

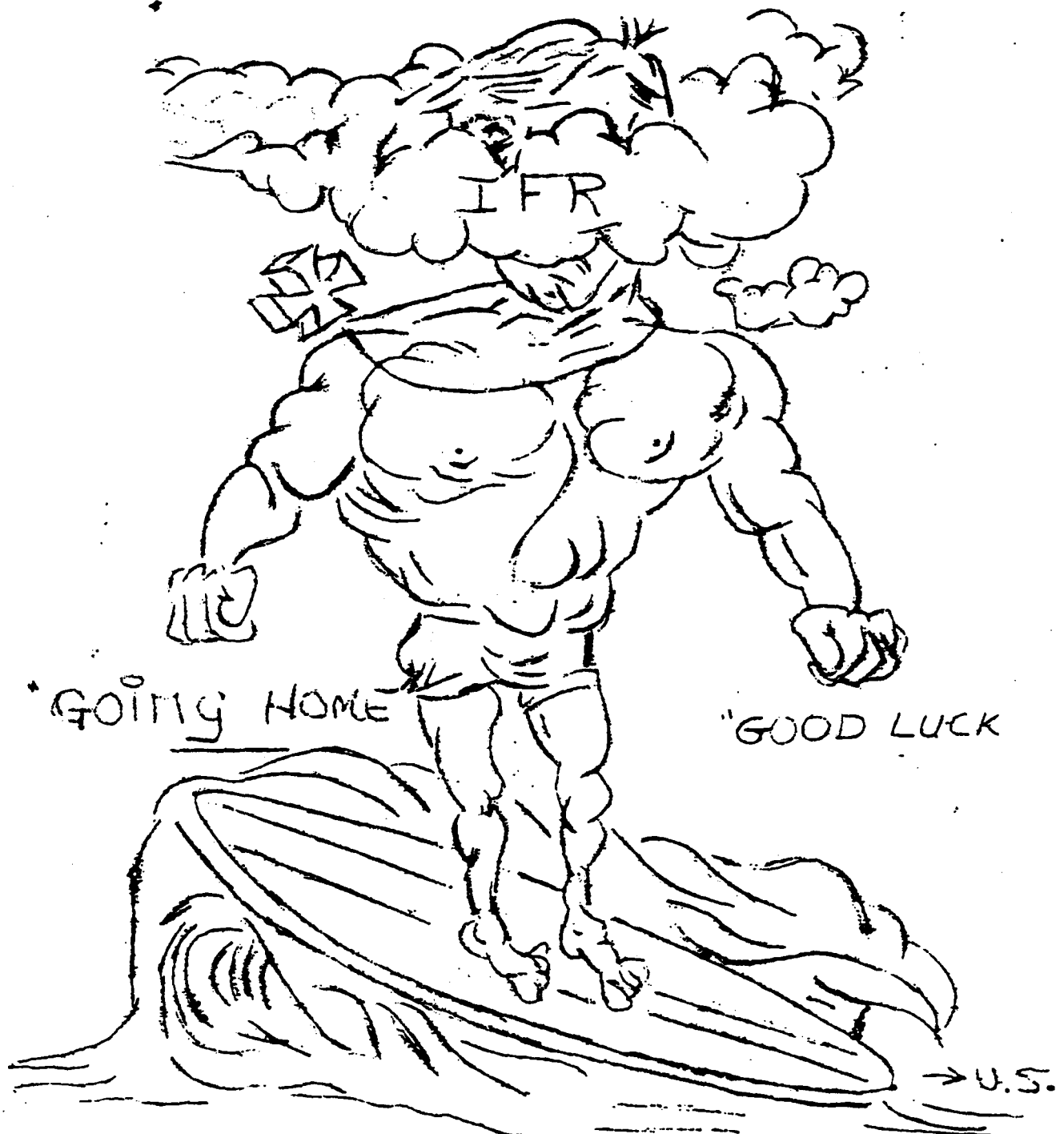
7 April 1970

EAGLE DUSTOFF

Platoon Sergeant: SFC BOBBY FRAWELL
Platoon Leader: MAJOR THOMAS W. MURPHY

Air Ambulance Platoon
326th Medical Bn.
101st Airborne Div.

