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## GENERAL MOMYER IMPRESSED BY VISIT

During a recent two hour visit to this base, the commander of 7AF, Lt. General William W. Momyer, commented that he was amazed by the progress that has taken place here between each trip he has made to the base.

The general told Colonel James A. Wilson, commander of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, that he was particularly impressed with the recent paving of roads and parking areas. This work was carried out by

members of the 554th 'Red Horse' Civil Engineering Squadron.

General Momyer shook hands repeatedly with officers and enlisted men as he toured the fighter squadron operations area, field maintenance facilities, the maintenance control area and other newly completed projects on base.

The general also toured the ramps and revetment area for C-123 Providers of the 315th Air Commando Wing, and took a look at the airmen's barracks commenting that the barracks had improved greatly since his last visit to Phan Rang.

Colonel Wilson said, "We've come a long way, and were going to go a lot further." The colonel also stated that General Momyer expressed pleasure over the "working spirit and harmony which the men have".

Colonel Wilson commended the base personnel.

## LETTER PRAISES AIRMANSHIP IN 'BATTLE OF LOC NINH'

In a letter penned over the signature of General William W. Momyer, commander of 7AF, Phan Rang personnel received congratulations for the outstanding support rendered by our aircraft in the Loc Ninh Operation.

The letter stated: "I am extremely pleased and proud of the significant contribution made by the Air Force personnel toward the overall success achieved during the recent series of enemy engagements at Loc Ninh. This was not a preplanned operation; however, the KBA testifies to your versatility, quick-reaction capabilities and dedicated professionalism.

Senior Army commanders have expressed praise of the Air Force support. The airmanship you displayed demonstrated our capabilities beyond any doubt and further contributed to the unprecedented rapport we enjoy with the Army in SEA.

Please forward my congratulations to all personnel involved...."

Colonel James A. Wilson, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing Commander, stated "The letter from General Momyer should be a cause for pride in every man at Phan Rang. I have stated repeatedly that our sole purpose for developing this base has been to provide air support to Army units. This letter testifies that we are providing this support not only in planned operations, but in our capability to react speedily to an emergency situation.

The Battle Of Loc Ninh was a complete victory for Free World Forces. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy mostly through outstanding application of air power.

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## THANKS GIVING



## AIRMEN PREVENT FUEL TRUCK EXPLOSION

"The guys didn't take time to think what could happen, they just did it," said SSgt. Donald C. Briere, 28, of Ogdensburg, N.Y., a freight specialist with Det. 8, 14th Aerial Port Sq. at Phan Rang.

He was talking about four airmen who extinguished a blaze on a 5,000-gallon fuel truck, saving the truck and the lives of men who were nearby.

Briere, SSgt. Joseph G. Mallette, also of Ogdensburg, and A1C Terry Streater, of Troy, N.C., and Ronald R. Schenck, 20, of Edna, Okla., were returning to work after their lunch period.

"We were following the fuel truck," said Mallette, "and could see sparks coming from

the universal on the truck. When it started burning, we pulled our truck around in front of the fuel truck and told the driver his truck was on fire."

A1C Dennis R. Flippe, 20, of Manila, Ark., the fuel truck driver said, "The truck was full. I was on my way to fuel two F-4C's when a truck pulled up beside me and someone yelled that my truck was on fire. I pulled off the road as fast as I could."

Schenck, driving the aerial port vehicle, pulled it across the road to block traffic and told a security policeman who arrived on the scene to notify the fire department.

While Schenck and Briere (con't on Six)

AS SEEN FROM MY WINDOW....

'A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING'

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving....No snow, nor other typically American signs of the Holiday Season. Just daily Vietnam weather, jobs, and other constant reminders that we are here.

We might ask ourselves, What there really is to be thankful for...Why should we have a feeling of gratitude?

In counting over my reasons, I've come up with these:

First, I'm thankful that I'm alive.

Also, I'm glad that we are citizens of the United States of America. It is a privilege to be able to lock arms with other free people around the world to help gain and preserve the individual rights of mankind from those who would enslave them.

I am thankful that we are living at this time in history to see the modern miracles that continually pour forth to make our lives more comfortable.

Most of all, I am thankful for families at home, that stand behind us and encourage our efforts.

I am thankful also, to serve with dedicated men who work so earnestly to do their share in support of the mission that we have been assigned.

These are a few of the things that I am thankful for this Thanksgiving Eve, 1967.

