



TINA SCHULZE, ALVIN, TX. 1983.



CONNIE AND NORA SEIGRIST, LV OCT. '83.

MAD RIVER SMALL FRY



An American Captain Jerry McIntee proudly displays fish he caught the Bogged in the famous Mad River which flows through our base at Udorn. Weight of the catch is unknown.



SAM HALL



MISS LISOLTA WALOHEIM



ELIZABETH ANN LASHOMB, AGE 2 YRS, 3 MO., DEC. '68, UDORN, THAILAND.



LITTLE ASIAN GAMES: TOP ROW: GEORGE FEIND, BURT BRIGIDA, VERN BLACK, MIKE CASH, RAYMOND DICKENSON, BRUCE EMERY, WES HUTCHISON; BOTTOM ROW: PAT CASH, VAL TIMKO, DONNA WILLIAMS, CHAI MEI LIU, KAREN BARNES, JILL THERIAULT, LILLIAN DICKENSON, TERRI EMERY.

From the Front Lines



FROM THE BACKSIDE OF MIDNIGHT; YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY - BABY! WOULD YOU BELIEVE L54?



DUANE KEELE. IF MY LEFT NOSE ITCHES THEN I TURN RIGHT...



HAL MILLER, HEY BOY, COME HERE, I'M GONNA MAKE YOU A STAR!



ELMER MUNSELL. HOPE YOU CAN QUIT FLYING LONG ENOUGH TO CHECK ON YOUR MERCURY MINE AND CEMENT MINE AND...



IT WOULDN'T FLY BECAUSE THERE WAS ONE ROTOR TOO MANY!



GARY CONNELLY, IN QUEST OF THE FBC.



DON H. PUT ME ON THE SCHEDULE WILL THEY? JUST WAIT TILL I GET A HOLD OF KOCKIE - HUH TED!



FRANK BONANSINGA'S MOTHER, IRMA WITH CADDIE - DON H.



"ANYBODY SEEN A BIG GREEN HELICOPTER? I'M SURE I PARKED IT RIGHT HERE". DON HENTHORN. PAKSE AIRSTRIP, LAOS.



"DEAR MR. DAWSON, IT'S NOT AT ALL LIKE YOU TOLD ME OVER HERE." GARY CONNOLLY, CAPT.



"I WISH HE WOULD WAKE UP I CAN'T FIND THE FLIGHT DIRECTOR SWITCH." ROGER COOK.



"I'VE BEEN IN LAOS ONE YEAR." TIM WOOZLEY, CAPT. OVER LONG THEIN, LAOS. BRINGING UP THE TAIL OF THE FBC.



DUBINSKI, SITE 59



THE THAI CONNECTION. BOON RAT, COM-INTRA, CAPT.; TOM BAI YAI, F.M.



ARE WE GOING OUT AGAIN?? JOEGACULIAS



"ALERTNESS WAS A MAJOR TRAIT OF ALL THE AIR AMERICA PILOTS." GARY CONNOLLY, CAPT. SAVING HIS ENERGY



I TOLD OLD BILL NOT TO SMOKE IN THE FUEL "SHACK". BARROW, F.M., AFTER ITS FIRST FALL.



"DEAR MOM, HERE I AM IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NICE." MIKE JARINA, CAPT.; LANG XEING HOTEL, LANG PRABANG, LAOS.



"I'M SURE THAT BIG BODY OF WATER ISN'T ON MY LAOTIAN MAP." DUANE KEELE, CAPT. FLYING 803 IN THAILAND.



"HEY FELLOW THIS ISN'T YOUR FLIGHT. AIR RED CHINA LOADS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN."



"IS THIS THE SAMSONITE WE ARE SUPPOSED TO DROP OUT FOR THE T.V. COMMERCIAL?" (L TO R) DUANE KEELE, CAPT.; RON DUBINSKY, CAPT.



PHIL PEYTON HAS LAST MEAL WITH FRENCH SMITH. "NEVER SEEN ANYBODY LOOP A C-123 BEFORE." (L TO R) PHIL PEYTON, CAPT.; FRENCH SMITH, CAPT.

AAM UDORN CHOPPER HITS 10,000 HOURS!



Captain Wayne H. Gentry, AAM/UDM, being congratulated by Acting Base Commander D. M. "Dave" Hick for piloting AAM Sikorsky UH-34 No. 815 past the 10,000 hour mark, achieving all known safety flight time records for his type and model chopper, including the manufacturer's M1. Captain Gentry was the flight instructor on H-15's second flight. Mr. Hickler was temporarily replacing Captain C. J. Ableson as the base's UH-34 pilot when H-15 flew 10,000 hours.



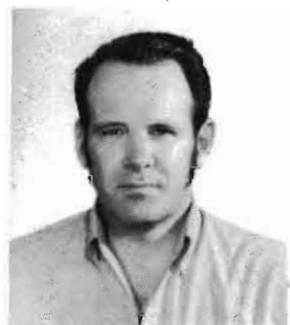
FRENCH SMITH. AS SOON AS CHUCK GETS HERE I'M GONNA TAKE HIM OUT AND SCARE THE HELL OUT OF HIM.



"TELL US NIKKI HOW WOULD YOU HAVE HANDLED THAT INFIL?" NIKKI FILLIPI, CAPT.; JULIAN "SCRATCH" KANACH, CAPT.; ED RUDOLFS, CAPT. LSZOA, LAOS.



"YOUR LOOKING AT THE SPOOKS THIS FLIGHT." RON ANDERSON, HANK EDWARDS, BILL LONG, GEORGE TAYLOR. LONG THEIN, LAOS.



THE INBOMBABLE TED CASH.
LOOK MOM, MY NECK AIN'T BROKE NO MORE!



J.J. McCAULEY ALREADY IN THE FBC. I'LL TAKE MY MONEY AND START A UNION IN IRAN!



SCRATCH KANACH. "JUST LOOK AT THAT. MEAN POGO HUNTER TOOK MY PLACE IN THE FONBERG CIRCLE!"



BILL GOODWIN. "KIDNAPING LAO KIDS" ANOTHER BRILIANT AA SCHEME!



"LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT..." BIFF STERDMAN, CPT. CUSTOMER SHACK, PAKSE, LAOS COUNTING HIS FBC MONEY



TED UNTALAN. "ANYONE SEEN MOBERG AND SLAVE?"



BEVINS YOURGLICH. "SURE WISH HE'D LET ME LOOK AT THOSE LAO DANCERS!"



COMING HOME FROM A RAID ON HONI?



J.J., HE WANTS YOU TO TAKE HIM BACK TO VIENTIANE TO GET HIS RIFLE. (L TO R) J.J. McCAULEY, JOEY SIATONG, WAR HERO.



TOM BAIYAI. WAITING FOR FRENCH.



"GET OUT OF HERE. WE DON'T WANT TO BUY ANY LAND IN BRAZIL." TONY BYRNES CAPT.; JOHN FONDBURG CAPT. FRANK DEVITO, FM; BILL GOODWIN, FM.



DON'T TELL THE "SILVER FOX" I'M BACK HERE. THEY'RE SHOOTING THESE THINGS AT US OUT THERE." HANK EDWARDS. CAPT. THE SILVER FOX'S OFFICE, PAKSE, LAOS.



THE SHOPPING MALL IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL. J.J. - J.J. McCAULEY, SOMEWHERE IN LAOS.



