

THE PHANTOM'S EYE



123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Standiford Field(ANG), Louisville, KY 40213

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WE DID IT!

---Outstanding

Last Tuesday, May 17, 1983, at 1000 hours the Kentucky Air National Guard was about to enter the annals of history in guard circles. Twenty-two minutes later the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (TAC) did. The unit had just been awarded an unprecedented overall "OUTSTANDING" rating for the initial response (generation/mobility/deployment/regeneration) of an Operational Readiness Inspection.

Even though the 12AF Inspector
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(Top) Kentucky Air Guardsmen acknowledge Colonel Doug Yates's, AF Advisor work which played a key role in the wing obtaining an Outstanding rating. (Bottom) Unit members crowd around TV monitors to observe the outbriefing report.

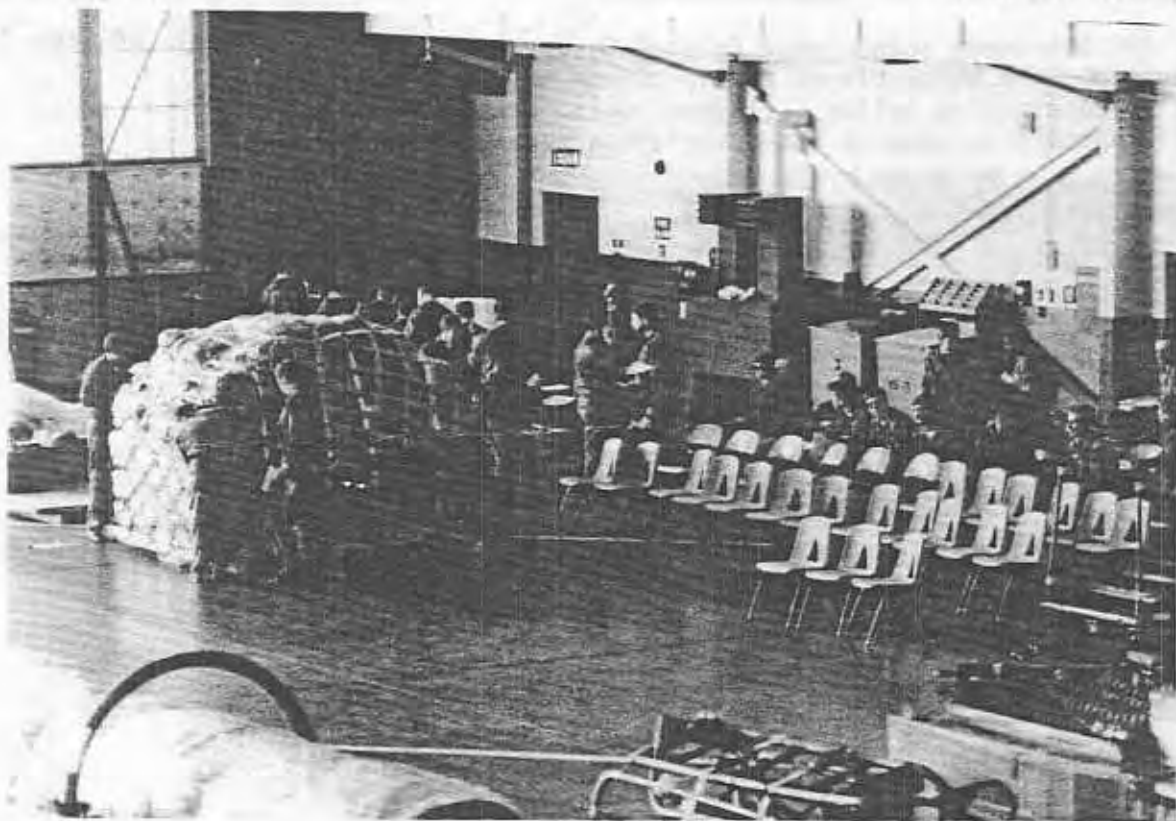


"AN...TIS...CI...PA...TION"



Major John Pearl, 123d CAM Maintenance Control Officer, reviews final procedures with mobility processing personnel. (top)

Personnel and baggage storage area awaits the next load. (bottom)



--Outstanding (Cont. from front P.) General, Colonel Phillip L. Murphy, made the rating an interim one pending the final outcome of the deployment phase of the ORI, it goes in the history book as "OUTSTANDING."

