



Dean Parsons Air Power in 1967

AFNS--President Johnson's obvious enthusiasm with the potential of the C-5A 'Galaxy' at its rollout this month was his third strong endorsement of airpower in recent months.

Commenting on the Commander-in-Chief's remarks at the C-5A ceremony, Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Tom P. McConnell, recalled the President's glowing tributes to airpower in Southeast Asia on two previous occasions: at Korat, Thailand, Thailand in December, the President said, "Guerrilla combat provides no easy targets. That is why aggressors here as elsewhere, have been tempted to choose guerrilla tactics as the means of their aggression. Yet here, for the first time, airpower is actually depriving the aggressor of his advantage. Through the use of airpower, a mere handful of you men, as military forces are really reckoned, are pinning down several hundred thousand, more than half a million, North Vietnamese. You are increasing the cost of infiltration. You are imposing a very high rate of attrition when the enemy is engaged, and you are giving him no rest when he withdraws. Airpower is providing the mobility which meets and matches the stealth of an enemy whose tactics are based on sudden, hit-and-run attacks.

Working with the Vietnamese and our other fighting allies, we are defeating this aggression. We are doing it with a proportion of force at least half that usually required to cope with a guerrilla enemy of such size. The use we are making of airpower, in all its forms, is a major reason the plans of the enemy are now doomed to complete failure.

Airpower is denying aggression access to cheap success or to ultimate victory. Your Commander in Chief salutes you, each of you one and all. You are manifesting a courage and skill, a discipline and a restraint, an imagination and a patriotism which adds to our admiration and our esteem every day. I know, as I am sure you know, that your mission are bringing closer every week the time of peace for which we and all of your countrymen pray each day."

35 TFW Winning Top 3 in AF

(AFNS)--Judging to select the winner of the Daedalian Maintenance Trophy was narrowed to three Air Force units, officials said this week.

Finalists are the 35th Tactical Fighter Wg, 91st Bomb Gp, Glasgow AFB, Mont.; and 81st Tactical Fighter Wg., Bentwaters AB, England.

Nine commands submitted nominees for the award, one of the highest forms of recognition given for Air Force maintenance activity. The award is one of three presented annually by the Order of Daedalians, a World War I pilots' organization.

Originally the Daedalian's presented only a flight safety award. Recognition was expanded to include maintenance and supply effectiveness among Air

Force units in 1960. Last year's large silver trophy cup for maintenance went to the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing at Kadena AB, Okinawa.

Other nominees for this year's award were the 4th TFW, Seymour Johnson AFB, N. C.; 355th Navigator Training Wing, Keesler AFB, Miss.; 21st Composite Wing, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; 60th Military Airlift Wing, Travis

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Gen. Ryan's Distinguished Flying Crosses

Gen. John D. Ryan, commander of PACAF, recently presented Distinguished Flying Crosses to five F-100 pilots of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wg, in recognition of outstanding combat missions.

Honored were: Lt. Col. William C. Hartling, 352d TFS, Maj. Elmer W. Guenther and Capt. Thomas M. Heyde, 614th TFS, Capt. Donald L. Cish and Capt. Robert R. Oberg, of the 615th TFS.

Hartling received the medal for a combat mission flown against enemy forces 30-miles southwest of Saigon which had pinned down friendly forces and halted their advance. Despite poor weather, and in the face of enemy gunfire, Hartling and two other F-100 pilots succeeded in silencing the enemy gunfire enabling the friendly forces to overtake the enemy positions.

Guenther and Heyde struck enemy forces 10-miles southwest of Duc Pho with what the SAC at the scene described as amazing accuracy, in a 1,100 foot overcast, 200 meters from friendly forces pinned down by enemy fire. Their DFC mission was complicated by the fact that the enemy position was flanked by mountains on three sides.

After the two pilots and a second flight of combat aircraft hit the enemy position, the friendly forces were able to overtake the position.

Cish received the medal for carrying out an air strike in the IV Corps area which killed 11 Viet Cong officers and wounded 30 others as they were holding a meeting to recruit youth of the area for terrorist operations.

Oberg won the DFC for silencing enemy gun position.

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Air Police men Return Home PACAF Commander From Serving to Defend Base Praises Base

The second mobile reaction force of the 35th Security Police Squadron personnel sent from Phan Rang AB to aid the defence of Bien Hoa AB, recently completed three weeks of duty there and returned home.

