

[MISSION NAME] 651114 AIR CAV

TARGET: Engage NVA forces vicinity Chu Pong Mountain

DEFENSES: SMALL ARMS

BEST BAILOUT: OUT OF COMBAT AREA

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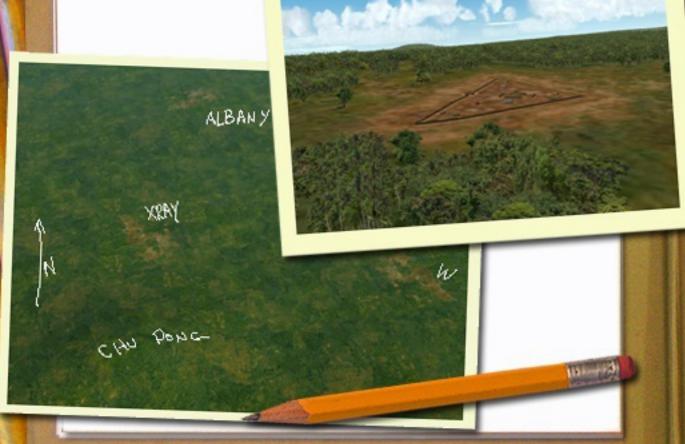
SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: 229th AVIATION BATTALION, 1st AIR CAV

AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (16) UH-1D "slicks"

SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: 20th Aerial Rocket Artillery

AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (2) UH-1B_HOG







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These are the missions of several men who fought there.



AIR CAV: Launch from Plei Mei with a squad of assault troops aboard. Follow the nearby Hueys into Xray until you see the smoke marker. Land at the LZ and release the squad with the pickle button. Then return to Plei Mei to land. Your door gunners will fire on their own at ground targets. Your job is to get the troops safely to the battle area.

After the delivery, Lead and the other helicopters will direct to Pleiku airbase and land there.

Do not follow them, since you and your Huey are requested at the camp.

Mastering thrust vectoring. Keeping your head. Picking your targets. These together are a tough mission.





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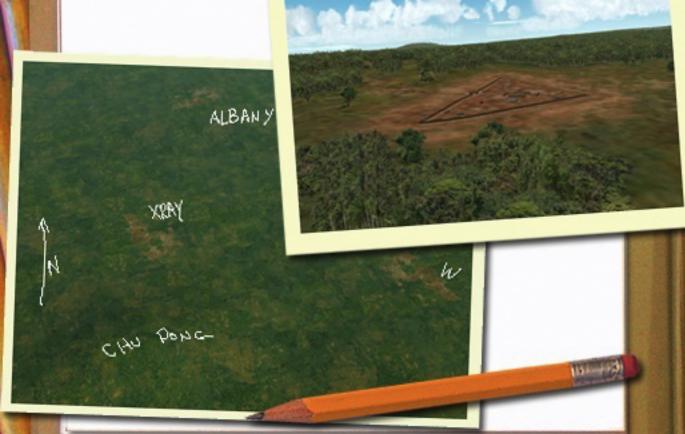
DEFENSES: SMALL ARMS

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SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: 20th Aerial Rocket Artillery

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LZ XRAY: You are one of several aerial rocket artillery (ARA) ships operating out of Plei Mei Special Forces Camp. Your mission is to attack enemy soldiers engaged with US Army troops at LZ Xray. Use your ordnance sparingly. The battle is determined by your skill in shooting.

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ION NAME] 651204 ARA Seven Sisters

T: Engage VC forces on the hilltop, destroy bunkers

ON ASSIGNMENT: 118th Assault Helicopter Company "Bandits" FT AND NUMBER: UH-1_B Heavy Hog (2) UH-1_B Gunship (1)

CALL SIGN: KINGFISH



It's the end of 1965. Search & Destroy missions are being used to try to take control of the Mekong Delta, an area always beyond government control.

A system of hills called the Seven Sisters is a stronghold. You are flying a Heavy Hog for the 118th AHC from Can Tho in support of an assault on the hilltop. The VC know how to defend themselves. But so do you. You are flying a heavily= armed Aerial Rocket Artillery equipped UH-1.



Kingfish Lead and two are already airborne in their gunships. Lift off and find them and follow in trail to the assault area. On your way in, you will see Austin FAC marking and Ramrod flight of two F-100's hammering the hilltop. Follow Lead around the hill and attack when he calls in hot. You have rockets and grenades to fire.

When you have expended your ordnance, go back to Can Tho Arumy Base and set her down where you started.



Like any Army mission. It's them or you.





[MISSION NAME] 660615 MOBILE RIVERINES TARGET: COVER EXTRACTION OF SF PATROL

DEFENSES: SMALL ARMS

SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: HA (L)-3 USS GARRETT COUNTY AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER: (2) UH-1B ORDNANCE LOADOUT: 2.75 IN. RKT, 7.62

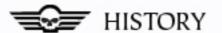
CALL SIGN: OYSTER

HEADING/DISTANCE TO TGT: 355/7 NM

ETD: 0800 TIME OVER TARGET: 0815







The Navy patrolled the rivers in the Mekong Delta using WWII surplus landing craft and plastic boats. Ingenuity was one of their unique weapons. The Brown Water Navy, as they called themselves, worked with the Army to fight the Viet Cong day and night in the muddy, hot waterways. They had an air arm, too: the SeaWolves that flew old Army UH-1B's. This story is from one of the seamen who fought on the ATC's and Monitors as part of that force.



Watch Lead across the way aboard the LST. When he lifts off launch from the ATC-H where you are gassing up. Join up with Lead and proceed upriver until he finds the fire fight. There's plenty to go around. Take out the shooters first. Be sparing with your rockets. You must take out the VC for the boats to survive.

