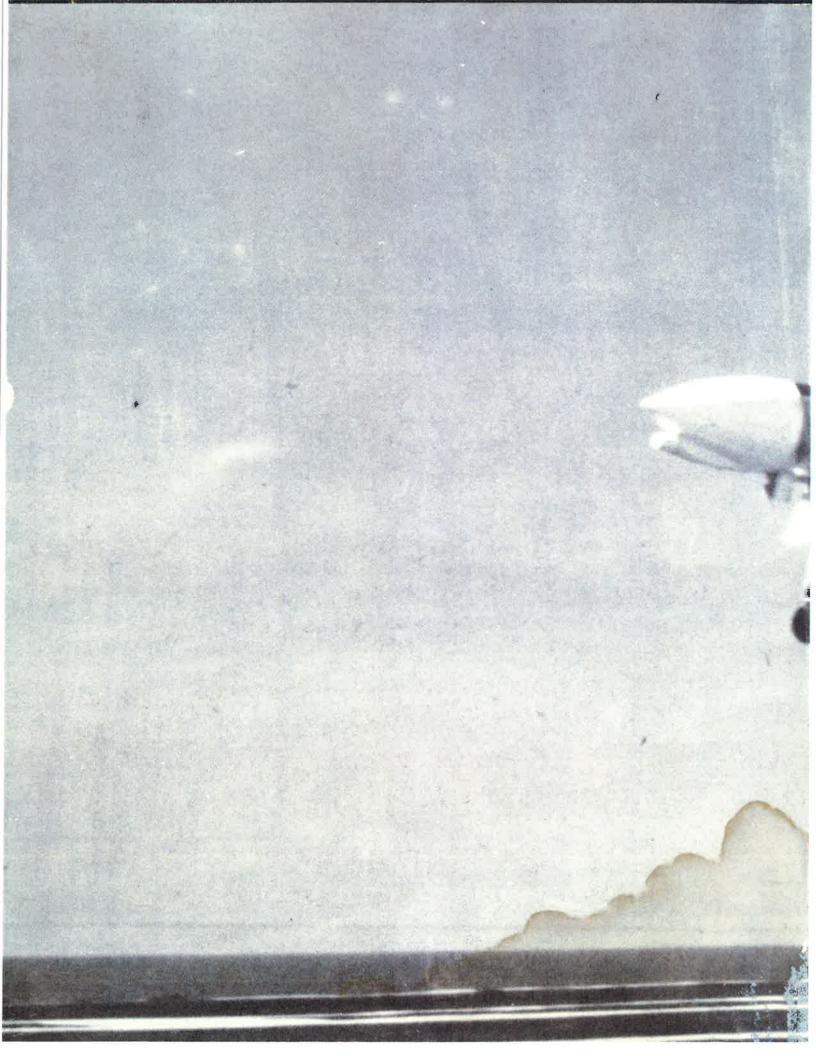
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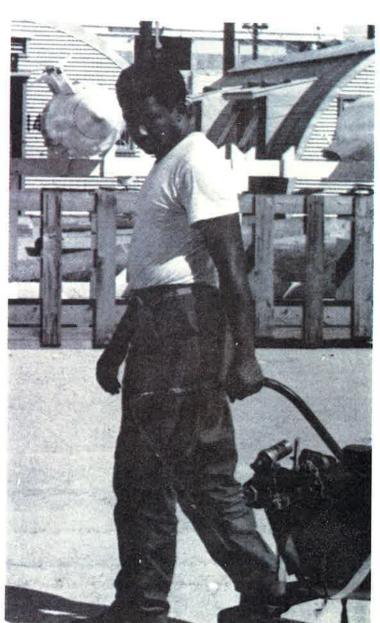
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IN MEMORY OF

Died when a Navy A-6 crashed in the VMFA-115 seat Shop.



Sat, George Woods



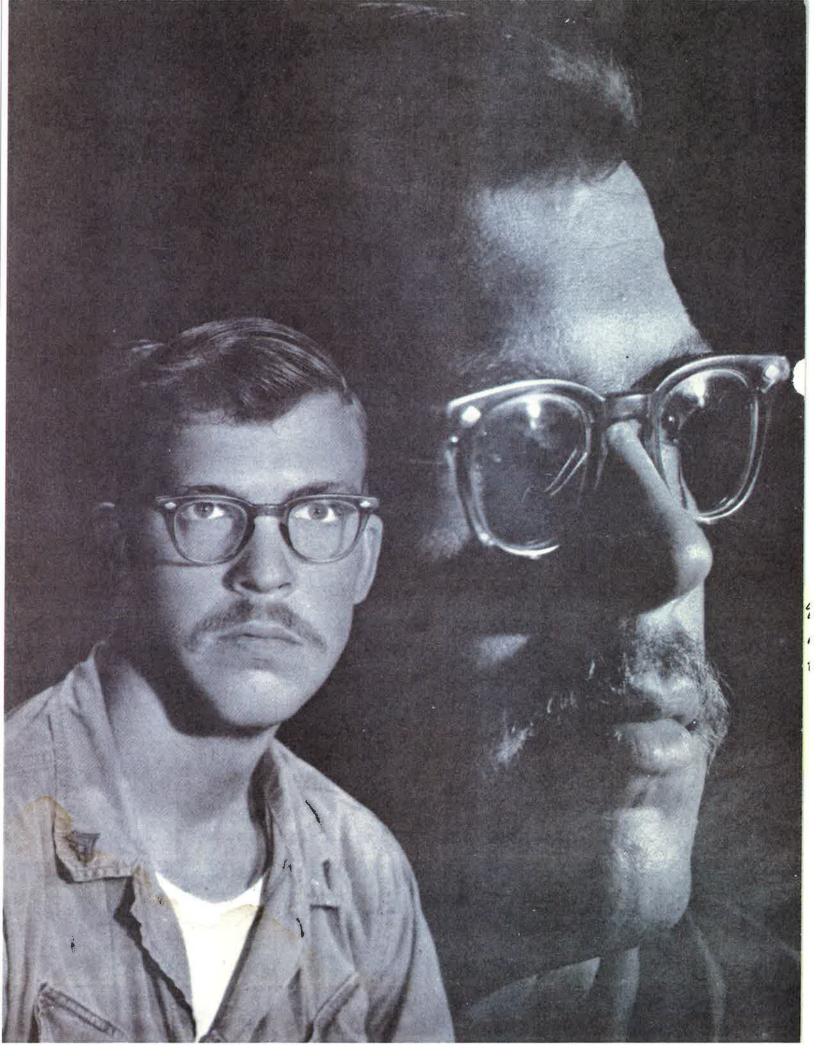
L/Cpl. Terry Bolton

LETS NOT FORGET

IN THIS FAST AND CHANGING WORLD THINGS COME AND GO SO FAST THAT YESTERDAY SEEMS LIKE A WEEK. SOMETHINGS WE GRASP AND SOMETHINGS WE LET GO. IN SOME WE GAIN AND SOME WE GAIN AND SOME WE GAIN AND SOME WE SHOULD NOT FORGET ONES FRIENDS OR ENEMIES, FOR BE YOU TO FORGET IS WORSE THAN ALL. SO I SAY, LETS NOT FORGET THESE MEN, BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT BE IT YOU, THEY TO WOULD HAVE MOURNED FOR YOU.

-UNKNOWN

Sgt. Jimmy D. Breedlove



HISTORY OF 115

VMFA-115 was activated on 1 July 1943 at Santa Barbara, California. Action was soon forthcoming and in February 1944 VMFA-115 was deployed to fight in the Pacific Campaign where soon afterwards its pilots, flying F4U Corsairs, sank the first Japanese submarine. This then, begins the illustrious career of VMFA-115. World War II campaigns for VMF-115 included operations in the Bismark Archipelago, the Solomon Islands, and the Philippines.

VMF-115 was transferred to Peiking, China in November 1945, then to the Territory of Hawaii in January 1947, being assigned to Marine Aircraft Group-15 for the first time. In December 1949, after moving to MCAS Edenton, North Carolina, VMF-115 became the first Marine Corps squadron to receive a full compliment of Gruman F9F Panther

jet fighters.

With the outbreak of the Korean War, VMF-115 again saw action when they deployed to Pohang, Korea in January 1951. During the Korean conflict, 115's Panthers flew 9,250 combat sorties while accumulating 15,350 combat flight hours. This enviable record was further enhanced in that 115 expended more ordinance than any other Marine Jet Squadron. After Korea, the squadron was reassigned to MCAS El Toro, California, where it received the first F4D Skyrays in 1957 and was redesignated VMF (AW) 115.

February 1958 found 115 in Atsugi, Japan, until September when it deployed to Pingtung. Taiwan, during the Formosa Straights Crisis. VMF (AW) 115 was then assigned to Cherry Point, North Carolina to later participate in a Med Cruise aboard the USS Independence from April to August 1962.

