135TH AVIATION COMPANY
ASLT HEL



BEARCAT VIET NAM
1969

HISTORY

The beginning of the 135th Aviation Company, a CV-2B Caribou Unit in the 10th Air Transport Brigade, 11th Air Assault Division, Fort Benning, Ga, starts with GO #186, HQ Third United States Army, Which officially redesignated the 516th Transport Airplane Company as the 135th Aviation Company, (Fixed Wing Airmobile),effective 1 July 1965. As the members of the 135th Aviation Company prepared to turn their facilities over to the 458th Troop Carrier Squadron at Dong Ba Thien and close the records, 8,470 nautical miles away at Fort Hood, Texas the beginning of a new 135th was starting to take shape.

On 1 December 1966, the 207th Aviation Company (Airmobile Light), was activated under MTO&E 1-77G by General Order 302, HQ III Corps, Fort Hood, Texas, with a life of only two months, the 207th was deactivated but on 1 February 1967 the 135th Aviation Company (Airmobile Light) once again came into existence with the redesignation of the 207th Aviation Company.

The 135th was again organized under MTO&E 1-77G, as per III Corps, Fort Hood, General Order 47, with 2 Lift Aircraft Platoons, each with 11 UH-ID's and one armed platoon with 8 UH-1C's, a service platoon with 1 UH-1D maintenance ship and a headquarters platoon.

The two detachments responsible for the direct support maintenance were the 614th Transportation Detachment and the 68th Signal Detachment.

The unit was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam in early October 1967 and started operations in early November 1967. There was still much to do to make the unit fully operational so the work and training continued. The 614th Transportation Detachment and the 68th Signal Detachment were activated by III Corps General Order 296 and 297 respectively. They have given the unit outstanding support and have been able to maintain a high average of aircraft availability.

The 135th is proud of the work of these two detachments. November 1968 the two detachments have been inactivated and are now fully intergrated in the 135th Maintenance Platoon. Camp Blackhorse was the unit's home from late December 1967 to mid November 1968. They shared this post with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and other smaller units.

The unit was fortunate to be mortared and rocketed only once during the period with no injuries to personnel.

The unit's main problems were seasonal dust and mud. Since moving to Bear Cat in mid November, the 135th received incoming rounds on four occasions.Improvement in the living area and local establishments such as PX, Service Club, Steam Bath and Swimming Pool has served to boost morale. Considerable "Self-Help" was required to upgrade the unit area. Members enthusiastically embarked on this task and although there is still much to do, it ranks as one of the finest unit areas in RVN.

UNIT COMMANDERS

The 135th Aviation Company has always had the very best of Unit Commanders. The commander of the past and present with their periods of assignment follows;

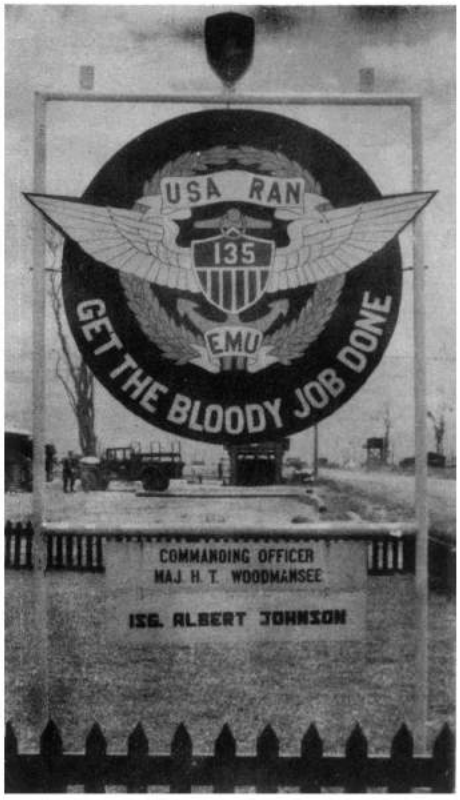
Major Spurlock, William W.	20 Dec 66 - 29 Sep 67
LTC Cory, R.M.	29 Sep 67 - 11 Mar 68
LTC Osbourn, Robert E.L.	11 Mar 68 - 14 Nov 68
Major Raetz, Paul E.	14 Nov 68 - 4 May 69
Major Woodmansee, Harry T. II	4 May 69 - Present

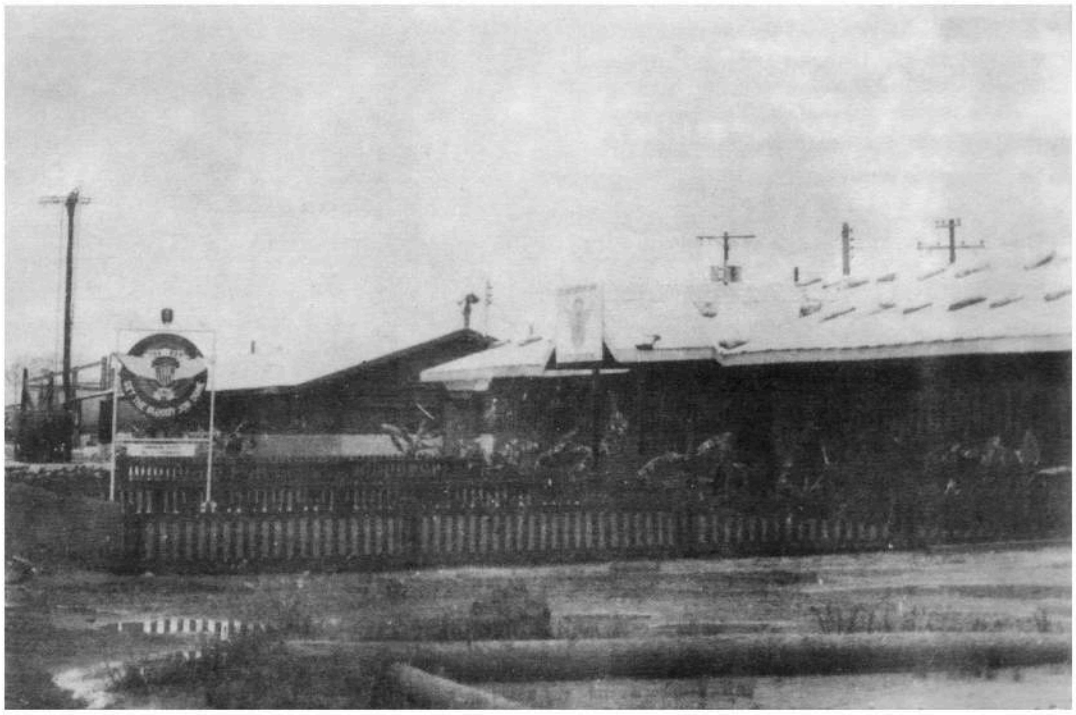
THE STORY BEHIND THE CREST

The 135th Aviation Company unit crest designed by the men of this unique company, and utilizes the extended eagle wings to represent U.S. Army Aviation and the traditional anchor to symbolize the Royal Austrlian Navy element. Since this unit is the only intergrated U.S.-Australian Aviation Company in Vietnam and has always sought perfection, it chose the Olympian laurel wreath to symbolize both its unity and goal. From the efficial term "Experimental Military Unit" comes EMU which is the unit's callsign and the motto "Get the Bloody Job Done" is a direct quote from a congratulatory signal sent by a supported unit after a successful operation west of Chi Lang,RVN.

THE 135TH AVIATION COMPANY (ASLT HEL)

CPT Robert D. Fleer, KIA	8 Feb 68
WO1 Glenn D.Moore, KIA	8 Feb 68
SP4 Richard Cavanaugh, KIA	8 Feb 68
PFC Robert A. LaBuda,KIA	8 Feb 68
LCDR P.J. Vickers (RAN), KIA	22 Feb 68
LEUT A.A. Casadio (RAN), KIA	21 Aug 68
WO1 Hershel J.Bullock, KIA	21 Aug 68
POACM O.C. Phillips (RAN), KIA	21 Aug 68
SP4 William E. Fennell, KIA	21 Aug 68
WO1 William M. Miller, KIA	16 Sep 68
ASLT Tony J. Huelin, (RAN), KIA	3 Jan 69
WO1 William S. Childers, KIA	3 Jan 69
SP4 Ernest D. Dodson, KIA	3 Jan 69
SP4 Larry R. Mcpherson, KIA	3 Jan 69
CPT Dennis M.Phillips, KIA	31 May 69
WO1 Steven L. Martin, KIA	31 May 69
SP4 Bryon B.Bowden, KIA	31 May 69
LACM Noel L.Shipp (RAN), KIA	31 May 69
WO1 Bernardino Genchi, KIA	22 Jul 69
WO1 Allen Starr, KIA	22 Jul 69
SP4 Gail L. Whitlatch, KIA	22 Jul 69
SP4 Larry Pool, KIA	22 Jul 69

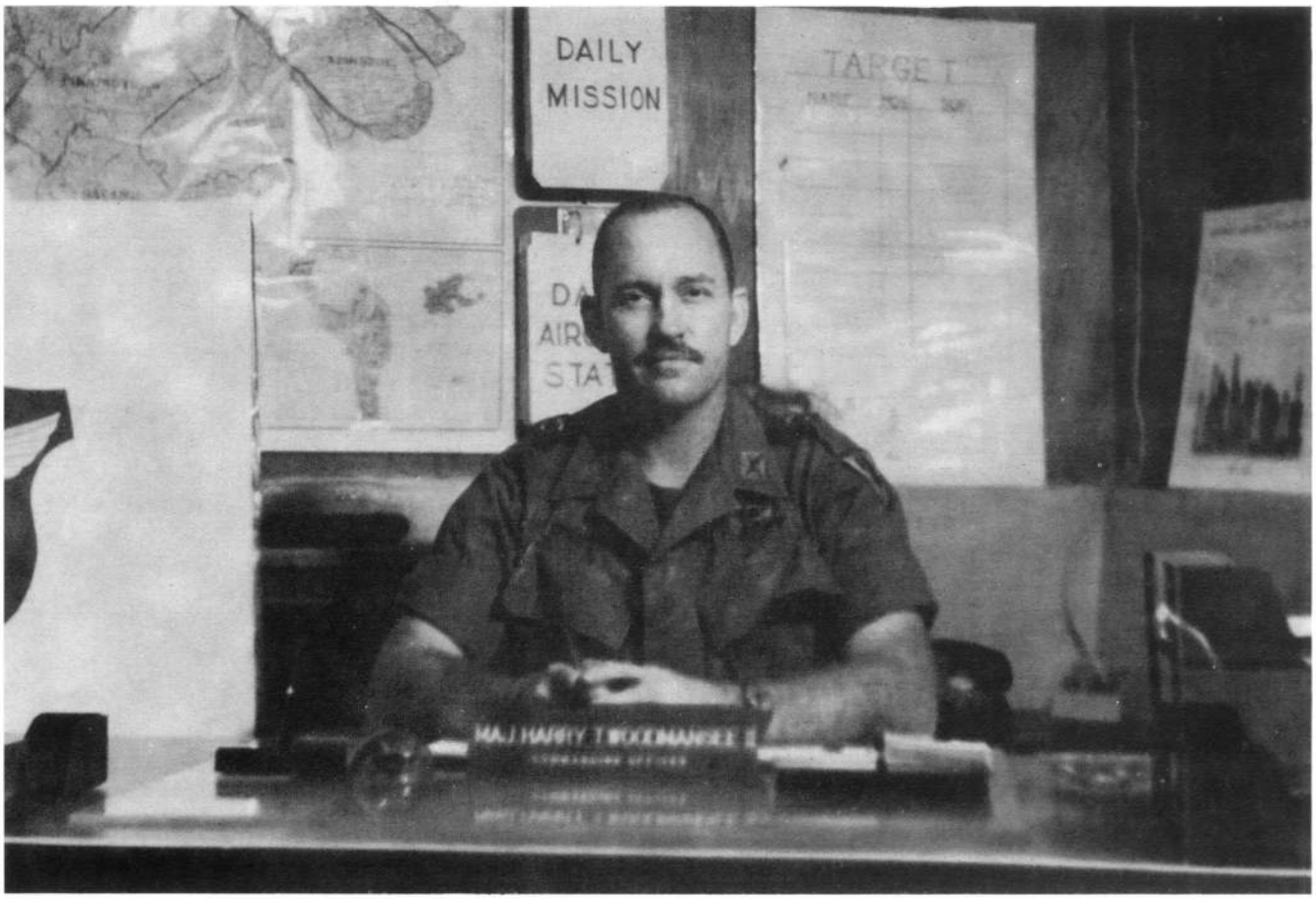




EMU's Home



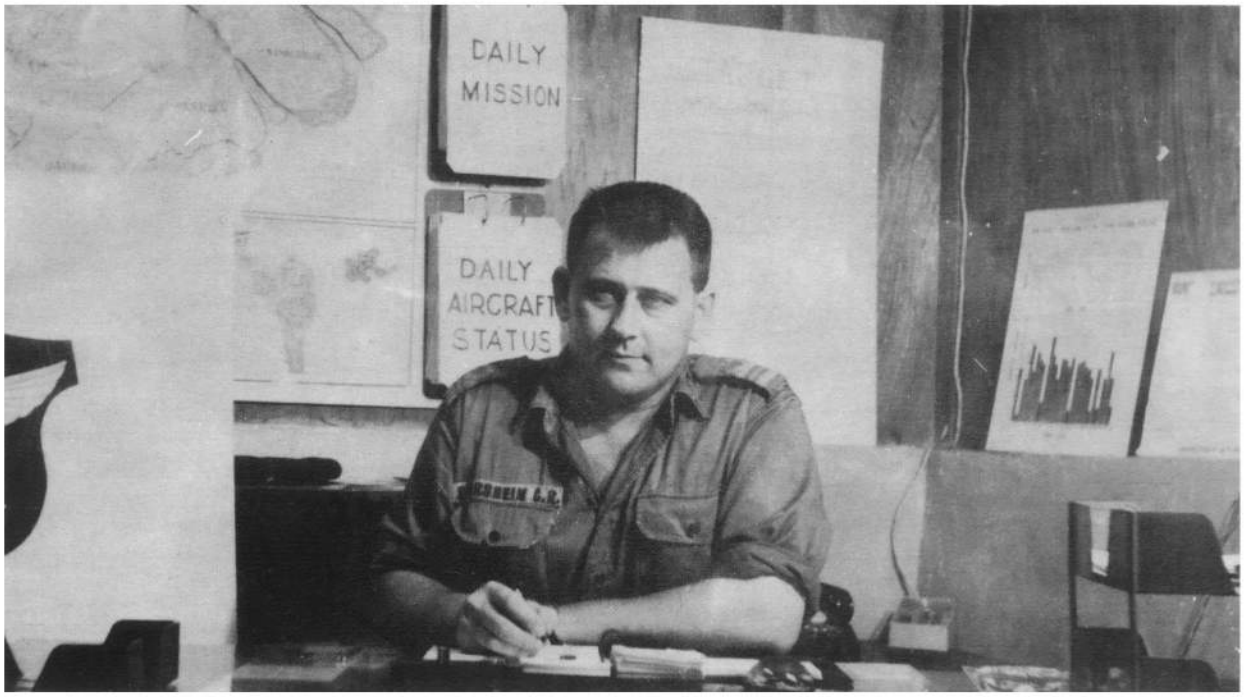
Beautiful Downtown Bearcat



MAJ HARRY T. WOODMANSEE II
COMPANY COMMANDER



1LT THOMAS A. STAADT
ADMIN OFFICER "Lt Fuzz"



LCDR GRAHAM R. ROHRSHEIM
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



We've got the team, whose got the bloody ball?



1SG Albert Johnson - First Sergeant



SP5 Robert C. Ryan Jr.
Head Clerk



SP4 Jimmy R. Appleby
Morning Report Clerk



SP4 Anthony A. DiStefano
Publications Clerk



SP4 Robert A. McGee
Distribution Clerk



LTWR Graham H. Waugh
Aust Company Clerk



5 to 1 on EMU 6



SGT Ronald Jelliff
A & D Clerk



UM..Well, sir I well aa...



...And the massage was good too!



Wonder how much this one costs?



