

12 Americans Live Hard Life on Scrap of Rock Off China

Quemoy Island—Twelve Americans lead a strange and arduous life within hailing distance of the Chinese Communist shore.

They are members of the U.S. Military Assistance and

Advisory Group stationed on this beleaguered scrap of rock, 2,000 yards from Red China. Their tour of duty is considered so tough that they are reassigned after four months.

The only exception to this rule is the commander who currently is Army Col. Francis M. Clark, 49, a burly carrot-top from West Lafayette, Ind.

Col. Clark is assigned to Quemoy for a year while his wife and four children (three of them attending Purdue University, the colonel's old

school) are back in the United States.

"Frankly, I don't think four months is enough for a man to learn everything here," says the colonel. "He just gets dug in and he has to leave."

Hard Work

Besides Col. Clark, the MAAG detachment comprises a lieutenant colonel, two majors and eight non-commissioned officers.

During his time on Quemoy, the MAAG man works hard. He rises early and is out

late six days a week.

"Our job is just what the name says," said the colonel. "We advise and assist, but we don't do any actual training."

At this time, for example, the group is helping the Nationalist troops run a newly installed ammunition renovation line.

All military equipment on Quemoy is stored in the now famous underground tunnels, blasted out of rock for defensive purposes. This creates a dampness problem.

"Moisture makes ammuni-

tion deteriorate and in the past it was sent back to Taiwan for renovation. MAAG recommended that the renovation be done here," said Col. Clark.

Saves Time, Money

"Now we are breaking it down and remaking it right on the island. It saves us time and money because we don't have to ship it."

The MAAG's daily task comprises nosing into every part of the activities of the estimated 60,000 Nationalist troops (the number has never

been officially revealed) on Quemoy and making suggestions for improvements in training and methods.

Are the Chinese reluctant to take advice from the MAAG?

"No. We never have any difficulty at all. If we come up with something we think might be done we always get a hearing and it's usually adopted," said Col. Clark.

When the Americans' work is done at the end of the day, they go back to a large, airy building set on a pleasant

grassy hillock. Like every other point on Quemoy, this is in range of Communist guns.

Shelling No Worry

But shelling doesn't seem to the MAAG, any more than it does anyone else on Quemoy. There has been no serious bombardment for more than a year and no high explosive from the mainland since May.

After dinner - usually American food flown in weekly from Taiwan, but sometimes Chinese dishes - the

U.S. contingent has a distinctly limited choice of recreation.

The nightly highlight is a state-wide movie to which Chinese friends are often invited. Otherwise the men read or perhaps get up a game of volleyball.

There are no bars on Quemoy, which has only a few, relatively primitive, villages. There are also very few girls.

In the words of Col. Clark, social life at night for the 12 Americans on Quemoy "screches to a grinding halt."

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Michael Beck Observes 50th Year in Bakery Business

This is a success story in the best tradition of Horatio Alger.

But this is a true story and most of the 50 years involved were in Medford.

It concerns a young man named Michael Beck, who left his homeland, Germany, in 1910 at the age of 16 - arrived nearly penniless in

America and set forth to make his fortune.

Within two years he had worked his way across America and in mid-1912, he found himself in Tacoma, Wash. There he washed dishes and was apprenticed to a bakery. This apprenticeship was a three year plan, too slow for this ambitious man, so on

Nov. 12, 1912, he bought out the Model bakery where he worked. The purchase included one horse and a delivery wagon.

Little did he realize at that time, when just turning 18, he was beginning a long career as a baker.

He often reminisces about his first loaf of bread. He sold it for 3½ cents. Grocers at that time sold bread at six loaves for 25 cents.

Anniversary Today

Beck, his family and Beck's Bakery, are celebrating a 50th anniversary in the baking business today. Thirty-six of these 50 years have been spent in southern Oregon.

Bakeries Broker

In modern business parlance, Mike Beck could be called a broker in bakeries, particularly in his early years in Washington. He bought and sold many bakeries between 1912 and 1926, in Tacoma, Bellingham, Chehalis and Coos Bay, Ore.

Arriving in Medford in 1926, the Becks bought the old Peeries bakery and began the operation he still operates today.

While owning and operating the bakery in Medford, Beck was still active as a broker in bakeries. At various times since 1926 he has owned, operated and sold bakeries in Klamath Falls, Grants Pass, Bend, Lakeview, Redding, Calif.; Boise, Idaho; Tacoma, Wash., and Coos Bay.

Today he concerns himself only with Klamath Falls, Boise, and the Medford operation, the latter being managed by his son Alfred Beck, who is a one-third owner.

