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There will not be a CO's Note section in this issue of the Wolfgram.
CAPT MUNSON has been extremely busy with his Temporary Additional Duty
as Commander Fleet Air Detachment Binh Thuy.

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DET ONE - NOT SUBMITTED

DET TWO (NHA BE)

The famous Navy Seawolves at Nha Be extend greetings from the Bung Sat. We are well and it is our wish that all our fellow squadron members throughout the Delta are well and also that our families and friends at home are fine.

The month of February has been a rather standard one with the usual R&R's, aircrew qualifications, departures for COMUS and the arrival of the new guys. We have enjoyed the usual amount of "Boners" on one hand and the usual amount of superlative acts on the other.

The "Bonehead" of the month award must go to newly qualified FTL LTJG T.J. HAYES. It seems the Det Two fire team was returning from an operation and upon changing frequencies from tactical to tower T.J. turned off the fox mike in the process, encountering lost communication with the tower and the wing ship almost immediately. It's little tricks like this that keep Vietnam flying so interesting. The most recognizable & outstanding feat of the Det this month goes to Det Two's enlisted men and their softball victory over the officers. A real squeaker, 18-17 in seven innings. This "ties um up" at 3 and 3. The next game will decide the over-all championship at Nha Be N.A.S. & Det Two. For all our readers be sure and look in next month for the results of that big game.

A "welcome aboard" is extended from the "vets" of Det Two to the new guys, LT Tommy THOMPSON and LTJG Dick SCOTT. LT THOMPSON comes to us from Fleet Sonar School and will be our new Ops officer. LTJG Dick SCOTT, arrived from the Naval Academy, which we will not hold against him, and the training command. Dick will be Tommy's assistant Ops officer.

February also brings to a close the Delta Tour of two fine officers and pilots. LTJG Al BILLINGS and LTJG Wil DAVIS. Congratulations and thanks from Det Two to "Al" and "Wil" for a job well done. Al leaves us for VRF-31 at Norfolk and "Wil" departed for HC-2 at Lakehurst, New Jersey.

LCDR Mike RETZ, our assistant CinC left us for Vung Tau. We understand that he will be assistant Maintenance Officer. From knowing and working with LCDR "Clean Sweep" RETZ here in Det Two --- Vung Tau HAL-3 maintenance will see some changes enacted by the famous Nha Be "White Knight". We'll miss you Mr. RETZ and your friendliness and leadership.

At least once a month the "Seawolf Surprise" strikes the Det and this month it found its way to LT "Davey Boy" CUNTELL.

While Davey has been busy becoming qualified he learned he is to return to Vung Tau as Squadron Personnel Officer. Davey has done a fine job for Det Two and we hope he'll return upon completion of his tour in Vung Tau.

LTJG George, "if you have to say something nice about someone, don't say it," PIEL is getting short. It seems that if everything is going fine we call in George to point out the flaws. Hey George! Tell us what is wrong with HAL-3. Since Bill Wagner joined the Seawolf Electronics stereo club, the noise level has reached the threshold of pain.

February was the month of R&R for our CinC LCDR Dave BLAIR and our new Asst. CinC LT Tom COGSWELL. Both made the long awaited and well deserved trip to Hawaii; the land of sunshine, Mai Tais and Leis (flowered necklaces). It was a doubly good month for LCDR "Boss" BLAIR with R&R and the receipt of his orders to Monterey and P.G. School.

Welcome back from R&R Mr. BLAIR; we know you are as happy to be back as we are to have you back. Finally and before we move along to the colorful lines of our crewmen. "Congratulations" to LTJG Tom O'CONNOR for his recent qualification as FTL.

At this writing ADJ1 Larry TAYLOR has only 4 days and a wake up left in country. This brings to a close a long tour in which TAYLOR completed over 500 flying hours and 471 missions. In short all he can say is "I'm Short". TAYLOR is also our retiring LPO.

Our new LPO ATR2 Bob ARNOLD has the theory for enlisted and summed up as he says, "No Sweat G.I.".

ADJ2 Gary Althouse MARKOWICZ, the last of the outstanding "Pollock" crew chiefs is now in his 17th month in Vietnam with six more to go. "Mark" just completed 30 days leave stateside which he described as "Scotch and Steak Baby!, Scotch and Steak."

AO2 "Peaches" VARNUM joined Det Two this month from Vung Tau, the land of the blowing sand where he was quality assurance inspector of ordnance. While on Det Two his experience has proven invaluable.

AE2 Jim EVANS will be in Bangkok this month for some R&R. When asked why he chose Bangkok "one wire" responded, "it must be the cultural beauty of the people." Tell us all about it "one wire".

ADJ3 ROBINSON pulled up stakes and departed for Vung Tau so he could remain with the same division officer he had on Det - - - That must really be leadership folks!

A farewell to AN Chuck GIER as he has gone to Vung Tau to soak up the much needed sun and surf at Back Beach.

AN Ed WELSH "the thin man" has recently ordered a new 1969 Dodge so he will have wheels at his new duty station, Lakehurst, N.J., which is a thirty minute drive from his home in Hacketts Town, N.J. Some people will spend money for anything.

AN SMITHEN "the Van Nuys sweetheart" finally took "Ralph" to the vet for his rabies shots and to confirm that Ralph is indeed Ralph and not as suspected, "Ralphina." The vet informs that Ralph is just a little slow.

ATN3 Ben SMITH otherwise known as "Goldie Locks" recently bought a new camera and spent the last month "Shutter bugging". He has almost learned how to use it, all we need to do now is get him to take the lens cover off for each photo.

