

Pilot Pins AF Cross

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Lt. Col. Karl T. Feuerriegel received the Air Force Cross in Washington for extraordinary heroism as a forward air controller in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive of 1968.

Award of the decoration, second only to the Medal of Honor, was made by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. McConnell.

Colonel Feuerriegel, who is now assigned to Air Force Headquarters in the Pentagon, earned the award on Jan. 30, 1968, as pilot of a Cessna O-2 aircraft over Nha Trang.

Then a member of the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron, Nha Trang AB, he was cited for action when "despite great personal risk from heavy automatic weapons fire, he repeatedly attacked hostile positions in an O-2 aircraft armed with high explosive rockets. He systematically silenced three machine gun positions and neutralized two fortified hostile companies, thereby preventing the annihilation of beleaguered friendly units."

Pilot Saves Navymen

DA NANG — A Coast Guard pilot assigned to the Air Force's 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron here recently participated in two separate emergency medical evacuations that occurred within a 48-hour period.

Lieutenant James M. Loomis, Avon, N.J., and his crew were recently notified of a medical emergency aboard the USS Durango Victory located 350 miles southeast of Da Nang. Escorted by an HC-130, the HH-3 Jolly Green Giant helicopter prepared to pick up a seaman suffering from multiple chest wounds.

After hoisting the seaman aboard the helicopter, an immediate aerial refueling was accomplished from the HC-130 and the trip to Cam Ranh Bay was made without further incident.

Two days later, Lieutenant Loomis, who is serving with the 37th ARRS under the joint Air Force-Coast Guard pilot exchange program, scrambled his crew to pick up a sailor of the USS Kennebec who was suffering from an apparent appendicitis attack.

Commenting on the second evacuation, Lieutenant Loomis said, "I attribute the efficiency with which the 850-mile mission was completed, to excellent crew coordination and the maximum assistance from our HC-130 escort."

"It is gratifying to know that the Air Force will go to such lengths for humanitarian reasons," he concluded.

Pilot Turns Part-Time Teacher

TAKHLI RTAFB — An electronics warfare officer of the 41st Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron here has embarked upon a "second career."

Maj. John T. Johnson, Topeka, Kan., is teaching an English

It's a Dog's World

SPs Retrain Sentry Dogs

BY SGT. MIKE ESTRADA
UDORN RTAFB — The 432nd Security Police Squadron here has begun the retraining of its sentry dogs with the eventual goal of a complete change-over to the "Patrol Dog" concept.

Under the direction of Headquarters Seventh/Thirteenth Air Force, the retraining program is designed to "increase air base defense and provide new capabilities for the K-9 section," according to TSgt. Charles T. Caldwell, program monitor in Thailand.

Sergeant Caldwell is well qualified for the job. He received his training in the patrol dog concept with a metropolitan police department, besides having been one of the first handlers to go through the Sentry Dog School at Lackland AFB, Tex.

THE DIFFERENCE
Sentry dogs are trained to protect government property and sensitive areas on the outer perimeters of military bases. They cannot be safely worked with other dogs or be used in areas where there are crowds.

Patrol dogs have no such limitations. They can be worked without any type of leash or chain in relative safety, even among crowds and other dogs. While on patrol they can detect and detain any unauthorized persons in their areas.

SNIFF 'EM OUT
Patrol dogs can locate persons hiding in large buildings or open areas by scent and can be used to track lost children or criminals if necessary.

They can locate lost or abandoned articles, no matter how small. They will attack on command, without unnecessary violence, and can be called off an attack if necessary. Patrol dogs can also be used as guards in large buildings without a handler.

Obviously, patrol dogs can do more than a normal sentry dog, but the problem is converting them from one type to the other. The handlers under the direction of Sergeant Caldwell, have begun this retraining despite the problems they face.

SPECIAL COURSE
Drawing from his experience at Clark Air Base in the Philippines, where he helped retrain sentry dogs, Sergeant Caldwell designed a special 14-week course.

Both the handler and his dog go through the training, which

includes such items as crowd familiarization, attack, obedience, tracking, fetch and hold, attack and hold, article search and stay and hide.

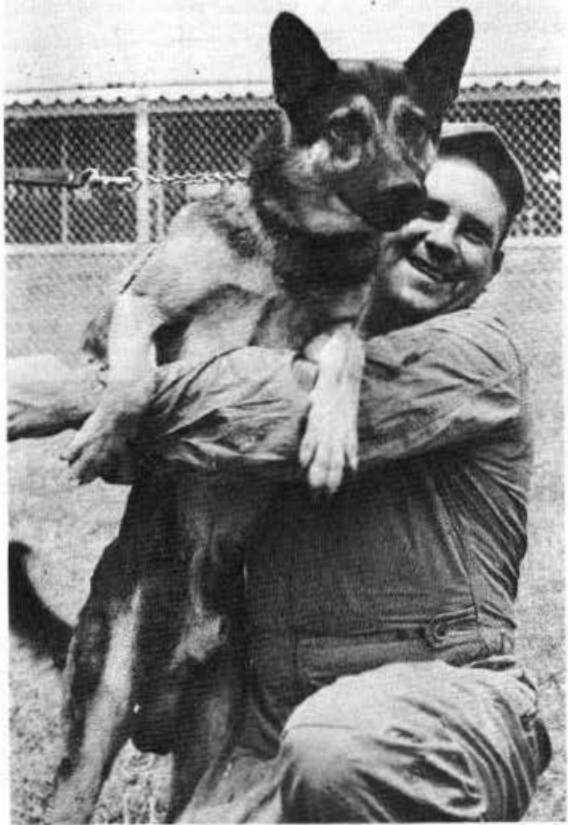
Training starts with easy instructions, making it seem like a game to the dogs. "This is because a dog cannot be forced to learn, but rather his interest has to be slowly built up," Sergeant Caldwell said.

