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A HAND—The burned out shell of an elderly native's combination tea house-home is surveyed by members of TUSLOG DET 3-1 prior to their pitching in to rebuild the establishment as a symbol of their good will. Keys to the new home (insert) were presented to the grateful owner in recent ceremonies. (Photos by A. R. Johnson)

People-to-People

Airmen Rebuild Burned-Out Home

Returning from a sight-seeing trip recently, a group of airmen from TUSLOG DET 3-1 came upon a small combination tea house and home being rapidly consumed by fire.

The men immediately joined the local populace in forming a bucket brigade to the nearest source of water, a stream. Unfortunately, the distance was too great for effective fire fighting, and the small structure was almost totally destroyed.

The loss of the tea house represented a lifetime of hard work and savings for the elderly owner; the feeling of hopelessness and despair which he must have felt was too much for the group of airmen to take lightly. A meeting was held,

and it was decided they would return in their spare time to help rebuild the tea house and home for the old man.

Armed only with ingenuity and determination, the inexperienced but willing carpenters reclaimed old lumber and scrap boxes the length and breadth of their station; as the project gained momentum and magnitude, additional personnel volunteered their services; others assisted with financial contributions.

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A short time later, at special ceremonies attended by the Vice Governor, Chief of Police, the local press, and officers, NCOs and airmen of the detachment, the key to the rebuilt combination tea house-home was presented to the owner by SSgt. Carroll Liffick, TUSLOG DET 3-1, spokesman for the unit personnel who assisted in this "labor of love" for their fellowman in need.

Other unit personnel who assisted in extinguishing the fire and rebuilding the tea house-home were: Airmen Lloyd Bakke, Edmund J. Noote, Tommy Rorick, James C. Depp, Stephen Dowd, Charles Hailer and Jerry R. Pounds.

A dollar value can never be placed on the goodwill and better understanding advanced by these "ambassadors in uniform."

Most important, however, is that both the uniformed ambassadors and the host country citizens will long remember each other in this "affair of the heart," and the wall of human dignity and decency has added an additional solid stone in one of its more remote parts.



THE AIR FORCE Commendation Medal is presented to Maj. James Cavan, 6920th Sec Wg, by Brig. Gen. Richard Klocko, Security's Deputy Commandor, while on a recent staff visit to the wing. Medals were also presented to SMSgt. George Locklear and SSgt. Cleburn Hendrix.

An AFIT First!

Bootstrap Security Officer to Receive Masters Degree In Elect. Engineering

Captain James H. Herman, assigned to Hq. Air Force Security Service, recently became the first man in the history of the Air Force Institute of Technology to complete the requirements for a Master of Science degree in electrical engineering under "Operation Bootstrap." He will formally receive his degree with his "adoptive" class in March 1962.

A member of AFIT's Class of '55, the captain was awarded only a Master's Equivalent Diploma in electrical engineering at that time because the institute was not authorized to award Master's degrees. Just recently, AFIT was accredited by the Council for Professional Development and the North Cen-

tral Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as a Master's degree granting institution.

The captain arrived at AFIT in September 1961 on permissive TDY following completion of an overseas tour. He joined the graduate electrical engineering class of 1962 for the fall quarter, and will receive his degree with his "adoptive" class in March.