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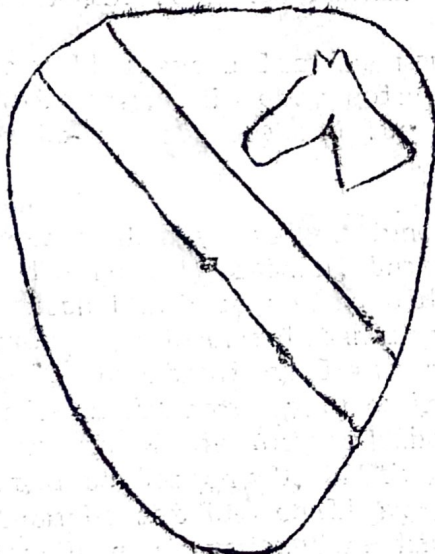
## IN MEMORY OF SPECIALIST FOUR LEO PORTER

Specialist Leo Porter will leave a lasting memory on everyone who came in contact with him. His easy going manner, pride in his unit and devotion to his country and its cause will forever inspire us all.

Specialist Porter arrived at Fort Rucker June 1966. From that day until today he had a goal to attain, that goal was to stand shoulder to shoulder with the best and he did just that. Through training at Fort Rucker he set an outstanding example for the other men in his class. He strove to learn all he could about the aircraft he knew he would someday crew in Vietnam. This made Specialist Porter one of the Army's finest. Upon leaving Fort Rucker he reported to Company D, 227th Aviation Battalion. Upon arrival in Vietnam he met the challenge in the highest tradition of those who have served before him. Specialist Porter will never return to Bastrop, Louisiana, his home, but his memory will return over and over to those who knew him.

Let us all remember Specialist Porter During the remaining days we have in Vietnam, and see that we do right by his goals. We all have gained from knowing him, and even now, as those of us who knew him are sorrowed by his passing we must continue to do our duty as he has done his, in the best way possible.

Specialist Leo Porter, we salute you as a fine man and a fine soldier, we only hope that when our time comes we can leave the kind of example you have.





NEW FACES

Our new people for the week includes some more gray hairs for IP's, help going to the POL and a new ISG's. WO Dan Nichols arrived on 24 Aug from California. SGT Watkins has joined Alpha Company and is working in POL. SFC Stalvey who was previously stationed at Ft Rucker, has joined Alpha Company and is taking over as our ISG. We hope that he may continue to do so and also welcome the rest of our newcomers to the beaches of Phan Thiet.

GONE HOME

This week we had quite a few jump aboard that 707 flight for home. First to take it was SP/5 J. Purcell who was the crewchief to 006. Next were SP/5s R. Morgan and D. Miskowsky, who will leave on 10 Sep. Also with them is SP/5 Krowczyk. SP/5 M. Harpine has re-enlisted and will be going to Taipei.

ON VACATION

Those new pilots that have been coming our way have released a few for a much needed R&R. Gone to Hong Kong is Mr. R. Haight. At this time Mr. Bowen is carefully packing for a trip to the same place, and Mr. Harrison is all smiles these days on account of some orders that will take him to the island of Hawaii. Mr. Redden and Mr. Gray have temporarily been detained in Vung Tau. Due to overworking of our IP, Mr Weaver, he has decided to take advantage of a trip to Bangkok.

DATELINE, PHAN THLET

Alpha Company sloshed through another week here at Phan Thiet. Penepime Inc., overheard our plans of sabotage and after much planning had most of our crews and ships transferred to Phan Rang for a few days so that we could protect our Air Force, of which they are grateful I'm sure. Not satisfied with those days, they managed to get us to Song Mao for the remaining time required to soak the area. On our return, our happy little acre was now a desert covered in penepime, to include the bunkers and the flare storage area, which can be verified by Mr. Bowen. While it is true that the dust problem is considerably less, it has tried, to a great extent, the patience of both crewchiefs and pilots combined, when they happened to find themselves in four to five inches of the gooey stuff.

