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DATELINE

**VIETNAM**

**VC Atrocities**

**Saigon (CIB)** — The Viet Cong continued acts of atrocity against civilians last week with murders, assassinations and kidnappings.

Among the recently reported VC outrages are: the assassination of one civilian and kidnapping of 20 others in I Corps during the period Apr. 19-21, the killing of an old man and a young girl in Binh Dinh province on Apr. 21; the kidnapping by a VC platoon of 50 civilians from a new life hamlet

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## Five Vietnam-Stationed Units Receive Presidential Citation

**Saigon (CIB)** — Five units, including two U.S. aviation units and three Vietnamese units, were named Apr. 25 as recipients of the U.S. Presidential Unit Citation to become the first such-honored units of the war in South Vietnam.

The U.S. Army 197th Aviation Co., a helicopter outfit, was cited for actions against a hostile force near Duc Hoa in Hau Nghia province in early April.

Named for its role in the round-the-clock support of

Vietnamese Armed Forces was the U.S. Air Force 1st Air Commando Sqdn, 34th Tactical Gp. The citation

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was made for support rendered during the period Aug. 1, 1964 through Apr. 15, 1965.

Also honored were the Vietnamese 44th Ranger Bn., the VNAF 514th Tactical Fighter Sqdn. and the Vietnamese 383rd Regional Force Co.

## TARGET: NORTH VIETNAM



**U.S. Navy A-4 Skyhawk Streaks From Deck Of Seventh Fleet Aircraft Carrier Stationed in South China Sea Prior To North Vietnam Air Strike.**  
(See Photo Feature Pages 4&5)

## Wounded Sgt. Tells Of Fight

**Saigon (CIB)** — "I had one lung collapsed and could hardly breathe. The other sergeant had been shot in the left eye, and the lieutenant was dead," relates Army SFC Claxton D. Thomas, wounded in an Apr. 23 operation at Tra Tien, some 150 miles southwest of Saigon.

Sgt. Thomas described the events of that day from a bed at Saigon Navy Hospital.

"Intelligence reports had indicated a band of guerrillas, approximately 100 strong, massing at Tra Tien," the Gahn Tahn-based sergeant said. "At one o'clock on the morning of the 23rd, I started out with 1st Lt. Royal G. Isaac and MSgt. John H. Hale along with several platoons of Strike Force soldiers."

The operation was intended as a pincher movement, with the group which Thomas accompanied coming in from the northeast and another group moving in from the southwest.

"At 6:30 a.m., we arrived at Tra Tien. Initial contact with the VC was made by the other group," Thomas continued. Twenty minutes later, Sgt. Thomas' group made contact.

"We were receiving heavy fire," the sergeant related, "but managed to push the



**THOMAS**

VC out of three of the first houses in the line of defense."

When the Viet Cong got to the fourth in the line of houses, they held position and began to lay down a heavy barrage of fire. "We were stopped in our tracks for about two or three hours," Thomas said.

It was decided to try a right flanking maneuver, to reach a nearby house from which to continue the assault on the VC position. During this first maneuver attempt, Thomas got hit.

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## Law Officer Explains Tax Refund Procedures

**Saigon (CIB)** — Military personnel who served in the Republic of Vietnam during 1964 may apply for a refund of federal income taxes paid upon income exempted from federal tax by President Johnson's executive order, signed Apr. 24, according to a Legal Officer at the MACV Staff Judge Advocate's Office.

The exemption is effective for income received after 1 Jan. 1964 and applies to monthly pay of which any part of the month was served in Vietnam or adjacent waters.

Under the order, all such pay of warrant officers and enlisted personnel will be totally exempt. Commissioned officers, will receive an exemption of \$200 per month.

Refunds may be claimed by filing an amended return using form 1040 marked a-

cross the top 'Amended Return'.

Form 1040A may not be used though this form was used in filing the original return.

The claim for refund should normally be filed within three years from the time the original return was made, or within three years from the date due for the return, or within two years from the date the tax for that year was paid, whichever day is later.

Action will be expedited if the amended return is sent to the same district director, Internal Revenue Service, as received the original return.

"Those who have already filed their 1964 Income Tax Return will be able to receive a rebate. Detailed information as to the procedures and documents for filing amended returns will be published as soon as available," stated the spokesman.

## May 1st Is Law Day

Since 1958 by proclamation of the President of the United States and since 1961 by Joint Resolution of Congress, May 1st has annually been observed as Law Day, U.S.A.

Not only in the United States but in other free world nations, May 1st is set aside to honor the role laws play in the lives of a free society. By contrast, in communist countries, the occasion is a demonstration of rule by force.

People of free world nations on this day display approval of the guidelines which protect such freedoms as those of speech, assembly, education and religion. In communist-bloc countries, tanks rumble side by side, showing the force used to deny people these freedoms.

The purpose of Law Day is both educational and patriotic. Its basic objective is threefold:

To make more meaningful, especially to the youth of a nation, their heritage of individual freedom under law;

To foster increased respect for law and the courts which protect the rights of all citizens;

To emphasize the basic values of rule by law, contrasting with rule by force and fear under communism.

It is not enough to sit back and enjoy freedoms without contributing to their preservation. Each citizen has the fundamental duty to obey laws, assist in enforcing them and strive for their improvement.

The serviceman serving in a foreign country has a greater responsibility than the average citizen back home. He is a symbol and representative of his country. Any open disregard for the laws and accepted standards of the host country, is a reflection on his own government.

### CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

## Complaint Without Cause

By Chaplain (Capt) Anthony L. Capitani, USA

Gripping at times may be a form of indoor sport and evidence that people are interested in their work. If the work is strenuous or sustained, the occasional gripe helps relieve the tension. Some people may make harmless gripes just to entertain their audience. They might complain amusingly about a job, a situation or even about a person they respect. Usually such griping is constructive.

There is another class of griper, however, who is a complete bore. His gripes are neither constructive nor funny. He offers no practical and positive ideas on how the job might be done more quickly, easily and better. He has little sense of responsibility and is completely selfish with no concern for anyone other than himself. He feels so inadequate and unsure of himself that he tries to blame others for his own failures.

The chronic griper doesn't have an audience. He has victims—victims to gripe to and victims to complain about.

It is natural to become dissatisfied at times. It is unnatural to tear things apart without a cause and without a practical plan for correcting the situation. Quite often the person who complains the loudest about some situation has the least reason for finding fault.

We can't always have what we want. The next best thing is making the most of what we actually have. Being aware of God's blessings and the privilege of walking around in God's world can soothe many a troubled heart.

