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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.

Short BURSTS

Caution: drinking from common water cups or glasses can be mighty dangerous. Several diseases, including hepatitis, can be contracted this way. Be safe, use your own cup or wait a few minutes until you can get a clean one.

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The water situation continues to slowly improve. More new equipment is being installed. While we should not expect "stateside" abundance, the water situation should continue to improve--providing all of us keep on practicing sensible water discipline.

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No one wants to fall-out every Saturday morning to pick-up trash and beer cans. But it could come to that if all of us aren't a bit more careful with our refuse. Take a few seconds more and toss that beer can in the barrel.

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Welcome to Happy Valley to newly arrived colonels: Col. Robert M. Denny is the new 35th TFW vice commander, and Col. Frank Mertely is the new base commander.

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Attention top kicks! The Air Force is quite liberal regarding the length of hair-cuts and mustaches. Unfortunately, a few guys always try to push a good thing too far. The word is: get those mustaches and sideburns trimmed to Air Force standards. AFM 35-10 spells out the details: be "neat and presentable."

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OUTSTANDING UNIT AWARDS GO TO 14th AND 315th SOWS

The 14th and 315th Special Operations Wings here were recently awarded Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards. Maj. Gen. Robert J. Dixon, Seventh Air Force vice commander, made the presentations.

The Outstanding Unit Award with "V" for valor device was presented to the 14th SOW for exceptionally meritorious service against hostile forces in Southeast Asia from June 1967 to June 1968. The award was received by Col. Clyde S. Cherry, wing commander, in behalf of all wing personnel stationed throughout Vietnam.

The 315th SOW received its fifth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award since 1963.

Col. Leslie J. Campbell Jr., wing commander of the 315th, accepted the award on behalf of his unit. The 315th was cited for exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations from July 15, 1968 to June 30, 1969.

BASE TO HAVE RADIO PROGRAM

Beginning in early December a new source of local information for airmen stationed at Phan Rang will become available.

A two-hour radio program originating here and containing strictly items of local interest will be broadcast each evening. Tentative plans call for broadcasting on 101.75 megacycles on the FM band (the commander's frequency) from 7 to 9 p. m. daily.

The broadcast's primary purpose will be to pass local information to armed services personnel here. As Phan Rang has no local outlet for such information, the new broadcast will fill a vital need by helping keep personnel better informed.

A1C Jim Brewster, 35th TFW Information Office, will act as station manager and host the two-hour talk and music show. While final plans are not firm, Jim tells us that some of the items he hopes to feature are: local military news, Happy Valley social events, local weather, a swap-and-shop-of-the-air bit, interviews with various commanders on key local issues, rumor "squelching," etc., plus some good middle-of-the-road music.

Future issues of the Phan Fare will carry program highlights.

PHAN FARE PRESS Rolls Again

The Phan Fare is back on base newsstands for the first time since August 22nd. The Phan Fare was suspended then because of a paper shortage. Hopefully, we are back in circulation for the duration.

If you have a possible story for the Phan Fare, give us a call at 3313 or 2661. We need fresh ideas.

Editor

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PHAN RANG *Happenings*

DENTCAP stands for dental civic action program. Weekly, dentists and technicians of the 35th Dispensary treat villagers at nearby Buu Son Medical Center. . . . F-100 pilot CAPT. BILL CLAUDIO (614th TFS) of Greenport, N. Y., carried a New York State flag on a strike. Now, that flag will be flown at the N. Y. State capital at Albany above a memorial erected in honor of those who have served in Vietnam. . . . Believe It or Not item: "Although I have no controlled study to support me, I would venture to say the incidence of wound infections here (among the Vietnamese) is no greater than in the U. S.," says Air Force CAPT. DAN SPENGLER, M. D., who is assisting Vietnamese doctors at Phan Rang City. . . . GEN. SIR JOHN WILTON, senior military officer in the Australian armed forces, toured the base recently. . . . With the recent deactivation of FAC-U, incoming FACs will receive their training at the units to which they are being assigned. . . . Triple ejector rack (TER) equipped F-100 Supersabres of the 35th TFW can carry nearly twice as much ordnance as F-100s without the system. . . . SGT. TED KINNIS received a \$65 check recently from his parents back in Gary, Ind. A note with the check told KINNIS to put the money, which was collected by their church, to good use. Somehow the folks back in Gary heard about our Civic Actions program. The money went to a school in Phan Rang and a church in Thap Cham. . . . BOBCATS recently flew their 24,000th combat sortie of the war. . . . Can you name another base anywhere with three wings on it? . . . ex-35th TFW's COL. TONY GREGET, is now desk-bound in the five-sided Puzzle Palace. . . . Nearly 1,000 Vietnamese high school students study English in Thap Cham and Phan Rang City this year, thanks to Air Force volunteers on base. . . . The base's annual scholarship program for deserving Vietnamese high school students exceeded its \$15,000 goal by \$3,360. . . . SGT. DENNIS LONG of the 30th Weather Sq here received a reup bonus of (Are you sitting?) \$4,296! . . . Tax Free! . . . LT. COL. MARTIN H. FOX of Denver is the new 315th CAMS commander. . . .

