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INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE TO THE ARMED FORCES

As we observe the 191st birthday of our Nation on July 4, 1967, Americans are once again defending the unalienable rights of men to liberty and to a government of their own choosing.

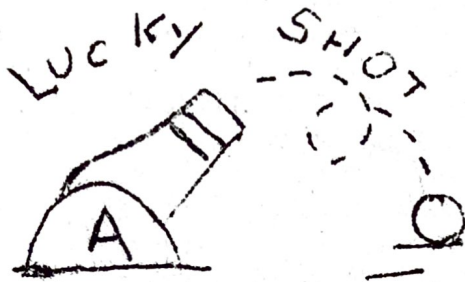
In Vietnam, and with our Allies in other parts of the world, Americans servicemen and women are carrying on the highest ideals and traditions of the citizen-soldiers of 1776, who proved that freedom and democracy can be won and preserved in the face of great odds.

The hard lessons of history have taught us that freedom demands sacrifice. Unalienable rights must be defended gain and again, and vigilantly protected by free men if they are to be preserved for future generations. As other nations, aroused by sympathy and admiration, rallied to our forefathers cause in their struggle against tyranny nearly two centuries ago, so Americans today stand beside those courageous peoples, whether in South Vietnam or West Berlin, who cherish freedom.

Americans everywhere can mark this 191st date of our birth as a Nation with justifiable pride. We continue to stand resolute against tyranny and aggression-- and because we do, men everywhere may lift up their heads in dignity and freedom.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

LUCKY SHOT WANDERINGS



DATE LINE, PHAM THIET

Our Lucky Shot Sun and Surf Club activities have been temporarily suspended due to the increasing amounts of precipitation. But our Garden Club is out in full force with much activity. We are expecting to have our own home grown watermelons very soon. Also, during this week we had four men arrive, which was only a small portion of those who departed.

NEW FACES

Alpha Co. received another Warrant Officer who was mentioned before as being back at An Khe. From Atlanta, Georgia, WO David Redden is 22 years old and married. He graduated from Fort Rucker on 9 May 67.

Helping the Miss Hall prepare good food is our new cook, Sp4 Abalain. New in our service platoon is Pfc Wilder, Pfc Goodwin in the 2nd platoon and Pfc Fitch who is a PLL specialist. Still not arrived at Phan Thiet is Sp4 Morgan who will be company clerk. We extend a greeting to all of you and hope that you enjoy being with one of the better companies.

Following the departure of Major Gilesy, we have to list Major R Matheson, our Operations Officer. Major Matheson had been with Lucky Shot ever since his drive tour began and entered operations on 1 Dec 66. He left Phan Thiet to attend the General Staff and War College at Fort Leavenworth. Taking over his duties is Major Hayes who has been with us for three months. Our EM really lost quite a few of their force. Sfc Patrick, Sp5 Bradley, Sp4 Butler, Sp5 Bush, Sp5 Boyd, and Sp4 Ferry. Sp4 Merthen has left on a 30 day leave to Germany after which he will return. Sgt Gray took his thirty days and plans to return to the 228th.

First-Sergeant Fee claims to have the best basketball team around.....our pilots and crew chiefs had a competition on the C-rations on a recent operation.....UH-1D at FL4 passing to the west.....Indoor showers in the hooches.....Mr Bowen and Mr Bonham claim to have a quiet and relaxing time in Vung Tau.....Sp4 Martin makes bad bets with his guns..Mess Sgt practices to be top gunner.....A little on the serious side, being that Lt Brown has taken over as 2nd Platoon Leader and two of our enlisted personnel, Cobb and Mancini, have made FL.

DELTA FIRST PLATOON

Fang 16's back from his business(?) trip to Saigon this week.

Fang 8 Mike, Mr Ireland (R C) is now helping us out with our maintenance.

Sp4 Quinn has taken over as crewchief on O12 in the wake of Sp5 Lampert's retirement for the usual short-timers reasons. Replacing Quinn as gunner on 547 is Pfc Spencer.

It is a known fact in Fang circles that Lucky Shot 8 Mike has been deceived by the diabolical plotting of Fang 11. For this reason the First Platoon would like to extend our Gullibility Award to 8 Mike for outstanding gullibility.



GOOD TRADE — Summer time brings Olan, the beautiful partner of a top shooting team, poolside where she wears her slender legs in bikini and enjoys the sunshine.

