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No Major Engagements With VC Reported Over 'Tet'

Although no major engagements of government forces against the Viet Cong guerrillas were reported this week, the Viet Nam Press announced the completion of a 26-day pacification operation in I Corps' Quang Tin province Sunday.

Viet Cong insurgents suffered a loss of an estimated 70 killed, with 22 dead VC left behind. Government forces captured 16 prisoners and arrested nine suspects while one VC surrendered.

Government casualties for the operation were 20 killed (including a Filipino civilian employee of a contractor), 44 wounded (including a Filipino technician) and 12 missing. Weapons seized from the Viet Cong included five K-50 submachine guns, 6 carbines, a Mat-49 submachine gun, two Indochinese rifles, a Thompson submachine gun, 10 Mat-36 rifles, a 12mm. shotgun, 10 grenades and miscellaneous documents.

In the III Corps area a nine-day operation conducted southwest of Long Thanh district Sunday afternoon netted three Viet Cong killed and the seizure of a Mats rifle, four grenades, a home-

made mine and a belt of cartridges. No casualties were reported by the government forces.

In the Mekong Delta, IV Corps reported Monday afternoon an encounter between a Self Defense corps unit and a VC squad in the Duc Ton district west of Vinh Long. The SDC element killed three Viet Cong guerrillas and seized a Thompson submachine gun and documents. The government force reported no losses.

Two incidents, both occurring within a week at Cach Mang Street in Saigon, involving hand grenade throwing were reported as part of the Viet Cong inspired plot to terrorize Americans in the capitol.

Last Tuesday evening, two Vietnamese, one dressed in an ARVN uniform and the other a cyclo dri-

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MINUTES AFTER BLAST — This photo, taken by OBSERVER photographer from balcony landing in lobby of Capitol Kinh Do Theater minutes after terrorist bomb exploded, shows a slightly injured American being assisted by medic (left) while Vietnamese fireman probe wreckage for more casualties. Wreckage of cashier's cage is at right.

51 Americans Wounded

Terrorist Bomb At Movie Kills Three; Heroic Marine Capt. Saves Many More

By SSgt. BOB REID

A courageous marine captain, disregarding his own safety, shouted a life-saving warning to patrons at the Capitol Kinh-Do Theater last Sunday night, seconds before a bomb exploded, killing him and another American and wounding 51 more.

Also killed was the U.S. military policeman on security duty outside the theater, PFC Peter M. Feieraben, who was shot to death prior to the blast by one of the terrorists participating in the attack.

The marine captain, Donald E. Koelper of MAAG, along with his companion, navy lieutenant William J. Greeves, were credited with saving scores of lives with their warnings shouts of "get down... get down."

The two officers had just purchased their tickets in the lobby when they heard something that sounded like a firecracker. (This would have been the gunshot fired by one of the two terrorists that felled the military policeman.)

Greeves said that seconds after the popping noise, a Vietnamese civilian squeez-

ed through the iron grill-work gate and deposited a package about a foot and a half square inside the lobby, and walked out. The box was wrapped in what Greeves described as "something looking like white cheesecloth."

Koelper and Greeves ran into the theater and shouted for everyone to "get down." There was a clanging of seats as patrons hit the floor. About 15 seconds after the terrorist deposited the charge — estimated to be about 20 or 25 pounds of TNT — it exploded. The marine captain was still standing in the aisle and was killed by the blast.

Army Sp5 William Reid of U.S. Army Support Group was also killed.

Seven of the wounded

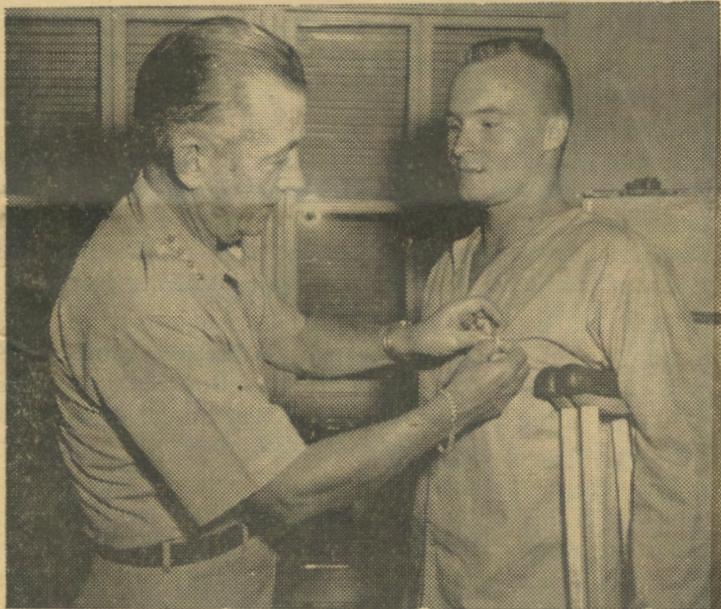
were hospitalized, one in critical condition.

Scores of persons who were in the theater interviewed by The Observer stated that the warning given by the two officers without doubt saved countless lives.

Swift reaction by doctors and corpsmen of the Navy hospital undoubtedly saved many other lives, with many of the victims bleeding profusely. Off duty medical personnel still in civilian attire rushed to the scene.

The attack was apparently a well laid, team effort by the terrorists. Minutes before the blast a Vietnamese girl walked into the area, presumably to distract the guards. The MP, Feiera-

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PURPLE HEART WINNER — Retiring Gen. James F. Collins, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, Pacific, pins the Purple Heart medal on Capt. Hugh W. Brigham, a 114th Aviation Co. helicopter pilot. Brigham was wounded while on a combat support mission against VC insurgents. See Story on Page 3. (USASGV — IO Photo.)

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EDITORIAL

Our First President Was Truly A Man's Man

We all know that George Washington's Birthday is a national holiday — an extra day off for many of us. But before you take off on that long weekend, why not ask yourself how much you know about Washington, other than that he was the first president of our country.

