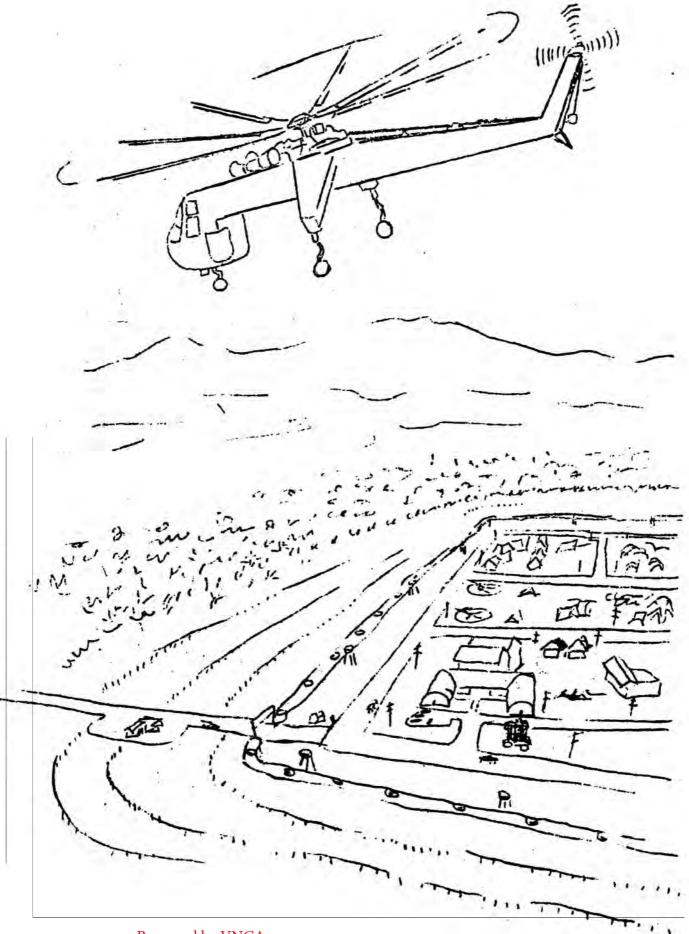
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No matter what branch service you are

in, May 17 is your special day. "Forces For Freedom" is the theme for this year's armed Forces Day. This is demonstrated very effectively by the men and women helping deter the spreud of communism in South Vietnam.

No better theme could portray the real mission of our servicemen today. It characterizes their devotion to duty, courage and stamina in these trying times.

Even though this day is dedicated to you, the servicemen, it now becomes mecessary that you take an inward reflection as to whether you are deserving of this honor. You should come up with a definite, affirmative answer or take steps to rectify the situation immediately.

The average servicemen is not in the habit of strutting and bragging about himself. Generally, he goes about his job quietly and conscientiously, endeavoring to live up to the respect and trust that the American people have

placed in him.

This holds true for servicemen and women throughout the world. They may be at some remote outpost in South Vietnum or elsewhere overseus or in the United States, but no matter where, they are doing the best job that can be done. Through their hard work and attention to duty they more than justify their country's trust in them and have earned a day which they can call their own.



NATO TODAY AND TOMORROW

Commemorating the 20th anniversary of the North atlantic Treaty Organization, the Foreign and Defense Ministers of the 15 NaTO countries gathered in Washington DC April 10 and 11 for an anniversary meeting of the organization's ministerial council. President Nixon addressed the commemorative session april 10. Below are excerpts from his statement assessing NaTO's role today and in the future.

No part of the world has a moncpoly on wisdom or virtue.

Those who think simply in terms of "good" nations and "bad" nations - of a world of staunch allies and sworn enemies - live in a world of their own. imprisoned by steretypes, they do not live in the real world.

On the other hand, these who believe that all it takes to submerge national self-interest is a little better communication, those who think that all that stands in the way of international brotherhood is stubbern leadership - they, too, live in a world of their ewn. Misled by wishful thinking, they do not live in the real world.

Living in the real world of today means recognizing the sometimes differing interests of the Western nations, while never losing sight of our great common purposes. Living in the real world of today means understanding old concepts of last versus West, understanding and unfreezing these concepts, but never lesing sight of great ideological differences that still remain. Let us then count ourselves today among the hopeful realists.

NATO TODAY

As the Alliance begins its third decade. . . there are certain fundamentals to be reaffirmed.

First NATO is needed; and the American commitment to NATO will remain in force and it will remain strong. We in America continue to consider Europe's security to be our own.

Second, having succeeded in its original purpose, the alliance must adapt to the conditions of success. With less of the original cement of fear, we must forge new bends to maintain our unity.

Third, when NATO was founded, the mere fact of cooperation among the western nations was of tremendous significance, both symbolically and substantively. Now the symbol is not enough; we need substance. The Alliance today will be judged by the content of its cooperation, not merely by its form.

Fourth, the allies have learned to harmonize their military forces; now, in the light of the vast military, economic, and political changes of two decades, we must devise better means of harmonizing our policies.

Fifth, by its nature, ours is more than a military alliance; and the time has come to turn a part of our attention to those nonmilitary areas in which we all could benefit from increased collaboration.

Now, what does all this mean for the future of the western alliance? To deal with the real world, we cannot respond to changing comditions merely by changing our words. We have to adapt our actions.

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reduce our flexibility by cutting back on conventional forces.

It is not enough to talk of relaxing tousion, wiless we keep in mind the fact that 20 years of tension were not caused by superficial misurder-standings. A change of mood is useful only if it reflects some change of mind about political purpose.

It is not enough to talk of European security in the abstract. We must know the elements of insedurity and how to remove them. Conferences are useful if they deal eith concrete issues, which means they must, of course, be carefully prepared.

It is not enough to talk of detente, unless at the same time we anticipate the need for giving it the genuine political content that would prevent detente from becoming delusion.

ARMS CONTROL TALKS WITH THE USSR

supported the idea of strategic arms control talks with the Seviet Union. I support that idea. When such talks are held, we shall work diligently for their success.

But within our alliance we must recognize that this world imply a mili-

tary relationship for different from the one that existed when NATO was founded. Let's put it in plain words. The West does not today have the massive nuclear precommance that it once had, and any sort of broad-based arms agreement with the Soviets would codify the . . . present balance.

now would progress towards arms control affect the nature of consul-

tation within our Alliance?

