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THE NEWS IN REVIEW

New Incident Reported In Gulf Of Tonkin

Four unidentified vessels, running under cover of fog and darkness last Friday night, were fired on by U.S. destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin after they failed to heed warning shots. Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, in a Washington statement, said the captains of the two destroyers opened fire on the vessels because "their dispositions, courses, and speed indicated hostile action."

He reported that the U.S. ships were on routine patrol, 42 miles from the North Vietnamese coast when the incident occurred.

President Johnson told reporters in the nation's capitol Monday that he knew nothing of a Soviet news agency report that three of the vessels were sunk, adding that the shots were fired at the ships "in order to protect and defend ourselves."

VC Fail Again To Overrun Quang Ngai New Life Hamlets

For the second time in ten days, Viet Cong guerrillas attempted to overrun New Life Hamlets near Quang Ngai in the north, and suffered 80 killed and an estimated 50 wounded in their abortive attempt. The VC hit the hamlets of Phuoc Hoa and Phuoc Vinh on Tuesday, Sept. 15, under the cover of darkness.

The hamlets' defenders successfully resisted the thrust until ARVN, Regional and armored forces arrived in relief. The government units launched a vicious counter-attack shortly after dawn, and despite a downpour, they maintained contact with the enemy in a 14-hour running fight.

Government losses were 16 wounded while the VC lost, in addition to the 80 killed, three prisoners, a recoilless rifle, mortar, machine gun and other weapons.

Five Americans Wounded In Various Actions Here

Five Americans were wounded by hostile fire in separate incidents during the past week. Last Saturday, both pilots of a UH-1B helicopter were wounded by automatic weapons fire from the ground, near Ben Cat, 30 miles north of Saigon. Their conditions were reported good at the Saigon Naval Hospital.

In the same general region, 20 miles north of Saigon, an enlisted man was wounded in the left ankle last Friday while accompanying ARVN troops on a search and destroy operation.

Last Sunday, an American officer and a Vietnamese observer were wounded near Can Tho, 85 miles southwest of the capital, when their OV-1 Mohawk was hit by ground fire. The American was reported in good condition at the Navy Hospital in Saigon. After being wounded, the two men successfully landed the plane at the Can Tho airstrip.

In a similar incident, an enlisted man was wounded in the left foot by metal fragments when the UH-1B helicopter in which he was riding was hit by groundfire in Kien Hoa province, 45 miles south of Saigon. He was treated and returned to duty. The incident occurred last Saturday.

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Minesweepers Visit Vietnam

Three of the U.S. Navy's Mine Division 71 departed Saigon Sept. 24 after a three-day operational visit. The minesweepers, part of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, included the USS FORTIFY, USS LOYALTY and USS INFLICT.

Mine Division 71 is commanded by Cdr. R.F. Ragland with the USS FORTIFY as flagship. USS FORTIFY is commanded by LCdr. Mark Hopkins Jr., LCdr. P.H. Orvis commands the USS LOYALTY while LCdr. E. Siska commands the USS INFLICT.

The minesweepers a member of the USS AGGRESSIVE class, are wooden hulled and are 36-ft. wide and 183-ft. long. The minesweepers each have a complement of five officers and 60 enlisted personnel.

Chief of Engineers Visits Vietnam

Lt. Gen. Walter K. Wilson, U.S. Army Chief of Engineers, left Vietnam Sept. 17 after a two-day inspection tour of Vietnamese engineer facilities.



General Wilson, who had recently inspected U.S. engineer facilities in Thailand,

paid a courtesy call upon his arrival on Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV.

During his visit, General Wilson visited the ARVN Engineer School at Binh Duong and toured several engineer depots. He was accompanied by ARVN Chief of Engineers Col. Pham Dang Laan, Col. D.A. Richards, MAP Director, and Col. Jerrald D. Snow, Director, Army MAP Log.

Philippine Army Commander Visits Tay Ninh

Brig. Gen. Rigoberto Altiienza, Commanding General of the Philippine Army, arrived Sept. 20 for a three-day visit to the Filipino medical and civic action teams operating in



GENERALS WESTMORELAND AND WATERS
First Visit of Pacific Commander To Vietnam.

USARPAC Commander Ends Vietnam Inspection Tour

Gen. John K. Waters, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Army, Pacific, departed Sept. 23 for his Hawaii headquarters after a four-day inspection tour of U.S. advisory field teams and units of the U.S. Army Support Command, Vietnam.

General Waters arrived last Saturday afternoon from Bangkok where he attended a SEATO military conference. Gen. W. C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV, joined General Waters in Thailand for a brief round of discussions before coming to Saigon.

Visiting the most northern post of Vietnam at the Khe Sanh Special Forces camp last Sunday, General Waters was briefed on Special Forces activities by Capt. Allan G. Imes, detachment commander and Col. John H. Wohner, Sr. I Corps advisor, and Capt. Reginald Pollard, Australian Training Team.

After making courtesy calls on top U.S. and Vietnamese officials, General Waters, accompanied by Maj. Gen. Delk M. Oden, CG, USASCV, visited U.S. Army support units last Tuesday and Wednesday in Vung Tau, Soc Trang, Can Tho and Vinh Long.

Korean Contingent Arrives In Vietnam

The Korean Mobile Army Surgical Team, composed of 34 officers and 96 enlisted personnel, arrived aboard a Korean Navy LST Sept. 22. Also with the 130-member contingent were 10 self-defense instructors and five civilian journalists.

Gen. W.C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV, told the newly arrived Korean contingent that its presence in the Republic of Vietnam is significant. General Westmoreland reminded the Koreans, that for the second time, Korea has joined with the United States to fight communism and aggression.

The Korean Assistance Group, commanded by Lt. Col. Lee Hyung Soo, was welcomed at the Bach Dang Quay where the Korean vessel was tied up. Welcoming the Koreans were Foreign Ministry Secretary General Vinh Tho and Korean Ambassador to Vietnam Shin Sang Chul. Brig. Gen. Huynh Van Cao, Navy Commodore Chung Tan Cang and top Vietnamese medical officers.

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U.S. Army Is Flexible To Realities Of War



Gen. Johnson

"...While general war is not impossible and we must remain prepared for such an eventuality, I share the general belief that the Communist camp will shy away from a direct confrontation with the U.S. Instead, I think, the Communists will emphasize efforts to influence and control Free World area by the more indirect methods of penetration, subversion, rebellion and guerrilla warfare. Khrushchev himself has told us this.

"We know from the statements and writings of their leaders that these methods are especially favored by Red China, North Vietnam and by Cuba. Increasingly, Red Chinese support is aiding and abetting revolutionary elements throughout the world in opposing existing orders with armed rebellion. Vietnam, Laos and some parts of Africa are areas of such Chinese effort.

