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New Base Supply Operates Here With 21,000 Items

On Nov. 27, a new base supply was officially activated here. Prior to this time organizations here had to rely on either Tan Son Nhut AB or Clark AB for logistic support.

When formed, the base supply account totaled approximately 3,000 different line items. Now, in less than one month's time, the account is in excess of 21,000 items. The section recently switched to a punch card accounting machine system (PCAM)

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Over 7,000 Allied Troops See Bob Hope Show Here

Bien Hoa area military personnel were treated to two world-famous variety shows Saturday and Sunday. On Christmas Day, about 7,000-plus Allied troops of four nations saw Bob Hope's two-hour show, presented on a make-shift stage on the soccer field under a very hot afternoon sun.

With Mr. Hope for the televised performance were Les Brown and his Band of Reknown, Kay Stevens, Jerry Colona, the Nicholas Brothers, Peter Leeds, Anita Bryant, Carroll Baker, Joey Heatherton, Diana Lynn and Jack (Continued on Page 5)

Children Send Cards To Pilot

Of the thousands of Christmas cards airmen at this base have received from Christmas greeters back in the States, those that stir the heart and humor mostly come from the kids.

"I've received about one hundred wonderful, hand made cards from kids I don't even

know," said Air Force Capt. Win E. DePoorter of the 1st Air Commando Squadron. "Somebody must have given my name to this elementary school back in Memphis, and the kids from grades one through five, apparently without coaching, have really touched me."

The school is St.

Allen S. Nelson, commander of the 510th TFS, and Capt. Gary W. Fredricks, Captain Fredricks was credited with the 1,000th hour.

Two F-100s of the 510th TFS were standing alert early Sunday morning when they were scrambled to provide close air support for ARVN outposts that were under Viet Cong (Continued on Page 8)

Michael Catholic School.

Here are some of the letters: including their precious mistakes:

"Dear Soldier Boy,
I wish you were in school and I in Vietnam because I hate school.
**I hate war to pieces.
I hope you don't get shot. **Merry Christ-
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BIEN HOA BUGLE

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COMMANDER SPEAKS

By Col. Joseph M. Martin
Commander, 3rd Combat Support Group

As the year 1965 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere appreciation to all base personnel for the outstanding manner in which each man has contributed to the completion of the mission of this organization.

We have been faced with many odds and even occasional hostile fire during the past year, but no one has allowed any inconvenience to deter his attention to duty. In fact, I am proud that I can say that I have never been privileged to work with a more serious, dedicated and highly qualified group of Officers and Airmen in my entire military career.

As 1966 approaches, we must realize that it, as well as 1965, will see many things occur as the months go by. I am certain that each of you is prepared to carry out your duties in the same professional and capable manner as you have in 1965, regardless of the hurdles we might be forced to face either as a group or as individuals.

I wish each of you complete success in your efforts, and health and happiness for you and your families in the forthcoming year.

Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (1st Lt) Dennis M. Dwyer

ONE SOLITARY LIFE

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in still another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty....then for three years he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things one usually associates with greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only thirty-three when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his execu-

ters gambled for his clothing, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race and the leader of mankind's progress. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ONE SOLITARY LIFE.

Air Policemen Build Rifle Range

A 100-meter rifle range has been carved out of the side of a hill three miles northwest of this tactical fighter base. The work was done by seven noncommissioned officers of the 3rd Air Police Squadron who voluntarily tackled the job.

TSgt. Ben Hayes, NCOIC, AP training, headed the project. The 35-point (firing positions) range will be used for U.S. Air Police and augmentees (base personnel used in emergencies) training.

"We could have utilized the range at Tan Son Nhut," Sergeant Hayes explained, "but their range is only 50 yards long with a capacity for training only 20 men at a time. Besides, we realize a savings in manpower and vehicles by not having to travel that far."

A resourceful sergeant, Sergeant Hayes borrowed a bulldozer from the Vietnamese Air Force on the evening of Dec. 15 and for the next three days drove it through heavy brush 130 by 180 yards. The firing area itself is 80 by 100 yards.

"I was startled a few times when I hit some trip flares which shot up through the tracks of the dozer," said Sergeant Hayes with a smile of relief, "but nothing more potent." We also dug up a series of tunnels 10 feet deep and 6 feet wide the Army sealed with grenades. We never did find out what their purpose was."

