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We would like to take this time (and space) to extend an apology to all eager recipients of the WOLFGRAM. Having accrued the material, arranged it in a semblance of order and typed up the stencils for September's WOLFGRAM, we found ourselves EDP (Maintenance term meaning "No Have") for paper. The whole of this resort-like republic was faced with the same dilemma and consequently the great delay. For those of you who submitted the material, we apologize for not having your "works" published sooner. For those of you who wait with bated breath for its receipt, we apologize for violating the cardinal Navy leadership rule: "Keep Your Men Informed."

THE PRINTERS

DET ONE (USS HARNETT COUNTY)

Lop off another 30 or 31 cried the devilish French Revolutionaries and their words are echoed by the men of Det ONE. The month of September is waning and the weather is typically Fall. Well, we can dream can't we?

LTJG Dave MINAHAN returned from leave in Hong Kong and test pilot school in Vung Tau. "Uncle Red" is getting short and was last heard saying, "thirty days has September, April, June and Dave MINAHAN".

LTJG (soon to be "dai-uy") Dave CRANOR recently received orders to HT-8. He was quite joyous about it and has already started taking his nasty pills for his tour in the City of Five Flags.

LT Jim BEEM, the old gun dealer from up the river, has joined us for what will most likely be a two month stay. All are pleased to have Jim and we extend a warm welcome aboard to our new assistant OinC. True to form, he has made valiant efforts to procure an M-79 to add to his ever growing arsenal.

LTJG "Wild Willy" WALLIN is still experimenting with his Polaroid but has yet to improve. Bill and Noel CAMPBELL have constant verbal battles over whose slides are the more professional. It's Minolta versus Nikon and to listen to them neither's camera is worth a Kodak Instamatic.

The Boss, LCDR HARKER, went sunbathing in the outboard runabout just the other day and returned looking like a Maine lobster. Now he just limps around with a far off look in his eye and occasionally mutters something about being a Bronze Adonis.

LTJG Noel CAMPBELL is the founding father of our powerful basketball team. The HARNETT COUNTY currently has a basketball tournament in progress with all of the ship's departments, the Seawolves and PBRs competing. Currently the "Hollywood Helos", that's what Noel calls them, are running a very strong second and appear to be headed for the loop lid. Noel says if we can pull down the championship here we'll go to the Vinh Binh Province finals against a strong Can Ke club. After Can Ke, who knows, maybe Can Tho. Oh well, it's all a dream now.

LT "Sumo" SOTO is still practicing his role as hatchet man. The JO bunkroom continues to rebel and outright hostilities could break out at any moment. We will keep you posted. Sumo is finding out that the men who fly The Serta perfect sleeper can get violent on occasions.

LTJG Chuck BAGLEY has done nothing at all printable, but continues to be an inspiration to all.

Chief WALSH has been in the States on emergency leave. We wish to extend our sincerest sympathies to Chief WALSH and his family. We hope to see the Chief back with us real soon.

AMS3 Fred RECORD left on R&R to Australia and is soon to be followed by AN Bill GIBSON and ATN3 Lyle NIMMO. We all are anxiously awaiting tales of their trips to Kangaroo land, but if they return as all R&R people do all we'll get is an occasional whimper.

We wish to welcome two new gunners aboard; AOAN Jim McGOWAN and AN Dominic BASILE. Both seem to be enjoying Det ONE life after strenuous Vung Tau tours. ADJ3 Tom OLEZESKI continues to fight a return to Vung Tau, but all appears to be in vain.

AE2 SEARLE returned from R&R to the Philippines and is now looking forward to leave. Guess with a taste of the good life you get a little greedy.

AN Dan KELLY is looking forward to a Bangkok trip and also applied for an extension. Does that make sense?

AOAN Ron McALLISTER applied for R&R - in March? At least you have something to look forward to Mac.

That concludes the run down of another fun-filled month on the boat on the Bassac. Unfortunately, we have no Dave MINAHAN quotes as he still is not speaking. We will just bid you all adieu and say keep the cards, letters and geedunk coming.

DET TWO (NHA BE)

As the end of September approaches we are unable to look forward to the smell of burning leaves, but with the change in the winds the "pleasant" aromas of Nuoc Mam (a delightful concoction of fermented fish) will soon be permeating our area. This month has seen the final touches being placed on our new ready room including magnificent green tile mysteriously procured by LTJG George PIEL and his two accomplices AMH3 George HEADY and ADJ3 Bruce "Motor Mouth" BOISSEY. Other projects include a wooden cabinet designed and built by LTJG Derek BROWN to withstand a direct hit by a 122mm rocket. A great deal of assistance was offered during the construction of this piece of furniture, some physical but good deal more verbal. LCDR Mike RETZ has come up with a creative design when using rocket boxes as bunker material - insert a box perpendicular to the wall and use the exposed portion for flower cultivation. The aircraft revetments have been completely rebuilt and under the supervision of LTJG Bryan CUDEBACK two of the most elaborate ammo boxes for the storage of rockets, machine gun ammo and smokes were erected. LCDR Ron PENNINGTON returned from R&R in Hawaii and is attempting to log the twenty-four hours in his log book. LTJG Al "Diplomat" BILLINGS, not known for his prowess as a softball pitcher, has to be forced to go back for seconds in the wardroom. Nice try, Al. On a recent trip to Saigon LT John CONNOLLY, who claims to have given up smoking and drinking, and AOAN Ed "Twiggy" WELSH acquired a familiar slip of paper on their windshield. Each claims the other was responsible for parking at the gate of the Cholon Exchange.

