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Fatter March Checks Due As LBJ Signs Tax Cut Bill

President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law Feb. 25 the largest tax cut in U.S. history reducing income tax for 80 million individuals and 550,000 corporations. (See Chart on Page 8).

Income tax brackets now ranging from 20% to 91% will be reduced to 16% to 77% retroactive to Jan. 1. Next year the rate will be reduced further to 14% to 70%.

According to Navy Lt. Cullen, HSAS Disbursing Officer, the income tax deduction will be reflected in the Mar. 31 paycheck with an average of \$15 to \$20

increase in next month's pay.

After signing the bill into law President Johnson addressed the nation in a coast-to-coast TV-radio hookup and said: "...We have made this bill an expression of faith in our system of free enterprise. The ability of this tax bill greatly to improve the vigor of our economy rests in your hands as individual consumers and businessmen."

President Johnson presented Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy the first three pens used in the signing of the tax bill cut because President Kennedy had worked so dedicatedly and had such faith in this bill.

The tax cut amounting to 14.5 billion averages to nearly 20 per cent according to President Johnson. He said this will amount to 9.2 billion a year — 8 billion dollars a year — of the total 14.5 billion tax cut.

Over \$15,000 Given Health Fund In Drive

Here are the final figures in the recently concluded National Health Agencies campaign in Viet Nam:

MAAG	\$5,427.66
USASCV	3,956.15
2nd Air Div.	3,751.95
MACV	1,308.22
HSAS	1,126.35
Marines (Da Nang)	208.20
Total Donated	\$15,778.53

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Admiral Sharp To Replace Felt As Pacific Commander

The White House announced Feb. 29 the retirement of Adm. Harry D. Felt as Commander-in-Chief, Pacific, in July.

Adm. U.S. Grant Sharp Jr., presently Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, has been named to succeed Admiral Felt.

Admiral Sharp was born in Chinook, Montana on April 2, 1906. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he served in the Pacific during World War II where he commanded the destroyer Boyd. He saw action in the Battle of Iwo Jima and the Philippines Sea in 1944.

After World War II, Admiral Sharp attended the Naval War College at Newport, R.I. and served with the 7th Fleet, acting as planning officer for the invasion of Inchon during the Korean war.

After a number of other important staff jobs, Sharp became a cruiser division commander in 1956 and in 1960 was named deputy chief of naval operations.



ADMIRAL SHARP

Kinh-Do Bombing Terrorist Caught

The Viet Cong terrorist who shot and killed Army military policeman PFC Peter M. Feierabend during the bombing of the Capitol Kinh-Do theater two weeks ago has been captured according to a U.S. military spokesman.

According to the report, the terrorist was arrested three days after the attack that killed three U.S. military personnel and injured 51 other U.S. personnel.

The Provost Marshal reported that joint Vietnamese-American security units have set-up stringent security measures throughout Saigon since the Viet Cong began an intensified terrorism campaign against U.S. personnel.

Kinh-Do Movie To Reopen

The Capitol Kinh-Do theater, presently undergoing repairs from the Feb. 16 bombing, is scheduled to reopen April 1 according to a HSAS Special Services spokesman. While the movie theater is undergoing repairs, movies are being shown at the different BOQ and BEQ messes.

Gen. Waters Named New CINCUSARPAC

Gen. John K. Waters, former CG, CONARC, succeeded Gen. James F. Collins Mar. 1, as Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, Pacific. General Collins, who retired last month, is now the president of the American Red Cross.

General Waters, a graduate of the USMA (class '31), is a much decorated combat veteran of World War II and the Korean War. His awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star Medal with two clusters, Bronze Star Medal and Purple Heart with cluster.



DOWN IN ACTION— This Vietnamese Air Force A-1H fighter bomber rests on ground, extensively damaged, after it was forced to crash land after being hit by ground fire in an operation in Dinh Tuong province last Thursday. Pilot was uninjured.

(Photo by Horst Faas.)

Dateline Viet Nam

Hundreds Of VC Killed In Major Clashes Here

Hundreds of Viet Cong insurgents were killed, and scores captured in major battles with government forces throughout Viet Nam the past week.

In Kien Phong province, about 80 miles east of Saigon, near the Cambodian border, Vietnamese Airborne elements attacked a Viet Cong battalion early Tuesday morning.

The VC were well dug in near a canal when the airborne troops, supported by a Ranger company, attacked at about 7 a.m. The insurgents resisted with automatic weapons, 57 mm recoilless rifles and mortars.

Although the battle lasted sporadically until 10 a.m., the heaviest fighting took place in the first hour. The Viet Cong left 130 dead behind, according to Vietnamese government sources.

A U.S. Army captain, advisor to the airborne brigade was among 14 friendly troops killed. Eighty-five were wounded. The VC withdrew following the action.

The communists suffered another setback in Kontum province, about 290 miles north of the capital, when they lost 43 killed in an operation launched by friendly forces last week. An undetermined additional number of VC dead were

reportedly carried away. Among the dead left behind were a district commissioner, a district economic cadre, two platoon leaders and a squad leader. Large quantities of weapons and munitions were captured, including a machine gun, three submachine guns, five MAS-36 rifles, two pistols, 15 grenades, and a mine.

Three VC training centers and two secret bases were also destroyed. Friendly losses were only one killed and two wounded.

In another action last week in Dinh Tuong province about 40 miles south of Saigon, 89 VC were killed and 24 captured in a three day operation. Five weapons and a quantity of ammunition were seized.

Government forces lost 21 killed, one missing, and nine weapons lost.

Mop-up operations continued in VC-infested Kien Hoa province in the Mekong River Delta. Fifty-two VC were killed in an operation which began at 4 in the morning last Sunday. A

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"... A TRADITION OF KINDNESS."

