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Vietnamese View K-9s in Action

Some 100 Vietnamese at Phan Rang Air Base witnessed Air Force sentry dog teams put on a demonstration here recently. A tour of the 70-dog kennel followed.

The workers are enrolled in the base's English classes which are directed by Miss Dinh Thi Kim Dau. "Everyone really enjoyed the exhibit," said Miss Dau after the tour. "And the occasion prompted the students to use their conversational English with each other and the security policeman."

Sgt. Larry H. Kelley, night supervisor at the kennels, directed six dog-handlers at the demonstration. The Vietnamese watched from behind a fence as four fatigue-clad security policemen led their German Shepherd dogs through a series of obstacles. Then the handlers demonstrated the dogs' obedience to commands by pulling on their K-9s to roll over, stand on hind legs, "pray," and stand alert as their handlers searched "prisoners" for concealed weapons.

"The dogs are very smart students," remarked Miss Dau as she watched the performance.

A highlight of the demonstration was when A10 Edward L. Matthews, came running onto the field, yelling and waving his arms to agitate the dogs. Upon command, each dog attacked "intruder" airman Matthews with eagerness. After the dogs were retrieved, airman Matthews walked off without

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315th Changes Commander

In a change of command ceremony at Phan Rang AB, Colonel Leslie J. Campbell Jr. assumed command of the 315th Special Operations Wing. He replaced Colonel John W. Pauly, who departed for his new assignment as the Air Force Member, Chairman's Staff Group, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in the Pentagon.

Colonel Campbell's previous assignment was vice commander of the 64th Tactical Airlift Wing, Stewart AFB, Tenn.

Major Hike List Out for FY 1970

Twenty-Two Phan Rang AB captains have been selected for promotion to major during the fiscal year 1970 Temporary Promotion Program.

Those selected for promotion are Captains John P. Andrews, 35 CSCG; Harold G. Brest, 504 TAS Gq; Colin A. Clarke, 352 TFW; William B. Conner, 311 SCS; Kenneth W. Cowan, 554 GES; John Fanta, 315 SOWg; Larry H. Jones, 504 TAS Gq; James A. Nurent, 612 TFS; James E. Price, 35 TFW; James H. Rogers, 35 GES; George A. Schaub, 315 CAPS; Robert H. Seible, III, 612 TFS; Michael J. Spear, 310 SCS; Robert H. Stewart, 614 TFS; Alan P. Walker, 35 TFW; Lloyd J. Warnick, 315 CAPG; Samuel A. Williamson, 310 SCS; John B. Yandell, 352 TFS; Melvin E. Hayes, 17 SCS; William S. Callaghan, Jr., 17 SCS; William H. Casey, 17 SOW; and Leo M. Hasten, Jr., 17 SCS.

Gen. Brown, 7AF Comdr, Visits

General George S. Brown, commander, 7AF, visited Phan Rang AB June 7 to speak at the 35th TFW dining-in. The general's first stop was the FMS hangar where he pinned decorations on seven airmen.

Included in the award was a Silver Star awarded Capt. Colin A. Clarke, 352nd TFS, and a Distinguished Flying Cross to 1st Lt. Frederick J. Erickson, 614th TFS.

At the dining-in that night in Batson Hall, Col. Frank L. Gailer Jr., commander, 35th TFW, bid farewell to Col. John W. Pauly, former commander, 315th SOW, who was departing for the JCS in the Pentagon.

Included in the many distinguished visitors at the dinner were Col. Sam McClurkin, DCO, 355th TFW, Takhli RTAFB, the 355th, known to those in the North as "Yankee Air Pirates," fly the F-105 Thunderchiefs, Col. Skip Stanfield, commander, 8th TFW, Ubon RTAFB, Col. Stanfield's "Wolf Pack" F-4s have downed more MIGs than any other unit in the Vietnam War.

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Du Drop Inn Swings Whirlee Twirlees? (no kiddin'!)

Christian Dior would have been proud! Our Fashion Show was second only to the Paris Preview, but I bet had more fun. And by the sounds of it we should be having some very groovy soul/jazz shows in the future.

For the immediate future "Bring Your N&R Slides" Thursday, June 19. You could help make up a doubtful mind or two - should it be Hawaii or Sydney??? Contact one of the Red Cross girls if you have slides to show.

Friday, June 20 is folk night. If you like to hear a banjo with a beat, be sure to come.

