

# THE FLYING TIGERS



VIET NAM

66-67-68















# FOR GOD



Major Lawrence R. Moyer



Captain Jay A. Mitchell



Gunnery Sergeant  
Clement F. Lajeunesse

THIS BOOK IS REVERENTLY DEDICATED  
TO THOSE OF OUR COMRADES WHO DID NOT  
RETURN.

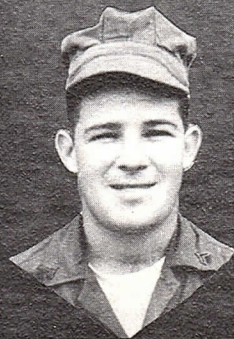
THESE BRAVE MEN SELFLESSLY GAVE  
THEIR LIVES IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM.  
THEIRS WAS THE ULTIMATE DEVOTION TO  
DUTY.

WE GRIEVE OUR LOSS . . . . .

Sergeant Clarence I. Henry

Corporal James M. Akstin

Corporal William F. Clover






# AND COUNTRY



Lord, guard and guide the men who fly,  
Through the great spaces of the sky,  
Be with them always in the air,  
In darkening storms or sunlight fair,  
O hear us when we lift our prayer,  
For those in peril in the air.



Pictures not available:  
Captain Tucker Looney  
Captain Gary Porter  
First Lieutenant William H. Gottschalk  
Second Lieutenant John D. Merriman  
Sergeant Adam E. Wersching

Corporal  
Richard C. Langsjoen

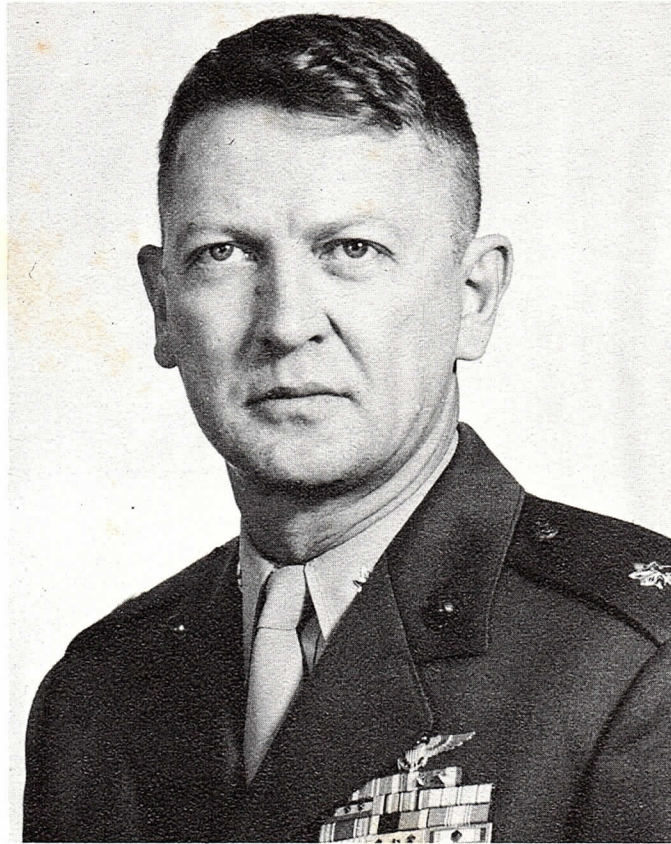
Lance Corporal  
Michael D. Laymon





# COMMANDING OFFICER

## 7 July 1966 - 15 June 1967



Lt. Col. Ural W. Shadrick

Lt. Col. Shadrick joined HMM-262 as our "Skipper" on 7 July 1966. Within a month after he assumed command, the squadron lost 80% of its enlisted men and 20% of its officers due to personnel transfers.

His job, just prior to deployment, was made that much harder by aircraft modifications, flight training programs, and last minute rotation of squadron personnel. Throughout this period of confusion and disorder, he skillfully managed the squadron with a firm but gentle hand, and prepared it for deployment to Vietnam.

Not once did a day pass when he did not have a kind word and a warm smile for his men. His daily stroll throughout the squadron area with words of encouragement and praise kept morale high even when times seemed the hardest.

Upon reaching Vietnam he continued to shine as an outstanding officer and fellow Marine. He led us into combat on the hard ones, and he led us in believing that we were the "best". And we were!

He made us believe in ourselves as men and Marines in work and in play. He truly inspires that little extra effort that we were always able to muster up. Our "Skipper" was a real leader of men. And we were proud to call him OUR leader.



# COMMANDING OFFICER

15 June 1967 -----



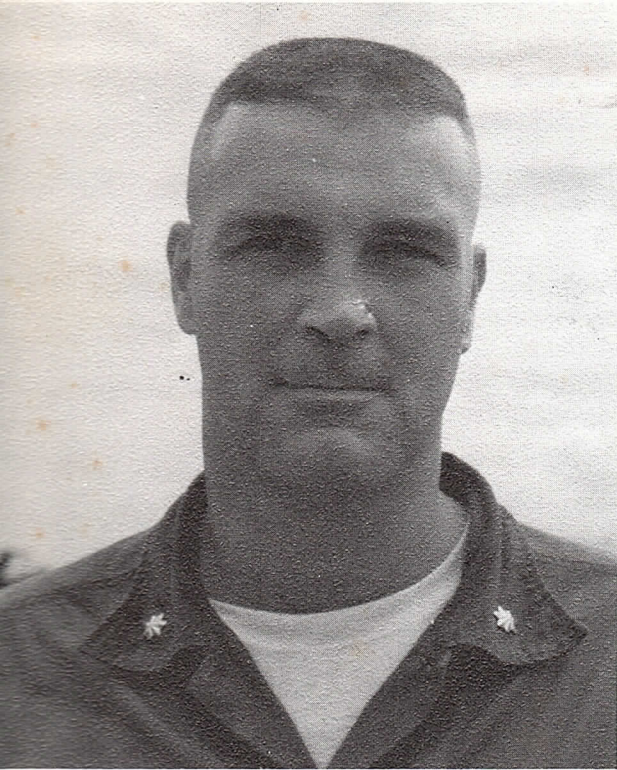
Lt. Col. Gregory A. Corliss

The pages of this book contain a pictorial record of a year of difficult and rewarding duty . . . . . a year that will have a profound influence on the rest of our lives. It is with deep pride and knowledge of important Squadron accomplishments that I look back on this past year and remember the big troop lifts, the recon inserts and extracts, the armed assaults against fortified positions, monsoon weather and the enemy fire we often encountered.

Our reputation as "PROFESSIONALS" was achieved as a result of being able to work as a team. Not everyone could be a crew member, but through the sustained superior performance by all Squadron members we accounted for a high number of mission successes.

It has been an honor to serve with you, for it was each of you who made the name "262" stand for professional combat excellence.





EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Maj. John W. Alber

SERGEANT MAJOR  
SGT. Maj. Ralph B. Home





# OFFICERS



AUGUST — 1967



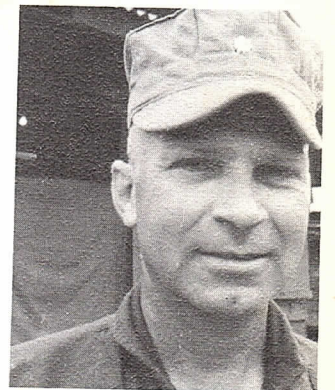
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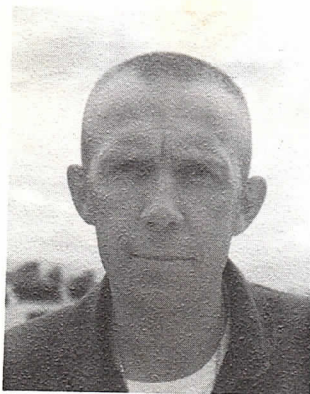
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Maj. B. T. Ladd



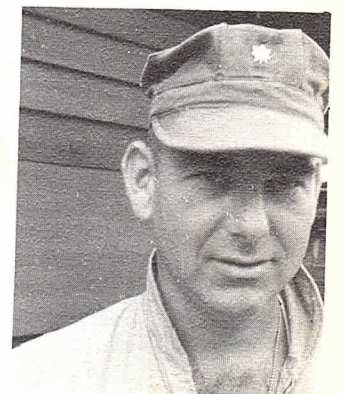
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Capt. W. M. Barba



Capt. G. H. Carden  
Capt. J. R. Chapman, Jr.  
Capt. J. L. Connolly  
Capt. R. E. Conroy



Capt. T. R. Dremann  
Capt. E. E. Exum  
Capt. R. L. Gatewood  
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Capt. J. R. Griffin  
Capt. D. R. Hamill  
Capt. J. W. Hogue  
Capt. P. S. Johnston



Capt. W. A. Julian  
Capt. R. J. Kalata  
Capt. J. L. Kirschnik  
Capt. G. W. Linn







Capt. P. R. Mattex  
 Capt. D. B. McLaurin  
 Capt. J. E. Murphy  
 Capt. J. W. Nall



Capt. T. F. O'Malley  
 Capt. J. D. Purdy  
 Capt. W. J. Sambito  
 Capt. V. S. Senkus



Capt. G. L. Sepulvada  
 Capt. T. D. Sheary  
 Capt. W. A. Vecchitto  
 Capt. J. R. Wilkie, Jr.



Capt. R. F. Yeager  
 1/Lt. R. L. Byrnes  
 1/Lt. J. A. Cooper  
 1/Lt. S. B. Dickey



1/Lt. T. R. Edmunds  
 1/Lt. D. L. Fogg  
 1/Lt. P. E. Gates  
 1/Lt. P. C. James



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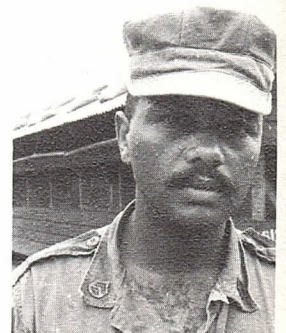
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 WO1 I. W. Kuni  
 Lt. C. H. Bercier, USN  
 A. J. Squared-Away, USMC



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## STAFF

MSGT H. J. Christensen  
 Avionics NCOIC  
 MSGT H. R. Dalzell  
 Maint. Control Chief  
 MSGT L. N. Karr  
 Q.C. NCOIC  
 GYSGT F. B. Douglass  
 S-4 NCOIC



GYSGT E. E. Exton  
 Metal Shop NCOIC  
 GYSGT P. R. Marquis  
 Avionics ANCOIC  
 GYSGT R. E. Mulcahy  
 S-1 NCOIC  
 GYSGT P. J. Petty  
 Line Chief







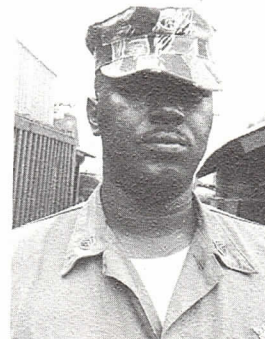
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Q.C.



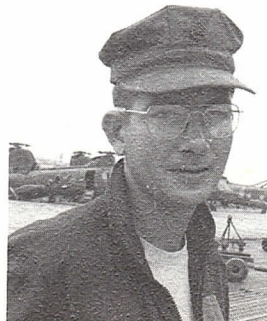
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Q.C.



SSGT R. Dias  
Line  
SSGT D. L. Evans  
S-3 NCOIC  
SSGT A. O. Felder  
Line: Sec. Ldr.  
SSGT J. E. Holley  
Asst. Line Chief



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SSGT W. M. Lathery  
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SSGT H. R. Little  
Q.C.  
SSGT C. W. Miller  
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Night Crew NCOIC  
SSGT R. E. Partridge  
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SSGT C. A. Riner  
Avionics  
SSGT R. Rivas  
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 SSGT E. R. Smith  
 Natops NCOIC  
 SSGT R. Thomas  
 Crew Chief  
 SSGT J. E. Whalen, Jr.  
 Paraloft NCOIC



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 Motor 'T'  
 SGT F. Acuna  
 Metal Shop  
 SGT J. R. Anderson  
 Crew Chief  
 SGT D. G. Bain  
 S-4



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 Armory  
 SGT R. L. Brooks  
 Crew Chief  
 SGT P. G. Burke, Jr.  
 S-2  
 SGT M. F. Byokawski  
 Avionics



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Crew Chief



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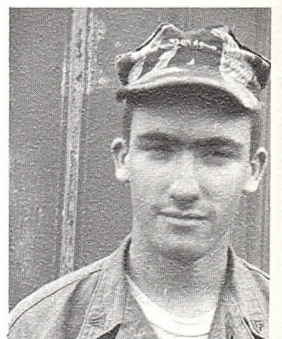
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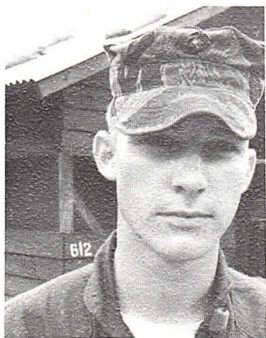
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Crew Chief



SGT R. J. Taimanglo  
Avionics  
SGT G. A. Walick  
S-1  
SGT J. A. White  
Crew Chief  
SGT P. D. Williams  
Metal Shop



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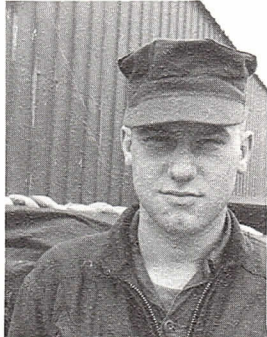




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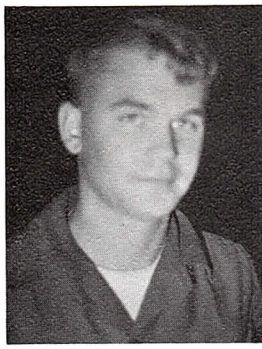
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CPL S. Henderson  
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CPL C. F. Johnson  
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CPL S. M. Linebaugh  
Paraloft



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Crew Chief  
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CPL E. G. O'Farrell  
Metal Shop







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CPL D. Schaefer  
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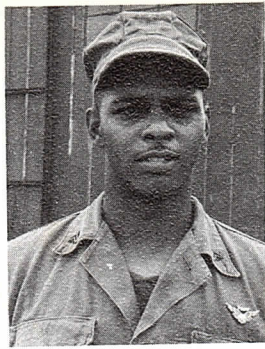
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Crew Chief



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Hydraulics  
CPL R. Ziska



L/CPL B. E. Andrews  
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L/CPL J. G. Coker  
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L/CPL R. P. Cortigine  
Ground Support



L/CPL E. L. Dalton  
Line  
L/CPL D. E. Davis  
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Line  
L/CPL E. Dutches  
Paraloft



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L/CPL E. Gomez  
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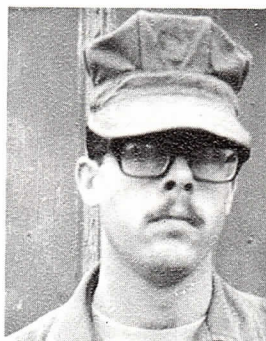
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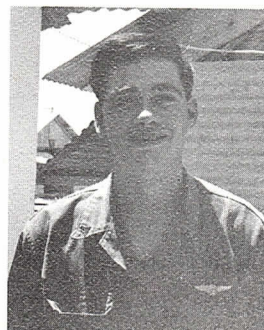
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L/CPL B. D. Ritchie  
Hydraulics



PFCL R. Berkery  
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PFCS C. Gebhardt  
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PFCD R. Muzingo  
S-4  
PFCS A. Verbeck  
Motor "T"



PVT J. E. Johnson  
Motor T  
PVT H. C. Schumm  
S-1  
HM-2 M. S. Williams, USN  
Corpsman





The following named personnel were not available for pictures, or their negatives were unprintable, or the editors didn't like them.

- D. F. Cors, 1/Lt.
- W. F. Waterbury, Capt.
- H. J. Atkinson, Sgt.
- J. R. Bernal, Sgt.
- G. C. Cronkright, L/Cpl.
- G. A. Dinger, Cpl.
- E. Escarsega, Sgt.
- B. W. Gray, SSgt.
- R. L. Harrison, Cpl.
- W. S. Jones, GySgt.
- M. G. Keegan, Sgt.
- D. Kircher, Sgt.
- L. J. Leger, L/CPL.
- L. H. Pietschmann, Cpl.
- J. Pillo, Jr., L/Cpl.
- P. Schimpf, Cpl.
- W. Yearick, Cpl.

We did not have individual pictures of either Capt. R. J. Richards or 1/Lt. S. C. Brown. This is the best we could do.



The advance party aboard the USNS CORE were as follows: Back row, L to R; Lt. Gates, Hacker, Ford, Hale, Cain, Ridgway, Davis, Farley, "Doc" Williams, Evans, Lt. Nelson. Front row; Johnson, Michaelson, Papageorge, Claybaugh, Cortigine, Grier, Leslie, Nix.



