

OE Division

Known to Rangemen as the Electronic Materials Office, or simply put, EMO, the technicians of OE Division install, maintain and repair all electronic gear on board RANGER, and provide specialized support to other elements of RANGER's Battle Group.

From her protective and informative radars, to the shop's television systems, from the navigational gear to the environs of chilly computer centers, Top Gun is woven with thousands of fine threads of electronic marvels. The performance and accuracy of this sensitive equipment requires round the clock care, maintenance and repair.

Assignment to OE Division guarantees a diverse foray of activity. It requires strength to lift massive pieces of equipment as well as the dexterity to handle intricate electronic "chips". It necessitates the bravado to climb the ship's masts as well as the willingness to crawl into cramped crevices and darkened recesses. Furthermore, there is a need of stamina in order to trace a problem even if it takes more than 24 hours of continuous searching. Finally, flexibility, one has to be able to drop everything at a moment's notice and fly over to an accompanying "small boy" for some task requiring the attention of OE Division Personnel.

OE's operations touches all hands, whether by ensuring safe passage by upkeep of support equipment, or by repairing the Automated Data Processing System which produces the crew's paychecks, or maintaining the ship's closed circuit entertainment system with its miles of cables crisscrossing from the bow to fantail. This unique group of professionals are motivated by their pride in their equipment and the effect it has on the overall mission of RANGER.