We're keeping our fingers crossed for Casino Night. Depending on supply deliveries we may or may not have playing cards. Nevertheless, Pinochle will prevail despite our shortage, so come and join us on Saturday, June 21st. Commander's Coffee Call - Red Cross style is also scheduled for Saturday morning. Invitations will be forthcoming if they have not already been received.

Sunday, June 22 is "Have Your Own Happening". How about a volleyball or horse-shoe game? This may be your last chance. Word has it through the grapevine we may have to dispose of them soon to make way for bigger and better facilities out back.

Guess what? Monday, June 23 we're having a repeat of an old favorite - Whirlee Twirlees. For some unknown reason they were hidden in our back storeroom, but we found 'em. Come and try your skill!

Tuesday, June 24 is devoted to pinochlers and also a clubmobile program on the states for those of you not in the "pinochle pack". (Ahem!)

Birthday Party Time is on Wednesday, June 25. We may add a different twist to this one - so come and enjoy.

If you are interested in joining us for informal discussions on new bestsellers and old "classics" come to the first meeting of the Book Club on July 3 in the back room of the Du Drop Inn.

Have a good week, and cum see us.



Screaming Eagles Sock It To 'Em

A recent early morning saw two Air Force F-100 Supersabres of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing blasting a Viet Cong base camp approximately 30 miles north northeast of Tay Ninh City.

The aircraft were piloted by Capt. Robert H. Scible III, and 1st Lt. Lawrence T. Wilder. Both pilots are assigned to the 612th Tactical Fighter Squadron "Screaming Eagles".

"I was pretty lucky," said Lieutenant Wilder, "My bomb sight was not working properly and I had to guess at my release points. My guessing apparently wasn't too bad, according to the forward air controller. Most of my ordnance was either on or pretty close to the target."

Wilder and his lead pilot, Captain Scible, were credited with 21 bunkers destroyed, 50 meter of trench destroyed and one .51 caliber gun position.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE OF CHAPEL ACTIVITIES

PROTESTANT

- Sunday: 9:30, 10:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. Worship Services
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Monday: 7:30 p.m. Think and Talk Series
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Mid-Week Worship Service
Second Wednesday of month - 6:15 p.m. PMOC
Cookout and Program
Thursday: 7:30 p.m. New Testament Class
Friday: 6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Morning Service)
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Evening Service)
Saturday: 6:30 p.m. Information Bible Study

Denomination Service

- Episcopal Service: Church of Christ:
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Sunday: 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Worship

Letter Day Saints:

- Sunday: 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Worship Service

CATHOLIC

- Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m., 12:00 and 6:30 p.m.
Monday - Sat: Mass 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Catholic Instruction Class
First Friday: Mass 12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. followed by
Steak Cookout
Confessions: One half hour before all Sunday Masses
15 minutes before weekday Masses

JEWISH

- Friday: 7:30 p.m. Jewish Service
Wednesday: 3:00 p.m. Jewish Instruction

FROM
"NGUYEN"
With LOVE



Dear Nguyen,

I heard through the grapevine that Sgt. Short, manager of the photo hobby shop, had some of his personal photos printed at taxpayers expense? Is this true? If so, who authorized it?

Jealous

Dear Jealous,

No need to be jealous! You, too, can have your personal photos developed by the 600th Photo Sq. Here is all you have to do: submit a copy of the photo you want printed along with a clean negative to the base Information Office. It the IO thinks your photo tells in some form what the Air Force is trying to accomplish in Vietnam, the photo will be submitted to the 600th to be printed. The negative will be returned to the owner.

Sgt. Short recently submitted a photo of Dr. Berry treating a Vietnamese child during a Civic Actions project. (Certainly part of what the Air Force's mission in Vietnam: to assist the people.) The photo received great praise from 7AF and was widely distributed to world-wide news services.

Now, why don't YOU try your hand at photography?
Nguyen



Editor Schell Departs; New Editor Invites All to Write

The editor of Phan Fara for the past year has been Master Sergeant John A. Schell. He leaving for his new assignment at Hq. 5th Air Force, Fuchu Air Station, Japan.

Beginning with this issue, T. Sgt. John Mahony will be shuffling copy and writing headlines for your favorite publication.

