

COL. WILSON FINIS VIET TOUR



Later this week Col. James A. Wilson, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing commander, will finish a very exciting and productive year at Phan Rang.

During this time he has seen Phan Rang pass from tents to modern buildings. He has seen the fighting capability grow from one of the smallest bases, to one of the busiest airfields in Vietnam.

Phan Rang has been selected the best base in Vietnam twice since Col. Wilson has been Wing Commander. Our facilities are second to none in Vietnam and are even envied by some stateside bases.

Literally hundreds of VIPs have passed through here this past year. Almost one group every other day.

Col. Wilson has won the esteem of the local citizens and has been very active in Civic Action programs, encouraging participation by the military personnel stationed here.

He has found time during this busy year to fly 238 combat missions in the F-100 Super Sabre. A feat in itself that few wing commanders can boast. Many of his missions have been cited by U.S. Army ground observers and forward air controllers as being the difference between life and death of hundreds of allied ground forces.

Always anticipating new horizons, Col. Wilson is heading for duty at Mather AFB, Calif., as Commander of the 3535th Nav. Trg. Wg.

He leaves behind a record of achievement written in concrete runways, fine buildings and earnest hard working Air Force personnel, record breakers all, under the leader- (con't on five)

315th OFFICER NAMED OUTSTANDING SUPPLYMAN

First Lieutenant Theron Carmichael, Materiel Control Officer for the 315th ACW, was recently selected as the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Supply Officer.

The award is given annually to an Air Force supply officer who demonstrates outstanding proficiency in supply assignments.

Lt. Carmichael, of Winter Garden, Fla., received congratulatory letters from Gen. William W. Momyer, 7AF commander, Gen. John D. Ryan, commander-in-chief of Pacific Air Forces, and other VIP's.

615th TFS CHANGES COMMANDER

The 615th TFS 'Black Panthers' has a new commander, Lt. Col. Jerry F. Naleid, who took over reins of the Super Sabre Squadron, recently, from Lt. Col. Julian D. Sawyer.

Col. Sawyer, a veteran of some 290 combat missions, commanded the 615th for the past ten months, and now he will be assigned to the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing as assistant to the Director of Operations.

The change of command ceremonies were held in the 615th fighter ops. building.

AS SEEN FROM MY WINDOW.....

A Most Productive Year....

As I approach the end of my tour here at Phan Rang, I look back with great pride on the progress we've made over the year.

During the past 12 months we have improved every aspect of life at Phan Rang. Dirt roads have been replaced with paved streets; tented hootches have given way to modern barracks; recreation facilities have been built.

Throughout this period of growth and expansion, the 35th TFW has maintained an outstanding combat posture, flying more sorties than any other Wing in 7th AF. We have been nominated for both a Presidential Unit Citation and an Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The 35th is 7th AF's nominee for the USAF Daedalian Maintenance Award. 7th AF has recognized Phan Rang for its outstanding support of the combat mission, for its outstanding recreational facilities, and for overall improvement.

These awards and this recognition are yours. This has been my most challenging and rewarding tour and the results achieved would have been impossible without your support and your efforts. Thank you all for aiding me in the tremendous job we've had to do. I know my replacement Col. Herndon Williams, will get the same outstanding support and cooperation I have received. Good luck to all of you; I hope we will have the opportunity to serve together again in the future.

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

"WHITE HORSE" SHOWS "RED HORSE" TAE-KWON-DO

Members of the 554 CES (RED HORSE) were entertained last Sunday by a thrilling demonstration of Tae Kwon Do the art of quick kill.

Captain Lee Chang Ken, 4th Company commander, 1st Battalion, ROK Army, brought twelve members of his organization to the RED HORSE Area to show the engineers how a good carpenter or mason would work in a clintch.

Various members of the troupe chopped layers of brick and roofing tile into pieces with their bare hands, elbows, feet and heads. Sgt. Song Yun Il, Instructor for the 4th Company, drove two six-penny nails into a wooden box, one with his bare hand and the other with his head. He then took a large rock and with his bare hands chopped it to pieces.

The instructors also showed hand to hand tactics that one hopes will never have to be used. Members of RED HORSE are proud to call WHITE HORSE their friends.

VIETNAM: YESTERDAY & TODAY BUDDHISM IV

Buddhism was introduced into Vietnam in the second century A.D. by a native of China, Mau Po. He accepted Buddhism about 190 A.D. and when Confucianism was opposing Buddhism in China, he went south. He settled in Tonkin, or North Vietnam, and propagated Buddhism by winning converts about 194 or 195 A.D.