*James A. Wilson*  
James A. Wilson, Colonel, USAF

CIVIC ACTION SQUADRON WEEK

35th SUPPLY SQUADRON

This weeks selection is certainly a giant among the many squadrons who are active in Civic Action projects.

Major John A. Morgan Jr., chief of supply, stated that most of the raw materials used in Civic Actions projects is controlled one way or another by supply personnel.

Such things as wire, mattresses for the schools and Phan Rangs new stadium, tents for the boy scouts, plastic folds for water lines, and many more items too numerous to mention.

They also give 100% support in the scholarship program.

SMSGt. Kenneth R. Burdick, Civic Action NCOIC and SSgt. David W. Kinney, fulltime Civic Action worker are also to be thanked for their help in all Civic Action projects.

The staff of the Civic Actions Program extend a big thank you to Lt. Col John A. Hibbert and his squadron for the consistant help in their program of self help for the Vietnamese people.

VIETNAM: 'THE CHAM TEMPLE'

Just outside the main gate stands the Cham Temple, built about 1306 by King Jaya Simhavarman III. The proper name for the temple is PO KIAUNG GARAI. The temple is one of five of almost the same structure in Ninh Thuan Province, but this one is the loftiest and most magnificent.

It is built on a hill about 25 meters high. The hill forms part of the Do-vinh hamlet in the Buu Son District.

The temple itself consists of a main brick tower and two adjacent brick towers. The tallest tower is about 18 meters high and stands upon a square foundation of stone 9 meters high on each side. The bricks which came from the area of Ninh Quy, just west of the hill, were laid wet and were stuck together by a very thin layer of Otter blood and/or lime. The bricks were then baked. All mortar on the temple is of recent repair work.

Over the main tower entrance stands a statue with six arms called the Civa. This signifies that the Chams were influenced by India, both in religion and architecture.

In the narrow entrance stands a cow-like statue facing inward toward the alter room.

Therein on a stony alter stands a bust in honor of the Cham deity, PO KIAUNG GARAI.

At one time the main tower had a hole at the top, but through the centuries bats have used the top as a nesting place, thereby closing the hole.

Every February, a Cham  
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NOTICE!

A special Protestant Thanksgiving Day Worship Service will be held Thursday at 10:30 AM. All personnel are invited to attend. Catholic Mass will be held at the usual time of 11:45

DEDICATION OF CHAPEL

A special dedication service will be held at 3:30 PM this Sunday, Nov. 25, 1967, to dedicate the new base chapel.

Personnel of all faiths are urged to attend this meeting.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 7:30 AM Church of Christ Worship  
8:30 AM Catholic Worship\*  
9:30 AM Lutheran Worship  
10:30 AM General Protestant worship  
12:00 AM Catholic Worship\*  
3:30 PM Latter-Day Saint Worship (Mormon)  
6:00 PM Catholic Worship\*  
7:30 PM General Protestant Worship  
8:30 PM Hymn Sing

Weekday: 11:45 AM Catholic Worship\*

Mon: 7:30 PM Protestant Study Group

Wed: 7:30 Protestant Men of the Chapel

Thur: 7:30 Church of Christ Study Group

Fri: 7:30 Choir Practice.

\* Confession 30 min prior to service

# RED CROSS CENTER

TONITE: Pinochle Tourney  
 THURS: Thanksgiving Taffy Pull  
 FRI: Jam Session  
 SAT: Games  
 SUN: Coffee Call Crazy Stunts  
 MON: Closed  
 TUES: Hail & Farewell

# MOVIE FARE

TONITE: A Fistfull of Dollars- a new look at westerns, gore and not much glamour. Like no western you've ever seen. The new look. Starring Clint Eastwood.  
 FRIDAY- First To Fight- Drama  
 SATURDAY- Gunpoint- Starring Audie Murphy  
 Choose your own weapons.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## NCO OPEN MESS

THURS: Thanksgiving Dinner  
 Bring Your Boss Nite  
 FRI: Western Jubilee 8:00 pm

## AIRMEN'S OPEN MESS

THURS: Boss Nite  
 FRI: Changing Sounds 7:30  
 SAT: Western Jubilee 7:30  
 SUN: Changing Sounds (at the beach) 2-4:30  
 TUES: Ann Jones Show 7:30

# BITS AND PIECES

The assistant NCOIC of the 35th SPS canine section, SSgt. Richard A. Bowman, 33, from Baulah, Mich., has become a life long friend of the post office. The other day he received a huge Thanksgiving layer-cake in the mail, without the icing even getting smudged! On the cake box were Thanksgiving wishes scribbled by postal handlers who gingerly kept box and cake in tact along the 10,000-mile trip from the U.S.A. The cake arrived in four days.