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"Gunslinger"

Well it took a while but Bravo has made Kontum almost like home. Naturally we brought our outhouse and shower with us from Dog and we've added a club with an U shaped bar with cold soda and snacks. We've got grass here instead of the rocks and dust of Dog, and then there's our tree. Yes, our tree, standing tall and mighty casting it's welcome shade over operations and the Mess Area. The area is beginning to shape up. The Engineers have been real nice to us. Our roads that used to turn into a knee deep sea of mud every time it rained has been graded and filled and set up for drainage. Our revetments are almost completed. What was just a grassy field just two weeks ago is now the home of Bravo.

The people of Bravo have been real busy ever since we got here. Almost all available pilots have been manning aircraft every day. It seems that we've latched on to a real active Brigade. These people are always on the move. About the only break we get is with the weather. There's usually ground fog, low clouds, and rain until about 0700 but it's a long day after that. Lunch has become a fond memory and unless you eat C's in flight, you may find that you missed Dinner also.

The LZ's are usually pinnacle's and vary in size from half-ship to no-ship LZ's. We're getting a lot of good training up here and it'll be a pleasure to land in a flat two ship rice paddy someday. The common saying around here is, "Yeah, I had a day off today, I only got 10 hours on log runs." Even so, Mr Devine is still looking for more flight time.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

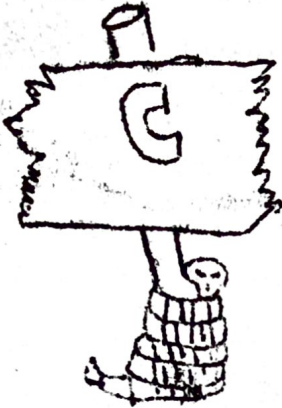
We had a July 4th awards and decorations ceremony at Kontum. Sp4 Turner was awarded the Purple Heart. The Basic Air Medal was awarded to WO Baxter,

WO Bradley, WO Cadwell, WO Card, WO Dibble and Ssgt Beminio. WO Dibble was awarded the BAM for the second time but went out there and accepted it any way. Ssgt Cassiano, Sp5 Valdez, and Sp4 Vasquez were awarded certificates for meritorious service.

BRAVO SHORTS

WO Devine got to lead a log mission for the first time. Apparanly all went well and everything got where it was supposed to because there have been no complaints.....Lt Harrison has re-treated to An Khe for shipment to the states. Lt Stybel has moved into the 46 slot.....The person who was walking around in the dark the other night mumbling to himself was old 35. He got back from his log mission at Dak To 5 minutes after the snack bar closed and they wouldn't sell him a cold soda....
Sgt Simmons got his first rocker on his stripes and bought at the snack bar the other night. Congratulations to Ssgt Simmons and thanks for the soda.....Our Congratulations also go to Pfc Manze on the ten month anniversary of his promotion to Pfc. Keep plugging and one day, providence may smile upon you.....Eight ships returned from a CA with 800 pounds of fuel between then and that was only because one of the ships had 200 pounds left. Everyone was eyeing the riverbeds and clearings in the forest, but everyone made it OK and at least we proved that the guages were pretty accurate.....
WO Obenauf is claiming the record for time on the 20 minute light, 33 minutes, but what can you expect when it comes on at 600 pounds.





CHARLIE CO NEWS

Hey we're back to the land of hammer and nail. Charlie has a new MOS, O62BS (Warrant Officer Aviator Single engine, single rotor, Sandbagger.) We have new billets going up - old ones going down. We only have 16 people in 8 man billets. We do have faster mail service, as the result of a recent Battalion inspection the WO's are cleaning their weapons. Since we now have electricity 24 hours a day, there can be heard the nerve racking blare of 3 radios, 2 record players and 2 stereos playing at the same time in each building, plus that familiar pop - pop of pop tops! Cold Beer and Soda for everyone. The 2nd of July was the 1st Sunday in six months that the company has been together and there is a pink batmobile in the batcave..

NOTICE: To everyone in the field, we were here on payday - hence every shelf in every PX is empty! Yes Sir, we did the number.

Lt Lawton, Mr Jobe and Sp6 Gagnon had a vacation, while in Saigon to pick up a new A/C? Also Mr Ennett and Pfc Morrison were going to duel: Mr Ennett stole Mo's girl while in Taipei. Guess what was found in the Avionics Conex? Textbooks belonging to Pvt Bryon Pray of Student Co K., Ft Gordon Ga. Once again who is PADRO??

Seems like Charlie Co is logging at 15th TC lately, also we don't want to forget Mustard Pad! Charm School CA's are No 1. Slick how do you like your new job?? The worse part of this move was that we had to leave our VC barber, now we have no liason with the Cong.

