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TAN SON NHUT (CONTRIBUTOR: TSGT HOLLAND)

On 15 April 1966, the Tan Son Nhut K-9 Section completed it's move to the new 66 dog kennel facility. Perseverance pays off men, let's stay behind the program.

“SAGA OF THE IRON HELMET.” If anyone wishes to discuss the merits of wearing the old iron pot, look up A2C Poland of the Tan Son Nhut K-9 Section. A2C Poland was performing perimeter duty at TSN when, without warning, “WHAM,” he took a hit alongside the helmet by a small arms round. Fortunately it was only a glancing blow and the entire impact (but not the noise) was absorbed by the helmet. Airman Poland is now a believer. How about you?

How can one guy have so much happen to him. Once again A2C Poland is in the limelight. During the 13 April mortar/recoilless rifle attack on TSN, he took approximately 16 rounds around his bunker - “BAM, BAM, BAM.” No permanent damage, just slight concussion to Poland and dog. Oh well, some guys get all the attention.

Word is out that kennel man Ricky Young is a “gutty” rascal. During the 13 April TSN attack, Ricky simply could not take it lying down so in the midst of the din, he lit out for the kennels, got himself a dog and covered the perimeter. Keep the head and rump down Ricky, you have no magic talisman to protect you.

Well Done, to the three TSN K-9 handlers (A2C's Poland, Putnam and Rogers) who took under fire an undetermined number of assumed infiltrators during the 13 April TSN attack. Don't know if they zapped any of the unknowns but they sure as heck didn't let them through the fence.

The only TSN man to have a “shoot-out” with friendlies is SSgt “Catfish” Craft. Seems like while on an excursion, approximately 18 kilometers outside Saigon, he and a couple of friends engaged an ARVN ambush patrol in a seven minute firefight before they finally recognized each other. Cho Oi GI !!!, get rid of those black pajamas.

BIEN HOA (CONTRIBUTOR: TSGT CASKEY)

Bien Hoa has an estimated date of 1 June 66 for starting construction of their permanent kennels. Keep after them boys, build a fire --- !!! Three isolation kennels have been completed and are in use.

All is quiet on the war front up Bien Hoa way. No alerts to speak of and the K-9 Section hopes it stays that way.

Bien Hoa thanks to SSgt “Catfish” craft for his help in delivering new dogs to Bien Hoa.

A2C David O. Walker, of the Bien Hoa K-9 Section is a nominee for Squadron Airman of the Month. Lots of luck, Buddy.

Welcome to Captain S. E. Hinsey, Bien Hoa SLE Operations Officer.

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Get Well Wishes to A3C Robert Ryan who is in the P.I for a hernia operation. Gads, what some guys won't do for and extra R&R.

TSgt Caskey thought someone at TSN might have a recipe for catfish stew (unless he forgot it during the last mortar attack.) How about that TSN?

INFO ITEM: TSgt Caskey claims a record for having the most children of any K-9 personnel in RVN. Ten now with number eleven planned 9 months after his return. Can anyone better this record? TO TSGT CASKEY FROM MSGT MOON: Who wants to better this record - - - Gads, no beer money left, no fishing time, etc.

PLEIKU (CONTRIBUTOR: TSGT FRANKLIN)

Holders of the Lucky Horse shoe Award, April 1966: At 0209, 21 April, we here at Pleiku received some unexpected visitors (not Santa.) The action started just prior to 0200 when a mortar barrage of approximately 60 rounds was laid down on the aircraft parking apron, POL, ammo area and last but not least, the final 12 rounds were reserved specifically for the K-9 Section.

The section received two direct hits on the back wall and 10 other rounds within a 35 yard radius of the kennels. (Food For Thought.) Personnel that now occupy open type kennels should be aware of the fact that if the dogs at Pleiku had been kenneled in a open type facility, approximately 15 dogs would have been wounded or killed during the attack. None of the K-9 personnel or dogs were injured.

The Pleiku K-9 Section is undertaking a self-help kennel reconstruction program as a part of the safety program. We should never neglect kennel safety at our RVN bases. Let's all take a good, long look at our programs and see how they shape up.

Kudos to TSgt Franklin, SSgt Stevens and cohorts for self-help installations of a shower at the kennel facility, furthermore with HOT WATER !!! Shades of the 20th Century. Not water is almost unheard of, even in Saigon (at least to MSgt Moon.)

Seems that Old Charlie has just about given up with is probes/attempted penetrations of Pleiku AB. About time that he woke up to the facts of life.

How about that you Pleiku Dog Men. NOTE: All Pleiku personnel (non-AP type) have nothing but good words for the K-9's. Keep it up boys, we got things going our way.