What happens to a K-9 when his master rotates? "We give the dog a new master," says M. SGT. DON FINK, who heads the 35th kennels here. Working in a new man is a matter of a couple of hours or several days, FINK says. . . . Table left-overs from base dining halls don't go to waste. A local farmers cooperative sees that the estimated 40 barrels of chow scraps a day is hauled off as a feed for swine. Right. It is another Civic Actions project. . . . Also, an abandoned building on base was put to good use by 315th SOW volunteers. The building was torn down, trucked to an orphanage in Phan Rang City and reassembled in a single day. . . . 300 years before Columbus discovered America, the Cham Temple was built. . . . The base's BX is considered the best in Vietnam, says PACAF.

FROM
"NGUYEN"
With LOVE



Dear Nguyen,

I am NCOIC of a small shop on the flightline. I have 8 airmen working for me who hardly ever get a mention in the base paper.

I am a mechanic--not a newsman. Still, I would like to send little "newsy bits" in hopes that you can find space once in a while in the Phan Fare.

Just a Mechanic

Dear "Just" a Mechanic,

First of all, the Phan Fare exists for YOU--whether you are a mechanic, security policeman, finance clerk or what. And you don't have to be a journalist to get copy into the Phan Fare, either. Nguyen offers these tips:

- Write simple, short sentences of 13-16 words average length.
- Triple space your copy.
- Use little words--not gobbledegook.
- Submit short items. Items 2 to 3 sentences long will almost certainly be used. The shorter the better.

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I DON'T MIND FIGHTIN' BUT
I SURE HATE FILLIN' OUT THESE REPORTS!

RAAF SQ. CO. "HOSED DOWN"

When departing commander of the Royal Australian Air Force Number 2 Sq. here completed his final mission in a 35th TFW Supersabre, the bomber pilot may have gotten more than he bargained for.

U. S. Air Force tradition calls for "hosing down" pilots after they have completed their final mission--and no exception was made for Wing Commander John A. Whitehead. He was thoroughly "hosed down" during colorful ceremonies on the aircraft parking ramp.

Commander Whitehead, who normally flies Canberra jet-bombers, flew his last combat mission in an F-100F Supersabre. Lt. Col. Allan E. Aaronson, commander of the 615th TFS, flew front seat.

"It may seem a little odd, but this is our Air Force way of saying 'thanks' for the great job being done by the RAAF flyers in Vietnam," said a beaming Col. Aaronson following the colorful ceremony.

CHRISTMAS RUSH ON - APO 96321 NEEDS HELP - YOURS!

"We've had a substantial increase in mail shipments," reports M. Sgt. Silas Gulley, chief of APO 96321. "That's why it is not too early to discuss Christmas mail."

Sgt. Gulley offered the following pointers on mailing items:

Short BURSTS

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Phan Rang receives many distinguished visitors. All too often during VIP motor tours of the base (with those general's stars plainly visible on the front of the car) some officers and airmen do a lot of gawking but little saluting. Show our visiting VIP's the courtesy they are entitled, salute those star cars.

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For you fellows who have items for sale or trade, a "swap-shop-of-the-air" is one of the features planned on Phan Rang's two-hour nightly troop information radio show. (See story on page 1)

Hosting the show will be Jim Brewster, 22, of Stanton, N. J. Jim, prior to joining the AF, was a DJ in civilian broadcasting.

--Nov. 8 was the deadline for surface mail.

--SAM (Space Available Mail) packages should be in the mail by Nov. 22. SAM parcels are limited to five (5) pounds and sixty (60) inches length, girth and width combined.

--PAL (Parcel Airlift Mail) items should be in the mail by Nov. 29. PAL parcels are limited to thirty (30) pounds, sixty (60) inches length, girth and width combined. The cost is surface rates plus \$1.00.

