



TOP E.M. TOURS BASE

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul W. Airey visited Phan Rang Sunday as a member of the official staff of General John P. McConnell, Air Force Chief of Staff.

Arriving by helicopter, he was greeted by base senior NCOs and toured the 315th SOWg operation, maintenance and barracks areas.

Speaking to assembled enlisted men of all ranks in the NCO Open Mess, Sergeant Airey said that this year had been the best for enlisted promotions since the Korean War. While promotions in the coming year, 1969, will not be quite as numerous, he said it will still be a good year and a tremendous improvement over the lean years of the mid-fifties through the early sixties.

He also discussed "base of choice" rotation to the U.S., saying that the majority of the returnees ask for California, Texas, and Florida--which means that quite a number of men are disappointed when they receive their notification of assignment.

Phan Rang NCOs escorting Sergeant Airey were CMSgt. John P. Revell, Jr., CMSgt. Robert L. Zimmerman, SMSgt. Harold M. Sterling, and MSgt. Lucius L. Lewis.

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A.F. CHIEF DECORATES SIX

Air Force Chief of Staff General John P. McConnell decorated six Phan Rang Air Base aircrewmembers in flightline ceremonies during his recent visit here.

Maj. Elmer L. Slavey, an F-100 Supersabre pilot with the 352nd TFS, was presented the Silver Star for his actions as an F-100 forward air controller over North Vietnam on March 20, 1968.

The citation accompanying the award read "Major Slavey located and directed the destruction of a well camouflaged surface-to-air missile in a heavily defended area. (and then)...directed a devastating attack on a large truck convoy that destroyed or immobilized the entire fleet."

Maj. Robert E. Lawton, a B-57 Canberra navigator-bombardier with the 8th TBS, received the Silver Star for flying a "successful night armed reconnaissance mission against heavily defended truck traffic transporting supplies and ammunition..."

The citation accompanying his award read "Despite intense, accurate ground fire directed at his aircraft, Major Lawton directed his pilot on repeated passes against the hostile trucks until he had cut a vital supply route in two places, destroyed eight trucks, caused eight secondary explosions and ignited five secondary fires..."

Maj. Robert A. Carlone, a C-123 Provider pilot with the 315th SOWg, received the Silver Star for an airlift resupply mission during the siege of Khe Sanh.

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MCCONNELL VISITS PRAB

General John P. McConnell, Air Force Chief of Staff, visited Phan Rang AB Sunday as part of his tour of USAF installations in Southeast Asia.

Accompanying the Air Force top officer were Maj. Gen. Royal W. Baker, vice commander, Seventh Air Force and Maj. Gen. William C. Garland, director of information, USAF.

The general and his staff were escorted on a base tour and briefing by Col. Frank L. Gailer Jr., commander, 35th TFW, and Col. John W. Pauly, commander, 315th SOWg.

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YANKS DOWN AUSSIES

The Yanks overpowered the Aussies in recent international volleyball competition at Phan Rang Air Base between all-star teams from the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing and the Royal Australian Air Force Number 2 Squadron.

The best of five series came as a result of a challenge issued by Wing Commander David Evans, commander, RAAF Number 2 Squadron to Colonel Frank L. Gailer Jr., commander, 35th TFW.

In the first game, the

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LT. COL. CHERRY**Know Your Commander**

Lt. Col. Robert C. Cherry is the commander of the 120th TFS, Phan Rang Air Base's newest fighter squadron. He took command of the 120th TFS on its activation in January 1968 and led the move to Phan Rang last April.

Colonel Cherry entered aviation cadet training during the fall of 1942 and graduated as a second lieutenant from Moore Field, Mission, Texas in July, 1943. After a short transition in the P-47 Thunderbolt, he went to the European Theatre of Operations in November of 1943, joining the 62nd Squadron of the 56th Fighter Group.

He completed 83 combat missions and over 300 hours of combat time during which he destroyed five enemy aircraft and probably destroyed another. Upon completion of the combat assignment he became an instructor at the ETO Replacement Training Squadron, returning to the U.S. in December, 1944.

During the first few months of 1945, Colonel Cherry was assigned to Air Training Command, completing the Instructor's Training course and being transferred to Goodfellow Field as a flight instructor.

In May of that year, he transferred to the First Air Force, attended Gunnery Instructor's School and became a gunnery instructor at Selfridge Field, Michigan, once again flying P-47's.

