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## "BOUS" SET NEW RECORDS

483TAW - The past two months saw the 483rd TAW set new records for airlift and reliability. It also witnessed the three most successful Combat Essential Missions ever run by the Caribous.

New records set in May included total passengers carried, 125,732; total flying hours, 10,917; and total tons carried, 24,362.8. (Indeed a healthy month by anyone's standards. Except our younger sister the C-5A).

In June the wing did just about as well in the hauling and flying departments, but set new records in reliability, due mainly to the maintenance complex. Included in these were, only 12 initial delays, which meant an initial launch reliability of 99.2%. (1490 missions were launched). In the enroute department, new low records were set in total enroute delays, 182; controllable delay hours, 269.4; and record high of 98.8% total reliability.

These records are not shots in the dark, but represent significant trends.

### A "CARIBOU SON"

537TAS - Major Maurice V. Clegg, 537TAS, is really a Caribou Son, at least, so claims, the Caribou Son, Clegg's hometown paper from Caribou Country, Idaho. As this Caribou Son at in Caribou Country reading his Caribou Sun from Caribou Country, he noticed his wife's sister was the newly chosen Miss Caribou Country!

The second quarter of 1968 bested the first quarter on every major department. The most significant advance was in average tons per month, as the quarter's average soared 125 tons per month over the first quarter.

During June, the 483rd was called upon for 3 C.E.'s in-to and out of Dak Pek, with the 457th, 458th and 459th Tactical Airlift Squadrons being employed. On 8 June, the records show that 1391 passengers and 42.2 tons on 147 sorties. Two days later in the same area, 534 pass-

engers and 34.1 tons were airlifted on 77 sorties. The final C.E. in the northern II Corps area took place on 23 June when the squadrons airlifted 495 passengers and 18 tons of cargo on 71 sorties.

Coordination, determination and professionalism were the keys to a successful completion of these missions. Braving marginal weather, hostile fire, and very poor short strips, the men of the 483rd proved what the Caribou could do, when called upon.

## 537 - 1st TO LAND AT A LUOI - ASHAU VALLEY

PHU CAT (7AF) - Not since Air Force Medal of Honor winner Major Bernard F. Fisher's daring landing and rescue of his downed fellow A-1 Skyraider in the A Shau Valley have American planes been able to land or takeoff in the valley.

But, due to the courage and determination of the men of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), and Air Force C-7A Caribou from the 537th Tactical Airlift Squadron at Phu Cat Air Base, recently touched down safely on the 2,300 foot dirt runway near A Luoi and delivered vitally needed supplies.

The crewmembers, LTC Maynard E. Stogdill, 44, Colorado Springs, Colo., aircraft commander, 1st Lt James E. Laney Jr, 25, Birmingham, Ala, co-pilot, and Staff Sergeant James E. Drumm, 33, Marysvi-

lle, Ohio, flight engineer, were greeted by M/G John J. Tolsen, Commander 1st Air Cav.

"I could tell by his broad grin and anxious look that he was really happy to see us come in," noted Stogdill.

Prior to this landing, all personnel and supplies had been brought in by helicopter or truck. "The landing strip is really in good shape," noted Laney.

"We only had to use about a quarter of it."

Known to the men of the 1st Air Cav as Landing Zone Stallion, the strip is located some 209 miles north of Phu Cat Air Base. The crew members of the 537th are now providing continuing airlift support to the A Shau Valley in continuation of their primary mission to provide airlift for the 1st Air Cav.

## PHU CAT SHORTS

537TAS - Air Force Captain James E. Laney, Jr., Houston, Texas received his commission into the Regular Air Force on 26 May 1968. Administering the oath was LTC Gayle G. Wolf, Commander of the 537TAS to which Laney is assigned.

The 537TAS at Phu Cat bid farewell to First Lieutenant Edward F. Tooley who transferred to the 834th Air Division ALCE detachment at Nha Trang, on the first of June.

The 537th TAS at Phu Cat recently collected \$265.00 within the squadron to be donated to the "Young Scholarship Program", sponsored by the Phu Cat AB Civic Actions Center. The money will be used to pay teacher's salary and defray student expenses for the next school year.

The 537th said "Hi and Bye" to the following. Departing are: Major William S. Davies; Capt Thomas L. Staples; 1st Lt Robert K. Nogle.

Arriving are: Major James C. Swarts; Major Daniel C. West; Capt Wayne P. Bundy; Capt Daniel J. McDonald, Jr; 1st Lt William N. Grant; 1st Lt Jon E. Drury; and 1st Lt Charles L. Tost.