The enlisted men also have some "new guys" aboard and they are welcomed by all. AMS3 Dick SCOTT and AO3 Mike KING. They find it hard to believe that "Charlie" hit us on their first day on Det Two. Where are the iron pots and the flak jackets?

Before closing this months news a word is in order about our fine dog Ky. She is getting larger each day with her pups and next month's Wolfgram from Det Two will consist mostly of information about mother Ky and her children.

Finally another month is gone and we are all getting "Short" or "Shorter". Look in on us next month for more adventure and misadventures of the pilots and men of Det Two - Nha Be.

DET THREE - NOT SUBMITTED

DET FOUR (DONG TAM)

Moon over Moc Hoa, the words ring romance and adventure. There to lead Exodus to our new home and promised land was "The Col" Paul FRANKENBERGER. The stage was set, the plain of reeds had parted and the flocks had been gathered. Unfortunately, at the last minute, the Big Picture changed and we find ourselves staging nightly from this Delta paradise while Dong Tam remains our home. The first thing the Col did when he found that we'd been cancelled was to hock his staff, robe, and sandals he had bought for the trip.

After that, the Det returned to its normal psychotic self, a round robin of mud slinging being the order of the day. So another month passes filled with fond memories of continuous mirth & merriment. Recklessly the month of March brings with it the departure of key Det personnel. Foremost is the Col Det Cinc LCDR Paul FRANKENBERGER, "The Col" departs with orders to Newport, R.I., and leaves his followers with a feeling of admiration and respect. Who could ever forget "The Col's" numerous four-letter soliloquize whenever the occasion called for.

Leaving, too, for Jacksonville, Fla. is LT Raul VASQUEZ. Raul, before leaving, put his normal modesty aside and confided that he really is the immortal "Cho Cho" VASQUEZ this tidbit sent Det historian LTJG Jim CARMICHAEL rummaging through our reference library, congressional records, and funk and wagnalls. Although documentation was never achieved, it appears that one "Cho Cho" VASQUEZ played right wing on the Vasser field hockey team, and led the league in scores(?)

Speaking of right wing, we think of LTJG Paul STEUBER who left for Pax River. His proximity to Washington, D.C., we feel is ideal for carrying his favorite crusades to the people. The populist fight for free silver, greenback dollars should be aired once and for all. Bureaucracy has pigeon-holed these vital topics long enough but our man in Washington will carry on via his motto "sound citizenship through education."

The Det's loss is Vung Tau's gain as Bruce HOCK and "Muffy" BUSH move one step closer to CONUS. Soon to follow are Richard BAUSKE and Tom "Chief" GRAY. But the fellas out here sure miss the services provided by HOCK's hum strum and "C.W.'s Beauty, Body, and Bait shop."

New faces, and we really scored well, include new Cinc LCDR Jim ALKIRE. The change of command ceremony was held during a midnight blackout, so he couldn't see what he was really getting. Caveat Emptor. Also included in the package deal are LT Dick CATONE and LTJG Al BOSS. Although their flight time has been somewhat marginal, they've been extremely busy working on construction of the Det 4 BCO. Wall to wall carpets, central air conditioning, valet service and piped stereo are just a few innovations planned for the Dong Tam Hilton. But while we're waiting, sand bags still need filling. Actually the work goes well. LCDR Bob TOUHEY seems to provide that certain spark for getting things done. Along with his redoubtable enthusiasm he's also acquired a drum which keeps beautiful rhythm and the JO's working in unison.

Welcome back Jess BRADBURY and Ollie GROSS, from leave and R&R respectively. There must be something about CONUS and Hawaii that is unhealthy. Both returned pale, weary, with bags under the eyes. But with luck and our great climate, the miracle of regeneration will no doubt take place.

Our last party turned into another smash. Live entertainment was provided by LTJG Will FERRELL, his simulated walking and talking act drew

cheers and encores from the assembled throng. Very big on the menu were Dave ODOM & LTJG Bob KRUSE. After they'd finished that off, both settled down to about five steaks a . . . Many thanks go to John SADLER and Dave FRADELIS for giving their free time unsparingly.

Loquacious Stan PIOS received this month's Golden Head award for his pit stops to the scenic six holer. Determined to get off the honor role, Stan has been consulting a Chinese Herbolagist, the flight surgeon and, in desperation, an Army medic.

On the brighter side, our physical inventories have never been better due primarily to Norm GEIST and his midnight auto supply. No questions asked, just state your needs and "Viola" the little elf appears bearing gifts for all. At times the 9th Div gets a little indignant and demands a return of property "Borrowed." Big deal, we didn't need that tank anyway.

So as the sun sets gently in the west, and the mosquitos start swarming we count our blessings and head for the bunker.

DET FIVE

The action has been swinging and the scrambles numerous at Det 5 this month. Everyone is scarfing up on flight time and writing home about their noble deeds. LCDR LANGS' troupe is still committed to operations in Chau Doc and Kien Phong provinces.

The number one song on detachment this month is LCDR "Wild Bill" LANGS B B B (Birthday Bongo Beat). He won't mention his age but anyone with over 5,000 flight hours must be at least ninety-three. His family taped this original birthday song with his son on the skins. We may use it as a psyops tape when things get dull. If nothing else it should draw much enemy fire.

LT DE FRIES just completed a week of test pilot school in Vung Tau. He hasn't pulled out his silk scarf yet, but does fly with a green towel around his neck. This is his first full month as AHAC and FTL should soon follow. Mr. DE FRIES has been christened "Eagle Ears" for his acute ability to distinguish what caliber and how many hostile rounds are being fired at him, flying at 1500 feet.