Historians once pictured Washington as a man who was almost perfect in everything he did. Stories about his honesty and strength grew into legends. They set up George Washington as the example for all men to follow, but, in doing it, they made him seem a cold and unfeeling person, almost too nearly perfect to be real.

A closer study of his life shows that Washington was a man of great warmth with strong feelings of humanity.

His record as a military leader is perhaps one of the best ways to illustrate this.

As Commander-in-Chief of the first American Army, Washington worked long, weary days and nights to make soldiers of schoolboys, farmers and businessmen. He used all his military knowledge and personal strength to defeat forces that were often stronger and better trained than this own.

Through the darkest days of the War of Independence, Washington was courageous and full of hope for victory. At Valley Forge, he kept up the spirits of his men through a long, bitter winter without sufficient food, clothing or shelter. He was plagued by the efforts of jealous commanders in other parts of the country to destroy his authority and have him removed from command. His army was often placed in extreme jeopardy by a Congress which had no real power over the states it governed.

Historians say that Washington did more than any other man toward winning the Revolutionary War. But he didn't do it by being a cold, unfeeling military strategist. He did it by sheer force of will, a deep desire for freedom, and a warm devotion to the men who served with him. These are the traits which we in the Armed Forces might best reflect upon in observing his birthday. — (AFPS)

Scouting Leaders Wanted Saigon Troop Needs...

**A Scoutmaster and
An Assistant Scoutmaster**

Call VAA, 55 Mac Dinh Chi

USO

A Tea-Dance will highlight the observance of the 23rd anniversary of the founding of the United Services Organization tomorrow at the Saigon USO, with the Internationals providing the music from 5 to 7 p.m.

The lucky 200,000th guest will cut the anniversary cake and will also receive a number of gifts donated by the USO. According to Director Betty Anne Murphy the USO celebration will be observed in keeping with the present situation and it will be a "conservative affair compared to other celebrations observed in the United States and elsewhere."

Founded in February 1941 as a federation of six civilian agencies, through which the American people serve the spiritual, religious, social, welfare and educational needs of the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, the USO operates under a "Memorandum of Understanding" with the Department of Defense and reports directly to the President of the United States and the Secretary of Defense.

Its financial support comes principally from campaigns in New York City and Chicago and from the local United Funds and Community Chest throughout the Nations and over seas.

President Lyndon B. Johnson is the Honorary National Chairman and Harvey S. Firestone Jr., is the National Chairman.

Events scheduled for this week at the USO include:

Today: Photo tour at 2 p.m. and Recent Sports Films showing at 8 p.m.

Sunday: Tea-Dance marking the 23rd birthday of the USO from 5 to 7 p.m. with music provided by the Internationals. For your early Sunday morning breakfast, free coffee and toast from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Monday: For music lovers — Music of Faraway Places — Malaya and India at 8 p.m.

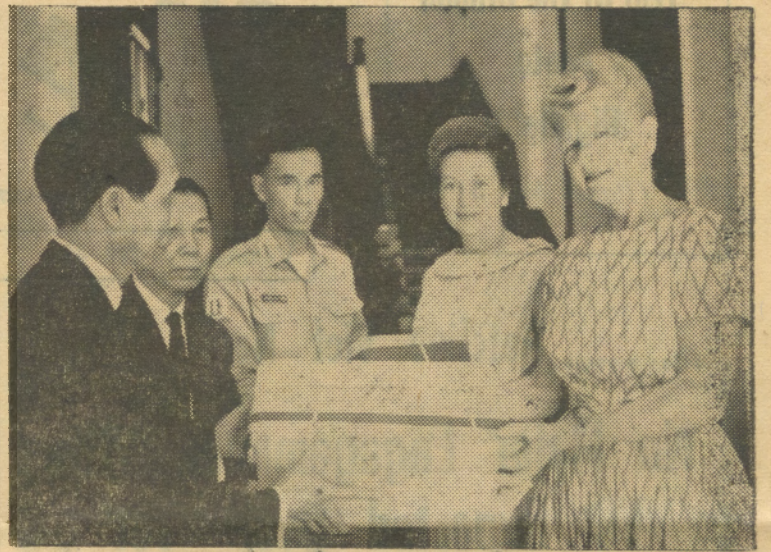
Tuesday: Top chairborne strategists meet at 7:30 at the Chess enthusiasts corner. Show your slides at 8 p.m. with projectors provided.

Wednesday: Guest Nite and Jam session begins at 8 p.m. Bridge players start opening bids at 7 p.m.

Thursday: Great Books discussion group leave at 7:45 p.m. for the VAA. Try this new group for size. Transportation leaves the USO. Darkroom instructions at 8 p.m.

Friday: Showing of recent sports films at 8 p.m. and at 8:30 p.m. your weekly Folk Singers Jamboree.

COMING EVENT: Mark this date on your calendar — Saturday, Feb. 29 — LEAP YEAR PARTY!



GIFT FROM HAWAII— Mrs. James F. Collins, (right) assisted by Mrs. Paul D. Harkins, turn over donation of clothing collected by the officers, men and dependents in Hawaii for the needy people in Vietnam. Accepting the 1,000 pound gift are (left to right) Nguyen Van Thao and Tran Van Than of the Social Services directorate and Capt. Nguyen Kim Tuan, representing the 23rd Inf. Div. (MACV IO Photo.)

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Taking God For Granted

By Chaplain (LCDR) HARRY R. MILLER

Some one has suggested that "one of the tragedies of living in a long tradition is the ease with which we take it all for granted." How true this is!

We take our freedom as our due. I am not suggesting a return to the Fourth of July oratory of a generation ago, nor an increase in flag waving or singing the Star Spangled Banner.

However, it does seem to me that we do owe some respect to those two climbed off the Mayflower and those who heard the muffled drumbeats along the road to Concord. We take freedom for granted and both we and freedom are the poorer for it.

This is true of our religious faith. We take the tradition of our Church for granted. We sometimes forget the long, hard road that led to the favorable position now occupied by organized religion. It is unfortunate that "Freedom of Religion" today is often taken to mean "Freedom from Religion."

