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## ENLISTED PROMOTION OUTLOOK CALLED 'BEST IN DOD HISTORY'

Overall enlisted promotion opportunities today in the armed forces are the best in the history of the Defense Department, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Thomas D Morris testified Aug. 2 before the House Armed Services Committee.

He said 970,300 promotions in grades E4 through E7 are projected for FY68, with more than 65 percent earmarked for E4 and E5 grades. These hikes are slated, he said, within the all-service FY68 force structure of 1,760,000 non-commissioned officers and NCO-grade technicians.

Secretary Morris forecasts 566,000 promotions ranging from E4 to E7 for the Army; 192,500 Navy, 149,900 Air Force and 59,100 Marine Corps.

The brightening E4 promotion picture was only part of the testimony, which covered the entire spectrum of enlisted promotion policies and thinking. These equally important points were brought out:

.DOD believes it best for each service to determine its own annual promotion requirements and capability.

.DOD plans, however, a future objective for each service to forecast annually its own promotion picture for five years.

.Promotional opportunities vary among the services because of different missions, force structures, military occupations and personnel turnover. For example, Army and Marine EM are organized in combat units and cast into a command pyramid rising from squads, platoons and companies to battalions, brigades and divisions. Air Force and Navy EMs hold more technical jobs. About one of four Air Force and one of five Navy enlisted are in electrical and mechanical occupations.

.Army's rapid Vietnam buildup and draft dependence forces Army to train and promote faster, particularly to E4 and E5.

.Air Force's low personnel turnover brings about the reverse, inevitably an average of more time-in-grade in higher NCO ranks.

.These service differences are so wide that DOD concludes there is no one best set of EM promotion procedures which should be made mandatory by either directive or legislation.

.Among many future plans, DOD believes increased job restructuring and complete cross-training in another skill might redress over and under populated military occupations, hence, help clear the promotion picture.

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS



"LUCKY SHOT"

Alpha Company went through a change in the flight structure of the Officer section which brought it in correlation with the enlisted platoon. After regrouping, there two platoons, the first being led by 1LT Wright. He has two section leaders who are 1LT H. Ryan and WO W. Weaver. The 2nd platoon has 1LT T. Brown as platoon leader and CWO R. Fleck and WO T. Johnson leading the sections. Also during the change Major W. Hayes took over the duties of the XO, and Captain I. Hutton, who was a platoon leader is now our Operations Officer.

WOJUGS ARRIVE

News came early this week that there were six new Wojugs back at Alpha Kilo who were to come to our company. Three of them have already arrived and at this moment, our IP, Mr. Weaver, is spending a great deal of time getting them ready to join their platoons. From West Monroe, Louisiana, we have WO Clyde French who is 21 and single. WO Thomas W. Freiburger is 20 and lives in Waywatosa, Wisconsin. Also from the cold north is WO Thomas M. Dubberly, 20. His home is in East Liverpool, Ohio.

SHORT

Some of our enlisted got to short to carry on long conversations this week, and so were happy to sit in there tent, smoking those short "luckies". SSG J. Wilson will leave on 26 Aug 67 and our cooks SP5 Gerald Slamkowski and SP4 Eggers left Alpha Kilo to return to the good old US.