When you are out of ordnance, proceed along the programmed pathway to the next river to the east and land on the LST moored there. Slow to about 12 knots and NO LESS. Then drive it onto the helipad and immediately hit B for brakes so you don't slide off.

Then you are done. Go below and have some ice cream. That's right. The Navy always had ice cream.

ounds pretty straight forward. Let's go fly!







[MISSION NAME] 661031 SEAWOLVES LONG XUYEN

TARGET: RIVER TRAFFIC. VCNTY LONG XUYEN, MEKONG DELTA

DEFENSES: SMALL ARMS

BEST BAILOUT: AWAY FROM COMBAT AREA

SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: HA(L)3/ LST 786, MEKONG RIVER

AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (2) UH-1C

ORDNANCE: (14) 2.75 RKT, (1200 RNDS) 7.62

CALL SIGN: VIPER 11

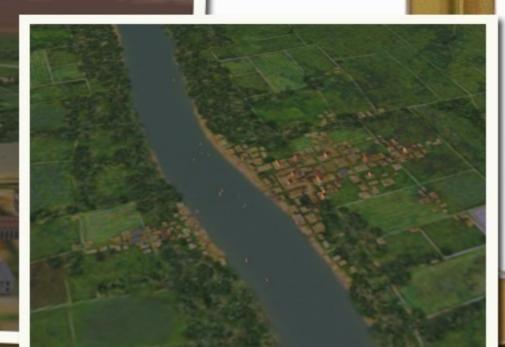
HEADING/DISTANCE TO TGT: 360/8 NM

ETD: 1700 TIME OVER TARGET: 1720

CONTROLLING AGENCY: VIPER LEAD

WEATHER BRIEF: BKN 6000 FT WINDS 36003G08 VIS 10 NM

TARGET PHOTO: UH-1D US ARMY





You are being scrambled off Garrett County to intercept enemy supply sampans near Long Xuyen Ferry. Launch as you would off a carrier and get into trail behind Viper 11.

Don't waste rockets. If you have the ordinance, attack the VC on the west side of the river. Remember that your right side door gunner and the left side gunner will fire automatically.

When you are through, land on the LST which can be found sailing south down the Mekong River. Or fly to the Army base at Can Tho to land. Lower your "gear" to extend the landing light. Setting your controls at NORMAL makes the Huey more realistic.



Half the population of South Vietnam lived in the Mekong Delta region...and most of the Viet Cong. The Brown Water Navy's fleet of ATC's, Monitors and PBR's patrolled but their air power was supplied by Army Hueys. Seeing a need for a more coordinated approach, the Navy sought volunteers for a helicopter attack squadron to operate from bases and boats in the river areas.

Initially, the result was Helicopter Combat Squadron 1.
After initial successes, Helicopter Attack
Squadron 3 was formed and nicknamed Choi Ben
by the Viet Cong...or SeaWolves.

Formation flight. Plight discipline in picking targets. Getting home in the dark.

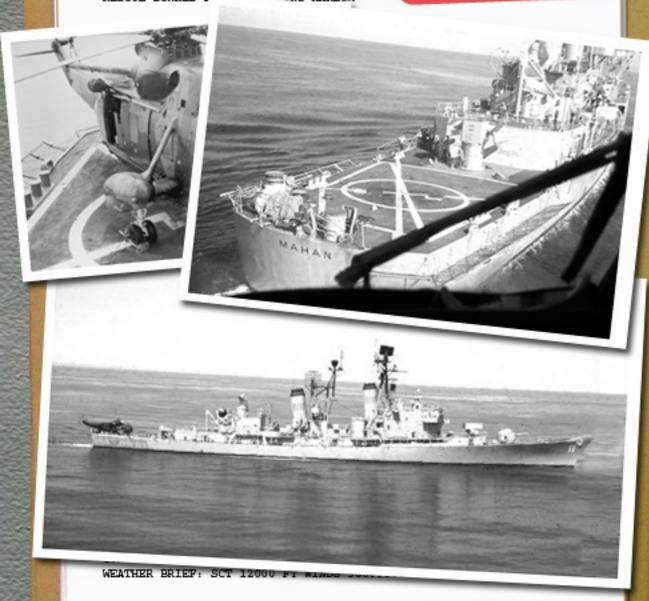




[MISSION NAME] 670426 BIG MOTHER

RESCUE DOWNED P ""TOHONG HARBOR







"Feet Wet". It was the best place to bail out. The reasons were that the US Navy owned Tonkin Gulf and Navy rescue helicopters prowled the coast during strikes.

This is a story about one crew that was loitering outside Haiphong when an A-4 went down short of open water. The pilot's chances of avoiding capture were slim since he was in Haiphong Harbor within full view of the people on the shore surrounding him...shooting.

Enter Steve Milliken and the crew of Big Mother working from the cramped afterdeck of the USS Mahan. Braving withering fire, SAM's, low fuel and a tiny deck, they made the pickup and set a new speed record for the Sikorsky SH-3 on the way out. The only fitting comment about such flights is YGBSM!



Launch and head for Haiphong on the map. Stay below SAM minimums. Some very dangerous AAA awaits you if you don't pay attention.

As you approach the harbor, the pilot will pop a smoke. Here's how we do a rescue in a game that doesn't allow it:

Open the door and fully deploy the hook in about 30 seconds. As you near the target, hold around 100 feet...the length of the line. "Air Brake", Full UPARROW. Hold >6 knots!!!

