SONGS OF THE UTT
THE TEST
TUNE: "BIG IRON ON HIS HIP"

To the flight line here in Saigon, a new pilot came one day
He didn't talk to folks around him, didn't have too much to say
Did he dare to ask a question, did he dare to make a slip
For he knew that for the first time he had weapons on his ship, weapons on his ship

It was early in the morning and the crew chief wore a frown
He didn't know if this new replacement could get his chopper off the ground
He knew this was deadly business, and there couldn't be a slip
And he knew a fledgling pilot could bring troubles to his ship, troubles to his ship

Soon this pilot learned his lesson, while flying all around
He received his first baptism from the VC on the ground
Many rounds came through the cockpit, and they struck the rotor head
And he looked around behind him thinking everyone was dead, everyone was dead

He could see the gunner shooting, he could hear the crew chief shout
I can see them bastards running, god, that marking smoke is out
Before the Viet Cong reached cover, his bullets fairly ripped
And the wingman's aim was deadly, with the weapons on his ship, weapons on his ship

It was over in a moment, there was silence all around
And the bodies of the VC lie before him on the ground
He'd survived his first encounter, and just like all the rest
Now he was a combat pilot who had passed the crucial test, passed the crucial test

The test, the test, now he was a combat pilot who had passed the crucial test, passed the crucial test
Or so it seemed, until he made a poststrike recon, when he found that

It was over in a moment, there was silence all around
And the bodies of the VC lie before him on the ground
He's survived his first encounter, but you haven't heard the rest
He just shot up 80 ARVN who were on a training test, on a training test

So the moral of this story is while flying all around
And you think you're getting fire from the VC on the ground
And they call you and they tell you to make a firing pass
Just tell your fearless leader, he can jam it up his ass, jam it up his ass
A LETTER HOME

TUNE: "HELLO MUDDER, HELLO FODDER"

Hello Fadder, dearest mom, here I am in Viet Nam, weather here, is so zaney.
For six mouths it's dusty, and six mouths it's rainey.
Dear aunt Zeida, uncle Louie, got my check out, in an armed Huey, now my troubles,
Are all bygone, cause I'm over here shooting around Saigon.
I went flyin', with Jim Lee, he got shot right through the knee, you remember
Loenard Skinner, he got mortared up at Bien Hoa after dinner,
My two buddies Jim and Tom, they got blown up at Quinhon, you remember Larry Drew,
He got his leg shot off at Pleiku.
I just talked to Warran Green, he said he saw a Mig 15, he said it started a bombing
Run, I think I'll watch this should be a lot of fun.
You should see him, he's a beaut, now he's straffing Tan Son Nhut, he's coming this
Way, his aim is better, darling Mudder, Fadder disregard this letter.
SAIGON OH SAIGON

Saigon, oh Saigon's a hell of a place, the organization's a blasted disgrace
There's captains and majors and light colonels too, with their hand in their pockets and nothing to do
They stand on the runways, they scream and they shout, about many things they know
Nothing about, for all that they're doing, they might as well be, cutting grass skirts on the isle of Capri
The UTT's coming, we're way out of bounds, everyone knows we're a damned bunch of clowns
We shoot up rice paddies and brag about torque, and everyone thinks he's a damned Sgt York

AIRSICK ARVN

TUNE - "DRUNKEN SAILOR"

What'ya gonna' do with an Airsick ARVN (3Times)
Early in the mornin', early in the mornin'
Throwin' up his rice'n'water
Early in the mornin'
Way hay and up she rises
Filling' up his helmet liner
Repeat first

THE DRAGONS

TUNE - "SINGING THE BLUES"

I never felt more like singing the blues, cause I never thought that I'd ever loose
My guns boys, you got me singing the blues
I never felt more like running away, cause I never thought that there'd be the day
That you'd slick me, you got me singing the blues
The sun and stars no longer shine; the guns are gone I thought were mine, there's
Nothing left for me to do, but fly way up here in the blue
Every time that I leave the ground, Saigon center's following me around, boys,
He's got me singing the blues
When emergency messages I have sent, I found out Paris' weapon was bent, and couldn't
Help me he's got me singing the blues
Repeat chorus, and first stanza
WHO IS WINNING THE WAR
TO THE TUNE OF BLOWIN' IN THE WIND