Up to now, our discussions have mainly had to do with tactics. . . We must shake off our preoccupation with formal structure to bring into focus a common would view,

Of course, there is a diversity of policies and interests among the Western nations; and, of course, those differences must be respected. But in shaping the athetegies of peace, these differences need not block the way - not if we break through to a new and deeper form of political consubtation,

To be specifie, the forthcoming arms talks will be a test of the abil-

ity of the Wesfern nathons to shape a common strategy.

The Critical States fully intends to undertake deep and genuine consultations with its allies, both before and during any negotiations directly affecting thoir inherests. That, is a pledge I shall honor - and I expect to consult at length on th implications of any thing that might affect the pattern of testedest relations.

In passing that test together, this alliance will give new meaning to

the principle of mutual consultation.

NEW WESTERN CONSULTATION

To seize the moment that this opportunity presents, we would do well to create new machinent for Western political consultation, as well as to make greater use of the machinery that we have.

First, I suggest that Deputy Foreign Ministers meet periodically for a

high-level review of major, long-range problems before the Alliance. Sedond, I suggest execution of a special political planning group, not to duplicate the work now being done by the council or by the senior political advisors, but to address itself specifically and continually to the longer-cargo problems we face.

This would by no means preclude efforts to develop a fuller European cooperation. On the contrary of we in the United States would welcome that cooperation. With ties us to Europe is not weakness or division among our

partners, but community of interest with them.

Third, I strongly urge that we create a committee on the challenges of modern society, responsible to the Deputy Ministers, to explore ways in which the experience and resourced of the western nations could most effectively be marshaled toward improving the quality of life of our peoples.

For 20 years, our nations have provided for the military defense of Western Europa, For 20 years we have held political consultations. Now the alliance of the most needs a third dimension. . . a social dimension to deal with our concern for the quality of life in this last third of the 20th cen-

tury.

This concern is manifested in many ways - culturally, technologically,

through the humanities and the sciences.

THE ALLIANCE TOMOBROW

I believe we must build an Alliance strong enough to deter those who might threaten ser, close enough to provide for continuous and far-reaching consultables, trasleng enough to accept the diversity of views, realistic ... enough to deal with the world as it is, and flexible enough to explore new channels of constructive cooperation.

Ten years ago, addressing the North Atlantic Council in this same room, President Edsenhover spake of the need for unity, Listen to his words. There is not much strongth to the finger of one hand, he said, but when five fingers are balled into a fist, you have a considerable instrument of defense.

We need such an instrument of defense and the United States will bear its fair share in keeping NeTO strong. All of us are also ready, as conditions

change, to turn that first into a hand of friendship.

NaTO means more than arms, troop levels, consultative bodies, and treaty commitments all of these are necessary. But what makes them relevant to the future is what the alliance stands for. To discover what this Western alliance means today, we have to reach back, not across two decades, but through the centuries to the very roots of the Western experience.

When we do, we find that we touch a set of elemental ideals, eloquent in their simplicity, majestic in their numerity, ideals or decency and justice and liberty and respect for the rights of our fellow men. . . These ideals, and firmness of our dedication to them, give NATO's concept its nobility, and NATO's backbone is steel.

CHAPLAINS CORNER

(This space is dedicated to a moment of Silent prayer and meditation)

SERVICES SCHEDULE

SUNDAY		i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
PROPESTANT	0900	Worship 3094
	1000	Fellowship
•	1330	Orphanage Visit
•	1900	Country Chapel
CATHOLIC	0930 1100	Mass (Old Reli- Mass able Chape
WEDNESDAY		43 ° .
Protestant	1900	Bible Study
1		week to the
Protestant	1900	Serendipity
Chaplain (CPT)	Kenneth	Edmiston is

available for personal counselling day or night.

Bearcat Chapel telephone 3688 evenings 3542

12TH GROUP HINTS

(Excerpts from the 12th Group weekly Bulletin.)

REGISTRATION OF DISPLAY TYPE WAR
TROPHIES: Attention is invited to USARV
Reg 643-20 and II FFORCEV Policy Statement, 10 April 1969. Way trophy firearms
that are authorized under the provisions of cited regulation will be stored in an arms room until the owner processes for departure from this command.
War trophy firearms authorized for unit/
staff section display must be registered in accordance with the procedures contained in the Policy Statement.

CONTROL OF MULTIPLE R&R's: Effective 1 May 1969, the use of ration cards to control Multiple R&R's will be discontinued and replaced by the Immunization Record (DD form 737 or PHS form 731). Stamping of the Immunization Record will be done at the in-country process-

ing center.

MILITARY COURTESY, DISCIPLINE AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE: A unit is inveriably judged by the type of military courtesy, discipline and personal appearance displayed by the men. Orientation, training and insistance upon the highest possible standards in these areus is a direct and inescapable responsibility of the unit commander. Acceptance and discharge of this command responsibility is the cornerstone of discipline. A unit commander must not expedt officer's and NCO's from other units or the Military Police to assume this responsibility for him. Shortcomings in courtesy, discipline and appearance is clear indication of ineffective leadership at the unit level. Observations indicate that there is a need for greater assertion of emphisis by unit commanders, officers and NCO's directed toward improving these necessury soldierly attributes. The majority of our troops appear well disciplined and conduct themselves in a commendable manner. These men should not have their reputations sullied by the few who are undisciplined and unkempt in appearance. It is the minority who must receive immediate and rigorous retraining.

UNIT NEWS

BRONZE STAR AWARDED TO 195TH DOORGUNNER

Death and ugliness runs everywhere in the Republic of South Vietnam; The war is being fought and won by a new breed of American, speaking a language at variance with the past. This American is no hero; but simply has come to realize that he has been summoned to bear arms and will do so with pride and courage. One who speaks this new language has recently been decorated with the Army?s Bronge Star for valor in the face of the enemy.

In the Spring of 1965, Thomas Edward Hussey was a student at Bonita High School in Laverne, California. At Bonita, Hussey's main interest was atheletics and he won letters in football and baseball. He also began to develop an attitude toward the war in Vietnam. He determined to enlist in the Army and after completion of Basic and AIT at Fort Ord he was assigned as a clerk at the First Logistical Command, Long Binh. Not content with a desk job, he requested and was awarded the post of door-gunner with the 195th Aviation Company at Long Binh Plantation.