NHA TRANG (CONTRIBUTOR: SSGT KLIMAKOWSKI)

Welcome to SSgt Merle E. Jones as Assistant Kennel Master, replacing SSgt Housand who returned to the States for medical reasons. Glad to have you aboard Merle.

Congratulations to Lt Colonel Harrell on the addition of those silver leaves. Stick with it Sir, who knows what's nest !!!

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7th AF TO NHA TRANG: Wonder if there are any spare ice-making machines about??

BIN THUY (CONTRIBUTER: SSGT MAGEE):

The Binh Thuy Air Police (including K-9 personnel) are known at the "Sand Bagginest" guys in Vietnam. The person who made this statement did not qualify his interpretation of "Sand Bagging" but after their 20 Feb mortar attack ----, draw your own conclusions. NOTE: Wonder if they give courses in sand bagging back in Calhoun, Georgia?

Hear tell that SSgt (Maggie) MaGee has gone so native down in the Delta that he has forgotten how to use a knife and fork. Maggie is planning his own "fried rice patch" when he gets back to the world. Careful there Maggie, you might have to get a visa to go back home.

Binh Thuy has it's own "family ghost." Seems that during the quiet, early morning hours, someone walks the area uttering the unearthly wail, "I hate this d—m place." This wail, accompanied by strident blasts on a bugle by A1C Bickle and the FAC planes playing airborne music overhead makes for quite an interesting night. Any joiners??

CAM RANH BAY (CONTRIBUTER: TSGT EDWARDS:)

Welcome to TSgt Clinton Gregory of Dayton, Ohio as Assistant Kennel Maser at Cam Ranh Bay.

Regret to announce the departure of A1C Richard Wright, Madisonville, KY to Travis AFB for hardship discharge. New handler for Fritz E-926 is A2C Dwight W. Snider of Akron, Ohio. Welcome aboard Airman Snider.

A most welcome newcomer to Cam Ranh Bay is Dr Gaines, the new vet. We hope that Dr Gaines will lend his whole-hearted support to the K-9 programs at Cam Ranh Bay and Phan Rang.

New K-9 arrivals at Cam Ranh Bay during March were from March, Beale, Mather, Biggs, Carswell, McCoy, Columbus, Larson and Lowery AF Base's. Help, we're being invaded by SAC.

PHAN RANG (CONTRIBUTER: TSGT ROBERTS:)

Captain Sullivan, formerly of Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C. (TAC) arrived at Phan Rang on 28 April 66. Quite a change form Goldsboro, huh Captain Sullivan??

PLEIKU TO PHAN RANG: TSgt Franklin at Pleiku has some extra attack sleeves. How about contacting Pleiku Robbie and check into this if you need the sleeves.

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MSGT MOON TO PHAN RANG: Hear tell that SSgt Jones recently lost a \$10.00 bet. How about that Sgt Jones?? Yep, it's true, Saigon will sure mess up a man's mind.

Word is out that Phan Rang K-9 handlers are voluntary "shotgun" riders on the Phan Rang to Cam Ranh Bay convoys. Sure do like to see the men earn that combat pay. Choi Oi !!!

DANANG (CONTRIBUTR: TSGT RICE:)

Danang has recently completed construction of ten (10) new kennels, with a present housing capacity for 52 K-9's. Just in the nick of time also for Danang received a shipment of dogs on 6 May 1966.

Under a priority project "Beat The Heat," Danang has insulated all kennel roofs with Styrofoam and are implementing additional cooling measures by using TSgt Caskey's idea of camouflage netting over the kennels. Floodlights have been erected around the training area, which will permit K-9 training during the cool of the night.

SSgt DeLoach and SSgt Campbell are about to endeavor upon a new hobby. They are planting trees and flowers throughout the kennel area. Sure hope those "green thumbs" are in good working order.

Danang regrets to report that SSgt (Profile) Campbell is suffering from a severe fracture. He broke his big toe while unloading lumber at 2 AM. Yes, 2 AM !!! (MSGT MOON TO TSGT RICE: 2 AM sure is an odd time for CERON to be issuing lumber ???)

Danang, has a sentry dog trailer (capacity 14) which they will trade for a Cadillac, Buick, truck, jeep, coke cooler, ice machine, female round-eye, or any other item of sufficient value. Any takers???

TO BIG JIM NELSON: A2C McDonald (Scar) needs his sweater. Guess he wants to keep warm on those cold nights at Danang.

HEADQUARTERS 7TH AIR FORCE (CONTRIBUTOR: MSGT MOON:)

AWARDS SECTION

BEST TRAINED K-9 OF THE MONTH: Goes to A2C Wiley L. Treston and his dog A607 of Phan Rang. A2C Treaton and his dog were observed during training on 7 April 66 and they displayed knowledge and abilities of A607 reflects credit upon the man, his dog, the Phan Rang K-9 Section and the entire K-9 Corps.