Men may argue the pros and cons on who's winning this dirty war,
But the fact remains that the army planes take credit for that score
Yes, the man with the rifle, the little guy whose life is eternal hell.
If he had but the time and paper to write, and the adjectives knew how to spell,
Would praise the skies both long and loud for the help that he gets from the air.
Cause he knows for sure when the chips are down, UTT will always be there.
They come at all hours, both day and night, with their rockets and guns blazing death,
And the guy on the ground breathes a sigh of relief, cause he knows that now there's no sweat.
They stay as long as he needs their help, placing fire on the enemy horde,
And departs expended with a friendly goodbye like a knight resheathing his sword.
The gallant crews in their fragile birds, lacking armor and speed for the task,
Repeatedly plunge in the thick of the fray of tracers and splintering glass.
Yet you know when it's over, though some don't return, that the job has been done and done well,
And the men in the unit whose pride is so fierce, can show why their chests proudly swell.
They've been called primadonnas by many around, who would cast aspersions about
But the fact remains that their brand of work takes a stomach that has to be stout.
It's kill or be killed when you boil it down. Whether you fire, you shouldn't, or should,
It's a hundred decisions all made in the air and the guys that make them are good.
So shout all you want on whose winning this war; pass accolades out if you may,
But it's the UTT, ask the guy on the ground, for without them he's unable to stay.
AND SO TO WORK
571st COMMANDERS

Capt Robert White
May 63 Feb 64

Capt Don C. Chunn
Feb 64 May 64

Capt Richard R. Hatton
30 June 64 Present
HISTORY 571st TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT (AM)

The 571st Transportation Detachment was activated on Okinawa at the same time that the UTT Helicopter Company became a reality. The mission of the 571st was to provide field maintenance support to all the assigned aircraft to the UTT.

The Unit moved to Thailand with the UTT and then into South Vietnam.

From January 1964 through August 1964 the 571st Trans Det (AM) supported the UTT Helicopter Company with 20 UH-1B helicopters, the 57th Medical Detachment and its 5 UH-1B's, the 2 UH-1B's assigned to Headquarters, US Army Support Command, Vietnam and the 2 UH-1B's assigned to ACTIV. In August 1964 the UTT Helicopter Company was redesignated the 68th Aviation Company and 5 more UH-1B helicopters were added to our support responsibilities. In November 1964 the 56th Trans Co. (OS) arrived in Vietnam and relieved the 571st of the Support Command and ACTIV aircraft.

The history of this unit closely parallels that of the UTT Helicopter Co and the 68th Avn Co.
PERSONNEL LISTING 571st TRANSPORTATION DETACHMENT (AM)

Adams, Charles C., PFC
Aguire, William M., SP4
Atkinson, John F., CWO
Auckerman, Charles C., Jr., SP4
Bass, Ralph L., SFC
Beougher, Floyd D., SP4
Berger, James H., SP4
Bertz, Gary G., PFC
Bicanousky, Robert F., PFC
Bierman, Friedrich T., SP4
Bowen, Peter R., PFC
Bowling, Marshall, SP4
Brennan, Peter B., PFC
Browning, Lawrence W., SP5
Buciaik, Robert L., SP4
Camp, Jimmie T., SP4
Campbell, Bradford L., SP4
Carlson, Richard W., SP4
Cobb, John D., SP5
Coggins, Jerry A., PFC
Cottrell, Frank L., PFC
Cover, Robert G., SP4
Cruthiro, Robert E., SP6
Curinga, Theodore F., SP5
Edeerton, Jurney S. Jr., SP4
Erickson, Paul G., SP4
Foster, Kenneth P., SP4
Guillory, Daniel J., PFC
Haas, Glenn, SP4
Hambrick, Gary T., SP4
Harnden, Joseph N., SP5
Harrigan, Francis, PFC
Harrington, Billy W., SP5
Harris, Dale L., SP4
Hart, James C., SP4
Harvey, Herman F., SSGT