"As Americans, we have long been proud of our traditions of kindness and generosity toward our fellow men. Today, more than ever, it is our duty as a people to revitalize these traditions, and to reaffirm our willingness to uphold them. The American Red Cross is charged by Congress with the task of carrying out the merciful responsibilities of the American people. Within our own country, Red Cross touches the lives of millions of families every year, with its health and emergency welfare programs. Throughout the world, some 160 million people serve under the Red Cross banner. All of us, therefore, have a mutual responsibility, to our nation and to the world, to stand behind the Red Cross in its continuing mission of mercy. Let each of us now stand up and be counted. Let each of us contribute, in whatever way he can, to the current Red Cross appeal. The Red Cross depends on all of us." *Lyndon B. Johnson*



ALWAYS THERE
...WITH YOUR HELP

Two Marines Receive New Stripes At Da Nang

Da Nang (IO) .. Two U.S. Marines currently serving with the Marine Task Element here were promoted this week during ceremonies in the office of Col. Robert A. Merchant, the Task Element's commanding officer.

The colonel promoted

Gunnery Sergeant Robert E. Joyce and Private First Class Jimmy L. Collins to their present ranks last Tuesday morning.

GySgt. Joyce is currently serving as the Logistics Chief and Collins is assigned to the communications section here.

Tower Turnover Marks Completion Of Bien Hoa

The United States Air Force, recently turned over the newly constructed air traffic control tower to the Vietnamese Air Force at a ceremony held at Bien Hoa AB, Viet Nam.

During the ceremony, Col. Robert J. Loughry, 34th Tactical Gp. commander, presented the tower key to Lt. Col. Nguyen Van Ngoc, VNAF 23d Base commander. The ceremony marked the end of a construction modernization project for Bien Hoa Air Base. A new extended runway went into operation April, 1963.

The construction was a cooperative U.S. effort. Funds were provided by the Military Assistance Program, engineering and inspection by the office-in-charge of construction, U.S. Navy in Southeast Asia. The Air Force Section, MAAG at Bien Hoa coordinated the construction and Det. 2, 1964th Communications Gp., assisted with communications facilities.

The new tower has a greater communications range, better visibility and vastly improved working conditions for the control tower operators.

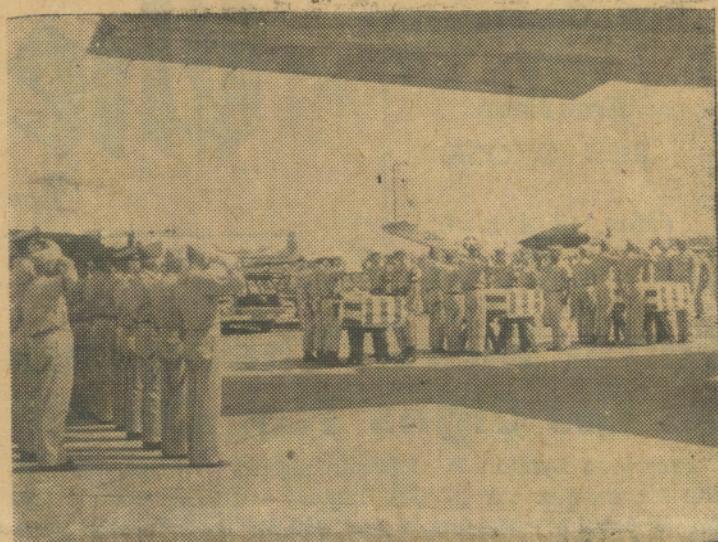
Air traffic at Bien Hoa was previously controlled from a mobile trailer by Vietnamese tower operators advised by USAF traffic control specialists.

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SECRETARY



CONGENIAL — The "OBSERVER'S" choice this week is Miss Tran Ha Nu, clerk/typist for HSAS Commissary for over 2 years. She is 25 years old, was born and still lives in Cholon.



PLANESIDE SERVICES — Military honors are rendered to three servicemen who were killed in the terrorist attack at the Capitol Kinh-Do Theater on February 16. Members of the U.S. Armed Forces and an honor guard from the Vietnamese Navy/Marine participated in the planeside ceremonies held at Tan Son Nhut on February 20, 1964.

A Final Salute To Fallen Comrades

By Chaplain (LCDR.) HARRY R. MILLER

O God and Father of mankind, we come before thee to give a final salute to our fellow servicemen who have surrendered their lives amid the ruthlessness of war.

We pray thee, Lord, to grant them safe lodging in heavenly mansions and a holy rest. Forbid that their sufferings and death should be in vain; mercifully grant that through their devotion the horrors of war and terrorism may pass away from the earth, and thy Kingdom of right and honor, of peace and brotherhood, may be established among men.

Comfort, O Lord, we pray thee, all who proudly mourn the loss of those near and dear to them, especially the families of our brothers departed. Support them by thy love.

Give them and us faith necessary to look beyond the troubles of this present time and to know that neither life nor death can separate us from Thy loving care, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

EDITORIAL

Overseas? Another Duty

American military men and their families traveling and living outside the United States, either on pleasure or assignment, owe a debt to their homeland.

Friendly Americans abroad are probably the foremost battle line against unfavorable propaganda about the United States.

It's only spreading the truth to tell folks about America's freedoms — our free press, our freedom to work where we wish, to change jobs and addresses as we please, about our freedom to move from state to state without papers, to attend church when and where we like.

Perhaps the best way to explain America and Americans to other people is to tell them about life in your own community — the everyday things, both successes and shortcomings, the problems we are trying to solve.

Tell them the facts. Emphasize that there is stability, strength, good-heartedness and culture — a powerful, growing culture — which is inherited from all the other cultures of the world. Tell them in your own words, and speak of things you know.

Your smile to the waiter, the cabby, the train conductor appoints you Ambassador of Goodwill to the people.

Such small sincere gestures often go deeper into the hearts of our neighbors than professional diplomats are able to reach. (AFPS)



GUERRILLA TACTIC — Capt. Donald P. Herb, (center), RB-26 pilot points to the bomb bay doors used in a feint tactic that broke off a VC attack. Crew members, (left and right) Do Van Bay, VNAF student pilot and Capt. Frederick N. Wright, navigator, look at the spot on the map where they saved a Vietnamese Navy Junk from being destroyed by the VC.

Breaks Up Junk Attack

Crew Of Unarmed B-26 Fakes Out Attacking VC

By SSgt HENRY MARQUEZ

2nd Air Div. (OI) — A United States Air Force crew flying an RB-26 armed with nothing but black and white film recently broke off a concentrated communist Viet Cong attack on a Viet Nam Navy command junk off the Ca Mau peninsula coast.