"Schell did a fine job,"

Mahony told Phan Fara reporter Mike Glenn as he took over the editor's slot. "Now, let's press on. I'd like to make a few public statements on what we can use and what we will not use for copy. Please send us such items as squadron news, human interest items of men around the base, sports, recreation, and how to make this base live up to its reputation as the best base in Vietnam." Don't send us items such as training, or legal notices; this is a NEWSpaper, not a daily bulletin.

"We welcome calls from airmen stirring cookie batter in Batson as well as munitions men stirring goodies at the bomb dump. He need not be a writer—just a few paragraphs or even sentences will do.

"We'll give by-lines to those writers who contribute to the Phan Fara.

"The 'From Nguyen With Love' column should be the most interesting column of any base paper in Vietnam. Anyone can easily get an item in this column by merely telephoning Phan Fara (3313 or 2661) with a question about Phan Rang that would be of general interest to all our readers. We'll try to come up with an answer from an authority on the subject.

"If anyone has an idea of how to make the Phan Fara a better paper, we'd appreciate hearing from them," Mahony concluded.

The editorial offices of the Phan Fara are located on the second floor of 35th TFW headquarters. The office is manned seven days a week from 7:30 a.m. to about 9 p.m. Visitors are welcome day or night.

'Devils' Scratch Bunker Complex

A pair of F-100 Supersabres blasted a Viet Cong bunker complex approximately 40 miles north northeast of Binh Thuy recently.

The two 35TFW F-100s were from the 614th TFS. "Lucky Devils". The pilots, 1st Lt. Don A. Muller, and Lt. Col. Robert H. Buss, were carrying out a preplanned air strike in the IV Corps area.

Commenting on the mission, Lt. Muller said, "The target was located in a tree line along a canal down in IV Corps. There were quite a few scattered and broken clouds surrounding the area. We experienced a slight problem with crosswinds as we went in to hit the smoke markers the forward air controller had put down."

The two pilots were credited with destroying seven bunkers and damaging four, destroying one sampan and damaging one fortification.

Shadow Presents Plaque to No. 2 Sergeants' Mess

As a token of friendship and cooperation AG-119 Shadow gunship crews and the Aussies, Maj. Gene C. Sue, "B" Flight, 17th Special Operations Sq. recently presented the Shadow plaque to WO Tom Sheean, chairman of the mess committee for the Australian No. 2 Squadron Sergeants' Mess.

Sheean accepted the plaque on behalf of the club members and praised the support Shadow has given the Aussies. "We feel a close kinship with the unit ever since it arrived at Phan Rang," he said.

"Yellowbirds" Beat Breasts SEA Tennis Champs Whip Locals 5-3

The 8th Tactical Bombardment "Yellowbirds" successfully defended their self-proclaimed title as tennis champions of Southeast Asia by beating the Ninh Thuan Province Tennis Association netters five matches to three at Phan Rang Air Base recently.

The Yellowbirds, who fly the B-57 Canberra bombers of the 35th TFW at Phan Rang AB, met the challenge to their supremacy on home courts against the Ninh Thuan team, which consists of province officials and Vietnamese Army officers.

Col. Frank L. Gailer Jr., 45, Great Neck, N.Y., 35th TFW commander, and Lt. Col. Kenneth S. Smith, Yellowbird commander, greeted the Vietnamese challengers before the epic contest. The Association presented the club banner to their friendly adversaries who reciprocated with a squadron plaque during the brief opening ceremony.

The match was tightly contested to the end, the power tennis playing of the Americans overcoming the scrambling, tough Vietnamese in four singles and four doubles matches, each match being determined by one point, the player or team first winning nine games.

Two of the Yellowbird powerhouses, Maj. Royce D. Tate, and Lt. Col. Dallas K. Stephens, teamed in a doubles set against Ta Duy Phuoc, the club instructor, and Tran Van Thach in the feature match of the day. Maj. Tate's thundering serve provided the necessary factor in squashing a 9-7 victory over their fast and cunning opponents.

The third Yellowbird mainstay, Lt. Col. Kenneth F. Lidle, defeated Nguyen Van Be 9-5 in the first singles match of the contest, overpowering the scrambling Vietnamese.

Col. Stephens later rolled over his singles opponent, Nguyen Van Nghiem, in a one-sided 9-0 victory. Maj. Tate, a former varsity tennis player from Texas A&M University, again put his skill to the test, overcoming a rally by Phuoc to

chalk up a 9-6 singles win.