CALL THE SAM THONG WRECKER SERVICE. YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK WHEN YOU PAY THE PARKING FEES. (L TO R) CENTENO?, CUSTOMER, HERB BAKER, SIATONG, POGO HUNTER, PUUZALAN, PAPPY WRIGHT. UP COUNTRY LAOS.



UDORN WANTS THE AIRCRAFT FLYING. GO BREAK UP THAT POKER GAME IN THE HOTEL. WE CAN'T THE FBC WINDS ARE TOO HIGH. HUEY'S IN A RARE QUITE MOMENT AT LONG CHEIN.



"THE BAG" LS118A - 1971



COMSING - PASKE 1972



THE BAG. TALLYING FONBERG'S BEER COUNT



HERB BAKER, TAMPA - 1983



"AIR AMERICA IS RUNNING THIS TEST PROGRAM WITH STEWARDESSES. IF IT PANS OUT WE'RE GETTING REAL GIRLS." (L TO R) DENNY KAWALEK, CAPT; DON HENTHORN,



SITE 272 TRAFFIC FLIGHT OF FIVE HUEY'S ON FINAL TO THE RAMP. SURE GOT A LOT OF GROUND FIRE OVER THE LZ DID'NT WE TONY... TONY! LS272 LADS. HUEY'S RETURNING FROM MISSION.

Thank Heaven For Chopper Pilots



I'M SURE GALT YOU'RE MY SAR TODAY, MIKE, THIS IS GOING TO BE A BAD INFIL. MIKE...MIKE! HUEY SOMEWHERE OVER LAOS.



"THERE'S A LOT MORE PARKING AREA HERE SINCE THE PATHET LAO MOVED OUT OUR HOSTEL." LONG THEIN, AIRCRAFT PARKING AREA, LAOS.



"DIRTY JIM" WILSON ON OLE 92



BILL HUTCHINSON



HENDRYX ON 20 ALTERNATE RAMP.



"WOW! THAT TWIN OTTER SOUNDS LIKE A HERD OF ELEPHANTS TAKING OFF." (L TO R) DON "SHIRTAIL" HENTHORN, CAPT.; RON DUBINSKY, CAPT.; PHIL VAUGHAN, CAPT.; LS-69A.



"THESE GUYS THINK I HAVE TO DO THIS FOR A LIVING. ACTUALLY I TURNED DOWN A HOLLYWOOD CONTRACT TO COME HERE." (L TO R) EMMETT SULLIVAN, CAPT.; DICK THERIAULT, CAPT.; RON DUBINSKY, CAPT.; AT, LS-69A.



"I DON'T KNOW HOW HE EVER GOT IT BACK WITH ONLY 3 BLADES." RAMOS F.M. DOING THE NIGHTLY MAINTENANCE UPCOUNTRY LAOS.



"COULD WE BORROW A CUP OF ROTOR WASH?" GEZA, SENT US." (L TO R) CHARLIE BRIGHAM, F.M., BILL LONG F.M., S58T'S AT LS20A.



"LOOK MA I'M FLYING!" AL "SANDY" SANDT, CAPT.



"WHY DID I WASTE MY TIME SCHOLARSHIP TO MICHIGAN STATE? I COULD HAVE BEEN A DALLAS COWBOY INSTEAD." DICK THERIAULT, CAPT.



"SEE I TOLD YOU HE WAS UGLY." STEVE SICKLER, F.M.



"DON'T LET HIM FACE THE CAMERA. HE'S TOO UGLY." (L TO R) AL CATES, CAPT.; BOB CARDON CAPT.; PHIL VAUGHN STEVE SICKLER, F.M.



"I THINK THERE'S A GIANT FLY ON THE TOP OF THE COCKPIT! WHERE'S MY 357?" JOE SHINE, CAPT.



(L TO R) _____, _____, ROGER COOK, CAPT. DEADHEADING HOME IN A PORTER. "DO THEY HAVE A LAVATORY ON THIS AIRPLANE?"



"YES I FLY HELICOPTERS FOR A LIVING. WHY DO YOU ASK?" TED CASH



"I'M REALLY A 747 CAPTAIN WITH BRANIFF" ROGER COOK.



"I GOT THESE SUNGLASSES AT FREDRICKS OF HOLLYWOOD. WANTA MAKE SOMETHING OF IT?" DENNY KAWALIK



"THIS GUY KNOWS WHERE THE BROADS HANG OUT AROUND HERE." (L TO R) PHIL VAUGHAN, CAPT.; RON DUBINSKY, CAPT.; WITH BON HOUEI SAI DISPATCHER.



"WOULD I LIE TO YOU? ASK THESE GUYS. I JUST SOLD THEM THAT WHITE BUILDING THERE". (L TO R) PHIL PEYTON, CAPT.; DON OVERFIELD, CAPT.; THAI PILOT, MIKE LAPIERRE, CAPT.; CUSTOMER AREA PAKSE, LAOS.



LS20A



"YOU CAN'T PARK HERE. WE'VE GOT A RICE DROP COMING IN." PILOTS COOK & GRAHAM. ENGINE FAILURE OF THE END OF LONG CHEIN, LAOS.



"I WONDER IF I'M IN THE RIGHT HELICOPTER? SEEMS LIKE IT WAS SILVER YESTERDAY. PHIL VAUGHAN, CAPT.



"ANYONE SEEN MY HELMET?" DICK THERIAULT, CAPT.



"DUREX 2-2. DUREX 2-3. YOUR SLING LOAD JUST LANDED ON A C-123". H-34 FLIGHT HEADED FOR LZ UPCOUNTRY LAOS.



"DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THIS RED HANDLE WAS FOR?" "I CAN'T FIND MY CHECK LIST." JOE LOPEZ, LLOYD HIGGINS.



"IF I COULD FIND A PHONE BOOTH. I WOULD CHANGE INTO MY OTHER IDENTITY BEFORE THIS FLIGHT." DICK THERIAULT, CAPT. READY FOR MISSION AT L-54.



(L TO R) DICK THERIAULT, CAPT.; DON DUBINSKY, CAPT. IN FRONT OF CONTINENTAL PORTER AT L-54.



WHICH OF US DO YOU THINK IS CUTER?



YOU GUYS KNOW HOW TO GET TO BAN HOUEI SAI? DUANE KEELE, PILOT (TOM BAIYAI, F.M.) FLYING 303 AT SPECIAL FORCES CAMP, GULF OF SIAM.



"ALL THE PEOPLE DOWN THERE ARE SO SMALL THEY LOOK LIKE ANTS."
HANK EDWARDS, CAPT.



"THIS ISN'T MY HUEY?" PHIL PEYTON, CAPT.



"HOLD THAT TRUCK TO THE WHITE RCSE 'TIL THESE MONKEYS GET THEIR
PICTURE TOOK." (L TO R) STAN THOMPSON, CPT.; HANK EDWARDS, CAPT.;
F.M.: PRESS MYERS, CPT. VENIENE AIRPORT, LAOS. F.M. LAT LOI



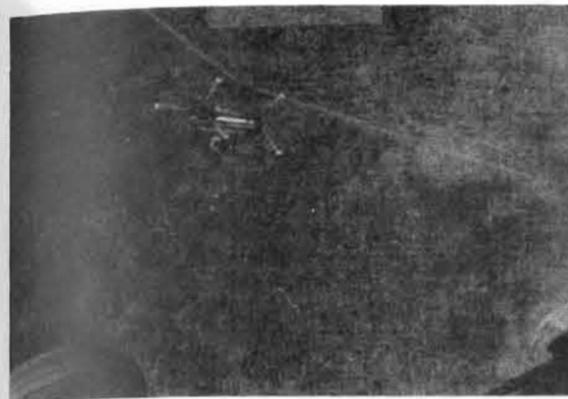
"THEY ARE ANTS HANK, YOU HAVEN'T STARTED THE ENGINE YET. STAN
THOMPSON, CPT.