Working alongside Sergeant Hayes on the project were Technical Sergeants Johnnies L. Andrews, James E. Derrick and Donald E. Metz; and Staff Sergeants Kenneth R. Chon, Charles R. Floyd and William W. Smith.

Protestant Chaplain Assumes Duties Here

The Chaplain's staff was increased this week with the arrival here of Captain Richard S. McPhee. Chaplain McPhee, a protestant chaplain, had been at Ellsworth AFB, S. D., before coming to Bien Hoa.

Chaplain McPhee, a native of Fredonia, N.Y., served as an Air Force enlisted man during the Korean conflict.

His educational achievements include a Bachelor of Science degree from Fredonia State Teacher's College (N.Y.) in 1951, a Bachelor of Divinity in Theology from the Eastern Baptist Seminary (Philadelphia, Pa.) in 1956 and a Master of Science degree in education from Syracuse University (N.Y.) in 1960.

Chaplain McPhee received his commission in the Air Force Reserves in 1956 and later volunteered for recall to active duty. He has served as Pastor of churches in Oxford, N.Y., and New Britain, Connecticut. Since being recalled has served at several Air Force bases in the United States.

The chaplain's wife and three children are residing in Fredonia, N.Y., while he is serving in Vietnam.



DEAD OF WINTER — Pert Linda Owens would rather spend her winters on a sun-and-sand beach. She thinks sand castles are more fun than snowmen.

Base Paper Entered In Air Force Contest

Word was received here this week from Pacific Air Forces headquarters that the Bien Hoa Bugle, along with six other command newspapers, has been forwarded to Air Force headquarters for world wide competition in the Tenth Annual Air Force Newspaper Contest to be held early next month.

The Bugle will represent PACAF in Category II; those papers which serve between 1,000 and 5,000 readers.

The local paper was awarded a Department of Defense Certificate of Merit for its issues during the April-June quarter of this year.

Other command papers forwarded for judging are the Kanto (Japan) Plainsman, Hawaiian Falcon, Osan (Korea) Defender, Tainan (Republic of China) Times, the Naha Outpost and Kadena Falcon, both from Okinawa.

Religious Services

The following is a schedule of religious services for Bien Hoa AB.

PROTESTANT

NEW YEARS DAY: Worship Service 10:00 a.m. in Base Theater. Religious Movie, 6:30 p.m. in Theater. SUNDAY - Sunday School 8:30 a.m. in EM Barber Shop; Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 a.m. in Base Headquarters Building; Worship, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in theater. WEDNESDAY - Bible Study 7 p.m. in Officers' Barber Shop. MONTHLY-PMOC, 7 p.m. last Monday of month - Officers' Barber Shop.

CATHOLIC

NEW YEARS DAY: Mass at 12-noon and 5 p.m. in Base Theater. SUNDAY - Mass, 9 a.m. and 12-noon in the Base Theater and 5 p.m. in VNAF Chapel. DAILY: Mass at 5 p.m. in VNAF Chapel. THURSDAY: Catholic Biblical Seminar, 7:30 p.m. in the Information Office. TUESDAY and FRIDAY: Discussion and Inquiry Classes, 7:30 p.m. in the Information Office.

LATTER DAY SAINTS

SUNDAY - Priesthood meeting at 8 a.m. Sunday School at 9 a.m. All meetings are held in the LDS Chapel located next to the James E. Bailey Compound. For further information contact TSgt. Mahony at extension 7366.

JEWISH

SAIGON: May contact Chaplain's Office for schedule, telephone 7211.

Overseas Counseling Stressed

Airmen who elect to serve an overseas tour unaccompanied by dependents and later change their minds are going to find it almost impossible to get approval for Government-sponsored dependent travel.

Such requests in the future will be approved only under the most "unusual, fully documented" circumstances, the Air Force said.

Under AFM 39-11, airmen selected for overseas areas where dependents are auth-

Movies

TODAY - TV FILMS

1630 - COMBAT and GUNSMOKE

1830 - NCAA FOOTBALL, ARMY vs NAVY

2100 - COMBAT and GUNSMOKE

VIETNAM PERSPECTIVE

SATURDAY - COAST OF SKELETONS with Richard Todd and Dale Robertson. DRAMA: Texas tycoon Dale Robertson is a diamond dredger operating off Southwest Africa's off-shore deposits. Robertson finds that his crew is hiding from him the discovery of a sunken British freighter which reportedly carried stolen gold bullion valued at a half million dollars. The fight over the treasure is carried to the very floor of the ocean's depth.