SP4 Moberg & SP5 Totem



OK, who stuck the gum in the chamber



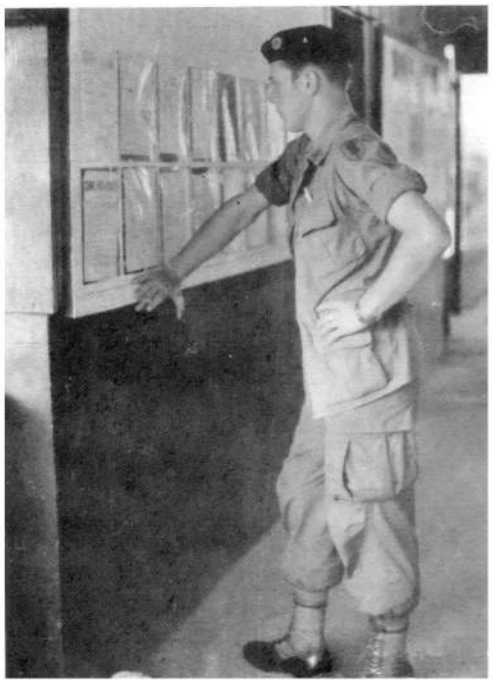
This isn't an M-16.



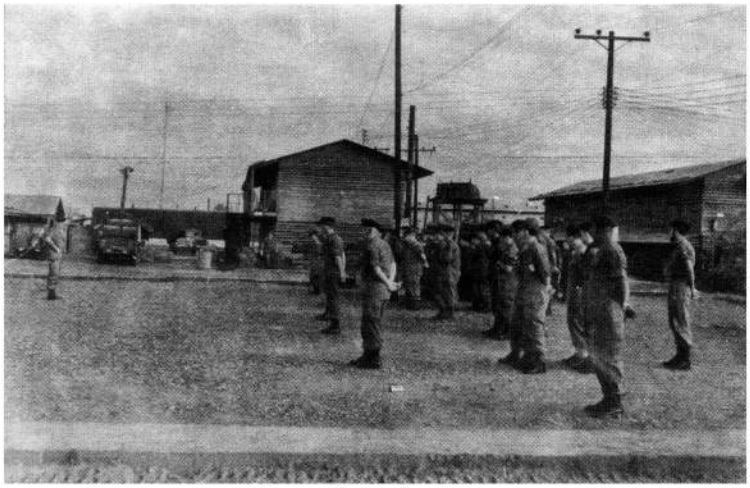
These damn female monoplies.



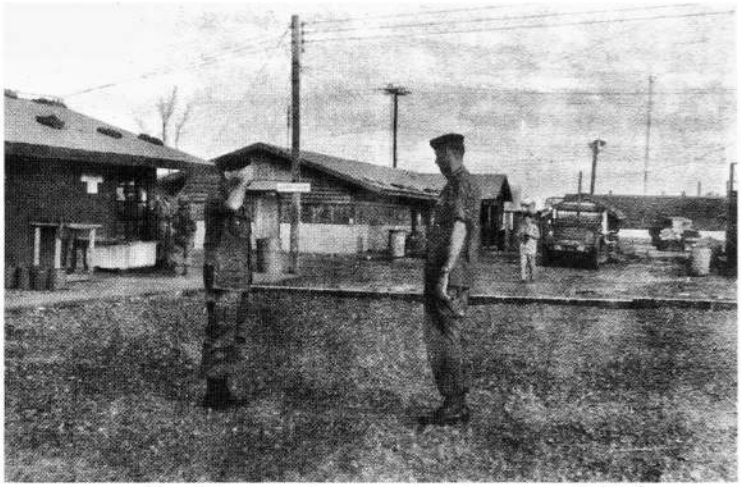
Hurry, tickets are going fast!



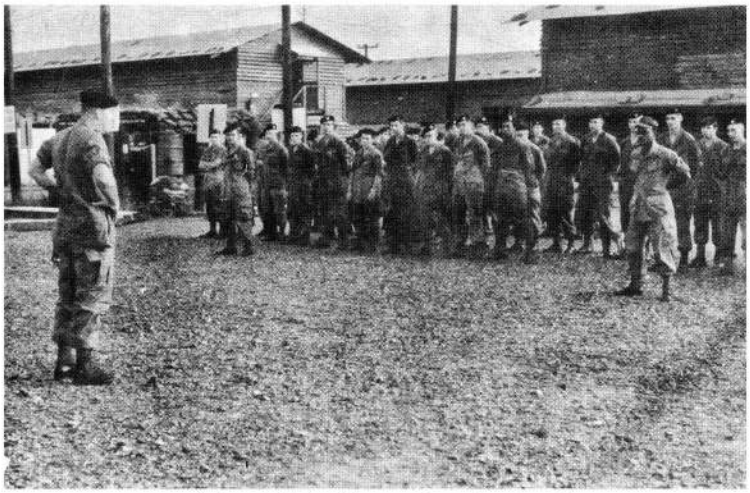
"SDNCO" again,I'm too short!



Morning Formation



No I'm not scratching my head.



"And if I'm elected.."



I said FALLOUT not attention.



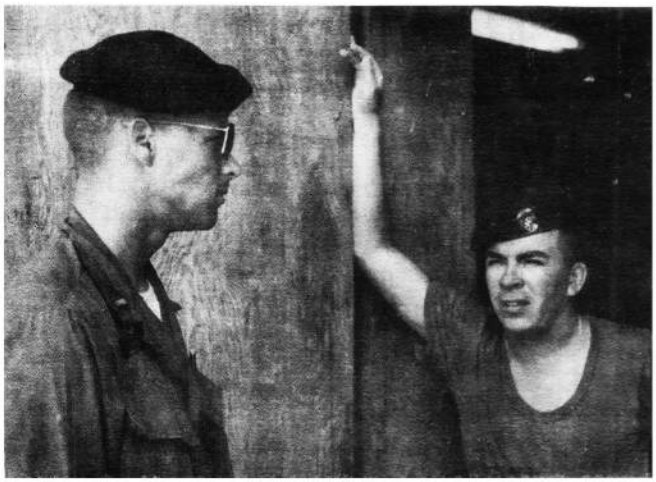
Simon says put your hands on your back



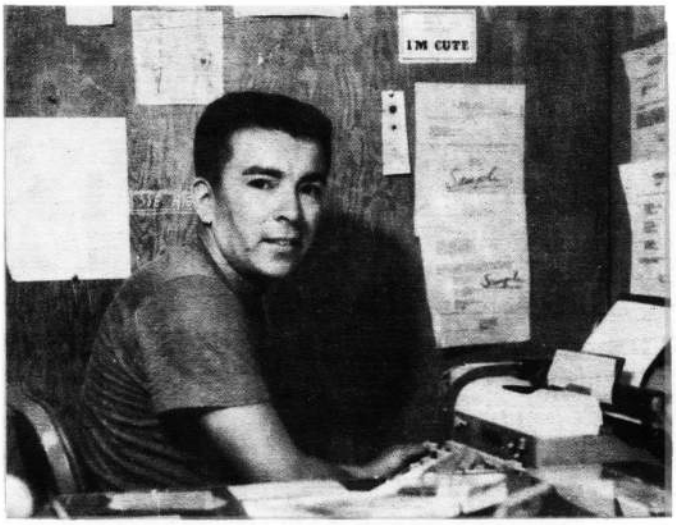
OK when he walks past us...get him.



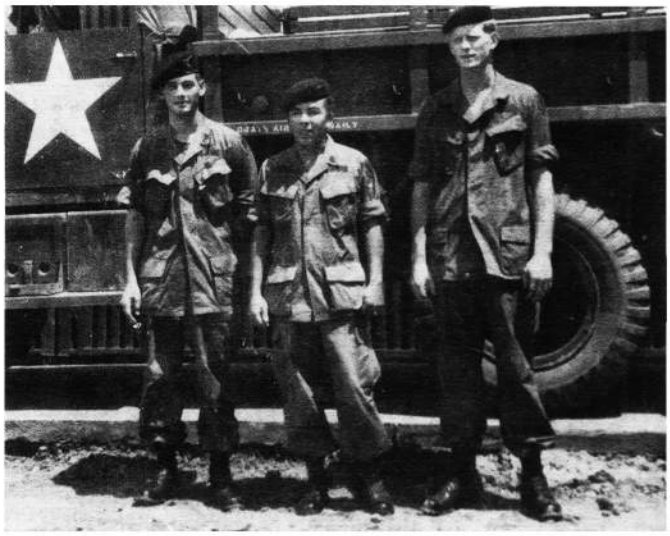
We ain't got none!



No sir, we're not going to Thu Duc.



Happiness is a finished report.



Our Gang



You want WHAT?



Bull fighters convention



We have a dozen of them but I don't know where they are.



Does anyone have a bag for my bowling ball?



Be serious major, what's your bag anyway?



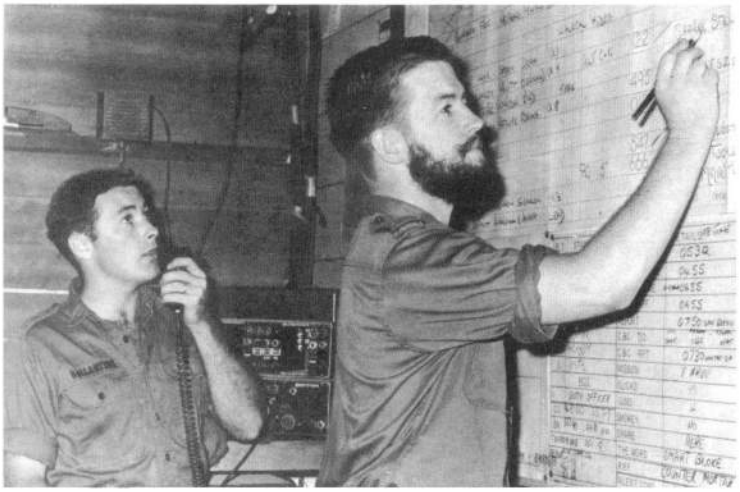
I don't think we have any prop wash listed.



Our extensions went through?



Do you like our new funny hats?



It's all been changed.



Operation's trained thugs



Operations doing their thing.



Where's Iowa.



Whatever turns you on.



Australia's contribution to freedom.



Where is that Report!!!



The BIG Decision



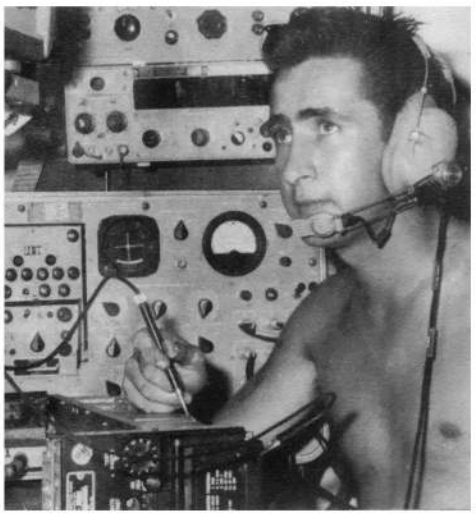
Double Trouble



I wish I had four hands



THE LAST STAND



What do you know!
It works.



Fix this,Fix that,
Always fix, fix fix.



How does this
bloody thing work?



And this is that thing



"TOOL BOX 6"



Ain't this a %#$%@¢



You've got to refer to the TM's.



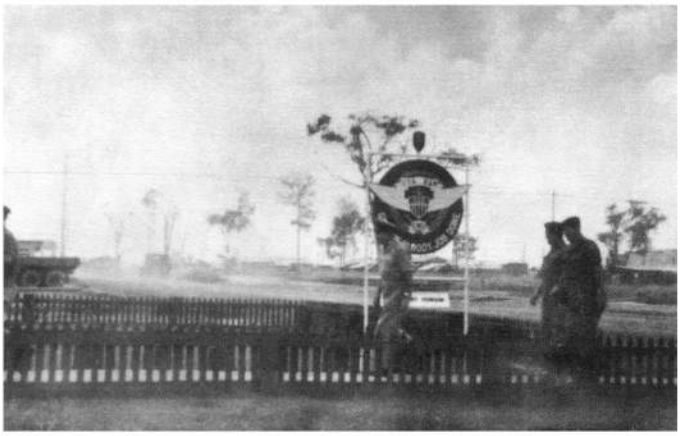
I don't know whether I'm coming or going.



What! Another flamin test flight to do.



THE LEADER



Eyes right...here comes de judge.



WHOA..I'm next!



Did ya hear the one about....???



No, but one time
in Vietnam.



Yeah mate, right here
in the middle of Bearcat



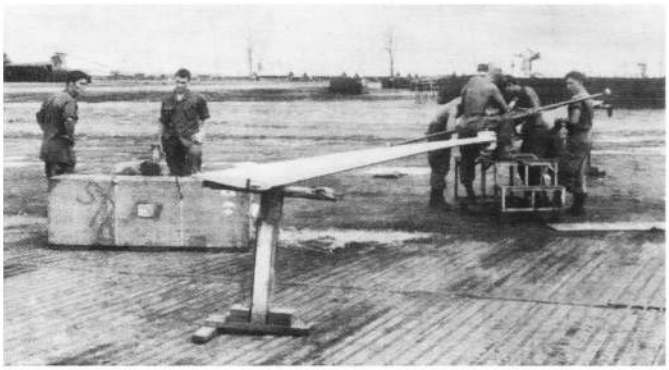
EMU's in their nest



Who said PE crews don't work?



Back to Back we fight together.



I think I've got it buffaloed now.



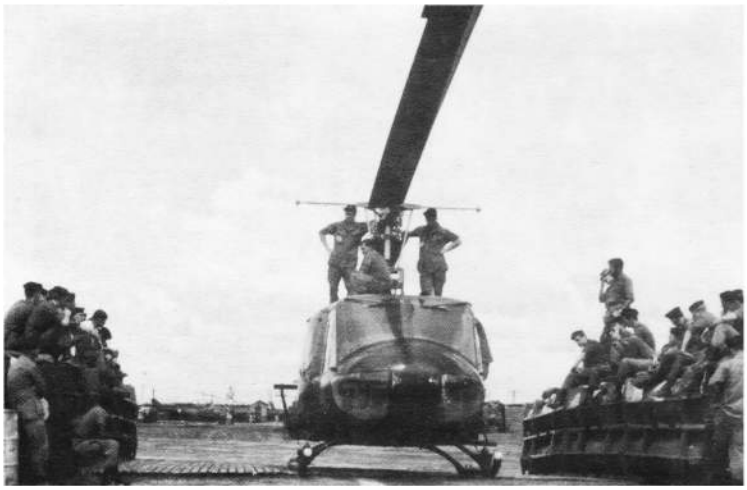
Which way did he go?



See I told you I could get it up here.



Now see this "FEMALE" fitting here?



Class, this is a helicopter



You're right..
it does work.



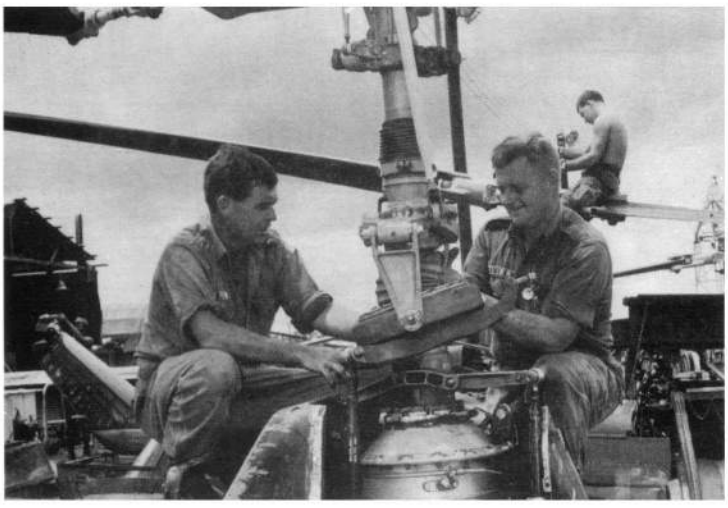
You hold it I'll call
for help.



Don't know how you got in there
but you look stuck to me.



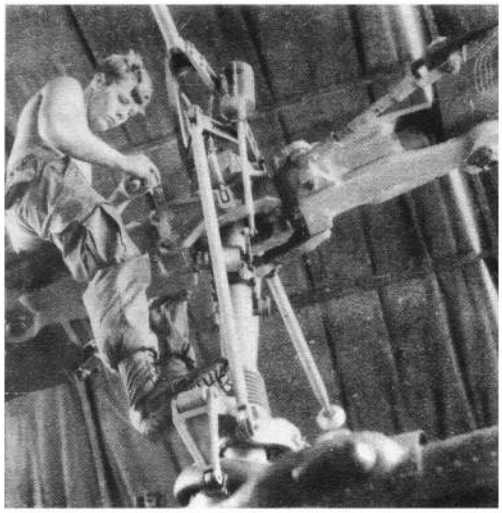
I think it fits here.