This assignment terminated in 1946, when the 56th Fighter Group was reactivated at Selfridge and Colonel Cherry was assigned as assistant group operations officer. In January of 1947, Colonel Cherry separated from the Army Air Corps.

During the period 1947 to 1953, he was in the Air Force Reserve joining the Colorado Air National Guard in August, 1953. He checked out in the F-80 and during gunnery competition and became an alternate on the Air National Guard Gunnery Team.

The team placed third overall in the World-Wide meet at Nellis AFB in 1955, flying F-86E's. Shortly thereafter, he was employed by the Colorado Air National Guard as a flying training instructor.

Colonel Cherry joined the Minute Men Air National Guard Demonstration Team early in 1956, as slot man. He moved to left wing in 1957 and assumed command of the Minute Men in 1959.

In 1965, Cherry assumed command of the 140th Tactical Fighter Group.

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**PEDESTRIANS
CAUTIONED**

In the last 90 days four pedestrians have been struck by vehicles on Phan Rang. One has been fatally injured.

AFM 127-101 states, "When sidewalks are provided, pedestrians will use them, rather than the roadway. Only when there are no sidewalks will the pedestrians be permitted to walk on the edge of the road, and then they will be required to walk on the far left side, facing traffic."

Signs are being made up and posted as reminders, but only you have the key to safety!

**RED HORSE
FIRST RIDER DEPARTS**

By SSgt. Donn Redd

In two recent ceremonies, the departing commander, Col. William T. Meredith and the men of the well known RED HORSE 554th Civil Engineering Squadron, were feted by local Vietnamese, American military and civilian dignitaries.

The Ninh Thuan Province Chief, Col. Ngo Han Dong, was accompanied by the U.S. Senior Advisor, Mr. Paul J. Hare representing MACV, plus district and village chiefs and elders.

Colonel Dong paid tribute to Colonel Meredith while praising the outstanding civic action contribution made by RED HORSE during the past year.

Citing but a few examples of assistance, he mentioned emergency bridge repairs in the early stages of TET, damaged by V.C. actions; construction assistance to the Phan Rang City Hospital and the joint construction of a new church in Thap Cham plus the site preparation of a large area for a new ARVN camp in the local area.

He then presented Colonel Meredith with a plaque in recognition of outstanding support of MACV Advisory Team 45.

The second event was hosted by the new RED HORSE com-

mander, Lt. Col. Niels H. Lund and attended by the entire squadron, the last time they would all be together as one unit.

In addressing the group, Colonel Lund commented on the fact that Colonel Meredith was the originator of the PRIME BEEF (AF Civil Engineering rapid strike teams) developed in 1964.

The success of those teams responding to emergency conditions during the 1965-66 buildup in Southeast Asia led to his being the prime mover in the formation of the RED HORSE Heavy Repair Squadrons. For that achievement he will always be familiarly known by the honorary title of "First Rider."

This ceremony was marked by both serious and humorous comments on the events of the past year. Men from every technical trade carried placards identifying their speciality and had brief comments to make through a spokesman.

RED CROSS ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY

PET SHOW

FRIDAY

BYOB (soap)

SATURDAY

PINCOHLE NITE

SUNDAY

OFF WE GO INTO THE WILD BLUE.

MONDAY

BINGO

TUESDAY

CHARADES

WEDNESDAY

FUN & GAMES

A.F. SPEEDS**SANTA'S MAIL**

EIELSON AFB, Alaska (AFNS)

-- Air Force's "Santa Claus House at the North Pole," established 14 years ago by the locally-based Air Weather Service detachment, is expected to process its 100,000th letter during this year's program.

Members of Detachment 5, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing, are preparing for the annual avalanche of mail from all parts of the world, since the program is for children of U.S. servicemen.

As in the success of any program for children, the parents play a vital role in its success. In this case, the parents are asked to provide Santa's letter, complete with airmail postage stamp.

Letters should be placed in a larger envelope and mailed to Santa's Mail Bag, care of Det. 5, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing, APO Seattle 98737.

Near Eielson AFB is a post office, designated Santa Claus House, North Pole, Alaska.