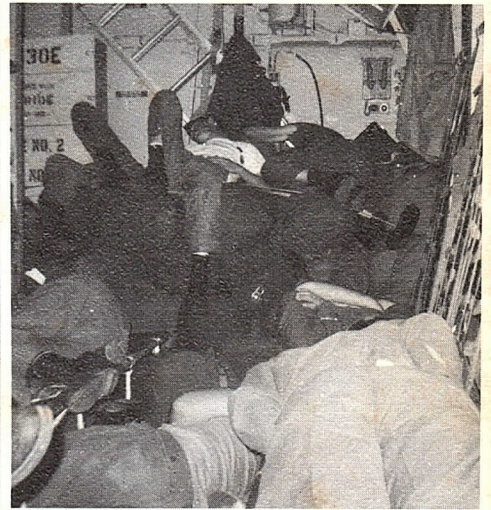
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The big luxurious "silver bird".



The spacious interior.

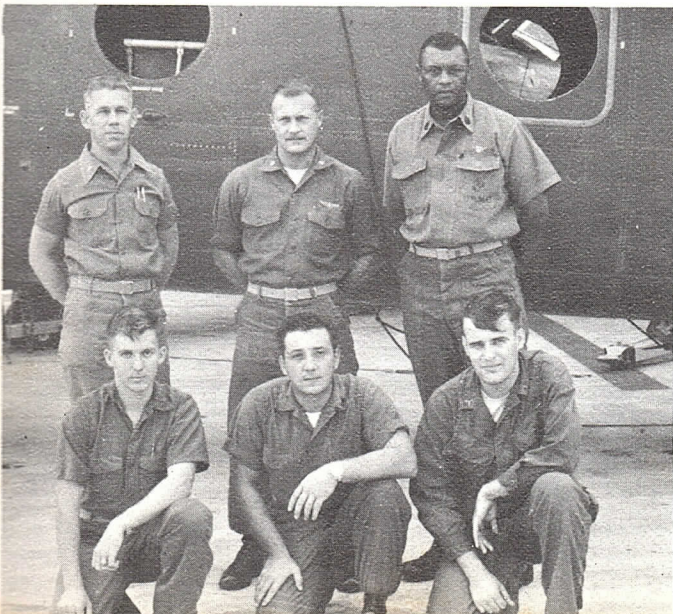


The sleeping berths left little to be desired . . well, not much anyway.

## SHOPS - DEPARTMENTS - SECTIONS



Operations Department

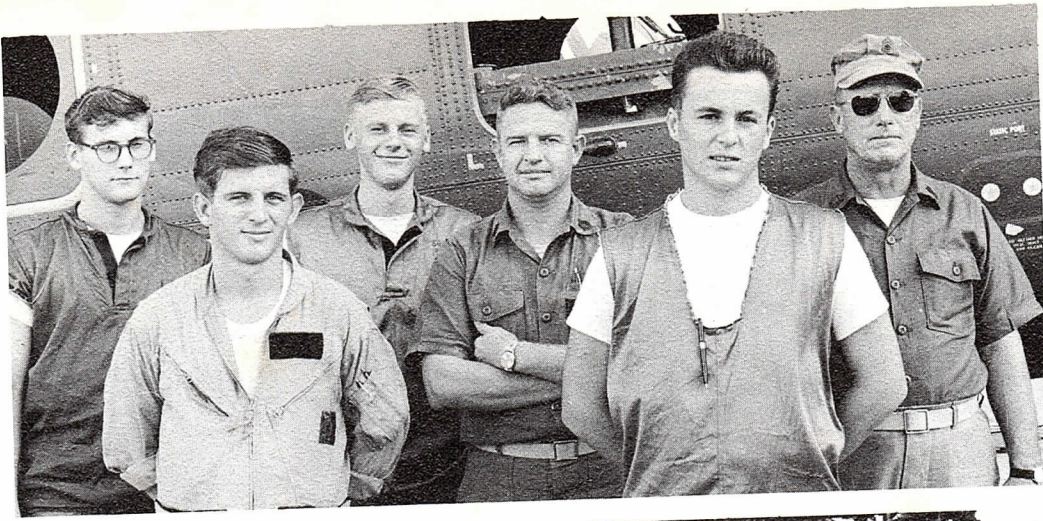


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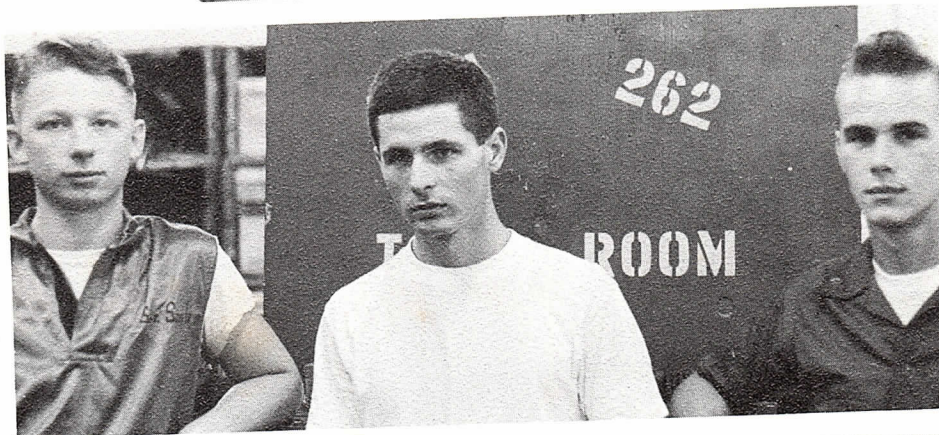




MAINTENANCE  
OFFICE



QUALITY ASSURANCE  
CONTROL



TOOL ROOM

MOTOR  
TRANSPORT







**SECTION I**  
Charlie's Mob.



**SECTION II**  
Big O's Boys



**CHECK CREW**  
Bob's Bunglers

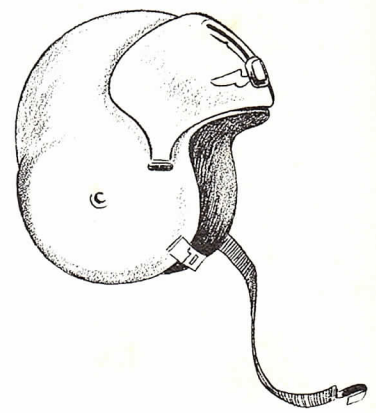
**NIGHT CREW**  
Nash's Night Specialists







**AVIONICS**  
 If we can't fix it,  
 it ain't broke!



**PARALOFT**  
 If your chute  
 don't open  
 bring it back  
 for a new one.



**METAL SHOP**  
 Exton's (HOLY) Angels

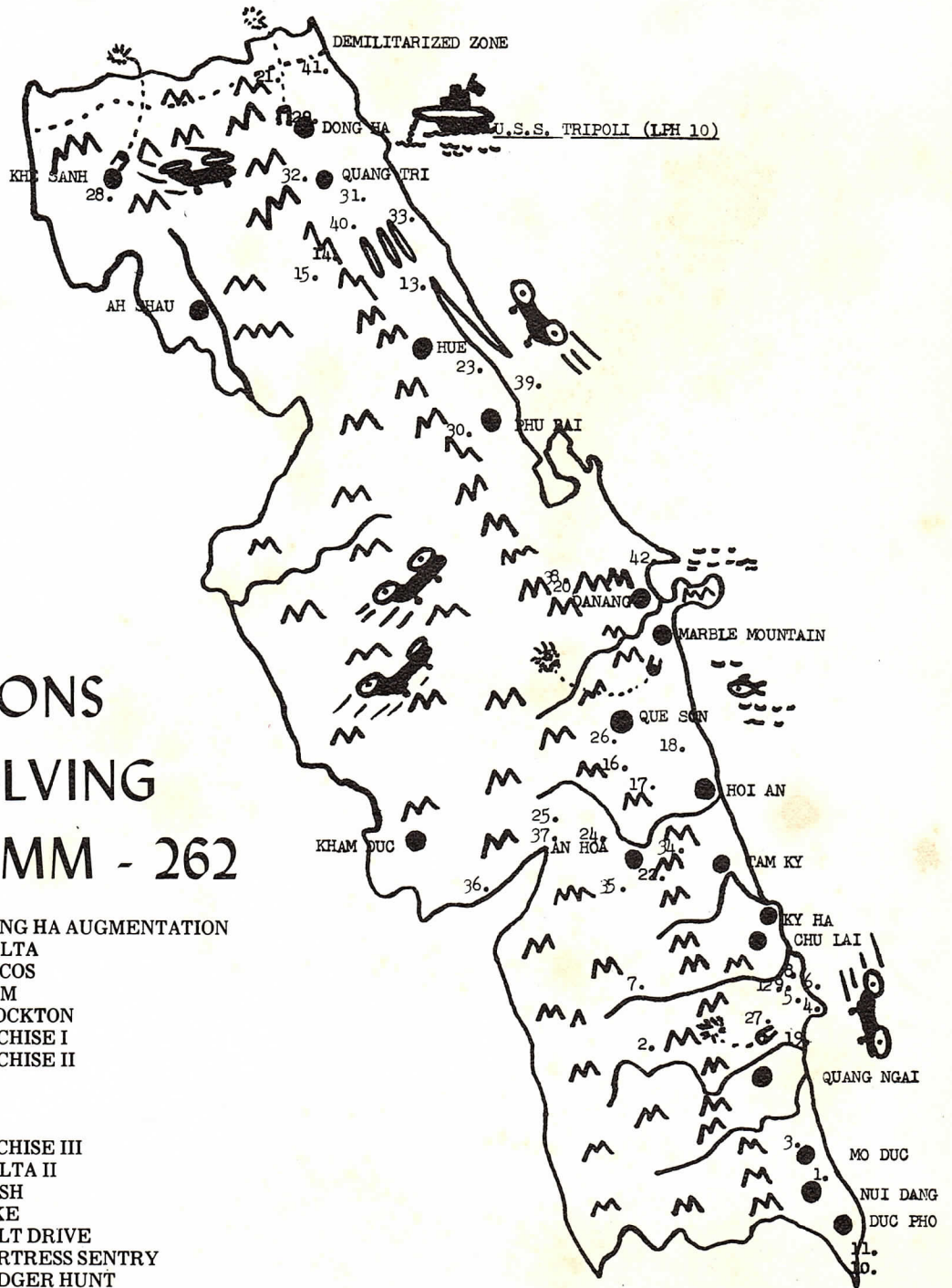


**HYDRAULICS SHOP**  
 Bailey's Bubble Chasers





# THE I CORPS, THE NOTHERN MOST AREA OF VIETNAM AND THE MARINE CORPS ASSIGNMENT



## LEGEND OF OPERATIONS INVOLVING HMM - 262

- SIERRA
- SEINE
- DESOTO
- ESTUARY
- INDEPENDENCE
- LIEN KET 78
- RIO GRANDE
- GIANT DRAGON
- LIEN KET 81
- DECKHOUSE 6
- PUEBLO
- LIEN KET 87
- CHINOOK
- SHAWNEE I
- SHAWNEE II
- UNION I
- UNION II
- GRANDE
- SEA DRAGON
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- ARIZONA
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- KHE SANH AUGMENTATION

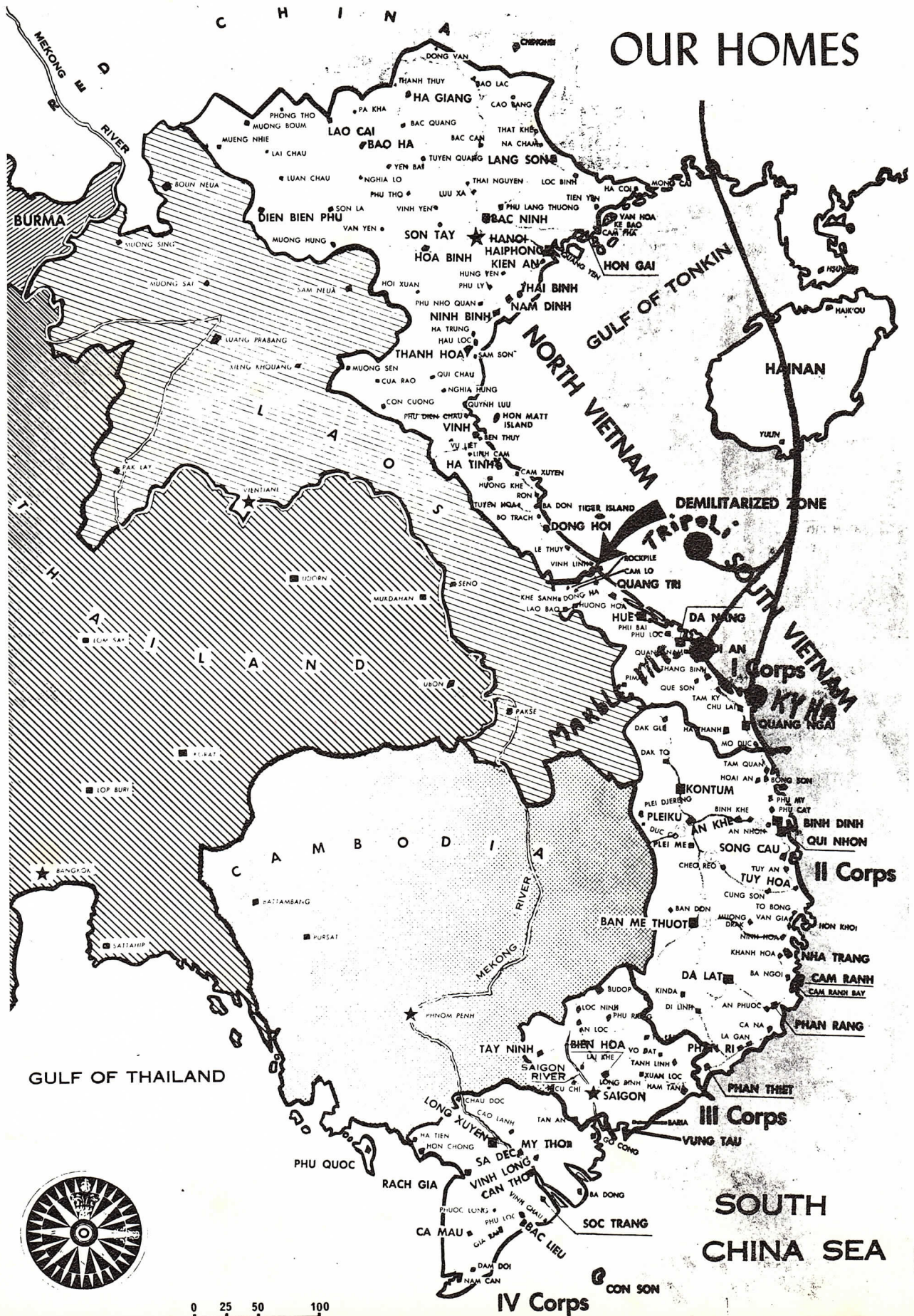
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- PIKE
- BELT DRIVE
- FORTRESS SENTRY
- BADGER HUNT



