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SHORT BURSTS

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Univ. of Maryland Kicks Off Fourth School Term

Term IV of the University of Maryland overseas program will begin on base April 4 and end May 28. Registration will start March 28 and continue through noon on April 4.

Personnel interested in registering for the courses may pickup Air Force Form 1227, Request for Tuition Assistance, at the base education office, building 421.

The following courses will be offered: ENG 10, Composition and Literary Types, instructed by Dr. Gerard S. Cauntero; MATH 10, (Continued on Page 2)

New 3rd CSG Commander Arrives At Bien Hoa

Col. John W. Barnes, former base commander at Ellsworth AFB, S.D., has arrived at Bien Hoa to succeed Col. Joseph M. Martin as the 3rd Combat Support Group commander.

Colonel Martin, a 25-year Air Force veteran, came to Bien Hoa AB, in June 1965. He served as the combat support group commander at Korat AB, Thailand two months prior to being transferred here.

Recently, Colonel Martin was awarded the Vietnamese Medal of Honor, 1st Class for meritorious service to the Vietnamese Air Force while he was assigned to Bien Hoa.

Col. Martin will return to MacDill AFB, Fla., where he had been assigned previous to his overseas tour. He will be the deputy base commander at MacDill.

Upon his arrival, Colonel Barnes was presented the traditional jungle hat, a hallmark of the 3rd Group (Continued on Page 2)

MSgt. McGuffie Now CSG Sgt. Maj.

A 20-year military veteran has taken over duties as the sergeant major for the 3rd Combat Support Group headquarters here.

MSgt. Jodie A. McGuffie replaces SMSgt. William F. Crowe. Sergeant Crowe moves to the Enlisted Men's Open Mess where he will become the Secretary-Custodian.

Sergeant McGuffie came to Vietnam from Clinton-Sherman AFB, Okla., where he served as noncommissioned officer in charge of the base Personnel Services Division.

During World War II, Sergeant McGuffie served in the Army for nearly five years, 30 months of that time in India.

After the war he returned to civilian life for several years prior to entering the Air Force in January (Continued on Page 2)

Viet Refugees Receive Aid

At formal ceremonies in the compound of Cong Thanh's District headquarters yesterday, Col. Robert A. Ackerly, commander of the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing, spoke for all allies who collected food and clothing which was donated today to Vietnamese refugees from war zone "D".

With Colonel Ackerly were Capt. Nguyen Luyen, VNAF commander of Bien Hoa AB, Lt. Col. Wayne Spray, humanitarian projects officer, and Capt. Calvin Chapman, commander of the base dispensary.

Over 500 pounds of clothing donated by communities in the U.S. were distributed to the refugees. More than 500 bars of soap, part of a supply donated by the people of Alexandria, La., former home of the 3rd Wing and brought here with the Wing last November, were given to the Vietnamese who have fled the communist dominated area.

One hundred and fifty sacks of corn meal and wheat contributed by the Catholic Relief Organization in Saigon were neatly stacked for distribution. In addition, 50 cartons of cooking oil and 240 cartons of powdered milk were given by the Catholic agency.

Nearly 200 sacks of rice, each weighing over 100 pounds, were (Continued on Page 2)

Vehicles Must Have Tags For Flightline Access

New procedures for controlling traffic on the flightline have been initiated by the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing.

Vehicles that may travel on the flightline are now designated with a front bumper tag denoting what portions of the line the

vehicle can use.

There are only two tags. One is marked "Unrestricted" in red letters and the other "Ramp Only" in black letters.

Each tag is also marked with numbers, used to control the tags.

The "Unrestricted" tags authorize access

to the taxiways, but only on a valid requirement. Those vehicles bearing the "Ramp Only" tag are to operate only south of the parallel taxiway.

These tags are issued to specific vehicles and not to individuals. The 3rd Combat (Continued on Page 2)

VC Caught In Open By 90th F40s

It may have been because of the artillery fire falling just short of their village 80 miles southeast of Can Tho. Or it may have been the encouraging cover of darkness. For some reason the Viet Cong were in the open when three F-40s from the 90th Tactical Fighter Squadron rolled in after 7 p.m. Tuesday. At least four of the enemy probably never knew what hit them.

The 90th Super Sabres (Continued on Page 2)

Air Medal Criteria Changed

The Chief of Staff, USAF, has announced a change to Air Medal criteria for sustained operational activities in Southeast Asia.

