

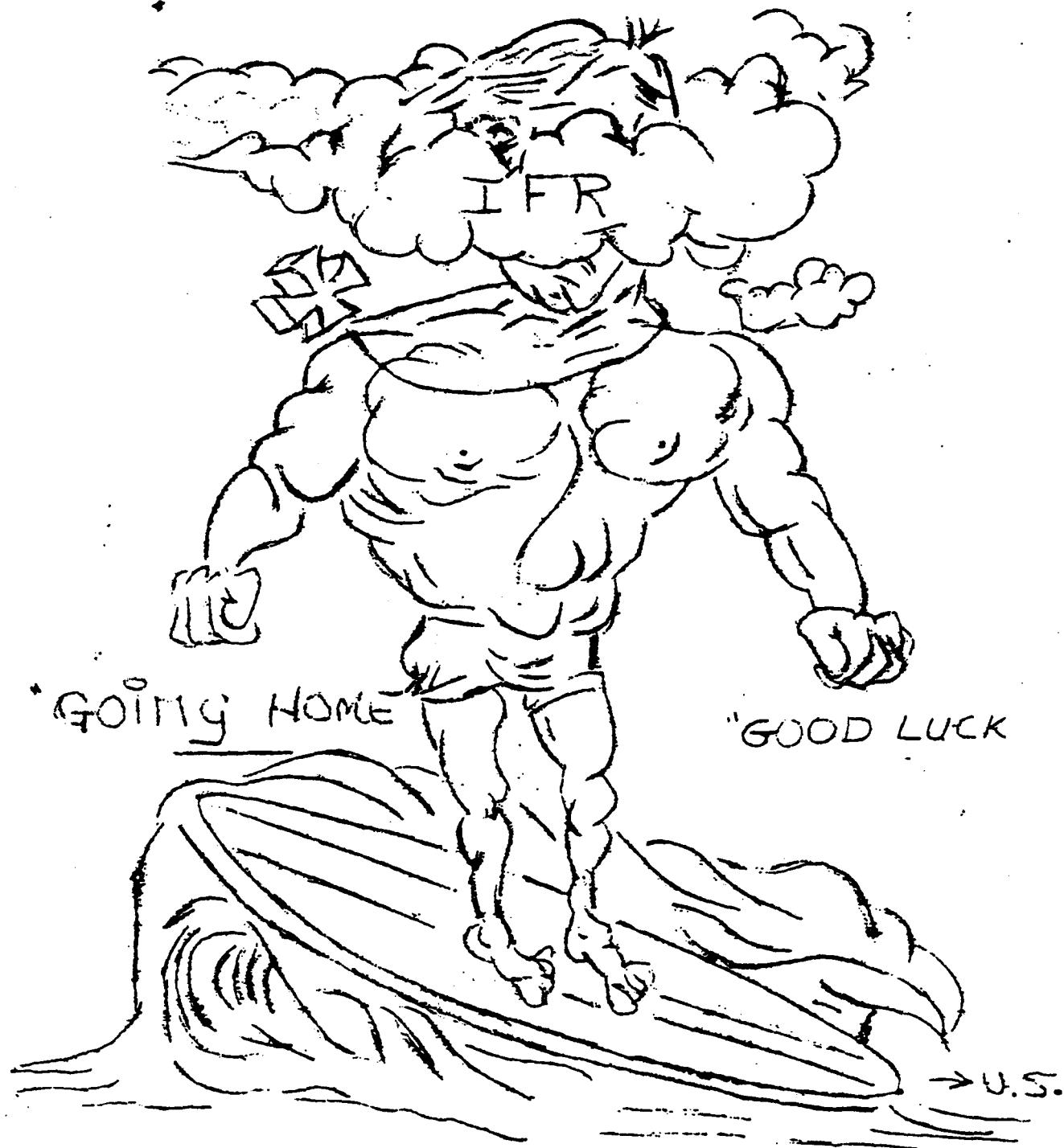
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# EAGLE DUSTOFF

Platoon Sergeant: SFC BOBBY FRAZIER  
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  
Spc 4 Richard Walton, and Sp4 Morrissey &  
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 1 LT. Peter Weber was downed by RPG fire while on a hoist mission, miraculously resulting in minor injuries to three crewmembers while PSG 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 to 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're 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.