This edition of EAGLE DUSTOFF is dedicated to:
Capt. Jesse Wisdom, WO1 Bruce Thacher
Sp/4 Richard Walton, and Sp/4 Morris & Williams who gave their lives that others might live.
To Major Thomas W. Murphy who will soon be departing this command.



A FEW WORDS FROM DUSTOFF "96"

During the last quarter we have experienced both tragedy and a bit of luck. The first part of February Captain Jesse Wisdom's aircraft experienced a suspected engine failure while on a night mission resulting in the loss of the crew and the aircraft. During the month of March 1LT. Peter Weber was downed by RPG fire while on a hoist mission, miraculously resulting in minor injuries to three crewmembers while PSC Bell, platoon sergeant, received an injured back and foot, requiring medical evacuation back stateside. With gradual dissipation of the monsoon season there has been an increase of enemy contact with the resultant increase of "hot" missions. During the last month we have had five aircraft experience combat damage resulting in one aircraft loss. This has been the first combat damage we have experienced in several months. I think everyone agrees we would much rather face the prospects of enemy fire than those 100-200ft ceilings in the mountains at night. The aviators and crews really put out during the inclement weather season. All crews have found themselves in the "soup" all too frequently, but our instrument training has brought everyone through in good stead. All our crews have received some well deserved praise for the accomplishment of next to impossible missions.

This will be my last opportunity to express myself in the quarternewsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to all the men, past and present, who make up the EAGLE DUSTOFF team for a truly outstanding job. Each and everyone can take a great deal of personal pride in your mission accomplishment. This years association with EAGLE DUSTOFF has been personally rewarding to me because of your effort. I hope any members of EAGLE DUSTOFF will drop by my new assignment location in Germany if the opportunity arises. Thanks again for making this assignment the rewarding assignment that it has been. Drive On!!!

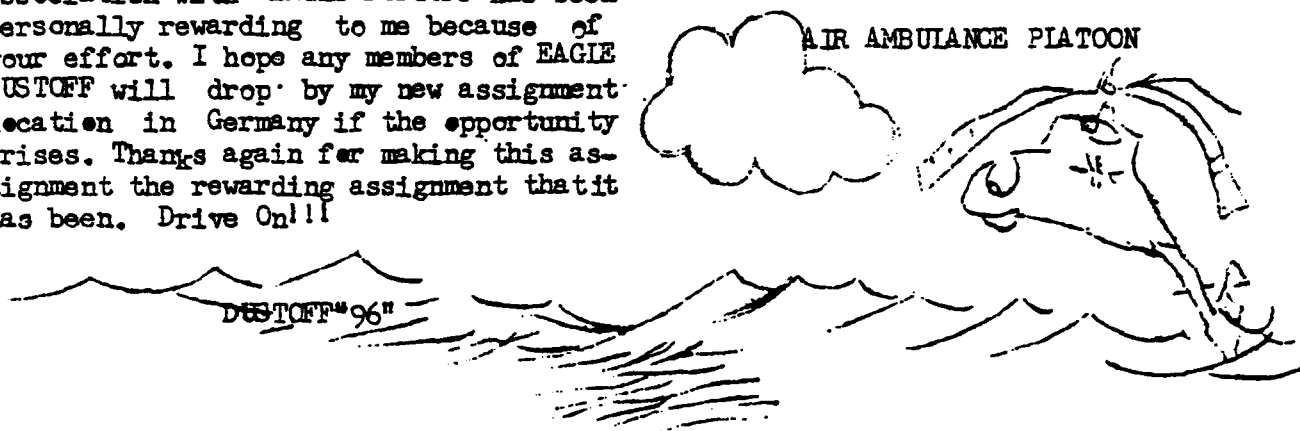
In the past couple of months "EAGLE DUSTOFF" has gone through quite a transition. Through DEROS, ETS, and transfers we have lost four Aircraft Commanders, eight Crew Chiefs, and eleven Medics, and have gained quite a few new faces. You are always happy for the man that goes home, but there's a tinge of regret when you watch all that experience walk out the door, because experience is hard to replace.

Next month we are losing Maj Thomas W. Murphy whose experience as an aviator and leadership as a commander will be irreplaceable.

It never seemed to matter what the tactical situation or weather was to "96". If someone was in need of help, you knew that he would be there. At night in bad weather it was comforting to know that when nobody else could complete the mission Maj. Murphy would be waiting to take over. When an emergency arose, you didn't have to ask who was running up and down the flight line looking for a ship that was flyable and a crew.