# TIGER COUNTRY

## OUR HOMES





# KY HA

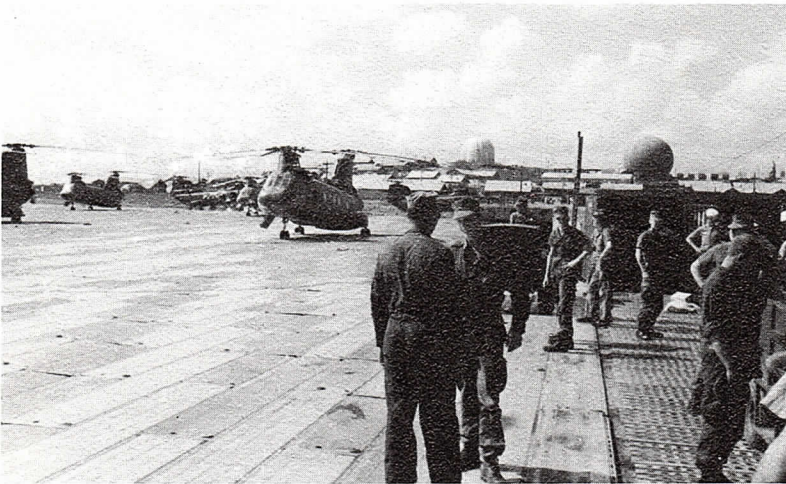
DEC '66 til APR. 67



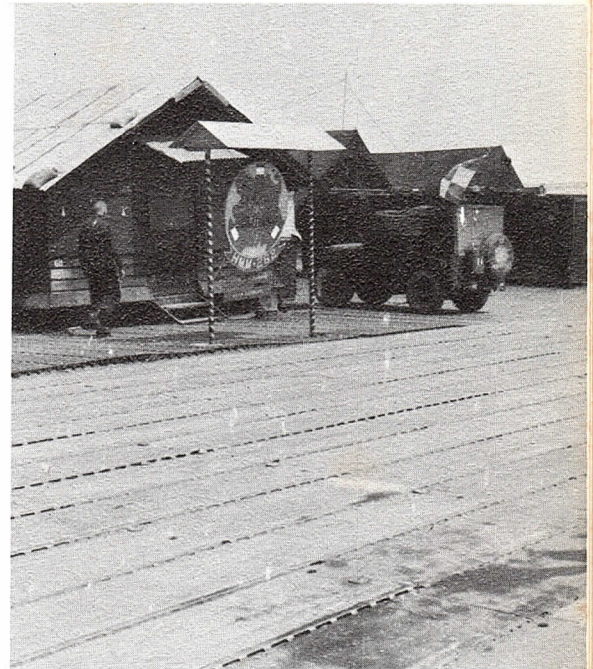
Coming Home



Going downtown



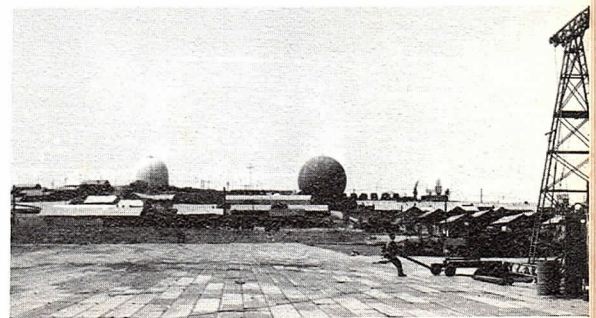
Stand by to stand by



SKIPPER'S INN



The flight line

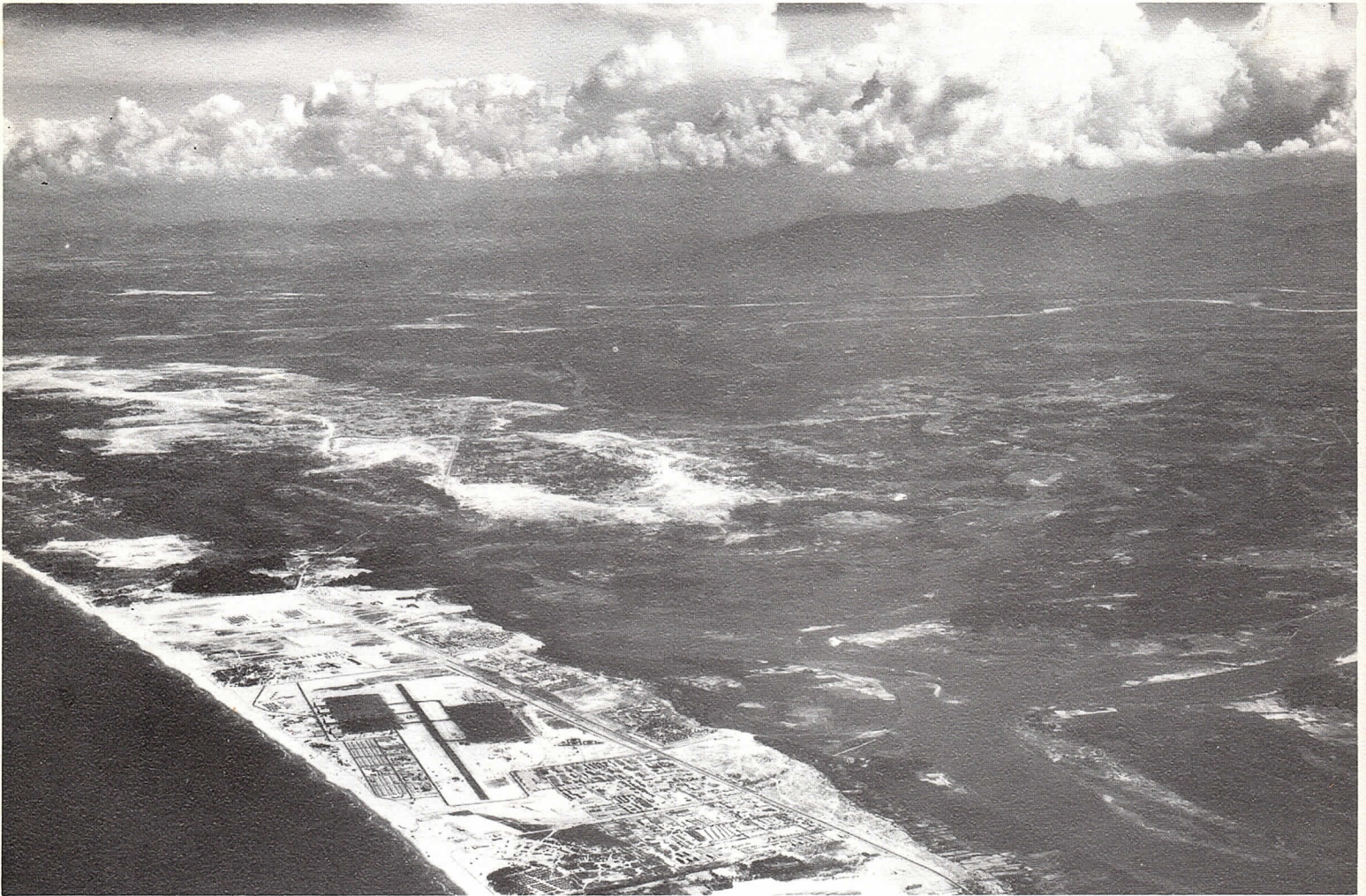


Looking West



# MARBLE MOUNTAIN

APRIL 67 — AUGUST 67



Turn up on the line



In for check



More aft transmissions?!!!

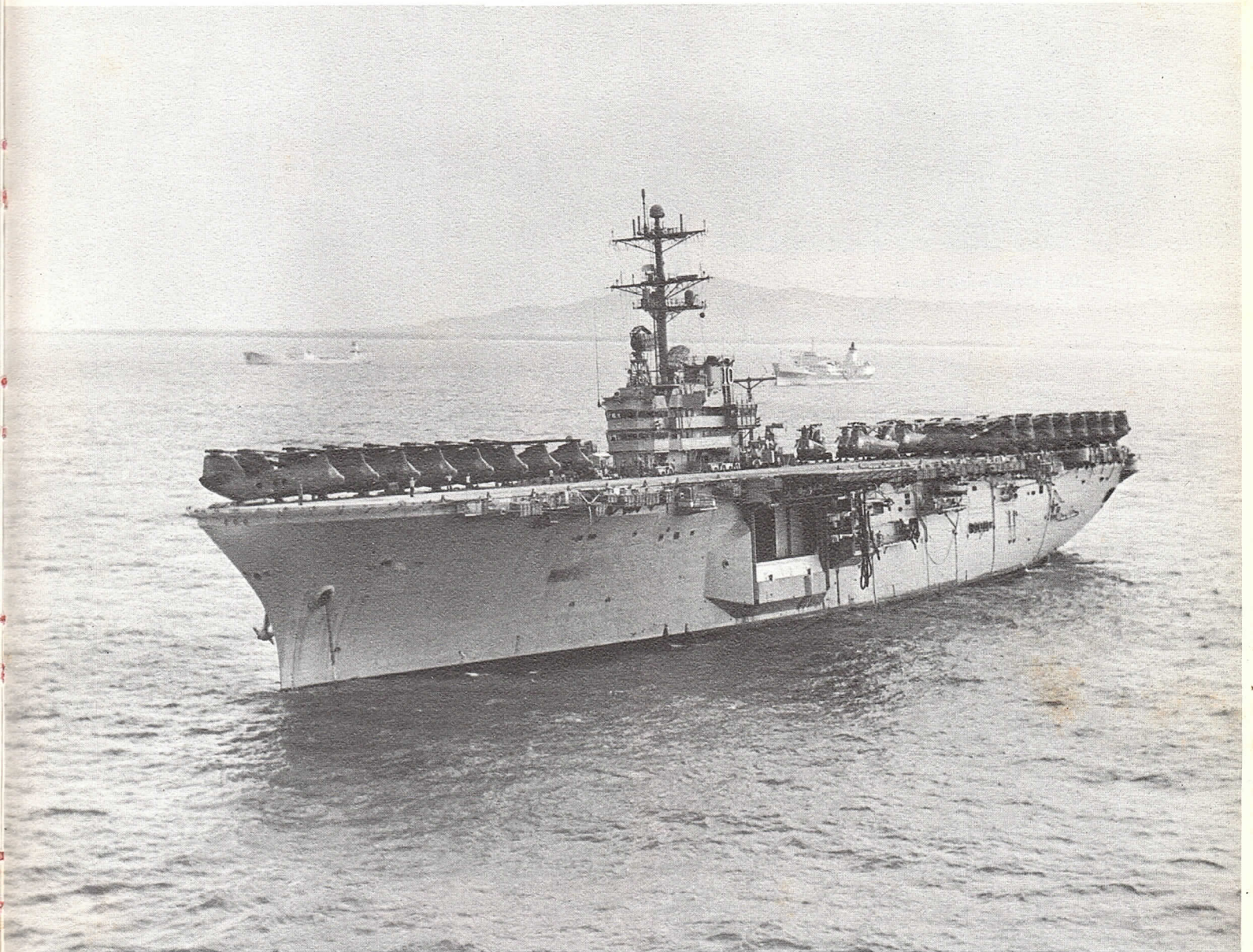


He says the water's not cold enough #\$\$\$\*""%\$#\*



# U.S.S. TRIPOLI: (LPH 10)

AUGUST 67-----



Going to Okinawa with 53 birds



THE MAINTENANCE BARBER SHOP



Living room, lounge, den, and bedroom, all in one!!



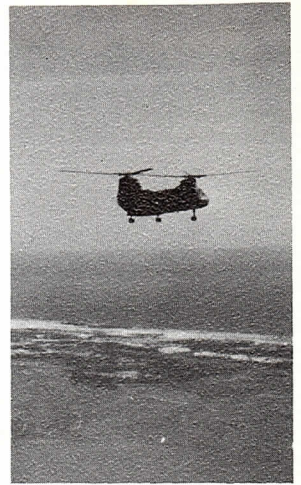
# THE BUSINESS END OF 262



First the guns and ammo



Follow the leader to the pick-up zone



Number 3 will follow.



PICK UP THE TROOPS



Into the landing zone



Ramp clear; Sir.





Landing zone prep



ROK Marines on the ground



How 'bout some fish oil?



Landing for resupply

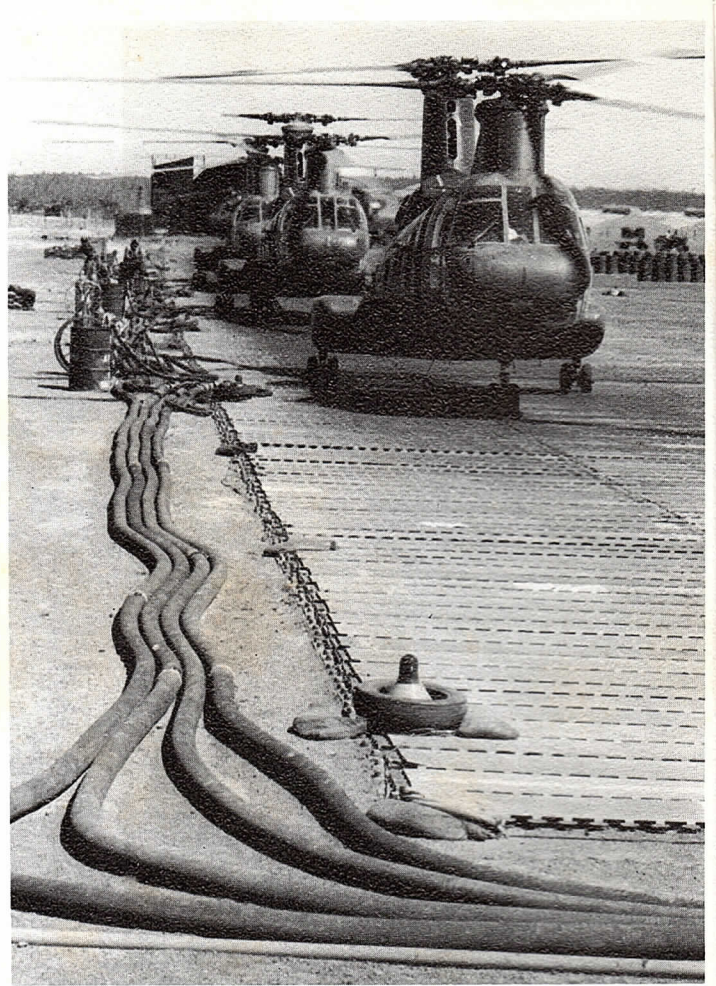
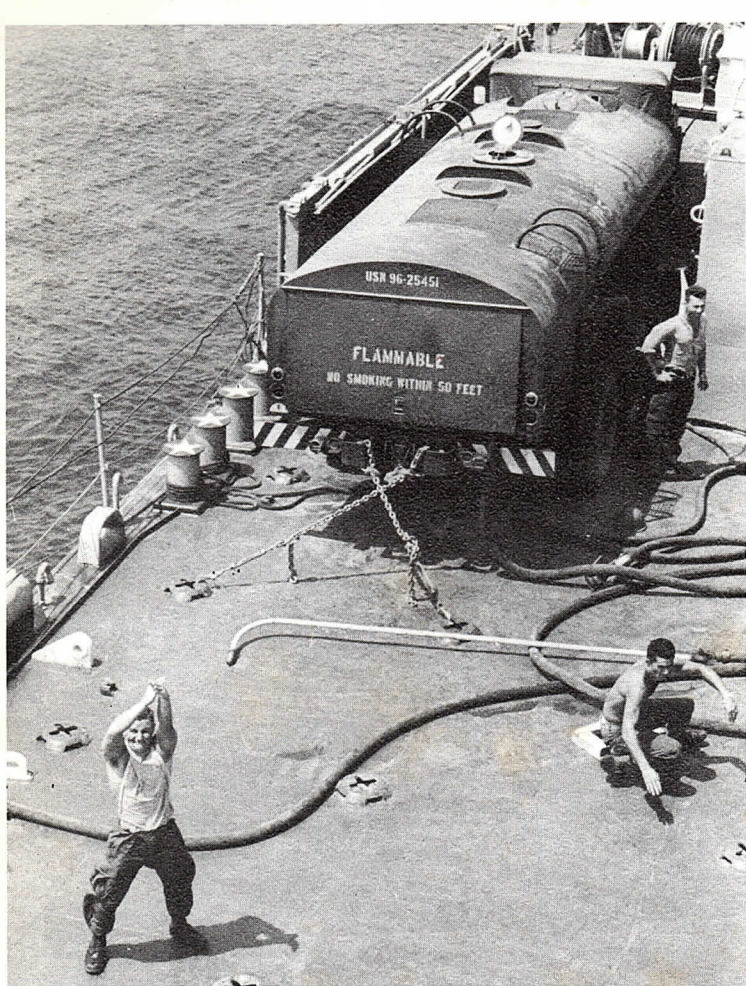


Externals at Nui Dang



A Crew Chief's view





Refueling on land or sea



Helping out a UH-34



A week's work up in smoke



More resupply





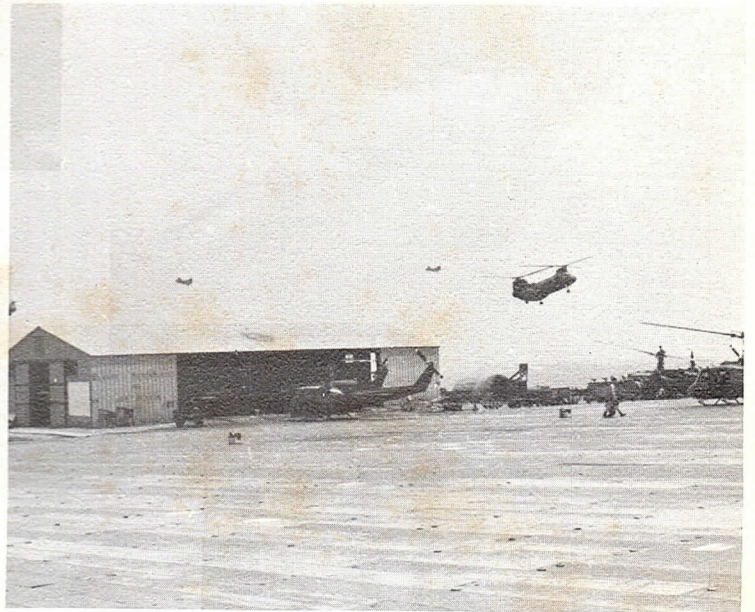
You don't hurry up and wait around here



Mission accomplished, let's go home



A 'HOT ONE', Stash???



