

# SP's Nab Swimming Sapper

The war is over for a Private First Class of the 93rd North Vietnamese Sapper Company. He was pulled from the war and the water of Cam Ranh Bay by Sgt. Charles R. Stonbraker of the 483rd Security Police Squadron here.

It all started at 1:36 am on a recent (Apr. 16) morning when U. S. Army Security force men guarding the Dragon Lake bridge that connects the Cam Ranh peninsula to the mainland noticed a suspicious movement in the water near the bridge pilings.

The security force radio network was suddenly alive with calls as additional security alert forces were rapidly deployed. Then at 2 a.m. came the transmission: "Defense control to all posts and patrols. Be advised Neptune 19 has apprehended one individual in the water north of the bridge who has a bandoleer wrapped around his neck. At this time we are assuming this is enemy activity."

Neptune 19 did indeed have one individual aboard; it was the PFC. And he was indeed an enemy. According

to the 21 year old sapper he had walked two days from his training area in the mountains to the Cam Ranh area, and he and his two companions—who had' not entered the water and were not located—had come to reconnoiter the bridge, intending to blow it up later. He hadn't counted on the Air Force's seagoing security force.

When the first alert call was received about the suspected enemy activity, Neptune 19, a 16i foot fiberglass outboard, with Sergeant Stonbraker providing the firepower and Navy security man BM2 Charles W. Brimhall as coxswain, deployed from mid-bay to the bridge. Right behind this, boat was Neptune 20, with, Sgt. Ricky D. Small and DC1 Richard L. Creamer aboard. The two boats would team up to block the swimmer's escape attempts.

In the meantime security personnel on the bridge had confirmed sighting of a man who kept diving out of sight. He was challenged in Vietnamese and English as he surfaced, but after the challenges were met with no

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## Ninety Stripes

The Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO) has announced 90 airmen selected for promotion on the supplemental list. (ED NOTE: Because of the large amount of promotions the names of each individual cannot be published in the Caribou Clarion. The following is a breakdown by squadrons.

The first supplemental listing for promotion to E-4 in the 72A promotion cycle.

To Sgt:  
90th SOS 2

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## Caribou

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## C-7s BUSY IN APRIL

Providing vital airlift support, C-7 Caribou aircraft of the 483rd Tactical Airlift Wing Flew 11,289 sorties for allied forces throughout the Republic of Vietnam during April.

These sorties were recorded as the Wing's five C-7 squadrons, four located at Cam Ranh Bay and one at Phu Cat Air Base, shuttled supplies and passengers to remote airstrips within Vietnam.

An excellent launch reliability rate was maintained on all sorties as the wing airlifted nearly 4,740 tons of cargo and 3,531 passengers.

The 458th Tactical Airlift Squadron transported 12,853 passengers, leading the 483rd Wing subordinate units, while the 537th Tactical Airlift Squadron car-

ried the most cargo with 2004 tons.

The Caribous flew 1,381 missions, accounting for 8,327 flying hours. Also during the month of April



the wing's aircraft received three hits from enemy ground fire but lost no aircraft due to hostile activity.

DON'T KNOCK IT.....  
BY CHAPLAIN RONALD E. GALLAGHER

Pizza used to disgust me! When I was in High School, I couldn't bear to look at the stuff. I mean, what did people get so excited about? To me, pizza was nothing but a twelve-inch circular slab of powered dough with a good dose of red and yellow paste slapped on it and an occasional sprinkling of pepperoni, mushrooms or sausage. For the life of me I couldn't understand why people liked it so much. Until I tried it. Then, all my gripes about pizza dissolved.

Now, without being ir-

EDUCATION OFFICE TO HOLD COUNSELING SESSIONS

Education Center announces a repeat of the counseling Services made available in February and March. Are you thinking about college and or trade school? Are you "returning to the World" ? Are you puzzled about schools, how to apply, what to take ? Come to the center or phone ext. 2062 and talk it over with Doctor Eugene Alvarez. A Korean War Veteran (Marine Corps), "Doc" understands the serviceman's problems.