Hays, Robert E., SP5
Hitt, George E., SGT
Hoagland, Richard E., PFC
Holton, James, SP4
Hornbuckle, Alton, PFC
Horton, Lonnie L., SP4
Jalguth, Donald E., SP5
Kaufman, Joseph N., PFC
Keegan, Michael, SP5
Kissel, Philip H., PFC
Kortan, James S., SP4
Lambert, Joseph E., PFC
Lawrence, James D., SP6
Lawhorne, Ralph A., PFC
Lilly, Harry E., PFC
Lineberry, Gary A., SP4
Lott, Michael J., PFC
Lyster, Charles W., PFC
Lytte, Martin T., PFC
Marshall, Patrick W., SP5
Michel, Laverne H., WO
Miller, Robert S., PFC
Moore, Henry W., SP4
Moore, Lester D., SP5
McClendon, William L., SP4
McCrea, Leroy, SP5
McDaniel, Billy J., SP5
McDonald, Donald R., SP5
Neal, James F., SP4
O'Donnell, Charles R., PFC
Ohrabio, Raymond E., SP4
Park, Carl K.Y., SP4
Paulino, Juan C., SP4
Peterson, Carl H., SP5
Pickel, Cecil H., CWO-4
Powers, Hugh, SP5
Rice, Norman F., SP4
Roberts, Dale M., PFC
Robinson, John W., PFC
Sabo, Richard J., SP5
Sanderlin, Joseph B., SP4
Sad, Richard E., PFC
Schaper, Dale F., Jr., SP5
Scheltry, Raymond A., SFC
Simmons, Charles E., SP4
Slagger, John J., PFC
Smith, Philip N., PFC
Sosa, Manuel E., PFC
Steele, Richard G., SP5
Steele, Worley H., SP4
Sweeney, Anthony J., SP4
Tappan, Loui L., MSGT
Thomas, Neal F., PFC
Thougan, James H., PFC
Underwood, Clarence, PFC
Ussery, Warren C., SP5
Valdivieso, Gonzalez C., SP5
Villegas, Cristobal S., PFC
Wakefield, Patrick A., PFC
Wallace, Larry R., SP4
Weber, James, SP5
Webster, Allan C., SP4
Wickizer, Richard M., SP4
Willard, Oscar W., SSGT
Wilson, James A., PFC
Wingate, Terry L., SP4
Wolf, Robert A., PFC
Wood, Bobby D., SP4
Wygol, Paul W., PFC
Yancey, Monte G., SP5
Young, Danny G., SP5

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 68th AVIATION COMPANY

Bean, Calvin R., Maj.
Delavan, Patrick N., Maj.
Dickens, Raymond E., Maj.

Irvin, Ralph D., Maj.
Jaggers, Joseph N., Maj.
Reuter, Robert M., Maj.

