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REFUEL

Sailors job a real gas

(See pages 6 and 7)

GOT A MATCH? This really wouldn't be the right place to ask anyone to light a cigarette. It might cause an unexpected cessation of life. Aviation Bulk Fuelmen 2d Class Chic Carl (left) and Leslie H. Richmond are transferring fuel from a ship at the docks to one of their trucks which will take it to the fuel farm. (Photo by Sgt. Bill Walker)

'Fuel Farmers' reap bountiful harvest from acreage, yields gallons of crops

Story and photos by Sgt. Bill Walker

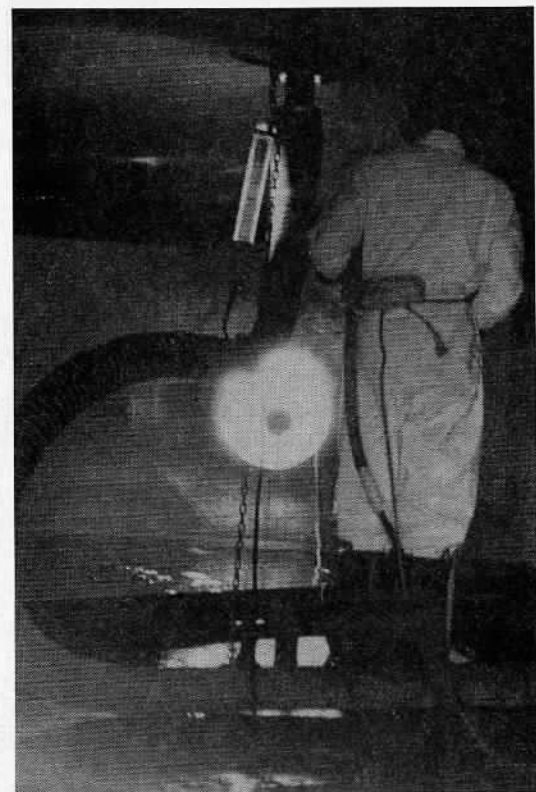
Those tank cleaning, fuel pumping, truck driving, land-locked Sailors handle every fluid ounce of fuel that comes aboard the Air Station.

"My men do all this and more," pointed out Aviation Bulk Fuelman 1st Class Vern L. Stella, Fuels Branch, Station Supply, better known as Station Refuel or the "Fuel Farmers."

"This 11-man detail works some long, hard hours. Sometimes we might work till midnight to unload a tanker," continued the 27-year-old NCOIC.

50 TANKERS YEARLY

"We handle about 50 tankers a year which is an oddity in



CLEAN-UP TIME—Machinist Mate 3d Class Sodero N. Morales cleans one of the large fuel storage tanks at the fuel farm aboard the Air Station to ensure the tanks are pollution free and will not contaminate the fuel.

itself. Not every air station receives fuel from tankers as we do. This means we handle several million gallons of fuel per year and that's a tough, demanding job," pointed out the seven-year veteran.

That sounds like, and is, a lot of fuel. However, the pilots aboard the Air Station can testify that it takes many, many gallons to operate the different types of aircraft flown here. Also, civilian and military vehicles require a tremendous amount of gasoline. With this large amount of fuel being used, the Corps and Navy have tried to find ways to save and use properly all fuel.

COST SAVING PLAN

"The Department of the Navy has come up with a cost saving plan," interjected Farmer Stella. "We take the contaminated fuel out of the jets and, through a mixture process, we use it in the boilers that provide the heat aboard the Station. This is just one method we use to cut down on wasted fuel."

Whenever a plane goes into the water or a ship loses some fuel overboard, Refuel is the only outfit aboard the Station which can pick up this fuel, separate it from the dirt and water and use it in some other capacity.

