DISTRIBUTION OF TORRETTA FLYER NO. 11 DELAYED

While undergoing a 25 hour check (visit to doctor), found editor's hydraulic lines stopped up. Underwent a field repair (heart cath), resumed flight under red diagonal (provisional airworthiness designation in aircraft log book), after landing for overhaul and repair at service squadron (coronary by-pass), grounded while undergoing trials and field test. Expect to be ready for slow time and clearing of the log by 31 January 1985 (Doctors' release). See you all on the flight line in Los Angeles summer 1985 and the maximum effort (both Groups) mission in San Antonio fall 1986.

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the Group
The big wigs and wheels were grinding out "poop"
The bombers were parked on their hardstands with care
Waiting for armament soon to be there

The flyers were nestled all snug in their beds
While visions of milk runs danced in their heads
When out of the darkness there came a loud knock
We cursed the O.D. and looked at the clock

Briefing will be in two hours he said
So we threw him the hell out and went back to bed
Time marches on and the minutes fly by
So it's out of the sack and "make wit de fly"

We rushed to the mess hall quick as a flash
Ate cold powdered eggs and hideous hash
Then a long bumpy ride to the Group briefing room
Where the big wigs press and dish out our doom

The target is told and the first six rows faint
For lo and behold Vienna it AIN'T
The brain has slipped up - my poor aching back
We're bombing a place that throws up no flak

So it's back to the truck and off to the line
The road is now smooth and the weather is fine
The crew is at stations - the check list is run
The engines run smoothly as we give them the gun

Then suddenly the pilot wails in despair
"Look at the tower, they just shot a flare"
We dash to the window with a heart full of dread
The pilot was right, the damn thing is red

So it's back to the sack and we sweat out our fate
For there's practice formation at a quarter past eight.

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