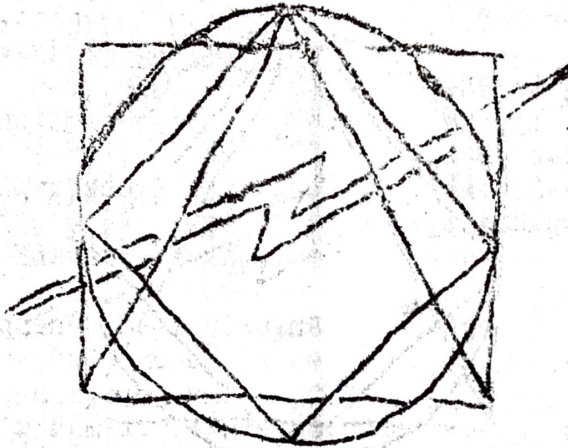


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IN MEMORY OF

FIRST LIEUTENANT ROBERT KEEFE DWYER  
28 May 1943 - 15 July 1967

Lieutenant Dwyer was born 28 May 1943. He graduated from the University of Connecticut where he majored in Economics and received ROTC training.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Artillery Branch on 30 June 1965. He attended the Officer Basic Course in Air Defense at Fort Bliss, Texas. Following his OBC training, Lieutenant Dwyer remained at Fort Bliss where he served as a Platoon Leader. He entered flight training at Fort Wolters, Texas in March 1966. Upon completion of flight training in October 1966, he was assigned to duty in Vietnam with the 1st Cav Div (Airmobile). He reported to Bravo Company in November 1966.

The loss of Lieutenant Dwyer is deeply felt by all members of Bravo Company, and we mourn his passing with deep sorrow.

Lieutenant Dwyer's skill and enthusiasm, as well as his initiative and devotion to duty set an excellent example for others. He was a fine officer and friend, and he will be long remembered by us all.

Lieutenant Robert Keefe Dwyer, we take our helmets off and salute you as we pay our last respects, this 18th day of July 1967, at Kontum, Republic of Vietnam.

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## ABORT

As a follow up to an earlier article, we are sorry to report that Sp5 "Fearless Fred" Davis had to abort his planned space flight because there were already two men on pass. We are even sorer to report that the booster failed to supply HHC with hot shower water. This double setback has definitely put us behind in the space race with little hope of washing up.

## COFFE CUP

It would be impossible for SSG Wayne "Cream and Sugar" Coffe to stay out of print. His greatest performance this week has to be the impromptu dance he did between the enlisted shower and the NCO billets. It was indeed inspiring to all of us who saw it. Some uncultered individuals might have thought he was just running back to the billets to avoid a chill after his shower. But those of us in the know, immediately recognized the moves as the "Aztec Two-step".

## THRIFTY CHARLES

Captain Edward Hart was treated to one of Vietnam's most colorful folk dances during a shopping trip in An Khe. While trying to explain that he could buy it "cheaper in the States", a group had

formed in the shop. Before he knew it, they were dancing all around him and waving their arms chanting "Chief Harley", or "Sheep Charlie", or "something like that". Unfortunately, he didn't have his camera to record this primitive rite.

## FRANKLY SPEAKING

An uninvited, unexpected, noncommissioned snake entered the BOQ this week. Fortunately, one man was alert and quick to react. That man was Major Winfield Frank, (Buck), who is so "Short" he's the only one who could spot the 1X1X36 viper. With shouts of "Creegah", "Bundolo", and "Kill", he savagely clobbered the intruder with a jungle boot. There should be a medal for such valor. Perhaps the National Defense Service Medal with "V" device.

## FAREWELL

Prior to my departure, I wish to express my appreciation to all the personnel of HHC for the support they have given me. As usual, elements of the company are located at several places so it is impossible to say farewell to each man in person.

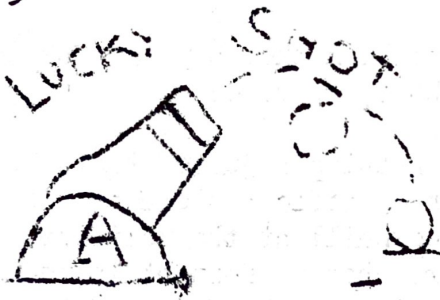
The Company is getting a fine commander in Captain Charles P Harris. I know the Company will give him the same support and loyalty. Keep up the good work.