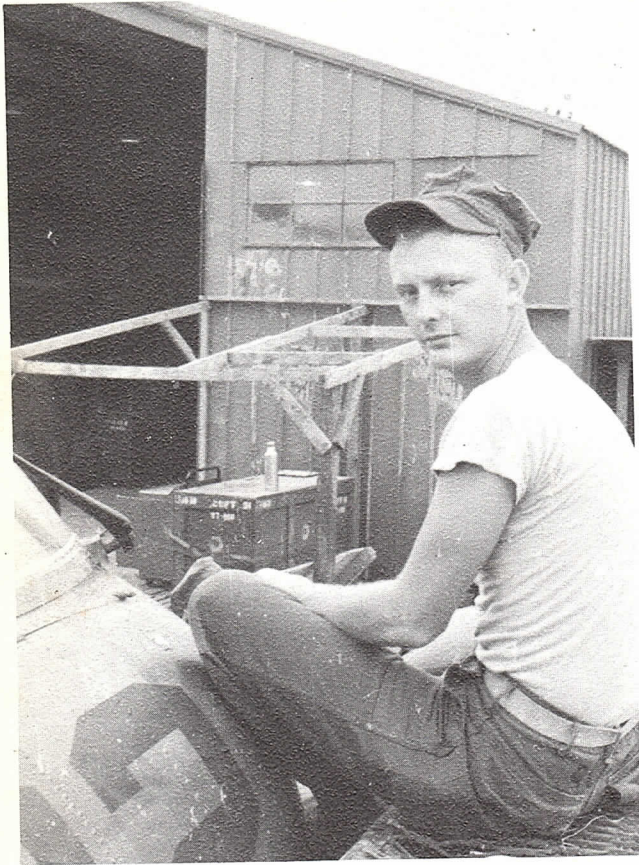
KY HA never looked so good



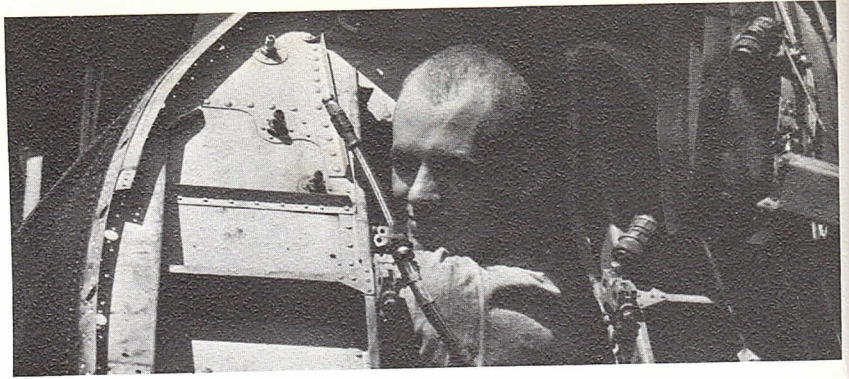
Hard landing lights???



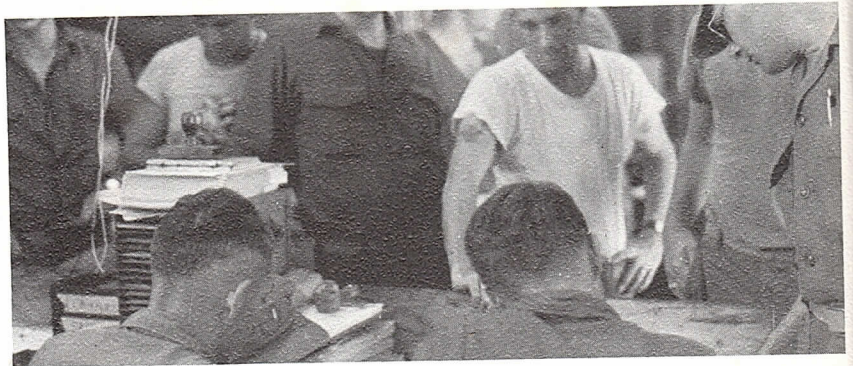
# AROUND THE FLIGHT LINE



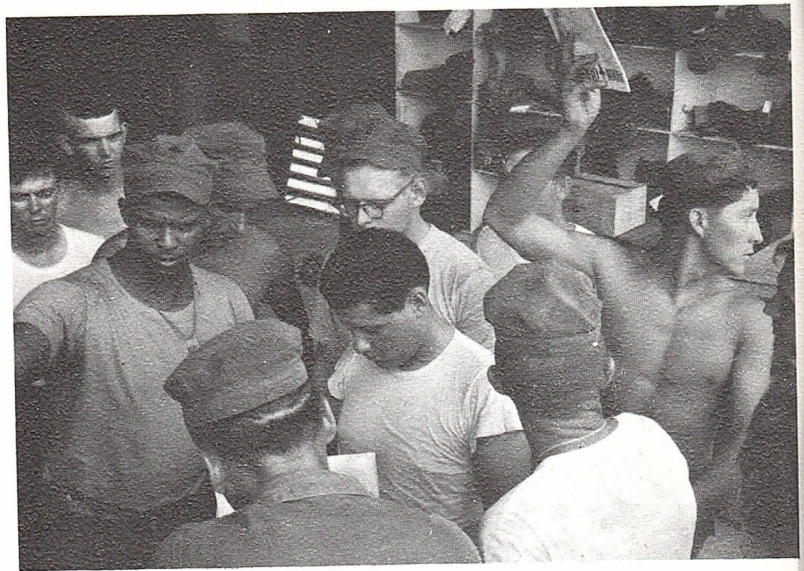
... And I wanted to be a metal smith?!!



In-volved in his work



PAY CALL!!!!



The mail is in.



Pilot and crew chief perform the essential pre-flight inspection

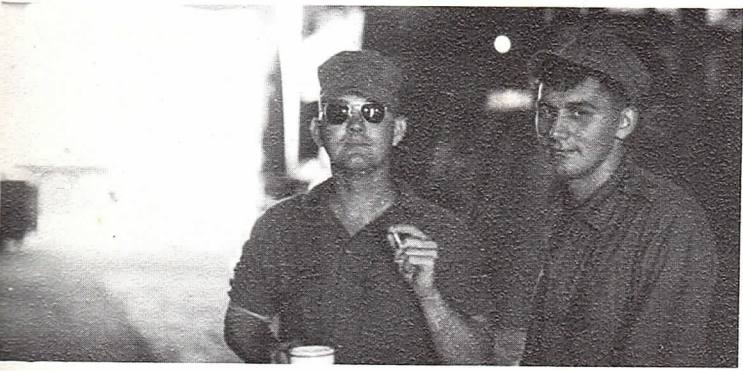




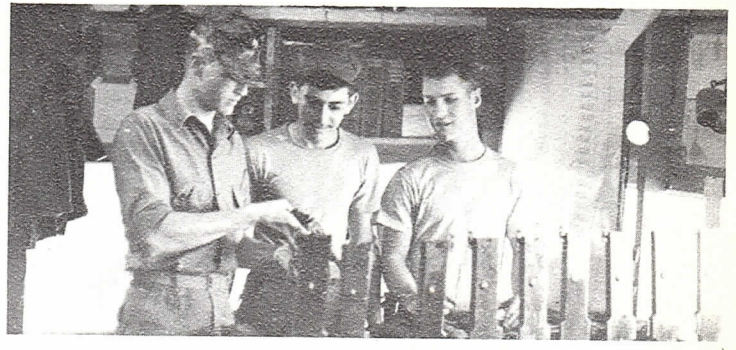
Come on out Buda, the HEAVIES are gone!



WAR IS HELL



NATOPS REQUIREMENT: 1 cup of coffee



Schade explains the M50 and its operation



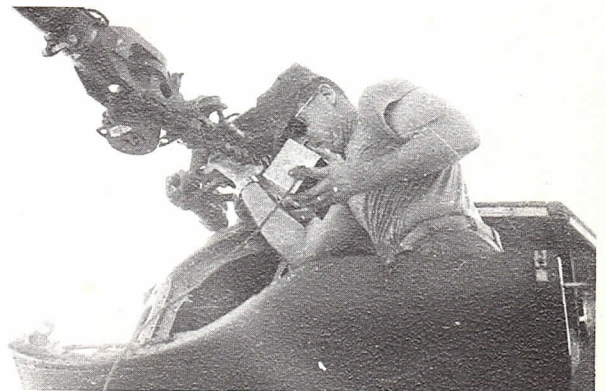
The R & R quotas are in



If at first you don't succeed get a bigger hammer

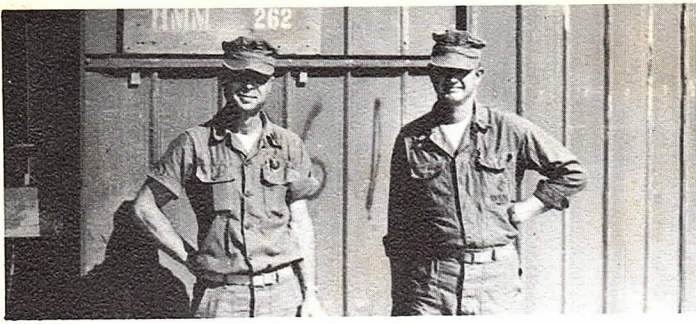


Changing blades AGAIN!!!



Cheating the blade fold mechanism

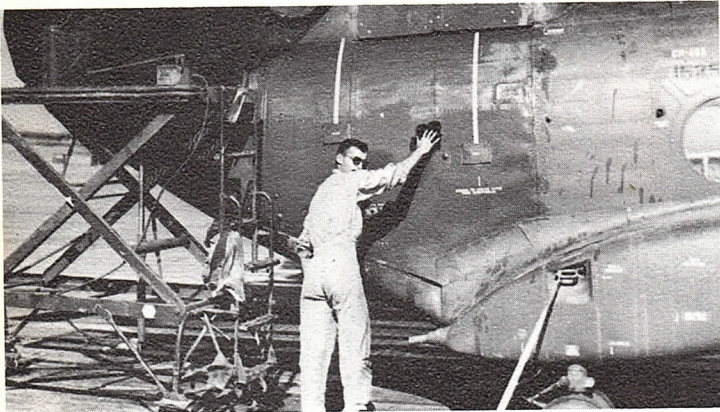




Welcome Home???



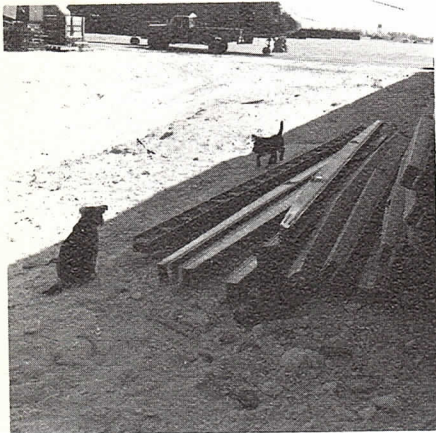
Back on the farm



#"? .c\*%\$XIp%& Ky Ha Dirt!!!



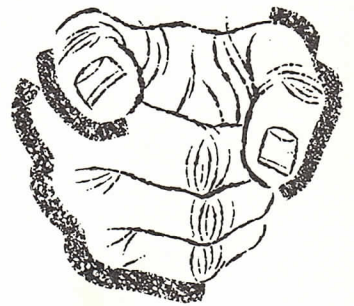
It looked easy back in school



Remember the pups?  
— Little Jim — Willie — Snoopy



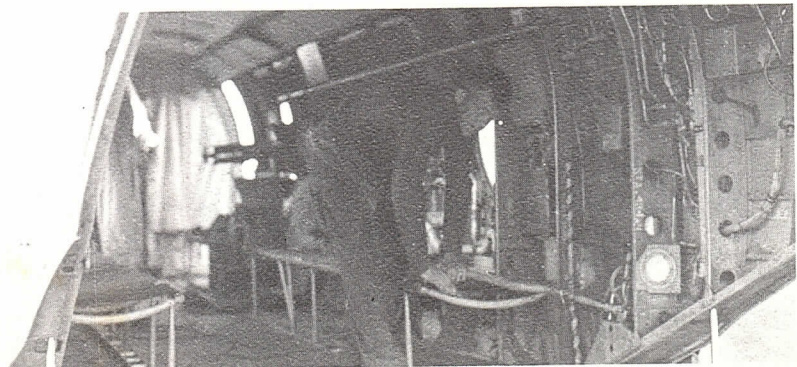
Call the Metal Shop ---- It has to be up by 0600



F.A.C. WANTS YOU



Cleaning the rotor blades



Pump, pump, pump!





Ready? Now lift.



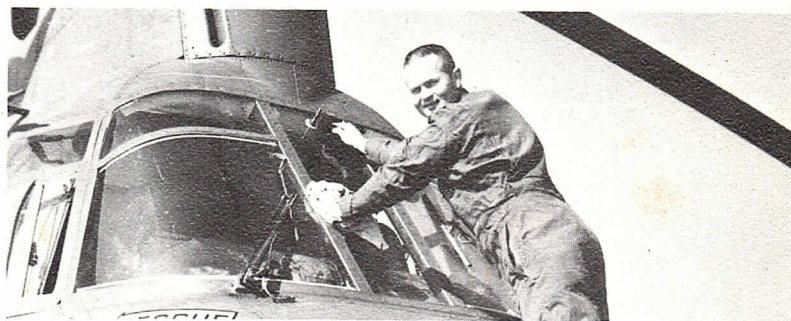
Off comes the rotor head



Better not forget that cover Mac.



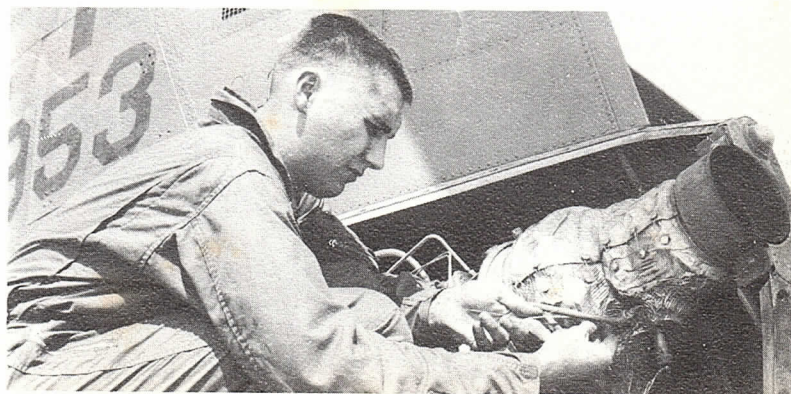
Ready APP: SIR.



They told me I was a gunner.



Ready one, Sir . . . . . READY ONE SIR!!



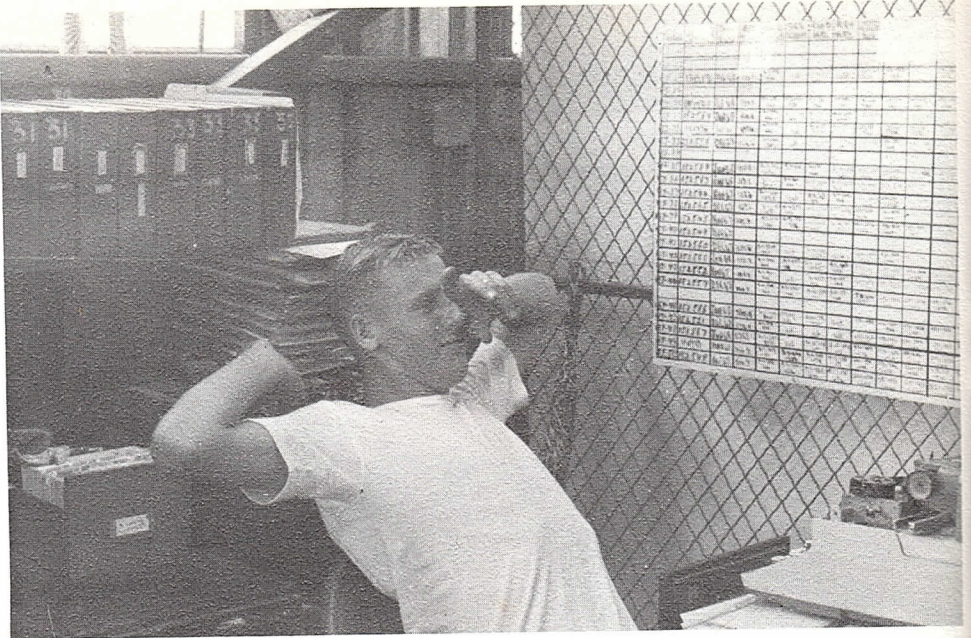
30 miles of safety wire.



