



ntom takes off (left) from carrier Constellation. At right, Lt. (jg) Jerry McKenzie, radar intercept officer, smiles from plane's "rumble seat"

## Tags 1,000 for 2nd Tours, s Shortage of Volunteers

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ON—Although the s been doing its off on second ins for Vietnam and long as possible, nally coming for ncommissioned of ally short support y will leave for a in the Spring, e has announced. al, but undeter er of officers is to go to South a second time

the past year, the Air Force managed to hold off on second tours until similarly qualified airmen had served in SEA by making extensive assignment policy changes and through re-training efforts.

In order to meet future requirements, the Air Force said, it was putting the following rotation policies into effect:

Stabilized tours in the U.S. for officers and NCOs without previous SEA duty will be cut in increments of one year or less.

SEA returnees will be used to the maximum as replacements for officers and NCOs withdrawn from stabilized duty posts in the U.S.

Commanders have also been asked to set up vigorous programs to encourage voluntary service in SEA.

The Air Force also said a continuing review of its deferments will continue to be made to reduce the number of men excused from assignment to an absolute minimum.

## Army Plans to Test New Khaki Uniform

WASHINGTON (S&S)—Army drill sergeants will test a new and trimmer permanent press, wash and wear khaki uniform next summer which may eventually be authorized starting in the summer of 1969.

Army Chief of Staff General Harold K. Johnson recently approved an Army Uniform Board

recommendation to adapt the short sleeve shirt and trouser combination in khaki shade M1. The cloth is made of a combination polyester and rayon.

If the new uniform meets Army requirements and becomes an authorized item it will be available for optional purchase by officers and enlisted men.

## Backseat Driver With a Gift of Ga

USS CONSTELLATION IN THE TONKIN GULF (PAO)—Flying at twice the speed of sound over North Vietnam with the ever-present threat of SAMs, anti-aircraft fire and MIGs would appear to be one situation in which someone would not want a backseat driver.

However, for the pilots of the Navy's F4B Phantom II, the fastest jet fighter in the air war, a backseat driver is a mighty handy man to have around.

The man in the "rumble seat" or rear cockpit of the Phantom is not there just for the ride. He is a radar intercept officer (RIO).

Using computerized radar and navigational systems, the RIO has the responsibility of keeping his pilot informed on correct air speed, altitude, range, bearing, hostile contacts and friendly air traffic. He also performs most of the radio communication. An internal communication system allows the men to talk to each other. Thus, from his back seat, the RIO can keep the man at the wheel informed on everything taking place.

The RIO carries out his in a space that appears no larger than the backs a bicycle-built-for-two. His pit is form-fitting—he jumps of steps into it and we sits. Sitting in his ejection seat RIO is surrounded by sw gauges, buttons, scopes, levers, wires and lights. ( forward lip of his canopy, convex mirrors present view of everything behind. When the canopy is close much like being packed suitcase.

"Once you get used to fairly easy to move about, Lt. (jg) Jerry A. McK RIO of a Constellation, Fighter Sq. 143 Phantom, just about turn comple around in my seat now said.

## Bien Hoa Busi Than O'Hare

BIEN HOA, Vietnam (Chicago's O'Hare Airport no longer be the busiest world.

According to control and ground control app personnel of the 1877th C Sq., Bien Hoa had 62,494 offs and landings in August 64,390 runway actions in tember.

During both months Bien AB out-distanced O'Hare port, which recorded its b month this year during Se ber with 60,462 runway ac

All of Bien Hoa's landing take-offs took place on base's one runway.

## 15 VC Captured

CAN THO, Vietnam (Two Vietnamese Ranger lions of the 21st Inf. Div two reserve companies captured 15 Viet Cong 100,000 pounds of rice in (tion Dan Chi 25 miles so here.

Pacific Stars & Stripes Sunday, Nov. 19, 1967



## Getting Set for the 'Kickoff'

Inland sailors of the Helicopter Attack (Light) Sq. 3 (Seawolves) maintenance division prepare their sampan for the big race with a craft from the Army's 199th Aviation Co. Det. 2. A pond

near the flight line at Vinh Long AB in South Vietnam's Mekong Delta will be the site of the race, which coincides with the date of the Army-Navy football classic.

## Round Fired

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