LTJG Tim HAYES departed for Hawaii with his true love after spending many off-duty hours arduously building a tan. The Det has been terrorized during the past few weeks by LTJG Wil DAVIS and his Uni Topcon camera. Nothing escapes his shutter, shudder! In the "new guy" department Nha Be picked up LT Tom COGSWELL who had been driving the desk in the Personnel Office in Vung Tau and is adapting quickly to life on Detachment. We were also fortunate to acquire ATR2 Bob ARNOLD in order to fill the gap which the short timers are to present to us in the near future. Through a series of misfortunes the leadship in our Fire Team is missing its .50 caliber and ADJ2 Larry TAYLOR is finding that the M-60s are a bit more of a challenge than he remembered. AE2 Gary NOYD has become a proficient painter of jeeps and the local "Bon Vivant". AE3 Jim EVANS is all smiles since his return to flight status, but was disappointed

to learn that he would have to undergo a refresher training syllabus. From the looks of his clothes it will take AO3 Morris PENDLETON most of his one month reprieve on Det to pack them all. Before the .50 caliber met its demise, one of our newer crew chiefs, ATNAN Ben SMITH, managed to remove it from the mount and continue firing in the manner made famous by the greatest of all war heroes, John Wayne. If I hadn't seen AOAN "CHUNKY" SMITHEN slugging a coke and munching pretzels, I would have mentioned how serious he has become about his diet. Now what can I say? At a recent soiree AOAN "Pork" GIER appeared to be having a certain amount of difficulty focusing his camera, not a bad feat considering it was an Instamatic. Rumor has it that ADJAN Jim ROBINSON has encountered difficulty spotting targets because his crew cut hair gets in his eyes. Until next month when someone else will assume the gratifying chore of writing this contribution, that's about it from Nha Be.

DET THREE (VINH LONG)

Greetings from the land of the rising rice paddies. This writer would like to bid you a cordial hello and explain that if these contents seem to contain a dearth of exciting, highly personal and colorful information, it's probably because I'm wallowing in the throes of Nubieitis (a not so rare disease among all of us at one time or another). At any rate, the month of September has been somewhat of an eventful month here in Vinh Long. A reluctant parting was made by several of our number during this past period — AMH3 GRAY left us for Vung Tau, but his sights were really set beyond that fragrant Oriental metropolis as he was getting disgustingly short when he departed Vinh Long. AO2 HENRY, ATN3 COSGROVE, AE3 BRUCE, ADJ3 CONKLIN and ADJ1 ENGH said farewell in mid-month, they, too, pointing themselves in an easterly direction for duty at our squadron's home base. ADJ3 SHERRILL, another short-timer among short-timers, will serve the remainder of his tour, as small as it is, in Vung Tau also. We in Det THREE enjoyed our work with you and you certainly will be missed. We wish all of you a speedy tour completion and a safe journey home.

Two fresh pilots have arrived to give our surreptitious enemy some additional hard times: LCDR "Diamond Jim" BRADY and LTJG Joe HART, — both coming from Vung Tau. LCDR BRADY is probably the shortest of all the new blood, having just passed over the mid-way point in his tour. He was with Det ONE soon after arriving in-country and then did a stint as Safety Officer back with the Home Guard at Vung Tau. LTJG HART spent three months in Vung Tau as Assistant Weapons and Avionics Officer. Several other Nubies arrived this month and a hearty hail is given to: AZ2 EASLEY, ADJ3 JAMES, AO2 PASCHKE, ATN2 DUNNIVANT, AMSAN SUBLETT, AMH3 KENNER (did you really cancel your R&R reservations??? — somebody is going to love you, pal) ADJ1 WILLIAMS, and AMHC BARGER, our newest transfer from Vung Tau. We've also been fortunate in receiving ASEAN PAGE to bolster our "gunning" crew.

The intrepid Charlie-chaser, LT Jim WALKER, finally terminated his temporary duty (three weeks for an FTL check???) with Det THREE late this month and was reported drifting around Vung Tau on a cloud. It is said that he was refusing to conduct a conversation lasting over five minutes, but those here who knew him found this hard to believe. I suppose Gohomeitus is just as upsetting to the system as Nubieitus. I'm sure all who flew with LT WALKER enjoyed the action, which, he said, was as much fun as he's had during his entire tour in Vietnam. We bid you farewell, Jim -- take care of things in China Lake. Though he is still hanging around, trying to get one last share of the action, LTJG Tom PATTERSON hasn't long to go with us. He isn't one to admit things of this sort, but, he's done a great job as FTL while here at Det THREE and we'd like to see him stay. Tom will be replacing LTJG SIDNEY as Material Control Officer in Vung Tau Maintenance.

The latter half of this month has found us (and the rest of Vinh Long airfield for that matter) swimming with increasing regularity. If the daily monsoons keep pressing us, perhaps we'll have the opportunity to complete our yearly swim qualifications on the way down to the line. Our hardy band of sailors made points with our Army neighbors the other day, as we loaned out our royal blue Navy sampan to them so they could get to their hootch. Their living quarters have been a bit damp of late. Action in our part of the Delta has been somewhat subdued and we imagine that our returning AHAC, LT Bob COOPER, is glad to see it that way. It's good to have you back, Bob; we're hoping that Vinh Long can be more hospitable in the future (some guys will do anything to get a trip to Japan!).

Perhaps many of you aren't aware of it, but we've a new "Colonel" aboard. Though he hasn't yet pinned on the silver leaves, we extend our congratulations to our earnest OinC, LCDR SNYDER, on his selection for Commander. In the pat-on-the-back department, it's felt that LT LAZO's Det THREE maintenance force has been doing an outstanding job under the whip-cracking of now-departed ADJ1 ENGH and still-here ADJ1 CATLING (also the Det's eagle-eye .50 caliber man).

Until next month, so long.

DET FOUR (USS GARRETT COUNTY)

This month has seen some eager (?), shining (?), new faces adrift on the Co Chien river with Det FOUR. Also, we have sadly waved goodbye to some of our compadres who have reluctantly departed. Reluctantly? We do have a pretty good time out here if you're fast with a comeback!

We traded one young gray-haired JG for another when grinning LTJG John "Mumbles" MOORE went in to join the Vung Tau Warriors and work 18 hours a day in maintenance. Replacing John is LTJG Bob KRUSE who has now joined Det FOUR. Bob has been resting and recuperating, but he'll leave here with as many gray hairs as John had since the boss has made Bob the Det Assistant Maintenance Officer and Division Officer!

LTJG Daryl SPELBRING has left us to fly observation helicopters for CTF 117. We can sometimes see him circling high above us in his new, high-performance (hah!) machine. We couldn't replace Daryl.

AO2 Ollie GROSS has joined us bringing the experience he gained on a previous tour in the Delta with HA(L)-3 and what he has just learned in B school. That's enthusiasm! He replaces AO2 Bob WHEELER who has gone to the line in Vung Tau.