LT "poorhouse" ZAJKOWSKI just returned from leave in Hong Kong where he met his wife; intentionally! He has related countless stories about this adventure, but can not seem to figure out what happened to his bank account. He plans to return to buy out the remainder of the China Fleet Club on his R&R.

LTJG "Valentine" TURNER is trying to put the finishing touches on his paper on landing aboard PBR's. His efforts have proved valuable in training and actual situations. During his spare time he has kept busy by showing everyone pictures of his 6 month old son, and by making wild Valentine cards for his wife; they are out of sight!

LTJG "Lone Ranger" SKAAR has the distinction again this month of having the highest flight time and playing the most Acev Ducev games. One morning last week his fire team destroyed 39 hootches with 36 rockets. Good shooting, but he is wondering when he will be asked to help rebuild them.

LTJG "Slick" CAMPANA has attained three of his goals this month. He is no longer a "new guy", he finally beat LT ZAJKOWSKI in a chess game, and recieved a pair of shorts with red hearts for Valentines day. With goals like that, who needs the war? He won't say which one pleases him most but we know.

LTJG "Patience" SCOTT is the welcome replacement to the Seawolves den. He determinedly stands by with helmet and kneeboard in hand waiting to get in an area fam. and LST qualifications. A warm welcome aboard to our new "new guy".

The enlisted crew also had a busy and productive month. Our leading petty officer AT1 "Black Pajamas" CONNELLY is trying to devise a seat in the flex guns so he can get a better angle on target, and depart the ship quicker. ADJ3 "Dennis the Menace" EGGLESTON believes it is more effective to hit the enemy with bullets and gun barrels rather than bullets alone. ATN3 "Short" SEAL has been walking the line ever since he began singing "Home on the Range". His radio calls to the barge for winds have been a treat to everyone. AMS2 "Guts" GUTHAUSERS' happiness is still directly proportional to the amount he shoots, lately there has been a large grin on his face. There is a rumor about that "Kentucky Babe" PORTER is ready to re-up and become a lifer; for some reason nobody believes it. AO2 "Dirty Dan" DAVIS has been showing a definite interest in PBR operations. He says he can swim better than he can fly. ADJ3 "Mr. Clean" MUELLER must know something that we don't. On his off days he is always clean shaven, combed hair and even smells good. This may set a new trend at Det 5. AO2 "Indscreen" TOMMER is at that trying stage, he is too old for a new guy and too new for a short timer. His bullets do seem to have a magnetic attraction to a particular part of the aircraft. ADJ3 "Lucky" LEE is the new and welcome addition to the crew this month. Presently he is trying to cure a case of gun-fam-itus, his recovery is beginning and the prognosis good.

We have recieved a few letters from LTJG FRY. He made the best of his forced stay in Japan, says he fell in love with his nurse and by this time should be back in the states. His leg is healing well and we all hope he will be flying again soon.

LCDR BORGQUIST's stay with us was short. After one month he was temporarily transferred to staff of CTF 117. We hope to see him again soon so we can give him all his back mail.

The USO has been good to the YRBM-16 this month. On the same Sunday Tarzan swung aboard, soon followed by Gypsy Rose Lee who peeled off Max West to the applause of the crew. Sebastian Cabot came a few weeks later and was promptly greeted by a sounding of General Quarters. The 16 will do anything to impress a guest.

The cooperation Det 5 has recieved from the officers and men at the YRBM-16 has been outstanding. Our operations here are more effective and efficient due to their help. A well deserved Thank You from Det 5.

DET SIX

This is the time for rotation in HAL-3 Det 6 is no exception. We have people leaving people arriving, people receiving orders, and going on leave. All of which brings to mind something my old grandpappy once said. He said, "Son, if you ever get a chance not to go to Vietnam, for Petesake take it." LTJG Dick LARSON was shattered by the news that he must depart the Nam on March 6, a full 9 days before schedule. Tough luck, Dick. ADJ3 John BUNNY and AN Terry SCOTT are also leaving in a few days. They are going home on their thirty day leave before extension. They are going together so it might be a good idea for all you parents out there to keep the women and kids off the streets. AO3 Niel McDONALD has received approval on his extension and will be around for awhile. AN Ron KINGPEY has received orders to VP-44 at Pax River. Also deserting helicopters for fixed wing is AN Vince SOTO, who is going to VP-42 at Whidbey Island, Washington.

February was also a good month for R&R. LTJG Ed WILSON took a few days off to visit Hong Kong and seems to be quite pleased with himself, even though it took him a week to rest up from his relaxation. At this writing AMH1 Roger BENISH is in Hawaii telling war stories to his wife. At any rate I suppose that's what he's doing. Speaking of war stories, ADJ2 Vince PAONE AZ3 Dan HIGGINS, and ADJ3 Jerry BARTLESON are still keeping the troops amused with tales of their derring do in the states during December and January.

They finally got Lud. One stormy night about half way through the month a wild horde of masked uglies from Vung Tau came along and snatched him off in a big black bag. Now he is in Vung Tau as a Maintenance test pilot. That is to say, he is on permanent liberty until his tour is up. That is LTJG Lud McKAY we are speaking of. He also made fire team lead before he left. Other New Fire team leads in the det are LTJG Ed WILSON and LTJG Bob ROMANELLI, Bob was heard to make a solemn pledge to keep the skies of South Vietnam free of Arab and Israeli invaders, even through it cost him his nickel plated gold helicopter. He is a changed man since he quit smoking.