**SAFETY SEZ:** Our goal is "ZERO ACCIDENTS" during the last 6 months of 1968. We need YOUR help. Remember Mission 70 the President's program to reduce waste in material and manpower from accidents. 30% by 1970.

## 535TH SETS NEW RECORD

535TAS - What began as an ordinary flying day for Major James Tanner, 38, Wolfe City, Texas, Aircraft Commander, 1st James O. Robert, 24, Guyahoga Falls, Ohio, Pilot and SSgt Jerry F. Benedum, 30, Greenville, South Carolina, turned into a record breaking day for the 535th Tactical Airlift Squadron crew on 25 May 1968.

Normally the crews that are fraged to shuttle from Cu Chi Army Airfield expect at least 16 sorties and 40 tons of payload to deliver.

## OUR DCM-A VERSATILE MAN

483TAW - Colonel Tom L. Nash Jr., is Deputy Commander for Materiel, 483rd Tactical Airlift Wing (PACAF). Operating with C-7A (Caribou) aircraft the 483rd provides airlift operations for the Free World Forces in Vietnam. In addition to mission requirements in support of Free World Forces' activities, the wing participates in supporting civic actions throughout Vietnam.

Col Nash was born in Birmingham, Alabama, 22 Nov 1912 and graduated from Phillips High School, Birmingham in 1930. He graduated from Auburn University (then Alabama Polytechnic Institute) in 1934 with a B.A. in Economics. At the same time he received a Second Lieutenant's commission in the Army Reserve.

Subsequent to graduation Col Nash worked with the Republic Steel Corporation of Birmingham, Alabama where he was Safety Supervisor for the mines and blast furnaces. During this period he was transferred to the Army Air Force Reserve. He was called to active duty in June '42. During the war Col Nash was assigned to the Night Fighter Division of the Army Air Force School of Applied Tactics. From this assignment he deployed to Iwo Jima in

February of 1944 as Supply Officer of the 549th Night Fighter Squadron.

In October 1945, Col Nash returned to the US to attend the Military Government School at the University of Virginia. Upon graduation he was assigned as Assistant Chief, Raw Materials Branch, GHO, Supreme Commander Allied Powers, Tokyo, Japan. After returning to the United States in 1949, he was assigned to the Air Materiel Command, Dayton, Ohio as Ass't Chief, Aircraft Division. He left this assignment in 1952 to attend the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. and was subsequently assigned to HQ USAF, in the Equipment Division, Directorate of Supply. In 1956, he was assigned to the Air Force Academy, Denver, Colorado as Assistant Director of Materiel. In November 1956 he became Air Base Commander of the permanent USAFA Site, Colorado Springs, Colorado, later becoming Deputy Base Commander.

Upon completion of four years at the Academy, in 1959 Col Nash was transferred to NATO, becoming Materiel Officer, Assistant Chief of Staff, Logistics, 4th Allied Tactical Air Force, Ramstein, Germany. Upon his return to the United States in 1962, he became Director of Supply, HQ 12th Air Force, Waco, Tex.

Assigned to TAC Headquarters, Langley AFB, Va. in 1965 he became Chief of Weapons System support Division. Subsequently in 1966, he was transferred to Sewart AFB, Tennessee as Deputy Commander for Materiel, 6th Tactical Airlift Wing.

Col Nash became Deputy Commander for Materiel for the 483rd Tactical Airlift Wing on 17 August 1967.

Col Nash is married to the former Dorothy Cunningham of New York City. They have two daughters, Mrs. James Lamb, Gore, Oklahoma and Nancy, a student at High Point College, High Point, North Carolina.

Col Nash leaves next month for Scott AFB, Illinois.



# CAS EXPLAINS THE PONY EXPRESS RIDES NEW AWARDS AGAIN - VIA CARIBOU

483TAW - The 483rd excels in almost every area and to recognize the outstanding performance of specific personnel, a Wing Awards Program has been established. The first nominations are due in to CAS NLT 10 July 68. Each winner will receive an engraved trophy, a congratulatory letter from the Wing Commander and certain fringe benefits to be announced later.

Quarterly awards and eligibles are: Outstanding...

(a) Airman of the Quarter: All airmen up thru E-4.

(b) Non-commissioned Officer of the Quarter: All NCO's in grade E-5 thru E-9.

(c) Support Officer of the Quarter: Officers who are not primary crew members.

