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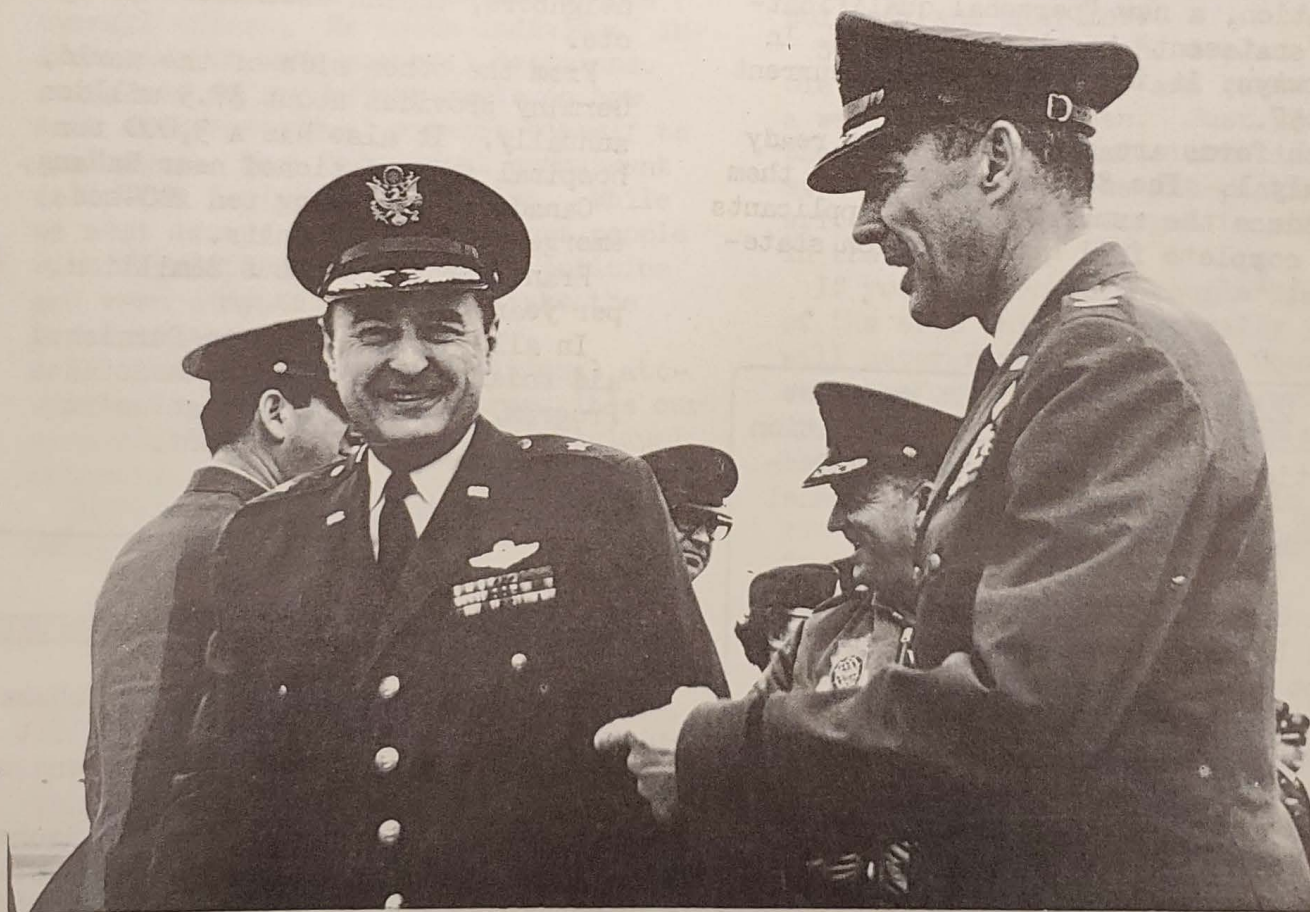


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RETURN VISIT—Brigadier Gen John W. Hoff, left, commander of the 512th Military Airlift Wing, is warmly greeted on his arrival at the 937th by Col Harry J. Huff, 937th commander. Hoff's visit to the 937th was to hear the debriefing of the ORI team during the March UTA. Because the report was satisfactory, Gen Hoff and Col Huff were able to keep their smiles.

FORMS SIMPLIFIED FOR JOB HUNTERS

Applicants for Federal Civil Service positions will be using a 4 by 8 inch card instead of the four-page Form 57 by July 1.

John W. Macy Jr., Civil Service Commission chairman, said the card will provide all the basic information needed initially to consider an applicant for any given job.

