Combustion Eng	10 1/2
Columbia Pic	36
Commonwealth Ed	25 1/2
Consolidated Ed	38 1/2
Cont Can	34 1/2
Cont Oil	22 3/4
Cont Tel	52 1/2
Control Data	232
Corning Glass	42 1/4
Crane	18 1/2
Crown Crk & Seal	30 1/2
Crown Zellerbach	8
Dan River Mills	17 3/4
Dayco Corp	43 1/4
Deere & Co	19
Diamond Sham	40 1/2
Diamond Intl	56 1/4
Distill Corp Seag	63 3/4
Dow Chemical	28
Dresser Indust	147 1/2
DuPont	53 1/2
Duquesne Light	57 1/2
Eastern Airlines	7 3/4
Eastman Kodak	38 1/2
Eaton Mfg	32 1/2
ESB Corp	14 1/2
El Paso Natl Gas	69 1/2
Emerson Elec	33 1/2
Fairchild Camera	12 1/2
Family Finance	21 7/8
Ferro Corp	24 1/2
Fibre Corp	20 3/4
Filtrol Corp	52 3/4
Firestone T&R	34 1/2
First Nat Corp	22 1/2
Fluor	63 1/2
Ford Motor	15 1/2
Food Fair	23
Gen Dynamics	56 1/2
Gen Electric	