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## COOKS SETTLE ENGINEERS' HASH

### GOVERNOR GREETES AIRMEN

The Honorable Thomas McCall, governor of the State of Oregon, sat down to chat with four airmen from Oregon and several Oregonian Army personnel during a brief visit to the base on Friday.

"We're very proud of the people over here," said the tall, white-thatched governor. We're proud of the effort they're making. We think it's a very important thing. We think this is an act of courage and principle."

The main purpose of the governor's visit to Vietnam was "to draw an opinion on the importance and validity of the elections" as part of a special elections taskforce of 22 eminent Americans from the ranks of government, business, journalism, and labor selected by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Governor McCall was "quite impressed" with the "general interest in the elections" Shortly before the elections took place he made this comment about the people of South Vietnam:

"They make a choice that I think is important.... a choice between going to the polls or staying home.... If there's a large turnout, this would be a very significant indication... They feel instinctively inside them that this has something to do with democracy, and perhaps somehow means a bet-

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### THREE-STAR ARMY GENERAL JOBS IN

Lt. Gen. W. B. Bosson, who commands all troops in the area of Phan Rang AB, visited the base on Friday.

He is commander of First Field Forces. The 35th TFW commander, Col. James A. Wilson, and the base commander, Col. Lewis R. Riley, met the general on the flight line.

After lunch at the officers' open mess the general toured the base and was briefed on wing operations.

By SSgt. Joe Bond

The 35th Services Squadron captured the base softball championship last Thursday in a hotly-contested game played against the 554th ('Red Horse' Civil Engineering Sq.

In the final game of a double elimination tourney pitting the top eight teams of the base against one another, the cooks and bakers burned up the Engineers, 3-1.

Each team went into the play-offs with a 3-1 record.

Neither team scored during the first three innings, but in the top of the 4th, the 554th loaded the bases and then pushed over their lone run.

There were numerous infield hits throughout the first

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### TV CAMERAS FILM KARATE ACTION

Australian television cameramen caught the action Sunday evening when a Tai Kan Do class including 12 Phan Rang airmen went through its paces near the Aussie enlisted men's dining hall.

Taught by an Australian enlisted man of the No. 2 Sq. (Royal Australian Air Force) this class meets six nights a week to

develop experts in a Korean form of karate called Tai Kan Do. "It's a step above

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### AIRMAN VISITS SPECIAL FORCES

"You saved our lives, and I want to thank you," exclaimed the commander of the Tong Le Chanh Special Forces Camp, deep in the jungles of South Vietnam near the Cambodian border, as he greeted a delegation of F-100 Super Sabre pilots of the 614th, 615th, and 352nd Tactical Fighter Squadrons of Phan Rang AB.

At the scene was A2C Terry V. Brodt, 21, from Los Angeles, Calif., operations clerk for the 614th TFS 'Lucky Devils'. He joined in the trip, a gesture of gratitude by the Army for the F-100s' role in saving the camp from being overrun by the Viet Cong, at the invitation of the 614th TFS commander, Lt. Col. Kenneth Miles,

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The airman returned to the base with some

### ELECTION FLASH!

According to information received by 1st Lt. A.J. Querido, base Civic Action officer, a massive 93.9 percent of the registered voters of Ninh Thuan Province voted on Sunday in the Vietnamese national elections.

Of the 67,400 registered voters, 63,327 cast ballots. There are 80,000 people in the province who are aged 18 (voting age) or more.

## CHILDREN DOING MAN-SIZED JOB

Local Vietnamese youngsters, singing as they work, are playing a man-sized Civic Action role as 'stevedores' for SSgt. David Kinney, 25, from Melrose, Mass.

Assigned as Civic Action monitor, the sergeant reported that for the last month about eight to ten of these youngsters have been his devoted helpers in loading, delivering, and unloading thousands of pounds of building materials and other supplies donated by base squadrons to local schools, the Phan Rang Hospital, orphanages, and the new Ninh Thuan Province sports stadium.

Most of this material has come from the 554th CES, the 35th CES, the 35th Supply Sq., and the 435th MMS and 35th Services Sq.

Aged eight to 15, the boys take their orders from Sergeant Kinney's 'assistant,' 13-year-old Vo-Thanh-Vinh, who acts as the sergeant's interpreter.

The youngsters are military dependents of the 44th Vietnamese Regiment, quartered near the base.

Vo is the top student in the sergeant's English class in Thap Cham. The boy's father was killed two years ago.

"I'll tell him I need so many workers," said the sergeant. "The next day he'll pick 'em out and meet me."