# TIGERS AT PLAY



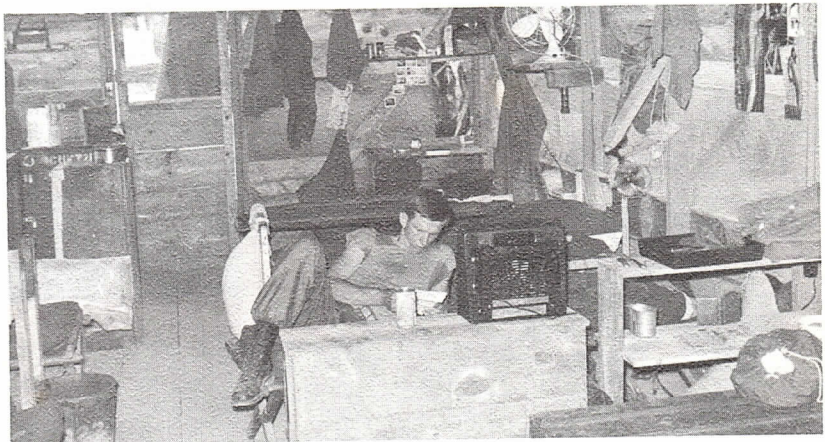
After 8 hrs. of flight time.



Another day's work finished.



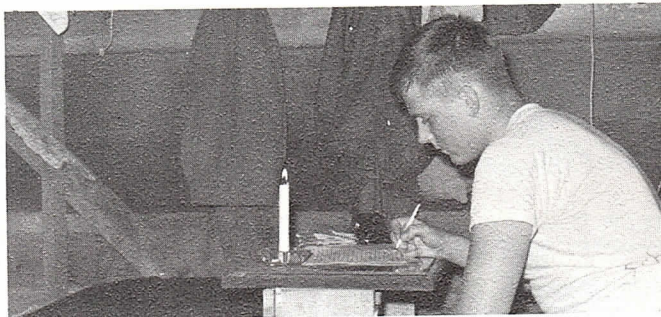
... or 12 hours in the Hydraulics Shop.



It's time to read a letter and relax.



What would we do without Acey Ducey?



... and to write a letter home.



38 After Vietnam I'll make someone a great wife!!

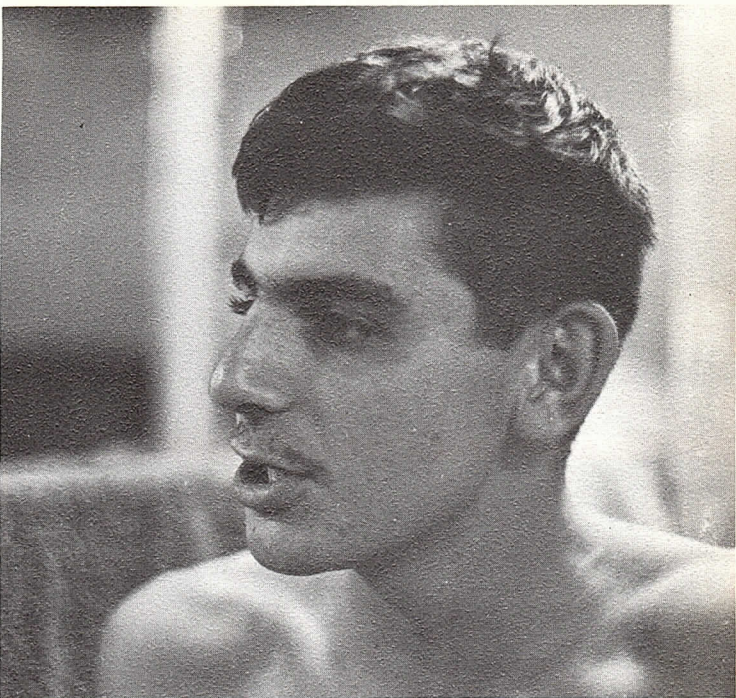


Featuring: "The Flying Herman", singing WE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE.





Where did my cookies go?



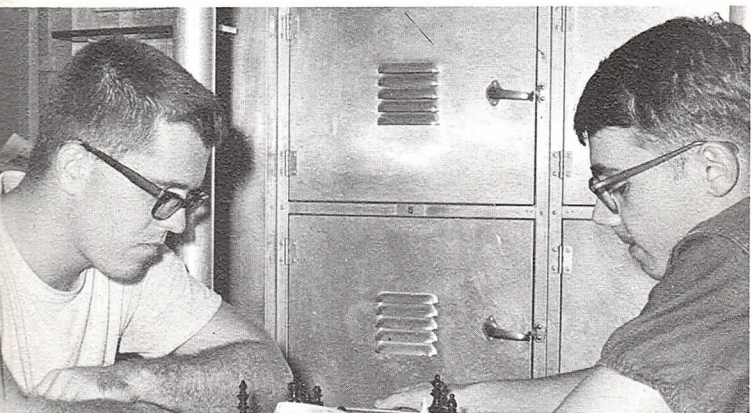
Those are NOT cookie crumbs on my moustache!



I'll bid 55



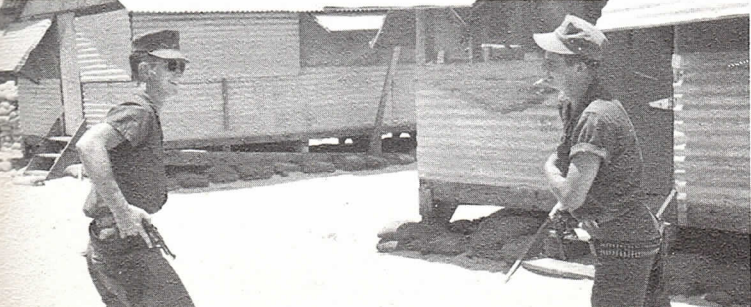
An orphanage in Danang.



Hey Wally, what happened to all your white men?



Don Hawkins, giving away toys and clothes from home.



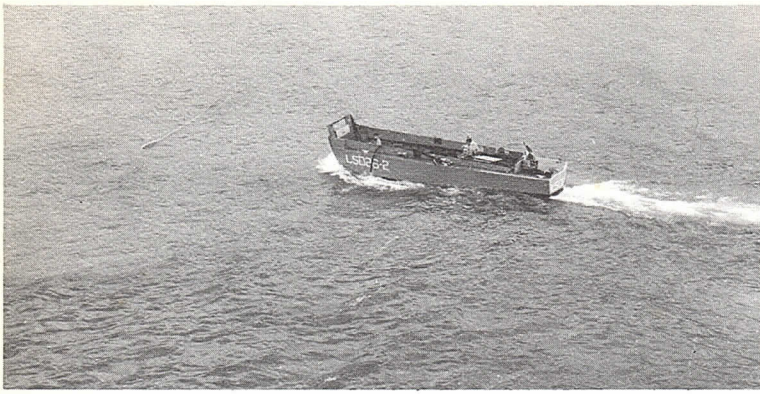
Show down at Marble Mountain

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Happiness is a liberty launch.



Olongapo, Olongapo, Oh how we loved you!!!



Happiness is friends, a club, and a can of beer.



Going to town at Ky Ha.



Happiness is being called Colonel.



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No basketball today.



The vill wasn't much but it was good to get off base.

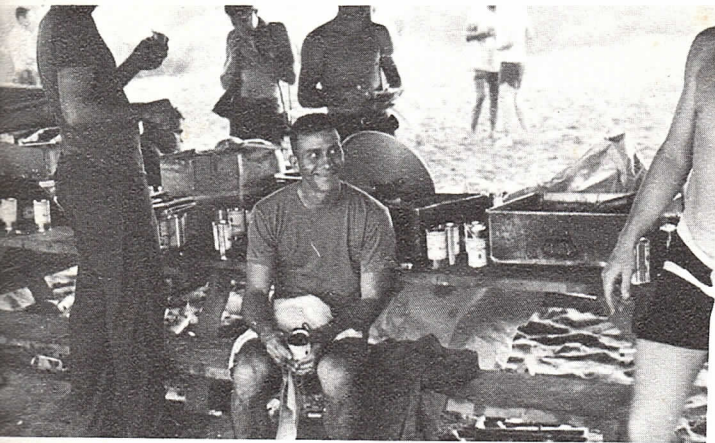




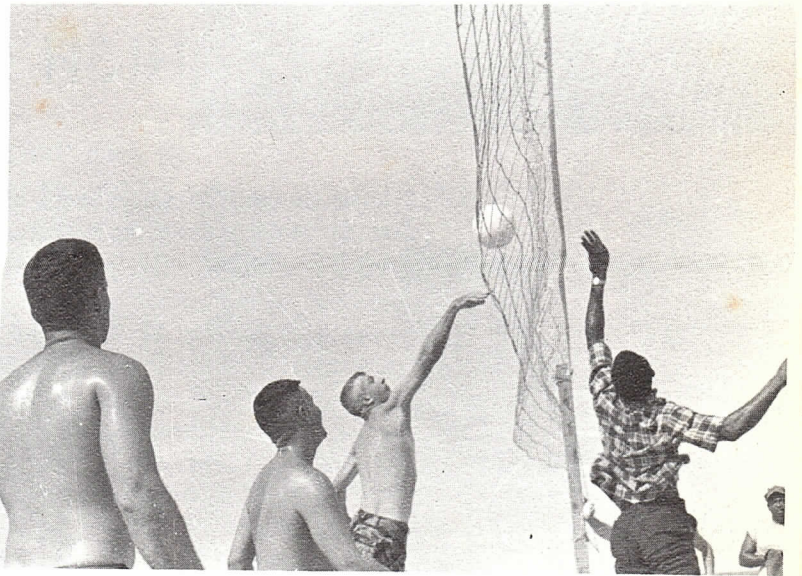
Happiness is stealing beer for a party.



A squadron party usually starts off quiet . . . . . but,



After a few beers . . . . .



a few volleyball games . . . .



a football game . . . .



and some chow . . . .

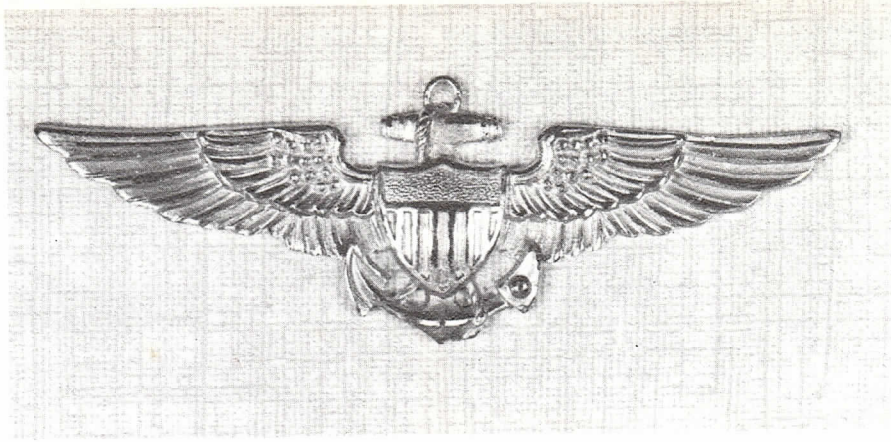


somebody usually gets wet!



And there goes the Colonel!!!





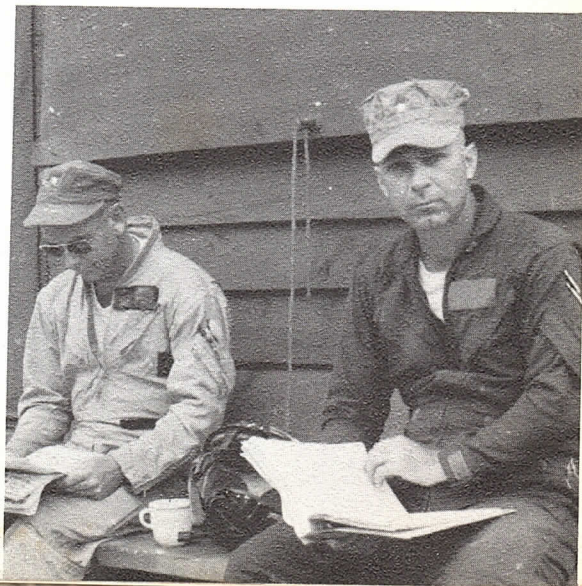
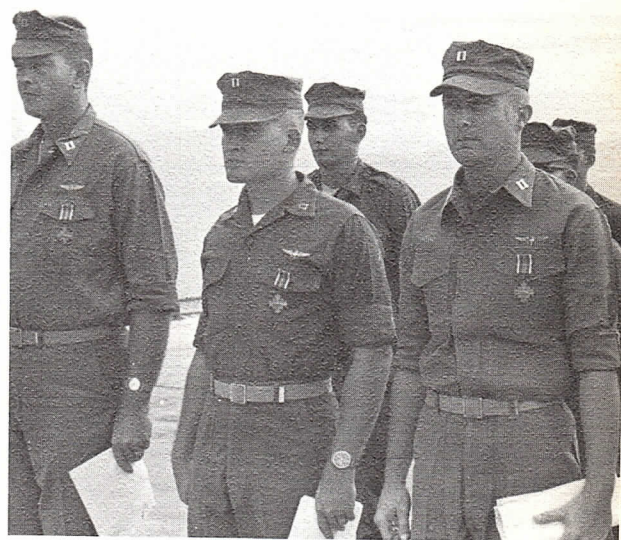
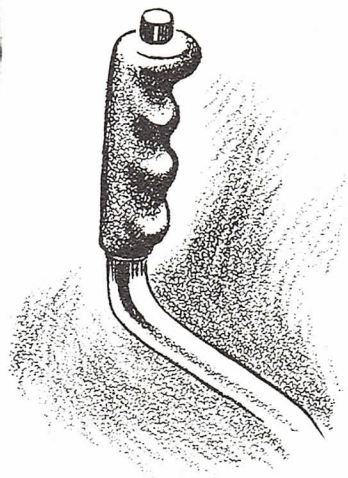
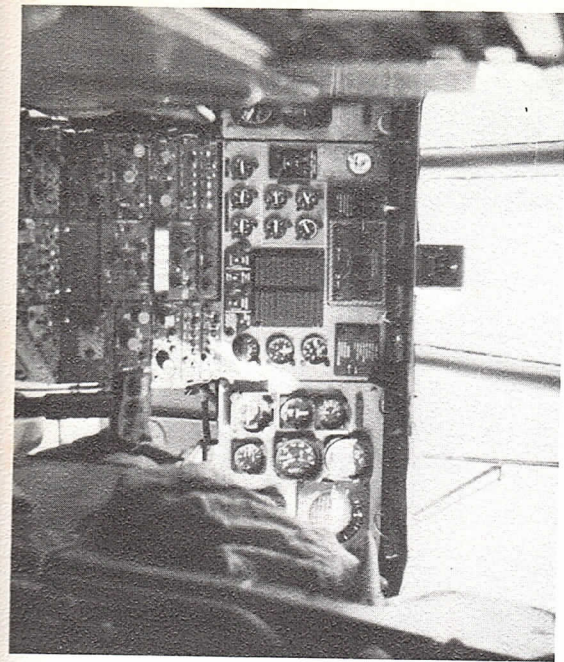
## HIGH FLIGHT

By John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth  
And danced the skies on laughter — silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth of sun split clouds —  
and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung  
high in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with  
easy grace  
Where never lark, or eagle flew.  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've  
trod.  
The high untrampled sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.







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## CREW CHIEF A SPECIAL BREED OF MARINE

The responsibility of four lives and a helicopter rests heavy on the shoulders of the crew chiefs. But the responsibility is one that these men are accustomed to and one they accept. The crew chiefs are fully qualified and aptly capable of handling any situation that arises concerning their birds and pilots.

It is the responsibility of a crew chief to maintain the bird he is assigned to in a constant state of readiness. He oversees all of the maintenance, is not above getting his hands greasy and dirty, and maintains a constant vigil to provide pilots with an assurance that the aircraft is in tip-top shape.

After a mechanic is recommended for crew chief, he takes both the closed book and open book NATOPS exams, plus a practical application test. Here, the prospective crew chief must prove his ability to work with the aircraft and know how to maintain it.