BEST KENNEL FACILITY OF THE MONTH: Goes to Tan Son Nhut. On 15 April 66, the TSN K-9 Section completed the move into their new permanent type kennels. The TSN K-9 personnel, on a self-help basis, installed a flush toilet (shot up during the April mortar attack), surfaced the entire kennel area with gravel and constructed mortar bunkers. (Wonder why the bunkers so suddenly??)

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A food storage room has been added on a self-help basis, with other facilities programmed. Congrats TSN, it has been a long, hard struggle but you finally won through.

PROPOSED SENTRY DOG TEAM OF THE MONTH AWARD: Mr Kennel Masters, this is your program. It is for the benefit, pride and incentive of your personnel. To date, comments have been received from only three units pertaining to this proposed award program. It will never get off the ground without your suggestions and support. How about it??

EIGHT BALL AWARD OF THE MONTH: Goes to the four Phan Rang K-9 handlers who wrote for and received invitations to visit the San Francisco Playboy Club upon their rotation. The Eight Ball is awarded because they did not share the "tip" that led to these personal invites. Shame on you.

THANKS TO THE MEN BEHIND THE SCENES: - - - - The Assistant Kennel Masters, Training NCO's and Kennel men who play a very important and vital role in the K-9 program. We should never take these people for granted and should give full recognition for their outstanding contributions. Keep up the good work men.

INFORMATION SECTION

DOG FOOD: Effective 1 April 66, the 1st Logistical Command (Army) assumed responsibility for dog food supplies from the Saigon HEDSUPACT> During the month of April, both electrical messages and letters of instructions were issued to each unit pertaining to new requisition procedures. All Kennel Masters should re-initiate their dog food requests at the earliest possible moment. Monthly dog food requirements, by individual base, have been confirmed by 7th AF DSL office to 1st Logistical Command. (**FOR DANANG:** Your confirmed monthly requirements include the latest shipment of dogs, 6 May 66.)

DOG FOOD: Some sections report problems with weevils in the Prime supply. Let's keep a close check and maybe avoid the loss of badly needed dogs. Anyone having found a successful method of keeping the Prime supply weevil free, please forward information on same to 7th AF DSL.

KENNEL INSPECTIONS: The 7th AF Surgeon has issued written instructions to 7th AF Veterinarians for weekly sanitary inspections of all kennel facilities. Discrepancies will be forwarded through channels to the respective CSLE. Copies of the reports will also be forwarded to 7th AF IG for follow-up actions.

Recommendations by veterinarians will interfere to the least possible degree with sentry dog operations and each section will cooperate to the fullest extent with the veterinarian staff on this matter.

STAFF VISIT: MSGT Moon paid a staff visit to Pleiku AB during the period 19-21 April 66. The Pleiku K-9 Section is working in full swing and K-9 personnel stand normal guard mount prior to posting. This is considered a good feature in as much as the K-9 Section should not disassociate itself from the security operations.

The two operations are highly dependent upon each other for support. Accordingly, cooperative efforts should be a primary objective.

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PERSONNEL ARRIVALS:

Lt Col Clark (U.S. Army) to replace Lt Col Skaggs (departed for Happy Land, USA) as Ground Defense Liaison Officer, 7th AF DSL Office. Each of the bases will see much of Lt Col Clark in the coming months.

Welcome to the 5 May 66 incoming K-9 shipment. Heading up this 18 dog increment was Sgt Cabot D. Holt (Blytheville AFB, ARK) now assigned to the Pleiku AB K-9 Section. The 18 dog increment were allotted to Danang and Tan Son Nhut.

FOR ACTION BY KENNEL MASTERS:

Publicity: Assigned to each 7th AF unit is a combat news representative. Let's get together with these people and give our K-9 handlers and supervisors the publicity which they have earned and deserve. Set up personal interviews, photo, etc. Let the other people know who we are and what we are doing. We must not fail to exploit any areas which might benefit the K-9 program.

SAFE HANDLING/TRANSPORT OF SENTRY DOGS: Reference letter this Directorate, Subject: Protection of USAF Resources, 5 Jan 66. During Jan 66, a 7th AF sentry dog was crushed to death beneath the wheels of an Air Police vehicle. This is indicative of either carelessness or negligence on the part of the handler. Again on 2 May 66, a sentry dog handler permitted his dog to leap from the side of a 1 ½ ton truck onto a point guard. Fortunately, no serious injury resulted to either the guard or the dog. All units are reminded of the need for well designed K-9 safety programs. We should look for the unexpected and be prepared to render immediate and appropriate remedial action. There is no room for carelessness or negligence in our program. This point should be a matter of constant attention and should be re-emphasized at every opportunity.

GROOMING: Proper and timely grooming is of a necessity to the bond of companionship between the K-9 and his handler. A well kept and groomed dog is usually indicative of an interested and qualified handler and of an efficient sentry dog team.

