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FLAMEOUT

It was a close call yesterday for Major Melvin Yen. His F-102 engine flamed out at 35,000 feet north of Oahu. Major Yen was not able to restart the engine, and he had to make some crucial decisions. For one thing, where to attempt a landing. Dillingham was close, but had no emergency facilities. Honolulu International wasn't as close. He probably could have made it, but the heavy traffic was a factor.

Major Yen elected to try for the Barber's Point Naval Air Station. With his wingman, Captain Thomas Haine, watching him all the way, Major Yen made a perfect, dead-stick landing. There was no damage to the plane, and a Marine helicopter returned Major Yen to Hickam.

It was a close call, but Major Yen's cool handling of the emergency was exemplary. The Major, incidentally, is the Group Safety Officer.

NEW JET JOCKEYS

Two new pilots have joined the 199th FIS. They are Captain Harold Simpson, who transfers to HANG from the Texas Air National Guard in Houston, and Captain Paul Eckel from the Arizona Air National Guard in Tucson. Both men are pilots with Continental Airlines.

ROYAL GUARD MEETING

There will be a meeting of all Royal Guardsmen, and anyone who is interested in joining the Royal Guard, this afternoon at 2:30 in the Mess Hall.

AWARDS

Captain Melvin E. Souza has been awarded the HANG Outstanding Interceptor Pilot Award for his demonstration of outstanding and noteworthy performance of his pilot duties during Fiscal Year 1968.

And up at the 169 ACW Squadron, Capt. Waichi Kikuta has received the George T. Miki Memorial Trophy as the outstanding Weapons Director during the Fiscal Year. As noted elsewhere, Capt. Kikuta was also recently promoted to Major.

Our congratulations to both of these men, and also a K-Moku "well done" to Captain Norman C. Ault Jr., and to MSgt Calvin Y. K. Chong, who have completed 20 years of honorable and faithful service in the Hawaii National Guard.

PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to the following named officers and airmen, promoted recently to the grade indicated:

169 ACW Sq

Major Waichi Kikuta

201st Mbi Com Sq

Major Kazuo Yamamoto

199th FIS

2nd Lt Randall G. Kim (fm A1C)

154 CSS

A1C Wilfred K.L.L.Y. Ching

A1C Robert H. Chinen

A1C Elpidio R. Tivera

A1C Wayne P. Wakeman

154 Supply Sq

A1C Gerald N. Yamada

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NEXT DRILL

The next weekend drill is set for the 17th and 18th of August.

PAY RAISE

A pay raise for military and Federal civilian personnel went into effect on the first of this month. The average increase for military personnel is 6.9 percent in basic pay.

The increases are the second of three boosts provided in the Uniformed Services Pay Act of 1967. A third stage raise will take effect on July 1, 1969.

A basic airman gets a \$6.60 increase under this latest raise. That's per month, and we're not sure just how the increase affects those of us on weekend drill. You will just have to see how much your paycheck goes up. The whole thing is too complicated to figure out for reserve people, and anyway the ten per cent income tax hike just about makes the pay increase academic. They gives it, and they takes it away!!

TWO HANG PILOTS AT CLARK

The first two pilots from the 199th FIS to volunteer for active duty under the "Palace Alert" program left Hawaii this past Thursday. Before they left, Majors Jon Parrish and Gerald Sada were given a sendoff by the air techs and by HANG Commander Brig. Gen. Valentine Siefertman. Both men received leis, and the best wishes of the officers and men of the 154th.

Major Sada and Major Parrish are now at Clark AFB in the Philippines, undergoing survival training. After that, they could be rotated into South Vietnam, to fly Air Defense missions. Their tours of active duty will last 90 days, and the entire Palace Alert program, which was the brainchild of PACAF and the Hawaii Air National Guard, is expected to last two years or more.

THE "JUG" SEARCH

As many of you may be aware, the 154th Fighter Group wants to obtain a P-47 for inclusion in our museum of aircraft flown by the Hawaii Air Guard. Captain Eddie Anderson, Group PAO, is the project officer for this effort.

A few months ago, this office placed stories in several national and worldwide publications, asking for help from anyone who might know where we could find a "Jug". Most important, of course, was to locate one that we would be able to obtain, preferably for nothing.

Well, the response was quite unexpected. We now have leads on Jugs everywhere from an air field in Turkey to the Air Forces of several Latin American countries.

Soldiers in Thailand and South Vietnam wrote to tell us where they had seen Jugs. Retired military personnel wrote about Jugs they had known of ten or more years ago. One individual told us about a P-47 he knows is still lying in about 50 feet of water just off an island in the South Pacific where it crashed 28 years ago!

By far the most mentioned plane was one which stands outside the American Legion building in the little town of Manchester, New York. To date, we have nearly 25 letters telling us about that old relic, and all of the letters seem to think the owners, the Legion Post, would part with the plane to someone who'll give it a good home.

Captain Anderson visited New York last month, and he's now working on obtaining that P-47, serial number 489425, for our museum. We'll keep you posted on the progress.