Nowhere is this "taking it for granted" more dangerous than in our attitude toward God. I am concerned by the number of "God professing" persons who take God for granted.

In the Fiftieth Psalm, the psalmist makes a statement worth noting. He is speaking for God and says: "You thought I was on 'like you.'" Again in Isaiah we hear the prophet speak for the Lord: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts; neither are your ways my ways."

That God is God and not man must be recognized. This is the real difference between a God-centered faith and a man-centered faith. We owe it to God to let him be God. He is the Creator. We owe it to ourselves to treat God as God.

This means we get our pride out of the driver's seat. We owe it to our fellow men to treat God as God. Only when we consider ourselves human, finite, prone to error, and shot full of sin, can we deal with life and with our fellow men.

When God and man is the creature and we accept it at face value, he will be on the way to abundant life. God is the clue to history, for he is the Alpha and Omega. Don't take Him for granted, acknowledge your need in Him.



AIR MEDAL WINNER— Maj. Gen. R.H. York, (Right) Chief, Joint Operations Evaluation Gp., MACV, receives congratulations from Gen. Paul D. Harkins, COMUSMACV, upon winning the Air Medal. (MAAG IO Photo.)

Gen. Collins Presents USASGV Awards On Farewell Viet Nam Tour

Tan Son Nhut (IO) — Gen. James F. Collins, on his last visit to Viet Nam as Commander-in-Chief, USARPAC, prior to retirement this month presented to Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, CG, U.S. Army Support Group, Viet Nam, the 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal and the 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart.

The Deputy Commanding Officer of Support Group, Col. John L. Klingenhagen, received the 1st Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal and the 2nd cluster to the Purple Heart. Col. Raymond R. Evers, Chief of Staff, USASGV, was cluded the 3rd Air Medal cluster.

Other Support Group officers receiving Air Medals and clusters from General Collins were Lt. Col. Wayne N. Phillips, Delta Aviation Bn.; Lt. Col. William C. Sibert, 52nd Avn. Bn.; Maj. Charles L. Clance, USASGV; Maj. George T. Burton, USASGV; Maj. Marcus W. Coyle, 61st Avn. Co.; Maj. Edwin S. McClure, 114th Avn Co.; Maj. Joseph Levinson, 121st Avn. Co.; Maj. John S. Kark, 73rd

New C.O. For 98th Transportation Det.

Tan Son Nhut (IO) — Capt. Bobby G. Walls has assumed command of the 98th Transportation Detachment, U.S. Army Support Group, Viet Nam.

Captain Walls, who came here from Fort Huachuca, Arizona, replaces Capt. Arthur J. Poole, who is returning to the states.

The 98th Transportation Detachment is responsible for the maintenance of the CH-21 helicopters of the 120th Aviation Company.

Ayn. Co.; Maj. Charles L. Kelly, 57th Medical Detachment; Maj. Donald A. Smith, 119th Avn. Co.; Maj. William S. Altan, 117th Avn. Co.; Maj. Arthur F.W. Liebl, 23rd Special Warfare Aviation Detachment; Maj. Harlan W. Lohman, 17th Avn. Co.; Maj. John F. Brosnan, 145th Avn. Bn.; Capt. Charles E. Nicolls, 611th Trans. Co.; Paul R. Medbury, USASGV; Capt. William E. Rahn, UTT Helicopter Co.; Lt. John N. Tragesser II, UTT; Lt. Conley T. Raymond, 145th Avn. Bn.; Lt. Vincent R. Chitren, 145th Avn. Bn.; CWO Elmer M. Cook, USASGV; and WO Charles F. Edson, 120th Avn. Co.

From the Support Group Headquarters Detachment, SSgt. Glenn N. Faile, Sp5 A. Dean received The Air Medal. Military policemen from the 560th MP Co — Sgt. William T. Miller, Cpl. Gary D. Roberts, Sp4 Finnies C. Houtz and Sp4. Glenn E. Pursley and Carl V. Call and PFC Brian — all received The Air medal.

Air Medals and clusters also were presented to Sp4 John C. Dickerson, UTT; Sp5 Raul McGinnis, 120th Avn. Co.; and MSgt. Benjamin O. Knight, 145th Avn. Bn.

SSgt. Durwin E. Owens, 39th Sig. Bn. Photo Team, was awarded The Purple Heart.

HONOR ROLL

PURPLE HEART

Sixth Award

Maj. Daniel L. Baldwin

Fourth Award

SFC Alvin J. Moore

Second Award

Capt. David J. Thoreson

First Award

Lt. Col. John Hayes
Capt. John D. Ramsey
Capt. Donald D. Shultz
SFC Raymond E. Crane
FC Ben M. Munsey
SSgt. James W. Shelby
Sp5 Orville R. Browder
Sp5 Jan G. Ponnian
Sp5 James D. Shupe
Sp4 Frank Pelaja
Maj. Garner J. Hooper
Capt. Thomas W. McCarthy
1st Lt. Joseph L. Poole
MSgt. Jesse R. Nutt

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN

BADGE

Second Award

Maj. John R. Clark, Jr.

First Award

Capt. Ralph T. Correll
Capt. Robert N. Crittenden
Capt. Edward G. Gunning
Capt. William T. King
Capt. Donald K. Thompson
Capt. Joseph R. Vivaldi
1st Lt. John H. Hayes
1st Lt. Edgar L. Kuntz
MSgt. Howard E. Clawson
SFC Kenneth C. Dixon

ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

Second Award

Capt. Donald M. Reese

First Award

1st Lt. Edward M. Crowley
1st Lt. Joseph G. Cincotti
1st Lt. William S. Carpenter, Jr.
Capt. Arthur E. Brown, Jr.

Maj. Delavan Named New UTT Commander

Maj. Patrick J. Delavan, former commander of the 120th Aviation Co., has been named commander of the Utility Tactical Transport Co.

He succeeds Maj. Calvin R. Bean who has rotated to the United States.

