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Military Astronauts Receive Distinguished Flying Cross

Navy and Air Force astronauts who completed space flights in NASA's manned space flight program were honored July 13 in a ceremony at the Pentagon.

Decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross were nine Air Force, eight Navy officers and one Marine Corps officer. The decorations were presented by Chief of Naval Operations Adm. David L. McDonald and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell.

Fifteen of the astronauts attended the ceremony, along with Mrs. Edward White who accepted the award for her husband, who died with Lt. Col. Virgil Grissom and Navy Lcdr. Roger Chaffee in a space capsule fire on the launching pad at Cape Kennedy earlier this year.

Mrs. Grissom and retired Marine Col. John Glenn Jr., the Nations first man to orbit the earth, did not attend.

Four of the Navy men and three from the Air Force received gold stars in lieu of second and third awards of the DFC. They were: Capts. Walter M. Shirra and James A. Lovell Jr., Col. L. Gordon Cooper, Cdrs. John Young and Charles Conrad Jr., and Lt. Cols. Virgil I. Grissom and Thomas Stafford.

Receiving DFCs for single missions into space were: Capt. Alan B. Shepard Jr., Col Frank Borman, Col. Glenn, Cdrs M. Scott Carpenter, Eugene A. Cernan and Richard F. Gordon Jr., and Lt. Cols James A. Mc Divitt, Edward H. White, David Scott, Michael Collins and Edwin Aldrin.

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DATE LINE, PHAN THIET

This week, much to the dismay of our sunbathers, the green thumbs dominated the action as heavy rains blew in and out of Papa Tango. As usual, alpha said good-bye to more of our personnel and said hello to a smaller amount. Promotions was the delightful word to some of our crew-chiefs. We also want to say hello to the fangs who joined with us last week to make the Pouvoir, and commend them on an outstanding coverage of their company.

GONE STAGESIDE

Last week our officers suffered the loss of personnel so it follows that our enlisted should take the trophy this week. Sgt. Klinkhammer departed to join the civilian world. Sp5 Sorenson left and will attend a school at Keesler AFB (?) after which he will go to Highland Park, New Jersey. Sp4 Reidel will be discharged and plans to return to Pennsylvania. Sp4 Caldwell departed the rain beaten shore in favor of Ft. Rucker. Following quickly behind was Sp5 Downey.

GREETINGS

Lucky Shot, slowly but surely is regaining their strength. PFC Griffey came from 2/7 to be one of our gunners. Also with us is Pfc Wyatt, Parks, and Sp4 Mammen who came from the 25th div.

Our new Wojug arrived and has settled down comfortably. He is WO Randall S. Gee, who hails from Fiskeville, R.I. A member of the 4th WOC class, Mr. Gee is 21 and is single. We welcome each of these men to Alpha company and hope they will enjoy being with the best.

PROMOTIONS

Good solid performance has been rewarded in the form of a promotion for some of our enlisted men. From Sp4 to Sp5 is Dickerson who at the moment does not know due to an R&R in Toyko. From PFC to Sp4 are Hall in avionics, Yastroza a crewchief, King also a crewchief, and Kirch who is doing an outstanding job back at Alpha Kilo. We congratulate

them and urge them to continue with good work.

SHORT SNORTS

Our thanks to the Fangs for their A/C bunkers recently vacated in favor of a closer location.....On a recent CA, briefed to land by a smoke flare we were somewhat surprised to find 8 smokes for 5 ships.....Our oldest ship takes its last flight with us to the rear area old 355.....Night hunter storms the water front in search of the V.C. Marines.....and finally with the advent of the new month our card games are once more the most popular sport.

MIND READER STRIKES BACK!!!

Mind reader's secret agent, "The Man from S.T.I.N.G.E.R. (Strange Tales Involving Numerous Guys' Endowed Righteousness*)", has come up with a brand new crop of those moments. (*can you think of any better translation?)

Sgt Miller - "Only 23 days.....EYES!"

Pfc Hawk - "HHC, 'ah', happiness."