The 33 enlisted men in the reaction force came under mortar attack and small arms fire while aiding security forces at Bien Hoa. Upon their return in a C-123 and C-130 transport they were greeted by Col. Herndon W. Williams, commander 35th Tac. Ftr. Wg., and Maj. LeRoy E. Holtz, chief of wing security.

"These guys did an outstanding job and their service was greatly appreciated," said Holtz. "We got nothing but compliments on their work. We're darn proud of them." He noted the reaction force was composed of the 35th SPS Panther Flight, which protects Phan Rang at night, the law enforcement section, and other segments of the squadron.

The initial mobile reaction force sent to Bien Hoa from Panna Rang helped security forces at Bien Hoa repel a fierce enemy attack on the base during the Tet holiday.

Leaders on the second reaction force were: SSgts. William C. Grimes, Oscar D. Mc Graw, Henry K. Meeks, Wyatt F. Puckett, James F. Stevens and Junior H. Toomey.

Teacher & Pupil Team-Up Here

An B-57 navigator-Bombardier 1st Lt. Brendan A. Haniffy recently teamed up with his former instructor at the AF Academy to carry out his 200th combat mission.

A 1965 graduate of the Academy assigned to the 8th Tac. Bomb Sq., Haniffy was in the back seat of the B-57 and Maj. Richard Zock, former instructor in the Academy's department of economics, was the front seat as pilot.

The 8th TBS, oldest flying squadron in the Air Force, became a permanent part of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing in January, and since that time Zock and Haniffy have teamed up on B-57 combat missions.

The squadron is commanded by Lt. Col. Patrick Kenny.

Lt. Holladay's 309th Combat Sq.

1st Lt. Cecil "Doc" Holladay, recently completed his 900th combat sortie as a C-123 transport pilot in the 309th Air Commando Sq.

He has delivered troops and cargo to Free World forces throughout Vietnam, including Marines at the embattled installation of Khe Sanh, near the DMZ.

"Your heart just beats a little faster," he said as he described re-supply missions at Khe Sanh. Noting that other air crew members of his unit have been subjected to mortar attacks and ground fire as their C-123s landed there to deliver and take on cargo and troops, Holladay said that in the three Khe Sanh missions he has carried out there was no enemy fire directed at the aircraft.

Blood plasma and ammunition are some of the things being flown into Khe Sanh in the C-123s. Holladay said the aircraft remain on the ground for only one to three minutes at Khe Sanh to minimize the chances of getting hit by enemy shells or mortars.

During their ground time at Khe Sanh, Holladay pointed out, the C-123 crews keep extremely busy.

Flight engineers and loadmasters shove cargo off the back ramp of the C-123s as aircraft commanders and pilots keep the engines running and prepare for quick take-offs.

The C-123 pilot said the 315th Air Commando Wg is conducting an unofficial contest among its air crews to see which one comes up with the shortest ground time at Khe Sanh. The record so far is 49 seconds.

During a recent visit to Panna Rang with five generals on his staff, Gen. John D. Ryan, commander of PACAF expressed his satisfaction with the progress being made in the development of the base, and characterized it as the "Best looking Air Force Base in Vietnam."

Col Herndon W. Williams, commander of the 35th TFW and Col. Robert D. Brown, commander 315th Air Commando Wg, briefed General Ryan on the operations of their wings.

With General Ryan were: Maj. Gen. John W. Vogt Jr., PACAF Deputy Commander of Plans and Operations; Maj. Gen. Jay T. Robbins, PACAF Chief of Staff; Maj. Gen. Charles D. Chandler Jr., PACAF Deputy Commander of Materiel; Brig. Gen. Archie S. Mayes, PACAF Deputy Commander of Engineering and Brig. Gen. Rocky Triantafellu, PACAF Deputy Commander for Intelligence.

The distinguished visitors toured the entire base.

Recreational Services Planned for Base

Winner of the 1967 7th Air Force competition for best base recreational facilities, Phan Rang AB is currently the scene of a new recreation spurt including formation of a base-wide sports council and construction of an archery range, golf driving cages and a new softball field.

Lt. Col. Gail Renner, chief of personnel services, noted that the new sports council, which recently held its first meeting, is designed to assist his staff in developing and programming base recreational facilities. Representing all units on base, the council will hold monthly meetings.

An archery range which opened recently near the base theater gives base personnel an opportunity to fire arrows at bullseye targets from range (cont on page four)

Cut Road Destroy Trucks

Ever try spitting to hit the crack between concrete sidewalk squares? Tough isn't it? The taller you are, the faster you're walking and the wind all make it tougher. (Not to mention the policeman watching your unsanitary behavior.)

