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COMMAND MESSAGE

I would like to cover briefly an accident that occurred in the 227th Avn Bn (Aslt Hel) on 2 August 67. The aircraft was a Charlie model belonging to D Company. The ship arrived at the Uplift POL area from a combat assault mission and the aircraft was being refueled when a fire broke out engulfing the aircraft and destroyed it. The points I desire to bring out are the safety procedures that were utilized. The crew chief and gunner had their sleeves rolled down, gloves were on, helmets on with clear visors down and all doors were open with armor plating back. One might ask why I am covering this accident in such detail and the answer is very obvious, it saved the lives of all crew members.

The point I want to drive across here is that safety is not something one man can be responsible for, safety is a serious business and it takes a cooperative effort on everyones' part to have a safety conscious unit.

I commend the action on the part of Sgt Braden, his performance was truly outstanding.

LTC George C Horton

SHARE

YOUR

POUVOIR!



DATE LINE, PHAN THIEP

Song Mao and C-rations are "in" this week at Papa Tango. Troops and gear supplies and food loaded, six of our ships and our tandem-rotor friends headed for our friendly LZ by the mountains. Our Task Force Commander, Col. Turner departs after an outstanding fly-over consisting of Lucky Shot, Fang, ARA, Tribe, and Cowboy elements. Once again Mr DEROS digs into our supply and takes some more men from us.

GONE STATESIDE

Top of our list this week is one who had continued to be of prime importance in our missions. He is Captain Mike Jones, who just recently received his promotion. 15 August will find him boarding that 707 for home. We hope that he remembers that LZ Travis is secured and will not require a suppressive fire. Aiding in the cross country flight will be Ssg Fholer. Sp5 R Anderson came as close as anyone to going home. As he awaited at An Khe his new extension orders were finally accepted and now he back crewing OCH awaiting his 30 day leave orders.

GREETINGS

Sfc Perkins has been walking around like the cat who swallowed the mouse, and with good reason too. Alpha brought to his wing some new gunners to temporarily hold back those gray hairs. They are Pfc's Zerr and Baker, and Sp4 Garcia. Also, to further Sfc Perkins dreams there are rumors of 'beaucoup' crew chiefs back at Alpha Kilo who will soon join us.

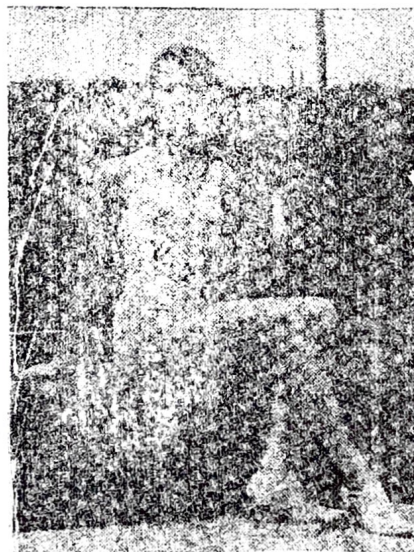
VACATIONS!

If the color of this ink turns a little green don't be too surprised. Some of us are still playing basketball in the mine field. But there were some who packed up and went off on that magic trip. Off to Taipei is Sp5 Stanley, a gunner, to Manila is Sp5 Jones. Sp5 Nickel is replacing Sp5 Dickerson in Japan.

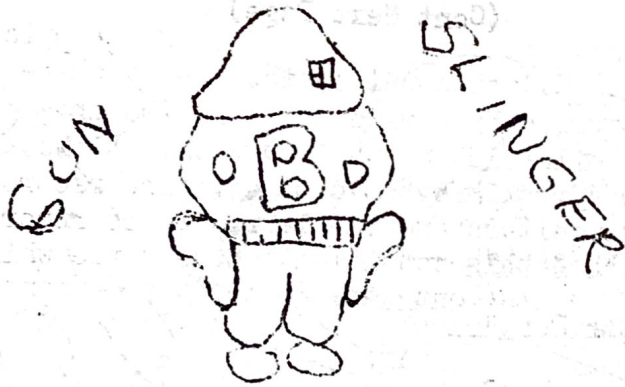
SHORT SNORTS

Back from R&R is 1Lt 'Strap' Ryan who was in Japan.....Sp5 Miskowski who looked forward to 80 days extension now claims with the acceptance of 1049 that "ain't gonna do it"..... A hearty thanks to our Mess Hall for relieving us of C-rations with some snacks at Song Mao....."Well done" to CWO Clark Ward and his maintenance Personnel for outstanding performance in keeping us flying.....and to Mr Bell who can "do it" from the Log Pad.....