1Lt Williamson - "Wait 'till I get 6 more hours in, I'll show the Red Baron!"

Cpt Tucker - "Here we go 'round the Mulberry Bush, the Mulberry Bush, The Mulberry Bush, Weeeeeee.....come on Wendell, get ahold of yourself."

Psgt Crossier - "Clean, clean! The Orderly Room must be clean! If it doesn't move, GI it!"

Ssgt Doolittle - "'The Wagon' may be hazardous to your health."

1Lt Georgecink - "I wonder if anyone will notice my tan. Now I'll swing with the Waikiki set.....ME-NO-MALIHINE!!"

Sgm Himes - "Well, I guess the POUVOIR is better than having the OVERSEAS WEEKLY around."

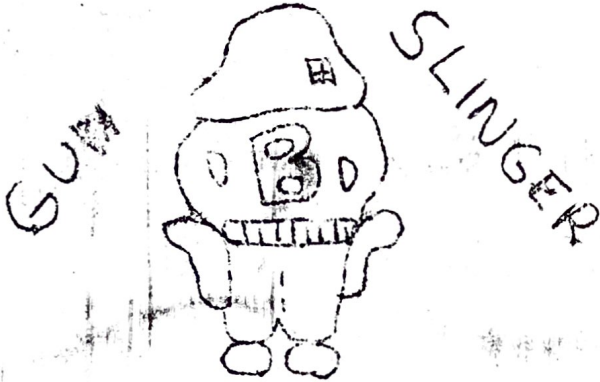
LTC Horton - "I can see it now, with cool determination in their eyes..... heading for their tents for 40 extra winks after work formation."

This article was written with knowledge that we all have a good sense of humor, GULP (I hope).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Ask not what your Country can do for you, but what you can do for you Country."

John Fitzgerald Kennedy



pictures and Mr Hartselle, well.....
 Lt Houghton has returned from Penang with a smile on his face and said he had a very nice time. WO Campbell is on his way to Bangkok.

Bravo has returned to the land of rice paddies and decent forced landing areas. We are back at dear old dusty, noesy Dog on the Bong Son Plains. Actually it's nice to be back in the flatlands. Now, if an engine decides to quit, you can take your pick of which rice paddy to shoot to, rather than look for the softest looking tree.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

We had an Award Ceremony the other night and passed out some well earned medals. Major Myers got the DFC for a night emergency re-supply to a unit in heavy contact in the An Lao Valley on a dark, dark night with low clouds. Captain Lannin and Sp5 Brobst were awarded the DFC for a night hunter mission up by Duc Pho. WO Fain was awarded the Air Medal with "V" for another night hunter mission at Duc Pho. Lt Stybel and WO Hartselle were awarded their Basic Air Medals. Captain Laughman, WO Bishop and Sp4 Mance were awarded a letter of appreciation for their recue efforts at a shot down Chinook near Hammond.

PROMOTIONS

Ssgt Heasley was recently promoted to his present rank. As a matter of fact, it was quite a while ago at Kentum. At the same time, Sp4 Wood was made Sgt Wood and finally after a long wait, Pfc Mance was promoted to Sp4.

SHORT

That seems to be the only word that Cpt Lannin knows. It's kind of hard to carry on a conversation with him because he keeps smiling and saying 'short' all the time. Can't see why he's excited, he's got at least 7 days left. Now if he'd only quit hollering short during the middle of the night.

R&R

WO Devine and WO Hartselle have returned from Hong Kong. WO Devine got all his



CRELLEN IDELLY - This August calendar girl is Sofia DeLustro, a native of Athens who was born and raised in the shadow of the Acropolis. She's now a model and dancer in Washington, D.C.

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CHARLIE COMPANY NEWS

Yea, we're all moved in at Benepime City. Everybody loves it here. We are serenaded to sleep each evening by the gentle lullaby of 105's, 40 mike mikes and quad 50s. We finally licked the dust problem by penepriming everything.