(d) Pilot of the Quarter: All primary C-7A crew members.

In addition we will select the 1st tour airman of the year and junior officer of the year according to rules and dates established by PACAF.

Each squadron and division is allowed to submit one nominee in each category. The details are in 483TAWR900-1, dated 7 June 1968.

All Commanders and supervisors are encouraged to nominate their most deserving men as a means of recognizing the truly superior members of their unit.

## NEED ANY TOMATOES

PHU CAT (7AF) - The 535th Tactical Airlift Squadron at Phu Cat AB is one organization that doesn't suffer from lack of fresh tomatoes. Thanks to the "green thumb" of Air Force Major Ted Steig, 43, Storm Lake, Iowa, the squadron always has a plentiful supply for its numerous cookouts. Steig, a C-7A Caribou pilot, grows the tomatoes on the porch in front of his quarters. He has also grown many flowers which have been planted in the squadron operations area.

536TAS - The Iris 421 Mission has become popularly known as the "Pony Express" or for short the "Pony". This mission starts out as a mail run even before it takes off since the crew gathers up the personal mail at the villa and operations for the first stop, Saigon. When a crew gets the pony there is little doubt that it will be a full and rewarding day. Most of the morning is made up of mail deliveries between Tan Son Nhut, Lai Khe, and Quan Loi and the afternoons usually involve troop movements from Di An to Lai Khe and Quan Loi. Artillery and air strikes are every where and can be hectic. One sortie could involve radio contacts with: Di An Tower, Saigon Arty, Bien Hoa Arty, Phu Loi Arty, Lai Khe Arty, Thunder Control, Quan Loi Arty, and Quan Loi Tower, not to forget

the usual calls to Paris and "Hilda Baby". Lt Col Bob McKinney, the squadron operations officer, figures he can give a new co-pilot more training on this mission than a dozen others. Lt Colonel Faye French has a son station at Di An so he also enjoys flying the Pony. These two Lt Col's frequently fly this mission and are pleased with the statistics which speak for themselves. Let's look at the totals for the month of May: 482 sorties, 202.7 flying hours, 6,924 passengers hauled (usually with all their PCS gear), and 129 tons of mail. On a daily basis, remembering that there were 31 days last month, it looks like this: 15 1/2 sorties, 6 1/2 hours flying time, 232 passengers, 8,300 pounds of mail and gobs of dust. Not a bad average for a day which isn't even frugged for lunch.

## STAN/EVAL CONFERENCE HELD AT VUNG TAU

VUNG TAU - The 536th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Vung Tau, hosted the first and very successful 483 TAW Airdrop Conference. The conference was kicked off on the morning of 24 May with a coffee and informal get together. Most of the conferees arrived in the vacation land on the 490 mission from Cam Ranh Bay and each squadron was well represented. The program included a complete review of the new gravity airdrop procedures, LAPES, personnel drops, and ground radar aerial delivery system GRADS. The Caribou floor mock-up created by Lt Col Don Payne, with the help of TSgt Brown and SSgt Wellerman of the 536th, allowed each of the conferees to view the proper tiedown and execution of both the airdrops and LAPES procedures.

Special thanks go to LTC Don Payne, Major's Ron Ham and Bob Hodges of the 536th

and Major Ken Barnes of the 459th, and Major Glaunch of the 834th AD, who helped make the conference an outstanding one. A great amount of work, cooperation and agreement on procedures and changes came out of this conference and the results should soon appear in changes to the PACAFM 55-27. The following officers from higher headquarters joined us: Lt Col Wood, Dir of Requirements, 834AD, Maj Glaunch, GRADS, 834AD, Maj Mohr, RBS, Binh Thuy, Lt Col Hearndon, Stan/Eval, 834AD, Major Whelan, Combat Tactics, 7AF, Major Forightsneider, AF TALO 5SF, WO Rigger, 5SF.

The conference was concluded with a cocktail party and a delicious cookout provided by the 536th Cobras at the Cobra Cabana. The following day some of the conferees proceeded on to Can Tho to observe some of the 536th airdrops.

# COBRA CIVIC ACTION PAYS OFF

536TAS—Not often do US Air-men have the opportunity to visit at typical Vietnamese village which isn't just outside the gate. The 536th at Vung Tau was an exception.

Lt Col Miles H. Watkins, Commander of the Cobra squadron, wanted some of his people to see the real Vietnam and arranged this through Army Capt Des Reis of the US Advisory Team for the neighboring province.