### Quote of the Week

"Our Nation's rise to its unequalled position of prosperity and power was no accident of fate — nor was it achieved without costly struggle. Rather, the United States flourished because her people were so dedicated to free government that they were willing to sacrifice their lives and fortunes at home or abroad, to preserve our democratic institutions. The roll of our honored dead attests to the courage of our people."

President Lyndon B. JOHNSON  
Loyalty Day Proclamation  
March 11, 1965

## HONOR ROLL

### SILVER STAR

Capt Thomas B. Throckmorton

### DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

#### Posthumous

1st Lt Raymond E. Rupcic  
1st Lt Charles G. Tucker  
Sgt Rivera R. Torres

### DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

CWO William K. Carmical  
CWO Richard B. Shortridge  
PFC John H. Williams

### SOLDIERS MEDAL

Maj Harvey E. Stewart  
Capt Glenn E. Miller  
1st Lt James W. Entringer  
WO Louis J. Postles  
SSgt Clifford B. Clark  
Sp4 Albert T. Buss

### BRONZE STAR MEDAL

#### w/v

#### Posthumous

SSgt Zlatko M. Fakin

### BRONZE STAR MEDAL

#### w/v

Capt Donald E. Reid  
Capt Joseph T. Palstra Jr.  
Capt Robert C. Losik  
Capt Robert R. Glass II  
Capt Thomas R. Gordon  
Capt James A. Swenson  
Capt Joseph D. Dye  
Capt Dale W. Shipley  
Capt Bobby A. Ramsey  
1st Lt Henry A. Deutsch  
MSgt Delbert L. Yocom  
MSgt Jimmie O'Neal  
SFC Louis E. Janca  
SSgt James T. Smith  
SSgt Peter G. Morley  
SSgt Erich H. Dippel  
SSgt Christopher T. Everett  
SSgt John R. Eldridge  
SSgt Robert C. Letzring

### BRONZE STAR MEDAL

#### Posthumous

Capt David J.W. Widder  
SSgt Zlatko Fakin  
Sp5 Joseph R. Foss

### BRONZE STAR MEDAL

#### 3rd Award

Lt. Col Philip A. Doherty

#### 2nd Award

Maj George Mandrek  
Maj Daniel W. Gluck  
Maj Ira J. Goen  
Capt Robert W. Butler  
Capt John T. Quinn  
Capt Donald L. Loa  
Capt Daniel G.O. Murray  
SMaj Bryce M. Roberts  
MSgt Harold R. Lewis  
SFC George M. Clark  
Sp4 Ronald E. Manning

#### 1st Award

Maj William L. McMullen Jr.  
Maj Harry D. Larson  
Capt Jack T. Gordon  
Capt Milton Kresse Jr.  
Capt Roy Wasser  
Capt Robert E. Brown  
Capt John F. Conlon  
Capt Daniel Larsen  
Capt Jack M. Mays  
Capt Robert L. O'Malley  
Capt Joseph T. Palstra  
Capt Rodney B. Perkins  
Capt Walter L. Swain  
4st Lt Virgil L. Ray Jr.  
1st Lt Edwin A. Bethea  
CWO Gerald S. Kern  
MSgt George Thompson Jr.  
MSgt Charles C. Kerr  
MSgt Richard E. Pegrus Jr.  
MSgt Anthony D. Debello  
MSgt Vernon V. Fuller  
MSgt Roger R. Guillaume  
SFC Anthony Nomura  
SFC Henry Corvera  
SFC Charles M. Fennewald Jr.  
SFC David K. Kauhaaha  
SFC Richard B. Alford  
SFC Clete W. Briggs Jr.  
SFC William R. Smith  
SSgt Garth A. Klein  
SSgt Gilbert S. Medina  
SSgt James G. Preston  
SSgt John L. Krepfle  
Sp4 Thomas G. Davis

### ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL w/v

Maj Carl L. Merritt  
Capt Gerald G. Gerlinger  
Capt Millard R. Valerius  
1st Lt Charles E. Van Dusen  
1st Lt Michael J. Bartelme  
1st Lt Warren L. Copenhagen  
WO Phillip C. Shelton  
SFC Norbert F. Weber  
SFC Earl Cross  
SSgt Robert L. Navarro

### AIR MEDAL w/v

Maj Charles A. Licha  
Capt Paul A. Bloomquist  
Capt Jerrell S. Reed  
Capt Querin E. Herlik  
1st Lt Robert T. Williams  
1st Lt David M. Medaris  
1st Lt George R. Miller

## For Extraordinary Heroism...

(On Apr. 26, President Lyndon B. Johnson announced the award of the Presidential Unit Citation to two United States and three Vietnamese units for extraordinary heroism in the Republic of Vietnam. Following is a detailed account of the cited actions of the 197th Aviation Co., U.S. Army, and the 1st Air Commando Sqdn., 34th Tactical Gp., 2nd Air Div., U.S. Air Force.)

Saigon (CIB) — The 197th Aviation Co., an armed helicopter unit, was operating near Duc Hoa, Hau Nghia province, some 15 miles west of Saigon on Apr. 1 selecting, reconnoitering, marking and providing suppressive fire on helicopter landing zones in an area heavily infested with Viet Cong.

At 2 p.m. troop carriers arrived in the area and as they were departing the landing zone, strong enemy automatic weapons fire erupted. One ship of the 197th was hit early in the fighting. The copilot was seriously wounded and the aircraft sustained major damage.

The unit flew continuous support and cover missions through constant heavy fire which damaged six more aircraft. Despite the damaged aircraft and casualties, the unit refueled, rearmed and returned to action.

During the afternoon of Apr. 1, 197th helicopters provided fire support for ground forces and armed escorts for medical evacuations through the continuing hail of enemy fire.

As darkness fell, a Viet Cong attack penetrated friendly positions. Two U.S. Army ground advisors were killed in this attack and a third became separated from his unit.

One helicopter from the 197th landed amid heavy fire and rescued the advisor.

Beginning at daybreak on Apr. 2, the unit resumed its mission, again providing support for troop lifts into two separate landing zones. Three more aircraft were damaged by Viet Cong fire during the day-long mission.

About noon on Apr. 3, contact with the enemy was regained when Vietnamese troops were landed to the rear of the Viet Cong forces. Again, the 197th accomplished successful landing zone reconnaissance and flew suppression roles against extremely heavy Viet Cong ground fire.

The 197th Aviation Co. had determinedly accomplished all assigned missions in the face of violent enemy fire.

Saigon (CIB) — The 1st Air Commando Sqdn. of the 2nd Air Div., during the period Aug. 1, 1964 through Apr. 15, 1965 provided day and night training, combat and combat service support to Vietnamese forces throughout the Republic of Vietnam.