Operations is building a fort against who knows what. EM live in the bunkers and the Oscars in tents. Mr Holzler stold Sfc Keiths and Abe's bunker then Mr Doane came along and stole their wiring, for shame!! Lt Rowland now has his own Bell Telephone booth. We're getting the mess area squared away, Uplift is No 1!!! The Bamboo Vipers seem to have gone with us from Dog--The VC Intelligence must be inop, we haven't seen our barber yet & we have been here over a week now. Mr Flowers is temporarily filling in for the VC Barber. He does real fine work, right Mr Jewett? Sp4 Kelly has been doing a good job with the showers he's filling with kerosene to cut the peneprime!

We just had payday and Lt Read was there, which, by the way was condoaned by White-robe "6", taking donations for AER, really we gave him the money so he would quit talking about Tokyo. Viper 3 is on R&R to Hawaii while Mr Cherry came back from R&R. Sp4s Cox and Roper put in for extension!!!! Pfc Johnson is pinch-hitting for Sp4 Muenzer who is on leave now and he sure is taking his new duties seriously, he called Psg Keith in the middle of the night for a commo check.

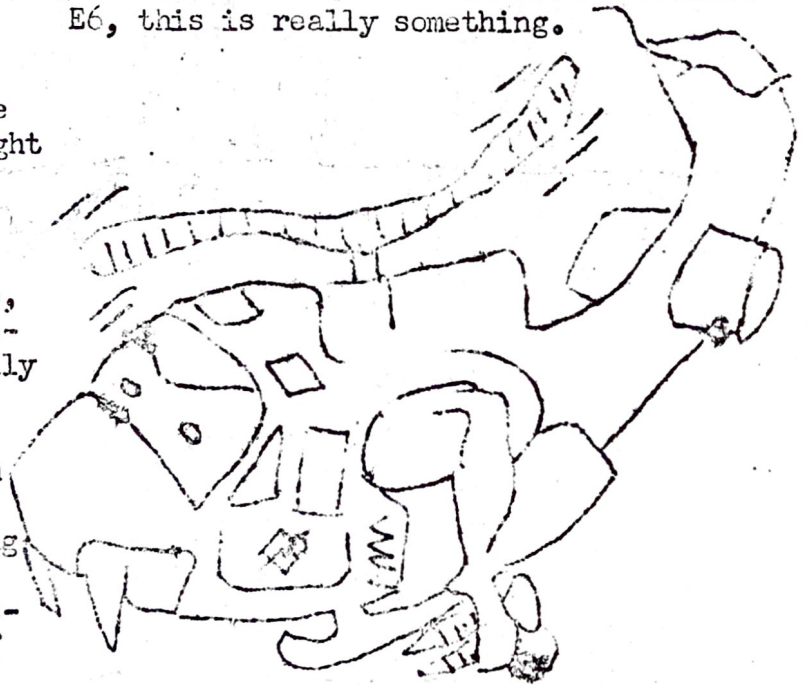
Our congratulations to Mr Doane, Daus, Murrietta and Russo for getting AC orders. Also in the Air War everyone has a empty baggage compartment now, right Rop. Say, Mr Doane what happened to your Batman comic book the other day? Sp4 King has a booming Taxi Service between Ops and the RRF area. Sp4 "Animal" Grimes shocked everyone the other day "Shined Boots". We have 2 Medics from Battalion with us, they've been so busy that they read Encyclopedia Brittanica from cover to cover. Sp5 Tilton came back from the hospital and we sent out Sp4s Johnson and thornhill to take his place. Sp5

Caputo was high Crewchief of the month of July. The first platoon is now marking their aircraft with white competition stripes on the tailboom and the second with red.

The big question is who stold C6 the other day? Bushmaster 6 is seen sporting a new 3/4.

Viper 16 is making the war serious again he never wears his soft cap. Viper 26 has recently completed a dangerous mission into enemy territory on a ship extraction of hex tent verandas. Captain Miller is trying to get used to things back in the world as he is having the aircraft parked diagonally. 1SG TURNER IS REALLY CRACKING THE WHIP IN THE REAR!!! Mix and Treat are still grinding those 13-52s. Mr Budda Ferguson appropriately made the new weight and balance officer.