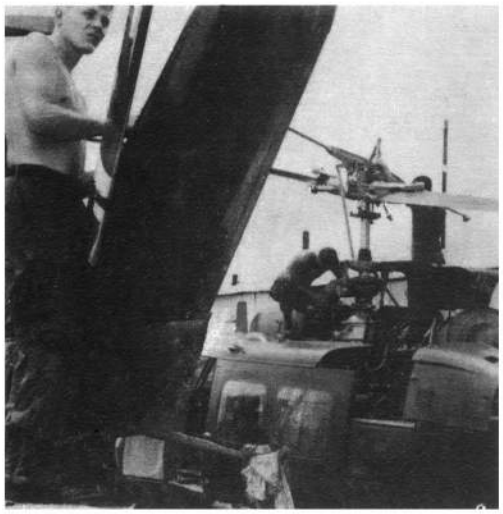
Move it the other way,
my finger is caught.



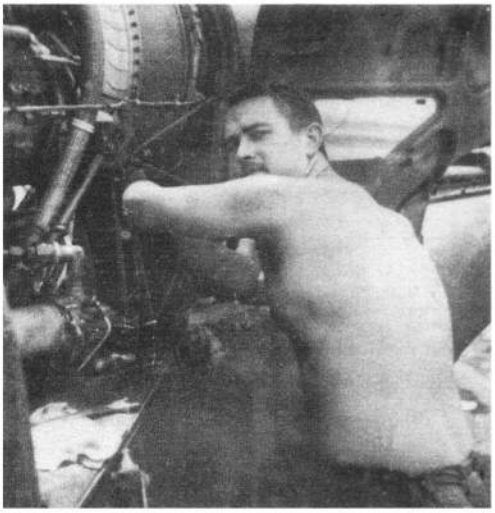
I found a NO NO



If I slip its all over



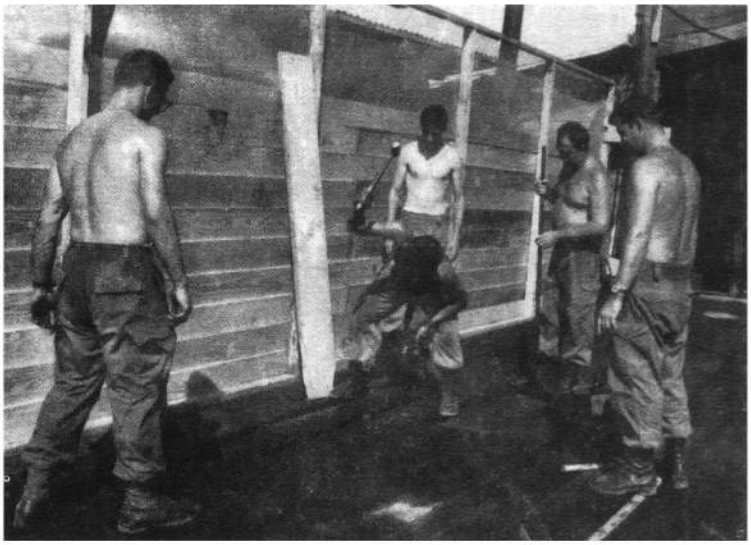
Boy if I were home now...



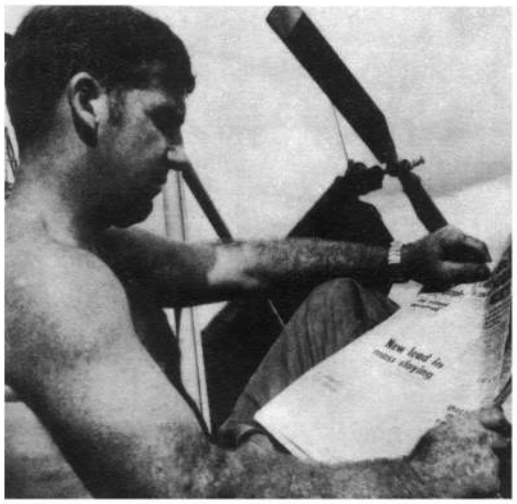
I got guard in 5 minutes.



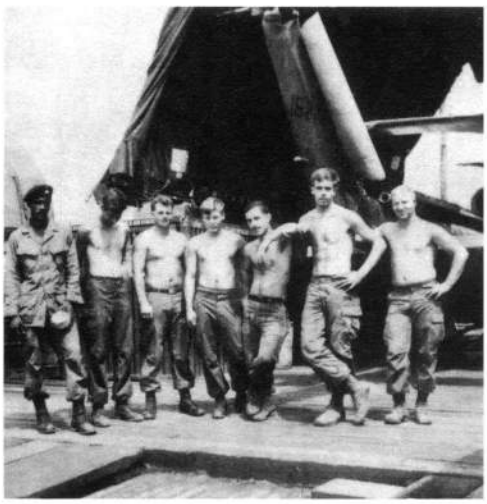
I don't have any idea,
what is it?



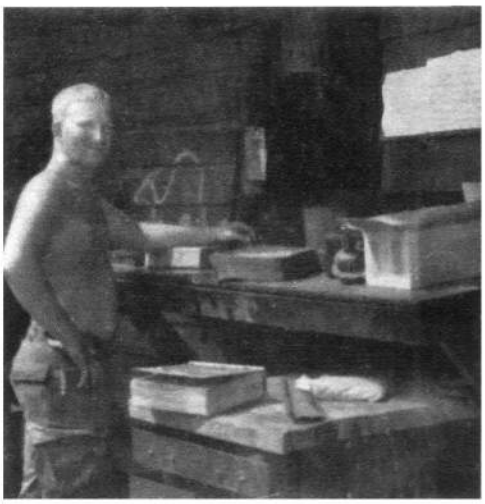
All that for an ant?



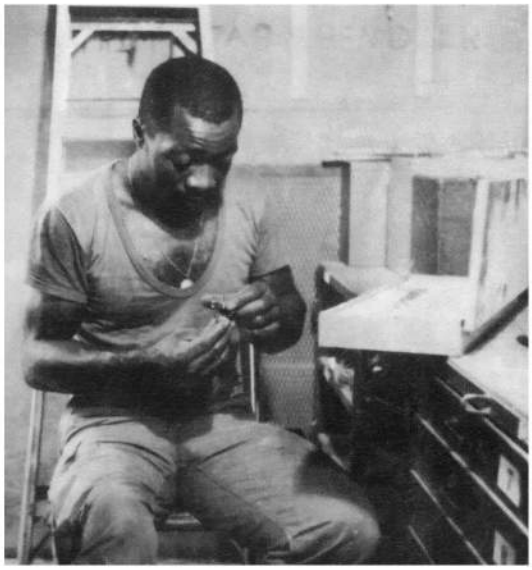
ZZZZZZZ HUMPF!



Bearcat Beauties



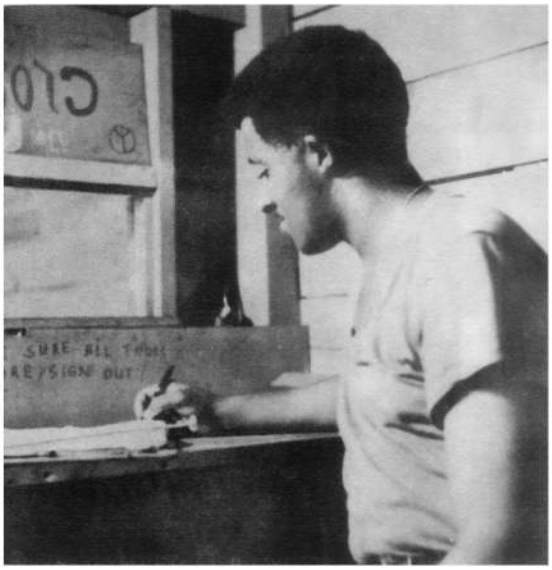
They <u>do</u> have centerfolds?



What the %$#" is it used for?



What's so funny?



Dear Abby



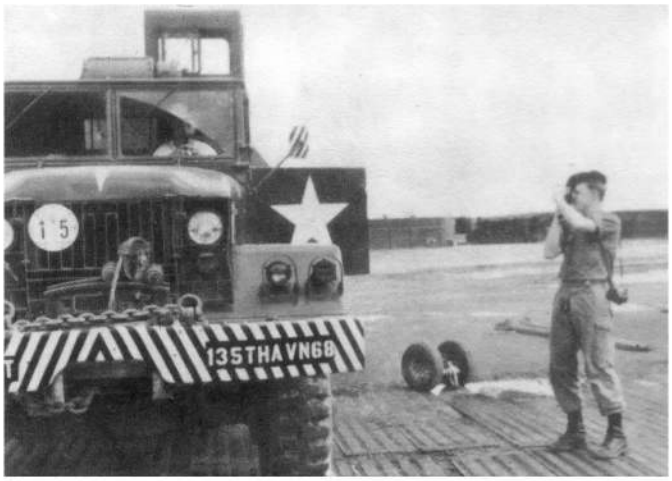
Hey a ham on rye



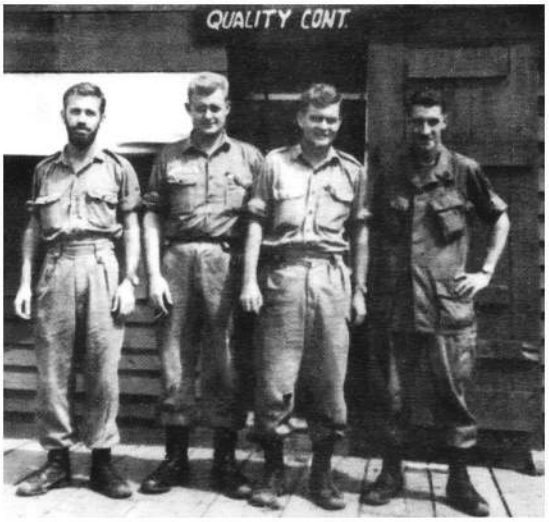
If this blows up again



CHAIN GANG



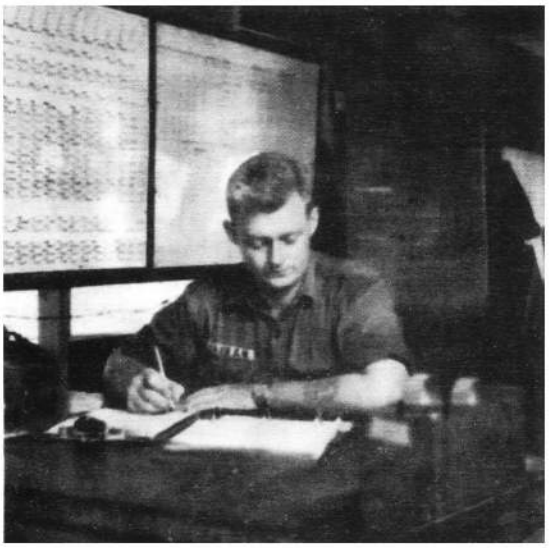
SMILE



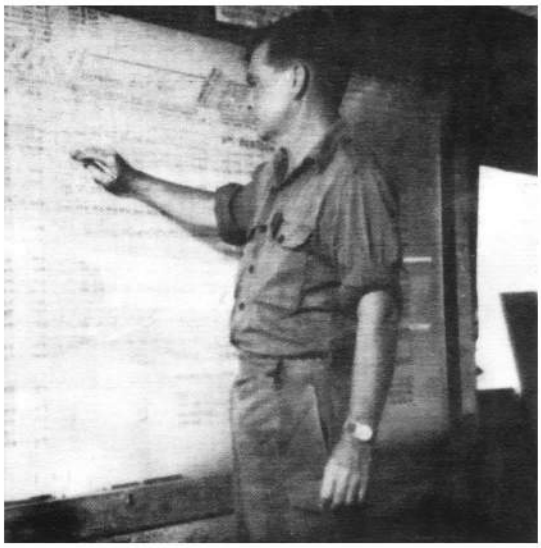
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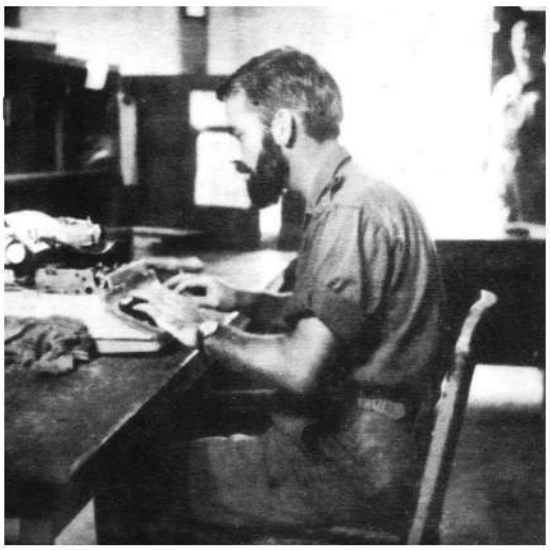
The boss is due any minute now



What's this.. aircraft floats on landing bit



"SHELTON, you screwed the board up again!"



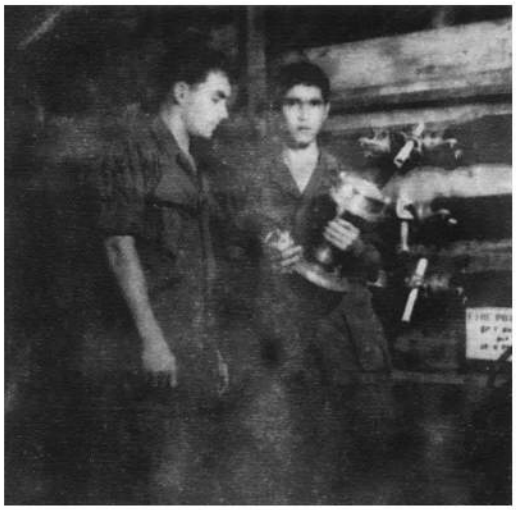
I wish I could get the hang of this thing



No it's not, I'll show him.



Wrecking Crews



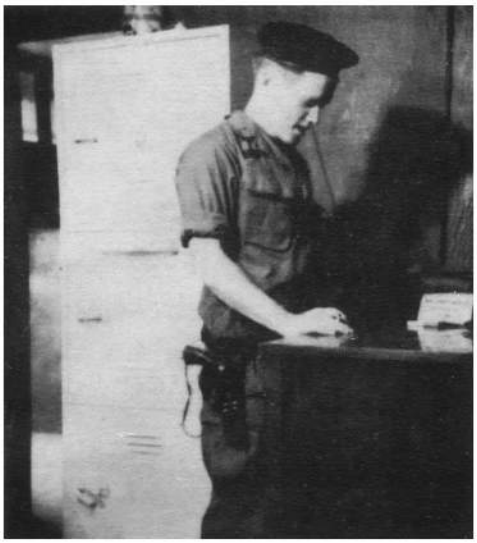
What grease fitting?



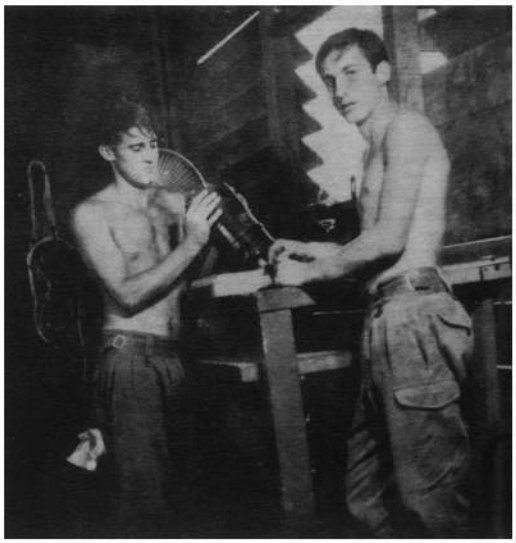
No, you turn and
I'll hold



I'll do it myself



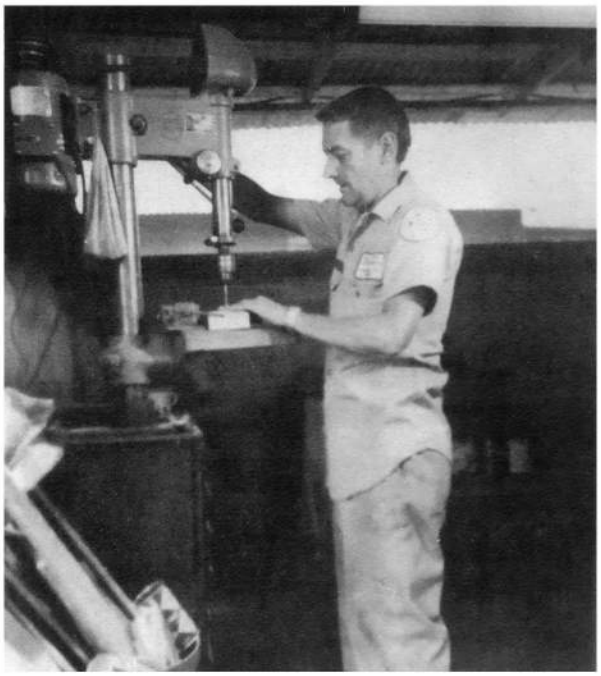
Ha, they can't see
what I'm doing with
this hand



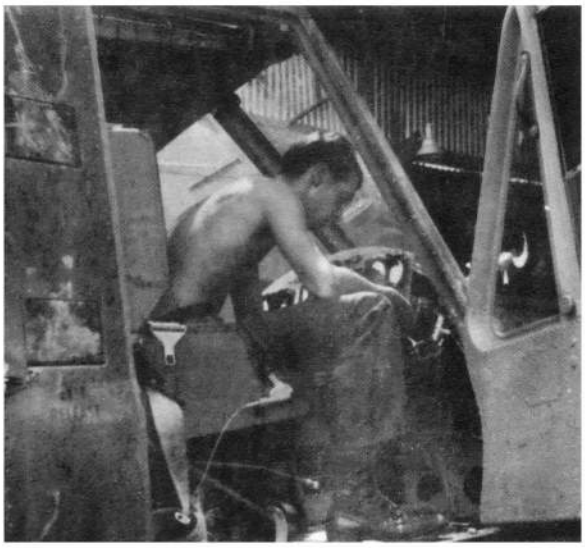
Looks better from
this end.