During this period, the squadron's total complement of six C-47 aircraft, in the face of heavy enemy ground fire, flew 3,763 sorties airlifting 2,187,000 pounds of cargo and 16,862 passengers. Additionally, the C-47 section airdropped 1,000,000 pounds of cargo and 1,125 troops and expended 3,341 flares during ground lighting missions.

The U10 psychological warfare section of the squadron, consisting of only three light aircraft, during the same period flew 1,600 loudspeaker and leaflet dropping sorties without regard to intensive reaction by the Viet Cong.

The A-1E Skyraider section of the squadron flew 6,700 missions while training Vietnamese Air Force pilots and in round-the-clock ground support missions. These efforts were carried out in the face of intense anti-aircraft fire from Viet Cong ground positions.

The 1st Air Commando Sqdn. had, for slightly more than eight months, provided for the Vietnamese Armed Forces continuous and invaluable support under extremely hazardous conditions.

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# Americans Provide Liaison Between Koreans, III Corps

**Di An (CIB)** — The dust fills the air as dump trucks, graders, bulldozers and other heavy construction equipment move through the area. Standing by are security soldiers providing

defense against Viet Cong sabotage.

This is a daily scene in Di An, some 11 miles north of Saigon, the location of the base camp for the Republic of Korea Military As-

sistance Group, Vietnam (ROKMAGV).

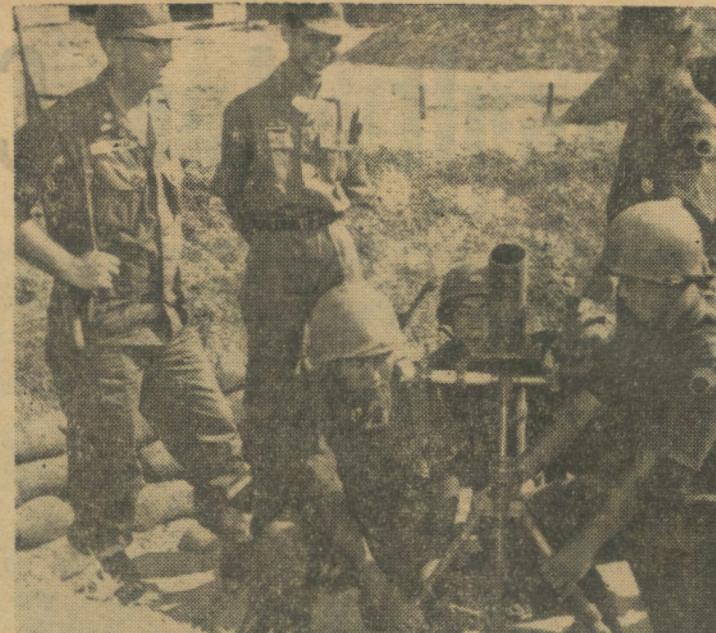
At Di An, the Koreans have some 1,800 volunteer soldiers engaged in constructing and rebuilding roads and maintaining a security force to protect the work sites and the camp itself.

In the midst of the Korean contingent are three American officers who act as a liaison team between the ROK personnel and III Corps headquarters at nearby Bien Hoa.

These team members, unlike most other American personnel in Vietnam, do not act as advisors. They are, rather, a clearinghouse for obtaining needed support from the III Corps command for the Koreans.

Head man on the Liaison Team is Maj. Edward T. Greenleaf, Jr., who assists the Koreans with intelligence and security problems. Capt. Harry James, Jr., an engineer officer, helps the Koreans obtain support from III Corps in the accomplishment of their task of building and construction.

The third member of the team is 1st Lt. Paul F. Wurtz who handles supply problems.



**MORTAR EMPLACEMENT** — Maj. Greenleaf (left) gets a demonstration of Korean readiness as he tours a mortar area in the Korean camp at Di An. This is one phase of the camp's defense system, all of which has been built since an Apr. 2 Viet Cong attack on the camp. With Maj. Greenleaf are the Vietnamese security officer (center) and the commander of the Korean mortar company.

There are also two U.S. enlisted men stationed at Di An. Sp4 Arjenter B. Cardwell, Jr. and Sp4 Warren W. K. Tom are members of the 232nd Signal Co. and are responsible for maintaining the telephone and communication system at Di An.

Maj. Greenleaf, who recently arrived in Vietnam, says, "I like my work. I can't think of anyplace in Vietnam that I would rather be working."

The Major points out that prior to the Apr. 2 attack on the Korean camp, defenses were virtually nonexistent. "Today," he says, "the Koreans have a defense system which is comparable to an American camp's defenses. They have ringed the camp with barbed wire entanglements, mine fields, foxholes and trenches."

Maj. Greenleaf also pointed out that the Koreans are

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**ROAD SECURITY** — Korean soldiers from the engineer battalion at Di An work on constructing a road near the base camp as a member of the ROK security force guards against any Viet Cong attempt to sabotage the work.

## Ordnance Disposal Team Patrols Saigon

**Saigon (CIB)** — "There are only two degrees of effectiveness, initial success or complete failure." This is the motto of the U.S. Naval Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) school at Indianhead, Md.

It is with this motto in mind that the four-man

U.S. Navy EOD team goes about the Saigon-Cholon area protecting U.S. lives and property from death-dealing terrorist bombs.

The men have had nine months of intensive training, preparing them for this hazardous task.

"Whenever a piece of ord-

nance is manufactured," states Navy Lt. Terence C. Burke, team chief, "the EOD school attacks it from the opposite angle. They figure out how to keep the thing from exploding."

Within minutes after the explosion at the American Embassy on Mar. 30,

Burke and his men were on the scene. "Not only are we involved in disarming bombs, but as in the case of the Embassy bombing, we investigated the area afterward," stated Burke.

The investigation entailed searching the remaining cars for the possibility of another hidden bomb. Fragments and pieces were collected and damaged areas surveyed. By gathering such facts, the EOD team is able to determine the size and type of bomb used.

On call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, they must be easy to reach. "Wherever we go or whatever we do, we always have to let the MP desk know where we are. If we get out of our radio-truck we call in and give a phone number where we can be reached," says BT1 Paul L. McCraw, a member of the team.

"We get calls on anything from a desk that has been disturbed for some reason, to a package that no one can

account for. Each one of these calls is a hairy experience in itself," said ABF2 Joseph E. Levac, also a member of the team.

Frequent meetings are held with such elements as the U.S. Air Force EOD, Vietnamese National Police, U.S. Army Advisory EOD team and the ARVN EOD. These sessions aim at keeping abreast of the latest Viet Cong methods and weapons.