On the serious side we want to welcome Major Anson D Bell to the company. He comes to us from Group, and this is his second tour in Vietnam. Also, we want to congratulate Sp6 Daniels on his new rank. Dan's going home next week, he came over a Pfc. It's taken Dan 18 months to make E6, this is really something.



"Fangs"

Major White, in ceremonies this past week, officially turned the company over to Major Allan. He will be joining his wife and children and will be settling for a tour at Ft Stewart, Georgia. As much as we are looking forward to working for Major Allan, we hate to see Major White leave us.

Also leaving us is our XO, Major Acosta. Taking over his position will be Captain Hamilton. The smiling face of Major Acosta will be missed by all. He'll be heading for Ft Wolters, Texas and with him go our

best wishes of luck.

A hearty welcome goes out to our new 2nd flight platoon NCO, Sfc Cotton. His last duty station was Ft Rucker, Alabama. Welcome aboard Sarge.

CWO Gruetzmacher has left the 2nd platoon and is now working with the beach boys in Papa Tango.

Rejoining the company after a two month R&R and/of recuperation from an appendix operation is Sp4 Quimby better known to the Fangs as the oldest Pfc in the Army. Welcome back old boy. May your guns never cease fire!

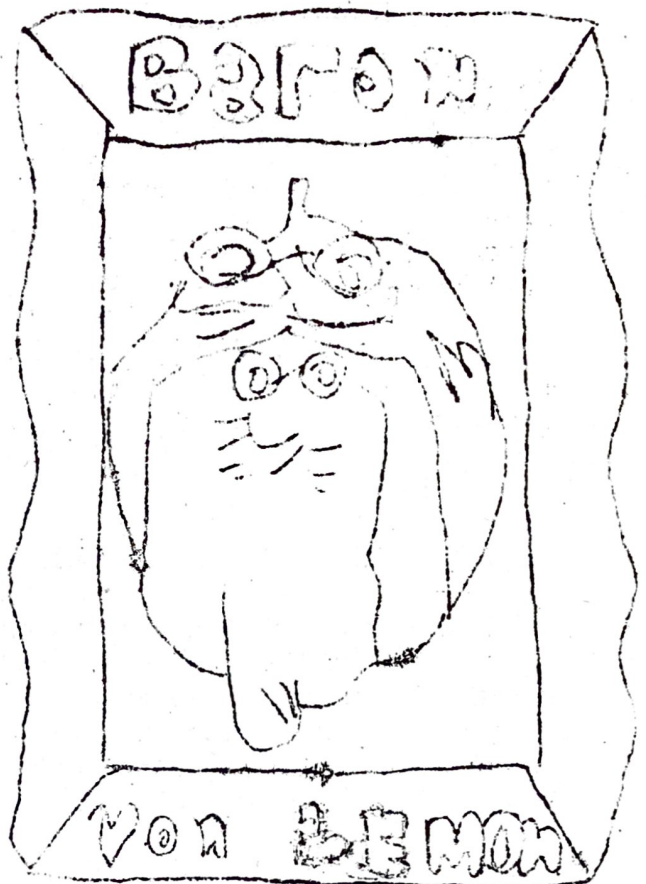
We would like to congratulate the following Fangs for honors received in ceremonies last week.

- Major White - Bronze Star
- Major Acosta - Bronze Star
- Major Canfield - Bronze Star
- Captain Thorne - Bronze Star
- CWO Gruetzmacher - DFC w/cluster
- 1Sg Copeland - Bronze Star
- Sfc Rice - Bronze Star
- Sp5 Overholt - ARCOM

ON GUARD

The Fangs having dealt with and smothered numerous smoldering situations are frequently faced with yet another death defying situation. While performing the all encompassing duties called for by the ORF we are forced by circumstances to endure far more dangerous hazards than ever before encountered. We have been dining with the wrecking crew from Gunslinger in the snake mess hall. The Gunslingers, holding true to form, have making considerable progress in the wreckage of the Snakes' dining tables. Congratulations are in order to the snake mess crew for continuous operation even under this massive onslaught!!