The recent action of the Organization of American States with respect to Cuba demonstrated that Cuba is a base of foreign support for insurgents in Latin America, although Red China is active there too. In other parts of the world, the degree of political, social and economic instability is such that the Communists may inject themselves into local situations with relative ease. In a number of cases where there have been uprisings in Africa south of the Sahara during the past year, the Communists have sought to take credit for the uprising and to insert themselves in the revolutionary picture.

"Plainly, the Army needs to readjust its concepts of warfare to recognize the realities of keeping the peace and maintaining stability. It seems clear that for a long time to come emergency situations of a character like Vietnam, Lebanon or Laos will be the norm rather than the exception and so should be considered within the missions of the Army as a whole. In short, the Army should include these stability operations within its concepts and doctrine for prompt and sustained combat on land, in proper relationship to the Army and its mission as a whole."

(Excerpts from a speech by U.S. Army Chief of Staff, General Harold K. Johnson, which was delivered before the AUSA Firepower Symposium, Fort Still, Okla., August 25, 1964.) (ANF)



PURPLE HEART — SFC Norman O. Flory, 121st Avn. Co., receives the Purple Heart medal from Maj. Gen. Delk M. Oden, CG, USASCV, at a bedside ceremony recently held at the HSAS Naval Station Hospital in Saigon. (39th Sig. Bn. Photo by Pot. Harold E. Smith II)

HONOR ROLL

BRONZE STAR MEDAL Second Award

Maj. Robert K. Andrews
Maj. Leaton C. Cofield
Capt. Joseph D. Jolley
Maj. Robert G. Horne
Capt. Stephen K.H. Auyong
Capt. Barbara Crocker

First Award

Maj. Harold E. Fuqua
Capt. Michael J. Conrad
Lt. Col. Sylvester A. Nowak
SFC Lenis C. Ingram
Sp5 Paul R. Jolley
Sp4 Dale L. Barnes
1st Lt. John H. Hayes
Maj. John C. Reade, Jr.
Capt. Chester Christie I
Capt. Howard G. Crowell Jr.
Capt. Peter M. Kalev
Capt. Kenneth J. Winchell
SFC Harry A. Majors
SFC Robert G. Ott
Capt. James M. Eubanks
MSgt. Martin L. Ray

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Col. George H. Huppert Jr.
SSgt. William T. Henry Jr.

First Award

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Col. Sammie N. Homan
Col. Wilbur Wilson
Capt. Lamar F. Peyton
Maj. Robert S. McGowan
Capt. Malcolm R. Dixon
1st Lt. Joe L. Zimmers
Sp5 Jacob Bowie Jacob Jr.
Sp4 Max W. Stett
Sp4 Larry C. Mason
Sp4 Larry A. Robertson
PFC Carl C. Hargis
Maj. William D. Clingempeel
Capt. Roger W. Boyle
Capt. Richard C. Moore
Capt. David C. Smith
Capt. William B. Spisak
1st Lt. John B. Forrest, Jr.
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Capt. Michael G. Glynn
Capt. Warren A. Hagyard
CWO Richard G. Jenkinson
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SSgt. Earl V. Burdette Jr.
SSgt. William Jones
SSgt. William H. Price
SFC Beryl P. Rowley
SSgt. Clarence Wilkins
Sp5 Weston R. Benton
Sp5 Charles W. Seifert
Sp4 Edward E. Braun
Sp4 James R. Tallent
SFC David C. Smith

COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE

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First Award

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Capt. Lloyd J. Matthews
Capt. Daniel Moore Jr.
SFC Clem Lyons
Capt. Peter L. Stromberg
Capt. Peter L. Stromberg
Capt. Paul J. Viereglio
1st Lt. William J. Murphy Jr.
1st Lt. Gregory Petraskis
MSgt. Edward R. Johnson
SFC Robert H. Borghi
SFC Roger L. Ellison
SFC John C. Morrison
PFC Walter J. Komsa Jr.
1Lt. Oscar L. Jenkins
1Lt. Donald W. Schiltz
1Lt. Jack K. Tarr
1Lt. Lyman G. White Jr.
SFC Eugene Harris Jr.
SFC Salvatore J. Reale
Maj. Harold L. Boian
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Maj. Lawrence S. Myers
Capt. Buddy G. Beck
Capt. Harry S. Ota
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Capt. Raymond R. Ryan
Capt. John O. B. Sewall
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Capt. Richard W. Pfeiffer
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SFC Alfred Dymonski
MSgt. Harvey T. Yoder
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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

"Your Attention Please"

By Chaplain (Maj.) Frank E. Desso

It has been said that "what gets our attention, gets us." The things that fascinate us and get our attention are usually the things toward which we direct our lives. If something or someone gets our attention, we usually give all our energy to achieve our desire.

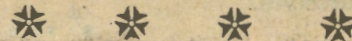
In this process, we keep ourselves in a struggle to attain that which has gotten our attention. This becomes the purpose of our lives. It is for this reason we live.

What gets our attention, and consequently gets us, is very important. It may be either a constructive or a destructive thing. It may be good or it may be bad. It may be right or it may be wrong. There is little possibility that it is between these things.

The persons who have found a happy, reliable place in life are usually those who give themselves in accomplishing something which is good and constructive. The thing that gets the attention of this kind of person is high and noble, it is God-like.

Those who do little else than "raise hell" usually live in literal hell for they are neither happy or content. Their lives have no meaning or purpose.

God speaks to each of us. He is calling us to a way of life that is good and noble. He is available to guide us in the right direction. If we follow Him there is no chance at all that we will be misguided persons. What has your attention? Toward what are you directing your life?



EDITORIAL

Top Priority Given To Vietnam Effort

As an instrument of our national policy the United States Forces have a great responsibility in Vietnam. That responsibility has increased and broadened rapidly since President Kennedy's decision in October 1961 to expand the scale of our support effort, which consists of providing to the armed forces of the Republic of Vietnam training advice and counsel as to tactical planning, operations and logistic support.

Primary emphasis in the buildup of our support effort since late 1961 has been on increasing the combat effectiveness of Vietnamese units. We have given special attention to — the fields of intelligence, communications and tactical mobility. These three aspects of military operations are particularly critical in the type of guerrilla war now being waged in Vietnam.

"We have furnished highly skilled military personnel to advise the Vietnamese. We have provided large amounts of modern equipment to them and, where necessary, we have deployed U.S. Forces units (such as helicopter companies) to meet critical support needs which are beyond the immediate capabilities and technical competence of the Vietnamese armed forces.

