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This unofficial bulletin is published by the Information Division, 35th TFW and is designed to keep Phan Rang Air Base personnel informed on current local events.

CBPO Building Dedicated to Personnel Sgt

A religious drinking cup was recently dedicated at the Phan Rang Air Base chapel in memory of an Air Force sergeant killed during an enemy attack of the base.

The cup, a gold chalice, was given to Phan Rang by Mrs. Walter J. Dart Sr., whose son Staff Sergeant Walter J. Dart Jr was killed while on duty when an enemy rocket hit the base personnel office. The twenty-one-year-old native of Kingston, N.Y., had been a personnel specialist with the 35th Combat Support Group at Phan Rang.

Present at the dedication were Colonel Robert G. Goold, base commander; Lieutenant Colonel Marion W. McMichael, base director of personnel; Lieutenant Colonel (Chaplain) Willis H. Newton Jr., base chaplain; Major Richard N. Grego, chief of military personnel and Captain (Chaplain) John P. Andrews, base Catholic chaplain.

"Walter was a Catholic," Chaplain Andrews explained, "so we held a special Mass for him at the base chapel. I sent his mother a card informing her of the memorial service and I enclosed a religious medal that had belonged to him."

"Mrs. Dart wrote back and thanked us for what we had done for her son," Chaplain Andrews said. "She told me in her letter that the city of Kingston had presented her a gold chalice with the inscription 'In memory of Staff Sergeant Walter J. Dart Jr.

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COL. GAILER LEAVES FOR ENGLAND TO HEAD WING SLATED FOR F-111

It has been 25 years now since Colonel (then 1st Lt) Frank L. Gailer Jr bailed out of his flaming P-51 Mustang fighter plane and into Germany where he spent the last seven months of World War II as a prisoner of war.

This week Colonel Gailer will be leaving for England on more than a sentimental visit. It was from a base in England in 1944 that he became a fighter ace credited with destroying 6 1/2 enemy airplanes before he was shot down and interned--all before his 22nd birthday.

In England, Colonel Gailer will command the 48th TFW, an F-100 Supersabre-equipped Wing similar to the 35th TFW which he has commanded for the past year. The 48th TFW is slated to convert to the variable sweep winged F-111 fighter-bomber.

"It is a challenge I look forward to," the colonel told the Phan Fare. "I expect the transition from 100s to the F-111 to have all the problems anything new has to offer."

After commanding his 35th TFW in combat, any future assignment could very well be anti-climatic. After all, since his arrival at Phan Rang Air Base last September, the F-100s and B-57s of the 35th TFW flew more than 27,000 missions in combat. Colonel Gailer himself piloted his F-100 on 235 of those missions.

When asked what his greatest satisfaction was as 35th TFW commander, the colonel replied without hesitation, "To have accomplished the mission and send my people home alive, safe, and uninjured. Unfortunately, we've lost some people and aircraft, which you expect in combat."

Colonel Gailer also had the ground defense of Phan Rang Air Base foremost in his thoughts. "I feel a very strong sense of personal pride in what my people have done, what we've worked to achieve here in making Phan Rang one of the most secure bases in Vietnam. The times the enemy has attacked it has been at great loss to himself. We've convinced the enemy that Happy Valley is not the base to attack."

Speaking in his office at Phan Rang, the colonel had the highest praise for the performance of 35th airmen from air crews to mechanics.

"It's been a very, very hard working year for all these men working 10, 12 hour days," he said with appreciation in his voice. "Remember, we're not close to a big town where the airmen can go for a break from the work routine. We are all by ourselves; therefore, we have to be able to run our program within the barbed wire (base perimeter) and to keep our people reasonably happy during this long, lonesome year."

"I'm as impressed as I can be with the young airmen," Colonel Gailer continued. "They're really good. I've had two very young airmen crew chiefs on my plane. I don't think anyone questions that we've got some of the finest maintained aircraft over here. It's a big outfit,

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Four Red Cross Girls Promise 'To Tell The Truth' in Public

BY PAULA WRIGHT

Guess What? We got a new piano in our center. If you're a music lover why not come on over and use our music room. Even if you're not a music lover, our music room is air-conditioned and it sure beats the heat.