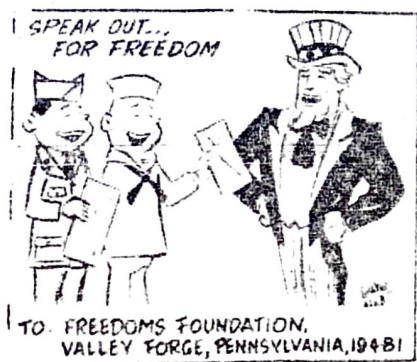
.....It's doubtful that we will ever see quite as sinister a smile as that worn by Captain Thorne on his recent return from R&R.



This week's Von Lemmon Award goes to Sgt "Strac" Maroney. This true, hard core, member of the First Team (28 months worth) has always displayed a high amount of professionalism and organizational abilities.....But wait, can it be our "hero" has cracked up after his recent leave. Recently the Supply Room has been mentioned only in whispers, strange tales discribing disorder are in the air. It is reported that Pfc Peterson has been pulling details just to stay away. Recently I even heard "Tony" now whines to get out of the supply room, preferring to sleep under a greasy truck.....Hark!! Our Hero is still not taken the count of ten, soon to open is the Supply Room A-Go-Go, complete with air-conditioned recording room. Hang in there Mike, you'll make it.



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TRUNKY

Pfc John Hayes, HHC's answer to "Twiggy", was the center of attention last week at the Red Cross Recreation Center. Of course, what GI wouldn't be wearing a mini-skirt, complemented by lipstick and eye shadow. The Donut Dollys used him for a mannequin as part of a fashion show and dressed him up so that she looked great. Formal greetings are not necessary for Pfc's, but we should make an exception and sound off with a "Hi Cutie" when we see him.

STRANGE THINGS ARE HAPPENING

We in HHC who are sociologists, psychologists, yo-yo yuks-yuks, wierdo watchers, or otherwise perverted, are very fortunate to have many subjects close at hand to study. The following are the men who stood out from the crowd this week and what they did.

Lt Georgecink - Bared from the Song Ba River area for fishing with Frag Grenades.

Cpt Harris - While recreating a "Mad Minute" taped on the Green Line by Lt Georgecink almost succeeded in bringing in friendly HE on the billets area.

Sp5 Davis - Successfully demonstrated a new plastic "instant cast" for field use. If you see a strange silhouette of a man some night with an oversized arm sticking straight out, don't worry, it's only Fred hunting for a medic to get that thing off. When last seen, his arm was awfully blue.

Sp4 Dolge - In his excitement about going home, spent half a day trying to clear the Officer's Mess.

"DEAR CRABBY"

Dear Crabby,

I've been in Vietnam for 11 months and haven't had a date with a blonde in all that time. What's wrong? - Sp5 Wilson

Dear "What's Wrong",

Check your deodorant.

Dear Crabby,

How come a lousy no-talent broad like you gets a column in a swell paper like this? - Anonymous

Dear Mous,

May the Bluebird of happiness peck your eyes out.

Dear Crabby,

How can I get the guy who writes our column to keep my name out of print? It's getting so I have to hide every Saturday. - Sp5 Davis

Dear Davis,

Hide Sunday thru friday, or if that doesn't work, put WP in his tooth paste.

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

This week's Article of the week award goes to you guessed it, HHC. Although there may be question about the mental health of the individual who writes this "article", which is HHC's pride, such originality is unmatched (thank heaven). No matter what this individual's status is, whether he be a whould be recluse or a one time Mad Magazine Writer, is in all seriousness, very talented.



ICELANDIC EYEFUL - The costume may not be right for the weather in Iceland, but it certainly shows why Gudrun Petursdottir was chosen to represent her country in the 1967 Miss Universe competition.