The fifth and deciding match saw Col. Lidle and Capt. Fred L. Wright take on Mr. Thach and Mr. Be. The Yellowbird duo, down 5-2 at one time, rallied for six straight games to pull a 9-6 victory out of the fire.

The Vietnamese got tough, however, as Mr. Thachlobbered 1st Lt. James L. Morris, 25, Winston-Salem, N.C., 9-2.

Lt. Col. Charles J. Stumpf, and Lt. Morris fell victim to the aggressive Cao Van Hung and Nguyen Van Ngoi in a smashing 9-1 victory. Col. Smith teamed with Lt. Col. Albert J. Britton to also get a thorough 9-2 thrashing from Mai-Thuong and Diep Dong Thin.

The middle-aged Yellowbird warriors have accepted a return match with the Ninh Thuan racket men to play on the association courts in Phan Rang City.

The Yellowbirds still claim the tennis title and are standing by for more victims of their powerhouse tactics.

Accident Uncovers Charlie's Tunnel

Two F-100 Supersabre fighter-bombers based at Phan Rang AB, Vietnam, recently attacked an enemy bunker complex 15 miles northeast of Ninh Thuan. They destroyed 400 meters of trench, collapsed 50 meters of tunnel and killed three enemy troops. They also reported one secondary fire.

Both of the fighter pilots are assigned to the 612th TFSq "Screaming Eagles". One of the pilots, Lt. Col. Howard Stevens, had this to say about the mission, "The forward air controller, (FAC) informed us that the wind was blowing from the west.

"Both my wingman and I corrected for south wind, consequently, on our first pass our bombs fell 50 meters past the FAC's smoke. On our second pass, both of us laid our ordnance right on the target."

Continuing on, Col. Stevens stated, "When the FAC went in to assess the damage, he said 'You guys knew more about the target than I did' Our ordnance that had overshoot the target had uncovered and collapsed the 50 meters of tunnel and had killed the three enemy troops. The rest of the MDA was accumulated on our second pass."



OH YEAH SON... AN'VE BEEN SAYIN'
THAT FER YEARS... INVADE THE NORTH!

'Last Chance Checkout' Pre-flight Stop Vital to Mission

The F-100 Supersabres taxi down the runway, armed and ready to fly—almost. Their last stop before roaring down the Phan Rang Air Base runway is on a parking apron manned by five men.

The tasks performed by this team working under the hot Vietnam sun at the end of the runway is essential to the pilots of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing's four Supersabre squadrons. That stop is called "Arming and Last Chance Checkout."

"And the 'Last Chance Checkout' is exactly that," says Sgt. Howard E. Walter, a jet mechanic from the 614th TFS. "Two other maintenance men and I give each aircraft a quick but thorough inspection to find any possible malfunctions that could prove disastrous in flight."

Meanwhile, two munitions maintenance specialists are busy giving the aircraft's ordnance final preparation and inspection for delivery against the enemy.

Sgt. Gael D. Epp from the 435th Munitions Maintenance Squadron (MMS) explained their job: "We are the Supersabre's four cannons, check the bomb fuses and pull the pylon safety pins that prevent the bombs from being accidentally dropped prior to takeoff," he said.

The team works on each block of two aircraft alternately. "While the munitions men are arming one aircraft," Sgt. Walter said, "we are inspecting the other, looking for hydraulic or air leaks, tire cuts, and other indications of malfunctions that may have occurred while taxiing. We then log each aircraft on our records."

"If we find something wrong," Sgt. Walter continued, "the team chief has the authority to send the aircraft back to the revetments for repairs."

Unlike the munitions specialists who are assigned to the crew from the 435th MMS, the maintenance specialists belong to the squadron on scramble alert duty for the week. The five-

man team works a 12-hour shift daily, with personnel from each unit being alternated.

"The pilots have to rely on us to catch any trouble," Sgt. Walter concluded, "while there is time—while the pilot has time."

1882nd Airmen New Ping-Pong Champ at Du Drop

SSgt. Lewis W. Watson is the new Phan Rang AB table tennis champion. Entering a tournament sponsored by the Red Cross Recreation Center, he fought his way through three brackets of play leading up to the final matches.

A member of the 1FF2nd Communications Sq, he took the final match in a hard-fought 21-19 tilt to give him his second table tennis championship in 15 years of Air Force competition.

A ping-pong activist since his Air Force enlistment in 1954, he took his first tourney championship at RAF Station Weathersfield, England in 1967. During the intervening years, he has taken numerous runner-up spots.

