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FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

- Although by the time you receive this I will have been on board for four months, this is my first opportunity to use the Wolfgram to pass on some thoughts and comments about our squadron.....

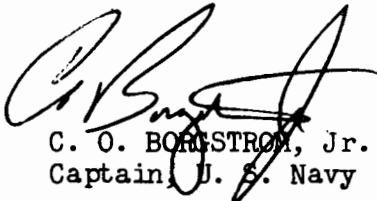
First, to all hands I wish to extend my sincerest appreciation for all that you have done for me during my introduction to the Seawolves. My initial contact with both the homeguard and detachments was not only rewarding but also reinforced my belief that I have been fortunate enough to be assigned as Commanding Officer of the finest group of combat aviators, aircrewmen and support personnel ever assembled!

Secondly, I am greatly encouraged by the increase in every member of this squadron's safety consciousness and performance, both on the ground and in the air, which should substantially contribute to our operational readiness and the unofficial squadron "365 and alive!" However, this record is fragile and its continuance relies almost solely on each of us, individually and as a team!

Thirdly, I would like to say a word of praise and thanks for all those people and organizations throughout the combat zone and the world, who provide HA(L)-3 with the vital support and services that the "Wolves" must have to successfully carry out their vital tasks.

Next, I want to extend a most deserved "Well Done" to all the HA(L)-3 wives, families and close friends who have always stood with us, through "thick and thin", to assist us in carrying out our necessary roles as "professionals" (whether it be of the short or long time (lifer) variety!).

Finally, to every member of this command I wish continued good fortune and success in the coming critical months of our country's phase down in the Republic of Vietnam and may we all look forward to the day when we can look back and say that we played a vital role in providing approximately eighteen million Vietnamese people with the opportunity to determine what their country's destiny would be.



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A SPECIAL THANKS TO LTJG DAVE QUICK WHO CONTRIBUTED THE FINE CARTOONS FOR THIS ISSUE.

DETACHMENT ONE  
SOLID ANCHOR

Once again may we extend our heartiest greetings from Solid Anchor, the Sun and Fun capitol of the Mekong Delta. We've been all kinds of busy down here and have all kinds of good things to tell about concerning the old and the new.

Under the heading of new comes our brand new boss, LCDR PELLERIN. I'm unable to report at this time what kind of an OINC he's going to be as he's still in a severe case of traumatic shock after being exposed to the personnel of Det ONE. There is no cause for alarm as this is nothing different from what any new Det ONE OINC goes through, including our just departed OINC, LCDR LONG. Good luck in Binh Thuy, Mr. LONG. We all enjoyed serving with you.

Our AOINC, LT Al (Uncle Al) MEARS, who is LT Jim (Petro) PETROVICH'S successor, is presently on leave back in the U.S. We received a post card from Uncle Al in which he confirmed some of our suspicions about his better half. Ask him about it if you should happen to see him.

LTJG Earl (Big Red) SHAUT, former possessor of that famous red beard which was doomed to fall victim to a feminine whim in Hawaii, is preparing to go on a week's leave to Hong Kong. Have fun big Earl.

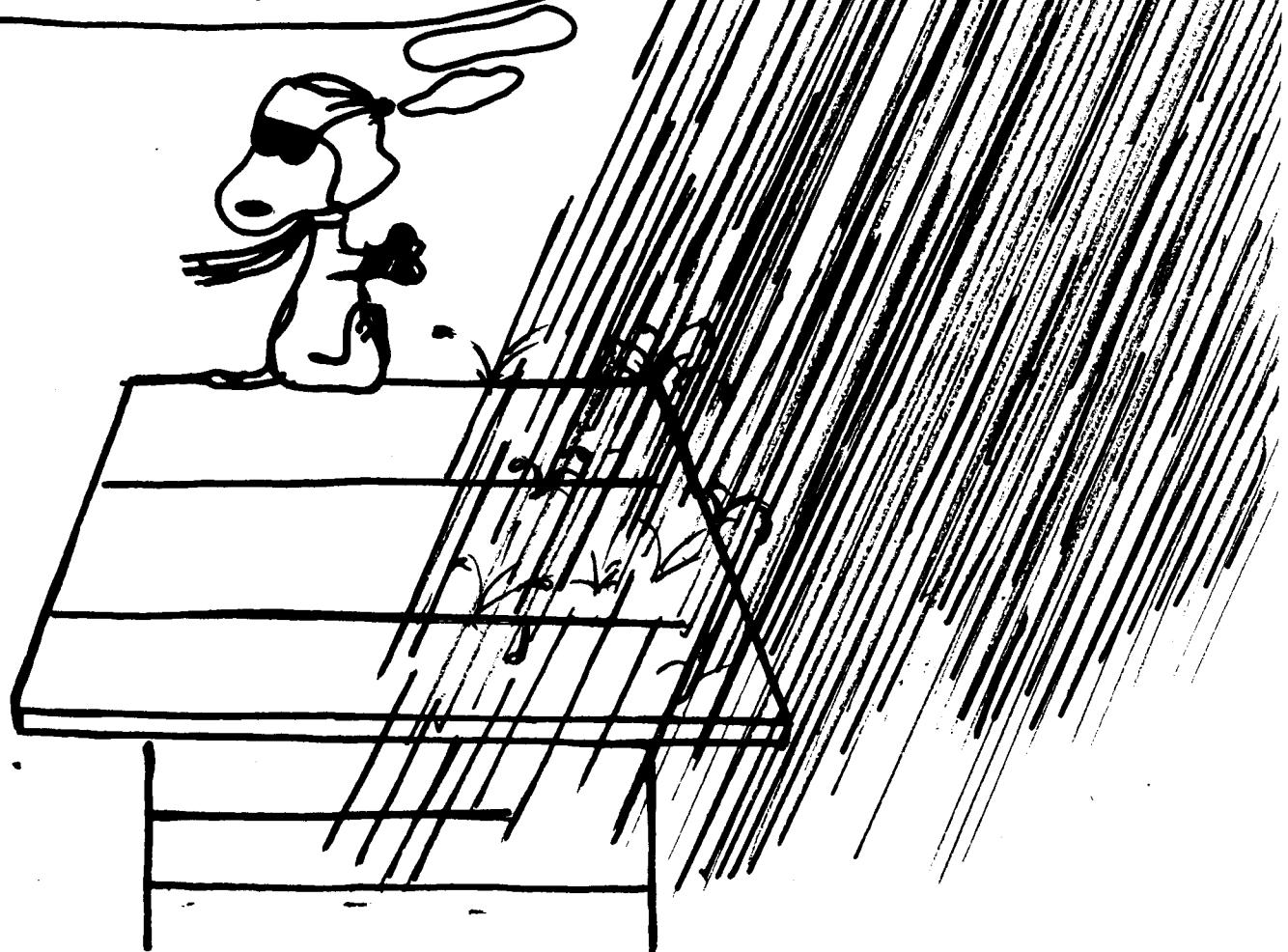
With Earl away our number of FTL's will be cut in half, leaving us with LTJG Al (Big Al)(not to be confused with Uncle Al) GEORGE. Yes, the man with two first names will have it all by his lonesome. Can he hack it? Be sure to tune in for next week's exciting episode!!

Our AHAC's are relatively new at the game, but stout hearts they are, one and all. Headed by LT Wiley (Z) HARRIS they continually wreak death, destruction and fear into the hearts of the enemy, wherever and whenever these sturdy AHAC's fly. LTJG John (Fact Actual) GANA is fresh back from leave in the U.S. and is raring to go. LTJG Chuck (Chuckles/Peaches) TAYLOR is the newest of our AHAC's but is already making reputation for himself as a dastardly dealer of death and destruction. Incidentally, some recently discovered information on a long lost relative of Chuck's indicate that he might just be an outstanding guy to have in the personal response program!

We also have a fine group of co-pilots, including such colorful figures as LTJG Billy (BeeBop) BONNER. He's a handy man as it seems that he knows a great deal about plumbing. Just recently he was able to get a leaky faucet back in order. And of course we can't forget our newest "Charlie Papa", LTJG Bob (Colossal) KLOSTERMAN who is already showing a lot of promise. Welcome aboard, Bob!

All's well with our great group of enlisted crewmen also. Our leading PO, AO1 STARK just departed for JEST school in the PI (will the Philippines ever be the same?) leaving AO2 SCHIEB carrying the ball. SCHIEB hasn't swallowed his pipe yet, so I guess he's doing OK? ADR2 HOSFORD and ATR2 COAN are still wrapped up in their contest to see which one can out-talk the other while AOAN KLAJON is busy experimenting with a radical new concept in cosmetics. ADJ2 KEITH is getting to everyone with his rotten habit of smiling and laughing! We're still hoping that KEITH will snap out of it? He's really not a bad guy!

