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SECURITY POLICE IN ACTION! SERIES OF PENETRATION ATTEMPTS FOILED

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Flares, firefights, and sentry dogs helped break up two enemy attempts to penetrate this base in the dead of night.

The attempts occurred on successive nights last month and were repulsed by the quick response of sentries and alert teams of the 35th Security Police Squadron.

On the first night, after sentries atop an observation tower were fired on, and sentry dogs elsewhere along the perimeter of the base discovered a hole in the fence, a C-47 Skytrain flare-ship was called in to illuminate the scene.

In the ensuing firefight, 75 rounds of ammunition were expended by the security police, using M-16 rifles. In the meantime, a platoon of friendly forces was called in to check out a village near the scene of the attempted penetration.

In charge of security police operations which repelled the enemy probe was squadron duty officer 1st Lt. William F. Sautter.

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AUSTRALIAN SHOW PROVES SMASH HIT

Thousands of officers, NCO's, and enlisted men at Phan Rang greeted a fun-filled Australian USO-type show with cheers and applause last week.

Featured were: the Twilighters, led by Gregg Ferris; lady vocalists Valmai Johnston, Maria Blanche, and Cathy Wayne; and veteran entertainer Johnny Stoddart, who has been singing for the troops since World War II.

The Australian troupe, sponsored by the Australian Government, entertained the No. 2 Sq., RAAF, and also appeared for American Air Force personnel at the base outdoor theater, the hospital, and the officers', NCO and airmen's open messes.

A member of the No. 2 Sq. graciously assisted the Twilighters on drums as they offered a program of popular, western, and folk songs enlivened by comedy routines.

The group has records being played in both Australia and the U.S. Miss Blanche is resident vocalist of the Chequers Club in Sidney, Australia, and blonde-haired Miss Wayne, a 17-year-old bombshell, appears on TV shows "down under".

352nd TO GET FLYING SAFETY AWARD

Lt. Col. Rocco Paumbo, 43, from Durham, N.H., commander of the 352nd TFS, has received word that the 'Yellow Jackets' are the recipients of a coveted U.S. Air Force Flying Safety Award.

No details are available on the award at this time.

The F-100 Super Sabre squadron arrived at Phan Rang on August 17, 1966 after deploying from Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C.

Last month the squadron flew its 5,000th combat mission in Vietnam.

TIME-SAVER

The machine shop of the 35th FMS avoided a delay of about three months in the repair of a blueprint reproduction machine by manufacturing two gears for the machine's motor. It took great skill to carry out this recent project.

1882nd Helps Self...

Airmen and NCO's of the 1882nd Communications Squadron spent last week on an ambitious self-help program.

In the process of improving their living quarters, they installed shelves, tables, and partitions (in the NCO barracks) and circulating fans for each airman and NCO in the squadron's three barracks.

Rock fences were constructed and shrubbery was planted in the barracks area. Bridges were built in front of each barracks and boardwalks were constructed to connect all barracks in both the front and rear.

Exercise boards, sunbathing cots, and writing desks were set up in a small recreation area between the barracks.

The squadron's weapons storage room was renovated through installation of shelves.

Air Crews Get Own 'Cafe'

When an F-100 "alert" pilot of the 35th TFW is returning from a mission, he doesn't have to worry about missing "chow" or having to make a long, hot trip to the dining hall.

There is a flight line dining facility here on base. Now the pilots, whether they are on "alert" status, or coming home from a late combat sortie, can get a meal just a short distance from where they park their F-100 Super Sabres, thanks to the efforts of CMSgt. Benjamin F. Jennings, food service superintendant, and A1C Bryant D. Campbell, a cook.

In the beginning it was just an idea, but with the acquisition of a mobile home type trailer, the idea took shape, plans were made, and work began. On a "self-help" basis, Sergeant Jennings and Airman Campbell spent approximately 150 hours tearing out partitions and remodeling the interior of the new facility.