Bower, Robert M., Capt.
Boyle, Dennis M., Capt.
Britton, John A., Capt.
Brown, Billy A., Capt.
Chunn, Don C. Jr., Capt.
Crook, George R., Capt.
Dempsey, Neil C., Capt.
Dorn, Marion H., Capt.
Erwin, Lyal H., Capt.
Floyd, Ralph H., Capt.
Fudge, Eugene E., Capt.
Gorsuch, George W. Jr., Capt.
Hill, James E., Capt.
Jarrett, Richard S., Capt.
Jobe, Joe D., Capt.
Johnson, Jack O., Capt.
Jones, Colver H. Jr., Capt.
Kast, Wilfried H., Capt.
Kenyon, Richard D., Capt.
Moore, Roswele D., Capt.
Myers, Marvin O., Capt.
Painton, Harry D., Capt.
Rahn, William E., Capt.
Riley, Edwin C., Capt.
Smith, Dallas H., Capt.
Stone, Gordon T., Capt.
Talley, John D. Jr., Capt.
Timmermeyer, Richard, Capt.
Todd, Alan R., Capt.
Walker, Jack, Capt.
Ward, William E., Capt.
Weeks, Jimmie D., Capt.
Welsh, James J., Capt.
Averett, Kent G., 1/Lt.
Boyer, John F., 1/Lt.
Childers, Jerry W., 1/Lt.
Christensen, Ronald F., 1/Lt.
Damron, James A., 1/Lt.
Davis, Conrad W., 1/Lt.
Desmond, William F., 1/Lt.
Eiseman, Theodore L., 1/Lt.
Estes, Robert F., Jr., 1/Lt.
Flack, Charles G., 1/Lt.
Fritzsche, Donald J., 1/Lt.
Hasper, Charles M., 1/Lt.
Hill, Charles M., 1/Lt.
Jeffries, Larry D., 1/Lt.
Kroftch, James M., 1/Lt.
Mangold, Carl J., 1/Lt.
Matlick, Robert R., 1/Lt.
McCarty, Lyle C., 1/Lt.
McKinney, Dickey R., 1/Lt.
McNeil, Harold L., 1/Lt.
Moyer, Jerry M., 1/Lt.
Murray, Paul O., 1/Lt.
Pratt, James T., 1/Lt.
Price, David H., 1/Lt.
Queeney, Richard K., 1/Lt.
Ramage, Cary F., 1/Lt.
Reed, James E., 1/Lt.
Rice, Daniel J., 1/Lt.
Speaker, Theodore, 1/Lt.
St. Peter, Norman L., 1/Lt.
Swift, William D., 1/Lt.
Tragesier, John N. II., 1/Lt.
Van Vleck, James E., 1/Lt.
Wall, Joseph H., 1/Lt.
Ward, William E., 1/Lt.
Young, Luther D., 1/Lt.
Lamont, Kenneth L., CWO-W3
Watts, Merlin E., CWO-W3
Whitener, John, CWO-W3
Atkinson, John F., CWO-W2
Bertnot, Hugh U., CWO-W2
Cates, Norman F., CWO-W2
Evans, Kenneth E., CWO-W2
Gray, Patrick E., CWO-W2
Guthery, Alvin R., CWO-W2
Hammer, Billy G., CWO-W2
Hirsch, Patrick R., CWO-W2
Holloway, Ralph L., CWO-W2
Honda, Gilbert S. Jr., CWO-W2
House, William H., CWO-W2
Johnstone, Harley, CWO-W2
Jurney, James K., CWO-W2
Meier, George R. Jr., CWO-W2
Purdom, Leslie G., CWO-W2
Roberston, Ophus E., CWO-W2
Rovetto, John L., CWO-W2
Smith, Donald H., CWO-W2
Thomson, John D., CWO-W2
Pipton, Jay Y. Jr., CWO-W2
Webber, Claude A., CWO-W2
Womack, Clemsell H., CWO-W2
Azbill, Roy G., WO-W1
Baker, John M., WO-W1
Bingen, Jan R., WO-W1
Bladel, John R., WO-W1
Budny, Billy G., WO-W1
Clay, Chadwick L., WO-W1
Clapp, John W., WO-W1
Davis, Michael J., WO-W1
Dunn, Colin B., WO-W1
Ellis, Barry L., WO-W1
Elmore, Leroy E., WO-W1
Fuller, John B., WO-W1
Gault, William J., WO-W1
Green, John D., WO-W1
Guthery, Alvin R., WO-W1
Hunt, Christopher G., WO-W1
Irwin, Jerry F., WO-W1
Jarrett, Richard L., WO-W1
Jochens, Rodney L., WO-W1
Johnson, Quinton L., WO-W1
Kammerer, Larry L., WO-W1
King, Mark A., WO-W1
Landrum, Richard I., WO-W1
Lee, James, WO-W1
Lesnick, George B., WO-W1
Mason, Manvil W. Jr., WO-W1
Michel, Lever A., WO-W1
Morgan, Stephen E., WO-W1
Parker, William S., WO-W1
Paxton, Kent F., WO-W1
Peterson, Dale R., WO-W1
Rawls, Marion H., WO-W1
Ross, Bobby G., WO-W1
Saint, Jack F., WO-W1
Schmidt, John M., WO-W1
Shappley, Larry W., WO-W1
Smith, Bobby D., WO-W1
Stream, Henry C., WO-W1
St Germain, Dave B., WO-W1
Sullivan, Dave L., WO-W1
Tillman, William L., WO-W1
Urban, John R., WO-W1
Webber, Claude A., WO-W1
William, Max A., WO-W1
William, Ralph T., WO-W1
Wildes, Michael L., WO-W1