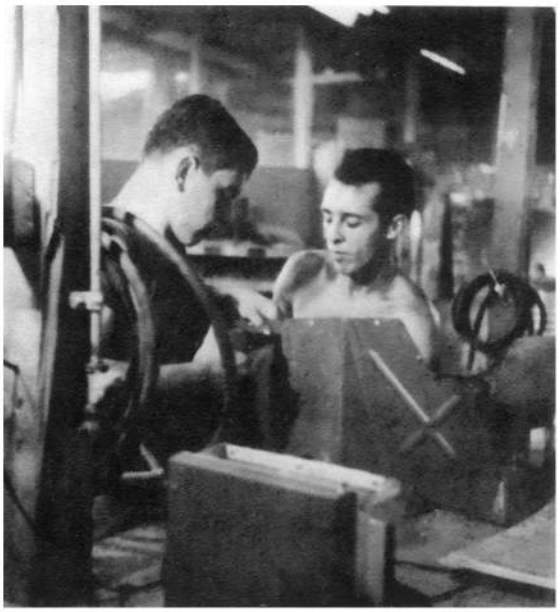
That was 5 bucks
on dancers image?



Damn it! I knew it!



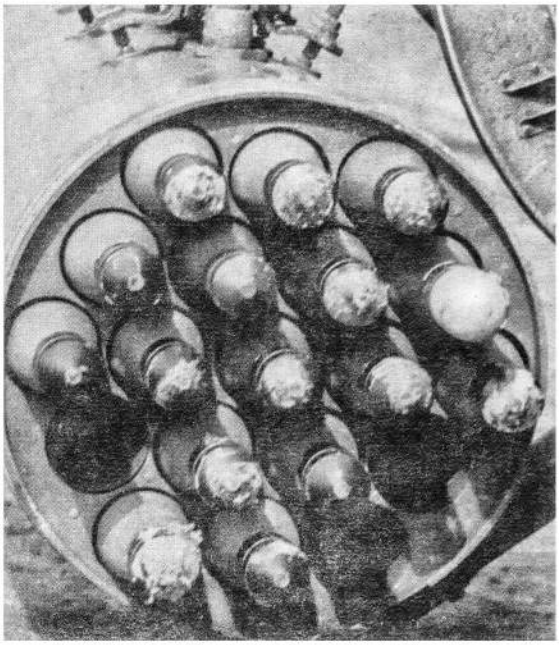
"%#$ Amen..



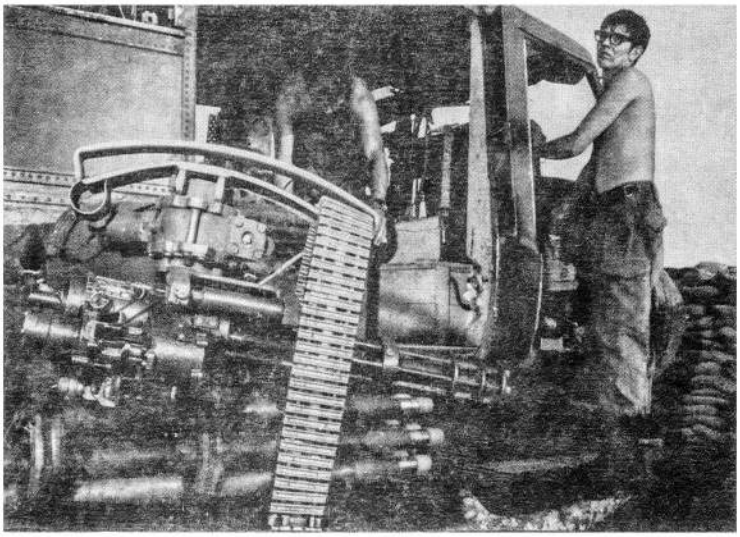
You and your 2D!



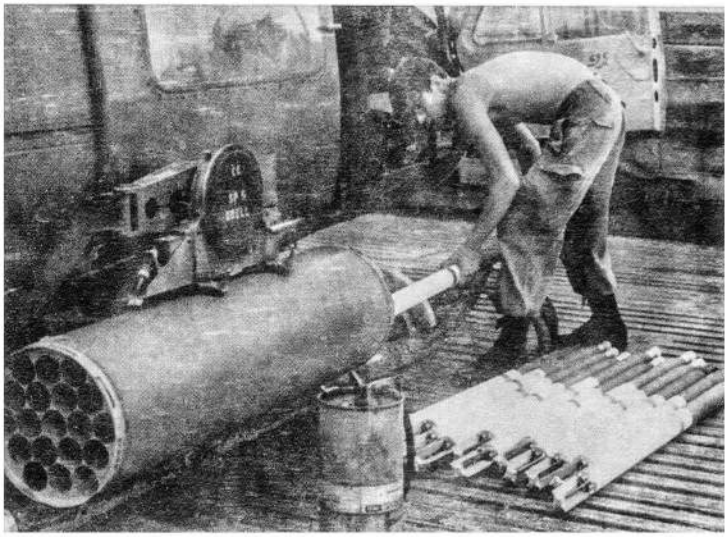
May not be a set of 40's
but they feel nice!



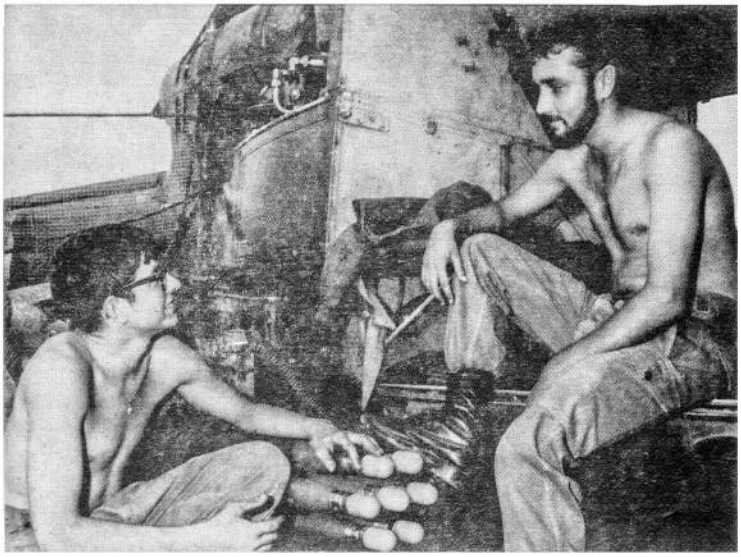
"Here Charlie"



Will you stop aiming that thing at me?



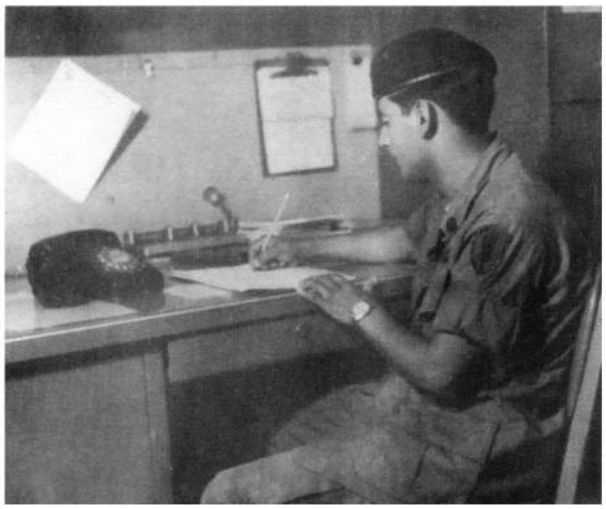
Why do I always have to do this?



Please get your foot off of my hand?



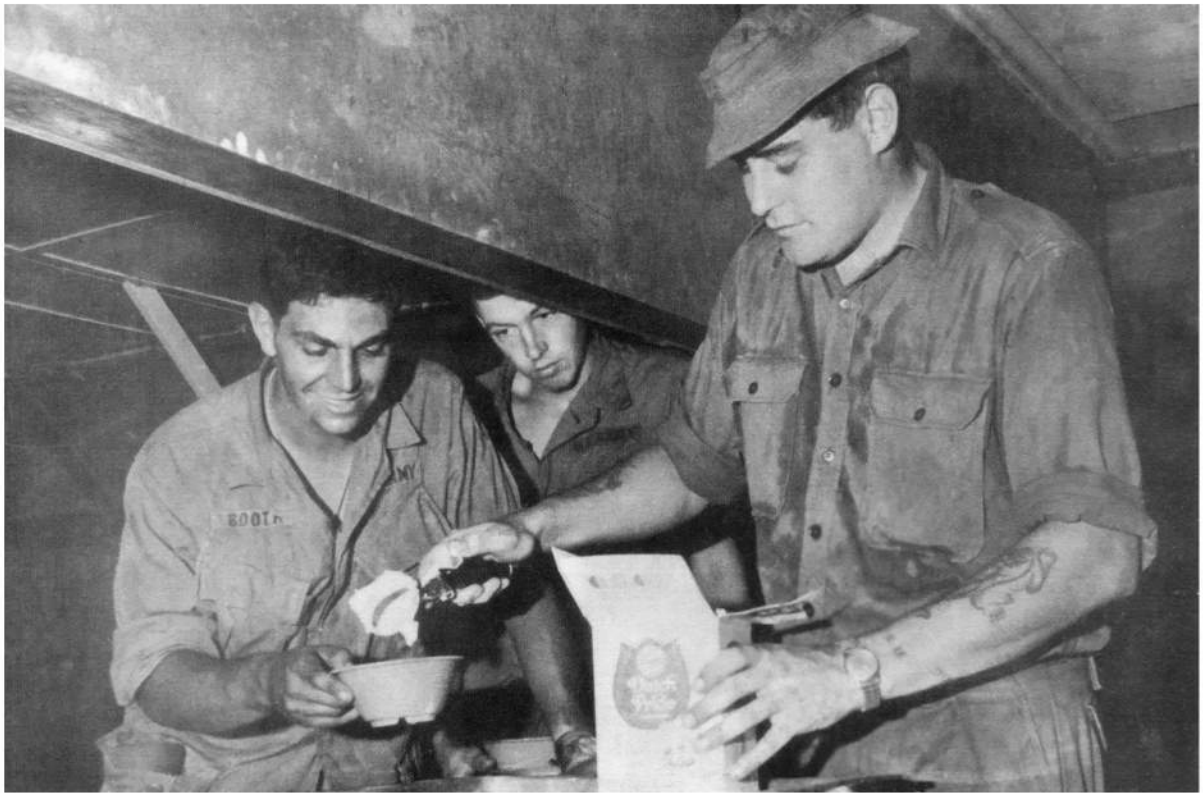
Damit it, it squirted me in the eye!



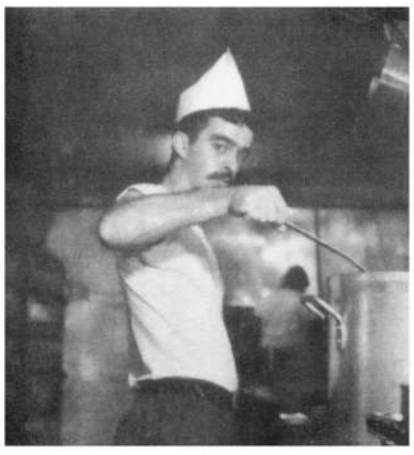
Dear Abby



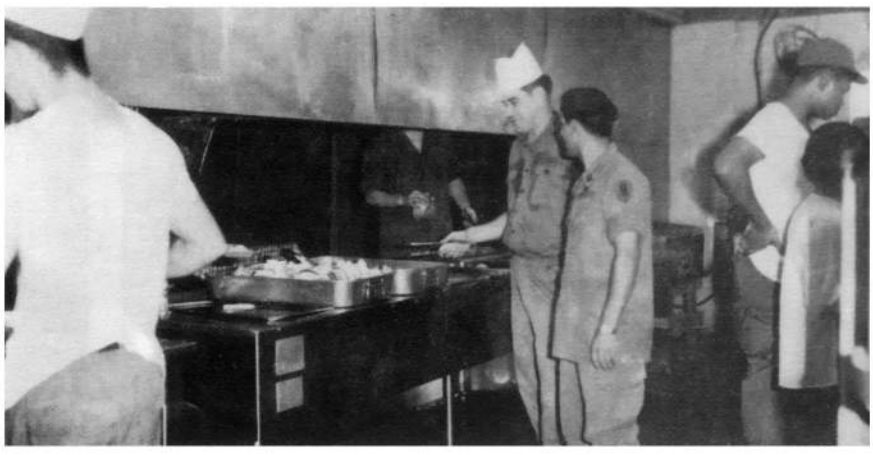
Quick more water, its too lumpy.



And later you get cake too...



No this is gravy, why?



If it only looked as good as it tastes.



It says here uncooked food is trouble!



Yes sir, the food is GREAT?



It's not as bad as it looks.



Wow how many times do I have to fill his glass?



Look he's trying to break the bread!



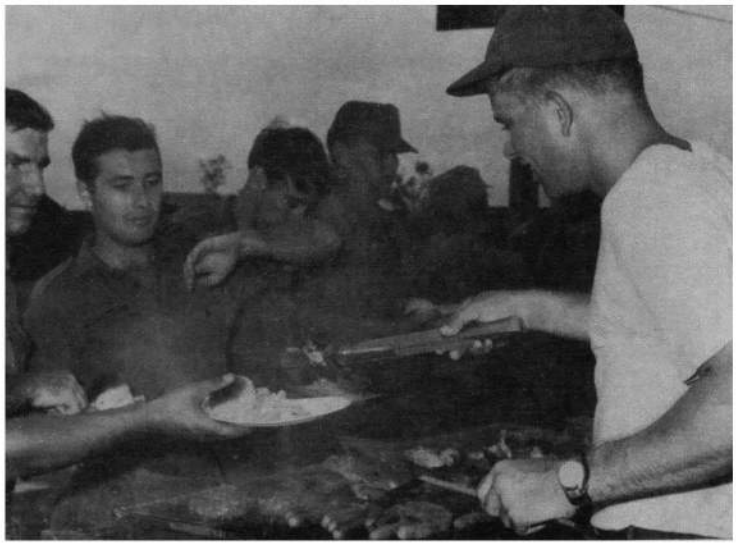
Good I get the left overs



Roast Beef AGAIN?



You don't expect me to eat this do you?



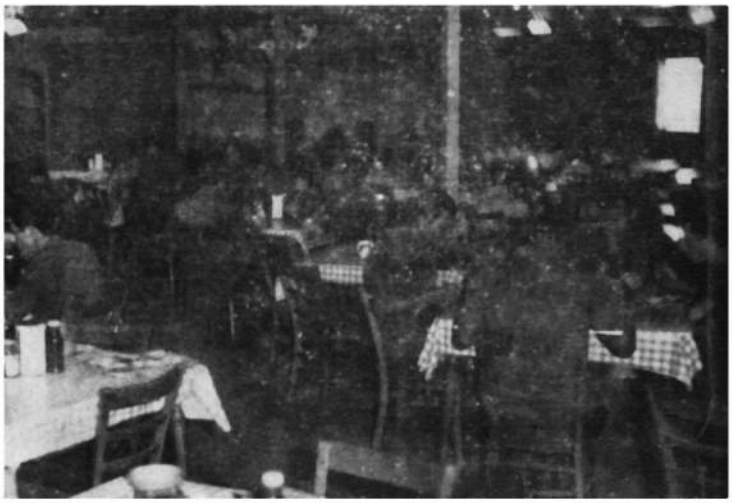
NO-NO-NO!!



