



THE
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116TH



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*****HORNET 5*****

The Hornets are continuing to live up to their reputation as being a unit that "Can and does" accomplish its mission.

This is not just flight crew performance, as this is nearly the end result of fine support from all elements of the unit. Without the outstanding backing from Avionics, Mess, Medical, Vehicle and Aircraft maintenance and Administrative personnel the flight platoons simply could not perform their mission.

Just a word about sand bags. It has been awhile now, almost two months, since Charles has sent us a mortar attack, but this should not give us reason to be couplacent. If the new personnel (or old ones for that matter) need a reminder of what a motor attack can do, check with the first Sergeant for some first hand information. In the mean time keep up the good work on sand bagging the billets.

For these who may not have gotten the word on the fight crew of 837 here is a quick run down. SP4 Michael Foster received internal injuries but should be back in the company for duty within a week. Sgt Fanuatanu Mamea has a broken jaw and was taken to Japan in good spirits. WO Albert has facial fractures and will be evacuated soon. Lt Woods has leg fractures and will likewise be evacuated. All four are going to be just fine but it will be a matter of time for complete recovery.

We're still getting promises from the Engineers of new buildings but so far no tangible results, we'll keep you posted as this project progresses.

*****BEE-LINE*****

We of the Bee-Line staff would like to extend a rousing welcome to the new personnel of the Hornets and its attached units. WELCOME TO:

CPT JIMMIE AKRIDGE

SP4 JAMES PHILLIPS

CPT DAN KINGMAN

SP4 BRIAN WORKMAN

1LT ROBERT SONADA

PFC TERRY APPERSON

1LT CHARLES MURVIN

PFC JAMES BLOCHES

SSG JOHN BORRERIS

PFC STANLEY COPLIN

SSG DORPHOUS HALL

PFC JOSEPH PEVIN

SGT DENNIS HOVLINS

PFC KIM PETERSON

SP5 JOHN ROBINSON

PFC JAMES PHILLIPS

SP4 CHARLES EDWARDS

PFC LEONARD WARD

SP4 BRUCE HORNEUBGER

PFC CHARLES SIMONS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Awards and Decorations section has a new home. They are now located in the Administration building under the leadership of LT Sweeney.

A new member of the Hornets, SP4 Edwards, is the Awards and Decorations clerk.

Anyone desiring information concerning his awards or decorations do not hesitate to come by the Admin building and see either LT Sweeney or SP4 Edwards.

*****392D TRANS DET*****

During the last week the Bee Keeper and it's crew have really had their hands full. From Oct 15, to Oct 19, they have eather fixed, recovered equipment and crew, or called in Pipe Smoke for 17 aircraft.

It started on 15 Oct. when A/C 620 lost it's cross head in flight. Bee Keeper repaired it and Mr. Swindle flew it back to Cu Chi. Also that day A/C 837 came down with fuel boost pump out. 1Lt Bush flew the A/C back to Cu Chi.

On 17 Oct., A/C 813 came down because of a tail rotor drive shaft hanger bearing out. It was replaced hut tail boom crackes were discovered. The A/C was escorted back to Cu Chi. Later that day A/C 232, 650, and 620 were lost. The Bee Keeper recovered most of the equipment and called in Pipe Smoke for the recoverey. Also on 17 Oct. A/C 721 came down with a worn tail rotor pitch change link. Bee Keeper replaced the link and the ship continued mission.

On 18 Oct., A/C 895 was lost. Bee Keeper called Pipe Smoke for the recoverey 18 Oct., A/C from the 121st had a bad battary, Bee Keeper came and started the A/C 18 Oct., A/C 952 came down with F.O.D. in engine. F.O.D. was blown out and then flown back to Cu Chi by Hornet 8.

On 19 Oct ., A/C 093 lost hydraulics, Bee Keeper repaired the A/C and it continued it's mission. 19 Oct., A/C 370 had a bad fuel filter. It was replaced and ship continued mission. 19 Oct., A/C 148 had tail rotor binding, it was checked out OK and ship continued mission. 19 Oct., A/C 093 had loud bang in the engine. It was found to be the operation of the bleed band, aircraft continued mission. 19 Oct., A/C 963 had hole in the tail boom, the aircraft was brought back to Cu Chi. 19 Oct., A/C 639 had fuel light coming on. Bee Keeper repaired it and the aircraft continued mission.

The Bee keeper crew consisted of; 1Lt Bush, Major Byars, WO Lykes, CWO Swindle, SP5 Mc Gleen, SF5 Schimmel, SF4 Horton, and SF4 Barber.

***** 2ND PLATOON *****

CLARKE'S CORNER

Time has come again for me to sit down and tell the world of the 2nd Platoon endeavors and accomplishments.