We who have served under the command of Major Murphy have learned and gained from the knowledge he has passed on to us, will always hold with pride a place in our minds for the lessons taught by "The Silver Surfer". So may we pass on our thanks for the greatest gift a commander can give his men, the knowledge and experience necessary to complete their mission successfully and safely.

Yes Sir, "EAGLE DUSTOFF" just won't be the same without "96" at the controls.



Joe:

How are things going ole buddy?
Things here are really busy for the
time of the year. Hope to see you this
summer when I get out.

Maintain, keep the faith and be
Cool.

Hughes

P.S.

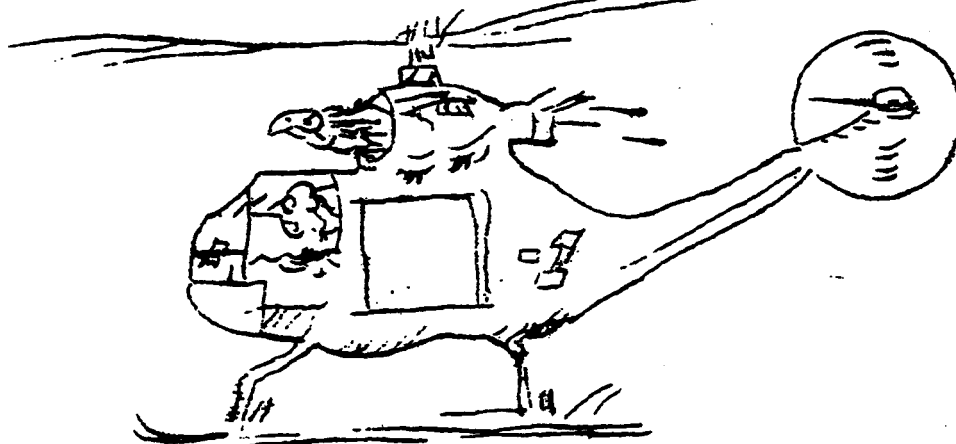
76 days!

PLATOON SERGEANT LOWELL BELL

We of the Air Ambulance Platoon wish to express our gratitude to Platoon Sergeant Lowell W. Bell who was recently wounded in action while on a medical evacuation mission. MSG Bell was our platoon sergeant for ten months, and in this time, not only acted in the capacity of our platoon sergeant, but also served in the platoon as a fully qualified flight medic. These are jobs which are to say the least very trying. MSG Bell however, performed his duties with marked professionalism. It is with the utmost gratitude we here at MAGDE DUSOFF wish to thank MSG Bell for his guidance and example while here and wish him a speedy recovery.

AIR AMBULANCE PLATOON

AVIATION SAFETY



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!! EAGLE IN THE INTAKE IS A NO-NO!!

COURTESY U.S. ARMY AVIATION DIGEST

WATCH FOR "FOID"

STATISTICS

JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
TOTAL HOURS	433	TOTAL HOURS	427
DAY/ NIGHT	390/43	DAY/ NIGHT	391/36
TOTAL MISSIONS	635	TOTAL MISSIONS	536
DAY/ NIGHT	575/60	DAY/ NIGHT	483/53
HOIST MISSIONS	22	HOIST MISSIONS	60
DAY/ PATIENTS	21/26	DAY/ PATIENTS	92/94
NIGHT/ PATIENTS	1/1	NIGHT/ PATIENTS	1/1
HOIST HOURS	23	HOIST HOURS	36
DAY/ NIGHT	22/1	DAY/ NIGHT	35/1
TOTAL PATIENTS	965	TOTAL PATIENTS	740
DAY/ NIGHT	917/48	DAY/ NIGHT	680/60
US	753	US	630
VNCIV	153	VNCIV	90
ARVN	49	ARVN	26
FMMAF	1	FMMAF	0
MED CAP	1	MED CAP	0
POW	2	POW	0
CANNINE	1	CANNINE	4
AVG NUMBER AVIATORS PRESENT: 19		AVG NUMBER AVIATORS PRESENT: 19	
AIRCRAFT COMBAT DAMAGE: 0		AIRCRAFT COMBAT DAMAGE: 0	

The day is just like any other day, it starts early when crewchiefs and pilots interfere with Maintenance's morning coffee break. Everyone seems to have an urgent problem. So with wrench in hand, the experienced march out to the aircraft to perform their duty. With speed he accomplishes his task, knowing that if he lingers SFC Downey will have already finished off the coffee. At an almost blistering pace the mechanic returns to the hangar only to be confronted with another

job. With pride and dry mouth the repairman once again donates his ability, with luck this time when he is through he can steal a few precious seconds to indulge in that long awaited break. But alas, when he returns our illustrious E-7 is sipping on the last cup of brew. With rejection he sits next to another unhappy mechanic who is watching the percolator like a television, praying for its speedy finish, and maybe this time he will get the chance to outrun our SFC to a cup of coffee.