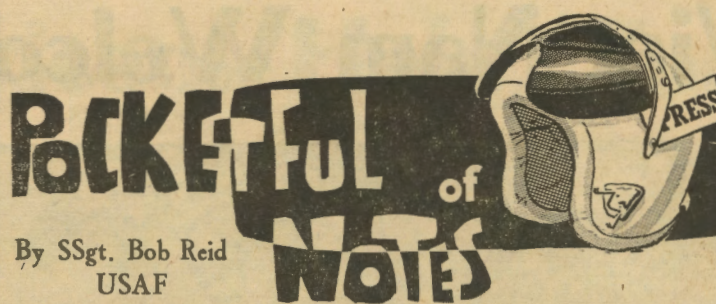
Maj. Michael L. Baldasar former executive officer of the 120th has been upped to commander of that company.

Support Gp. Names Jan. Soldier Of The Month

Tan Son Nhut (IO) — Sp4 Lynn C. Hanks, crew chief assigned to the 18th Aviation Company, was elected as the January Soldier-of-the-Month from the U.S. Army Support Group, Viet Nam.

Sp4 Hanks, who arrived in Viet Nam last June, was chosen from among representatives of all Support Group units. Hanks came here from the 17th Aviation Company at Fort Ord, California.

His home town is Idaho Falls, Idaho.



By SSgt. Bob Reid
USAF

KEEPING UP WITH THINGS — One meets the kookiest people in this business. For instance, take the fella with the bat problem.

We don't know exactly how to get into this discreetly, but bats, being a warm-blooded mammal, find it necessary on occasion to heed the call of nature, and therein lies our friend's problem.

These particular bats live in the airplane hangars down at Bien Hoa air base, and their droppings are highly corrosive to airplanes, just about ruining the sheet metal on the wings and fuselages of the planes.

So the boys down there went on a campaign a few months back to drive the bats from their hangar. First thing they did was move to a new batless hangar, and the air commandoes moved into their old hangar.

The bats promptly packed up and moved to the new hangar, presumably because the air commandoes were too tough for them to cope with.

Then somebody suggested that they install a rotating red light in the hangar, the type that one sees on police cars and ambulances. The assumption was that the weird light would scare off the bats.

The bats promptly cuddled up to the flashing light like it was a new kind of teddy bear.

Another fella had the idea to end all ideas: grease the rafters and when the bats fell asleep they would lose their grip and fall to their death. Needless to say, this ingenious invention never got past the planning stage.

Then there was the guy who tried to smoke 'em out with smouldering oil soaked rags, or something. The smoke merely acted as a laxative to the bats.

Anyway, our friend now has the final solution: "Like most other little irksome problems over here," he says sagaciously, "if you leave it alone, for a long enough period of time, it'll go away."

NOTES IN OUR POCKETS — If there's one thing we don't allow in this newspaper, it's pithy headlines. We allow humorous headlines. We allow rhyming deadlines. We allow headlines without verbs in them. But we definitely don't allow the pithy kind.

Reason we mention it is that we intercepted a comunique from one of our stringers (contributors, to you, Charlie) who was writing to his own stringers soliciting material. (The only newspaper stringer in the world, we assume, who sub-contracts his jobs.)

Anyway, this stringer instructed his sub-stringers to write "short, pithy headline type titles" on their articles.

We researched the word, and found out it means "having the substance of pith. Then we looked up pith, which, Mr. Webster tells us, is soft spongy tissue inside the stem of a plant, or, to kill an animal by piercing. Buried into this many-faceted word was a definition that pith is "that which contains the strength or life; vigor, substance." We presume this last meaning is what our contributor had in mind.

We really don't mind vigorous headlines, we guess, but pithy makes them sound so... so... oh, you know.

Besides, like all newspapers, we always write our own headlines, pithy or not.

There's-always-a-brighter-side-department: One wag, thinking about the recent bombings thoughtfully mused: "Do you think it'll drive down the price of '33' beer in the bars?"

And finally, fellas out there in the boondocks, DO try to get into Saigon later this month, because the Navy Exchange is having a Revlon beauty consultant in... to help you with ALL our beauty problems.