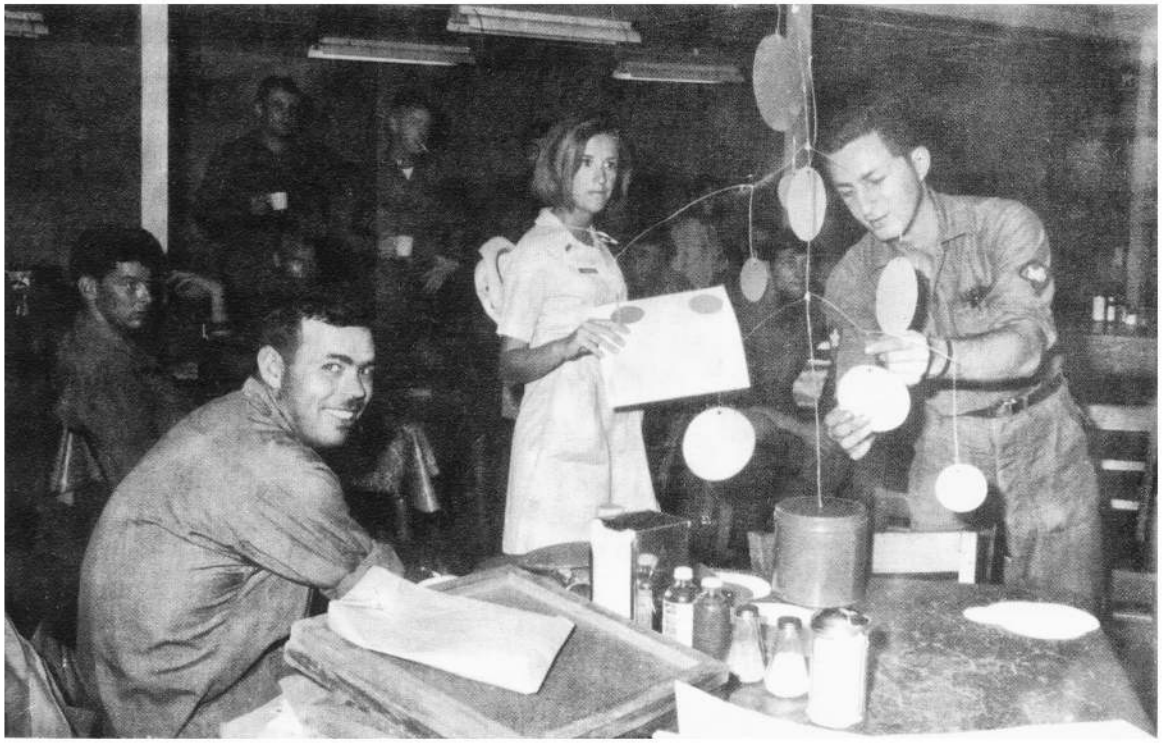
Where else but Vietnam do you use bowls?



I knew I should have gone to the snack bar!!



The Inmates?





He likes to handel round things?





New York NEVER looked better.



What? A CMMI Inspection?



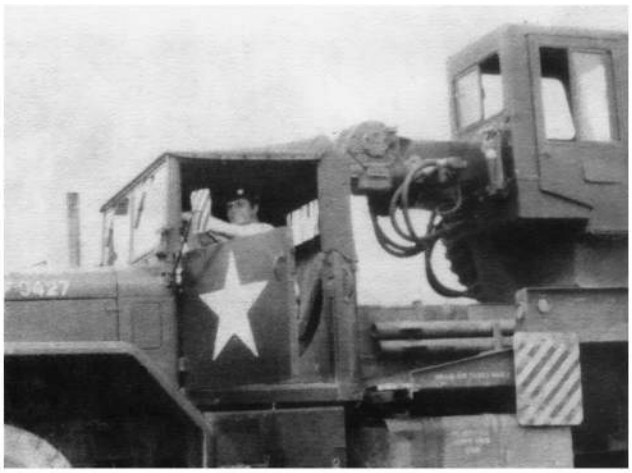
Burke's LAW says...



Beautiful music



Now if I pull this little plug....



Look ma, no gigs.



"Dress right dress....



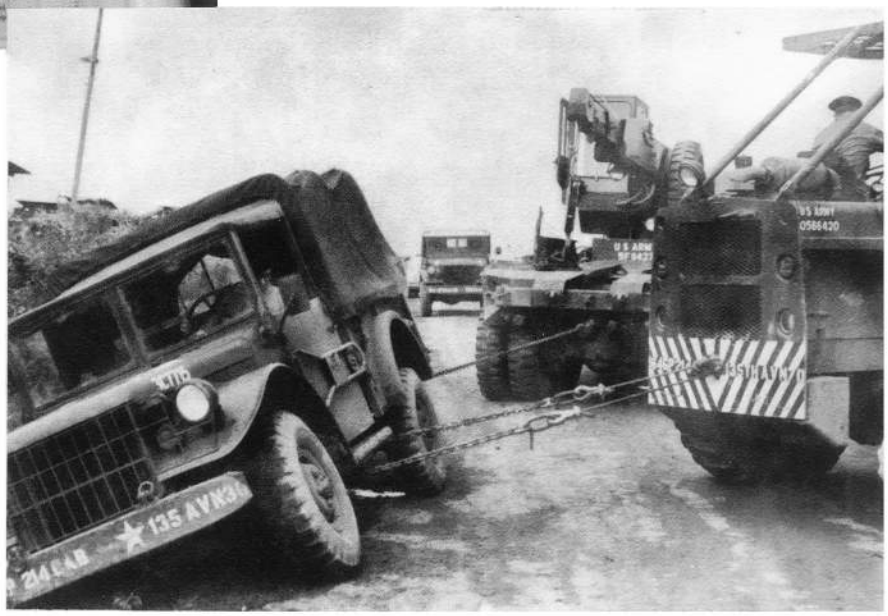
YEOW..It sure is hot



Alright, so you can't bulldoze with a 3/4.



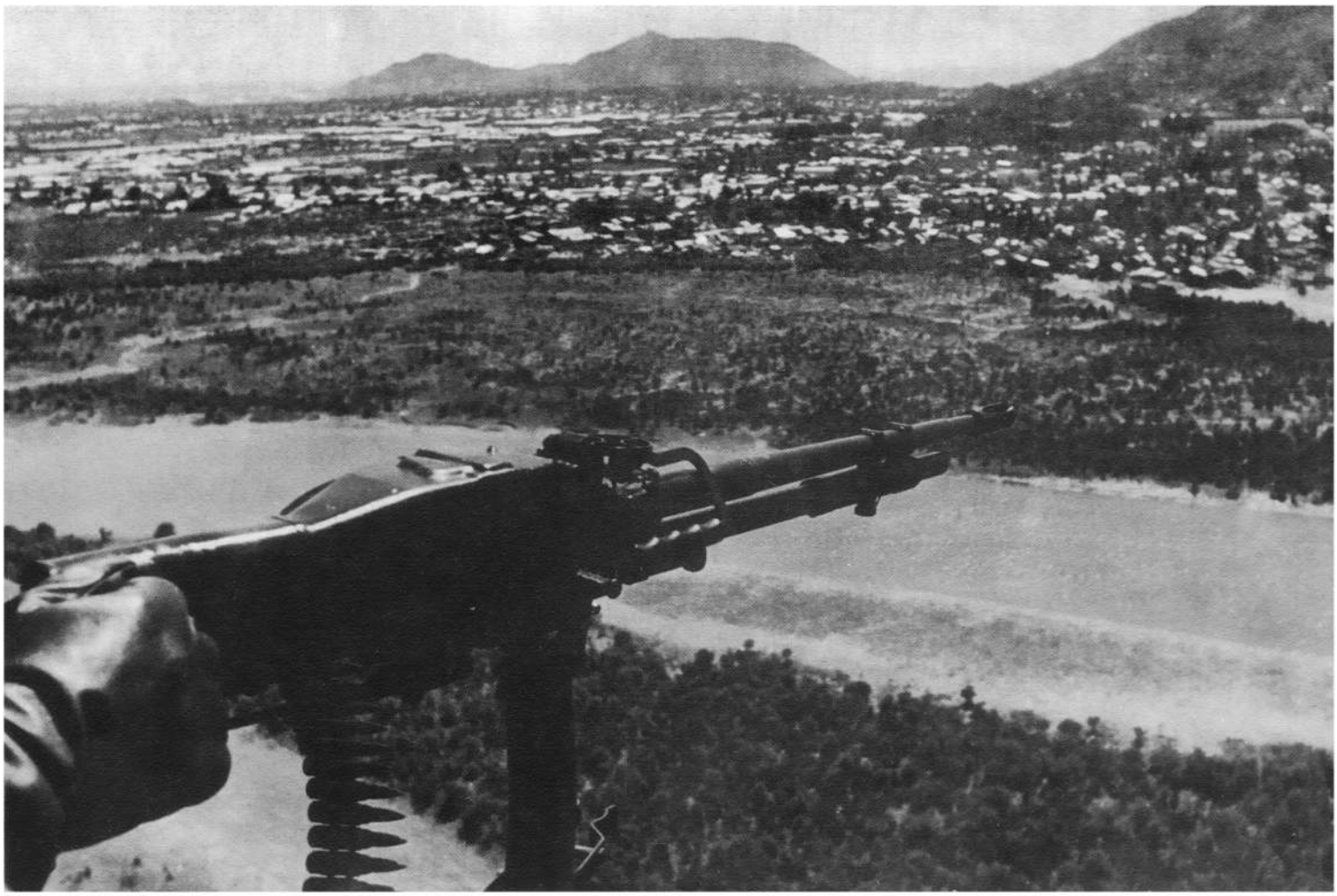




A job well done, now where's the beer?



OK whose driving?



NO That's 135th!!



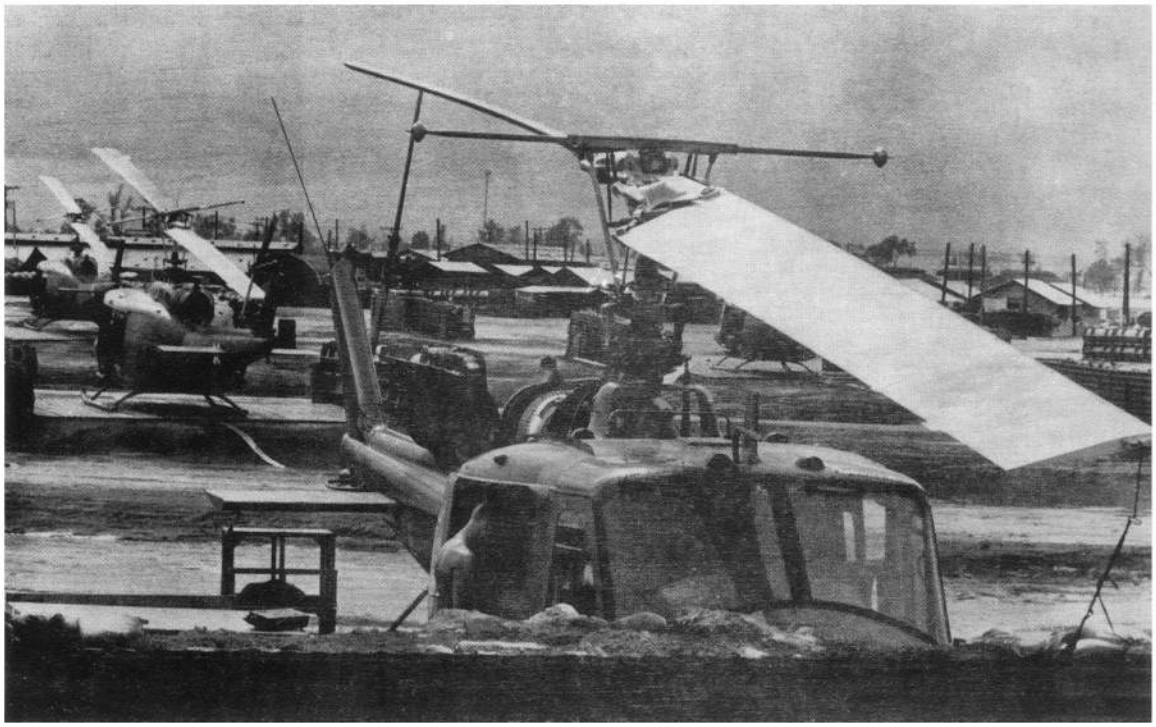
EMU FORMATION??



WOW! I never shot one of <u>these</u>!



THE GREEN HORNET



OK Come on out!



AC's gone..let's split.



"HEY LOOK He's not following EMU 6!"



That's ok wait untill they want a ride



"AIRBORNE?"

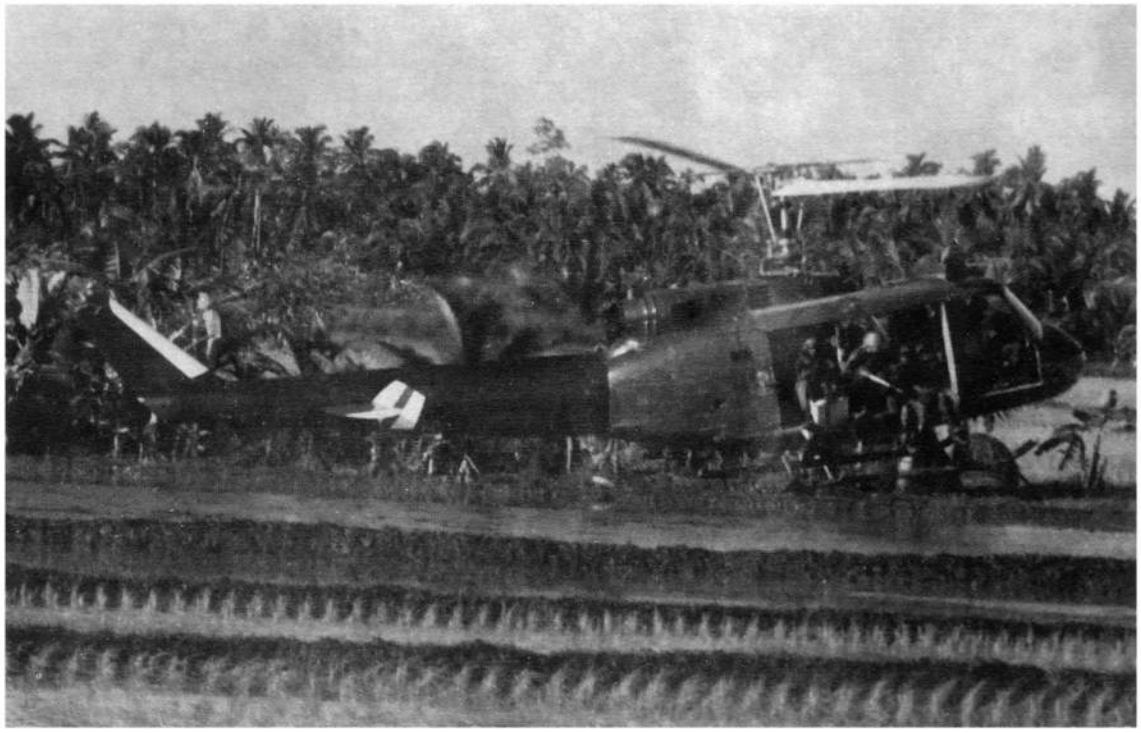


Is this a good LZ?



Too much water to jump here.





This is our new flight line?