"I UNDERSTAND THAT THE  
MONSOONS ARE DUE TO  
START ANYTIME NOW."



DETACHMENT TWO  
NHA BE

From the banks of the crystal clear Long Tau, adjacent to the glitter of spectacular Nha Be city comes Detachment TWO's verbose account of the past months' happenings.

Our OINC, LCDR RUCKS, has been keeping a close vigil on the VC activity in the Rung Sat as well as the misadventures of his troops. Shaking his head from side to side has becomes a standard gesture for our long-suffering OINC!

There has been quite a turnover of personnel at Det TWO since our last Wolfgram. Two of our "newbies" include LTJG Tim "Sunshine" SHARP and LTJG Tom "Moon" KIRBY, both of whom came to us from the training command. LT Ray JOHNSTON is a new member of Det TWO. Ray is the det's punctilious Maintenance Officer. As well as seeing to it that the Maintenance files are kept in order, Ray is doing a good job in all areas of the Maintenance Department. LT Joe GIORSETTI came to Det TWO after flying Sealords for several months. He's now our Schedules Officer, and he can be heard mumbling something like "you can't please all of the people all of the time." Other new officers are LTJG Bill SIGLER not to be confused with LTJG Bill SIGLER or LTJG Bill ZIEGLER (one of our old timers). The problems created by this trio are obvious! Whenever the mail comes, all of them want to be "Bill SIGLER", but when money is owed or a report is late, no one wants to be "Bill SIGLER". Each of them has his own individual characteristics, though. LTJG W.A. SIGLER's wide stance and stern gaze (regardless of the occasion) leads us to believe that Det TWO has its own "Sergeant Rock". LTJG W.F. SIGLER has been transmitting his voice so softly since he's been here that he's acquired the nickname "the whispering phantom". And Bill ZIEGLER is just plain old "Z". "Z", by the way, is next in line for FTL. LT Lynn "of course, it's in the NATOPS" NELSEN recently has joined the FTL ranks and is doing a fine job. LTJG Dave QUICK and LTJG Russ LENTNER qualified as AHAC and have been holding up the trail position admirably. "Weird Dave" QUICK, with his treasure trove of knowledge, has been enlightening the detachment on such varied subjects as the phylogenetic history and instinctual behavior patterns of Vietnamese cockroaches as well as the proper method for extending the front fork on a Harley Davidson chopper. As for Russ LENTNER, he seemed rather splenetic recently when he walked into his room and his rack was missing. And no one knew where it was! Strange?

Both senior FTL's on det, LTJG Gary LOWE and Earle "Duke" LOVERING have felt the tug of mother (or is it mutha) Binh Thuy urging them to return to her womb. Both Gary and Duke had hoped to cut the umbilical, but it seems they are following in the footsteps of LT Bill GILBERT and LT Tom MOSS who returned to Bango Tango from here at the end of March. Each of them returned only after much screaming, yelling and backpedaling. LT Bob GOODRICH "the silver tongued fox of Det TWO" left country on May 4th. Bob is headed for NAS Ellyson Field. One of our old timers, AE2 Karl "Pete" PETERS, left for NAF Naples at the beginning of May. We wish Pete a lot of luck as well as ATN3 Bruce MILLER who is leaving for Moffett Field on June 5th. AE3 Barry "Grumpy" GRINSTEAD was transferred to Det SIX just in time for their move to Phu Loi, and shortly we will be forced to lose two more of our valuable gunners. We hope Det SEVEN makes a good home for AE2 James FANNIN and AE3 Phil BOGUE. Newest of the new are ATN2 John "Hutch" HUTCHENS and AOAN Steve

WALKER. We extend a hearty welcome to them. We have two more newcomers worthy of mention. ADJC Henry "Mr. Fixit" JONES states that the rapid repair jobs that he performs on the UH-1B,C, and M models are done without the aid of mirrors and at no time do his fingers leave his hands. Also we have newcomer AKAN Dave CARTNER. AMS2 Dick HAUK, another of the oldtimers, graciously passed his "Dead Eye" title on to Dave. But Dave felt that, in all fairness, the title should be passed to a much more deserving recipient, AO2 Dick HUBER. Shame, shame!

AMH3 John HOOD requests the presence of any and all HA(L)-3 personnel at the double ring nuptial ceremony between himself and David (the det's monkey). The lovely couple will spend their honeymoon in Saigon. During the reception AMH3 Robert "Mac" McCLUSKEY will do his impersonations of George Raft, Humphrey Bogart, Edward G. Robinson, Slick Eddy and other south Philadelphia personalities. AO3 Tony BEVELOT and his "Downhome Country Raiders" will be playing for the affair. One the serious side, we would like to congratulate Tony and Mac on making crew chief last month.

DETACHMENT THREE  
CA MAU

Happy Independance Day from the "freedom fighters" of Det THREE. We are still located at the Southern end of the Ca Mau - Binh Thuy Express route. We want to express our appreciation for all the help with our generators. Now how about that 97 mile extension cord?

Mike O'CONNOR, "Basketball Actual", our mild-mannered OINC; is being relieved by LCDR Fred MORRISON. And if there is any doubt as to who has the best team on or off the court just send a self addressed asbestos lined envelope.

Since the last episode in the continuing story of "pacified" An Xuyen Province, numerous characters have drifted in and out of the plot.

Fresh from his role as Santa Claus in VT-2 & HT-8 is our new AOINC Skip "Gosh Golly Gee" REW, who has fearlessly confronted and even flown with some of his own Pensacola protégés.

Tim "Commandante" CORKERN and Brad "The Quiet Man" BRUER have just made their entrance after being released from Binh Thuy. Both are welcome additions to our already sparkling cast of characters.

Wayne "D" ARENDAS continues to amaze with each performance. He is one of a select few that are night generator qualified.

Gary "Code 11" ROME is still here, we think? He was last seen in a 2-foot hover sans helo.

Some of the old stars, Mike CANNIS, Tim PFAHLER and Jack CASSIDY continue to get rave notices. Choo Choo and Traildust have taken over leading roles while Slack has assumed a trail role.

"REMIND ME... NOT TO DRINK...  
SO MUCH COFFEE... BEFORE WE.. GO...  
FLYING... AGAIN."



There also have been some stunning performances in cameo roles by Don "I'll draw it for you" THOMSON and Carl "I was just getting checked out on generators" BABSON.

Also in an outstanding guest shot was CDR "Acapulco" NICHOLS; who has promised to return and assist in any future generator show-downs.

Unfortunately, with all the addition of new talent some of the most familiar members have moved off-Broadway.

Rick FENN is enjoying baseball in Va. and Tom PADON has drifted back to Moffett. According to the latest reports Mark MIZEL was last heard from on his way to sell the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge and Sam DENNARD sends a cheerful hello while taking it easy in the Lone Star State.

Our "E's" have just started performing in the seclusion of their own Wolf Den. From the sound of things, somebody is having a ball.

Wheels WHEELER, in a somewhat musical role, is rumored to lead sing-a-longs featuring mostly country and western. Our hard charging POINC has also been known to actively explain Navy tradition and personal liberties to Army personnel in his own special "show and tell" lecture series.

Frank "I remember Korea" VILLAREAL is also noted for his musical ability. Our Ass't POINC is also one of the contenders in a seeming love affair with our recently returned door-mounted mini. The VC are beginning to think that "Power to the People" is actually lead from our "Mexican Power Machine".

Some of our new feature characters include John "flight suit" PERRY and Bill "Nuggett" ST. MARTIN. Flight suit is another strong advocate of "Power to the People", and has been specializing in sampans. The Saint has been trying for a new endurance record of time on duty but has found that it's tough to work with one hand for the job and the other holding the hair out of his eyes.

Another sampan specialist is Mike "Woody" WOODWARD. It's not fair to mark the target by causing secondaries, Woody, just put out a smoke or a flare!

Tim "The Duty Clutch" CARMODY is up and coming .50 gunner and has also shown the required musical ability to make it big at the local sing-a-longs.

The last wolfgram reported that we would be losing "Ski" SZYMANSKI in March. Actually we "lost" Ski a long time ago, but he's still here performing amazing feats with his fifty and charcoal fire. Ski is one of the few who can fall out of bed and end up in a two foot hover. The Chef has found out that he can't DEROS with his fifty so someday soon Binh Thuy will be getting our culinary expert.

Another of the hard core actors is "Beetle" BAILEY. Beetle will soon be leaving on his 30 day bonus; (look-out world). He is also a contender with a romantic role on our "Power to the People" machine.

Some of the characters who have drifted out of the action include; "Mac" MCINTYRE who has left us with some of his art treasures. "Reb" FREEMAN who is rumored to be taking self-defense lessons, and Tony "anyone for gin" NELSON who left at the peak of his one game winning streak.

