



120th PILOTS GET 15 KBA

Two F-100 Supersabre pilot from the 120th TFS were recently credited with killing 15 enemy soldiers and destroying 16 foxholes, three bunkers and 100 meters of enemy trench in a strike against an enemy position in Vinh Long Province 13 miles northwest of Sa Dec.

Pilots on the strike were Maj John L. France and Capt. Joseph E. O'Neill.

Captain O'Neill described what happened after the enemy soldiers were spotted: "Friendly forces already had heavy artillery in the area and were landing troops by chopper when we arrived.

"We held back until the choppers left the area, then we went in. The FAC saw 15 enemy troops running into a bunker along a tree line.

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COL. BROWER TAKES CANS COMMAND

A veteran fighter pilot and experienced maintenance officer, Lt. Col. Charles F. Brower III, is the new commander of the 315th CANS.

He succeeds Lt. Col. Maurice L. Griffith, who has been transferred to Headquarters, Pacific Air Forces, Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Colonel Brower recently arrived from Ramstein AB, Germany, where he was chief of maintenance for the 526th FIS. He served as a fighter pilot during World War II and the Korean War.

In his new assignment, he will be wearing two hats, that of squadron commander and also chief of maintenance for the 315th SOWg.

Colonel Brower is a veteran of 26 years in the Air Force. He received his wings in 1948.

11 'LUCKY DEVILS' DECORATED

Eleven members of the 611th TFS were decorated recently at the squadron's monthly commander's call.

Lt. Col. Joseph H. Turner, squadron operations officer, was awarded the fourth Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal. Capt. Jesse E. Goff received the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, and 1st. Lt. Daniel B. Cecil received the Air Medal.

All three men were commended for their meritorious achievement in aerial flight over Southeast Asia. The citation indicated that they "... contributed greatly to furthering United States goals in Southeast Asia."

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COL. HENDERSON COMPLETES 300

Lt. Col. James D. Henderson, a B-57 Canberra pilot with the 8th TBS, recently completed his 300th combat mission in Vietnam.

The Colonel has seen action throughout Southeast Asia. His most exciting mission was flown earlier this year west of Dong Hoi, a city in the southern panhandle of North Vietnam. It was a night mission against enemy truck traffic on the infiltration routes.

"We had seven 37 mm anti-aircraft gun sites firing at us on each pass," the Colonel said. "In spite of the heavy fire we managed to destroy ten trucks and were credited with six secondary fires and five secondary explosions."

Colonel Henderson indicated that the pilot cannot let the anti-aircraft fire interfere with the mission.

"Sometimes when you are working on the target," he said, "the FAC will ask whether

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SPS 'SELF HELP' AIDS BASE

Self-help projects are not new to Phan Rang, but the 35th SPS law enforcement section recently completed a project with a new slant on self help. The project is Security Police Tower, Delta 7.

The tower, which rises far above the 16-foot height of the other posts on the perimeter, was built in 15 days with volunteer labor from men of the three law enforcement flights on base.

"Only one person involved in the project, AIC Dennis L. McLaughlin, an advisor from 35th CES, had any prior construction experience," com-

mented SSgt. Robert L. Holmes, "but the men worked hard together and we made up for it."

"When we say it's the sturdiest tower in Vietnam, we are not kidding," stated AIC James B. Hahn, "Two of the supporting posts could be knocked out and it would still stand."

Another worker on the project, AIC James W. Talley, said, "At night a .50 caliber

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DEAR BALDY

DEAR BALDY,

Do you think it would be possible for the NCO Club to obtain the services of a metal worker to correct their "re-freshment" can openers. Not that I lose too much liquid that way, but I get tired of constantly wiping my chin and having the stuff dribble onto my shirt. If the openers can't be repaired, do you think the club could issue bibs?

SGT. DRIBBLECHIN

Dear Dribblechin,

I see no reason why your request should not be granted. I do, however, see that it will not!!

DEAR BALDY,

I've been in-country for eight months. I go on R&R next month and will meet my bride of ten months in Hawaii. Today I received a letter from my parents. They want to meet me in Hawaii also!! What do I do?

FRUSTRATED

Dear Frustrated,

The situation facing you sounds like about as much fun as a shivaree on your wedding night! I suggest changing your R&R to Kuala Lumpur and telling your folks you've been declared "mission essential" and shipped up-country.