In January 1964 VMF (AW) 115 traded their F4D Skyrays for MACH II F4B Phantom II aircraft and was redesignated VMFA-115. In October 1965 the "Silver Eagles" deployed to the Far East arriving in Danang. From May 1967 through March 1971, while operating from Danang, VMFA-

115 topped 33,000 combat sorties, more than any other Marine F4 squadron. Between June 1972 and September 1973 VMFA-115 operated out of Nam Phong, Thailand, during this time the squadron received the Robert M. Hanson Award.

In September 1973, VMFA-115 moved to Iwakuni, Japan and has since deployed on numerous occasions to Naha, Okinawa; Kunsan and Osan, Korea; and Cubi Point, Republic of the Philippines. The squadron's F4B aircraft and aircrews flew training sorties against Navy F4N, F4I, A4, F8, A6, A7, and the new F14. This was followed by a highly successful carrier qualification period aboard the USS Enterprise. In August 1975 VMFA-115, the last active duty F4B squadron, converted to F4I's and began gearing up for a new deployment.

Since its inception in 1943 VMFA-115 Silver Eagles have contributed significantly to the history of the history of the Marine Corps and to the de-

fense of our Nation.

Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 has received the following awards:

Presidential Service Citation with 2 Stars

Navy Unit Citation with 4 Stars China Service Streamer

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Streamer

WW II Victory Streamer

Korean Service Streamer with 4 Stars

Vietnamese Service Streamer with

1 silver & 1 bronze Star

Philippines Presidential Unit Citation Streamer

R.V.N. Gallentry Cross with Palm

R.V.N. Civil Action Streamer with Palm

Philippine Liberation Streamer

Vietnamese Campaign Streamer with Device

National Defense Streamer with Star

United Nations Service Streamer

Robert M. Hanson Award for fiscal year 1972

C & O Safety Award for fiscal year 1974

LTCOL HARVEY D. BRADSHAW

Lieutenant Colonel Harvey D. Bradshaw was born at Snead's Ferry, North Carolina on 25 August 1932 and grew up on a tobacco farm near Greenville. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina. A regular NRTOC midshipman, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on 4 June 1954 and designated the commission of the c nated a Naval Aviator 22 June 1956, having trained in the SNJ, T-28,

T-33, and F9F-5.
After a tour at Cherry Point, Lieutenant Bradshaw reported to the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing at Iwakuni, where he served for a time as Commanding Officer of (H & HS-17) as a recently promoted captain. He then attended Aircraft Maintenance Officers' School at Memphis en route

then attended Aircraft Maintenance Officers' School at Memphis en route to El Toro, where he was assigned as maintenance officer of VMF-312 and VMF-334. flying the F-8 Crusader.

In 1966, following a tour with the G-3 Division, HQMC, Major Bradshaw was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for writing a classified "History of Marine Corps Operations in Vietnam, 1954-1965". After attending Amphibious Warfare School at Quantiro, he checked out in the F-4 Phantom with VMFA-513, then commanded by Lleutenant Colonel Richard E. Carey. During 1967, while assigned to VMFA-542 at Chu Lai, he flew 306 combat missions with the "Tiger Squadron" earning the Distinguished Flying Cross, 23 Air Medals, and the Navy Commendation Medal.

Following a second tour at HQMC (1968-1970) during which he was assigned to DC/S (Air) as JCS Strategic Plans Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Bradshaw was selected for the SEP program, graduating with honors from Bradshaw was selected for the SEP program, graduating with honors from American University with a Master of Science in Technology of Management. From 1971-1973 he served as Head, Management Section and instructor at the Education Center, Quantico. After graduating with distinction from the College of Naval Warfare, Newport, R.I., Lieutenant Colonel Bradshaw reported once again to the 1st MAW where he assumed command of VMFA-115 on 16 July 1974. He now reports to 2d MAW for further assignment.

LITCOL. DONALD D. WILSON
Lieutenant Colonel Donald D. Wilson was born in Williams, Arizona on 12 October 1936. He joined the Marine Corps through the NAVCAD program and was designated a Naval Aviator at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas during January 1957. He joined VMF-115 as a brand new Second Lieutenant in February, 1957 at MCAS Mojave, California, an outlying field for El Toro. He flew F9F-5 Panthers and F-4D Skyrays during his first squadron tour.

A tour in West Pac came next, followed in 1958 by an assignment to flight instructor duty at Whiting Field near Pensacola. During 1960 and 1961 he served as a forward air controller with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, California.

In late 1961 he was transferred to VMFA-513 at El Toro. He flew

with this squadron until 1965, including a tour in the Republic of Vietnam. He then joined VMFA-312 at Beaufort, followed by a second tour in Vietnam in 1968 with HMM-164. During these two combat tours he was awarded the Silver Star Medal, four Distinguished Flying Crosses, 68 Air Medals, and two Navy Achievement Medals.

Subsequent tours followed at the Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama and as the Executive Officer, Marine Air Reserve Training Detachment, Glenview, Illinois. Entering Auburn University sty in 1973, he completed the College Degree Program and joined MAG-31 at Beaufort in the summer of 1974 for duty as Commanding Officer, H & MS-31. He detached from that assignment on 15 July 1975 and reported to MAG-15, the Fighter Group, for duty as Commanding Officer, ficer of VMFA-115, the squadron he originally joined in 1957.

VMFA-115 CHRONOLOGY

 Jul 1943 — VMF-115 was organized at Santa Barbara, California.
 Jul 1943 — Major Joseph J. FOSS, Medal of Honor recipient with 26 kills to his credit, assumed command.
 Sep 1943 — Second Lieutenant Norman W. GOURLEY joined VMF-115. Later he acquired the nickname "Animal Leader" and today he is the Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft

Flying the F4U Corsair (called "Whistling Death" by its foes) VMF-115 pilots sank an enemy submarine by skip-Feb 1944 bombing with 1,000 pounders. VMF-115 became the first Marine syuadron to receive a

Dec 1949 ~ full complement of Grumman F9F Panther jet fighters. Oct 1950 -

YMF-115 qualified aboard the USS Roosevelt, the first Marine Panther squadron to operate from a Navy carrier. The squadrin deployed to K-3 Pohang, Korea, where it logged 9,250 combat sorties and 15,350 flight hours in expensions. 1951 -

pending more ordnance than any other Marine jet squadron in the Korean War; at this time the squadron was known as the "Able Eagles".

9 May 1956 -

Major Leslie E. BROWN, currently a Lieutenant General and Marine Corps Chief of Staff, assumed command. Lieutenant Colonel Ralph H. SPANJER, now a Major General and the Commanding General, 2d MAW, assumed 18 Jun 1956

The squadron transitioned to the Douglas F4D Skyray and was redesignated VMF (AW)-115.

Deploying from Atsugi to Pingtung (North), the squadron 1957

Sep 1958 --reinforced Taiwan's defenses during the Formosa Straits

The "Silver Eagles" transitioned to the F-4B Phantom II 1 Jan 1964 and received the designationed VMFA-115.

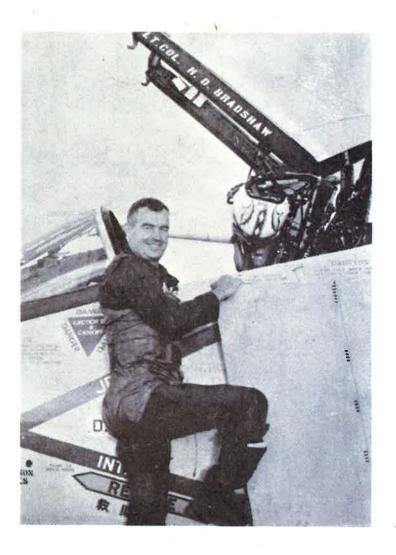
The squadron deployed to Danang and entered the Viet-Oct 1965 nam conflict.

24 Jan 1967 -Major Guy R. ("Moose") CAMPO, currently the Commanding Officer, MCAS Quantico, assumed command, leading the squadron to Chu Lai in May to join MAG-13.
Lieutenant Colonel Kenny C. PALMER, former 1st MAW

29 Jul 1967 — Chief of Staff, assumed command.

Lieutenant Colonel Richard E. CAREY, now a Brigadier General and the Assistant Wing Commander, 1st MAW, assumed command. 6 Oct 1967

Lieutenant Colonel Carl L. BATTISTONE joined the "Silver Aug 1967 ---Eagles" at Chu Lai; in October he became the Executive Officer; on 11 August 1975 he assumed command of









Capt. Soniak & Lt. Col. Bradshaw



Capt. Faucher & Lt. Col. Wilson



Maj. Berdine & Maj. Bergman



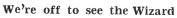


Capt. Nyland & Maj. Forney



Capt. Kranker & Capt. McDuffee (alias "Dick Turner!)