AN Jess BRADBURY is rapidly learning the finer things about gracious Delta living after coming to us from NAS Moffett Field, California. He replaces AKA Robby ROBERTSON who left us to rejoin his wife and new daughter as a civilian.

Soon to leave is ADJ3 Sully SULLIVAN who goes to HC-2, Lakehurst, New Jersey. He's a capable man we'll definitely miss.

OinC, LCDR "Young Joe" PRIESTLEY has been enthusiastically working on the finishing touches of another project: a det patch colorfully picturing his "good guys" humiliating Charlie.

"The Old Gray Fox", LCDR Paul FRANKENBERGER, has been trying for 2 weeks to determine if his co-pilot, LTJG Jim CARMICHAEL, really does sleep during the rocket runs. Could be Jim is trying to get ahead of LT Raul VAZQUEZ in the marathon sleeping contest. Raul is way ahead in first place, but has been heard yelling "foul" because our new roommates, the PBR drivers, snore day and night keeping Raul awake and mumbling, bleary-eyed, in Spanish.

The rain has been replaced by a little more sunshine lately as LT Bill BAILES' suntan shows. Bill has completed his 10,000th mile of running in place on the USS GARRETT COUNTY's decks.

LTJG Paul "Fuzzy" STEUBE, our newest aircraft commander (AHAC), has appointed himself corresponding secretary for the USS GAROTE MARU, among other things, sending questionnaires to young ladies who have written him. He wants to scientifically select the ones most qualified to benefit from his charms.

The Boss (LCDR PRIESTLEY), LTJG Bob HAGGERTON, LT Raul VAZQUEZ, AMS2 Bob LITTLE, and ATL Art AINSWORTH have all taken a ride on a PBR to work on another of the Bosses' projects. Art says Det FOUR isn't going to be outdone by those Det TWO sailors. Art has been busy this month celebrating his birthday and getting some more R&R by going to the hospital with a spider bite. That's ingenuity, but how do you convince a spider to bite you?

ADJ3 Dick BAUSKE finally got his R&R to Bangkok (He couldn't get canceled 4 times). Was hard to get along without an ace mechanic and gunner.

We couldn't think of anything to say about ADJAN John SADLER, but he asked us to relate (contributing to the credibility gap) that he's "doing an outstanding job". O.K. John?

AN "Merry" Merritt BUSH, one of the beautiful people, just keeps on smiling. Why?

We suspect AO3 Bruce HOCK misses his old duty station in Kodiak, Alaska. He's been watching the sky for snow and fishing for salmon off the fantail.

One of the highpoints of the month was the presentation of aircrewman's wings to AO2 Bob WHEELER, AKA Robby ROBERTSON, ADJ3 Dick BAUSKE, ADJ3 Sully SULLIVAN, ADJAN John SADLER, AMS2 Bob LITTLE, AN Merritt BUSH,

and AO3 Bruce HOCK. These men perform a demanding job and fully deserve our congratulations.

At last it's time to put down the pen and climb back in the sack to participate in the marathon sleeping contest for another month!

DET FIVE (BINH THUY)

Greetings from somewhere in the Delta (not a classified locale but it still remains a mystery as to where or when or exactly what we are, and what we do from moment to moment!).

Our latest home is slightly off to the Northwest side of Runway 22 at the Binh Thuy Naval Air Station. Thanks to much help and cooperation from numerous people both at Det SEVEN and Binh Thuy PBR Base our temporary home has become both respectable as well as liveable. Many Kudos to our own force of personnel who have pitched in with long hours and muscle; a special salute to our own magnanimous wheeler-dealer: new LTJG OGLE. Bill has located and appropriated (note not mis-appropriated) items that even the Supply Officer of the base did not know existed. We can only say "look out Okinawa, you're in for a real challenge!"

Our inimitable leader is about to break the all time monthly flight time record by a margin if he keeps up with his current patrol schedules. He is also going on his long awaited leave the first of the month with cries of "I have no money, my mess bill was too high!!!" Of course, his slim-trim figure doesn't reveal the large amount of daily substance of which he partakes. Our hats off to Mr. CALKIN for discovering when and where the Mid-Rations are served and passing along the info to all the 'skinny' boys of the Detachment.

LCDR Norm "Oh, leave was okay I guess" SCHRADER has been fast trying to catch up on the flight time; it's hard to get over 24 hours a day but he is really giving it the old try anyway. It was really amazing how much (little) difference there was when he shaved off the upper lip growth - blondes do have more fun, but, mustaches just don't show up very well. It may just take a little HENNA PACK to make it show sometime. Sorry about that!

LT WALKER has finished the test pilot course and is now convinced that the flights of our aircraft should be of a duration no longer than 5-10 minutes and the pre-flights should last at least a 1.5. Also, he can be heard mumbling about having completed Plane Captain School, but not getting the designation written in his jacket! Sorry Jon, but you just can't daily your aircraft and then sign for it as the pilot too - it would be a Navy first and we certainly cannot have that.

Old LT Rice-paddy-daddy" Steve PORCH has managed to keep his aircraft together and up for what seems quite a while now - watch out Steve or Vung Tau will not let you come back into Warrior land and shuffle those papers with Gusto! All kidding aside, we are sorry to see you return to Vung Tau, but we know that all our Admin stuff will be in safe, capable and loving hands.

LTJG Steve "I got more flight time than you last month" FRY has been quiet and demore this last month; the old navigator from the far away hills has switched to the Wing ship. We are still aware of his presence because we can hear the shuffle of the IFAR cards as he diligently sends them on their way, knowing they will not dare return! Steve has been voted the best-dressed officer of the Det because of his daring Khakis with the insignia trim off the collars. It seems that our senior JG cannot keep track of all his clothes.

LTJG Tom "Rueben" TURNER has busied himself with our detachment plaque; the work of the century! It isn't finished as of this writing, but notwithstanding censorship, will be a familiar figure with a ring that shatters the calm of the wandering nomads of the Delta. Tom has been eating so little lately we lose sight of him as he turns to one side; your will power is to be admired Tom!

Gary "I never get to fly" SKAAR has been the flight time straggler of the month; hope you can pull up and get into a couple of the double over duty sections this next month!!! Has anyone noticed how lopsided someone looks when his eyebrow is not visible? Like walking with an out of balance head on your shoulders.