For those who are pool-table fans, we have even got one of our tables covered. Then of course we always have a deck of cards handy and also a cup of coffee.

Monday, August 11th, we plan to have a "To Tell The Truth" night starring the Red Cross Girls. Each of us will be on a panel and one girl will have to tell the truth while the other three girls can tell anything they desire. You men will have to decide which girl is telling the truth. This may prove to be a bit difficult. Also we'll have another bridge night, a birthday party, volley ball and a Karate exhibition. The Karate exhibition will be August 16th.

Don't forget, the Center opens daily at 0930 hours except Monday when it opens at 1830 hours.

Hope to see you at the Red Cross Center.

Driving Tips

Did you know the driver of a vehicle is responsible for the safety of his passengers? As the driver, ask yourself, is everyone seated before moving? Are your passengers seated inside the vehicle; not sitting on sideboards where they could fall out if your were forced to make a sudden turn. Are your passengers getting on and off the vehicle in a safe area?



Dispensary Opens 25-bed Wing

A 25-bed wing at the 35th U.S. Air Force Dispensary at Phan Rang Air Base was recently opened.

The new facility was dedicated to the memory of Technical Sergeant Angel Luna, a medic who was attached to Detachment One, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron on Phan Rang.

He and four other men died in the crash of the detachment's HH-43B Huskie rescue helicopter while on a mission Oct. 10, 1968.

Colonel Robert G. Goold, base commander, and Major Robert E. Gold, dispensary commander, cut the ribbon officially opening the wing.

A smaller area formerly used for patients has been converted to offices for the flight surgeon staff. The opening of the facility signifies completion of major dispensary construction.

Besides patient wards, the wing has a conference room and medical library, diet kitchen, completely isolated isolation ward, and a treatment facility.

Shadow Strike

ARVN Sgt. Guides AC-119G

An Air Force AC-119G Shadow gunship recently aided a village under attack by an unknown-size enemy force.

The aircraft, assigned to "B" Flight, 17th Special Operations Squadron at Phan Rang Air Base was credited by friendly ground forces with killing 15 enemy soldiers.

The action took place at Ha Thuy village, seven miles south of the base.

Captain William R. Casey, Shadow pilot, said, "We understood that no one at the village spoke English, so we took an interpreter, Sergeant To Don Phuc, aboard."

Sergeant Phuc is one of six Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) sergeants who fly with B Flt. as interpreters to coordinate target information with ARVN ground forces.

"When we got to the area,

Sergeant Phuc contacted the Vietnamese Popular Forces in the village and relayed the target directions to us," Captain Casey continued.

"We illuminated the area with our giant spotlight and flares and poured in fire from our high-speed miniguns," he said.

"When we used up all our ammunition and flares, we returned to base for another aircraft," Captain Casey said. "Shortly we were again over the area and for a while providing cover fire and illumination for a med-evac helicopter removing some wounded Vietnamese."

Shadow then resumed firing on treelines and enemy positions.

A sweep of the area the following day revealed a number of blood trails and clothing remnants, also.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

New books at the base library are:

FICTION: Airth, Snatch; The men that God made mad; Catto, Murphy's war; Cheever, Bullet Park; Corley, Siege; Priestley, The image men; Scott, Elephan grass; Spicer, Kellogg Junction.

MYS: Graham, Arthur.

NON-FICTION: Adleman, The champagne campaign; Libby, Parnelli; Perry, The Panay incident; Prebble, The Darien disaster; Shaplen, Time out of hand; Sullivan, The complete book of skin and scuba diving; Vorderman, The great air races.

New McNaughton collection books at the base library are:

FICTION: Clifford, Another way of dying; Erlanger, Mindy Lindy - May surprise; Freeling, Tsing-boom; Grubb, Fool's parade; Laurence, The fire-dwellers.