Flying over the South China Sea, Captain Donald P. Herb, Rome City, Indiana and crew: Captain Frederick N. Wright, navigator, Muncie, Ind. and Do-Van-Bay, a Viet Nam Air Force 23rd. Sq. student pilot heard an urgent request for help from a Vietnamese Navy junk in their area. Veering into the coastal mud flats, they found the vessel pinned down by guerrilla fire from the shore. Unable to retreat because of the mud and shelling the vessel and crew were sitting ducks for the VC.

Unable to help the command junk with any fire power Captain Herb decided to pretend a strafing and bombing run on the well entrenched insurgents. At high speed he dove the RB-26 straight into the enemy fire. When very close and low to the VC, Herb snapped open the bomb bay doors and simulated a bombing run over

the communists.

This psychological feinting tactic paid off, for approximately 50 per cent of the guerrillas left their foxholes and ran, according to Captain Wright who was sitting in the nose of the RB-26. During the diversion the junk was able to break out of the trap and continue on its mission.

Captain Herb and other 1st Air Commando Gp. RB-26 pilots and navigators attached to Det. 1, 33d Tactical Gp. here are flying visual and photo reconnaissance flights over the Republic of Viet Nam. They are usually the first to fly over VC targets photographing details enabling fighter-bombers to strafe and bomb the exact objectives. These "recce" crews are usually the last ones over the demolished targets recording the destruction inflicted on the enemy.

HONOR ROLL

BRONZE STAR

Second Award

Maj. Thomas E. Crawford
Maj. Curtis S. Goodnight
Maj. John M. Klein
Maj. Wiley McGarity

First Award

Maj. Rolland A. Dessert
Maj. Walter C. Franzen
Maj. Calvin L. Larson
Maj. Charles R. Moulder
Maj. John B. Norvell, Jr.
SFC Robert L. Boyd
SFC Ray J. Martin
SFC David H. McNeerney
SFC Eugene P. Melton
SFC Charles M. Rinehart
PSgt. John J. Self
SFC William J. Bogie
SSgt. Ewalther James
Capt. Joe W. Davis, Jr.
Capt. Joe M. Clement
Capt. John C. Gazlay
Capt. Owen C. Holleran, Jr.
Capt. James W. Mathews
Capt. Andrew P. O'Meara, Jr.
Capt. John T. Quinn
Capt. George R. Robinson
Capt. Robert A. Sween, Jr.
Capt. Billy D. Thames
Capt. Joseph S. Zachwieja, Jr.
Capt. Clayton C. Harlie
Capt. Arnold C. Hayward
Capt. John H. LaBarrie
Capt. John S. McCord
Capt. Julian H. Smith
Capt. Thomas A. Smith
Capt. Richard G. Ziegler
2nd Lt. Robert E. Keenan
Maj. Casper K. Bisping
Maj. Homer W. Morrison
Capt. Richard E. Marks
Capt. Edgar J. Mixan
Capt. Teodoro Villanueva, Jr.
1st Lt. Lee Allen
1st Lt. Warren T. Lillie
1st Lt. Arthur C. Rogers
Capt. John E. Martling
Maj. Patrick J. O'Rahilly
Capt. Albert B. Baxter, Jr.
Capt. Robert E. Deibel
Capt. Gordon B. Frank
Capt. Jack L. Mullen
Capt. Otto N. Riley, Jr.
1st Lt. Edwin C. Brooks
1st Lt. George P. McQuillen
SFC George Glasspool
Maj. John C. Evans
Maj. John W. Kent
Capt. Ernest B. DeSilva
Capt. Patrick J. Moore
Capt. Carl W. Warren
MSgt. Sylvester J. Klava
SSgt. Roy L. Flosi
SSgt. Charles R. Phillips
Sgt. Richard J. Delong
LtCol. Daniel W. Hickey
Capt. Milton R. Craddock
Capt. Mark L. Dembinski
Capt. Alvin O. Hall Jr.
Capt. George D. Humphries
Capt. Richard A. Jones
Capt. Richard W. McKee
Capt. Courtland C. Nordgren, Jr.
SSgt. Wendell Enos
SSgt. August Frisch
Maj. Arthur E. Brown, Jr.
Maj. Thomas M. Henry
Maj. Hugh A. Ross
Capt. Donald M. Fann
1st Lt. James L. Drinkwater
1st Lt. Richard E. Hendrickson
1st Lt. Michael B. Halus
1st Lt. David J. Harris
1st Lt. Alton J. Sheek
1st Lt. John A. Le Febvre
1st Lt. Phillip M. Werbiski
1st Lt. Louis H. Zakas

PURPLE HEART

First Award

Maj. Andrew Nisbet, Jr.
Capt. John J. Bowden
Capt. Arthur J. Cates
Capt. Vernon R. Whitley, Jr.
Sgt. Richard H. Lepley

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

Sixth Award

MSgt. Robert G. Craig

Fourth Award

SFC Kenneth G. Wood, Jr.
SFC Gerald E. Brady
SFC Russell W. Scott

Third Award

MSgt. Roy A. Bettes
SFC Richard K. Cohill
SFC Richard P. Epley
SFC Stephen S. Fintak, Jr.
Sgt. William A. Cherry
SSgt. James A. Glasscock
SSgt. Billy C. Covey

Second Award

SFC Floyd E. Durham
Sp6 Lester C. Looney
Sgt. Charles H. Estep
SSgt. James Bard
SSgt. James M. Schad
Sp5 Henry J. Schaefer
SFC Okey Van Meter, Jr.

First Award

MSgt. James J. Doran
Sp5 George T. Modini
Sp5 James A. Janski
Sp5 Harry L. Smith

POCKETFUL of NOTES

By SSgt. Bob Reid
USAF



KEEPING UP WITH THINGS — We feel it our sacred duty to keep the troops informed over here on all the latest, really important developments back in the states.

With that in mind, allow us a moment to disclose the earth-rocking news that the Twist is OUT and 'Surfing' is IN.

We found us a teenager the other day, and in a top secret session managed to worm out a few details about Surfing.

Just how does one go about surfing, we inquired.