On the 3rd of May, the First Sergeant, MSgt Belton T. Brown, accompanied by representative members of the squadron, visited several villages in the Phuoc Tuy Province, which is 10 miles north of Vung Tau. Making the trip were: SSgt Charles W. Taylor, Sgt Michael J. Hudson, Sgt Patrick P. Whitefield, CMSgt Daniel R. Hildago, A1C William L. Miller, Sgt Estanislao R. Laureta, and Capt John L. Leding.

Guided by Capt Des Reis and the Vietnamese Hamlet Chief with a couple of armed escorts, they surveyed the sites of several battle scenes and areas damaged as a result of the TET Offensive. They were able to get a first hand briefing and make on the scene inspections of the Revolutionary Development and Civic Actions Support Programs.

## CAMS GET "PRIDE"

483CAMS - The 12th Tactical Fighter Wing has awarded the 483rd Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadrons' Command Nav Branch the "PRIDE SHOP OF THE QUARTER". This was achieved through the outstanding reduction of backlog hours on in-shop repairables from 1500 hours to a low of 200 hours work. Another factor contributing to this honorable award was the vast improvement in the shop facilities and the outstanding management. Many hours of branch teamwork were expended by all personnel in reaching this goal.

Members of the 536th had contributed over \$600 to TARP. This survey enabled them to see how efficiently their donations were being distributed to the TET oppressed Vietnamese in the village of Baria where there were 150 civilian casualties and over 500 homes destroyed. Several other villages were visited and in each location reconstruction progress was evident everywhere. Homes and churches were being re-built and restored. As the schools were being rebuilt, hygienic facilities, playgrounds and equipment were added. These people haven't given up. As the Americans drove through the villages, they were wel-

comed with waves from the adults and shouts of "Number One", "O.K." from the kids. A renewed faith.

Lt Colonel Miles H. Watkins Commander of the 536th Squadron, announced particular praise to seven men of Scheduled Inspection Dock Four. These men, SSgt Laureta, Sgt Whitefield, and Airmen Adams, Nowell, Waddell, and Mathews, have jointly contributed well over a hundred dollars. The men behind the scenes receiving the contributions were CMSgt's DeWald and Hildago, MSgt Brown, and Sgt Revelle.

## 537 PICKS AMN OF QTR

537TAS - The 537th TAS at Phu Cat has announced the selection of Airman First Class James T. Steele as the Squadron Airman of the Quarter. He will vie for further honors in Phu Cat AB, and 483 TAW competition.

From Mt. Gilead, North Carolina, Airman Steele, 20, entered the Air Force in June of 1966, just after his graduation from high school. He attended technical training at Sheppard AFB.

Airman Steel serves as a C-7A crew chief.

## POTTER NAMED

537TAS - Sergeant Clayton Potter has been selected as NCO of the Quarter by the 537th TAS, and will represent his squadron in competition for Phu Cat AB, and 483d TAW honors.

A native of Stacy, Virginia, Sgt Potter, 26, entered the Air Force in December 1959. After basic training, he attended technical school for aircraft mechanics, and served as a C-130 flight engineer at Sewart AFB, prior to coming to Vietnam.

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Is your squadron story being told? Help your Information Officer. The Clarion will publish every story of a reasonable nature turned into it. (Illustrator - Sgt W.L. Smith).

## 537TH UPGRADES

537TAS - First Lieutenant Joseph A. Petrazio Jr and 1st Lt Garry F. Moore have recently been upgraded to aircraft commander with the 537TAS at Phu Cat. Normally, to qualify as aircraft commander require 1500 hours of flying experience, but Lt Petrazio, with 1100 hours and Lt Moore, with 950 hours, both received special waivers to enter upgrading. Both pilots are 1967 UPT graduates, and are serving their first operational tour at the Caribou.

"These two men were selected because of their professional skill, aircraft knowledge and mature judgement," stated Lt Col Gayle C. Wolf, Commander, 537th TAS.

Say Col Breeland, how's the best way to get to Tachiy? "Well, you might try a C-130 to Da Nang."



## AWARDS PRESENTED AT VUNG TAU

VUNG TAU AAF - On 4 May 1968 Colonel Robert W. Kinney, Deputy Commander for Operations, 483rd Tactical Airlift Wing, presented the following awards and decorations at a formal awards ceremony at Vung Tau Army Airfield.

AFCM....

A1C James R. Jones, 21, North Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Ann Phillip W. Beasley, 19, Ft. Worth, Texas.

LTC Guy D. Perham, 39, Spokane, Washington.