Captain Hart.

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BN CO LTC George C Horton  
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## DATE LINE, PHAN THIET

The sweet smell of success hovered over our camp this week. Mr Fischer was all smiles to see the watermelons blossom. We are now considering the possibility of corn and rye seeds. Success was not restricted to the garden as we met to see one of our officers receive a promotion. This week saw many of our short-timers get too short, and some more action in our slot of White 2.

## UP-THE-LADDER

During the farewell party for our "shorts" Major Farrier momentarily stopped the celebration to promote 1Lt Jones. He now wears the "Railroad Tracks" and we tip our hats to him, even though an R&R just happened to come for him at the same time. We hope he is enjoying Japan and hope he returns to finish his 20 days.

## GONE STATESIDE

Alpha Company once again reports a loss in our flight section and in our Maintenance section. One of our IPs WO "Murph" Murphy took the big bird to Texas. Close behind was WO L. Fischer, who is headed for Ft Stewart. In our Maintenance Department CWO "Ralph" Willis left so early that he missed his farewell party. One of our TIs, Sp6 Baine, is preparing to depart for Germany on the 24th. As is Sp4 Caldwell to Ft Rucker, and Sp5 Downey for ETS. SSG Dick will be on his way to Ft Eustis on the 23rd. In our flight section we lost SSG Dan Harrison who left old 740 for an assign-

ment at Ft Rucker.

## COOKS IN ACTION

Last week I mentioned of the popularity of the mission of White 2. Well, it got so good that even our cooks wanted to take part and so early one morning our cook, Sp4 Cobb joined O84's crew. With WO R. Rodgers and 1Lt R Wright at the controls and Sp5 Anderson crewing the foursome picked up the spray. Enroute to the predetermined area the A/C briefed our gunner on the advantage of firing short bursts to suppress due to the time involved. A faulty headset deprived the gunner the opportunity to talk but, he could still listen. What they didn't know was Charlie was getting perturbed over this spray and was waiting for them.

On the first run everything looked smooth except the gunner was a little exuberant with gun but that was no problem. At least not until the gunner finally got the passenger's attention to let him know that he had been shot and could no longer turn his guns far enough to place fire on the enemy position. After a few words had passed they turned around and directed more fire to the area while our shadows put in heavy fire in the area.

Upon returning to Papa Tango it was found that Cobb had been hit in the chest protector and received some shrapnel in the leg and the ship only slightly damaged. We congratulate Sp4 Cobb for his continued fire on the enemy even after he had been hit.

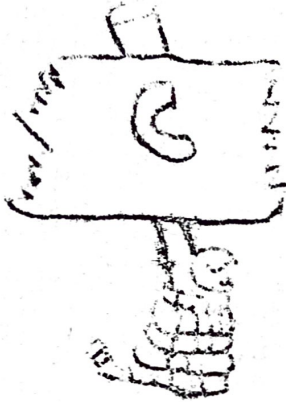
## LUCKYSHOT WANDERINGS

WO Davis now holds the record for downing 6 ships due to enemy fire, friendly flares, etc.....the enlisted men dumped the officers overall in the new sport of volleyball.....WOs Esterak and Colligan are back after a hectic trip to Vung Tau..... (Cont next page)



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1st Platoon has the best bunker after a few days of tedious work.....Sp5 Garrett is welcomed back after a few days in the hospital.....and we want to let Mr Harrod know that we think of him and hope that he has settled down...he seems to be doing a good job back there.



### "Rattlesnake Sidelights"

We got some long awaited promotions down. Mr Ennett and Halliburton made CW2 and we also have some new Sp4's

Doremus, Duane  
Kulo, John  
Grimes, Roger  
Lopez, Dipini  
Nass, Ronald  
Shumake, James  
Whiting, John  
Thornhill, Gary

WE all give our congratulations to these deserving men.