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MISS UNIVERSE — Sylvia Hitchcock was the Miss USA entry in the 1967 Miss Universe contest. She won the title and can thereby be considered the most beautiful girl in the world.



BRAVO NEWS

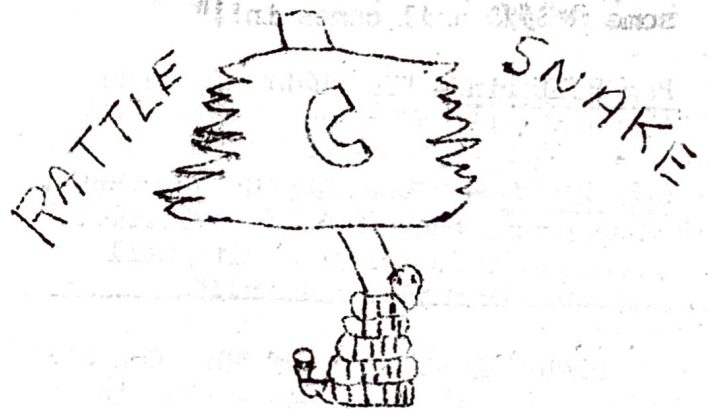
Well here it is time for another article and Bravo really hasn't done much lately. We're trying to be good. Five of our Fearless Warriors have headed to Vung Tao to pick up some 'H' model Hueys. We are eagerly awaiting their arrival, because it will be nice to have some good aircraft radios for a change. The area at Dog has changed from a barren slope with a twelve inch layer of dust to an area full of tents and many, many sandbags and about a nine inch layer of dust. The problem with the dust is that it won't leave. It just blows from the bed back on to the ground. It's kind of a vicious circle.

The Night Hunter has been interesting lately. WO Fain had a flare go off in the ship a couple of nights ago. He said he went AI without instruments because the flare ejected and ignited all at the same time while Sp4 Renner was holding it ready to pull the safety pin. Sp4 Renner learned not to leave his thumb in the way when a flare goes off in the ship. Night Hunter has been good for other people too. The last couple of missions have seen aircraft stumbling around the sky trying to get back into Dog. Also included were a couple of East-West approaches and aircraft have been seen hovering around the tents just bringing havoc on the occupants. How about a dust storm at 0130.

Captain Lannin has said goodbye to us. He still has that smile on his face but at least now we don't have to look at it. He did a fine job for us, and we hate to see him go. So what if he's been here a year. We wish him good luck in Germany.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Be critical of yourself, before being critical of others.



RATTLESNAKE HIGHLIGHTS

Finally we are just about all settled at Peneprime City. If we can just find a way to get the wind from blowing dust over everything we will have it made. After a couple of inspections by the Battalion Commander, we think we are just about ready for anything now.

The Operations Fort is finally complete and everyone in operations seems to be happy, especially our commo men who put a lot of hard work in it. They say it can take a direct hit from a 120 mm mortar, but well that's something else.

Another one of the members of our unit has departed, Lt Rowland. He has gone to join the Battalion Staff as the new S-2. Pretty soon the whole Battalion Staff will be completely made up of old Charlie Company members.

Captain Miller, CWO Halliburton and Lt Bead all decided to take a trip to Vung Tau to pick up a couple of H model helicopters. We hope the heat and beach in Vung Tau and the extra power on those H models don't get them down.

Ssg Slade has taken over as the New Operations Sergeant. We wish him the best of luck and if he can live through that crazy house until his DEROS, well then he will be able to take anything.

WO Custer our PIO man is in the hospital and we all hope he gets better soon and will be back in time for the next POUVOIR article. Also in the hospital is Pfc Neas and we also wish him a speedy recovery.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

We had an awards ceremony the other night and passed out some well earned Bronze Stars. LTC Houghton presented the medals. The recipients were Captain Miller, Psg Dobbs and Sp5 Fultz. Congratulations to
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these individuals for a job well done and we hope they will keep up the good work.

SHORT

A few people around the Company Area are screaming short. Sp6 Daniels (the 18 month wonder) just departed the land of the big PX and also Sp4 Cox, Captain Miller, the Maintenance Officer, Psg Dobbs, the Field First Sergeant, and Sgt Fultz, the Operations Sergeant are all standing by waiting waiting for port calls.

R&R

Captain Amidon just returned from Hawaii, from what we hoped was a very pleasant 6 days with his better half. When he returned he was given a new title, Sgt Cpt Amidon. A whistle and a Duty Roster was poked at him and he was given the additional duty as Field First Sergeant. If he can't straighten the troops out nobody can.

Our night 65 also returned from R&R, Sp4 Muenzer, and boy was the whole company glad to see him back. The alternate night 65 just made too many Commo Checks.

