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## VIETNAMESE BISHOP CONFIRMS NINE MEN AT NEW BASE CHAPEL

Seven enlisted men and two officers were confirmed recently at the new base chapel by the Most Reverend Francis Xavier Thuan, Bishop of Nha Trang, whose diocese covers 110,000 Vietnamese Catholics in four provinces.

The solemn ceremonies marked the first time that a Vietnamese bishop had ever confirmed American Airmen on Base. The confirmations were arranged by Chaplain (Major) Edward B. Hemkins, 44, from St. Louis, Mo., Catholic chaplain at the base for the last 11 months.

Approximately 100 persons, including Colonel Edward P. McNeill, 43, from Camden, N.J., vice-commander of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, were on hand, as the confirmees knelt in turn before Bishop Thuan to receive the Blessed sacrament of confirmation.

Eighteen Vietnamese and French clergymen accompanied the Bishop to the ceremonies.

Among them were: Father Joseph Huan, Vicar of Phan Rang; Father Peter Hung, the Bishop's secretary; and French missionaries Father Peter Gauthier and Father Marc Lefebvre.

The congregation included all chaplains of the base and at least 20 Vietnamese workers. After the ceremonies, the confirmees sat down to dinner with the Bishop and the other clergymen in the new support center of the Chapel. Bishop Thuan shook hands with the men and gave them postcard-sized photos of himself.

On the back of the photo were the emblem of his office, bearing the latin inscription "Joy and Hope."

The first man to receive the sacrament of confirmation from the Bishop was 1st Lt. John H. Rheinstheld, 28, from Logan, Ohio, hospital administrator for the 35th Tactical Disp.

Also confirmed were: Capt. Frederick S. Maybee, 46, from Rochester, N.Y., base operations officer and C-47 pilot; Sgt. Fred L. Foss, 35, from Machias, Maine, chief of personnel administration for the 35th Combat Support Group; A2C Harry Decker, 21, from

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## MAJOR FLIES 10,000th SORTIE FOR 'PANTHERS'

"I felt it was a real privilege...something a little special," said Major James L. Anthony, 33, from Dablonaga, Ga., an F-100 pilot who recently flew the 10,000th combat mission for the 'Black Panthers' of the 615th Tactical Fighter Squadron.

The primary role of the 'Black Panthers', Major Anthony stated, "is to support ground forces in the area." The 10,000 missions flown by the pilots of the unit since it deployed to Phan Rang last year from its home at England Air Force Base, La., have resulted in widespread destruction and heavy casualties at the scene of enemy targets in South Vietnam.

Major Anthony arrived on base in July, and has flown 83 combat missions. He attributed the effectiveness of Air Force fighter pilots in Vietnam to extensive training, and also to the system of employing forward air controllers to direct all bombing and strafing runs.

"Practice makes perfect" the major declared, pointing out that many pilots in the 615th have come to Vietnam directly from F-100 transition schools at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. and

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## GENERAL MOORE FLIES B-57, F-100

Brigadier General William H. Moore, commander of the 834th Air Division with Headquarters at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, went on F-100 and B-57 combat missions with units of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing recently as part of his preparations for a new assignment at the Pentagon.

General Moore made an overnight visit to Phan Rang and received a tour of the base by the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing Commander, Colonel James A. Wilson, from Glendale, Calif. The general said he was pleased with the progress being made by the base.

Colonel Robert S. Stedman, commander of the 8th Tactical Bombardment Squadron, piloted the B-57 jet bomber in which the 834th Air Division commander flew during a combat mission which resulted in the destruction of four military structures and 15 bunkers. Two aircraft carried out the mission, aimed at enemy targets in the I Corps area of South Vietnam.

Captain Charles Rasnick was at the controls of the second aircraft.

Major Franklin D. Howard of the 352nd Tactical Fighter

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## GEN. MOORE

Squadron was the general's pilot during a combat mission in which three F-100's of the unit struck enemy targets in the provinces of Pleiku and Ninh Thuan.

Three military structures were destroyed. The other two pilots were Lt. Col., Harold L. Beasley, commander of the 'Yellow Jacket' Sq., and Captain Gary Dana.