Burke has a few simple "do's" and "don'ts" for persons discovering a suspected bomb: clear the area, moving people away from the suspected bomb; notify the Military Police who in turn will notify EOD; and stand by to direct the team to the bomb.

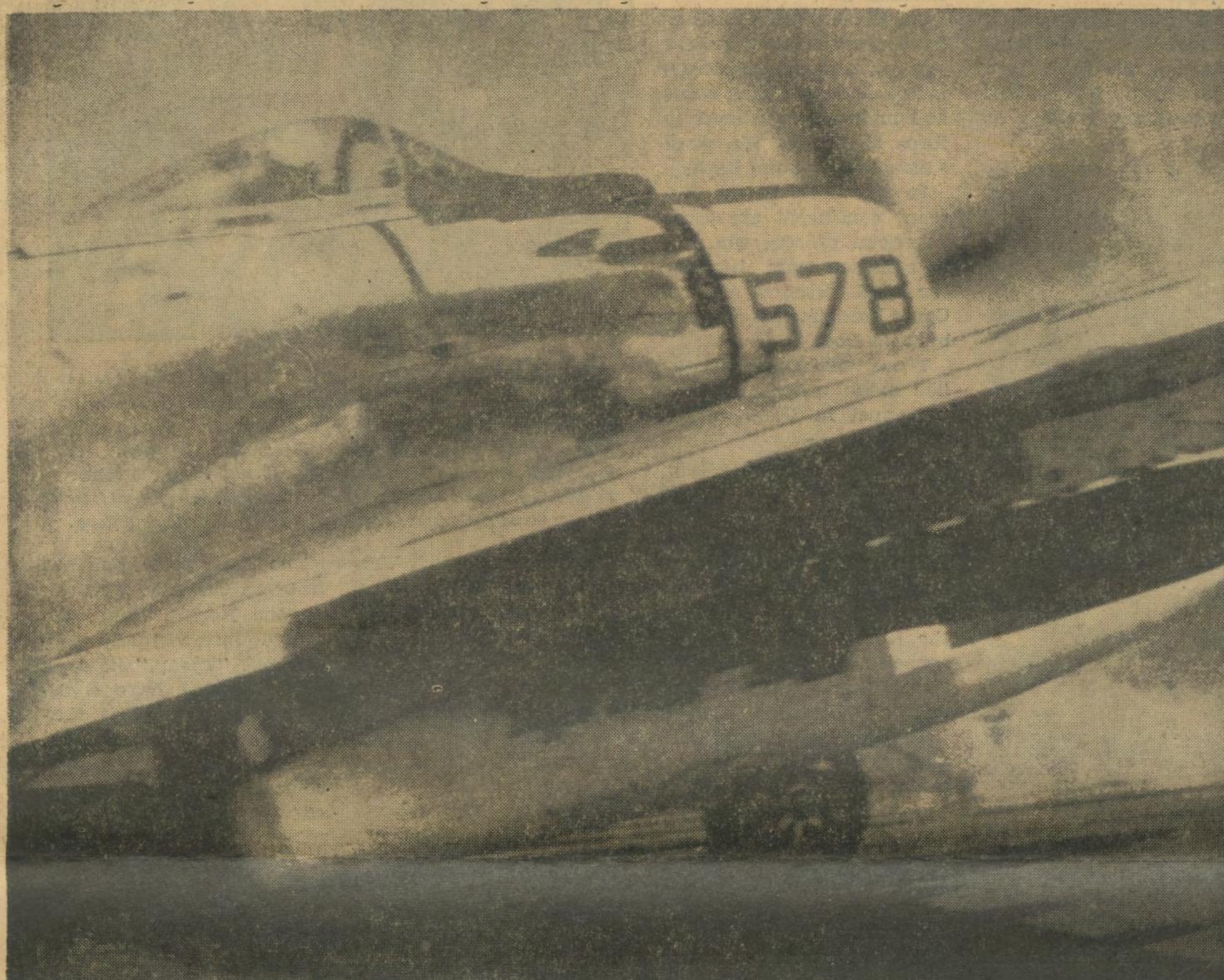
He says that never under any circumstances should the suspected bomb be moved or touched.

"It is very bad policy to congregate around the scene of a blast," Burke emphasizes, "because there might be a follow-up explosion."