During a mission on 4 October 1968, Specialist Hussey distinguished himself by uncommon valor against a hostile force while serving as a gunner of a UH1H helicopter shot down by enemy fire while supporting ground elements near Dong Tam. After his aircraft had crashed, he assisted in evacuating his fellow crew members. He continually exposed himself to enemy fire by standing on top of the ship and pulling the wounded crew members to safety.

Specialist Hussey will leave Vietnam shortly. He will have experienced in capsule-form all of the myriad emotions of a lifetime. In recognition of service to the Army, Specialist Hussey has been awarded the Air Medal (Valor), Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, and the Bronze Star (Valor)

195TH OFFICERS NAMED TO NEW POSITIONS

Three officers were recently named to new positions at the 195th Aviation Company.

First Lieutenant Eugene D Sizemore, a native of Louisiana, Missouri assumed cuties as executive officer of the "Sky-chiefs". Lieutenant Sizemore, twenty-four years old, leaves his position as commander of the second airlift. He brings with him an enviable record of achievement for while in command of the lift known as the "Ghostriders", Lieutenant Sizemore saw his unit amass a total of three thousand accident free hours of flight. In recognition for service, the new executive officer has been nominated for the pronze Star for Service.

Lieutenant Sizemore attended Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa; he is a graduate of the Artillery officers Candidate Senool at Fort Sill Change.

Assigned as operations officer is
First Lieutenant Wayne J Highe, a native of Lennox South Dakota who now makes
his home in Sioux City, Iowa, Lieutenant
Highe is a 1961 graduate of the University of South Dakota where he majored in
psychology. Prior to assuming his new
position he served as section leader of
the 2nd Airlift platoon. He and his wife
have two daughters aged four and one.

Taking command of the 2nd Airlift is Captain David Smith, a nutive of Hempstead New York. Captain Smith, 25 years old, received his BS in Engineering from Bucknell University, Lewisburg Pa., and his BS from Rutgers University, New Jersey.

117TH WARLORDS SHOW THEIR VERSATILITY

Another "Normal" day for the three slicks of the 2nd Platoon of the 117th and a light fire team of the Sidewinders, their sister gun Platoon? Not quite! The 24th and 25th of March were two of the longest days any of the men of the 117th had ever seen. As they arrived at the forward operations base of the special forces unit they support early that morning of the 24th of April they were on short final when one of the large Vietnames special forces in our area of operation came under heavy ground attack by an unknown size enemy force. The gunships just kept on going and were able to slow down the enemy long enough for the friendly ground unit to temporarily secure their position. Meanwhile at the FCB they became concerned about how much airmobile support three slicks and a light fire team could give a large ground unit. During the next two days they were to find out that it was quite a bit, with a lot of ingenuity and a little luck. Their first and most immediate problem was ammo and medical resupply. The ground unit was still in heavy contactand very short on ammo. We had to get it into their small position through the triple canopy jungle. Two slicks were loaded and they kicked everything off on command from the ground commander, since amoke became too dispersed by the trees to make an accurate drop. On the second run the slick flown by Warrant Officer Eugene E Mace and Warrant Officer Grant M Pearsoll started receiving heavy automatic weapons and .50 cal fire and was forced to land in a clearing a short distance from the contact area. His aircraft recieved over 17 hits. Later in the afternoon it became apperant that the ground element would be overrun if reinforcements could not be brought into the area to try and breakthrough to them. They still only had the two original slicks and a replacement for the one that had been shot down plus the light fire team. The slicks were now a lift company. They proceeded to reposition a large

friendly ground force from a single ship PZ to a large LZ where they could put in to reinforce by a regular lift company when it became available. Meanwhile, the sidewinders continued to expend in the contact area and were unable to cover the slicks. On the ground, several of the American advisors were wounded and required immediate Medivac. Again the ground commander called upon the slicks for another resupply and Medivac from the same area where they had already lost one of their three aircraft.

This time they used their ships as Bombers, dropping net loads of ammo. The second alick in, flew by Warrant Officerlawrence J Schnaubelt and Warrant Officer Bruce C Riddle remained over the area of contact, lowering medical supplies and Mcquire rigs to remove the wounded. Although receiving ground fire and remaining over the area until 15 seconds prior to the start of an artillary atrike 200 meters from their position, they were able to safely recove the wounded to medical aid and a dustoff ship at the FCB. Meanwhile, six lift ships from the 1st Cav arrived and without 3 slicks they were able to lift reinforcements into the contact area. By nightfall they returned home feeling they had done a good days work, and felt that with the meinforcements and spooky on station, everything was under control. Little uid they know what the next day would bring. When they returned the next day they were in store for more of the same. The ground unit was unable break contact. However, by now hot resupplies were normal. The second day was, for their guns, what the day before had been for the slicks. Both ships received numerous hits One round wounding Warrant Officer Norman Ford. By nightfall the ground force was able to move to a landing zone from where they could remove their casualties and the slicks were now dustoffs. Each aircraft returned again and again to the ground troops position under enemy fire to evacuate the wounded, It was during one of these medivac missions that an F-100 was shot down by enemy ground fire. First Liertenant Jeffery Perdue and Warrant Officer Michael Deady piloted the slick almost directly into the enemy position to save the unlucky Air Force pilot. Almost as suddenly as it had started, the enemy withdrew. During the 36 hour period of contact, the pilots of of three slicks and a light fire team flew over 100 flight hours, and performed almost every normal and a few abnormal missions, flown by helicopters in Vietnam. The pilots and crews from the 117th were able to do all of this only through their professional attitude and the flexibility required of them in the fine job they perform every day.

117TH AWARDS CEREMONY

On the 22d of April, the 117th Aviation Company presented thirteen awards habitearr seinvirues at escance mesidad over by Major James P Mellin, Commanding Officer of the 117th. Those receiving awards were: CPT Harvey Whitehill, LIT Gary Watson, LLT Phillip McClary, WOI Charles Mulle, SFC Larry Watkins, SGT Richard Ballard, SP5 Leonard Vandergriff, SP4 Frank Manning, SP4 Raymond Finley, SPh Walter Gerideau, SPh Randy Premeau, PVT Robert Standard, These men received the Air Medal. WOI Russell Freed was recognized as being a true veberan of the terrible consequences of enemy fire when he received the purple heart.

HHC SPORTS

On Sunday afternoon, april 13, the men of Headquarters Company of the 222d went to battle against the officers on the softball diamond. The day before, after a company party, the officers tried their luck against the enlisted men and lost miserably. But this time they were out in full strength with their first team, as were the EM.