General Moore conferred with Col. Bill M. Richardson, commander of the 315th Air Commando Wing, during his stay at Phan Rang.

## TRIP TO EUROPE

Cannon AFB., New Mexico.

"About half of us came from Europe," he continued. "There we trained for three years on gunnery ranges." A Veteran of 13 years military service, he pointed out that the 'Black Panthers' are each flying combat missions every day in Vietnam, and as a result "develop accuracy quite easily."

"We always have a forward air controller to direct our attacks at the enemy forces," Major Anthony stated. "It's the most effective system going, I think....It's an invaluable aid." The veteran flier observed that the forward air controllers tell the pilots exactly where to drop each bomb and carry out their strafing runs.

Assigned to RAF Station Lakenheath in England for three years before coming to Vietnam, the major feels that "my assignment here now is the high point of my career."

## THE TOP BOOKS

POPULAR AT LIBRARY:

The Base Library has received the basic McNaughton Collection of 200 books selected for their popular qualities. Additional consignments will be received at the rate of 20 books a month. Sample listings will appear in the Daily Bulletin on several successive Mondays

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## VIETNAMESE BISHOP

Ashtabula, Ohio, security policeman in the 35th Security Police Squadron; A2C Jim Lacourse, 21 from Scarborough, Maine also a Security Policeman in the 35th SPS; and A2C William Smith, 20, from Waconia, Minn., power production specialist in the 554th Civil Engineering Sq.

Confirmed also were; A1C Charles E. Felt, 22, from Peabody, Mass., cost accountant in the 554th ces; A2C James F. Murray, 22, from Scottsbluff, Neb., a member of the fire department of the 35th CES; and TSgt. Robert H. Denman, 34 from Niagra Falls, N.Y., non-commissioned officer in charge of utilities for the 554th CES.

Father Patrick McCormick, chaplain of the No. 2 Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force, was on hand for the confirmation. In the role of commentator for the services was Maj. Charles O'Brien, 39, from Springfield, Va., a C-123 Transport pilot in the 310th Air Commando Sq.

Three enlisted men served mass during the services; A2C Joe Muccino, 21, from Staten Island, N.Y., who heads the re-enlistment and separation section of the consolidated base personnel office; A2C Gordon K. Ward, 21, from New Orleans, La., a weapons mechanic in the 13th Tactical Bombardment sq.; and A1C Frank A. Rinaldi, 27, from Waterbury, Conn., a member of the 1882nd Communications Sq.

The Bishop traveled three hours by car from Nha Trang in order to preside over the confirmations. The Vietnamese-American services at the chapel were a follow-up to ceremonies held at the Catholic church in Phan Rang City last year. On November 20, 1966, 21 Americans were confirmed there by a Vietnamese Bishop.

One of the airmen confirmed at the base chapel by Bishop Thuan commented, "I think it makes the relations between the two people (the Vietnamese and the Americans) stronger."

Father Hemkens commented after the ceremonies, "we're extremely glad the Bishop could come," and he also expressed his pleasure over the presence of the local parish priest.

Bishop Thuan said, "It is a great pleasure for me to come to see American Chaplain, to collaborate with them in confirming the military men."

## PYLON SHOP BACKS BOMB RUNS

When the F-100 Super Sabres of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing reach their targets, the pilots simply push a button to release their bombs. Behind that instantaneous operation lies constant work for the six men assigned to the pylon shop of the 435th Munitions Maintenance Squadron.

Each jet fighter carries four pylons containing bomb racks, and there are automatic primary and auxiliary release systems. If the primary systems fail, the pilots turn to their auxiliary systems to release their bombs.

If that doesn't work, they can use a mechanical release for emergency jettisoning of their ordnance.

The men of the pylon shop spend ten hours a day seeing to it that the pylons and their intricate bomb release system stay in top working order.

In charge is Staff Sergeant William E. L. Bunn, 24 from Bossier City, La. Assisting him are: Airman Second Class Del W. Henry, 20, from Ashland, Ky., A2C Kenneth M. Laster, 21, from Wolf Lake, Ill., A3C Steve Painter, 20, from Poca, West Va., A2C Vernon A. Johnson Jr., 19, from Portland, Ore., and A1C Kenneth N. Olson, 35, from West Hartford, Conn.