Well, that's the problem the 8th Tactical Bomb Sq., B-57 "Yellowbirds", based here are faced with almost every day and night when a FAC calls out on the radio, "Yellowbird, this is FAC, Can you cut the road and destroy the trucks?"

The Viet Cong must have supplies, food, ammunition and gasoline. You name it, the supplies must go through if Charlie is to continue his battle effectively. The Yellowbirds do their share to stop these avenues of supply.

When a FAC finds trucks along a road carrying supplies, he needs immediate airpower to cut the road, stop the trucks and then to destroy the trucks before they can hide in the jungle along the road or repair the road and move on.

Yellowbirds use 750 and 1000 pound bombs to cut the roads. One of these bombs in the middle of a two lane dirt road completely wipes the road out until Charlie can get in with lots of shovels or a bulldozer. So now the trucks are stopped.

Next the Yellowbirds use the remainder of their ordnance to destroy the trucks and Charlie's vitally needed supplies.

Sound effective? It surely is. But the pilots and navigators of the Yellowbirds have their work cut out for them. First, they must see the road and the trucks.

A jungle road looks like a piece of thread flying 5000 feet above it, (Not at all like that sidewalk crack), not to mention what a truck looks like from that same altitude, (Would you believe the size of a peanut?)

Couple this with Yellowbirds speed, 400 mph (much faster than your walking speed along (con't on page four))

T.V. Log

WEDNESDAY March 20

1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
6:35 Previews & News Briefs
6:40 Alfred Hitchcock
7:30 News
8:00 Bob Hope Special
8:50 The Fugitive
9:40 Green Acres
10:05 Perry Mason

THURSDAY March 21

1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
6:35 Previews & News Briefs
6:40 Fractured Flickers
7:05 Bewitched
7:30 News
8:00 Dean Martin
8:50 Big Valley
9:40 Voyage Bottom of Sea
10:55 Late News

FRIDAY March 22

1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
6:35 Previews & News Briefs
6:40 News Special
7:05 Flying Fisherman
7:30 News
8:00 Hollywood Palace
9:50 Gunsmoke
10:40 Tonight Show
11:50 Late News

SATURDAY March 23

1:30 Mike Douglas
2:45 Addams Family
3:10 Sports Special
5:25 Jackie Gleason
6:15 Lost in Space
7:05 Vietnam Report
7:30 News
8:00 Frank McGee Report
8:15 Smothers Brothers
9:05 Saturday Night Movies:
Rogues of Sherwood
Forrest
10:25 Joey Bishop
11:20 Late News

THE WONDERS OF LOVE

By TSgt. Herbert J. DeGraffe

Love is a wonderful thing, it can make a blind man see and a mute man sing.

Yes, love is a wonderful thing.

Why in a wonderful country of ours, where there is free air, trees and flowers.

Yes why in a wonderful country of ours, has hate received so much power.

When love is such a wonderful thing.

AFUN-TV Channel 11-78

SUNDAY March 24

1:30 The Christophers
1:45 Sacred Heart
2:00 Chaple of the Air
2:30 Take a Deep Deadly Breath
3:20 Sports Special
5:22 Previews & News Briefs
5:25 CBS Golf Classic
6:15 Lawrence Welk
7:05 My Three Sons
7:30 News
8:00 Ed Sullivan
8:50 Bonanza
9:40 The Late Show: It's a Small World
10:50 Late News

MONDAY March 25

1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
6:35 Previews & News Briefs
6:40 Biography
7:05 My Favorite Martian
7:30 News
8:00 Carol Burnett
8:50 Daniel Boone
9:40 Bewitched
10:05 Wild Wild West
10:55 Late News

TUESDAY March 26

1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
6:35 Previews & News Briefs
6:40 GE College Bowl
7:05 Dick Van Dyke
7:30 News
8:00 Red Skelton
8:50 Combat
9:40 Channel 11 Theater:
Michael Shane
10:55 Late News

Red Cross Center

Wednesday: Truth or Consequences

Thursday: Fun & Games

Friday: Hootenanny

Saturday: Pinochle & Pool

Sunday: Slides & Popcorn

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: Powder Puff Derby

The Red Cross Center is hosting a Talent Show, April 21, 1968. All personnel interested in being a part in the show are asked to contact the Red Cross Center, before April 4, 1968. All types of talent are need for the show and individuals can sign-up for more than one category. Prizes will be awarded.

Cut Road ---

that sidewalk) and the fact that is the trucks are important to 'Charlie,' he got some anti-aircraft guns along the road and mounted on his trucks to protect them. (These are the policemen that watch the Yellowbirds.)

