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STATE HONORS CAPT. BECKEL

615th Conducts Bomb Tests In 'First'

One of three "Outstanding Young Men of Washington State" for 1968 was the distinction given Capt. Robert D. Beckel, 31, Walla Walla, Wash., a staff member and F-100 Supersabre fighter pilot with the 35th TFW.

He was selected for this honor by the Washington State Jaycees.

Assigned as Chief, 3rd TFW Standardization/Evaluation Division, Captain Beckel was a member of the USAF Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team, Nellis AFB, Nev., prior to being transferred to Vietnam.

Notified of his selection for promotion to major in the coming months, Beckel has earned the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Air Medal with 14 Oak Leaf Clusters. During his tour in Vietnam, he has thus far flown 302 combat sorties and 425 flying hours here.

Captain Beckel's nomination, submitted by Donald J. Locati, Walla Walla Jaycees, said, "Duty, Honor, Country. These three words depict the life and goals of Captain Robert Duane Beckel."

"He feels that they dictate what he ought to be, what he can be and what he will be. He believes they make you strong enough to know when you are weak and brave enough to face yourself when you are afraid."

"We know his tremendous desire for peace with honor and justice and his belief in freedom of religion, education, art and science and government make him outstanding."

The 615th TFS was given approval recently to begin operational use of the Triple Ejector Bomb Racks (TER) on its F-100D Supersabre aircraft, becoming the first operational F-100 unit to use the TER system.

Carpenter Wins Base Honors

Some people find their "pot of gold" at the end of the rainbow but A1C Michael T. Hibner, 35th GEC, found his in winning "October Airman of the Month" at Phan Rang.

His awards, earned in competition with more than 20 other airmen, included a set of binoculars, a made-to-measure suit compliments of the Base Exchange tailor concessionaire, a steak dinner for two at the Airmen's Open Mess, and a "Category A" letter for his promotion folder.

The awards were presented by Colonel Frank L. Gailer Jr., 45, Alexandria, Va., commander, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, during ceremonies attended by members of the wing staff.

Hibner was selected by a board of senior non-commissioned officers on the basis of the airman's knowledge and understanding of his job, local and world affairs and attitude as a first term airman toward the Air Force.

INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE
...BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS

IF IT'S NEWS
...DIAL DXI, 3313

TER racks, carried on the inboard wing station pylons of the Supersabre will enable the aircraft to carry twice the usual number of bombs. The bomb capacity, with racks, is eight 500-lb. bombs. However, due to a maximum weight restriction on the aircraft, the configuration and number of bombs will vary with larger size weapons.

To use the TER system, the F-100 must be modified with the new Automatic Weapons Release System (AWRS). The 615th now possesses all the (AWRS) modified F-100 aircraft in Vietnam, and is using the TER system on daily flights. The combination of TERs and AWRS greatly increases the capability of the F-100 as a conventional bombing system.

In addition to carrying a larger bomb load, the pilot can also select many different types of releases and vary the number of bombs released on each pass.

For example the pilot has the option of dropping singles, in pairs or in salvo. He can also select ripple release in singles, pairs, or salvo, and drop any number of the bombs being carried on one pass with from 100 to 2000 milliseconds between releases.

The pilot and forward air controller reaction toward the use of this system is very favorable. With the increased load, there is much better

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Lt. Col. RUSSELL KNOW YOUR COMMAND

Lt. Col. Lloyd G. Russell, commander, 309th SOS, is a veteran of more than 26 years military service and has served as the "Wetsu Airlines" commander since September of this year.

A native of Flasher, N.D., and a graduate of the University of Omaha, he completed pilot training and received his wings and commission in December 1944 at Las Vegas Field, Nev.

Colonel Russell started flying in 1941 as a civilian instructor for the Army Primary Contract School at King City, Calif.

The list of aircraft he has flown since that time is as impressive as it is long. Included are the PT-17, PT-22 (tag Messerschmitt), BT-13, BT-15, AT-6, B-17, B-25, B-29, C-45, C-46, C-47, C-54, C-119, C-123, T-9, T-39 and T-33.