MARCH STATISTICS

TOTAL HOURS	465
DAY/NIGHT	411/54
TOTAL MISSIONS	551
DAY/NIGHT	495/56
HOIST MISSIONS	47
DAY/PATIENTS	44/74
NIGHT/PATIENTS	3/6
HOIST HOURS	54
DAY/NIGHT	48/6
TOTAL PATIENTS	923
DAY/NIGHT	856/67
US	673
VNCIV	195
ARVN	48
FWMAF	0
MED CAP	0
POW	0
CANTINE	4

AVC NUMBER AVIATORS RESIDENT: 19

AIRCRAFT COMBAT DAMAGE: 5

CONGRATULATIONS

ON BECOMING A FATHER:

SFC THOMAS DOWNEY-father of TAMMY LOISE born 29 September 1969 in Maywood, Calif.

ON APPOINTMENT AS AIRCRAFT COMMANDER:

1LT. JERRY COLLINS-DUSTOFF 99
CW2 DANIEL SMITH-DUSTOFF 999
CW2 JOHN SCHEY-DUSTOFF 90
WO1 BARRY BARKER-DUSTOFF 91
WO1 JOHN ENGLEMAN-DUSTOFF 94

ON APPOINTMENT AS FIRST PILOT:

CAPT. JIMMY PATTERSON-DUSTOFF 98
1LT. LARRY BLACKWOOD-DUSTOFF 95
1LT. PETER WEBER-DUSTOFF 97
WO1 MACE KENDRICKS-DUSTOFF 93

ON PROMOTION TO CW2:

JOHN SCHEY

ON PROMOTION TO SP/6:

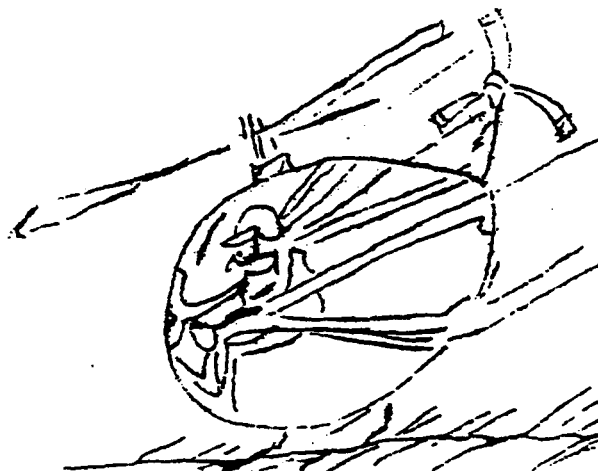
BART CUTLER

ON PROMOTION TO SGT:

RAFAEL MARTINEZ
DAVID REED
WALLACE STROY

ON PROMOTION TO SP/5:

DONITO DEOCALES
STEPHEN OSGUTHORPE
ROBERT PAUL
WILLIAM RODDY
PAUL SCHMAUSS



FASTEN YOUR SEATBELT
AVIATION-SAFETY

(COURTESY US ARMY AVIATION DEPT)

TRANSFERS

This quarter at EAGLE DUSTOFF we have experienced quite a few changes,

They include the reassignments of:

