

ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN #14, 22 APRIL 2013

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Sent: 4/22/2013 2:15:54 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time

Subj: BIEN HOA ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN, 22 APRIL 2012

FROM: 3rd Services Squadron

Sgt Joseph H. Moore, Reincarnated Squadron Chief Clerk

SUBJECT: Animal Den Occasional Bulletin

TO: All Animals and Friends of Animals

1. How's this for nostalgia? I'm remembering the Air Force format for typing messages. The below must have been done the day I arrived in-country. It would have been the same for everybody.

CHECKLIST FOR NEWLY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL

[Squadron Orderly Room, No Date]

1. Sign in individual and retain one copy of PCS orders [Signed] LJT
2. Check with assigned sponsor [Signed] LJT
3. Initiate meal card if applicable [Signed] LJT
4. Initiate locator card [Signed] LJT
5. Initiate Ration Card [Signed] LJT
6. Initiate Orientation Briefing 1400 hrs 23 Jul 68 Orderly Room
7. Inform individual of F/Sgt's briefing at 1400 hrs, each Tues [Signed] LJT
8. Set up individual for Minuteman Training 24 Jul 68

Signature of Individual Joseph H Moore

Signature of Chief Clerk Triolo [Louis J. Triolo, Jr.]

2. What was an "assigned sponsor"? Anybody remember? Was it the unit we were assigned to?

3. I know we've all been concerned about recent events in Boston. Remarkable job the authorities there did to catch the bombers so quickly! I checked with our man nearby, Whip!! Rush, in Malden, just north of Boston, and he says he and his family were unscathed. But a recent contact, a former Bien Hoa SP and present fireman with the Lincoln, Mass., FD, says that the young officer who was killed, Sean Collier, was a special duty assignee to his unit and they all knew him well and are feeling his death very much. He was the police officer at MIT who was killed by the terrorists right after the bombing, age 26, as I recall. Our sympathy goes out to his family, friends and co-workers, as to the other three people killed, and the many wounded.

4. Here is a 1967 pic which Rich, Ron and I have at last identified as the old sandbag bunker by the shower hut just NE of our Hut 351 (from Ron's photo collection). Does anybody besides Rich and me remember it? We're trying to get some idea of when it was taken down. It was there when I arrived in-country in July 68, and I thought I remembered it in March 69, but now am not so sure. Can anybody help with this? This view was taken from outside the dayroom door of 351, looking east. You will remember the blue wooden fence that was put up after the bunker was removed, before one of our men removed the wooden fence!

[Photo did not copy for this post]

5. Animal Den Roster as of this date, with current locations and e-mail addresses:

1. hitemor@aol.com, Joseph H. H. Moore, Hampton, GA. Admin Spec, Orderly Room Chief Clerk &

Billeting Clerk: 17 July 1968-13 July 1969.

2. Jrush4211@aol.com, James R. "Jim" Whip!!" Rush, Malden, MA. Cook: 24 December 1968-12 (?) December 1969.

3. tonycard123@gmail.com, Anthony J. "Tony" Cardullo, Augusta, GA. Cook: February 1969-February 1970; and he had a second tour in Nam after that.

4. rmoyle@nc.rr.com, Richard E. "Rich" Moyle, Durham, NC. Linen Supply: 20 May 1967-22 July 1969.

5. rmenow@live.com, Raymond E. "Ray" Nenow, Forest City, NC. Cook: 1969-1970

6. rodo48@adelphia.net, Ronald E. "Ron" Mahar, North Adams, MA. Billeting & Special Duties & Driver: September 1967-September 1968

7. g_pagaminglasvegas@cox.net, Richard D. "Ric" Vetter, Las Vegas, NE. Cook: 7 February-11 March 1969 (then to Phu Cat, 12 March 1969-11 February 1970).

8. richardmrph44@gmail.com, Richard "Dick" Murphy, Roseville, CA. Cook: 12 July 1969-8 July 1970. (Dick was at DaNang 30 December 1970-23 May 1971; and Pleiku, 23 May 1971-19 December 1971.)

9. amurph54@hotmail.com, Vincent P. "Murph" Murphy, Penn Valley, CA. Squadron Security Officer, Squadron Supply Officer, Base Mortuary Officer, succeeded Lieutenant Colonel J L Whitaker as Squadron Commander: June 1968-12 June 1969.