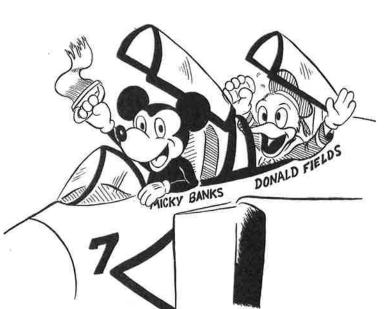


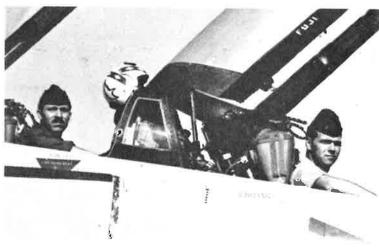


Lt. Gordon & Maj. Soderstrom



Capt. Sheehy & Capt. Tullos





Lt. King & Capt. Lucas



CWO 4 Kondo & Capt. Davis



How we gonna tell the skipper we lost Jo-Jo.



Lt. Holland & Capt. Pickering



Lt. Stockton & Lt. Behel

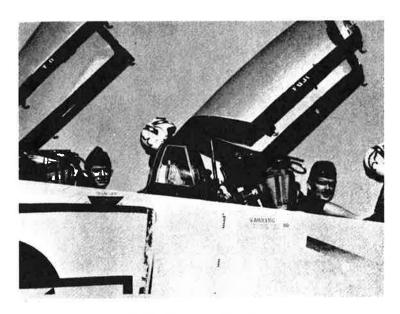


Please Coot, let me borrow your car. I have a hot date with this nurse.





Lt. Mott & Lt. Gleason



Capt. Hayes & Lt. Stuart

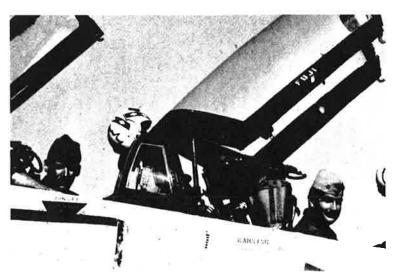


Capt. Faucher & Lt. Woodley



1 way 5 Drag Queen





Lt. Brannon & Capt. Pickering



Maybe they'll let me fly it some day



There's Pickering sound asleep again.





My bubbles... Well the machine is broken

Oh





Lt. Terry Armstrong

Capt. La Grange







Return of the Loch Ness Monster



The seat belts were . . .



Capt, Krelavec Hey I'm on your side



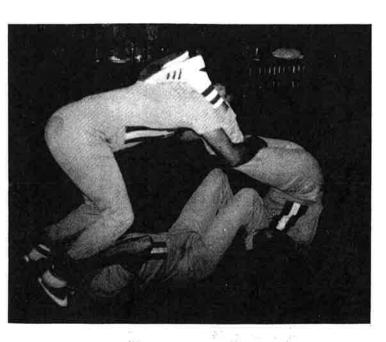
Who's behind the foster-grants















The Bobsie Twins



"Sniff, Sniff, Why Da Take, Sniff, My Sniff, My Sniff, Airpwane, BAAAWAAA







The Ward & Gidley Comedy Team

Dynamic Duo



Lt. Darkin



Capt. Bucko & His Spaced Rangers.



See no planes, hear no planes speak no planes.



How close can friends be

GROUND EAGLES





CWO 4 PRATT



Lt. Crawford



WO. Porter

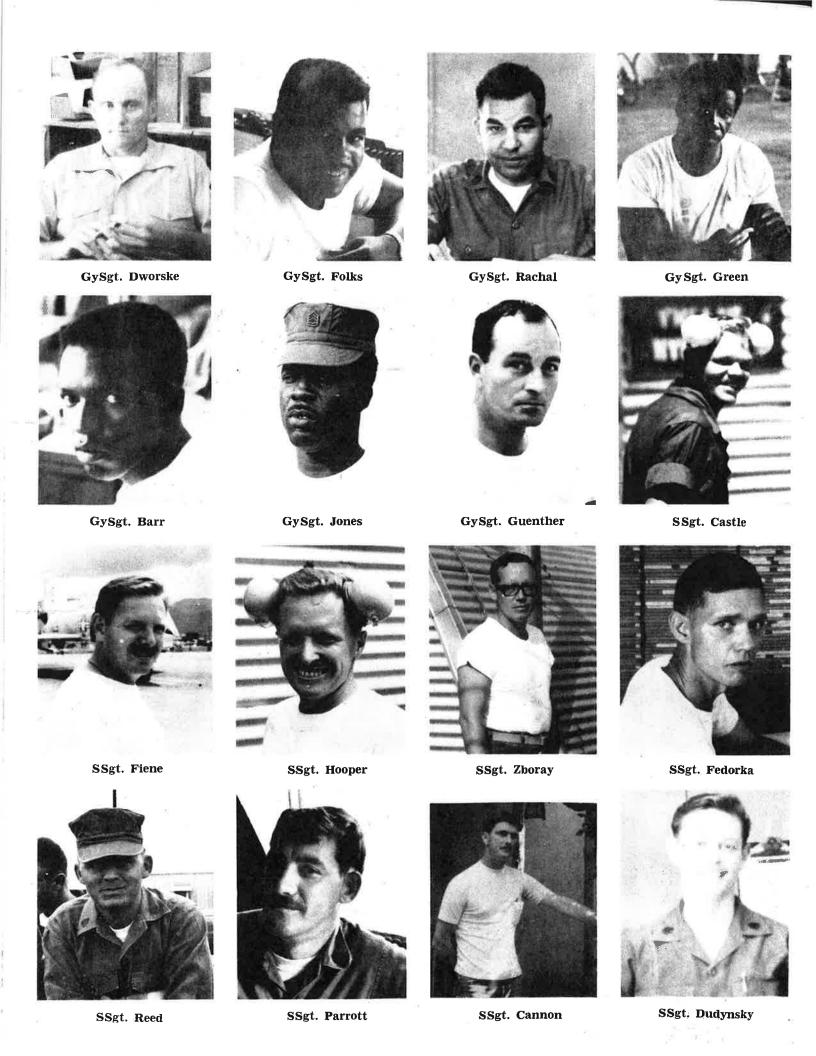




Lt. Wright

ENISTED: STASSMIFEES







SSgt. Fay



SSgt. Vanryswk



SSgt. Varner



SSgt. Schultz



SSgt. Logkard



ssgt. schmidt



GySgt. Wuffrell



SSgt. Smith



Sgt. Crupi



GySgt. Colwell



SSgt. Hooper & SSgt. Beck



SSgt. Porter



SSgt. Brown



SSgt. Berkman



GySgt. Phillips



SSgt. Spotts



SSgt. Ezell



SSgt. Touchet



Sgt. Vandevoorde & SSgt. Dixon



SSgt. Patterson



SSgt. Eastwood



GySgt. Souder



SSgt. Wright



L/Cpl. Geer & SSgt. Clark



Sgt. Morris



Sgt. Bissell



Cpl. Sherrod



L/Cpl. Leatherwood



Sgt. Alford & Sgt. Stone



Cpl. Bixler



Cpl. Berry & Cpl. Mayer



Cpl. Howell



Magnificent Seven



Cpl. Jubera & Pfc. Boyer



Cpl. McKenzie



Sgt. Asher



Sgt. Boyd



Cpl. Dinkins



L/Cpl. McDonell



Cpl. Maes & Sgt. Dumond



Junior & Rufus



SSgt. Slegers



Sgt. Dobyns



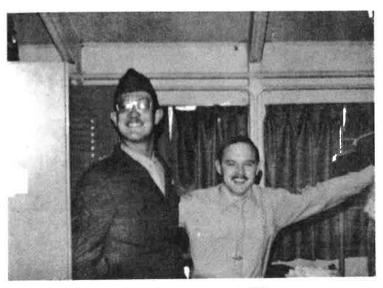
Sgt. White



Sgt. Hooper



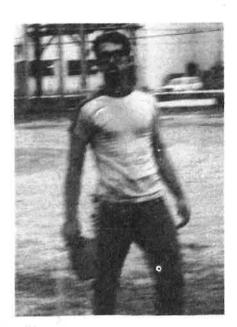
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Joe Harvey Hotdog & Bo Miles



Fantastic Four ? ? ? ?



