

HOSPITAL VISITED

The 35th Tactical Dispensary received a visit from the PACAF Surgeon General, Major General M.S. White.

Accompanying General White was Colonel Stanley H. Bear, 7AF surgeon general.

They were met at the ramp by Colonel James A. Wilson, commander of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing. After a briefing they toured the base and hospital facilities.

Captain C.R. O'Briant, hospital commander, briefed the two surgeons on the hospital objectives and accompanied them on a tour of the hospital.

The General also toured the veterinary facilities and province hospitals.

"He seemed highly impressed by everything, and spoke very highly of the efforts made here," one hospital spokesman commented.

HELLO, DOLLY!, MARTHA RAYE WOW LARGE AUDIENCE

Despite a whirling dust storm at the beginning of the evening, Martha Raye and a cast of 19 singers and dancers in the USO sponsored show, 'Hello, Dolly!', entertained nearly 3000 enlisted men and officers last Wednesday.

Miss Raye and her extremely professional group transported the crowd of Air Force and Army personnel through the streets of 'Ole New York' in a very lyrical and melodious hour and a half.

Her deviation from the script and cavorting with the cast and audience alike, brought the audience closer to the warmth that the 'Sweetheart of Vietnam' has for the G.I.

At the close of the program, Martha walked to the front of the stage for a heart to heart talk with the audience.

"It makes an American woman like me, proud indeed to see such fine young men," she continued, "Fellows ask me, Maggie, that is my real name...What is going on back home? All those demonstrators and card burners...What is it all about?...All I can say about those demonstrators and card burners is... that they are a small minority of people that do not matter anyhow...There are millions of people back home other than your friends and loved ones, that do love you and do respect you, and know why you are over here. They believe in what you are doing...Just remember, guys, the demonstrators and card burners couldn't even shine your boots...And don't you forget it."

BASE RATED 'OUTSTANDING' BY SAFETY SURVEY TEAM

Phan Rang Air Base has just received the results of a Management Safety Survey from PACAF with the rating of outstanding.

A team of safety officials arrived here and inspected the base recently. They used a safety checklist as criteria by which to judge the safety program that our own safety officials have set up.

The safety program is divided into three parts. Flying, Explosive and Ground Safety.

The Flying Safety program is primarily responsible for the safety of aircraft and the operations of the flightline. Pilot safety is under this section, also.

The Explosive Safety section is responsible for weapon safety and armaments of aircraft. Small arms safety falls into this category also.

Ground Safety is responsible for building safety, recreational safety and vehicular safety. Plus many more related fields.

The report noted that the general housekeeping of the flightline area was excellent. The night operations were well supervised and that the wing standardization crew has begun wing-wide standardization efforts.

Overall the flightline and munitions operations showed great advancement. (can't six)

10,000th WEATHER BRIEFING GIVEN

Captain William A. Salinger of Det. 22, 30th Weather Squadron, gave the 10,000th Out of Station weather briefing the detachment has prepared since its arrival two years ago.

The briefing was given to two aircrews from the 8th Tactical Bombardment Squadron.

The squadron also furnished weather support for the 315th Air Commando wing and the No. 2 Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Colonel James A. Wilson, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing Commander, presented her a plaque from the base.

After the show, in an interview, Martha commented on the base. "It has certainly changed since I was here in 1965. I arrived four days after the 101st Screaming Eagles, and all we had were tents. I might add, there were no latrines for ladies.

One of the cast members commented on the audience as being one of the best that they had played before, "We just couldn't help but be 'up' in our performance, the feeling of the audience was just great. It was really a thrill to perform for them."

The cast and Martha were treated to refreshments at the NCO Open Mess after the show, where they just sat and listened to one of our local combos, and talked with people.

The cast of 'Hello, Dolly!' will soon disband and head back to the States. But Martha Raye is staying till February, "Because there are still troops here."

TWO SUCCESSFUL MISSIONS CAP TOUR OF PILOT

Back-to-back P-57 jet bomber missions which destroyed a total of 48 military structures, including five concrete ones, and caused three secondary explosions 10 miles south of Da Nang recently capped the Vietnam tour of Lieutenant Colonel Horace W. Lehman, 46, from Albuquerque, N.M.

The strikes occurred less than 24 hours apart, and the targets consisted of two Viet Cong supply areas a mile apart.

Colonel Lehman is currently wrapping up his tour as chief of the tactical unit operations center of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing. He has played a key role in launching thousands of F-100 Super Sabre and B-57 combat missions.