"IVER MISSES RUNWAY AGAIN" ITS BEHIND YOU, IVER GRAM, CAPT. WITH
AN ENGINE FAILURE OFF THE END OF LONG THEIN, LAOS.



"I DON'T THINK YOU BELIEVE I'M THE WORLD'S GREATEST HELICOPTER
PILOT". FRANK STERGAR, CAPT.



"PHIL, HAND ME THAT MAP AGAIN, I THINK I'M OVER AN INTERSTATE."
CHINOOK CH-47 SLINGLOADING IN LAOS.



I FED IT MY H-34 A HIGH POTENCY VITAMIN MIX AND LOOK HOW IT GREW.
JOLLY GREEN GIANT SHUT DOWN IN LAOS.



HEY BOY, I TOLD YOU THERE PATHET LAO BEHIND THOSE BUSHES,
SOMEWHERE IN LAOS.



OK BOYS, HAND ME DOWN YOUR BOTTLE SO I CAN HAVE SOME FUN TOO!
COURTESY OF TED CASH PARK & RIDE.



"WE PUT ALL THE SOLDIERS IN THE MIDDLE OF ENEMY TROOPS, AND NOW
YOU WANT US TO GO BACK AND GET THEM?" LINK LOCKETT, CAPT., JOE
GACULIAS, F.M. UPCOUNTRY LAOS.



"LETS GET OUT OF HERE. WE'VE GOT ENOUGH TO REACH BANGKOK."
REFUELING THE HARD WAY, LAUNG PRAGANG.



"ANYONE SEEN A CLAMP SHELL DOOR FALL AROUND HERE?" H-47 RIGGED FOR PICKING UP SMALL FIXED WING HAD ENGINE FAILURE ITSELF OUT OF UDORN, THAILAND.



"MUST BE A 'SPOOK' HELICOPTER." HELICOPTER 303 ON ROAD SURVEY MISSION SOMEWHERE IN THAILAND.



"WHEN YOU LANDED YOU BLEW THE WHOLE AIRSTRIP INTO A LITTLE PILE BEHIND YOU." SHUT DOWN AT LOCAL SITE. LAOS.



FONDBURG, JR. COULDN'T LOCATE THE FONDBERG CIRCLE". LARRY HENKESY, CAPT.



"IF YOU DON'T CRANK UP NOW, IT'LL TAKE YOU ALL MONTH TO GET YOUR 70 HOURS." MONSOON WEATHER AT BAN HOUEI SAI.



MIKE JARINA AT AN EARLY AGE.



LEON LASHOMB, L-54, APRIL 1971.



LEE GENZ, LUANG PRABONG LAOS, 1971



MY FLIGHT MEG "BANDIT".



IT'S LONESOME HERE.



"OUR TALLEST HELICOPTER COCKPIT CREW". MNTX-LS20A MAN REAGAN, RON ZAPPARDINO, CPT.; JACK "POGO" HUNTER, CAPT.



UDORN 1972 ERA SPECIAL PROJECTS 42Z, ETC. VOLPAR PILOTS AT MEETING IN BONANSINGA'S PENTHOUSE APARTMENT. L-R THOMASSON, KING, THOMAS, THORSEN, BONANSINGA. SEATED MAIN.



FC BONANSINGA LOADING? USAID GER IN VIETNAM 66.



L16 - CASI T. OTTER, CAPT. DICK WEAVER, C/P BOB MOBERG, J. S. CONNOR.



FATHER BERSHARD WITH HIS FLOCK - "INCREDIBLE MISSIONARY".

Way
Cp
North



SITE 36 LAOS.



ROOF RUNNING FRASER MAKING A QUICK PIT STOP L54.



ELMER MUNSELL WITH THAI CO-PILOT. HEY, MAN, LOOK AT ALL THOSE FLOWERS!



LAO MINI QUIZ: 1) THESE BOYS JUST CAME OUT OF ELMERS FLOWER PATCH; 2) PAGO HAD TO LIGHTEN HIS LOAD FROM 1,000 FT.; 3) AFTERMATH OF THE FBC; 4) ALL THE ABOVE. BOUAM LONG LS32 TOM FOSMIRE.



WHAT THAT VIENTIENE MASSAGE PARLOUR WAS NAMED AFTER - WHITE ROSES.



"I'M GIVING HER JUST THREE MINUTES TO COME OUT OR I'M GOING IN AFTER HER." BOB CHARTERS, CAPT.



"IF IT DOESN'T RAIN SOON, THEY'LL NEVER MAKE ANY CROPS." TWO H-34'S HEADED FOR VIENTIENE, LAOS.



4 SPACE AVAILABLE SEATS LEFT!



LUANG PRABANG - BEFORE NEW CUSTOMER SHACK. PILOTS PROBABLY HAVING BEER DOWN AT THE TREE HOUSE TO STEADY THEIR NERVES AFTER INFIL UP AROUND NAM BAC.



"SPREAD OUT. MORTARS IN THE AREA" H-34'S AND CARIBOU PARKED AT L16 VAN VIEN



WE NEED A TOWER!
L16 - VAN VIENG



THE MORNING AIR FEELS GOOD.



MY STOCKS ARE GOING DOWN!



ORIGINAL PHOTO - JOHN FONDBURG DREAMING UP "FONDBURG CIRCLE." HE BECAME RICH FROM THIS CONCEPT. RADIO SHACK, LAUNG PRABANG, LAOS.



"THE BULLET WENT RIGHT THROUGH HERE. I THINK THE GLARE BLINDED HIM. LINK LOCKETT, CAPT.



"I CAN'T HELP IT IF THAT DAMN DOG IN UDORN LIKES ME. I DON'T SMUGGLE DOPE." DOONCHOO NA NAKORNPHANOM, CAPT.



"WHO IS THE CLOWN ON MY RIGHT, AND I'VE GOT TO FLY WITH HIM FOR A WEEK." (L TO R) JOHN SHINE, CAPT; LARRY FRASER, CAPT; AL "SANDY" SANDT, CAPT.; BART JEALOUS, CPT. DEAD HEADING UP COUNTRY IN A PORTER.



"THERE ARE 50 SQUIRRELS IN HERE, AND ALL THAT NOISE MAKES THEM RUN AROUND AND..." (L TO R) UNKNOWN GROUND CREW.



THAI UH-34 CAPTAIN AND INSTRUCTOR PILOT BOONRAT COM-INTRA STANDING BY A UH-34



THAI UH-34 CAPTAIN AND INSTRUCTOR PILOT BOONCHOO NA NAKORNPHANOM IN THE COCKPIT OF A UH-34.



NEW THAI UH-34 CAPTAIN VAN U-MUANG (L), BEING CONGRATULATED BY CAPTAIN PHIL GODDARD, AIR AMERICA'S ACTING CHIEF PILOT, ROTARY WING, UDORN, IN FRONT OF A UH-34.