Overfly and pull the trigger when over the pilot. This "fires" the winch and disappears him from the raft. Clean up and haul ass.

With gear down, you can also land on the water there but this rescue was done in the air.

The Mahan will be doing 33 knots so you can fly fore or aft, port or starboard just like a helicopter. The yellow marking are for the UH-2A. The white ones are for the Big Mother. Set it down with the

tailwheel aboard and you are home. You cannot hit the launcher but there are boundaries that will make you explode. When you are in position with your wheels in the blocks, the mission is over.

Guts





[MISSION NAME] 680112 BOMBING OF LIMA 85

TARGET: An-2 Colts attacking USAF Radar facility

CONTROLLING AGENCY: USAF/CIA

WEATHER BRIEF: SCT 12000 FT WINDS 36002G02 VIS 40 NM





The monsoon kept American fighter-bombers from attacking North Vietnam for almost 6 months. A secret facility was built atop Phou Pha Thi mountain in Laos, not too far from Sam Neua, the home of the North Vietnamese communist ally, the Pathet Lao. Active for only a few months, it was a thorn in the side of the North Vietnamese and plans were lain to destroy it. This is one of the first attempts and a very strange story.

You may have seen the painting by Keith Woodcock at the Air America website (http://www.air-america.org). The whole story is there told accurately by its participants.

Four VPAF An-2 Colts departed Dien Bien Phu airport armed with mortar shells and rockets to destroy onto the facility that was aiding in the destruction of targets in NVN.

The two attacking aircraft were run down by an Air America Bell 204 and shot down by the mechanic. Amazing.



Go full up vector and take off over the hootch in front of you. then climb to meet the An-2's. Ground gunners will be firing on a third Colt inbound at a lower altitude.

Your weapon is selected and fired with the trigger. Use the AK-47 tracers to pick pieces off the aircraft until they go down. Then return to Lima 85 and land.

It's not hard. But it is really fun.







680124 HOVER COVER

DEFEND CONVOY FROM DONG HA TO CUA VIET, SVN



DEFENSES: SMALL ARMS

HELICOPTER ATTACK SQUADRON: HMLA 367, DONG HA USMC BASE, SVN AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (1) UH-1E

CALL SIGN: COBRA

ETD: 0800

ORDNANCE: (18) 2.75 RKT, (2400 RNDS) 7.62 WEATHER BRIEF: EKN 12000 FT WINDS 0903G06 VIS 30



It is January 1968 and all hell is about to break loose at Khe Sanh. The North Vietnamese want to prevent the resupply of Camp Carroll. Convoys are being successfully attacked on the roads. Eventually C-130's will the the only way to bring in supplies. For now, it is trucks.

Convoy patrol was flown by many types of aircraft but none were more effective than those covered by helicopters.



You are flying for HMLA-267. Your job is to patrol the road from Dong Ha to Cua Viet near the coast. In the event of an ambush, you are to attack and kill the enemy. Any questions?

Flying fast movers or even Spads in the game keeps you somewhat removed from the battle. Flying a gunship allows you to see their faces. It's a different kind of war and you are now a different kind of pilot

Our UH-1E flies very well and is armed to the teeth. Early in the mission you will acquire some villages, trucks on the road, water buffalo. Water buffalo. This is not a free-fire zone. Expect an ambush.

Be there on time.







[MISSION NAME] 680131 SEAWOLVES TET 1

TARGET: TROOPS IN CONTACT

DEFENSES: SMALL ARMS, 51 CAL

BEST BAILOUT: AWAY FROM COMBAT AREA

SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: HA(L)-3, LST 786

AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (2) UH-1B

ORDNANCE: (14) 2.75 RKT, (1200 RNDS) 7.62

CALL SIGN: WOLFPACK 12

HEADING/DISTANCE TO TGT: 36/3 NM

ETD: 0730 TIME OVER TARGET: 0740

CONTROLLING AGENCY: RED CROWN

WEATHER BRIEF: BKN 1200 FT WINDS 2701G03 VIS 20 NM





You are scrambling as Wolfpack 12 from the USS Garrett County anchored off the coast of South Vietnam. There is an attack on a beach city and the adjacent air field. This is a target rich environment so don't waste ammunition.

Of special note are the water buffaloes stampeding toward the coast. Consider them Communist Cows and take the necessary action. They are a good target.

When through, you can land back on the LST or anywhere else you wish. The airfield attack may be over if you want to try to land there.



On the last day of January, 1968, General Giap launched an all-out attack throughout South Vietnam. US Forces, ignoring warnings for weeks. were surprized at the scope of the attack. Nevertheless, the Tet Offensive was a terrible failure that destroyed much of the fighting power of the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese that had infiltrated into South Vietnam.

But as things turned out, the American public saw that it put a lie to the government case that the US was winning in Vietnam and that the war would soon be over.

The Vietnamese snatched a victory from what was a total and humiliating defeat.

Formation flight. Flight discipline in picking targets the others don't hit. Getting home.







SECRET/NOFORN

MISSICE AME] 680317 MISTY FEET WET 3

TARGET: RESCUE OF CUNSLINGER 11 CREW

TARGET PHOTO: MYSTY PAC DATE UNK.



DEPENSES: HEAVY AAA BEST BAILOUT: PEET WET

SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: USAF

AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER: (1) HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant

ORD LOADOUT: NA CALLSIGN: COPHER

HEADING/DISTANCE TO TGT: 120 / 25 NM

ETD: 09.00

TANKER RENDEZVOUS: NA TIME OVER TARGET: 09.24 CONTROLLING AGENCY: MISTY PAC

WEATHER BRIEF: BKN 7500 PT WINDS 3606G12 VIS 30.NM

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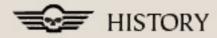


GAMEPLAY

This is the final flight of a three parts mission. In the first one you were the pilot of Misty 31 F-100F and the witness of Gunslinger 2 downing, with the two crew members ejecting and landinf Feet Wet near the shoreline.