In the two strikes south of Da Nang, the colonel recalled that it was "a monstrous job" coping with adverse weather and the proximity of the "terrific amount of (air) traffic" around the base.

A veteran of over 25 years of military service, the colonel flew bombers in the European theater during World War II.

As he prepared to depart for the United States, the veteran pilot commented, "this is without question the very best station we have in Vietnam... If I ever had to come back, this would be the base I'd want to come back to."

Two of the Colonel's sons are in service. One of them, Hal, is in Vietnam, and was stationed with an Army unit at Phan Rang for five months before being assigned to a new location 60 miles north of the base.

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310TH ACS CIRCLES WORLD 8 TIMES IN SEPT.

The 310th Air Commando Squadron logged over 213,000 nautical miles during the month of September, according to Lieutenant Colonel Raymond N. Whitaker, 310th operations officer.

Flying the C-123 Provider aircraft, the 310th ACS hauled 6116 tons of cargo, and flew 1775 hours. The squadron carried 20,757 passengers and flew 2324 sorties during the month.

Averaging ten aircraft airborne per day, the 310th missions carried them to all four corps areas in South Vietnam.

The C-123 can carry over 10 thousand pounds per sortie. These planes are used to supply forward and remote camps with all the supplies that they require to remain combat effective. This list can be everything from ammunition to a live cow and chickens.

TAKE THAT EXTRA SECOND.....
FOR SAFETY !

LEGAL NOTES

Courtesy of Captain F. G. Cline JR.,
Base Legal Office, Phan Rang Air Base

CUSTOMS INFORMATION: The general rule is that any employee of the U.S. Government, military or civilian, who is returning to the United States under government orders at the close of any overseas tour of at least 140 days, is allowed free entry on personal and household effects.

A copy of government orders will constitute satisfactory proof for free entry under the law. Orders should accompany shipment of hold baggage, and if goods are sent by mail, a copy of orders should be inclosed with the item, along with a statement that free entry is claimed under the public law.

Of course all American made items, whether taken overseas by your self, or bought in the base exchange are customs free.

Personal goods and household effects means just that, the customs collector must be satisfied that the shipment consists of personal and household goods of the importer (you the sender) and that they are not for resale or being imported for someone else. In order to qualify, the goods must have been in your possession while you were on duty outside the U.S.

Liquor is not included under this free entry privilege, however a returning service man may import one gallon of alcoholic beverages if the following conditions are met:

1. The liquor must be in your possession when you enter the United States.
2. Three quarts of the one gallon must be distilled and bottled in the U.S. and the other quart may be of foreign origin.

(Ed. Note: Clip and save for reference)

WEATHER

Weather for the week of 22-27 Oct was:

Avg Max. 90 degrees F Extreme Max 92 F
Avg Min 75 degrees F Extreme Min 73 F*
*Lowest temperature since 22 Apr 67
No Rainfall.

GLEANNINGS:

From Food Service:

Ninety-eight pairs of sneakers were issued to the civilian attendents in the mess halls this past week.

Breakfast pastry has been added to the menu in all dining halls, six days a week.

From the Dispensary:

Five villages were visited this week and 145 patients were treated.

ROD AND GUN CLUB

Twenty-two avid anglers and hunters met to draw up a constitution for another Phan Rang AB first, a Rod And Gun Club.

At their first meeting last Tuesday evening, Captain Don Terrell was elected president, and Wally Woods was elected executive vice-president. Sergeant Richard Heenes was elected as secretary.

A skeet range is nearing completion and there are 12 Winchester over-under shot guns and ammo, plus clay pigeons ready to go.

The club is hoping to develop a competition skeet team.

Meetings are held every other Tuesday evening at 8:30 in the RMK Dining Hall. Date for the next meeting is November 14.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

- TONITE: TV Series
- FRI: Deadly Affair
- SAT: Frankie and Johnnie

RED CROSS CENTER

TONITE: SNAKE SHOW 7:30

Come and learn about snakes that abound in this area. Bring your camera- excellent opportunity for close-up shots.

NOV 2: BIRTHDAY PARTY 7:30

Does your birthday fall in the month of November? If so, this party is especially in honor of you. Cake, Ice Cream and party games.

Everyone welcome to participate. Fun for all!

NOV 3- Chess Tourney 7:00

NOV 4- Games 7:30

NOV 5- Coffee Call 10:00 AM Come before or after church.