L/Cpl. Romanucci



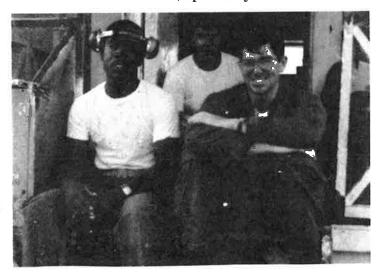
Sat. Jensen



We're only here for the beer



L/Cpl. Guzay



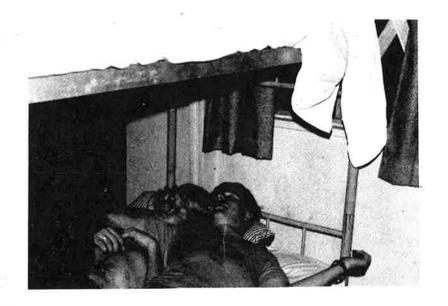
GySgt. Jones, Sgt. Anderson & Lt. Armstrong

CHANGE OF COMMAND

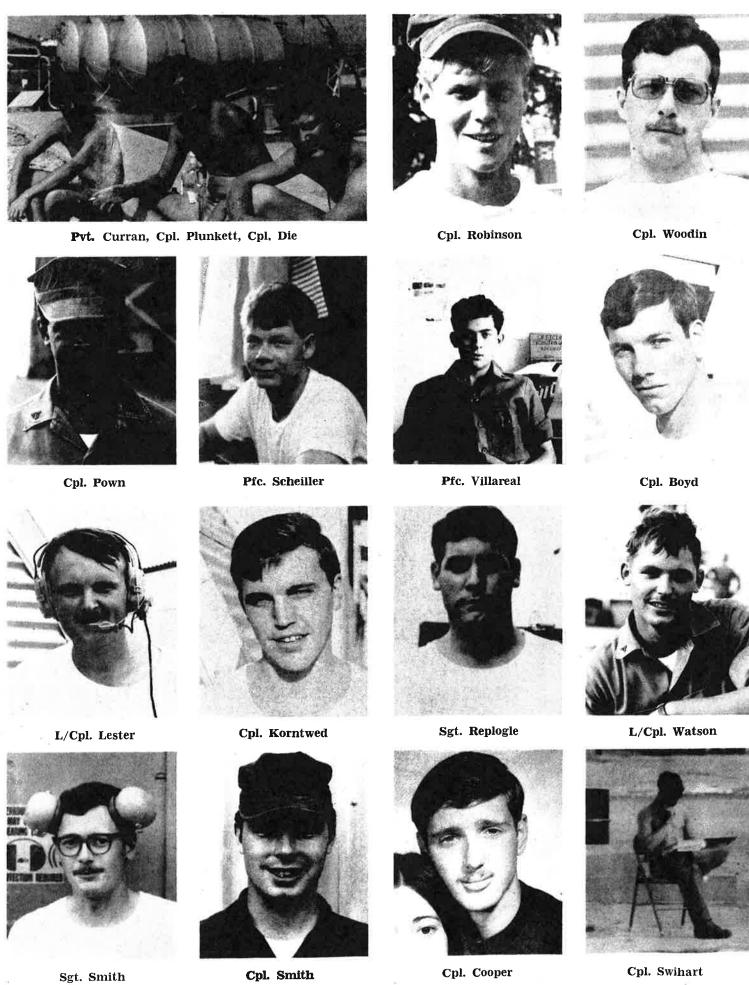


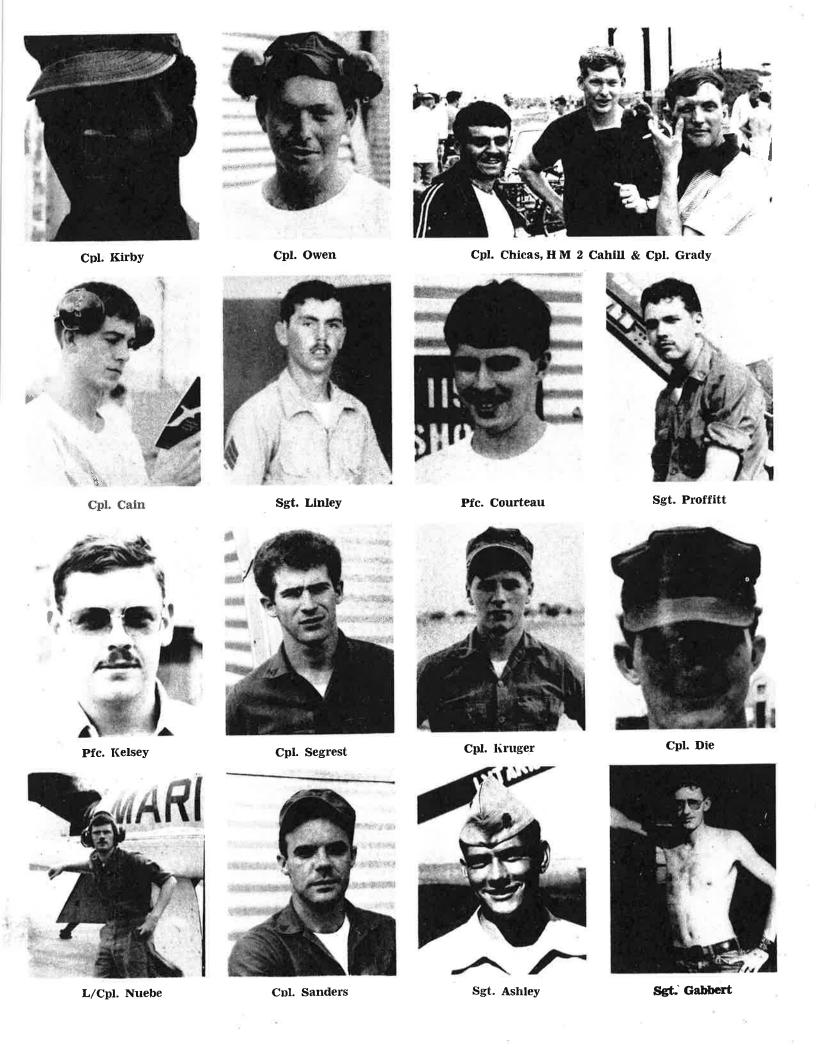














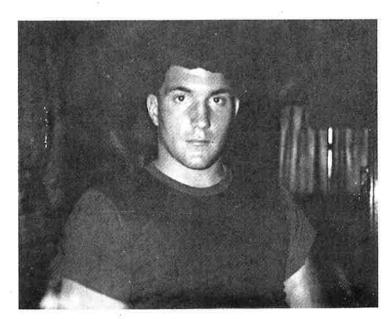
Cpl. Dahl



Cpl. Whitehall



Cpl. Thomas



Cpl. Foster



Sgt. Rock Cowles



L/Cpl. Bolten & Cpl. Crosby



Sgt. Spurlock

Sgt. Caraway

Cpl. Cates



It's snowing outside really guys



Cpl. "Bozo" Boudreaux



Cpl. Benuska



L/Cpl. Patterson



Sgt. Simpson



Cpl. Owens & Cpl. Ploutz



Cpl. Zannucci



Pfc. Mc Neill



Cpl. Richardson



Pfc. Barber



Cpl. Grady



Sgt. Gronninger



Cpl. Chicas



Cpl. Gillespie & Sgt. McCormack

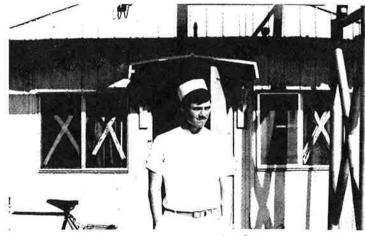


I just don't think that dog wants to go.

Sgt. Cherniss



Sgt. Knocker



L/Cpl. Bourland



L/Cpl. Noland



Sgt. Jarret



Cpl. Clayton



Cpl. Lipscomb



Pfc. Hall

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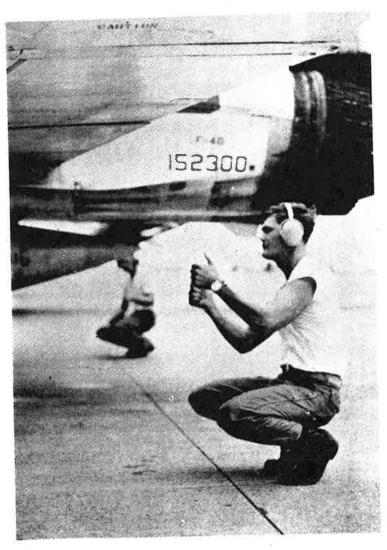


Sgt. Metcalf, Jo-Jo, & Sgt. Poole



Cpl. Mattis & L/Cpl. Davis





"The Kid"



Sgt. Mendoza



Cpl. Martinez





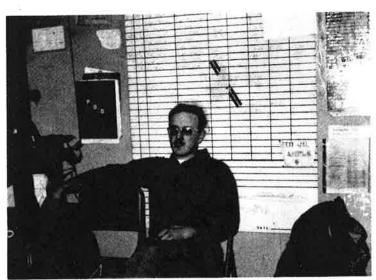
L/Cpl. Huff



Cpl. Koeal & L/Cpl. Bellas



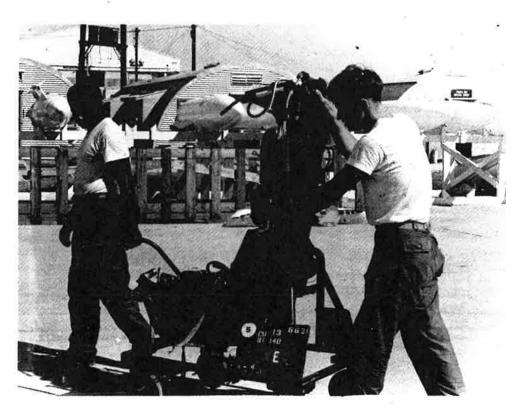
THE THREE MUSCATELS



Cpl. Mac



Cpl. Pacot, Pfc. Boyer & Cpl. Lara



Sgt. Woods & Sgt. Butt



Cpl. Gilbert

FUN & FROLICS



You really think I'd look good in an afro.