Mike CONNELLY, our fearless crew leader, is now sporting the uniform of the capable forces of the area - one has to admire his taste in the dashing and debonair dress of the locale PF's, but a black flight suit with gold letters!? It is hoped that Mike doesn't try to signal overhead gunships by waving a weapon; it could prove to be a one time appearance on the 'dance show of the century'!

Old silent cheerful Bob COMA (our answer to Mr. America) has been putting out the effort on our buildup and we do appreciate his constant guidance and words of encouragement. If anyone wants to know about the local area, ask Bob. He runs the whole shooting match daily (during his physical fitness hour).

Earl GUTHAUSER has had a real fine month now and the rumors are that he has been enrolled in a training program of making latches and clamps for the cover over the Sand Air separator. It's nice to know that the OJT is a give and take operation: the chief gave and Earl took.

Tony "I never get any more packages from home!" MARINACCIO has been sweating away those pounds during the local buildup and we hope he can keep up the good work. It seems that those packages he got weighed almost as much as Tony himself - we all like the Salami, cheese and beef sticks, so call us when you get more and we'll help eliminate the temptation for you!

Our quiet, but ever present sure shot and never misfire Starks PORTER has been "foreman" of the interior decorators in the new Det FIVE Hilton trailer. Our latest understanding is that if the horse loving music stops so must the war. Between Starks and Mr. FRY this place can expect the worst in Western Music anytime, day or nite.

Stu "the carpenter" SEAL has at last displayed a talent - he puts together and then installs the best air-conditioner braces that we have ever seen! They are indeed a work of art and a sight to behold. But, why did it take 42 man hours to complete them?

Welcome aboard to Chuck DAVIS our newest gunner and addition to the Kind Killer Kopter Kontingent Krew of rambling Det FIVE. There is a tradition for you to uphold, but being unable to define it or put it in the proper terms we will pass it on, and we know through diligent and hard work, with thoughtful study you will overcome the obstacles that block your path and be at last apprised of the trend you find yourself striving for!

Editors note: If you think the last sentence is hard to understand you should have tried to write it!

DET SIX (DONG TAM)

September in Dong Tam has been exciting, to say the least. Folks going on leave and new airfields, and rain, and mud, oh....just lots of peachy things! LTJG Ed WILSON started the month with five glorious days in Taipei. He was suitably impressed. LTJG Johnny HANKEL took time to go to Tokyo. That's in Japan, you know. He had a very nice time, he said. LCDR CHILDRESS is looking forward to Hawaii next month.

We were sorry to lose LT Howie PRICE and AOL Lloyd JOHNSON to the clutches of Vung Tau. Best of everything to both. A research team, headed by LCDR Bill LANG and his crew, LTJG Lud McKAY, ADJ3 Vince PAONE, and AN Wayne CAMPBELL, reported a good rice crop in the Delta after a field study conducted by them recently. AN Dennis REED and AN Glenn WILSON are going to Vung Tau to do whatever it is people do there.

AO2 Bob HARVEY, AN Terry SCOTT, and AN John BUNDY have decided that they like Vietnam so well they are going to try and get the Navy to let them stay longer.

The new airfield is really shaping up, thanks to our master engineer, LTJG Bob ROMANELLI, and his able assistants, AN Ron KINGREY, AN Mike O'BRIEN and AN John BUNDY. The bunker is almost finished and the runway, complete with lights, is a beauty.

LTJG Dick LARSON is flying as AHAC now, and having a ball. AMS2 Roger McELHINEY flies with Dick to keep him out of trouble. LTJG Pat BRIDGES and LCDR Steve TOBEY have come to our house to stay. They are attached to the Mobile Riverene Force and are flying semi-all weather OH-23 light observation helicopters. Welcome aboard, DET ALPHA! LT Jeff LEWIS has taken over as Operations Officer. Anyone who loves the Navy that much has got to make good.

We also extend a hearty welcome aboard to CDR BARTLETT and Dr. SPENCE, who are here enjoying the Dong Tam mud and doing a bit of flying.

ADJ3 Terry BARTLESON and AN Dan HIGGINS are flying together again, which seems to suit them fine. They had been separated due to Dan's promotion to crew chief. They are a good crew. LT Jack WILSON sends his regards from the depths of his typewriter and that's all there is, there ain't no more.

DET SEVEN (BINH THUY)

Well, hello again folks. September has been another fruitful month for Det SEVEN at old Navy Binh Thuy.

The most exciting event of the month was an engineering miracle performed by Tex RICHIE's and "Pete" PETERSON's speed and body shop. They actually started the engine on their dune buggy. Nothing else works yet, but remember fellas, they laughed at the Wright Brothers (and the Edsel).

Ed FUREY is running the Det while "Cactus Jack" CONNELLY is off in Hawaii with his wife. It's hard to tell who might be happier.

Speaking of R&R, Whit WHITTEMORE has just returned from a brief stay in Honolulu with his wife. He's been crying ever since he returned to us.

A new arrival at Det SEVEN is John TITCHENER, who, after a 3 month vacation in Vung Tau, has decided to come out and rough it with us on Det. Welcome aboard John.

Not quite a new guy, Tom WARLICK has returned to us from Det ONE where he spent a short period as an exchange pilot. He's back with war stories that made even we old hands shudder. But, then really he still is a new guy even though he doesn't know it.

Bob SPROSTY's moustache has grown in protest to our last report. When he straps on his .38 to go flying you'd swear he was a Mississippi riverboat gambler gone away to war.

We figure Terry LACKEY is not long for the bachelor world once he gets home. After viewing the picture of one of the worlds most beautiful women in his locker we figure he's hooked.

Ole Navy Binh Thuy is still talking about the ceremony in the town of Tra On at which our little John MESERVE received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Our handsome winged-warrior was quite dashing with his toothless grin.

We'd like to welcome a couple new gunners to Det SEVEN - Mike GOOD and "Baby Face" RUTLEDGE. They're both learning pretty fast. Welcome.

Old "one shot" DOUGLAS was seen mountain climbing on some crates over at the supply storage area the other night. We also heard that for the first time since he's been here he fell off the wagon. Didn't hurt him at all though.

Three of our old gunners have been promoted to crew chief - Butch TAYLOR, Jim DELORE and Don GREEN. Congratulations! They seem to be doing a good job, but we are still wondering how long the airplanes will stay in the air. Butch is getting pretty short. He's got orders to VP-1 at Whidbey Island.