SD3 Edgardo BABAO has ended his stay with Det 6 and now is somewhere deep in the wilds of NAVFORV. His replacement is here, however, and we extend a hearty WELCOME ABOARD to TN Felipe DISTRITO. ADJ3 Lloyd CONNERS is getting better and better. He has now learned to fetch the mail on spoken command and almost never chews up the newspapers. Seriously, if we had two men like CONNERS there would be no need for an Admin officer, he is that good and works that hard.

Turning now to the comic section, LTJG John "Roscoe" MANN, our animal officer, reports that the monkeys, Joe and Suzy, have almost finished training and should replace LTJG Ed WILSON as Wolfgram writer by next month. LTJG Dave HIETER has taken over as First Lieutenant and has already learned to talk to himself. Actually, it is more of a hysterical giggle. LCDR Steve WASS has received his AH2P papers and is scheduled for AHAC in the very near future. For a new guy he does a whale of a job. The Boss, LCDR STREY is developing a faraway look due to having received approval for leave to Hawaii in June. Something to do with his wife, we think. LT Charlie PITTMAN has been so busy being Ops officer that he hasn't had time to do anything foolish to be mentioned. Therefore he won't appear in this month's issue.

Two outstanding Seawolves received awards this month. LTJG Dick LARSON and AN Mike O'BRIEN received the Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V" for action on 5 June. Which brings to a close another month in old Dong Tam. BYE.

DET SEVEN (BINH THUY)

Greetings from the Binh Thuy Bandage Brigade at Det 7. Seems like everybody is wearing'em. Bob FULLWOOD and Doug DOUGLAS got their war wounds in a hot football game on the local gridiron, otherwise known as the helopad. Steve EGSGAARD won his with a pocket knife, LTJG Bill MATTHEWS with a cigarette lighter and LTJG Terry LACKEY walked into a door, door to a helicopter, that is. I'm awfully glad February was a short month, a couple more days and it might have been my turn.

Our Boss, LCDR Ed FUREY grows shorter and shorter, and flies higher and higher everyday. But he nevertheless talks about wanting to get in on one good fight before he goes home.

LT Tex RICHIE worried all month that Victor Charlie might start something while he was on R&R, and he'd miss all the fun. But he was finally convinced that we wouldn't let anything happen while he was gone, so he decided to go on to Hawaii (escorted to the airplane under armed guard).

For LTJG Carl PETERSON, it was "See Ya", "Sayonora" and "Fini Vietnam" in February. First left on leave for Australia and ended up in Japan, where he found plenty of camera and stereo shops to spend his hard earned cash. He returned just long enough to pack and head for the "Land of the All Night Generator". I can picture him now, his red mustache decorating the Pensacola beaches. Good luck, Pete!

We also had to say goodbye to LTJG Terry LACKEY, but he wasn't quite as lucky as Pete. He went instead to Vung Tau to work as a Maintenance test pilot where I hear he's getting more flight time than he did here. We know we lost a valuable asset to the Det and that he'll do the same good job anywhere he goes.

LT Tom DOYLE spent a week in test pilot school and moved to Det. maintenance officer at the end of the month. Instead of pushing paper, now he gets to tell people "Take it to Vinh Long".

Co pilots LTJG's Bill CARLO and Cris STONE, aren't doing much but flying these days. Their schedule usually reads 24 hours on, 24 on, then for a change, 24 on.

LTJG Tom WARLICK finally got his orders about a month late. Now he's wishing he could have waited a little longer. He is going to HC-2 in Lakehurst, N.J.. So it looks like fun and games on the "Big Blue" for him.

Well, its time once again to tell all the deep dark secrets about what we did with ourselves last month.

AMS1 THOMAS, the hairless wonder, finally got back from R&R in sunny Hawaii. He's trying to get a refund on his trip because the sunshine was the wettest he's ever seen. Anyway, he's back in the old groove giving away our C-rations to Vinh Long ordnance shop so we can all starve when we go to Rach Gia.

AMS2 HARTING has been assuming the duties of fouling up the enlisted flight schedule. But then no one is more confused about it than Bill himself. Strange things lurk behind that scraggly moustache.

ATN2 MARSDEN has departed our illustrious company to rejoin the P.E. pushers at Vung Tau. There will always be an empty chair at the pinochle table for good ole MARS. Somebody had to lose all the time!

ADJ3 DOUGLAS, alias Joe Namath Jr. is recovering from his recent football injury. By the time he gets home it'll be his "old war wound". While recuperating his broken finger, he's been working as an apprentice PN.

AE3 "Binjo" RUTLEDGE has been giving burnt offerings to the great gunsmith in the sky in thanks for the 3 new 50 calibers we received from Vung Tau. Things are much more calm now, since the 50's all work. Mr. FUREY has no one to yell at.

ADJ3 DELORE is still the shortest one out here. He doesn't let anyone forget it either. He'll probably beat this Wolfram home. I sometimes think he really doesn't like it here.

ADJ3 GOOD has proven that beneath that hard corps exterior there lies a pity and compassion for homeless chickens. He brought a newly hatched chicken back from Rach Gia and has been seen teaching it to help him clean guns.

ADJAN "Greck" GREEN, leads the detachment in missing Rach Gia trips. We all feel a little pity, knowing how he loves Rach Gia, and we always have a lump in our throats as we observe him stumbling to the pad only seconds late and "tearfully" wave goodbye.