Today's bakery operates 45 trucks daily—in 1926 he started with two.

Emil Sabol Named Union Creek Ranger

Emil M. Sabol recently assumed charge of the Union Creek district, Rogue River National Forest, replacing Asa D. "Bud" Twombly, according to C. E. Brown, forest supervisor.

Sabol is a graduate of Michigan State university school of forestry in 1950. He worked several seasons for the Forest service in the Lake states and Rocky Mountain areas before receiving his initial appointment in 1952 on the Deschutes National forest, Bend. He was transferred to the Willamette National forest at McKenzie bridge in 1955 and promoted in 1958 to assistant ranger on the Salt Creek and Rigdon districts where he remained until his transfer to the Rogue River forest in September of this year.

Sabol served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force from February, 1942, to December, 1945. He was stationed in England and attained the rank of first lieutenant.

Sabol and his wife, Dorene, have three children, David, 5; Jan Renee, 3, and Patricia Ann, one month.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars.

To develop message for Tuesday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	1-10-24	1 You	31 Ideas	61 A
Taurus	21-27	2 Caution	32 Advantage	62 Arrives
May	1-19	3 You	33 Good	63 Budget
27-28-28-28	4 Try	4 See	34 Warning	64 And
GENIE	5 Very	5 Can	35 To	65 Demands
6 Can	6 Can	6 Can	36 To	66 The
7 Luxury	7 Luxury	7 Luxury	37 You've	67 Short
8 Shine	8 Shine	8 Shine	38 Promise	68 Port
9 In	9 In	9 In	39 Prepared	69 For
10-11-55	10-11-55	10-11-55	40 For	70 Trip
11-12-70	11-12-70	11-12-70	41 The	71 Clubs
12-13	12-13	12-13	42 To	72 Friend
CANCER	13-14	13-14	43 Concerning	73 Creative
14-15	14-15	14-15	44 Spend	74 Yourself
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18-19-20	18-19-20	18-19-20	48 Snap	78 Or
19-20-21	19-20-21	19-20-21	49 Faces	79 Social
20-21-22	20-21-22	20-21-22	50 Money	80 You
21-22-23	21-22-23	21-22-23	51 Backs	81 Functions
22-23-24	22-23-24	22-23-24	52 Promised	82 Make
23-24-25	23-24-25	23-24-25	53 With	83 It
24-25-26	24-25-26	24-25-26	54 Take	84 You
25-26-27	25-26-27	25-26-27	55 Take	85 Authority
26-27-28	26-27-28	26-27-28	56 From	86 Word
27-28-29	27-28-29	27-28-29	57 Active	87 Now
28-29-30	28-29-30	28-29-30	58 Long-time	88 Popularity
29-30-31	29-30-31	29-30-31	59 Keep	89 Relative
30-31-32	30-31-32	30-31-32	60 Appearance	90 Appearance
31-32-33	31-32-33	31-32-33	61 What	91 Keep
32-33-34	32-33-34	32-33-34	62 Good	92 Speaking
33-34-35	33-34-35	33-34-35	63 Good	93 Speaking
34-35-36	34-35-36	34-35-36	64 Good	94 Speaking
35-36-37	35-36-37	35-36-37	65 Good	95 Speaking
36-37-38	36-37-38	36-37-38	66 Good	96 Speaking
37-38-39	37-38-39	37-38-39	67 Good	97 Speaking
38-39-40	38-39-40	38-39-40	68 Good	98 Speaking
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Foreign Briefs

AMERICAN AIRCRAFT DAMAGED IN SOUTH VIET NAM

Tokyo - (UPI) - The Vietnamese Communist rebels today claimed to have shot down or damaged 11 American aircraft in South Viet Nam in the month ending Nov. 5.

EAST GERMANS ESCAPE FROM LABOR CAMP

Berlin - (UPI) - Two East German youths escaped from a Communist labor camp for "political unreliable" and swam across border waters to freedom, West Berlin police said today.

CZECH BORDER GUARD FLEES TO WEST

Vienna - (UPI) - A Czech border guard fled to the west Saturday, forcing his patrol partner to cross the border with him to avoid being shot or captured, Austrian police reported Sunday.

NORWAY TO JOIN EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET

Brussels - (UPI) - Norway reaffirmed today its intention of becoming a full member of the European Common Market as soon as possible.

BAN BOMB MEMBER POSSESSES BOMB

London - (UPI) - Tony Murphy, 20, a member of the ban-the-bomb "Committee for Nuclear Disarmament," was arrested Sunday on charges of possessing a homemade bomb.

Women Said Playing Ascendant Role in Economy of Nation

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Family Income Advances

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