CHARLIE'S HARRASSMENT

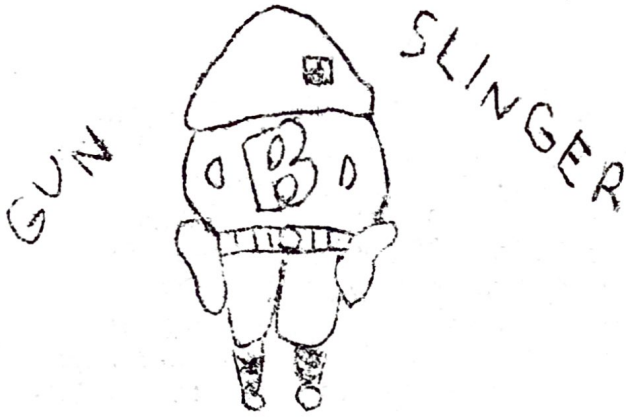
It has finally happened, Charlie has gone and stolen one of our own plans and now carries on H. & I. fire in our area. The resulting effect was that we had many night-hunter missions for our aircraft. In this week, they were found in Phan Rang, Song Mao, and in our own area. At one time, we had all of our ships up either on these missions or on CA's. Next morning found these same aircraft up and ready for the various flights of the day. Credit must go to the gunners and crewchiefs who worked diligently with them to keep them flyable.

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"GUNSLINGER"

Old Charles has increased his harrassment program at LZ Dog. He fires one mortar each night, usually between 0300 and 0400. People are seriously considering moving out of the tents and into the bunkers. It seems to be the only way to get a full night's sleep with out having to get up in the middle of the night to get dressed in flak jacket and steel pot. The other night, Charles came in sort of handy. His one round came in about 30 minutes before Breakfast and insured that the entire flight was awake and well fed before the early morning crank.

#### AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

There were two awards ceremonies at Dog during the past week. General Tolson was here to present the DFC to Major Colburn for extracting a LRRP that had landed in a world of trouble. It seems that Charles was waiting for them and about five minutes after he dropped them off he had to go back and get them. It seems that they jumped into a Hornet's Nest with both feet. The Air Medal with "V" device was presented to WO Kernagis, co-pilot; Sp5 Renner, Crew Chief; Pfc Hendricks, Gunner. We're proud of them and we know that the LRRP's were glad to see them.

The second awards ceremony saw Psg Crossier, Psg Knight, and Ssg Ritter recieve the Soldiers Medal for their efforts to assist people while English was blowing up last May. Congratulations, you earned them.

We also gave out some Air Medals. The recipients were:

Lt Houghton  
 WO Baxter  
 Ssg Spiller  
 Ssg Wallace  
 Sp4 Grayson

The Army Commendation Medal, for meritorious service was presented to Sp5 Edwards, Jones, Valdez and Vitaz.

#### PROMOTIONS

We got two new Staff Sergeants the other day. Sgt Austin and Sgt Wallace are the ones who earned their new stripes. We also got 5 new Sp5s. They are Edwards, Hawk, Hakola, and Howard. Congratulations.