Match Game 7:30 T.V. word association

NOV 7- Chess Tourney 7:00

NOV 8- Pinochle Tourney 7:00

Pool Tourney 7:30

ENTERTAINMENT

NCO OPEN MESS:

TONITE: Abbie Neal and the Ranch Girls 8:30

THURS: Bring Your Boss Nite

FRI: The Comets 8:30

AIRMEN'S OPEN MESS:

SAT: The Comets 7:30

The new Airmen's Open Mess Recreational Wing is scheduled for a November 6th opening. Much effort is being made to have the facility ready at that time. Schedules for tournaments and other activities will soon be carried in the Phanfare. Support your Open Mess Activities It's your club, as long as you take an interest.

DIMSY DUNSTER



Halloween day, the signal for the beginning of the holiday season, will see more than one million American service men celebrating in foreign countries. Many of us, like Dimsy, may have to perform our various duties on one or more of the coming holidays. We may not especially enjoy performing these duties while others celebrate, but bear in mind that without our efforts and sacrifices, from the front line foxholes to the rear echelon desks, many free people around the world would be without their National holiday heritages. I feel sure, duty or not, that Dimsy and his friends join me, one and all, in wishing you a.....



AS VIEWED FROM MY WINDOW.....

'SAFETY IS YOUR JOB'

Every time I pass the base salvage yard, I ask myself if there is some way we could have saved the many vehicles there. Transportation is of paramount importance to the accomplishment of our mission for reasons too obvious and numerous to go into here.

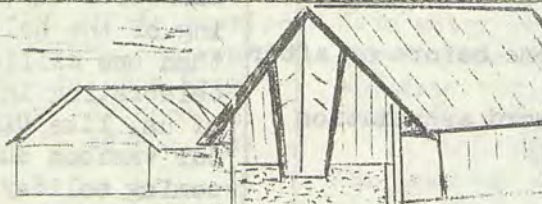
There are several ways that we can all contribute to cost effectiveness and mission accomplishment where vehicle use is concerned. First drive only on paved roads unless an unpaved one is the only access to your destination. Second no matter where you drive, observe the posted speed limits. Third make sure your vehicle is kept in good operating condition. Don't let the little things slide; make sure your vehicle is turned in for repairs when necessary.

Safety is every bit as important here as it is in the United States. We have a limited number of vehicles and parts are often difficult to obtain. We cannot afford to be deprived of vehicles because of carelessness or recklessness.

Since January 1, 1967, we have had 26 reportable vehicle accidents resulting in a direct dollar loss of almost \$12,000. A dozen vehicles have been retired to the salvage yard beyond repair.

It is the responsibility of each supervisor and each vehicle operator to practice safety, as well as preach it. Our performance in this area calls for improvement. As wing commander, I will continue to stress it.

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

CHAPEL
SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: AM

- 7:30 Church of Christ Worship
- 8:30 Catholic Worship*
- 9:30 Lutheran Worship
- 10:30 General Protestant Worship
- 12:00 Catholic Worship*

PM

- 3:30 Latter Day Saint (Mormon) Worship
- 6:30 Catholic Worship*
- 7:30 General Protestant Worship
- 8:30 Hymn Sing

WEEKDAY

- 11:45 Daily: Catholic Worship*
- 7:30 Mon: Protestant Study Group
- 7:30 Wed: Protestant Men of the Chapel
- 7:30 Thur: Church of Christ Study Group
- 7:30 Fri: Protestant Chapel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 Fri: Jewish Worship Service

NOTE: The chapel choir is starting to prepare music for the Christmas Season. All personnel who like to sing are urged to come out and help. Also dedication of the new Chapel Center is forthcoming, a large choir would be appropriate.

YOUNG CAPTAINS
NOW 'OLD HEADS'

Over a year ago, Captains Gary L. Dana and Michael E. Sexton, both 26, deployed with the 352nd Tactical Fighter Squadron from Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C., to begin combat operations in South Vietnam. The squadron's F-100 fighters landed on the aluminum runway at Phan Rang on the 17th of August 1967. Today the two captains are the only original "Yellow Jackets" left.

Though among the youngest in rank and age they are really the oldest heads of the squadron. Between them, they have amassed close to 700 combat missions totaling over 1300 hours of combat time.

Both pilots extended their tours for six months to gain even more experience.

The two pilots have had identical combat careers. Both volunteered for Forward Air Controller duty and applied for and were granted duty in the same area.

Captain Sexton was attached to the 1st Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division, Army. While Captain Dana was attached to the second. Both were stationed at the same base.

As Forward Air Controllers they directed many of their old squadron mates on enemy positions.

Both men hold Distinguished Flying Cross medals. Captain Sexton was awarded his for duty as an F-100 pilot, and Captain Dana received his for duty as a FAC.