Then you were a Marine, flying for VMFA334 and joining in for the rescue attempt. You had to hurry up, since an armed sampan was heading directly to the pilot, which landed very close to the coast.

Now, you will take off from Dong Ha in an Air Force HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant to perform two rescue Feet Wet. To rescue the pilot, who is stil floating in a raft, you have to down the winch, fly overhead and pull the trigger. Or you may choose to land on the water nearby, select the Rescue Device Gun and pickle when he is at 12 o'clock. Once he has disappeared from the water get the other. Then leave and go to the MASH tent at Dong Ha. Look for the yellow smoke.



Misty was formed at Phu Cat under Bud Day. O-1E's an O-2A's could not survive the defenses in Route Pack One and when the Bombing Helt came into effect, the defenses from Pack 6 were shifted into Laos and Pack One. To stem the flow of supplies, the idea of Past PAC was dreamed up. They used F-100F's because Phantoms were ominously considered 'too expensive' for this mission which was certain to take hit.

They were successful in their missions and will be famous in the history of Air Warfere as long as enyone continues to fly. Required reading is "Misty" and "Bury Us Opside Down".

Find them at: http://www.mistyvietnam.com/

Pive stars are for the entire mission... A, B & C. All are bard. All require you to fly and think.



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[MISSION NAME] 690117 STORMY 02B 2

TARGET: RESCUE DOWNED PILOT, VICINITY TCHEPONE, LAOS

DEFENSES: ZPU, 23MM, 37MM, 57MM

BEST BAILOUT: HIGH GROUND TO WEST "ROOSTER TAIL"

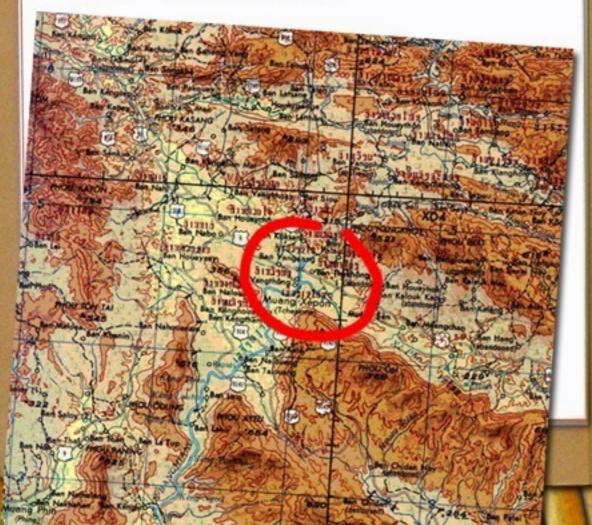
SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: 40 ARRS, NKP, THAILAND

AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (1) HH-3E

CALL SIGN: COWBOY

HEADING/DISTANCE: 120/92 NM

ETD: 0730 TIME OVER TARGET: 0830







There is nobody braver than the pilot of a Jolly Green Giant.



The mission begins with you needing fuel before making this last possible attempt at a rescue. Stay on the boom until Lion turns off. Then, you are on your own.

The pilot will pop a red smoke. You must find him.

CTRL-O opens the crew door. #6 deploys the hook. Open the ramp and lower the wheels in case you touch. Full UP ARROW will allow you to almost hover but maintain -4 knots, coordinated flight will keep you flying.