Derrick HUGHES has definitely returned - our ears are ringing constantly. Hope his next six months go as fast as his first as his 6' 5" frame doesn't fit too well in the gunners seat in the Huey.

Lynn "Mighty Mouse" BOYD is making progress. Sometimes he even gets a 2-3 second burst on his gun. Guess he spends too much time reading all the mail he gets.

Fred MAHANNAH got tied up with a couple SEALs last week. Seems he ended up sleeping under his rack. Our NCOIC is still the best shot on the Det, but he's a little shakier now.

Old "angry young man" GRIFFITH is taking everything pretty seriously lately. Remember Grumpy from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs? Oh well, he's a good gunner so we won't pick on him.

Mike MOLINA has gone into Vung Tau. That's what he gets for being a Metalsmith. He had a good tour on Det and did a great job. He also recently received the Navy Achievement Medal for heroic action as a rifleman (?) at Vinh Long during Tet. Congratulations Mo!

The ground crew has really been working to get our supply of a million rockets (well it seems like that many) stored away. What's really made everything easy is having Det FIVE move in next door. Not only do they make a lot of noise at our cook-outs, but they also steal all our hot targets.

Well if Charlie does his work properly, we may get to see the Series on Armed Forces TV from Saigon. If he doesn't, we'll probably all be in the dark for a while (No, not Victor Charlie, but Charlie Smith, the guy who keeps letting the generator break down). See you next month folks.

DET "A" (MY THO)

We are already two weeks old and although out of the mainstream of usual Seawolf activity find our new job interesting and our days full.

The Riverine Assault Force is the "Gator" Navy so 'tis a different concept of operations than what we're used to. It is a great experience.

My, but we are spread out. LTJG Daryl SPELBRING and his helo bed down at night on an LST which is part of Group A. During the day he has been flying in support of sweeping operations, looking around corners and under the rug - for Charlie of course. He's been keeping on top of the situation, literally, and has the honor of flying for two Commodores.

Almost part of Det SIX, LTJG Pat BRIDGES, in B Group, even has his own helo pad on the Seawolf airfield at Dong Tam. He's like an aide to his Commodore, getting in on the ground floor in the planning of operations, attends most briefings and is in the air practically all day long.

The Delta gadabout, LCDR Steve TOBEY, makes his home on an LST in a stateroom marked 'Flag Officer'. Plush living. Most of the time he just waves the flag, but he does fly on occasion.

Our adopted maintenance crews are Army types and they seem to enjoy the novelty of working with us gold-winged warriors.

We hear some of you on the radio and look forward to swapping sea tales before we leave country! For all of us that is within six months.

OPERATIONS CDR HILLE

September found the Ops department as busy as ever, CDR HILLE has been acting as XO for most of the month and CDR WILLIAMS has been standing in as Ops Officer. Rumor has it that CDR WILLIAMS will be returning to CONUS in the near future. LCDR Steve TOBEY is back out in the Delta flying as OinC of Det "A", providing observation for CTF 117 Forces. LT Jerry PRATT is counting days like a short-timer, but his is a different kind of short. Jerry is counting off the remaining days of bachelorhood! He will be married to Miss Donna ROBERTS in Hawaii in early October. LT Jim WALKER has finally returned from flying with Det THREE to break in his relief and then depart for the land of the great PX. The way Jim kept track of the days one might have thought he was the original short-timer. LT Howie PRICE has joined the ranks of the Vung Tau warriors from Det SIX and will take over Jim WALKER's spot. Chief SWART and PN2 BLECHER are busy breaking in their new boss, while walking around telling everyone how short they are.

LTJG "Peter Pilot" MADLEY has returned from leave in Hong Kong with stories about the sightseeing and the good shopping. Rumor has it that LTJG Stan ZAJKOWSKI may yet make it out to a detachment. All he has to do is find a relief! LTJG Bob CATHCART has a new office and an assistant; SN RYAN checked into Ops and was assigned as a Yeoman for the Intelligence Officer.

LCDR Dave BLAIR has taken over safety from LCDR BRADY who is now flying with Det THREE. Mr. BLAIR has had his hands full ever since he took over the job. YN1 SHELSTAD is keeping a tight rein on the Ops front office while AN KELSEY and AN HARKSEN keep the paperwork flowing smoothly. The latest "IN" thing in Ops is a Chess Tournament during the lunch break.

Down in Comm LTJG Stan ZAJKOWSKI is still trying to make his escape to a detachment. CYN3 BRANHAM is holding down the fort while CYN3 ANDERSON takes 30 days leave back home, but relief is in sight for BRANHAM as ANDERSON is due back soon and CYN3 COLLRIN has just checked in. That's all the news from the Ops department for this month.

MAINTENANCE CDR DEY

In September we began to see the result of the training investment in personnel who reported aboard during the big turnover in May through July. Our availability was the highest in squadron history. We gained three aircraft, but also suffered the loss of two. It is anticipated that future replacement aircraft will be received from in-country sources rather than from the overhaul point at Corpus Christi. Experience has shown that these replacements require a lot of manhours on the acceptance check and a lengthy shakedown in the Dets to get them into Seawolf shape.

LINE

Greetings from the line division - Vung Tau's sunbaked demons of the line. We have once again experienced a big turnover of personnel. Leading off the list is our new Division Officer, LTJG MOORE from Det FOUR. AO2 JENKINS and ADJ3 PAREJKO joined us from Det FIVE. Running Comm. Control and also handling the training reports and many other sundry things the chief can dream up is the sharpshooter AO2 WHEELER. He keeps saying it wasn't hard, but he wouldn't like another try at it! Other new arrivals were AN MUNDELL, AN MULLER, and AN CALKINS. Congrats are extended to our two new "super" 3rd class petty officers PAREJKO and CHASE. FRISK, good ol' FRISK, is enjoying a little R&R in Hawaii. FITE is coming right along with the building of his Go-cart. The sounds coming from outside the line shack indicate that engine is going to move that beauty right along. Luck is extended to AN DANIEL who returned to Det THREE as a gunner. Shoot 'em up Dan! Drop in and see us any time. The line is still reasonably cool. It only gets to 110° lately.