FALSE SCENTS
As time passes, more and more problems are introduced in the training, such as crossing trails in tracking exercises, or putting false scents along the trail. During all the training, the dogs are subjected to the sound

of gun fire, making them indifferent to it.

One of the biggest changes the dog experiences is during the attack training. Sentry dogs train to attack on a heavily padded arm and never feel bone or clothing. But in patrol training the padding is done away with and a light canvas cover is applied over the trainers arm, allowing the dog to feel the bone between his teeth. The canvas keeps the dogs sharp teeth from penetrating the skin. "More than once this change has made a dog stop its attack in confusion," Sergeant Caldwell added.

Once the conversion is com-



(USAF PHOTO BY AIC GREGORY ANDERSON)
Sergeant Caldwell Gentle as a Lamb

389th Arrives at Phu Cat AB

PHU CAT — The 389th Tactical Fighter Squadron, equipped with F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers, arrived here recently from Da Nang AB.

The 389th TFS came to the Republic of Vietnam in 1966, arriving at Phan Rang AB where it was stationed for three months. Subsequent moves to Cam

Ranh Bay and Da Nang ABs preceded the unit's arrival at Phu Cat.

Lt. Col. Robert S. McCormick, Tucson, Ariz., 389th TFS commander, brought the first of the squadron's aircraft in, followed by a complete complement of aircraft, aircrews and support personnel.

Col. Harry B. Trimble, Greenville, Tex., 37th Tactical Fighter Wing commander, and Col.

Richard C. Henry, Grand Ridge, Ill., 37th TFW vice commander along with a large group of wing and base personnel, met Colonel McCormick and his crewmen upon arrival.

Within 24 hours of the unit's arrival, crews were flying strikes against enemy targets in the Republic.

With a history which dates back to 1943, the 389th TFS brings a colorful background to Phu Cat. The unit saw combat during World War II flying P-40s out of bases in France.

Following the war, the 389th TFS was deactivated. It was reactivated prior to the Korean Conflict and also saw combat there.

389th TFS pilots were credited with six confirmed MIG kills while flying over North Vietnam prior to the Nov. 1, 1968 bombing halt.

plete the possibility of an intruder penetrating the base perimeter will be even less than it is now. The dogs will be as gentle as a kitten — until their special training is needed.

Postmen Prepare For Rush

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — The Air Force Postal and Courier Service likes to stay ahead of the Christmas power curve.

Getting Christmas mail delivered in an orderly fashion makes airmen happy and saves the Air Force the salaries of civilian temporary overtime.

Thus, in a Christmas-thoughts-in-July message to its mailmen around the world, the Air Force asked them to plan early for the Christmas rush. In order to get the mail through on time, the Air Force recommended the following dates for mailing Christmas gifts and greetings:

Surface: Oct. 13 through Nov. 8.

S.A.M. (Space Available Mail): Oct. 20 through Nov. 22.

PAL (Parcel Airlift Mail): Oct. 27 through Nov. 29.

Airmail: Dec. 1 through Dec. 13.

The Air Force said an extensive campaign will be conducted to get the American public to observe the recommended mailing dates.

In order to reach their state-side destination by Christmas Day, packages from overseas should arrive at:

East coast entry:

For delivery on east coast — surface, Dec. 14; air, Dec. 16.

For delivery in central states — surface, Dec. 10; air, Dec. 14.

For delivery on west coast — surface, Dec. 9; air, Dec. 12.

West coast entry:

For delivery on west coast — surface, Dec. 14; air, Dec. 16.

For delivery in central states — surface, Dec. 10; air, Dec. 14.

For delivery on east coast — surface, Dec. 9; air, Dec. 12.

F-100 Pilots Recognized

TUY HOA — Eight F-100 Supersabre pilots of the 31st Tactical Fighter Wing here recently received the United States Air Force's fourth highest award for gallantry, the distinguished flying cross.

Col. C.A. Pattillo, Glenwood Springs, Colo., 31st TFW commander, presented the DFC, to Maj. Richard G. Hepworth, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Captains William R. Reesman, Wooster, Ohio; Peter J. Wojnar, North Windham, Conn.; Kermit L. Fulton, Fairfield, Calif.; Daniel R. King, Tularosa, N.M.; and First Lieutenants Robert C. Smith, Miami, David C. Ladd, Falmouth, Maine, and Roger P. Busico, Pacific Grove, Calif.