In all of these efforts, we have been guided by the official policy that support of the war in Vietnam is to have first call on whatever resources are needed. The U.S. Forces have consistently given top priority to the support effort in terms of advisory personnel, units, equipment, logistic support, and command attention at all levels." — (ANF)

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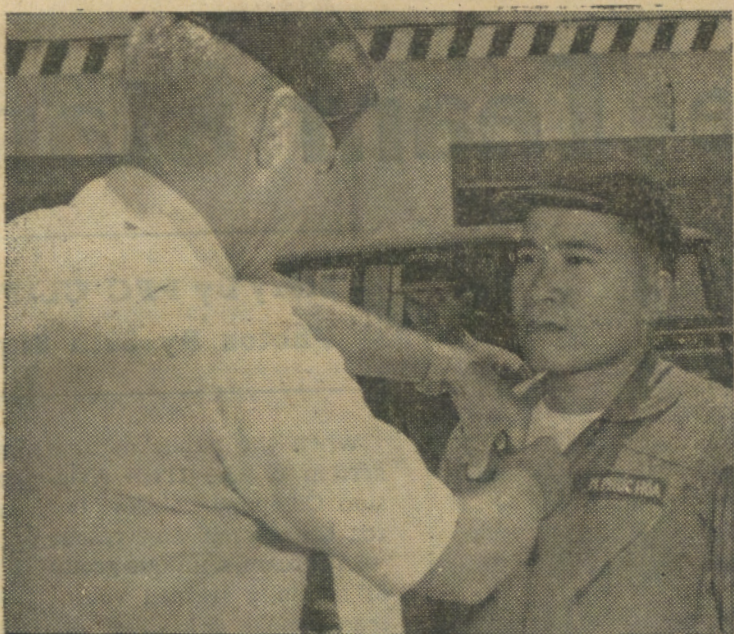
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FIRST VNAF LOADMASTER.— TSgt. Nguyen Phuc Hoa, (right) receives his loadmaster's wings from Col. David T. Fleming, commander of the 315th Troop Carrier Group. The first loadmaster's class was conducted locally by USAF advisors assigned to the 2nd Air Div.

(2nd Air Division IO Photo)

First VNAF Loadmasters Complete USAF Course

By SSgt. Richard Kennedy

The first five Vietnamese airmen ever to check out as loadmasters on the C-123 "Provider," graduated here recently. The quintet, all non-commissioned-officers, received their wings from Col. David T. Fleming, 315th Troop Carrier Group Commander at an informal flight line ceremony last week. They were instructed by USAF advisors assigned to the Second Air Division.

Chief instructor for the 23-day course was SSgt. Richard H. Sanford, a loadmaster assigned to a crew in the 309th Troop Carrier Squadron. Sergeant Sanford graduated from the USAF loadmaster school at Sheppard AFB, Tex., in 1957.

"We modeled our course after that of a field training detachment," said Sergeant Sanford, who conducted the class while continuing to fly his normal monthly schedule. Augmentees from other crews took over his training duties when a scheduled class conflicted with a mission.

Sergeant Sanford and his fellow instructors had nothing but the highest praise for their students. "There was a slight language barrier but this was overcome and they turned out to be the best students I have ever instructed," said Sergeant Sanford. His colleagues included Staff Sergeants Jack D. Holmes, Stanley E. Casner and Harry E. Traveny.

If the instructors were profuse in their praise for their students, the students were just as quick to affirm their admiration and res-

pect for their teachers. This was expressed with the traditional "number one" and a warm sincere smile.

"A course of this type usually takes six weeks," said Sergeant Sanford. "But we were able to condense it to 23 days."

Those successfully graduating from the course were: MSgt. Vo Van Tot, TSgt. Nguyen Van Giang, TSgt. Nguyen Phuc Hoa, SSgt. Tran Van Thang and SSgt. Pham Gia Bao.

New 'PM' Guide

The latest Preventive Maintenance guide for commanders will be in the hands of advisory units soon.

One thousand copies of the June 1964 edition are being distributed by the Director of Army Military Assistance Program Logistics to advisors in the field.

The guide is provided to assist military personnel in evaluating preventive maintenance programs.

Contraband Forbidden In U. S. Mail

Bullets, hand grenades and mortar shells are mighty comfortable to have in the field, but the same items floating around in the U.S. mails give the Postal Department fits.

In a recent announcement by the MACV Adjutant General Section, personnel were cautioned against sending harmful matter through the mails. The announcement cited two recent incidents where live ammunition was sent through APO channels by individuals in Vietnam. In both cases, the customs declarations were either falsified or incomplete.

Both incidents occurred since the March, 1963 explosion in San Francisco, when a bomb exploded in the International Airport postal facility. The package was traced to Vietnam origin.

Postal rules prohibit any article, composition or materials which may kill or injure others, or damage mail or other property.

The announcement said that further postal violations may cause the Postal Department to press for fluoroscopic examination of mail before it leaves Vietnam, which would delay U.S. bound mail.

Em Promotion Hiked In USAF

Chances are brighter for airmen second class and airmen first class hoping to gain an extra stripe in the October USAF promotion cycle, with quotas more than doubling those of the June cycle.

The Air Force released an 8,000 quota for staff sergeants, 25,000 for A1C, with 17,500 slated to be hiked to A2C.

Personnel in 2nd Air Division, competing on the PACAF quota, will vie for 594 staff rockers in the command, 1331 A1C chevrons, and 678 A2C stripes for a total of 2603 allocations in Pacific Air Force.

Those serving with the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, compete on the Headquarters Command quota which gives out to 218 staffs, 312 airmen first, and 187 airmen second, for a 717 total.

Lower grade airmen in the Air Force are promoted quarterly, while NCO quotas, with the exception of E-8 and E-9 rates, come out semi-annually.



ADVISOR HONORED.— Capt. B.A. Eddy (right) receives Vietnamese Cross of Valor from Col. Phan Xuan Nguan, Chief, ARVN Ranger Command for his gallantry in action against Viet Cong guerrillas.

ARVN Rangers Train Against 'Live' Enemy

A uniquely realistic training center is located at Trung Lap about 20 miles northwest of Saigon. At the site, Vietnamese Army Ranger units train under the watchful eyes and sometimes the guns of the Viet Cong insurgents.

According to Capt. Roy C. Dunaway, the senior U.S. Army Ranger advisor at the camp, it is the only training center that uses authentic aggressors to provide completely realistic experience for the trainees.

In a buoyant mood, the youthful unit advisor said: "We are not bothered by the problem of getting aggressors from our own units to harass the troops. The elusive enemy lives out there just beyond our enclosure."