In the first few innings, the EM showed their stuff as in the preceding day and racked up a score that led one to think history was about to repeat itself. But in the later innings the officers came on to threaten the lead by a hitting rally that lasted only long enough to worry the opponants, but not long enough to even the score. The final score was, Officers 12 EM 17.

Having tasted the spoils of defeat, the officers were to get their chance at revenge the following Friday night. Being somewhat proficient as Volleyball players, and having a reputation as such, the officers met the Em to regain status as sportsman. The officers, having already beaten the officers of the 135th and 240th assault Helicopter Companies, were fairly confident of a victory, but the Enlisted Men went in, hoping to rain the reard of wins chalked up by their opponants, and at the same time set themselves up as the better athelets - all around.

Well, the officers had other ideas, and at the outcome of the hard-fought four-game series, it was officers three games, and EM one game. Thus, redeeming the officers as sportsmen, out leaving the question of who the better atheletes are unanswered. A rematch of both the baseball game and the volleyball game in anticipated;

REUNION AT BEARCAT

On May 2, 1969, SPh Gene J Pappalarbo was reunited with his father, angelo J Pappalarbo at Beaucat Victnam SPh Pappalarbo was a new arrival in Vietnam and was bunking temporarily at Headquarters Company of the 222d Combat Aviation Battalian while waiting for further assignment. His father has been in Saigon for 20 months where he has been working for a civilian firm. He made the trip to Bearcat to see his son for the first time since his completion of Basic Training, some 22 months ago.

Both the Pappalarbos call Bathesda Maryland, home. Old Dad will be leaving Vietnam and returning home in only two months. Gene, however, will be here for the next 12 months. His new home is the 240th Assault Helicopter Company.

SPH Pappallarbo was previously stationed in Aschaffenburg, Germany with

the 3rd Infantry Division.

, CLLEYHOUND VOLLEYBALL

The 2kOth Assault Helicopter Company Officers Court was invaded by six of the EMU's and a volleyball game developed on the 15th of april. Coming on strong for the "Greynounds" were WOL Boyce, CW2 Robinson, Will Jones, ILT Fitzgerald, 1Lt Bailey and 1LT Shumpert.

In the first game the Greyhound jumped in front and beat the EMU's by a score of 15 to 9. Then in the second game the 135th came from behind and beat the Greyhounds 15 to 8. In the third game, the striving Greyhounds blasted the EMU's in a shut-out of 7-to 0. The Fourth game was called because of an injury to one of the players on the EMU team and the evening ended with the 240th at two victories and the 135th one.

If you are in the Greyhound area, stop by and try for a victory on their volleyball court.

USO SHOP AT THE 240th

Earlier this month, the men of the 240th and 135th AHC's were fortunate to have the opportunity to see the "Carmen D'Oro" show, The show took place at the Greyhounds Officers Club patio and there was a tremendous turnout.

MissD: Oro performed marvelously for the awed audience. She is a very beautiful wo man and warmed the hearts of everyone.

The show was sponsered by CPT Fred-

The show was sponsered by CFT Frederick M Hinshaw from the 173rd Spt Bn (Abn) Members of the show were: Carmen M Furiani, Ignacio Peinado, Carlos Avelar, Frank Peinado, all from California. The drummer was a soldier, temporarily acquired from HQ USARV. He hailed from New Jersey.

It was a wonderful show and we hope to see more of the same.

OVER: 1200 HOURS FOR AN L-13

This may not be the first time an I-13 engine has had a total time of 1212 hours, but the men of the 240th assault Helicopter Company are proud of the fact that it was one of their aircraft engimes that made the grade.

A total of 1212 hours since new on engine number LE 16482 which was last installed on aircraft 661679 which has since retrograded.

With the many hours that this engine had, it continued to operate within the limits, and the exhaust gas temperature never exceeded 580 degrees. Unbelievable, but a true fact.

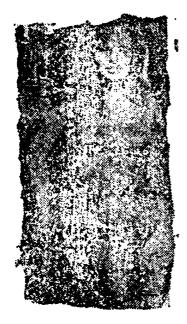
The honors of the last operational flight went to LLT Mike Deporalis on the 26th of April 1969, and crew chief Juan Galiviz. The future of this engine has not been determined, but Lycoming will keep us informed thanks to Mr Georgia Bonomo - our Lycoming Representative.



During the hours of darkness and poor visibility caused by ground fog on the morning of 15 March 3069, a Thai defense ive position near Bearcat was attacked by a combined force of Viet Cong and North Vietnamese regulars approximately three Battalions in size. The hostile force had penetrated the perimeter with B40 rockets and rocket propelled grenades followed by human suicide squads carrying satchel charges. The 135th Assault Helicopter Company's Taipans were standing by for counter mortan at Long Thanh North. The two UniC sircreft that made up 240th PROMOTIONS the light fire team were manned by WO1 David P Samuels and WOL John W O'Neill us aircraft Commanders, and WOI Steven Reveridge and WOL Factord Shappe as Pilots. Their crews worms SP: Romald Pauly, and SP4 Ken Rusker at grew croinfs. The two doorgumers were SPh Jeff Williams and SP4 Goglood Eldone,

The light fire team flim at low level to the beseiged animost where they were greeted by intense automatic weapuns fire, which they answered with devastating suppression in near proximity to the friendly forces. The Taipan's responsive action forced the enemy to break James Dale to SP5 contact with a minimum of friendly losses. The enemy losses were counted at 65 killed 35 wounded and 3 prosponers of war.

WOL Samuels and WOL Gillerill received the Silver Saur. The pilous and crew received the Distinguished Flying Cross in ceremonies presided over by Brigadier General Allen M Burdett Jr., lat Aviation Brigade's new Commanding General, and LTC Robert W Huebner, Commanding Officer of the 222d Combat Aviation Battalion, on 12 April 1969.



The following is a list of the men in the 195th AHC that were promoted this past - month

Timothy Juberian to FFC Glen A Center to SP4 Larry E Freed to SP5 Robert G Lamarre to SP5 Larry E Rose to SP5 Amor Surgenor to SP5 Harold G Steele to SSG WO Lawrence T Ryder to CW2

The following is a list of the men in the 240th AHC that were promoted this past month.