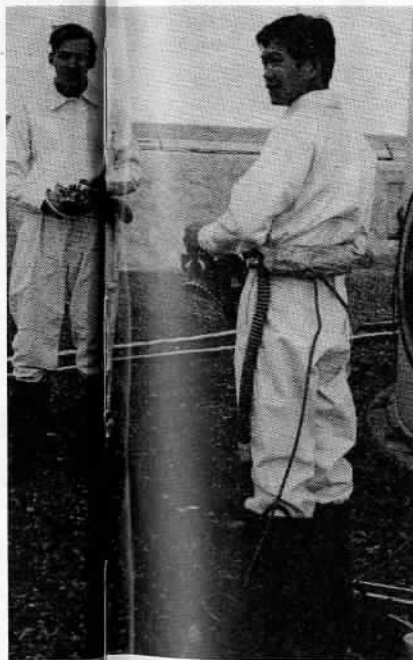
TWO METHODS

Fuel Farmers have two methods of doing this. The first consists of using a rubber coated styrofoam ring that is placed around the fuel in the water and is able to contain it. Then a hose is lowered into the water, with one end attached to a pump aboard the boat, and the fuel and water is pumped

aboard to later be separated and used. The second technique requires using an item known as an absorbing pad, that will attract fuel but repel water and is easy to position between the rocks along the shoreline.

NICE CLEAN JOB

One of the really nice, clean jobs is when the Sailors have to enter one of the storage tanks at the fuel farm and clean it. This is a dirty, tough, dangerous job. The tanks have to be emptied, opened up and then the work begins. The men have to wear protective masks at all times. "The aviation gas is the most dangerous, having a high tetraethyl lead content. These fumes could kill you if anything ever happened to your mask," explained Aviation Bulk Fuelman 2d Class John C. Mihoch.



YOU'RE KIDDING—Aviation Bulk Fuelman 2d Class John C. Mihoch (left) and Machinist Mate 3d Class Sodero N. Morales have a look of disbelief on their faces about going into the fuel tank and cleaning it up.

PAINT AND MOW

"When not cleaning tanks, we paint in the winter and mow in the summer," added Machinist Mate 1st Class Wayne A. Schreve. Anyone in the military can testify that these are two of the plebeian jobs which have to be done, but the men of Station Refuel are no different in attitude than men anywhere else. So, on a cold, windy or super hot day, they can be heard muttering to themselves, "who wanted this done on a day like this."

QUALITY SURVEILLANCE

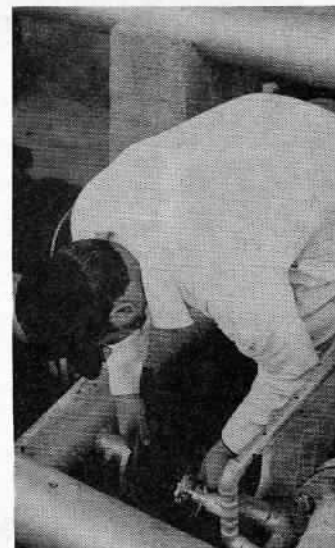
One of those who does the ordering is Navy Lieutenant Daniel M. Coats, Division OIC for Refuel. Lt. Coats pointed out, "Quality surveillance is very high on the priority list at Station Refuel. We take tests of our fuel and exchange these with other air stations throughout the Pacific to see if our fuel is as clean as theirs. I think PO1 Stella and his men do an excellent job," stated the 22-year veteran.

"CAN HANDLE IT"

Aviation Bulk Fuelman 2d Class Charles D. Carl and Machinist Mates 2d Class J. Curry Gauthier and Robert L. Reed agree that the work is rough, but "we can handle it" was the most popular slogan. They also stressed that Refuel was a close knit group both on and off duty.

These aren't the only things which the Fuel Farmers do, but are the highlights of a not-so-very-glamorous business.

Take all these factors, add them together and one conclusion is almost inescapable... the land-locked Sailors of Refuel work very hard feeding gas to their Marine Corps...BUDDIES ???



LOOSEN-UP—Aviation Bulk Fuelman 2d Class Chic Carl works hard trying to loosen-up one of the many valves which have to be checked at various times to ensure they are all in working order.