Tonkin was on the direct sea route between China and India and therefore became the center for propagation of Buddhism and the translation of Buddhist scripture. While pilgrims and refugees from China and India started Buddhism in Vietnam, diplomatic envoys, merchants and immigrants promoted and spread Buddhism for the next four centuries.

When Vietnam gained independence from China in

939, Buddhism suffered a temporary setback. But during the reign of Dinh Tien-Hoang (969-980), Buddhism was officially supported. Vietnam leaders sought the support of Buddhism because ; a) the pagodas were the repositories of culture in writing and personalities, and b) the scholars of Confucianism were exiled from political life because it was felt that their Chinese education would pose question of loyalty.

Between 1010 and 1214 the Ly dynasty made Buddhism a state religion and used monks and political, social, economic and military advisors. A hierarchy was established and pagodas built. This period was the high water mark for Buddhism. Not only was it a court religion but it increased its number among the Vietnamese early. By the close of the eleventh

century, it had planted its roots so deeply in Vietnamese culture that it was no longer looked upon as an imported religion.

The decline of Buddhism began when it filtered down to villages and hamlets and mixed with Taoism, Confucianism and Animism this adulteration of the pure religion progressed until official support was lessened. Then in the 15th century the rulers favored Confucianism, which remained as the court religion and practice until the nineteenth century when it encountered the western world.

Buddhism is divided into two branches: Hinayana and Mahayana. The former believes that only a select few will reach Nivana. This division is principally found in the Delta. The latter

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SPORT SHORT

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Security Police gained a slight edge over 554 CES in National League Basketball standings last week, upping their record to 5-0, while RED HORSE saw action only once to come out with four wins against no losses.

MMS remained on top in the American League with a 4-0 record, followed by 315th ACW with five wins and one loss.

The Security Police wins came on an 89-16 romp over Services Squadron and a 65-30 decision over Supply. RED HORSE smashed Services Squadron 69-23 in its only encounter of the week.

In other National League action, Supply stopped 35th CES 50-37, 1882nd Comm edged Combat Support Group 38-35, and 1882nd Comm downed Supply 50-37.

In the American League, second-place 315th ACW picked up two victories, a 43-37 win over 310th ACS and a 45-32 decision over the 8th Tactical Bomb Squadron, a new entry in the league. The 615th Tactical Fighter Squadron won its second game of the season downing 8th TBS 42-17, while third place 35th A&E upped its record to 4-2 with a 56-32 win over 311th ACS.

SENATOR VISITS

United States Senator Frank E. Moss (D) Utah, made a brief stopover here this past week. He was greeted at the flightline by Col. James A. Wilson, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing commander, and other staff officers.

Senator Moss stayed overnight and toured the 614th TFS Operations building.

The senator met and talked with several Utahans that are stationed here at Phan Rang.

MSGT. William A. Wood, 1882nd Comm. Sq. and SMSgt. Steve Barach, 35th AEMSM, were two that met the senator

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 31

- 1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
- 7:05 Program Previews
- 7:07 News Briefs
- 7:10 Alfred Hitchcock
- 8:00 World News Roundup
- 8:30 This was Toscanini
- 9:20 The Fugitive
- 10:10 Green Acres
- 10:35 Perry Mason
- 11:30 Late News

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 1

- 1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
- 7:05 Program Previews
- 7:07 News Briefs
- 7:10 Fractured Flickers
- 7:35 Bewitched
- 8:00 World News Roundup
- 8:30 Dean Martin
- 9:20 Big Valley
- 10:10 Voyage to the Bottom
- 11:00 Third Man
- 11:25 Late News

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2

- 1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
- 7:05 Program Previews
- 7:07 News Briefs
- 7:10 Priority Special
- 7:35 Flying Fisherman
- 8:00 World News Roundup
- 8:30 Hollywood Palace
- 9:20 Gunsmoke
- 10:15 Tonight Show
- 11:25 Late News

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3

- 1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
- 2:20 Sports Special
- 5:05 Program Previews
- 5:07 News Briefs
- 5:10 Pro Bowlers Tour
- 6:20 Lost In Space
- 7:05 Addams Family
- 8:00 World News Roundup
- 8:30 Metrotone News
- 8:45 Welk Show
- 9:35 12 O'Clock High
- 10:25 Movies: Harriet Craig
- 12:25 Late News