AIR MEDAL....

Capt Wells G. Carswell, 34, Pompano Beach, Florida.

The decorated personnel are assigned to the 535th Tactical Airlift Squadron, commanded by LTC Joe Faulkner, 48, San Antonio, Texas.

## 457TH ANNOUNCES NEW PROMOTIONS WITH SMOKE CLOUD

457TAS - We are happy to report that the heavy cloud of smoke which hung over the 457th TAS's area of operations a few weeks ago has now begun to abate somewhat. The smoke originated, of course, from the cigars which were passed out by the many members of the squadron after learning of the latest promotion board actions.

Lt Col Steve N. Pisanos, Commander of the 457th, extends his congratulations, and is happy to announce the following well deserved promotions.

Effective in May: 1st Lt Otis P. Lutz to Capt; 2nd Lts Jack Froelich and Tim Black to 1st Lts.

Effective in June: 2nd Lt "Sandy" Loudon and Lee Phillips to 1st Lt; TSgt William E. Chapman to MSGT; SSgt Frank D. Moseley Jr to TSgt; Sgt Jerry W. Lamkin to SSgt. Effective in July: Sergeant Dave Birmingham and Mike Doyle to SSgt; Lt Col Smith to Colonel; A1Cs Charles R. Fisher, Terry L. Simon, and Miles Twork Jr to Sgt.

## HUSTLER'S WELCOME NEW MEN

457TAS - The 457th TAS "Hustlers" have recently welcomed three new pilots to Cam Ranh Bay. The new arrivals are Capt Robert G. Bull, 1st Lt Fred J. Remund. All three pilots are recent graduates of the C-7A "Caribou" Combat Training School at Sewart AFB Tenn., and of the Jungle Survival School located in the Philippines.

Before coming to the 457th Capt Bull, who is a 1961 graduate of the Air Force Academy, flew C-124's at McChord, Tachikawa, and Hill Air Force Bases. He was accumulated over 4,000 hours in "Old Shakey", and he hails from Marlboro, N.Y.

Lt Phillips, from Des Moines, Iowa, and Lt Remund from Amery, Wisconsin, have just completed undergraduate pilot training at Williams AFB, and at Vance AFB, respectively. Lt Remund, who is an alumnus of Wisconsin State University, has the added distinction of wearing the only brown bar in the 457th TAS at the present time.

All three new pilots have completed their theater indoctrination training and copilot checkouts, and are now participating in the 457th's efforts to provide top notch airlift service to the many customers.

The staff of the Clarion joins in welcoming these new members to the 483rd TAW.

## SCOUTS CAMP AT CAM RANH BAY

CAM RANH BAT (7AF) - History was made at Cam Ranh Bay AB recently when a Vietnamese Boy Scout Troop from Ba Ngoi held an overnight outing at the base.

This was the first time such an outing was held at the South China Sea coastal installation.

Participating in the campout were 42 boys, ranging from 8 to 19 years of age.

Upon arriving at the camp site, the boys set up their tents under the direction of Troop Scoutmaster, Mr. Phan Ang, and then raised the troop flag. During the overnight campout, they did their own cooking with exception of Sunday breakfast which they ate in one of the dining halls. The active youngsters enjoyed swimming games and a variety of scouting activities.

"As we sat around the campfire in the evening, everyone had the feeling of being at home," said 1st Lt William J. McCarron Jr, North Anson, Maine, 483rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Project Officer for the outing.

Sunday afternoon, the boys received a 30 minute flight over the base aboard a C-7A Caribou of the 457th Tactical

Airlift Squadron. Aircraft Commander for the flight was Maj Richard L. Baird, Vernon, Texas. The pilot was 1st Lt Donald E. Hatten, Springfield, Illinois.

## NEW SQUADRON RECORD SET

457TAS - The 457th TAS airlift record of 243 passengers carried during a single mission, which was held by Lt Col Milo H. Fields, Capt Marvin Stockdale, and Ann Richard E. Otholt, has now been surpassed. On 15 May 68 a 457th crew consisting of Lt Col Steve N. Pisanos, Maj William R. Bell, and SSgt Larry W. Campbell transported a total of 350 combat equipped Montagnard troops from Pleiku Air Base to the Dak Pek Special Forces Camps. Transportation of such a large number of troops was made possible by employing combat loading techniques, and by keeping the ground time between sorties to a minimum.