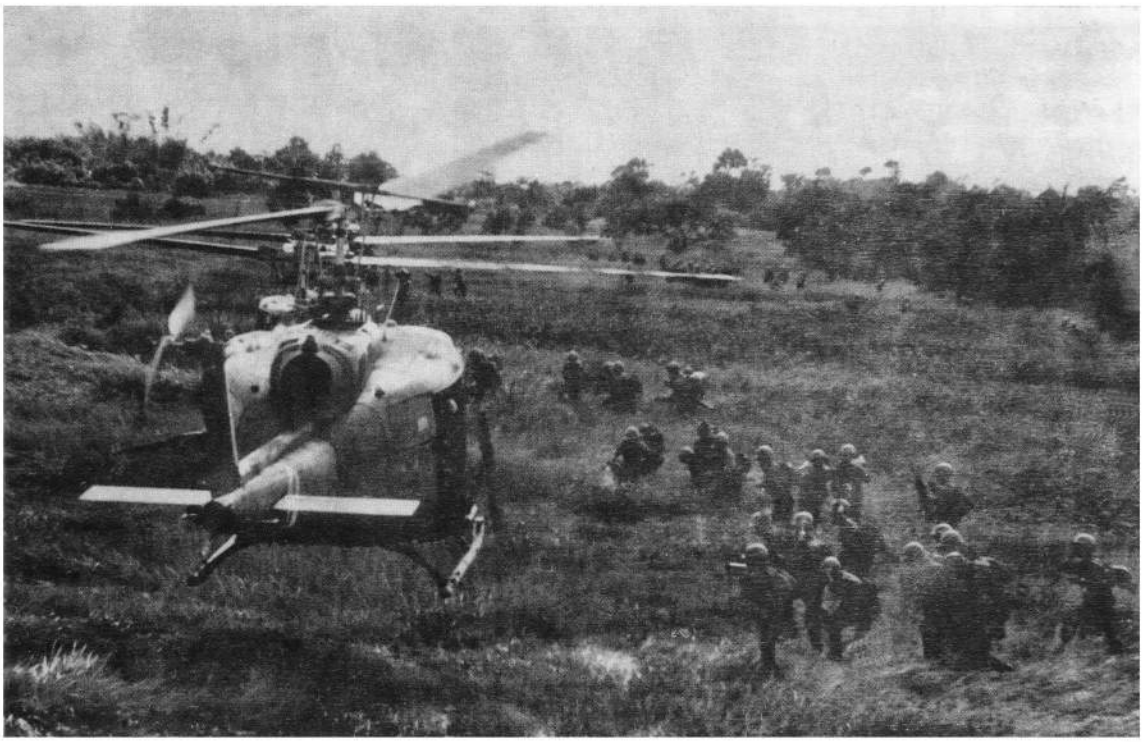


FOLLOW THE LEADER, (or else)





"I said negative supression!"

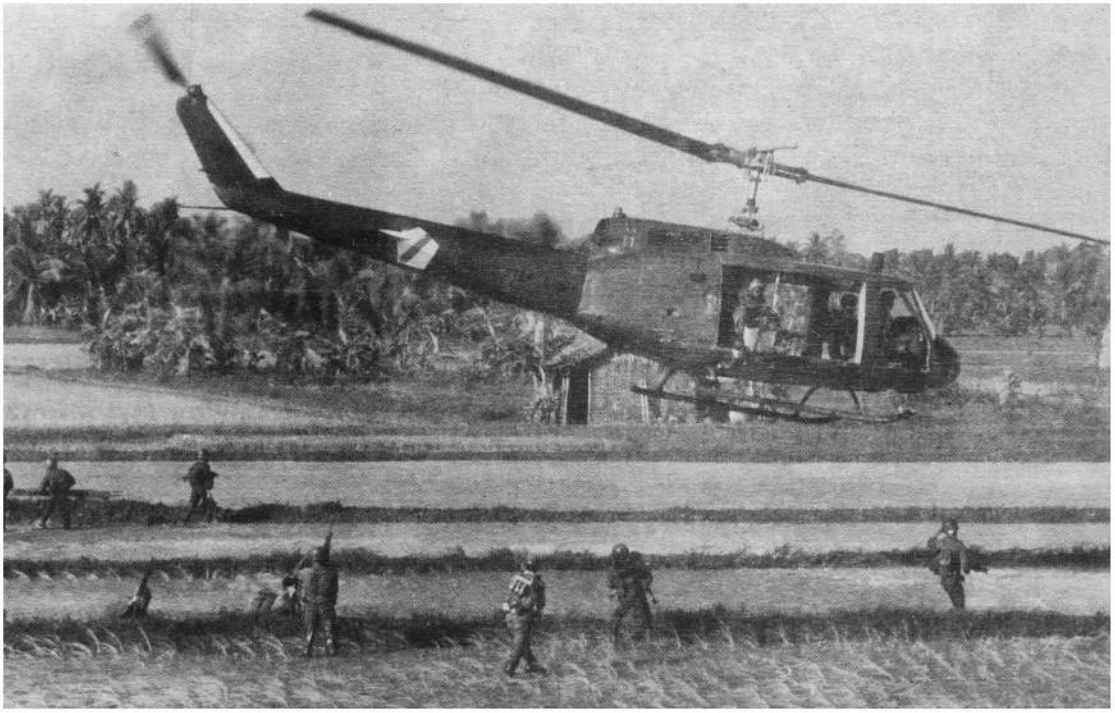


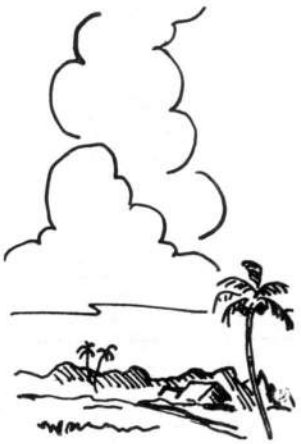


Yeah, catch you next week.



Whew, what a updraft!





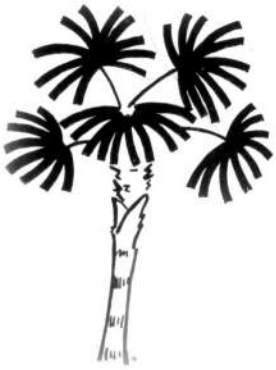
Yeah, we'll be back for tea later.



ON STRIKE..?



OUCH, he rammed me with the skids!





Damn Army Boots!



Let's split south, they did'nt see us after all.



They're prices are much too high!



Sorry Gang, we're going north!



I know I **lost it here somewhere?**



No, I'm not going to walk that tight rope...



Let's go, it's too dusty.



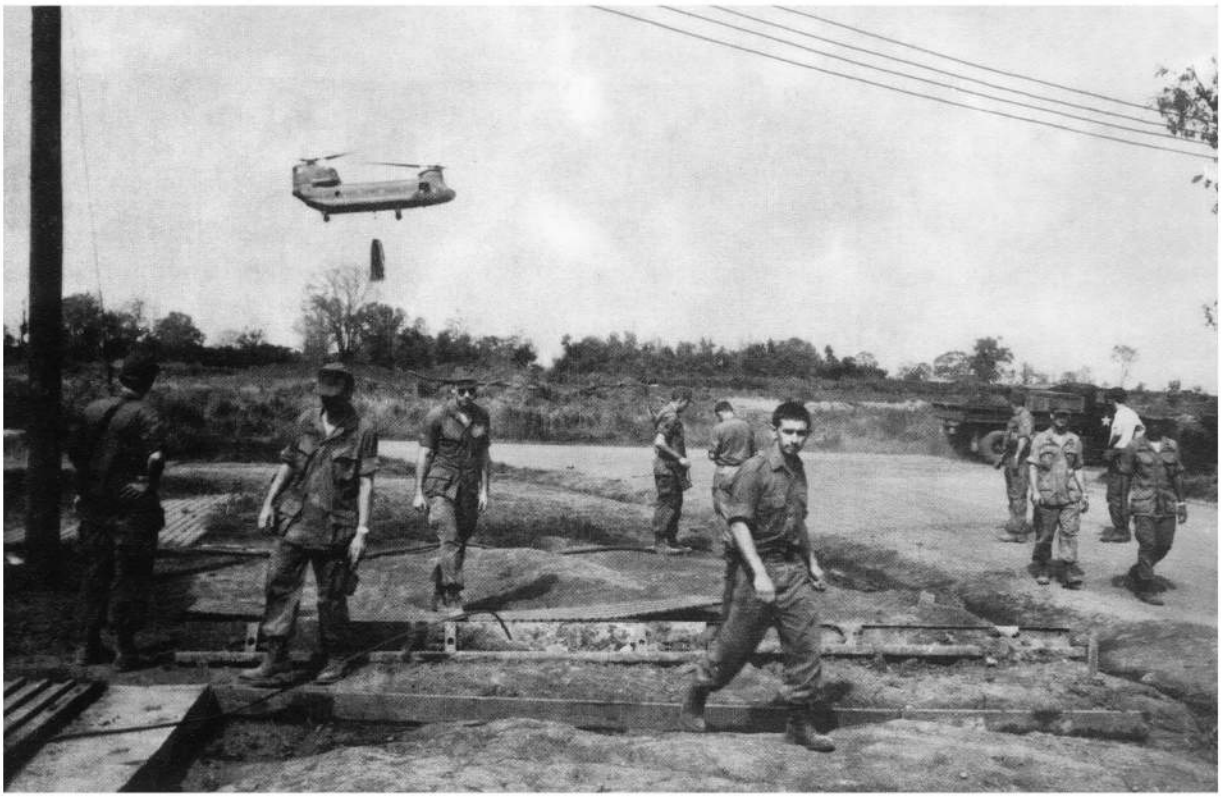
No the're not swimming pools, they're rice patties.



Hurry, I just fixed my hair and I don't want it messed!!



IT'S MAGIC, (like Hell)



DETAILS...DETAILS...DETAILS...



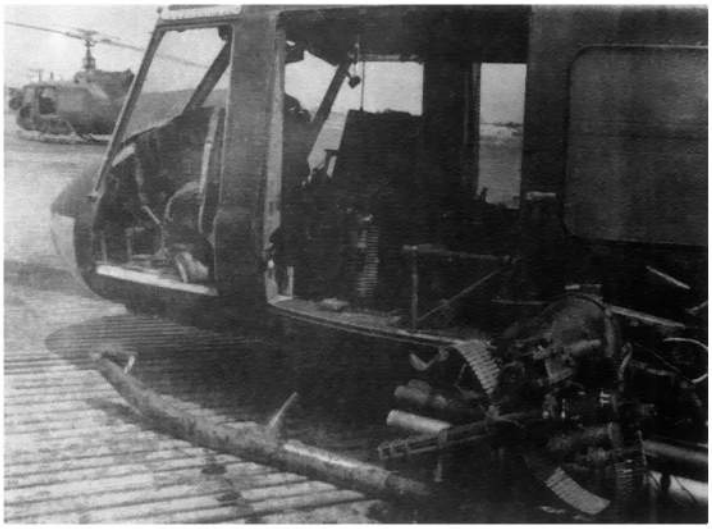
More smoke Batman.. we may be able to loose them!



Hey..now we're lost??



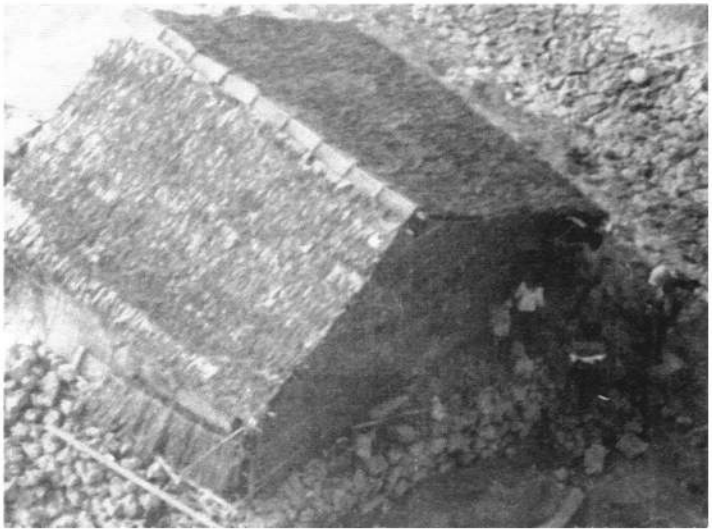
Lonely Flyer.



Mini HA HA



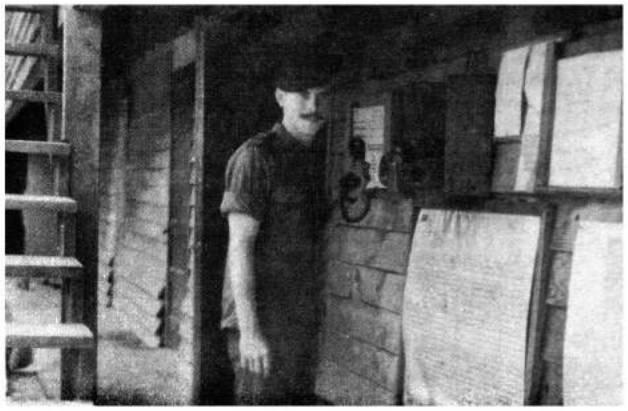
YOU HOO-Charlie...



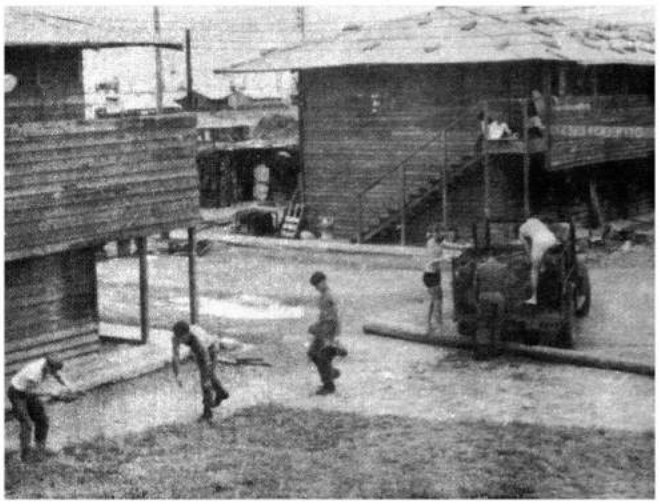
"Quick inside, the EMU's are coming..



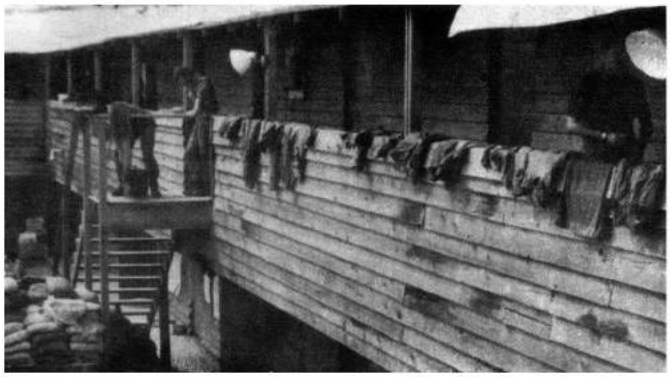
This is why I always have a different pair of boots!



No, its Dial-A-Prayer



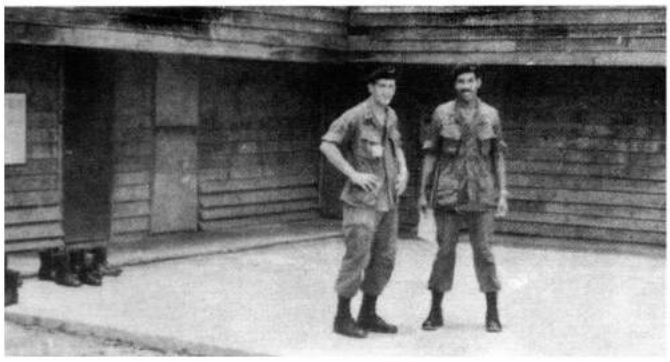
BOQ Beautification?



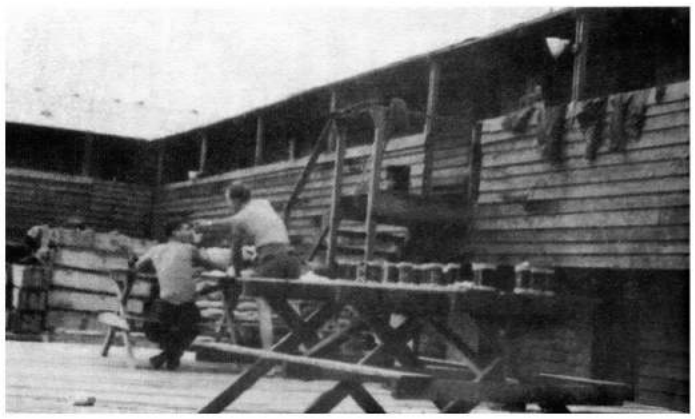
Local Laundry



This is the Officer's life. **(Our Grandpa)**



Ha! Just stand here, he won't click it?



I say we drank the most!



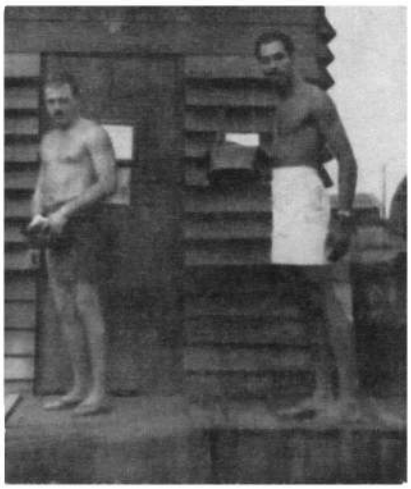
HMMM..that TEAK looks good



Cool it, here comes that camera bug.