F-100 PILOT TELLS OF DRASTIC CHANGES

Drastic changes have taken place in the air war in Vietnam since the Gulf of Tonkin crisis in early 1964, according to an F-100 Super Sabre pilot here.

Captain Jack Doughty, 614th TFS, in recalling the old days back in 1964, said, "We lived in a modified chicken coop then and things were pretty primitive compared to the more modern facilities we have now."

When the 614th responded to the Gulf of Tonkin crisis there were only two air fields, 350 miles apart, available to American pilots. Today, there are 10 fully operational air bases plus numerous other landing strips operated by the U.S. Army.

"If one airfield was weathered in or the lights went out or something, you were in pretty much of a bind", Capt. Doughty said.

Today, with the network of American bases along the coast of Vietnam, there is a suitable landing strip within every 50 miles, making flying safer.

The captain pointed with pride to "a very adequate radar net" now in existence in Vietnam and cited it as one of the most important improvements. The net provides instant warning of the presence of hostile aircraft.

Looking back on the role of the jet pilots in Vietnam, Capt. Doughty noted that 75 per cent of the targets struck by these pilots are hit in direct support of ground operations of U.S. and allied forces.

"Close air support missions," he pointed out, "are often carried out within 50 to 100 meters of the lines of friendly forces."

As for the Viet Cong, he said, "We've more or less backed them into the inaccessible positions.... They know the capabilities of our aircraft well and tend to put their fortifications in heavy foliage down between mountains."

After 11 months of combat duty in Vietnam Captain Doughty is preparing to go home. He will be going to the University of Hawaii to do graduate work after which he will begin an exchange tour with the U.S. Army at Fort Carson, Colo.

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The equipment, two refrigerators, a stove, a grill, air conditioner, two electric toasters, and a water cooler were obtained through the "scrounge" process with 49 year old Sergeant Jennings visiting salvage yards at various bases in SEA. A coffee urn was purchased with private funds.

The new dining facility can seat 16, and can feed 40 at one meal.

Twenty-six year old Airman Campbell is the "chief cook and bottle washer" for this operation. Since he is the only person assigned to duty in the alert feeding facility, he voluntarily works a seven-day week providing hot meals for the pilots that must fly the missions.

Why does this airman voluntarily work every day? "It makes me feel like I'm part of the mission."

Once Around Base

LAST WEEK

The MARS Station completed 236 personal phone patches between here and the states.

Also, MARS is going to receive a new log periodic antenna. CE is going to install two 30 foot wooden poles to support it.

Captains Roger E. Wichman and John D. Eckhart became the first two pilots in the 615th TFS to exceed 300 combat sorties.

WEEKLY WEATHER: (as of June 17)

Avg. Max: 96F Extreme 100F

Avg. Min: 76F Extreme 74F

Weekly Rainfall: 0.18"

On June 14, 1967 the dispensary was visited by Maj. C. McKissack, Chief, Staffing and Education Branch, PACAF, Surgeon General's Office. Major McKissack was given a tour and briefing by Lt. Col. Lee.

The 101st started issuing fresh bread baked on Phan Rang AB, on June 13, 1967.

The 352nd TFS has added three new pilots to its roster. Captains: Palanek, Garritt, and Fleming.

CLUB DOINGS

NCO CLUB *

HAPPY HOUR 5:00 to 6:00 PM
FRIDAY -- 9:00PM 'ROSIE and the CHICKS'
SUNDAY -- GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
PATIO 3:00 PM

AIRMAN'S CLUB

SATURDAY -- 'ROSIE AND THE CHICKS'
8:00 PM

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SPORTS PARADE

TEAM STANDINGS (as of June 17)

NATIONAL

RED HORSE	5-4
MEDICS	6-4
1882 COMM. SQ.	8-2
SECURITY POLICE	5-6
HQ. SQ.	6-5
SUPPLY	2-6
35 FMS	2-7

AMERICAN

SERVS SQ.	7-0
614 PILOTS	5-1
35 COMB. SUP.	3-4 1 tie
600 PHOTO	4-2 1 tie
35 A&E	3-6
435 MMS	5-3
614 TFS	0-8
RAAF	3-6

BASE TEAM WILL PLAY 101st AT THE #1 BALL DIAMOND SUNDAY 1:30 June 25, 1967

A game has also been scheduled with Pleiku on July 2. We have also received an invitation to attend a tournament on the 4th of July at Cam Rahn Bay, more details as they are known.