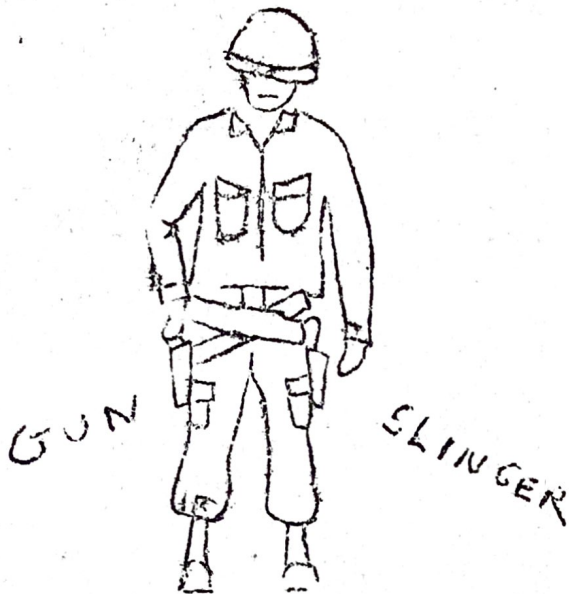
Col. Horton was our guest for a few days and spent some time seeing how Alpha Company operates. Being that we were still in the forest, he was able to participate in quite a few of our operations. On his last day here we were alerted to a low level assault on some suspects during lunch. Fortunately he had time to join us before he left. Prior to the mission, Col. Horton presided over the awards and decorations ceremony. Three Air Medals with "V" device were given to 1LT R. Wright, WO P. Davis and WO T. Johnson. Those receiving the Basic Air Medal were 1LT Brown, 1LT Ryan, CWO Ward, WO's Bouska, Haight, Harrison, Harrod, Rodgers, Weaver, Bell, Bowen, Colligan, Gray and Bonham. The enlisted men also had some basic Air Medals. Sp/5's Brooks, Krowzyk, Loughlin, Morgan and Purcell. Also receiving Air Medals were Sp/4's Spostiand Jefferson.



FASHIONABLE — Blonde Eugenia Parafiniuk shows off the latest in fashion, the mini-dress, in Las Vegas.



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in face, me shoot."

#### THE FAMOUS VIP RUN

The day started normal enough. A run of the mill VIP run as chase ship. Somewhere along the line there was a mix up and the chase ship ended up with the VIPs. General Rossen and a few one stars. The VIP ship had to clear the pad for a chinook and when they landed, the VIP's had vanished. Now how do you explain that you lost a three star General and also, to whom do you give the the explanation. Following SOP for when confused, LT Stybel and Mr. Canon went up and orbited the LZ hoping to find them somewhere. The missing Generals turned up at Ba To and our two stalwart chauffeurs arrived just in the nick of time to be told that everyone was going home and they would not be needed any longer.

#### R&R

WO Baxter has returned from Hong Kong with 5 hook sorties of stuff. He spent somewhere in the vicinity of \$2,000, his and everyone else's. We're glad to have bagger back even if he does sneer at our Pentax's. Mr. Vernon went off to Penang to meet some more little kids. He knows all of them in-country and he feels he has to expand his sphere of influence.

#### BOOBY TRAP

With painstaking care, Charles set up the booby trap in the LZ. He carefully studied the LZ and decided what formation to use. He then set the 105 shell, battery, and pressure trip device so that one of the first two ships would land on it. Then came Bravo, streaking out of the blue to foul up his plans. True to form with our modified formation, no one hit it. When we came in for the second lift, there was Charles all trussed up next to his booby trap.

#### BRAVO SHORTS

I still don't know how the new warrants are. One of these days if I stay at Dog long enough, I'll get to meet you and you can fill out my PIO Form . . . Mr. Devine and the National Police combined to tear down a fence at Geronimo so that he could crank with blade clearance.

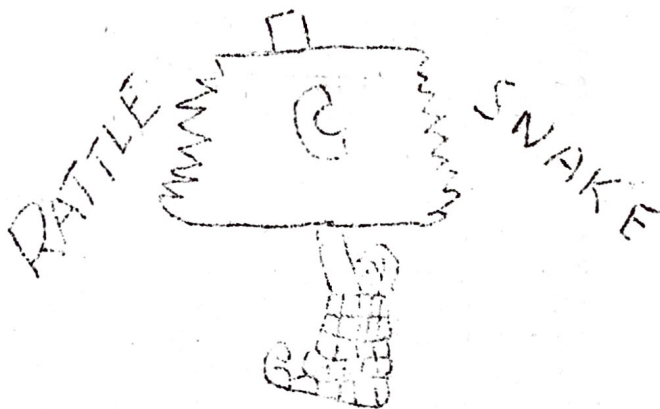
Well here it is the 21st and most of us are pushing 100 hours for the month. In Bravo, everyone flies all the time. These days, its not a question of whether or not we will have the RRF, but who are we going to fly for is the big question. The problem is usually resolved around midnight when the missions come down and flight leaders have been heard mumbling to themselves around 0200. You ought to hear them mumble around 0430 when they have to get up and lead the flight with an early crank. You can tell when morning arrives at LZ Dog, not because the sun is up, it usually isn't, but all over, the only thing to be heard is mumbling. Even the chaplain mumbles when he stays with us.