### CAMS WIN

483CAMS - Behind the excellent pitching of TSgt Donald Gordrey, and the outstanding hitting of A1C George (Gabby) Myers, the 483rd Cam Squadron Softball team extended its record to 7 wins and 1

# CARIBOU WING BOASTS TALENTS

SAIGON (7AF) - Personnel officials trying to fill the Air Force's scientific jobs ---those requiring advanced degrees or extensive technological training -- might do well to look at the C-7A Caribou transport pilot in Vietnam.

Although the Caribou is one of the slowest aircraft flying in the war zone and is slightly inelegant along side many of the sleek fighters, the men who fly the cargo aircraft often have experience in flying the more glamorous aircraft.

The background and expertise of the Caribou pilots read like a college curriculum—from physics and missiles to history, from sociology and nuclear chemistry to cryogenics and from the Apollo space program to flight test engineering.

In addition, there is a World War II double ace, a former supersonic B-58 Hustler pilot and former members of the famed Air Force "Thunderbirds", the official aerial demonstration team. More than 50 of the Caribou pilots are fighting in their third war and are known as the "granddaddies" of the Caribou fleet.

There are explanations for this unusual conglomeration of talent although certainly coincidence has played its part. Most are "called"

back to the cockpit under the Air Force program to fill pilot positions in SEA. The Air Force could man other aircraft in Vietnam with those pilots flying the same type aircraft in the United States or Europe, however since the Caribou is one of the newest aircraft in the Air Force inventory (the Army had it until Jan 1967) there was no pool of qualified pilots to draw from.

How has the Caribou "Brain trust" fitted into the cockpit of an unfamiliar aircraft? If statistics mean anything, like they were made to order.

Since the influx of these senior pilots began, flying hours, tons of cargo and passengers airlifted have sharply increased. In 1967, the year the "granddaddies" took over, the Caribous flew 25 per cent more sorties than the previous year and had an 85 per cent drop in the accident rate.

And how do the pilots like returning from the perches in the world of academics and research to a twin-engine aircraft?

"It's just great and it's a fantastic aircraft to fly," said LTC H.S. Davis, 41, Decatur, Ill., a former Thunderbird pilot. "Believe it or not, this job is a real challenge. It's stick and rudder flying at its best. And with the extremely small dirt

strips we go into every day it is no easy task by any means."

Deputy DCO Colonel Guher G. Greenwood, 44, Winterest, Iowa, a weapons system expert, declared, "We all feel that this is the greatest mission over here. One of the main reasons is when we land we get a great feeling of satisfaction seeing the expressions of gratitude on the faces of the Army troops."

Of course, the commander of the unit flying the Caribous, the 483rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Colonel William H. Mason, 47, Risk, Texas, is not a bit displeased when the "granddaddies" keep arriving for duty -- especially when he looks at his Caribou performance charts.

In fact, he says, "With all the talent I have here, we could probably put a Caribou on the moon!"

## VUNG TAU MAN TO COACH ARMY

535TAS - SSgt Glenn M. Bohn, 32, Boyertown, Pennsylvania was selected to coach an Army all star softball team to participate in the Army Support Command tournament which was held at Long Binh from 29 May to 1 June 1968. Sgt Bohn had a total of two weeks in which to hold try-outs and select a 13 man team to participate in the tournament.

SSgt Bohn took the team to Long Binh where they participated against four other teams, all army. The team played a total of 3 games and won all three by scores of 5-4, 4-3, and 4-2. The 53rd General Support Group (Army) took first place and returned to Vung Tau.

The trophy will be presented to Colonel E. Lloyd Powers, 53rd Ground Commander.

Lt Col Joe Faulkner, 48, San Antonio, Texas, lauded Sgt Bohn on his accomplishments. Colonel Faulkner is the Commander of the 535th Tactical Airlift Squadron.

## 457 EXTENDS RECORD

457TAS - The 457th TAS continued to exceed its previous records during the month of May. The wing's on-time launch reliability record of 99.6%, established by the 457TAS in April, was broken again in May by the 457th when it flew a total of 256 operational missions without a single controllable initial delay --- 100% reliability. While establishing this new record the 457th flew more missions, more sorties, more flying hours, and carried more paxs and cargo than in any previous

month this year.

As of this writing the 457th is continuing to set new launch reliability records. On 21 June 1968 the squadron had flown 110 days without an initial launch delay. The Squadron Commander Lt Col Steve N. Pisanos, notes that such records are made possible only when aircrews, maintenance, and operations personnel all working in harmony toward the common goal of first class airlift service for our customers. "Sons-of-Buck Boy" ---