

HUEY Crewman

Beating the Vietnam skies our Huey's are a sight
With skilled crews so young and ever so bright
Carry out all duties with duty honor and delight
The pilots most just out of school take flight
200 hours just prepares them for the Vietnam rite
Tall in the pilots seat flying off run way laterite
Then suddenly setting short when the bullets bite
Fast learning to cope with combat assault plight
He studies the AC for his teachings and insight
The Aircraft Commander is expert and right
Leading his crew with the skill for any fight
The Crewchief is a Huey mechanical delight
Caring for his ship morning noon and night
Gunner is a special crewman added to the flight
A expert on the M60, smelling of oil and cordite
Helping the crew he takes on without fright
The crew teamwork and respect is their might
Both Guns or Slicks their morale is a highlight
Covering the Infantry is a top priority all right
From pick up to the LZ Guns cover us with might
They seek out trouble and fire on any enemy site
Keeping the Infantry and slicks all in their sight
Brave crewmembers many a medal to write
The tough Huey helicopters we rode all right
Hits and strike damage she took day and night
Stayed in the air brought us home every night
Ground support fixed them up and back to flight
Company was teamwork all slicks and gun might
While watching our backs and the Infantry sites
The KIA Crewmembers lives we like to rewrite
All 39 brave souls we Vets think of each night
The Washington Wall has their names all right
Shattered lives and bodies we all feel your plight
All Crewman rest in piece is their war given rite
Copperheads and Vultures I mostly do write
For serving with them was my greatest delight

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