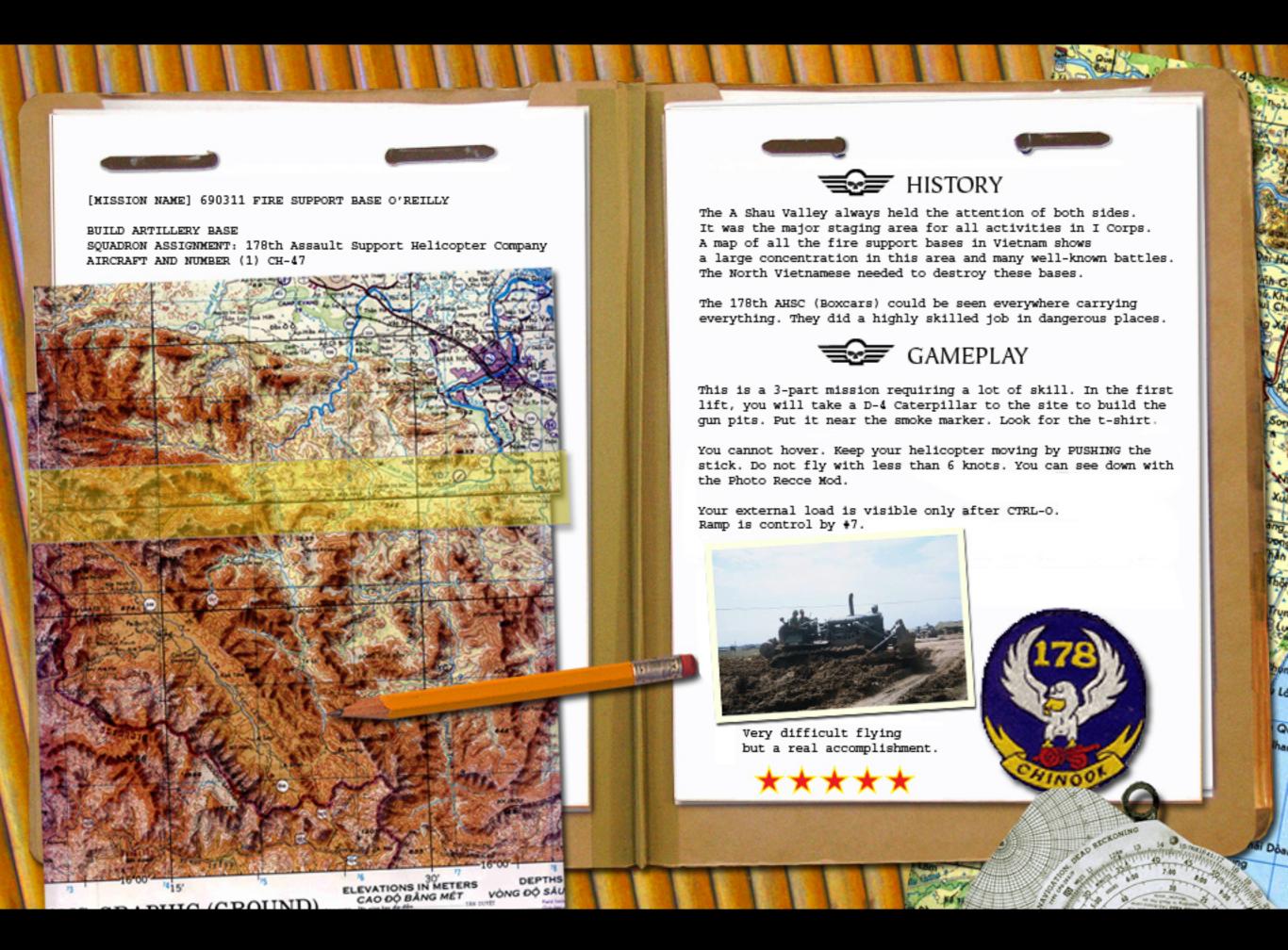
Rescue weapons: You rescue pilots in the air by making them not be on the ground. (Hey. It's a game.) The winch is run by the trigger. Use the Photo Recce mod keypad commands to look forward and down or straight down. When you pull the trigger and the dust cloud envelopes the pilot, you will effect the rescue.

Then get the hell out of there.



If you practice flying the Jolly, this is a lot of realistic fun.







[MISSION NAME] 690311 FIRE SUPPORT BASE O'REILLY BUILD ARTILLERY BASE SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: 178th Assault Support Helicopter Company AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (1) CH-47

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VÒNG ĐỘ SÁU



The A Shau Valley always held the attention of both sides. It was the major staging area for all activities in I Corps. A map of all the fire support bases in Vietnam shows a large concentration in this area and many well-known battles. The North Vietnamese needed to destroy these bases.

The 178th AHSC (Boxcars) could be seen everywhere carrying everything. They did a highly skilled job in dangerous places.



This is a 3-part mission requiring a lot of skill.

In the third lift, you must take an M101 howitzer to the top of the hill and place it in the empty gun pit...the red smoke marker. When you put it in the pit it will appear ready to go, the smoke will dissipate and the ground crew will signal you.

You cannot hover. Keep your helicopter moving by PUSHING the stick. Do not fly with less than 6 knots. You can see down with the Photo Recce Mod. Your external load is visible only after CTRL-O. Ramp is control by #7.



Very difficult flying but a real accomplishment.









SECRET/NOFORN

700320 WOLF 06 SAR 5

TARGET: RESCUE WOLF 06 A

TARGET PHOTO: 691209 RF-4C



DEFENSES: HEAVY AAA
BEST BAILOUT: HICH GROUND TO NORTH
SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: 40 ARRS. NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB, THAILAND
AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (1) HH-3E
ORD LOADOUT: RESCUE EQUIPMENT
CALL SIGN: GOPHER

HEADING/DISTANCE TO TGT: 092/75 NM ETD: 1630 TIME OVER TARGET: 1730 CONTROLLING AGENCY: SANDY 01

WEATHER BRIEF: SCT 6000 FT WINDS 045 03G06 VIS 20.NM

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GAMEPLAY

You are flying the rescue chopper for the 40th ARRS at Nakhon Phanom. It is your job to pick up the downed pilot while under whatever ground fire errupts. Your helicopter is very tough but not invulnerable. You have just enough fuel to make the grab, join with the HC-130P, and fly to Nakhon Phanom and land beside the ambulance and Medical tent.

The helo is flyable but will not hover. Practice first. Make it go where you want it to go and it will fly very much like a big Sikorsky.

Use the Wing Leveler, Autopilot and hand flying in combinations. Stay above 7 knots. It has landing gear and invisible flaps and airbrakes to control it.

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HISTORY

Rick Rash was saved. Dennis Pugh was not.

There is nobody braver than a rescue pilot in a Jolly Green Giant and you are about to find out why all fighter pilots say that.

Remember me saying that flying a Spad was the Second most dangerous job?