Most of his practice is done at the Red Cross Recreation Center where he gets in at least one game daily and frequently uses a part of his lunch hour for additional practice.



Shadow Pops 80 Secondaries

"The target area looked like a string of firecrackers going off," said Air Force 1st Lt. William C. Dawson after returning in an AC-119G Shadow gunship to his home base at Phan Rang.

The lieutenant is a navigator and night optical sight (NOS) device operator aboard a Shadow aircraft. During the night of June 12-13 the Shadow he was on hit three enemy targets causing some 80 secondary explosions.

The navigator on the highly successful mission, Maj. William Taliaferro, told how the mission went: "We took off from Phan Rang at 6:45 last night (June 12) and headed up the coast," the major said. "our target was a suspected enemy concentration and storage area between Pleiku and Kenton."

"We arrived at the area by 9:15 and immediately began searching. After we spotted a light on the ground that appeared to be moving, we had Lieutenant Dawson check it out with his infrared light."

"He said it definitely appeared to be an enemy camp site or concentration". Maj. Taliaferro continued. "We called in the exact coordinates to DASC Alpha and got permission to fire."

Lt. Dawson interjected with, "We cut loose with all four guns in short bursts. In my night scope I could see a series of secondary chain reaction explosions."

The twin-engined Shadow circled the area for more than an hour firing 20,000 rounds of ammunition within three-quarters of a mile from where the initial explosion occurred.

Exhausted of ammunition, the Shadow flew into Pleiku Air Base taking on additional ammunition and fuel.

While Shadow was on the ground, Air Force fighter-bombers kept up the attack with heavy ordnance.

At midnight Shadow was airborne again this time headed for an Army outpost (CONTINUED ON PAGE 6)

K-9s in Action

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a scratch thanks to a specially designed, heavily padded suit worn for protection.

The dog handlers who took part were Sgt. Danny M. Hatton, A1C Anthony L. Lampe, A1C Robert G. Martinez, and A1C Thomas Meaney.

The airmen answered questions about the dogs' mission, feeding habits, and veterinary care.

Shadow Pops...

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at Dak To which had received mortar fire and ground probes. "We circled the area and dropped flares and probed with our big spotlight," Maj. Taliaferro explained. "When the enemy withdrew, we headed south bank back to our first target."

This strike the Shadow crew scored with eight additional secondary explosions bringing their total of secondary explosions up to 70.

After being on target for 45 minutes more, low clouds and fog covered the ground forcing Shadow to return to base.

Enroute home Shadow received orders to rake another suspected enemy concentration this time about 16 miles west of Tuy Hoa.

The plane and its eight-man crew returned to its home base landing at 5:30 a.m.

"This was the second best night I experienced in my five months in Vietnam," said Maj. Taliaferro. "There were small craters all over the area on that Pleiku target. We're positive we hit a small arms cache."

Crew members on the mission were: Major Donald R. Horak, pilot; Maj. Richard C. Huston, co-pilot; Maj. Taliaferro; Lt. Dawson; SS Sgt. Henry J. Young, flight engineer; TSgt. Edmond L. Harmon, gunner; Sgt. Paul S. Wing, gunner; and SSgt. Ray E. Meckstroth, illuminator operator.

Are you a shutter bug? Read this week's "Dear Nguyen" column on page 3.

LEAD US, GUIDE US

By SSgt. J.E. Gray, 8th IBS

Now I am miles from home,
Without the help of a telephone
But this is not forever, I pray,
Then home to you I'll come to stay

I trust in God's hand,
He, I know will understand.
That love, prayer and His good grace,
Is the only way to win this race.

He says "Thou shall not kill,"
But these men do still.
Each country fights to rule his land,
This is the choice made by man.

Each night I kneel in prayer,
With an effort to ask my Lord.
To keep our hearts together,
The our bodies are far apart.

I didn't come here because I want to be,
The same goes for the rest.
But now that fate has brought us here,
We're going to do our best.

So keep that home fire burning,
And a lamp lit outside.
The light, God and love for you at home,
Will always be our guide.

RAAF Bombing Accuracy Lives Up To Pre-strike Build Up by FAC

On two separate sorties Sunday (Jun 15), single Canberra jet bombers of the Royal Australian Air Force had highly successful missions against enemy forces in the Republic of Vietnam.