10. numbersch13@comcast.net, Herman R. "Rick" Leigh, Charles Town, West Virginia. Cook: February 1968-February 1969.

11. frogswitch@hotmail.com, Philip "Phil" Duty, Harrisburg, PA, Billeting Clerk: May 1968-9 May 1969.

12. papqcrh@verizon.net. Pete Petrosky, Vermont, 3rd Transportation Squadron, Motor Pool; 1967-1968.

13. hinton1000@aol.com. Fred Long, Hinton, West Virginia: 604th Air Commando Squadron and present-day A-37 Association; 31 July 1967-24/25 July 1968.

6. For general convenience, here are the e-mail addresses all together to make it easier for anyone to send a mailing to the entire group by selecting all of them and pasting them into the address box:

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7. Fred Long has been made overall editor for the upcoming book on the history of the A-37 Association at Bien Hoa. Remember those "sports jets" of the Air Force? They have a great web site at <http://a-37.org/>.

8. There is a book out titled "Surviving Bien Hoa" by Steve Crews, privately published by Trafford (printed on order), 2012. You can order it through Amazon.com, too. Steve Crews was assigned as an Airman and A1C to the 8th Aerial Port Squadron, Det. 5, at Bien Hoa, Oct 71-Oct 72. He gives an interesting picture of the base as compared to our times there. He arrived in October 1971 when the US had moved entirely over to the East Side, and he was there during much of the draw-down of US troops, which really changed the lives of our remaining troops in-country by the first of 1972. (Remember the draw-down beginning in the summer of '69 and how we sympathized with those Americans who would be in-country when our numbers got low and they would have little protection? We were right.) Crews left Nam in October 1972, by which time there was practically no US air traffic at Bien Hoa, and because there was no longer any need for his specialty in the US (or in Nam), he got sent to the Philippines for a year right after

Nam.

He gives account of the big attack of 1 August 1972 when the Airman's Annex was completely destroyed---a lot of our own memories went up in that one---the Aerial Port was torn up, and much other damage done. It's hard to realize, though, that by October 1971, the Base Theater, Post Office, swimming pool, gym, all the clubs (NCO/Officers, Enlisted, etc.) as well as all the US living quarters, were over on the East Side, and everything we knew on the West Side was given over to the Vietnamese troops. I wonder if any of you who were there into 1970 remember the beginnings of the draw-down at Bien Hoa. We hadn't even finished building the damned base before we packed up and left it! What a waste! In more ways than one!

I'm glad I was there when I was---a lucky time, after Tet and before the draw-down. They didn't even have decent base defense in 1971-72, and had augmentees pulling guard duty in place of SPs because so many of the SPs were gone, and the augmentees weren't even armed! Can you imagine pulling outside, perimeter guard duty unarmed? God!

9. A final bit of nostalgia (hope AOL doesn't mangle it too badly in sending):

FROM: 3rd Services Squadron 24 Sep 68
SUBJECT: Rocket Damage Assessment
TO: Personnel Concerned

1. In the event of rocket or mortar attack, it is necessary to check all 3rd Services Squadron buildings and equipment for damage. The following areas will be the responsibility of the personnel indicated.

2. How you determine who will make the checks of the facilities after the attacks will be your responsibility.

However, if the check is not made, all who were assigned will answer.

3. The check will be made only after the all clear has been sounded. Assessment reports will be called in to Capt Murphy at duty ext 2046, or barracks ext 3104. In the event no one answers, contact Lt Col Whitaker, duty ext 2046, or barracks ext 3276. If the telephones are inoperative, you must utilize the most expedient means of making your report.

4. Areas and responsible personnel:

a. Msgt Trevino, SSgt Stark, SSgt Lassiter:
Dining Hall #3 BX Warehouse Supply Warehouse
Bldg 3195 BX Trailers

b. MSgt Rager, SSgt Wheeler, SSgt Green:
Bldg 56 Dining Hall #2
Bldg 57 Hut #5

c. SSgt Buck, MSgt Stewart, Sgt Triolo, Sgt Moore:
Orderly Room Dining Hall #1

d. TSgt Rains, TSgt Beard:
Clothing Sales Store
Clothing Sales Warehouse
Bldg 351

e. Billeting clerk on duty:
VOQ Tents
TAQ

VINCENT P. MURPHY, Capt, USAF
Security Officer

(End of Bulletin)

From: richardmrph44@gmail.com
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Sent: 4/22/2013 9:27:01 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: BIEN HOA ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN, 22 APRIL 2012

I was an Augmentee all the time at Bien Hia from 7/69-7/70. I was armed whenever they called us out. They talked about all of us leaving Nam while I was there. Disappointing since the job wasn't finished

Sent from my iPhone
Dick Murphy

From: rnenow@gmail.com
To: hitemor@aol.com
Sent: 4/22/2013 11:02:20 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Great Bulletin

What a great bulletin!!!! That bunker was not there when I arrived in late Feb 69. I'm looking for some pics I have looking that direction.