"Well, you know," the young lady replied, "It's like surfing."

"Oh," we said, considerably awestruck with such overpowering information in a single sentence.

"Sure," she said, "the surfing at the beach. You know, like how you have to balance on the surfboard. But in the dance, you just pretend your on a surfboard, and make the motions."

We allowed as how it would kind of clutter up a dance floor by dragging in a lot of surfboards, but further made it clear that we were interested in the motions one makes when surfing to music without a surfboard.

"I'll show you," said the miss, uncoiling from her chair and shuffling to a clear spot on the floor.

Well, the demonstration was really something. To describe it in print is to invite a nervous breakdown. The way it goes makes the participant appear as if a whole colony of man-eating ants had suddenly crept into the seat of the jeans.

It looks like a 45,000 revolution per minute propeller has been attached to the posterior.

The legs of the dancer don't seem to move much, and the arms appear to only be slowly winding an imaginary crank off to the side someplace, presumably to keep the propeller going.

"Doesn't that make your sit-down awfully tired?" we asked.

"Oh, no," she replied, horrified at the thought. "You can go on all night."

We wanted to know the type of music best suited for surfing.

"Oh, something real cool and classy," she replied. "Like the Beatles, and keen stuff like that."

We thanked her and moved away, with her southeastern part still rotating in a frenzied whirl.

We went down to the radio station, where, on Tuesdays and Thursdays they allow American teenagers in the studio to witness a rock 'n roll show called Sounds of the 60s.

There were plenty of them there. Underneath one pile of them we found Brian Faulkner, the disc jockey who does the show. He looked harrassed.

"Some fun huh," we observed.

"Sure," he said unsurely.

Surfing music was apparently bountiful, for the kids were surfing all over the place. Looked like a convention of Minsky employees. We stood around, waiting for something to snap. A chubby fellow seemed to be the best candidate for an accident, but he remained intact.

We found ourselves getting dizzy watching all those whirling parts, and started to leave.

"Cool, huh?" said a cute little thing.

"The coolest," we replied.

NOTES IN OUR POCKETS — Hey, we found what they did with the library. Moved it, you know. Miss Ruth Rappaport, the HSAS librarian, has set up her new shop in the former Dispensary on the corner of Le Van Duyet and Nguyen Du streets in Saigon.

Bigger, better, and more books.

Open daily from 10 to 10, the library is really up to date, boasting 16 of the current top twenty best sellers.

And for troops up-country, Miss Rappaport would be only too happy to send out books on a borrow-by-mail system. Just write HSAS library, APO 143. The phone number, incidentally, is 60881.

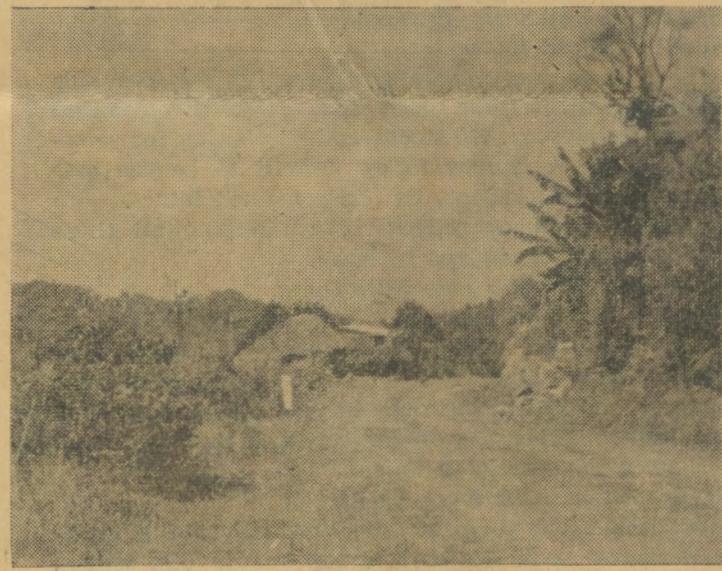
Baguio : Perfect R & R At Mountain



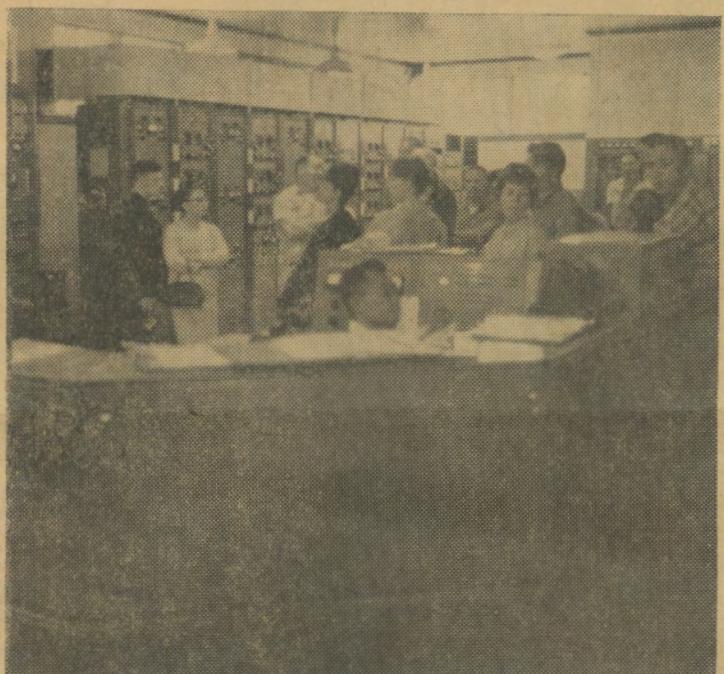
RUSTIC— Well kept cottages, like this, set in mountain pine groves, houses visitors in ultimate comfort. House boys, at no extra cost, keep quarters in trim, even laying fireplace daily, and stocking wood.



LIVIN' IS EASY— This view shows interior of cottage living room with roaring fire, perfect for loafing and relaxing during the cool mountain evenings, with temperature in the 50's.



IGROT HUT— Famed Igorot tribesmen, among the world's master woodcarvers, live in quaint thatched huts such as this. Igorots are also among the world's last head-hunting tribes, a practice still indulged in.



