



The Battle of Ia Drang Valley was the first meeting of the US Army and NVA units in battle. Images written in the news still linger in the minds of people who read them at the time of PAVN troops executing the American wounded. There are many accounts of this battle which ended in a costly defeat for the NVA but lessons learned about not attacking US forces when they could wield their air power.

These are the missions of several men who fought there.



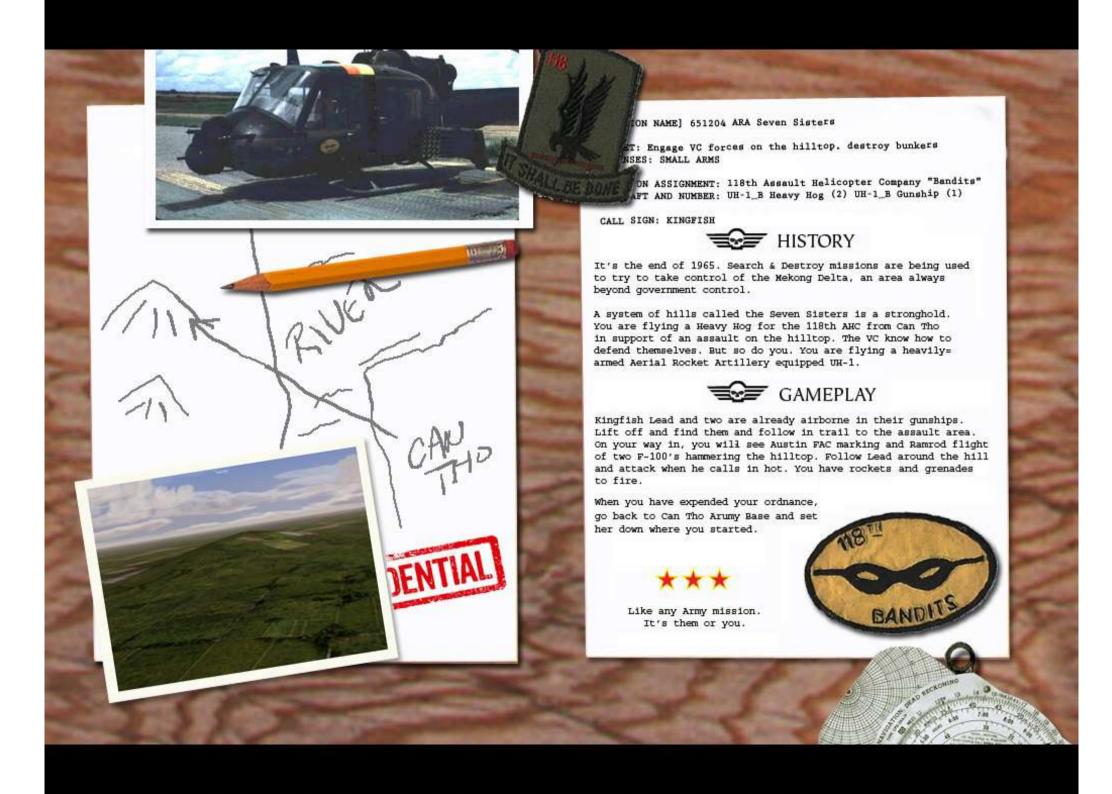
AIR CAV: Launch from Plei Mei with a squad of assault troops aboard. Follow the nearby Hueys into Xray until you see the smoke marker. Land at the LZ and release the squad with the pickle button. Then return to Plei Mei to land. Your door gunners will fire on their own at ground targets. Your job is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

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











[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

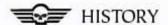
HEADING/DISTANCE TO TGT: 355/7 NM

ETD: 0800 TIME OVER TARGET: 0815

WEATHER BRIEF: BKN 4000 --

NM





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: 1600 TIME OVER TARGET: 1620

CONTROLLING AGENCY: VIPER LEAD

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

TARGET PHOTO: UH-1D US ARMY



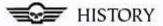


You are being scrambled off Garrett County to intercept enemy supply sampans near Long Xuyen Ferry. Launch as you would off a carrier and get into trail behind Viper 11.