Participation has increased in the weight lifting room at the Recreation Center since the new weights have arrived. For those interested the hours are:

Monday thru Saturday 7:30 AM to 9:00 PM
Sunday 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

MOVIE PREVIEW

7:30 PM

TONIGHT -- 40 Guns to Apache Pass
Western with Audie Murphy

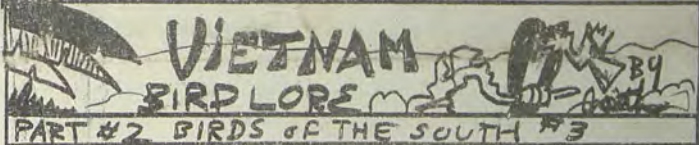
THURSDAY -- J. F. K.
Documentary film dealing with the life of the late president.

FRIDAY -- Lord Love A Duck
Comedy starring Roddy McDowell and Tuesday Weld

SATURDAY -- Cat On A Hot Tin Roof
Story by Tennessee Williams
Starring Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman

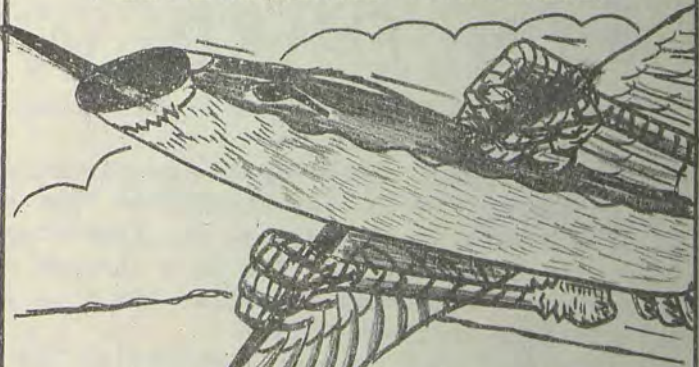
RED CROSS CENTER

TONIGHT * Password
THURSDAY - True and False
FRIDAY - First Bridge Lesson
SATURDAY - Checkers Tournament
SUNDAY - Program on People
MONDAY - Jig Saw Puzzle Night
TUESDAY - Gang Night



PHAN WRANGER

(SUPSABERINUS TERRIFICUS)



The Phan Wranger is a member of the century birds which have become quite notorious among local creatures known as Viet Congidae. Flying from its nesting ground near Phan Rang, the Wranger vents wrath on enemies from the Mekong Delta to DMZ. Known to some as the "Lead Sled" (derived from its flying habits), the Wranger is certainly the most famous of its genus. Many experts state that the awesome deliberate attack of the wranger is caused by a small parasite which lives on its head. These small creatures are known as Pilotidae and are famous for their skill in directing the flight of the century birds, a fact disputed by few authorities.

PENETRATION ATTEMPTS FOILED

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Key roles in these operations were played by: tower sentries A2C Charles Bessand A2C William H. Beaver, and dog-handlers A1C Thomas B. Buckles and A2C Donald G. Burgin.

The security police suffered no casualties.

The next night the suspected Viet Cong forces went into action again, with Lieutenant Sautter once again in the role of squadron duty officer, as the security police fought back.

Dog-handler A3C Thomas A. Shambo spotted unidentified persons alongside the fence and fired a hand-flare over the fence to illuminate them.