VOA TOUR— Frequent tours show visitors around Baguio area. Here, a group tours the huge Voice of America Transmitter Site where 100 hours of programming is beamed in 16 languages daily.



TO MARKET— Filipino women transport goods atop head, as shown here... a common sight in the Philippines.



BAGUIO CITY— Called the summer capital of the Philippines, Baguio City, home to thousands of friendly, happy Filipinos, sits nestled in a valley, shadowed by towering mountain ranges.



TRANSPORTATION— Water buffalo are everywhere in the Philippines, used as work animals, transportation, and even food. Here a pair of boys ride animals home from a day's work in the fields.



A CHALLENGE— The 18-hole, beautiful golf course challenges golfing buffs. This view shows the 18th

For pure relaxation trip offers Viet Nam away from it.

Located in Republic of the facilities exclusively to The trip features R&R C short break for the the 4 of the most.

About an hour visitors must walk up the narrow some 5,000 feet journey.

At John F. Kennedy's choice, in either cottages. All must place (a must completely furnished with utensils. Food, laundry and basic.

The rent is a two bedroom.

Pride of the course, well equipped, easy enough to walk, shoes, and other rental fees, and courteous.

There is also a miniature golf, bowling alley, and horseback riding.

Frequent tours to the huge Voice of America woodcarving, shops, dramatics, and summer house, a

Two well-known serving dining room, the main club, and organ in the

In all, Baguio

Paradise In Philippines At GI Prices

relaxin', plain loafin', and loads of fun test prices imaginable, a rest and re-p to Baguio, playground of the Pacific, Nam-based servicemen a chance to get it all in mountain splendor.

In Mountain Province in northern Luzon, the Philippines, visitors enjoy the myriad at John Hay Air Base, a camp devoted to recreation.

From Saigon to Clark AB by Special Serv-C-54 takes about five hours. There's a for lunch, and visitors then board buses 4½ hour drive to Baguio, through some picturesquely scenery in the world.

hour and a half from the destination, vi-changes to smaller buses for the trek row winding mountain road to the camp, feet above sea level... a breath-taking

Hay, guests are lodged, according to either private rooms, apartments, or cottages, multiple units boast a well-stocked fire place (just for the crisp mountain air evenings), furnished living and bedrooms, and kitchen facilities, including dishes and utensils can be bought at the nearby commissary exchange.

is more than reasonable. For instance, room apartment runs only \$3.50 a day. the base is a challenging 18 hole golf course, designed to test the best of golfers, but for even the rankest of duffers. Clubs, other equipment is available for modest and the caddies are inexpensive, expert, us.

also a one-day service laundry, library, golf course, archery and skeet ranges, eyes, roller rink, television lounge, and dining.

tours take visitors to such places as office of America transmitter site, Igorot villages, silver filigree and weaving native scenic drives, the Presidential summer and the Baguio City Market.

appointed clubs are open in the evenings, delicious cuisine at bargain prices, and pub features world renowned Tim on the lounge.

guio is a mountain paradise at GI prices.

Story And Photos
By
SSGT. BOB REID

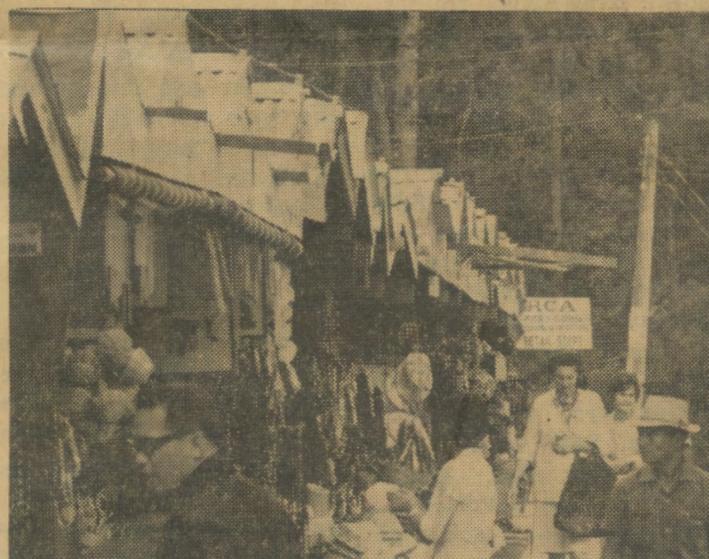
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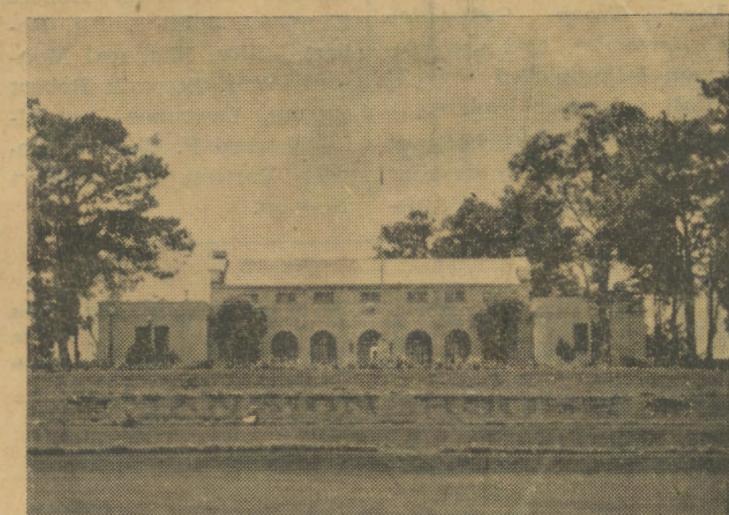
WEAVING— Beautiful fabrics and clothing are available at the Easter School in Baguio where visitors can watch the intricate hand-weaving toils of women craftsmen in the ancient art.



IGOROT CRAFTSMAN— Here an Igorot tribesman delicately carves a statue from mahogany in his village, about five miles from John Hay AB. Philippine wood carvings can be purchased at a fraction of their true value.