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 is also a weapon. 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 Ruey 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. Flight discipline in picking targets. Getting home in the dark.





IMISSION NAME: 670426 BIG MOTHER

RESCUE DOWNED P "" "" TPHONG 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!



GAMEPLAY

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.





[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



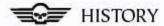
DEFENSES: SMALL ARMS

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 RET, (2400 RNDS| 7.62 WEATHER BRIEF: BEN 12000 PT 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-1E

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

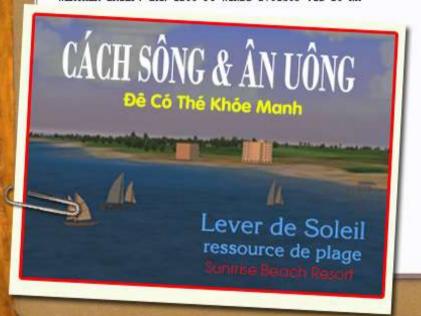
CALL SIGN: WOLFPACK 12

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 for the door gunner.

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.







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MISSION AME] 680317 MISTY FEET WET 3

TARGET: RESCUE OF CUNSLINGER 11 CREW

TARGET PHOTO: MYSTY PAC DATE UNE.



DEPENSES: HEAVY AAA BEST BAILOUT: PEET WET

SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: USAF

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

ORD LOADOUT: NA CALLSIGN: GOPHER

HEADING/DISTANCE TO TGT: 120 / 25 NM

ETD: 09.00

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

WEATHER BRIEF: BKW 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 landing Feet Wet near the shoreline.

Then you were a Marine, flying for VMTA334 and joining in for the rescue attempt. You had to hurry up, since an armed sempen was heading directly to the pilot, which lended very close to the coast.

Now, you will take off from Dong Ha in an Air Force HH-53 Super Jolly Green Ciant 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.



HISTORY

Nisty was formed at Phu Cat under Bud Day. O-1E's an O-2A's could not survive the defenses in Boute Pack One and when the Bombing Halt 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-100E's because Phentoms 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 Warfare as long as anyone continues to fly. Required reading is "Misty" and "Bury Us Opside Down".

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

Five stars are for the entire mission... A, B & C. All are hard. 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.

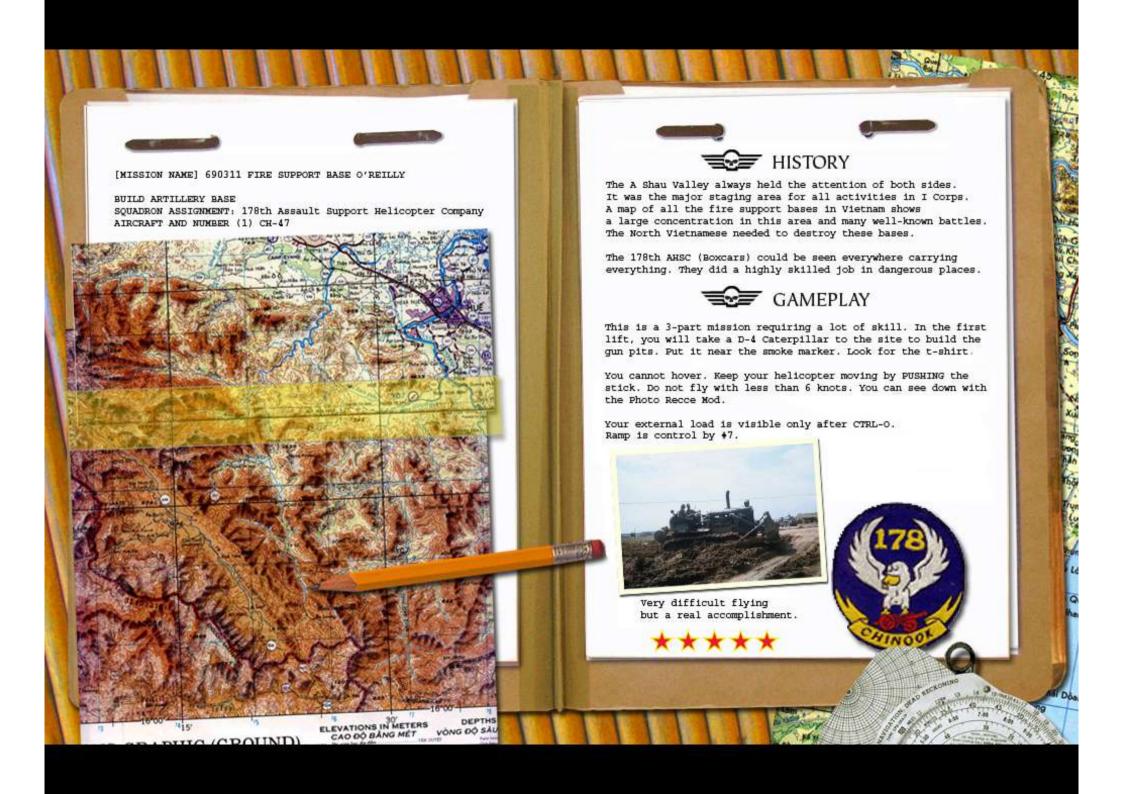
Rescue weapons: You rescue pilots in the air by making them not be on the ground. (Hey. It's a game.) The winch is run by the trigger. Use the Photo Recce mod keypad commands to look forward and down or straight down. When you pull the trigger and the dust cloud envelopes the pilot, you will effect the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