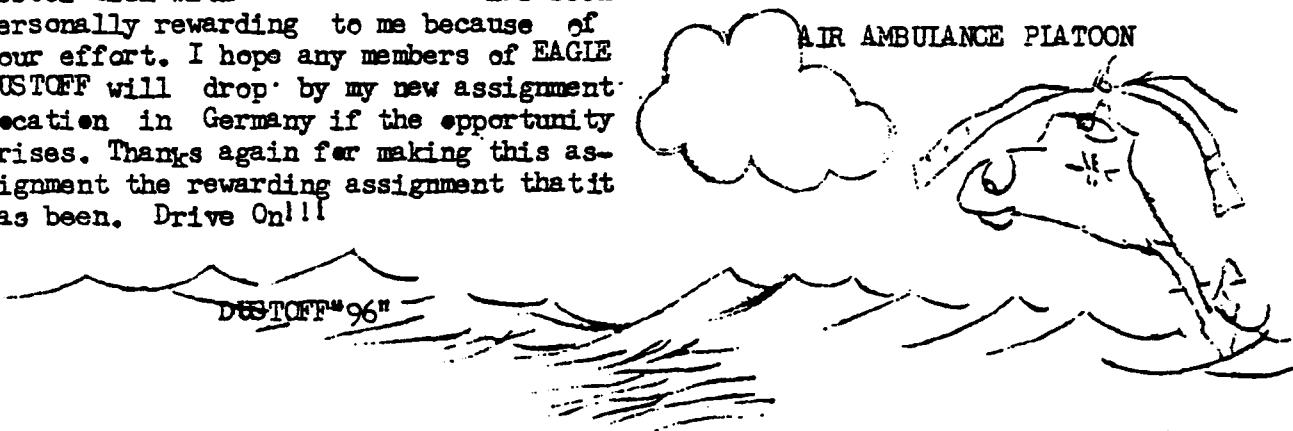
Next month we are losing Maj Thomas W. Murphy whose experience as an aviator and leadership as a commander will be irreplaceable.

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.

AIR AMBULANCE PLATOON



DUSTOFF "96"

Joe:

How are they 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 MAGL 318 SIC OFF wish to thank MSG Bell for his guidance and example while here and wish him a speedy recovery.

AIR AMBULANCE PLATOON

AVIATION SAFETY



COURTESY U.S. AIRMEN'S AVIATION DIGEST

WATCH FOR "FOD"

## 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	52/94
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
FNMAF	1	FNMAF	0
MED CAP	1	MED CAP	0
POW	2	POW	0
CANINE	1	CANINE	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 banger 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 refection 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

## CONGRATULATIONS

TOTAL HOURS 465

## ON BECOMING A FATHER:

DAY/NIGHT 411/54

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

TOTAL MISSIONS 551

DAY/NIGHT 495/56

## ON APPOINTMENT AS AIRCRAFT COMMANDER:

HOIST MISSIONS 47

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

DAY/PATIENTS 44/74

NIGHT/PATIENTS 3/6

HOIST HOURS 54

## ON APPOINTMENT AS FIRST PILOT:

DAY/NIGHT 48/6

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

TOTAL PATIENTS 923

DAY/NIGHT 856/67

US 673

## ON PROMOTION TO CW2:

VN/CIV 195

JOHN SCHEY

ARVN 48

FWMAF 0

## ON PROMOTION TO SP/6:

MED CAP 0

BARTH CUTLER

POW #

## ON PROMOTION TO SGT:

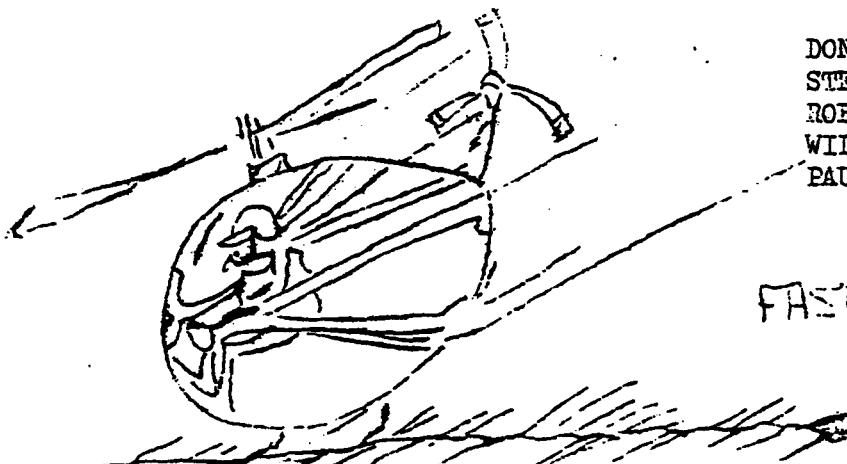
CANINE 4

RAFAEL MARTINEZ  
DAVID REED  
WALLACE STROY

AVG NUMBER AVIATORS PRESENT: 19

AIRCRAFT COMBAT DAMAGE: 5

## ON PROMOTION TO SP/5:

DONITO DEOCALLES  
STEPHEN OSCUTHORPE  
ROBERT PAUL  
WILLIAM RODDY  
PAUL SCHMAUSSFASTEN YOUR HARNESS  
AVIATION-SAFETY

(Courtesy US Army Aviation Dept)

## TRANSFERS

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

They include the reassessments 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 ENGLEMANN-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 SEAW-FT. EUSTICE

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

SFC BOBBY FRAVELL-A/526 MED

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

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## 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  
E5G LOWELL BELL  
SP/5 TIMOTHY DOYLE  
SP/5 TONY KUZMICZ

### ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

✓JOHN SCHEY  
WO1 BARRY BARKER  
SP/5 RYAN RUGGES

## 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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