This has been a month for new gunners. First of all came AO3 GALE and AN MEYER. GALE is one of the elite crew that rides the .50 cal, the lucky son of a gun. (which is my completely unbiased opinion, as unbiased as possible since I'm the other 50 gunner) MEYER is a jinx for flight helmets. For some reason Johns' helmet always seems to come apart without any outside effort on his part. The next "boot" to arrive was AO3 SCHELL. He's jinxed also but in a different manner. Ever since he got here we've been having to scramble in the middle of the night. That cuts in to our beauty sleep.

The next two new gunners to arrive were ADJ3 SULLENS and ATN3 SCHULTZ. "Sully" has been learning all of Pancho's bad habits at Binh Thuy and listening to his WWII war stories. SCHULTZ arrived complete with tool box.

PN1 ERICKSON has begun hanging strange little signs all over the place. The rumor is that it's concerned with him getting short and his next duty station, permanent "shore duty" (USS HORNET).

AO2 FULLWOOD, ground crew POINC, is facing a very trying time of his life. He has to watch all his hard work rebuilding bunkers demolished to facilitate our big move to the new base. Chin up Bob, we'll let you build our bunkers across the street.

ABF2 "Pancho" SAUCEDO, the fuel chinkos (in his own words) is to be commended. Our fuel is the cleanest JP4 at Navy Binh Thuy. Its also the only JP4 at Navy Binh Thuy but that's beside the point!

AN KENDALL got back from a romp & stomp in good ole Sydney. When we asked what he did he just smiled and applied for more P&R.

AN "Tin Tonsils" EGGAARD has been too busy helping with the big move to book any more singing engagements. The only bad thing is, he sings while he works.

AN "Papa san" FALCO is the proud father of an 8lb baby boy. Just after he passed out cigars he was transferred back to FASU along with AO3 DRAPER. DRAPER went to security force.

By this time next month we'll be more or less settled in our new home across the street, never more to feel the soft fragrant breeze blow in off the river, or hear the soft lapping of the waves as they wash rusted ammo cans and rotten vegetation up to get entangled in the barbed wire, and let its' perfume drift in and caress our noses. Sad isn't it?

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
COMMUNICATIONS

CDR WHITWIRE now has the helm of the Operations Department having officially relieved C.R. HILLE who is on his way to HC-4. LT's WILSON and CATHCART have departed for CONUS. LT CATHCART to the Intelligence Branch in Washington D. C. and LT WILSON is heading for the training command as a nugget instructor in VT-1. But before checking into Pensacola LT WILSON will be recruiting in the Dallas area with Operation Hot Shot.

LTJG CAMPBELL has come in from the ROCK where Het-1 resides, to take over as the Communications Officer and as temporary AIO until ENS. TEAGUE arrives. However, as soon as Mr. CAMPBELL reported aboard he was off again to spend seven days with his beautiful wife in Hawaii. LT WALKER received word he is no longer going to a staff job in Naples, Italy. Instead he will be on the staff of Commander Naval Activities United Kingdom, London, England. Jon now wants to know if there is anyone who is willing to swap ITALIAN MADE EASY for the WORKS OF SHAKESPEARE. LT CONNOLLY has been sending helpful hints out to Det SIX to prepare his successor LTJG John MANN.

Chief JOENKS came back from HAWAII all smiles. It seems somebody thinks he has curly locks. His training side-kick, AOL JOHNSON has a smile on his face now-a-days too; we can't figure out if he's happy because he is going flying or going to USS RANGER.

The understanding is that ATN3 MARINACCIO wishes he had started working in training sooner. Between training and radio watches (Losing much sleep????) he spends the rest of his time complaining about the mail. Seems while AN GRIFFITH has been consoling MARINACCIO, GRIF has been doing all the work while MARINACCIO continues to rant and rave.

CYN3 ANDERSON and CYN3 COLIRIN in the trailer have been making great strides toward becoming human again. Not only did SN Ryan leave (USS ROOSEVELT bound) but what do you guys plan to do with the dead rat you can't find.

Up in the OPS Office AN HARKSEN continues to "work" on his record of loafing. Only three weeks to go and he will have spent a year in NAM doing less than almost everybody. (We can't forget our friends in Maintenance, right MAC). AN KELSEY (HARKSEN's striker) will have quite a work load after HARKSEN departs for CONUS. However, his business is busily supervising his relief; KELSEY also says he has a "Short Time" left in Vietnam. Just don't practice your golf swing in the office any more KELSEY, light bulbs are hard to come by as it is.

AN "NIROBI" HARRIS comes to us from HC-1. He's catching on real fast now - if he'd just quit getting caught in the typewriter he would be fine. Oh well, he only has 350 days to go.

QUALITY ASSURANCE DIVISION

Greetings from the Blue Room. We all say "Welcome" to our new Quality Assurance Officer LCDR RETZ from Det 2. We also bid a fond "Farewell" to LT BAILIS and a job well done. We also lost ADJC HUFFMAN to VAW-123 in Norfolk, Virginia. To suffer the loss of HUFFMAN we have gained ADJ1 KNIGHT from Check Crew. THOMPSON has been doing most of our administrative work and has been heard saying "PRATER AZ3, please come back". BRADBURY AMH2 has been thinking. Since the month of February has passed we bid goodbye till our next Wolfgram in the month of March.

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MAINTENANCE CONTROL DIVISION

Well here we are another month down, and it seems that everyone is getting happier and shorter. AN McMULLEN doesn't seem to be happy with his set of orders, but the USS FORESTALL is a pretty popular ship. Chief WILSON is counting the days till R&R, AZ3 OWSLEY is counting till home. AZ3 MANSFIELD and ADJAN ANTHONY are trying to figure out what they are supposed to be doing besides counting the days. Chief RATON shipped over one more time and AZ2 POOLE was told by LCDR HICE that he better get his work done or he would be extending. ADJ2 DORSEY spends all his hard earned money buying a new car. AN TORZ SKI got back on nights, that way he won't go broke buying aspirins. So ends another month, from the happy crew in Maintenance Control.