Vietnamese Ranger battalions use the center for 42 days of extensive instruction in tactics and techniques. The initial period is devoted to a refresher on basic soldier tasks, then the going gets rugged.

Originally opened in 1960, the camp was overrun in 1961 with only one survivor — a lone machine gunner perched in a high tree overlooking the area.

Isolated Post

While the Ranger units undergo the taxing trials of training by combat, they also are charged with providing security in the area. The isolated post in an active Viet Cong locale restricts insurgent activities by harassing actions included in the training program.

Late last month, the 31st Ranger Bn., then in training, caused the withdrawal of Viet Cong forces that had ambushed an Engineer work party including a 40-man security detachment — only a few thousand yards from the center.

The 31st ARVN Rangers

were graduated on Sept. 12 during colorful ceremonies at the camp. Col. Phan Xuan Nguan, chief of the Ranger command, presented awards to American advisory personnel and spoke to the graduates.

U.S. Advisors Cited

Receiving Republic of Vietnam's Crosses of Valor were U.S. advisors, Captains B. A. Eddy and J. C. Griffith for gallantry in action during April this year with the 52nd Ranger Battalion.

Following a night march, the 52nd had conducted a dawn raid on a village in the area. While civic action projects were underway, a two company perimeter defense was set up. Contact was made with the Viet Cong in a wooded area on the perimeter. Four platoons attacked the insurgents, later estimated at battalion size with heavy weapons support.

Concentrated small arms fire caused severe casualties in the deploying platoons. All U.S. advisors with the company were either killed or wounded during 45 minutes of intense fighting until all ammunition was spent.

Regrouping scattered elements of the engaged platoons, Captains Eddy and Griffith reinforced the perimeter force which had dwindled to about 20 soldiers. With sustained artillery support, a Viet Cong flanking attempt was stopped and contact broken ending the "live" training exercise.

117th Aviation Company's

Search And Rescue Team Stands

Story By PFC CLIFTON BA
Photos By 39th Signal Photo

When the public address system of the 117th Aviation Company blares out for the search and rescue (SAR) team, a unique group of specially trained volunteers make a beeline for the operations center for briefing by their leader 1st Lt. Laurence H. Walker.

During the briefing the team is given the details of the situation and the operation that is place. Lieutenant and four r out with the This first tea the following rescue zone air radio from zone.

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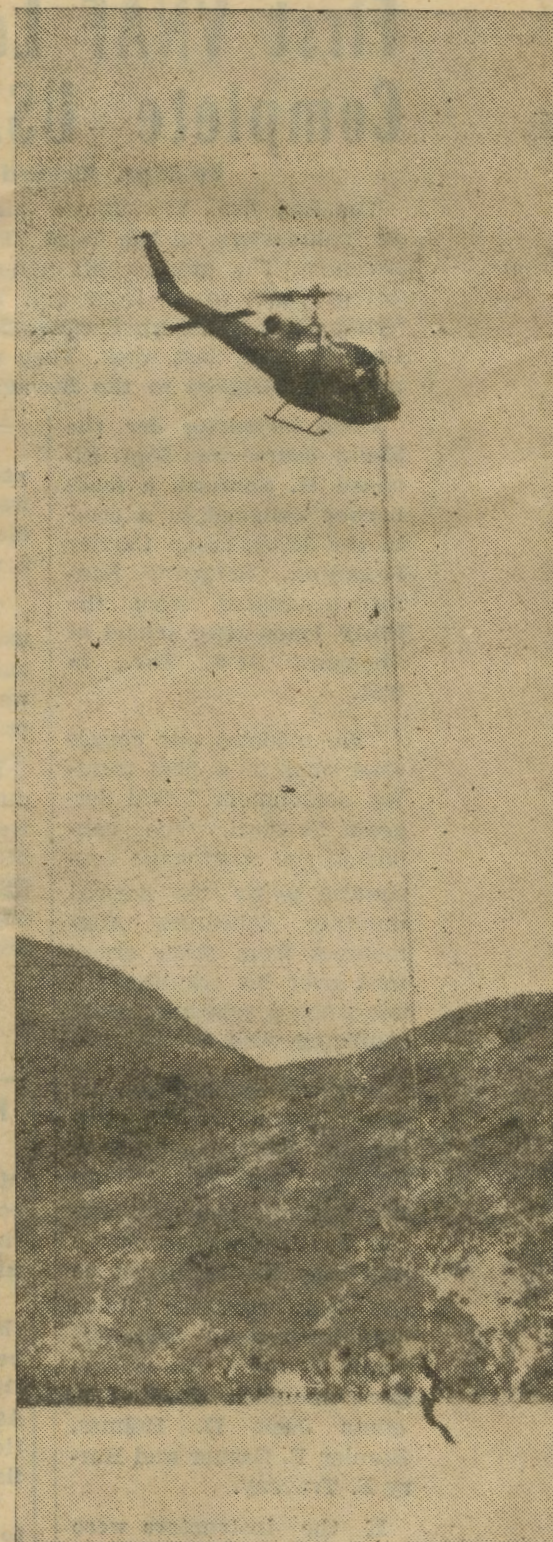
RAPPELING EXPERT JUMPS OUT OF HELICOPTER FOR DESCENT ON LANDING ZONE IN JUNGLE
Regular Practice Keeps Volunteer Team In Top Operational Condition.



DUNKING EXERCISE IN A MOCK-UP TRAINS HELICOPTER CREWS
Submersion In China Sea Is Now SOP With Survival Class At Qui Nhon.



READY TO MOVE OUT
SAR Volunteer On Call.



RESCUE OPERATIONS IN FULL
SAR Team Demonstrates Skill

s Ready For Emergency Missions

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by the Viet Cong in time for the next lift to land without trouble.

During one of the landings, one of the incoming helicopters crashed and landed on its right side with its crew trapped inside the aircraft. Through the efforts of the first team, the crew was rescued out of the wreck and evacuated on the next lift. The SAR reserve team which is always ready at the staging area came into the landing zone, secured the downed aircraft, and fought off a brush fire until a recovery team had evacuated the downed chopper.

The rescue volunteers are from the 117th Avn. Co., 140th Maintenance Det., 22nd Quartermaster Det., and the 130th Med. Det. These specially trained men, are qualified in rappeling from a UH-1B helicopter into areas where landing is impossible. Members of the SAR team rappel into the area on a 150 foot rope from a hovering Huey.

ALL-AROUND RESCUE

Through extensive training the members of this crack are capable of rescue recoveries from the jungle, mountains, or at sea. Their main mission is to locate downed aircraft, set up a perimeter of defense around the aircraft, render first aid

to wounded personnel and prepare them for evacuation, and secure the aircraft until it can be recovered.

