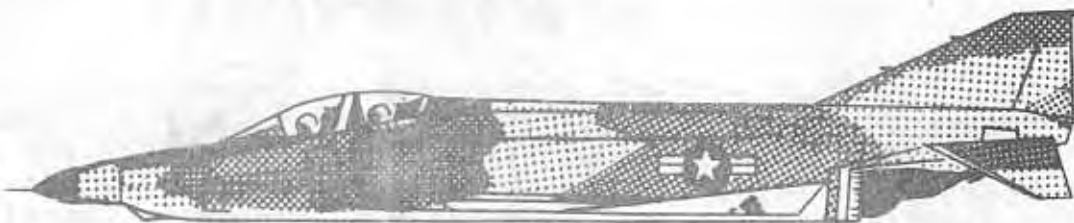




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NORWEGIAN DEPLOYMENT PROMPTS LIGHTEARTED LETTER: Wing commander Brig. Gen. Fred F. Bradley has received a letter from the deputy chief of staff of USAFE for operations and intelligence, Brig. Gen. Robert W. Clement. Gen. Clement visited the unit while the KyANG was deployed to Sola Air Station, Norway, in February and March. "Congratulations on a fine deployment," he wrote, "I hope you can make it back again." Gen. Clement said, "I am honored to receive the commission of Kentucky Colonel. I am looking forward to the first warm spring evening when I can sit on the patio, julep cup in hand, and look out over the plantation in true Kentucky Colonel fashion." Members of the unit who made the trip to Norway hope Gen. Clement's sentiments are shared by others in NATO and USAFE who were commissioned as new Kentucky Colonels because of the KyANG deployment.

WALKATHON VOLUNTEERS WANTED: The annual March of Dimes Walkathon is now being organized and a volunteer force is being recruited from among members of the Kentucky Air Guard, according to Lt. Col. Harry C. Greschel, project officer. Last year some 120 members of the KyANG used UTA time to assist the 2,000 walkers in the event. This year KyANG members will be posted at safety and distance verification checkpoints along the route, which will take place May 13. Interested volunteers are asked to attend a special meeting Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Mess Hall. A movie will be shown on birth defect research and the role of the March of Dimes. Guardsmen who participate will receive credit for one full day of UTA. Anyone interested who cannot attend the meeting Sunday are asked to contact Lt. Col. Greschel at Ext. 93/437. Some 120 members are needed to make up the KyANG safety-security force.

VISITORS BEWARE: Work is once again moving ahead on the Squadron Operations Building near the flight line, despite about a 60-day delay from winter weather. Lt. Col. William D. Seiber, base engineer, asks that we contain our curiosity and stay clear of the construction area, please. The building is expected to be ready to occupy about July 1, Lt. Col. Seiber said, and at this point is about 55 percent complete. General contractors are the Kentuckiana Associates of Louisville. The \$1 million building was started in August 1977 and when completed will include a new parking area of about 100 vehicles. It will be accessed by a new road and a new gate on Old Grade Lane, although the additional entrance may be open only part of the time (such as rush hours), he said.

AF DAY DINNER: The 52d Louisville Armed Forces Day dinner will be at the Galt House Friday, May 19, with a dutch bar at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 and checks should be made to "Louisville Armed Forces Committee" and given to Lt. Col. Bob Byrd at the Supply Building.

NORWEGIAN THOUGHTS ON CORNET SNIPE: Brigadier Alf Granviken, Base Commander of Sola Air Station, Norway, presented the following poem to the deployed 123d TRW. It was written by his administrative officer Lt. Colonel Finn Wathne. Brigadier Granviken stated that the poem reflected the emotions of the Norwegian Air Force, and the people of Norway.

The wings of 123 with might roar
through western skies they soar,
from Kentucky Idaho and Nevada
flies this invincible armada.
Across distant continent and oceans wide
in their ominous mounts they ride
bridging these obstacles in one giant stride -
right up to the Arctic doorway
to demonstrate their solidarity with little Norway

Providing the eyes for our warriors brave
the lives of whom they may once save.
In black and white, colour and infra-red,
light on a towering threat they'll shed.

But in peace, schemes for our space and our towns to conquer
are concocted downstairs in our very own operations bunker!
They are cramming full our concrete ramps
crowding into our billeting camps
spending every bit of money
in this land of milk and honey
buying our goods, all and sundry,
taking it back to home and country.

But - leaving here behind
imprinted in our grateful mind
a feeling of security and ease
knowing our freedom is not on lease,
confident that should disaster loom
the aid will come with sonic boom,
from across the ocean a helping hand
extends to our treasured land.

Lt Col Finn Wathne