TV LOG

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

1:05 LAWRENCE WELK
1:55 MELODY RANCH
2:45 SPORTS
5:05 AMERICAN SPORTSMAN
5:55 KRAFT MUSIC HALL
6:50 ARMED FORCES NEWS SPOTLIGHT
7:05 VIETNAM REPORT
7:30 EVENING NEWS
8:00 JONATHAN WINTERS
8:55 MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
9:45 SPECIAL
11:00 LATE NEWS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

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 DOMINICA
9:45 LATE SHOW
11:00 LATE NEWS

**DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES
BEYOND OUR CONTROL,
NO MOVIE SCHEDULE WILL
BE PUBLISHED THIS WEEK.
WE WILL RESUME THE SCHEDULE
A.S.A.P.**

Editor

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

1:30 SHIFTWORKERS MATINEE
6:35 NEWS BRIEFS
6:40 LUCY SHOW
7:05 FELONY SQUAD
7:30 EVENING REPORT
8:00 SPECIAL
8:55 DICK VAN DYKE SHOW
9:45 IRONSIDE
10:10 JOEY BISHOP
11:00 LATE NEWS

Saglek Balks At Mini Rule

SAGLEK AS, Labrador (AFNS)
-- "We can not possibly go along with such a policy," said a spokesman commenting on Air Force News Service's report of a decision prohibiting wear of micro miniskirts in NCO and Airmen Open Messes at Wethersfield AB, England.

"We are out here, fighting for peace, freedom, and the right of each person to make her own judgement. If a young lady comes in here with a micro miniskirt or even a micro, micro miniskirt seeking admission to our NCO Open Mess, we will accommodate her."

The flareup began when Saglek personnel read in the base newspaper of the limits set on the length of a female's dress.

LADY COMMMANDOS TO MEET ENVOY

Seven Southwest Texas State College co-ed "lady commandos" will meet a personal envoy in December of the 1,500 members of the 315th SOWG who selected these girls as their favorite pinups in a contest held earlier this year.

Lt. Col. Robert E. Keir, assistant deputy commander for operations, 315th SOWG (formerly Air Commando Wing) will visit the college while on leave in Texas prior to reporting to his new assignment with 2852 ABGP, McClellan AFB, Calif.

Kerr will carry photographs, letters and the personal greetings from members of the Phan Rang-based wing.

Initially, 32 STSC co-eds competed for the title of "Miss Air Commando" representing the wing. Additionally, six other ladies were elected, through secret ballot, to represent the 315th's squadrons, the 309th, 310th and 311th Special Operations and the 315th CAMS at Phan Rang, the 12th SOS at Bien Hoa, and the 19th SOS at Tan Son Nhut.

The seven winners of the contest were presented with air commando jackets, bush hats and gun belts, as well as Sweetheart Roses at ceremonies held at the college.

Squadron sweethearts received scarves representative of units with which they have now become identified.

In her letter accepting the top "Miss Air Commando" title, Miss Sharon Carter, 19, a five-foot-two brunette, wrote "I am flattered to symbolize your dreams when you think of home and all the girls who are either waiting for you or waiting to catch you!"

WATER SKI ??

Do you water ski? Would you like to learn? If the answer is yes, then we have the answer for you, Phan Rang's newest water sports club. This club is just getting organized, so come now. Meetings will be announced in the Daily Bulliten. When you see it, come on out!!

615th Pilot COMMENDED

Capt. Ronald G. Swanson, an F-100 Supersabre pilot with the 615th TFS, was recently commended by U.S. Army Col. Frederick C. Krause, commanding, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

The commendation was for "the superb air support received by one of my battalions during the battle of Loc Ninh, 24 August 1968." Colonel Krause said in the Letter of Commendation.

"On that date," the letter continued, "1/2 Infantry became heavily engaged with a battalion size NVA (North Vietnamese Army) unit. Despite the extreme close contact, the ground commander requested immediate deployment of tactical air.

"(Captain Swanson) ... delivered his ordnance with pin-point accuracy and excellent timing. This strike resulted in significant losses of enemy personnel and equipment and unquestionably assisted ground elements in gaining an upper hand on the battlefield."

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware, commanding, 1st Infantry Division, indorsed the Letter of Commendation with "Your professionalism while supporting the Big Red One was a significant factor in the successful operation... during the battle of Loc Ninh..."

BOMB MEN HAVE VITAL TASK

Theirs is the responsibility of receiving, inspecting, storing, fusing and delivering the wide variety of ordnance used in air strikes out of Phan Rang Air Base. They are the men of the 435th MMS.