We also have to thank "Rut" RUTLEDGE for his fine solo performances when we were short handed, both in the air and at the sing-a-longs.

At times it is a real musical variety show. Even Titterwolf and Driftywolf harmonize!

Seriously though, we want to thank all who have lent a hand or an ear, without you we wouldn't be where we are today....hmmm!!

DETACHMENT FOUR  
BEN LUC

Greetings one and all from NAS Ben Luc. All transient HA(L)-3 personnel are learning that the Ben Luc Travel-Lodge of Vietnam is always open and we welcome your visit at any time. Free transportation is usually included!

LCDR "Boss" ISHIGURO is getting everybody's stuff in one bag. If anyone is receiving mysterious phone calls, then it is probably the Boss trying to find out about a wedding that took place in Tokyo Harbor?

LT Buck "Lightning" CARLTON can be found listening to Metro or Capital or the boys out flying on his new UHF radio. It usually wins out over the tube. Any time you are flying by give Buckley Center a call on 286.4 MSC and say hello! Both of the foregoing personalities are new killer team leaders.

Three new additions to the Light Fire Team Guns are LTJG "Schroeder" GASH, LTJG "Philly Dog" VIDEON, and LTJG "Big Boy" HOLLIS. The trail ship just isn't the same anymore. Schroeder asked the new FTL what the icing level was during the weather phase of the brief. Philly Dog is all grins as he just got back off of leave. And Big Boy will soon be off on his hard earned leave.

We welcome two new pilots out to the good Det life. LTJG Arne BARDEN and LTJG Bill Scott. Bill and the Boss are constantly brow-beating our 40 year old Mama Son and Arne has been trying to protect her without much success.

We regret the loss of our regular FTL's in LT C.V. BABSON and LTJG Bob GANNON. At least it is somebody else's gain. We wish them the best!

Chief SCHIEBER has sported a new growth on his face. Good thing the Selection Board didn't hear about it! Congratulations on Warrant. I can now take back half of the things I've said about you. Newbee "Hog" WALLER has gotten his, after just a couple of weeks. Now he has time to work on that 1500 piece puzzle. It happens to coincide with his first two days off since being in country!

"Fletch" MILES will sew on 2nd Class on the 1st of June. Maybe with the added responsibility, he will stop dropping M-60 barrels and .50 cans out of the bird. "Little John" MEDIEROS has his 20th birthday in a couple of days and with his mustache gone he looks even younger. For his birthday we'll

give him old "Ducks" mini that shoots backwards. "Old Man" FRANKS is still with us. You can always tell when he's off duty (and usually on) as the stereo can be heard 2 hootches away. "Freak" WORTHINGTON is glad he rewired the door mini. Now he can spend more time on keeping it up and combing his growth instead of blaming it on the wiring. "Toad" COPELAND is still contesting Fletch. Toad prefers .50 flash suppressors over M-60 barrels, his mistake was shooting 'Goldy' GOLDBIN's gold flash suppressor off. Goldy is convinced that the gold is the only reason Charlie doesn't shoot at the trail bird when he's there.

Note: All of the gunners made their respective seats. Good job! To end this so-called composition, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Det SEVEN for helping us out and finding out what it is like to fly by the book and to Det SIX for taking over the job as the Navy's liaison to the Army. It was our loss and theirs too! That's about it from our place. Everyone is welcome to come by when you get a chance.

DETACHMENT FIVE  
CHAU DOC

Hi once again from the traveling man's Det, which hasn't traveled much since the last Wolfgram, so we are changing the name to the non-traveling man's Det. As everyone knows, we are located at Chau Doc Op Base, that veritable fortress which guards the border against infiltration.

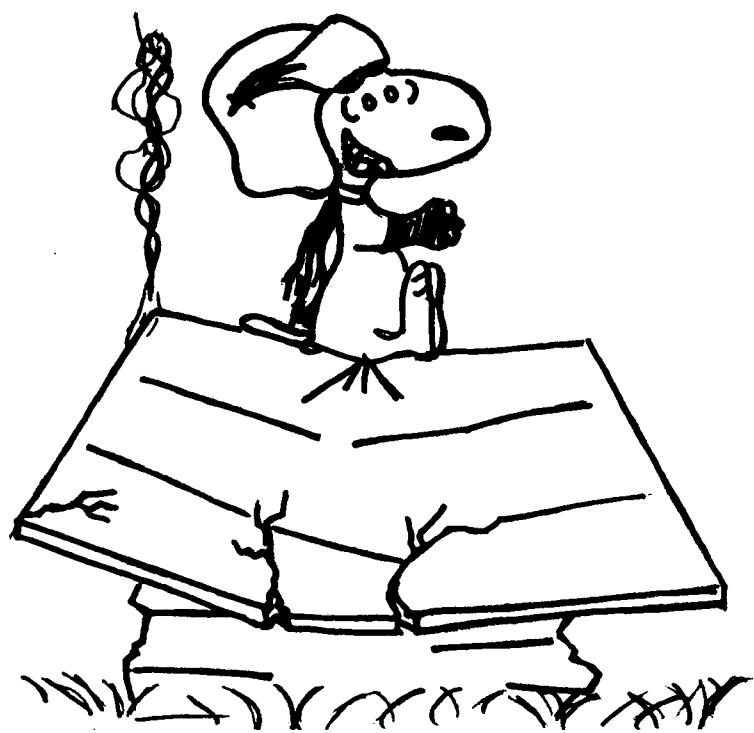
LCDR WOODROOF, our dauntless OINC, has been working day and night to help get the Det settled in. Things have gone well these last couple of months and we have just about completed our move. Our new Det mascot, Holly, has adopted the boss and follows him around wherever he goes. Our OINC has passed his FTL check with ease and leads his troops from victory to victory.

We have had some departing personnel in the last couple of months. Our old AOINC LT Lew "Mad Dog" MADDEN left fun city for the land of the big PX. He was the only guy who actually wasn't sure whether he wanted to leave Vietnam, but when the time came, they managed to force him on to the plane. We want him to know that no one on Det has even mentioned crosswinds since he left.

LTJG Doug "Overspeed" DUNN departed the scene for HS west coast. On R&R, he became engaged and shortly after DEROSing, he "tied the knot". We are wondering what's going to happen the first time he says "Oh now" to his bride. With Doug gone we have no one to help wrap our packages.

LTJG Jay "Budman" PERKINS was sent down to the minors and became Seawolf 90. We understand he is doing a fantastic job at Det NINE, at least that's what he tells us. Jay has come back to visit us a few times and one night his crew had a little trouble starting our POL pump. He had to come in and get LCDR WOODROOF out of the rack for help.

We have seen some of our outstanding gunners leave Det for the States in the last few weeks. ABH3 "Frenchy" LACHAPELLE, AN J.J. BRENNAN and AN Barney HAMMER have all departed and of course we miss them even more than we miss our old mascot "JATO".



"UH... HARD LANDING?... WHAT HARD LANDING?"

Our new arrivals include our AOINC LT Rich HARGIS. Since Dick BARR retired the number 55 when he left Det, we don't know what number LT HARGIS will use. He has taken the bull by the horns and fixed our sailboat only to have one of the troops sink it in the Bassac. He is back on the job patching it up again. Keep up the good work Rich! Also new training command co-pilots LTJG's Phil JAMISON, John MOLLN and Jerry "Awards" CAMPBELL. Welcome aboard and there will be a working party tomorrow at 0600.

Our new gunners include AO3 Bo BIGGS, ex-leatherneck, who had a disagreement with a locker and he lost. The cast comes off in a couple of weeks. ADJ3 Richard FREY teams up with Bo and it looks like we have the two offensive guards from the Green Bay Packers. They do a real good job during rocket parties. Also our TAD fuel king, AO2 Harold TYREE, has been with us to keep our fuel bladder putting out the JP. Training Command "newbees" will remember him as that "mean old swimming instructor" who made you go through the Dilbert Dunker twice. Now's your chance to get back at him guys. Just stop in for fuel and watch him go nuts trying to start the pump.

LT Mike "Co Fa" STASICA has recently taken over as our new Operations Officer and he thinks he is supposed to write the schedule. Mike was the guy who put up that sarcastic cartoon on the bulletin board about life at Det FIVE.

LTJG Dave "Hick" CONNELL listens to those horrible tapes all day and is driving everyone crazy except GANTT and BIGGS. Dave just returned from two weeks leave in the States just in time to give his cassette recorder a bath at our Det party.

LTJG Dave "Quiet Man" TROUP returned from R&R in Hawaii where he made the mistake of becoming engaged - poor Dave! He did win 3 cases of beer from our Army friends since he refused to shave his ugly facial growth for his fiancee. We concede that Dave wins round one and thanks for the beer.