H-47 ENGINE FAILURE PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR LOCALS. TAAILAND.



"NO WONDER WE CAN'T GET ANY MORE ALTITUDE OUR MOTOR JUST FELL OUT". HUEY SLING LOADING H-34 ENGINE OUT OF L-16.



A HUEY AT THE SCAT RAMP ALTERNATE.



HUEY'S WORKING THE LS272 AND LS20A AIR STRIP.



"HEY, HUTCH, WHERE DID YOU PARK THE TAIL ROTOR?" PFH AREA.



"WE HEAR YOU SITE 69A, BUT THIS IS OUR LOW PASS." SOMEWHERE HIGH OVER LAOS.



ANDY, HUTCH AND ED REID, SITE 32.



PAKSE RAMP.



"HAVE THE LITTLE OLD LADIES WITH THE SHOPPING BASKETS GONE YET?"
RICK DE COSTA



"DON'T GO AWAY! I'LL GET MY BAGPIPES." L TO R DOUG DEXTER, CAPT. & F.M.



"PICK-UP SOME UNDERARM OEDORANT IN VIENTIENE TONIGHT AND YOU CAN WALK CLOSER TO ME IN THE MORNING."
(L TO R) BOB CARON, CAPT.; PHIL VAUGHAN, CAPT.; LS-69A LAOS.



"WHY ARE THEY PAINTING MY HELICOPTER BROWN?" R. O. HELICOPTER, PEOPLE IDENTIFIER.



POUNDS AT LS69A. A RARE SIGHT. THIS IS H-34 COUNTRY.



"I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY SENT FIVE OF US."
(L TO R) DICK THERIAULT, CAPT.; PHIL VAUGHAN, CAPT.; RON DUBINSKY, CAPT.; RICK DE COSTA, F.M.; THAI F.M.

We Now Present Your Basic Fixed-Wing Section.... You Know, Wilson's Raiders!



THE TAINAN PAINT SHOP REALLY OUTDID THEMSELVES THIS TIME.
B-26 MODIFIED, DC 6 WHEELS, WINDSHIELD, OVERSIZED TAIL, WINGTIP
TANKS. PILOT FRANK BONANSINGA. "BLUE GOOSE OR FLYING COFFIN"



WE HAD A CLOSE CALL THIS LAST FLIGHT. WE'RE PULLING THE PILOT
LOOSE FROM HIS SEAT CUSHION WITH THE JEEP. CARIBOU UP COUNTRY,
PILOT UNKNOWN.



PHOTO OF ONE OF OUR MODERN, SOPHISTICATED CONTROL TOWERS.
POSSIBLY AN AIR BASE IN THAILAND.



CARIBOU GIVING BIRTH TO AN O-1.
VIENTIENE, LAOS.



THE VIENTIENE SKYLINE. CARIBOU PARKED AT
VIENTIENE, LAOS.



DON'T LOOK NOW, "CHARLIE" BUT I THINK YOUR
LAUNDRY JUST BLEW OUT THE BACK. A C2 130
AIR DROPS OVER LS 32.



DADDY, WHERE DO THEY KEEP THE "CATS"?
FRENCH SMITH, LISA SMITH BOARDING "GOLDEN
WORM" IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN.



MAYBE WE'RE OVER WEST TEXAS. THAT LOOKS
KINDA LIKE A WINDMILL DOWN THERE.
JET OVER UDORN, THAILAND.



YES, IT HAD AN ENGINE AND A PROP WHEN I PARK-
ED IT HERE. O-1, LUANG PRABANG, LAOS



JOHN McRAINEY



BILL CARRUTHERS



WEIRD HEIL HANSEN



JEFF JEFFRIES



CLARENCE DRIVER, KILLED 123 LAOS 1972



JESSE WALTON



ED ULRIEK CHIEF PILOT VIENTIANE



PEARL, LAOS 1969



KICKER CHARLIE YEAGER



GENE WYCHE, LAOS 1969



KEN ENGBERG, 123 LAOS 1970



ALL THE PHOTOS BELONG TO JOHN McRAINEY



NIEL HANSON, ALIAS WIERD NIEL, LAOS 1970.



KEN ENGBERG



TED LAMB



JOHN McRAINEY 123 CHECK PILOT LAOS



PETE PETERSON



BILL CARRUTHERS 123 F10 LAOS, 1969



BILL KORBELI



JOEL GUDAHL,



HARRY BARTOLS



CHUCK RODEHAVER 123 F10 LAOS 1971



BILL KORBELL, 123 F10 LAOS, 1972.



CAPT. ED ADAMS, LAOS 1971. 123 CAPT.



Men And Their Flying Machines



JOHN McRAINEY, VIETNAM 1965



UDORN 1968



JOE KERCH



KICKER CHARLIE YEAGER



YT YU APRIL 18, 1966. JOHN McRAINEY, McALLEN. HI-JACK WHAT??



FRANK REYNOLDS, VIENTIANE. GOOD LOOKIN A.A. PILOT TYPICAL.



DICK STEWART



G.V. SMITH



CARE TO JOIN US IN A COCKTAIL AND GOOD CIGAR?



GENE WYCHE, VIENTIANE



DON MILLER CHL, LAOS 1969



FRANK BONANASINGA



APPROX. 1967



Keith D. Nolan, now Captain DCH&VIE, pilot of the Porter which transported the VIPs from Vientiane to Ban Koo, takes a Coke break.



CHUCK RUDOHAUER, 123 F10 LAOS



DAVE BRONAUGH



LEIN BACH



CLARENCE DRIVER



Carlton W. J. Cooper, who heads up the RLAF Pilot Flight Training Program





FRED ANDERSON-BILL LEINBACH
"MODELING SHOULDERBOARDS"



BILL LEINBACH TESTING L/D EFFECT AFTER WARP 8+
FLIGHT.



"DON'T WORRY, I'VE ALREADY LOGGED 8 HOURS."
DICK CALETTA, OLD VTE HAND BURT FOOTE



"WAITING FOR A SPEEDING JET"



"WAITING TO FLIRT WITH DANGER TOO!"



JESSE MARKHAM-FRANK STERGAR
"WAITING ON LUNCH"



DAVE DOBLE "SAW A LAO WALKING UPSIDE DOWN—I DON'T KNOW WHAT
IT'S ALL ABOUT."



BILL LEINBACH AND FRIEND. "COMPANY PR"



OKAY, PASS UP THE COLORING BOOK.



Some Landings Were Better Than Others



HOW AM I GOING TO PULL THIS INTO THE HANGER? PAKSE, LAOS. A LAO 47
TAXIED INTO STACK OF FLARES.



IF WE DAB A LITTLE PAINT ON THIS, DO YOU THINK THEY WOULD NOTICE IT
BACK AT VIENTIENE? LS 20A, LAOS. KICKER BARRY REED.



"UH...MR. DADDIO WOULD YOU PLEASE NOT TAXI AROUND THAT CREEK
BED TOO LONG...?" LS 23 SABOURY, LAOS.



YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT THIS USED TO BE
BEFORE WE MELTED IT DOWN. BILL HUFF WITH
REMAINS OF A C-47 IN VIETNAM, 1967.