Now this is what I call human relations



Mister America, Mister Universe, Superman, Lois Lane Cpl. Andy Dahi Sgt. Cpl. Sgt.
Tywood Metcalt Cpl. J.m "BVD" Bravard

Sgt. E.G. Robinson



You put the left in, you put . . .



It's not an Eagle but it's a start



My Gosh...The little buggers are all over the place!



See spot run, run spot run



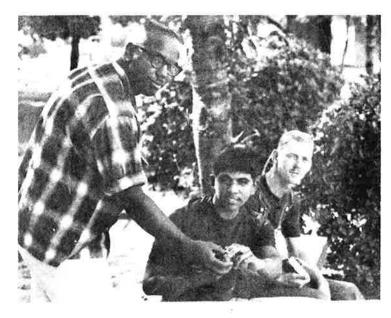
All right, whose the wise guy that moved the pool



Dirty dozen minus ten



Get in step there Eagle



Aay buddy don't boggart that joint



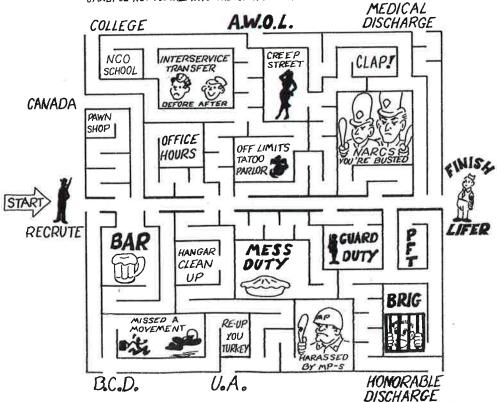
"Bro Control"



GAREER DESIGNATED MAZZE

DO YOU HAVE THE SKILL AND INTEGRITY TO BE A CAREER MARINE?? IF YOU CAN PASS THROUGH THIS INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT MAZE, THEN YOU TOO MAY HAVE WHAT IT TAKES...

CAREFUL NOT TOO FALL INTO ONE OF THE INSIDIOUS TRAPS ALONG THE WAY!

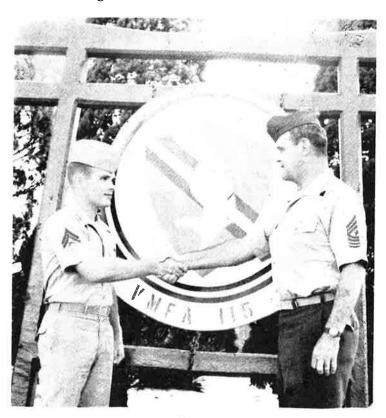




Which one do you think she'll finger



You won't believe this but my keys are in here so we can't go to work tonight.



Alright I'll buy it



What's the torque on a natops



White man speak with fork tongue



The general just pulled in so what else is so ne



AUCH, IGOR, some-vair, I tink Ve make der goof...



Did you say San Magoo



Does he have these fits often?



It's a Bird It's a Plane No it's Superfly



I gotta million of Em

ORDNANCE





















POWER PLANTS





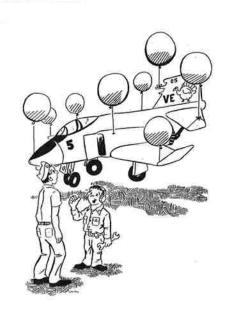








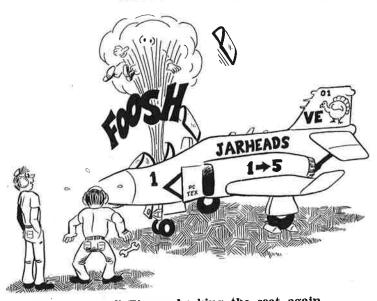






She's finally off special interest, sir, we can got her airborne...

SEAT SHOPPE AND FLIGHT EQUIPMENT

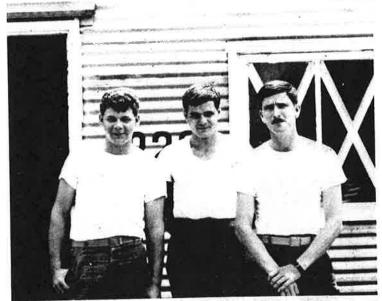






There goes ol' Fiene checking the seat again . . .











See what I mean? Sometimes it works, an sometimes it doesn't . . .

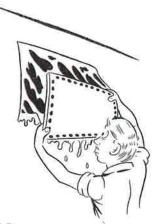












WHICH POTTING COMPOUND WAS THIS PANNEL
SEALED WITH??

BAZZOOKA JOE, EXTRA TITE...

DOUBLE BUBBLE SEALER...

WRIGLEY'S 60625...

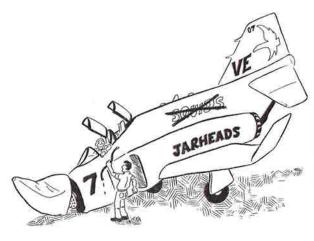






HYDRAULICS







You were right. This line does take the pressure off the gear . . .











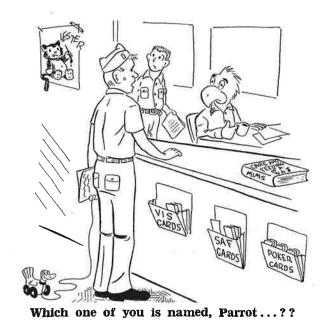
MAINTENANCE CONTROL AND ADMIN



















FLIGHT LINE & G S E













Ya wanna drag???







RADAR













The radar checks 5/0.... where's, Gabby??



Strube

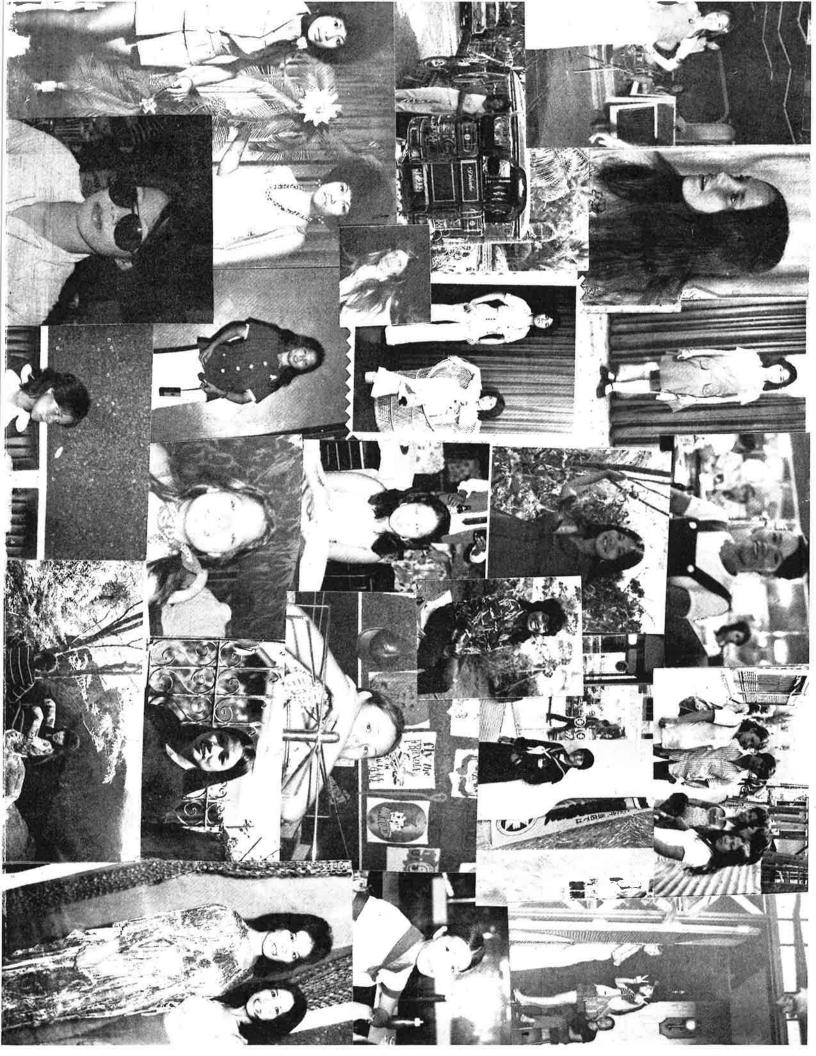


Gronniger

HERE LIES SPOT BORN 13 Aug 75 MURDERED 14 Aug 75

R.I.P.

