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## ARMY AVIATION CONTRACTS AWARDS TOTAL 24 MILLION

The Army is awarding some 24 million to three firms for UH1 "Iroquois" helicopter engines and equipment and for modernizing two versions of the Mohawk OV1 fixed wing aircraft.

Largest of the Army Aviation Materiel Commands awards is for UH1 (T53-L-13) engines. A 17 Million modification to existing contracts is being awarded to AVCO Corporation, Stratford, Conn.

The UH1 commonly called the Huey comes in three configurations: a trainer a gunship, and a troop-cargo carrier. The engines will fit in any of these configurations.

A 1.3 million fixed-price contract is going to Collins Radio Corp., Addison, Tex., for UH1 avionic kits. This contract supersedes an existing letter contract.

Mohawk modernization will be done by Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp., Bethpage, L.I. A 3.7 million contract modification is for the OV1B and a 2.3 million modification covers the OV1C.

## MARINE GENERAL WALT ASSESSES VIETNAM PROGRESS

Marine Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt told a June 7 Pentagon news conference that "we are headed in the right direction in Vietnam."

Gen. Walt is the new Marine Corps Director of Personnel/ Deputy Chief of Staff (Manpower) after two years in Vietnam. He was Commanding General of the III Marine Amphibious Force and the sen-

ior officer in the I Corps in the northernmost provinces of South Vietnam.

Commenting on the M-16 rifle used by U.S. forces in RVN, Gen. Walt said it is the finest weapon troops have ever had--particularly in Vietnam.

Now all infantrymen have Automatic weapons, the general explained, necessary for close fighting.

He said a survey conducted in Vietnam showed that of more than 13 million rounds fired, there were only 1,243 malfunctions.

Gen. Walt said he requested M-16s for Marines after the Army showed fine results with the rifle.

Speaking of flexibility displayed by Marines in Vietnam, Gen. Walt said "they fight one day" and the next day are helping people to rebuild homes and schools.

## WASHINGTON MEMO

U.S. ARMY OBSERVED its 192nd anniversary June 14, Marking the day in 1775 when Continental Congress appointed a committee to draft rules and regulations for governing the service.

BATTLEFIELD BURGLAR ALARM is being tested at Army Material Command's Electronics Proving Ground, Ft. Huachuca Ariz. Called An alarm set, anti-intrusion, it was designed to warn troops of night attacks.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

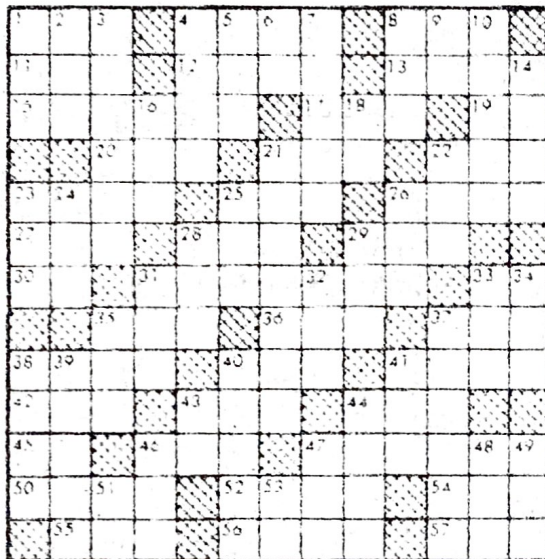


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points skyward. It's huge booster dominates the skyline. Passerbys are confused and awed by it's presence. Only one man knows it's purpose, only one man knows it's potential, only one man will trust his life to it's performance. That man is Sp5 "Fearless" Fred Davis. HHC has never had a potential astronaut before, and this reporter was fortunate to get the following interview.

REPORTER: "Fearless", is it true that you're building an interplanetary vehicle right here at HHC?

FEARLESS: No, I'm building a rocket.

REPORTER: Well let me ask you this; how much thrust do you expect to get from 2 55 gal drums of hot water?

FEARLESS: That's classified.

REPORTER: "Fearless", it is rumored that you're going to try for the moon. What provisions have you made for your survival?

FEARLESS: I'm taking a case of sodas, 4 APCs, and the July issue of Playboy.

REPORTER: Do you think you can survive on that?