Previously, criteria required a minimum of 25 combat or operational missions without regard to type of mission or degree of combat exposure.

The new criteria is as follows:

Ten missions - Combat operational missions over North Vietnam, such as air strikes, air cover, escort, flare drop, reconnaissance, search and rescue, ECM and ELINT.

Twenty missions - Combat operational missions over South Vietnam and other SEA

areas (exclusive of North Vietnam), such as air strikes, air cover, escort, air interception, defoliation, reconnaissance,, airborne forward air controller, search and rescue, ECM and ELINT.

Thirty-five missions - Combat support missions, such as airlift, air refueling, psychological warfare, airborne early warning control and courier. Tankers will receive two-for-one credit on certain missions flown. (PACAF NS)

FLIGHTLINE TAGS

...(Continued from Page 1)... Support Group Commander, Deputy Commander for Operations, and the Deputy Commander for Material are responsible for determining which vehicles need tags.

All operators driving vehicles on the flightline are also reminded that their drivers' license must be stamped "Flightline Authorized" before they are to drive in that area.

VC CAUGHT IN OPEN

...(Continued from Page 1)... dropped two 500 pound general purpose bombs, ten 750 pound napalm cans and fired 2,400 rounds of 20 mm cannon shells. Ten structures were destroyed, four damaged, and an estimated 15 Viet Cong were killed by air, four of these were confirmed by body count.

The F-100 pilots, Maj. Robert J. Benedetti, Maj. Dale E. Smith and Capt. John R. Bottesch, said they saw about 40 VC running from the village across rice paddies to get to the protection of a canal. The VC didn't see the fighters until it was too late.

MONEY ORDER FEES RAISED

Effective March 26, there will be new fees for Registered, Insured, Certified, and COD mail, and for Money Orders. The new domestic money order fees are: \$0.01 to \$10. - 25¢; \$10.01 to \$50 - 35¢; and \$50.01 to \$100 - 40¢.

NEW HOURS FOR LDS SERVICES

Latter-day Saint services at the LDS Chapel have been changed.

Priesthood meeting is at 1 p.m. and Sacrament meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday.



PERT REDHEAD — Starlet Quinn O'Hara, who carries her 116 pounds in a neat 5' 4", is a redhead.

New CSG Commander

...(Continued from Page 1)... Commander, by Colonel Martin.

A World War II combat veteran as a navigator/bombardier in B-26 "Marauders" over France and Germany, Colonel Barnes has spent the last fourteen years in the Strategic Air Command. Previous to his assignment as the base commander at Ellsworth AFB, he had been commander of the 68th Strategic Missile Squadron.

A native of Hopkinsville, Ky., Colonel Barnes is a graduate of Hopkinsville High School, Florida Southern and the Air Command and Staff School at Maxwell AFB, Ala. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal.

His wife, Gloria and two sons, ages 16 and 11, are residing in Panama City, Fla., while the colonel is overseas.

U of M CLASSES TO START

...(Continued from Page 1)... Introduction to Math, Capt. Robert W. Conors; ECON 31, Principles of Economics, Lt. Col. Wayne M. Spray; BA 168, Management and Organization Theory, Maj. James W. Hackett; BA 180, Business Law, Capt. John L. Rich.

Personnel desiring more information regarding the University program should contact TSgt. R. W. Riggans at the base education office, extension 7316.

NEW SGT. MAJOR

...(Continued from Page 1)... 1950. In October 1955 he departed the United States for Itazuki AB, Japan to begin a three year tour of duty.

In the Air Force, Sergeant McGuffie has served continuously in the administrative field.

His family is residing in Birmingham, Ala., while he is stationed at Bien Hoa.

SUPPLIES DONATED

...(Continued from Page 1)... contributed by the Bien Hoa Province. The rice had been captured by units of the 173d Airborne Brigade and the 1st Royal Australian Regiment during a recent ground operation.

In his remarks, Colonel Ackerly said, "It is an honor to be here to represent my country and those of our allies. It is even a greater honor to represent the people who have so generously contributed their effort and this abundance of food and clothing so that the people of Vietnam may go forward unoppressed by communist insurgents and may continue to live in freedom."

MOVIES

Tonight - Bob Hope Christmas Show

Sat. - A Rage to Live

Sun. - The Bedford Incident

Mon. - Git

Tues. - TV Films

The United States Armed Forces Institute is now offering Personnel Management, a college level course.