

The VTR has been working overtime in Danang, producing fill material for airing using USO and club groups touring the I Corps area. These segments are aired in conjunction with the group's schedule and is a perfect vehicle for promotion, and also a welcome change from the AFRTS fills which we have all seen so many many times.

Think local is the word at AFVN Radio. Local news, local spots, and local promotion is the word heard by troops in the Danang area. The current format of local programs is currently undergoing a change, a change instituted to improve local service to the troops. Area information officers are bending over backwards to furnish information, and our radio staff is working overtime to pass it on to the troops. More about this in future editions of the Newsletter.

In closing out Det. 2's portion of this sheet, we would like to welcome all members of AFVN to enjoy the facilities of our VIP lounge when passing through scenic Danang. It's something you will have to see to believe.

DETACHMENT THREE

The Air Force decided that the altitude of Dragon Mountain warranted one who is used to such things, and sent us our own "pilot." He is Capt Elliot Johnson, who assumed the controls at Det. 3 recently. Captain Johnson comes to us from the Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, where he served in the public relations department. His experience in the radio and television field is evident as he already is deeply buried among piles of slides, outlines and film clips...all parts of several new local television productions currently underway. Some of the projects include a football scoreboard, documentaries on local units, and features with CID, G-5 and the area chaplains. The chaplain shows are expanding, and the use of more graphics improves the quality. Det. 3 anxiously awaits the arrival of another camera or two to make further use of existing facilities.

Personnel at Det. 3 have undergone quite a transformation since the last Newsletter. Lieutenant Cutlip, SP5's Rich Brooks and Jim Beamer, and SSgt Mike Sarkin have all gone to the land of the big PX. Staff sergeant Gary Hope came to us from the states to assume command of the radio section, SP4 Bill Schmeitzer joined us from the Saigon staff, and SP4 Gary Leibling journeyed up the mountain to become a "boss Jock." Our resident Indian, SP4 Delbert Kelly, is due back from special leave soon, and we are anxious to hear how life goes back on the reservation in Alaska.

Construction is still a way of life at Det. 3...this time in the area of the TV studio. New flats, sets, lighting systems, and camera set-ups are all "in the mill." Further evidence of our willingness to continually improve our quality of working areas and the final on-camera product of our labors. The new parts are here for our 50kw transmitter, and we'll soon be back to a full 50,000.

to have an immediate knee operation, and was medivaced to Japan. Though he will probably never read this, all of us at Det. 4 wish him the best of luck where ever he may be.

As if "Top's" departure was a signal, suddenly everyone in the det was short. Specialist 5 Rick Honea, our AM program director (Our AM station is located at Dong Ba Thin) left Vietnam for a tour in Germany. On the same day that Honea left, so did SP5 Virgil Little, our AM engineer. Virgil left for the world and ETS. Best of luck to them both.

With AM losing two people in one day, it caused a shift in Det. 4 personnel. Parker Snow, our resident experimenter in FM PFC, was whisked to Dong Ba Thin, to take over the vacancy left by Honea.

During the next week, SP5 James Black, our television news man, left for ETS and Menominee, Michigan. (Jim, we hope you found your hometown.) To replace Jim on the tube, Sgt Hugh Morgan came up from Saigon to give us a helping hand. And he did a fantastic job. Sergeant Morgan, we on Hon Tre thank you, especially for the news logo.

Then, our OIC, Lt James Farell, departed Vietnam for places unknown, and was relieved by MSgt Lou Schilling from Chu Lai. Chu Lai's loss was our gain.

Ron Mieir was our next ETS casualty. Specialist 5 Mieir was our FM engineer. And with his departure, Sgt Ron Carita, the FM program director, was and still is, at our FM station. And after a short R&R, Ron is back on the job from Dawn till dusk, spinning FM sounds for the Cam Rahn, Nha Trang, and Phan Rang areas.

Specialist 5 Tim Bodle arrived on Hon Tre from Washington D.C., and so far has been doing a little of everything, although according to his MOS he's supposed to be an engineer. We guess what he doesn't know, won't hurt him.

And now we say goodbye to Sgt Morgan, who has been recalled to headquarters. To take his place at the AFVN news desk, we now have SP4 C. W. Lane. We regret to see Hugh Leave, but are all happy that C. W. has arrived.

So, that's the latest from the beautiful bay of Nha Trang. Stay tuned for another exciting adventure in the next AFVN Newsletter. This is Det. 4 clear with the Network.

DETACHMENT FIVE

Since last heard from, this Quang Tri establishment has undergone a series of personnel changes, spent more time in the bunkers than "Carter's got liver pills," and has weathered through a typhoon.

Recently succeeding 2ndLt Peter B. Berlin as OIC was Marine Capt L. A. Chatelle. A veteran of 14 years service, Capt Chatelle escorted his baggage

to Vietnam from the 12th Marine Corps District in San Francisco. This is his second tour in the land of rice, water Buffalo, and Saigon tea.

Gunnery sergeant Dave Mossman is back in the assistant driver's seat as NCOIC of the station and "loving it."

Another newcomer, by almost two months, is SFC Wilbur Fair, the detachment's chief engineer. A native of Texas, Fair arrived in our beautiful area from Ft. Monmouth, N.J.

The detachment has also been invaded by "screaming eagles" SP4 Travis Gray, assisting in TV production and programming; and SP4 Bob Kemper, our night man in the radio studio. A third "screaming eagle" SP5 John Clarin, who could be heard each evening giving the sports news in Northern I Corps, has been recalled to his unit.

In the "short timers" department, we find Sgt Timothy A Nichols, SP5 Peter M. Pfeiffer, and SP4 Thomas M. Deaner wiping away the numbers on the calendar as they move into countdown position. Unfortunately, Sgt Nichols is doing his countdown aboard the hospital ship REPOSE, where he is being treated for bleeding ulcers.

Turning to the war news, Det. 5 members are logging in their share of time spent in the bunkers. Our thanks for making this possible goes to the NVA, who in the last week and a half (Aug. 31 to Sept. 10) have used rockets against Quang Tri Combat Base.

As if dodging rockets wasn't enough, good 'ole "Mother Nature" was kind enough to supply us with a typhoon. Although Det. 5 suffered only minor damage, the rest of the base didn't fair as well.

All in all, we are slowly but surely progressing, and by the time the next Newsletter is published, we should have more good news to pass on to our fellow detachments.

DETACHMENT SIX

Staff sergeant Art Burnett, hailing from Memphis, Tenn., arrived at Det. 6 August 16. He jumped right in as program director and fills in as newsman and sports announcer when needed. About the same time, SP5 Samuels departed with Fort Benning, Ga., in his sights. Also departing in August were OIC Capt. Frischman, heading for Maxwell AFB, Ala., and NCOIC MSgt Fuller who will take on a new job at Sheppard AFB, Wichita Falls, Tex. Getting itchy feet are two of our engineers, SSgts Bowen and Egan, who plan to skip out this month.

Tuy Hoa is now sporting what we think is one of the finest studios among the detachments. Completed in mid-August, it's dimensions are a neat 46 feet by 19 feet. At one corner is a 10 by 15 foot VTR room. At the same time, the exterior was painted a "light sand" color while the roof is a sun-reflecting white. Priorities were established to (1) build an interview set to support local information objectives and (2) rehabilitate our news and sports set. Versatility will be the key for the interview set so it may also