Ronnie Laughlin to SP4 Joseph Gillespie to SP4 Joel Sires to SP4 David Salverson to SP5 UL Rattliff to SP5 William Lucker to SP5 Saul Krochmal to SB5 Richard Kohn to SP5 Alber Williams to SP5 Riley Morris to SP5 Dennis Jantz to SP5 Harry Jackson to SGT Michael Forrester to CW2 Charles Robinson to CW2 Terryl Morris received a direct Commission to 2nd Lieutenant.

195th AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

The following is a list of Awards and Decorations received by the men of the 195th AHC during the month of April.

AIR MEDAL SP4 Dewey L Rosenfelt Jr. SP4 Harry R Robbins SP4 Don A Jean SP4 Timothy R Crittenden SP5 Michael D Beckner SP5 Robert E Briley WOl David R Mazoff WOl Carrol R Comstock WOl Charles G Dougan WOl Larry D Gunter WOl Christopher B Hamblet WOl Daniel D Hamrick WOL Phillip E Hiatt 1LT Wayne J Higbe MIT arthur G Rodriguez Jr.

BRONZE STAR w/ "V" SP5 Thomas E Hussey

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL SP5 Richard A De Olivera. SP5 Thomas E Hussey SP5 Joseph L Pullen SSG Dennis a Rivera CW2 Pauli S Fitch

240TH CELEBRATES 2ND ANNIVERSARY

This month marks the second year for the 240th Assault Helicopter Company at Bearcat.

On the 16th of May 1937, the advance party left Fort Hood, Texas for the Republic of Vietnam. The main body departed on 22 May 1967, and were

at full strength

A big job lay ahead for the Greyhounds with much work to be done. Pile ots and crews had to be cross trained, a company area had to be established, maintain nce areas and a company operations area had to be constructed, POL points for the newly arrived helicopters had to be set up.

When this work was completed it was time for the Greyhounds and Mad Dogs to begin their long task of repelling the Communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. The 240th participated in their first combat assault

in June of 1967 as a full-strength unit.

During the period of July 1967 thru November 1967, the Greyhounds and Mad Dogs were flying in support of the 9th Infantry Division in Long An Province. December 1967 thru January 1968 saw the 240th supporting the 101st Airborne Division at Phan Thiet in "Operation Klamath Falls." The great job that was done here by the Greyhounds and Mad Dogs resulted in a letter of commendation from the "Screaming Eagles" concerning this operation.

The 240th supported the 9th Infantry division again in February and March 1968, helping to counter the Tet offensive in Saigon. The unit re-

ceived the Meritorious Unit Commendation for a job well done.

From March to September 1968 the 240th was supporting "Sneaky Petes", the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols and also the II Field Forces Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols with some support to the 9th Infantry Division.

During the month of October 1968 the company was again flying. in sup-

port of the 9th Infantry in the Delta area.

There was a mission change in November 1968. The 240th was called upon to perform other than combat assaults. They were also to fly direct combat support missions for III Corps Units. During this month the 240th Assault Helicopter Company came under a new Battalion, the 222d Combat Aviation battalion. The 214th, which the 240th had been assigned to earlier, had moved to Dong Tam.

In December the Greyhounds and Mad Dogs were again on the "Bolit Mission" concept. This means fewer lircraft for the ground commanders. This new concept was called the Eagle-Vulture Flight, and provided continuous aviation support from early morning until late at night. The units supported during this period were the 82nd airborne Division and the 199th Light Infantry Brigade in defense of Saigon.

In the new year 1969, the split mission concept is still in effect. The 240th is supporting the 9th Infantry Division in the northern part of

the Delta and also CMAC as they call upon us to help them out.

The 240th is also supporting units with their Direct Combat Support missions and are praised by the units they support for the fine job they

are doing.

This their second year at Bearcat. Their job has been to please the unit bequesting their support and they do this with pride and professionalism. When their next anniversary rolls around, the Greyhounds and Mad Dogs and all the members of the 2hOth assault Helicopter Company can be proud of the unit and the outstanding job done.

In two years the 240th has established a fine record for itself. Members of the 240th have been the recipients of I Distinguished Service Medal, 17 Silver Stars, 146 Distinguished Flying Cross!, 8 Bronze Stars with "V" device, 80 Bronze Stars, 126 Air Medals with "V" device, 12 Army Commendation Medals with "V" device and 53 ACM's without. 308 Basic Air Medals were awarded in two years.

On the operational side of things, here is how things were in the past two years.

Total Flight hours	56,705
Troops lifted	286,886
Cargo (tons)	2,169
Sorties	155,582
Medevacs	560
Aircraft hits	166

NEW GUYS

The following is a list of men that are new to the Battalion. We welcome them and wish them as pleasant a stay as possible while with the 222d.

SSG Donn Wilson, PFC Chester Bass, PFC Dean Tolliver, PVT Michael Bobonce, SP4 William Bianco, SP4 Robert Waite, PFC William antolic, PFC Eric Tarr, PFC Robert Rayner, PVT Gary Barber, SP4 Anastascis Muduros, PVT Robert Davis, PVT Steven Redd, PFC William Haynes, PVT James Aldi, SP4 Zdrisian Coclarz, PFC James Alidi, SPh Zdzisian Ceglarz, PFC John Darnelli, PFC Jeff Winklier, PVT Leslie Stanton, SPh Colon-Ramiriz, SPh Gerald training Roeder, SP\$ James Harting, PVT Wesley Q - Are I Verhine, PFC Samuel Ortiz, PFC Michael Shares to Rivera, SP4 Kenneth Kaker, PFC James Rabera - The interest obtained is subject to S.'4 Daniel Weber, PFC Barry Bird, SPh Arn-Federal Income tax, but not to state or old Drake, PFC Exton Rust, PFC Henry local income tax.