"They're great!" said Sergeant Bunn as he talked about the men working for him. \* \* \* \* \*

NCO OPEN MESS

SODA .15  
PEANUTS .10  
BUBBLE GUM .05  
POP CORN .10

IT'S JUST NOT LIKE THE OLD DAYS

COME TO THINK OF IT, FILSTRIP, YOU DO LOOK LIKE A SERGEANT!

WELCOME MARTHA RAYE

NOTICE: AIRMEN ONLY  
3-STRIPE SERGEANTS KEEP OUT

PLEEZ, FELLAS!

ALL MY BUDDIES ARE IN THERE!

CAST!

JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE, AIRMAN

HELLO DOLLY !!

I'M A SERGEANT! AN AIRMAN  
SERGEANT! YOU'RE AIRMAN!

8 P.M. TONITE  
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**MOVIE SCHEDULE**

TONIGHT - Curse of the Fly  
Thursday - No Movie  
Friday - Conquered City  
Saturday - Penelope

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**NCO OPEN MESS**

Thursday: Nothing Scheduled  
Friday: The Fontaine's  
Saturday: Friendship Nite  
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**AIRMAN'S OPEN MESS**

Friday - Friendship Nite  
Saturday - The Fontaines (Floor Show)

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**RED CROSS RECREATION CENTER**

TONIGHT: Chess Tournament  
Thursday: Games  
Friday: Pinochle Tournay  
Saturday: Hail and Farewell Party  
Sunday: Make a Mask Nite  
Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: Halloween Party

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THE GREAT PUMPKIN IS COMING!!!!!!\*\*\*\*\*

AS VIEWED FROM MY WINDOW....

'GETTING THE JOB DONE'

During my daily trips around the base, it has frequently occurred to me that there is more than one way to accomplish any given job and obtain the same desired results. Cost is an important consideration that all workers and supervisors should consider when given any task.

If a less expensive material is on hand and will do the same job, use it if there is no safety factor involved.

Thorough and thoughtful use of on-hand resources is one of the marks of a good manager. It is obviously both financially and temporarily wasteful to order items not actually needed.

Another practice, I have noticed is that too many people are frequently used on jobs that could be easily accomplished by fewer personnel. There is no point in wasting man hours this way.

There is no substitute for good personnel management, and being cost conscious is one very sure way of implementing changes when they are needed.

One thing that I believe to be absolutely necessary is that priorities be set in order of mission importance. By doing this, much back-sliding that results from jumping from one project to another without completing either can be prevented.

When a job is begun in accordance with its proper priority it should be completed in every aspect and our base will reflect favorably these accomplishments.

Our organization is perfect, but if we all try a little harder, we can improve on our already efficient operation and accomplish our vital mission more expeditiously and at less cost to the Air Force.

*James A. Wilson*

Cel. James A. Wilson, commander  
35th Tactical Fighter Wing

## LT. GEN. DAVIS VISITS BASE

Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, commander of the 13th Air Force visited Phan Rang Air Base this past week and was given a comprehensive briefing and a tour of the base.

Both the 8th and 13th Tactical Bomb Squadrons are based at Clark Air Base in the Philippines and are included in General Davis's command.

The 8th and 13th TBS rotate two month combat tours in Vietnam.

During his visit to Phan Rang Air Base General Davis met a number of the 8th TBS pilots and discussed various aspects of the operational mission with them.

## AT LAST....

## COMBAT

"I feel that it's finally given me a chance to do what I've been trained to do," said F-100 Super Sabre pilot Major Lawrence O. Prestjohn, 40, from Black Hawk, S.D., who is getting his first taste of combat flying after 16 years of military service.

The 352nd Tactical Fighter Squadron pilot joined the service six months before World War II, ended. He never got out of the United States in that conflict. He entered pilot training during the Korean conflict, and his class was slated to serve in Korea, but the fighting ended before that could take place.

Major Prestjohn is the second-oldest pilot in the 352nd TFS, known as the Yellow Jackets. He has completed 40 combat missions in Vietnam, including a recent one in which he led a three-ship formation which ignited three secondary explosions in the midst of a Viet Cong site 15 miles south of Phan Rang.