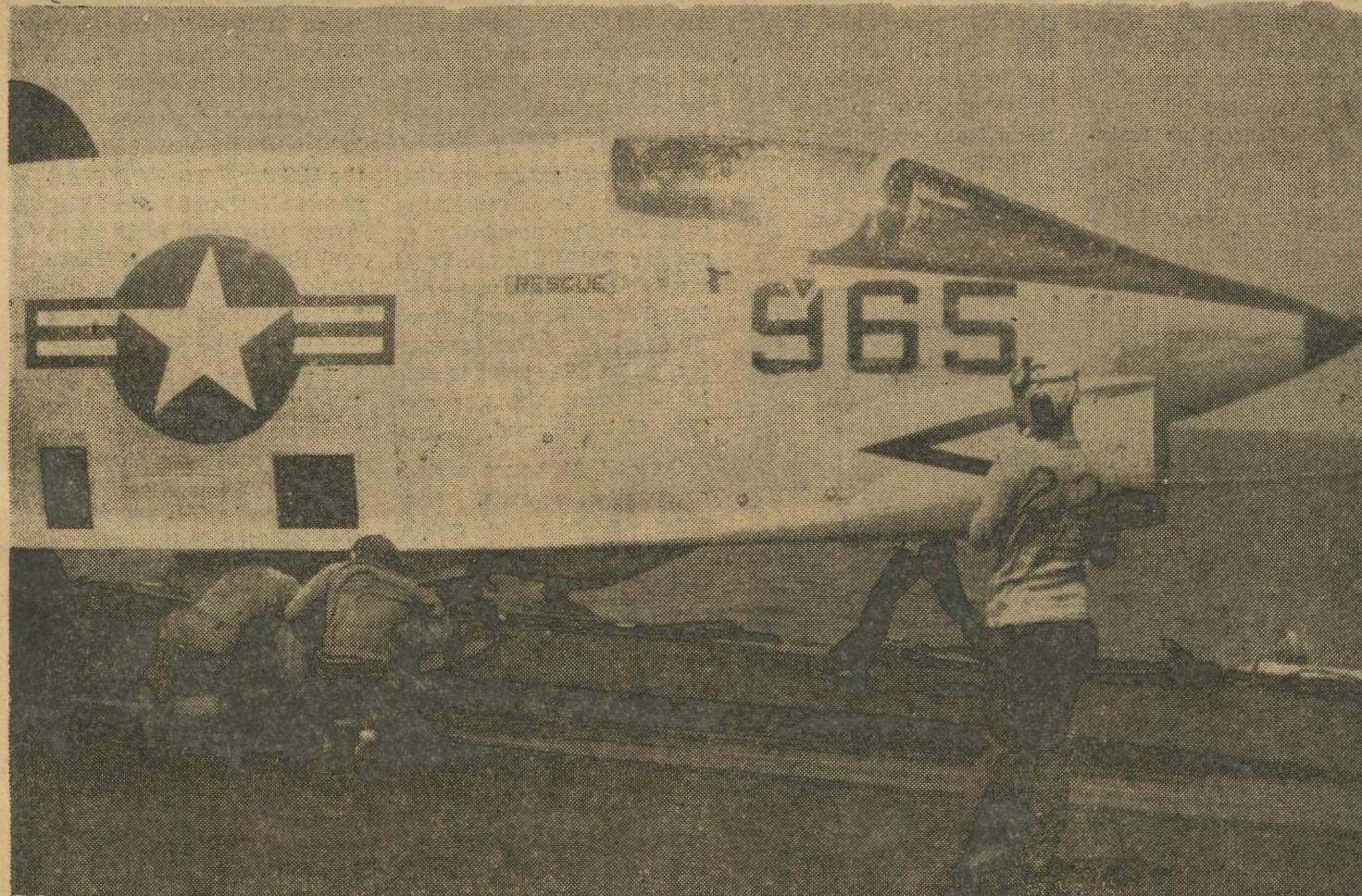


Ordnance Disposal Team Members Maintain Constant Contact With MP Desk

# Catapult And Climb: Seventh Fleet Launches



From 0—195 m.p.h. In Less Than 200 Feet, An A-1H Skyraider Begins Launch



F-8 Crusader Is Hooked To Catapult

## Navy Plays Crucial Role In Vietnam

Saigon (CIB) — Jet engines whine to a screaming peak. The catapult officer tenses as he prepares to give the signal which will send the sleek jet streaking off over the ocean. A final check — then, all is ready. The tension of the moment is unleashed in an explosion of motion and sound as the attack plane roars from a dead stop to 195 m.p.h. in a distance of less than 200 feet.

This is an almost daily occurrence on board aircraft carriers of the U.S. Navy's Seventh Fleet, elements of which patrol the waters of the South China Sea.

At the end of World War II, China, its seacoast and the surrounding sea areas, were assigned as the Seventh Fleet's area of responsibility. Today, that

area of responsibility stretches from the South China Sea in the north to the South China Sea and from the South China Sea to the South China Sea, off the coast of Vietnam.

In recent months, Navy aircraft carriers have been used in attacking targets in North Vietnam. The Seventh Fleet is on a new mission in the world news.

The Fleet has been joined by naval destroyers, amphibious forces, early warning aircraft, minesweepers, and other forces.

With aircraft carriers and submarine forces, the Seventh Fleet stands ready to meet the Communists whenever they are needed.



Catapult Officer Calls One More To The

# inches Aircraft For North Vietnam Strikes

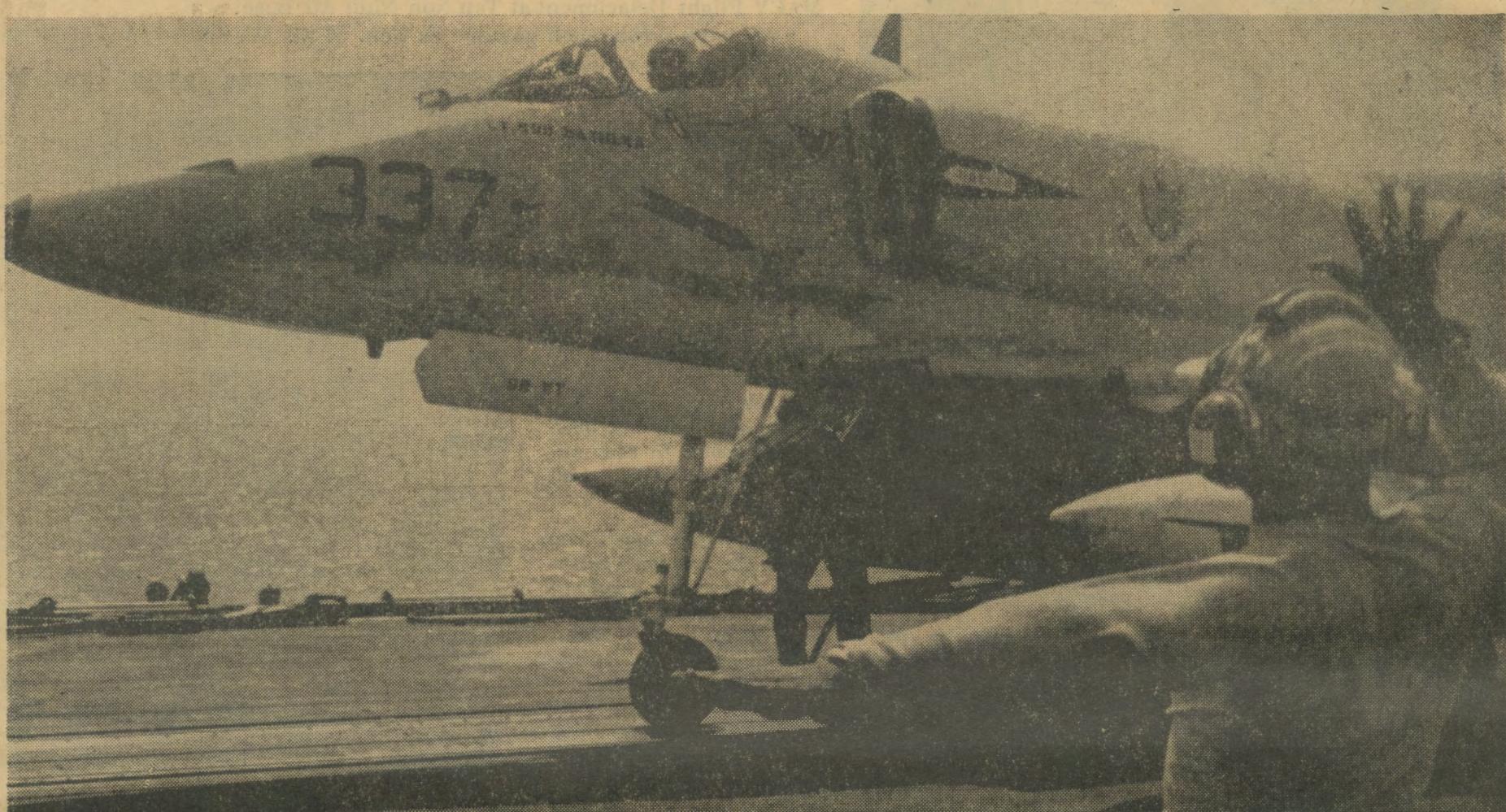
## Crucial in War

ponsibility stretches from the Bering Sea south to Antarctica and the vicinity of the Indian Ocean. The Fleet patrol of the South China Sea coast of Viet-

months, as U.S. aircraft have been making strikes on military targets in North Vietnam, the Fleet has taken on importance in

has at its disposal aircraft, submarines, land forces, airborne warning systems, carriers, and patrol

craft, destroyers and mines, the Seventh Fleet is ready to fight communist effort wherever it may be in the Pacific.