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The welding course got off to a quick start..... so quick that it caught us flat footed. Twelve "slots" were three times over-subscribed.

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The Oceanography class continues to be postponed, the instructor is still on TDY.

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The University of Maryland Courses are only limited by the availability of teachers. If you are qualified to instruct, make the base aware of your talents.

reverent, take the slang expression, "Don't knock it if you ain't tried it" and apply it to God. It is sad to see how many people criticize God without ever knowing Him. They know nothing of His continual presence, His comfort in crisis, or His gracious forgiveness. Yet these same people will slander Him, rebel against His commands, challenge His motives, or, worse still, ignore Him altogether, How tragic their lives must be ----void of fellowship with God.

But how much more tragic when m person realizes his plight and, does! nothing about it! Jesus said, "Come unto me all ye that labor' and are heavy laden, and I will !give you rest." God doesn't offer a way to escape frustrations, fears or frailties, but rather gives to us the moral and spiritual courage to face the daily "Rat-Race." If you have never let God direct your life, why not give Him a chance. "O taste and see that the Lord is Good."

POOLE HONORED BY GENERAL NAZZARO

TSgt Douglas S. Poole, 1881 Communications Squadron here, recently received a certificate of Maintenance Acheivement for the period June 24, 1970 to April 1, 1971.

The certificate, which was signed by Gen. Joseph J. Nazzaro, Commander in Chief, PACAF, stated in part, "You were recommended for excellence in the performance of duty in support of your squadron mission. Tour dedication and proficiency have done much to enhance the PACAF capability,"

Sergeant Poole has been in the Air Force for 19 years and is a native of Atwater, California.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Every **1** One  
IS OUR BUSINESS

the nitty GRITty  
**SAND BOX**

How come a guy can buy beer at any of many outlets on the base, but if he wants some milk to take to the hootch there's only one occasional source, and he has to pay 40¢ a quart for it-except there's never any quarts. Is it because the cows don't have a lobby?

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14TH AERIAL PORT HAS BUSY MONTH IN APRIL

Another busy month in the airlift business has been completed by members of the 14th Aerial Port Squadron here, with the record movement of 80,522 passengers and 10,425 tons of cargo for April.

C-130 Hercules, C-123 Providers and C-7 Caribou aircraft flying in and out of Cam Ranh Bay Air Base did the bulk of the airlift.

C-130's under the control of the 834th Air Division carried 35,663 passengers and 5,801 tons of cargo.

C-123's handled 14,214 passengers and 642 tons while, the C-7 Caribous of the 483rd Tactical Airlift Wing ferried 5,360 travelers and 349 tons of material through the aerial port facility.

Military Airlift Command aircraft supported by the 608th Military Airlift Support Squadron accounted for an additional 25,285 persons and 3,084 tons. Also handled during April was 712 tons of mail and 10,939 Vietnamese travelers.

COLONEL PAYNE  
"GOING MY WAY?"

Col. Robert R. Payne, Commander of the 14th Aerial Port Squadron, is one man who treats his government vehicle as if it belonged to the government. This considerate gentleman has been seen many times filling up his vehicle with hitchhikers who are "going his way." The Clarion sends a big BOO!, HISS!!, to the people who treat their government vehicles as if they were private, cars, and blithely whiz by the sweltering pedestrian. One word of caution though: it takes special paperwork to transport other than military members in your vehicle.



The Air Force Main Exchange and 14th Aerial Port Base Exchange will close as of 1400 hrs, Saturday, May 15th and all day Sunday, May 16th for physical inventory.

Stores will re-open for business at 1000 hrs on Monday, May 17.



**SAPPER**

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response they opened fired with small arms from the bridge. Sergeants Stonbraker and Small were using concussion grenades every time the swimmer went under, and they eventually forced him to surface.