The new form is designed primarily for use of persons who have passed Civil Service tests and Federal employees who are job hunting. It permits an applicant to describe briefly the type of job he is seeking and his availability, education and work experience.

If an employer needs additional information, a new "personal qualifications statement" has been designed. In many ways, it is similar to the current Form 57.

Both forms are scheduled to be ready by July 1. The Commission expects them to reduce the number of times applicants will complete full qualification statements.

OTHER COUNTRIES GIVE HELPING HAND

Because of massive U. S. involvement in Vietnam it's easy to forget that there are other countries trying to stop Communist advancement in Southeast Asia.

Five countries - - Australia, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, Republic of the Phillipines, and Thailand-- have some 60,000 troops fighting in Vietnam with some 11,000 more committed.

That's not all, either. Australia, for instance, also provides a guided missile destroyer, eight Canberra bombers, and an airforce unit flying six Caribou transports.

Thailand, one of Vietnam's closest neighbors, trains Vietnamese jet pilots.

From the other side of the world, Germany provides about \$7.5 million annually. It also has a 3,000 ton hospital ship stationed near DaNang.

Canada is providing ten 200-bed emergency hospital units.

France provides about \$4million per year in aid.

In all, 32 nations have furnished aid under the Free World Assistance Program, demonstrating that we're not alone in our commitment.

6 SQUADRONS SLATED FOR C-5 TRANSPORTS

Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara has announced that Military Airlift Command will receive six squadrons of C-5 Galaxys.

In his Feb. 1 budget message, Secretary McNamara said each squadron will be equipped with 16 Galaxys plus some spares.

The initial contract with Lockheed-Georgia Co. called for 58 of the new cargo jets. Funds for 57 more are being requested in the Fiscal Year 1969. It will go to MAC's transitional training unit at Altus AFB, Okla.

AN INDIVIDUAL APPROACH

An office or unit cannot do anything--people account for accomplishments or failures. Units are made up of individuals. They are not merely groups of people.

A recently released Air Force film entitled "Programs for People" explains the use of computers in Air Force personnel programs. It seems like a "cold" way to handle humans. But, as the narrator explains, computers are not used to manage people but to manage information about people.

What does all this emphasis on the individual mean? It means a man will do his job better if he gets a response to his individual needs. He needs to know how his individual efforts add to the overall effort. He needs individual information to make personal decisions.

Success of any effort rests on how much each individual commits himself to the cause. Such individual commitment calls for individual attention. While we must manage information about people with regulations, directives, policies and even computers, we must take the personal approach.

If each of us expects individual attention in this large Air Force, it's our responsibility to "hand out" individual attention too.

Individual approach is up to individuals.

3 VIETNAM AIR BASES BUSIER THAN O'HARE

Three United States bases in South Vietnam topped the air traffic control operations last year at the largest United States commercial air terminal--O'Hare International Airport in Chicago.

Air Force Communications Service headquarters at Scott AFB, Ill., listed Bien Hoa's operations at 753,823, Da Nang's at 714,380 and Tan Son Nhut's 648,137. O'Hare officials counted 643,878 during 1967.

The Tan Son Nhut and Bien Hoa totals make the Saigon area busiest air traffic control complex in the world.

Flying Safety

WRITE IT UP

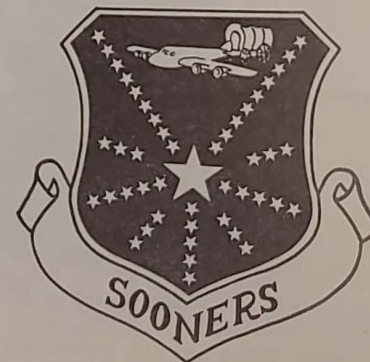
Often times when out on extended trips we tend to become lax about keeping the aircraft forms up-to-date. In addition, small nit-picking write ups are usually noted in the back of your mind--"I'll write that up when I get to Travis" you say to yourself.

As you commence your approach a hundred and one things are going through your mind--crew rest, cargo load, passengers, alert time, a cold six and many more.

So, you land, par and deplane from Ole Shakey, clear ACP and head for a well earned fifteen. Just about the time you get comfortable in the sack you remember the nit-picking write-ups that you forgot to enter in the 781.

If you go through a couple of legs of the trip this way generally you will never remember all the squaks, so therefore, they don't get written up. If they don't get written up, they don't get fixed.

Best time to write them up is when you discover them. At least jot them down so they can be entered on the 781 later.



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RABBITS OR RESURRECTION?