MATERIAL CONTROL

If you see your old lovable AKs marching around the hangar-bay in precision marching formation, please don't start crowding around, just go back to work, for they're getting ready for another of these famous Material Control change of command.

Yes, it's getting about that time again, another smilin' Ass't Material Officer bites the dust, chickens out, or however you would phrase it. LTJG SIDNEY has made the long expected and exciting announcement - "30 DAYS!". A look of shock and admiration appeared on all our faces, except for AN "Slim" ROBERTSON who kind of shot our smiling JG down with, "What ya' do, extend? That's about how many hours I've got left!"

We figure that with all the electronic equipment between AK3 BRIGHT and AKA VANDERHOFF, these reknown rities could now be taped and passed on for our future HA(L)-3 skivvie-stackers.

AKC GAY and his crew consisting of AN "Red" DEVERELL, AKA GUY, AKA NEAL, and AN CURTIS are in training to learn how to walk all over again. It seems they picked up a weird way of walking in our storeroom. Now that all the gear is off the decks, and onto the shelves, this fearless group has got to get how and kick this number ten habit.

After the beautiful remodeling job done in the office by AKA "Big Bill" VANDERHOFF and AM BAKER, it was decided that we needed some pictures to add the finishing touches to the joint, so AKA PATEREAU took the matter in hand, and had his wife send those two lovely works of art that now adorn our bulkheads. The only comment by AK1 NASH is, "Where can I get a 8x12 foot reproduced picture of my dog?"

QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Quality Assurance Division has again gained and lost personnel. Gained was AZAN PRATER a gunner in from Det FIVE, who has traded his weapon for a typewriter. There will be no comment on which he prefers. Lost was AE2 BRYAN to civilian life, but maybe time will alter his decision. Let's hope so.

Admin inspection is coming up and this means catching up on all neglected paperwork. Quality Assurance is no exception and much time has been spent on publications and forms. Chief LOCKEY can well attest to this.

We understand one of Quality Assurances' test pilots will soon be giving training lectures on the proper apparel worn while flying the UH-1B helo. Mr. CRULL will verify this at a later date.

ADJ1 HUFFMAN has spent the past few days on R&R and we'll have to assume he had a fine time. LT MILLER our division officer is in the count-down stage and will be departing soon, just thirty some odd days to go, so Quality Assurance will be placing a help wanted ad soon, looking for a highly experienced aircraft mechanic with some flying abilities. Seriously though, all the Seawolves will miss Mr. MILLER, a fine naval aviator.

MAINTENANCE CONTROL

Greetings from your friendly Maintenance Control Office. Well, our new maintenance chief, ADCS WILSON seems to have the situation well in hand. He now spends most of his time worrying about the mail.

Last month we forgot to mention our nite check maintenance chief, ADJC BREWER. We won't forget to mention you this time chief, no sired....."Chief BREWER".

We're having a special seat belt made up for Frederick SALAZAR, returned to us from Vinh Long. It's going to have a lock and key to it! Seems ole Frederick has a hard time staying in his seat?

Chief EATON thinks he's a pencil sharpener and if you think that's bad, AZ3 OWSLEY thinks he's a pineapple circle.

LCDR HICE wants to know where AZ2 POOLE is. AN MCMULLEN wants to know where "Ole Frederick" is and I want to know where I am.....

Oh, I almost forgot. Where's NASH? Not the automobile, but SN NASH - the duty driver!

Until next month.....30.

POWER PLANTS

Just a word from the "Motor Mounters". The past month has been busy, but a profitable one.

The shop has received some new personnel. ADJAN BUSBY and ADJAN WILLIAMS from 1st Lieutenant and ADJ3 MAYNARD from HT-8 at Pensacola, Florida. Also, we received some old hands from Vinh Long in ADJ1 ENGH and ADJ3 SHERRILL.

ADJ1 HUNT is the make-out artist of the month. He not only got his long awaited wish for working nights, but now we find out he is leaving us the first of October for Det duty. We wish him a lot of luck.

Just a note from the "Rotor Toters", we are noticing a slight bulge in the overhead, either Chief EATON is putting on weight or there is an overload of paperwork.

So much for this month.

ORDNANCE

Since the last Wolfram, Ordnance Shop personnel haven't changed very much. Along about the first of the month, AO2 PASCHKE returned from the good old U. S. It looked as if he enjoyed his little visit. Also around the first we lost a few people to the Dets. AO3 DAVIS to Det FIVE, AO2 GROSS and AN BRADBURY to Det FOUR, and AOAN MCGOWAN to Det ONE. Then along about the 20th AO2 PASCHKE took off for Vinh Long maintenance. Our lone arrival for the month was AO2 "Smitty" SMITH, who came to us from the line division.

How come AO2¹/₂ YORK is going around counting duty section musters? How many left?

Not much news around here this month, so guess we will quit for now. Drop around sometime for a cup of coffee, and if you are lucky Mac JONES may let you have a chaw of his Beechnut.

AE SHOP

First of all let us welcome another new arrival to HA(L)-3 and the electric shop. AE3 N. J. GIEST comes to us by way of VP-31, North Island.

It seems that the electric shop's "transfers and new appointments" department has really had a work-out lately. First we would like to welcome back AE3 BRUCE from the "Rice bowl of the Delta", better known as Vinh Long, and lately all we've heard "but I liked it there!". Much to everyones dismay in the AE shop, we bid farewell to AE1 "Honest Abe" ANCRUM who wings his way to QA. Anyone seen "Abe" strut lately? Taking over the reins of the AE shop from "Abe" is AE2 RICHTER, who vacates the position of AE shop supply PO to AEAN GRUBBS; that "well known photographer and Operations radio personality".

We on day check lost our favorite CDI, AE3 Jim THOMPSON, to night check recently along with AE1 BUNN, better known to most as just plain old "OMAR".

And just a short note here to AE2 COTITA from the Medical Department, "Please come get your flu shot, we can't find anything in your records about being allergic to chicken feathers".

Well, that is about all for now, so, we'll say "Bye ya'll".

AVIONICS

The "tweet shop" has turned into the newest major broadcasting studio in Vietnam. John SPENCER has supplied the shop with a stereo tape deck, a hundred-watt amplifier-tuner, and two huge speakers. Now one can hear Joe TERRY's polish polkas in the morning, Ray EASTERWOOD's country and Western jamboree around noon, Marc HABERN's psychedelic madness in the afternoon and Tom GRAY complaining about all of it.