Woodward, Richard N., WO-W1
Young, Earl R., WO-W1
Adams Harmood R., SGT
Allen, Carroll E., SP5
Alleva, Michael F., SP4
Anderson, Darnell J., SP4
Anderson, Edward, SP4
Anderson, Richard L., SP4
Anderson, Ronald J., SP4
Arthur, Vernon D., SP5
Ashton, Lawrence J., SP5
Bailey, Vernon M., SP4
Bartle, Walter J., PFC
Batts, Arthur L., PFC
Bednar, Stanley J. Jr., SP4
Berenbrok, George H., SP5
Berg, John O., SP4
Bert, Raymond J., SP4
Best, Donald J., PFC
Black, Orville E., SFC
Blackburn, William E. Jr., SGT
Boehm, John W., PFC
Brown, William K., SP5
Browning, Harvey, SP4
Bruzda, Kenneth L., SP5
Burk, Harry W., SP5
Burrows, Robert W., PFC
Buss, Albert T., SP4
Carignan, Alfred J., SFC
Carr, Thomas M., SP4
Carroll, Robert L., SP5
Carstensen, Vernon K., 1SG
Carter, Billy G., SGT
Catoe, Amos H., SFC
Chapman, William B., SP4
Cifferelli, Michael J., SFC
Clark, David N., PFC
Coombs, Samuel G., SP5
Cotton, Howard C., SSGT
Crawford, Keith E., SP4
Crow, Bert W., SGT
Crowder, Richard E., SFC
Crum, Fready L., SP4
Dahle, Dallas W., PFC
Deck, Harold A., SP5
Demond, Michael E., PFC
Dennis, Charles, SP4
Dickman, Duane A., SFC
Dixon, Lawrence E., SP4
Donohoe, Seamus, SP5
Dornbergh, William L., SP5
Duchsherer, Peter M., SGT
Eberhardt, William, SP5
Ehret, Albert K., SP4
Elly, Clifton, SP5
Enns, Arthur T., SP4
Evans, Ronald J., SP4
Farmer, James A., SSGT
Farmer, William, SP4
Ferguson, Levi F., SP6
Fiflick, Larry F., SP4
Fitzgerald, William L., SP5
Floyd, James L., SP6
Fruharty, Roger D., SP4
Flynn, Raymond T., PFC
Fowler, Jesse, Jr., SP5
Frye, Robert L., SP5
Fuller, Robert H., SGT
Gegere, Micheal, PFC
Gerhardt, John L., SP4
Gissell, Thomas F., SP4
Greeson, Thomas J., SP4
Grotton, Wayne M., PFC
Guyon, Dennis M., SP4
Hackney, Arlene, SGT
Hailey, Clarence E., SP5
Harbison, Lawrence R., SP5
Harr, Clarence E., SP5
Heath, Huliner J., SFC
Heemstath, John H., PFC
Heidemann, Ronald W., SP5
Hendricks, James D., SGT
Hendricks, Terry C., PVT
Heng, Fred, SP5
Herrin, George W., SFC
Hilburn, Eno H. Jr., SGT
Hitt, John H., SSGT
Huffstuller, Bernard E., SSGT
Hughes, Robert D., SP4
Hurst, Rex D., SP5
Ivaniy, Edward J., SP4
Jacoby, Joseph A., SP4
Johns, Floyd C., SP5
Johnson, Delton L., PFC
Johnson, George B., SGT
Johnson, Newton Jr., SP4
Johnston, Benjamin J., SGT
Jones, John V., SSGT
Jones, Russell L., PFC
Jones, Franklin, SP6
Jones, Max V., SSGT
Kahkien, Llewellyn A., SP4
Kelly, Arthur, PFC
Dempisty, Francis M., SP4
Kersh, Raymond J., SGT
King, Ronald G., SP4
Kohler, Gerald A., SGT
Kuakoaki, Chester C., SP4
Landa, Edward J., SP4
LeCheiminant, Kenneth J., SP5
LeCle, William G., SP4
Light, Samuel L. Jr., SP4
Matcherie, George W., SP4
Malone, Luther R., SP4
Marchman, Darrell R., SP4
Mattison, George C., SFC
Mills, Robert V., SP4
Mitchell, John S., SP4
Moles, Jes L., SSG
Moody, David L., SP4
Moore, Donald E., SGT
Munroe, Richard C., SP4
McCaskill, Jonny S., SP4
McCloud, Stony, SGT
McDonald, Larry L., SP5
McEwen, James A., SP5
McFadden, Dornel E., SSGT
McGee, James A., SGT
McGhee, Bobbie, SP5
McKinney Phillip H., SP4
McMillan, James E., SGT
McPherson, William E., SP4
Nagamine, Ahigeru, SSGT
Nattrig, Anthony J., SP5
Neal, Lawrence L., SP5
Nesbit, Clyde O., SSGT
Newton, William R., SP4
O'Donnell, James, SP4
Orvis, Dale C., SP4
O'Shea, Dennis M., SP4
Ostrega, Adam D., SSGT
Over, Douglas K., SP4
Paisley, Robert O., SSGT
Palmer, Norman E., SGT
Pearson, Kenneth A., SP4
Pester, Robert F., PFC
Peterson, Joseph, SSGT
Peterson, Larry J., SP4
Phillips, Willie F., CPL