CHUNED DOMA IN BLOOD FEARLESS FLY



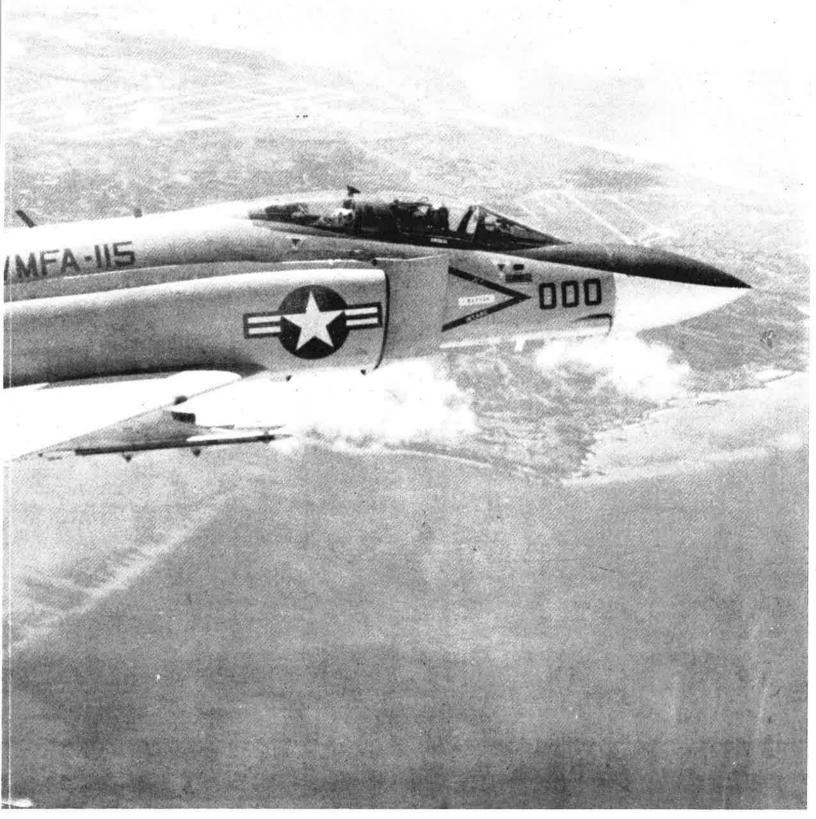


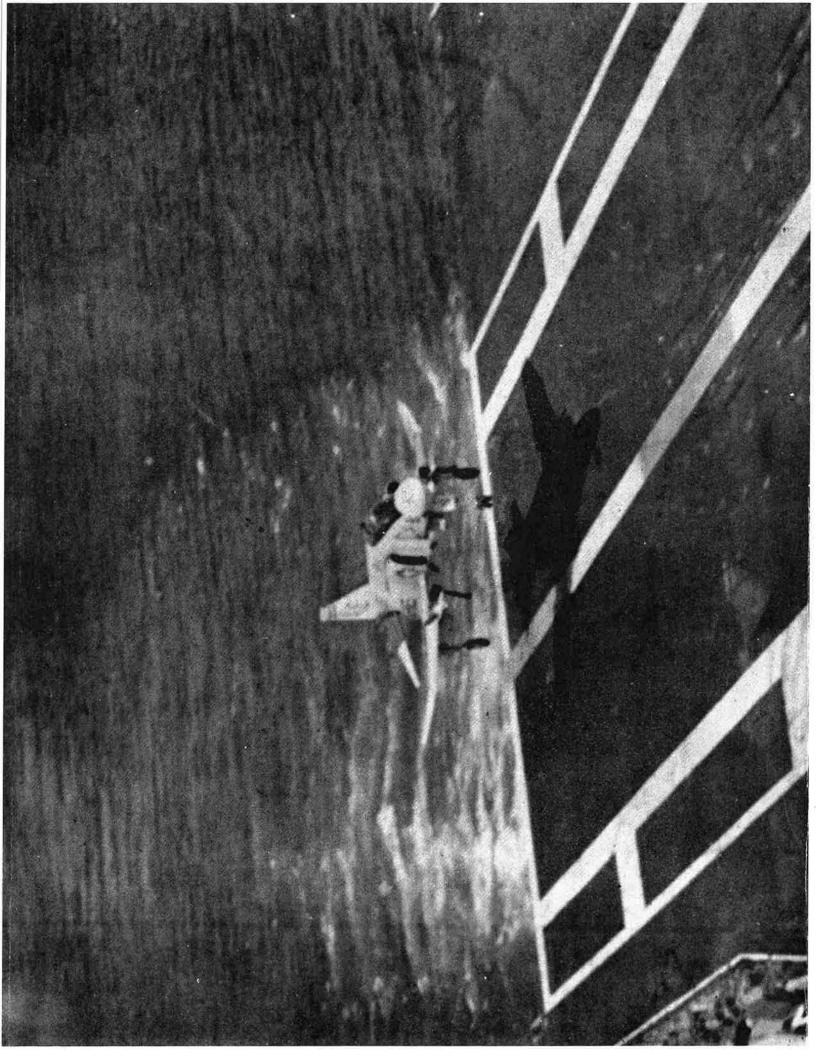


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MARINES





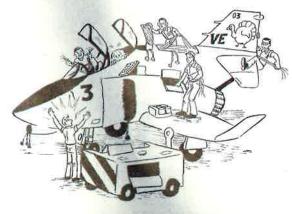
ELECTRIC SHOP











Hey, I found the problem, it's the wrong bird







COMM/NAV



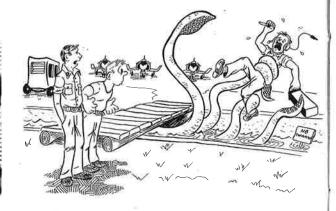




5/Sat. Reynold:







Boy, those, Comm-Nav Jokers, will do anything to get out of work . . .







Q. A.

















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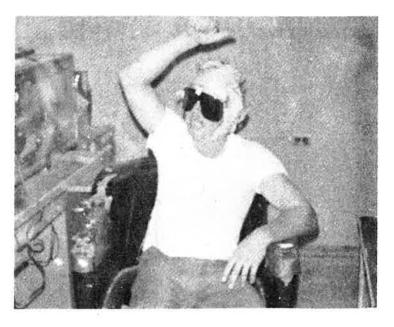










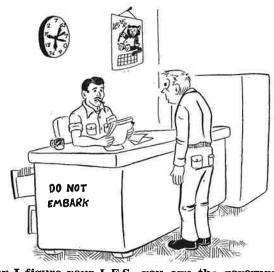




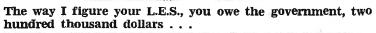
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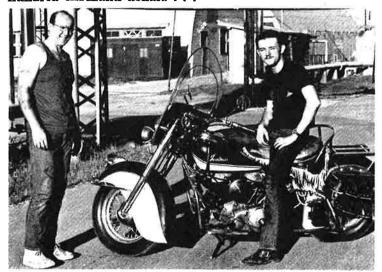












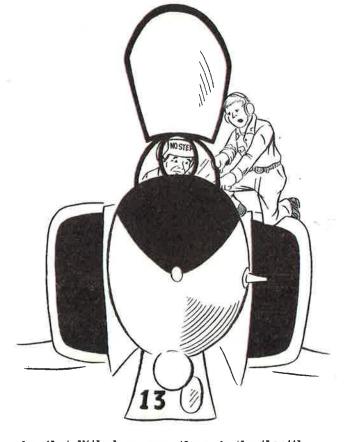










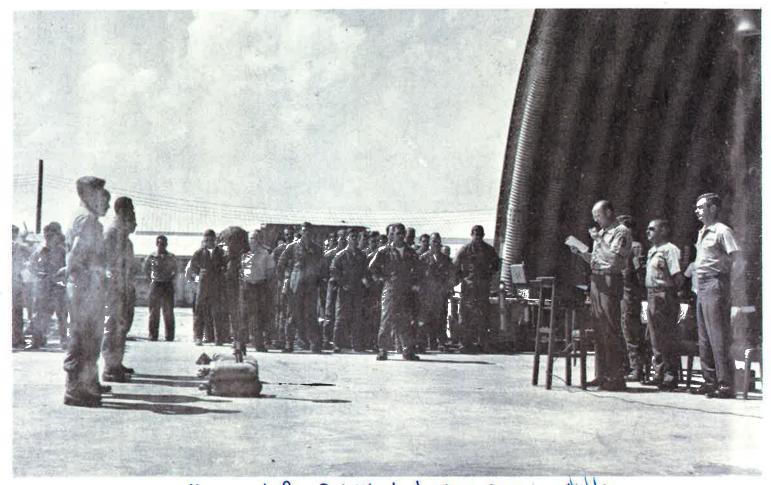






An, that little lever over there, is the throttle . . .