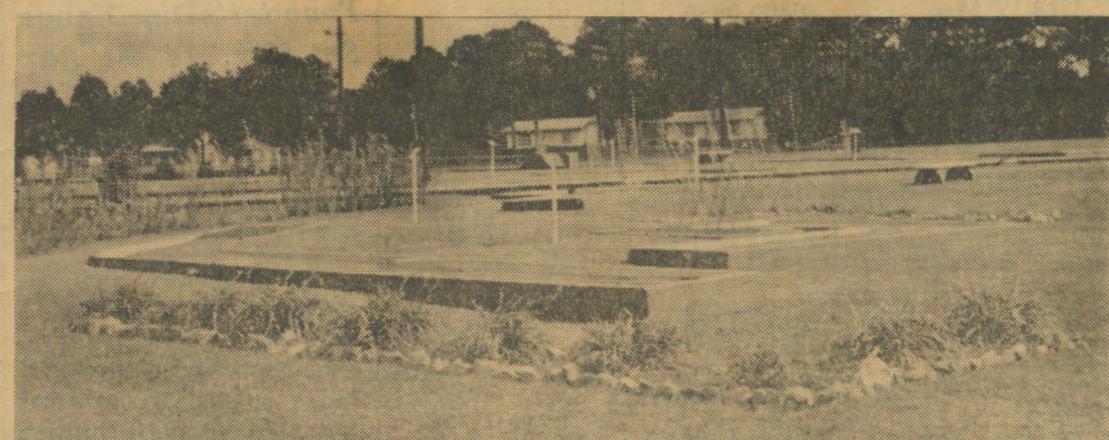


SHOPPING— Tourists have a field day buying Philippine wood carvings, and other souvenirs in the hundreds of shops like these, scattered throughout Baguio.



SUMMER HOUSE— Summer residence of Philippine President Macapagal sits in splendor near Baguio. House is also site of many major Asian conferences.

Take Advantage
Of Your
R&R Program
See Your
Special Services
Officer
for exciting trips
to exotic places



MINIATURE GOLF— For a dime, guests can tackle a tricky 18-hole miniature golf course at John Hay. Course is all grass, and offers interesting diversion.



fully kept golf course offers a real challenge on fairway and green.



AMERICAN GIRL SCOUTERS IN VIET NAM
Reflection Of The American Way of Life.

Lodge Salutes Local Girl Scouts On Girl Scout Week

Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge praised members of the U.S. Girl Scouts movement in the American community in Saigon on the occasion of Girl Scout Week (Mar. 8-14) and the 52nd anniversary observance Mar. 12.

"...I wish to salute the 132 Girl Scouts here in Saigon and congratulate them on their active contribution to our community life and efforts to better Vietnamese-American relations," the envoy said.

The Girl Scouts are organized into two Brownie troops, two Junior troops and one Cadet troop. Mrs. William G. Bradford is Lone Troop Committee Chairwoman, and the program is supported by 33 adult volunteer leaders.

Lauding the Girl Scout movement, Ambassador Lodge appealed to all Amer-

icans in the community to give the Girl Scouts their continued support, cooperation and interest.

"Girl Scouting is a reflection of the best ideas in the American way of life," said Ambassador Lodge, "and offers a splendid citizenship program."

Girl Scout troop leaders include Mesdames Robert Kennedy, John Smith, Robert Miller, Michael Mohseni, W.H. Sterczik Robert Stroup, Lawrence Pezzoulo, Howard P. Clifford, Robert Bartlett and Robert Newton.

R & R SCHEDULE

Date-of Departure/Return	Passenger Check-in TSN	Spaces Available
TO HONG KONG		
* 8-13 Mar	0800-0830	36
**10-15 Mar	0800-0830	36
*12-17 Mar	0800-0830	36
**14-19 Mar	0800-0830	36
*16-21 Mar	0800-0830	36
**20-25 Mar	0800-0830	36
**22-27 Mar	0800-0830	36
*24-29 Mar	0800-0830	36
**28 Mar-2 Apr	0800-0830	36
*30 Mar-4 Apr	0800-0830	36
TO BANGKOK		
18-23 Mar	0500-0530	36
26-31 Mar	0500-0530	36
TO BAGUIO (CLARK)		
27 Mar-2 Apr	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.

U. S. Fire Fighters Battle Village Blaze

Vung Tau (10) — A fire fighting crew from the 61st Aviation Co. and the 23rd Special Warfare Aviation Det., along with all available personnel from the Vung Tau airfield, answered a call last Thursday to fight a fire in the village of Cac Lo, 12 kilometers north of here. The fire burned for several hours destroying 52 homes and injuring one woman.

Immediate action upon notification by the Vung Tau Vital Force Commander prevented further loss of property and lives.

Fire crews worked in coordination with the U.S. Navy Junk Force, ARVN troops from the Van Kiep National Training Center, and local police. The activities were personally supervised by the province chief, Major Le Duc Dat.

Winds of up to 30 miles per hour fanned the blaze, creating intense heat from which the aluminium-clad fire crews had to retreat frequently to be hosed down. The ARVN trainees worked valiantly with entrenching tools and steel pots, carrying water from wells and the nearby ocean.

The volunteers from the 61st Aviation Co. were Sp4s Kenneth L. Hartman and Ken Austin, PFCs Russell Gribble and Nathaniel Lundy, and Pvt. Larry Allison. The men from the 23rd SWAD were Sgt. Leonard Humphreys, Sgt. Judson Melton, PFC Adolf Minaschek, and Pvt. Daniel Streeter. Both units are assigned to the U.S. Army Support Command, Viet Nam.

About one-fifth of the small fishing village was engulfed by the flames.

Founder's Day Dinner Set Mar. 14 At Rex

The annual United States Military Academy Founder's Day dinner will be held at 7 p.m., Mar. 14 at the Rex BOQ.

All graduates and ex-cadets of the USMA, USNA and USAFA are invited to attend the fete. Any graduate or ex-cadet who has not received an invitation as of Mar. 6 is requested to contact Captain Meetze by calling 31441.



TROOP LIFT — A UH-1B helicopter of the 119th Avn. Co. makes a landing with ARVN troops north of Pleiku. Mountains in the background is typical terrain that helicopter pilots fly over during troop lifts, resupply missions and medical evacuations.