Powers, Alvie L., SP4
Pratt, Thomas A., SP4
Prueitt, John P., SP4
Rademacher, John M., SSGT
Radke, Warren R., SP4
Rehmann, Winbern D., SFC
Rice, Charles L., PFC
Rodriguez, Jose E., SFC
Rudisill, Carl W., SGT
Rudisill, Earl J., SP4
Ryan, Gerald W., SP5
Sagers, David H., SP4
Schulte, Robert H., SP4
Schwall, Andrew G., PFC
Scott, Harry T., SGT
Scranton, Russel S., SP4
Schinkle, William J., PFC
Simmons, Grover W., SSGT
Simpson, Hubert E., SSGT
Smith, Donald D., SP4
Smith, Warren S., SP4
Snook, William SP4
Sobolik, William, SP4
Souders, William J., SP4
Soyer, Philip, SP4
Stahl, Paul L., SP4
Spry, Reginald T., SP5
Stone, Roger A., SP5
Straley, John L., PFC
Sugimura, Wilfried, SP5

Swofford, Leonard S., SP4
Swank, Jerry L., SP4
Swenson, John W. Jr., SP4
Symkowski, Leonard J., SP4
Taffel, Izak M., PFC
Taunton, Barney L., SSGT
Teal, William B., SP5
Thomas, Robert H., SP5
Townsend, Luther E., SP5
Trent, Lester G., SGT
Twaroski, Thomas N., SP4
Tyler, David O., SP5
Vandeven, John W., SP4
Viquella, Anthony, SP4
Wambold, Richard J., PFC
Weaver, James W., SP4
West, Russell E., SGT
West, Thomas F., SGT
White, Robert A., SP4
Whitten, William J., SSG
Willard, Thomas A., SP4
Wilson, Dale L., SP4
Wilson, Ralph, SP5
Wirfel, Ronald J., SP4
Woods, Bobby D., SGT
Wright, Glen W., SP4
Yazell, Robert F., SP4
Yochum, David L., SGT
Zanchi, Carrol C., SP5
SEE? HERE'S OUR PROBLEM

OR IS IT HERE

PROVE IT, SIR!
DID YOU SAY FINGER TIGHT?

OVER WORKED
MORE GREEN TAPE FOR THE BULLET HOLE

WE CAME TO FIX 'EM

WILLING FOR PARTS

AIR MAIL
WHO'S WHO

SUGAR CANE - VIETNAMESE BOX LUNCH

O.K. WHO TOOK THE TAIL ROTOR

I FIX EM AND CREW HARD AT WORK
IM A TEST PILOT AND ONCE I FLEW CHOW TO THE TROOPS
A REAL HAPPY Feller
A-1-E Pilot Capt. George just after Rescue From downed A/c