LTJG Tom "the beard" HALWACHS returned from two weeks in the States, in California no less. He said he spent almost as much on food as he does at the Op Base. That is a little hard to believe. Tom has had a busy two months wiring our generator, water heater, lights, air conditioner and anything else electrical. Number ONE, Tom!

LTJG Paul "Ratologist" SCHMID got back from R&R on Maui where the tennis court was outstanding. He will soon be returning to Bravo Tango to work in Admin.

Everyone is amazed at how ADJ1 Jim PERINOVIC manages to keep his cool all the time under such stress. One of his big problems is deciding who is going to remove the A/C doors during a scramble. Keep working on that Jim!

AE2 "Wild Bill" TROXEL has been remaining very calm lately also. He must be getting short in the Navy or something. After the foul-up of the year, he finally got his R&R date straightened out or so he thought. His wife arrived three days before he did. Well Bill, mistakes will happen.

AN Tom "Suds" GANTT has been up to his old tricks again. During our recent Det party, a frog unknowingly wandered into Tom's grasp and fini frog. The Det is going to chip in to buy Tom some Alka-Seltzer.

AN Mervin "Warpath" HILLIS inherited a new Det pet named Kong. You guessed it, a monkey. Ever since the cat left, Kong has been very lonely. Now all HILLIS has to do is find another cat. We also understand that he has a new nickname for one of our Det personnel?

AN Mike "shorty" CHICK returned from 30 days extension leave to serve out the six months remaining on his sentence. He is another poor, unfortunate who got engaged while in the States. That's what Vietnam can do to a guy. We want to wish him all the luck in the world, along with Dave TROUP.

ADJ1 Glen "Zurf" ZURFLUH has been keeping very busy lately. He built a "neat looking" shed for our valuable generator and some guys are saying that it turned out better than the hootch. Zurf also has become a brand new First Class and he expects to be promoted to Det NINE in the near future. Good luck and many thanks for a job well done these last nine months.

Well that's about it for this edition from the Fort Knox of the Seven Mountains A.O.

DETACHMENT SIX  
PHU LOI

Det SIX has once again firmly planted its feet ashore in Phu Loi, after working off three ships in the Gulf of Thailand. All hands are pleased with our new living facilities in comparison to the last shore billet at Song Ong Doc (especially the base defense!)

Det FOUR greeted us with all smiles and was more than glad to get back to its own AO. We would appreciate it if Det ONE and THREE would log a couple of sampans for us - we haven't seen any up here. At the present time we are concentrating on tanks and 40 foot bunkers. Phu Loi has made us their air defense, since it takes the army too long to get the 60 plus cobras they have here in the air!

Some new personnel have reported to Det SIX within the last month. AE3 GRINSTEAD, an experienced .50 gunner from Det TWO and AN HODGE from Binh Thuy. LTJG TOBIASON is our newest co-pilot after four long months in Bravo Tango as PAO - you'll never guess his new collateral duties on Det?

ADJ2 TRAMMELL and PR3 HENNING have departed det for good ol' CONUS. Both had to be helped into the aircraft being so "short" they couldn't climb up on their own. Phu Loi airstrip was IFR for approximately five minutes as the det smoked them off (no VNN FAA yet).

LT "Slenderella" LEFEVRE has gained 20 pounds since moving to Phu Loi, he is now sporting a cast on his right foot after a basketball accident. Tom hopes to have the cast off in about a month and he'll be ready to go again.

A note of interest - LT Jerry DAWSON has more time to go in country than LTJG's FARR, WATTERS, BARNES and HINMAN have added together.

LCDR HOFFMAN has departed for Saigon to be a "Staffy" and LCDR STONER is coming on fast as his replacement.

We would like to thank Dets TWO and FOUR for getting us through the transition period.

DETACHMENT SEVEN  
DONG TAM

Many changes have occurred here in sunny Dong Tam since Det SEVEN's last Wolfgram. The people: AOC OSTERBERG has unwillingly departed for duty at NAS Lemoore, regretting that he couldn't have extended again and again..., AMH2 ORTH, AEAN ROSS, AN FRYE and AN MIZE have headed for greener grass back in the States as civilians. Have a good time gang. \*PEACE\*

LTJG WARNER returned to Binh Thuy along with three helos full of gear. We appreciate the extra room! Even the air pollution count has gone down since he left - funny thing?

We note the arrival of LTJG MASICA, more or less, "A WHAT-burning detail?" were among his first words. AE3 MUSEO and AN HOBBS are competing for the best M-60. So far they are both last.

LTJG's SCHILLING and SHULL probed the deep mysteries of Hong Kong. LTJG BEHM just came back from Thailand - he just lies in bed and smiles - wonder why? The other "O"s just sit around and look frustrated??

A02 BELL and ADJAN WHITLOCK are still trying to figure out why a .50 does what it does? ADJ1 MONDAY is still trying to figure out why those two do what they do? MONDAY is also trying to figure out why everybody else gets a day off once in a while?

The Place: We have set up our own little R&R center here; lighted Volleyball court, a two headed brick shower, superbly air conditioned hooches - soon to be added, a 24'x24' patio and barbecue pit. Two new "fighting bunkers" were added for security and someone dropped off 10,000 empty sandbags and two shovels. No one can figure out what the shovels are for?

Last of all ADJ2 CARR is still wondering if the Navy is really the bad guys? The Navy wonders the same thing about CARR! Until next time, remember, "Happiness is a warm gun".



DETACHMENT EIGHT  
RACH GIA

The continuing chronicle of those daring Det EIGHT aviators and combat aircrewmen is herewith presented for the exciting and enjoyable reading of all who must lead dull and uneventful lives in other areas of this exotic country.

As usual we send a vote of thanks and a wish for good flying to those Det personnel who have left our ranks for the more sedate life of the peace-time Navy. Among those outstanding men were ADR3 WEST, AOL CHITTY, ATN3 MADRID, AN JACKSON, PR3 HENNING. Also ATN3 HAWKINS departed for HA(L)-3 Avionics in Binh Thuy.

Among the officers, LCDR JOPLIN received a ten day cut which made his shortness almost unbearable. To Mr. JOPLIN a special thanks for his outstanding and faithful leadership. LT's Dale JORDAN and O.C. FOWLER are now holding up the Binh Thuy Maintenance Dept. as test pilots along with LTJG's Terry OGLE and Tom PARRETT.

The new arrivals on Det include LTJG's Jack VAN LOAN, Ron BECKER and Dick YOUNG. Taking over the reins of this infamous gang is LCDR Russ HENRY, who has seen more action in one month than some OINC's see in twelve!

Included on the new enlisted roster are ADJ1 FAIRBANKS, AMS2 SETTERS, ADJ3 SESSLER, AO3 GRAFF and AMSAN ANDERSON.

The Det has had some recent notoriety on account of both combat and social actions - on the combat scene March and May saw the Det raking up the highest production of enemy disillusionment in a number of years. On the social scene the Det racked up the highest production of U.S. Army disillusionment in the Delta, enough said here!

LTJG PARRETT has added some humorous paragraphs to the Det history book:

- (1) He demonstrated that M-16's were not made for shooting termites.
- (2) You should always strap in when one of those NATOPS guys is with you.
- (3) And what happened to that rocket pod on the way to the target?

Oh yes, (4) Mr. PARRETT was also involved intimately with providing an erotic hood ornament for the Det truck.

The Rach Gia open mess has been continually providing the off-duty crew with enough spirit(s) to partake in nightly swimming jaunts in the Det "swimming pool".

AO3 GRAFF has been seen with a serious port to starboard list on several occasions after imbibing in only one mug of the golden suds, the other E's are trying to determine if this is some sociological phenomenon which can be cured - or if it is permanent?

Once again we add our thanks to all the officers and men who have left. We are all proud of the unselfish contributions of each which has made this Det the outstanding one that it is.

DETACHMENT NINE  
TAN CHAU

Hello you slackers, draft dodgers, 4-Fs and other lucky creatures out there in the world! Its gossip time again on the upper Mekong. This edition's big story is the "newbees" Newbees everywhere you look! Newbee OINC, newbee AOINC, right down the line. The three survivors of the old "Notorious Nomads", Steve HANVEY, "Finn" TURUNEN and Tom PHILLIPS, JGs all, surrounded by wide-eyed innocence at every turn, provide the "I've been on Det for umpteen eons" experience needed to weld the newbees into a professional, alert, fearless and, true,...circus. We've lost some good men...Dick STRAND tried to cut a low silhouette on Det as long as possible but somehow Bravo Tango noticed him. All those incident reports from "Rockets" REFO probably sealed his fate? Rockets is now in test pilot training learning to keep the ball in the center. Mr. STRAND is skulking somewhere in Maintenance, as far away from Awards Officer as he can get. New OINC and head newbee is now a half-'stached LCDR, "High Hover" HALL. Ron McDANIEL, "Light Leaks Actual", awoke to find himself in Binh Thuy also, where he now scares himself training AHAC's and FTL's. Newbee AOINC Tom KANE ably filled his still-warm rack and is carrying on so as to make Ron proud!