'Bad Bite' In Mountains, But 119th's Choppers Still Chomp

Story & Photo By Capt. EUGENE S. EMMER

Pleiku (10) — The "bite" of the blades is not as good at mile-high altitudes, but the helicopter pilots of the 119th Aviation Company have mastered the art of flying support operations in the mountains of Viet Nam.

To those uninitiated in the art of helicopter flying, it should be explained that as the altitude increases, the air which supports the helicopter gets thinner and the rotor blades do not get as much "bite," with the result that as the pilot descends into a landing area, he must exercise caution to be sure that the ship will slow down.

On these operations, the first stage normally is the lift of Vietnamese soldiers into the mountains. Then for days afterwards, supplies are airlifted to the troops, and wounded soldiers are evacuated to local ARVN hospitals. Since the units are continually on the move, the landing zone is in a different spot each day, frequently on the side of a hill so uneven that the copter cannot land, but must hover above the ground.

In fact, the landing zones often are a problem in themselves. A wide field or runway is usually not available; instead, the landing area often is a pinnacle no bigger than the landing gear of the helicopter, or a narrow ridge line upon which the ship teeters during loading and unloading.

Add some turbulent air and possible fire from the Viet Cong and it can be seen why these crews de-

part in a sweat in spite of the cool temperature above 5,000 feet.

As part of the 52nd Aviation Bn., these men are in direct support of the ARVN II Corps, whose continuing effort to drive the Viet Cong out of the remote mountains keeps them on the go. The 52nd Avn. Bn. is assigned to the U.S. Army Support Command, Viet Nam.

USO Show Now Touring Viet-Nam

The Music Makers, the latest USO show touring the Pacific, arrived Thursday from the Philippines for a two-week tour for U.S. personnel stationed in Viet Nam.

According to Navy Lt. Warren D. Jackson, HSAS assistant special services officer, the troupe will perform at units stationed in My Tho, Can Tho, Vinh Long, Sa Dec, Soc Trang, Bac Lieu, Quang Tri, Hue, Phu Bai, Da Nang, Quang Ngai, Pleiku, Kontum, Qui Nhon, Duc My, Nha Trang, Ban Me Thuot, Vung Tau, Bien Hoa, Tan Son Nhut and Saigon.

The troupe, composed of three male and four female performers, will leave for Bangkok Mar. 19.

ROVING PHOTOGRAPHER

'Gone With The Wind' Tops List Of All-Time Movie Favorites

Emil Jannings won the best actor, Janet Gaynor the best actress, and 'Wings' the best picture award. That was in 1927, when the first academy awards were given in motion pictures.

Since that day, Hollywood, and the world, have churned out a prodigious amount of motion pictures, ranging from Z-grade low budgeters, to extravagant epics.

This week, our roving shutterbug sought out the more memorable movies in recent years, with the question:

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences holds its upcoming Academy Awards for 1963 in Santa Monica next month. But The Observer would like to determine an all-time champion contemporary motion picture. In your lifetime, what is the best motion picture you have ever seen?



Bumbaugh Sullivan

SFC William F. Bumbaugh, mess steward, MAAG Advisory Detachement, Cao Lanh, (Alamagordo, N. M.): "Gone With the Wind — Which I saw for the first time in 1946 and have seen it twice since that time."

SFC Howard Sullivan, NCOIC, R & A Section, Personnel Division, MAAG, (Vinto, Calif.): "How The West Was Won — A 1963 motion picture which has been nominated for an Oscar this year."

SFC Howard Sullivan, NCOIC, R & A Section, Personnel Division, MAAG, (Vinto, Calif.): "To Kill a Mockingbird — I saw the picture in 1963 and have just recently completed the book. Good story, well acted and well casted."



Knipling Camp

Maj. Louis Knipling, Troop Advisory Section, Engineer Branch, MAAG, (Pittsburg, Penn.): "The Informer — which I saw in 1935 with Victor McLaglen. I was just a kid when I saw this motion picture and was really impressed with the situation the characters found themselves in."

AIC Edward Camp, dispatcher, Base Operations, 2nd Air Div., (Niles, Mich.): "Sayonara — I saw this picture in 1961 and it is one of the best pictures I have seen which brought out peoples' prejudice."



Geistert Guza

Sp4 Eric Geistert, repairman, 98th Field Maintenance, MACV (Bloomfield, N.J.): "I saw 'Gone With the Wind' in 1955 and thought it was terrific."

SHC Lawrence Guza,



(AFPS Feature)

1. Eddie Arcaro rode for (a) 21 years (b) 12 years (c) 31 years; and won (d) 4,779 races (e) 5,110 races (f) 3,950 races; with total purse values of (g) \$30,039,543 (h) \$25,001,765 (i) \$36,000,001.

2. Who won the 1963 United States Men's Amateur Golfing Championship?

3. Who did Joey Giardello defeat to win the World's Middleweight title?

4. Who holds the United States Men's Singles Table Tennis Championship?

5. What nation holds the World's Men's Singles Table Tennis title?

Answers to Quiz

1. (e) 31 years; (d) 4,779 winners (g) \$30,039,543.
 2. Deanne Berman of Wa- shington, D.C.
 3. Giardello defeated Dick Tegel of Nigeria to win the title at the 1963 Middleweight title.
 4. Bernard Bulette of New York City won the title at the 1963 Middleweight title.
 5. China is the World Champion.

SPORES

(AFPS Feature)

In the 1960 Olympic games in Rome, the United States boxing team won three Gold Medals and one Bronze. Four medals are nothing to sneer at, but still the U.S. team did not live up to its pre-Olympic billing as the heavy boxing favorite.

Instead, the U.S. boxing team finished third in overall standings behind Italy and Poland and only a few scant points ahead of fourth-place Russia.

The experts said amateur boxing in the United States — supposedly the best in the world — was on the decline. Maybe so, but certainly not in the Armed Forces.

Three of those four winners in 1960 were Armed Forces representatives. Middleweight Eddie Crook and lightweight Willie McClure of the Army both won Gold Medals and light welterweight Quincy Daniels of the Air Force took the Bronze Medal. The other Gold Medalist was none other than Cassius Clay, then a light heavyweight.