White, PVT Guy Searles, SPh Norm Sampsell, Q - How will the active army 150 day early PVT Roy Richards, PFC Clemet Thering, SPh release program affect the individual Samuel Sluss, PVT albert Scalles, PVT

Reservist who has been assigned as an in-Richard Putnam, SPh Richard Silance, PFC Arthur Sheets, SP5 Daniel Schultz, SP4 Arthur Sheets, SP5 Daniel Schultz, SP4
Merlin Van Asten, SP4 Larry Evanoff, PFC
Harlon Dean, PVT Daney Lazenby, PFC Victor Ray, SP4 Vaughn Mori, PFC John
McRuer, PFC R Fernandez, PFC VergeranoCruz, PVT David Dunlap, SP4 C Fredrickson,
PVT Clayborn Johnson, SP4 James Woodard,
PVT Moses Williams, PFC William Lee, PVT
Rodney Freetage, PFC George Becker, SP4
Ray Shelton, PFC William Frasher, PVT
Steven Moberg, SP4 Alber Richardson, SP4 Steven Moberg, SP4 Alber Richardson, SP4 Michael Kennon, SP5 Melvern Wightman, SP4 Gerald Ridenour, PFC Roger Keller, PFC Arthur Distofano, SPh Gordon Sell, tion office which will then provide you SSG Bob Bredemeyer, SPh Oliver Smith, PFC with a Certificate of Eligibility that Kenneth Virson, PVT Joseph Smith, PVT will permit you to enter school under Michael Nozika, PFC Thomas Robin, PFC the GI Bill, provided that the school Gary Schatz, SP5 Michael Kahler, SP5 Don- and courses are approved for this program.

Q-As a military veteran what federall Woods, SPh Donald Ryan PFC Charles Martin Woods, SP4 Donald Ryan, PFC Charles Martinoenefits do I rate for myself & dependants? SP6 Theodore Williams, SP5 Bruce Nelson, A - For a complete rundown of Benefits. PFC Lacyd Ballard, PFC Michael Niquette, entitled you, write the Superintendent of PFC James Kelly, PFC Kenneth Seaholm, Documents, US Government. Printing Office PFC Jamis Isakson. SP5 Mitchell Stalling rru James Kelly, PFC Kenneth Seaholm, entitled you, write the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office PFC Jamis Isakson, SP5 Mitchell Starling, Washington DC 20402, and send \$30 for SP4 Herbert Floyd, SP4 Thomas Steward, SP4 David Keene, PFC William Pipkey, SP4 Thomas Ginoza, PFC Gary Hubbell. PFC Fran Van Holbert CP1 Thomas Ginoza, PFC Gary Hubbell. PFC SPh Thomas Ginoza, PFC Gary Hubbell, PFC Fran Van Holbeck, SPh Dix Wilson, PVT Russell Smith, PVT Michael Hayes, SPh Jimmy Appleby, SPh Mike Philips, SPh Hayward Saffle, PFC J Timmerman, PVT R La Fleche, SPh T Lambert, SPh Ronald Coker, SPh Robert O'Connell, PVT Stanley January, SPh Kinth Ociopka, SPh Arthur Jensen; SP4 Kieth Ociepka, SP4 Arthur Gutierrez, SPh Jerry Koerner, PVT James Hines, FFG Allen Whitcomb, PFC John Bur-gess, PFC Michael Kopacsi, SPh James Howard, PFC Joseph Mantell, PFC Clinton, Calhoun, PVT Joe Crider, PVT Mac Walton, PVT Cecil Scrum, PFC Alan Rothman, SPS John Hodge, PVT Robert Zenhye, SPh Hector Acevedo, SPh David Mollner, PVT Jimmie Kemp, PVT Bennie Miller, FFC Russell. Andreason, SPh Daniel Pruitt, SPh Luther Robinson, PVT Dennis Berger, PFC Ronnie Storrs

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Onestion; How can I change the beneficiary on my GI Life Insurance? Answer; The change can be made by simply writing the office where premiums are paid.

Q - Can I recieve mote than 36 months of educational assistance from the VA? A - Yes, veterans eligible under two or more Veterams Administration programs can receive additional assistance.

Q - Can I finish High School under the GI bill?

A - Yes, and the good part is that it does not affect your eligibility for advanced

Q - Are my Savings Bonds and Freedom Shares taxable?

dividual replacement from STRAF units to Vietnam?

A - All USAR/ARNGUS personnel returning from Vietnam after a normal tour of one year are authorized release upon their return.

Q - I am being discharged from military service after two years active duty and want to enter college. How do I get permission from Va to enter as a GI student? A - Write, call or visit your nearest Veterans administration office and request an application form. Complete this form and return it to the Veterans Administra-

* Federal Benefits for Veterans and Depen-



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ADMY OF THE THE CAME IT TRAFFITE CON-TROLLBRS

Because of increased requirements, the army will brain its own sir traffic controllers effective 20 October 1969.

Army personnel presently are trained in this specialty of the Air Force at Keesler AFB, Mississipoi, The change will find them being 'Aight the 'tools of their trace: an the army Aviation School, Fort Funker, alebara, approximately 1000 are progressed for bhis training at Fort Rucker during 1970.

MORE OFFICERS TO GET REPETITIVE BATTALION COMMAND ASSIGNMENTS

Cumuent, politicies for monomiending officers for command costations have been changed to payment more is politicize battalion level accessful among consists in order to better capitalized on the experience of groven breakers.

Highly qualified of the in she have led battalians in Vicinim will be recommended by CPC for ascoud backation command assignments in the avershining base, i,o, CCMUS on temp bour eventuals areas. Conversely, suffected bathallion commands era in the mustausday base will be recommended for there were titive command tours generally will surve as babtalion commanders for 15 to 25 months.

Officers selected from the sustaining base may be esseigned to Vietnam after commanding a harmainen for one year regurdless of presented tour lengths in present logations, history, a selected . officer must agree to the terapher if it involves going from one short tour area. . to another.

A LIFE INSURANCE BARGAIN FOR THE ASKING

Would you bulieve that more than 38,000 Army personnel are missing out om a tremendous offer? They are the 25,000 who elected not be insured under the Serviceman's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program and the 13,000 who opted for only half the maximum coverage.

Under SGLI, members of the armed for- NEW ALLOTMENT FORMS DEVELOPED BY FINANCE ces receive \$10,900 term life insurance for a minimal 52 payroll deduction per month or \$5,000 coverage for \$4 monthly. This group policy is completely free of malitary hazard restrictions and can be converted to permanent insurance upon return to civilian life without a physicale examination.

Though a soldier may have his reasons a ball-point pen. for electing otherwise, it's generally to his advantage to be covered for the full amount. If you're one of the 38,000 who is not, it might be worth your thile to reconsider because you can't find a better bargain in life insurance. Additional detuils are in AR 608-2,

EMPLOYMENT OF VIETNAM ERA VETERANS .

ans were employed by DA activities during 1968. Over 2,100 started in grades GS6 or WB6 and above. Of the remainder, 418 received the special transitional appointment authomized by the President last year. These transitional appointments allow eligible. veirgins with less than one year of aducation beyond high school to start in grades GS1 through GS5 or equivalent without competitive examination provided they agree to take additional education or training courses.