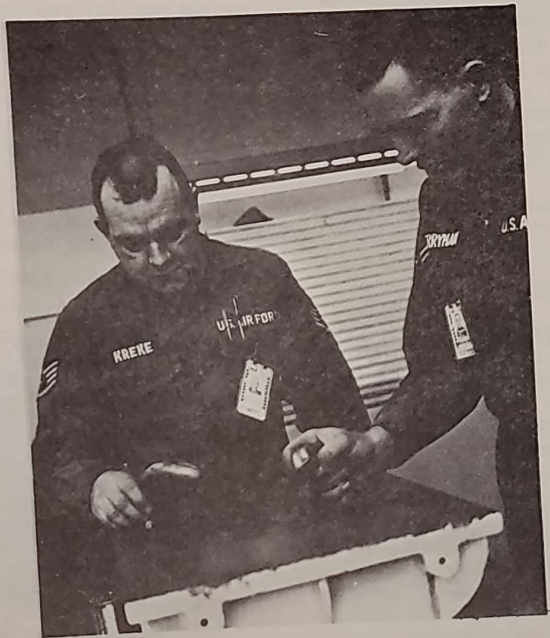
by Arthur A. Preisinger, Chaplain

One of the most interesting psychological phenomenon to come out of World War II was the fact that Russian soldiers, generally, feared pain more than death itself. This is easily explained, however. Communist ideology, Communist utopian schemes and word revolutions take place-- through the State--within history, here and now. There is no doctrine of individuality, as such. Man, as individual, is here to further this historical movement. When he passes on, as individual, is here to further this historical movement. When he passes on, as individual, he passes on to nothingness. He is annihilated. There is actually nothing, therefore, to fear in death. There is no Easter, there is no resurrection.

The Christian believes quite differently. The example of Jesus on the cr-

oss teaches us that death is indeed a fearful thing. The Christ cries out in agony: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Death is unnatural, a violation of what was meant to be. It destroys that immortality for which man was made. Human death, in reality, is not simply part of the "cycle of nature" like spring, summer, autumn, and winter.

But even though death is man's enemy, Easter proclaims that the enemy has been conquered. Easter proclaims RESURRECTION, and is not some rite of "spring renewal." Easter proclaims death's destruction and man's eternal life. It is a pity, then, when Christians prostitute the meaning of this day of victory by substituting rabbits for their precious heritage of resurrection.



SSgt Kreke and AC1 Brynam preform repairs on a surface plate during UTA



RAMP CHAT---Just after arriving at Tinker, Gen Hoff, center, and Col Robert L. Walsh, right, chatted briefly with Col Huff before entering Building 1030 for acritique of the 937th's performance during the an ORL.

FEBRUARY PROMOTIONS LISTED

Sixteen men of the 937th were promoted in late February and early March.

From TSgt to MSgt was John D. Koelsch. Two were promoted from Sgt to SSgt: Robert M. Contracco and Buell L. Spruiell.

Promoted from ALC to Sgt Murrel D. Arner, Samuel H. Hays, Robert E. Rowe, James W. Little, Harold D. Pense, Jerry D. Rodden, Raymond L. Scott, and Dale R. Thompson.

Those moving up to ALC from Amn were Donald R. Isaac, Jerry R. Millican, James J. Roberts, Michael A. Warren and Tony L. Zink.