Ray Nenow

From: Jrush4211@aol.com
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Sent: 4/22/2013 5:43:13 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: Re: BIEN HOA ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN, 22 APRIL 2012

great job again joe. i do not remember seeing that bunker when i was there. the one i remember was out the back door of hut 351 and left. it was as i remember like a small room. but maybe its me. the only time i remember going was when sgt. estenson came in and ordered the card game that was going on, to get out NOW. we all went out then and the card game continued. i'm sure there were other times we went, but there were times that we rode it out in the hut. to update my arrival date, its dec.24 1968. i will never, ever forget that date. thanks again joe. keep up the good work. whip!!!!

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Sent: 4/23/2013 12:09:29 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subj: CORRECTION TO BIEN HOA ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN, 22 APRIL 2012

FROM: J. Moore
SUBJECT: Correction to Phil Duty's Location
TO: Animals

1. Sorry, again, Phil, for the error. Phil lives in Harrisburg, Penn., not Pittsburgh! Please correct.
2. Capt. Murphy's letter of 24 Sep 68 regarding Rocket Damage Assessment reveals a moment frozen in time in which 3rd SVS buildings are listed as follows:
 - a. Dining Halls 1, 2, & 3
 - b. Bldg 3195 (Someone please refresh my memory as to what this was; it must have been something over on the East Side, as its number would indicate---the other buildings listed with it [DH 3, warehouses, etc.] were on the East Side,

and I guess Trevino, Stark and Lassiter must have lived on the East Side, huh?)

c. BX Warehouse

d. BX Trailers

e. Supply Warehouse

f. Bldgs 56 & 57 (Were these the two huts we had down near DH 1 and the Flight line? Rick Leigh, you lived down there; which one was your hut? Whip, you lived there briefly; do you remember which hut?)

g. Hut 5 (This was our NCO Hut near Clothing Sales Store)

h. Orderly Room (At the time of the letter, the OR was in a building across the soccer field from the NCO Club [Bldg. 519]. It was later moved to a location next to the then-Food Services Staff Office [in the West Cantonment area]. Does anybody remember what that OR building number was? And exactly where it was located?) (Seems our OR got moved about once a year; I know in '67 it was behind the Base Theater near the old Billeting Office, back when that was a hut.)

i Clothing Sales Store

j. Clothing Sales Warehouse

k. VOQ (Billeting Office in my day)

l. TAQ (Transient Airmen's Quarters. Where were they in relation to the VOQ?)

m. Tents (These were strung out down the road north of Linen Exchange. Pretty primitive accommodations for when we had an overflow of transient airmen/army troops.)

3. Does anybody remember the number of the hut immediately east of 351 that became a 3rd SVS hut, when I think both huts down near DH 2 were given to another squadron? Some of you lived in this hut at times; it was longer than 351 and held more men. [Not really longer; just seemed that way.]

4. Also the hut across from the long one, the hut next to the shower hut---anybody remember when 3rd SVS got it, or its number? Was it an NCO hut?

Joe

From: ronmahar@gmail.com
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Subj: Re: Showers, with and without the bunker

Yup, I think a talk is in order, Thursday 7-8? Looking at the pics I do recall that little rat bunker but never used it. You have to remember I was special---a driver---so I got to go in the big bunker with the in-crowd. I still have phantom pain in my feet and toes from crawling across the street to the bunker across from the office. Hondo out

From: Jrush4211@aol.com
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Sent: 4/23/2013 5:58:45 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time

Subj: Re: CORRECTION TO BIEN HOA ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN, 22 APRIL 2012

don't remember the hut that leigh and i lived in. all i remember that it was real close to the terminal and fight line. i think sgt. trevino was my first boss at dinning hall # 1. his girlfriend was the one we call " smiley. do you remember her joe ? the guy who replaced trevino was a black sgt. but i can't remember his name. hope this helps. whip

Sent from my iPad