More than 5,500 Vietnam era veter-

Late in 1968, DOD also established an automated system to further assist Whiteen ore volumes. Wider this typetem, veterans eligible for transitional appointments or qualified for various hard-to-fill civilian positions may make a single application and receive consideration for federal jobs at locations of their choice throughout the US. Formerly, they had to file separate applications for job opportunities in different areas.

LIGHTWEIGHT 'BOOTIES' MAKE FASHION SCENE IN VIETNAM

Rach Kien, Vietnam - Leightweight "booties" of loose weave nylon fabric have made the fashion scene in Vietnam. In conjunction with the 9th Division's Operation SaFESTEP, a program directed at controlling and curtailing foot problems among infantrymen, the 5th Battalion, 60th Infantry has initiated a battalion-level footcare program using the new off-duty bivounc foot gear.

The new boots allow air and sunlight to penetrate the nylon mesh material while keeping dirt out.

Directed by battalion surgeon CrT James Lowy, the program is being conducted in three line companies of the 5th battalion. The 1st and 2d platoons of each company have been issued the boots while the 3rd has not.

At the end od a given time, foot conditions of both groups will be compared.

Office, Chief of Finance and Accounting has developed two new allotment document forms for use in authorizing pay allotments. One will be used for US Savings Bonds and Notes; the other for all centrally paid allotments. The forms are brief, simple and can be completed using

From the information furnished on the allotment document, the finance officer prepares Da Form 1341(Allotment authorization) in a manner acceptable to the optical character reader which is used by the Finance Center.

WHATS UP.DOC

For month of us here in Vietnam, it is our first experience in a foreign country and with people having completely different customs and habitish We all have a curiosity to see, taste, or try something different and eventually you probably will have the opportunity to do these things. A Mattle knowledge about eating in the local economy may be very belyful to you in preventing serious illness.

The most termon condition experienced after eating or drinking local foods is diambea. This is usually not lifethreatening, and will clear up in a few days. On the other hand, serious complications, seen as dehydration may occur with severe diarrhea, necessitating hospital lattion. Five to ten percent of all hospital admissions in Vietnam are for serious diarrhea. We won't go into all the causes of diambea, leb it suffice to say that many of them are carried in contaminated floods. Foods can be infected in many different ways, and it will gets to you if you eat it. Here are a few different ways foods, get contaminated, How many do you think play a role here in Vietnem?;

%, Prinsting disposal of human & animal wastes.

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e, objection stars and rodents

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Hapselinitte is elective common health hazard in Vietnam and the effects of bata discussion can stay with someone infected for years. If you making them he water you drink tastes like diluted chlorox, it is because you are being protected from hepatitis. It takes an extremely high concentration of chlorine to kill this virus and makes water by calle to dwink, Neither freezing nor alcohol makes water safe if it is contaminated.

About 90% of the Vietnamese are infected with intestinal worms. The would avenue of confacting these infestations is via fecally

containing ted and improperly prepared food.

Seen of the Lenal food is excellent but you run the risk of contaching one of the above conditions if you eat on the economy. Your beat befile to not eat any local foods as you have no idea. how it bas econ bondled prior to your eating it.

If you to decide to try some local foods, knowing the risks you are remaine, here are a few hints to follow.

- 1. No water supply is safe unless treated. Tea or coffee should be consumed hot. The alcohol content of bar drinks coes not make the water potable. Drink canned sodas or beer without ice to really be safe.
- 2. Make sure any local food you eat is thoroughly cooked. Vegetables and fruits should be washed and peeled. Leafy vegetables should be washed and then dipped in boiling water. Exotic native dishes should be avoided because of the likelihood the contain raw material.
- 3. Any food consumed in a native restaurant should be thoroughly cooked and eaten while still hot.
- All in all, its not worth the risk to eat local foods of the economy. Waith untill you go back home, and go to a good Chinese or Japanese restaurant.

GARY A. JACOBSEN CPT, MC/AMO

CAREER COUNSELOR'S CORNER

UNITED STATES ARMY NEEDS SAILORS

Thats right, the United States Army does need sailors, U.S. Army style. Seems strange doesnt it?

Imagine yourself an important link in the chain of men around the world who keep the Army's large fleet of vessels in peak operating condition. As a harbor craft crewman, shipwright, mechanic or divers helper, you will, with Army training, be one of a unique group of Army "sailors" whose job of operating and maintaining harbor and landing craft is vital to the Army's marine function.

At the present time the U.S. Army Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Virginia is conducting the following courses:

Seaman 2 weeks
Crewman 4 weeks
Harbor Craft Operator 5 weeks, 2 days
Amphibian Operator 6 weeks
Marine Radar Observer, 1 week, 5 days
Marine Engineer Skill Development Base, 15 weeks
Amphibian Engine (Mechanic) 4 weeks, 3 days
Amphibian Engineer (Repairman), 7 weeks
Harbor Craft Engine Operation (Advanced) 18 weeks

The Army also provides a 5 week course, MARINE ENGINE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, which includes detailed instruction in the functions and repair of machinery ranging from simplified internal combustion engines to more than intricate and complex diesel engines, fuel injection systems and marine refrigeration units. Trouble-shooting, adjusting, testing and repair procedures are all covered in the course.

You might be a "natural" for marine operations if sailing and boating is your hobby. Courses in machine shop, sheet metalworking, carpentry, gasoline and diesel engines or experience as deck hand or engineer's helper aboard a motor-driven vessel may have already given you maintenance or nautical experience.

WHAT ARE THE PROCEDURES AND QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED TO APPLY FOR THIS TRAINING BEING OFFERED BY THE U.S. ARMY.

- 1. Ee physically and mentally qualified for reenlistment.
- 2. Have a GT and MM score of 100
- 3. Apply for the school of your choice prior to enlistment by submitting your application with the career counselor(see him for further details)
- 4. Application can be submitted no earlier than 180 days prior to DEROS, or no later than 30 days prior to DEROS.
- 5. When school is approved, accept a discharge and reenlist for a minimum period of four (4) years.
- 6. Reenlistment orders will indicate a direct assignment to the class which you are accepted for and your class reporting date.