Mr. Lee as of this writing has less than 120 hrs before his plane departs for "real life". David has done an outstanding job during his tour and has many medals of distinction, including the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has participated in numerous operations including: Attleboro, Junction City, Cedar Falls, Manhattan I and II, and Mockoloke I and II to mention a few. He has accumulated more than 1400 hours of flying time in-country.

Memories we would like to forget and I do mean we, are aircraft 944 at Di An and 503 a stones throw from the Cambodian border..

It might be noted that last year on Christmas Day, David spent the day flying turkey and ice cream to the troops in the field. A job that Hornet 38 will surely volunteer for this year.

WO Lee (Hornet 43) had this to say about VN, "I was looking forward to coming here and after I arrived I was looking forward to leaving". Well said David and the Wasps wish you well at Ft Rucker. By the way David, do we hear wedding bells ringing in Alabama for you?

Major Addy takes a dive. Hornet 26 was leading the Hornets on a routine combat assault south of Mac Hoa and, while on final approach, elected to make a go-around when his engine failed at 60 feet and 80 knots air speed. The aircraft hit the ground level, bounced up with forward motion and plunged into a canal, flipping upside down and making quite a big splash. The crew, WO Tim McCoy, SP4 Robinson and SP4 Smith all escaped with minor injuries. Maj Addy was bruised, but otherwise uninjured. They were evacuated to Cu Chi by Hornet 42 (WO Marshall Clarke) for medical examination. A real tough approach to

follow, Sir!

NEW FACES: WO James R. Boren hails from Norman, Oklahoma. His wife, Carol Ann, is presently living in Oklahoma City. James was graduated from flt school on 24 Aug 67 after which he was assigned to VN. He attended the University of Oklahoma and studied engineering. Swimming and basketball are his two favorite sports. James had this to say about the Hornets, "I think the 116th is a fine unit with outstanding leadership".

WO Richard W. Harris, single, claims Green Cove Springs, Florida as his permanent home. Prior to his enlistment, Richard attended St. John River Jr. College in Florida. Football, baseball and sports in general are his main interests. Concerning the Hornets "An outstanding group and I'm proud to be a member".

WO Joe W. Hill and his wife, Barbara, have three children, Sharon 11, Joey 7, and Phillip 5. He was graduated from flt school in Sep 66 after serving ten years prior service. Joe completed Special Forces training at Ft Bragg in Jan 1960 and has served 18 months with the Special Forces at Heip Hoa, Doui Da and other places in III Corps. Commenting on the Hornets, he had this to say, "I had heard that the Hornets was the best aviation company in VN and now that I have seen them in action, I can see why they are".

WO Vance Poleski has been married to his wife Jo Anne for $2\frac{1}{2}$ years and calls Seattle, Washington his home. He comes to us straight from flt school, from which he graduate on 1 Aug 67. Before joining the Army he attended Highland College, also in Seattle.

NOTAMS: WO M. Clarke has received his pink slip reading 82nd Airborne, Ft Bragg, North Carolina.

WO John Harrington's new address will be Ft Rucker, Ala. His next door neighbor at Rucker could very well be WO Bill Croucher.

Lt Allen, moving up in the world, is now in the 2nd Platoon and a section leader.

Lt Sturgis has just returned from Hong Kong.

SP4 Mathais is spending his R&R with his wife in Hawaii.

SP4 Mooney is studying his -10 to be a crew chief.

SP5 "Doc" Ferrider keeps mumbling something about being short. By the way, what ever happened to 513 Doc?

The Wasps would like to salute the Static Chaser crew. We realize the never ending problems of avionics and Static Chaser works day and night to keep the aviators talking. Their dedication and courtesy is renowned. Whether it be a simple FM radio exchange or tracing down a short, they do their best to correct the discrepancies with speed and efficiency. Again, the Wasps salute you! Keep up the good work and keep us talking.

This will be the last edition of Clarke's Corner; time has come for me to step down and begin packing for home. It has been a pleasure writing for the 2nd Flatoon. WO Poleski has been selected as my successor, so good luck to you Vance.

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

STINGER'S STATIC

The Stingers are finally becoming operational again. For the first time in months we have more ships mission ready than we have crews to man them. This is, at least, partially due to the shortage of crewmembers.

Faces are changing fast in the plt. By New Years, the Stingers are facing a 50% changeover. With few exceptions (ie. WO Goat) the Stingers are getting short. Lt Pool and WO Price are both 30 day losses, (Cpt Adkinson?), WO Cheney and WO Harding are 60 day losses and SP4 "Snake" Hazlebaker is so short that he will be out before this paper.

I think it fitting that we end this short article, written by a short Warrant Officer, about a short platoon, with a thought for the day. Cpt Henry, our leader, can mark off one word of this article for each day and when he comes to the last word he really will be Short Too!!!

*****SUPPLY*****

SUPPLY LINES

Now is the time to take off your shirt, light up a cigarette, open up a coke, lean back and prop your feet on the desk, box, instrument pannel, skids, engine fram, generator, parts cabinet or what-have-you and enjoy reading these lines from the "Wizzard-of-ords".