The team is divided into three groups: water, jungle, and mountain rescue teams composed of six men. All of the SAR men are crossed-trained in the three fields of rescue.

SAR personnel conduct survival and rescue classes for other members of the 117th Aviation Company and surrounding units at Qui Nhon. In addition, a water exercise is conducted every two months, which realistically simulates water ditching of aircraft, in the South China Sea. This is accomplished by the use of a derrick hoist and an old reconditioned Huey body.

The Huey mock-up is loaded with a crew on the land, then swung out over the water and dropped. The Huey is submerged into ten feet of water before the crew begin their escape. Under real conditions the rotor blades of the Huey will stop. The crew then inflate their "Mae West" life jackets and wait for rescue.

The ditched crew uses flares or water dye to mark positions and aid recovery helicopters in spotting their location. Upon locating the ditched men the SAR team moves into action.

The SAR team credit



MARKING POSITION BY FLARE AND SPECIAL DYE
Three SAR Volunteers Put Lessons Learned Into Practice.

their success to a number of factors: hard work, team spirit, team cooperation and to the pilots that give their free time to fly the team on their practice missions. Special credit is given to Lieutenant Walker and Maj. Virgil McGuire, commander of the 117th Avn. Co.

The members of the SAR team includes; Sp5 James

D. Gregory, Sp4 Stephen E. Van Schaick, PFCs Dennis L. Fry, Thomas C. Person, James E. Dauven, Ewing M. Wilder, Edward Sakihama, and Thomas A. Jones, 117th Avn. Co., Sp4 Robert K. Paik, T. Kanechiki, and WO William A. Patterson, 140th Transportation Detachment.

Also Sp5s Robert K. Mar-

shall and Donald E. Austin, Sp4s William C. Milton, James E. Smith, Thomas L. Schenk, Max E. Ford, and Walter Richard, PFCs Craig E. Vettors, Craig M. Sowers, Bernis N. Hooper, Roy J. Irick, 130th Medical Detachment; SSgt. John W. McWhorter, NCOIC of the SAR team and Sp4 Patrick C. Wendt, 22nd Quartermaster,



STANDARD GEAR AND EQUIPMENT DESIGNED FOR RESCUE OPERATIONS
Rescue And Search Work Require Special Skills And Gear.



TEAM CLEARS A LANDING ZONE
Mountainous Areas Have Special Hazards.

Air Force Men Hold Lead In Marriages, Dependents

New York (AFPS) — Sailors may still have a girl in every port but the Air Force leads the Armed Forces in the matrimonial and fatherhood "derbies."

According to the latest "dependent" statistics from the Department of Defense, airmen are well ahead of soldiers, sailors and marines in these two fields.

DOD Directs AF To Launch 24 Satellites

Washington (AFPS) — The Secretary of Defense has directed the U.S. Air Force to proceed immediately with a program to orbit 24 satellites for an interim independent Defense Satellite Communications System. The system will provide reliable world-wide circuits, highly resistant to jamming and physical attack, for carrying essential military communications in times of crisis.

The satellites will be used with surface equipment installed by the Army.

Three Titan III-C booster flights will be used, each to put eight satellites into near-equatorial orbits high above the earth. These launches will be part of the final phase of the Titan-III development program.

An exact schedule for the launchings is being developed by the military departments and the Defense Communications Agency. The first launching is expected to take place in 1966.

The system will be used to establish extremely reliable duplex high-quality voice circuits between several important military locations around the globe. It will provide for the rapid initiation of additional circuits between the United States and almost any other location on the earth.

The decision to proceed with an independent military system followed a recent decision not to develop a "shared" commercial-military system.

The Defense Department expects to replace the interim system after about three years with an advanced follow-on system. The final system design will take advantage of major rocket, satellite and transmission advances scheduled to be demonstrated within the next year. This will permit the construction of a long-lived, economical space system available simultaneously to a large number of diverse military surface terminals.

Statistics set the Air Force population at 861,000 with 537,460 wives and 1,043,330 children. Translated into percentages, it means that 86.6 percent of the AF officers and 58.9 percent of the AF enlisted men are wedlocked. These unions have 249,150 and 794,180 children, respectively. Counting all Air Force personnel, 63.1 percent are married.

This compares approximately with 47, 43.4, and 37.1 percent for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, respectively.

However, a reason for this Air Force lead on the other services may be the fact that Army personnel include many draftees (married men are exempt from the draft). And although sailors may claim a girl in every port, extended sea duty may discourage many Navy men from trips to the altar.

The low Marine Corps figure is completely unexplained, unless they are just plain bachelor types. Of course many overseas tour areas prohibit marines from taking dependents.

Besides wives and children, Defense Department statistics show nearly 143,000 "other" dependents. These are parents and other persons held to be at least 50 percent dependent on the serviceman for their support.

Despite the Air Force's high, percentage-wise, Army men have 92,000 of these "other" types — nearly 10 times as many as the 9,600 listed for the Navy men. Air Force men have about 540,000 "other" dependents while the Marine Corps lists only 1,200.

An overall look at the services yields these statistics:

Males — 2,650,716; wives — 1,340,591; children — 2,477,212; other dependents — about 142,883; percent married — male military personnel — 50.6; dependents per military person — 1.48.

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Roving Photographer

Local postal authorities recently announced that the deadline for mailing Christmas packages home by surface mail is Oct. 10. Although Christmas seems a long way off, the day is fast approaching.

Armed with that information, our roving photographer, out of action for the past few weeks, girded himself with camera and notebook and sallied forth to ask this week's timely question:

The APO has announced that Oct. 10 is the deadline for mailing your Christmas presents home by surface mail. Are you intending to mail packages this year, and will you make the deadline?



Capt. Harold R. Sims, Chief, Personnel Processing Center, MACV, (Memphis, Tenn.) "Yes I am. I'm sending a couple of small radios and some Vietnamese dolls. I plan to finish the purchases by Oct. 1, and make the mailing deadline"

SP4 Karl G. Sarge, MACV Army Personnel Pay Section, (Jeannette, Pa.): "I'm just going to mail cards, and am not planning on mailing back bulk packages... I'd have too many to mail, so I'll just wait and take my presents home with me next July."



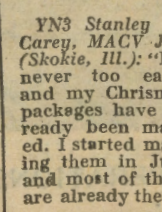
Sgt. Frederick A. Reis, 7th Division advisor, My Tho, (St. Paul, Minn.): "No, I don't feel like going through the trouble of mailing, and my wife will take care of the shopping for the kids... my presents I'll carry home with me."

PFC Charles W. Lovelady, 66th MP Company, (St. Petersburg, Fla.): "Yes, but I haven't exactly decided on what gifts to buy, but I plan on making that Oct. 10 deadline."