MIND READER RETURNS

This week our agent from STINGER observed several of the Battalion's outstanding thoughtful gazes (the Mind Reader never misses a thoughtful gaze), and has come up with some real probables.

Remember this is the day of "Big Brother" and television that watches back. You'll never escape the man from STINGER (Sure Tireless Investigation of Neurotic Guy's Entangled Reasoning), after all, we're all nuts in our own little way.

Lt Georgecink - "It went down in a burning ring of fire, the shower got shorter and the flames got higher...
.....Now if I just had marshmallows and a stick.

Psg Pellerin - "So what? It keeps the dust off my upper lip!"

Sp4 Maples - "People, people go away, please come back another day.....
.....Or better yet wait until some @*#\$% mail comes in!!!"

Sp4 Elliott - "They're mine, all mine! Every R&R Quota until April '68."

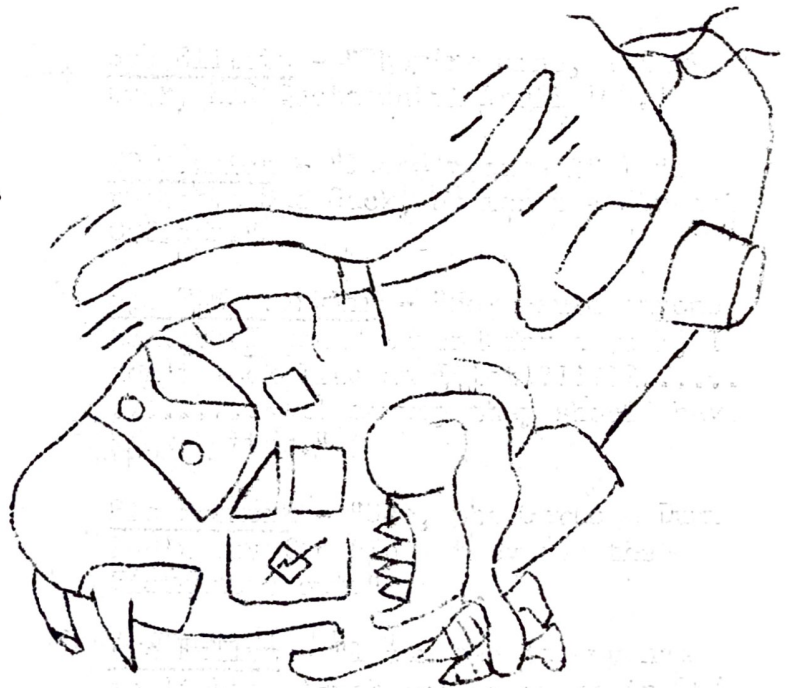
WO Gaznick - "I don't care if I do resemble Sad Sack, he isn't a Warrant Officer."

Sp4 T M Franklin - "How could anyone believe I would extend for a year, I don't look like an Idiot!?!?!???.....
.....Well anyway they should have know better."

Pfc Prencik - "Gee, the Garbage Dump isn't any fun since they ran the Vietnamese out."

Pfc Fullum - "I can see it, my name in lights, 'Hugh Fullum stars in THE OLDEST PRIVATE."

If he dares to leave the back alleys and cheap apartments, the man from STINGER will return next week (after all would you leave a safe hiding place after being responsible for this?).



"Fangs"

We'd like to extend our sympathy to 1Sg Copeland who suffered a relaps of an old malady while on R&R. It is a well kept secret that 1Sg Copeland has suffered several bad attacks of a rare tropical disease, Schizowalletnia. It is characterized by a wide split in the area of the billfold and is aggravated by the close proximity of cameras, tape recorders, guitars and the like. It is reported that this condition became worse while
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in Japan and judging by the deflated condition of his money role it must be the case. We can only hope that a visit in the salubrious climate of Georgia and Ohio will lessen his plight.

MISSING INDIVIDUAL

It has come to the attention of this writer that the personnel of Delta Company have an unfortunate habit of disappearing. The famous Custer is a case in point. Custer is remembered for his rhythmic gyrations which helped to keep Delta in the swing for the past several months. Custer was last seen happily riding out to the flight line wagging his tail, eagerly anticipating a new experience -- a flight in a helicopter. Yes a helicopter ride would brighten up his unrewarding existence and we all wished Custer Bon Voyage. That was 6 weeks ago. Is Custer so attached to helicopter rides? Is Custer making his home in the pilot's seat? Alas, where is Custer?

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend congratulations to the operations section for maintaining their usual efficient activities, congratulations to the Ops Officer, Ops Sgt, Ops Specialist (cops, sorry Adams).