--AIR MAIL parcels mailed by 13 December will reach CONUS destinations by Christmas.

--Fragile items should have a minimum of two inches of filler (crushed paper, styrofoam, etc.) around the article. The box should not rattle, when properly packed. Put your name and address and the addressee's name and address inside the package.

--If the box has no old addresses or printing on it, it need not be wrapped, just securely taped and tied with twine as an additional precaution.

--Only one side of parcel should be addressed. Prepare customs tag and affix to package. Tell the postal clerk if it is a bonafide gift.

--Still the biggest headache for APO 96321 workers: failure of personnel to notify their correspondents, publishers of their new, complete address.

BASE TENNIS TEAM BOMBED

A Vietnamese team from the Ninh Thuan Province Tennis Association recently made an Air Force team bite the dust, defeating the base racket men four sets to two.

Playing on base, the airmen were able to salvage two singles sets.



...BUT I DIDN'T SIGN A RECEIPT FOR
MY LAST PAIR OF GLASSES SARGE!

CHAPEL SCHEDULE

FOR DAILY CHAPEL SCHEDULE AND PRAYER, DIAL 114

PROTESTANT

Sunday: Worship Services - Liturgical 0930; General Protestant 1030, 1930; General (315th Briefing Rm) 1000; Bible Class (Meeting Room) 0915.
Monday: Marriage and Family Life Series 1930 (Eff. 1 Dec)
Wednesday: Midweek Service 1930. PMOC Cookout and Program (2nd Wednesday of month) at 1830
Thursday: School of Religion at 1930
Friday: Choir Rehearsal at 1930 (Sings for 1030 and 1930 services)
Saturday: Bible Study and Christian Witness at 1930
Nightly: Hymn Sing and Prayer Group (Patio) at 2100

DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAMS

Church of Christ - Worship Service, Sunday, 1400
 Midweek Service, Wednesday, 1930
 Latter-day Saints - Sacrament and Priesthood - Sunday 1530
 Family Home Evening - Tuesday 1930

CATHOLIC

Sunday:
 Masses at 0830, 1200, & 1830, also 1000 at 589th Army Engineer Chapel
Saturday: (eff 6 Dec) Fulfills Sunday obligation 1830
Daily Masses: (Monday through Saturday) 1200
Tuesday: Church Chatter 1930
Thursday: Devotions (Thursday before 1st Friday) 1900
 Pre-Cana/Cant Discussion Group 1930; Choir Rehearsal 2030
Friday (1st Friday Only): Mass 1200 & 1800
 Steak Cookout at 1900
 Confessions: One half hour before Sunday Masses; 15 minutes before Daily Masses
 Eucharistic Fast: While Stationed in Vietnam there is no requirement to fast before receiving Holy Communion.

JEWISH

Jewish Sabbath Services Friday, 1930 hrs
 Services are conducted every Friday by a qualified lay leader from this base. Once each month, the Army Jewish Chaplain from Nha Trang visits and conducts the Sabbath Services. A cookout is usually held in conjunction with the Chaplain's visit.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dialogue With the World (4th Wednesday) 1900
 (Feature length Hollywood movie and discussion)

Alcoholics Anonymous Saturday 1930

Chapel telephone numbers - 2156, 3390 and 3324

FROM NGUYEN With Love ...
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 However, there is nothing wrong with 2 or 3 paragraphs providing it is of general interest.

--Do write to the Phan Fare, Box 9696, APO 96321.

Nguyen



IT ALL COUNTS TOWARDS 365...



"All you said was, 'Don't touch the sideburns.'"

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35th SP CHASES 4-MINUTE MILE

"Watching that guy run makes me thirsty," the sergeant said, while sitting comfortably at the base NCO club veranda sipping cold beer.

He gestured towards Sgt. Richard C. Wright, who was taking his daily jaunt up Nui Duc, the 700-foot high mountain that dominates Phan Rang Air Base.

In the hot evening sun, the native of Staten Island, N. Y., runs a daily average of 16 miles, much of it up the steep mountain road. Hours later he is on perimeter security duty as a member of the 35th SP Sq.

"I have two basic goals I want to fulfill," the sergeant said.

"First, I would like to be the first Staten Islander to break the four-minute mile," he stated, adding that his best time is 4:15. "Also, I am trying for a position on the U.S. team for the '72 Olympics, preferably running the half mile," he added. His best time in that event is 1:51.

Sgt. Wright, a member of the Amateur Athletic Union, is scheduled to return home in April.

16 miles a day, 112 miles a week, up, up and away.