Theirs is the task of keeping tally on the 750-, 500-, 250- and 220-pound bombs, 20mm, 7.62mm and .50 caliber ammunition, 2.75-inch rockets and a variety of flares used by Phan Rang's four squadrons of F-100 Supersabres, squadron of B-57 Canberras, Royal Australian Air Force Canberras and AC-47 Dragonships.

The ordnance is received via U.S. Army convoy from the port seven miles distant. Each load of munitions is met on entry, inspected and directed to the proper revetment for unloading. An in-depth inspection is given selected weapons in each shipment or to the complete shipment if there is reason to believe the ordnance may have deteriorated enroute to Phan Rang.

Rotating their stocks in the manner of any shop keeper -- moving the items in storage longest -- the armament required for each day's missions is readied for transport to the flightline.

Bombs are moved to the buildup revetment where fuses and fins are added, rockets are assembled and pods filled. Additional weapons are prepared to replace those expended by aircraft on alert -- a never-ending process in the Vietnam air war.

This Thanksgiving



315th Comes Through For Navy Request

The 315th SOWg at Phan Rang is accustomed to unusual requests. As haulers of air cargo with their C-123 Providers they have moved livestock, fresh fruit, innumerable passengers, ordnance, rations and an endless listing of supplies.

Thus, when a U.S. Navy request arrived, its sheer simplicity was a shock--fill the attached can with dirt and return.

Now this could not be just any soil, but must be the pure substance uncontaminated by aircraft exhaust, motor vehicle or booted G.I. foot.

Again, not any instrument would serve to deposit the soil in the plastic-lined can ---only the can lid would do.

Project completed, the soil-filled can was returned to the Department of the Navy, Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, Calif., where it would be analyzed to aid in design criterion to assure that "oncoming weapon systems are designed to withstand what they will encounter in worldwide service."

The 315th had come through in style again.

554th AWARDS HORSE TAIL

Many awards, plaques and medals have been presented in Vietnam but Col. William T. Meredith, commander, 554th CES (RED HORSE) has one of the truly unique awards in the war zone.

This award, the "Royal Order of the Crimson Plume," was originated by Col. Truman O'Keefe when he was Chief Civil Engineering Construction Operations Group at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

"The award," said Meredith, "is an honorary title which a RED HORSE commander may award to any person in a command position or any position pertinent to RED HORSE."

The order consists of a crimson horse's tail and a plaque inscribed with the receiver's name.

P.R.A.B. WINS

BEST BASE AW.

Phan Rang Air Base, winner of the Seventh Air Force "Base Improvement Program Award" for the second quarter of this year, shares "best base" with Tuy Hoa AB in the July-September period.

Phan Rang has recently added a new aerial port facility and a sket range and is nearing completion on a crash-rescue flightline fire station and open air swimming pool.

In a letter notifying Colonel Stanley J. Obarski, Base Commander, of the award, General George S. Brown, commander, Seventh Air Force, wrote "I wish to take this opportunity to commend all members for their exemplary performance and support of the Base Improvement Program while working under adverse conditions and performing tactical missions in the Republic of Vietnam."

NCOs Needed As Det. Comds.

SCOTT AFB, Ill. (AFNS) -- Outstanding NCOs in the grade of staff sergeant and above are being sought for assignments as AFCS detachment commanders.

Detachment commanders are assigned in Alaska, England, Germany, Greece, Italy, and other bases you've dreamed of.

Details will be forthcoming.

BUY

BONDS

B.S.A. Officials Visit Base

An invitation from the Vice Province Chief! Sgt. Jerone A. Pickard received such an invitation upon arrival of two members of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to Phan Rang.

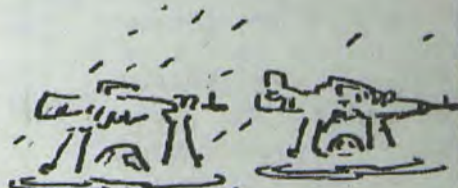
George W. Anderson and Ray Russel, members of the National Council, arrived at Phan Rang recently to meet with the local Vietnamese Scout leaders and observe how scouting is done in Vietnam. Pickard was invited to attend the meeting because he is working with the local scouts in their program.