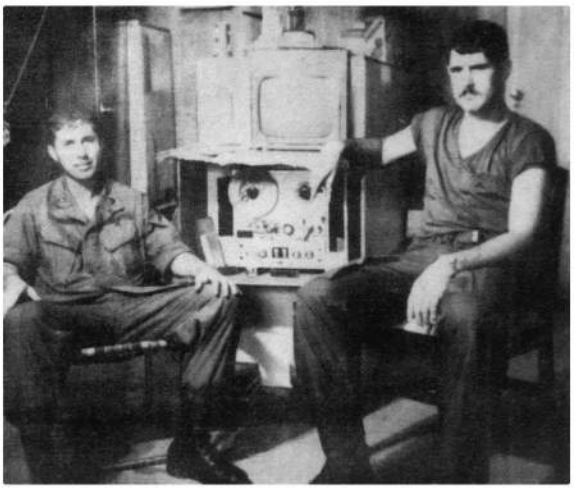
YEAH she was great!



Why sure he scrubs my back?



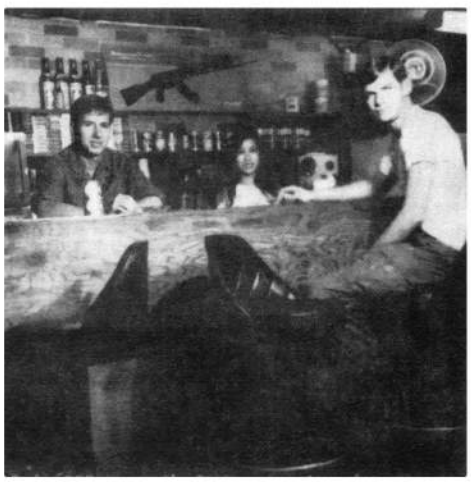
These Army helmets.



Hurry, we're missing Bozo the Clown



The 3 Muskateers



HMPH, Some happy hour...



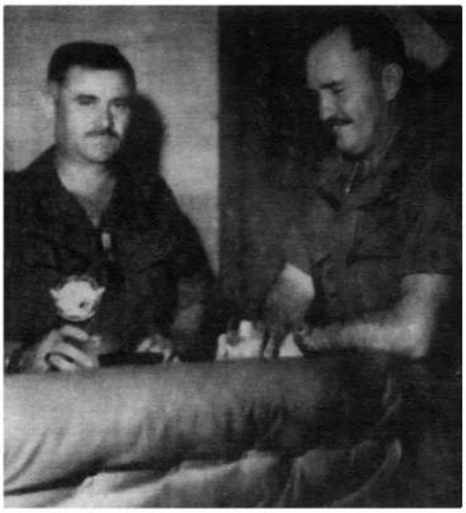
Boy after a year over here you look bloody well GOOD!



ID Card please



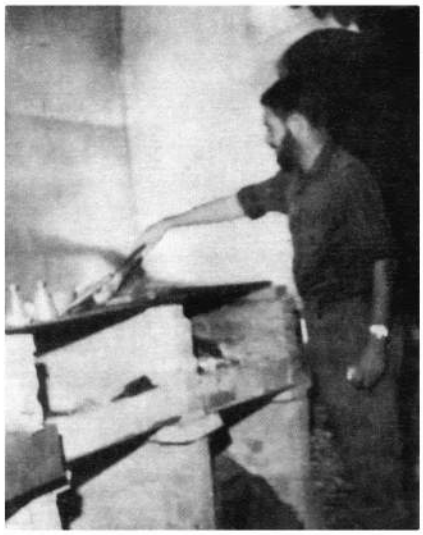
"I said no can do"



Yeah I remember back in those days too!



She ain't get nuttin'



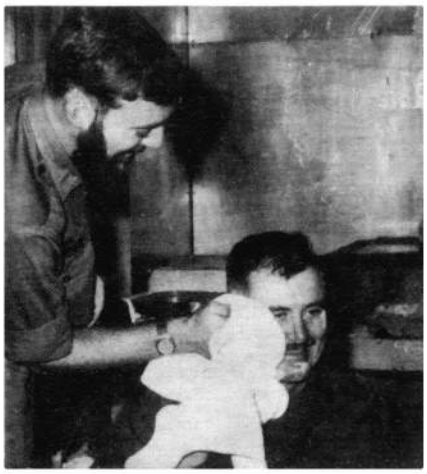
These Bloody Hot Dogs!



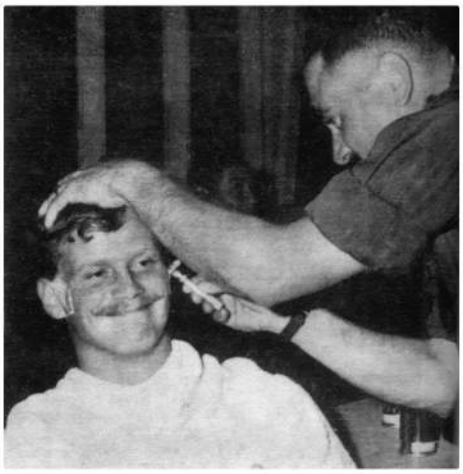
My Idol.. Superman.



They don't have that sort of stuff in Australia.



Almost forgot <u>how</u> to shave



He still has'nt noticed my handel bar "stache"



"Quick get the mail and run!"



It sure is heavy why?



It's my bag man.



I'm scared to drop it in, you go first.



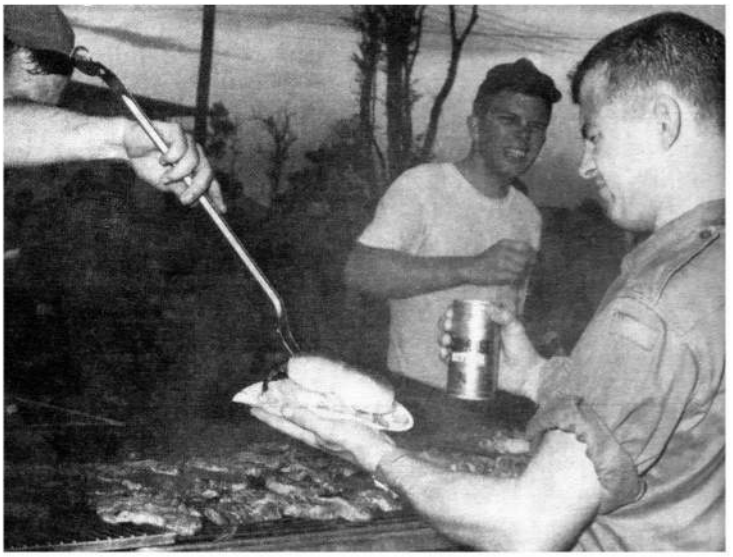
That happened in N.Y.C.?



Here are your ETS orders.



Yeah, I think I see the latrine...



No, don't land that chopper there...



We got to get <u>out</u> of this place....



When do the stag movies start?



YES..and for only 5 dollars more.



He don't even have any film in it?

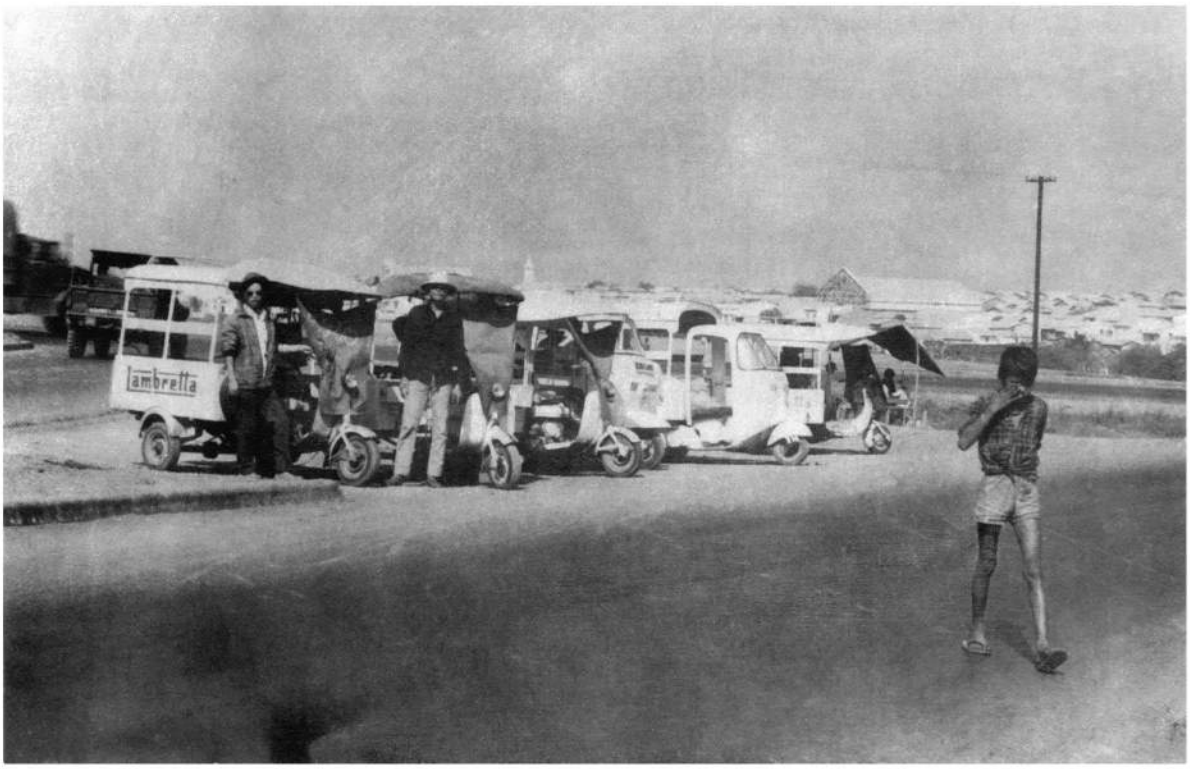


Oh Oh my maidenform is is slipping???





Mine is only 10 secods ha ha ha ha



%"#$ it....I'll walk



SOME PICNIC...

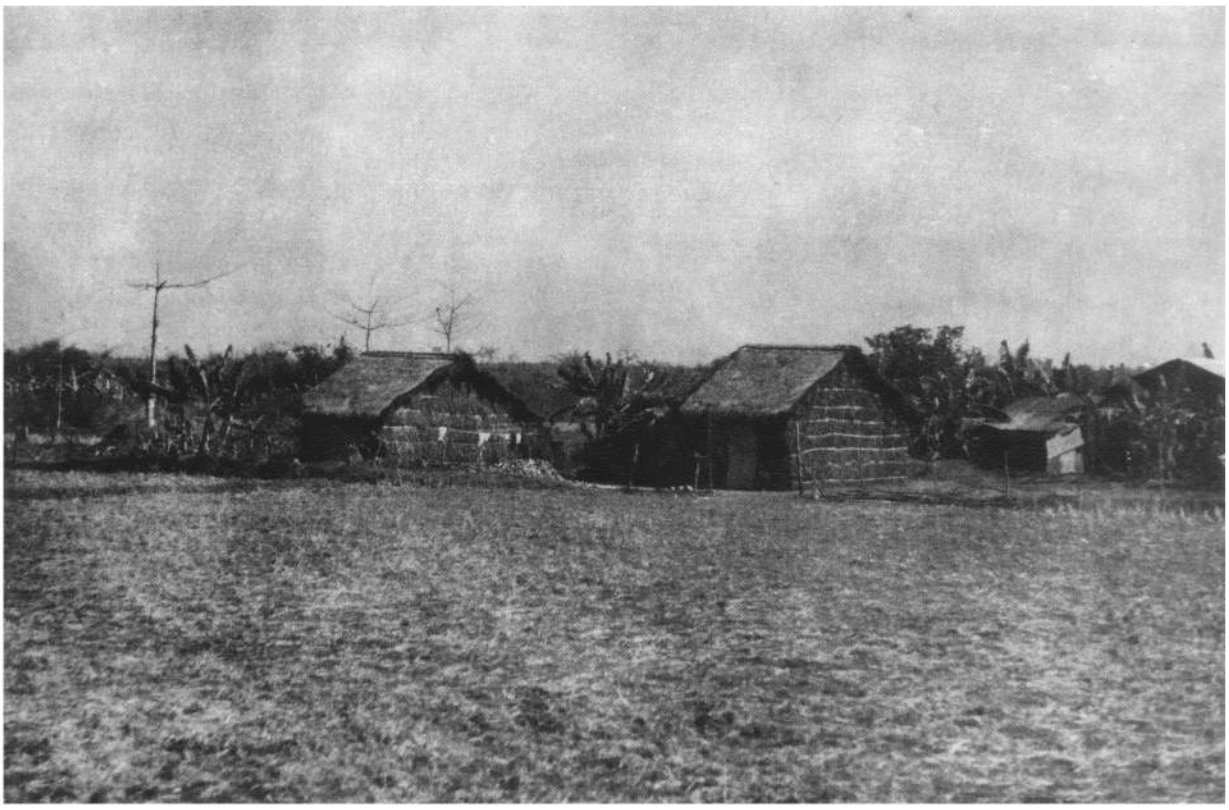




Guess what I just stepped in????



They're moving to where???



SUGAR SHACK

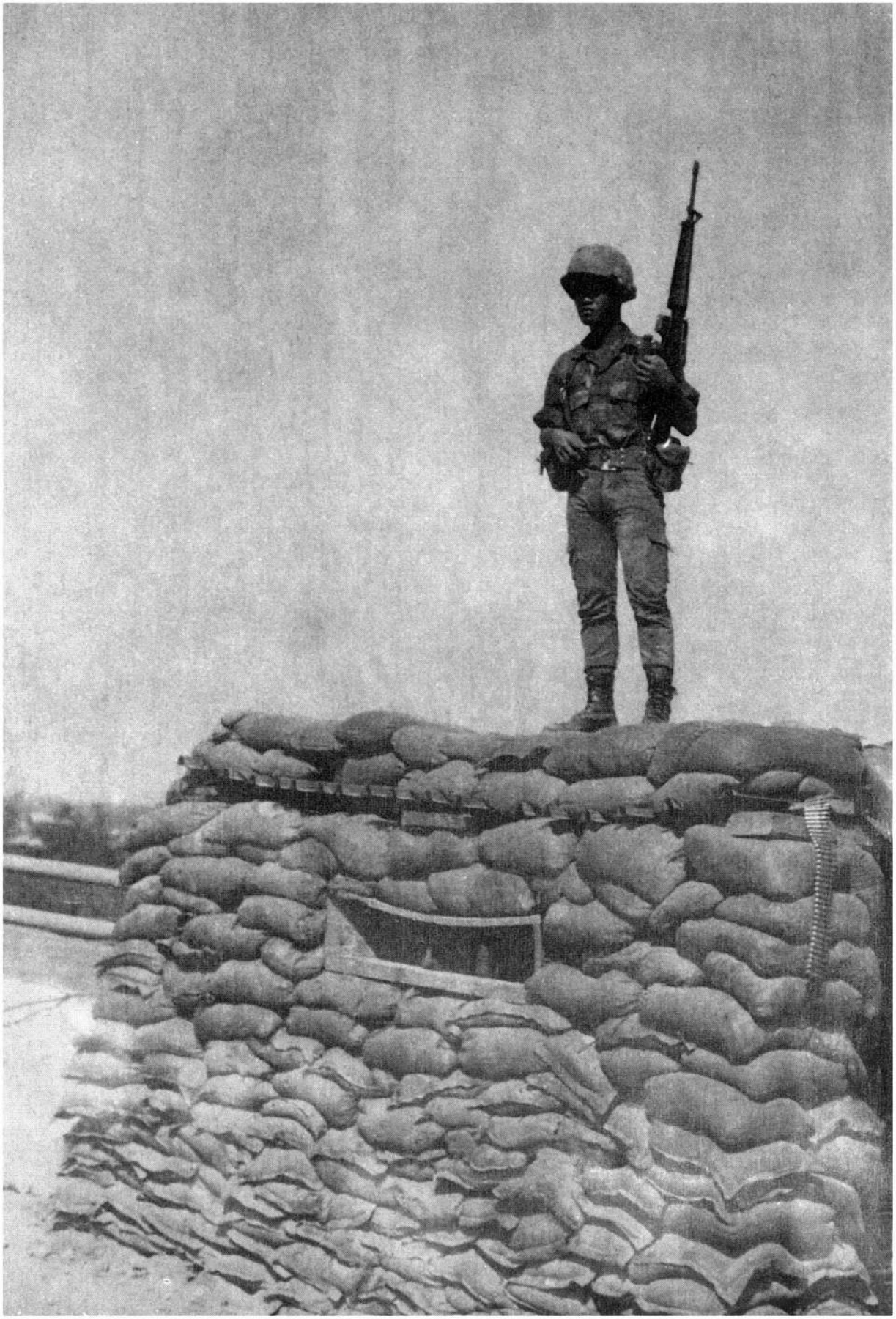




This is typical scene (of N.Y.C.)