FEARLESS: Have you seen the July issue of Playboy? (Cont Page 3)



TOMMORROW THE STARS

The shrouds of secrecy are slowly coming off of what has to be the most ambitious project ever undertaken. On Pad 6<sup>1/2</sup>, between the Officer's latrine and the Orderly Room, a sleek missile



RELAXING TIME—Hollywood's Deborah Walley has the right idea for the summer—just taking it easy on a sunny beach.

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### "Lucky Shot Sidelights"

#### ALPHA COMPANY CHANGES

In a ceremony here this week, attended by Battalion Commander, LTC Horton and LTC Hubbard, the Lucky Shot 6 slot changed hands with Major GEORGE R GILES turning over the guidon to Major STEVE FARRIER JR, former Lucky Shot 5.

During the ceremony Major Giles was presented with the DFC for that operation near Song Mao, a reward he highly deserved. We of the Alpha team would like to add our own award that of a "Well done, Sir" for the fine job you've done as our Company Commander the past few months. Good luck to you in your new assignment.

#### WOJUGS ARRIVE

WO Weaver's all smiles these days; he's got a fresh batch of aviators to try out his slot on. The new arrivals are WO's earnest 4 Kraker, 20 and single from Westmont Illinois, Robert W Kelly also 20 and also single, (Look out Vung Tau girls), and Ervin J Hoyt, 23 and married. WO Hoyt's wife is presently residing in Kearney, Nebraska, although he calls Hastings, Nebraska home. Welcome fellows to the Lucky Shot Team and the Phan Thiet Sun and Drizzle Club.

#### SEVERAL GET RANK

Some of the enlisted men have been seen with new signs of rank lately, it's all because of the recent promotions. These include two new E-6 type, SSG Harrison and SSG Dick, Sp5's Slamkowski, Miller, Fowler, Windsor, Miskowski, Garret, DeLeon, Morgan, Purcell, and Downey. Congratulations men, on your promotion and we know you will continue to perform in the same fine way. It's because of you that Alpha Company is truly the "First Team".

#### MESS LIFTS MORALE

One of the more important morale factors in any fighting unit is the mess hall and the chow. Alpha Company recently acquired both a new Mess Officer and Sergeant.

WO David R Estrak and SSG L Aponte took over the duties from WO Lamonica and SSG Layne, respective. We wish to credit these people and the cooks for the extra effort shown to feed the best with the best. Even WO "Billy the Kid" Bell is looking more fit and speriting less.

### TOMMORROW THE STARS (Cont)

REPORTER: OK, one final question, "Fearless". Is it true you're embarking on this highly dangerous, super secret flight just to get another out-of-country R&R?

FEARLESS: Watch your mouth.

The liftoff time is unknown at present but we will all be on hand for the countdown. If he makes it, we will all be famous. If he doesn't, we could probably use the booster to provide hot water for our showers. In either case we owe our thanks to this brave pioneer.

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Ed. 1LT James R Williamson



## GUNSLINGER SHORTS



"Gunslinger"

Bravo has now relocated in the Kontum area. The advance party spent a beautiful night without tents out under the clouds with all the mosquitoes. On the second day the rest of the party and the convoy with all the equipment arrived and people started to set up their tents. By night fall, the tents were pitched and everyone got a much appreciated hot meal. Everything went fine and people were going to bed when the alert came through. "Everybody up, we're going to evac the aircraft to Pleiku." however Pleiku was IFR and those mountains were hard to see. Luckily we did not have to go anyplace, but at midnight, most of the company was out stomping around in the shrubby looking for a good place to hide from the mortars. And so, Bravo spent another night outdoors under the clouds with the mosquitoes. As the first rays of sunlight struck the area north of the activity at Kontum, people could be seen sleeping in all the low places, ditches, tire ruts, any low depression that afforded cover. After 6 days now, our area is starting to shape up. Bunkers are built and the area is beginning to look lived in. The only problem with the area is that there are a lot of deep wells and holes that become man traps after dark, and if you're inclined to prowl around at night, you had better carry a flash light unless you want to spend the night at the bottom of a deep hole.

## DEPARTURE

Major Turner has departed for An Khe to clear post and return to the land of Golf Courses with fairways and greens instead of helicopters. We'd like to thank him for the job that he did for us as our Operations Officer. We'll miss his bright outlook during critical situations and we particularly appreciate his telling someone that we wouldn't evacuate the other night under IFR conditions. Thank you Major Turner and good luck in your next assignment. Major Myers has assumed the duties of Operations Officer.