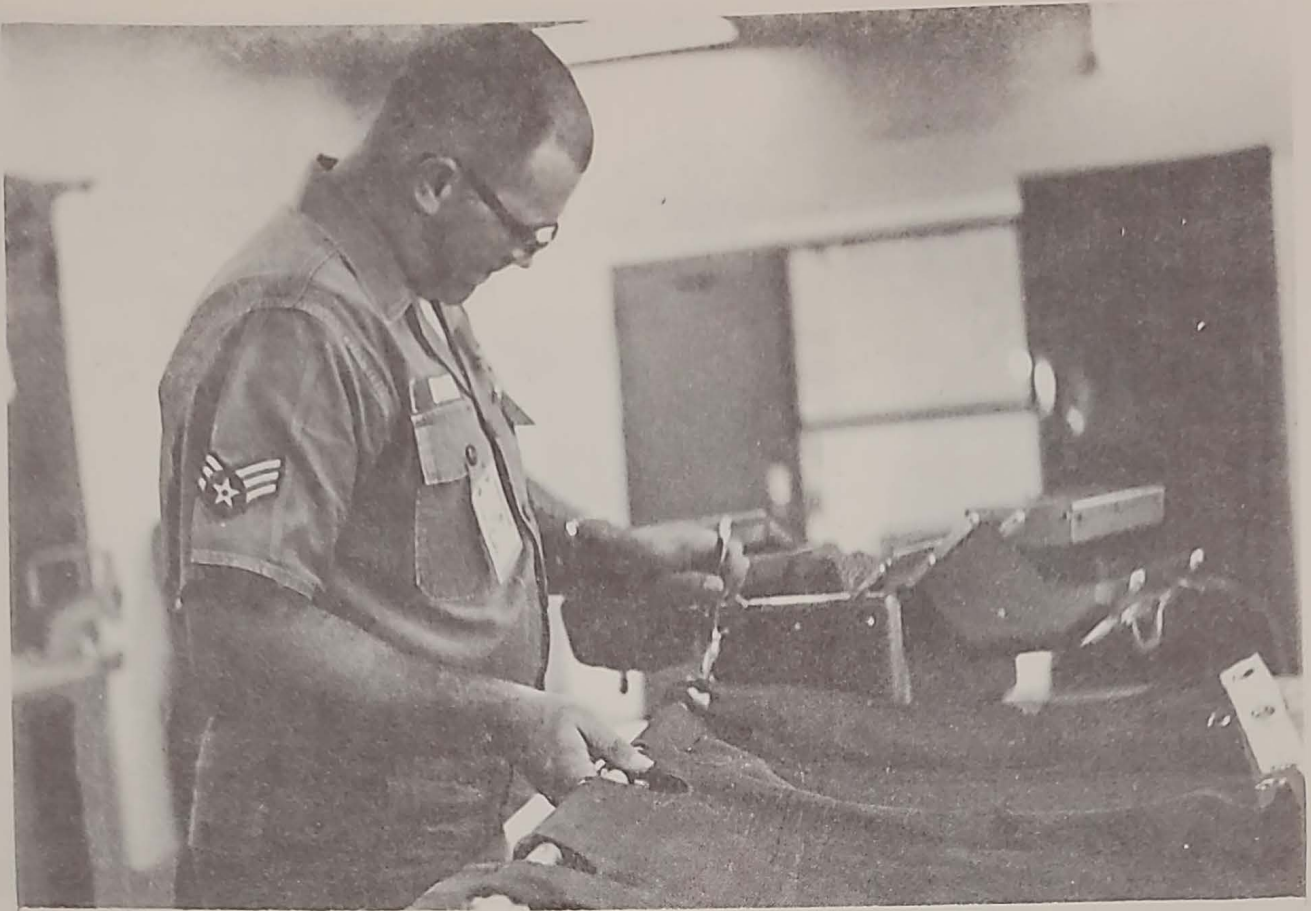
UNIT PERSONNEL PASS SKT

The following personnel passed the 3-level SKT during February 1968.

E2 Tom O. Lane, supply; E2 Harold Parsons, supply; E3 William E. Tarkington, support; and SSgt Curtis O. Hanneman, support; all passed their tests.

The 5 and 7 level test results were not available at this writing.





NEEDED REPAIRS---Periodically, some of the gear in the C124s wears out and replacements are necessary. An example is the canvas seat being fixed by this Sgt. The item will be installed then in an aircraft for more years of service.

WORKING OVERTIME TO BREAK A LAW

Military Airlift Command's flying medical crews worked overtime in Southeast Asia last year to break war's cruellest law, the one that governs life and death in combat.

From the Punic Wars to Porkchop Hill, in battles long before and those that followed after, a commander knew a certain number of his troops would die.

Medical men and women in Vietnam are fighting daily to repeal that law. Their success is apparent in the numbers of wounded servicemen who survive and return to duty.

Reasons for this success are many and varied, but most are related to recent medical advancements.

MAC's C-141 Starlifter, quickly convertible from a cargo aircraft to a flying hospital ward, can hardly be classed as a medical advancement--except maybe by battle casualties rushed within hours to hospitals in the Philippines or Japan for life-saving surgery.

Worldwide, MAC's aeromedical evacuation crews flew a record 126,858 patients on domestic, Atlantic and Pacific flights a 38 per cent increase over the previous record.

Sick and wounded from the Pacific and Southeast Asia are flown on C-141s on 18 scheduled flights a week to Andrews AFB, Md; McGuire AFB, N.J.; Travis AFB, Calif.; Scott AFB, Ill.; and Kelly AFB, Texas. Patients are transferred to domestic aircraft at these locations.

Starlifters can carry 80 litter patients or a combination of each on transoceanic flights at 500 miles an hour. Crews fly the northern Pacific route through Alaska to Andrews from Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon, in 21 1/2 hours.

It's time that counts. Time for a helicopter to drop through ground fire for a wounded soldier or marine. Time for medical corpsmen to work in jungle clearings. And time for a quick flight to a major hospital and the chance to break a law.