SUNDAY - I SAW WHAT YOU DID with Joan Crawford and John Ireland. CHILLER: Three youngsters, left alone at night, play the "telephone game" of calling numbers at random and leaving such dire messages as "I know who you are and what you did!" It is a fun game until they call John Ireland, who just murdered his wife. Ireland sets out to find and silence the supposed witnesses to his crime.

MONDAY - 1700 - THAT FUNNY FEELING

1900 - FLIGHT FROM ASHIYA

2100 - THAT FUNNY FEELING

TUESDAY - UP FROM THE BEACH with Cliff Robertson, Red Buttons and Irina Demick.

DRAMA: The story is set against the background of the massive Normandy invasion in June 1944, one day after D-Day. A U.S. Army sergeant is responsible for the safety of 23 French civilian who are caught between the opposing gunfire. This supposedly non-military operation proves a bone of contention for the military as the sergeant gets contradictory orders from all sides.

ORIZED must state prior to going whether or not they wish to serve a "with command sponsored dependents" or "all others" (without dependents) tour. (AFNS)

Pilot Receives Cards

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mas, ho, ho, ho, ho.
Yours truly, Pat Walsh."

"Dear Pilot,

Will you sen me a souveniur for Christmas? I would like a gun. I hope you will give my teacher Miss Peck a gun to. Your friend, Harry!"

"Dear Soldier Boy,

Our class wanted to wright to make you happy. Because you don't get to come home for Christmas. I have a dog and he's only about 5 inches tall. Yours truey, Rosemary Burge."

Julie Loebbel's letter sums up well the feelings of all elementary school children in America when she put her thoughts on a Christmas card as follows:

"Merry Christmas,

I am very glad you are fighting for our country. I wish there was never any waars. I hope soon the war will be over, so all the men can come home again. Maybe this card will make you happy. Every night I say prayers for the soldiers. I hope God will keep the soldiers safe during the war. God bless you."

"These letters are a wonderful reminder of the wholesome type of society in America where our kids can grow and develop," said Captain DePoorter. "I keep a couple of those cards in my flight suit when I go on a mission. What better reminder of what we are fighting for?"

None, Captain.

HELP KEEP
BIEN HOA AB CLEAN

Over 7000 See Bob Hope Show

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Jones. Also performing were Eddie Fisher and John Bubbles, the stars of the Eddie Fisher Show, also on tour throughout Vietnam.

Mr. Hope's show will be televised in the U.S. Jan. 19 on NBC-TV. Scenes from his entire Southeast Asia tour will be shown.

Capt. Lorin B. Krueger II, an F-100 pilot with the 510th Tactical Fighter Squadron, was the local project officer. First Lt. William Dunn, personnel services officer, was his assistant.

Unit project officers

A PROUD HERITAGE

Twenty-two years ago this month, in December, 1943, the 3rd Bomb Group, forerunner of the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, broke its record for number of missions flown and tonnage of bombs dropped in one month. Group North American B-25 "Mitchells" and Douglas A-20 "Invaders", flying from Port Moresby, New Guinea, provided cover for the landing of U.S. Forces at Arawe, New Britain Island on Dec. 16.

Group aircraft also supported another New Britain landing on Dec. 26, this time at Cape Gloucester. This assault was a bold thrust into Japanese waters around the Bismarck chain of islands.

There are over 1400 base newspapers published by or for the armed forces.

included Capt. Harold Williams, Capt. Robert Levison, 1st Lt. Walter Montgomery, 1st Lt. Kenneth Barkley, Capt. James Ballou, 1st Lt. Ed King, Capt. Edward Widun MSgt. Delford Oliver and 1st Lt. Jess E. Maxwell.

Sunday evening, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Bubbles, Eddie Samuels and Jackie DeShannon performed before approximately 2,500 Army and Air Force personnel.

Local Clubs Plan New Year's Parties

Both the Officers' Open Mess and Enlisted Mens' Open Mess here have planned special activities for their members on New Year's Eve.

Celebrations at the Officers' Open Mess will begin at 5 p.m. when drinks at the bar will be on the house (courtesy of those who make the recent Major's list.) An eight-piece band will be on hand tonight to provide music for club members. The club will provide the party goers with free noisemakers and will serve free breakfast from 30 minutes after midnight until 1:45 a.m.