## CLASSES TO START SOON

THE FOLLOWING IS THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CLASS SCHEDULE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE INTERESTED.

Semester Dates; 13 Nov 67 - 20 Jan 68

Registration; 1 - 8 Nov 67 from 0730 - 1730, Ed. Off.

Class Hours; 1900 - 2200

Cost; Tuition \$13.50 + One Time Registration Fee \$10.00 + Books

Location of Classes; Education/Library Building  
Business Enterprise BA10 Mon & Wed, 3 semester hours

Lt. Col Thompson, A survey course treating the organization of a business enterprise, its organization and control.

Principles of Accounting BA21 Tue & Fri 3 Semester hrs.

Major Wingertzahn, the principles of accounting for business enterprise and the use of accounting data in making business decisions. 3 Prior hours of accounting required.

English Composition ENG. 11 Tue & Fri, 3 semester hrs.

Lt. Col Kleinhaus, The study and application of rhetorical principles in expository prose, frequent themes.

Introduction to Mathematics MA10 Mon & Wed, 3 semester

hours Capt. Ewald. Prerequisite, 2½ years of high school mathematics.

## 'SMASHING' DEBUT

A young lady who recently joined the staff of the Red Cross Recreation Center made a 'smashing' debut by throwing to the mat seven times an airman who outweighed her by over 60 pounds.

Pat Rowan, 22, from Youngstown Ohio, accomplished this feat in view of an audience of 111 enthralled spectators during a judo exhibit at the center. The attractive blonde, whose hair hangs down over her shoulders, said the airmen at the exhibit "were scared to death that I was going to kill myself."

Actually, they needn't have worried. Pat studied judo for one semester as a senior at Texas Christian University, from which she graduated last spring with a degree in sociology and psychology.

"I bounced around a couple of times," said Pat, who stands over five-foot-six, as she recalled the judo demonstration. "It was hard," she admitted as she told of throwing ALC 'Mat' Dillon across her hip to the mat during a display of general throwing techniques and ways in which women can ward off assailants through judo.

"We didn't realize you were so strong!", members of the audience told her after the exhibit. "I think they were kind of surprised," the recreation aide commented. The airman she threw across her hip holds a third degree black belt in judo. Staff Sergeant Charles Russell and Airman First Class Marshall Flowers, had a major share in the comprehensive judo demonstration.

The purpose of the exhibit was to arouse interest among base personnel in a judo class at the center, and Pat noted that several men have signed up for the class. Her initial impressions of Phan Rang: "It's a great place. I like it very much."

## TV NOW WORKING

Television is now available for Phan Rang viewers. Technicians from Armed Forces Vietnam Network Television (AFVN-TV) have finished the final installation of the Repeater/Translator television station here.

To receive the new station's signal, personnel must have a VHF/UHF set, capable of being tuned to Channel 78. Also, a small loop type UHF antenna (usually on the set) is needed.

The operation is very fine so extreme care is needed when tuning the channel, or one is likely to miss the station completely.

The operation was installed by Mr. Robert Kreis (RCA Technical Representative), Army Staff Sergeant Willis F. Johnson and Specialist Five Joe G. Andrus.

## WEST VIRGINIA AIRMAN IS LADIES' MAIL CHOICE GETS OVER 60 LETTERS

Over 60 young ladies in West Virginia, ages eight to 29, have written letters over the past 10 weeks to a young airman assigned to the pylon shop of the 435th Munitions Maintenance Squadron.

Airman Third Class Steve Painter, 20, from Poca, West Va., said the letters are the result of "a new thing they've got back home.... They put your name and address in the newspapers, and everybody gets them, and they all write to you."

He has been in Vietnam for six months, and plans to volunteer for a second tour once his scheduled one-year tour is completed.

Airman Painter has never met any of the letter writers, but said "I'd like to thank them for their kindness and consideration, and for thinking about the menserving in Vietnam."

The weapons mechanic noted that one young second-grader sent him a few pages of a comic book with her letter. He has answered a number of the many letters from his home state. The writers, he stated, ask him about his job, and about the way things are in Vietnam.

Airman Painter's job in the pylon shop consists of the repair and maintenance of pylons which house the bomb racks of F-100 Super Sabre jet fighters.