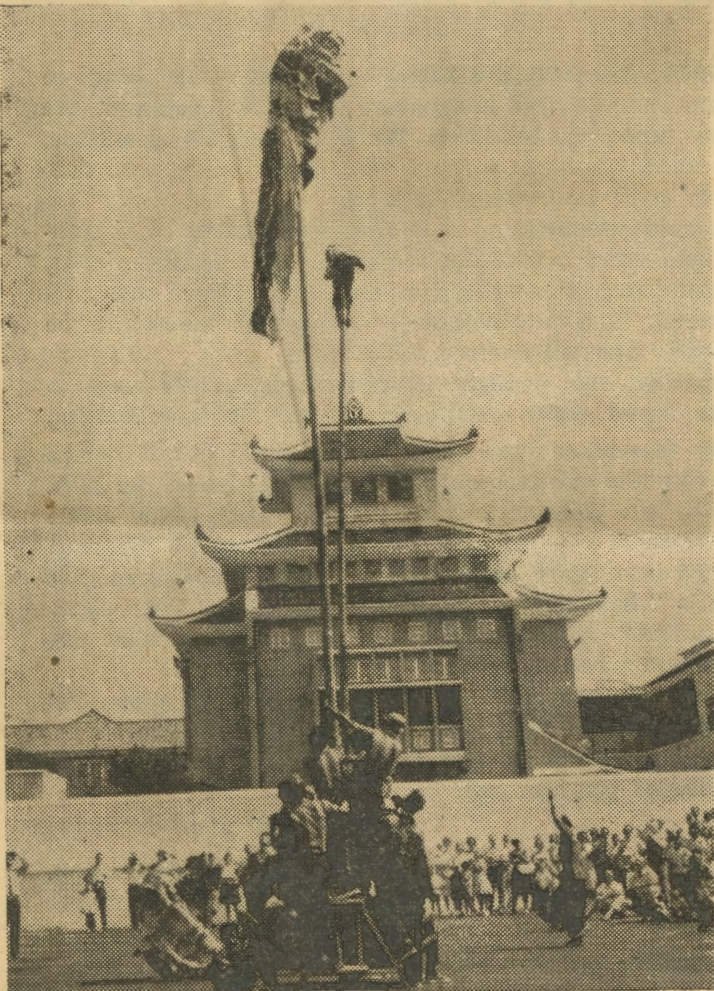
Viet Nam Welcomes 'Year Of Dragon' Wit



MENNEN POWDER FOR TET — "Goodwill Ambassador" Ambrose, assisted by glamorous Vietnamese cinema star Kieu Chinh, pass out cans of medicated Mennen's skin powder to wounded Vietnamese soldiers at Saigon's Cong Hoa hospital. Ambrose received 5,000 cans of the powder after a personal appeal to the Mennen Company. He passed out the powder as Tet Gifts at hospitals throughout the country.



YEAR OF THE DRAGON — Appropriately, members of the CVTC labor union, staged a



SKY HIGH DRAGON — Part of Dragon Dance staged at USOM saw the twin dragons slither adeptly to top of high poles, there to perch precariously as they swiveled around top. Dance took place the day before Tet.



HAWKING WARES — Sidewalk merchants (top) did land office business as depicted by crowd of shoppers and table cloth salesman on Nguyen Hue Street. Lower photo shows traditional "earth masks" depicting the world, worn by Vietnamese youngsters during Tet.



NAVY TET PARTY — Cdr. Aaron A. Section, MAAG, presents a gift to a naval d the children of the Vietnamese Naval Elemer

With Colorful Tradition: Americans Help, Too



...riately ushering in the year of the Dragon, ...ed a Dragon dance.



n A. Levine, U.S. Navy advisor, Navy ...al dependent during a Tet Party given for ...mentary School last week.

TET, the lunar New Year celebrated the arrival of the 'Year of the Dragon' last week amid popping firecrackers and festive celebrations.

Many Americans joined in the festivities, but mostly in charity roles.

The 2nd Air Division continued its "Toys for Tet" program started years ago, whereby toys are donated to dependent children of Vietnamese Air Force personnel. This year, men of the Air Division contributed 67,000 piasters toward the program.

Navy Machinist's Mate First Class Philip Ambrose of HSAS was probably the busiest man during Tet, he passed out nearly 5,000 cans of medicated Mennen's skin powder to wounded soldiers. The powder was donated by the Mennen Company after a personal appeal from Ambrose, and flown over on Navy aircraft from San Diego.

On the day before Tet, last Wednesday, the traditional Vietnamese "Tet Dragon Dance" was performed in the USOM parking lot as a good will gesture by the Confederation Vietnamese du Travail Chretien, the country's largest trade union.

A good-sized crowd watched in delight as the twin dragons, and dancers went through their intricate routines.

Downtown, Nguyen Hue, "the Street of Flowers," truly became just that as traffic was blocked, and the traditional flower stands overflowed onto the streets with massive displays of blooms.

But when Tet dawned on Feb. 13, the streets were deserted, the shops barred, and the city strangely quiet as Vietnamese begun their customary close family celebrations.



STREET OF FLOWERS — Nguyen Hue, the "Street of Flowers" in downtown Saigon was a colorful extravaganza of "botanical delights as traffic was barred and Vietnamese bought untold number of blooms to brighten Tet.



TOYS FOR TET — SMSgt. Felix Medina Jr., of the 1964th Comm. Gp., hands over part of 67,000 \$ VN donation from members of the 2nd Air Div. to little Lan Anh, a VNAF dependent. Assisting are Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Moore, 2nd Air Div. Commander, (r) and Col. Nguyen Cao Ky, VNAF commander. Sergeant Medina holds a papier dragon head used by children in traditional Tet ceremonies.



MARINE RAILROAD NOW OPERATIONAL
Begun By French Completed By Vietnamese.

VN Navy Lends Itself A Hand; Builds Own Marine Railway

The Vietnamese Navy is presently completing a marine railway at Cat Lo, east of Saigon near the resort town of Vung Tau.

A marine railway is a simple railroad that extends down into the water at a landing pier. It is used to pull water going vessels into dry land for repair.

Late in 1963 the technical assistant of the Vietnamese Navy, LCdr. Nguyen Gia Dinh and his American counterpart LCdr. Donald A. Still, recognized the urgent need for a marine railway facility for junk repair in the Third Coastal District.

On November 11 Commander Dinh visited the facility at Cat Lo and drew up preliminary plans for the immediate renovation and completion of the construction started by the French in 1954.

A 1964 Navy construction project called for rebuilding this railway at a cost of 1,500,000 piasters. But recognizing that repair facilities were required immediately and that

the regular construction project would take too long, Dinh embarked on a Vietnamese Navy self help project. The Technical assistant organized men from the Third Coastal District Junk Forces under the supervision of LTJg Hoang Nam, VN and his counterpart Lt. Edward J. Dyer, to do the actual labor.

All of the money and materials came from the Vietnamese Navy Headquarters, Supply Center and Shipyard.

Since the project had bogged down for eight years prior to Dinh's decision to renovate the operation, it was necessary to chip clam shells and other marine growth off the rails, and replace some that were damaged. Pilings were driven by hand.

The marine railway carriage was designed and prefabricated at the Saigon Naval Shipyard. These prefabricated forms were shipped to Cat Lo by the Vietnamese Sea Force and on Dec. 12, exactly one month after the decision was made to restore this facility, the marine railway carriage was installed.

An unused winch was moved from Da Nang to the Saigon Naval Shipyard by the 1st Coastal District Junk Forces, overhauled, fitted with a diesel engine rather than the gasoline engine which was originally installed, and finally moved to Vung Tau prior to installation at Cat Lo.