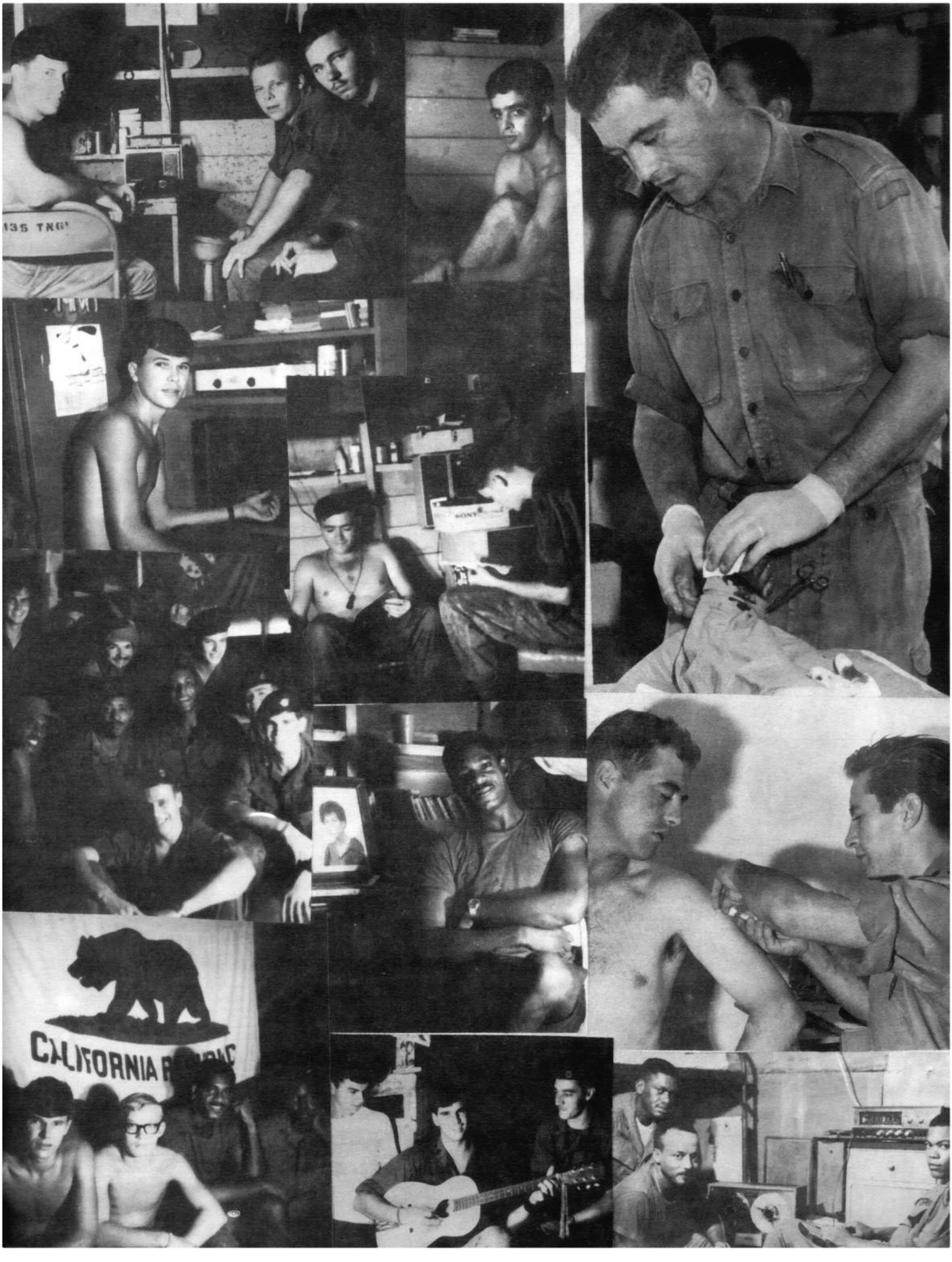


"What's happening?? NO BIC".



This Dr Schools ain't worth a damn!


SNAP
SHOTS
SOCK IT TO'EM
SNOOPY!!
Keep Off
The Grass


CALIFORNIA



MAJ HARRY T. WOODMANSEE II
COMPANY COMMANDER



LCDR GRAHAM R. ROHRSHEIM
EXECUTIVE OFFICER



CPT BRYANT



CPT GRIFFITH



1LT STAADT



1LT KNIGHT



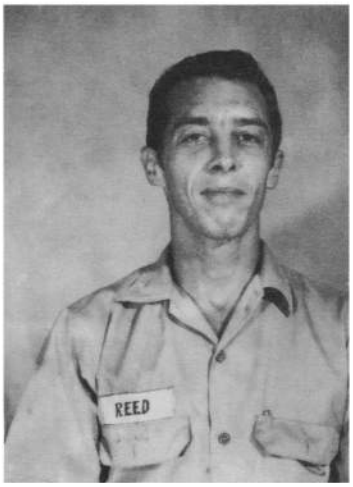
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1LT MALONEY



1SG JOHNSON



CIV REED



CIV HENDRICK



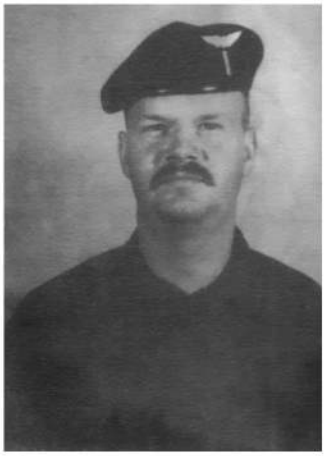
1LT RUBINO



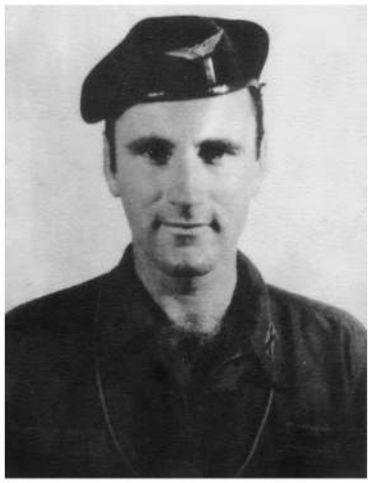
1LT TUCKER



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1LT NAPPIER



1LT MILLER



1LT MOSES



1LT DITTON



1LT SPREWELL



CW2 KELLAM



CW2 MC CAULLY



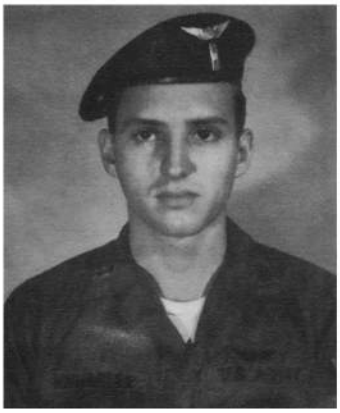
CW2 STRAUB



WO1 FRANCIS



WO1 MATTHEWS



WO1 KNUCKLES



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WO1 WILLIAMS



WO1 SCHUNEMANN



WO1 IDOL



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WO1 FARLOW



WO1 DUFFER



WO1 THOMSON



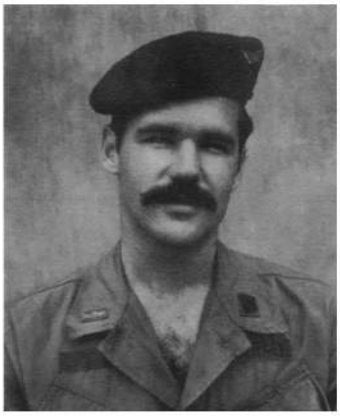
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WO1 DAHL



WO1 STUART



WO1 HAYS



WO1 WOLLARD



WO1 PRITCHARD



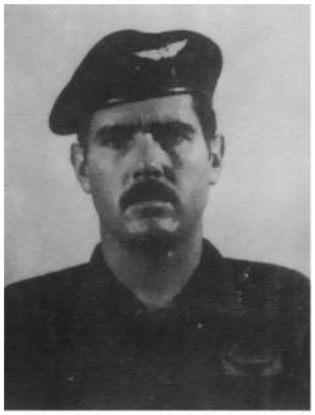
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WO1 MC NEAL



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WO1 REED



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WO1 SARTOR



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WO1 EVANS



WO1 FOX



WO1 BARNES



WO1 HARPER



WO1 ROBINSON B.



WO1 CUMMINGS



WO1 CONLEY



SFC HICKS



SFC LEWIS



SSG BELL



SSG McATEER



SSG BALL



SSG BANDY



SSD HARTSSIELD



SSG HILDENBRAND



SGT FREDRICKSON



SP5 NGGLE



SP5 CALDWELL



SGT SHIRLEY



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SP5 TILT



SGT KEELING



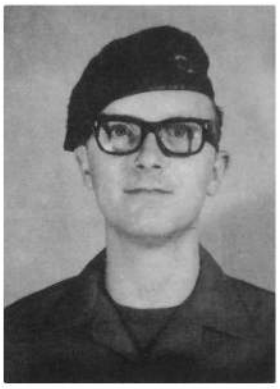
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SP5 BARRON



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SP5 DONALDSON



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SP4 TROMBLEY



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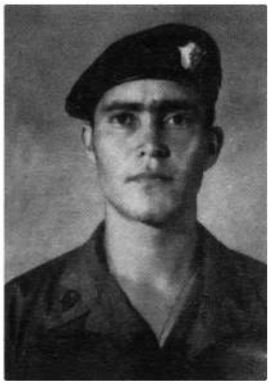
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SP4 KEMP



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SP4 WITHEY



SP4 DEAN



SP4 STRAUSBAUGH



SP4 JOHNSON H



SP4 BABER



SP4 OLIVE



SP4 SWARM



SP4 BILLINGSLEY



SP4 BULLOCK



SP4 ANTOLIC



SP4 OSHEIM



SP4 JUSTICE



SP4 CUSTER



SP4 GATES



SP4 DODSON



SP4 ADKINS



SP4 RATCLIFF



SP4 JOHNSON



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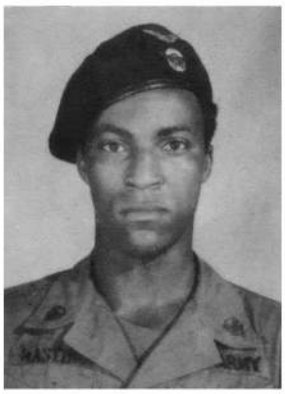
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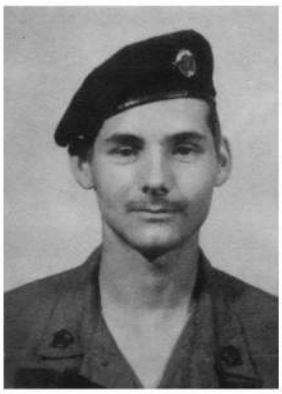
SP4 MASTERSON



SP4 SAYLES



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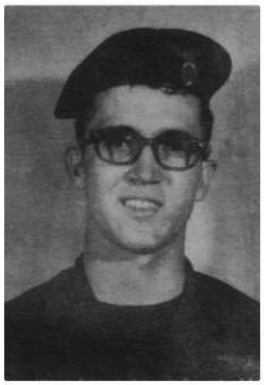
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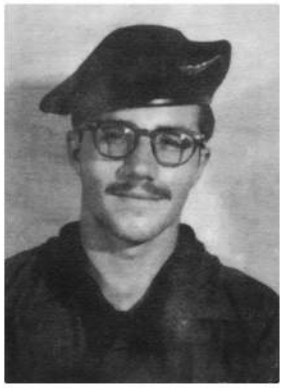
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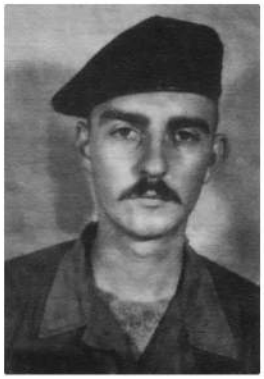
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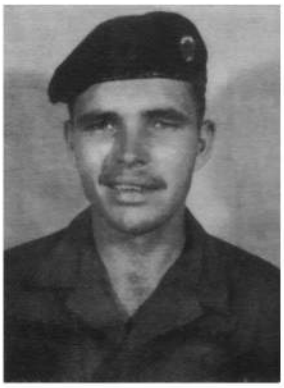
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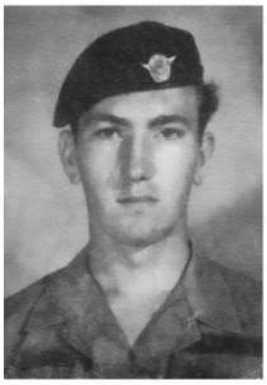
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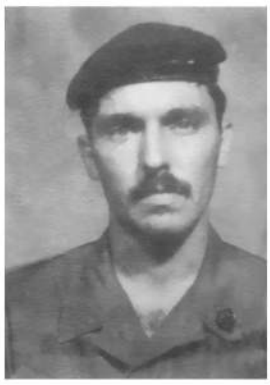
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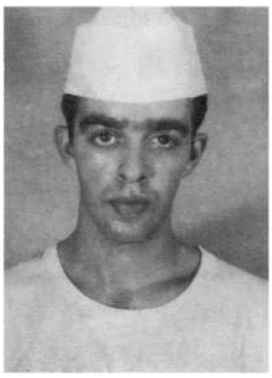
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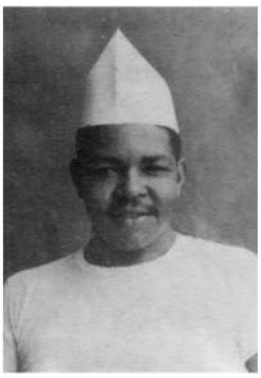
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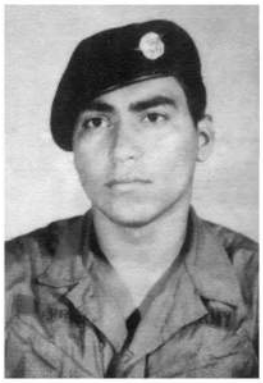
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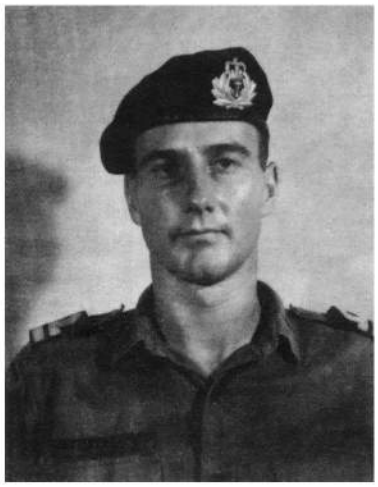
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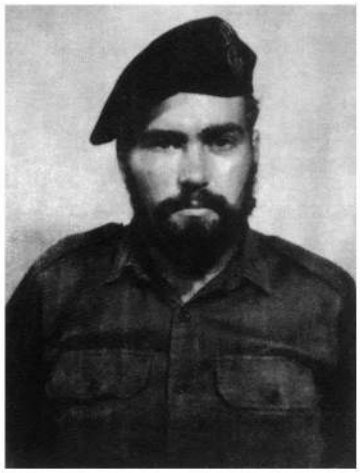
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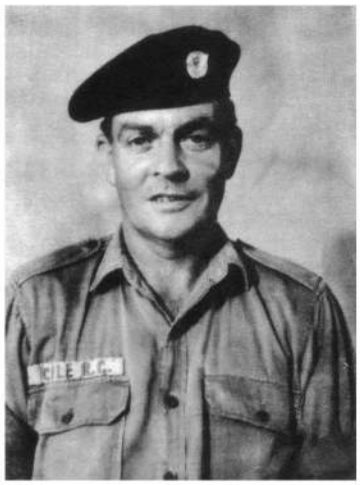
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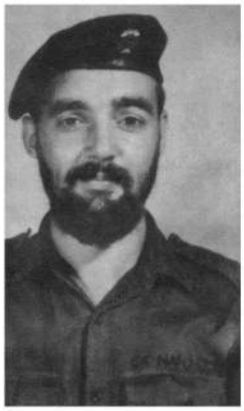
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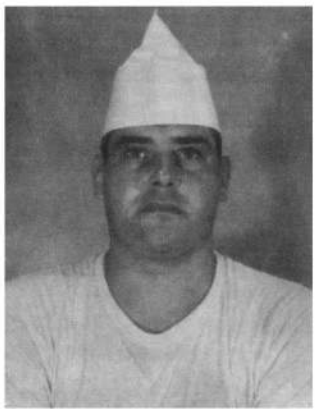
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