CATFISH STEW RECEIPE

COURTESY OF SSGT (CATFISH) CRAFT,< TSN

Fry ½ lb fatback and pour meat and juice in pot. Boil 8 potatoes and 4 onions till done. While post and onions are boiling, salt and pepper 3 lbs catfish in another pot, then boil.

When catfish are done (bone if desired) pour fish, water and all into the potatoes and onions pot and bring to low simmer. Mix 1 can tomato paste and 1 can tomato soup (small), pour 1 cup cream, stir and serve piping hot from the fire.

THE BEST CATFISH STEW IN THE LAND !!! Old Catfish Craft says that he always adds 2 or 3 red peppers or a jalapeno for flavor. The hotter the better.

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MANY, MANY THANKS: To the U.S. Army K-9 unit located immediately adjacent to the Tan Son Nhut Air Force K-9's.

The Army guys really pitched in and helped with the 5 May 66 Shipment of AF dogs, also made available 18 of their kennels for temporary use in housing our dogs. Thanks again to Captain Campbell and his men.

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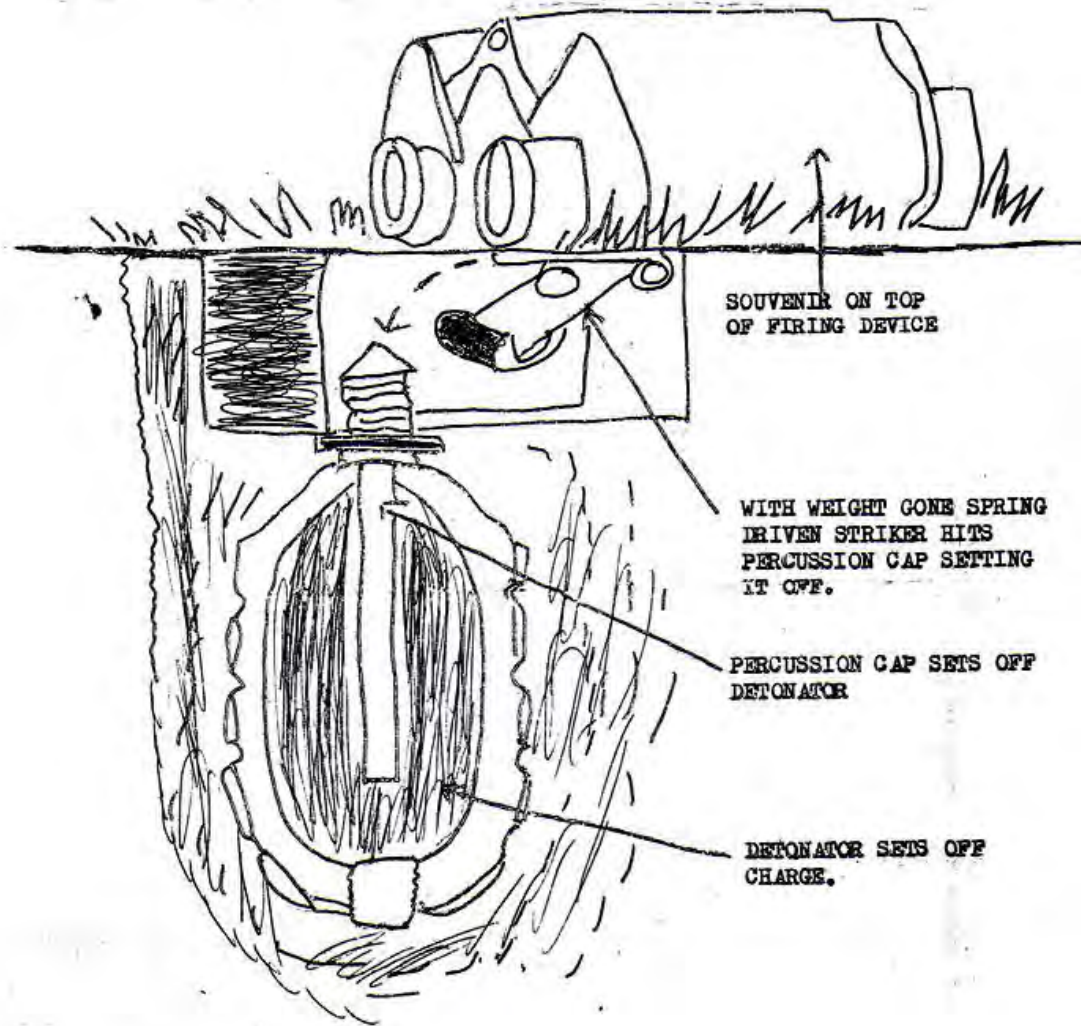
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