Religious Services Schedule

PROTESTANT

U.S. Forces American Chapel, 6 Le Loi, Saigon

Sunday

Protestant Divine Worship at the USIS Auditorium at 9 a.m.
Sunday School at the HEDSUPACT Compound at 9:30 a.m.
Protestant Divine Worship at the USIS Auditorium at 11 a.m.
Vesper Service at the Station Hospital at 7 p.m.
Sunday Evening Service at the USIS Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Thursday

Choir Practice at the USIS Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Second Air Division Chapel, Tan Son Nhut

Sunday

Episcopal Worship Service at the Theater Chapel at 9 a.m.
Bible Study at the Theater Chapel at 10 a.m.
General Protestant Service at the Theater Chapel at 11 a.m.

Wednesday

Choir Practice at the Theater Chapel at 6:30 p.m.
Faith and Life discussion at the Chaplain's Office at 7:30 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC Queen of Peace Chapel, 42 Tu Xuong, Saigon

Sunday

Masses at 6:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6:30 p.m.
Mass at the Station Hospital at 4 p.m.

Daily Mass

Morning Mass at 6:30 a.m. and Afternoon Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Choir Rehearsals at 8 p.m.

Tuesday

Discussion Club at 8 p.m. at the Rectory

Second Air Division, VNAF Chapel, Tan Son Nhut

Sunday

Masses at 6:15 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Daily Masses at 11:50 a.m., except Saturday at 6:15 a.m.
Confession: 15 minutes prior to each Mass and during 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. mass on Sunday.

120th Aviation Company, Tan Son Nhut

Sunday

Mass at 5:30 p.m.

JEWISH

Services on Friday at 8 p.m. at Rex BOQ, Room 322

LATTER DAY SAINTS

Sunday

Priesthood Meeting at the American Community School at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School at the American Community School at 10:45 a.m.

Monday

Primary at 106-D Cach Mang (1-11) at 3:45 p.m.

American Artist's Works In VAA Display

Paintings of American artist Leroy Coley will be exhibited from Feb. 29 to Mar. 14 with the formal opening set for this afternoon at 5:40 p.m. at the Vietnamese American Association Villa.

Exhibitions of Coley's paintings have, in the past, been held in Monterey, Calif., Saigon and other places. Members and friends are cordially invited to attend the opening.

SSGT. BOB REID

'Observer' Editor Wins AF Worldwide Newspaper Award

Observer editor SSgt. Bob Reid, former editor of the Desert Wings at Edwards AFB, Calif., was named one of the ten first-place winners in the eighth annual worldwide Air Force Newspaper Contest for 1963.

According to an AF News Service release Sergeant Reid, along with the nine other top winners, will be presented with his award by Air Force Chief of Staff Curtis LeMay at the Pentagon later this year.



Reid

The Desert Wings won first place in the Air Force Systems Command three years successively from 1961 to 1963 and took second place in the 1962 world-wide contest.

Fifty seven Air Force newspapers, previously selected as the best in their respective commands, were entered in the 1963 finals. Officials judging last year's contest called the 1963 entries "perhaps the best-edited, most professionally turned out, newspapers in the contest's history."

A native of San Francisco, Sergeant Reid reentered the service in 1957. A veteran news and sports reporter and military editor, Sergeant Reid last served with the Wall Street Journal and the United Press International. Sergeant Reid is presently a contributing editor to the Saigon Daily News and was columnist for several California newspapers before coming to Viet Nam.

HSAS Library Opens At New Location

The new HSAS library, formerly located at the Ky Son BEQ, has opened its doors at its new location—the former American dispensary—at 161 Nguyen Du according to librarian Miss Ruth Rappaport.

The library has added two music rooms and a magazine reading room. Boasting a well-stocked 7,000 volume collection, the library plans to increase its present collection to 12,000 volumes within the next three months.

In addition to its 228 magazine titles, the library is a subscriber to the daily San Francisco Chronicle and the Wall Street Journal, and Sunday New York Times.

Popular books and the latest best sellers—the 600 McNaughton collection—are now available for check-out. Taping or listening of records and commercial pre-recorded music are available for music lovers. One of the music rooms is available for taping music.

Operating hours of the HSAS library are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, weekends included. American civilian and military personnel and dependents are invited to make use of this facility.



MOVING DAY— A2C Norman D. Dalton (left) gets hearty welcome from Col. Richard C. Bender, 33rd Tac. Gp. commander and SMSgt. William A. Young Jr., (right) as the airman becomes the first to move into new quarters at Tan Son Nhut. The old tent city will soon be replaced by modern buildings for enlisted billets.

(2nd Air Div. Photo)

Manfull To Address DSA Dinner Meet

Consul Melvin Manfull, U.S. Political Affairs Counselor will be the guest speaker at the Defense Supply Association dinner-meeting Feb. 28 at the Rex BOQ roofgarden.

A social hour will precede the dinner. Reservations can be made by calling 60184 not later than Feb. 27.



DEEPEST WELL IN VIET NAM— Col. Andre D. Gomez, USMC Element Commander, throws switch that puts into operation the newly built 403-foot well at Da Nang. The new water system is capable of providing 60 gallons per minute and was constructed by a 15-man Seabee engineering team from Okinawa. Joining in the formal opening of the project (left to right) were Lt. Col. E.W. Cassidy, E01 Arthur J. Welty and SSgt. Karl W. Nichol. (USMC Photo)

III Corps Boasts Pair Of Champion Shooters

Two III Corps advisors, both majors, earned in 1960 the coveted Distinguished Marksman and Pistol Shooter Badges.

Crack rifle shooter, Maj. Phillip E. Lowry (Phoenix, Ariz.), Sr. Advisor to the III Corps Area Logistical Command, has been competing in match shooting for 12 years.

Deadeye pistol shooter, Maj. Theodore R. Zimmerman (Colorado Springs, Colo.), won his badge after participating in pistol matches for the past seven years. Major Zimmerman is assigned as a III Corps G-3 advisor.

Both officers are master shooters in the National Rifle Association. Shooting their way to the top ten per cent of the nation's rifle and pistol shooters, Majors Zimmerman and Lowry have competed from post or division level to major command and interservice shooting matches culminating in the national

matches at Camp Perry, Ohio.