ATTENTION
LOST

Jerry Shenkel lost his wallet at the Sanitary Field or on the way there on

or about 1 Jul 67, containing personal items and \$105.00. Anyone knowing anything about this please contact Jerry.

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ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

This week's sward goes out to Delta Company. Especially recognized is the coveted Baron Von Lemon Award, which is awarded for those unbelievable feats, far beyond the call of duty. The POUVOIR joins, with Delta Company, in congratulating "Mr Cool" for receiving this week's Lemon Award.



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"Fangs"

Our third platoon has definitely not been the least active this week. We've all been itching to get our hands on the company area in An Khe to make the much needed improvements and this task has been presented to the third platoon.

The home of the Warrant Officers Protection Agency, "WOPA HALL", is currently under an improvement program by a building detail supervised strongly by Mr Shaw. Captain Thorne will be WOPA HALL'S new housefather (or mother, that will be decided at a later date).

Sgt Taylor is looking after the construction of a new maintenance quonset. It will be nice to be able to work out of a good building for a change, rather than a conex container.

Last but not least on the building agenda is the remodeling of the Delta Company Mess Hall. The work has not been started as of yet, but the plans are being started at this time. Lt Hudgins, our Mess Officer, is working closely with Mr Zwarts, an architect before his army days, on the construction details. It's our opinion that we have the best cooks this side of the China Sea and if all goes well, we will have a Mess Hall equally as good. For an added attraction, there will be a fire place in the Dining-Room. The thought of piping in music was also considered, but with Captain Harris, and the boys in supply, and their record players in the back of the Supply Room being played full blast, (and they usually are) music can be heard all over the An Khe area. Captain Fields claims their music is

louder than the An Khe Beacon.

Captain Goodin (36) has left An Khe, and at this time should be in the states with his family. We wish him the best of luck. Captain Hamilton will be our new 36.....and good luck to you, Sir!

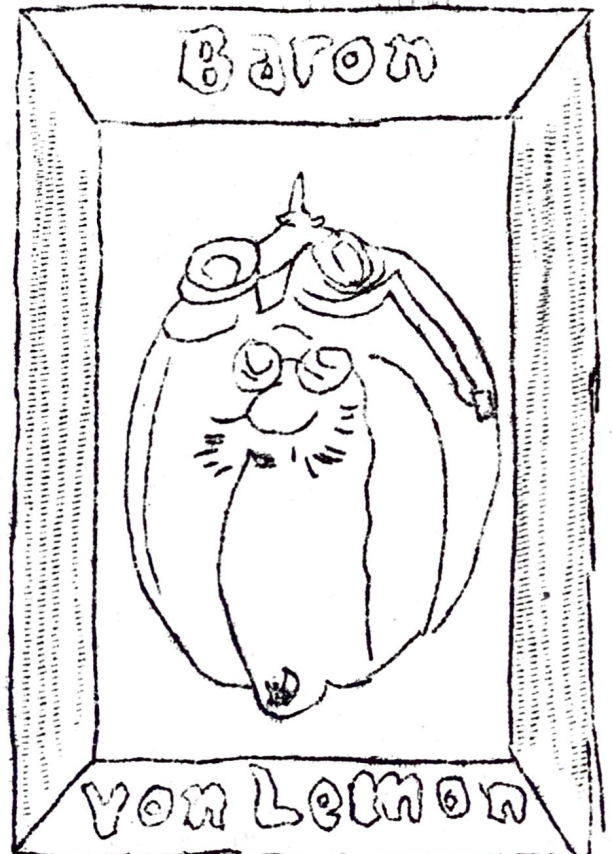
.....And the third platoon crew chiefs now pull KP ----- No 10

SECOND PLATOON

With mixed emotions the Second Platoon packed their worldly goods and by land and air, made the long journey from LZ Dog to Kontum. The move was fairly complete in a couple of days, and our base camp was established in about the same length of time. With the exception of high DA and somewhat rainy weather, there has been a minimum of complaints. All seem to be happy, particularly with the cool nights.

Though we presently lack the refined conveniences of shelves and tables, etc., we will soon be expending "rockets-a-plenty" and once again will have the luxury of these fine furnishings. The bunkers have been built and the EM have nearly completed the sand-bagging of their tents with the officers soon to follow.

The second platoon has not been without a promotion this week. WO Gruetzmacher has made the jump from W1 to W2. Congratulations, Chief!