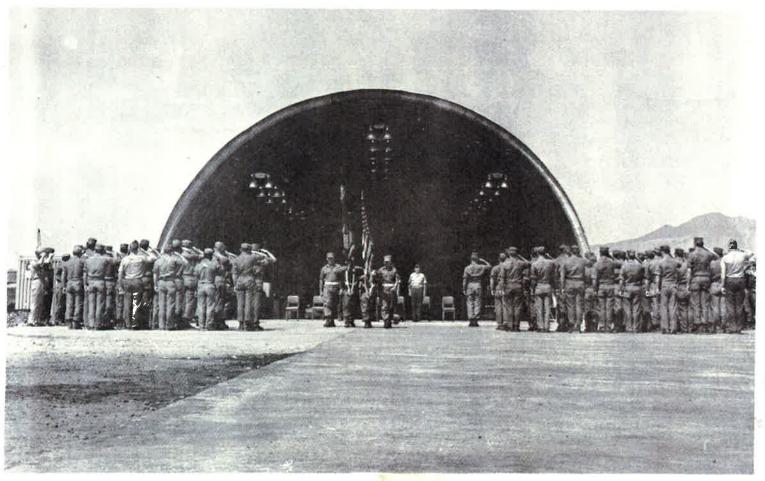




Memorial for Sgt. Woods & LICPL Bolton (A. I.)









BEAUTIFUL IWAKUNI















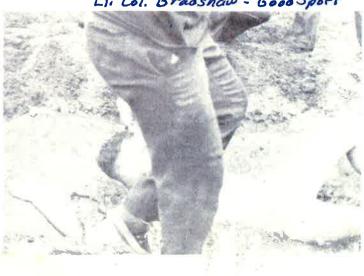








Lt. Col. Bradshaw - Good Sport



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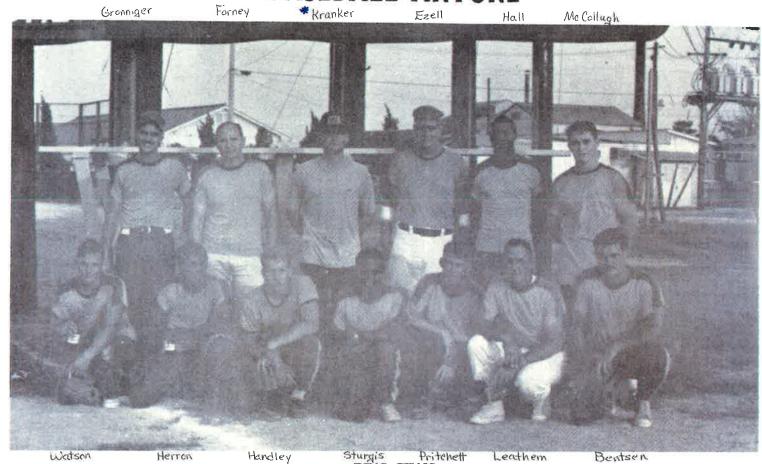




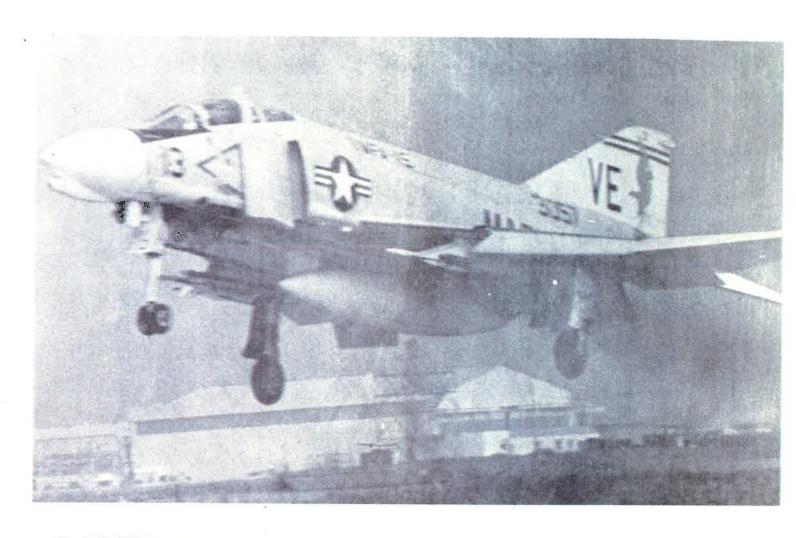


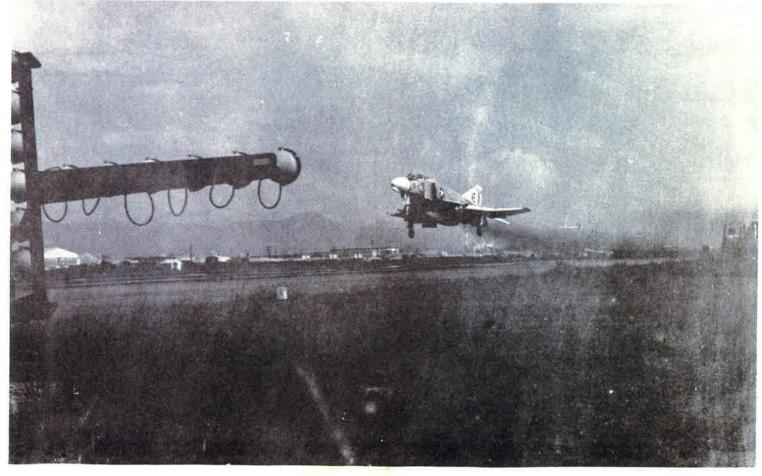


*Capt. Peter Kranker alias Dick Turner BASEBALL ANYONE *Kranker Ezell Hall









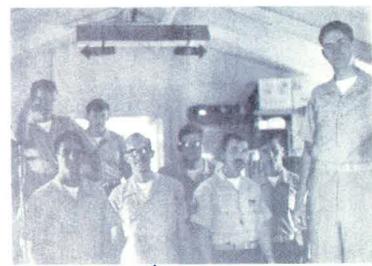












Corporal Strubo





EVENTS



















Tex Stuard





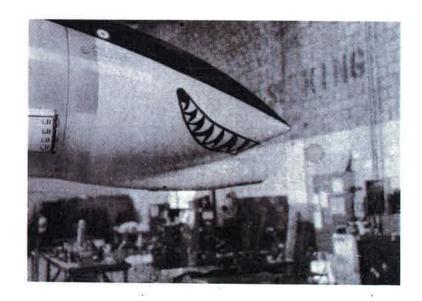
Jo-Jo, Mascot

















BullFrog











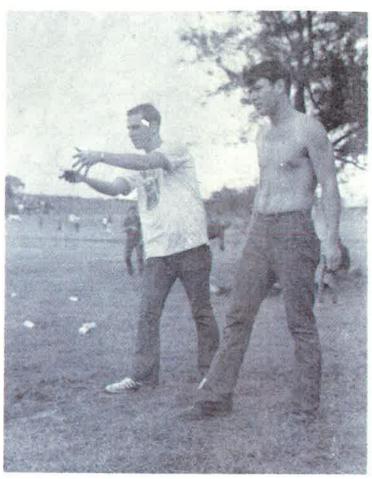
If that cockroach keeps moving towards me I'll scream



Egad, did that stapler really talk to me



We'll let you deal Sterns, but no more from the bottom



Tex, this is a funny way to shoe a horse



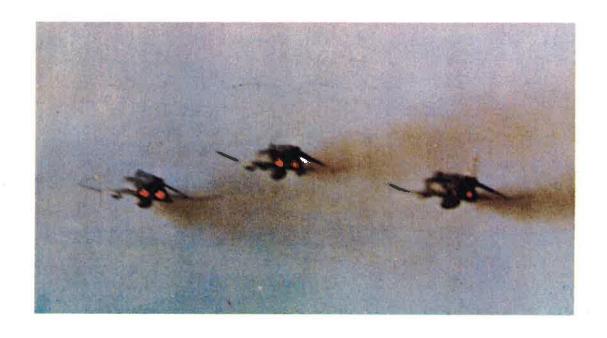
President of the Polish Army















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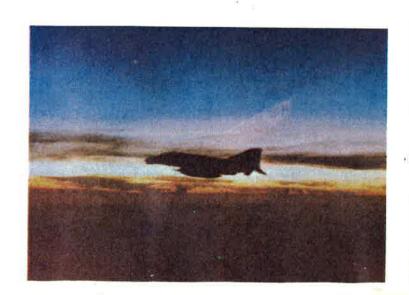