Meanwhile, sentry A2C William D. McCarver noticed someone inside the fence, and A2C Gary Manness, another sentry, saw somebody running near the edge of the runway.

Twenty-six hand-flares were used by the security police in the ensuing firefight, during which the sentries fired about 120 rounds of ammunition and were the targets of about 40 rounds of tracer fire.

No casualties were suffered in repelling the would-be invaders. Joining in the successful operations against the enemy were A2C Gerald W. Weaver and A2C Joseph Eubanks.

Sentry dogs were used to check the runways when the firefight ended.

OLDEST NAVIGATOR IS ON THIRD WAR

They call him 'Old Silver Top', or Magellan, or even Columbus.

As the oldest navigator in the oldest squadron in the Air Force (the 8th TBS at Phan Rang), Lt. Col. Donald W. Hargreaves, 41, from Stamford, Conn., is still going strong in a 24-year Air Force career which has propelled him into combat missions in three wars.

A veteran of 80 combat missions in the B-57 jet bombers of the 8th TBS, the plain-spoken officer flew three combat missions in World War II and 16 more in the Korean Conflict in B-29 bombers.

"There's a certain amount of apprehension on every mission," he commented. "None of 'em are easy....None of 'em are milk-runs....On every one of them, there's somebody down there who doesn't particularly like you!"

Colonel Hargreaves was only 18 when he went on his first combat mission. He plans to stay in the Air Force until 1970.

'Old Silver Top' says "the B-57 is the aircraft for the in-country war....The speed of the B-57 and its versatility and maneuverability far exceed anything the B-29 could ever do."

As navigator, his B-57 duties include guiding the aircraft to the target area.

From Starlifters To Super Sabres

After 13 months as co-pilot of a C-141 Starlifter, largest jet transport in the Military Airlift Command, 1st Lt. Joseph M. Smith, 27, from Washington D.C. has stepped into a totally different role as an F-100 Super Sabre pilot in the 614th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

The new member of the 'Lucky Devils' volunteered to make the switch "to obtain a broader viewpoint of exactly what the other branches of the Air Force were doing."

As a C-141 co-pilot last year, he helped carry out 50 missions to Southeast Asia from the United States in order to deliver troops and cargo to U.S. Forces in Vietnam.

"You have to think a lot faster," said the young officer as he compared C-141 missions to F-100 combat missions, "and physically you're exerting a lot more pressure on yourself in a shorter amount of time than I was when I was flying the transports. ...I did have to condition myself."

Flying Tennis Champ Arrives

Maj. Ernest G. Schultz of the 8th TBS believes that playing tennis offers good training for flying B-57 combat missions.

A tennis player for 28 years, he recently won the unofficial base tennis championship at Clark AB in the Philippines and is now flying his initial combat missions in Vietnam.

The 37-year-old pilot hails from Salina, Kansas. He was captain of the tennis team as a senior at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

A veteran of 15 years in the Air Force, he plans to play tennis four or five times a week at Phan Rang if his flying schedule permits.

Here is his analysis of the ties between tennis and combat missions:

"There is a necessity to be in real good physical condition...to have stamina, endurance....to be able to concentrate at key times....In a real tough tennis match, some points are really crucial, and it's the same way in combat missions....(It's) that ability to bring all your faculties to bear on a particular objective at crucial times."

The major's favorite shot is his backhand...."I seldom miss!"

NEVER A DULL MOMENT AT THE POST OFFICE

(Continued from last week)

"Letter mail is distributed no matter what time it arrives," said Lieutenant Metzger. Two experts at breaking down the mail so that it can be slid into the cubby-holes are A3C James Bohmbach, 19, and A1C Charles F. Weatherbee, 20, who hail from Ashville, N.C., and Pontiac, Mich., respectively.

The post office not only handles mail but also a huge volume of money orders. During a recent four-day period following a pay day, the post office personnel sold \$320,000 worth of money orders.