BALDY

LIBRARY----- -----REVIEW

The following is a list of 1968 publications newly received in the Library collection: 001.9 Klass, UFOs Identified. 327.12 Page, Philby Conspiracy. 353.03 Leish, American Heritage Pictorial History of the Presidents. 572.1 Taylor, Biological Time Bomb. 629.4 Clarke, Promise of Space. 792.092 Conrad, Billy Rose: Manhattan Primitive. 808.823 Booker, Pardon Me Sir, But Is My Eye Hurting Your Elbow? 909.826 Mydans, Violent Peace. 940.5421 Moorehead, Eclipse (new edition). 973.48 Terrell, Zebulon Pike. FIC Amichai, Not of This Time Not of This Place. Borden, Superstoe. Geddes, High game. Kessel, Horsemen. Miller (Arthur) I Don't Need You Any More. Protis, True Grit. Shrake, Blessed McGill.

614th AIDS STUDENTS

Forty students at An Phuoc High School, five miles South of Phan Rang Air Base, are recipients of continuing scholarship aid made possible through the Civic Action program of the 614th TFS "Lucky Devils."

Originated nearly two year ago, the scholarship fund is support through month contributions made by Lucky Devil officers and men, explained Lt. Col. Harold L. Steffens, commander and Civic Actions coordinator for the 614th.

Selected students receive \$7 monthly which helps pay for their room, board and books at the public boarding school.

Capt. Peter R. Fleischacker 614th assistant Civic Actions coordinator, added that to continue to receive tuition, students must constantly show initiative. "Scholarship recipients," he said, "are selected by the principal and an American teacher at An Phuoc High School, Mr. Jay Scarborough. These are youths with great ability who lack money to continue their education."

In addition to the tuition aid, the Lucky Devils have made surplus materials available to the school. The boys, through self-help, have made a number of improvements to the school, including a new dormitory built with 614th-provided materials.

The next major project planned is to provide the school with running water capability. A pump, piping and water tank have already been procured for this improvement.

KNOW YOUR COMMANDER

EDITORS NOTE: This edition of the Phan Fare sees a new feature. It will be a brief biographical sketch of the various commanders at Phan Rang Air Base. It is designed to help all personnel become acquainted with Phan Rang's commanders.

Colonel Frank L. Gailer Jr. is the commander of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing. He assumed command on Sept. 23 from Col. Herndon F. Williams, who has been reassigned to the 401st Tactical Fighter Wing, Torrejon AB, Spain.

Colonel Gailer comes to Phan Rang from the faculty of the National War College in Washington, D.C. Prior to that assignment he served as the commander of the 3630th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard AFB, Tex.

A member of the American Fighter Aces Association he is credited with destroying 6½ German aircraft during World War II before being shot down and captured. He destroyed 3½ FW 190s and 3 ME 109s while compiling 45 combat missions. He was held as a POW for five months and liberated by the Russian forces.

His major assignments have included Jet Fighter Advisor to the Uruguayan Air Force and Special Assistant to the Chief of Mission, Montevideo, Uruguay. When he returned to the United States he was assigned to Headquarters USAF, DCS/Operations as the chief of the Missions Section and later served as the Chief of the Latin American Missions Branch. He then became the Action Officer, Western Hemisphere Branch in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Colonel Gailer's decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 9 oak leaf clusters, the Joint Services Commendation Medal,

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RED CROSS HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
"Change Your Name"

SATUR., SEPTEMBER 28
"Hail and Farewell"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
"Challenge The ARC Girls"

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
"CLOSED"

Flicks & Opinions

Someone asked me the other day why I didn't give a brief synopsis of all the movie instead of all the trash I write. My answer was; how do you tell someone about something you have never seen. There are a couple this week that I have wasted money on, however. This week I was so desperate for a 'good opinion' that I resorted to asking my Vietnamese secretary. All she would say on the subject was number 10,000. Here they are.

THURSDAY

"Deadly Roulette". I started to make this my flick of the week, but decided that was foolish. I've never heard of it.

FRIDAY

"Countdown" is the story of a mad scientist's attempt to SNAPU Cape Kennedy launches.

SATURDAY

"WILL PENNY", my Flick of the Week, stars Charlton Heston as an ex-cattle drover turned line rider on a large ranch. On arrival at the line shack he finds a woman and her son have moved in and taken over the place. It's an authentic western (one of a few).