Using the B-57 and its weapons with skill of professionals, the Yellowbird crews Do Cut The Roads and Do Destroy The Trucks---Ask and FAC that has put out his call to the Yellowbirds of the 8th Tactical Bomb Squadron, "Yellow-Bird, can you cut the road and destroy the Trucks?"

Communicator Makes "YMOA" Year Book

Shortly before the completion of a 14-month tour as telecommunication officer in the 1882d Communication Sq., Capt. Donald Terrell, was notified that he will appear in the 1968 edition of 'The Outstanding Young Men of America' book.

The Commander of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, Col. Herndon F. Williams, honored Captain Terrell for his selection in a brief ceremony attended by the wing staff officers.

The Jaycees of Sumter, S.C., nominated Terrell for inclusion in the book, after singling him out of their 1966 "Rookie of the Year" honors. He joined the civic organization while stationed at Shaw AFB, and chairman of Sumter element of the Jaycee Football Classic committee which brought professional football to S.C.

Not long ago, Terrell was selected as "Junior Officer of the Quarter" by the 1964th Communications Group. He was singled out as junior officer representative of all Air Force communications officers in Vietnam.

Terrell's duties at Phan Rang consisted of supervising the operation of telephone, teletype and radio equipment employed by the 35th TFW.

He is also the squadron Civic Action officer.

There are 5,200 men listed in the "Outstanding Young Men of America" book.

Colonel Nassoioy Makes 800th Combat Sortie in C-123

"The only thing I haven't carried is elephants, and I expect to do that before I leave," said Lt. Col. Edward F. Nassoioy, operations officer of the 309th Air Commando Sq., who recently carried out his 800th C-123 combat sortie in Vietnam.

"I've carried virtually everything," said the C-123 aircraft commander, "including livestock, ammunition, rations, lumber and petroleum products."

The air commando unit carries out troops and cargo airlift missions in support of Free World Forces, with the emphasis on support of Army Special Forces camps.

Nassoioy has landed on air strips consisting of "little dirt tracks hacked out of the woods and flattened so that we can roll across them," while carrying out the squadron's aerial re-supply mission. Some of these strips are only 2,000 feet long and about 45 feet wide, he pointed out.

He has piloted "B" models of the C-123s capable of carrying up to seven-tons of cargo, and jet-equipped "K" models which carry up to nine-tons.

Recreational Services

ges of 40, 60 and 80 yards. Golf-driving cages under construction near the Airman's Open Mess also have bullseye targets. Each cage is 20 feet long and 10 feet wide.

Initial work has been completed on a new softball field which will have dugouts, a scoreboard, a backstop and outfield fencing.

The archery range is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Bows and arrows can be checked out from the recreational services supply office.

Interested personnel should check with the recreational services office and see about some of the many recreational outlets available to personnel assigned here.

Office personnel assigned are there for the purpose of making your stay at Phan Rang a health and enjoyable one.

As the operations officer, he lines up crews for each mission and "assures that people are properly trained, briefed and equipped to fulfill the mission."

Nassoioy has carried out a number of re-supply missions at Khe Sanh, a Marine installation near the DMZ, and he described it as "rather bleak and desolate, a flat plateau hemmed in by mountains. He pointed out that 309th ACS C-123 crews are currently flying two missions into Khe Sanh each day in the face of enemy mortar fire and "an abnormal amount of small arms fire."

Daedalian Cup ---

AFB, Calif.; 414th Fighter Group, Oxnard AFB, Calif.; and 1001st Air Base Wing, Andrews AFB, Md.

Erroll Flynn's Son Visits Khe Sanh

Representatives of CBS News the Los Angeles Times and Newsweek Magazine, along with Sean Flynn, son of the late film star Erroll Flynn, were aboard an Air Force C-123 of the 309th Air Commando Sq, which recently delivered cargo to Marine forces at Khe Sanh.

The aircraft commander, Lt. Col. Wayne S. Crawford, said it was the first time he ever landed at Khe Sanh. The CBS correspondents filmed the activities of crew members during the C-123 flight from Da Nang to Khe Sanh and recorded their inter-com conversation.

Mr. Flynn, a former film actor, is now a photographer and he and the newsmen got off the aircraft at Khe Sanh

BERRI LEE & MELODY ENGLE USO Show is due at Phan Rang AB March 28th at 7:30 p.m. at the Happy Valley Drive-In.