SSgt. Bergin said the workload at this time becomes enormous: "Ever try to count a quarter of a million dollars in ten-dollar bills and 25-cent pieces?"

He said that during the pay day rush the postal workers are on the job 18 hours a day. Around Christmas time, he recalled, the work shift went up as high as 22 hours.

In charge of the post office finance operations is TSgt. Albert P. Haywood.

In charge of the receipt and dispatching of mail is TSgt. Robert E. Dunham.

The base post office serves not only Air Force personnel but also Army and Navy men and RMK civilians. The frequent movement of some of the Army personnel "all over Vietnam" complicates the job.

These days, Lieutenant Metzger, noted, it takes about six days for letters to reach the United States from Phan Rang, and about five days from the U.S. to Phan Rang.

Much of the mail coming into the base arrives via the flightline. When the message comes into the post office that "there's mail on the line," an airman is immediately dispatched to the scene to pick it up.

Much incoming mail is perfumed!

Just Like Christmas

"It was just like Christmas," said TSgt. Robert Tomaselli of the 35th Security Police Sq. as he described the recent delivery of 309 pounds of clothing to two orphanages in Phan Rang and Go Den.

A member of the squadron's Civic Action committee, he went to the orphanages with squadron officials Major Hoffman and Captain Prieto to deliver the welcome gift. Everything from diapers and baby bottles to rain coats and shoes were included in the boxes of clothing.

Sergeant Tomaselli said the gift apparently came from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho under the auspices of Chaplain Richards, formerly of Phan Rang.

8th TBS HAS TIES WITH ACADEMIES

Annapolis, West Point, and the Air Force Academy are well-represented among the air crews of the 8th Tactical Bombardment Squadron.

Maj. William Schuler, navigator, and Maj. Ernest G. Schultz, pilot, are from the Class of '54 and '52 respectively of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

From the Air Force Academy are navigators Capt. Arthur W. Gillson (Class of '62) and 1st Lt. Donald D. Graham (Class of '64).

The lone West Point graduate is Lt. Col. Nathaniel A. Gallagher, is a pilot who is assigned as the squadron operations officer. He graduated from the Point in 1950.

A squadron spokesman quipped that when Major Schuler was picked up by a Navy patrol boat in the China Sea last December after his aircraft was shot down the Annapolis graduate was "sure glad he had some connections with the Navy."

A MOTOR POOL 'ASSIST' CITED

The base postal officer has paid high tribute to two members of the 35th Transportation Sq., TSgt. George Iott and SSgt. Garcia Romero, for their long-time assistance in picking up Phan Rang mail at Cam Ranh Bay.

On one occasion, Lieutenant Eugene A. Metzger recalled, a new bus was to be picked up at Cam Ranh Bay. Inside the bus, when it arrived here, was a big load of mail. Another time, mail was loaded atop frozen meat to expedite its arrival on base.

That Motion Picture Lab

The speed of the operations at Phan Rang's motion picture laboratory, located near the base control tower is as impressive as the volume of film handled there. (2ND OF TWO INSTALLMENTS)

Handling almost four miles of film per day, the lab can have a roll of film "off the machine in an hour's time," said lab chief TSgt. Crabtree.

Six hours from the time film is brought in, it has been processed and edited, and a 'release print' is ready, he stated.

SSgt. Bobby L. Perkins is in charge of the night shift, during which just about all of the processing takes place, and SSgt. LeRoy Jewell is the lab's quality control man. He sees to it that the chemical mixtures for processing and printing the film remain constant.

"It takes constant monitoring," Sergeant Crabtree observed.

NCO CLUB SET FOR ELECTIONS

On Sunday at 3 p.m. on the patio of the NCO Club, elections will be held for a new board of governors, according to Club Secretary MSgt. Austin L. Lemon.

Eight new members will be elected for the 12-man board. Nominations are now being received by Sergeant Lemon, from all units.