SSgt. William J. Tracy, Communications Branch, MACV, (Fulton, N.Y.): "I'll probably airmail all my things to give me more time and so that they'll get there quicker."

YN3 Stanley O. Carey, MACV J-4, (Skokie, Ill.): "It's never too early and my Christmas packages have already been mailed. I started mailing them in June and most of them are already there"



Sec. Paul Pledges Fight Against Further Military Fringe Benefit Slashes

Cleveland, Ohio — Efforts to further lessen military fringe benefits will be met with resistance from Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower) Norman S. Paul.

In a speech before delegates attending the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) convention here, Secretary Paul pointed out that, in recent years,

"While there has been a chipping away of the serviceman's fringe benefits, there has been a rapid growth of substantial fringe benefits in all of our major industries."

He then explained, "I would like to call attention to the many sacrifices and difficulties faced by our service families which more than offset the remaining fringe benefits which are the object of continuing attacks."

It was at this point in his speech that Secretary Paul told the VFW delegates, "Let me assure you, here and now, that I will do all within my power to resist efforts to further diminish our military fringe benefits."

Referring to President Johnson's recent speech before the National War College directing a speed-up of present Defense Department reviews of housing, medical care, pay and allowances, Secretary Paul said, "The President's words are, of course, the guide and cornerstone for the programs which we in

Defense will pursue."

The morale and effectiveness of U.S. military manpower depends not only on accomplishments of the Department of Defense, according to Mr. Paul, but at times even more important is the esteem and appreciation shown the serviceman by the civilian population of this country.

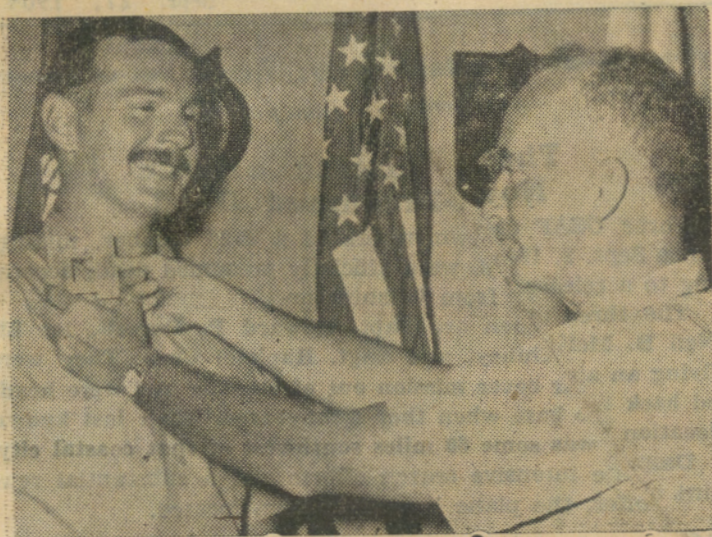
"The attitude of the public toward those in the military," the secretary emphasized, "will ultimately determine whether there will exist a pride in profession, a willingness to make sacrifices and the esprit and dedication so necessary for effectiveness in times of crisis."

Secretary Paul praised the VFW for its help in protecting military benefits and told convention delegates, "I am proud to be associated with the Veterans of Foreign Wars in their commitment to enhance the morale and welfare of those who have now succeeded to the tasks which, in other times and places, rested on the broad shoulders of your membership."

R & R SCHEDULE

October 1964

Date of Departure/Return	Passenger Check-in TSN	Spaces Available
TO HONG KONG		
** 1-6 October	1000-1030	36
* 3-8 October	1000-1030	36
** 5-10 October	1000-1030	36
* 9-14 October	1000-1030	36
** 11-16 October	1000-1030	36
* 13-18 October	1000-1030	36
** 15-20 October	1000-1030	36
* 17-22 October	1000-1030	36
** 19-24 October	1000-1030	36
* 21-26 October	1000-1030	36
** 23-28 October	1000-1030	36
* 25-30 October	1000-1030	36
** 27 Oct — 1 Nov	1000-1030	36
* 29 Oct — 3 Nov	1000-1030	36
* 31 Oct — 5 Nov	1000-1030	36
TO BANGKOK		
2-7 October	1000-1030	36
7-12 October	1000-1030	36
12-17 October	1000-1030	36
* Passenger stop at Danang. Reporting time Danang personnel 1330 for 1430 departure.		
* Passenger stop at Nha Trang. Reporting time Nha Trang personnel 1230 for 1330 departure.		



KING-SIZE PROMOTION — Newly promoted Navy Lt. L.B. Purinton III, (left), happily receives oversized 'railroad tracks' from Capt. J.F. Beaver at an informal promotion ceremony held at the office of the Deputy Officer-in-Charge of Construction in Saigon.

VIET NAM VIGNETTES



People
Events
Progress

By SFC Tony Bermudez

TRIPLE WINNER — 1st Lt. Howard Shook, a USAF air operations coordinator at Tay Ninh province was recently awarded the Vietnamese Cross of Valor with Silver Star for heroism and gallantry during the Soui Da operation. The Vietnamese medal was awarded by Maj. Gen. Tran Ngoc Tam, III Corps commander. The lieutenant was also awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart.

TALENT NEEDED — A Variety Show, sponsored by the Saigon USO, is now being organized. Military and civilian personnel with any type of talent (singing, dancing, instrumentalist, etc.) are invited to participate. Please call the USO (40288) or SSgt. J. Plake during duty hours (60494) or after duty hours (50412).

GALLANTRY CROSS — 1st Lt. Berry S. Hedrick, U.S. battalion advisor to the 44th Inf. Regt., was awarded the Gallantry Cross with Star in recognition of his gallantry in action against Viet Cong insurgents during Operation "Do Xa" in Quang Ngai province.

PRAYER FOR PEACE — Young Martha-Ann Hoffman, a student at St. Hilary's eight grade class send this prayer and it is dedicated to all U.S. Forces personnel serving in Vietnam.

"Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace: Where there is hatred, let me sow love:

Where there is injury, pardon: Where there is doubt, faith: And where there is sadness, joy." — St. Francis of Assisi.

(Her address is 32 Durand Rd., Huntington Valley Pa., 19006).

COMBINED ARMS TEAM — Claim is being made by the advisors of Team No. 80 at the Phuoc Bien Special Zone that their outfit is probably the only unit that has six different branches represented as such...Lt. Col. Paul A. Gooch, Inf.; Maj. Elton E. Buchanan, Armor; Capt. Edward E. Davis, QMC; Capt. William S. Fiske, OrdC; Capt. Robert F. Gonsalvas, SigC; and Capt. Jack R. Olds., Arty.