BILL HUFF "OKAY, MY FRIEND, YOU GO IN FIRST
AND TELL THEM THAT YOU WERE FLYING SOLO"



"LS 14 TOWER, CARIBOU 547 READY FOR TAXI RR 14."
LS 14 LAOS. KICKER BEATLE BAILEY, CAPT. G.V. SMITH F/O DAVE
HOUSTON.



AA PILOTS LEAVING THE SCENE OF THE YOU KNOW WHAT.
KICKER BARRY REED.

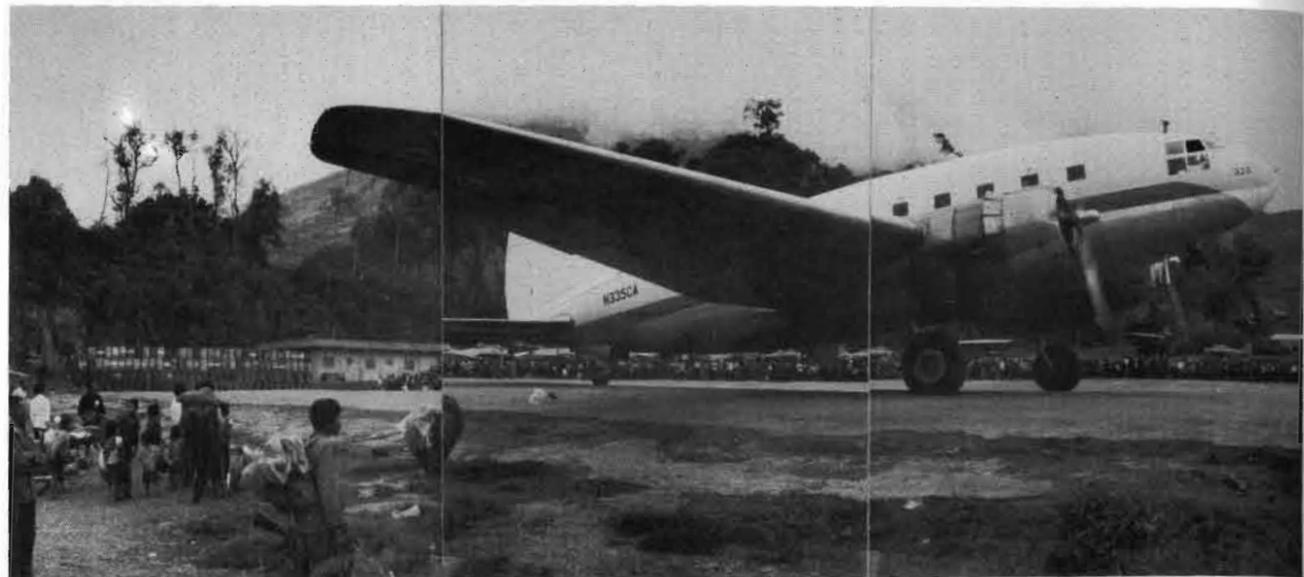


I SAID, "CHEER UP, NOT GEAR UP." SENO, LAOS LS 46.
CAPTAIN DON WHARTON F/O JIM HITNER "WHARTON WALLER"
KICKERS KNOP & MOON.

"Ode To A Burning Big Bird"



"I TOLD THAT SAIGON GROUP TO QUIT PLAYING
WITH MATCHES IN THE COCKPIT..."



WOW! I'M IMPRESSED. LAOS SOLDIER WATCHES AL RICH AND GENE RAINVILLE TAXI ON LAST DAY AT LS 98.

AAM AT NAM TAN

Recently His Royal Highnesses King Bhumibol Adulyadej and Queen Mother Sirikit of Thailand, King and Queen of Cambodia, flew to Laos to inaugurate a small dam project to irrigate a small village. Shows Air America taking off from its airstrip at Nam Tan near the



HELICOPTER PILOTS ARE ALWAYS ATTRACTED BY A LITTLE TAIL. A HUEY AND A C-46 VIENTIANE, LAOS.



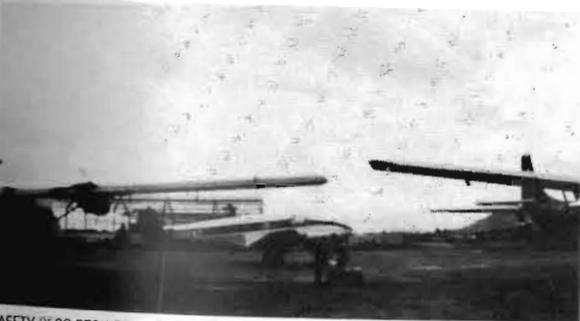
THE PILOT WANTED A BUILT-IN TOILET. SO WE'RE BUILDING ONE.



WHAT ARE YOU GUYS IN THE TOWER SMOKING? L-320A, LAOS.



LOAD THEM UP IN A HURRY. WE'RE WORKING BY THE HOUR. CONTINENTAL AIR SERVICE C-47, LAOS.



SAFETY REGS REQUIRE 30 FT. WINGTIP CLEARANCE AT ALL TIMES. LS 11-PAKSE



WE'LL LAND AND PICK UP YOUR HAT THIS TIME, CLIFF; BUT NEXT TIME IT BLOWS OUT YOU LOSE IT! C-123 LANDING NEAR PAKSE



TRY TO TAXI IN THE RUTS, SAM, IT'S NOT SO HARD TO STEER THAT WAY. L-16 VANG VIEN, LAOS.



BIGGEST DAMN RICE PATTY I EVER SAW. LS-272, NAM THAN.



CHURCH BELL, HOW COME AIR AMERICA GETS ALL OF THE FLIGHT TIME AROUND HERE? CONTINENTAL AIR SERVICES, PORTERS SAVANAKET, LAOS.



LET'S TRY IT AGAIN WITH THE GEAR DOWN! T-28, PASKE, LAOS.



THEY'RE GRADING IT OFF FOR A PARKING LOT. LS32, LAOS.



"OKAY FIRST MAN TO THE COCKPIT GETS TO FLY. ON YOUR MARK, GET SET..." RUSSIAN BEAU AT VIENTIANE, LAOS, 1972. (WEAPONS AND AMMO ON BOARD)



I'M NOT COMING OUT 'TIL YOU REPORTERS BACK OFF!



KADENA

Night view of Air America's headquarters at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Air America's insignia is hung from Torii-like structure in foreground. Base was officially closed on December 31, 1972.



Final "Bookoff" Maintenance Crew. (l. to r.) Front row: Y. Nakayama, Crew Chief; M. Takano, Mech. I; K. Takayama, Mech. I. Rear row: Al Park, F. C. Lam, Sr. Inspector; M. Harada, Mech. I; H. Kawachiro, Leadman; Y. Ishio, Leadman; H. Suguroki, Mech. II; M. Ametaka, Unitman II; Mech. II.



Captain Jesse Markham, Etchu Satoruwa, speaking at his acceptance party.