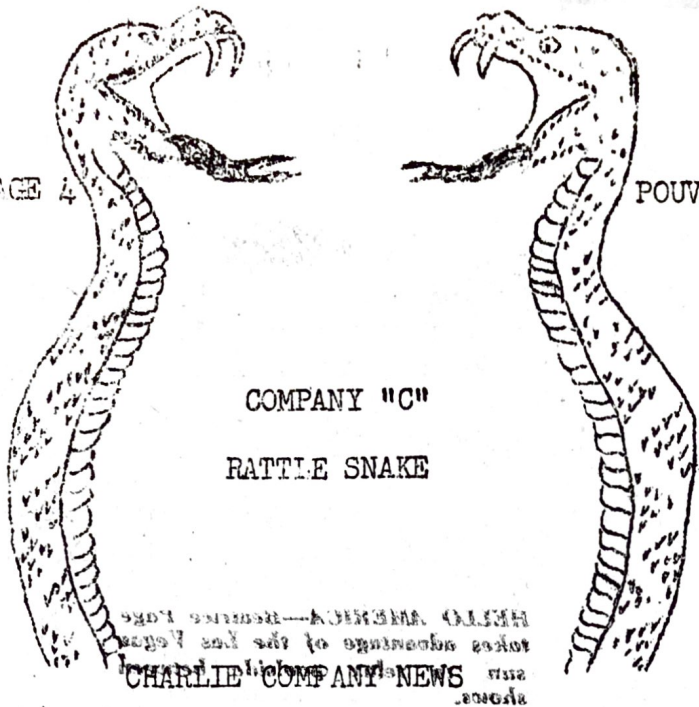
#### BRAVO SHORTS

Has anyone seen WO Harper? It seems that we lost him at Uplift. If anyone finds him, please contact us, we'll even come down and pick him up.....  
 ...WO Cadwell and WO Colonna managed to pick up some bullet holes in their ships this week. When last seen, WO Colonna was mumbling something about a 500 foot traffic pattern altitude...  
 .....WO Blake borrowed all the money he could lay his hands on and took off for Hong Kong.....Would you believe a real waterspout just off the coast by the Bong Son River? Lt Stybel and WO Baxter went out on a two ship recon, but Sp4 Quintana suppressed it and it died. Fini waterspout!



HELLO AMERICA—Beatrice Page takes advantage of the Las Vegas sun to relax poolside between shows.





COMPANY "C"  
RATTLE SNAKE

CHARLIE COMPANY NEWS

that are going back to the land of the Big PX. A few of these fortunate people are; Ssg Carter, Ssg Kirk, Sgt Wooten, Sp5 Roper, and Sp4 Krakowski.

The really big news is about all of our promotions. The following people received new stripes.

- Ssg E6
- WO Baxter
- Ssg Spiller
- Ssg Wallace
- Sp4 Grayson

Morris, Percy

Sp4 E4

- Dehart, Roy
- Whipple, Herbert
- Nix, Gary
- Thompson, Lonnie
- Clair, Ronnie
- Shelton, Jerry
- Johnson, Eric
- George, James
- Coles, James
- Beeson, Coleman
- Norman, Duane

We want to say congratulations to all of these deserving people.

The big question for this week is: "Who is stealing field 1st James' light bulbs each evening?"

Well, Charlie Company is back to normal now. The elections are over and we don't have to stay up at night anymore waiting for a mortar attack. We can sleep in our "BVD's" again instead of boots and uniform. The barber can come back and shaves some of the fur off of our ears now, and draw some more maps and take a few more notes. Also a big relief is that the CMMI is over. We sure had our eyes opened on the 2nd. We are getting some of the "Battle Damaged" A/C back now and with our new "H" models we can lead the pack again.

We have a new officer in the Company now. He is Captain Clark, who was an IP in 23's and 55's at Ft Wolters. This is Captain Clark's second tour to the Playland of the Orient. Lt Read and Lt Weiss are getting along famously in their hex tent. Lt Read is seen around the area wearing a Brown shirt and jackboots while Lt Weiss is trying to hold a Synagogue. WO "Ratman" Doane ably assisted by our NCOIC for rodent extermination and Lt Hudgins were at it again, devising newer and better means for controlling the rat population at LZ Uplift. Ssg Frasier came back from R&R with that "smile that won't wash off for a week" that everyone returning from R&R seems to have. Sp4 "Baby-son" Nass was evaced to the States the other day. He has been sent back to the States for further treatment, we all wish him a speedy recovery. Sp4 Shumake has gone back to the Air Conditioned Hospital at An Khe to take his place. Sp5 Gaucin is back for 6 months after a glorious 30 days back in the World. Sp4 Doremus came out to the field to help us fight the war. Pfc Warr is taking over the A/C records from Sp4 Treat. Pfc Rebello has been seen carrying an Axe around the Company area, his M16 was in the shop and he needed some weapon against Chuck. Some people have all the luck!