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LEMON AWARD

The Baron Von Lemon Award this week goes out to one of the coolest crew chiefs in Delta Company. Just ask Pfc Schwartz how cool he is, he will be glad to tell you. Right Swartz? In fact, when he got out to refuel at Uplift, the EGT decided to rise to 820. Maybe you should stay inside your chopper, Mr Cool, so some of that coolness of yours would rub off on your engine.

The coolest move of all by Schwartz is that he was forced to RON at Uplift R&R Center, while waiting for a hook, which didn't arrive until the next day. That's a cool way to forfeit your R&R, but who cares when you have that much cool.



NEW STRIPES

Sgt Hobson lead the HHC promotion parade this month. He has been an acting sergeant for almost two months. Now he can start collecting the pay.

Sp5 Sams (Bn Maint) and Sp5 Martin (HHC Maint) received their E5 stripes this week. Another new specialist five is Stephens of the POL section.

The new E5's claim they are really going to throw a party after Captain Hart gets off his current bunker building kick.

DEPARTURES

This past week saw an increased number of FOG's going home. Recent departees include Major Gibbs (S3), Captain Isaacson (S1), Captain Webster (LNO), MSG McIntyre (S3), Sfc Michels (PSNCO), Sp5 Saxe (Acft Maint), Ssg Berger (S2), and Sp5 Mas (Hq Co).

They all left with tears in their eyes.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

This week's outstanding quote goes to Captain Hart for the following remark made to Captain Lewis, "You can tell those POL people a mile away."

HATS OFF DEPARTMENT

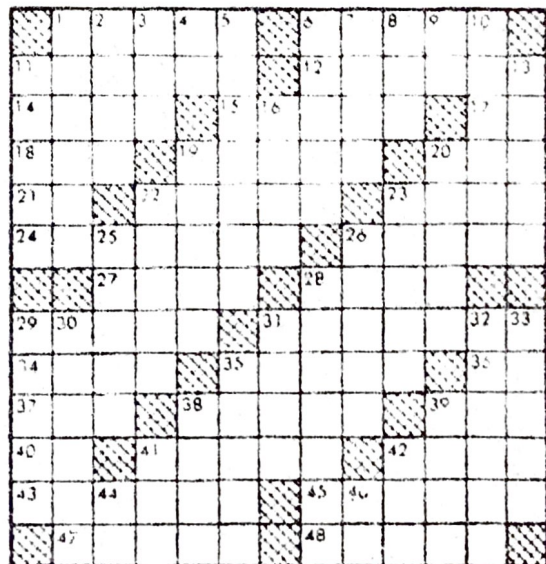
Our hats are off this week to the Headquarters Company Aircraft Maintenance Officer (whoever he is) for the outstanding availability record. Day after day, week after week, and month after month, Headquarters Company has consistently maintained 100% availability of assigned aircraft. This is a glowing tribute to all concerned.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle



- Across
- 1-Stage whisper
- 6-By oneself
- 11-Cubic meters
- 12-TV repeats
- 14-Virginia w/low
- 15-Blemish
- 17-District
- Attorney (abbr.)
- 18-Performed
- 19-Speed contests
- 20-Chicken
- 21-Teutonic deity
- 22-Ceremonies
- 23-Frog
- 24-Withdraws from an organization
- 26-Daily record
- 27-Dregs
- 28-Hind part
- 29-Gives food to
- 31-Bewhiskered
- 34-Macaws
- 35-Lasso
- 36-Compass point
- 37-Sailor (colloq.)
- 38-A lot
- 39-Indonesian tribesman
- 40-Conjunction
- 41-Pertaining to Ireland
- 42-Twirl
- 43-Inclined
- 45-Goes in
- 47-Beach
- 48-Darken
- DOWN
- 1-Clothing
- 2-Sow
- 3-Man's name
- 4-Prefix: down
- 5-Landed property (pl.)
- 6-Sign of zodiac
- 7-Part of camera
- 8-Worthless leaving
- 9-Greek letter
- 10-Make beloved
- 11-Takes one's part
- 13-Gritty
- 16-High cards
- 19-Is borne
- 20-Collection
- 22-Thick grasses
- 23-Crown
- 25-Lucid
- 26-Demise
- 28-Achieves
- 29-Deadly
- 30-Wipes out
- 31-Tiny amounts
- 32-All
- 33-College officials
- 35-Forays
- 38-Raised
- 39-Imitated
- 41-Hostelry
- 42-Music as written
- 44-Cooled lava
- 46-A state (abbr.)



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