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Ronald E. "Doc" Lewis, GM 1 OKO

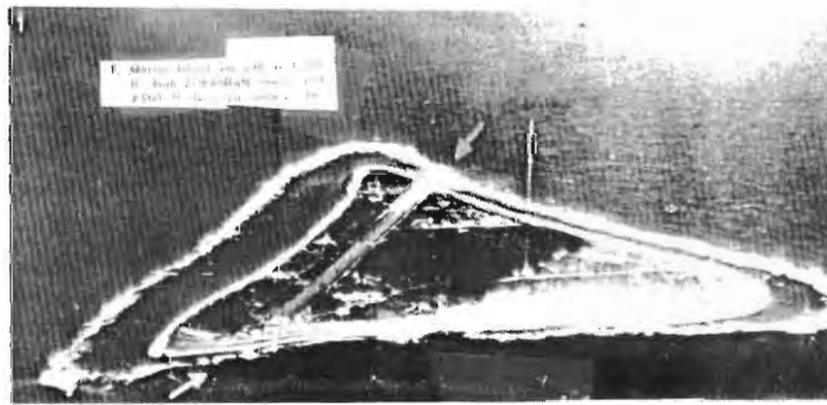


The ODD SQUAD. Standing (l. to r.): C. Faint, S. Thompson, K. Alexander, M. Kudo, D. Spitzer, B. Jealous, Kneeling: C. Hutchinson, W. Hendryx, C. Yamas, S. Miller, B. Ford, M. Rudolfs, M. LuShunh, plus two misspelt.



Puppy with a ball at his restaurant party; his partner, the OZ, is at right.

In The Pacific



View of the runway at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.



View of the runway at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. Staff of the Office of Air America, Flight at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan.



Participants in the Andromeda I Project are (l. to r.): Sherry Andrews, Wendy Holm, Tony Kurian, Hung-min Ho, Mary Felder, Juliet Francisco.



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Mr. Robert V. Davis - Manager Airport, Bangkok.



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Captain Jack Smith, then S2 CNX, standing in front of Air America's Porter PC 6C N3612R, it replaced a former Porter assigned to Cheng Mai which was destroyed in a post-accident fire. When Captain Smith returned to CNX from home leave last year, he was both amazed and pleased. As he deplaned from a Thai Airways plane that had brought him to CNX from BEK, he found the new Porter, already on station, and, of all things, a huge red cellophane had tied around the fuselage! Someone had spent a lot of time and trouble dressing up the aircraft for Jack's return.

Company Events



A United Nations party arrives at Salin Meun via Air America's trusty Porter PC-6C 363612R. The man in the white shirt is Dr. Ellis Greenfield, a member of the U. N.'s Agricultural Organization. Behind him in the red shirt is Dr. Minna, again. And the lady in the group is Miss Gladys Waltham, daughter of the United Nations Secretary General, Mr. Kurt Waldheim and an executive of the U. N. in her own right. Same as S. above.



Snapped in the BTH powerhouse are U. N. Messrs. Hugh L. Grundy, President; J. D. Ford, Chief Pilot; Robert Wing, UTR; J. J. Turner, Assistant Vice President, Technical Services; WH; G. B. Young, Manager, Ground Maintenance; UTR; C. J. Riddle, Jr., Vice President, UTR; J. W. Walker, Jr., Vice President, Flight Operations; P. C. Vette, Jr., Managing Director.



Mr. Wall Rosella, Manager, Financial Affairs/SON (Sinh) Refugees. TN Yang, Payroll Clerk, I/SON.



About to board an Air America Porter PC-6C at Vientiane, the Administrative Capital of Laos, for a flight to the refugee settlement at Ban Khou on 11 to 12. Messrs. Reese T. Bradburn, Director of Personnel (PE); Tom Lewis, Chief Engineer/Pilot (PE) (with his son in the cockpit); John Baird, Personnel Manager (VTE); and Sam Ingles, Vice President, Industrial Relations (PE).



Engaged in an animated discussion at Ban Khou are U. N. Messrs. Gerald D. MacFarland, A. V. Turner, James S. Corbin, Staffing Manager; Sam Ken, and Joseph L. Washburn, Vice President, Administration (PE).



Legend Of "The No Names"



BY THE WAY GEN. WHO DOES YOUR HAIR? PAT LANDRY, GEN. PRENIT, (THAI COMMANDER IN LAOS).



SO I SUGGEST WE FLY RIGHT BACK TO VIENTIANE AND CORNER THE MARKET ON SAND BAGS. DICK MANN, GEORGE MARTIN, PAT LANDRY.



PAT, I SUGGEST A TWO IRON AND TRY TO DRIVE OVER THE SAND TRAP. GEN. VANG PAO, PAT LANDRY, LAOS 1969.



DOUG PRACTICING FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT AS THAI DANCER. UNIDENTIFIED, DOUG SWANSON, FRED ACOSTA, COL. MORTON, LAUNG PRABANG LAOS.



GEE, BILL, I WISH YOU WOULD LEARN TO CUT UP YOUR OWN STEAK THIS IS EMBARRASSING. VANG PAO, "POP" BUELL, BILL LAIR, PAT LANDRY.



IF WE DON'T STOP DRILLING THIS CRACK RIGHT NOW, ALL SOUTHEAST ASIA WILL FALL OFF INTO THE INDIAN OCEAN. CAVE ON PDJ NEAR JARS, VANG PAO'S DEPUTY, LARRY DEVLIN, BEN SHIELDS AND OTHERS.



OKAY, WHO BROUGHT THE MARSHMELLOWS. BURR SMITH, UNIDENTIFIED WITH TROOPS IN LAOS.

More Real People



LAOTIAN POW WOW. I THINK I'LL GO ALONG WITH THIS GIG. I DON'T THINK I CAN REFUSE THE OFFER. GEN. TET, TONY POE.



IN THE BEGINNING... PAT LANDRY.



WOULD YOU LOOK AT THE PEARL IN THAT CLAM. GEN. DHEP, PAT LANDRY, JOY FREAR, MITCH SHERIT, CELEBRATE LOY KRATHONG AT BILL'S CLUB NOV. '71, UDORN.



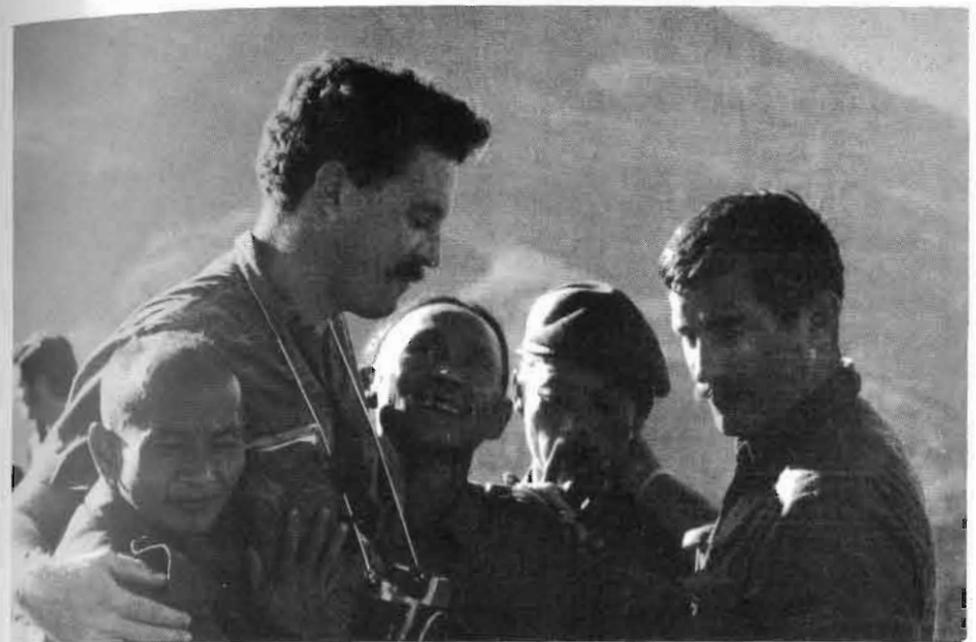
YES, SIR, ITS A REAL CLEAN CAR WITH JUST 30,000 MILES, AND I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A GREAT DEAL ON IT. CMDR. DHEP GREETING AMB. GODLEY AT HIS FAREWELL PARTY AT BILL'S CLUB, UDORN, APRIL 13, 1973.