At Camp Perry all the top shooters, military and civilian try for the "Distinguished Badge" but only one per cent ever get to win the highly coveted award.

The rules for the earning the badges provide that a shooter must earn three credits called "Excellence-in-Competition" awards. One credit is awarded for being within the top ten per cent of all shooters participating in a special match fired with service weapons in Army area, all-service, and the National matches at Camp Perry.

Since one credit had to be earned at the National matches, it was not uncommon for an expert shooter to make yearly attempts before earning all the required credits.

Assigned to the Viet Cong — infested Mekong Delta area, the proud possessors of the Distinguished badges, are unanimous in the opinion of this distinctive military qualification.

"Those qualities required for outstanding marksmen," jointly state Majors Lowry and Zimmerman, "combines good instruction, confidence and familiarity with their respective weapons, and a strong desire to excel in the demands of a highly competitive endeavor."

ROVING PHOTOGRAPHER:

The Lip Or The Bear's On Everyone's Mind; But Clay's A Goner Our Good Readers Find

Tuesday's the night for the fight of the year, For Cassius and Sonny, the deadline is near; Our Roving Photog, with a glint in his eye, Sallied forth and asked every guy:

"The Lip or the Bear, or maybe a tie?"

Forced into poetry by the overwhelming magnitude of the occasion, the Observer's roving shutterbug way-laid the man on the street this week demanding the answer to the sports question of the young year.

Who do you think will win the heavyweight championship fight in Miami next week between Sonny Liston and Cassius Clay? Here are the answers:



Conerly

Higdon

Sp5 Robert L. Conerly, Army Personnel Section, MAAG, Laurel, Miss.: "If Clay doesn't pass out from fright in the first round, then Liston'll get him in the second."

CWO Jack H. Higdon, OIC, MAAG Comm. Center, Owensboro, Ky.: "Being from Kentucky/I'll have to say, I'm for Cassius Clay/All the way."

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VERSATILE— Miss Vu Thi Trang, trilingual linguist has been with the MAAG Translator pool for one year. The 21-year-old beauty is a native of Nha Trang and is now living in Saigon.



Boyd Sutherland

SSgt. Jack D. Boyd, Personnel Section, AF Section, MAAG, Folkston, Ga.: "Cassius Clay won't last five rounds. The Big Bear is going to close his mouth permanently."

Sp4 Steve Southerland, Sports Director, Armed Forces Radio, Manhattan, Kansas: "Liston has a first round knockout pattern established, and I don't think the string will end now."



Monteleone Sheldon

SMSgt. Frank Monteleone, News Chief, Armed Forces Radio, Brooklyn: "For pugilism's poet, Cassius Clay/In less than two on the mat he'll Lay."

SMaj. Thomas F. Sheldon, senior enlisted advisor, 21st Div. Bac Lieu: "Liston all the way... two punches. One in the mouth to shut him (Clay) up, and the second to stretch him out."

AFRS To Broadcast Liston-Clay Fight

AFRS Saigon will air — either live or in re-creation — the Sonny Liston, Cassius Clay, heavyweight title bout from Miami, scheduled for Feb. 25.

The broadcast will be heard at 12:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Feb. 26, live if short wave reception permits, or re-created otherwise.

Tax Counseling Available March 2

An income tax expert from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service will be in Saigon during the week of March 2nd according to an announcement made by U.S. Consul Harland H. Eastman.

Appointments may be made by calling the American Embassy at 39 Ham Nghi, (tel. 25251, ext. 241). Tax forms are also available at the Embassy.

A group discussion is scheduled Mar. 4 at 9 a.m. at the USIS auditorium for individuals who have special tax problems. The normal deadline for taxpayers is April 15th, however individuals outside the U.S. are entitled to an automatic extension to June 15.

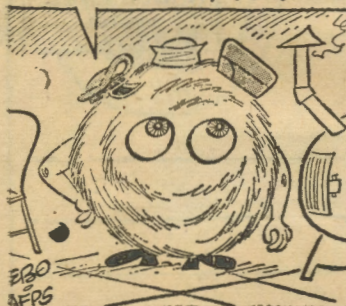
Individuals with one or two questions are encouraged to attend the group discussion instead of making individual appointments.

R & R SCHEDULE

Date of Departure/Return	Passenger Check-in TSN	Spaces Available
TO HONG KONG		
**23-27 Feb.	0800-0830	36
**26 Feb. - 1 Mar.	0800-0830	36
*29 Feb. - 4 Mar.	0800-0830	36
TO BANGKOK		
27 Feb. - 2 Mar.	0500-0530	36
* Passenger stop at Da Nang. Reporting time Da Nang personnel : 1130 for 1230 departure.		
** Passenger stop at Nha Trang. Reporting time Nha Trang personnel 1030 for 1130 departure.		

FOOF'S SPOOFS

SOME PEOPLE CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WORKING UP STEAM AND GENERATING A FOG.





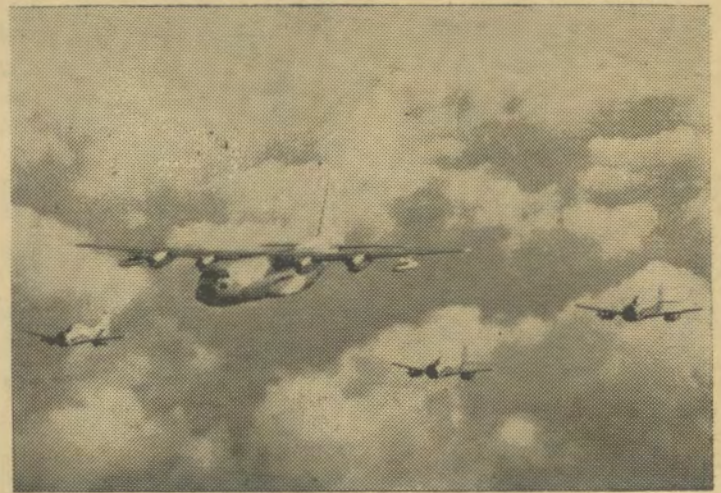
QUARTERS DEDICATED— Brig. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell cuts ribbon officially opening quarters of personnel assigned to the Delta Aviation Battalion in Can Tho. Lt. Col. Wayne N. Phillips, Delta commander, assists in ceremony while Mr. and Mrs. Tran Lu (center) building contractors look on. (IV Corps IO Photo)

Zorthian New USIS Director

Mr. Barry Zorthian, former USIS deputy director in New Delhi, last week assume duties as director of the USIS in Viet Nam succeeding Mr. John Mecklin who returned to Washington last month.