The "Wetsu Airlines" commander served in Okinawa from 1946 to 1949 and again in Korea (1952) with the 8th Bomb Sq. at Kunsan.

Prior to Vietnam, Colonel Russell was a 10-year veteran of SAC where he served at Offutt AFB, Nebr., as chief of standardization and commander, 3902nd Operations Sq., and at Castle AFB, Calif., as chief, base operations division.

Since arriving at Phan Rang, he has flown 90 combat sorties and logged 10 combat hours.

He is married to the former Thelma Carr and they are the parents of a daughter, Kathryn and three sons, Lloyd G. Jr., Douglas, and Bradley.

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT WORKS

More than 55,000 members of the Air Force have about \$95,000,000 on deposit at 10 per cent interest. Do you have a share in this very attractive savings program? See the Accounting and Finance Office for further information. Bring your money and we will put it to work for you.

Lt. Col. MULDOON NEW 309th CHIEF

Lt. Col. James E. Muldoon, Jr., is the new commander of the 311th SOSq replacing Col. William K. Bailey who has rotated to the U.S.

The 311th, a C-123 "Provider" unit, was the first of its kind assigned to Southeast Asia.

A 26-year Air Force veteran, Colonel Muldoon was awarded his commission in 1943. His flying experiences
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LUCKY DEVILS KILL NINE

Pilots from the 614th TFS (Lucky Devils) were credited recently with killing nine enemy troops. 1st Lt. Dale A. Green, was one of the pilots.

"At first, we thought it was just going to be another tree buster," he commented, "but when the Forward Air Controller (FAC) got down into the area, he spotted a group of enemy soldiers in the open. The FAC thought that it could have been a squad that had blown up a bridge in the area earlier that day.

"It turned out to be real good, the squad didn't even know we were coming until it was too late. The wind was pretty gusty, which threw our first bombs a little off target, but we hit it dead center
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Go To Church Sunday

SCHEDULE OF CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

PROTESTANT

- Sunday: 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Protestant Services
9:30 a.m. Family Life Series
- Monday: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Think and Talk Series
- Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Meditation and Prayer
(2nd Wed - 6:15p.m. - PMOC Cookout and Program)
- Thursday: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. New Testament Series
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Morning)
- Friday: 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Evening)

Episcopal Service:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Church of Christ:

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Worship Service

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Worship Service

Latter Day Saints:

Sunday: 3:30-5:30 Worship Service

CATHOLIC

Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m. noon 6:30 p.m.

Mon - Sat: Mass noon

Tuesday: 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Catholic Instruction Classes
8 p.m. Marriage Enrichment Classes

First Friday: Mass noon and 6:30 p.m. followed by Steak Cookout

Sunday: Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.

Confessions: One half hour before all Sunday Masses
15 minutes before weekday Mass

-----DIAL 114 - Prayer of the Day-----

DU DROPS

FLASH! New girl in country stationed at Phan Rang. Her name is Lin Breeden. She's from Atlanta, Georgia and attended Florida State University. She's 22 yrs. old, a blonde and full of life. Her major in College was English.

Lin is replacing Georgette Deroche who has been stationed at Da Nang. If you would like to write her, the address is ARC Center/Clubmobile Unit, Freedom Hill Complex, 1st Marine Air Wing, FPO 96602. We're sorry to see her go, and I am sure she would appreciate your letters.

Cathy Knutson another new arrival as of two weeks ago from Manitowoc, Wisc. Cathy attended Florida State University where she majored in English and Social Welfare. A red headed "Bubble" is the only description for Cathy. Cathy was stationed at Pleiku for six months with the 4th Infantry Division. She was here TDY in August. Cathy's only words about Phan Rang are, "It's great to be back in Happy Valley."

Well, now that we've told you about everyone else, Di and I would like to say "Hi", and we also would like for you to come by and see us, too. Really now, whenever you guys make tracks for the Du Drop Inn to see all the new ones, we get jealous. Remember the oldies but goodies! I'm Pat - that's just in case you were wondering.

Nov. 13 was Cathy's time to shine. Cathy presented a program on people, and it went off real well. Every Wednesday night we present a program. Everyone come over and you might be surprised at what you learn.