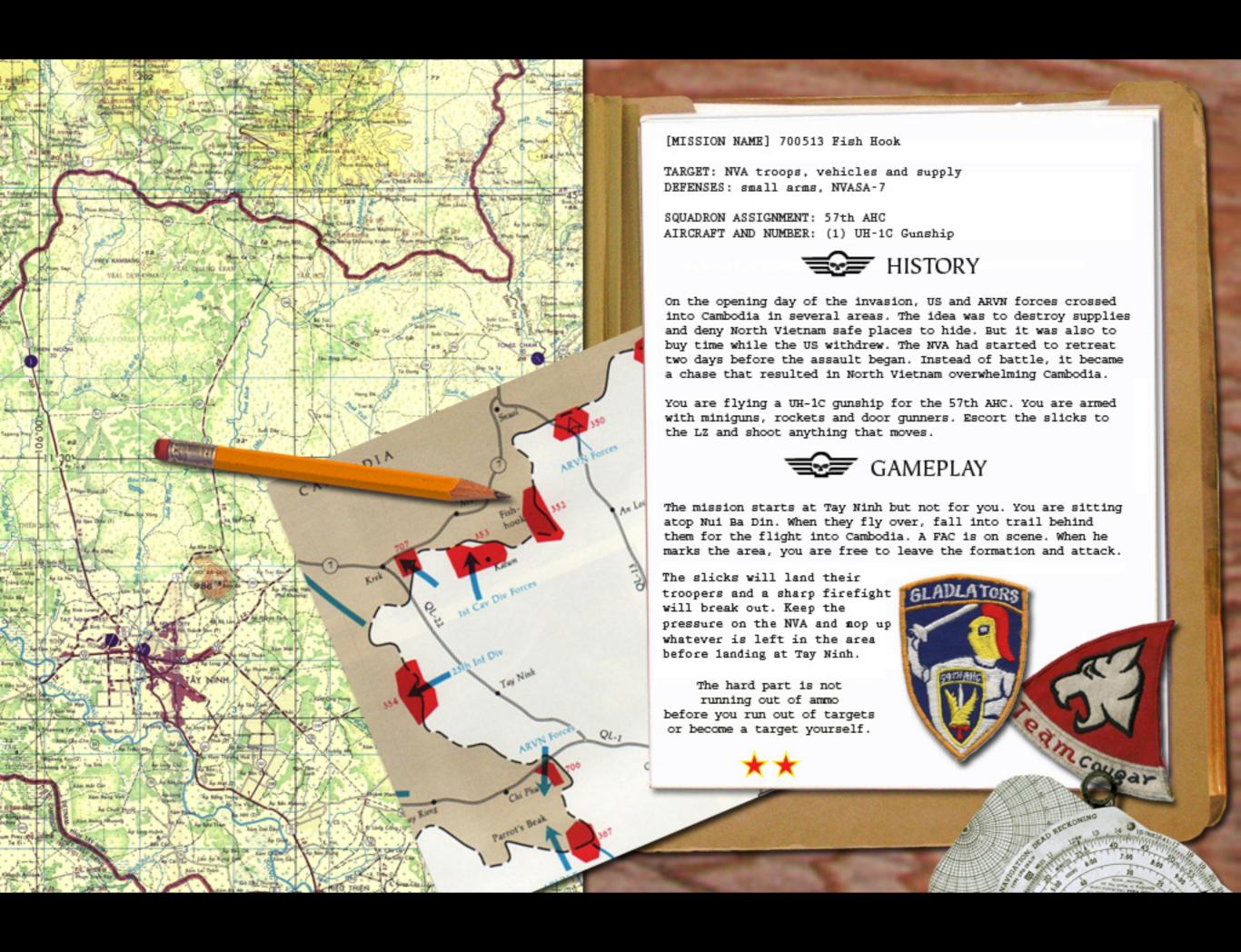


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MISSION NAME] 710806 LAST STAND

TARGET: VC FORCES DEFENSES: SMALL ARMS

SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: F79 ARA

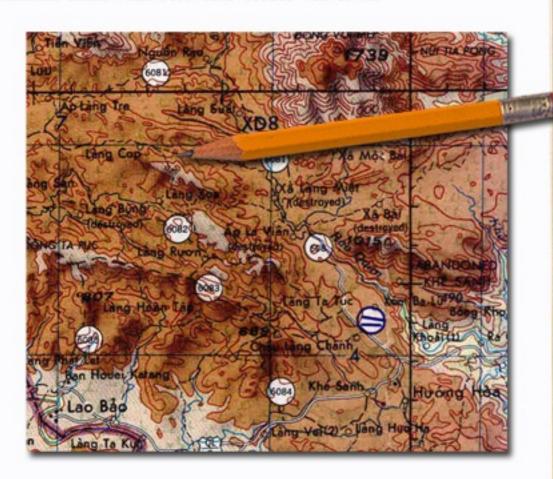
AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER: (1) AH-1G ARA COBRA

ORD LOADOUT: (4) M200A1 ROCKET POD, 7,65MM, 40MM GRENADES

CALLSIGN: COBRA

HEADING/DISTANCE TO TGT: 0 / 25.5 NM ETD: 07.00 TIME OVER TARGET: 07.10

WEATHER BRIEF: BKN 9000 WIND 1801G3 VIZ 10 NM





By 1971, the US was pulling out. The public thought the war was over but the fighting was more intense because US troops were gone. Remaining were US air assets whose job it was to support the ARVN in resisting the North Vietnamese invasions.

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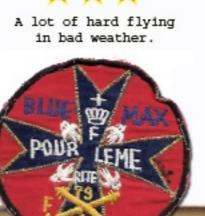


The mission starts with you taking off from Camp Eagle to escort the slicks to remove the team.