The outbriefing was conducted, appropriately, in the base chapel with TSgt Larry Brannin and his trusty crew providing live CCTV coverage to the throng of personnel (front page pictures) awaiting the final verdict of months of hard work.

The commanders were gathered around Brig. Gen. Carl D. Black, Wing Commander, anticipating the answer to the challenge to the Big "O". LTC Warren G. Elliott, IG team leader, didn't waste any time calling off the results: Initial Response---Generation, Mobility, Deployment and Regeneration ---all outstanding; Combat Support---Overall Excellent with the life support and civil engineering aspects receiving outstanding; Ability to survive and operate---Excellent; and Command and Control---Outstanding

As the results were being announced Col. Elliott could hear

" WE ARE BEYOND DOUBT THE CHAMPIONS OF THE AIR " ...



BG CARL D. BLACK
123 TRW COMMANDER

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FROM LT GEN NELSON TO BRIG GEN BLACK.

PLEASE PASS MY PERSONAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE 123D TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING FOR THEIR SUPERB EFFORTS DURING THE RECENT OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION. THIS WAS THE FIRST "OUTSTANDING" RATING ON RECORD FOR AN INITIAL RESPONSE ORI OF A TWELFTH AIR FORCE-GAINED UNIT. THE DEDICATION AND PROFESSIONALISM OF ALL ASSIGNED PERSONNEL WAS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE INSPECTION. THE RESULTS OF THE ORI CLEARLY ILLUSTRATE THAT THE WING PERSONIFIES TAC'S MOTTO "READINESS IS OUR PROFESSION." YOU SHOULD BE EXCEEDINGLY PROUD OF YOUR PEOPLE. I AM.

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--Outstanding (Cont. from p. 2)

the cheers from the hangar floor below. It was evident that the TV audience was accepting each outstanding pronouncement with a tremendous amount of relief on one hand and pride on the other.

Colonel Murphy was next. He said "about 30 days prior to our visit we received rumors to the effect that you were shooting for an overall OUTSTANDING. We then started digging into the books."

"Believe me, there were no gimmees on this, the IG stated. Adding, we made it especially tough, moreso than most units we test."

Another comment came from Brig. Gen. Richard L. Meyer, 12AF Vice Commander, who said "I've been with TAC close to 21 months and this was the best inspection that I've seen."

Then came Brig. Gen. Black's chance to address the group. "We are beyond doubt the champions of the air...We are outstanding but not perfect," the Wing Commander stated. He also commended everyone for their teamwork, dedication and hard work. "All the good times and the bad have come together making it all certainly worthwhile."



SSgt. Elizabeth Huff and SSgt. Peggy Kottak take time out to eat during mobility processing.

HOSPITAL ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES: Effective May 19, 1983, the following offices in the 123 TAC Hospital received new organizational designations: Environmental Health (907X0) Services was redesignated to Bioenvironmental Engineering and Veterinary Services (908X0) to Environmental Medicine.

The changes, which were directed by the National Guard Bureau, were brought about by a discontinuance of the Air Force Veterinary Service program (Veterinary Officers and animal health care programs). A subsequent realignment of Veterinary Technician duties and the addition of some Environmental Technician duties to the Vet Techs have produced new titles of Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician and Environmental Medicine Technician. Industrial Hygiene surveys will be conducted by the Bioenvironmental Engineering Technician. Food Service facilities will be inspected by the Environmental Health Technician.



HOSPITAL IDENTITY: The above emblem has been selected to represent the 123rd TAC Hospital, KyANG. The organizational emblem was selected from many made available through the USAR.

Mr. Lee Livingston, head of the Air Force heraldry function recently approved its issue.

A patch will be available in the future.