CAPT. REGORY STAFFORD-FT. BELVOIR
CAPT. WILLIAM SMITH-FT. DIX
CW2 WILLIAM TIFFANY-FT. ORD
CW2 JOSE VILLARTA-FT. RILEY
PSG LOWELL BELL-106th GEN. HOSP., JAP.
SSG. KEITH FORRESTER-HUNTER AAF
SP/6 BARTH CUTLER-REFRAD
SGT DAVID REED-UNASSIGNED
SP/5 PHILIP GIBSON-FT. EUSTICE
SP/5 FRED WATSON-FT. BENNING
SP/5 LLOYD AUXIER-FT. DEVENS
SP/5 DONALD DOWD-REFRAD
SP/5 PARK HANCOCK-FT. EUSTICE
SP/5 ROBERT PAUL-FT. RILEY
SP/5 STEPHEN OSGUTHORPE-FT. DEVENS
SP/5 GORDON BROWN-REFRAD
SP/5 WILLIAM SMITH-REFRAD
SP/5 WILLIAM BROZIS-REFRAD
SP/5 PAUL SCHMAUSS-FT. RILEY
SP/4 MILES HOWELL-UNASSIGNED
SP/4 RICHARD SWEET-REFRAD

Our new arrivals include:

1LT. DENNIS STORY- US ARMY AVIATION SCH.
1LT. LAURENCE ROSEN- USA AV. SCH.
1LT. ALLEN SCHWARTZ- USA AV. SCH.
WO1 BRUCE GRAHAM- USA AV. SCH
WO1 JOHN ENGLEMAN-2/17th CAV
SP/5 TIMOTHY DOYLE-B/101st ASSAULT
SP/4 MICHAEL HARSANY-HHC 2/502
SP/4 WILLIAM HAWKINS-GERMANY
SP/4 ANGEL ROSARIO-HHC 3/187
SP/4 ARTE LAPEER-GERMANY
PFC RANDY HALL-HHC 2/502
PFC THOMAS SHAW-FT. EUSTICE

and we would especially like to welcome our new platoon sergeant:

SFC BOBBY FRAVELL-A/326 MED

NOTICE: FROM HENCE FORWARD ALL COORDINATION PONDENCE SENT TO LISA BELL WILL BE SENT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

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ARLINGTON, TEXAS 76010

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

CAPT. JESSE WISDOM (1st OLD)
1LT. PETER WEBER

BRONZE STAR

CW2 JOSE VILLARTA
SP/5 CHARLES MULLAS
SP/5 ROBERT PAUL
SP/5 STEPHEN OSGUTHORPE
SP/5 PAUL SCHMAUSS
SP/4 MILES HOWELL

AIR MEDAL (for valor)

SP/5 STEPHEN OSGUTHORPE
SP/4 KENNETH NOWAKOWSKI

AIR MEDAL (for meritorious service)

CAPT. JIMMY PATTERSON (BAM)
✓CAPT. ROY LEATHERBERRY (BAM-14th)
1LT. AUSTIN JOHNSON (BAM)
1LT. PETER WEBER (BAM)
WO1 EDWARD O'BRIEN (BAM)
SP/6 BARTH CUTLER (13-14th OLC)
SP/5 CHARLES MULLAS (2-4th OLC)
✓SP/5 PATRICK NASH (BAM)
✓SP/5 GARY RUNGE (6-9th OLC)
SP/4 ROLAND BOUCHARD (BAM)
SP/4 MILES HOWELL (BAM)

PURPLE HEART

CAPT. CARLOS FONSECA
1LT. PETER WEBER
PSG LOWELL BELL
SP/5 TIMOTHY DOYLE
SP/5 TONY KUZMICH

ARMY COMENDATION MEDAL

WO2 JOHN SCHEY
WO1 BARRY BARKER
SP/5 FRED RUGHES

THE CHERRY

The day arrived and with it the "cruit",
Clad in new fatigues and cherry boots.
A Dustoff medic he hopes to be,
And prove himself as an OJT.

He fills out paper and draws his gear,
Finds a place to live for the upcoming year.
Unpacks his bags and gets squared away,
Only to face the forthcoming day.

Clean the windows and sweep the floor,
Empty the ashtrays and close the door.
Clear the ship, untie the blade,
No time to waste, no excuses made.

He's cleaning the ship as the buzzer blows,
A mission at hand, he has to go.
He looks and listens while watching the crew,
So much to learn and so much to do.

One Uniform Sierra with multiple wounds,
Hit at close range by a handful of goons.
A hundred foot hoist while hovering aloft,
But easily done by Eagle Dustoff.

The medic in charge gives him a smoke,
Raps to the man and tells him a joke.
Looks after him and checks his wounds,
Telling him he'll be at the hospital soon.

Each day passes as he learns things now,
How to treat cases and what not to do.
For now the job is all his to carry,
But everyone knows that he's still a Cherry.

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