Pilot Officer Peter R. Nuske, 26, of Toowoomba Queensland, flew one of the Canberras. His attack destroyed five enemy structures, damaged 21 others; 1 weapon was destroyed, 2 more were damaged, and four enemy troops were estimated killed. The target area was 30 miles south of Binh Thuy.

"Our assigned target was a large number of enemy structures in a group of trees on a canal," Nuske said. "The forward air controller (FAC) who directed the attack was one of our (Australian) pilots who had gone alone with an American FAC for the weekend. They put us right on a pretty juicy target."

A veteran of two years in the Air Force, Nuske just completed his 41st combat sortie since arriving in

Vietnam in April. Bomb-aimer on the flight was Flying Officer Lloyd D. Brown of Richmond New South Wales.

In the other Canberra attack, 24 enemy bunkers were destroyed, 4 damaged, and one small bridge was destroyed. Upon return to home base at Phan Rang, Flight Lieutenant Robert W. Howe, 29, of Brisbane Queensland, told of the strike.

"The target was an enemy bunker complex about 15 miles north of Tay Ninh," the bombardier said. "There were three aircraft at the scene we arrived: a forward air controller (FAC) in an OV-10 aircraft stayed high above two army choppers directing the attack.

"The choppers accurately marked the bunker complex using smoke rockets," he

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Tay Ninh Action Shadow In Usual Fireman's Role

"We 'trolled' the .50 caliber machine gun positions with our 'White Light'," said Lt. Col. William H. Woolard, explaining how his AC-119 Shadow gunship crew silenced three enemy gun positions.

Assigned to B Flight, 14th Special Operations Sq. at Phan Rang Air Base, the crew assisted two friendly ground positions under heavy enemy attack during the night's work.

"Our first assist was about 10 miles west of Tay Ninh City where the ground position was under heavy mortar attack and small arms fire.

We zeroed in and broke the back of that attack with our four 7.62 mini-guns," Col. Woolard continued.

"While we were still working that target, we were diverted to a second position five miles southwest of Tay Ninh where friendly troops were receiving heavy mortar and intensive automatic weapons and small arms fire from three sides."

It was here that the Shadow crew silenced three of the five .50 caliber machinegun positions and were credited with four secondary explosions.

"As soon as we arrived, the machineguns and automatic weapons opened up on us. We would turn on our high--but with us being the bait," he added.

Other members of the crew included Lt. Col. Matthew A. Boonstra, co-pilot; 1st Lt. Kent M. Easty, night observation sight operator; MSgt. Owen D. Sticles, flight engineer; and the gunners, SSgt. Leonard W. Sullivan, and Sgt. Thomas D. Perkins.

Yellow Jackets 'Hit Them Hard'

Two Air Force F-100 Supersabres struck a Viet Cong base camp approximately 30 miles south of Rach Gia City recently.

The Supersabres, assigned to the 352nd TFSq "Yellow Jackets", were piloted by First Lieutenants David T. Wolcott and Ernest H. Elliott.

In regards to the mission, Elliott said, "The best thing about the mission was its being a long ways away, about 250 miles deep in the Mekong Delta. The forward air controller had spotted a bunch of structures and there must have been a thousand of them."

Summarizing the strike, Lt. Elliott stated, "We just rolled in and hit them hard."

The two pilots were credited with 10 structures destroyed and one damaged; two bunkers destroyed and one damaged; and two sampans destroyed and one damaged.

'Devils' Hang Up 4 VC In Divert

Being diverted from one target recently did not keep two Air Force F-100 Supersabres of the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing from blasting and harrassing the Viet Cong approximately 25 miles southeast of Binh Thuy.

The aircraft belonged to the 634th Tactical Fighter Squadron "Lucky Devils" and were piloted by Capt. Ray L. Rider, and Maj. Jack P. Bujalski.

"The target we were originally supposed to hit was covered with low clouds," stated Capt. Rider, "The forward air controller (FAC) diverted us to a secondary one and he, the FAC, rolled in and marked one structure to start us off. We went in and had at them."

Capt. Rider continued, "Boy, I really just hammered that area and I know my wingman, Bujalski, was doing (CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)

Charlie KO'D By Shadow

An AC-119G gunship of "B" Flight, 17th Special Operations Squadron "Shadow" from Phan Rang Air Base, was responsible for crushing two enemy attacks on friendly ground positions one night recently.