AIRMEN'S OPEN MESS

- Feb. 2: Local Country & West 7:30 pm
- Feb. 3: Wilma Reading Show 9:00 pm

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4

- 2:05 Program Previews
- 2:07 News Briefs
- 2:10 The Christophers
- 2:25 The Sacred Heart
- 2:35 This Is The Answer
- 3:05 Sports Special
- 5:35 Wonderful World of Golf
- 6:30 Territory Underwater
- 7:35 My Three Sons
- 8:00 World News Roundup
- 8:30 Joey Bishop
- 9:35 Bonanza
- 10:25 Movie: The Crawling Hand
- 11:40 Late News

MONDAY FEBRUARY 5

- 1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
- 7:05 Program Previews
- 7:07 News Briefs
- 7:10 Biography
- 7:35 My Favorite Martian
- 8:00 World News Roundup
- 8:30 Carol Barnette
- 9:20 Daniel Boone
- 10:15 Get Smart
- 10:40 Wild, Wild West
- 11:30 Late News

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6

- 1:30 Shiftworkers Matinee
- 7:05 Program Previews
- 7:07 News Briefs
- 7:10 Assignment Underwater
- 7:35 Dick Van Dyke
- 8:00 World News Roundup
- 8:30 Mike Douglas
- 9:35 Combat
- 10:25 Movie: MMM 83
- 11:45 Late News

RED CROSS CENTER

- WED: Hail & Farewell
- THUR: Back Alley Bridge
- FRI: Birthday Party
- SAT: Pinochle
- SUN: Password
- MON: Closed
- TUE: Russian Ping Pong Tournament

WED: Films

NCO OPEN MESS

- FEB. 2: Wilma Reading Show 8:30 pm

SAFETY IS EVERYBODY'S JOB

315th ACW DROPS 1,000 ARVN TROOPS

(Due to an oversight in last week's paper, this story was not complete. With our apologies we again run it in its entirety...Ed)

Crews of the 315th Air Commando Wing dropped 1,000 Army of Vietnam paratroopers in two hours to kick off the ARVN Operation Van Keip 168, 10 miles north of Vung Tau.

The planning of the mission began four days before the scheduled drop. This included readying C-123 Provider aircraft, flight and maintenance crews.

The base camp for the drop was Vung Tau, where commando maintenance crews were ferried the night before the drop. There were 25 maintenance personnel at Vung Tau consisting of ground crew chiefs and flightline maintenance personnel from each of the three flying squadrons at Phan Rang, the 309th, 310th and 311th Air Commando Squadrons. The 315 Consolidated Maintenance Squadron provided the maintenance specialists.

"With our people there, we were virtually independent of the base there," said Lt. Col. Martin L. Stutts, Wing Chief of Maintenance. "Just about the only thing that they had to provide was fuel

"The maintenance people did a hell of a job, working all night and all day to get our operations set up and working. This included coordinating parking space for the air craft and plan the maintenance area.

"Counting support sorties the maintenance personnel launched aircraft on 40 sorties during the mission," Stutts said.

Fifteen Providers were assigned to the mission; two to transport the maintenance personnel and equipment, one to drop Army combat control teams to mark the drop zone and 12 to carry the paratroopers. Colonel Robert D. Brown, commander of the 315
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'SPOOKY' HAS BUSY WEEK

(Last week's issue failed to carry this story in its entirety so here it is full length...Ed.)

Three days after 'Spooky' operations were launched from the flightline here, a 'Spooky' AC-47 Gunship crew was credited with killing six Viet Cong troops at an isolated hamlet 10 miles south of the base.

"We were rolling down the runway when we received the coordinates," said Captain Thomas J. Margle, 31, from New Philadelphia, Pa., navigator of the gunship.

A forward air controller had spotted 13 enemy troops, and they had retreated to a clump of trees and were shooting at him.

Arriving on the scene, the commandos poured several rounds from their miniguns into the trees and when the rapid firing guns were silenced, the FAC counted six VC bodies.

Phan Rang's 'Spooky' squadron arrived on base January 15 and began permanent operations by flying base CAP (combat air patrol). There are five crews to the operation and they are commanded by Lt. Col. A. Thomas Neiss.

