

**MOVIE STARS—Clint Eastwood (center) is joined on the set of "Firefox" by (from left) Sgt. Leonard Cochran, Capt. Jim Teeple, Capt. John Zahrt, TSgt. Dale Ringler, SSgt. Donald Shelton and TSgt. David Root. (Courtesy photo)**

# Airmen, Eastwood like lights, camera, action

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Northern California's "tundra" roars to life as its tranquility is shattered by hurricane-force winds of a massive Air Force HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant helicopter.

The awesome chopper seemingly blows away a rustic cabin nestled in the serene atmosphere near Fall River Mills.

Upon landing in front of the cabin, combat-equipped pararescue specialists TSgt. David Root and SSgt. Donald Shelton jump out and run to the cabin.

They have a message for its occupant, Clint Eastwood. So goes the opening scene for Mr. Eastwood's upcoming movie, Firefox.

Based on a novel by Craig Thomas, Firefox is supposed to be a new Russian Mach 6 fighter. Mr. Eastwood plays a retired Air Force major called out of retirement to steal the aircraft.

The 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron aircrew from McClellan AFB, Calif., flew five hours as they were filmed for the motion picture.

Their scene shows the arrival of the HH-53 at the major's Alaskan home after a long-distance flight.

Firefox is due for release in July 1982. During the two days of filming, the aircrew got to work with actor-director Eastwood and actor Tim Hutton.

Other 41st ARRSq. crewmen were Capt. John Zahrt, aircraft commander; Capt. Jim Teeple, copilot; TSgt. Dale Ringler, flight engineer; and Sgt. Leonard Cochran, crew chief.