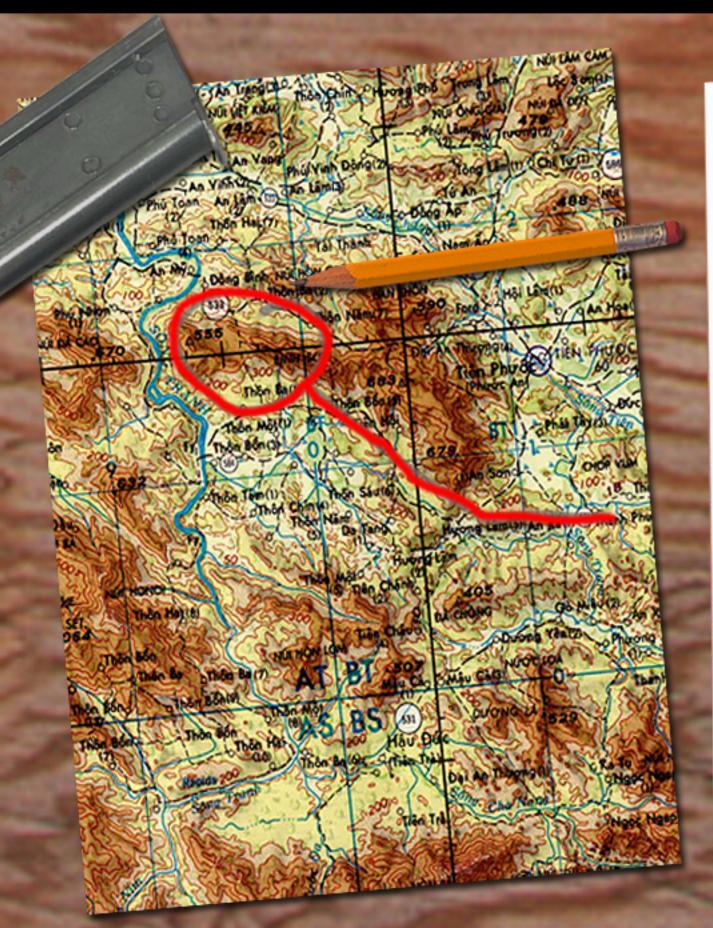
En route you are called to hurry: leave the slicks and proceed at full speed to the target area.

The FAC will mark the enemies with WP rockets. Keep the NVA off the hilltop, where RT Kansas is dug in.

Watch out for friendly forces.







[MISSION NAME] 710818 Death Valley

SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: 174th AHC, Chu Lai AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER: (2) UH-1C Gunship/Frog



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Lift off from Chu Lai and follow Lead. He is flying a UH-1C Gunship. You are flying a UH-1C Frog and youy are escorting two Basketball flare ship from the 174th Aviation Company.

North Vietnamese forces are being attacked by ARNV and Shark has been

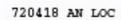
asked to take them off the hill. Be especially careful of the .51 Cal. Your choices are to avoid the green tracers or just kill him first. You do know what the Army would do.

You also have some flares on board. Fire them as bombs to illuminate the area, but remember to open the bay door before with CTRL-O.

This is a night helicopter mission. Lower your landing lights as you would gear. You will need it to land when you return.

Like any Army mission. It's them or you. Right?





TARGET: CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, AN LOC, SVN DEFENSES: AAA, SMALL ARMS, SA-7 BEST BAILOUT: AWAY FROM BATTLE AREA

SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: F Battery, 79th Aerial Field Artillery AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (2) AH-1G ORD LOADOUT: 76 EA. 2.75" HEAT ROCKETS, 40MM, 7.65MM MINIGUN

Mirmot

CALL SIGN: COBRA ETD: 1400 TIME OVER TARGET: 0710

WEATHER BRIEF: BKN 6000 FT WINDS 3601G03 VIS 20 NM



An Loc was the largest and least known victory of the Army of the Republic of Viet Nam. The US rushed in massive air power to help stem attack by North Vietnam. With the Americans off the field, Giap shifted from guerilla warfare to open field maneuvers. And everyone knows you cannot fight in the

open unless you have air superiority over the battlefield.

Tanks were on Main Street approaching the headquarters of the US advisor. When asked what he needed he said "Send me Stukas!" Instead, Blue Max Cobras arrived. When told to leave due to the intense AAA, their Lead replied, "Negative. I've got HEAT." They had to use steeper-than-normal dive angles to avoid friendlies but this marked the first time that helicopters were used to destroy tanks in battle.

The Blue Max stopped the tanks at great cost to themselves.



