

CHING CHUAN KANG ROCAFB, TAIWAN

July 6, 1968

Field Maintenance Squadron (FMS); and Roland L. Creekmore, 345th TAS.

Those promoted to Staff Sergeant are Ronald W. Bryan and Johannes Deroon, 4220th; Joseph D. Shultz, Supply; Clifford L. Fox and Jerry Williams, CSG; John F. Henry and Douglas L. Maxwell, 314th FMS; Dennis C. McCauley and Calvin E. McLaughlin, 345th TAS; Norman P. O'Brien Jr. and William G. Ruppell III, 314th TAW; James O. Akers Jr., 776th TAS; and Richard L.

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unning-THE YOUNGEST CREW-The youngest commander of the 50th Tactical Airlift Squadron. Three ationals of the crew members above were born the year the unit flew its first combat mission. Standing (left to right) are lst Lt. Fletcher A. Hatch III, 25, Col. Clayton L. Balch, laundry [commander, First Lieutenants Britt Blaser and Jon R. Alexander, 25. Kneeling are Horace R. Gaines, 24, and SSgt. John C. Packard. (USAF PHOTO BY AIC VICTOR Hospital. ATWELL)

## 50th TAS Sets Banquet For Silver Anniversary

The 50th Tactical Airlift Squadron will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its initial combat mission with a banquet in the Airman's Club next Saturday.

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Members of the squadron will be present and the 50th's adopted Republic of China line for Air Force sister squadron, nicknamed the "Sky Wolf," has also been invited.

> Col. Clayton L. Balch, Squadron commander is preparing a scroll which will list the names of past members of the unit.

Present for the celebration will be two individuals who participated in the first combat mission of the squadron. Lt. Col. George P. Tarr was a 50th pilot on its initial mission over Gela, Sicily, in July, 1943. Jim Murone, a Lockheed Technical representative here, was one of the 82nd Airborne paratroopers dropped on the mission.

In a congratulatory message, Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, commander of 13th Air Force said, "On behalf of

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# Base Tops FY 1968 Cost Reduction Goal

Cost Reduction officials Materiel officer for the 6217th

Ward, assistant Cost Reduction monitor for the base, from 1st Lt. Lewis G. Stevens four Savings Actions submitted IV, 6217th Civil Engineering by officers and airmen lifted Squadron. He evaluated

\$67,500 savings credit for the \$6,400. disposition of a Liquid Oxygen Lt. Col. Royal H. Grubb, plant. CMSgt. Leonard J. Cost Reduction monitor, Perrault, formerly with Base expressed his appreciation for Fuels Management, received the unit monitors who helped \$1,000 for the suggestion. He is now at Chanute AFB, Ill.

MSgt. Melvin A. Adams of the 6217th Supply Squadron added another \$28,400 when his suggestion to recap tires was accepted. Over a threeyear period the savings is \$109,000.

The cost of approximately 400 new tires used each year was \$68,820 for the base. Recaping price for the same number is \$14,635. Because the life of the tire is 75 per cent of a new one, the yearly savings is \$40,639.

Capt. Merle E. Harris,

announced last week that USAF Hospital, reviewed all Ching Chuan Kang ROCAFB medical requirements for the exceeded its Cost Reduction U.S. Air Force in the Republic goal by \$800. The goal for of China and, through deleting fiscal year 1968 was \$124,000. items not needed, came up According to Capt. K. L. with a \$19,600 savings.

The final savings came CCK above the goal. equipment requirements and Largest of these was a came up with a savings of

the 6217th Combat Support Group reach and exceed its goal. Although the fiscal year 1939 goal has not been set by Pacific Air Forces,

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#### Language Lab Built By A&E

The students of Providence College in Taichung now have a completely new language laboratory thanks to the efforts of the 314th Armament and Electronics Maintenance Squadron.

Work on the lab, which has been under way for some time, was recently completed and the students of the college the equipment immediate use.

Squadron members, working under the direction of TSgt. Lauren L. Pfaff and A1C Thomas Hopen, did most of the work in the lab themselves. Installation and wiring of the equipment and painting of the lab was all handled by the base personnel.

In all, 16 to 20 squadron members worked in the lab during the past few months. Following the completion of the work, they also gave the school officials full operating instructions for the equipment.

The lab provides training for 24 students at one time.

### Airman To Attend Air Force Academy Preparatory School

A Personnel Specialist here has been selected to attend the Air Force Academy Preparatory School at Colorado Springs, Colo.

A1C Wayne E. O'Dell, works in officer who assignments, was notified of acceptance to the school June 28 and, as the CHING CHUAN KRIER went to press, expected to leave here this weekend. The school begins July 25.

The nine-month long school provides the prospective Academy cadet with the

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A1C O'Dell