A-4 Pilot Waits Out The Final Pre-Launch Countdown Before Strike Against North Vietnam



The Launch Area  
With A Spray Of Steam, Catapult Hurls A-4 Skyhawk Along Deck



Another A-4 Skyhawk Begins Its Prowl



**READY TO ROLL** — Sp4 John L. Iuhan, a crew chief, replaces plates on the wing of a U-6 after completing periodic inspection, which lasts about three days.



**CONFERENCE** — Capt. Marvin E. Humphreys, detachment maintenance officer, center, confers with WO Samuel S. Tomlinson, assistant maintenance officer, right, and SFC John J. Sandlin, aircraft maintenance supervisor.

## MACV Flight Detachment Carries VIPs In Vietnam

**Tan Son Nhut (CIB)** — Flying VIPs in Vietnam is one of the main jobs of the MACV Flight Detachment at Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

"We have flown such persons as Gen. W.C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV,

Amb. Maxwell D. Taylor, Gen. Nguyen Khanh's family and Raymond Burr in recent months," says Maj. Harper K. Morris, commander of the detachment.

With a complement of nine U-8 and four U-6 aircraft, the detachment is a virtually self-contained unit.

Besides the regular flight crews, the unit also maintains its own supply and maintenance sections, making it possible to keep aircraft ready to fly at all times.

Flight requirements are sent to the unit daily by the Army Aviation Operations section of the Joint Operations Center (JOC), near Tan Son Nhut.

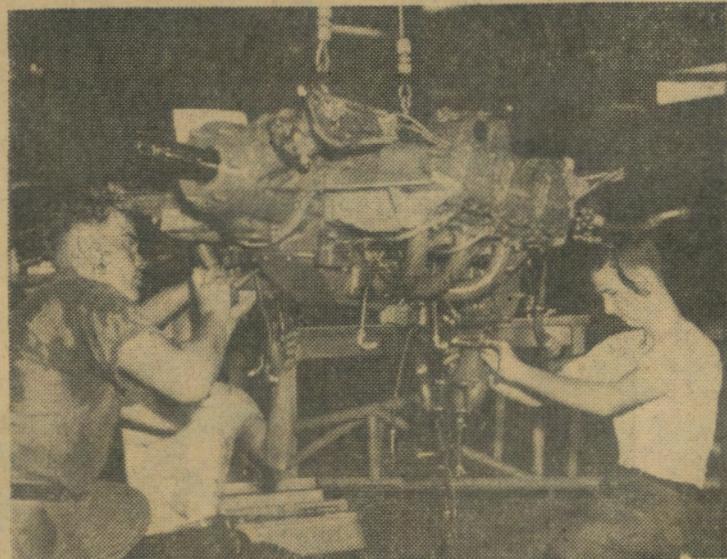
From there, Maj. James B. Guthrie, flight operations officer, schedules the flights and assigns the crews.

Maj. Morris points out that the total of 26 officers in the unit have logged over 65,387 flying hours and have an accumulation of 204 years of flying experience.

"But, as in many units," Maj. Morris adds, "it is the enlisted men who really keep the unit going. Without the maintenance shop people, we would never be able to run so smooth an operation."



**THE BIG BOARD** — Posting flight schedules is the job of Sp4 John E. McGargill. Many flying hours are logged by the detachment's pilots who spend much of their time flying VIPs to various areas on official visits.



**ENGINE REBUILDING** — Sp4 James W. Graham, left, and Sp5 Dennis J. Byrd work with a Vietnamese mechanic to re-build an engine for U-8 aircraft. Often the engine is pulled and placed on a crane-like suspension device allowing easy access to hidden parts of the engine.

## MACV April Promotions Boost Eighty-Eight Men

**Saigon (CIB)** — Two new master sergeants head the list of MACV personnel promoted during April. An official personnel spokesman announced a total of 88 personnel had been promoted for the month.

The new master sergeants are John J. Hamm and Gilberto M. Martinez.

Promoted to sergeant first class were: William R. Crier, Earl Cross, Andy Marikich, Donald M. Tedford and William E. Woods.

New staff sergeants in the command are: Anthony

F. Abbott, Charles L. Abbott, Ernest T. Altman, Timothy L. Anderson, Edward P. Bartuska, Robert L. Beacham, Jr., Raymond K. Capps, James E. Carey, Jr., Richard W. Carroll, Stanley R. Cason, Ricardo E. Chavez, James R. Cleaver, David C. Cobb, Eugene Dudeck, William D. Gains, Arthur L. Greaney, Leroy G. Hatfield, John P. Herring, Ronald L. Hilderbrand and Milton T. Hodge.

Also, Harold R. Hoffman, Herbert J. Huston, Charles W. Keaton, Richard D. Lawrence, Robert E. Lewis,

Mario R. Lopez-Ortiz, Deleena McKinney, Marvin R. Morong, Emanuel Morris, Jr., Archie J. Newland, Lawrence D. Pelis, Ismael M. Ramos, Joe M. Roberts, Jr., George J. Turner, Glenford W. Wentworth, Cecil R. Williams and Donald F. Yeryar.

Promoted to specialist six were Joseph E. Wojcik, and Raymond Ytzaina.

