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ACTIVATION DOESN'T EXTEND ENLISTMENTS--If an airman's enlistment is up during this current tour of active duty, he can leave the unit, although Wing spokesmen hope this will not be the case. That's the word from Major R. Kent Troutman, chief of the Base Consolidated Personnel Office.

He points out that the Air Force has not extended enlistments because the callup did not take place under a declared emergency. "It's the way the law is," explains Major Troutman.

The situation could change, but chances of this are given as slim.

Major Troutman notes that the unit will be hurting for personnel if all who are entitled to get out in the near future do so, adding, "We no have to depend on TAG for our supply of personnel. We cannot enlist men directly into the unit." So, except for those men who have signed up and are not yet through basic training, the Kentucky unit has no direct way of replenishing personnel shortages.

FILE-03 by Coyle

Major Troutman says the unit was only about 80 per cent of strength upon activation, and further losses will severely hamper operation.

He urges those who enlistments are up during activation to seriously consider re-enlisting for the period the unit is on active duty.

Unit commanders are counseling men in this category, according to Major Troutman, and they estimate about 60 per cent of those contacted are considering staying in during activation.



"HE THINKS COL. SELLENS WILL GET HIM ON STATE STAFF."

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165th TRS MOVES—The 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron has shifted operations from the O & T Building to the hangar. They are now on the 2nd floor in the operations center behind the pilots' briefing room.

MORE "FIRST BORN'S"—The honors of being the father of the first child born to an airman during the current active duty apparently go to SSgt. Paul Mayer, 123d CSS, whose wife Beverly, gave birth to 6-pound Jennifer Ann on 29 Jan. Earlier, it had been reported that Sgt. Louis Esterle, also of the 123d CSS, was thought to be the first current-active-duty father with his child's birth on 4 February.

Sgt. Charles T. Wilson and his wife, Alice, are the parents of a 7-pound, 13-count baby girl born Tuesday. Sgt. Wilson, who has not yet named the girl, is in Accounting and Finance, 13d CSS.

CATHOLIC MASS will be held daily in the rear of the mess hall at 1400 hours. Confessions will be heard daily before Mass.

NEW AUTOVON LINE—The 123d Tac Recon Wing and Group have a new Autovon line—726-1510.

SAFETY TIP—Heed traffic signs and markings. Know what they mean and believe what they say. Never try to second-guess them.

INSURANCE PREMIUMS DUE—Fourth quarter premiums are now due on the KYNGA (Vulcan) Insurance Plan for the quarter running from 15 Feb to 14 May 68. Premiums are \$11 on the \$10,000 policy, \$6 on the \$5,000 plan.

You may pay a year and a quarter in advance. Those premiums would be either \$55 or \$30. The policy would then run from 15 Feb 68 to 14 May 69. Questions will be answered by CMSgt. Richard Zimmerman, room 154, O & T Building.

PATCHES AVAILABLE—Squadron patches for the 123d CSS are now available for 86¢ each at room 127, O & T Building. Quantities are limited.

CULINARY PROGNOSTICATION—Today: SUPPER—barbecued beef, baked beans, carrots and peas. Saturday: BREAKFAST—bacon, eggs. LUNCH—baked ham, hash-browned potatoes, cabbage. SUPPER—hamburger and macaroni, green beans. Sunday: BREAKFAST—bacon and eggs. LUNCH—grilled steak, baked potatoes. SUPPER—chop suey, asparagus.

NEW OFFICERS' MESS—The officers' mess has been moved to the back end of the chow hall which will be partitioned off for meals. The Food Services office has shifted to the room that had been the officers' mess.

COFFEE AVAILABLE—Food Services spokesman say they are losing cups during coffee break and say that they are now supplying disposable cups for coffee. Please return permanent type cups to the chow hall.

FORMER STATE EMPLOYEES, it has just been learned, are entitled to 15 days' military leave with pay. They must submit a copy of their orders to the appointing authority.

GLASSES WEARERS are authorized to have two pair. If you don't have a second pair, report to the Tac Hospital immediately and an attempt will be made to supply you with another pair.

TRANSEC REMINDER—Airmen and officers are reminded about transmission security. Classified or sensitive information will not be discussed on non-secured telephones.

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