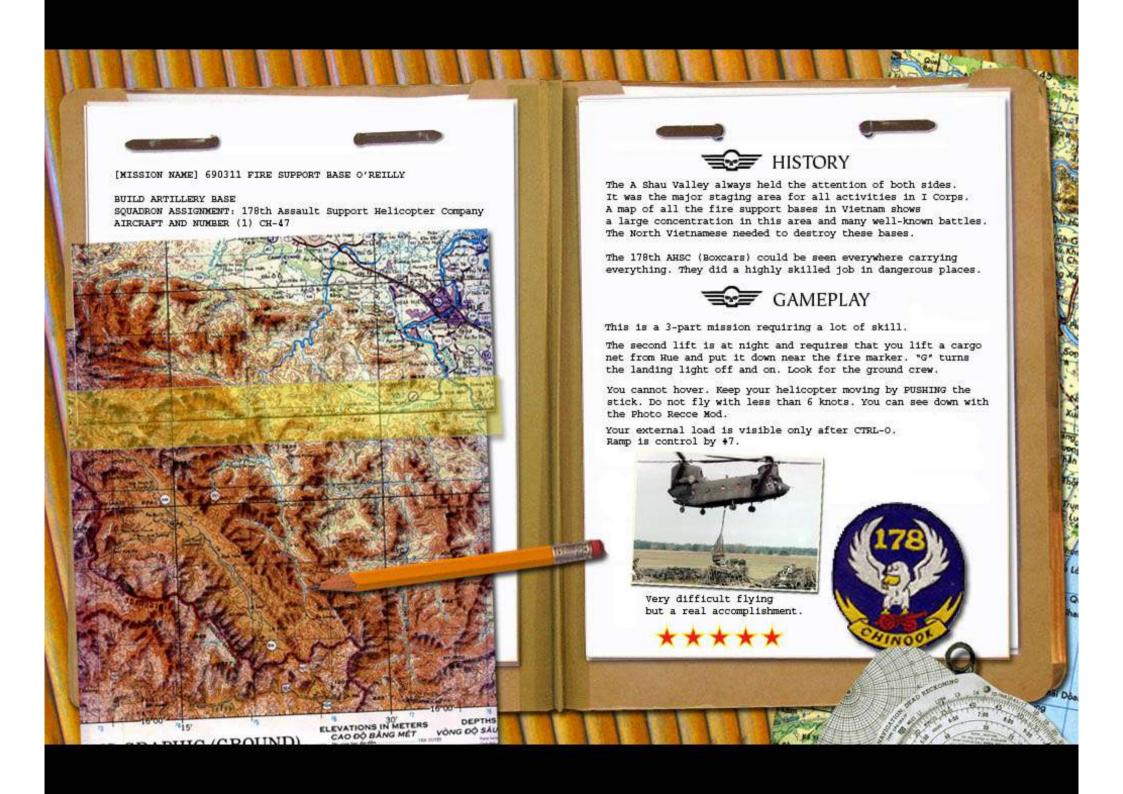
Then get the hell out of there.