POSTAL KUDOS — Maj. C.E. Johnsrud, commander of Det. 1, 11th Air postal Squadron, reported that military personnel in Vietnam have zealously observed the customs law as reflected by few violations during the year. The strict adherence to custom regulations by all APO users is requested of all military and civilians using APO facilities.

Phone Book A Joy To Behold? Read On, Jackson, Read On!

By SSgt. BOB REID

From Aarnes to Zufelt, the new U.S. Government telephone book for Vietnam is a Joy to behold.

Now you would think that Smith would lead the list with most entries, and you might Keel over and say Gee when we tell you that Johnson (51 entries) is the Best, followed by Smith (47) with the Jone's running a Swift third with 42.

There's Brass in the book, too, of course, and some royalty to Crow about. There are a dozen Kings, half a dozen Knights, a Kaiser, and they all have a Leader, but, alas, no Queen. But they do have Love around them, and Justice, too.

There's a Villa, with a Door and eight Halls, and it's a Fair place Perch (ing) in Golden splendor atop one of 11 Hills. There's a Church nearby, setting in a Cloud at least two Days of the week. There are seven Cool(ey) Brooks full of Bass, Beaver, and Pike, a virtual Paradise for the five Fishers around the place.

The entire joint is tended to by an impressive staff that includes four Butlers, two Carpenters, two Butchers, seven Bakers, six Gardners (for the Rose garden) and a Shepherd for the sheep.

There are Doe, Redd Foxes, Black Baer, and the aforementioned Beaver Mix(ing) on the place, but you'd better not be caught lurking behind one of the many Oakes or the Sargent, one of the two professional Hunters, might nab you by your Beard and send you up for a Session, bum Rapp or not. It sounds like a Petty thing, but it beats the heck out of a Lynch mob. After all, an Outlaw's an outlaw, and the Quirk of Swift Justice has a sure Hand.

If you'd like to come up for a Ballman, jump on your Honda or into your Hertz car (no riding on the Hood), blow your Horn, and Wade into the scene. (Be sure to use your Dial soap in advance). It's Fate, and maybe not Fair, but the food is nothing to rave about, an odd mixture of Chestnuts, Crow, Bass, Dill, French Fry, Olive, Peppers and Pike. The cuisine is enough to make you hop into your Ford and leave Early. That is if you're Savage enough to have the Gall of a Bachelor.

But Given a minute, the folks that might File past you could be on a Parr with anyone. Although Novak isn't one of them, the two Kim gals are there, along with Nixon, and an actor named Price.

And what a major league baseball team we could make from the new telephone book. Our outfield would be Aaron, Burton, and Bright. Our infield would be Adcock, Hart, Banks, and Matthews. For catchers we have Blanchard, Bailey, and Dalrymple, with a pitching staff of Wynn, Ford, Gibson, and Culp. Bench strength includes Allen, Allison, Bridges,

Kemmerer, Noren, and Rickard.

And take your choice of top managers: Casey, Houck, or Derocher. Man, that's not Bush!!

Now that you've had a Zook at this Squib, we'll leave Manfull(y). We'll get into our Huey and head North to the Winters and the Snow. It takes some kind of a Flack to write this, huh Jackson (12).

Small USAF Unit Performs Challenging Job In Vietnam

By SSgt Richard Kennedy

A detachment composed of three USAF personnel qualifies as the smallest unit with the biggest job at Tan Son Nhut Airfield, Vietnam. Its official designation is Detachment 6, of the 9th Air Medical Evacuation Squadron and it's mission includes the air movement of all patients within the Far East and Southeast Asia.

"This is quite a chore at times," said Capt. Oscar F. Jordan, a male flight nurse who also acts as detachment commander. Two aeromedical technicians, SSgt. Henry B. Wasilewski and A1C Charles W. Greenwood round out the staff of this unique unit.

Parent organization for the squadron is the 315th Air Division commanded by Brig. Gen. Richard H. Ellis and located at Tachikawa AFB, Japan. The detachment receives all local administrative and logistical support from the 315th Troop Carrier Group commanded by Col. David T. Fleming.

Aside from the life saving aspect of their mission Captain Jordan feels that an important secondary function is served. He said, "We feel that if the wounded know that a section is operating around the clock to insure that they are air evacuated to higher echelon medical facilities when required, as expeditiously as possible, this should act to increase morale.

A regularly scheduled air medical evacuation run is made twice a week from Clark AFB, P.I. All cases

not considered critical are flown out on these two flights which arrive at Tan Son Nhut on Mondays and Fridays.

Flying Ward

The local detachment is responsible for coordinating and booking all patients originating in Vietnam on this specially equipped C-121 aircraft. Members of the Aeromedical team here describe it as a "flying ward" with at least one flight nurse and two medical technicians aboard at all times.

Going into the battle zone to pick up their patients is all part of the job according to Sergeant Wasilewski. "We land as close to the battle as possible and the Army is responsible for bringing the wounded to us for air evacuation," the sergeant said.

Evacuating civilian Vietnamese dependents of militia men is another mercy mission of the medical team. These patients are usually taken to Cong Hoa hospital in Saigon. During the first three weeks of August, patients handled by this three-man team numbered well over 200. According to Captain Jordan, this is about average for 21 days work.

Officers Earn Promotions

COMUSMACV announced recently the promotion of the following officers to their new ranks: Maj. Frederick M. Mueller, Jr., and Captains Daniel G.O. Murray, John H. Hayes, and James I. O'Brien.

Army Moves To Improve Recruit Training Quality

Washington (AFPS) — A new program giving the Army's recruit training higher priority to improve the quality of the training and the prestige associated with duty at Army training centers was announced by the Secretary of the Army.

The improved recruit training program is the result of a broad survey of recruit training initiated in Sep. 1963, by Secretary of the Army Stephen Ailes, then Under-Secretary of the Army. The purpose is to assure quality training which is fundamental to the maintenance of combat readiness in the Army.

The program provides new incentives and recognition for cadremen to make duty at Army training centers more attractive and desirable. It also provides opportunities for accelerated advancement for outstanding trainees.

U.S. Continental Army Command is now developing a plan to standardize organization at training centers which will enable all supervising headquarters and assigned personnel to work with a single type of organization and improve over-all effectiveness of training.

To assure the conduct of training by more experienced personnel, Army training units are now given a priority for officer assignments next to that of first-line major overseas and stateside units. All positions from platoon leader through brigade commander are now designated "key officer training positions."

Field grade officers being assigned to training centers are given an orientation course to standardize concepts and procedures for training operations.