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

FOR DAILY CHAPEL SCHEDULE AND PRAYER, DIAL 114

PROTESTANT

Sunday: Worship Services - 9:30, 10:30 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
 Chapel
 10:00 a.m., 315 SOW Briefing Rm
 Adult Bible Class - 9:15 a.m.
 Monday: Moody Science Films & Discussion - 7:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: Mid-Week Laymen's Service - 7:30 p.m.
 2nd Wed: PMOC Cookout & Program - 6:15 p.m.
 Thursday: Great Religions of the World - 7:30 p.m.
 Friday: Choir Rehearsal (Morning Service) - 6:30 p.m.
 Choir Rehearsal (Evening Service) - 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday: Informal Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES

Episcopal Service: Sunday: 8:30 a.m.
 Church of Christ: Sunday: 2:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.
 Latter-day Saints: Sunday: Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.
 Priesthood - 3:30 p.m.
 Sacrament - 4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday: Home Evening - 7:30 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m., Noon, 6:30 p.m. Base Chapel
 Mass 10:00 a.m. Army Chapel
 Monday-Saturday: Mass at Noon
 Tuesday: Catholic Religious Education - 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday: Marriage Preparation & Enrichment - 7:30 p.m.
 First Friday: Mass at Noon & 6:30 p.m.
 (Steak cookout follows 6:30 Mass)
 Benediction: Bible Vigil at 7:00 p.m. Thursday before
 First Friday
 Confessions: One half hour before all Masses; and
 Anytime upon request.

JEWISH

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

ALL FAITHS

Last Wednesday: Dialogue with the World Films - 7:30 p.m.

COUNSELING OR PERSONAL CONFERENCE

By Appointment with individual Chaplains. Call 3390 or 3324

Yellow Jackets Have Piping Hot Week

Lt. David T. Wolcott is the Top Gun in the 352nd TFS for the month of July 1969. Lt. Wolcott was well ahead of the nearest competitor in the squadron. He had several missions during the month that resulted in high bomb damage assessments.

The 352nd Tactical Fighter Squadron was on alert status during the period of 15 July to 22 July. Lt. Wolcott and his wingman, Lt. Dale B. Hudler, had two outstanding missions on 18 July that contributed much to Lt. Wolcott winning Top Gun.

On one mission, Lt. Wolcott and Lt. Hudler were

credited with 25 enemy killed by air. The actual body count was confirmed in a letter from the Air Liaison Officer of the 23rd ARVN Division. The other mission that day resulted in a BDA of 7 estimated killed by air, 5 bunkers destroyed and 4 damaged, 6 structures destroyed and 7 damaged.

Also during the week the Yellow Jackets were on alert, Major Charles L. Kelly and Capt. Angelo Perfetti destroyed 9 structures and damaged 10 others. On 21 July, Major Kelly and Capt. Perfetti destroyed or damaged 6 bunkers and 11 structures.

Eight College Courses Offered

The University of Maryland will offer eight courses during Term I-Business Enterprise, BA 10; Business Law, BA180; Economics, Econ 31; Introduction to Counseling and Personnel Services, EDCP 161; English 1 and 10 (first and second semester English); and Mathematics 10 and 11. Three fourths of the tuition can be paid by the government. Registration will be held at the Education Center from 18 August through 6 September. Classes will be held two nights each week 8 September through 31 October 69.

Col. Gailer Leaves...

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a big operation, and its got good people making it a good operation right up and down the line."

Backing up the colonel's claim to having "some of the finest maintained aircraft" in Vietnam is the fact that the 35th has won the 7AF Daedalian Maintenance Trophy Award two years running.

Construction on the base during the past 11 months has set some sort of record with the completion of more than 120 major projects ranging from the theatre to the hobby shop. Colonel Gailer sees no slowdown in the continuous improvement of the base.

"We're putting an emphasis on building more and improving the present enlisted housing," he said. "A program is underway to brick revet all airmen dormitories in the next year.

"As much as we can, we make Happy Valley a brighter place to be. Of course the toughest job for anybody here is being away from one's family. A year's a long time."

Colonel Gailer will be meeting his family in Denver upon his return to the United States. After another stop at his home in Arlington, Va., the colonel and his family will leave for England in early September.

At Data Processing

"Does Not Compute, Does Not Compute..."

By Maj. A. E. Biery

Data Automation could better be called "Data Services" because data service is what we provide. Although we do not "create" data except for management reporting on our own operation, we process a wide variety of data generated by other agencies and data systems. These include Procurement, Transportation, Maintenance, Finance, Fuels, Personnel and the Dispensary to name but a few.