Both pilots are hoping for further assignments together.

NAMED CREWCHIEF OF
THE MONTH, SEPTEMBER

The 352nd Tactical Fighter Squadron selected the Crewchief Of The Month for the month of September recently.

Named to the position was Sergeant David A. Grandstaff.

Sergeant Grandstaff has been at Phan Rang since May of 1967.

Along with the honor goes a \$25 United States Savings Bond.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE
MAGIC TREE ?

WHAT IS A CREW CHIEF?

By Capt. Don L. F. Bice, 614th TFS Maintenance Supervisor

A pair of combat boots are firmly planted on the concrete ramp in front of an F-100 aircraft. The 'Red Devil' on the nose-gear door denotes the 14th TFS 'Lucky Devils'.

Who is filling the boots? Probably a young sergeant with a man-sized job. He is a crew chief. Heretofore the job has been done by a technical sergeant or at least by a staff sergeant with considerable F-100 experience.

Things have changed. Now it is a sergeant with little experience on any aircraft, let alone the F-100.

The aircraft is staring back at him, seemingly in defiance of his efforts to keep it clean, in proper operational order, and safe to perform its mission.

His job is to bring together all of the resources provided...sometimes less than he would like to have...and produce an effective weapons system, capable of making a combat strike, all systems 'go'.

To him the aircraft is a big, complicated piece of machinery that thrives on manhours, parts, ordnance, a lot of sweat, and, at times, a few tears.

He wonders, "How did I get in this position?"

Just a few years ago he was in high school, worrying about the angles, literature, and girlfriends.

The war seems a little unreal to him. True enough he hears the gunfire and mortars at night in the surrounding hills, but where is the war? Where is the action? What is all of the commotion about? It isn't to be seen.

There are no Viet Cong hiding behind the revetments and taking sneaky shots at him or his buddies. Sometimes it's hard to believe that his aircraft is taxiing out, loaded with virtually everything that the conventional weapons inventory has to offer.

As the bird leaps into the air, he observes orange flames trailing. The jet is in a hell of a hurry to get somewhere to do something to contribute to the war effort.

Full realization of what is on the receiving end is hard to grasp. Even so, there is a feeling of pride as his aircraft disappears into the distance.

It takes a lot of people behind the crew chief to produce a combat sortie. There isn't anyone on base who doesn't contribute his bit part...from those who supply the food, supplies, and stores, to the technicians who rally to the crew chief's aid when expert, specialized assistance is needed.

The crew chief's job is very demanding.

Jets develop many problems. Work must be done immediately. The jets must be operational at all times.

A good share of the crew chief's work is manual labor. These are men, not lads, and their boots are sometimes filled with sweat. Their boots are made for working!

One of the many crew chiefs is Sgt. Peter Bemmarite, 23, from St. Louis, Mo. I've been in the maintenance field for 19 years, and I take my hat off to this sergeant and all the others like him.

They come from different worlds, but they all have a lot of guts. These young men are fresh from school. They never give 'No' for an answer. These young men are doing a fine job. The American military leaders and the public can be justly proud of them.

(Editor's note: So should we all!)

ROCKY AND STONY GUARD THE LINE

A pair of workers known as Rocky and Stony are spearheading a campaign against FOD (foreign object damage).

Col. Michael Pashkevich, 46, from Tucson, Ariz., is the man behind the project, which is designed to keep stray rocks and other foreign objects off the flightline.

The two Vietnamese workers are stationed at brightly-painted stations on the two main roadways to the flightline. When a vehicle drives up, they inspect the tires to make sure no rocks are embedded in the tread.

Their fight against foreign objects is dramatized by their colorful uniforms, which include yellow helmets and orange jackets with their campaign nicknames printed on them.

"It makes people conscious that the flightline is to be in a constant state of readiness," said the colonel, a veteran of 27 years' military service.

"I get comments (on Rocky and Stony) from every visiting dignitary that comes through here," he added.

A stray rock or piece of metal on the flightline can spell disaster for jet engines if it gets sucked into the intake scoops.

"Engine foreign object damage here is practically nil," said Colonel Pashkevich. For six of the first nine months of '67, the 35th TFW has achieved a zero rate on such damage.

An FOD program created by the officer at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. was picked as one of the eight best in the Air Force last year.

PLANE LOST OVER NUI DAT

The engine burst into life. The plane reared to the end of the runway and soared into the expanse of sky. Higher and higher the sleek-winged craft winged. Suddenly strong updrafts caught the craft. The pilot and crew fought the controls to keep the winged monitor in flight.