NEXT TIME TRY TO THROW THEM INTO THE TRAY, MONTY. "POP" BUELL, MONTY BANKS AT PURPLE PORPOISE, VIETIANE LAUS.



THEN THEY TIED UP THE GENERAL AND POURED SPAGHETTI ALL OVER HIS SHOULDER. PRIME MINISTER PAYING HOMAGE TO VANG PAO



OK GENTS, YOU ALL CAN GO HOME NOW, THE WAR IS OVER AND WE WON. DICK MANN AND JERRY DANIELS. LONG TIENG.



WE'VE BEEN THROUGH ALL THE BOXES GEN. BUT WE CAN'T FIND YOUR SHIPMENT OF RINGS. GEN. VANG PAO.



DANNY WILLIAMS, LS20A CHIEF BEAR CAGE CLEANER.



YOU CAN GO TO THE REST ROOM AS SOON AS WE GET THE PICTURES, TONY. TONY POE WITH HIS TROOPS.



JERRY CONNORS ON BEAR PATROL LS20A, 1973



DANNY WILLIAMS, JERRY CONNOR, L08 to LS20A.



AAM OPS JERRY CONNOR, VIENTIANE, 1968.



RADIO OPERATOR PASKE, LAOS



SMOKY MAXWELL, NOW THE PIG JUST PIGGED OUT.



GRADUATING CLASS OF '67 UNIVERSITY OF BAN HOUIE SAI. UNIDENTIFIED, UNIDENTIFIED, GEN. SURPHOL, COL. PRASERT, UNIDENTIFIED, COL. SAM, PAT LANDRY, JOHN LEE, GEN. PRANIT. POLICE ADVISORS TO LAOS.



NEXT CAR COMES ALONG, I'M LAYING DOWN ACROSS THE ROAD. LARRY DEVLIN, PAT LANDRY, BEN SHIELDS.



ORIENTAL CONCRETE BLOCK KING. THIS PICTURE COST HIM \$75,000.00. ELMER MUNSELL, KUALA LUMPER, MALASIA 1967.



OSCAR FROM BAN HOUIE SAI EX-COOK FOR GEN. STILLWELL



OKAY, WHICH ONE OF YOU POURED THE DRINK ON AMB. GODLEY? BILL LAIR, CMDR. THEP, CMDR. PRANIT, PAT LANDRY.



CPT. VIRGIL BLACK L-54, APRIL, 1971.



ROGER COOK, RALPH ARNESEN



The recently completed AAM Dining Hall and Lounge at Sam Thong. Fire place gives a pleasing warmth during nippy nights.



Close interior of lounge area of AAM Dining Hall showing good fire fireplace.



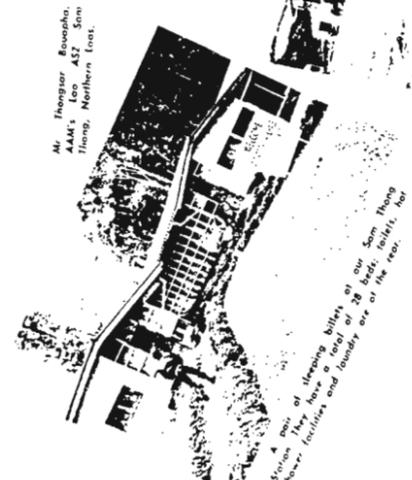
Mr. Hoang Baoquo hands beside welcome sign at our Sam Thong facility in Northern Laos, Sign II.



Mr. Hoang Baoquo, AAM's Liaison Officer, Northern Laos.



Mr. William C. Finkbeiner, AAM's Liaison Officer, Northern Laos.



A pair of sleeping billets at our Sam Thong Station. They have a total of 28 beds; toilet, shower, facilities and laundry are at the rear.

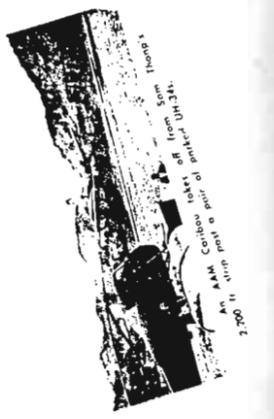
Ground view of AAM's Sam Thong Station, taken from the air strip. In front of hangar (M1) are (l. to r.): a Helio, Porter and Caribee. (Misinterpreted) Bost. in front.



Open maintenance hangar (with wind sock above). Supply utility battery (see our houses in town) at left. UH-34 chopper at right. Operations building is



AAM's Operations Building at Sam Thong. Mission House in background. In front of hangar is the unit Helio.



An AAM Carbon Copy at Sam Thong. It is 3,000 ft. long and 100 ft. wide.

SCENES



TOP UD



BAN NOR THEN



THE KAISER'S HELMET



BOLEVINS PLATNAU



POINT PETER, EAST OF LONG THEN



THE HELMET - THE ANCIENT PYRAMID?



LS-32



SITE 50. CARRYING WOOD.



ROAD SURVEY. "FACES"



PAK BEUY LAOS, JAN '68.



PAK BEUY LAOS, JAN. '68. PAK. REAIE JUNCTION.

SPINNING COTTON.



SITE 50, CARRYING WOOD



SAM TONG, 1965

123 003X CRASH SITE



20A LONG TIENG



AERIAL VIEW OF LONG THIEN, LAOS LS20A. HEADQUARTERS



LS20A LONG TIENG



"NOW HERE THIS: YOU PILOTS MAY AS WELL COME ON OUT. SOMEONE'S GOT TO GO TO LS2." HEAD-QUARTERS SHACK AT LONG THIEN, LASO, LS20A.



T-28 RAMP AT LS20A.



RAVEN AIRCRAFT LANDING AT LONG THIEN, LAOS.



LS20A



UP COUNTRY SITES AND PLACES

LUANG PRA BONG L-54



THE LAOTIAN RIVERIA. PAKSE, LAOS WITH THE BOLIVANS PLATEAU IN THE BACKGROUND.



"A NICE DROP, AL; BUT TODAY WAS THE PATHET LAOS DAY TO OCCUPY SARAVAN." CARIBOU DROPPING OVER SARAVAN, LAOS L44.



"GET ME TO THE AIRPORT IN A HURRY. JERRY TOMAN IS LEADING US ON A 'SPECIAL' TODAY." CATCH THE LANDROVER TO THE AIRPORT FROM THE PAKSE AIR AMERICA HOSTEL.



"KICK SOME OF THE OPIUM OFF, SOMPOING. IT SEEMS TO BE TAKING TOO MUCH POWDER TO TAXI ONTO THE RUNWAY TODAY." C-47 WRECKAGE AT BAN HOUEI SAI, LAOS.



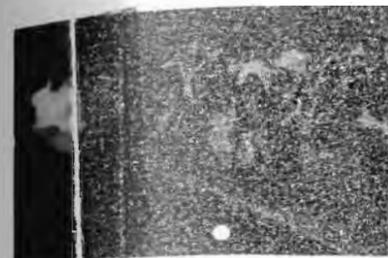
NEMTA RIVER NORTH OF LAUNG PRA BAND NORTH VIETNAM AT THE UPPER END.