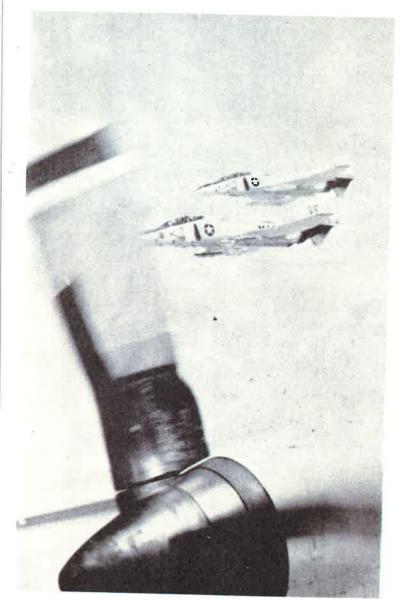








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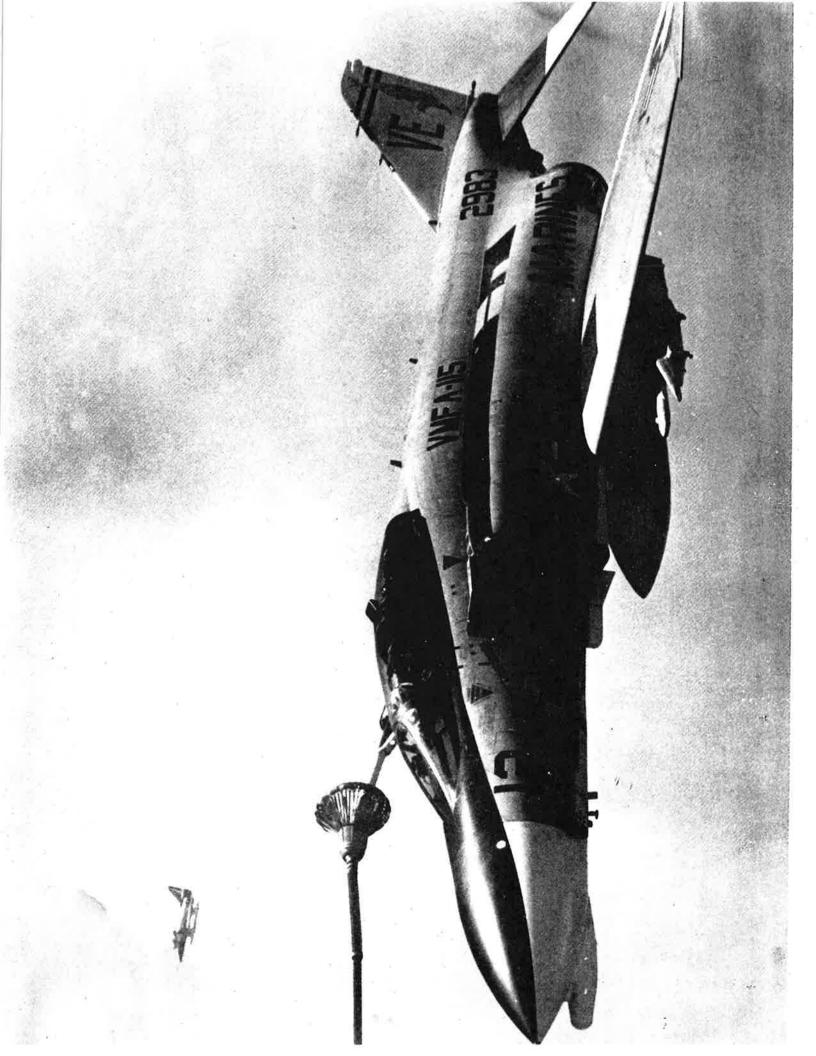


Gabbert

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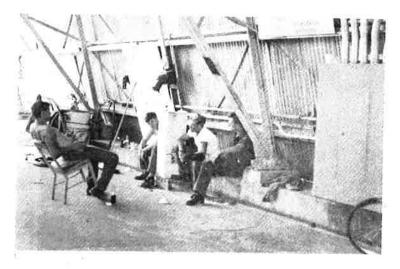




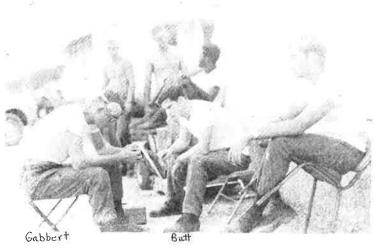






















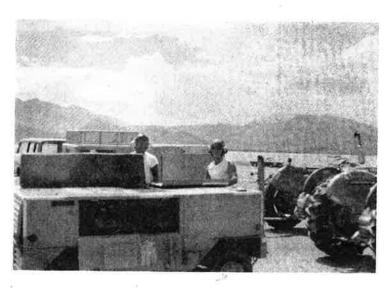














Country Caravan







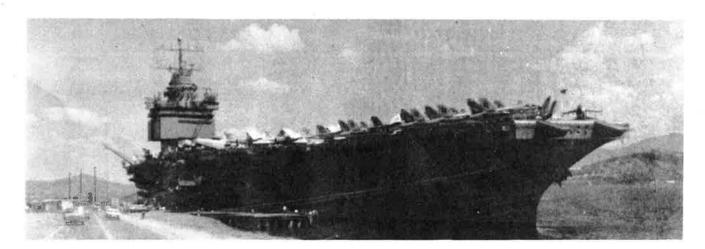




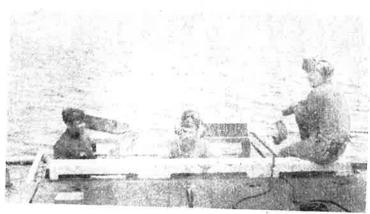
















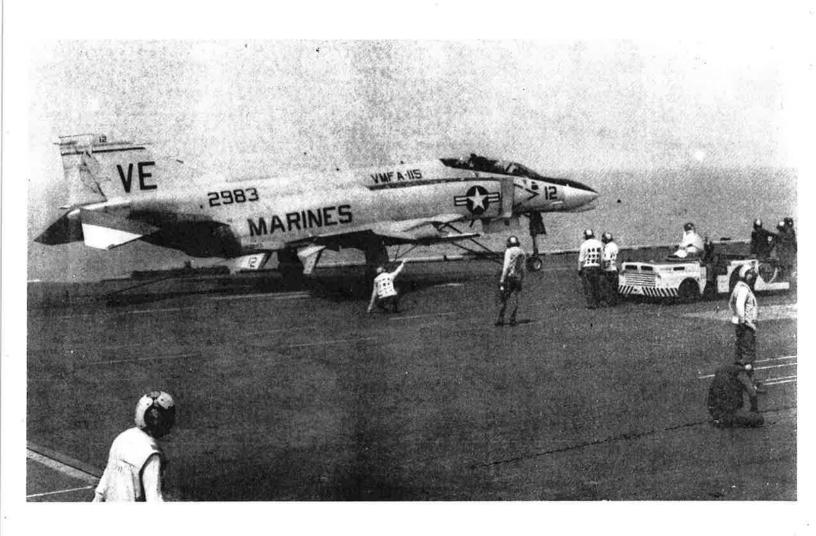






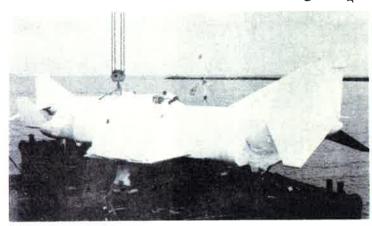


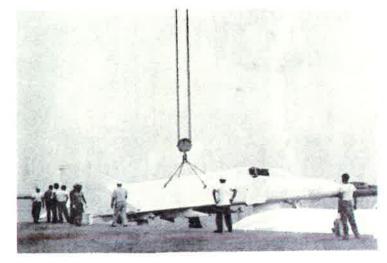




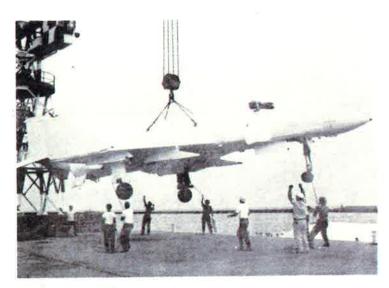


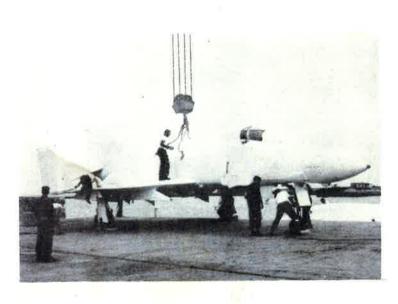
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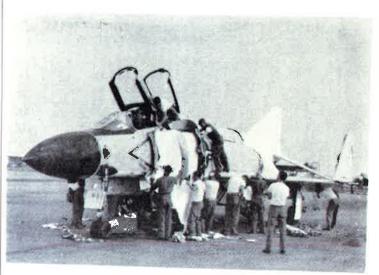


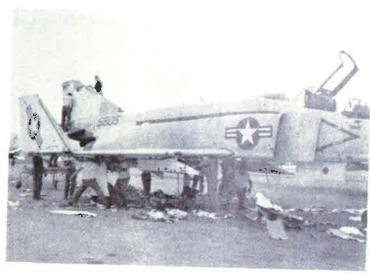


















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