Not more than 25 percent of the lieutenants authorized in the training center will be in the grade of second lieutenant. Officer selection boards have been instructed to consider assignments to army training centers of equal value to troop duty in combat units.

Similar action has been taken to improve the quality of non-commissioned officers assigned to training centers. All non-commissioned officers in the grade of E-4 and above when returning from overseas commands will be evaluated for possible duty at the training centers. Drill sergeant schools will be set up at all training centers.

To provide a meaningful reward for satisfactory fulfillment of training center duty, all trainers will be

permitted to state their preference for their next assignments and the preferences will be honored to the maximum extent practical. Local commanders will select 20 percent of the enlisted trainers and instructors for a two-year stabilization tour.

A more liberal leave and pass policy for cadre and the award of the Army Commendation Medal to outstanding cadremen will also add further incentive for the enlisted cadre.

The new Army training program increases the hours for physical training, drill, ceremony, marches and bivouacs, weapons and field training to improve the individual trainee's physical conditioning and his basic skills as a soldier. Trainees who fail a standard end-of-cycle proficiency test will not be graduated to advanced individual training but will be retrained and retested. Up to 20 percent of the trainees are authorized promotion to grade E-2 upon graduation from basic combat training. This provides an immediate increase in grade and pay for those who excel in the end-of-cycle tests.

Army To Use Converted Navy Seaplane Tender

Washington (AFPS) — A Naval Reserve fleet seaplane tender, the USS Albemarle, will be converted by the Army for use overseas as a floating aircraft maintenance base.

Officials say the ship will be used to provide major repairs and maintenance for Army helicopters and fixed wing aircraft wherever needed. It will also serve as a backup for overseas land-based facilities.

The time needed to return aircraft components from isolated overseas locations to the United States for maintenance is cited as the prime reason for the ship's conversion. This time can be greatly reduced by having an overseas floating repair base, officials stated.

950 Line Officers To Be Integrated In Regular USAF

Washington (AFNS) — About 950 line Air Force officers will be offered integration into the regular establishment in fiscal year 1965 under the first phase of an augmentation program planned to govern regular appointments for the next several years.

Appointees will be picked this year from two groups — those with less than three but more than two and less than eight but more than seven years of active commissioned service as of July 1.

About 1,300 reserve line officers in the seven-year group will be screened by a board convening Dec. 7 to select 250 regulars. The two-year group board will meet Jan. 21, 1965, to consider 4,800 eligible officers and select those to be offered the remaining 700 regular appointments programmed for FY '65.

The regular appointment program for component officers is expected to be announced shortly. This year's line of the Air Force augmentation program is the initial step toward phasing into a standard regular appointment pattern.

Special programs have been set up yearly since 1957 when the Regular Officer Augmentation Act increased the regular officer ceiling from 27,500 to 69,425. Now that the ceiling has, for all practical purposes, been reached, a standard program has devised that can be used each year in essentially the same form.

Dateline Vietnam (Continued from page 1)

Three Missing Airmen Now Presumed Dead

Three USAF crewmembers of a B-26 bomber, missing since Sept. 2, 1964, were officially presumed dead, according to a release from Washington.

The three men are Capt. Howard P. Purcell, 1st Lt. Neil B. McKinney, and SSgt. Raphael Cruz. They were flying an air cover mission out of Danang and were headed back to base when they disappeared. Their last known location was some 60 miles southwest of that coastal city.

Despite intensive search efforts and a substantial reward offer, the plane has never been located.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answer to Previous Puzzle

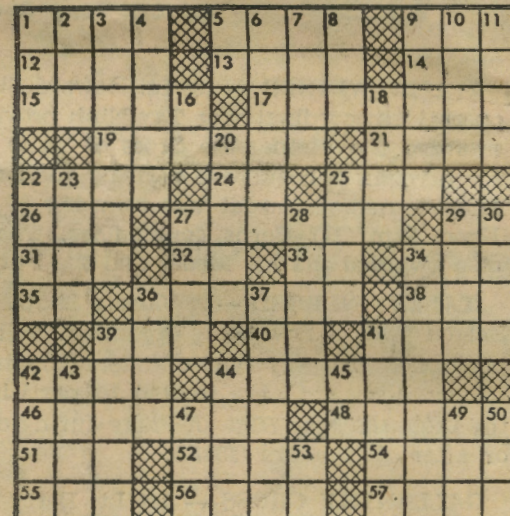
ACROSS

- 1-Clue
- 5-On the ocean
- 9-Pronoun
- 12-Above
- 13-Fleet of ships
- 14-Chinese weight
- 15-Liquid
- 17-In direction toward which wind blows
- 19-Clothes-maker
- 21-Units
- 22-Grating
- 24-Hawaiian bird
- 25-Vessel
- 26-Hurried
- 27-Roamed
- 29-A state (abbr.)
- 31-Urge on
- 32-Near
- 33-Preposition
- 34-Prohibition
- 35-Pronoun
- 36-Theater attendants
- 38-Illuminated
- 39-Hard-wood tree
- 40-Compass point
- 41-Tardy
- 42-Girl's name
- 44-Whirlpools
- 46-Edict
- 48-Evaluated
- 51-Simian
- 52-Break suddenly
- 54-Withered
- 55-Bewitch
- 56-Peel
- 57-Paradise

DOWN

- 1-In what way
- 2-Yellow bugle
- 3-Snaring
- 4-Walk on
- 5-Indefinite article
- 6-Tavern
- 7-Without end
- 8-Affirmative vote
- 9-Incline
- 10-Rabbit
- 11-Finishes
- 16-A state (abbr.)
- 18-Forest
- 20-Reluctant
- 22-Developed
- 23-Rant
- 25-Writes
- 27-Adventurous
- 28-Pierced
- 29-Manner of walking
- 30-Poker stake
- 44-Exploded
- 46-Employed
- 47-Render beloved
- 39-Affix
- 41-Rent
- 42-Oriental nurse
- 43-Back of neck
- 44-Sicilian volcano
- 45-Prefix: not
- 47-Snake
- 49-Before
- 50-Lair
- 53-Hebrew letter

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American Teens Open Club House

The American Teen Club of Saigon formally opened their new club house Sept. 20, with club president Bill Perkins and Col. Michael J. L. Greene, advisory board chairman officiating at the ceremonies.

Club officers include Tom Knox, secretary and Phil Freestone, treasurer. Members of the adult advisory board also include Lt. Col. Raymond Knox, Mrs. Hatcher M. James, William Mashburn, Mrs. Milton B. Adams and Mrs. Michael J.L. Greene.

Membership in the club is restricted to students, from the 9th to 12th grades, of the American Community School at Tan Son Nhut. However, regular members are allowed to invite guests.



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