The symbolism is as follows: the unicorn, as a horselike creature, alludes to the organization's home area, the Bluegrass Country, famed for its thoroughbred horses. The unicorn, a traditional symbol for healing power, is winged to represent the Air Force character of the organization and to symbolize the speed of its response to medical treatment. The red cross reinforces the identity of the 123rd as a medical unit. The Air Force blue and sky blue colors show the service and mission.

LEGAL NEWS: Personnel who have had wills or powers of attorney made should stop by the Legal Office this UTA to sign them.



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A MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE From PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

Memorial day is a time to take stock of the present, reflect on the past, and renew our commitment to the future of America.

"Today, as in the past, there are problems that must be solved and challenges that must be met. We can tackle them with our full strength and creativity only because we are free to work them out in our own way. We owe this freedom of choice and action to those men and women in uniform who have served this nation and its interests in time of need. In particular, we are forever indebted to those who have given their lives that we might be free.

I don't have to tell you how fragile this precious gift of freedom is. Every time we hear, watch, or read the news, we are reminded that liberty is a rare commodity in this world.

This memorial day of 1983, we honor those brave Americans who died in the service of their country. I think an ancient scholar put it well when he wrote: "Let us now praise famous men...all these were honored in their generation, and were the glory of their times. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore." As a tribute to their sacrifice, let us renew our resolve to remain strong enough to deter aggression, wise enough to preserve and protect our freedom, and thoughtful enough to promote lasting peace throughout the world."

15,500 CHEER THE ARMED FORCES, THE KYANG AND THE REDBIRDS: Fifteen thousand five hundred fans braved rainy skies and hot Wichita Aero bats during "Military Night at the Ball Park." The evening started with a heavy shower about 30 minutes before game time, but by the time pre-game ceremonies started the zamboni machine had rid the field of standing water and it was time for some addition recognition of our unit.

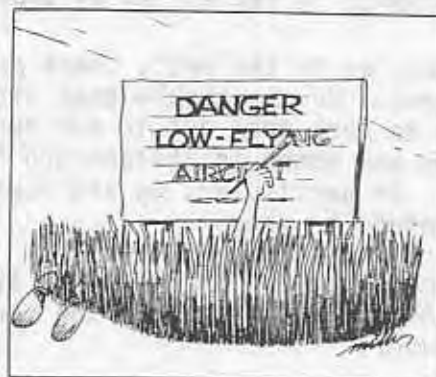
Jefferson County Police Chief, Colonel Edgar Helm, representing County Judge Executive Mitch McConnell, spoke in glowing terms of the military and especially the KyANG's recent accomplishments. He presented Brig. General Carl Black with a certificate of gratitude from the citizens of Jefferson County. A color guard from the 123d Weapons Security Support Flight posted colors on command from BGen Black, and the fans sang our National Anthem.

Following these ceremonies was probably the most exciting moment of the evening. Wing Commander Brig Gen Black fired a high fast ball as the tradition first pitch of the game. The game then proceeded, being played in alternating wet and dry skies. In the end the crowd, which included at least 400 unit members and their families was disappointed by a seven run, 9th inning by the visiting team. The Redbirds lost the game 14-7 but the unit won more addition exposure and recognition.

WELCOME ABOARD: The 123rd TAC Hospital has a new orthopedic surgeon. He is Major Raymond G. Shea, Jr. of Louisville. The doctor served two years with the U.S. Army at Ireland Hospital, Ft. Knox. He comes to the unit via the U.S. Army Reserve.

CBPO GOES WEST: Fifteen members from the 123rd Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO) are off to pull their summer camp this year working with their active duty counterparts at Nellis AFB, NV. Leading the group will be Capt. Glen Adair. The primary purpose for the assignment is to learn how to operate the various active duty programs that usually do not fall under guard requirements. Capt. Adair says that the active Air Force has about 50 percent more programs that the guard does.

MAINTENANCE NEWS-PROJECT LOW SMOKE: The 123 Maintenance Sq. has begun installation of the engines on one of our RF4 aircraft. The new engine kit addition will eliminate the trailing smoke which is characteristic of the F-4 aircraft. The project will be an on going one until all aircraft have been outfitted with the new engine kits. The 123 TRW, KyANG was selected to receive the first engine kits in the United States.



MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE-WHATEVER THE COST

Washington (AFNS)--Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger sends the following message to members of the nation's armed forces.

"Every memorial day we pause to reflect on those men and women in uniform who made the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedom. The significance of what they gave to us is clearly apparent as we look at many nations today whose people are denied the most basic liberties, and for whom justice is only a dream.

For more than two centuries, many Americans have guarded our freedom, often with their lives. In tribute to them this memorial day, brightly colored flowers will be placed by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, among the white rows of grave markers in military cemeteries; and on the final resting places in cities and towns across the country and overseas.

On this Memorial Day and every other day, we are inspired by the gallantry of those who have fallen in the service of this country. We can pay them no greater honor than to cherish that sacred legacy of freedom, and to make it clear we are committed to its preservation--whatever the cost."

THEIR SACRIFICE MUST NOT BE IN VAIN

Washington (AFNS)--Secretary of the Air Force Verne Orr expressed his feelings on the Memorial day tradition.

"This year in the nation's capital thousands of people are daily visiting the new memorial to those Americans who did not return from the war in Southeast Asia. These visitors and their reverence and sincerity are a moving testament to the many who sacrificed their lives in that conflict and, by implication, a fitting tribute to all who have died in foreign wars and in the war between the states, the tragic upheaval that gave rise to the first memorial day more than 100 years ago.

This Memorial day, I ask you to pause; to reflect for a moment on the courage and selfless didication of those who died while serving the United States. We can never honor them enough for the price they paid. Their sacrifice must not be in vain."

"A CLOSER LOOK"

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A sense of excitement and satisfaction filled the hangar yesterday morning as we viewed the out-briefing on last weekend's ORI. Receiving an "Outstanding" on the initial phase of this inspection has never been accomplished before. Truly, we have much to be proud of.

I'm thankful to be a part of a unit like the Kentucky Air National Guard. The professionalism of our unit speaks highly of the caliber of men and women who make up the Guard.

General Black summed up this most recent accolade very well when he said "We're Outstanding, but we're not perfect." Truer words have never been said. We're head-and-shoulders above the rest of the Air National Guard, but we're still not perfect. And I've got a sneaking suspicion that we never will be. We'll never get the "Big P" **in this lifetime.**

Now, don't get me wrong. This isn't casting stones at our unit. We're the Best in the Guard. Our actions speak louder than our words. But we all know that even at our best we'll never reach the state of perfection.

Why do I say this? Am I a pessimist? Am I cynical? No. No. No.

I just know what God's Word says: "FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD." So, try as we may, all of our good works are "AS FILTHY RAGS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD."

But don't despair. Don't use these verses to justify complacency and laziness. Truly we should strive for the noble virtues in life. But let us always keep things in proper perspective: We are always dependent upon God and without Him we are nothing. Let us thank God for the strength and ability He has given us to reach to the heights and to achieve such worthy endeavors. But let us always remember "WITHOUT HIM WE CAN DO NOTHING."

RUVABDA GETS FIFTH AWARD: No it's not a typo. That's the communication designation for Standiford Field. RUVA denotes our Gentile, Ohio switching center and BDA is the Standiford Field zip code. The 123d Communications Flight has just received its 5th consecutive quarterly award from the Air Force Communication Command for excellence in handling message traffic. The evaluation of message transmission is based headers, format procedures and the use of the routing indicators. Congrats go to Major Burkle and his fine staff for another job well done.

The 165th Photo Processing Interpretation Facility readies to meet the ORI challenge (top left) with a simulated field condition. The crucial water supply is added (bottom left) enabling the Versamat-automatic film processor (top right) to become operational. SSgt John Medley reviews processed film following (bottom right) the Versamat certification. Two hours, 11 minutes, not bad fellows.