#### LOCKING HORNS WITH CHARLES

WO Devine learned an important lesson the other day. He was out on a one ship CA without guns into a very hot area. It's not that he is so brave, it's just that no one told him about the shooting match that was going on. Anyway, he learned that when you have eyeball to eyeball contact with Charles, you do not hover over him. If you do, you end up with holes in your ship and your co-pilot. Said Mr. Devine, "My only regret is that Mr. Hemmingsen got hit, I couldn't get any pictures." Said Mr. Hemmingsen "My only regret is that I got that leg wound and fouled up Mr. Devines picture taking." Said Charles, "Those helicopters blow much sand



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The big news this week still remains about all of our new people. They are gradually all coming out to the field after chasm school and a short OBT course by 1st Sergeant Ferguson all the basics in life in Vietnam... Filling sand bags, burning \$\$\$ in the morning, and all sorts of good details. We have a school trained Maintenance Officer in the rear. He's WO Byars, fresh from AMOS. He is from Waco Texas, so he and our PUL man, PFC Max, ought to be up tight. WO Byars was a graduate of Class 67-1 and was a classmate of WO's Green, Flowers Callaghan, and Davis.

Lt. Weiss is in the process of making up a perimeter defense plan for us. The second platoon was the first in putting up a double row of sandbags around their tents. Everyone else is in the process of fortifying their tents and bunkers. WO Buddha Ferguson is putting his sandbags to the eyes of his GP medium. Also on the building scene. We Flowers, Green, and Kaufman are moving into their Pre Fab that they built. We have a red White and blue U.S. Mailbox in the field now the only one on LZ Uplift.

We extend our apologies to WO Borges, he made A/C this past week and we failed to mention it. WO Borges just came back from R R also. CPT Woods came strolling in the other day with a big grin, he just came back from Aloha land. Lt. Weiss is to be the new Viper Two, he will be taking the first section of the 2nd Platoon. According to WO's Doane and Russo mustaches are in now. CPT Neaton came back out to field after being in the rear for

awhile. SP4 "Babyson" Nass went back to the hospital again, this time to check out the nurses back at An Khe. SP5 Tolda is our new Mess Sergeant, Cur congratulations. SSG. Long is still in Qui Nhon with the "Metrical For Lunch Bunch".

We have a lot of people that are short or have departed us in the past few days, a few of these people are "WTF" "Little John Wayne" Miller PFC Bobbs, SSG Rice, SP5's Buchler Caputo and Cgle, SP4 Krakowski and PFC Caputo. Y'all have fun back in the world.

We still haven't received our "H" models yet. But then again we really don't need them. We are able to do our job without them. So far, we have turned in 837, 848, and 362. They had to sling poor old 359 to Qui Nhon!!!

The big question this week is What flavor POLI-GRIP does Ltze use???????

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#### FOR SALE

One Akai tape recorder as is will be sold to the highest bidder. The bids will be forwarded to the EM Club Manager, Ssg Doolittle, not later than 30 August 1967. The bids will be in a sealed envelope.