Another change saw Skip SOPER pack, and pack, and pack, and move to Binh Thuy to "B.S. Control Officer"; good training for a P.G. school brother! The Det can no longer claim fame as the once mobile nomads, likely to turn up anywhere their tired ole' bravos would take them. Times have changed and NINE'S Nuggets are now charged with preserving the vanishing species SEAWOLFUS BOATUS Det. We've also been handed a gem of a job not unlike our noble brothers at Det TWO; covering the (CLASSIFIED), (CLASSIFIED) up the (CLASSIFIED) to (CLASSIFIED). We have a new respect for their patience and a sincere sympathy for their sore (CLASSIFIED). "Prof" EVANS (what? another LT), one of the older newbees (time on Det plus age), arrived a couple of months ago just in time to sample the last days on night staging at Phuoc Xuyen... we didn't burn it down! Honest...somebody beat us to it! We just received from Binh Thuy two of the newest of the new, "Jet" CLEVERDON and Jack something (CHMURA, I think). They are still evidently suffering from cultural shock showing ominous symptoms like getting up for breakfast, sleeping only 8 hours at a time, and saying things like "only 360 and a wake-up.", "you don't really fly those things?", "What's that hole in the wardroom wall?" They just missed their C.A.R., courtesy of the V.C. local reserve unit recently out for two weeks summer camp. Mashed old 309 proper, they did! To offset all these newbees, Det FIVE was kind enough to lend us "Phatboddee" PERKINS, once SW53, now NINE Nothing. He's an FTL now, taking over for Tom DAVIS. Ten months on Det "Norris the perpetual newbee" finally left for CONUS...still the greatest newbee of them all!!

For the enlisted men, Det NINE has had a big change. We were a little on the heavy side May 1st with one chief, two first class, and two second class out of 8 men. But things have changed this month. We lost 3 first gunners, and picked up 3 fresh green newbees from B.T. Like we have been saying "newbees, newbees everywhere in the Det." The first to arrive was "Red Head" ELDER who wows us with his stories of cow riding and amazes us

with songs of Tammy Wynette. Who is Casey Tibbs? ADJ3 Shin KOETHE followed behind the "Red Head" but at the present all he seems to be able to say is "Really" and "How Come?", and that Vietnam reminds him a lot of Hawaii, his home. If that doesn't beat all! Our latest newbee AOAN WEBB has actually been in country six months spending it in the AO Shop in B.T. Our senior newbee is Chief St.JACQUES, if you want to call a chief a newbee. He is classified as a gunner trainee when he flying and naturally a chief when on deck. But still a newbee! AEAN's ALBERTINE and SOLOMON are trying to convince each other that they are going to get short...maybe some day they will be considered short! ELY we really don't claim! He is still spending more time in Binh Thuy for more important reasons than anyone knows exists? "Buzz" LANDY is so short that you have to put a chit in to talk to him, but he will be back shortly from his extension leave; that is, once he finds Colorado. Not much else happening at the Country Club YRBM-21, the last of the River CVA's.

#### ADMINISTRATION

Many changes have come to the Admin Dept. since the last issue of the Wolfgram. Our fearless LCDR Dick DANIELS (SEAMARF Actual) has since been replaced by LCDR Duane STEINER who was short lived as the Admin Officer. LCDR STEINER was unfortunate enough to get a three month cut and transferred to Washington, D.C. As the saying goes, one man's loss is another's gain, and that is the case with LCDR James LONG, who left his job as OINC of Det ONE to take over the rewarding and highly gratifying job as Admin Officer. LT Ray JOHNSTON, the Assistant Admin. Officer has also been relieved. Our newbee Assistant Admin. Officer is LCDR Kent HULL, once a clean shaven officer from the world but now just another bearded HA(L)-3 officer, who is doing an outstanding job (he's writing this?)

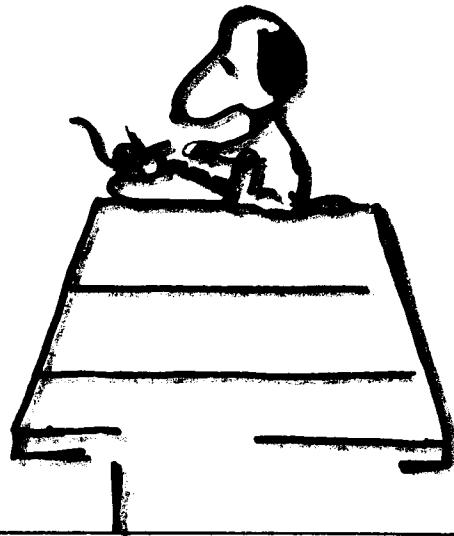
Our Awards section has also had many changes since the last issue, our Awards Officer LTJG Jim FARRAR has been transferred to HC-6, NORVA. He was replaced by our "Go-Get'em" Lieutenant, LT Bob PEARSON. He was transferred in May 71 to NAAS Fallon. Now it finally looks as if we've found an Awards Officer who'll be with us for awhile, lucky guy. This is LT Jim RABA, who comes to us from NAS Quonset Point, R.I. LT RABA, whose gift of words and flair with the pen, is doing an excellent job with our award citations. (Watch out for the deadly red pen!)

Leading the enlisted force is YNC "Sy" ARMFIELD, he is the man who gets to listen to the complaints of both the Officers and the enlisted. Although he has a tremendous job, he has it all well in hand.

Yes, YN1 Reo FANT, YN2 Tom LONG, YN2 Chuck MARTINEZ, YN3 Gray "Rocket" RUFF and YN3 David BAKER are still here. They're just a part of the permanent fixtures now! We have lost one of the old timers though, YN3 Bob HINSHAW has been transferred to Quonset Point, R.I. Can't win them all! He has been replaced by our newbee YN3 Gordon "Eskimo" ROONEY, whose past experience enabled him to fill in as Officer Records Yeoman with very little trouble.

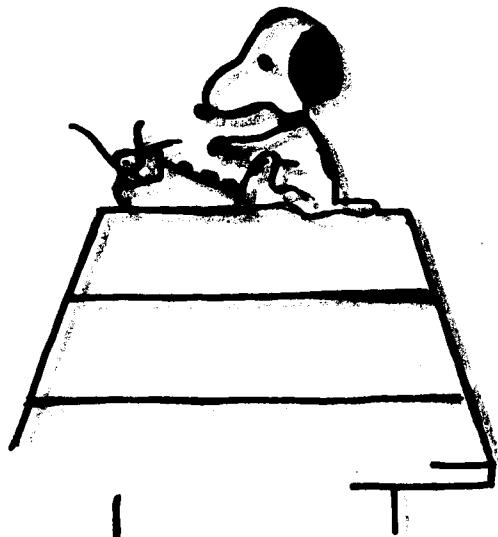
In the Postal Dept. both PC3 Jack CORNETT and SN BAARSGAARD have been transferred. PC3 CORNETT to the USS VALCOUR and SN BAARSGAARD to London, England. They were relieved by SN Gene COBB and SN Ed ENGLES. We're still getting mail so I guess they've got things well in hand?

..."EXEMPLARY CONDUCT AS AIRCRAFT COMMANDER"...

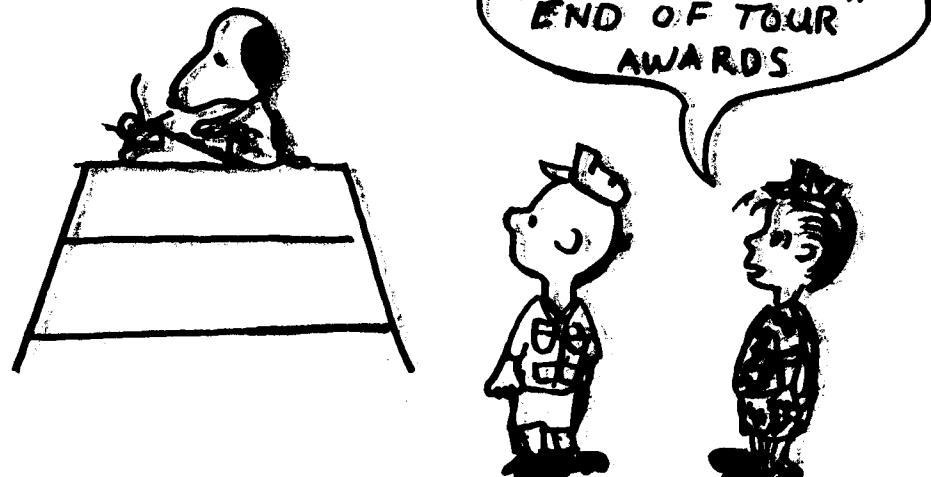


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..."SELFLESS DEDICATION TO DUTY"...



