

BBs, Minis— Likes 'Em All

SAIGON (7thAF) — A1C Lester R. King Jr., 24, of North Little Rock, Ark., a weapons mechanic, started out small in the weapons game.

As a civilian he was a machinist in the research and engineering division of the Daisy Manufacturing Co., maker of BB guns. Today, he works on the 6,000-round per minute 7.62 mini-gun mounted on the Air Force's AC-47 and A-1E Skyraider aircraft.

Now working in the 14th Munition Maint. Sq. in Vietnam, King says both his civilian and military specialties fit in perfectly with his hobby. For recreation, he's always liked to work with guns.

King's last job at the Daisy company was with a development team designing a pellet gun for marksmanship training of police and military.

15,000 Hours Of Air Safety

SAIGON (7thAF) — A 4th Air Commando Sq. AC-47 Dragon-ship crew, in a recent airborne alert mission at Da Nang, flew the unit's 15,000th accident-free combat flying hour.

The 4th, a part of the 14th Air Commando Wing, flies Dragon-ships and C-47 Skytrains to provide firepower and night illumination for friendly ground forces throughout Vietnam.

Aircraft commander for the mission, the squadron's 3,463d since coming to Vietnam in December, was Maj. Marion C. Birmingham of North Little Rock, Ark. Other crew members were Capt. Charles W. Robertson of San Antonio, Tex., co-pilot; Maj. Joseph E. Wilkinson of Tacoma, Wash., navigator; TSgt. Marvin Myers of Escanaba, Mich., flight mechanic, and TSgt. Ollie Henson of Dallas, and SSgt. Richard J. Collins of Oxford, N.J., gunners.

Valuable Coins Stolen

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Police are watching coin auctions throughout Australia for valuable coins stolen from the private collection of the senior South African trade commissioner in Australia, J. F. Brooks.

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