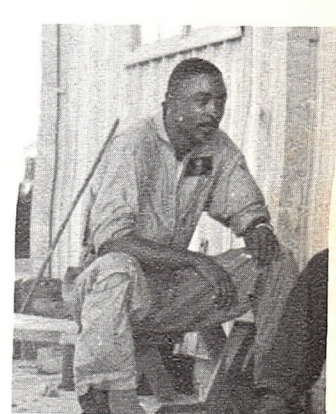
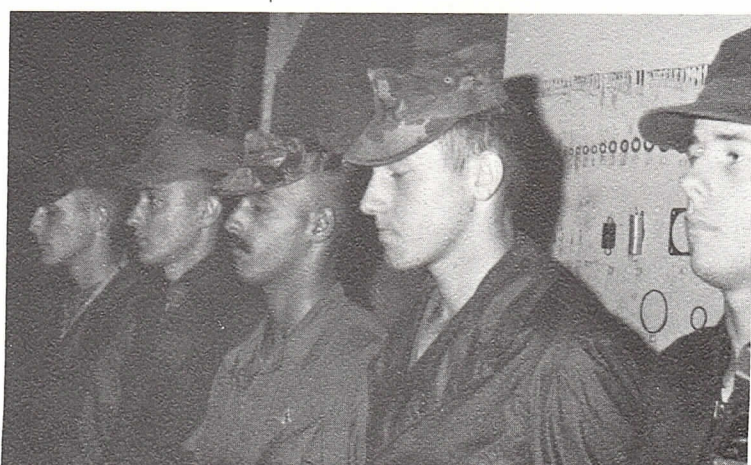
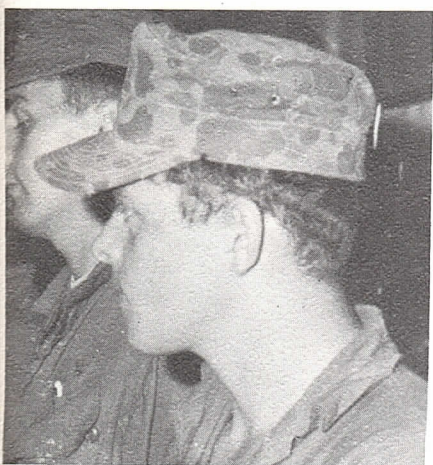
Finally, after passing all three tests and has an up to date flight physical, he is assigned an aircraft. From then on it is his aircraft. He is the one who gets praised when it is in good shape. Likewise, he is the one who must keep it this way.

The most important function of the crew chief is to fly with the helicopter and be ready at any time to fix the bird should it have a malfunction in one of the systems.

Yes, it is a tremendous responsibility that the crew chief has. But he is a Marine crew chief, therefore, a responsible and capable man is on the job.



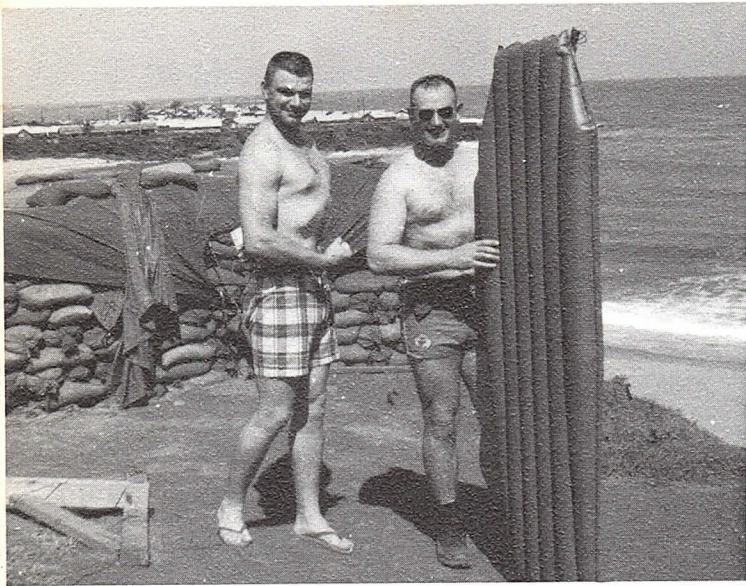




2nd row: John, Jerry, Stan, Boo, Cardi, Ernie, Jake, Denny, Bob. 3rd row: Jaw, Bob, Benny, Wiggs, Lenny.  
4th row: Mac, Stew, Dave, Baldy, Dikes, Juicy.



# CANDIDS???



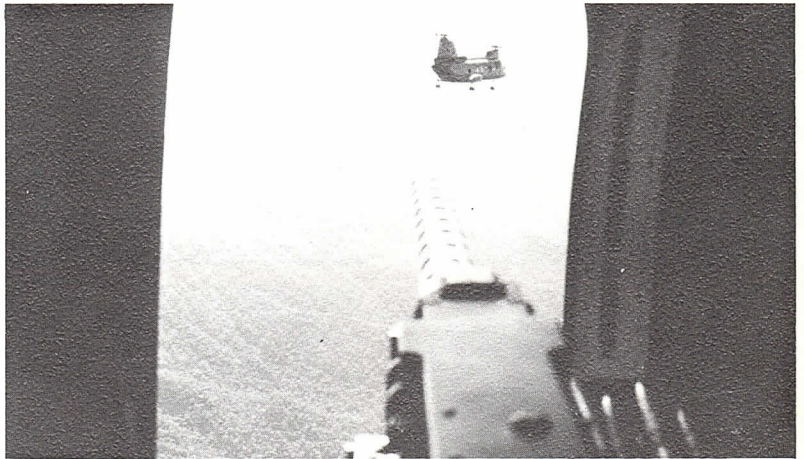
By the sea, By the sea, By the beautiful sea . . . (with a RUBBER LADY)



The Skipper is a Hippie! Who said that?



They just made me current in a Sopwith Camel.



Portgunner requests permission to test his gun.



First day on gunners pay?

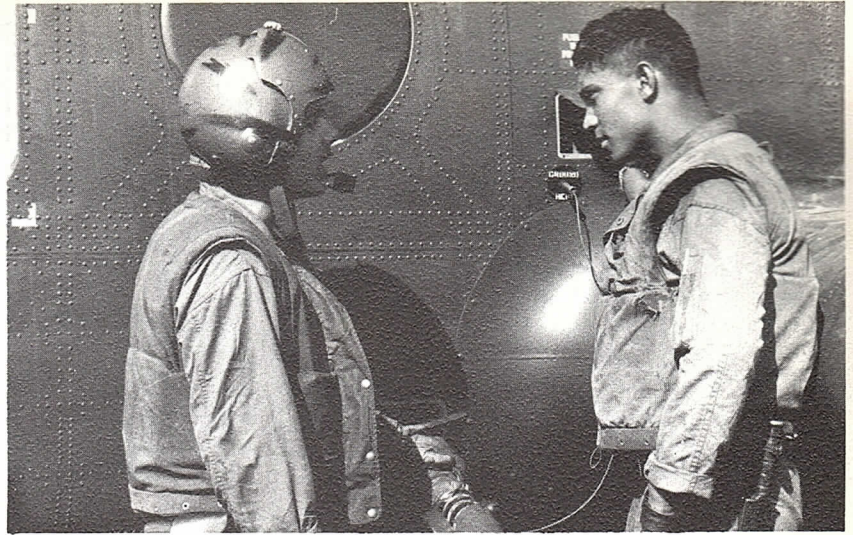


HUM-DINGER





"QUACKS"



... And Chesty said: "Krug old pal! . . ."



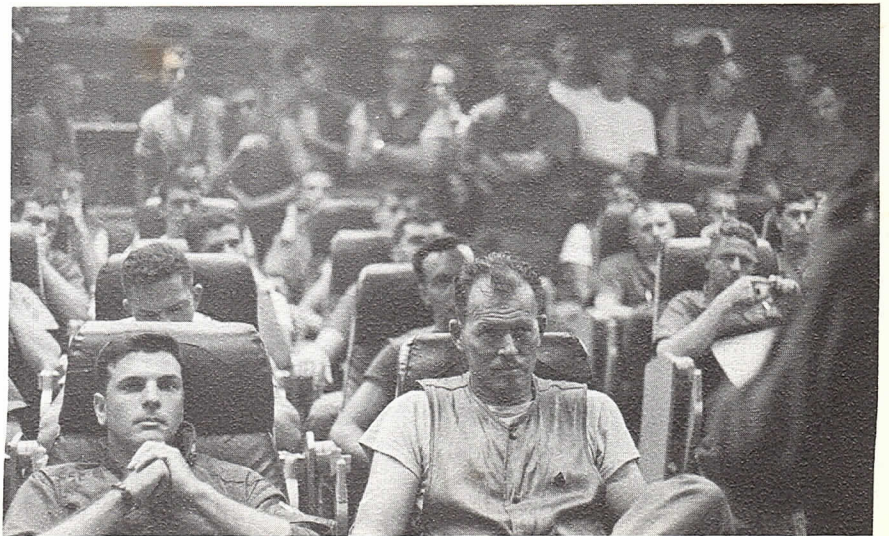
Who's the crew chief, you or me, SON?



Now, where's the starter?

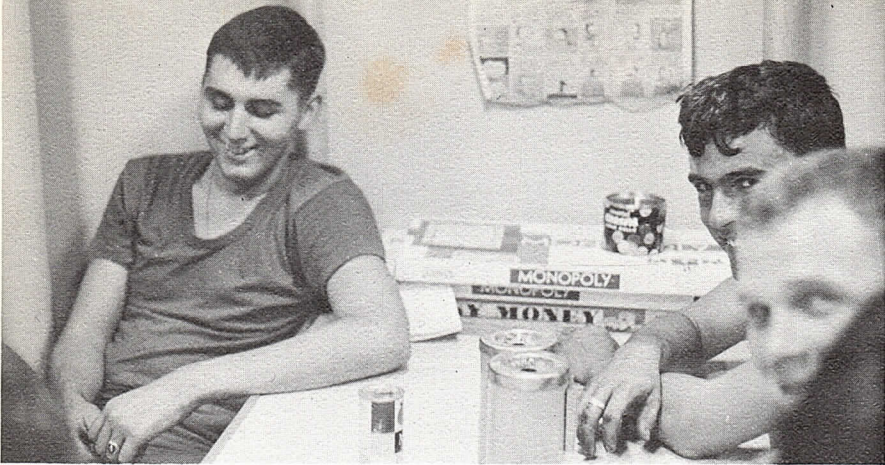


A real HACKER!!!



O.K., Who's got Lt. Gate's bicycle?





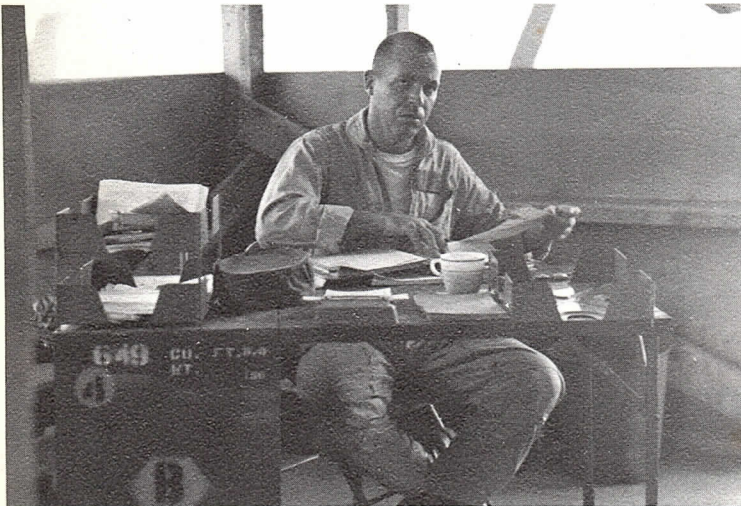
Gosh guys; my name isn't really Killer Cain.



Why did they leave me at New River? #&%\*\*\*\*?#!#''.



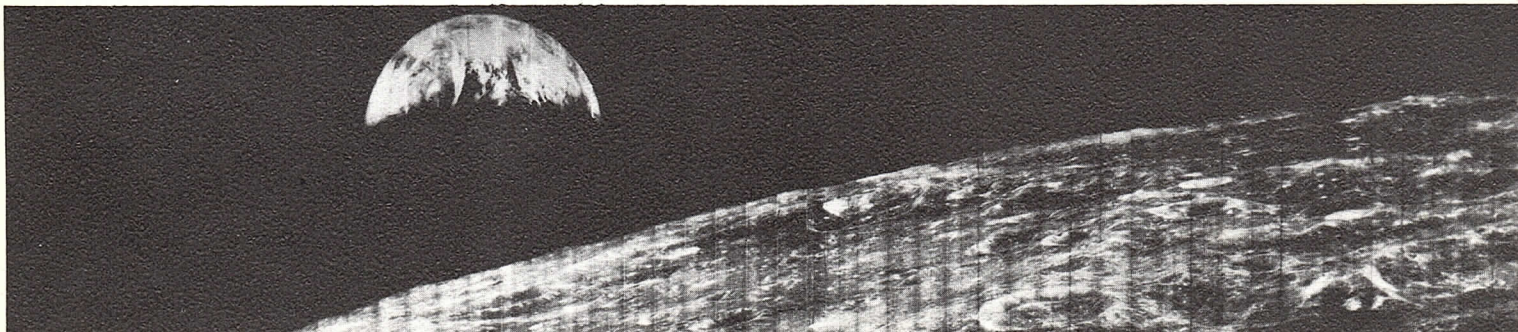
Hey! It turns.



Come on in; I'd like a few words with you.



Rain god, Rain god, listen to me . . . . PLEASE!

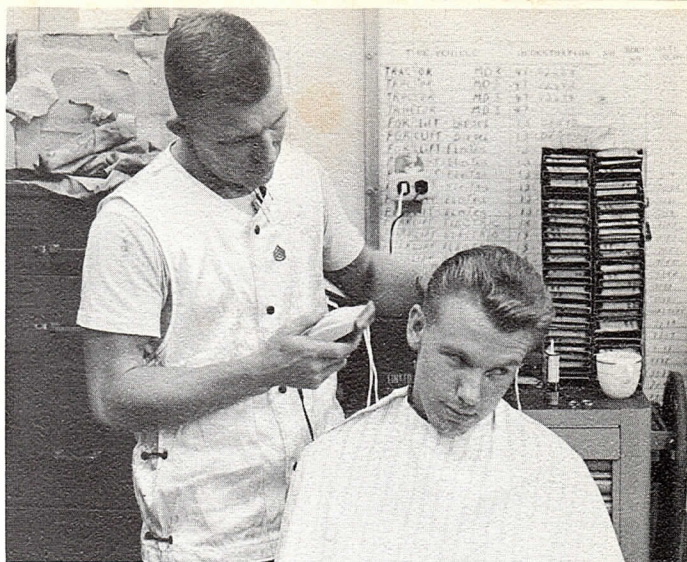


This year Vietnam; Next year . . . . .

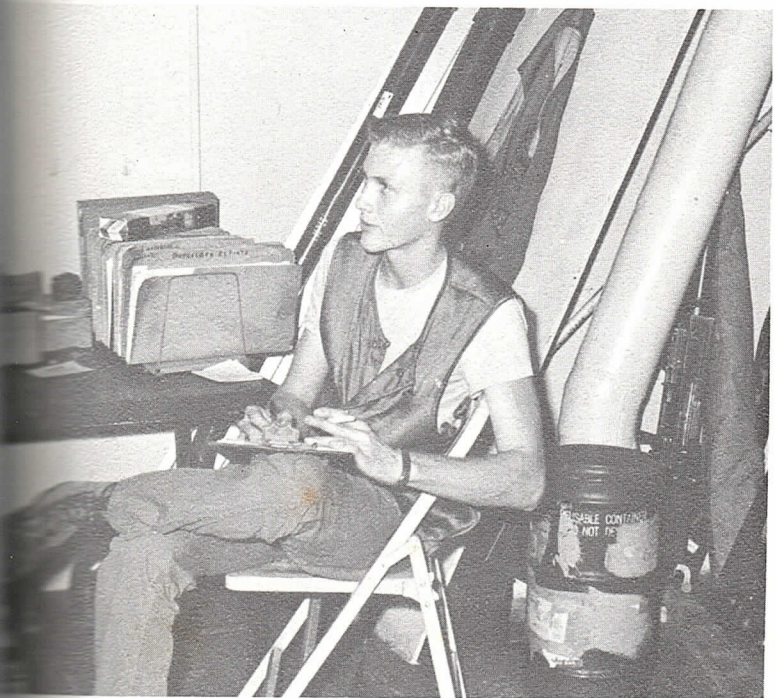




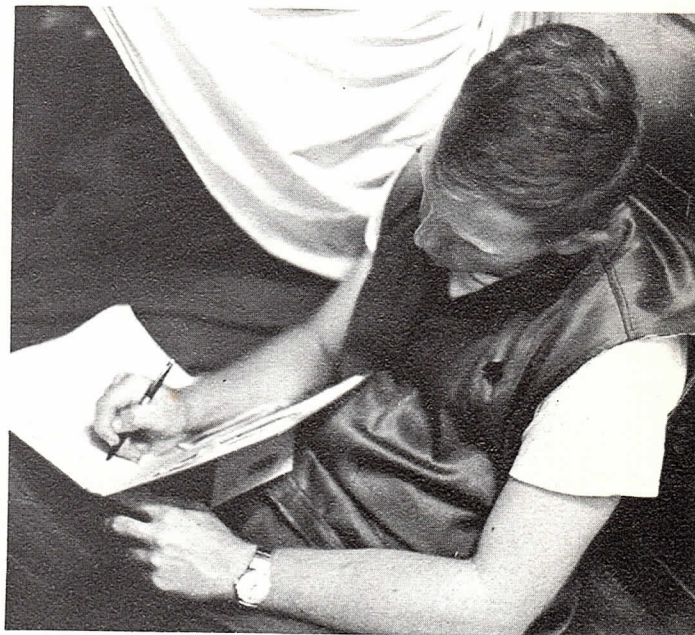
I'm too short to walk.