The kids have piled aboard the sergeant's ton-and-one-half truck on an average of three times a week, sometimes handling as many as seven truckloads per week, to deliver everything from cement blocks to surplus mattresses to local towns.

They have traveled to the towns of Phan Rang and Thap Cham and the village of Go Denh, toting 300-pound tents, 97-pound bags of cement, and 52-pound boxes of nails.

"The boys work better than adults," the sergeant stated, but he admitted that the recipients of the supplies "stand back in astonishment" as the boys go about their man-sized labors. The kids' favorite expression, "Sergeant Kinney noted, is "No sweat".

## RED CROSS CENTER STAGES V.I.P. NIGHT

"Just to let the guys know they're the most important people in Vietnam," Red Cross Recreation Center assistants Gay Nall and Sue White staged a "V.I.P." Night Saturday for 25 stunned but pleased enlisted men.

The girls escorted the surprised men to a V.I.P. table where coffee, cake, and a cardboard V.I.P. crown were waiting. Gay and Sue made a point of personally serving the men coffee and iced marble cake donated by the new airmen's dining hall.

Honored were: A2C Joseph Dowell, 20, from New Orleans, La., munitions handler in the 435th MMS; A2C David Hoefener, 20, from Latham, Mo., another munitions handler from the same outfit; and A1C George Winters, 19, from Smithtown N.Y., a cost accounting specialist in the 35th CES.

Also selected as V.I.P.'s were: SSgt. D. Franz, 29, from Biloxi, Miss.; a member of the 35th FMS electric shop; A2C Paul Berger, 20, from Richfield, Pa., aircraft mechanic in the 352nd TFS, and A2C Richard Sebeniecher, 21, from Kansas City, Mo., assigned to the consolidated mail room, 35th Hq. Sq.

The 25th and last man honored was A2C Pedro Ortiz Jr., 20, from Waukegan, Ill., an aero-repair specialist in the 35th FMS.

A civilian, Ted Fritz of 35th Supply Sq., and an Army man, Sp4 Bill Dougherty, of the 406th Radio Research Detachment, were also singled out for V.I.P. treatment.

## FANCY MEETING YOU

"Jim, what are you doing here?" asked A2C Joseph Bouback, 20, a security guard in the 35th Security Police Sq., when he was approached one night at the airmen's open mess by A3C Jim Carey, a munitions handler in the 35th Munitions Maintenance Sq.

The two airmen hadn't seen each other for six years. Joe is from Belvedere, Ill. and Jim is from nearby Freeport, Ill., and they attended the same school for three years.

"We ran around together all the time in the States," said Joe, who has been in Vietnam for seven months. Jim arrived two months ago.

**IT'S A TRAP!** Anyone interested in trap shooting is asked to call Sergeant Evans at 2656. He is personnel services NCOIC and is developing a skeet and trap club. The equipment is already on base, and the range will be completed soon. To join the club, give Sergeant Evans a call. Pow!

## TAI KAN DO CLASS

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karate...It's the killing part of karate...You learn mental discipline to the point where pain is nothing," explained one of the students, A3C Timothy Ramsey, 19, munitions handler in the 435th Munitions Maintenance Sq.

Tactics include defense steps, striking steps, and kicking, and students are encouraged to bang their fists into concrete, metal, and a rope-covered board up to 2,000 times a day in order to develop callouses on their knuckles, the tops and sides of their hands, and their elbows.

Within a month, Airman Ramsey expects to be able to slice through three bricks with a single blow from the heel of his hand. "We're out to help the weak," the airman commented.

PHAN RANG SEE-ALLS:



NOW JOE, YOU THINK YOU NO NEED NUMMA ONE SHOE SHINE?

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PHANFARE

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MOVIE PARADE

TONITE: 'Fahrenheit 451', a science-fiction drama of book-burning and thought control starring Oscar Werner. Directed by one of the modern French geniuses. FRIDAY: 'Follow Me, Boys', a highly sentimental Disney tale of a scoutmaster, starring Fred MacMurray. SAT. & SUN.: 'Nashville Rebel'—Country music??

AROUND THE CLUBS

At the NCO Open Mess, Happy Hour will be held Friday from 6 to 7 p.m., and the Rhythmaires will offer musical entertainment there Saturday night, from 7 to 11 p.m. At the AOM the Rhythmaires will play from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday. Bridge lessons Tues. at 7:30 p.m. at Red Cross Center

HEY THERE, BALSABUSTERS

The Balsa-Busters (model airplane club) will meet next Tuesday (Sept. 12) at 8 p.m. in their new home just below the movie theater. A new shipment of plan kits has just come in from Clark AB. The club now has a stock of about \$800 worth of stunt, combat, and scale models, according to club secretary ALC Douglas Wilson, 26, parachute-rigger in the 35th FMS

TENNIS TIDBITS

In recent singles action, Bob Wargo (13th TBS) beat Chaplain Hartsell but Cain of the Chapel team beat Dick Zock (13th TBS) and the 13th's Denny Johnson and Bill Klesert won matches against Doc Holiday & Bud Wilmore respectively. Chaplain Hartsell and Bill White were defeated by Klesert and Tom Anderson, 2 out of 3 doubles sets.