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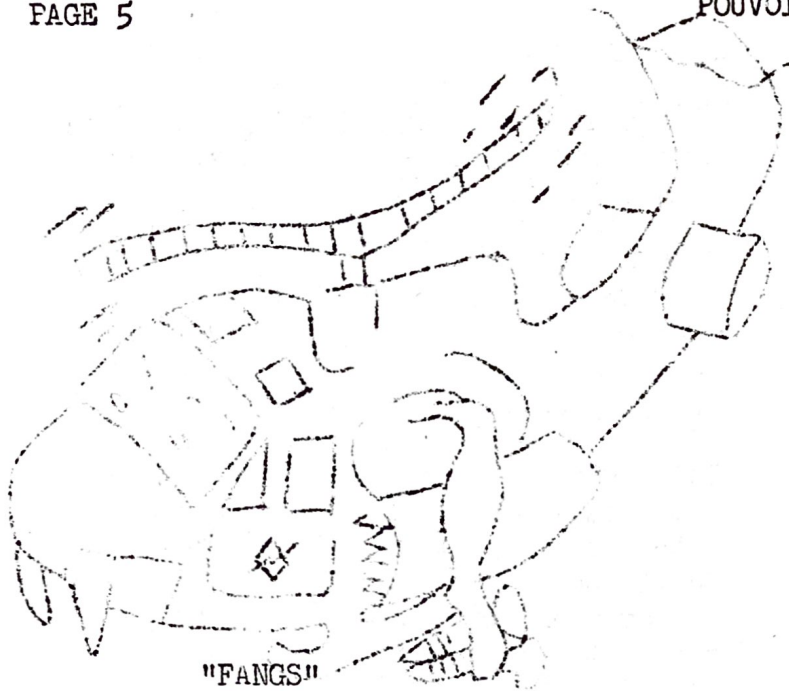
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#### THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

True, you can only do your best, but you should be sure it is your best.





"FANGS"

"BOO-BOO"

It would seem someone doesn't want us in the POUVOIR this week. That someone managed to send in the wrong article, and after a little persuasion yours truly became a writer.

Morale is up but availability is low. We keep on trying though. After a few rounds with the boys in Production Control at 15th TC, we finally managed to get our new ship out to Dog. But was it really worth it? Or do CPT's always run around muttering under their breath?

"QUESTION OF THE WEEK"

Is 176 another 553?

"NO I'M NOT LOST"

LT Johnson made it back from Hawaii, "But what do you mean I'm not in Delta Co." Yes it would seem he's headed for bigger and better things at the XO at HHC. We'll all miss you around here sir.

"ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES"

It looks like Division found out we were short on KP's and they have managed to send us quite a few new ones. A warm hello to PFC's Hartman, Knowlton, Nordendale, Lambert, Monjar, Tornow, Hemp, and Weber. SP4's Gilbert, and Carpenter, and SP5 Cook. All a welcomed addition to the Service Platoon. Our Commo section wishes to welcome PFC Sturgeon. But as always we see faces disappear. Lost to the Land of the Big PX, but not to our memories were CPT Thorne, SFC Rice, SP6 Partman, and SP5's Weare, and Stephens, our man in POL. SP4 Larson, our cook turned Commo has also headed for the Land of the Round Eyes.

"PROMOTED AGAIN?"

CW2, I mean 2LT, Grustzmacher has managed to do it again. Our much promoted, demoted WO has switched rather that fight. His latest promotion was

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to 2nd LT. So all you WOJUGS when that gold goes by lets hear those heels click. Congradulations Sir.

"OVERHEARD ON THE WAY TO A CA"

"Hay you gunships! Wana race?"

Mr Ireland has made his way back to Dog. But Papa Tango has left a permanent imprint on him, and we don't mean the sun tan. He has moved from the Fang 8 Mike slot. He now handles all the problems of the Service Platoon. But we know you'r just the man for the job. Good Luck Sir.

"OVERHEARD"

"Hay I'm not the youngest pilot in the company any more."

We haven't heard much from the Beach Boys lately. SP5 Hall recently returned from there. Only one problem though. You have to yell "Surfs Up" to get him out of bed. I think I may take my R&R there.

One change we almost forgot. CPT Hamilton has broken all ties with the "3rd Herd" and moved to the head shed as Fang 5. The 3rd misses you already. Your welcome back anytime.

"OVERHEARD IN MESS TENT"

"Where do all the cigars go to?"

"ANOTHER QUESTION"

"Who is ALFIE? Huey knows, but he's not telling. How about that Worms"

"BACK FROM HOSP."