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Last Wednesday the touch football stars of 435 MMS and 35th SPS played to a scoreless tie in an abbreviated game at the new sports stadium outside Phan Rang City, as a huge crowd cheered. Exactly who they cheered for hasn't yet been determined. At any rate, better luck next time, to both squadrons.

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What's new? Well, among other things, the education office has moved to a spanking new white building alongside the airmen's barracks area...the 'cattle car' has gone the way of the buffalo of the Old West, having been replaced by comfortable busses ready to take you to the beach...There's a new face at the Red Cross Center...Senator John Tower, of Texas had some very nice things to say about NCO's he met at the NCO Open Mess on Sunday during a short visit to the base.

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# DIMSY DUMSTER

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MURRY, COLONEL, THIS MAKES  
US 100% FOR THE MONTH!

## BASE HITS 100% ON SHOTS

The mechanized shot control branch of CBPO has announced that Phan Rang has succeeded in making 100% on the Immunization Cycle for the months of October and November.

"This excellent record is the result of strong command support and the fine cooperation of the 35th USAF Dispensary," stated SMSgt Michael J. Simile, NCOIC of Data Control Section.

Last cycle the base was two personnel short of the 100%. "This time we went out and found them," Sergeant Simile said with a smile.

The 100% Immunization is a great contributor to the winning of the Base Commanders Trophy which Phan Rang has won once since the program began.

"Now all we have to do is keep up the good work," he commented.

The Immunization program has had steady improvement over the past eight months.

For April and May, the percentage was 69.9%, for June and July 76.4%, August and September 99.9% and now October and November 100%.

"We've got to keep it there; and the only way we can is for the support of all personnel to be responsible in getting their shots when they are scheduled."

## CALLING THE SERGEANT

A cook in one of the dining halls was seized by a sergeant recently who was searching for the dining hall supervisor.

"How can I find Sergeant Jennings?"

"Simple," replied the cook, "Just drop a plate!"

## LEGAL NOTES

(continued from last week)

If your item is sent under the \$10 exemption and the value exceeds \$10, duty will be assessed on the total amount. If the item is sent under the \$50 exemption, exemption duty is assessed only on the amount over the first \$50.

Goods of U.S. origin, no matter what their cost may be returned to the U.S. duty free if marked "Returning U.S. Goods". However, this does not apply to U.S. made goods on which U.S. manufacturing tax is waived for export. Examples of this type of goods are cigarettes and liquor.

Other U.S. goods such as cameras, appliances, tape recorders, etc. may be returned without payment of customs.

## THEY SHOOT THE SCENE

Automatic gun cameras and 'pod' cameras mounted on the F-100 Super Sabres of this base record 15,000 feet of film on bombing passes and 5,000 feet on strafing passes each month.

The purpose of all this color film, according to TSgt. Paul A. McDaniel, 35, from Willow Creek, Calif., NCOIC of the airborne photo maintenance section of the 600th Photo Squadron, is "to show just what the pilots are doing, and to give them some idea of what they have accomplished."

The name of the game is combat documentation. The 14-man shop headed by Sergeant McDaniel is responsible for loading film into the F-100 cameras just before the jets take off on air strikes, unloading the film when the jets land, canning the film for processing at Tan Son Nhut AB and critiquing the finished product "to see whether we have anything that's outstanding," and keeping the cameras in top shape at all times.

Pilots are able to view films of their air strikes 24 hours after their jets land and "what they see, they like," sergeant McDaniel stated.

The films show what happens when the bombs and 20mm shells hit the enemy base camps, weapons positions and other targets.

Gun camera film, shot at 64 frames per second, not only depicts shells hitting the target, but also shows what happens after the shells hit, thanks to an overrun mechanism enabling the film to keep running for several seconds after the pilot releases the gun trigger.

The film in the pod camera is shot at 200 frames per second, in order to provide slow motion viewing of bombing passes.

Three gun camera crews and a pod camera crew whose efforts are coordinated via a radio network, rush out to the flightline in two trucks many times each day to load and unload the camera magazines.