If, by chance, you hear bird calls, monkey chirps, or Boatswain's Mate blurb aimed at you as you pass our step - no sweat G.I., it's just Bob ARNOLD and his newly comshawed bullhorn.

MOUNT, alias "MAP", assistant to the assistant day check supervisor, has assumed the duties of piping people over the side for such things as gedunk runs, head calls, chow breaks, and liberty section secures. By the way, CDI tests are easier the eleventh time around.

Our good Chief LAFERTY, who is working on getting short the second time around, is auditioning for a part in "Fiddler on the Roof". Are you kidding me Ralph?

Don SMITH, who just came back to the shop from gunning on Det SEVEN, says SHORT!!!

Night check is hacking the program under the fearless leadership of Clint DUNN. His brave assistant, Joe DUNNIVANT, and day check's Marc HABERN will be seen with seabags and M-14's ty-ty as they head out to "re-enforce" the Vinh Long maintenance Det and NCO Club.

Terry MARSDEN has completed his correspondence courses of previous months, but is continuing to practice hard and long.

Ed SANTY is still the only one who keeps the shop fed and happy with almost daily CARE packages from home, and keeps himself busy with his daily sacks of mail.

Yet, while day check hacks it through gedunk runs and hard liberty, and night check ponders over comic books, we all proceed to get...SHORTER!!

CHECK CREW

September has found the Check Crew going full steam ahead as in the past few weeks we have been putting out check helos in two to three days. It is hoped we can keep up this pace in the future. Big Ben BENISH is leaving us for Det THREE. We hate to see you go Ben. It's said "Peanuts" DORSEY has, after 5 months of deliberation, put in his request to get some flight time in. How about that "Art". AMSI BRATTEN is attending school at the present time and he says he'll soon know the Huey inside and out, when he gets back. We'll see?

Night shift under the supervision of AMSI THOMAS has been turning out fine work this past month. They are trying to out-do day shift. We lost AMH3 KENNER to Vinh Long. Hurry back KENNER, your talents will be missed. Our leading chief AMSC SMITH met with a minor accident recently when he turned his ankle. Now we have found a good nickname for him, "Limp" SMITH. Stop in for a chat from time to time. See you next month.

AIRFRAMES

It's that time again when we put in our part of the 'gram to tell you what you already know plus a few things that you don't.

At times it looks as we are a transit shop with so many people coming and going; one day our shop just might not show up because we've left! Chief BARGER has di-did down to Vinh Long as the new maintenance chief. Airframes will miss Chief; as they say: "big things come in little packages!". But we have been lucky in having AMHC DULIN from VR-30 checking into the shop. Chief DULIN has just completed the UH-1B FAM school held by the Army here in Vung Tau. AMS3 Gary WEAVER and AMH2 Jim BRADBURY have also gone through the school. We hope you guys have not slept through all that knowledge the government is giving for free, so if you fboop-boopk up we'll know! AMS3 Rex HAYES is now going through the FAM school.

AMH2 Rick SWISHER has left night check to give the day slaves a hand with the workload. Taking his place is AMH2 POWERS.

Remember in our last 'gram we said we were trying a new paint, well, it didn't work! So, we are still using the old paint.

Would you believe it--the barn was empty, fini all the planes, whoi oi! But, it was short lived, but fun while it lasted.

The Airframes shop would like to say welcome aboard to all of those new bodies, and see you at the party!

P.S. Almost forgot! AMSAN FORTNEY who just finished "A" school has joined us too, and welcome aboard to you, too!

AME SHOP

Good Grief! Now we don't have anything. Last month we almost got ahead on the flight fear problem. At this writing we have almost nothing. But, have faith friends! We've got everything on order.

Dave SANDERS and "Chief" WESTERVELT are still with us, and GOODELL can be found almost anywhere (hiding). This past month has been quiet for us, except for replacing all this stuff you people insist on dropping in paddies and rivers.

Well, that's all for this month. Stop in and see us every once and a while. We like to keep track of all you fighting friends out there.

ADMIN DEPARTMENT
CDR BARTLETT

September has drawn to a close, but the Vung Tau Paper Mill continues to grind out all the sundry goodies it is so famous for. The boys in the storage closet tell us that due to the increase in the workload we are about out of paper. But don't worry folks, we'll keep up the work, even if we have to send memos out on Delsey "Double-strength, passion-pink" tissue!

The BOSS, Commander Fred "The human torpedo" BARTLETT has recently returned from a week in Hawaii. The way he's been swimming up at the pool, we think he might be planning to go again, the hard way!

Admin was sorry to see its "second officer" depart when LCDR. Norm "the Rung Sat Raider" ELDER departed for the states. We received word that his luggage was almost overweight due to the number of medals and ribbons he carried in his suitcase. Lucky we didn't receive word of HA(L)-3's NUC until he left. That might have pushed him over the limit!

Replacing the second-from-the-top is LT Steve PORCH from Det FIVE. He has already accepted the job with vigor and resourcefulness. Welcome aboard Steve!

LTJG Jim "NEXT!" SMITH has been hard to catch lately. Seems he's so short he finally sent his hold baggage home. It's about time I might add, as his roommates were getting a little tired of living in a cardboard bunker!

LTJG Mariner "Wally Seawolf 7¢" COX also claims to be getting near to his rotation date. We doubt it though, where else would Admin get a guy who can take all of your money for a mess bill and still smile? Those nasty rumors concerning Wally's impending purchase of a Red FERRARI with HA(L)-3 Closed Mess on the side simply are not true!

From that part of the office where all the decisions are really made comes the following news:

YN1 "The Arm" McCLURE has just returned from one glorious week in the land of pineapples and palm trees. For some strange reason he was rather hard to get along with before he went, but since he returned he's all smiles and goodness. Must be the sunshine!!

YN2 FICKLIN also took his R&R, but being a bachelor he decided to set out and see some of the world which hasn't as yet been trod upon by Walter. He must have had a good time, but all we can get out of him is a disgusting smile!

YN2 "Smiley" BROWN has been rather quiet the past month. With those cigars he's been smoking it's a wonder he can breathe, much less talk!