After doing alot of "slick" talking and fast work, Mr Ceccoli has moved into the rear area. Welcome back Sir.



PROMOTION PULSE

We have beaucoup new Spl4s in HHC which include the following: Spl4 Boulrier, Spl4 Brown, Spl4 Golden, Spl4 Graybeck, Spl4 Lakatos, Spl4 Steele, Spl4 Thompson, Spl4 Werchinski, and Spl4 Workman. Felicitations to all our new specialists and much success.

GOING....GOING.....GONE

Our departees this past week were  
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Ssg Austin, Ssg Hendrix and Sp5 Wilson, Sp4 Covenah was also reassigned to OCMG while on emergency leave. We wish them the best of luck and thank them for their contributions to the FOUVOIR Battalion.

DEAR CRABBY

Dear Crabby,  
How come it rains everytime I have barrier line guard?..Sp4 Golden

Dear Wetback,  
It's a cycle called condensation and evaporation.

Dear Crabby,  
I'm flying home soon and I get airsick in anything but a Huey. What should I take for this?..Sp5 Jennings

Dear Jerky,  
A train.

Dear Crabby,  
This is a technical question concerning my stereo gear. What is the largest "woofer" I can buy?..Sfc Pellerin.

Dear Sfc Pellerin,  
The largest "woofer" I know of is the St Bernard, however, for stereo, you'll need two. I hope this helps you and happy woofing.

Dear Crabby,  
Everytime someone sees me lately they sing "Hey there, little water boy, bring your bucket 'round". How can I make them stop this?...Sp5 Davis

Dear Fred,  
Bring your bucket 'round.

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ULTIMATE WEAPON

Sp5 Davis seems to have discovered the ultimate weapon since he took over the water run. Where he gets his water, we don't know, but it seems to be 20 degrees colder than normal. His idea is to get the VC to all use our shower around mid-night and instantly freeze them. Unfortunately, we are suffering friendly casualties in the process. The only rival to this idea is the one to get the Cong to eat Sp4 Elliott's over-ripe bananas hanging from the roof of company supply.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

This week we'd like to congratulate Ssg Doolittle and Ssg Denny. For what, we don't know.

SHARE YOUR FOUVOIR

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE** Answer to Previous Puzzle

**ACROSS**

- 1-Goose hominy
- 5-Frinket
- 9-Fondle
- 12-Sandrac ties
- 13-Exchange
- 14-Grum's high note
- 15-Military students
- 17-A state (abbr.)
- 18-Tattered cloth
- 19-Abound
- 21-Showers
- 23-Was present
- 27-Note of scale
- 28-Person of diabolical wickedness
- 29-Afternoon party
- 31-Obstruct
- 34-Part of "to be"
- 35-Protects
- 38-Parent (colloq.)
- 39-Communist
- 41-Click beetle
- 42-Fish-eating mammal
- 44-Printer's measure
- 46-Head-over ties
- 48-Part of flower
- 51-Deindeed
- 52-Anger
- 53-Latin conjunction
- 55-Employable
- 59-Warm
- 60-Hurt
- 62-Regrets
- 63-Place
- 64-Chimney carbon
- 65-Fall in drops

**DOWN**

- 1-Naggonular
- Indian
- 2-Macaw
- 3-Isure
- 4-Sham
- 5-Founded
- 6-For example (abbr.)
- 7-Goal
- 8-Entrance
- 9-Punctuation mark
- 10-Verre
- 11-Tablis
- 15-Cared for
- 20-Measured
- 22-Paid notice
- 23-At a distance
- 24-Measure duration of
- 25-Symbol for tellurium
- 26-Lair
- 30-Warships
- 32-Initiated
- 33-Planet
- 35-Position
- 37-Airplane attendant
- 40-Hate
- 43-Symbol for Lanthanum
- 45-Parent (colloq.)
- 47-Confidence
- 48-Saker's products
- 49-Gaelic
- 50-Allies
- 54-Also
- 56-Prickly envelope of a fruit
- 57-Hawaiian wrath
- 58-Extrasensory perception (abbr.)
- 61-Conjunction

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