



JOAN COLLINS, one of England's loveliest exports, may currently be seen in the movie "Rally 'Round The Flag, Boys".

## APT SCORE REVISED

"Those APT's are going to get tougher", remarked 1st Lt. Carl Thoene Jr., Squadron Adjutant. He said that effective with the January '59 testing cycle, minimum qualifying scores for five and seven level Airman Proficiency Tests are now 90 and 100 respectively. Formerly they were 85 and 95.

Lt. Thoene declared that before an airman can be administered a five level test, he must have a minimum of sixty days actual experience appropriate to the skill level for which he is being tested. This requires one year attendance at drills (48 in all) and 15 days summer encampment. For seven level testing,

an airman must have ninety days experience which is obtained by one and one-half years of drill attendance plus 15 days summer encampment. Prior requirements were six months for the five level and a year for the seven.

Lt. Thoene added, however, that service school attendance, correspondence courses, and comparable civilian employment were other criteria used to evaluate an airmans proficiency to take the various skill level tests. He further commented that this "tightening up" was in keeping with the airman and NCO Quality Control Program which aimed to get the most qualified person for the job.

### DRILL CHANGES

Another change in the training schedule has been made for greater OJT emphasis. Effective with this month's drill, the Squadron has been divided into two operational units. Operations Officers and tactical pilots will drill on one week end supported by Aircraft Maintenance in air technician status (full time Squadron employees); the remainder of the Squadron will drill on another week-end with limited flying time on an additional flying training period basis.

The change was instituted in order to give the bulk of the Squadron members within the maintenance area the training that they needed with no

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loss in flying per month for tactical pilots. In addition, limited general military training has been programmed.

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# GENERAL NEWS

## SUIT SHINES!

S/Sgt Robert Sun, Food Service Section, notched his sixth singles championship when he defeated Don Dietz in straight set, 21-4 and 21-16, in the Territorial Singles Handball Championship at the Central YMCA courts. Bob will team with Jim Fong in the Open Doubles tournament at the same court on 25 Feb starting at 1830. The doubles will continue through Thursday and Friday starting at 1830 and 1900 hours respectively. Their first match will be against Dick Evers and Jack Cothren, Schofield Doubles champs.

Sgt Sun, who has also copped four doubles titles, will leave in March to compete in the singles matches only at the AAU YMCA International Championship held at Cleveland from 15-21 Mar. Then he departs for Los Angeles for the US Handball Association International Meet held on 4-21 April. He will play in both the singles and doubles matches.

Bob will be representing the Air Guard in both national matches.

## MEDICAL SECTION

MCIOIC S/Sgt Toshi Watabayashi has informed us that 1/2c Matthew Pyun was assigned to the section as Medical Administrative Specialist.

Toshi also mentioned that reenlistment physicals have been temporarily suspended because of the absence of Capt Claude Caver, Medical Officer.

Toshi said that you can get those flu shots anytime.

## AIR FORCE SENIOR ADVISOR ITEM

The AFSA's office has been notified that a famous Southern general has been selected and accepted assignment here. The general will replace 1/Sgt Roy Stillwell who has been assigned to MacDill AFB, Florida, where he will

complete thirty years of service upon retirement.

Who is the general, you ask? He is 1/Sgt Robert E. Lee.

## NEW SICK CALL HOURS

Effective 21 Feb, sick call hours will be 1330-1430 on the Saturday drill and 0830-0930, 1200-1300 on the Sunday drill.

## THEY RE-UPPED!

The following airmen have reenlisted in the Squadron:

M/Sgt Robert D W Choi

T/Sgt Frederick H Rittmeister

S/Sgt Raymond M Takahashi

A/1c: Harold R Kalaiwaa, Teofilo

V Boncales, Richard H Kimura, Wallace M Akagi, David W F Mark, and Richard F Hayashi

A/2c: Robert A Suwa, Donald T S

Kin and Kenneth S Uyeno

A/3c Edwin Y Otsuji

## THESE ENLISTED!

Welcome to the following "tigers" in the Squadron:

A/B: Harold G De Mello Jr, Richard T Ishini, George J Shibata, Howard C De Costa, Richard S W Hu, and Raymond H Tasaka

## WEATHER BRIEF

Capt Allen Pearson's weather element has been undergoing an IG inspection conducted by Hickam AFB headquarters yesterday and today.

Next Drill..... 7 Mar -- Roast Beef  
8 Mar -- Fried Chicken

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Lt Col James R. Ashford, Commander  
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David Rood



WATER boils away at a simulated 90,000 feet pressure. This airman's blood also would boil without the special suit.

In most American households good food is plentiful and most of us are thick of it.

## NEW PROFICIENCY TEST FOR 6 FIELDS

Top ranking NCO's in six career fields set up shop at the Personnel Laboratory, Lackland Air Force Base Texas, during the last week of February to write new and revised Airman Proficiency Tests in their specialities.

Scheduled for overhaul are tests for Communications Operations (29); Aircraft Accessories Maintenance (42); Utilities (56); Food Service (62); Supply (64); and Printing (71). The new APT's will be ready for use during the August and September testing periods.

The developers of a new test are in all cases senior NCO's with considerable field experience brought in from the field to work in cooperation with professional test builders. As part of the package, test writers include a recommended study reference list which is available at all base education offices and base libraries.

## "ONE OF THE FINEST": GEN. PREUSS

Some thirty-five civilian guests gathered Thursday, February 26, at Wheeler Air Force Base for luncheon and to hear Air Force officers outline the mission of Wheeler in the Hawaiian defense organization.

Brig. Gen. Paul T. Preuss, Hickam Air Force Base Commander, was guest speaker. Preuss praised the Hawaii Air National Guard for their "professional skill and devotion to duty" and called the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron "one of the finest outfits in the Air Force."

Preuss, who also commands the Hawaiian Air Defense setup, detailed the mission objectives of the Air Force in protecting the Islands from surprise attack.

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## GRAY PROMOTED TO "SUPER" GRADE

M/Sgt William Gray, AF Senior Advisor's Office, was promoted to grade E-8, Senior Master Sergeant. Sgt Gray was one of 600 men in his career field who were eligible for this promotion. The list was sliced to 100 men, of which only ten were promoted.



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## NEW AIRMEN!

Aloha and welcome to A/B Henry S. Nagahara, Clarence R. Teixeira, and Roland Quijano who enlisted in the Squadron. They are assigned to the Air Police Section for pre-basic training.

## SUPPLY NEWS

The Supply Office, formerly located near the AP building, has moved to the other end of the Squadron area. They are now located in the hanger area adjacent to the new maintenance shops.

## PROMOTIONS! PROMOTIONS!

Where are those cigars, Captains Donald Giddings and Richard Furuno?

The promotion board certainly worked overtime as the following airmen are sporting new chevrons:

To M/Sgt: Wilmer C Baptiste and George Joaquin.

To T/Sgt: Alvin D Johnson and Thomas T Tsuruda.

To S/Sgt: Clement H Crowell, Stanford T H Lum, Mamoru K Minami, Michael S Yamamoto, and Hisao G Yasunaka.

To A/lc: Richard K Puua, Frederick K Sanjume, Marvin J Soh, Theodore T C Wong, and James S Yamamoto.

To A/2c: Robert F Estrella, Abraham L Hiapo, Daniel K Sakuma, John G K Hoapili Jr, Roy S Nishimoto, and Robert T Otake.

To A/3c: Nagato Kato, Albert A Keliinui, and Melvin K T Kong.

Pretty and intelligent (Phi Beta Kappa) is Miss Joanna Barnes.

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Next Drill.....4 & 5 April -- 0800-1630

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