NEW PERSONNEL

To the new members of Delta Company, welcome! Sfc Weaver is headed for Phan Thiet, after Charm School. Pfc Monjar, Malsberger and Tornow are destined for Crew Chief slots, after those slabs get poured. WOs Cherry and Ceccoli, Bruner and _____ who all (maybe) will take over some of the vacancies in the pilot's seat.



BARON VON LEMON

This week's Baron Von Lemon Award goes to a man who, though he has performed no individual action worthy of the award, has conducted himself in a manner befitting the award for the past 10 months. Lt Raymond Snoddy has over the months demonstrated a truly professional ability to take B&Bs, a firm but fair capacity to deal with the An Khe Sandbaggers and a combat soldier's proficiency to turn a 1/2 horsepower motor scooter into a deadly weapon. Such accomplishments well justify the award of this citation, but when it is considered that Lt Snoddy organized a world correspondence network with virtually every maker of foreign cars and that he has been known to reduce a \$150 camera to a worthless piece of junk it is clear that in addition to the award itself he is well deserving of the "D" device also.



NEW POUVOIRS

We welcome Pfc Swift and Pfc Lakatos to HHC. Pfc Swift is a crew chief and Pfc Lakatos is a draftsman. That is, they were when they got here. Right now they should be somewhere outside the Green Line as part of the 1st Cav's famous "Charm School". I have yet to see anyone come back charming, but when they do come back, we wish them a rewarding tour with the Pouvoirs.

TWIGGY TAKES A TURN

It seems that Pfc John Hayes, better known as "Twiggy" has decided to try all of the hippy happenings. Not satisfied with being the Mod fashion king (or queen), he now is participating in the most avant-gard form of expression. That is, applying paint to the body and then rolling
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around on a canvas. He came back to the company area Thursday night looking like a palette. I understand he was assisted in this "happening" by the kool-aid kuties of the Red Cross. Sh has requisitioned some of those nifty shirts with the real long sleeves that tie in the back. That's thinking ahead (but not too far).

DEAR CRABBY

Dear Crabby,
I've got this horrible urge to murder the guy who comes on the radio in the morning with a bellowing "Gooooood Morning Vietnam". What can I do to stop this feeling. - Sp4 Thomas

Dear Friend,
Kill him.

Dear Crabby,
What have you got that Ann Landers of Abby don't have, - Pfc Werchinski

Dear Critic,
Dog Tags.

Dear Crabby,

I'm due to rotate soon and frankly I worry about the food the men will have after I'm gone. I've been their first cook for some time now. How can I make sure that they will get good nourishing meals. - Sp5 Wilson

Dear Wil,
Leave.

Dear Crabby,

I was driving through An Khe last week and a Vietnamese wanted to race me on his honda. Now the MPs are trying to bring charges for drag racing. I don't think it's fair. - Sgt Hobson

Dear AJ,

I don't either, you should run in the Modifieds.

Dear Crabby,

I'm going home soon and these songs like "Goin to San Francisco" and "California Dreamin" really get to me. I can't shut everyone's radio off. What should I do? - Sp5 Hillmon

Dear Hillmon,
Move to Boise.

CONFIDENTIAL TO ANN LANDERS - N-gaaaah!!

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Idle chatter
- 4-Large trucks
- 8-Mischievous children
- 12-Mohammedan noble
- 13-Son of Adam
- 14-By oneself
- 15-Determined
- 17-Weaving machine
- 18-Tense
- 19-Game at cards
- 21-Malice
- 23-Reach across
- 24 is ill
- 25-Squanderers
- 29-Sick
- 30-Vital organ
- 31-Knock
- 32-In the direction of the lee side
- 34-Wife of Zeus
- 35-Toward shelter
- 36-Females
- 37-Unproductive
- 40-Persian fairy
- 41-Condensing look
- 42-Ocean
- 46-Wine measure (pl.)
- 47-Antiered animal
- 48-Girl's name
- 49-Blessing
- 50-Periods of time
- 51-Carpenter's tool

- 2-Mature
- 3-French prison
- 4-Worth
- 5-Border on
- 6-Openwork fabric
- 7-Railroad cars
- 8-Land surrounded by water
- 9-Moroccan
- 10-Conspiracy
- 11-Indefinite amount
- 16-Grain (pl.)
- 20-Jargon
- 21-Go by water
- 22-Heap
- 23-Shovel
- 25-Music played in open air

- 26-Hermits
- 27-Unusual
- 28-Reach across
- 30-Healthy
- 33-Rabbit breeding grounds
- 34-Musical instrument
- 36-Has on one's person
- 37-Small mass
- 38-Danish island
- 39-City in Nevada
- 40-Entreaty
- 43-Prefix: three
- 44-Yellow bugle
- 45-Cry of crow