FILL 'ER UP PLEASE—Machinist Mate 2d Class Robert L. Reed passes up a fuel line to fill a C-117 aircraft. This is one of the cleaner jobs at Refuel.

Seabag's sad saga solvable says salty Sam

Story by PFC Lee Grant
Art by F. Takeo

Hi. I'm Sam Seabag. You don't know me, but my owner, PFC E. Twoo, knows me. He doesn't know where I am and he's worried. I contain all the articles which are important to him. But I know he's doing something to locate me. Right now, he's probably down at the air freight office in Iwakuni taking the proper steps to reunite us.

Let me see, oh yes. SSgt. Allen Christenson, NCOIC of the air freight office down there, can help my owner. I remember one of my friends telling me how he and his owner were brought back together by those folks.

My buddy said the first thing his owner did was to contact the lost and found representative at the air freight office in Bldg. 777. The representative then had the owner look at some pictures of luggage until he found the picture of my friend. It's almost like being a centerfold. They call the book an Air Force baggage manual. Then the representative showed the owner the bags which had been turned into lost and found and checked the bag's tag numbers. He wasn't there.

The next thing the air freight guys did was to send out what they call a tracer, a message to all the air terminals between Iwakuni and the owner's departure point. Most bags are found this way.

"Now come the waiting period," according to SSgt. Christenson. The air freight personnel keep tabs on all replies to the tracers, and, if fate is kind, they receive an answer the bags were found and are being sent here on the next available flight. If all tracers are negative, the hapless owner will receive a baggage

irregular report form.

This report is the owner's claim of what pieces of military gear were lost. The completed form is given to the squadron claims officer. He in turn provides the owner with a form for lost civilian items.

"When filing a claim to CMC," stressed Christenson, "don't lie. There is always the chance it will be found." Christenson recalled a time when someone put in a claim for approximately \$2,000, but the lost items, when found, were actually worth about \$150. A claimant who falsifies a report can be charged with fraud.

Military clothing can be replaced almost immediately at cash sales; however, reimbursement for civilian items may take as long as six months.

Payment for civilian gear takes so long because the claim has to be sent to CMC, where it is decided if the dollar amount claimed represents the true value of the lost items.

Lost baggage may be found months later, such as in the case of my friend, but, even if the owner has rotated back to the States, air freight will forward the baggage because the message and description of lost items is kept forever.

One thing which may help misplaced gear to be returned sooner is to keep one copy of travel orders in each piece of baggage during movement. So, should luggage be lost, if orders are in them, the situation is in the bag.

Well, until they track me down, I might as well enjoy the travel. This is my third trip to Cubi in the last two weeks and I've got a date with this good looking handbag.....



This week on FEN

Saturday

11:00 Cartoon carnival
11:30 Electric Company
12:30 Make a Wish
1:00 To be announced
2:30 Greatest Sports Legends
3:00 Water World
3:30 Movie: Marco Polo Jr. (fantasy)
5:00 NFL in Review
5:30 Face the Nation
6:00 Ben Vereen Comin at Ya!
7:00 World at War
8:00 Tony Orlando and Dawn
9:00 Hawaii Five-O
10:00 Barnaby Jones
11:00 Movie: Crucible of Terror (horror)

12:30 Saturday Night Live with Howard Cosell

Sunday

11:00 Music and the Spoken Word
11:30 Spring Street
12:00 Christopher Close-Up
12:30 Info: The Best of Magazine
1:30 Movie: Gallant Hours (drama)
3:30 Merv Griffin
4:30 Wild Kingdom
5:00 The Lieutenant
6:00 Mission Impossible
7:00 Rhoda
7:30 Movin' On
8:30 M*A*S*H
9:00 Columbo
10:40 Cannon
11:40 Mannix

12:30 Sacred Heart

Monday

11:00-1:00 Sports
4:30 Fitness Is Fun
4:45 Entertainment shorts
5:00 M*A*S*H
5:30 Animal World
6:00 Flying Nun
6:30 News
7:00 Odd Couple
7:30 Barney Miller
8:00 You Asked for It
8:30 Mary Tyler Moore
9:00 S.W.A.T.
10:00 News
10:15 Star Trek
11:05 Patrocelli