We now are under a two platoon system---- AMIDON'S Army is growing. PFC Thompson is back from Emergency leave and is a new operations clerk. Sp4 Bump and PFC Shelton are new commo men. Battalion promises us some more Whiskey Oscars by the end of the month. Captain Nail went to Battalion he is going to be 53. "Hang in there" Sp5 Daniels was named soldier of the month for the 227th Avn Bn, our congratulations to you, Dan! We got a new man, PFC Garcia from Delta, Colorado, he just

came from dear Ft Rucker boys and he is a 67A10 to boot, Welcome!

We're really getting adjusted to An Khe, especially the traffic pattern people are landing downhill at the Golf Course, shooting approaches to foxtrot instead of delta, landing on the CG's pad trying to find Lethal Persuader Pad. Inspections are No 1 too, LETS GO BACK TO THE FIELD!!!

Mr Green's birthday cake came only one month late. Mr Russo finally came back - we still don't know where was but he came back. Mr Jewett is pinch-hitting for our VC barber. Say the barber wrote his union, congressman, and Ho Chi Minh so I guess we're going back to Dog.

The EM Club swings!! Helen Long and the Long Shots were doing there the other night - - Mr Murrietta is taking LRRP training. He got a snake in his bed at Division Bowl! MO volunteered for a hardship, he's guarding about 400 women on sandbag detail. Sp4s Cox and Roper are back from Taipei. We wonder if that leaves the "C" Company Mascot (MIMI) unemployed?? The Grey Ghost says Bad News may never fly again.

Everywhere throughtout the area can be seen people doing double back flips, cartwheels off the roof and guess what they are yelling:

"S H O R T"

The PE team is half finished with their quonset hut. Say George, how's the DOUGHNUT DOLLIES???

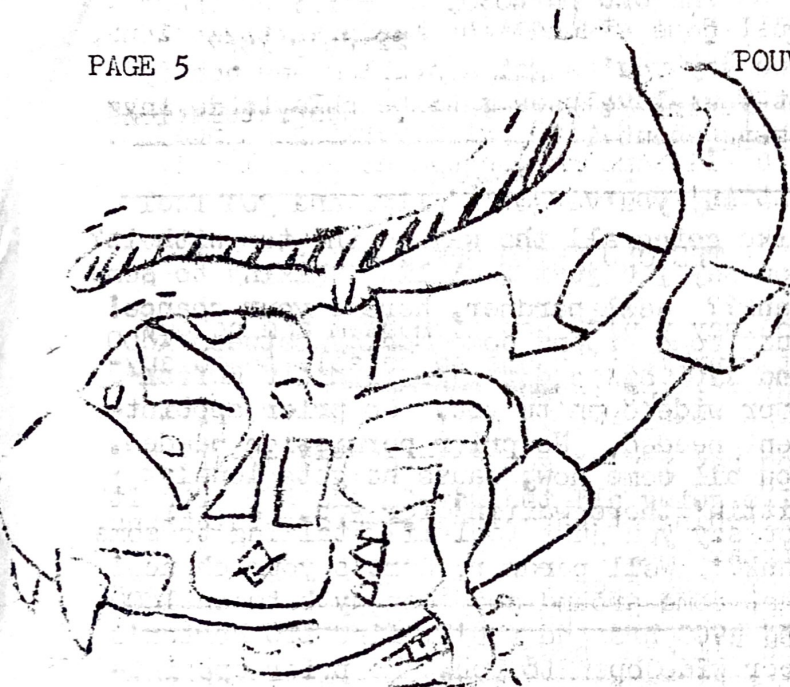
Garrison is really great, Hot and Cold showers, it either comes out in CUBE form or in a STEAM vapor.

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"Fangs"

The three new Hotel 13s should add a little color to the Battalion's inventory of aircraft, especially with the guns being installed on them. Could Delta Company be facing the frightening fate of becoming obsolete? Let's face it squarely in the eye. LTC Hubbard now has his own mini-platoon of gunships. (Wow! What fire power!). Next step will be an M5 system on Hqs 49.

Why would anyone have one hundred and fifty dollars worth of taped music and not own a tape-recorder? The answer lies deep in Major Canfield's Mind.

Our third platoon, the champion of champions, has done it again. The "Great Third" seems to be stacking up a mile high pile of record firsts. This time they have topped (or should we say bottomed) the record of aircraft availability with an astounding zero flyable aircraft. Perhaps we could take them out of the air and put them out to sea with a set of water wings in place of rotor blades.