Eleven specialists four were promoted to sergeants. The new NCOs are: John H. Betzel, Louis Catalanotto, Curtis A. Dugger, Do-

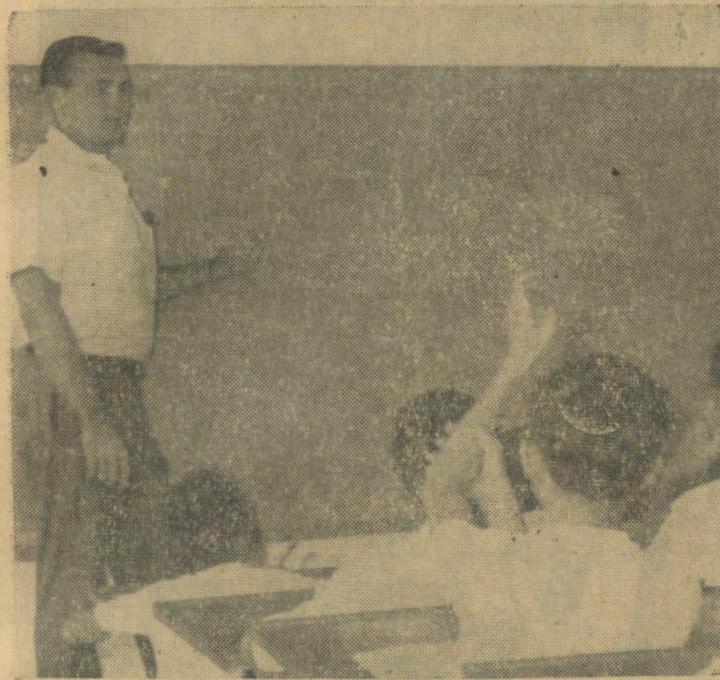
nald B. Gregory, Floyd B. McKoy, Jr., Joseph F. Mills, Jr., Richard B. Monroe, Nelson A. Parker, Gary D. Sims, Franklin D. Talbott and Grover L. White.

Twelve men were boosted to specialist five: Jake Clark, Deotis Conwell, Jesse R. Edwards, Raymond D.

French, Raymond J. Giellis, Jimmy E. Jordan, Russell H. McClelland, Sixto C. Molina, Jr., William F. Phelps, Jack R. Volk, Roy D. Walker, Lyman C. Wermuth, Jr., and Steven J. Wyke.

The command also upped

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**HANDS UP** — A Vietnamese student raises his arm in response to a question from his teacher, A1C Terence D. Engel (left). Engel, a mechanic at Bien Hoa Air Base by night, teaches English at a Saigon orphanage by day.

## Airman Plays Dual Role As Teacher For Orphans

**Bien Hoa (IO)** — A U.S. Air Force maintenance man in the 34th Tactical Gp. is carrying out a dual role helping the Vietnamese people in their struggle for freedom.

A1C Terence D. Engel, an aircraft engine mechanic by night, teaches English to Vietnamese children of the National War Orphanage in Saigon during the day.

Engel's day starts early. He must be at the Bien Hoa flight line by 7 a.m. to catch a courier flight to Tan Son Nhut Air Base near Saigon. From there he goes to the National War Orphanage located about five blocks outside the Tan Son Nhut gate. His pupils are children of Vietnamese military who have been killed, lost or disabled.

Five days a week, without pay, Engel instructs three

classes of Vietnamese children ranging in age from 10 to 16 years. The children are eager to learn, but have difficulty with the accents at first, said Engel. "They really need instructors since the American dependents left."

After the final class at 11:30 a.m., Engel makes the hurried return trip to Bien Hoa where he works the swing shift beginning at 4:30 p.m.

For most people, working on a flight line all night would be enough. Their day would be spent relaxing, but in the words of Engel, "This is my relaxation and entertainment. I love it."

## Counterpart Lingo

Owner, Manager, Boss

Paper

Pencil

Telephone

When? What Time?

Now, At Present

Emphasis is on boldface syllables.

Ông Chú  
(ong chew) (Male)

Bà Chủ  
(bah chew) (Female)

Giấy  
(zah)

Viết Chi  
(viet chee)

Điện Thoại  
(din tawhy)

Bao Giờ  
(bao zah)

Bây Giờ  
(bai zah)

## ★ ★ ★ The Roving Photographer

### Question:

"What have you learned during your tour in Vietnam?"

### Location:

Trang Sup



Sgt. Roger E. Willett, Sioux Falls, S.D.

"I've received good lessons in patience and perseverance. Assisting the Vietnamese to make life and work easier is sometimes difficult. Changes from the old and familiar to the new and modern are not so readily accepted."

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1st Lt. Richard K. Holaday, Springfield, Mo.

"Learning to work and pull with a specialized team is what I've gotten out of this tour in Vietnam. You have certain problems to deal and cope with that you wouldn't have with a unit back in the States."



Sp4 Kurt P. Young, Los Angeles, Calif.

"This tour has given me a feeling of accomplishment. The people in outlying towns and villages need medical attention badly. Being a medic, I've been able to nurse the sick back to health and get the feeling I've done something."

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MSgt. M.J. Bowser, Wareham, Mass.

"I've received a good deal of cross-training. Being such a small unit, we're always helping each other out in some way and this has enabled me better to do my work and learn more about the other men's jobs."



SFC Donald A. Thomas, Savannah, Ga.

"This is the second time in Vietnam for me, and I'm becoming better acquainted with the Vietnamese people. I can understand a little more their way of thinking and through this be more able to be of assistance."

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PFC Richard C. Ezzelle, Henderson, N.C.

"After seeing how little many Vietnamese have, I've come to appreciate more the things I took for granted back home. We have so much more back in the States but seldom give it a second thought because we've always had it."



## Man With A Mission

**Tan Son Nhut (CIB)** — Army Sp5 Richard J. Fredrickson, of Folsom, Calif., is a crew chief on a U6A aircraft with the MACV flight detachment, Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

As crew chief, it is Fredrickson's job to ensure that the aircraft is ready to fly at all times. This includes general maintenance work, cleaning, minor repairs and other first-line up-keep of the plane.

The U6A is used in Vietnam primarily to carry passengers and light cargo to

various points within the country.



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## A Voice From The Sky Blares "Surrender"

**Bien Hoa (IO)** Apr. 29 — You're a Communist Viet Cong. You've gone many days without sufficient food or rest. It is night and physical and mental exhaustion from recent costly battle permeates your jungle camp.

Suddenly, from somewhere overhead a Vietnamese voice blares. The voice tells you to surrender, that your cause is unjust, hopeless, and only means misery.

Air Force officer of the 34th Tactical Group's Psywar section at Bien Hoa Air Base.

"We fly about a half-dozen night missions a month, and they are a very important part of the overall program," says Capt. Bill Clingman.

"At night we fly over VC strongholds," he continued. "We always know when we hit hard-core Viet Cong, because all their campfires go out on the first speaker pass. On the second pass they start shooting."

"We're pretty safe if they can't see us," said Section Commander Capt. Roy Dayton. "We fly low to increase the effectiveness of our speakers." Then, as an afterthought, he quipped, "When the moon is out we stay home."

The psywar program is a cooperative effort between the Vietnamese government, the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Army.

## Weather Eye

**2d Air Div. 10** — During May, Saigon's mean maximum and minimum temperatures are 92°F and 76°F. The extreme high and low temperatures on record are 102°F and 70°F. Relative humidity averages 82 percent.