'Spooky' actually Flight B, 14th Air Commando Squadron, is a combination flight with men having been transferred here from other bases in Vietnam. Those bases are Bien Hoa, Binh Thuy and Phu Cat.

The majority of the first week's missions consisted of providing flare support for friendly ground troops, except for the last mentioned mission.

Other members of the crew on this mission included Capt. Edward R. Quill Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., pilot; Staff Sergeants Warren M. Dixon, Catlettsburg, Ky., flight engineer, and Roger G. Lee, Alexandria, La., loadmaster, and Sgt. Brent J. Tosh, Cocoa, Fla., gunner.



THAT OUGHTA BE A GREAT SHOT!

352nd PILOTS AID VILLAGE

"The groundfire is so heavy you can walk on it, mate," replied the forward air controller (FAC) to a pair of F-100 Super Sabre pilots from the 352nd TFS recently.

Captains Larry A. Woodcock 28, from Downers Grove, Ill., and Richard W. Dabney, 27, from Los Angeles, were scrambled to aid the defenders of a small village approximately 40 miles southwest of Saigon.

"As we approached the area
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BASE MARS STATION PLACE OF BUSY PEOPLE

The MARS (Military Affiliate Radio System) station here which recently moved into a hill-top building eight times larger than its old home in a 'Jamesway', is currently averaging 923 radio-telephone hook-ups per month between military personnel and their loved ones in the U.S.

The station supervisor, Technical Sergeant William M. Hodnett, 37, from Lynchburg, Va., who has been at Phan Rang almost a year, said, "MARS has really proven itself. It's the first time it's ever been used in a combat zone." The MARS station is another service provided by the 1882nd Communications Squadron.

In addition to linking base personnel with their wives, parents, and dear ones, the station handles a great deal of emergency traffic for the Red Cross, the base chaplains and squadron commanders when personnel problems arrive that can't readily be handled through the mails.

A veteran of 19 years' military service, Sergeant Hodnett said his tour with the MARS station here has been the most gratifying assignment of his career.

Many phone patches to the U.S., he revealed, are relayed through a round-the-clock ham radio station in Arizona run by former Senator Barry Goldwater, who puts through "quite a few of the patches himself" and has approximately 15 volunteers manning the station.

Running a MARS station can lead to many a chuckle. Sometimes the users get a little confused. Once, Sergeant Hodnett recalled, a man was given specific instructions on how to conduct the conversation: "You say, this is Bob, Over...I'm calling from Phan Rang, Over...etc." The man followed his instructions to the letter, and the result was momentary chaos, Sergeant Hodnett recalled, because his name was not Bob!

On another occasion, a man was supposedly connected on the line with his wife in the states, and talked excitedly for several minutes. He told the woman that he loved her, and finally asked how the kids were. "That's not my husband!" the woman screamed into the line. "My husband's in Korea, and I don't have any children!"

Sergeant Hodnett has a staff of two operators who
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WING EXECUTIVE OFFICER SEES BUSY YEAR END

Meeting dignitaries and celebrities has been a regular part of the job of the executive officer of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing during the 11 months he has spent here.

First Lieutenant Frank L. Howe, 25, from Louisville, Ky., estimated that more than three dozen V.I.P.'s have visited Phan Rang each month since his arrival. It's part of his job to insure that they get to "do what they came here to do."

He coordinates with higher headquarters before their visits in order to find out what these dignitaries "want to see and do, whom they want to talk to, and what their itineraries will be on base." He arranges for the visitors, and handles the protocol requirements.

Among the visitors have been members of Congress, the Honorable Governor Thomas McCall of Oregon, and top-ranking U.S. and Allied military officials including General William C. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam.

These people come to Phan Rang, according to the wing executive officer, "to explore the base, to become conversant with our mission and our problems here, and to see what progress we're making.

The V.I.P.'s have constantly commented on the progress of the base and its beauty, Lt. Howe noted, and "the great strides that have been made over the last 11 months!"

Looking back on his meetings with V.I.P.'s at Phan Rang, he singled out Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., commander of 13th Air Force, as a particularly impressive figure. (con't on six)

COLONEL WILSON con't from page one

...ship of this United States Air Force officer,

It is a privilege to dedicate this issue of Phanfare to Col. James A. Wilson, commander, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing.

PARATROOPERS DROPPED con't from four

...Air Commando Wing, stated that he was well pleased with the performance of all personnel involved in the drop, both in the air and on the ground.

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WING PROTOCOL OFFICER

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He said the general went out of his way to get acquainted with him.