BAN HOUEI SAI L25



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MAO HIL UTFRIDES



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MAO SOLDIERS ON A PAD NEAR SKYLINE.



APPROACH TO A PAD IN NORTHERN LAOS.



MAO COSTUMS



LSADA MAO SOLDIERS



WOMEN IN THE MOUNTAINS



NOT TOO BAD...



EAST IS WEST.



MORTAR ATTACK.



YANG PAOS TROOP.



GROUP FORM LINE



ARTILLERY POSITION.

MAO WOMEN. LS-93



EAST FEELS WEST

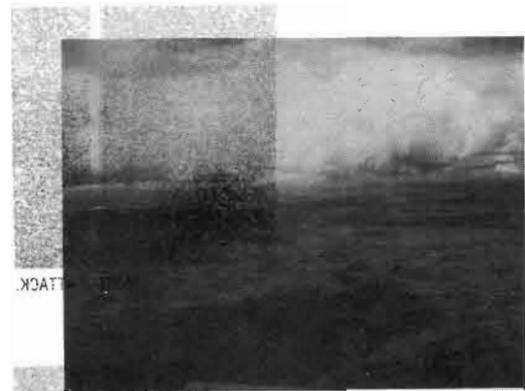
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NVA TANKS & ARMORED CARS

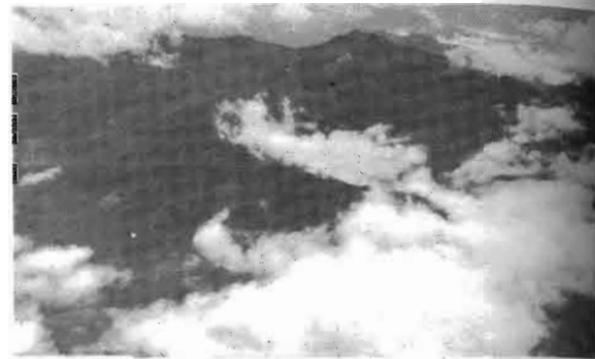


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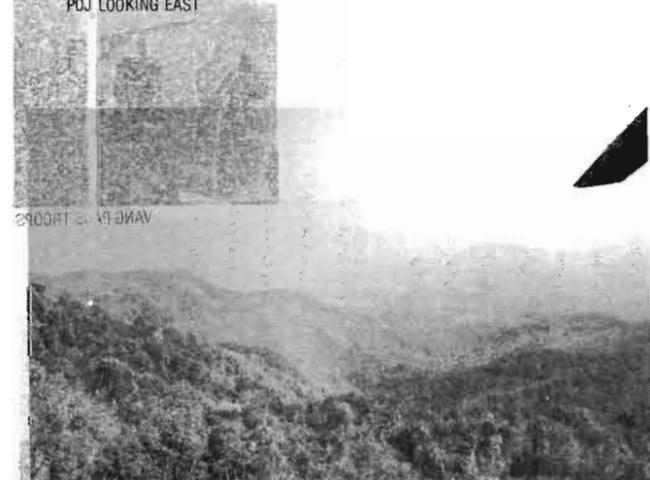


ATTACK

PDJ LOOKING EAST



MONSOON SEASON IN HILLS BETWEEN LS50 & LS36 LAOS.



AVANGT. 2 THORP

LOT OF PATET LAO OUT THERE LOOKING EAST FROM LS50 LAOS.



THERE ARE 12 DEAD NVA SOLDIERS IN THIS CRATER - YOU WOULD NEED A MAGNIFYING GLASS TO SEE THEM.



A-1E COVERING ME ON A MISSION

MEMOIR J-83



RIGHT AFTER A BOMB RUN - LOOK AT THE CRATER SIZE!



THERE'S A LONG STORY BEHIND THIS. ABOUT A WATER BUFFALO AND AN AIR MEDAL. IT MAY BE OUT IN BOOK FORM SOON. BUT IF YOU CAN'T WAIT, ASK EVER GRAM. MOYING SOU, 1969, AIRFORCE PONY DOWN.



PDJ DUST STORM. B-52 STRIKE PDJ



THE MIGHTY MEKONG AT VIETIANE



THE NEW BIG DAM SITE NORTH OF VIETIANNE.



SOMEDAY WE WILL HAVE A UNION!!



DOWN WIND RUNWAY 35 LUANG PRABONG LOOK OUT FOR THE T-28 TAKING OFF DOWNWIND.



L-25



LS32 IN NORTHERN LAOS.



ON THE GROUND AT LS-32

We Fought For SKYLINE



IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY AGAIN. MORE INCOMING "RJ" PAD NORTHEAST OF SAM THONG, LAOS.



"THE TROOPS ALONG SKYLINE RIDGE SEEM TO BE SMOKING A LOT OF DOPE TODAY, JOE."



INCOMING AT SKYLINE. NOTICE AA CHOPPER CROSSING OVER.



LOOKING EAST FROM CC PAD.



THE "BALD" LOOK AT SKYLINE RIDGE. TROOPS FELL BACK TO POSITIONS JUST ABOVE LONG THEIN. THE PATHET LAO LIKED TO KEEP THE HELICOPTER PILOTS ON THEIR TOES BY OCCASIONALLY LOBBING IN A ROCKET OR ARTILLERY ROUND. BUT ONCE YOU GOT ON TOP IT WAS SUCH A NICE VIEW OF LONG THEIN. HOWEVER ONE DAY WE CAME BACK TO LONG THEIN TO FIND SOMEONE HAD MADE OFF WITH THE AIR AMERICA HOSTEL. IT WAS ALWAYS ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER.



F-28 RUSSIAN TON KON ROAD JUST EAST OF LS20A RIDGE. DEC. 1972.



KARST EAST OF 20A

And LONG CHENG (LS 20A, 98)



MAIN RAMP AT 20A. NOTICE AA COMPLEX BOMBED OUT.



PHOTOS THIS PAGE (L TO R) FROM TOP ALL IN THE LONG THEIN (LS20) AREA.
1) AD MAKING EMERGENCY STOP FOR REPAIRS.
2) LOSING MONEY. STOP FOR FUEL. SKYLINE RIDGE IN BACKGROUND.
3) ENTERING DOWNWIND. EMPTY PARKING LOT STRANGE SIGHT.
4) COMING OVER SKYLINE DRIVE FROM SAM THONG.
5) COMING OVER THE KING'S HOUSE FROM THE SOUTH. SKYLINE RIDGE SHOWING BATTLE SCARS OF FRIENDLY AND ENEMY BOMBING.
6) HELICOPTER SLING LIFT AREA IN FOREGROUND. T-28 RAMP HALF WAY UP RUNWAY ON RIGHT. CUSTOMER AREA IN THE KARST. SKYLINE RADIO WAS ON PEAK LEFT OF KARST.



BOBBY BARROW. THEY BLEW AWAY OUR COFFEE SHOP. WDE IS US.

RAVEN 0-1 TAKING OFF FROM 20A. NOTICE EAST RAMP SHUT DOWN DUE TO INCOMING.



LONG THEIN FROM SOUTHERN RIDGE.

LOOKING DOWN TO LONG CHENG FROM SKYLINE RIDGE.