..."DEVASTATINGLY ACCURATE FIRE.



## OPERATIONS

Greetings from where it's at. Since CDR ARTUSO left, LCDR "Jim" CALDWELL has been running the magic show. He has been doing a great job at playing musical airplanes. He can be found by following the call, "Moss, where's my SKS?" Sorry 'bout that boss.

A welcome goes out to our newest newbee LCDR Larry COVER who has taken over Chet HARRISON's job as Assistant Ops Boss. He comes to us from NAS Ellyson Field. I think some of his former students have an opportunity to "get even". They won't even let him touch the controls. Its almost time to say goodby to Admiral Sweat, Rudy DeATLEY. At least the squadron's radios will last a little bit longer now. "What was that?" Boat school actual, LT Bob ROGERS is the Senior Ops Watch Officer and our Logs and Records Officer. Thank goodness we still have STROBEL! Actually, Bob does a good job of something or other don't you, Bob? Bob is in the process of writing a new instruction for the ODO. He is also responsible for initiating all of the 29½ different logs in the office.

Well, now that Arnie BARDEN ran off to Det, LT Tom MOSS, alias "The Shadow" has taken over as OUIGI BOARD master. The squadron still seems to function in spite of it however. "What do you mean he's been on leave for two weeks?" Tom's helper and also Nav Officer and SLJO, is Ens-oops- LTJG Jeff TURNER. Jeff is also self appointed Officer Ben Xe Moi Personal Response Representative. He came to us as one of those rare (these days) birds, a genuine Nugget. He blew it and made LTJG. Now he's just like everyone else (well, almost).

LT PETROVITCH "the worlds oldest LT", has taken over as Training Officer. Jim is also the squadron's leading authority on the USNR and related Bennys. Interested parties are invited to the daily luncheons! LT George ALEXANDER is LT PETROVITCH's assistant now. George comes to us from a short tour at PMR Point Mugu. He has qualified as Lima HAC and is an authority on triple canopy elephant grass (or "where are you Skipper?). The enlisted half of training is under the supervision of LT "Ron" (of the North Woods) GROOTERS. Ron came to us from HC-5. Ron is training to be a Lima HAC. Another addition to the Ops staff is Bill CRIST. Bill arrived in the squadron wearing Butter-Bars. Congratulations Bill! If you want to see some thing really funny, just don't turn in an SOI for a couple of days and watch Bill in the meantime. Training lost their senior training PO, ADJ1 FAIRBANKS to Det EIGHT, where he will be flying as gunner. I understand he will be taking his own liberty with him to Det. It looks like the Ops Yeoman First Class "Fingers" SHEPARD has finally exceeded 150 words per minute on the typewriter. Unfortunately no one has been able to decipher i74%\$#½. Keep on plugging Shep!

Everyone was sorry to see AO3 NELSON leave for the land of the big PX. He relinquished his title "Short" to ATN3 STROBEL and YN3 MCCONNEL. STROBEL has been picking fights with doors recently. They have been getting the best of it, or so it seems. Maybe he should be taking on smaller doors? Mac has been spending his off hours trying to rinse the salt out of his clothes. I'm afraid it's just too late. We'll be missing both of them shortly as they depart for CONUS.

Well it seems like AMH3 "Tex" MORGAN has been limping around lately, it seems as though he stepped through some stairs? Old ATMAN "Drift-wood Actual" SHELLGREN has been assisting LTJG CRIST in whatever he does. "SHELLBACK" is a leading authority on various types of drifting techniques and wandering specialties. He also runs the Enlisted Personal Response program in Ben Xe Moi. CYNSN JOSLIN has been working the radios and working in the ComShack. He is also in charge of O and E relations due to his wealth of information on military courtesy.

AS1 RUTLEDGE has been "temporarily" gunning with Det THREE, lucky stiff. He is on R&R now. AMH1 HICKS once again teams up with SMALE to dazzle the troops with their fabulous aircrew ground school instruction abilities and funds of knowledge. Too bad the recent class of heavies makes him nervous! AS1 SIMPSON is spending most of his time trying to decide whether or not to reject his "twilight" tour orders and stay with good ol' HA(L)-3 or suffer things out in San Diego? A02 SMALE continues his timeless debate with his boss, the Training Officer, each trying to convince the other that there are no faults with Navy life. They should be taping lectures for recruiting duty!

And thus ends another exciting chapter in the life of the most Charlie Foxtrot group of sailors that the world has ever seen!!

#### MEDICAL

Well here it is the middle of the year already. The Medical Dept. has been kept on its toes with the never-ending duty of keeping the Wolves healthy.

We now have a new master in the form of a new Flight Surgeon, Doctor Steven "Big Steve" HAZEN. He comes to us fresh from Flight Surgeon School in Pensacola. Doctor VASQUEZ is still with us but now is spending some time out with various dets. He plans to catch the great "Freedom Bird" the end of July. We are all going to miss him and are sure all the Wolves will too. HN Paul MAYWORTH, known for his antics at the EM Club, caught the big bird home the first of June.

We've added another man to our group since the last Wolfgram. He is HMC Carl "Oakie" CRAUTHERS, formally attached to the 1st Marine Air Wing in Danang, He was sent to us when they pulled out.

Two of our jungle devas~~tors~~ have just returned from 30 days leave in the States. HM2 MULLINS and HM3 HALL are back to continue their duties in a most dedicated way. HM3 GRAY is still walking around in a dream after coming back from R&R in Hawaii, with his wife.

HM2 GUERIN has lead an uneventful life. He's spending all his time in the record office with all his pinups. The biggest thing he's working on now is his R&R in Hawaii, the first week in August.

Our duties have varied slightly here in the dispensary since you last heard from us. HMC CRAUTHERS has the job of keeping the Admin end rolling along in good order. HM2 MULLINS is still at his job of keeping the Wolves in the air with the physical examination department. HM2 GUERIN, after

switching back from X-ray, is back in the Record Office keeping the numerous records in order. HM3 GRAY is now working X-ray, treatment room and a little work in the Admin Office. HM3 HALL is fighting a never ending battle against disease in the lab and is also working in the treatment room. Our work at the orphanage is still going on with each of us taking turns going there with the doctors. It's a real pleasure to go down there and help those kids when we can. We're also doing our share of work in helping out with the drug program.

Well, that's about all from your devoted Doctors and Corpsmen for now. Remember, "A drink for Doc is worth a bandage in the bush."

#### MAINTENANCE CONTROL

Once again it's time for the Wolves from the flying book section to howl a welcome to two new cubs - AZ2 GARDNER and AZ3 DEYO. Another relatively new arrival, new enough at least to catch the first week of 12-hour days, is AZC McDANIEL. He's latched onto the job of leading bookmaker in the puzzle palace that we call home. AZAN SPANDLE arrived just in time to relieve AN FANELLO who was so short that he had to depart early. ADJC CASPERS, affectionately known as "Spook", almost got trapped behind the VIDS board but managed to get himself installed in the new line training operation. Chief MEYERS is still smiling from his turning over the night shift, to Chief DE MOSS. The day shift, upon arriving bright-eyed and bushy-tailed at 7 in the AM, has to contend with Chief DE MOSS's parting remark, "I think I'll have a nice cold beer". Chief HAYDEN caught a freedom bird bound for Whidbey Island with his relief, Chief SCHAUB standing in Maintenance Control scratching his head trying to learn the magic of "controlling" from Chief KAYS. AE3 CRANE's wish finally came true - he's now beginning a new career as a Sealord Plane Captain. Chief HAYES has relieved Chief SITAR of the keys to the Chief's jeep and has begun a singlehanded campaign to make order of chaos in several areas.