Would you believe that a huey flies at 5200 RPM. It was done the other day at Dak To. I understand that the pucker factor was kind of high that day... ....Captain Lannin has been getting all the good deals lately. He goes out on a Log mission and then comes back a couple of days later because of bad weather up in the north country..... Kontum and MACV compound are number one. The town is clean and quiet and MACV is really civilized. Apparently they want to keep everything that way because we're relatively restricted in our travel through the local area..... Captain Engen went back to the states last week; we're proud of him for the Bronze Star he received before he left.

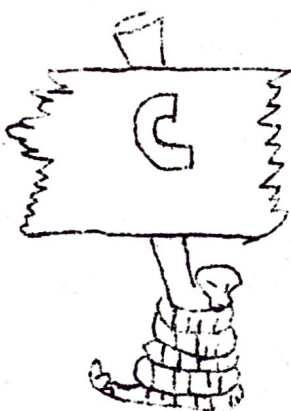


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**GERMAN BEAUTY**—Pretty Sunk-en Gardens model Hanna Smith thinks America is an exciting country to live in and she should know. The shapely beauty has traveled around the world and contends that Florida is the place to be.

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maintenance area at An Khe. Anyone finding this wallet, please contact Sp5 Daniels.

(wallet also contained \$70)



### "Rattlesnake Sidelights"

Hey we've got 5 new Warrants, all of class 57-b; Phil IDE, from Corinth, New York; Tom MUHN, from West Bend, Wisconsin; Jim WALSHAM From Bedford, Ohio; George KPCN from Fougkeepsie, New York; Gary JENSEN, from Sun Valley, Idaho. 1LT Road and Warrant Officers Davis and Doane are gonna be our new IPS-----  
1LT Rhett using his knowledge gained in the Philippines killed a ferocious rat.

WO Terry (The Kid) Bowen departed us for 11th CS. Captain Nail and WO Davis lost their cherry twice on the same morning, once by Chuck and once by you guessed it, a grunt. All through the night can be heard the rattle of bones, screams of delight and dismay can be heard like, natural eyes---Texas Sunflowers-----  
Bowace and EEEE - OOOOO DICE! Budda you fat \_\_\_\_\_, oh well.

Sp4 Danford while on his first CA got left in an LB during a medivac under fire. Sp4 Danford departed us for the L/9 Cav --Grrrrr---SSG "Hammer Head" Hagen killed a rabid man-eating, 12 oz dog the other day. Pfc Preslar will start crew'n for us.

Sp5 Whittler, after the shock of getting two brand new unused, clean wheels for his mule is now in the hospital along with Sp4 Krakowski.

WARNING! To all residents of Taipei, Sp4 Cox and Roper are hitting the shores the 10th of July. Also SSG Abe and PFC Grimes are going on another LRP at Hong Kong. Chuck is not as bad as the bullfrogs, right Chico? If you don't wish to fly at night with the RRF ask SSG Slade or WO Doane for pointers. "Who is Padre?"

### NOTICE

Sp5 James C Daniels, on 23 June 67 lost his wallet containing many important documents. It was lost around the B/227

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### ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

This week's award goes to Bravo Company. Their account of the first days at Kontum was right on course, (even though they left out a couple of unfortunate incidents that happened to the convoy). Besides I do believe a Huey can fly at 5200 RPM, over big trees yet.

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### EDITORIAL

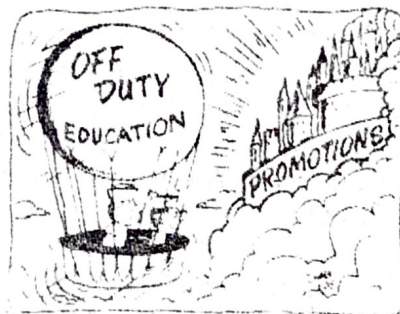
The POUVOIRS have now spread operations to three different areas, in order to supply three different needs.

Alpha remains at Phan Thiet along with Delta's first platoon. "Mini Cav" still seems to be the word down there. They also have been enjoying the use of a "people sniffer", which I understand has a tiger to it's credit.

Bravo moves up north with Delta's second platoon. After a delightful opening night, things at the camp seem to be settling to an even pace. The 173rd boys up there seemed to think the Cav was going to lose out, until Captain Lannin brought a ship load of captured VC weapons.