SUNDAY

"Dr. Goldfoot & the Girl Bomb" stars Vincent Price as a mad scientist type with a new and refreshing slant on world domination

TV HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

1:30 SHIFTWORKERS MATINEE
6:35 NEWS BRIEFS
6:40 OPERATION ENTERTAINMENT
7:30 NEWS
8:00 PENTAGON FORUM
8:30 DEAN MARTIN
9:20 STAR TREK
10:10 BIG VALLEY
11:00 LATE NEWS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 27

1:30 SHIFTWORKERS MATINEE
6:35 NEWS BRIEFS
6:40 PRIORITY SPECIAL
7:05 BIG PICTURE
7:30 EVENING NEWS
8:00 ROWAN & MARTIN
8:55 DRAGNET
9:20 HOLLYWOOD PALACE
10:10 GUNSMOKE
11:00 LATE NEWS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

1:30 GREEN ACRES
1:55 MELODY RANCH
2:45 SPORTS
5:05 AMERICAN SPORTSMAN
6:50 AFNS SPOTLIGHT
7:05 VIETNAM REPORT
7:30 NEWS
8:00 JONATHAN WINTERS
8:55 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
9:45 MOVIE
11:53 LATE NEWS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

1:30 CHRISTOPHERS
1:45 SACRED HEART
2:00 THE ANSWER
2:30 SPECIAL
3:30 SPORTS
5:25 PRO BOWLERS TOUR
7:05 MY THREE SONS
7:30 EVENING NEWS
8:00 ED SULLIVAN
8:55 BONANZA
9:45 MOVIE
11:00 LATE NEWS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

1:30 SHIFTWORKERS MATINEE
6:35 NEWS BRIEFS
6:40 BIOGRAPHY
7:05 THE MONKEES
7:30 EVENING NEWS
8:00 ANDY WILLIAMS SHOW
8:55 DANIEL BOONE
9:45 BEWITCHED
10:10 WILD WILD WEST
11:00 LATE NEWS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

1:30 SHIFTWORKERS MATINEE
6:35 NEWS BRIEFS
6:40 GE COLLEGE BOWL
7:05 GET SMART
7:30 EVENING NEWS
8:00 RED SKELTON SHOW
8:55 COMBAT
9:45 CH. 11 THEATER
11:10 LATE NEWS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

1:30 SHIFTWORKERS MATINEE
6:35 NEWS BRIEFS
6:40 LUCY SHOW
7:05 FELONY SQUAD
7:30 EVENING NEWS
8:00 BELL TELEPHONE HOUR
8:55 DICK VAN DYKE
9:45 PERRY MASON
10:10 JOEY BISHOP SHOW
11:50 LATE NEWS.

PRABites Greet New R.C. Girl

"I got off the plane here and saw a big sign that said 'Welcome to Happy Valley'. I thought someone just had a good sense of humor, but Happy Valley describes Phan Rang very well." These are the words of Phan Rang's newest Red Cross worker, Miss George A. Deroche.

Miss Deroche, a native of New Jersey, comes to Phan Rang from Phu Loi, near Saigon.

"Phan Rang is a beautiful base," she commented, "especially compared to Phu Loi and Pleiku. You don't have the dust and mud that other bases have a lot of."

Asked what the goals of the center are, she stated that, "The center is here to provide recreation for the men. Unlike other bases I've seen, you do have a permanent place

OFFICERS CLUB FLICKS

It seems that in there endless quest to give me up to the minute information the O. Club goofed. Two movies are all that I can tear up. They are:

THURSDAY

"Grand Slam" stars Edward G. Robinson and Janet Leigh.***

SATURDAY "The Daring Game. **

M. O. K.

352nd Pilot Halts RUNAWAY F-100

Capt. Henry J. Pirkkala Jr., an F-100 Supersabre pilot with the 352nd TFS recently halted his run-away aircraft after the throttle stuck at 87% power.

Captain Pirkkala and his wing man, Capt. Sloan L.B. Brooks, had been scrambled from the alert pad to aid friendly troops in contact with the enemy in IV Corps.

The forward air controller directed the two Supersabres against a number of enemy structures and troops along a canal.

"He told us to expect ground fire," Pirkkala said. There had been another strike in there earlier and the friendlies were keeping the pressure on them."

"We were credited with three enemy structures and then headed back to the base," he concluded.

It wasn't until he was landing at Phan Rang that Captain Pirkkala realized that he was in trouble.

"I was in the traffic pattern and couldn't understand why I seemed to be going so fast," he said. "I touched down about 1,000 feet long, longer than I wanted. I wasn't decelerating as normal. I pulled the drag chute," he said, "and started the stopping procedures and got on the brakes. All this time I was looking around the cockpit and then I noticed that the RFMs indicated 87%. I realized then that I had a problem.

"I put the hook down, and caught the barrier at 70 knots and then turned off the master switch," Pirkkala concluded. "The airplane came to a nice stop."

**IF YOU SEE
NEWS**

DIAL 3313

CAMPBELL NAMED 1882nd. NCO.Q.

Sgt. David W. Campbell, a member of the 1882nd Comm. Sq. was recently selected as the squadron's NCO of the Quarter for the period ending Sept. 30.