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PARALOFT

Well, after several months of waiting and re-ordering of Flight Gear, it's finally starting to come in, "SLOWLY". With luck, maybe we will be able to fully equip a crew member in the next six months.

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AIRFRAMES DIVISION

SMITH, AMSC - just bought a new camera, he has a few months left in country to learn how to use it.
HICKS, AMS1 - sporting a black thumb, from a misguided hammer.
BOOSE, AMH2 - was just advanced to AMH1.
SPENCER, AMS2 - is attending AARTS School on UH-1B&C Airframe.
SCHRIER, AMS3 - at the top of the list for receiving mail.
MAINTENANCE CONTROL - still mumbling about the pink sync. elevators, on 314. FILLION, AMH2 and JABLINSKI, AMS3 are proud of their paint job.

LINE DIVISION

This has been project month here on the line. Leading the list has been the construction of the new wash rack. It's mostly completed now and only needs a few details added to finish it up. Putting new sandbags on all of the revetments is the next large item in the works. LTJG MCKAY is the new boss. He's in from Det 6. All of us wish "Stretch" HUGH'S and "Soupy" CAMPBELL good luck on their return to the world. Some of the new faces on the line now are JACOES, AN, WAKILAND, AN, MCPIKE, ADR3, COCKE, ABHP, OLBY, AN, CARTER, AO2, BOYD, AO3, YLTON, ADJ3, MAIRE, ADJAN, CHRISTIANSON, ADJAN and ROBINSON, ADJ3. The Division is looking forward to a cookout etc. to be held on back beach March 1st, if "Charlie" behaves himself. Stop in and "Coffee-up" with us anytime.

AE SHOP

This month the AE Shop seems to be slowly diminishing by several of the AE's heading for dreamland many miles East of here, CONUS. First to leave will be AE3 GRUBBS, who leaves his Coppertone and his revetment on the line in the sun to another prominent sun-worshipper, AE3 Keith JASMANN. Shortly thereafter, AE3 BRILL, AE3 COUSART, AE3 O'NEILL and AE2 LESLY will also be winging their way back to civilization.

We're sorry to say we lost one of our members to sickness. AEAN BOLSTRIDGE is suffering from a case of hepatitis in Japan. Hopefully, we're all looking for the "Old Red Baron" to be back any day now.

Another sad note this month - our shop mascot, SANDY, had a case of "Dog under Jeep", but, thanks to the modern miracles of dog medicine and Army Vets, he is just about his old self again, despite a minor limp and a grumpy disposition.

We would like to give a hearty welcome to our new Division Officer, LT BOOMGARDEN.

In closing, there is just one thing I would like to say in this my last WOLFGAM, "SHORT!!!!!"

AE3 T. A. GRUBBS

- Don't worry, Chief, those next eight months will be gone before you know it! And then, "Hello, Florida" and where is my Cadillac?

WEAPONS

The GUNSLINGER shop has been in it's normal condition this month mass confusion.

This month has seen the usual amount of personnel changes. AO3 (Baby San) LAMBERT departed for VP-49 in PAX RIVER. We all wish him smooth sailing - flying, or whatever.

A03 BOEDMEER is again a Vung Tau Warrior? He has been replaced in Vinh Long by A03 (BABY HUEY) RYAN.

A02 VARNUM finally got out on Det; guess he's using that trigger finger by now.

A03 (DIRTY DAVE) DEATHTRAP came back from St. Louis (That's in the USA, so he says) with a smug look.

Looks as though the Foxes, A0C (SILVER FOX) MCGRATH and A02 (SLY FOX) SLOAN are going to stick together for a while. Both got orders to something called the USS RANGER. You ain't been to EPDOPAC YET?

We here in the shop are beginning to wonder when they are going to take the YO-YO string off A02 WALIN. He has been back and forth between the shop and the line so much, that at the present time we don't know who he is supposed to muster with.

A01 BOWELS had been heard to mutter something like "I Ain't on Night Check yet." Would you believe that with the recent change in NX Personnel, he's still on days. Sorry about that.

Our new NX Supervisor A02 ISAACS says NX is number 10 thou. I hear that's because he can't play horseshoes with A02 BLANDIN at noon anymore. Is that true, IKE?

We hear the guys in the shop even gave IKE a going away card upon his departure from Day Check.

Valentine's Day was celebrated with an impromptu Valentine given to the illustrious Chief MC; seems it made mention of his orders again.

It seems that Sly Fox SLOAN is having a hard time getting his eyes adjusted to daylight hours; must have been on night check too long.

Chief FIELDS has a new noise maker which runs about 2 1/2 hours a day. So from now on we are going to call him our man from "RCA" have tape recorder will travel, if he can find somebody to carry it for him.

We have been enjoying that happy holiday called TET. Right now we are waiting for the fireworks, which we hope will not come.

Well, no more news this month. See you again in March.

AT TECHNICAL NOTES

The Vietnamese New Year Season is now upon us and we of the day check AT Shop have gotten into the groove to help celebrate this holiday in our own way.

Our gracious Airman "Little Willy" is in training to be our Bhudda. Of course in order to fulfill his important role, he has imposed upon himself a rigid diet. We, of the shop, feel that this is a very wise decision on Willy's part. It would not improve international relations if we were to use an excessively obese personality to represent the most important symbol of the TET Celebration.