Normally the winds blow from the South at an average of 9 knots.

Precipitation normally occurs on 17 days and totals 8.7 inches. The driest May on record had 1.9 inches and

the wettest 22.1 inches. Greatest amount of precipitation to occur on any one day was 4.2 inches. Thunderstorm activity has normally occurred on eight separate days.

Records based on 45 years of data indicate that on the average there is four times as much rain in May as in April. With the high temperatures and relative humidities, conditions can become quite uncomfortable.

## Dateline Vietnam

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in Quang Ngai on Apr. 16; and the Apr. 19 assassination of a village chief in Kien Giang.

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### Lam Son Victory

Quang Tri (MACOI) — The Viet Cong lost 47 killed and 130 suspects detained as a result of Operation Lam Son 165 which began Apr. 25, some 410 miles north of Saigon in Quang Tri Province.

In addition, military authorities reported 23 VC captured, along with 16 individual weapons, in the search and destroy operation.

One friendly casualty — a Vietnamese Skyraider pilot who was killed when the aircraft failed to pull out of a bombing run — was reported.

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### Pilot Dies

Bien Hoa (MACOI) — A U.S. Army pilot was killed Apr. 26 when the L-19 he was flying collided in mid-air with a VNAF L-19.

The aircraft were providing cover for a ground operation in the area.

Authorities reported the VNAF plane had one landing gear sheared off and returned safely to Bien Hoa Air Base.

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### Officer Wounded

An Xuyen (MACOI) — A U.S. Army officer co-pilot

was slightly wounded when an armed Huey was hit by small arms ground fire Apr. 27.

The officer, flying in support of Operation Dan Chi 131 near An Xuyen, some 175 miles southwest of Saigon, was treated and returned to duty.

The operation began on Apr. 26 when elements of an ARVN battalion were heli-lifted into five landing zones, escorted by 18 U.S. Army armed Hueys.

### Americans Provide Liaison... (from p. 3)

doing "a certain amount of patrolling." These efforts, he added, are concentrated primarily on fixed ambush sites, although some roving patrols are conducted.

Another aspect of the American team's job in Di An includes obtaining air support. Recently, when the Koreans suffered their first casualties, Maj. Greenleaf called for medical evacuation helicopter support and received it within 20 minutes.

The Major says, "The Koreans are a well-trained, well-disciplined group of highly professional soldiers. Working with them has been an experience I will not soon forget. It has taught me a great deal."

## R & R Schedule

May 1965

Passengers check-in at TSN, 0530-0600 for Hong Kong, 0800-0830 for Bangkok.

Depart	Return
<b>HONG KONG</b>	
May 1**	6 May
3*	8
5**	10
7*	12
9**	14
11*	16
13**	18
15*	20
17**	22
19*	24
21**	26
23*	28
25**	30
27*	1 Jun
29**	3
31*	5

### BANGKOK

5	10 May
10	15
15	20
20	25
25	30
30	4 Jun

\* Stop at Da Nang. Da Nang personnel report 0830 for 0930 departure.

\* Stop at Nha Trang. Nha Trang personnel report 0730 for 0830 departure.

## Air Force Reverses VN Returnee Policy

Washington (AFNS) — The Air Force has lifted a restriction which prevented commands from returning to Vietnam, officers and airmen who had already served 90 days or more in the country.

The all-commands message announcing the policy change indicated the action was brought about by limited personnel resources which necessitated giving commands more latitude to meet urgent requirements in Southeast Asia.

## Promotions

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19 PFCs to the grade of Sp4. They were Desiderius J. Benkovich, Thomas C. Cianfrani, Jack R. Cairy, Clarence R. Crowe, Peter J. Darcy, David N. Eplin, Victor L. Johnson, Stephen Kayne, Thomas N. Keane, Bruce W. Ludwig, Alan R. Mulnix, Gregory W. Myers, Shizua Nakanishi, William J. Perrick, Matthew R. Peterson III, James W. Pierce, Patrick Roach, James G. Whelchel and Ralph P. Yniguez.



"IT HURTS, DOC" — Dr. (Capt.) Sheldon Golub, right, is assisted by SSgt. William M. Brent, a medical technician while treating a reluctant youngster. The USAF medical men are assigned to the 34th Tactical Gp. at Bien Hoa Air Base. They visit a nearby logistical depot weekly to provide medical aid to dependents of Vietnamese military personnel.

## Wounded Sgt...

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The bullet, fired by a Russian SKS 9mm carbine, entered his left shoulder, bounced off his breast-bone, and punctured his lung.

"Next, Sgt. Hale tried the same maneuver. He got hit in the left eye during his attempt," Sgt. Thomas recalled.

The lieutenant then attempted the right flanking movement. He was hit in the chest and killed instantly.

"During this time, the Viet Cong had been trying to start encircling our position," Sgt. Thomas said. Even though both Thomas and Hale had been wounded, they continued periodically returning fire at the enemy.

The group finally took the house, but once they were inside, enemy fire diminished to sniper rounds.

Thomas said, "The VC began concentrating all their fire on the other group."

A call went out for armed Huey and medevac support. Within a short time, a U.S. L-19 light observation plane arrived on the scene and fired rockets into the VC concentration. "He kept buzzing the position," Sgt. Thomas recalled. "I guess he figured the Viet Cong were afraid of the aircraft, because he kept them pinned down with buzzing runs."

A matter of minutes after the L-19 attack had started, medevac choppers arrived and evacuated the dead and wounded.

Sgts. Thomas and Hale were evacuated to Saigon Navy Hospital where Thomas' condition was reported as good. Hale was further evacuated to Clark AB.

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## AJRS Schedule

### MAY

(News on the hour unless otherwise indicated)

#### MONDAY—FRIDAY

0005	Paul Compton
0105	Night Train
0505	Country Corner
0605	Focus
0610	Dawnbuster
0630	World News Roundup
0640	Dawnbuster
0710	Dawnbuster
0730	News Five
0735	Dawnbuster
0830	Ira Cook
0905	Destination Noon
1205	Quarter Century of Swing
1315	Siesta Time
1405	Monitor

#### SATURDAY

1205	Sound Stage
1315	Sound Stage
1405	Country and Western
1605	Waxworks
1835	Sounds of the Sixties
1905	Silver Platter
2005	Jim Ameche Pops Concert
2105	Grand Ole Opry
2200	Night Beat
2230	News Thirty
2305	Night Beat

#### SUNDAY

1210	Folk Music of the World
1315	Saigon Checkpoint
1605	Major League Baseball
1805	(Direct from the States by shortwave)
1835	Continental Varieties
1910	Meet the Press
2005	Telephone Hour
2105	Small World