Finally, the wounded but kicking sapper was hauled aboard by Sergeant Stonbraker and stripped of his snorkel and everything else to insure he was carrying no weapons or explosives, which he wasn't. This fact led to a later inch-by-inch search of the bridge area by the Neptune crews and Navy divers to insure that

TSgt Theadore Johnson, a Warehouse Supervisor with the 483rd Supply Squadron, has been selected as the Supply NCO of the Quarter.

Sergeant Johnson was responsible for the complete rewarehousing of three warehouses.

His knowledge of storage procedures and the outstanding effective use of materiel handling equipment was the reason his area was judged the most improved within the Materiel Facilities.

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TSgt. Luther M. Massey, 1881st Communications Squadron here, was recently presented (April 26.) the Joint Service Commendation Medal For meritorious service while assigned to the United States Strike Command, MacDill Air Force Base Florida.

Sergeant Massey, noncommissioned officer in charge of the telecommunications center, is from Knoxville, Tenn., and his citation which accompanied the award reads in part".You distinguished yourself during the period August 29, 1968 to September 1, 1970, while serving as an operations unit, communications support element. During this tenure you demonstrated outstanding leadership ability to organized, manage and motivate your team."

Sergeant Massey is an 18 year Air Force veteran and has been assigned to Cam Ranh Bay Air Base since September 1970.

explosives had not already been planted.

The Neptune boats again proved their value as a unique but vital link in the security force which makes the Cam Ranh peninsula and its many military installations one of the most secure areas in the Republic of Vietnam.

# PLAUDITS

Airman First Class Jonathan Hunt, sn Inventory Management Specialist with the 483rd Supply Squadron, has been selected as the Supply Airman of the Quarter.

He has been cited for his ability to process serviceable, repairable and condemned property in an expeditious manner which led to a smoothly functioning Repair Cycle Unit.

MSgt Joseph R. Smelser, a communications construction supervisor with the 485th Electronic Installation Sq. here, has been presented the First Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Force Commendation Medal for the period July 31, 1968 to December 29 1970, while assigned to Mc Clellan Air Force Base, Cal.

Sergeant Smelser, a native of Bremerton, Wash., was cited for his skill, knowledge and leadership, which, aided immeasurably in the accomplishment of the 1833rd EIS mission.

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**PROMOTIONS**

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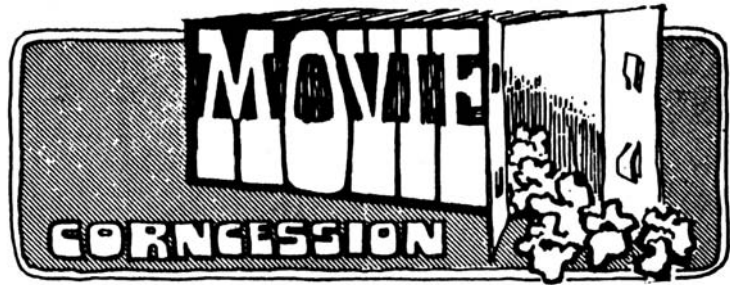
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|-----------------------|----|
| 327th CSSq            | 2  |
| 21st TASS             | 4  |
| Det 2, 834th AD       | 1  |
| 14th AP Sq            | 14 |
| 20th SOS              | 2  |
| 554th CESq (REDHORSE) | 8  |
| 483rd CSGrp           | 6  |
| Det 11, 619th TACS    | 21 |
| 483rd CESq            | 2  |
| 483rd FMS             | 10 |
| 483rd TAW             | 1  |
| 504th TAS Gp          | 1  |
| 483rd SUP Sq          | 2  |
| 483rd SVS             | 3  |
| 483rd TRANS Sq        | 2  |
| Det 6, 6005 SUP Sq    | 1  |
| 483rd OMS             | 3  |
| 1881 at Comm Sq       | 1  |

The fifth supplemental listing for promotion to E-5 in the 71B promotion cycle.

