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From time to time this space in the Bee-Line will be used to put out information concerning changes that are occurring or proposed for the Hornets.

Presently, we are in the process of installing a ceiling in the mess hall to improve the appearance and reduce the interior temperature. Proposed improvements will be tiling the floors and eventually air conditioning if the power source permits.

The existing billets will be given an exterior coat of paint also to improve the area appearance.

A new operation-administration building will be constructed in the vicinity of the flag pole. This construction is scheduled to start around 1 October. Upon completion, this will make additional billet space available and reduce the number of men living in billets.

Operations will continue at the same pace as they have in previous months. The one difference forthcoming is the dry season which is remembered only by our short timers. We can expect hotter temperatures and more dust, causing our Maintenance problems to increase considerably. This is something we all need to be aware of and start preparing for it now.

The next couple of months is going to see a large turn over of the old Hornets. If we can get all the "short timers" to pass on their "Pearls of Wisdom" to us before they depart, I'm sure the Hornets will continue to carry on in their finest traditions of the past

***** GUN PLATOON*****

Congratulations! To stinger 85, new Captin Michael Adkinson, the promotion came a month early and was quite a pleasant surprise. Now he is wearing his new double Bars in the warm Hawaii sun.

The stingers extend a welcome to new member WD Manker and SP5 Hopper, the rapid change over is only getting faster with Lt Groenemann, Lt Miller, and CWO Winters getting very short. We bid farwell to SP5 Novac.

WO "Tank" Huntington is currently nursing a bad left "Track" in the 12th Evac, hospital. Since he received the wound on 20 Sept he has made a good recovery. We hope to have him back with us soon.

Extensions are being approved and ~~denied~~ right and left. Cpt Adkinson has applied. SP5 Holman's extension finally came through.

The stinger body count has fallen off ~~some~~ what, but it is still high compaired to most gun teams. The records we ~~got~~ during July and August are hard for anyone to live up to, but we ~~feel~~ that he ~~will~~ meet and surpass them.

*****2ND PLATOON*****
CLARK'S CORNER

To quote Mr. Ankrom "not a heck-of-a lot happened" since the last edition of the BEE-LINE. We do have a few notices, though Lt Smith has joined the Hornets. He comes to us from our Sister Company the Black Widows. Glad to have you with us Smitty!

As of this writing, Hornet 49, Scott Miskimon is boasting 28½ hrs till DEROS. Scott has served the Hornets well during his tour; he has flown 1300 accident free hours with the Wasps. 49's next landing zone will be his home in Baltimore, Maryland, then he will press on to Ft Wolter, Texas where he hopes to be a TAC officer. Scott has this to say about his tour, "it was fun! Where else can you harrass Lt.'s and get away with it?" Well Scott, as for it being fun or not we will leave it to the individual to decide, but we do wish you well in your new assignment!

Mr. Croucher will be putting fourth his flying efforts in that "other platoon" (yellow jackets), they really do need him.

*** NOTES***

WO Dennis Magdon has received his pink slip reading Ft. Stewart (Hunter). He seems very pleased with his new assignment. Mr. Lee, hornet 43, has received orders for Ft Rucker, Ala. Writing despirate letters, Mr. Lee has notified DA that he will volunteer for any duty station from Germany to believe it or not the Congo! I wonder what could be in Ala. that David wants to stay away from?

The Wasps would like to take this opportunity to solute the boys from Beekeeper. They have done an outstanding job of keeping Hornet A/C combat ready in addition to effecting the recovery of downed A/C. While in conversation with personnel from a Bn size maintenance outfit, I was asked what "echolon" of maintenance Beekeeper performed. Me not being maintenance minded (I'm certain W2 J. Swindle will agree) I simply replied "If it isn't completely

demolished, the "Beekeeper gang" will fix it". They were surprised to learn that so few men could turn out so much work. Again the Wasps salute the "Boys from Beekeeper"!

We would like to wish WO Jim "Tank", Hungington (Ex-Hornet 30) a speedy recovery?

Well that just about covers the war situation as far as the Wasps are concerned.

*****392ND NEWS*****

After having four first Sergeants in the past year, the 392nd Trans Det has a "first" that we hope will be around for awhile.

First Sergeant Von Boker joined the detachment on eleven September. His last station was Fort Benning Georgia. During his - years in the Army he has been stationed in Labrador, Korea, Africa, Germany and now on his first tour in Vietnam. His home is the twin cities, Minnesota.

A Career soldier, the 1SG has been in aviation since February 1958 and hopes to stay in aviation even after retirement.

Asked what he thought of the detachment his quick reply was "the outfit works hard and willingly". First sergeant Von Boker hopes to see working conditions improve while he's working with the outfit.

When asked what he would like to see in the future for the 392nd he said, "I hope that the unit maintains the high standards as set in the past".

Michael McGleen became a new member of the T.L.'s office on 28 August when he was also promoted to SP5. Instead of meticulously fixing the aircraft, he now diligently finds discrepancies. His promotion "topped off the month of August for him after becoming a father on 19 August. His wife gave birth to a nine pound three ounce baby girl, Kimberly Dawn McGleenn. "Mac" is from Anacortes, Washington. When asked what he thought of his prosperous month he said, "If I could get a promotion after every child I'd keep my wife awfully busy".

.**CLOSING QUOTE*****

When whole groups of people who know no limits gather to spend state money for drinking urgent measures must be taken. There are still too many people ready to drink up office money. - Newspaper evening Moscow on recent office party extravagance in its city.