Tuesday

11:00-1:00 Sports
4:30 Fitness Is Fun

4:45 Entertainment shorts

5:00 S.W.A.T.
6:00 Flying Nun
6:30 News
7:00 Name That Tune
7:30 Jefferies
8:00 Movie: Snatched (mystery)

9:30 Sanford and Son
10:00 News
10:15 Longstreet
11:15 Barnaby Jones

Wednesday

11:00-1:00 Sports
4:30 Fitness Is Fun
4:45 Entertainment shorts
5:00 Star Trek
6:00 Flying Nun
6:30 News
7:00 Maude
7:30 All in the Family

8:00 Carol Burnett
9:00 Medical Story
10:00 News
10:15 Movie: How Green Was My Valley (drama)

Thursday

11:00-1:00 Sports
4:30 Fitness Is Fun
4:45 Entertainment shorts
5:00 Longstreet
6:00 Flying Nun
6:30 News
7:00 Good Times
7:30 Phyllis
8:00 Cher
9:00 Archer
10:00 News
10:15 Young Lawyers
11:10 Cannon

Club highlights

Enlisted

Saturday - Charlie and the Cannonballs 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. (m); Texans 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. (w)

Sunday - Bingo 1 p.m. (m); Wisdom 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. (m)

Tuesday - Wisdom 7:30-11 p.m. (w)

Thursday - Texans 7:30-11 p.m. (w)

Staff NCO

Saturday - Ghost Riders 7 p.m.-midnight; steak special 2 p.m.

Sunday - Texans 7 p.m.-midnight; buffet 4:30 p.m.

Monday - Movie: Shaft in Africa (w)

Tuesday - Bingo

Officer

Saturday - Embers 6 p.m.

Sunday - Mothers' Day special 5 p.m.; Wisdom 5-7 p.m.; movie: The Creeping Flesh

Monday - Movie: Jesus Christ Super Star

Wednesday - Wisdom 4:30-7:30 p.m.; fish 'n' chips 5 p.m.; movie: The Solid Gold Kidnapping

Thursday - German night 5 p.m.

Now showing:

your guide to
movie entertainment
at the Sakura

Saturday 1 p.m. - The Solid Gold Kidnapping - TV - drama - Lee Majors portrays astronaut/superman Steve Austin who turns super spy to track down a special Presidential adviser who has been kidnapped and is being held prisoner for a ransom of \$1 billion in gold. (87 min.)

Saturday 6 p.m. - Jesus Christ Super Star - G - musical - A cast of young people reenact the last days of Christ but tell the story as a rock opera. (96 min.)

Saturday 8:30 p.m. - The Creeping Flesh - PG - horror - Christopher Lee is a doctor whose life is turned into pure terror when he brings back a strangely evil skeleton from New Guinea in the hope it will help him in conducting experiments to find a serum to cure evil in mankind.

Sunday 1 p.m. - You'll Never See Me Again - TV - mystery - David Hartman searches for missing wife Jessica Walton but all clues to her disappearance point to his having murdered her. (80 min.)

Sunday 6 p.m. - Happy Mothers' Day, Love George - TV - drama - Searching for his parents, young Ron Howard returns to a small New England town where he encounters a trio of eccentric and murderous female relatives. (92 min.)

Sunday 8:30 p.m. - Tales That Witness Madness - R - horror - Jack Hawkins investigates Donald Pleasance's clinic and learns of four cases of seemingly classical madness which convince him Pleasance is insane. (90 min.)

Monday 6 p.m. - The Solid Gold Kidnapping

Monday 8:30 p.m. - The Legend of Boggy Creek - G - documentary - In the remote reaches of Arkansas, the populace is afraid of a monstrous, evil smelling, upright figure capable of incredible speed and given to voicing a horrendous shriek. (87 min.)