We have a whole group of smiling people

Ssg Spiller  
Ssg Wallace  
Sp4 Grayson



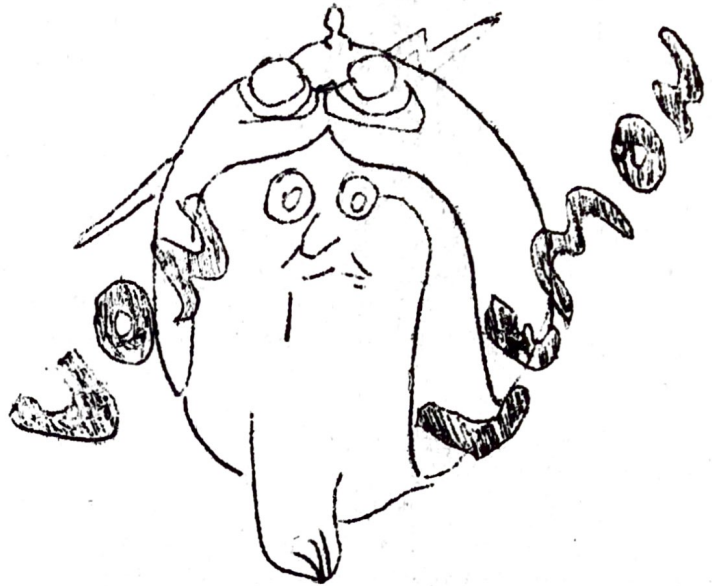
"SODMIRE, DON'T YOU KNOW THESE PLANS WENT OUT WITH HIGH BUTTONED SHOES?"





"FANGS"

# BARON



The fangs only have one new face around this week, Sp5 Charles Lewis. His last twelve months were spent with Alpha Co. and he's returned to us after a short visit at home. We welcome our new armament man to Delta.

### DEPARTURES

Sp5 Wells, who is the Fang's only "true" departure this week, is spending his last five days in Alpha Kilo. Sp6 Sullenberger and Ssg Larsen are also going home, but for a short time only. They've both extended. Guess some people just can't do without the free soap and cigarettes.

### PROMOTIONS

Delta Company has had several promotions this week, those included being:

#### Sgt E5

Kirksey  
Wyatt

#### Sp5

Moody  
Goodwin  
Johnson  
Telford

#### Sp4

Baker  
Steffes  
Adams  
Cephas  
Douylliez

### RED CROSS

Several Red Cross girls will be visiting our area weekly, starting next Tuesday at 1400. We would like for everyone that can best show our appreciation by attending their programs whenever possible.

This week's award goes to the illustrious Delta Company 2nd Platoon Leader. Not only did CENSORED(Fireball??) CENSORED set the unofficial World's record for fast approaches, He managed to do it in front of a capacity crowd at the local flicks. Need we point out, Lt CENSORED that you won't have any trouble convincing anyone of your feat....they all saw it. We must also commend you on your perseverance, for not everyone would have the patience to make a second approach, just because one or two persons might have missed the first.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to previous puzzle

### ACROSS

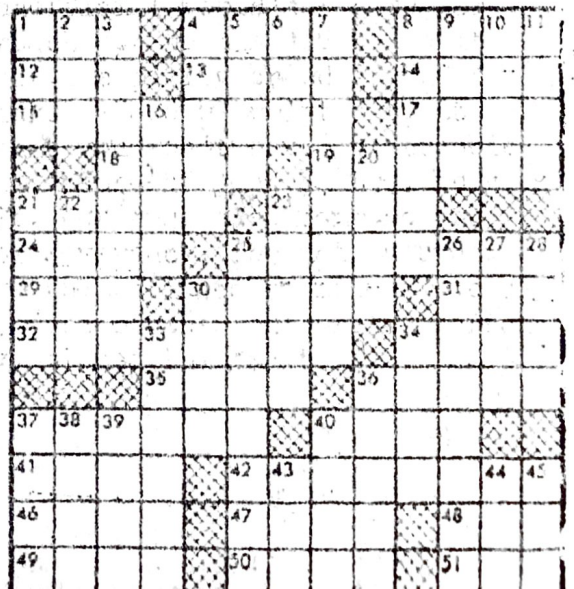
- 1-Snake
- 4-Tropical tree
- 8-Dugies
- 12-By way of
- 13-Genus of allives
- 14-Mixture
- 15-Supplication
- 17-Genus of frogs
- 18-Comfort
- 19-Choose
- 21-Social gathering
- 23-Pedal digits
- 24-Teutonic alphabetic character
- 25-Telling
- 29-Anglo-Saxon money
- 30-Having ears
- 31-Born
- 32-Legendary heroes
- 34-Performs
- 35-Part of camera
- 36-Initial
- 37-Cause to remember
- 40-Take one's part
- 41-Toward shelter
- 42-Falls back
- 45-Hold on property
- 47-Algerian soap
- 48-Ocean
- 49-Consumes
- 50-Remunerates
- 51-Lamprey