What do you mean my left ear is gone?



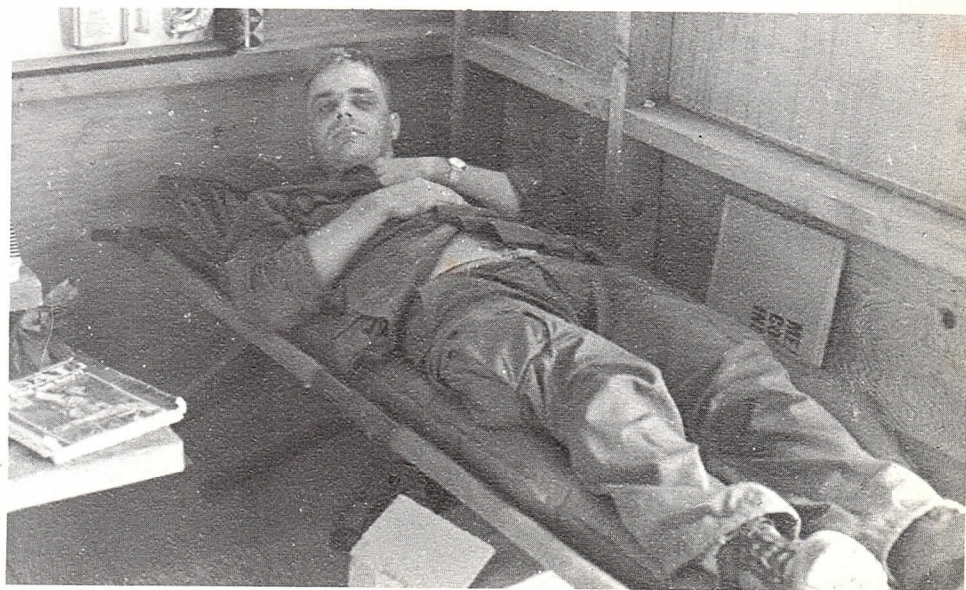
What do you mean someone stole your 50?



Dear Mr. Senator:



That's our Skipper!



ODO? Yep; that's me baby. (between R&R's)





How many blades this time?



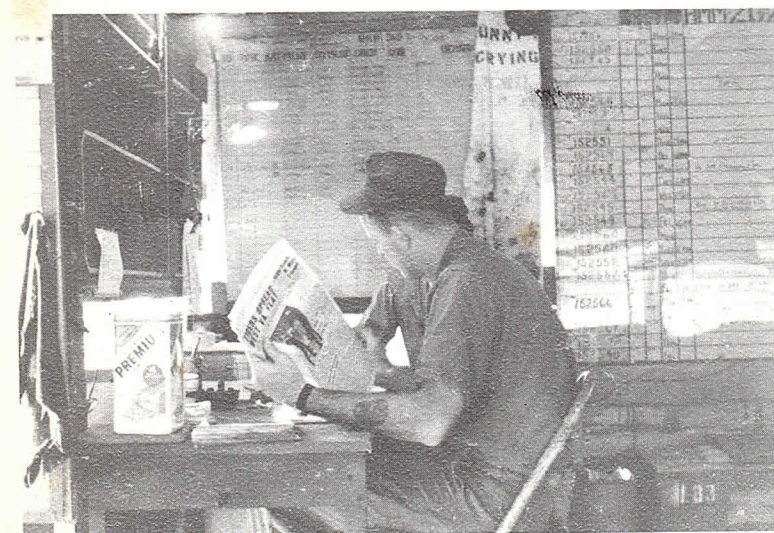
Our hard working —ever ready Duty Driver



Beats "C's"!!!



Our highly skilled and well trained Hydraulic Department on the job.



50 TIGERS SPREAD W. VA. FLAT! . . . Is that in the Philippines?

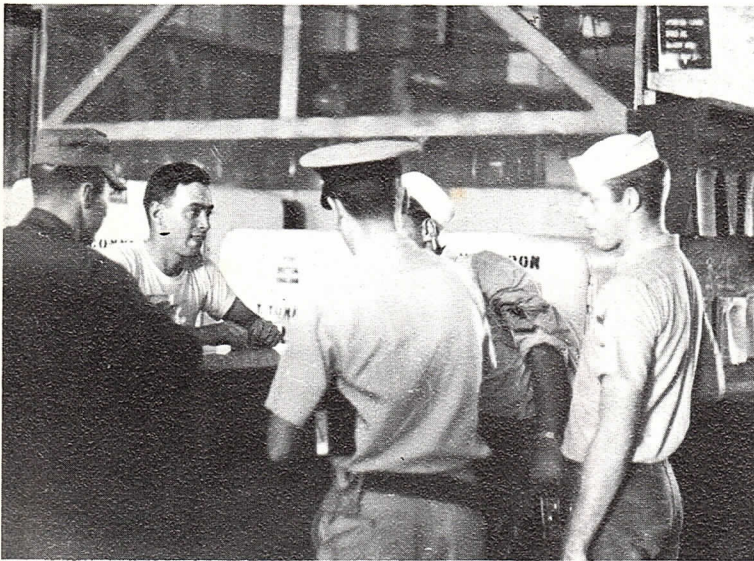


Brake riding takes skill . . . that's why Marsh is doing it!





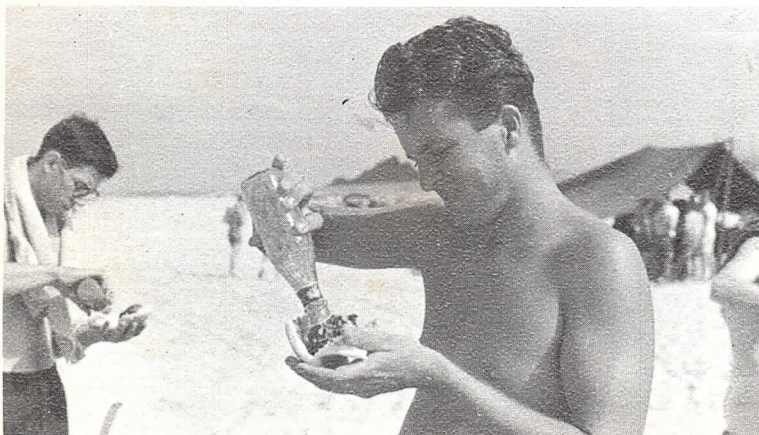
Now Lt. . . . Back in the old Corps. . . . .



Soda is \$1.00 a can, Sailor.



Sure I love it!!!



NO KETCHUP???? HARUMPH!!

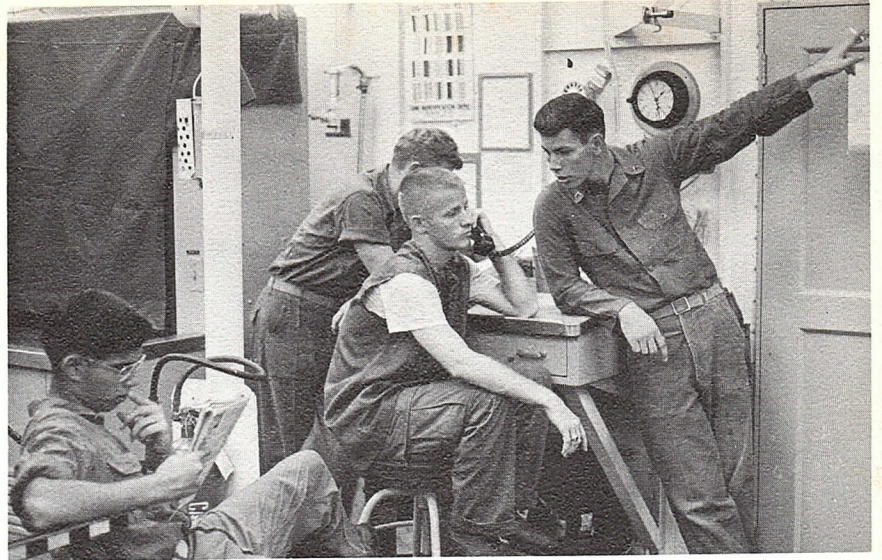


. . . And I promise not to be late for work again.





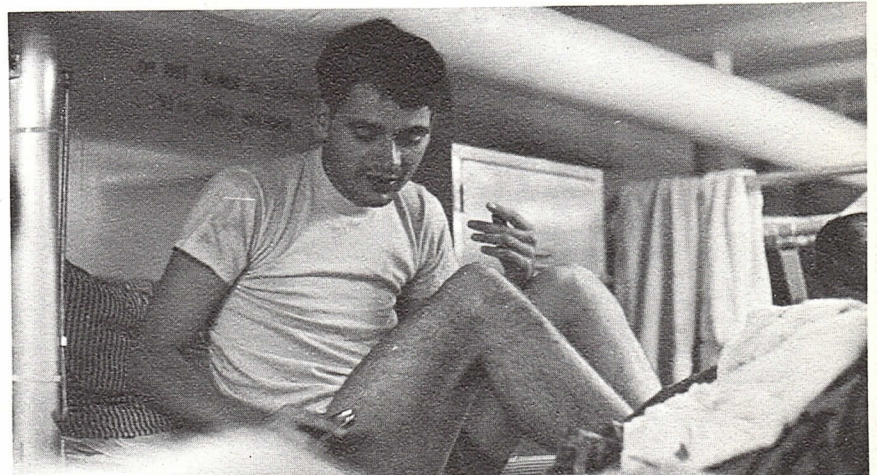
I said SHAKE MY HAND!



... and when he answers, tell him to turn this boat around and head for the Philippines!



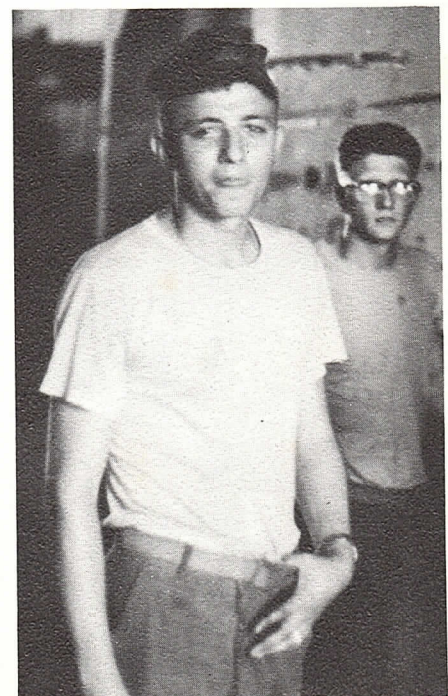
A captured V.C.?



I just can't sleep without sand in my rack.



I haven't been out of the rack in so long I forgot how to tie my boots.

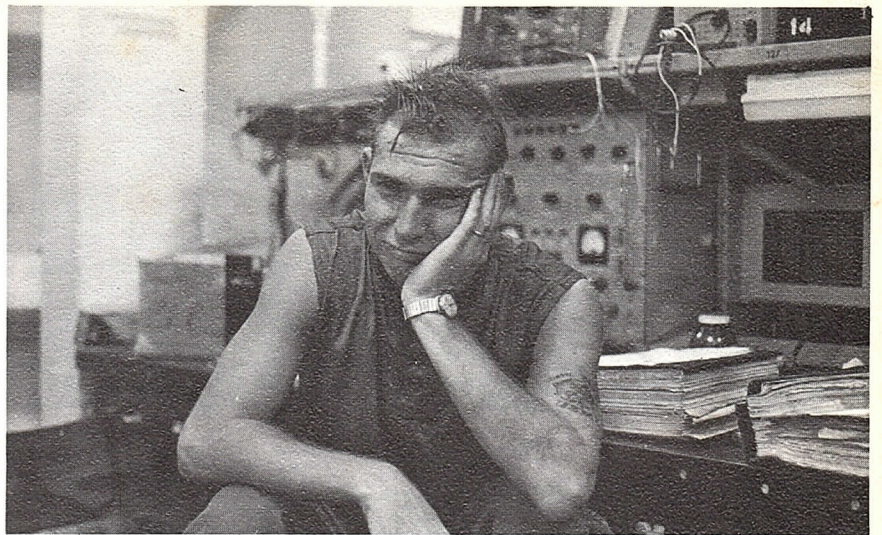


You wouldn't dare take my picture, NYAGH, NYAG, NYAGH.





I want a medal, too.



The morning after the night before.



Launch Sparrow Hawk on an emergency retraction?



Didn't hear a word you said.



... as she turned off the lights and locked the bedroom door, his heart began to pound . . . .



600 manhours for a cruise book?





Hot zone, Bubba?



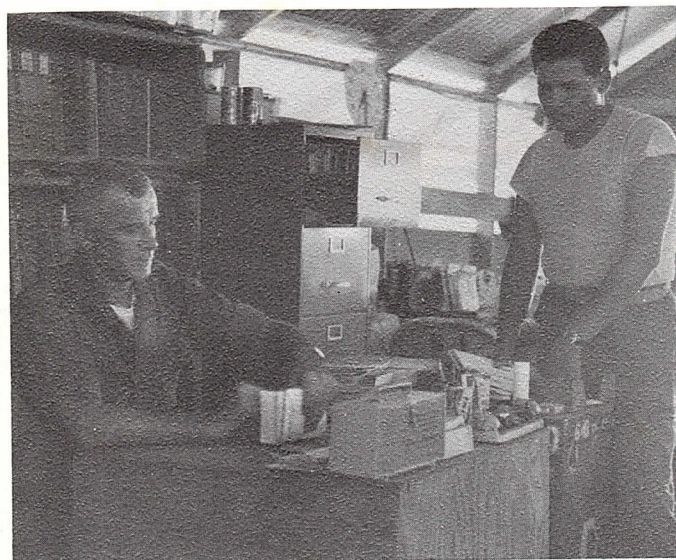
Nobody gets in my birds without asking me first.



Ky Ha Hilton??



Where did you get this MAKE LOVE NOT WAR button.



Secure the mail until the morale improves.



These new Vietnamese super highways are great.



Not on the tire!





... and I wanted to fly CH-46's



You play your sport, I'll drink mine.



"F" Troop



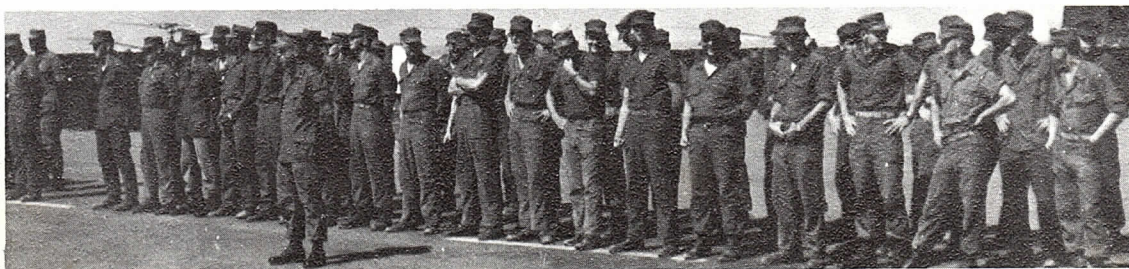
You build your bunker your way; we'll build ours our own way.



Hey Maleen, you want buy picture?