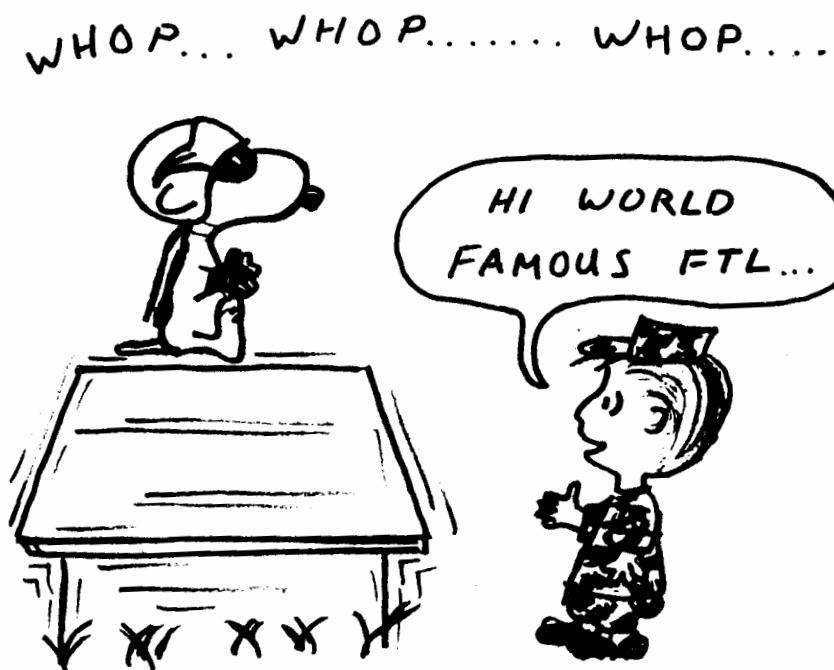
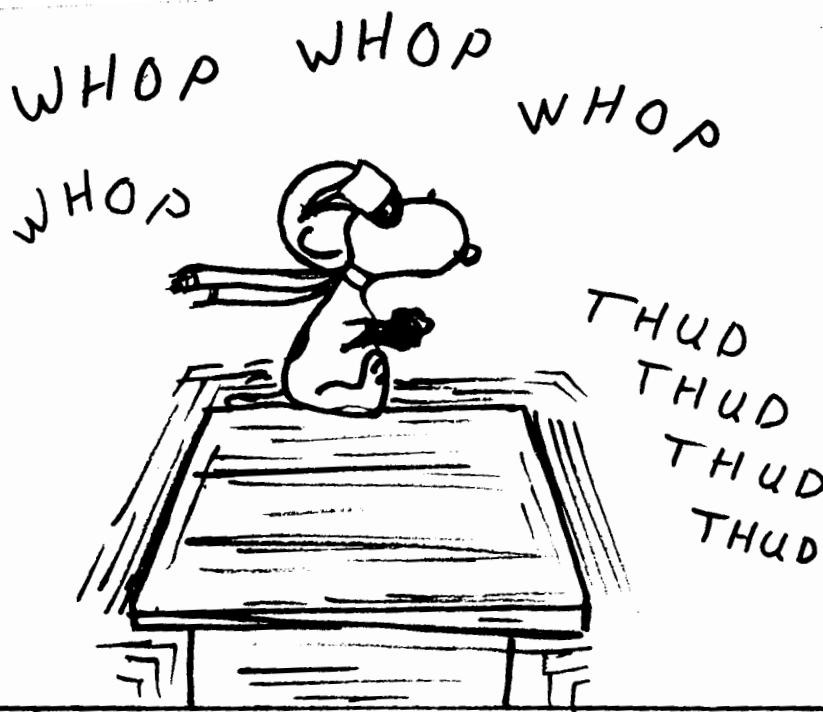
The officer ranks have changed considerably with CDR BRIGGS taking the reins as Maintenance Officer, tho' rumor has it that a new LTJG who hasn't checked in yet will be relieving him soon? The Commander seems pleased with that prospect! LT MCGEE, the oil king, turned over his sample bottles and iron hand to LCDR STRAND, the new keeper of the book wolves.

To all the Wolves who have recently left the den we wish you a speedy recovery from the good times in Seawolf country. We welcome all the new-comers. We need you!

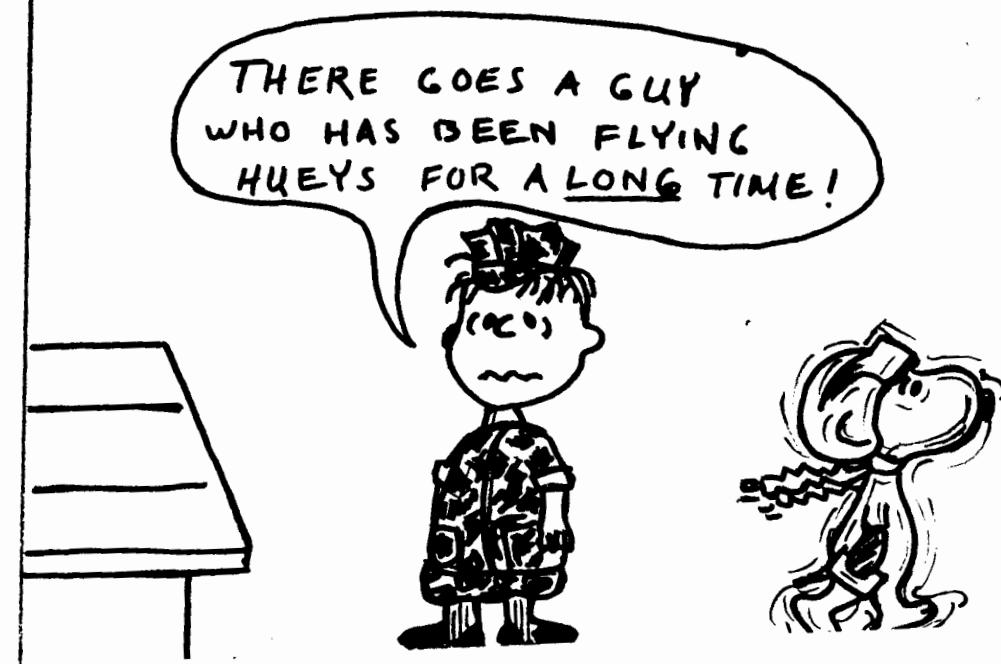
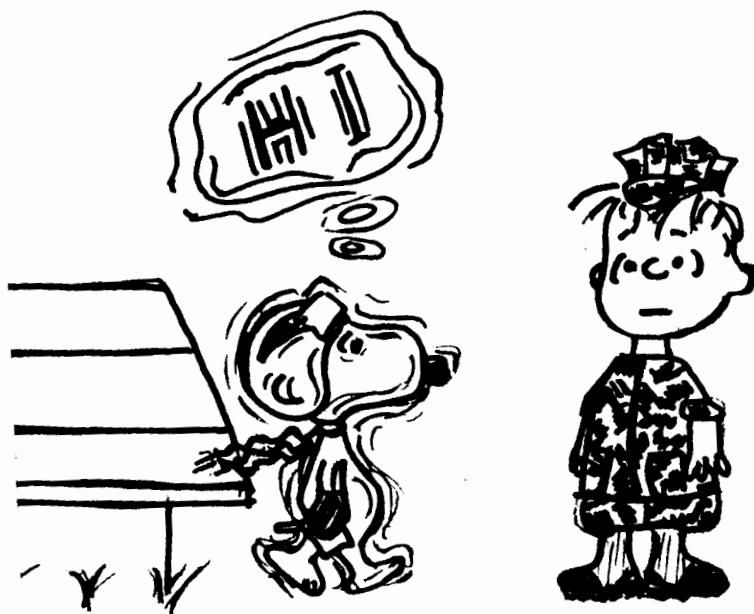
#### MATERIAL CONTROL

The Material Control Branch became the proud owner of the only "Combat AK" in captivity. AKAN Dave CARTNER was accepted for training as a gunner and subsequently transferred to Det TWO for duty.

AK1 "Fearless" George DICKENSON was transferred back to the World. DICKENSON will be going to VP-26 at Brunswick, Maine. These stalwarts of the "Skivvy Stocker" set were replaced by three new arrivals; AK1 Don HOFFMAN, AK3 Joe SOCHALSKI and AKAN Bob SCHOLZ. The operation of the Tool Room continues under ADJ1 Lee JORDAN with the assistance of AMS3 Carl RESICO, AMSAN Gary HAMEL and AN Jim RAMAGOS.



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## CHECK CREW

So many faces come and go around this circle that we must apologize for not recognizing each individual. One thing is for sure though, the helos are still coming into P.E. and a few are leaving!

The month of June is seeing almost a complete new set of faces being brought into focus. To you Shop Supers - send us the best. We only promise to work them for a hard 12 hours each day, give them ample time for 3 meals a day, and all the liberty they can stand. (on base that is!)

We don't expect another big turnover of personnel until November, so until we get back up to complement (75) and get new men trained, it will be a slow and tedious job to move a plane through the inspection cycle. All we ask is that all people concerned be patient while we are doing our best to give you the aircraft you need.

## ORDANANCE SHOP

From the desk of the Ordnance Shop in fighting HA(L)-3 comes the cry "Help".

Since our last Wolfgram the Ordnance Shop has suffered as have all shops due to transfers and very limited inputs.