### DOWN

- 1-Hail
- 2-Transgress

- 3-Related on one's father's side
- 4-Poetic writing
- 5-Wings
- 6-Allow
- 7-Centers of May-day sports
- 8-Wooded area
- 9-Man's name
- 10-Evergreen tree
- 11-Float in air
- 16-Evaluate
- 20-Peruse
- 21-Support
- 22-Subtle emanation
- 23-Gull-like birds
- 25-Drop of rain
- 26-Enlarge
- 27-Seines

- 28-Adventure
- 30-Paradise
- 33-Foreigners
- 34-Military assistant
- 36-Granular snow (pl.)
- 37-Death rattle
- 38-Lamb's pen name
- 39-Encounter
- 40-Remain
- 43-Period of time
- 44-Golf mound
- 45-Sodium chloride







### V.C. FOR LUNCH BUNCH

On the morning of 5 September 1967, the HHC shock troops assembled for a Barrier Sweep. These men, jaws set with determination, eyes set with sleep, are called shock troops as they're always shocked when their name comes up for Barrier Sweep. The men are always weary after a day in the boonies and you can best cheer them up by asking them questions, such as: Was it wet?, Was it hot out there?, How's your sunburn?, Did you get lost?, etc....

### TIGERTAIL'S BELIEVE IT OR NOT

SP5 Davis-Has damaged more trucks than the enemy.  
 SP4 Elliott-Turned down an R&R to Vung Tau  
 SP4 Tector-Never smiles on K.P.  
 SSG Enochs-Once swam the English Channel  
 SP5 Mistelske-Is painting the Aid Station with a 1 inch brush.

### I'VE GROWN ACCUSTOMED TO YOUR PLACE

It's funny how when you get used to something, it's hard to believe it when it's gone. We had a piece of PSP spanning a small ditch by the billets. It was removed Thursday night. Refusing to believe it was gone, the HHC troopers, like lemmings, plunged one after another into the ditch. Some landed right-side up. The rest can be seen around the Aid Station.

### WHAT'S COOKING IN THE MOTOR POOL?

Next time you call the Motor Pool and ask for a part, the reply might be, "How would you like it, medium or well?" SP4 David "coffe-call's-over" Thomas has switched from the culinary arts to the position of EMIC of Mechanical Stuff. He's now assisting SP5 Martin who is so "short" he uses a stepladder to change tires.

### VIETNAMESE HISTORY

In the 191 years of our country's history, many heroes have emerged. Likewise, the Vietnamese, with their 2,000 years of history, have their heroes. Their stories are interesting, and each week, this column will take up one or more of these people in an attempt to better understand our allies and the country we are in.

### THE HAI BA TRUNG (THE TRUNG SISTERS)

The Trung sisters were born in the first century A.D. in a Vietnam that had been occupied by the Chinese for more than 100 years. In the year 39 A.D., when the Chinese rule became too brutal and oppressive to stand, the Vietnamese rose up in revolt against their foreign masters. Led by the noble lady Trung Trac (whose husband had been killed by the Chinese to throw fear into the rebels) and her equally fearless sister, the Vietnamese defeated the Chinese main forces, captured over 65 enemy forts, and drove the Chinese out of the country. The Vietnamese people proclaimed the Trung sisters queens, and for two years the women ruled an independent Vietnamese state in the area of the Red River Delta. However, the Chinese then returned with a powerful army, led by one of their oldest and best generals, and defeated the outnumbered Vietnamese. After the defeat, rather than surrender to the Chinese, the Trung sisters committed suicide by throwing themselves into a river. The defeat of the Trung sisters marked the beginning of a thousand years of Chinese rule over the Vietnamese, with the exception of a few short interruptions of Vietnamese rebellion and independence.

\*Thanks to Mrs Elliott for designing the new 34 drawing.