History of Vietnam 939-1408

After 1000 years of Chinese rule, the Vietnamese became independent in 939 when Ngo Quey formed the Dai Co Viet or Great State. But for the next 100-years the nation was unable to translate their new freedom and unity into effective government. It struggled for survival as many rulers passed in rapid succession. An arrangement was made with China whereby the latter would accept Vietnam's independence in exchange for tribute and acknowledgement of China's sovereignty.

The four hundred years after 1010 A.D., were divided among three dynasties, each of which had periods of greatness before ending in disputes over the throne and political murders. Nonetheless their achievements laid the foundations of an independent Vietnamese state and developed their society, civilization and character.

The Ly dynasty (1010-1225) came to power with Buddhist support, at that time the only educated group. In 1075 literary examinations based on the Confucian system were introduced and paved the way for a favored secular education and the mandarin hierarchy (whereby the top man in an exam becomes prime minister and so on down the line of administration based on his exam). The Ly's also fostered agriculture by decreeing soldiers to spend half a year fighting and the other half tilling the soil. In this dynasty, the Champa empire was conquered: the first taxes levied and roads and dikes constructed. The extent of territory held by the Ly's was to just below today's DMZ.

Toward the end of their rule, they levied heavy taxes for their own pleasures bandits roamed the country, revolts occurred and finally the royal family was murdered.

The Tran dynasty (1225 to 1400) came to power when the revolt was suppressed. The early Tran's favored Buddhism but gradually supported Confucianism with the revival of the examination system. The custom of passing the crown from the ruler while still alive to the heir was intro-

duced, by the Tran's. This avoided bloody quarrels but allowed the power plays which eventually brought the Tran dynasty to an end. During this dynasty, improved cultivation helped feed their growing population, large scale problems of hydraulic engineering were dealt with, and wanderers were enslaved to till the rice fields.

This last measure increased the cultivated land but upset the social equilibrium by establishing landless peasants, with no rights.

The Mongols of Kublar Khan invaded in 1257 but were repelled by the Viets, though outnumbered, in 1284, by a brilliant general Tran Hung

Dao. His advice to future rulers was "the Army must have one soul like the father and son in the family. It is vital to treat people with humanity, to achieve deep roots and a lasting base."

The end of the Tran rule came with increased burden of wars, natural disasters, poor harvests and an increasing landless class.

Ho Qui Ly came to power in 1400 and introduced drastic reforms in land holding, free education, paper money and the examination system.

Though he was a far sighted ruler for Vietnam there were many dissident elements mounting against him. They collaborated with the Chinese, defeated Ho and by 1408 were under Chinese rule again.

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ions from which fire had been directed against friendly forces on a road west of Bien Hoa Air Base, on the southern edge of Seven Sisters Mountains. The mission was carried out in the midst of heavy enemy ground fire directed against Oberg's F-100.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE MAGIC TREE?

Pilots Receive Viet Cong Flag

A Viet Cong flag captured during a battle in which F-100 pilots saved an element of Regional Forces who had been surrounded by the Viet Cong near Song Mao, 40-miles southwest of Phan Lang AB, was recently presented to the pilots of the 35th Tac. Ftr. Wg., by the element's U.S. Army advisor, in a ceremony at the base.

The perforated red, blue and gold flag was presented by Army Maj. Philip T. Blanton, Military Assistance Command senior district advisor at Song Mao, to Maj. Amos C. Fox, chief of wing safety, and Capt. Joseph F. Cassidy, of 615th Tac. Ftr. Sq., who carried out the strike.

Taking part in the ceremonies, witnessed by all staff officers of the wing, was the wing commander, Col. Herndon F. Williams.

The two pilots accepted the flag on behalf of the 615th TFS, and then presented it to the squadron commander, Lt. Col. Jerome F. Naleid.

Blanton noted, during the ceremonies, that he and 71 Regional Force troops were surrounded by 280 Viet Cong troops when the F-100 pilots came to the rescue.

Their bombing and strafing passes routed the enemy troops, and killed 40 of them. In the aftermath of the air strike, the Regional Forces pursued their attackers, and killed 27 more of them.

"Believe me, I was very happy to see the Air Force," Blanton commented. He recalled that he and his men were caught in a shallow irrigation ditch 250 feet long by the enemy forces.

He personally counted the 40 enemy bodies left in the wake of the F-100 assault.

The captured flag bore an inscription by the Regional Forces thanking the Air Force for the air strike.

The inscription read, "Thanks for February 19th."

Captain Cassidy was the flight leader and Major Fox the wingman on the flight that netted them the Viet Cong flag and 40 kills from their outstanding efforts.