The Enlisted Mens' Open Mess will celebrate the occasion with an open house for all members today and will serve free drinks and snacks on the new patio from 7-8 p.m. Live music will be furnished by a seven-piece band and the club will pass out the noisemakers.

Free breakfast will be served by the EM club from 5-9 a.m. New Year's Day.

TET Jan. 21

Vietnamese New Year's Celebration Explained

How would you feel if a visitor to the U.S. did not understand the meaning of our holidays, such as New Year's or Independence Day?

Would you be insulted if this visitor did not know what was expected of him in keeping with our long traditions of these holidays?

You might be — and so might the Vietnamese if you as an American visitor, do not understand the meaning of TET, the Vietnamese New Year observance which begins Jan. 21.

TET is a complex holiday with its origins buried in antiquity and legend. It is a combination of All Souls Day, a family celebration, a spring festival, a national holiday and an over-all manifestation of a way of life.

TET symbolizes the coming of the new year and the ending of the old, and in this respect compares with our New Year's Day. TET, however, lasts seven days, instead of one. It starts on the first day of the lunar calendar.

TET begins on the day of the new moon which falls sometime between the winter solstice and the spring equinox.

Instead of centuries of 100 years each, the Vietnamese calendar is divided into 60-year periods. Each year in a period is designated by one of five major elements — wood, fire, earth, metal or water — and

one of 12 animals — rat, buffalo, tiger, cat, dragon, snake, horse, goat, monkey, chicken, dog or pig.

This year—1965—was the Year of the Snake, and 1966 will be the Year of the Horse. This is the way the year is referred to—using just the name of the animal.

To the Vietnamese, TET is the most important, solemn and festive holiday of the year. It is a mixture of religion and paganism, with variations practiced from village to village throughout Vietnam.

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Presents play an important part in the celebration of TET, and children are especially fond of receiving small envelopes with sums of money. If you give money to children give a small sum — five piasters is plenty — and present it in a small red envelope. Such envelopes are for sale at many shops. If you want to make a real impression, write "CUN CHUC TAN XUYAN" on it, which means "Many wishes for the New Spring."

Do not give gifts which are taboo for this period. Some of these are medicines, vitamins, anything sharp, or used items. An appropriate gift for TET would be a bouquet of red flowers for the wife in the family.

People who work for you—
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SPOTLIGHT

This week the Bugle Spotlight falls on A1C Clyde W. Lyon, a Duplicating Devices Specialist assigned to the 3rd Headquarters Squadron. Airman Lyon works in the Chief, Administrative Services office (CAS) as a multilith machine operator. One of his biggest jobs here is the weekly printing of 1500 copies of the BIEN HOA BUGLE.

Airman Lyon arrived at Bien Hoa on Sept. 18, from Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C., where he was assigned to Tactical Air Command's 354th Fighter Wing. At Myrtle Beach he was acting NCOIC of the Reproduction Section, and supervised three other airmen. His favorite hobby is fishing and he took advantage of the base's oceanside location by taking many deep-sea fishing trips

on the weekends. At Myrtle Beach, he completed the NCO Preparatory School, finishing third in his class.

The 27-year-old native of Houston, Tex., entered the Air Force in January 1956. After basic, he went to Headquarters TAC, Langley AFB, Va. While at Langley he met Patricia Jean Sinka of Hampton, Va. They were married at the Base Chapel in February 1959. His only other assignment took him to Denham Air Station in England, where he served two years with the Third Air Force.

Airman Lyon's wife and their son, Paul Edward are presently residing in Hampton, Va.

Welcome

The following personnel are recent arrivals to Bien Hoa Air Base:

Staff Sergeants Joe. B. Carter, and Charles W. Bray.

Airmen First Class Robert E. Berne, Kenneth A. Peterman, William M. Farrar Robert Katrinak, James P. Davis, Luther W. Hutchison, Ronnie B. Rowe, Harris Stone, Glenn R. Allen, Herman Roberts, Robert D. Brackrog Willie M. Johnson, Felix H. Walker, Hector Gonzalez.

Airmen Second Class Paul Kessock, Roland H. Martin, John F. Talbot, James W. Curry, David T. Hardy, Hugh Burnside, James C. Miller, Richard R. Kelly, David A. Wilson, Richard D. Maurer, Morales A. Herrora, Harry D. Meares, Jr., Doyle O. Thompson, Ernest Lightsley Jr., John Meries, Paul L. Martin, Roland S. Thompson, Humberto C. Martinez, Arthur L. Seaton, and Hubert W. Bradshaw.