"Daddy" EASTWOOD and "Stroker" GILMOOR are doing their share by spending the majority of their time at the ZEBRA, building up their endurance to the effects of a long festive night of celebrating.

Our shop is very proud of these men, for the total effort being put out by our two allies, is accomplished entirely during their off hours. This is truly an outstanding example of self-sacrifice and devotion to the cause of improving international harmony and respect.

Our infamous leader Chief BOWMAN must be doing his part also, but we feel it surely falls into an unclassified area. Every morning, with a sly smile, a click of his heels, and bubbling voice, he announces "War is ." Since his arrival in the shop, the Chief has been striving to learn about every aspect of the Vietnamese people. Through the bartender at the Chief's Club, the influential residents of Vung Tau, and the troops in the shop, his never-ending search for knowledge to learn still goes forth. Through his efforts to understand the people and the country, our Chief will provide us with the necessary knowledge to enjoy the TET Holidays to the fullest.

Our "Man in Vietnam" SHULTZ has so far been unable to provide the shop with any conclusive evidence as to the role he will play during TET. We all have confidence that he has a project in the fire that must be "super-duper". Why else would SHULTZ arrive at work at 0700 and disappear until 1600??? When the 17th arrives, if an enthusiastic roar, or an eerie silence emits from the AT Shop, drop in to see us and find out what SHULTZ's super project turned out to be.

Our new man in the shop, JOHNSON has not really gotten into a festive spirit yet. The shop is a little leery of him as he may be a spy from the line. Due to this unproven suspicion, we do not feel as if we should divulge our gala plans to him. James Bond never said an awful lot either, but he sure knew how to ruin a good plan.

Sylvester, the cunning and ingenious feline of the shop has been eyeing one of the large water buffalo that passes by outside the gate. We of the shop have ascertained that his contribution to the gala event probably will be a very widely acclaimed delicacy - roasted water buffalo. Sylvester has been spending a great deal of time sleeping and eating around the shop in order to accumulate the necessary stamina required of a big game hunter. He also practices killing tactics on all shop personnel and has left some scars and scratches as proof of his ferocity.

Our night check personnel have been very cagey about their activities concerning TET. But our roving ambassador of information provided us with a few facts of interest involving night check's plans.

AINSWORTH has decided that it would be an enormous boost in their international good-will if he were to be sent back to Thailand for TET. The many religious temples and objects have instilled in him a feeling of profound awe and respect for the oriental people. By his presence, AINSWORTH hopes to pave the way for a more ardent understanding between our two nations.

"Mr. America" SANTY has really outdone himself for TET. He is now the proud owner of a new "TUX". It's first public appearance will be the 17th of February. DUNN and SANTY will probably appear as the BOBSY TWINS, since DUNN procured an exact replica. If anyone sees two persons dressed up as clowns the 17th, don't laugh. SANTY and DUNN are just adding a little humor to the festivities.

SOHLER has promised to make an unbelievable sacrifice in order to contribute his part toward TET. His long, well-groomed moustache will end its existence. Although it was so stated by SOHLER, we feel that he is not really going to give it up due to a deep devotion to the holidays, but rather because he has been unable to find an effective way to camouflage the growth. We of the shop think that if he would paint two green dots on his upper lip, he could pass it off as a caterpillar.

As coordinator of the festivities, MOUNT has spent many hours at the various locations mentioned in this article. Due to an extremely rigid fortitude requiring stamina for this type of project, it is requested that a little consideration be used when he is approached. If he is seen staggering back to the barracks at night, remember he has just been coordinating.

Since we have yet to complete our preparations, this article must end and the finishing touches applied.

HAPPY TET.

ADMIN DEPARTMENT
LCDR SCHRADER

The month of February saw the ADMIN DEPARTMENT plugging away as usual. There have been a great number of personnel changes (both coming and going) and these have kept us rather busy. The month of March unfortunately doesn't look any better as we have twenty-six officers reporting aboard. Sure is good to see the "new guys" though.

Highlight of the month was our Sunday afternoon beach party. LCDR Norman E. SCHRADER led the first wave and was followed by his ever able assistants LTJG's Sprosty and Bagley. During the course of the afternoon we were visited by Capt. Munson, CDR Hille, CDR Whitmore, Dr. Spence and occasional indigenous personnel. All in all a highly successful and fun filled afternoon.

As far as personnel changes within the department go, we remained quite stable. However, some of us are getting rather short. LCDR Norman E. SCHRADER is due to depart 2 April - - oops, wait a second - - he just found out his departure date is now 5 April. Now he is mumbling something about 16 rum and cokes. Oh well, into each life a little rain must fall.

"Oh Lord deliver us from this fate worse than death." Such are the words spoken from the few remaining enlisted men in Admin. It seems as though no matter how hard we try we can't get anyone ordered in. Someone out there hear our prayers and deliver us some help! We'd even settle for a girl (secretary that is) now.

YN1 Owen "Kahuna" SHEISTAD, famed leader of the Budweiser boys, fails to appear at work in the morning with his sunny smile. At present his crew has been cut down to two. A 40 hour week is what he always wanted but 40 hours in 2 days is ridiculous.

YN2's Sammy "Civilian" PARKER, Ricardo LA GADO and Tom KLAUS have left us. We wish PARKER and LARGADO the best of luck in the future and KLAUS a speedy return.

YN2 Bob HUNT inherited a big workload as he'll be covering for YN2 KLAUS during his absence. Words of wisdom from Bob, "My time is coming, my time is coming,"

SN Jim "Surfer" KOSKINAS doesn't quite believe it. "What am I doing here?" seems to be his cry as he rides the big surf of Vung Tau.