# CONSTRUCTION GOES ON... AND ON

Phan Rang Air Base, now approximately 18 months old is rapidly taking shape. A large portion of the base is now built and being used daily by the officers and airmen who live here.

However to many of the new people arriving at the present time, a tendency to take what we have for granted exists and gripes can be heard daily about the, "One Projector open air theatre" and the incomplete sewage system. To this situation there is but one answer: Time will correct all of these situations along with the help of the Civil Engineering Squadrons on the base.

For the information of those who think things could be better, we offer the following tidbits of information about the future: The base sewage system will soon be completely operational; The new snack bar, which is being constructed by the 554th Civil Engineering Squadron will be operational sometime in October.

Sometime in the distant future, Phan Rang will have a new motion picture theatre and bowling alley.

## SCHOOLMATES TEAM UP

Technical Sergeant Jackie L. Winship, 29, of Fort Scott, Kansas and his old school mate, Captain Raymond L. Streeter, 26, also of Fort Scott are working as a team again

Thirteen years and 12,000 miles later, they now fly and crew the same F-100 fighter plane at Phan Rang Air Base. Sergeant Winship is the Crew chief and Captain Streeter the Pilot.

The only thing they do not share is the date of rotation back to the United States, but according to Capt. Streeter, "My time will come."

Both men are members of the 614th Tactical Fighter Squadron, which is located at Phan Rang Air Base.

## EX-PARATROOPER HITS GOAL OF BECOMING FLYING GRANDPA

A recent arrival at Phan Rang Air Base, 2nd Lt. William H. Mooman, 26, of New Braunfels, Texas, has achieved the goal he set for himself a number of years as a paratrooper in the Army's 101st Airborne Division.

He is now assigned as a C-123 Provider transport Co-pilot in the 309th Air Commando Squadron.

"I always wanted to fly," he said. "I remember some of the jumps I used to make, I'd sit back there, listening to the drone of the motors, and thinking about the jumps coming up, and looking up there in the cockpits and seeing the pilots... I always had a funny feeling that some day I would be able to fly."

To the lieutenant's happy surprise, he found that two Army units he served with are now based at Phan Rang. These are the 502nd Airborne Battle group and the 320th Battalion of the 101st.

After three years in the Army, during which he reached the rank of Sergeant, Lt. Mooman attended South West Texas State College, majoring in Journalism and a commission in the Air Force as a 2nd Lt.

He later recalled that his first jump was from a C-123.

## FLYING GRANDPA TEARS 'EM UP

Phan Rang's 'flying grandfather has hit it big. The 13th TBS ops. officer, grandfather of a five-month-old infant, hit the 7th AF News like this:

A B-57 Canberra crew also set a new high total in a late report of an Aug. 17 night strike.

More than 75 secondary explosions and 100 fires were left in the area after the Canberra crewman, Lt. Col. Dougal M. Davis, Capt. Richard S. Heaton hit a group of small boats near the mouth of the Rao Nay River near DongHo.

## ASK AUNT PHANNY

Dear Aunt Phanny:

I have a financial problem which defies solution: I am broke!

Several of my close friends invited me to join them in a game of chance and now I do not have a shirt to wear. The thing that makes me mad is the fact that I had a pair of duces and I still lost.

AIC Money Penny

Dear Diamond Jim:

Your misfortune is matched only by your lack of knowledge of the pasteboards. I would recommend, that you take up something that requires less in the intelligence department (Example: Throwing darts and find some new friends who sing in the church choir.

Phanny

Dear Aunt Phanny:

My wife sent me a package of Black Orchid seeds and some plant food. I load bombs at night, and sleep days. How can I fight a war and grow black Orchids at the same time. Sgt. Fetters

Dear Sgt. Fetters: Carry the Orchid seeds to the bomb dump and feed them to the Mynah bird, he might appreciate them more and look at all the water you will save.

Phanny

## LIEUTENANT AWARDED MEDAL FOR BRAVERY

First Lieutenant David W. Barksdale, 24, of Denton, Texas, a member of the 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron at Phan Rang recently was awarded the "Air Medal" for heroism and gallantry under fire.