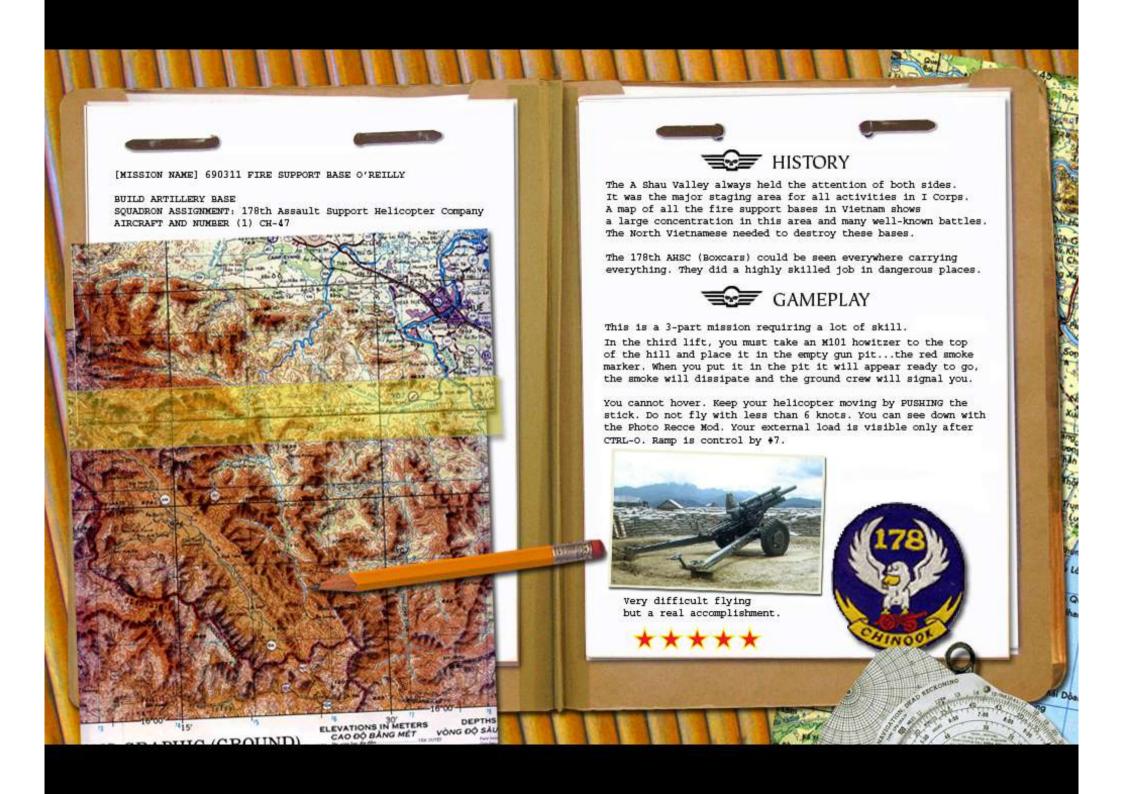


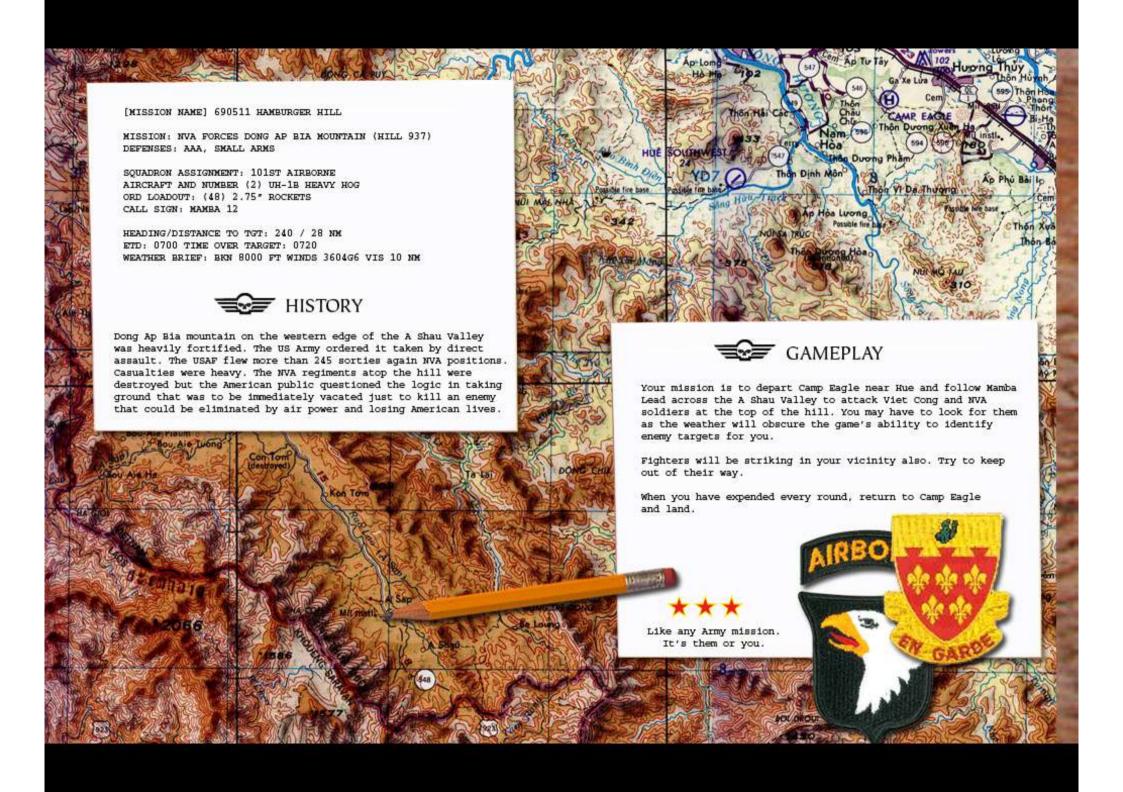
If you practice flying the Jolly, this is a lot of realistic fun.













WOLF DE BAR 5

TARGET: RESCUE WOLF 06 A

TARGET PHOTO: 691209 RF-4C



DEPENSES: HEAVY AAA BEST BAILOUT: HIGH GROUND TO WORTH SQUADRON ASSIGNMENT: 40 ARES, NAKHON PRANOM RTAFE, THAILAND AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER (1) HH-3E ORD LOADOUT: RESCUE EQUIPMENT CALL SIGN: COPHER

HEADING/DISTANCE TO TGT: 092/75 NM E7D: 1630

SIME OVER TARGET: 1730 TROLLING AGENCY: SANDY 01

THER BRIEF: SCT 6000 PT WINDS 045 03G06 VIS 20.NM

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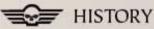
GAMEPLAY

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.

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. Do not pull the trigger on the ground! If you choose to land, select the Rescue Device, taxi where the pilot is close at your 12 o'clock then push the pickle button ... not the



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

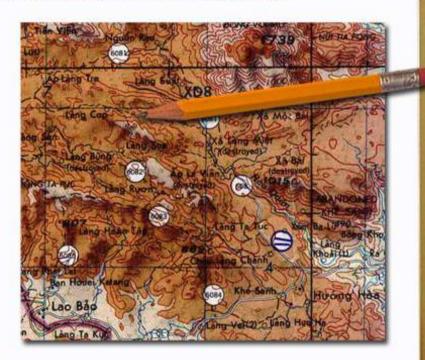
AIRCRAFT AND NUMBER: (2) AH-1G ARA COBRA

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.

There was still a lot of dying left to do and great acts of bravery were still demanded.

The area of this battle was fought over and controlled by the Marines. Now, the Army had moved helicopters into Chu Lai and the Hep Duc/Que Son Valley was back in play.



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

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.