The lieutenant noted that Governor McCall and members of Congress who have visited the base have sat down with military constituents from their states to find out how they're doing.

He also noted that top-flight entertainers like Martha Raye, Connie Francis and Bob Hope have been here during the year to put on show for the men. He said the Bob Hope Christmas show "was the highlight of my year" as far as entertainment was concerned.

He described the comedian as "a wonderful man to be around." At a reception for the cast of the Bob Hope show Lt. Howe proposed a toast of "A Long Life" to Mr. Hope, and the latter quipped, "It has been, it has been."

WANTED TO BUY

Good used bicycle. Call Extension 2464.

This is also Sgt. Bill Hamilton week. Bill is a crew-chief in the 352nd TFS. If you see him, say "hello."

MARS STATION con't from five

...handle the radio-phone traffic in 12-hour shifts, and they're assisted by several volunteers.

Sgt. Charles W. Holt and Sgt. Larry Kerr are the 'regulars'. The volunteers are SMSgt. Steve Barrick of the 35th AEMS and SSgt. Robert Geske of the 1882nd Comm. Sq.

VIETNAM: BUDDHISM con't from Two

...believes that everyone can strive toward a better world and that anyone can become a Buddha. This division is the major form in Vietnam.

Though Buddhism has been mixed with other philosophy, practices and beliefs, there is a revival today for its purer forms.

Have you seen the magic tree?

352nd PILOTS con't from four

...a flight of Al-E's belonging to the VNAF had just made a strike." Capt Woodcock said, "When we went in for our bomb pass we could see the Viet Cong standing in sampans shooting. Some were also shooting from clumps of trees along the paths in the rice paddies."

Capt. Dabney's plane took a hit in the intake that went through the bulkhead and lodged in the instrument panel.

Later examination also indicated that he took several more rounds in the intake.

"We straffed the area eight times by request of the FAC," said Capt. Woodcock, "As we started to leave, the FAC told us that the Army was waiting to enter the area, and that the VC were contained.

He said that they were going to fight the VC until they surrendered or were all dead."

TAE KWON DO CLASSES TO BEGIN

Tae Kwon Do, popularly known as Korean karate, will soon be taught to a new class of military personnel, here, by a pair of black-belt holders from the 435th MMS and the Number 2 Squadron of the Royal Australian Air Force.

The ancient art of Tae Kwon Do, a form of self-defense, had been taught on base before by LAC John Jarrett of the No. 2 Squadron, and for the new session he is enlisting the aid of A1C Pedre Roman as a fellow instructor.

The latest edition of the class is set to run for three months, with the students getting three hours of instruction three night a week.

The first session will take place on the American tennis court at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5. People who want to join the class are asked to contact LAC Colin Siervier or A1C Roman at Ext. 2841 during normal duty hours, or Kangaroo Swith, after duty hours.

LAC Jarrett said that interested personnel should contact him before the deadline of Feb. 4.

COMMANDERS BOOST DENTAL HEALTH

Colonels James A. Wilson and John M. Crowley, Wing and Base Commander respectively, displayed trates of leadership, recently, as they sent home reminder cards to their children for the National Children Dental Health Week, Feb. 4 - 10.

Maj. William English, commander, Dental Clinic, and TSgt. William Taylor, NCOIC, presented the two Commanders with their reminder cards at Wing Headquarters.

This drive is part of an 7th AF Project designed to aid fathers of children serving in 7th AF to take an active part in this nation wide program to improve the health and condition of their teeth.

Maj. Tom Waldbillig, Project Officer for Phan Rang AB, was also present at the informal session with the commanders and stated at that time that the forms sent here from 7th AF are going fast and personnel with dependents should hurry and get theirs in the mail.

PHAN RANG PILOTS AT KHE SANH

To assist Marines under attack at Khe Sanh AB, approximately 10 miles south of the DMZ, C-123 "Provider" transport crews of the 311th Air Commando Sq., carried out 45 combat-essential and emergency re-supply sorties during a recent two-day period.

The squadron scheduling officer, Capt. Fred Farthing, reported that two C-123 were hit by 50-caliber machine-gun fire, but continued their flight.

On the first day of the attack, five of six C-123s sent were able to land there. On the second day, eight C-123s were employed to handle combat-essential missions for the Marines.

One more job well done by the personnel signed to the 311th Air Commando Squadron at Phan Rang AB.