The pilot, Lt. Col. William E. Long, explained the mission: "We were working in an area of heavy enemy movement (target #1) when a friendly unit called for assistance against a small arms and mortar attack against its position (target #2)," he said.

After Shadow used its high-speed miniguns on the enemy, the attack was broken off.

"Later, we were again called to help another unit under intense automatic weapons fire," Colonel Long continued. "We turned on our spotlight to draw enemy fire so he would reveal his positions. It worked, and Charlie opened up on us with .50 caliber machineguns."

Shadow shot back, destroying three of the six positions and causing four secondary explosions.

"That was the heaviest automatic weapons fire we have encountered in several weeks," Colonel Long said. "We sometimes found ourselves in a crossfire from several positions, but our guns caused all the damage--to them."

Both ground units reported to Shadow excellent results from the miniguns, including, "Thanks a lot for your work. You've done a great job," from the ground unit at the last target.



A F-100 AND A F-105 WERE DOWN WITH FOUR OTHERS IN THE AREA.

Veteran, Rookie 'Devil' Team Zap Buried VC Ammo Near Saigon

An Air Force veteran and a rookie of the air war in Vietnam teamed up Sunday to assist a U.S. Army armored column that was being attacked by enemy troops.

Flying F-100 Super Sabre fighter-bombers, Maj. Gale M. Kerr, and 1st Lt. Edward L. Daniel, both of the 614th TFS were airborne about 15 minutes Sunday morning from their home base at Phan Rang when a radio call diverted them to a line of stalled vehicles 12 to 15 miles west of Saigon.

"We could see the exchange of ground fire as we arrived at the battle area," said the flight leader, Maj. Kerr.

"We even had to wait for about 30 minutes after we got there to make sure our troops had pulled back outside the lethal frag pattern of our bombs.

"As soon as the forward air controller (FAC) marked the targets with smoke rockets, we rolled in on them. Lt. Daniel picked up the first large secondary explosion. His bomb had a delayed fuse on it so it got some penetration before blowing," the veteran of 12 years service and 170 air sorties in Vietnam said.

"The FAC said he thought the bomb must have gone down in a tunnel or cave that the enemy was using for a storage area for ammunition," the major continued. "I think it was on my third bomb we picked up another good size secondary explosion about 80 meters from where the first one went off.

"I haven't worked with a better FAC, either," Maj. Kerr commented. "Everytime he'd mark the target, he'd say, 'Hit my snake; no correction'."

"Lt. Daniel had the last bomb—I was out—so I sat on the sidelines and took in the remainder of the show," Maj. Kerr said. "The FAC wanted the bomb placed on this large structure. Lt. Daniel rolled in and it looked to me as though he put it right through the roof of the building. There

was no building left there after the bomb hit.

"This was the first time Lt. Daniel had ever worked this close to friendly troops while delivering ordnance," Maj. Kerr continued. "So it was pretty exciting for him. He has only been in-country a month. I'll say this about him, he did a fine job of putting the bombs right where they were needed—on target.

"But the important thing is that we could help those guys on the ground a little bit," the major concluded.

'Devils' Hang...

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the same thing."

Commenting on the mission Maj. Bujalski said, "We just went in and waxed it. It was pretty routine, they were not even shooting at us."

The two pilots were credited with four confirmed enemy killed by air, eight structures destroyed and three damaged, four bunkers destroyed, six sampans destroyed and one large secondary fire.

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explained. "We could see 20 to 30 bunkers alongside a river which was spanned by a small bridge.

"Before the attack began we could hear the American pilots talking as they were on the same radio frequency," the veteran officer continued. "From the conversation, I surmised that the chopper pilots had not worked with an Australian Canberra before. The FAC pilot, who was U.S. Air Force, commented on our accuracy to the chopper pilots by saying, 'These Aussie boys will drop it right on the spot.'

"When we heard that, I thought, 'Oh, boy, we're going to drop wide (of the target) for sure.' So we weren't too happy with the build up.

"After a dummy run, or dry run as Americans call it, we came around on the live run. The FAC asked us to bomb the smoke. Despite the strong turbulence, we managed to get our drift and ground speed set up correctly, had a reasonably good run in and let go with bombs and, lo and behold, they landed straight on the smoke on both of our live passes.

"We got the bridge the first shot," Howe continued. "I was quite pleased with the BDA and our accuracy. It was my best mission to date."



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