The Shop Super, AOC DASHER, was transferred to NAMTG, NAS Albany, Georgia. We lost three hard working AO3's; KLASSEN, SEMMEL and HAYNES also. Best of luck in your new assignments. AO2 CATT and AO3 NAGLE are back in the good old World on extension leave. We'll really be glad to see them come back.

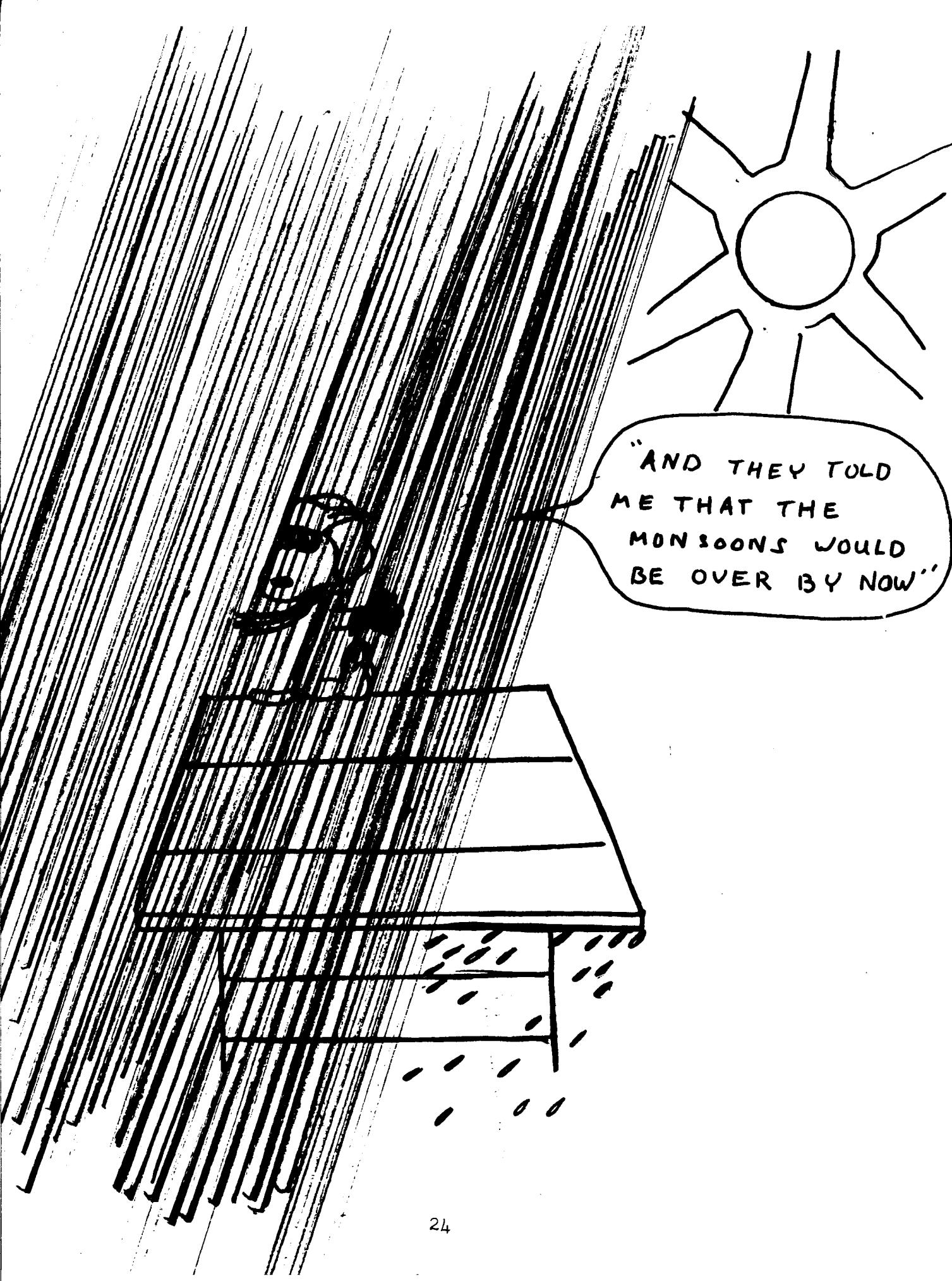
AO3 GRAFF, AO3 BIGGS, AO3 ST. MARTIN, AOAN WALKER and AOAN WEBB were assigned to dets throughout the Delta. Good-hunting gunners!

We've also got a bunch of short-timers in the shop. AOC MITCHELL, AO1 DORAN, AO2 SKEEN, AO2 MIKE "Gunner" BELL-Det SEVEN, AO3 RICE and AO3 Mac MCPHERSON-Det EIGHT who will be leaving in the first week of July. We'd like to express our deepest appreciation for the work they've done in the past year.

The shop would like to also welcome aboard and extend the best, to their next 365 days. AO2 STOKLEY, AO2 MAC GREGOR, AO3 HODGE, AO3 CARMODY, AOAN ZACHARY, AOAN NELSON, AOAN CURRY and AOAN ROOP. Standby men, you've got a long year ahead, but keep your chin up and you'll make it.

By the time the next Wolfgram goes to press we will have lost one of our Supervisors "White Hat" type, to the ranks of W-1. AO1 Jim "Jumper" DORAN will be advanced to W-1 on 1 July 1971. Many congratulations Jim, and the best of luck in your next endeavor for the AO Shop. Last, but not least, we lost our truly dedicated Armory Petty Officer Steve SAMDERSON. He's gone back to Civilian life to take up Gunsmith work. Never fear we're got a replacement who has taken the reins, AO3 John SULLIVAN. Keep those serial numbers straight SULLY.

That's all for now folks and we hope our plea for personnel is heard way back there in the good old World?



## AE SHOP

We wish to pay tribute to the dedicated, hard working AE's of HA(L)-3. Even with the switch to 12 hour work days, and the loss of key men, such as AE3 MURRY, the AE's have managed to maintain their high standards of maintenance. The AE's have been referred to as the "Super Skates" of HA(L)-3 by members of the other shops. This is far from true! Although we have been known to have some lax times this does not mean that there is not great demands put to, and met by the AE's. It could possibly be that because the AE's are ever cheerful and never complaining that the other shops are mislead? We are not offended by the term "Super Skate", we merely wish to inform the Squadron of the untruth in it!

We have some new members of the famed HA(L)-3 AE team. New to our ranks are AE1 LACY, who will prove to be a great asset to the team. Another new member of the team is AEAN MILLER, who has just come in from Det SIX. Although he has been on det we feel that he may yet be an asset, too, to our great team. Last but certainly not least is AEAN GRAHAM, who has already proved to be a hard worker, and a willing learner. These new men along with AE1 WELLS, AE1 BARNEY, AE1 UNDERWOOD, AE1 GARVER, AE's2 VAUGHAN, and KRAWCZYNSKI, AE's3 ARMSTRONG and MAHR, AEAN SHABEL form one of the best working teams HA(L)-3 has yet known.

## AT SHOP

It was a cold, gray, rainy morning here at Binh Thuy, RVN. Work was being carried on as usual in the Avionics Shop...ZZzzz...when all at once the friendly voice of Maintenance Control, fondly and aptly referred to as Big Brother, crackled over the inter-com, "We need a Wolfgram now!"

So here, dear reader, it is...

Chief MATOTT is all smiles here lately as he prepares to go on his upcoming leave period which will be spent in Taipei. AT1 NEILL, his deputy, is rumored to have been seen eating ten penny nails as he prepares to go "hard-core" and go gunning on Det. Joe JAGGARD, another AT1, just newly arrived, has also gotten the "gunning" fever and will be leaving the shop for the boonies. "Gun Fever" has been definitely found to be contagious, JAGGARD and NEILL having contracted it from AT1 WALLER and AT2 HUTCHENS who recently left for Det FOUR and TWO. Making sure the prospective gunners are fully aware of the thrills they'll be encountering, is Rusty HAWKINS, AT3 recently from Det EIGHT. "I get most of my material from Sgt. Rock comics," HAWKINS confesses. AT2 KEEFER prefers to get his kicks in Hong Kong, as he does his thing on R&R this week.

While KEEFER is getting his grins on R&R, newly appointed 2nd class Reuben KOUTAVAS, AT3 HENSON and veteran ATAN WASHBURN are holding down the bulk of the work on day check (Special note: AT3 HENSON was voted best dressed technician for June 8).

Holding down the fort during darkness are AT2's McQUEEN, EPPLER, FOSTER and HOBBS and AT3's HAYNED and TALBERT. Avionics night check has been showing up with a lot of yellow and black ribbons lately. What does that mean anyhow?

Filling out the Avionics Shop we have AT1 SHELTON, AT2 RAMSTEIN, and ATAN TOKUMOTTO, all newcomers to the Seawolves.