In fact, we service about 18 separate agencies and process an average of 70 daily reports plus about 365 on a weekly, monthly, or quarterly basis.

How is this accomplished? Well, it isn't if the machines aren't operating because, although our system is relatively small, we must rely upon the little beasts and are subject to their whims. Maintenance on our systems in SEA is performed by military engineers. We have one engineer to maintain the computer and its peripheral equipment and one engineer who cares for 26 pieces of Punch Card Accounting Machines (PCAM) on base. Assuming all systems are "go" input is strictly in the form of those "IBM" cards we all love to "fold, spindle and mutilate." Output may be printed page, punched card or both.

However, before being run through the computer, the input data is usually thoroughly massaged by some PCAM equipment (Sorter and/or Collator). This is necessary to sequence the file, structure various classes of data or perhaps to combine old and new data to allow the computer program to handle the information in a logical manner. Processing of these card files to prepare them for the computer is "the" time consumer in our system. Although 2000 cards per minute (the speed of the 084 sorter) may seem fast, when 120,000 cards require sorting on 13 columns, alphanumeric, which is the case with the monthly maintenance

report, this represents over 20 hours for data preparation alone.

The computer operation is normally quite simple and usually consists of reading the "massaged" data into the computer where the information may be arithmetically processed or logically compared and totals, differences and/or changes output. A major function of the computer is the structuring of the printed output in a particular format that will give "management" a readable and logical presentation of their data.

If you've wondered what's in that little green shack behind the Banana trees up the hill from the BX - well that's our shop. Hope to be serving you sometime.

CBPO Dedicated...

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From the city of Kingston, N.Y., D.P.W., the chaplain continued.

"She asked if we would accept the cup and use it in the Mass. I wrote back and said we would be honored to have the chalice, and we received it in the mail shortly thereafter," Chaplain Andrews concluded.

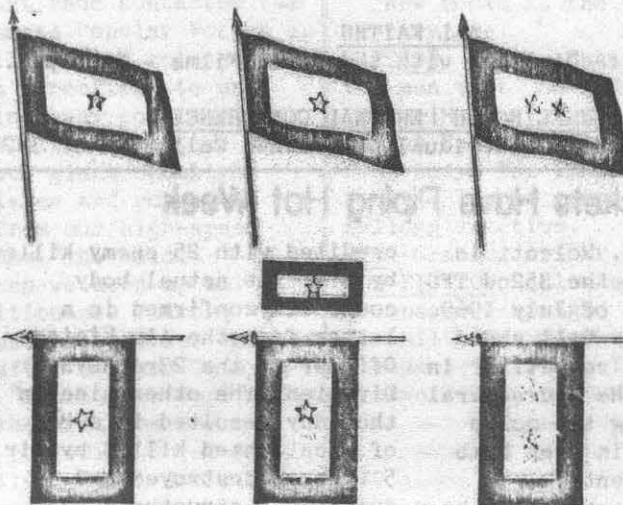
A memorial plaque was placed in the base personnel office and Colonel Frank L. Gailer Jr., 35th Tactical Fighter Wing commander, officially named the building, "Dart Building", in honor of the sergeant.

In dedicating the memorial plaque, Colonel Gailer said, "It is with a deep sense of humility that we here today honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Walter J. Dart Jr.... a dedicated airman who gave his life in support of the principles to which our nation is dedicated and the belief in the freedom of all peoples."

For Flag Wavers

CONGRESS OK'S SERVICE FLAG BUTTON

Phan Fare ran a small article last week on Congressional approval of a service flag denoting active duty in the U. S. Armed Forces. Here is what the flags will look like:



SERVICE FLAG -- From the left, top row, is pictured the service flag for the immediate family: (1) A blue star on a white rectangular field within a red border, designating a member in the service, (2) A gold star superimposed on the blue star denoting the member is deceased and, (3) In case of more than one member of a family in the service and one deceased the gold star will appear nearest to staff of flag. The middle row shows a replica of the service lapel button. Bottom row shows vertical position for displaying flags, with immediate family flag, organization flag with arabic numerals denoting number of personnel and organization flag with gold and blue star with blue arabic numbers denoting number deceased and number sponsored. Flags and lapel buttons can be obtained from commercial sources only.