The four hold-overs on the board will be: MSgt. Kenneth Myelle of 35 Hq. Sq.; MSgt. Kenneth Bradley of 35 FMS; MSgt. William Roof of 1882 Comm. Sq.; and MSgt. Hester Rankin of 35th Transportation Sq.

Terms of office are one year or whatever time remains until rotation date.

Phan Rang Airmen Keep Singing Along

Phan Rang's voices in the night, the Emanons, are moving steadily forward in their search for musical fame and fortune.

Tomorrow they'll be singing at International Aid Day ceremonies in Phan Rang. The all-day festivities will include a reception in the home of the local province chief and soccer and volleyball games.

Led by A2C Charles B. Hicks Jr., 20, from Los Angeles, Calif., this quintet of airmen has come a long way since it came into being here two months ago. Its debut took place at the Red Cross Center.

Offering rock'n roll songs, popular songs, ballads, and "just plain out and out soul music", the group rehearses nightly in sessions lasting up to five hours at a stretch.

Airman Hicks, who is assigned to the 35th Supply Sq., said the group is developing a repertoire of 27 songs, including "Do I" and "Land of 1,000 Dances."

The Emanons recently presented 30 minutes of songs for approximately 100 members of the 101st Airborne Division and are scheduled to sing at ceremonies at the new Red Cross Center on July 9.

The group includes: A1C John 'Jay' Thorpe, 23, bass, 35th Supply Sq.; A1C Fred T. Young, 1st tenor, 22, 35th Hq. Sq.; A1C Robert L. Bennett Jr., 2nd tenor, 435th MMS; and A2C Bernie F. Platt, 20, lead singer, 35th Security Police Sq. Airman Hicks sings baritone. The group hopes to sing at base clubs.

BASE GOLF TEAM PREPARES FOR TRIP

Five 'swingers' from Phan Rang will participate in a 7th Air Force golf tourney at the Golf Club du Saigon (at Tan Son Nhut Air Base) July 4 - 7.

They are: SMSgt. Ernest F. Soto of the 1882 Comm. Sq.; and SSgt. Tom Broderick of the base education office; TSgt. Milton E. Tucker of the 35th CSG; A1C Phillip R. Foster of the 35th Dispensary; and SSgt. Hayward Tinsley of the 1882nd Comm. Sq.

Sergeant Soto, described by Sergeant Broderick as "our best stick", will be in the senior event, and the other four men will play in the 'open'.

The 72-hole 'open' will be scored on a team basis, with the top four scores of each team tallied daily.

Sergeant Broderick admitted that the base players will be "distinct underdogs" since everyone will be "swinging from memory". He once shot a 73.

THREE AIRMEN CITED FOR BIEN HOA ROLES

Maj. Bradley J. Johnson, chief of military personnel at Bien Hoa Air Base, has cited three Phan Rang airmen with letters of appreciation for the assistance they rendered the Consolidated Base Personnel Office there during a 45-day TDY.

Letters went to personnel specialists A1C William H. DeHart, A1C Michael L. Patton, and A1C Kenneth D. Van Wilgen of Headquarters Squadron, 35th Combat Support Group. They recently came back to PR.

Their support of the 3rd Combat Support Group at Bien Hoa was noted.

BASE TO OFFER VIETNAMESE CLASS

On July 3rd the base education center will launch a class in conversational Vietnamese, according to SSgt. Bill Gill of the center.

A Phan Rang high school teacher who has taught English at the American Embassy in Saigon will be the instructor.

Enrollment is now open, with room for 16 more students. Call Ext. 143 - Ring 2 for more details.

The eight-week course will be free. Classes will be held in two-hour sessions Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 to 9.

There is a possibility, said Sergeant Gill, that an advanced course in Vietnamese will be held at the end of this course.

Another free course, 'History, Culture, and Peoples of Vietnam' will begin on about July 25, and enrollment is also open for this course right now.