A graduate of Yale University, Zorthian received his law degree from New York University and is a member of the New York Bar. A veteran newspaper reporter and editor, he joined the Voice of America in 1948.

A veteran of WW II, he served with the U.S. Marine Corps. Zorthian served as manager of the Voice of America until his assignment to India in 1961.



C-130 & FRIENDS OVER MEKONG DELTA
15 tons of ammunition delivered in a hurry.

LARGE LOAD IN A HURRY

Huge C-130 With Fighter Escort Delivers Ammo

By SSgt. HENRY MARQUEZ

Hq. 2nd Air Div. (OI) — Recently, after days of fighting against communist guerrillas in the embattled Mekong Delta, the ammunition of the Republic of Viet Nam Army began to run low.

An urgent call by ground battle unit commanders requesting an immediate airlift of munitions, resulted in the diversion of a four engine turbo-prop C-130 from its scheduled flight to Okinawa.

Col. Thomas B. Kennedy, Commander, 315th Troop Carrier Group airlift element for the 2nd Air Division, realized that the request would take at least three C-123s to fulfill. He directed his Transport Movement Control Center to see if a larger aircraft was available.

A giant C-130 "Hercules" out of Det. 1, 315th Air Division, Naha, Okinawa was in the area. It was decided that the huge transport would pick up the explosives in one load and deliver it some 400 miles south of the pick-up point. In a matter of hours more than 30,000 pounds of ammunition

was in place. The battle against the VC continued without interruption.

Lt. Col. Thomas R. Fowler, AOC Deputy Director ordered three T-28 fighter-bombers to fly "shot gun" for the C-130. "Scrambling" with the Viet Nam Air Force pilots in the T-28s were USAF pilot-advisors Capt. Thomas Childers, Anchorage, Ky; 1st Lt. Edwin J. Shank, Winamac, Ind., and 1st Lt. John K. Rutledge, Bartlesville, Okla., all with the 34th Tactical Gp., Bien Hoa. This is the first time three tactical aircraft have been called for such an escort.

The T-28s flying below and in a criss-cross pattern, formed a protective "flying screen" for the large transport and its vulnerable cargo against communist Viet Cong ground fire.

▲ Bombing Capitol Kinh-Do

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ben, asked the Vietnamese policeman on duty to remove her from the area. The policeman took no action.

Feieraben then entered the theater to call a joint VN-U.S. military patrol to assist. He then went outside with the theater manager, Sp6 Cecil Dutton. The girl departed and the police officer suddenly rode away on a bicycle.

Within minutes, a Vietnamese man walked up to the manager and the MP, who were chatting. Using a rusty pistol — apparently homemade — and holding it in two hands, the Vietnamese shot Feieraben twice at point blank range; once in the throat and once in the stomach.

Dutton ran inside the

theater. "I don't know why he didn't shoot me, too," said the manager later. He was wounded in the left leg by the ensuing blast. Dutton told The Observer that he couldn't recall events after the shooting, but at least two other witnesses said that he too entered the orchestra seat section of the house and shouted a warning.

From the condition of his pistol later, Feieraben mortally wounded, fired at least one shot at the fleeing terrorists before his gun jammed.

After Dutton ran into the theater, a second Vietnamese civilian, dressed, according to Lieutenant Greeves in "a white shirt and black stacks," entered the lobby and placed the bomb down.

Following the warnings

and subsequent explosion, there was practically no panic and little confusion. Most of the injuries came from debris falling from the shattered ceiling of the theater.

"I heard the warning shouts, and ducked down," said one slightly wounded patron, "but couldn't resist looking around, and I saw the flash, then came the blast... both main entrance doors to the lobby were blown in."

The main iron grillwork gate of the theater was blown across Le Van Duyet St. An unconfirmed number of Vietnamese were wounded on the street, with one unconfirmed report of a Vietnamese killed. A cyclo driver, injured in the blast, was being held as a prime suspect, according to Vietnamese reports.

Of the 51 Americans wounded, 16 were treated at the USAF dispensary at Tan Son Nhut, with the remainder treated at the Navy Station hospital in Saigon.

The following morning, U.S. Embassy charge d'affaires David Nes met with Prime Minister Nguyen Khanh to discuss measures to be taken in protecting Americans lives in the wake of recent terrorist attacks.

A joint VN-U.S. committee was established to deal with the problem, and by the next day, security measures on American billets and installations were noticeably increased.

Viet Nam Dateline (Continued from page 1)

ver, were apprehended by Vietnamese policemen. A U.S. Army officer reported a package tied to his fence. Investigators were dispatched to the area pending the arrival of ordnance disposal personnel. While waiting for the ordnance personnel to arrive, a grenade was thrown from a passing cyclo at the investigators' vehicle. The grenade bounced off the windshield and exploded against the fence. One U.S. Army captain was slightly injured on the arm and treated on the scene.

Another incident at Cach

Mang was reported Feb. 11, when two VC terrorists on a Vespa scooter tossed a hand grenade into the yard of a U.S. Air Force officer. No injuries were reported. The fence was slightly damaged.

Elsewhere small harassing actions by the Viet Cong insurgents against government forces continued during the Tet holidays while ARVN forces continued pacification operations throughout the country.

Most of the incidents reported were minor and with few casualties on either side.

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