Tuesday 6 p.m. - Jesus Christ Super Star

Tuesday 8:30 p.m. - The Creeping Flesh

Wednesday 6 p.m. - You'll Never See Me Again

Wednesday 8:30 p.m. - Tales That Witness Madness

Thursday 6 p.m. - No movie, IG brief

Thursday 8:30 p.m. - Massacre in Rome - PG - war drama - As the Allies approach Rome, Gestapo chief Richard Burton disregards his conscience to carry out the execution of a group of prisoners but is opposed by priest Marcello Mastroianni. (104 min.)



BIG ATTRACTION - One of the most viewed displays at Friendship Day this year was the Harrier flight demonstration. The large crowd at last year's demonstration, pictured above, was equaled by this year's turnout. Next week's TORII TELLER will feature several pages depicting the activities of Japanese and Americans during Friendship Day.

Torii action ads

For sale - 1971, yellow, 360cc Daihatsu van, good condition, JCI good til May '77, \$350. Large transformer, new condition, 1.8 KVA, for use in Japan, \$20. Capt. Donald Pardue 3959 dwh.

For sale - 1973, grey, 1000cc Datsun station wagon, 2-dr., JCI/Inspection good til July '76, recent tune up, runs good, \$198. CPO Lee Entrekun 4351 dwh, 4930 awb.

Wanted - Person having experience with a treasure hunter/metal detector. Contact MSgt. Daniel Wisneski 4231 dwh, 21-7957 awb.

For sale - 1973, blue, 350cc Honda CB motorcycle, JCI good til May '77, good running condition, available now, \$300. SSgt. Ronnie West 3983 dwh.

For sale - 1968, green, 1000cc Sunny, excellent running condition, JCI/Inspection good til Oct. '77, \$375/best offer, 8,000 BTU air conditioner, \$100. Fan, \$25. 2 electric heaters, large/small, \$30. PO2 Marquez 4967 dwh/awb.

Free - 4 puppies, small, brown/white, six weeks old. Lt. J.R. Philson 4416/4096 dwh.

For sale - Trailer #29 in C area, 2 bedrooms, washer/dryer, air conditioner, drapes, heaters, available now. SSgt. Prigmore 4531 dwh, 4841 awb.

For sale - General Electric washer/dryer, good condition, \$100. GySgt. P.L. Meadors 4495 dwh, 5126 awb.

For sale - 1971, white, 360cc Minica, JCI good til Aug. '77, AM/FM radio, outstanding condition, \$300. MSgt. Duffin 4601/3582 dwh.

For sale - 3 amp transformer, \$10. Japanese electric

What's for chow

Officer	Enlisted
Saturday	
Lunch - sandwiches	veal
Supper - beef pot pie	spareribs
Sunday	
Supper - chicken steak	beef/ham
Monday	
Lunch - sandwiches	Stroganoff
Supper - ham	pepper steak
Tuesday	
Lunch - sandwiches	ham
Supper - steak	turkey
Wednesday	
Lunch - sandwiches	spaghetti
Supper - chicken	pork
Thursday	
Lunch - Mexican food	chili
Supper - liver	roast beef
Friday	
Lunch - sandwiches	seafood

Marines defend Charleston

CHARLESTON, S.C., May 12, 1978 - Marines fought ashore today as part of the defending force of the city. The city fell under the British attack and was captured.

heater, \$10. SSgt. William Dyer 4274 dwh, 4829 awb.

For sale - 1969, blue, 1100cc Toyota Corolla, station wagon JCI/Inspection good til June '77, \$375. Maj. M.E. Costello 3830 dwh.

For sale - 1971, white, 360cc Subaru, 2-dr., JCI/Inspection good til March '77, excellent condition, HM3 Dennis Payne 4351 dwh.

For sale - Baby's travel fold-up crib, like new, \$20. Baby's high chair, complete, used less than 4 months, \$30. Together, \$45. CPO Lee Entrekun 4351 dwh, 4930 awb.

'Tiger' claws onto movie bill

Tickets are available at a discount from Special Services for movies playing at theaters in town.