An air traffic controller Sergeant Campbell was selected by his supervisor to represent his section in the squadron level competition.

Competition is based on the individual's overall knowledge of his job, squadron policy, the chain of command and current events.

Bishop Brown

L.D.S. OFFICIALS VISIT P.R.A.B.

Two officials of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints recently visited Phan Rang and met with other members of their church.

Bishop Victor L. Brown, a presiding bishop of the Mormon church, and W. Brant Hardy, President of the Southern Far East Miss. 1, Hong Kong, were recent visitors at this base.

1st. Lt. Wesley M. Bitters, an LDS counselor at Phan Rang, was one of the Air Force members who escorted the high church officials.

"Bishop Brown was on a tour of the Far East," Lieutenant Bitters said, "and when in Hong Kong visiting President Hardy, he decided to visit the men in Vietnam.

"One of the reasons he spent some time at Phan Rang was," Lieutenant Bitters continued, "to visit the U.S. Army's 116th Engineering Battalion, a recently arrived Army National Guard unit from Idaho. Most of those men are Mormons and the visit provided a big boost to their morale."

Bishop Brown talked to the Mormons from the Army and the Air Force during his vis-

AFTER 2nd. ATTACK, REBUILD CITY HALL

"When it comes to perseverance, few people anywhere can match that of the villagers of My Trung hamlet," said 1st. Lt. Bryan A. Wolter, civic actions officer for the 35th TFW.

Twice in recent months VC sappers have destroyed the hamlet headquarters and after each bombing the villagers have immediately set about to replace their "city hall".

Learning of their plans after the first incident, Lieutenant Wolter arranged for delivery of surplus building materials to the hamlet. Soon after construction was completed VC sappers reappeared and demolished the new structure. Once again Lieutenant Wolter arranged for delivery of building materials. With the help of the Airforce the structure once again stands.

isit. He commended them on coming to Vietnam without question.

"We believe in serving our country," the Bishop said. "You are here in Vietnam to serve your country and it should be done without protest."

He indicated that he was very proud of the service of the Mormons in Vietnam.

Lieutenant Bitters indicated that the men were very thrilled by the visit.

"Not many LDS dignitaries visit Vietnam and the men enjoyed the opportunity of meeting them. The Bishop made a big hit when he offered to call our wives, parents and girl friends after he returned to the States. When he left he had hundreds of names and telephone numbers."

Six In 309th Fly Last In R.V.N.

Six members of the 309th SOS recently flew their last combat mission in Vietnam aboard a C-123 Provider.

Their last mission was an ammunition resupply to a special forces camp in the Mekong Delta. Fittingly enough, it was right on target and labeled a perfect drop.

On board the Provider for this special "fini Vietnam" flight were Col. Arthur M. Jones, aircraft commander; Maj. John D. Riddle, pilot; Maj. Louis E. Seminare, Jr., navigator; TSgt. Merlin L. Ripley, flight engineer; and Sgt. Donald A. Merk, loadmaster.

Also on board and flying his last mission was Capt. John G. Heard, flight surgeon for the 309th.

The seventh member of the crew, though not finishing his tour in Vietnam, has more combat flying time to his credit than any other aircrew member to have served in Vietnam. He is Sgt. Butch Commando, 6, Phan Rang AB, Vietnam, 309th squadron mascot. Butch has a total of 2,440 combat hours and 2,855 combat sorties to his credit. He is, no doubt, the best known and most publicized "Commando" to have ever served in C-123s.

During their tours in Vietnam, the other crew members combined totals of 5,300 combat sorties and 4,600 combat flying hours as they carried out the vital mission of resupplying Free World installations throughout Vietnam.

Col. Jones, assistant deputy commander for operations for the 315th SOWG, will be assigned to legislative liaison, Hq. USAF. Major Riddle is heading for High Wycombe, England while Major Seminare also reports to the Pentagon.

Doctor Heard's next assignment is Randolph AFB, Tex while Sergeant Merk will separate from the service and return to his home.

Gen. Brooks Decorates Two

Two members of Det. 1, 38th ARRS, were presented Air Medals recently by Brig. Gen. Allison C. Brooks, commander, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, during formal ceremonies held in front of the rescue unit's alert facility.

Recipients were Capt. Caylon R. Overton, rescue crew first pilot and Sgt. Thomas C. Petersen, aeromedical specialist.

General Brooks visited the detachment during his annual tour of air rescue units in Vietnam. In addition to presenting the decorations, the general was escorted through the detachment operations, alert and recreation facilities by Maj. John C. Acton, detachment commander.

Most Senior NCO Makes SMSgt.