## CHAPEL COMPLEX OPEN

The recent opening of a \$22,000 chapel support center at Phan Rang and upcoming dedication ceremonies for the newly completed 320 seat chapel alongside it, add up to a fitting close for the one year tour of Chaplain (Major) Edward B. Hemkins, Catholic chaplain at Phan Rang.

The 44 year old native of St. Louis Mo. recently had the satisfaction of having a team of 7th Air Force inspectors label the chapel facilities the best in all of the Seventh Air Force bases in Vietnam.

The chapel support center features five offices for the four chaplains on base, an administrative office, a Blessed Sacrament Chapel, a sacristy, a meeting room, and a kitchen.

Chaplain Hemkins said "This support center gives us the opportunity of developing a much more effective program, we can now provide a complete ministry to the single airmen."

Major General Edwin Chess, chief of Air Force chaplains, is scheduled to arrive at Phan Rang during the latter part of November to dedicate the new facility. \*\*\*\*\*

## AIRMAN ZIPS THRU EUROPE ON EXTENSION LEAVE

Taking full advantage of the extra 30 day leave offered to all Air Force personnel who voluntarily extend their tours in Vietnam for six months, a young airman at this base recently zipped through eight countries in Europe on a 1,000 mile car trip.

The provisions of the leave include a free round trip by air to just about any accessible place in the free world.

Airman Second Class Nathan D. Johnson, 21, from Wichita, Kansas, an aircraft electrician in the 35th Field Maintenance Squadron, chose Frankfurt, Germany. There he joined forces with his brother, who recently completed a tour in Europe with the U.S. Army.

In an MG sports-car, the pair spent the next 30 days traveling through Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, Austria, Italy, England and Switzerland.

"I have no regrets at all," said the Phan Rang based airman as he recalled the colorful trip. "I think it was the greatest thing that I've done for myself."

He spent \$600.00 on the 'grand tour', which included stops in Paris and London, repaired in less than one day.

The airman's brother had been assigned to to the job of driving dignitaries during his tour with the Army. As a result, he has learned a smattering of various European languages, and this made it easier for the brothers to communicate with the people they encountered on their trip.

"I was just astounded at the marvelous treatment our European hosts gave us during our numerous stops throughout the trip," said Airman Johnson, noting that he was usually able to find someone who could speak English.

Fantastic four lane highways along the peaks of the Swiss Alps were singled out by Airman Johnson as the most surprising sight of the entire journey. "We were close to 10,000 feet up in the mountains," said the airman as he described the scene.

One of the airman's happiest memories of the 30 day trip, was the Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany, where he came across people from all over the world. He picked Germany as his favorite among the eight countries through which he and his brother visited.

## HERE... & THERE...

SO YOUR FRIEND  
CAN STAND ON  
HIS HEAD...  
BIG DEAL!



The car broke down only once, but was

## CLASS OF OVER 100 VIETNAMESE STUNS AIRMAN

Airman Third Class Tim Ramsey, 19, from Cross Creek, Pa., a munitions handler and driver in the 435th Munitions Maintenance Squadron who entered the English Teaching program of the base Civic Action program a month ago, recently received a severe shock when he walked into a classroom in Phan Rang City:

"I expected to see about 20 to 30 students, but to my surprise I was faced by over 100 students....For a few minutes it threw me, and I was completely lost."

"I managed to salvage the situation because, knowing all children like to be humored, and to keep their attention, I figured I would have to do something ridiculous and humorous... I then ran in, jumped on the platform in front, and acted my class out in a way to keep their attention...We did get a few laughs this way!"

Once he had the attention of the crowd of youngsters crammed into the classroom the airman got down to business:

"I worked first on simple phrases and simple conversation, such as 'good morning' and 'How are you?'" I then had a student come to the front of the room and we held conversation together. This way when they are approached by a G.I. or a civilian, they know how to act."

Airman Ramsey has been teaching a class of 14 youngsters in the town of Thap Chap three nights a week. Recently he decided to spend another three nights a week in the English program at Phan Rang City, and on his first night there he went as a substitute teacher. Airman Ramsey is one of 20 English teachers from Phan Rang who devote their off duty time teaching 407 Vietnamese students our English Language.