AN ORI ANALYSIS

The remarkable accomplishments of the ORI rests with the units, the individual pride, and our unbelievable professionalism. Equally evident is the stability in the guard. This is only possible because of our uniqueness. We don't move every three to four years. We are married to our aircraft. We work together; deploy as units, squadrons, flights; socialize in the same places; know each others strengths and weaknesses; respect, acknowledge and appreciate the other persons accomplishments. We care about each other, the unit and our Commonwealth. We are the Guard. Sure we have our flaws, what unit doesn't; however, when a job needs to be done, we do it. Now we have done it. Here are three typical examples of how we did it, from the one striper who helped launch airplanes to the one star general who marched with the troops to board the plane, everyone played their part.

On Saturday, the unit was challenged to mobilize 496 individuals and load 271 tons of equipment. This involved 10 loads. SMSgt. Mike Menting, NCOIC mobility processing unit (MPU), remarked, "We got as far as seven before the inspectors said enough, we've seen enough." At one point an observer from the 155th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Major Dave Miller, stated that we had mobilized 240 personnel without a hitch. The MPU ceased operation at 1907 hours averaging well below the required two minute per person time limit for processing.

DAY CARE CENTERS EXPRESS INTEREST IN MINDING GUARD CHILDREN: Two Jefferson County day care centers have expressed interest in minding children of Guard members on drill weekends, 2nd Lt. Shirley Rudolph said last week.

But both centers would need at least 20 children to make opening on weekends worthwhile, she said. Rudolph heads a committee that has been seeking ways to make weekend drills easier for single parents and others with young children.

The Evangel Day Care Center and the Blakeman Day Care Center are the two places that have agreed to consider weekend hours. Both are off of Fern Valley Road east of Preston Highway. The committee will choose one center if enough people show interest, Rudolph said.

One center said it would charge about \$12.50 per day per child, she said. The fee includes breakfast, lunch and a snack. The hours would probably be 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. "If we get enough response, we could have something set up for the July drill," the lieutenant said. Anyone interested in using a day care center should contact Rudolph, on-base 509, by 4 p.m. Sunday or 774-4103 during the week.

SURVEY SHOWS GUARD MEMBERS PREFER LOCAL NEWS

National Guard members prefer to read local news and reports of Air Force-wide events and policies in their base newspapers, according to a survey done last year by the Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center.

The center asked 4,000 active duty, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve and civilian employees about the sources they looked at for military information. It included questions on newspapers, commanders calls, Air Force Now films, Airman magazine and the Policy Letter for Commanders.

Almost 90 percent of Guard members questioned said their base newspaper gave them useful information. Eighty percent called it an "interesting publication." More than half of those questioned said the newspaper was a useful source of information outside the organization.

Thirty eight percent of Guard members ranked local news at the top of their reading list, and 35 percent said they preferred reading about Air Force-wide events and policies.

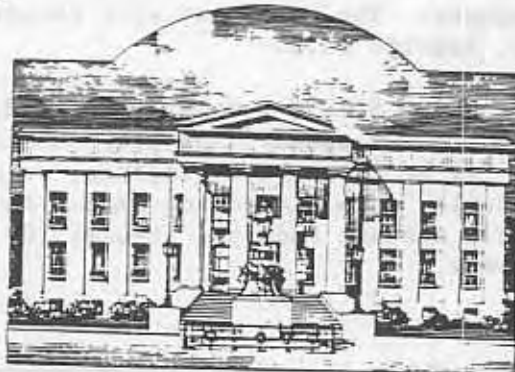
Those figures closely matched active duty members responses. Forty percent of active duty liked local news best, and 39 percent looked most at Air Force-wide news.

Eleven percent of the Guardsmen who responded to the survey said personal news about friends was most important. Nine percent looked first at stories on their commanders' aims and goals.

No Guard members showed interest in reading about sports or family-oriented news.

But Guard and Reserve members joined active duty airmen in saying that they preferred reading Airman magazine to the base newspaper.

JEFFERSON COUNTY



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Mitch McConnell
County Judge/Executive

recognizes with gratitude the outstanding contribution
of

Kentucky Air National Guard

to the citizens of Jefferson County.

Done in Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky
this 21st day of *May, 1983* in witness
whereof I have set my hand and caused this great
seal to be attached.



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