Originally, the two Scout executives came to Vietnam to study a Vietnamese training program at Nha Trang, but the recent typhoon caused that to be cancelled. So, they decided to tour the country, visiting as many units as possible during their stay.

Commenting on his trip thus far, Mr. Anderson said, "I've found that Vietnamese Scouting is of very high quality. They don't have as many scouts as they would like, because all their leaders are serving in the army. What I have seen of it impresses me very much."

Mr. Russel said, "I have really enjoyed the trip. We have managed to have a really good exchange of ideas between the VBS and ourselves."

Sergeant Pickard said, "Working with these boys is a real pleasure. I think the main difference between VBS and BSA is the length of time a BSA stays in the scouting program. Here in Vietnam a person carries on after reaching adulthood, where as in the States most scouts don't."



"WAS' HELL, AN' IT."

DECORATED.....

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The citation accompanying his award read, referring to a mission on Feb. 23, 1968, "His aircraft encountered intensive ground fire and mortar shelling. During these attacks, he voluntarily assisted in the off-loading of the ammunition. Although wounded during take-off by mortar shrapnel, Major Carlone continued to perform his duties and assisted in successfully flying the crippled aircraft back safely."

Capt. Winslow E. Reither, an F-100 pilot with the 615th TFS, received the Distinguished Flying Cross for an extremely accurate air strike against enemy forces in close contact with elements of the Fourth Infantry Division.

Strafing within 50 meters of the friendly force and bombing only 200 meters of the friendlies, he accounted for 49 confirmed enemy dead.

TSgt. Patrick J. Beatty Jr. a flight engineer with the 309th SOSq, was presented the DFC for taking part in two emergency resupply missions to Ban Me Thuot City on 31 January 1968 despite bad weather and intense hostile ground fire.

SSgt. Carleton K. Norton, a C-123 flight engineer with the 310th SOSq, received the second Oak Leaf Cluster to the DFC for taking part in an emergency resupply mission to Vinh Long on Feb. 4, 1968.

The landing was accomplished and cargo off-loaded in the face of constant ground and mortar fire.

COMMANDER.....

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A Command Pilot, Colonel Cherry has received decorations including the Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal. He makes his home in Denver with his wife, Phyllis, and twins Robert S. and Rebecca L.

FOR THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES...
DIAL 112
FOR A DAILY PRAYER.....
DIAL 114

MCCONNELL....

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Their itinerary included the flightline facilities of both wings, a view of "Happy Valley" from the top of Nui Dat, and a visit with the aircrews of the 352d FTS.

Before his departure, General McConnell was presented a Montagnard cross-bow and a captured Viet Cong flag by Col. Yoon, Jung Wha, commander, Republic of Korea White Horse Division.

The general was also introduced to the 554th CES (RED HORSE) mascot, the Vietnamese pony.

Before departing, the Air Force Chief of Staff presented Silver Stars and Distinguished Flying Crosses to aircrew members in flightline ceremonies.

In his final comments, the general complimented the men of Phan Rang for their outstanding contributions to the war efforts in Vietnam.

MEET CHANG

PHAN FARE is pleased to present some of the funniest cartoons of the war. The artist, AIC Jerome Chang is in 35th FMS. In the coming weeks we will present these Airman's eye views of Phan Rang.



"My RECONTER WAS QUITE IN GAINING ALOT OF EXPERIENCE!"

Down.....

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Aussies grabbed an early lead and held on for an easy 15-3 win over the Yanks.

The tables were turned in the second match with the Yanks gaining an early upper hand for a 15-6 win.

In the third game, the Aussies jumped in front 6-1, but the Yanks fought back and tied the score 8-8 and then gained their first lead of the game, 10-9. The two teams exchanged leads several times but the Americans rallied for a close 16-14 victory.

The USAF team jumped to a 9-2 lead in the fourth and final game, and except for a RAAF rally that made the score 12-8, the Yanks were not seriously threatened and went on for a 15-8 win.

TV TEAM NEEDING BOSTONIAN INTERVIEWS

Personnel from New England, particularly within a 100-mile radius of Boston, are asked to contact the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing Office of Information in person or by telephone giving their home address. A television interview team from WHDH-TV is due in this area shortly, ph. 3313.



"CHARLIE WHO?"



"HE STARTS BRAGGING ABOUT HIS COOKING SKILL, I CAN WIN WITH THE NEXT BALL!"