Nov 14 we had a Strike Film. Capt. Fred Davis 352nd TFS was our monitor. The film was shown twice with a question and answer period.

Well, this is about all the news of the past, present and near future. We leave you with, "Eye for now!"

TV LOG

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- 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 24

- 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 LATE NEWS
- 11:00 LATE NEWS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 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 27

- 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

RED CROSS HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY

35 days till Christmas!

FRIDAY

Hi; Bye

SATURDAY

Pool Tourney

SUNDAY

Show 'N Tell

MONDAY

Elow me a bubble

TUESDAY

Wild Card

WEDNESDAY

Fun 'N Games

THURSDAY

Have a Happy Turkey!



615th Supersabre Carries Record Bomb Load On Strike

An F-100 Supersabre of the 615th TFS, recently carried a record bomb load for the type aircraft in an operational environment. Aircraft number 56-2937, an F-100D, configured with Triple Ejector Bomb Racks (TER) on the inboard wing station pylons, carried eight 500-pound bombs. The mission, flown by Lt. Col. Craig C. McCall, 615th commander, marked the first time an operational F-100 has carried that many bombs.

The 615th is the first, and only, F-100 unit using the TER system. Maintenance specialists and pilots have been trained in use of the system and it is being used on sorties each day. As soon as all the assigned aircraft are equipped and modified, the TER system will be used on all 615th scheduled and alert sorties.

Squadron pilots flying the missions, and forward air controllers directing the air strikes on which TERs are used have confirmed the increased capability of the F-100. The increased bomb load and versatility of the aircraft increases the target area coverage, and destruction. Forward air controllers have expressed a desire and need for more F-100 flights with Triple Ejector Bomb Racks.

Wyoming Flag Goes On Strike

The Wyoming State Flag was flown recently on a combat mission in the skies over the Republic of South Vietnam.

Piloting the F-100 Supersabre which carried the flag was Capt. Robert M. Staples, 352nd TFS "Yellow Jackets". The flag was given to the pilot by Sgt. Clifford D. Brownell, an administrative specialist in the operations section of the 352nd.

Sergeant Brownell received the flag from Mr. Richard G. Hodgson, superintendent of Glendo Public Schools where the admin clerk graduated in 1964.

The flag is to be sent back to Glendo High School for display. Damage assessment on the flag strike was three enemy bunkers destroyed, four bunkers damaged, two military structures damaged and one enemy sampan sunk in air action 15 miles east of Can Tho in the Mekong Delta.

EIGHT AWARDED GALLANTRY CROSS

Eight B-57 Canberra aircrew members of the 8th TBS were recently awarded the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star.

They include Lt. Col. William R. Abercrombie Jr., B-57 pilot, and Maj. William J. Richardson, Canberra navigator-bombardier.

The others, already departed from Phan Rang are Major Ernest G. Schultz and Wilson E. Eldridge, Captains Arthur W. Gillson and James I. Merrill, and First Lieutenant Donald Graham and Roger A. Beck.

They were cited for being "outstanding air crew members with high serving spirit" and conducting close ground support strikes against enemy positions, effectively supporting friendly ground units.



"CHARLIE'S GOING TO GET A BIG BANG OUTA THIS"

PILOT RUNS TEN m h

Think you're in good shape? Then try to prove it. Like Capt. Colin A. Clarke did here recently.

An F-100 Supersabre pilot with the 352nd TFS "Yellow Jackets", Captain Clarke began training for his spectacular snort after his arrival at Phan Rang Air Base last July 15.

The big test came on Nov. 10 and Captain Clarke proved he had it. He ran the entire distance around the Phan Rang -- a distance of nine and one-half miles -- without stopping. His time was 67 minutes, 40 seconds. Any takers?