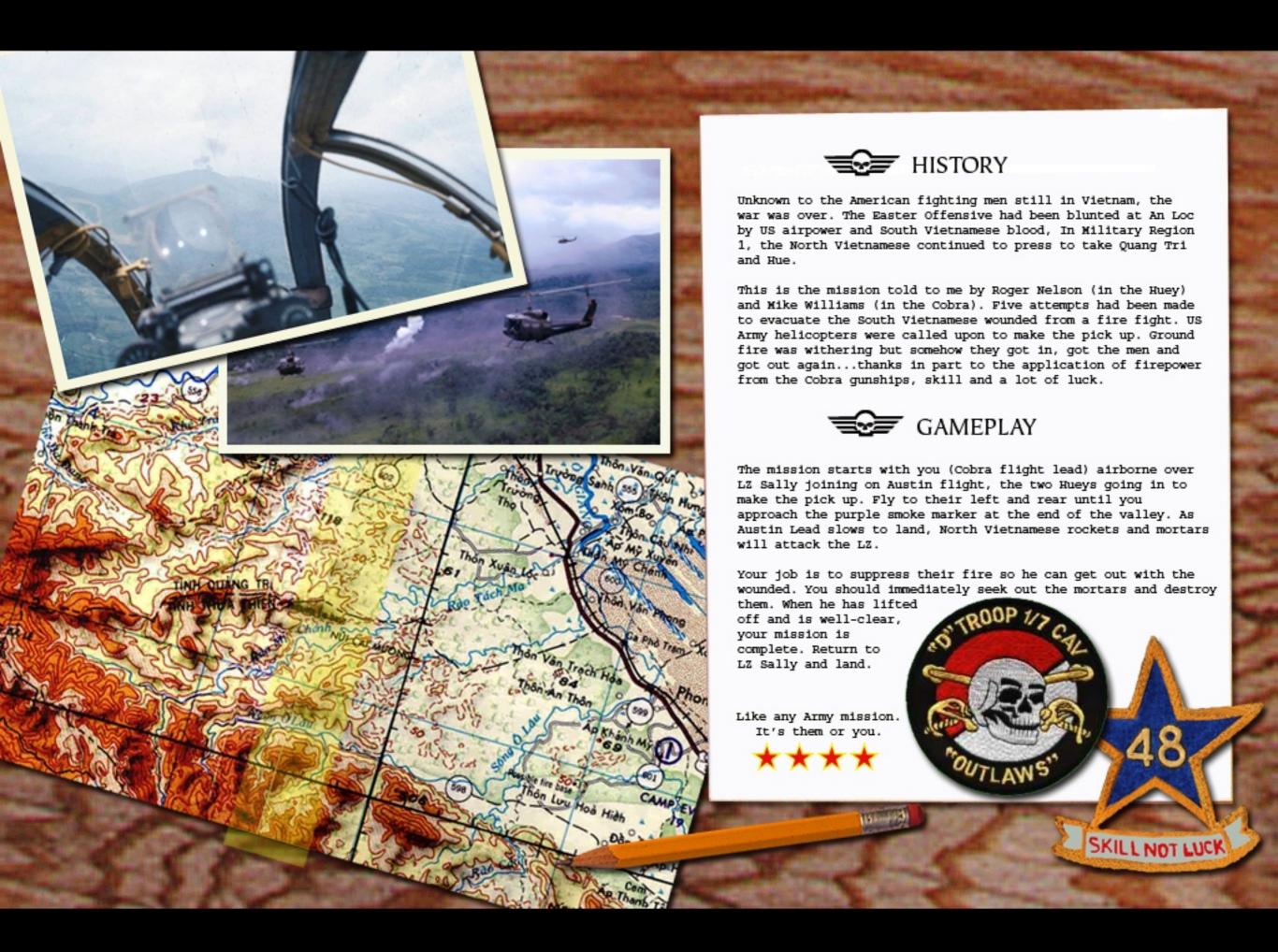
You just refueled in a village near An Loc. Join up as \$2 in trail inbound to An Loc. When Lead calls in hot, pick a tank and kill it. If you fly slowly, the round rocket reticle is very accurate. You must destroy all the tanks before they reach the blue building whether they drive through a wall

or down the street. You must also dodge the SA-7's and AAA.

For best effect, we suggest padlocking your view on your target as you fight.

Your mission ends south of town at the fuel truck and M113 APC. Look for the yellow smoke.

A lot to kill in a short time.





750429 SEMPER FIDELIS

MISSION: DOWNTOWN SAIGON DEFENSES: AAA, SMALL ARMS

BEST BAILOUT: NA

SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: HMH-463 CVA-41, DIXIE STATION

AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (1) CH-53D ORD LOADOUT: MARINE ASSAULT SQUAD

CALL SIGN: MAMBA

HEADING/DISTANCE TO TGT: 015 / 13 NM

ETD: 1200

TIME OVER TARGET: 1205

WEATHER BRIEF: BKN 7500 FT WINDS 3606G10 VIS 20 NM



It is the afternoon of April 29th, 1975. After heavy pounding by North Vietnamese artillery, the Army of South Vietnam collapsed and retreated. The North Vietnamese Army were entering Saigon. The U.S. Embassy was guarded by US Marines who requested reinforcements to hold the perimeter while the evacuation of Americans was completed.

Imagine entering a city under heavy artillery barrage, surrounded by tens of thousands of enemy soldiers on the attack...a city ringed by people shooting at you on both sides. At the Chosen Reservoir in another war, General Chesty Puller said this: "We've been looking for the enemy for some time now. We've finally found him. We're surrounded. That simplifies things."

Grunts. Can't be a nation without them.



Launch from the deck of the Midway and fly directly into the heart of Saigon. Find the Embassy building and land on the lawn in back. Deploy your Marine Assault team. Then proceed to the Midway and park it.

Watch out for the boat people. They make very good Americans.

Semper Fi.













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SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: Air America AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER: (1) Bell 204

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The Washington Post

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Minh Orders All Forces to **End Fighting**

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HISTORY

On the 30th of April, 1975 forces of the North Vietnamese Army were entering Saigon as the South Vietnamese Army and Government collapsed. The U.S. Embassy had completed the evacuation of all American by helicopter and the evacuees were taken to the USS Midway lying just off shore as it was on this same day 10 years before. Remember?

Air America was the evolution of Clare Chennault's presence in Asia. AVG pilots became CAT pilots who flew the resupply of Dien Bien Phu. They became Air Asia pilots. Then they became Air America pilots as well as pilots for Continental Air Service and Bird Air. Later they became pilots for Evergreen International, Southern Air Transport, Intermountain Aviation, Dyncorp and pilots in the far corners of the Earth.

Before anyone goes in wearing a uniform, the CIA is there.



Fly the Air America Bell 204 into Saigon. Find the apartment building just north of the US Embassy and land on the roof. Take off and proceed to the Midway and land.

This is the official 100th mission of Yankee Air Pirate.

The Vietnam War is over and it ends, most fittingly, in a Huey.