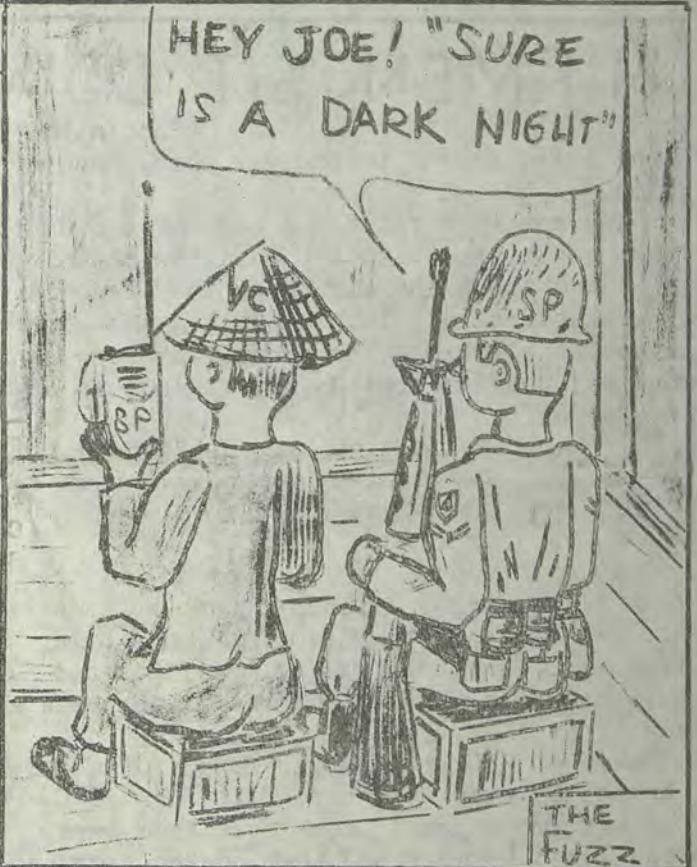
Lieutenant Barksdale, was flying Co-pilot on a HH-43B helicopter, when an emergency rescue call was received from a South Vietnamese Army unit which was pinned down under enemy fire, with two severely wounded soldiers who would die if they did not receive immediate medical attention.

The lieutenant and his fellow crewmen immediately went to the rescue of their fallen comrades.

Approaching the battle zone, they found the unit under sporadic small arms fire, with numerous brush and grass fires in the region also limiting visibility in the area. If this was not enough of an impass, the area was very unsuitable for landing due to large boulders which could damage the rotax blades.

Following a short search period, the lieutenant spotted a landing zone close to the area where a landing would be possible.

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## C-123K TRAINING LAUNCHED

Mr. Jean S. MacCracken, of Peabody Mass., a field jet engine technician for the General Electric Corporation is instructing maintenance and flight crews at Phan Rang in the operation and maintenance of the newly installed jet engines on C-123 aircraft which have recently underwent modification.

C-123 aircraft have been used in South Vietnam to ferry passengers and cargo from one base to another.

However, due to the heavy cargos being lifted these days, the Air Force decided to improve the power to load safety factor.

One way of doing this was to install a total of two small jet engines, which combined give a maximum of 5,400 pounds of thrust and raise the airspeed from 130 to 200 miles per hour.

The J-85 engines run on "Hi-Test" aviation fuel and can also be used if a prop has to be feathered on one of the standard engines.

Mr. MacCracken has been in Vietnam since March and said "the Air Force personnel I have met are nothing short of wonderful and are doing a great job for the nation."

## TENNIS CLINIC COMING

Did you know that there is one occasion where it is legal to reach over the net to hit the ball? Why is "love" used to indicate Zero in tennis scoring? When do you change sides in Tennis?

These and many more questions will be answered at a tennis clinic to be held at 5:30 PM on Friday September 8 at the local tennis courts.

Many people, who have been playing tennis for a long time, have never had the opportunity to really learn the rules of the game. In many cases, they are fairly sure that they know what is proper, but they are victims of misinformation which has been passed on from player to player.

This clinic is being offered because it is felt that any game is more fun for everyone, if everyone is using the same rules.

Unless you've recently read the rules, come on out. You are almost certain to be surprised, and you can meet some fellow players.

## AIRMEN GET TOWN TOUR

Recently, a group of Phan Rang airmen meet at the Red Cross center to go on a Red Cross sponsored tour of the Phan Rang area.

The base civic action officer, 1st Lt. Arthur J. Querido acted as the tour guide. Lieutenant Querido related much of the local Vietnamese history and answered questions so well, that if you did not know he was an American, you would have believed he was raised in the local area.