For those who are interested in applying for the school of his choice, the career counselor has in his office a new revised U.S. Army School Catalog which will explain each course in detail and any other prerequisites for the course of their choice

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

The technical skills you learn in the Army will always be in demand in maritime industries, commercial river, lake, coastal and transoceanic shipping and pleasure yachting and boating. Salve, and repair distribution, able seaman, diesel mechanic, machinest, pipefitter, and rigger are only a few of the civilian jobs closely related to those performed in marine operation and maintenance.

TRAINING & QUALIFICATIONS

Under the Swidence of experienced noncommissioned, warrent and commissioned officers, you will learn the operation and purpose of deck machinery; semaphore alphabet and international Morse and flag codes: reading of compasses and machinery; and the use of mechanic's and pipefitter's tools through actual on-the-job practice.

To work with precision measuring instruments and hand and power tools used to repair machinery, you must have good near and far vision with normal color discrimination, finger dexterity, excellent hand-eye coordination and physical strength. Mechanical talent, the faculty to learn to read blueprints, drawing and charts, and the aptitude to understand and repair machinery are also required.

So now that you have seen that the U.S. Army really has "sailors" why dont you visit the career counseler's office, look over the courses being offered, and discuss your abilities and desires with the career counselor, he'll be glad to help you select your course and submit your application.

Hope this column has been helpful to you. For complete details as to how you can be assured the course of your choice before actual reenlistment, or to obtain information about other fine reenlistment options being offered in todays "ACTION Army, see your career counselor today. Dont wait. Call 3386 now. Our office is located next to the battalion conference room.

CHOICE-NOT CHANCE Secure your future. Stay Army

CIARENCE H. DUBE

SFC

Career Counselor

24 CTH REENLISTMENTS

SSG Charles E Scruggs of Waynesville, North Carolina reenlisted in April. He is Supply Technician for the 240th AHC. SSG Scruggs is a veteran of over six years of military service. His first enlistment was in the Navy. He enlisted in November of 1962, and was discharged in November of 1964. While he was in the Navy, he was a Sonar Man on a destroyer out of May Port Florida and later on a Carribean cruise. SSG Scruggs entered the army in 1964 and recieved his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He spent thirteen months in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division. He has been in Vietnam since October 1967 and will be going home in December to get married. SSG Scruggs is looking forward to a recruiting position for the army.

SSG Wardell E Rogers, maintenance supervisor for the 240th AHC"Mad Dogs" reenlisted in the army for four more years. SSG Rogers is from Miami Florida. His interests are shooting - he has quite a collection of revolvers to work with - and auto racing. He is also an avid football fan, with his favorite team being the University of Miami, of course.

SSG Rogers is a veteran of 18 years service that started out with the Air Force in 1951. He completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Temas, and then went to Heney Riddle School of Aviation Maintenance in Miami Florida. Other duty assignments include Mamphis, Tennessee, Shaw AFB, South Carolina, and tours in Japan and Korea.

He entered the army in 1962 and took his basic training at Fort Jackson South Carolina. He was sent to Fort Rucker where he attended aircraft maintenance school and was assigned as a Maintenance Instructor. In 1963 he was transferred to Panama and returned to Ft Rucker in 1965. In November 1966 he was sent to Vietnam and assigned to the 71st assault Helicopter Company at Bien Hoa. He later moved to Chu Lai in March 1967. When he DEROSed he went back to Ft Rucker as a maintenance instructor. In Reptember 1968 he returned to Vietnam and was assigned to the 195th AHC at Plantation. He was infused into the 240th in October 1968.

The best of Luck to both of you in your Army Career

S-4 HINTS

This section contains many hints, fusts and helpful information to you from ME SAL MENTER OF PROPERTY AND THE PARTY AND S. Sag

REPORTS OF SURVEY

Reports of Survey are a consistent source of problems within this battalion. These problems generally fall in the following areas: 1. Delay in starting and completing survey action. 12th Group has levied a requirement that survey be completed within 30 days after the incident occurs. 2. Incorrect spelling and poor English on the survey and attached exhibits. 3. Improper completion of the survey form and exhibits on the part of the surveying officers,.

Here are some helpful hints for the surveying officer: 1. Find out what is required of you as a surveying officer. 2. Do not complete survey forms or exhibits until you are sure that you know the proper steps to take. 3. Conduct a thorough investigation prior to recording your findings. 4. DA Form 200, Report of Survey, is not an exhibit. Do not refer to it as such. 5. Statements of an enlisted min or civilian must be recorded on DA Form 2823. You, as surveying officer, may administer the oath required on the affidavit portion of this form. 6. Complete your survey action as rapidly as possible. If completion is going to be delayed past your suspense date, notify the battalion 5-4 Office. 7. Do it right the first time. This will result in less work for you and all others concerned. If in doubt, check AR 735-11 or contact the battulion S-4 Office for assisstance.

MORE GOOD NEWS

Another report not required! Mess equipment Status Report (RCS AVH. GD-70), normally submitted in June and December will not be required and should not be submitted this June.

COMMISSARY PRIVELEGES

Commissary priveleges have been reduced to those that do not have messing facilities available and those with medical problems requiring special diets. If you have requirements for clubs or parties you may be authorized access on a one-time basis with a properly prepared DA Form 3161 signed by your company communder.

HAINTAINANCE INFORMATION

If you have any empty oxygen, acetylene, nitrogen and carbon dioxide cylinders in your maintainance areas, return them to the 518th Engineer detachment in Long Binh.

The following items can no longer be obtained through direct exchange in the supporting units for lack of repair parts, but can be ordered through supply channels.

Nomenclature FSN End Item Pump, Water Pump, Fuel 2930-632-4048 3/4 ton truck 2910-563-5495 3/4 ton truck Regulator 2920-335-4677 1/4 and 3/4 ten truck 2920-953-9784 22 ton truck - alli and 5 ton truck - all

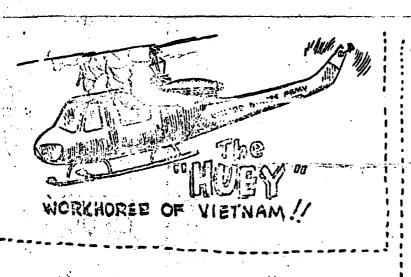
Spark plugs for 3/4 ton trucks can no longer be obtained under the old FSN 2920-835-7724. The new FSN to order under in is FSN 2920-287-9135 or 2920-835-3126.

There is a new mirror available for the outside of the 22 ton trucks and comes with mounting arms, brackets and bolts. Order under FSN 2540-832-7336.









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