To SSgt:

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| 483rd SPS             | 1 |
| 483rd OMS             | 2 |
| Det A, 1881st Comm SQ | 1 |

# NEXT WEEK ON afm



**TOMORROW**

- 1200 - Carol Burnett
- 1300 - Flip Wilson
- 1400 - Hawaii Five-0
- 1500 - As It Happens
- 1530 - Sports
- 1700 - Name of the Game
- 1830 - College Bowl
- 1900 - News and Sports
- 1930 - Andy Williams
- 2030 - The 43rd Academy Awards
- 2200 - Movie, "Carousel"
- 2400 - Movie, "Carry on Spying"

**SUNDAY**

- 1200 - Religious Hour
- 1300 - The Detectives
- 1330 - High Chapparal
- 1430 - Sports
- 1600 - Animal World
- 1630 - Virginian
- 1800 - Mission Impossible
- 1900 - News and Sports
- 1930 - Bonanza
- 2030 - The Bold Ones
- 2130 - Montage
- 2200 - Movie, "Pacific Destiney"

**MONDAY**

- 1700 - Movie, "The First Traveling Sales Lady"
- 1830 - Big Picture
- 1900 - News and Sports
- 2030 - Room 222
- 2100 - Iron Horse
- 2200 - Johnny Carson

**TUESDAY**

- 1700 - Movie, "Carry on Cleo!"
- 1830 - US Navy 'Down to the wire'
- 1900 - News and Sports
- 1930 - Carol Burnett
- 2030 - Glen Campbell
- 2130 - Julia
- 2200 - Burke's Law
- 2300 - Roller Derby

**WEDNESDAY**

- 1700 - Bonanza

## Base Theater

Showings on the Eastside are: Monday - Saturday: 1, 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m.

On Sunday, show times are: 1, 3, 6:30, 8:30 and 10:30 p. m.

Tonight--EL CONDOR (R)  
111 min

Saturday--SHARK (GP)  
107 min

Sunday & --LITTLE FAUSS AND  
Monday BIG HALSEY (R)  
109 min

Tuesday-- KASHMIRI RUN (R)  
109 min

Wednesday- THE LOOKING-GLASS  
WAR (GP)  
117 min

Thursday & -- THE WILD BUNCH (R)  
Friday 1 40 min

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- 1800 - The Bold Ones
- 1900 - News and Sports
- 1930 - Barbara McNair
- 2030 - Perry Mason
- 2130 - Doris Day
- 2200 - Name of the Game

**THURSDAY**

- 1700 - (Spcl) New Faces in the Senate
- 1800 - Jim Nabors
- 1900 - News and Sports
- 1930 - He Haw
- 2030 - Dean Martin
- 2130 - Dragnet
- 2200 - Laugh-In
- 2300 - Virginian

**FRIDAY**

- 3700 - Festival at Fords
- 1800 - Don Knotts
- 1900 - News and Sports
- 1930 - Flip Wilson
- 2030 - Hawaii Five 0
- 2130 - Llyod Bridges
- 2200 - Pro-Boxing

## Westside Theater

Westside show time is 7:30 p.m.

Tonight--CANNON FOR CORDOBA

Saturday--COUNT YORGA VAM-PIRE

Sunday--KING KONG

Monday--MYSTERY MOVIE

Tuesday--MONTE WALSH

Wednesday--FINIAN'S RAINBOW

Thursday--MYSTERY MOVIE

Friday--HORROR HOUSE

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**ENLISTED CLUB**

A band is scheduled at the EM club from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. every night except Friday and Saturday, when a floor show is scheduled.

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**FRANCHISES**

- 1) Including the ABA, New York has seven major league sport franchises. What city ranks second in number?
- 2) How many cities with Baseball teams do not have football franchises in NFL?
- 3) How many football towns do not have major league baseball teams?
- 4) The San Diego Chargers formerly played in what city?
- 5) What is the new names of the Boston Patriots?

**ANSWERS**

- 1) Chicago has five; Cubs White Sox, Bulls, Bears and Blackhawks. 2) Two: Montreal and California. 8) Five: Miami, New Orleans, Dallas, Denver, and Buffalo. 4) Los Angeles. 5) Bay State Patriots