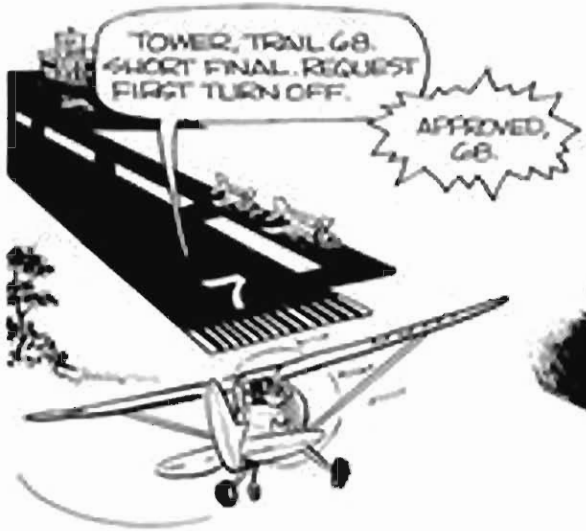
Bob Stevens'

"There I was..."

TOOLING AROUND OVER HOSTILE VIETNAM AS A FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC) IN A TAIL-DRAGGER CESSNA O-1 AT LOW ALTITUDE and LOW AIRSPEED (ABOUT 120 KTS WITH EVERYTHING OPEN BUT THE TOOL BOX) COULD BE FRAUGHT WITH ANXIETY. THERE WERE *SOME* LIGHTER MOMENTS, THOUGH...

THANKS TO LT. C.R. MERCIER FOR P. BOX 0304 APO S.F.

AIR BASE RUNWAYS WERE BUILT FOR "THE BIG IRON" and ALL LOOKED LIKE THE HOLLYWOOD FREEWAY TO O-1 JOCKS...



WHEREUPON, THE DIMINUTIVE O-1 ALIGHTS ON THE OVER-RUN and TURNS OFF AT THE APPROACH END OF THE RUNWAY!