KEEP YOUR MONEY STRAIGHT

Piaster	=	MPC	=	Piaster
10	=	8.5 Cents	.10	= 11.8
20	=	17 Cents	.25	= 29.5
50	=	42.5 Cents	.50	= 59
100	=	85 Cents	1.00	= 118
200	=	\$ 1.70	2.00	= 236
500	=	\$ 4.25	3.00	= 354
1,000	=	\$ 8.50	4.00	= 472
1,500	=	\$12.75	5.00	= 590
2,000	=	\$17.00	10.00	= 1180
2,500	=	\$21.25	15.00	= 1770
3,000	=	\$25.50	20.00	= 2360
3,500	=	\$29.75	25.00	= 2950
4,000	=	\$34.00	30.00	= 3540
4,500	=	\$38.25	35.00	= 4130
5,000	=	\$42.50	40.00	= 4720
6,000	=	\$51.00	45.00	= 5310
10,000	=	\$85.00	50.00	= 5900

(Cut out and keep in your billfold)

POL Hen RAISES DUCKS

Does your life in Vietnam sometimes seem a little dull? Do you feel you're getting into a rut? Well, then, take up a hobby such as the men of the Phan Rang tank farms. These men, aside from keeping Happy Valley in MoGas and Diesel, raise ducks and chickens.

In fact, they are trying to integrate the two. Sound strange? Here's how it all came about:

As all farm boys know, ducks do not make good mothers. They don't like to spend time sitting on the eggs until they hatch. To solve this problem, Sgt. Ferdinand Acevedo placed the eggs in the roost of a frustrated mother hen, Picky.

Following the call of instinct, the puzzled hen proudly took her place atop the eggs. Nature took over from here and 28 days later, five loud-mouthed, fuzzy haired ducklings hatched.

"When the eggs first hatched," commented Sergeant Acevedo, "She looked a little disappointed in their looks, but she got over that."

The only one not quite satisfied with the situation is the rooster. He still hasn't figured the whole thing out!

DEAR BALDY

Dear Baldy,

Rumor has it that what was to be the theater will be used for other purposes and a flick house is going to be constructed somewhere else. Any word?

Movie Fan

Dear Fan,

That's a fact son, that's a fact. Construction of a differently designed movie house will begin shortly just across the street from the cafeteria. Ground levelling has already started.

Baldy

120th PILOTS GIVEN THANKS FOR SILENCING AAA SITE

Two 120th TFS pilots, Maj. Martin W. Mechling and Capt. Joseph E. O'Neill were cited recently for the accuracy of their strike which silenced an enemy anti-aircraft site.

Share Ride Plan Pushed

"Share the ride," was the message in a recent letter from Col. Frank L. Gailer Jr., commander, 35th TFW. He asked that every person who drives a vehicle to pick up people who are walking.

"We have a base population of close to 10,000," the letter said, "and a total vehicle inventory of some 819 vehicles - at least two-thirds of which can pick up a passenger en route from one point to another."

"Whether you are an officer or an airman, pick up the people who aren't fortunate enough to have wheels."

In the interests of safety, he added, "You must exercise caution when picking up or discharging passengers; be sure to signal whenever you plan to stop."

"I would appreciate everyone's cooperation in 'looking after' their fellow residents here in Happy Valley."

LIBRARY GETS NEW MAGAZINES

New MAGAZINE titles being received at the Base Library are: America, Business Week, Sports Car Graphic, Writer's Digest, Nation, New Republic, New Yorker, Ring, Rod and Gun, Gourmet, Journal of Accountancy, Lapidary Journal, Motor Trend, and Model Airplane News. NOOEY'S weekly Stock Survey has started arriving. Back issues may be checked out. Library hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

THINK SAFETY
...LIVE LONGER HAPPIER

The letter describing their action said the strike ".... was against an active AA site near the Thien Ngon Special Forces Camp, Tay Ninh Province, which had shot down an F-4 aircraft earlier in the day.

"After the downed crew members were rescued, the two F-100 Supersabre pilots attacked the site with repeated runs receiving heavy fire until the site was silenced. Their battle damage assessment was one AA site silenced, one secondary explosion in the site and four probable enemy killed.

The 120th, stationed at Phan Rang Air Base, is from Colorado and was the first Air National Guard unit deployed to Vietnam.

Pedro Given Gift Rifle

Members of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team (EOD) of the 435th MMS recently presented an AK-47 rifle to the commander of Detachment 1, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron the Pedro pilots have given the EOD teams.