Airmen Third Class Donald C. Cottroll, George H. Hornbuckle, Harold L. Johnson, Tommy R. Mason, Larry E. James, Tommie Bowles Jr., Sheldon G. Matis, Donald Kay and Donald W. Russell.

Astronauts who are going to the moon have to some extent been able to find out what they are likely to experience through a working, life-size model of a lunar vehicle unveiled by the Grumman Aircraft Company on two bleak crater-filled acres of Calverton Long Island, N.Y. (AFPS)

Double Overtime

Comm. Sq. Defeats Hq. Sq. Sec., 50-47

Only one game was played in this week's intramural league basketball action with the 1877th Communications Squadron defeating Headquarters Squadron Section in double overtime 50-47 Monday night.

The score was tied 42-42 at the end of the regulation playing time. The final outcome was not decided until the end of the second three-minute overtime when Communications had pulled away for their three point victory.

It was the third straight victory for Communications after having lost their first seven games at the start of league action.

Henry Viccellio of Communications led all scorers with 23 points while William Bennett tossed in 12 points for the losers.

Next week's schedule is as follows:

Mon. - Materiel Sq.	vs	
Hq. Squadron		
Tue. - Air Police	vs	
Hq. Squadron		
Fri. - 1877th Comm. Sq.	vs	
Materiel Sq.		

STANDINGS

	W	L
Hq. Squadron	6	3
Materiel Sq.	5	4
Air Police	4	4
1877th Comm. Sq.	3	7

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Lynn Baehr, YMCA USO Center, 304 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15222.

Miss Cathy Costello, 767 Montclair St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Sam Marrowe, 4322 Tesla St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Lou Thaver, 2038 Lowrie St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Johnson 19 Holt St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mrs. Nancy Quast, 726 Mac Farlane Dr., Pittsburgh, Pa., 15235.

Miss Debbie Moran, 126 Laclede St., Pittsburgh, Pa.,

Be "Number One" on the highway - be courteous.

Base Supply Now Has 21,000 Items

..(Continued from Page 1)... through which all supplies can be ordered directly from depots in the States.

Maj. Earl Cornette will become the Base Supply Officer when he assumes this role Jan. 1. He replaces Capt. Robert Howell, who has filled this position for the past several months.

Supply personnel are working long hard hours to make account FB5243 "Number 1" in the Republic of Vietnam.

Hours Announced For Purchasing Money Orders

There will be three, money order lines at the post office and two at the Enlisted Men's Open Mess Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Personnel will be able to purchase money orders for any amount at both lines in the EM Club and two lines at the post office. One line at the post office will be for \$100 only.

Both locations will be open each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The post office will also be open for business on Sunday, Jan. 2, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

1st ACS Hits VC Area

A Viet Cong storage area about 37 miles southwest of Bien Hoa AB was attacked by four A-1Es of the 1st Air Commando Squadron Wednesday afternoon. Approximately 20 large buildings were destroyed, 14 damaged, and 2 secondary explosions resulted.

Pilots were Maj. B. F. Fisher, flight leader; Maj. W. A. Ford, and Captains F. A. Urbanic and K. R. Shatzer.

510th TFS Has Busy Week

..(Continued from Page 1)... attack.

It was the first combat mission flown in the Republic of Vietnam following the Christmas truce. Pilots on the flight that left here at 6:55 a.m. were Capt. Gary W. Findlay, flight leader, and Capt. Warren Terry.

On Tuesday, another flight of three F-100s from the squadron hit a VC storage area along a canal 35 miles southeast of Can Tho. Using 500 pound general purpose bombs and 20 mm cannons they destroyed 20 structures, damaged 25 and caused 2 secondary explosions.

Pilots on the mission

were Capt. Lorin B. Krueger II, flight leader, Capt. James A. Cullen and Lt. Col. Allen S. Nelson.

Colonel Nelson was credited with both secondary explosions, thought to be from stored, VC ammunition.

Vietnam New Year's Holiday Explained

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What should an American do during TET?

Most important is to be on your best behavior. Avoid insulting anyone or indulging in arguments.

If a Vietnamese invites you to his home, accept all food and gifts offered. To refuse food or drinks is unpardonably rude.

Drive Carefully, the life you save may be mine.

MAIL THE BUGLE HOME

FROM:

Place
Stamp Here
8 Cents Airmail
5 Cents First Class

TO: _____