The New Central will end its showing of Japanese films Tuesday. Replacements will be the adventure flick "Paper Tiger," with David Niven, and the documentary "Shark," a gory but true tale.

Continuing at the Kokusai are "The Great Hunting," an Italian documentary on the outdoors sport named in the title, and "Flash and the Firecat."

"The Odessa File" and "Rafferty and the Gold Dust Twins" will play until Tuesday at the Subaru. Starting Wednesday will be "Mandingo," featuring Perry King, Susan George and James Mason in this tale of slavery and degradation in the Old South, and "Frogs" which pits eccentric Ray Milland and his compatriots in a death struggle against a horde of homicidal amphibians.

Athletic Office keeps boredom away

Story and photo by LCpl. Dane C. Gregg

Have you ever caught yourself saying "There is never anything to do around this place," or "I'm so bored that I'm going to bed," even though you just got off work?

Well, be bored no longer, because help and plenty of fun is just around the corner. Where? The Athletic Office, located in the Station gym, has something for everyone, from intramural softball all the way down to small games tournaments featuring chess, checkers and even rummy.

Athletic Office personnel arrange for every athletic event that takes place here: aiding in the creation of teams, arranging the schedules, ensuring that officials are on hand for each game, and, at the end of the season, holding championship tournaments and play-offs in each sport. The sports experts even order and present trophies to the top finishers in each sport and, in most team events, give the Most Valuable Player and the Sportsmanship trophies to the top individuals.

The men behind the scene, Lt. Blake Stephens, OIC, GySgt. Bob Allen, NCOIC, and GySgt. Joseph Kendall, keep the events going like well oiled machines.

"We try to keep everyone here busy," stated Gunny Allen. "We have almost every sport or game to keep people's interest. It's up to the individual to come down and join, because we have it to offer," he added.

The summer season is replete with such events as bowling, swimming, softball, golf, tennis and small games tournaments, all taking place at one time. It's the Athletic Office officials' job to arrange every game and be sure that each league is functioning smoothly.

Probably the most popular sport has been boxing. Each time



OVERFLOW CROWD - The Athletic Office is a huge operation for just three men who schedule every athletic event that takes place on Station. The most popular spectator sport here is boxing, when overflow crowds fill the gym smoker nights.

a smoker was held, an overflow crowd was present. At the WestPac championships held here, the Station gym bulged at its sides when 2,000 fans crowded in to watch the best boxers in the Far East. The smoker season begins again this summer and extends through the winter, climaxed by the WestPac championships. Stephens and company arrange every fight, pairing off the boxers according to weight, age reach of arms, and experience.

"We don't arrange these smokers unevenly. We try to put each boxer in the ring with someone with about the same abilities and size," continued the Gunny. "We aren't about to get anyone hurt."

The big operation now is the upcoming softball season. It is hoped that 32 teams will fill the four leagues, with the season ending with a big, eight-team play-off for the title.

"Softball is the most popular team sport on base," reveals Gunny Allen. "When you stop to think that there are 32 teams with 20 men on a team, that's a lot of interest," he concluded.

Besides just getting the season started, the Office sportsmen keep up to date statistics on each individual player and team.

"We have games every night, so keeping stats is a never ending job," the athletic chief revealed. "I don't think it could be done if we all didn't like the work, it's that type of a job."

The mission of the Athletic Office is to provide a well balanced athletic program for everyone on Station, and its personnel do just that. They provides every type of sports and games for the public but, sometimes, the athletic programs don't get off the ground.

"A successful athletic program takes teamwork between this office and the interested individuals here," Gunny Allen stressed.

"We present the best program we can, but it is up to the public as to how each program will go," he added. The sports experts are open to helpful suggestions and each idea is taken into consideration and used if it seems reasonable. Anyone having a suggestion should call the Athletic Office at ext. 4605 or 3239.

If you catch yourself ever saying that "I'm bored and there's nothing to do," there is one place here that can satisfy everyone's wants and desires.... the Athletic Office. Unless you enjoy being bored.