Charlie and Delta's third platoon are here at base camp for base defense. It looks like they'll be soaking up on the rear area life for awhile.

The new changes show clearly that the POUVOIRS are truly a mobile part of the First Team.

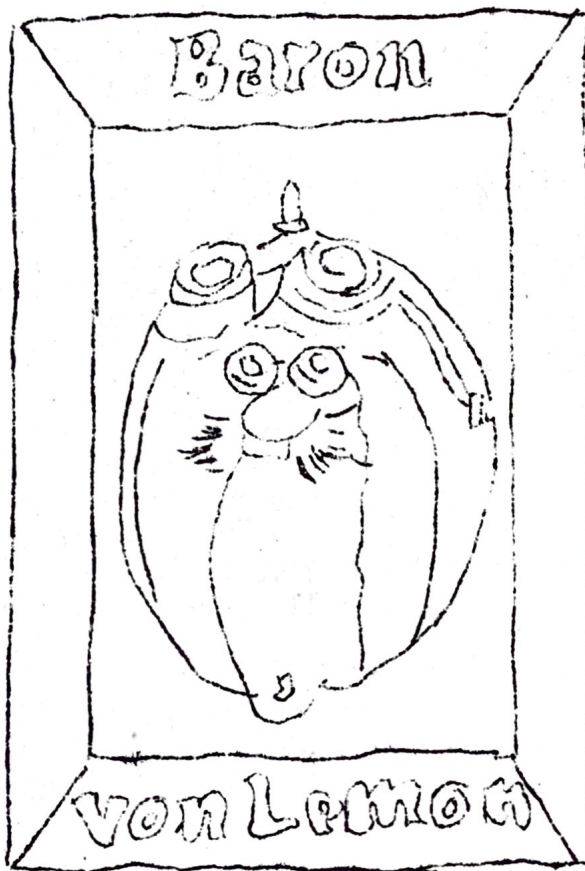


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He says he's goin' where the action is  
-----West Virginia.

## ARRIVALS

While some of us must go there is always a replacement. We'd like to welcome Pfc Stephen D Peterson. Steve will be a new member of Delta's ammo platoon whose numbers grow with practically every new man. We expect that the ammo people will soon take over cooking, flying and some have suggested ammo people as company clerk would be an improvement. Needless to say counter-insurgency operations are underway against this movement. SFC Milton E Driggers is our other new member. He is slotted to take over for SFC Best at Phan Thiet. We hope that SFC Driggers won't find the pace tiring down south. The mini-Cav siren is still moaning and the mini-guns are still humming. In fact a new "people sniffer" promises to set a stiffer pace.



The Baron Von Lemmon Award this week goes to Pfc Wesley W Adams, RA18766030 Operations Clerk, who, with an intrepid devotion to duty, inventiveness and calm in the face of adversity dashed through the company area on the morning of 28 June 1967 waking everyone except those lucky 22 in the back hooch. Each of us who got 15 min extra sleep extend our thanks to Pfc Adams and the ISG who found it a pleasant relief to have to face 22 less bleary eyed, half asleep GI's further extends his...oh well, just as well forget that.

## "Fangs"

To the delicate tones of the Division Band, Company D rolled back to civilization (i.e. Camp Radcliff) after a long vacation at LZ Dog. Offering modern dwelling of the Asian "Hooch" style, the Delta area pleased every Fang so much that they all eagerly joined in the development project going on in the thriving young community of Delta Rear (pop 78). Delta's officer population set the example in professionalism and high motivation by developing an area of truly outstanding quality around the officer's hooch. This unique event was recorded on film by many slightly stunned EM. From all reports it is clear that these men would be glad to serve with these fine officers at any future date.

The old time residents greeted the new arrivals with open arms, each one eagerly anticipating weekly KP, added inspections and "snug" living quarters.

## DEPARTURES

A few of our residents have seen fit to depart, however. Lawrence Lemberger is (we hope) on his way to the USA. He had a few minor problems. The principle one was that through some miracle of administrative organization Division Finance lost his records, not once but twice in the same day. Larry was undeterred however and caught that important ride, with some money in his pocket. Stanley Haber is another proposed loss. After returning from Tokyo, Stan found Camp Radcliff and even An Khe not to be the "What's happening thing" and so has planned a departure of the 8th.