Delta Company would like to roll out the welcome mat for two new Fangs. They are

Pfc Kingsley and Pfc Woods. Both men will be working with us in ammo.

The Fangs would like to withdraw their congratulations given to Mr Gruetzmacher for his promotion to W2. Someone "goofed" and his promotion came a little too early. One month to be exact. On the other hand, we would like to congratulate Mr Richard Gordon who did make "Second COW". Well, Fritz, here comes Mr Gordon. Let's hear those heels "Click", in the old Luftwaffe fashion.

Sp5 Wiginton has put out the word that the refueling of 182 will be accomplished only after loading the cargo compartment with 500 lbs. of sandbags. His reasoning is that his new L9 engine just doesn't seem to quit and the ship leaps into the air when minus the weight of Crewchief and gunner regardless of what the pilots do to keep it down. We would like to hear comments from other crew members on this, particularly from the boys on 618.

Captain Harris is now the new Hqs 34. Sorry to see you leave the Fangs, Sir. Good luck on your new job. Our loss was HHC's gain.....now if you can just find all that property.

.....and it is our honor that last week Delta Company recieved the article of the week for the second time in a row.



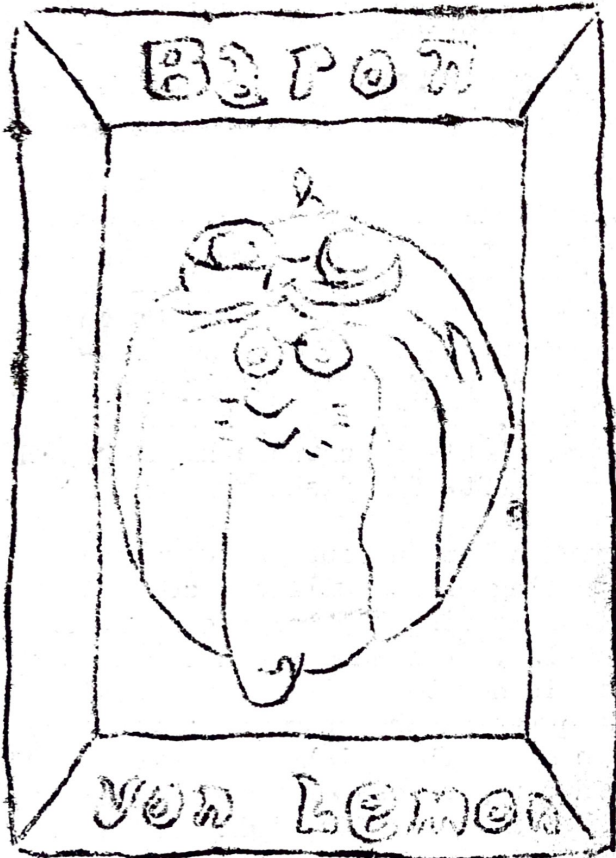


happening at Papa Tango. Congratulations, Alpha.

THE OLD PHILOSOPHER SAYS:

You say you've got a problem and nobody at your level seems to be able to do anything about it?

You say you've got a gripe and you feel like going all the way to the top with it? You say you just feel like talking to some rank?? Well pardner, here's your chance! Just come around some Monday between 1800 and 1900 hrs and you'll find LTC Horton's door wide open to you. No prior appointment needed. No prior permission needed. You all come now, cause he gets lonely sittin' there waitin' for you.



This week's Baron Von Lemmon Award is given to none other than 1Lt Kurmes of Bravo Company. Since flight school, this outstanding individual has been winging his way towards becoming one of the greatest masters of the sky the world has ever known. "To soar onward and upward" is Lt Kurmes' motto. Unfortunately, one of the doors off the aircraft he was flying was seen soaring onward and upward..... and now as his fellow aviators sit in the stifling hot cockpit.....while on the ground.....with the doors closed.

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

This week was a week of very fine articles put in by the companies. The award can only go to one company. Although the bit in HHC article about Major "Medivac" Frank caught the judges' eye, Alpha receives the award this week for letting us know what's

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