Still stronger currents arose, carrying the plane toward the peaks of the mountains. As last-ditch attempts were made to save the plane, it disappeared from sight, never to be seen again at its beloved base.

The lone engine's drone grew more and more faint.....If anyone sees LAC Brian Grebert's radio-controlled model plane, which soared over the microwave tower on Sunday, please call Kangaroo Switch.

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CLASSIC RE-ENLISTMENT

Sergeant Jerry A. Dillon, 23, from Lawrence, Kansas, re-enlisted recently, for the first of many times, in the Air Force.

He transferred from the Marine Corps after 22 months of active service, to become a member of the Air Force.

Capt. George A. Ward, an F-100 pilot in the 352nd Tactical Fighter Sq., administered the re-enlistment oath at the sergeant's request.

These two individuals plan to meet every four years, no matter what part of the world they may be stationed in, so that Capt. Ward can perform these ceremonies regularly.

Who knows, in 20 years, Captain Ward may be a general, and Sergeant Dillon may be Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.

As a personal equipment technician in the 352nd TFS the sergeant "gives his best no matter what he is doing" a fellow worker commented.

The re-enlistee has been an inspiration to others.

SAFETY REPORT

The report also noted strong command guidance and supervision throughout the entire 35th Tactical Fighter Wing. The standardized briefings were highly effective.

Responsibility for maintaining strong and effective leadership in the field of safety rests with the Wing Information Office.

Major Amos O. Fox, chief of safety, and his staff keep constant surveillance of safety procedures used on base.

The flying safety section is headed by Maj. Gerald McCarthy, and he is assisted by Capt. Buren G.

Galbraith.

The explosive safety section is under command of Maj. Robert J. Cottone. Staff Sergeant David C. Wiles assists in the explosive safety program, and TSgt. William A. Oblein works in the weapons safety program.

The explosive safety section is responsible for the safe handling of ordnance and ammunition. Small arms safety is also considered under their jurisdiction.

Ground safety, which covers all aspects of personal safety covering vehicular, recreational, and living-quarters

conditions, is handled by SSgt. William A. Riggs and Sergeant Elmer R. Moffett.

Handling the mountains of forms, reports, and other paperwork are Sergeants Jimmie W. Washburn and Vendra G. Lamkin.

"The safety program on base is a constant job. There are safe procedures outlined on how to do almost everything. It is our job to see that these procedures are established throughout every aspect of living and working on base," said Major Fox, calling on all base personnel to support this vital program

MOTION-PICTURE CLOSING OUT CAMERAMAN EXCITING TOUR

For sheer excitement, it is hard to beat the tour now ending for jump-qualified cameraman Staff Sergeant Thomas P. Kulick of the 600th Photo Squadron.

Since his arrival here last December, he has flown on 120 combat missions, bailed out into the South China Sea, jumped in the first combat jump to be made by the Army since the Korean War... and shot 12,000 feet of combat film along the way.

Sergeant Kulick heads the combat documentation team of the photo lab, and is a familiar figure aboard the F-100's of the 35th TFW.

"We're here primarily to document the air war and the Air Force role in Vietnam," said the 28-year-old native of Waltham, Mass.

He spent nine years in the Army, and earned his jump wings at Fort Campbell, Ky. in 1956.

Earlier this year, during Operation Junction City, he jumped, camera in hand, with members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, stationed near Bien Hoa, in the first U.S. paratrooper combat jump since the Korean Conflict.

In April he made an unscheduled jump when the F-100 in which he was flying developed engine trouble believed to have been caused by enemy ground fire.

The incident occurred in the middle of an air strike,

"right between the time we dropped our heavy ordnance and the time we were lining up to strafe."

"We started to get smoke and fume and rumbles," said the sergeant, "and the lead (pilot) pulled up and said we were on fire."

In a few minutes, Sergeant Kulick and the pilot were plucked from the sea by an Army helicopter.

A veteran of 11 years of military service, the sergeant has made 71 jumps, including four in Vietnam, and has earned two Air Medals.

Once, during a mission in an F-100 of the 352nd TFS, the target turned out to be a rice paddy, but "we got a good secondary explosion out of it!"

The combat cameraman is now eager to get home to his wife.

YOU ARE NEWS

Promotions! Awards! Arrivals! Anything that can and does happen to people on base is news to the folks at home.

The fastest way to get the word home is through the hometown news center.

If anything good has happened to you recently, why not fill out an AF Form 175 and let us tell the story in your hometown, via the hometown news center. Your folks back home want to read about you. Contact your orderly room for the forms and get that '175' in the mill.