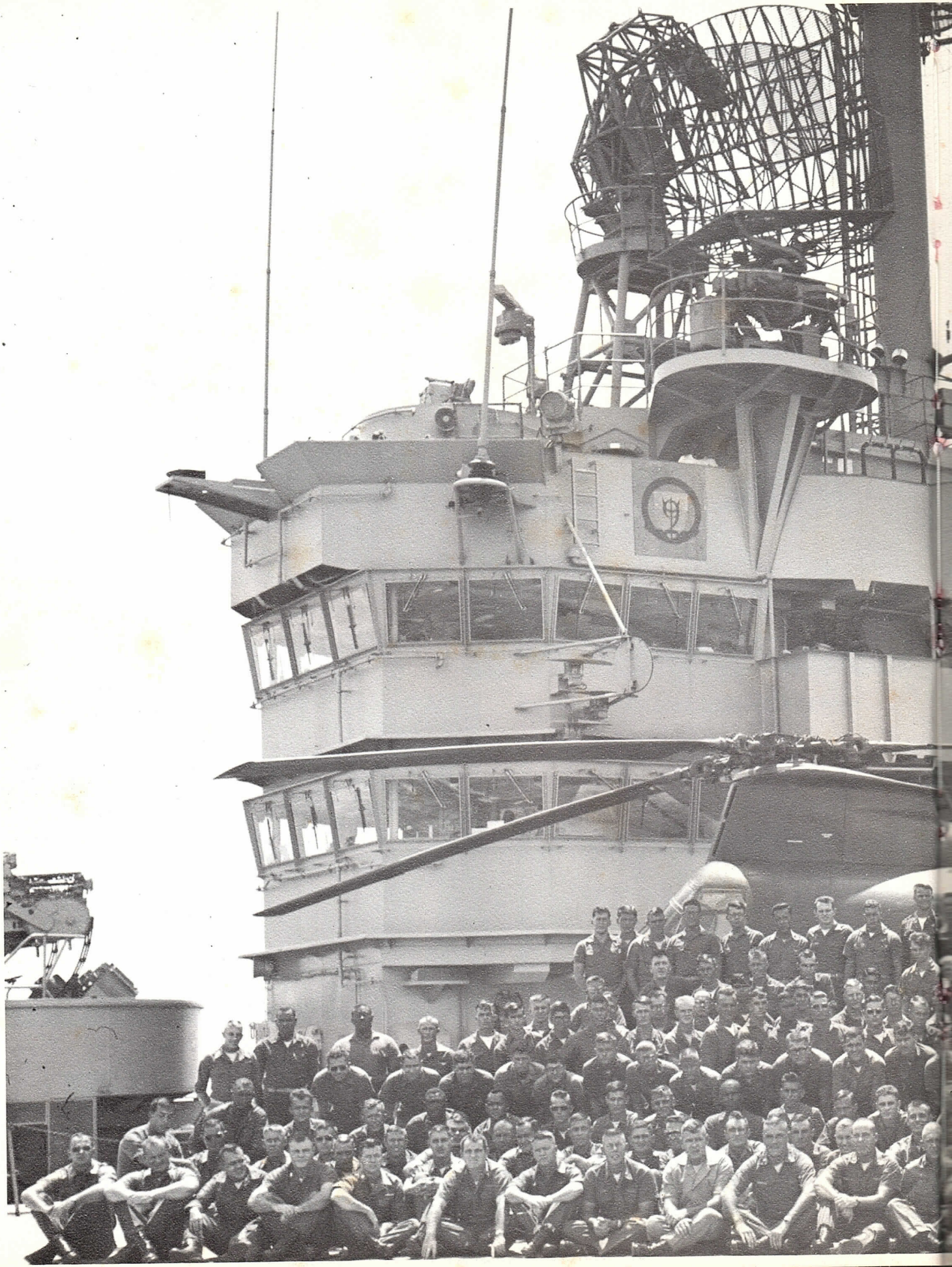


Who us fly? Neva hoppin.

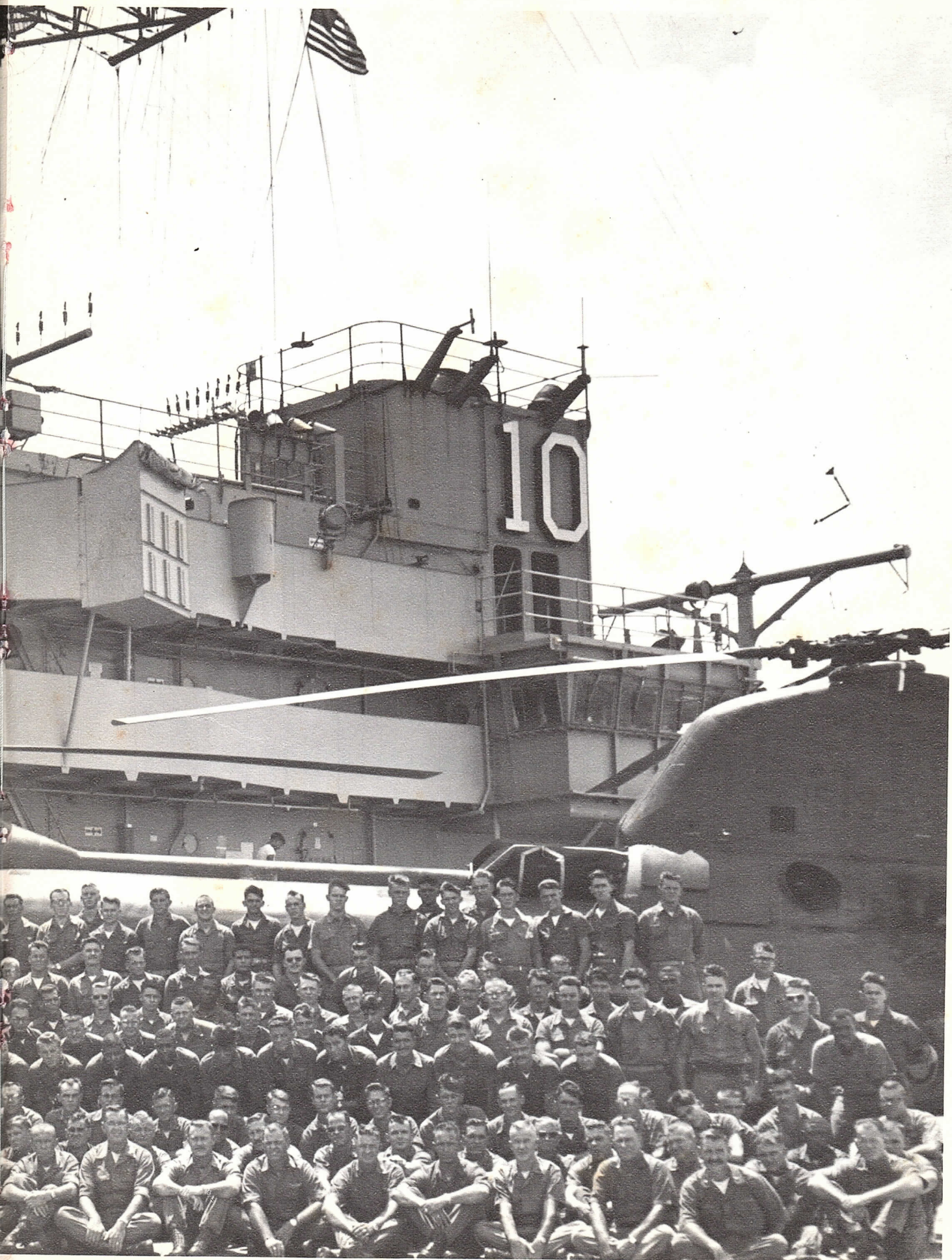


And the Lord said; "Let there be Marines," and the fish rose from the sea.













# A HIGHLY

## SILVER STAR

Lt. Col. G. A. Corliss

Cpl. R. J. Sieloff

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Capt. A. Kirk

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Capt. J. D. Purdy

(with Bronze Star)

Capt. W. J. Sambito

GySgt. J. O. Walker

Sgt. J. E. Page

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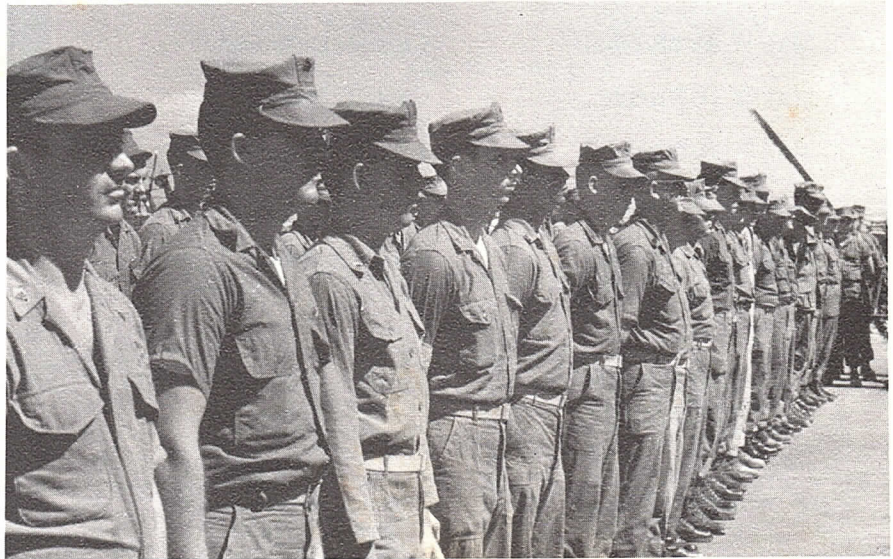
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A proud group of men



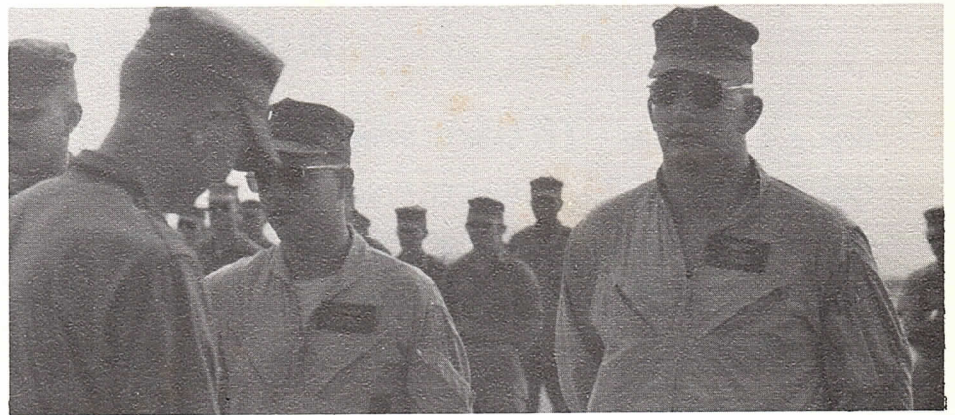
Waiting for the Colonel



Well done Sarge!



Purple Hearts



BIG JOE gets a Single Mission Air Medal



Uncle Beetle gets his Crew Wings.

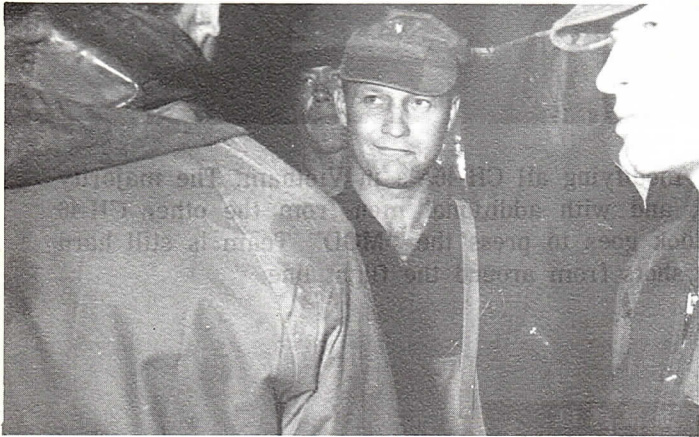




'You earned it Wee-'J'!'



Aboard the U.S.S. Tripoli



'Heck, it weren't nothin''



The hardest job he ever had!!!



A D.F.C. for Maj. Toben



A lot of heros.



A proud skipper.

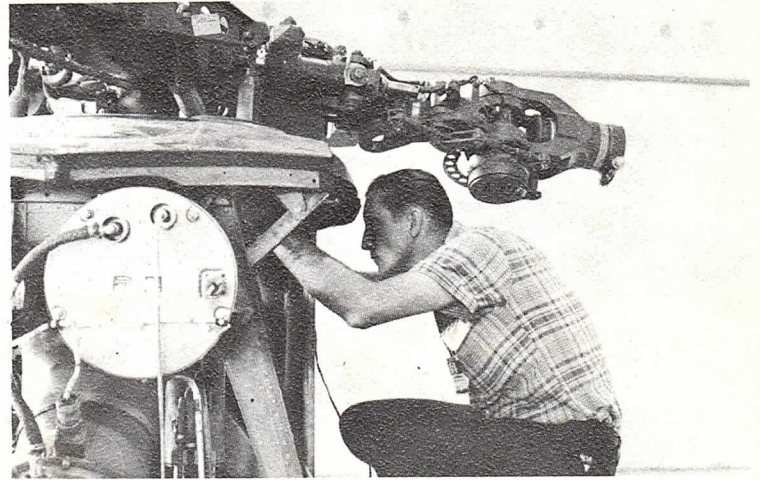
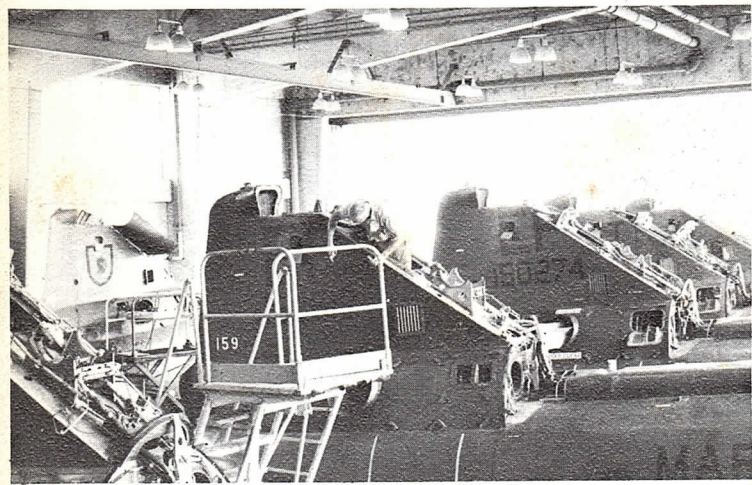


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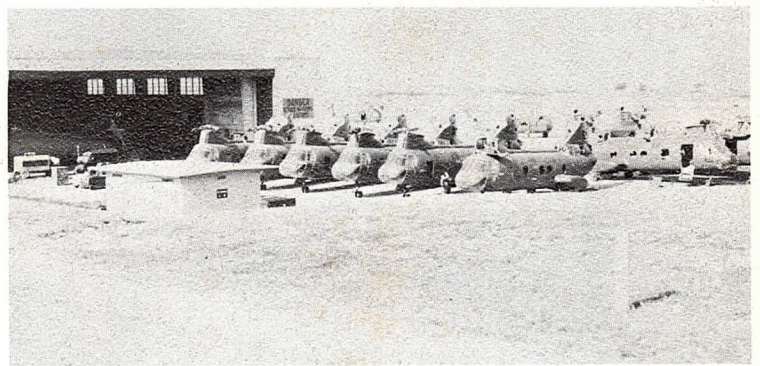


# BOEING VERTOL CH-46 MODIFICATION PROGRAM

## MCAF FUTEMA, OKINAWA -1967



During October 1967, HMM - 262 was assigned the task of modifying all CH-46A's in Vietnam. The majority of the squadron left the U.S.S. Tripoli at Futema, Okinawa, and with additional men from the other CH-46 squadrons and H&MS-16 the program began. As our Cruise Book goes to press the "MOD" Team is still hard at work; about all we could do was to include several candid shots from around the flight line.



Phase III: the build up.

CH-46'S Waiting for Phase II: the modification



The Skipper's shingle.



One modification was SAS drain covers



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"262 EXPRESS"



The highly skilled(?) and overpaid technicians



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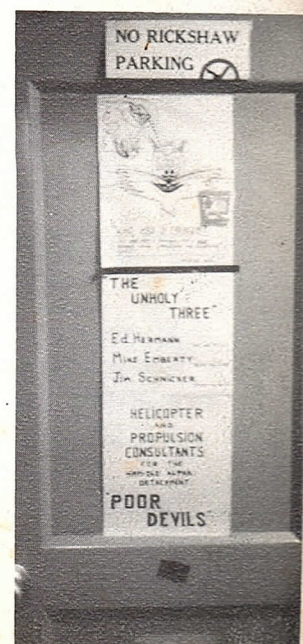
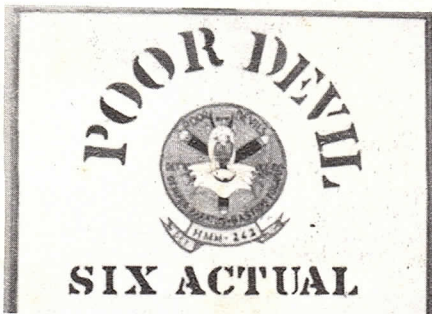


- the Poor Devils Sea Cruise -

On Oct. 12, 1967, when the mighty HMM - 262 left the U.S.S. Tripoli there was a dire need for a combat ready force to remain aboard the LPH-10. A hard core group of hardened veterans were selected to stay. Their mission: to kill V.C. wherever they could be found, and to make the world safe for "MOD" teams!



We knew it took time to make up the list, but what the heck; we're all Liberty Risks!







We give our thanks to our worried mothers, proud fathers, loving wives, our growing children, and faithful friends who have suffered daily through incomplete and sketchy battle reports and infrequent letters.

We can never thank you enough. Your letters, packages, love, and prayers have given us the courage to endure those dangerous times.

We thank you and may God bless you.

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