The title of "The Most Senior NCO Filling a full Time Combat Crew Position in SEA" was further enhanced recently by the promotion of a Phan Rang NCO to senior master sergeant.

The man who holds this honor is SMSgt. Ted H. Rhyne, NCOIC, C-123 Loadmaster Section, 310th SOS.

Flying for the sergeant began about 15 years ago while assigned to the 63rd TCW, Donaldson AFB, S.C.

During his Air Force Career, Sergeant Rhyne has had assignments to Tachikawa AB, Japan, Hunter AFB, Ga., and Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo., as a C-124 loadmaster.

He also participated in the Lebanon, Congo, Dominican and Cuban crises, served as a loadmaster aboard a C-124 during the Chilean earthquake

YELLOW JACKETS PRAISED BY F.A.C.

Two pilots of the 352nd TFS recently received the praise of a forward air controller for their cooperation and response to directions in a strike against enemy forces.

The strike included 1st Lt. Wendell L. Cook.

In describing the bombing-strafting mission, the FAC said "This flight was flown in support of the 31st ARVN Rangers in a ceiling of 1,000 feet visibility ... against a fortified village. The high drag bombs were dropped within 150 meters of the friendlies ... and 20mm (cannonfire) within 10 meters of the friendlies.

"The fighters had to thread their way between two friendly positions to get to the target with the friendly troops along the north side of the bomb line.

"Without the skill and determination shown by these pilots in getting the ordnance on the target, the friendly troops could not have moved forward to crush the entrenched enemy positions."

disaster and Operation Deep Freeze in the Antarctic air dropping cargo on the South Pole.

Sergeant Rhyne will relinquish his title in December when he rotates to the States.

AIC BECERRA A.O.Q. FOR 1882ND.

AIC Juan Becerra was recently selected Airman of the Quarter for 1882nd Comm. Sq.

A communications center specialist, he was selected for his overall knowledge of his job, squadron policy & the chain of command.

VOTE

COMPLETES 300.....
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 you want to go after the guns that are firing at you. You must stay with the trucks though, because destroying trucks is the mission, the reason you are there. You can't let the ground fire interfere with your work or you won't get anything done."
 During his combat tour of duty in Vietnam, Colonel Hendersen has accumulated more than 700 combat hours in the B-57. He has high praise for the bomber.

TOWER.....

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 machine gun is mounted in the tower, completely neutralizing the threat of "sapper" teams on the perimeter."

KBA.....

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 We came in striking the target and the FAC said we had dropped our bombs dead center, destroying the three bunkers they were in and 16 foxholes."

614TH DECORATIONS.....
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 Receiving the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service were Maj. Lorain F. Hennig, Capt. Peter R. Fleischhacker, MSgt. Harlan L. Kernan Jr., SSgt. Louis L. Martinet, SSgt. Joseph O. Sizemore, Sgt. Billy R. Kidd, A1C Dennis W. Winton and A1C Steven A. Darn.

Also during the Commander's Call ECI course completion certificates were presented to SSgt. Joseph O. Sizemore and A1C James Gaines.

Commander.....

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 the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart. He also has been awarded the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

Lock Your Truck

Base officials have expressed growing concern over the common practice of leaving vehicles unattended and unsecured. Use a chain and lock that truck.

309th Gets New Commander

The 309th SOS received a new commander recently when Lt. Col. Lloyd G. Russell assumed command from Lt. Col. Wayne S. Crawford Jr.

A veteran pilot with 27 years of flying experience, 14 years of which were spent with the Strategic Air Command, Colonel Russell served as the 309th operations officers prior to taking command of the squadron.

A Korean War veteran, he has flown over 425 combat sorties and logged more than 325 combat flying hours in the C-123 Provider since his arrival in Vietnam.



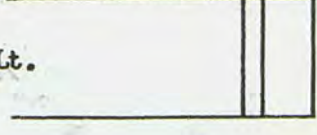
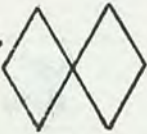










Home Cooking

AFNS--TSgt. Eugene C. Fox is probably one of the most envied men in uniform.

Sergeant Cox the only known man that can eat in the chow hall and get home-cooked meals. His wife, Gertrude is one of a few female civilian cooks employed by the Air Force.

A PHAN FARE cutout feature of the week.

EQUIVALENT RANK

Korean	Vietnamese	Australian
2nd/Lt. 	2nd/Lt. 	2nd/Lt. 
1st/Lt. 	1st/Lt. 	1st/Lt. 
Capt. 	Capt. 	Capt. 
Maj. 	Maj. 	Maj. 
Lt Col 	Lt. Col 	Lt. Col 