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KyANG Due to Get F-101s; Some RB-57s Already Gone

The Kentucky Air National Guard has begun a change of aircraft which will be completed in late 1965 with the acquisition of F-101s. Some of the RB-57s have already been transferred following intensive work by maintenance personnel earlier this month.

The seven-days-a-week work effort of maintenance prompted a bulletin of appreciation from the base detachment commander, and even 14-verse poetic effort by an anonymous author.

Some facts about the 101 - climbs to 40,000 feet in five minutes, compared to 21 minutes in an RB-57; can be refueled in flight; has twice the thrust of an RB-57 without afterburner; minimum landing speed 175 knots; carries 6 cameras, including forward oblique and panoramic; can fly at 1,300 knots and up to 70,000 feet.

Present plans call for the KyANG to get the new aircraft in October. The unit has flown the RB-57s since 1958 without serious accident. Pilot flying requirements have been changed from a quarterly to six-month basis which will make it easier to stay current with the temporarily reduced number of aircraft.

Summer Camp - Au revoir, mademoiselle, before we even got there; from Europe to Louisville in only 7 weeks. Summer camp plans have been changed and now call for a 7-21 August training period right here in little old Louisville.

Emphasis will be on preparing for the 101s and also on on-the-job training. Present plans call for more classroom training and a testing program at the end of the two weeks. Instructor pilots are due to get some transition time in 111s at Shaw A.F.B., S.C. An Air Force 101 training unit will come to Shewmaker about 2 August.

Air Guardsmen who live away from the Louisville area will be provided housing at one of the local hotels under a contract arrangement. Three meals a day will be served at Shewmaker.

Air Reserve Deactivation - There has been no increase in Air National Guard authorized strength following deactivation of Air Reserve recovery units in the Louisville area, although a number of reservists have indicated a desire to continue active participation in a program.

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Airmen Excess in Grade or AFSC - A recent letter from the National Guard Bureau indicates the importance of cross-training for airmen whose rank or AFSC does not correspond with the manning slot held. Excess airmen who don't cross-train might be required to accept a lower grade when the time comes to re-enlist.

Base Holidays - 12 and 22 February are state holidays and closing of Shewmaker ANG Base on those days is likely to be designated.

Program on Space - "The U.S. Space Program" will be discussed by an Aerospace Presentations Team at 2 p.m. February 3 at Bigelow Hall, University of Louisville. The 50-minute lecture is supplemented with slides and film clips.

Rifle, Chess Meetings - A rifle team meeting will be at 1330 today in the Catholic chapel. Persons interested in a chess tournament will meet at 1400 Sunday in the mess hall.

Weather Forecast - Warm and cloudy, scattered showers and thundershowers, high 60, low tonight 45, tomorrow cloudy and cooler.

Sunday's Menu - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, lettuce-tomato salad, corn, peaches.

Exercise Cancelled - Latest word is that Gold Fire II, a Tactical Air Command Reconnaissance exercise, has been cancelled.