When the world's best amateurs square off next Fall in Tokyo, chances are the U.S. team once more will be anchored by servicemen. For Armed Forces boxing now rates as the highest level of amateur pugilism this country has to offer. The competition is keener, the training facilities and coaching better, and the fighters themselves are more mature and thus stronger than in other levels of amateur boxing in the United States.

True, most service fighters of note got their starts in police leagues, YMCAs, boys clubs, etc., but the only place older amateurs have been encouraged and have facilities available to them is in the Armed Forces.

Clay, when he won his Olympic title, was 19 years old. Amateurs of Clay's ability don't come along often. And when they turn 20 or so, amateur fighters tend to forget boxing, unless they have exceptional ability and then they turn pro.

Armed Forces fighters are in full swing right now, getting service championships scheduled during the next 10 weeks.

Fighters of Olympic calibre in the Armed Services are abundant enough, probably, to form two platoons. Among the best, though, are heavyweights Lee Carr (Army) and Richard Peettigrew (Navy), light heavyweight Williams Parks (Army), middleweight Carleton Brooks (Army), lightweight Maurice Friot (Marine Corps), Olympic veteran Daniels of the Air Force, and Army flyweight Bob Carmody and Herb Smith.

When the Olympic boxing trials conclude in New York May 18, look for most of those still standing to be in uniform.

AWAS Gives \$1,600 To Charity Buildings

A donation of \$1,600 was presented by the American Women's Association of Saigon to Lt. Col. Truong Khue Quan, director of social services, during a recent tour of the "Wards of the Nation Center" at Tan Son Nhut.

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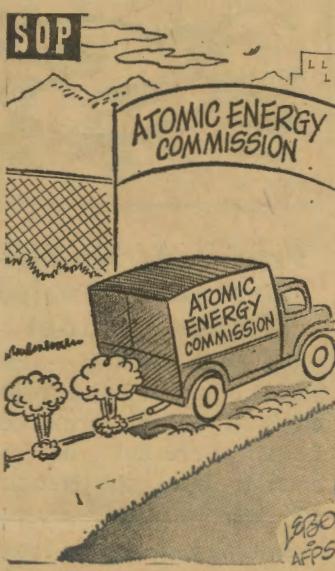
platoon leader was among 17 guerrillas killed by ground forces, with the remaining 35 killed by air strikes.

The operation ended at 6 p.m. the same day, with the government listing one killed, 10 wounded, and three missing.

Elsewhere, two other American officers were killed in separate incidents this week. A U.S. Navy officer was killed in the crash of a CH-21 helicopter

Monday at an airstrip in Kien Hoa province. Four other Americans and five Vietnamese aboard were only slightly injured.

An Army captain was killed Tuesday morning on an operation about 20 miles north of Saigon. He and a Vietnamese sergeant had been carrying a wounded soldier across a field when they were pinned down by VC crossfire. The sergeant went for help and when he returned the captain had been shot.



New Income Tax Withholding Rates

And the wages are (In Dollars)		And the number of withholding exemptions claimed is										
At least	But less than	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or more
The amount of income tax to be withheld shall be												
0	56	14 % of wages	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
56	60	8.10	.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
60	64	8.70	.90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
64	68	9.20	1.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
68	72	9.80	2.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
72	76	10.40	2.60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
76	80	10.90	3.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
80	84	11.50	3.70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
84	88	12.00	4.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
88	92	12.60	4.80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
92	96	13.20	5.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
96	100	13.70	5.90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
100	104	14.30	6.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
104	108	14.80	7.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
108	112	15.40	7.60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
112	116	16.00	8.20	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
116	120	16.50	8.70	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
120	124	17.10	9.30	1.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
124	128	17.60	9.90	2.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
128	132	18.20	10.40	2.60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
132	136	18.80	11.00	3.20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
136	140	19.30	11.50	3.80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
140	144	19.90	12.10	4.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
144	148	20.40	12.70	4.90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
148	152	21.00	13.20	5.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
152	156	21.60	13.80	6.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
156	160	22.10	14.30	6.60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
160	164	22.70	14.90	7.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
164	168	23.20	15.50	7.70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
168	172	23.80	16.00	8.20	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
172	176	24.40	16.60	8.80	1.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
176	180	24.90	17.10	9.40	1.60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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184	188	26.00	18.30	10.50	2.70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
188	192	26.60	18.80	11.00	3.30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
192	196	27.20	19.40	11.60	3.80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
196	200	27.70	19.90	12.20	4.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
200	204	28.30	20.50	12.70	4.90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
204	208	28.80	21.10	13.30	5.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
208	212	29.40	21.60	13.80	6.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
212	216	30.00	22.20	14.40	6.60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
216	220	30.50	22.70	15.00	7.20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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228	232	32.20	24.40	16.60	8.90	1.10	0	0	0	0	0	0
232	236	32.80	25.00	17.20	9.40	1.60	0	0	0	0	0	0
236	240	33.30	25.50	17.80	10.00	2.20	0	0	0	0	0	0
240	244	34.20	26.40	18.60	10.80	3.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
244	248	35.30	27.50	19.70	11.90	4.20	0	0	0	0	0	0
248	252	36.40	28.60	20.80	13.10	5.30	0	0	0	0	0	0
252	256	37.50	29.70	22.00	14.20	6.40	0	0	0	0	0	0
256	260	38.60	30.90	23.10	15.30	7.50	0	0	0	0	0	0
260	264	39.80	32.00	24.20	16.40	8.60	90	0	0	0	0	0
264	268	40.90	33.10	25.30	17.50	9.80	2.00	0	0	0	0	0
268	304	42.00	34.20	26.40	18.70	10.90	3.10	0	0	0	0	0
304	312	43.10	35.30	27.60	19.80	12.00	4.20	0	0	0	0	0
312	320	44.20	36.50	28.70	20.90	13.10	5.40	0	0	0	0	0
320	328	45.40	37.60	29.80	22.00	14.30	6.50	0	0	0	0	0
328	336	46.50	38.70	30.90	23.10	15.40	7.60	0	0	0	0	0
336	344	47.60	39.80	32.00	24.30	16.50	8.70	0	0	0	0	0
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