AN Lane HARNETT has, as usual, been pushing the mail through the squadron. He claims he could handle any amount of mail so all you fans and friends get busy and write. Let's see if he's true to his word.

AMH1 Dave BIBEAU says very little. He just counts the days until he'll be a civilian again drawing that check once a month.

Time to pull the curtain once again and close the Big Top at Admin. Let's all hope, pull and pray together that we get someone ordered in or we all get pulled out.

PERSONNEL DIVISION

As LT Lewis get's short we see a new set of bars taking over the Personnel Officer's Desk -- LT O'NEILL, fresh off of Det 2 and ready to spend his time typing instead of flying.

Looking around the office we see a new face. Could it be PN1 Sharrah just in from the fleet taking the place of the London kid PN2 Wynn who just recently parted with his long cared for mustache. Welcome aboard SHARRAH.

Chief KUNBERGER back from a week's R&R in Hawaii is working hard again, although he does have a little trouble getting started on Monday mornings after those Sunday afternoon parties at the beach.

Who's this we see behind that stack of service records????? Why it's SN DORRELL trying to catch up. Cheer up George. One of these days you will get your crow. But until then, get to work.

Our friendly transfer man PN2 Larry BLECHER is off on a three day in country R&R but will be back soon to cheer up to office with his pleasant smiling face.

Every now and then you can catch a glimpse of our dedicated Career Counsellor ABHI WILLIAMS. Between trips to the North Forty and Dets, he is working on a new reenlistment pitch.

If you travel to the far end of the trailer you will find our man PN2 Phil Faden in the Education/Legal Office hard at work trying to find a place for all his new books with more coming in every day.

Our Squadron Legal Eagle, LT WALKER, received those long awaited orders to the Det. Looks like his days behind the desk are over, for a little while anyway.

Well that is about it from this end of the Blackshoe department. See you all next month, and until then take care.

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
DR CLARENCE SPENCE

HEPATITIS

"HEPATITIS" means a swelling and soreness of the liver. There are two types caused by viruses, infectious and serum hepatitis.

Serum Hepatitis was first recognized in people who had been given medicines or vaccines that contained human serum. A person may develop serum hepatitis after receiving a transfusion of infected blood or its derivatives, or other skin puncturing instruments (including tattoo needles) used on him.

Infectious hepatitis is one of the more common communicable diseases, especially in children. A person with the disease can infect others by contact. This type is also spread by contaminated water and food, including raw clams and oysters harvested from polluted.

Anyone who has not had infectious hepatitis may get the disease, but people who have once had hepatitis probably will not get it again unless his overall body resistance becomes markedly decreased. It is usually mild in children lasting 1 - 2 weeks but is more severe in adults who generally take 4 - 6 weeks for recovery.

Infectious hepatitis may begin any time 2 - 6 weeks after exposure to the disease. The most common symptoms are tiredness, loss of appetite, upset stomach with or without vomiting, headache and pain in the abdomen. Fever may occur at first, but it generally stops in a few days. The liver may enlarge and become tender.

The most characteristic sign is a yellowing of the whites of the eyes. The URINE will also become DARKER (or deep yellow) in color. The skin may also develop a yellowish or "Jaundiced" color, but many people develop hepatitis without this sign. Yellowing of the skin also occurs with other diseases, however, and may not be a sign of hepatitis.

TREATMENT:

The recommended treatment is bed rest and an adequate diet.

HOW RISK CAN BE REDUCED:

There is no vaccine available to immunize against infectious hepatitis.

(1) BASE SANITATION - A sewer system or properly built septic tank in good operating condition is essential. Safe food and water supplies are also important. Information about proper sewage disposal, water supply purity, and food sanitation can be obtained from the base Preventive Medicine Unit.

(2) PERSONAL HYGIENE - Adhere to good basic hygiene rules.

(3) GAMMA GLOBULIN - This provides temporary protection. Gamma Globulin is the disease-fighting part of human blood. It contains antibodies that hold the infection in check while the body builds up its resistance to disease. This is why Gamma Globulin given to a person who has been exposed to the disease will PREVENT or LESSEN the severity of infectious hepatitis. Gamma Globulin (5.0 cc) is administered to all Naval Personnel every 4 months while on duty in the Republic of Vietnam.

We would like to take this opportunity to convey our thanks to HM2 Thomas E. STEPHENSON for his devotion to duty and support in maintaining the Medical Department over the last 12 months. HM2 STEPHENSON was instrumental in setting up and supplying the Medical Trailer when it was first obtained in March 1968. He has also contributed greatly to the morale of the squadron during his tour here - - the ZEBRA NCO Club will be losing one of its most precious customers. HM2 STEPHENSON is heading for duty to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Bremerton, Washington.

We would also like to thank AN Daniel PEREZ for his assistance to the Medical Department since his arrival in country. He is "ON LOAN" to us until we receive another corpsman in the squadron.

Everyone should be delighted to know that the smiling face of Doctor SPENCE will be present in the Delta for another full year. The Doctor's extension was approved until May 1970. He is very happy about his extension because it will enable him to further develop the training program that he has established for the Vietnamese Medics. He has also contributed greatly to the training of squadron personnel.

Dr. SPENCE has thoroughly enjoyed his duty with HA(L)-3 thus far, and is looking forward to another year with continued improvement in the Medical Department. One improvement he would like to make is to obtain a vehicle for Medical Department use. Does anyone have any suggestions?