It has been noted through questions and discussions with various members of this organization that the names of perannment members are not exactly the "by-words" that they should be, therefore, in order to keep the promenance of this section at a high level and also to preclude any difficulty in procuring the supplies you might need, we take this opportunity to introduce you to members of your supply line.

The supply line is headed by 10 James T. Carl, a rather chubby and good natured individual whose only desire is to please you in your requests for supplies. His interest is only in you and he is always available to aid you in replacing any equipment that you might have lost when you left it in the aircraft overnight, forgot where you left it, or just discarded it because you thought that you would not need it.

The NCOIC of your supply line is SFC Woodrow W. Barnes. SFC Barnes, although not a new member of the Hornets, is a new addition to your supply room. SFC Barnes is also rather heavy set and seems to be good natured, but don't let this fool you, underneath he is hard harted and is probably the "rouch" that is going to try to make you pay for the same equipment that Mr. Carl is so generous about.

At this time we will introduce Sgt Dennis A. Hopkins who had just joined the supply line. Sgt Hopkins comes to us direct from Germany where he served as Supply Sgt to the 14th Avn Co (Air Traffic Control). Sgt Hopkins will be the administration and property book NCO. Watch out for this guy, he is the

one who is constantly insisting that you be made to take care of your equipment by pulling first echelon maintenance, perform equipment serviceability checks, pay for items of equipment you have lost, be made to pay repair costs of equipment you have carelessly damaged, clean your ammo, police up loose ammo, clean your weapon, etc. But what is the sense of it? Everyone knows that the Hornet's machine guns all work perfectly, all vehicles are spotless and in perfect working order and all generators are working well and capable of supplying more power than this unit can use.

The three clerks of the supply line are SP4 Roy L. Jeffery, SP4 Donald C. Spinardie, and SP4 Ralph S. Johnson. These men are the back bone of your supply line.

SP4 Johnson is the admin. clerk who is always at your service to prepare your hold baggage requests, type your statements and affidavits, but keep your eye on him, he has been seen typing Statements of Charges ever once in-a-while.

SP4 Spinardie is your general supply clerk who you will see frequently as you come to your general supply room for needed materials. He can help you with your DX procedures and other supplies that you might need to make your stay here a more enjoyable one.

SP4 Jeffery is the "power train" for our supply room and keeps the stock up by his frequent trips to Saigon, Long Bien and other various points of interest to pick up supplies and sundries. He is also your armorer.

Your supply section has a small augmentation by the names of: Mr. Kien, Mr. Hien, Mr. Diem, and Mr. Diem or something like that. Three of them are carpenters and one is our painter.

Now that introductions are over, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new members of the Hornets to Cu Chi, the lush and green resort of Southeast Asia. You will find, for your enjoyment, swimming pools((no water),

golf courses (minature), boating facilities (Oriental River), horseback riding (Iron- Horse-track mounted), skiing (UH-1D skids), and bowling (40MM) as is often enjoyed by stinger personnel. You may also get the opportunity to visit beautiful Vung Tau, noted for its many churches and home of religious leaders.

Smile, you may be on Candid Camera!!!

***** POEM *****

FIRESIDE SHADOWS

Let's just sit here for the evening,
There's a war going on out there you know,
But it shan't come in here tonight,
We can sit here by the open fire,
You study your Milton,
And
I'll just watch the Fireside Shadows.
It would be so nice,
If we were left alone,,
Protected as we are,
From the chilling hate outside,
But tonight lives for tonight
And we are here-

Firelight

Musty Air

Too much dust.

And a tiffany lamp,

Casting colored light into the Fireside Shadows

And your hair a showplace for their art.

By SP4 Charles Edwards

EDITORIAL

Freedom's Franchise

While millions of people around the world are fighting tyranny---struggling for the right of selfdetermination, the privilege of participating in freely-held elections---U.S. military personnel have the opportunity to exercise this inherent right in the upcoming Nov 7 elections.

It is an opportunity, a right, a duty for which countless millions of American fighting men have given their lives. It is not a privilege to be taken lightly.

Through this is an "off-election" year---with state, county and local governmental positions at stake--- it is a most important election.

Citizenship for all Americans, civilian and military alike, begins at home. Because a serviceman may not at this time be living in the state in which he is a registered voter is no excuse for failure to vote.

He needs only to check the voter registration requirements of his home of record, or the locality in which he presently resides, to determine whether he is eligible to vote in one or the other area.

If the serviceman is registered at his home of record, he should write local election officials requesting an absentee ballot. This action, however, should be taken immediately for most absentee ballots are required to be in the hands of election officials no later than five days before election day.

Any questions the serviceman might have on registration requirements and deadlines for the acquisition and return of absentee ballots should be taken to his unit's Voting Officer. (AFPS)