The EOD personnel fly with the Pedro crews on all range surveys and bomb disposal trips. Flying in the choppers makes the work of the EOD team much easier. Without the use of the choppers, the teams would have to make their trips by truck.

Accepting the captured AK-47 from the EOD team were Maj. John C. Acton and Capt. Glen P. Walther

THINK POSITIVE
...REENLIST AIR FORCE

315th LISTS 152 MEN FOR STRIPES

One hundred and fifty-two members of the 315th SOWG were notified this week of their selection for promotion during the coming cycle. They are:

315th CAMS

To master: Walter R. Kunkel and William A. Lauderdale. To tech: William H. Adams, Louis A. Norris Jr., Robert L. Peters, David F. Rees, John Schick, Dewe J. Shoemaker Jr., and M.V. Tilison Jr.

To staff: Jose M. Bautiata Jr., Johnny E. Bexton, Frank T. Crain Jr., Larry A. Elliott, J.R. F.R. Fala deau, Howard L. Farson II, Michael L. Flory, Antonio Garcia, Dennis L. Hoss, Russel D. Hull, Arthur E. Leibolt, Michael E. Nault, Jack C. Nichols, Harry E. Senatz Jr., Willie E. Shaw, E.T. Southerland, Glenn P. Soyer, Donald C. Stevens, Jack B. Troxell and C.C. Witkowski Jr.

309th SOS

To master: John E. Fonda
To staff: Larry B. Bruner, Roger L. Craig, Ronald S. Durr, Conrad R. Jah, R.W. Mahlschnee, Timothy W. McGee, Charles V. Obryon, Billy D. Paramore, Bernard Ryan, Larry W. Smith and Arnold B. Winell Jr.

310th SOS

To master: Rufus Berger.
To tech: Doliver Deverly, Paul H. Gilbert Jr., Ralph A. Hoemke and Jose Spaulding.
To staff: Micheal L. Blake, Paul E. Burda, Peter J. Clarke, Paul M. Duckworth, John W. Green, Ed E. Knott, Kenneth R. Logsdon, Donald R. Musgrave, Wilton Prather, Manuel Sais Jr., and David A. Tillman.

311th SOS

To master: James P. Gieslewicz. To tech: Billy Clelland, George J. Kale, Robert N. Nicholson and Richard A. Weaver. To staff: Gerald D. Aldorf, Harley M. Barber Jr., Gerald L. Dechant, Edmund J. Grinius, Lance D. Knuttie, Ronald A. Roget,

615th...

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target area coverage, and greater destruction.

A flight of two TER-configured F-100s can accomplish as much destruction, or more depending on other factors-- than a flight of four non-TER equipped aircraft of the same type.

The heavier load, and higher drag have decreased the combat radius of the F-100 slightly, but under normal operating conditions in the Vietnam theater of operation, the reduction in range does not affect the capability of the aircraft to perform it's role in support of Free World Forces.

The 615th TFS, commanded by Lt. Col. Craig C. McCall, 43, is the first, and at present, the only F-100 unit to use the TER/AWBS system.

Last Ones

Jerry L. Turk, Bruce E. Williams, Robert K. Beste, William J. Caster, Robert J. Leputa, Michael J. Remington, and Harry R. Savel Jr.

LUCKY...

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on our second run, without any trouble at all."

The final Bomb Damage Assessment (BDA) for the mission was nine enemy soldiers killed by air (KBA), seven bunkers destroyed and four damaged, one sampan destroyed and nine shelter sites destroyed.

Muldoon...

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includes 260 combat hours over Europe in 1943-44 in B-24 aircraft during which he participated in the first Air Force bomber missions over Berlin.

During the Korean War, he served with the Military Air Transport Service (MATS) in the Pacific area as group maintenance officer and as a pilot on the Trans-Pacific routes.

Colonel Muldoon was last assigned with Headquarters, Air Force Logistics Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, as chief aerospace division, of the AFLC service engineering function.

He was formerly the 311th operations officer.

sorry 'bout that...



I THINK I'VE FOUND OUT WHAT CAUSED THAT
FLAT NOSE/WHEEL TIRE, LT. LARDLOVER.