# SAFE LANDING FOR DAMAGED F-100

"My first thought was having to punch out and spend the night in the weeds," said F-100 Super Sabre Pilot 1st Lt. Christian A. Crooker of the 615th Tactical Fighter Sq.

He was referring to the moment, following an airstrike against a suspected Viet-Cong antenna site 20 miles southeast of Pleiku, when a fellow F-100 pilot informed him over the inter-com that fuel was streaming from his aircraft.

A veteran of 115 combat missions, the 25-year-old native of Flourtown, Pa., stared at his forward fuel gauge and say that it registered 'empty'.

The young pilot decided to head for Pleiku Air Base, but "I didn't think I was going to make it.

As the battle-damaged Super Sabre streaked toward Pleiku, "I thought I'd just hang with the aircraft till she quit."

Instead of attempting a normal landing approach, the 615th TFS Flier came in "one-third of the way down the runway", maintaining as steep an approach as possible, so that if the plane's engine quit he could squeeze the maximum glide out of the F-100.

"I was just thankful that Pleiku was so close," the combat veteran observed.

# 661-YEAR-OLD TEMPLE STILL USED

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Priest will choose a lucky day and asks the district chief to tell the people to bring offerings such as goats, chickens, breads, and fruits to offer sacrifices at the temple in order that they may have peace and prosperity.

Some interesting historical notes. In 1288 when King Simhavarman III. came to the throne, Marco Polo visited the country. In 1306 the King ceded two northern provinces of the Champa empire

(then the eastern coast from Danang to Phan Thiet) to Annam (now North Vietnam) for the sister of the emperor of annam. In 1307 the King died; the ceded provinces rebelled; Annam blamed the Chams, invaded, conquered and annexed the Champa empire to ANNAM.

The Chams were influenced by India both in religion and architecture.

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# 8th's DAVIS CUP NOW IN YANK'S HANDS

The 8th Bomb Squadron defeated Number 2 squadron in the Davis Cup Challenge, round. Playing inspired tennis the 17 members of the 8th bomb Sq. Team won the best of 21 matches (16 singles and five doubles) 12 to 9. The round was not decided until the final day of play when the 8th Bomb Sq., leading 10 to 9 topped the last two double matches.

Major Schultz, the 8th Bomb Sq. team captain and Major Carter beat Flt. Lt. Deveraux and LAC., Window 9-2 and Lt. Col., Consta and Major Carlton put the icing on the cake with a 9-6 win over Flt/Lt. O'Hawlon and Cpl., Welch.

It took 279 games to decide the challenge round with the 8th winning 149 to 130 for number 2 Sq. Most games were close and decided by scant points.

The Davis Cup originated with the 8th sister Squadron the 13th TBS, during their last tour at Phan Rang when their operations officer, Lt/Col., "Duke" Davis donated the cup and inaugurated the first. That round was won plausibly by No. 2 Sq., lead by Flt/Lt. Rex Beau. The 8th TBS., challenged No., 2 Sq. when the 8th returned to Phan Rang from Clark A.B. in Sept. The 8th had 17 members participating in the challenge round and was lead by Major Ernest Schultz, the Clark AB., Champion. Number 2 Squadron has already challenged the 8th TBS., for the cup but the matches will have to be postponed awhile as the 8th returns to Clark this week not to return until January.

# FINANCE RELOCATED

The finance and accounting office recently was relocated in a building christened the "space needle" by some and "the mile-long finance office" by others.

It is over 152 feet long but only about 17 feet wide.

According to Master Sergeant Clark E. Colvin, 33, from Alexandria, La., non-commissioned officer in charge of paying and collecting, the elongated structure was created by linking three smaller structures, including the former office of the base commander and an administrative office.

In a project carried out by the 35th Civil Engineering squadron, walls and roofing were built between the smaller buildings, and

the result is an air-conditioned six-room complex which represents a dramatic improvement over the old facilities of the finance and accounting office.....two hooches and a Jamesway tent.

"We didn't even close when we moved," Sgt. Colvin Proudly pointed out. He stated that the office is currently functioning as a disbursing agency for its parent office at Cam Ranh Bay, but will win its 'independence' as an accounting and finance office in its own right on January 1.

The space needle, which has six doors, houses the administrative office of finance and accounting, the accounts control section, military pay civilian pay, travel, and paying and collecting. There are two cashiers' cages in the building.