YN2 JUTKOFKY also took a week off from the office, but elected to remain in our owl little R&R center of Vung Tau. Judging from the bruises and cuts we can't tell if he worked on his boat, or the boat worked on him.

YN2 "Little Sammy" PARKER is in his usual foul mood. He says it won't be long until he's in Hawaii and in better spirits. IT'S JUST GOTTA BE THAT SUN!!!

The last of our "indians", YN3 "Poncho Villa" LARGADO and YN3 "Mis-treated" KLAUS are a little jumpy. The results of the advancement exams haven't come back yet. Each day LARGADO tells KLAUS "maybe tomorrow" and KLAUS says "when I'm a second class maybe Mr. COX will give those typing jobs to someone else!"

AMH1 BIBEAU is still holding down the fort in the front of the office. He scared the daylights out of us the other day when he let out a loud snort. Must have been a bad dream!

And in the mail room, AN PROUGH has been happily breaking in a "new guy", AN HARTNETT as mail clerk. He has already taught him the first general order of the mail clerk: "I don't write 'em buddy, I just deliver 'em!" PROUGH has only about 20 days remaining in the Squadron, and then he's going to try his hand at being a civilian. Best of luck, old man, and we're sure there's a job through rain and snow and dark of night waiting for you.

Congratulations to all the men who earned the Navy Unit Commendation. We're proud to type the award certificates up for you!

That's about it here in the memo machine. Good luck to all of you waiting for the August exam results, and we'll see you next time.

MEDICAL
DR. SPENCE

"NOISE"

Noise is an unwanted sound primarily transmitted through the air. At birth the human ear can perceive a range of 40 - 20,000 cps and decreases thereafter. It's unit of measurement is termed a decibel (0.0002 dynes/cm²).

Noise has many effects on man besides the commonly accepted one of loss of auditory acuity, such as:

- (1) Hearing loss, both temporary and permanent.
- (2) Interference with orientation and co-ordination.
- (3) Interference with communication.
- (4) Discomfort, pain and damage to the delicate inner ear tissue.
- (5) Fatigue, loss of sleep, psychosomatic and psychiatric symptoms, etc.
- (6) Long term cumulative impairment of physiological brain functions.

At 130 db people start to get symptoms. Increasing the intensity of a sound two times causes an increase of only 3db. Example:

One jet engine:	90db
Two jet engines:	93db
Four jet engines:	96db
Eight jet engines:	99db

PRESBYCUSIS: This is a physiologic hearing loss due to aging and is about 12db hearing loss at age 60 years.

TEMPORARY THRESHOLD SHIFT (TTS): A temporary shift in the audiogram due to noise exposure. Normally, after working about 24 hours in areas of high noise levels, especially of the impact type there will be a loss of about 12-15db. This will disappear in an individual not highly susceptible to sound injury within about two days. The industrial standard for a TTS is less than 12db loss at 2000cps - and this is felt to be safe.

BROAD BAND NOISE: Noise with great variance in frequency.

NARROW BAND NOISE: Has little variance in frequency. The maximum safe tolerable noise level/USAF is 85db for eight hour day of narrow band noise.

TIME OF SAFE MAXIMUM NOISE LIMITS

db	Narrow Band	Broad Band
85	480 min.	Indefinitely
95	48 min.	480 min.
105	4.5 min.	48 min.
115	0.48 min.	4.8 min.
125	3 sec.	0.48 min.
135	0.3 sec.	3 sec.
145	0.03 sec.	0.3 sec.

METHODS OF CONTROLLING NOISE HAZARD

- (1) Remove source of sound
- (2) Sound is directional - therefore put people in the quiet zone.
- (3) Shielding - of machines by baffling sound of proof materials.
- (4) Distance - in doubling the distance from the sound you decrease the noise by $\frac{1}{2}$ and the intensity becomes $\frac{1}{4}$.
- (5) Timing - You can have the maximum noise when the least number of people are exposed as at night.
- (6) Personal protection - Ear plugs, muffs, and combinations of both alone give 20db protection and combined they give about 30db protection.
- (7) Rotation of personnel - In an out of the noise area so that no one exceeds the maximum allowable time limits.
- (8) Audiometric Program.

The most dangerous type of sound to humans is pure tone, impact type but pure tones are rare in industry. In the U. S. Navy 95db is the mandatory level for a hearing protection program.

ADHERE TO GOOD STANDARDS OF HEARING CONSERVATION. USE YOUR EAR PLUGS/MUFFS IN HIGH NOISE WORK AREAS. THE HEARING YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN!!!!

PERSONNEL - LT McCASKILL

This office would like to begin it's monthly report by belatedly welcoming aboard PN2 "Burkes" McCARTHY, a not so recent arrival who was inadvertently overlooked in our last report. Sorry, Burkes!!! In addition, the Personnel Office has received another one of the Navy's outstanding Blackshoes, PN3 Jerry BENNETT, known affectionately throughout the division as "another one of those Reserves". And speaking of Reserves, we can BOAST?? of three: PN2 Mike MORRIS, a fellow who is always losing his watch, PN3 BENNETT, and LTJG "Happiness is just a bowl" HENNESSY, the squadron Legal Begal. A finer Legal Officer cannot be found, or so he tells us.

Just beginning to get his sea legs, PNC Dave KUNBERGER has taken over the office from PNC Arlen WOOD. All hands wish Chief WOOD lots of luck, and the same goes for Chief KUNBERGER. He'll need it! Also, recent on the scene is LT Ed McCASKILL, who claims that he has finally found the Fantail of Vietnam, a spot where sea stories flow, as well as other things.

As you know, there has been a massive reorganization of the Personnel Office, with PN2 "Not Again!!!" WYNN, YN2 "Kool" HUNT, and PN1 "Hey Boy!" ERICKSON being assigned to Detachments on a more or less permanent basis. It is hoped that this will serve to provide more comprehensive service to all personnel not permanently assigned in Vung Tau.

SN₂s ARMSTRONG and McGEE, the backbone of the office, would like to say "Hi" at this time. SN₂ JAURIGI would like to say "Bueno", but he can't pronounce it!

As a closing thought, the Educational Services Office, Personnel Office and Legal Office wish to congratulate all hands who were advanced on the August Examination.