Included in the tour was a little something for everybody: Starting with the Thap Cham (Temple), which dates back to 1,139 AD., the tour wound thru Thap Cham City, a local beauty spot and continued on to Phan Rang City, where a visit to the old market place and several points of interest made the day complete for the local tourists.

# AIRMEN SIT DOWN WITH GOVERNOR

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ter life, an end to the war soon, and the establishment of freedoms throughout the nation."

The governor visited a camp of 640 displacees near the base and interviewed some of them on their attitude toward the elections.

Asked about the air base, the Oregonian legislator said, "I think it's a most impressive installation. The cordiality here, and the way they've treated us...it's just been wonderful."

He characterized the base as "a beautiful place. It's certainly a part of Vietnam I didn't realize existed. You're always hearing about the swamps and the mud."

During his visit with Oregonians at the base the governor explained that he came here "to see how everybody's doing (and) bring back word from the boys to their parents. I want to write the parents when I get back and say I saw them."

Governor McCall said the morale of the men he talked with was good. "I think they ought to have more people come over from home," he concluded, "and pound them on the back and say, 'You're doing a very good job.'"

A1C Ralph G. Davis, 28, from Yoncalla, Ore., an administrative specialist in the 35th Security Police Sq., said, "The governor was interested in my education. He wanted to know what my future plans were in education."

A1C Dennis A. Collins, fireman in the 35th Security Police Sq., said, "I'm really honored. This is the first time I've ever met anybody to do this for the government itself." He is 20, and hails from Portland, Ore.

A2C Danny R. Hatcher, 21, from Hubbard, Ore., an aerospace operations specialist in Hq. Sq. of the 35th CSG, said he and the governor "talked about the way we both like outdoors, and fishing and hunting...We both knew several people that were mutual friends."

A1C Ronald W. Lawler, 20, from Independence, Ore., pavement maintenance specialist in the 554th CES, admitted he was nervous. "It's not every day," he declared, "that you get to talk with the Governor of the State."

## SPECIAL FORCES CAMP

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vivid impressions of the camp. He noted that the Army men lived under primitive conditions, in bunkers, and that their only luxury was a TV set.

"It was fantastic!" he said. "I feel that I have gained quite a lot of experience of how the war is being fought in Vietnam."

Airman Brodt hopes to pass on what he has learned to fellow airmen at Phan Rang. He recently completed his first year in Vietnam and has extended for seven months.

Fifteen officers and enlisted men of the base made the trip to Chon Le Chanh in a C-47 transport. Airman Brodt said signs of the recent Viet Cong on the barren camp were everywhere evident. A series of low-level F-100 strikes repelled an estimated 2,000 VC

## COOKS TAKE IT!

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three innings, but hapless runners were either picked off first base or left stranded.

The pitching was sensational, and it was good toe-to-toe softball all the way. At last, in the final (7th) inning, the men in white really stirred things up. TSgt. Rice got to first base on a line drive, Then Sergeant McClasky hit another liner, and Sergeant Rice raced to third base, scoring a run shortly afterward on a stinging drive to the outfield by Airman Barton.

A smooth bunt by A1C Tossone followed, and he moved to 2nd Base on a Red Horse error. Then A1C Tipro belted the ball and drove in the third run for the victors.

The base commander handed out trophies and congratulated both teams for their fine playing.

After the game, the Red Horse coach, Jimmy D. Stanford, commented, "We had some errors in the 7th inning that cost us the ballgame."

He added, "That was the difference in the game. We played a real good team today."

In the 35th CES line-up were: TSgt. Rice, 1st base; A1C Trott, 2nd Base; A1C Jones, SS; A1C Burton, 3rd Base; A1C Tossone, LF; A1C Tipro, CF; and TSgt. McClasky, RF.

The Red Horse line-up: Sergeants Stanford and Vining, coaches; A1C Scott, 1B; SSgt. Graham, 2B; A2C Chesney, SS; A1C Eladio, 3B; SSgt. Smith, cather; SSgt. Site, pitcher; A2C Shaul, outfield; SSgt. Bohara, SSgt. Barnett, and A1C Laudor, outfield; and A1C Nicoletti, 2B.

The winning pitcher was A1C Jim Westcott.

## MEDAL FOR BRAVERY

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Lieutenant Barksdale laid down a covering fire with his M-16 rifle so that the helicopter could make a safe landing.

During the ten minutes that the rescue chopper was on the ground, the officer kept shooting at snipers as the medic hauled the two wounded soldiers aboard.

The chopper landed at Phan Rang AB just 20 minutes later, and the wounded soldiers were treated at the base hospital.

Following treatment and medication, the soldiers were flown to another hospital in South Vietnam for further treatment.