# CONFUSION!?

The Wikle twins are causing a bit of commotion here and there on base. The 21 year-old weapons mechanics in the 352nd TFS. have been on base for three months, but the novelty of the identical twins still hasn't worn off.

From what Phan Fare understands, they are having quite a time with this.

But one of the twins decided to end all the confusion by growing a mustache, but the ribbing he was subjected to by fellow flightliners prompted him to shave it off, so now the Wikle twins are back to confusion.

**-LOC NINH (CON'T)**

Be proud of your contribution in this battle. Every man on base participated in some measure to the needs of getting the airplanes and ordnance ready and airborne. I congratulate all of you and ask that you continue working so well at your assigned jobs."

**HAVE YOU SEEN THE MAGIC TREE****HAWAII HONEYMOON!**

(EDITORS NOTE: The following article is printed here for Phanfare readers from the Airman Magazine, by request.)

Men R&Ring in Hawaii who are planning marriage during that time can save much delay and disappointment by heeding these guidelines.

There is a four day waiting period after application for the license, but this requirement may be waived by the Honolulu District Court. Male applicants under 20 need the consent of both parents, and if they are 21 or younger, a birth certificate is required.

Divorced airmen need a "signed and sealed" divorce certificate. Health requirements consist of a physician's examination and blood test.

A letter requesting more detailed information from the Research Planning and Statistics Office, Marriage License Section, P.O. Box 3378, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96801, is a must for a happy honeymoon.

**"YANK" HOLDS PLACE ON "AUSSIE" SOCCER TEAM**

Sergeant Eugene E. Khyle, 39, from San Antonio, recently proved his worth as the only American member of the soccer team of the Number 2 Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force.

When the underdog Aussie team tangled recently with a team of Vietnamese all-stars at the new regional sports stadium outside Phan Rang City, Sergeant Khyle made 'save' after 'save' as he tended the goal. The result was a scoreless tie.

Raised in Ireland, the sergeant has played soccer all his life. In 1955, '56, '61 and '65, he played for the American All-stars, a soccer team composed of players from all branches of service. This team plays against teams from other countries.

A veteran of 15 years military service, the Aussies' goalkeeper is a member of the 35th Services Squadron, and works as a baker in the newer of the two Airmen's dining halls.

He said that the game with the Vietnamese All-stars, occurred on American Sports Day at the huge stadium.

"That place was packed!" said Sergeant Khyle as he described the game with the All-Stars. "It was out of this world."

The Irish-born baker said the Aussies "surprised this all-star team very much."

He commented that the crowd began rooting for the Aussies 10 minutes after the

**BURNING TRUCK EXTINGUISHED**

remained with their truck, Streater and Mallette ran to the burning truck to aid the driver. The three of them tried to remove a fire extinguisher located on the left side of the tanker, but the holding pins were bent.

Then Flippe ran to the right side of the truck where another was located. He held the bottle and operated it while Mallette took the nozzle and crawled under the truck.

"The flames had covered the universal," said Mallette. "I sprayed the whole bottle on it, and when Streater got the other one loose, I emptied the second bottle on it, too

The fire was out before I emptied the second bottle, but I wanted to cool the metal down."

"The fire was so hot that it burned all the paint off the universal," said Streater, "It took about five minutes to put it out."

The cause of the fire was an emergency brake system which stuck.

"It all happened so fast that we didn't have time to think about it," said Mallette

**RED CROSS ASSISTANT TEACHES ENGLISH**

Mr. Leon Roth, assistant Red Cross field director at this base spends an hour a day teaching English to a class of 33 Vietnamese workers.

A 25-year-old native of Los Angeles, Mr. Roth is so keen on his class that he works on lessons in off-duty hours at night, according to the Red Cross field director, Mr. Edgar Copelan.

Mr. Roth's students work for units all over the base, and his teaching is in support of the civilian personnel office on base.

Holder of a university degree in history, the Red Cross official came to Phan Rang almost three months ago.

**WEATHER WORD**

Weekly Climatology (12-17)

**TEMPERATURES**

Avg. Max: 87 F

Avg Min: 76 F

Extreme Max: 90 F

Extreme Min: 72 F

Rainfall: 0.2" (3 days)

30 minute game began.

At one point the referee had to stop the game because spectators had wandered onto the playing field, in an attempt to get a better look at the action.

The Aussies practice three times a week. He recommends soccer to everyone as good physical training, and insists that people of all ages can play it.

SAFETY IS YOUR BUSINESS