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FIELD TRAINING (Success or Otherwise)

Even though the days at Savannah were long and trying we feel it was very successful. More flying hours were attained than was ever dreamed possible. Our maintenance load was real heavy mainly because replacement parts were not available. Average work hours of the Line and Hangar Personnel ran from 6AM to 6PM. Approximate number of flying hours (F86) attained was 400. Gunnery scores were low but Lt Langley did real well on one mission. General Ardery had one mission of eight hits.

SPORTS

The 165th FIS softball team "The Yankees of Savannah" were real hot. They won all their games and were in the championship against the 167th FIS when a downpour of rain cancelled the play-off. We have no doubt who the winners would have been should the game have been completed. The 165th is really proud of its team, especially of their star twirler, Sgt Anderson. (See note on page 3) Swimming was good at the base pool for those fortunate enough to have time for a dip. A few made the Mary Calder Golf Links for some "dubbing". Maj Walker & Sgt Wills played often. Wills must be a better golfer than a supply man. The clubs of Ed Stowers just rested in the corner of the barracks longing but never succeeding to be used. (More on back page)



This is the second issue of this base newspaper and we feel that almost every one has shown an interest and a desire in it -- so as long as interest and support lasts it shall continue.

ARMED FORCES DAY 18 May 1957

The 123d Fighter Interceptor Wing held "Open House" this day for the general public. Several jet flyovers were scheduled plus a display of the various kinds of crash equipment and operational aircraft assigned to the wing. Paul Cowley WKLO announcer, took a ride in one of our T33s and is planning on recording his experiences in a T33 which will be transcribed on one of his later programs. We also had a booth at the State Fairgrounds with pictures of our Wing's activities displayed. As usual a good turn out.....



HIGHWAY 101

Ronnie Baker (A/2C, 123d Transportation Squadron) in his black denim trousers and motorcycle boots made the trip to Travis Field via Harley Davidson. The 775 miles to Travis Field was no lonesome road for Ronnie for he had his Mother on the back.

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The Staff of VAPOR TRAILS along with the Wing would like to offer their warmest sympathies to the family of Colonel Roy E. Osborne in his untimely death. Colonel Osborne was one of the most highly regarded officers in our Wing and his absence will be felt for sometime. Death came to another member of the Wing Lt. John K. Lee, 123d Supply Squadron. Altho Lt. Lee had been hospitalized for some time notification of his death was a shock to all.

BIDS FOR KIDS

Did you know that the 123d FIW contributed \$100 to the Bids for Kids Telethon sponsored by the Louisville Jaycee's on 18 and 19 May 57? This sort of "all out participation by the Wing is becoming quite an outstanding thing in the community.



Here is an excellent system for remembering telephone numbers. First think of cheese. That reminds you of Swiss. Swiss reminds you of Alps. Alps remind you of mountains. Mountains reminds you of oceans. Oceans remind you of Columbus. Columbus discovered America in 1492. And my number is Hillside 7593.

PARADISE FOUND
(Or, How much did you lose at the Brass Rail)

Summer Camp is coming soon
Let us jump for joy!
Two weeks of rest and glorious sun
Oh, Gosh, Oh Gee, Oh Boy!



Savannah-town is a dandy place
So neat and nice and new
The people there are just the most
Oh, lucky me and you.

I've packed my racquet, golf clubs, too
Swimming togs are a must
I'll play and loaf the hours away
I'm so happy I could bust.

Some troops say they don't like it at all
Apparently they're not very clever
But I like it fine, I think it's swell
You can leave me there forever.

There must be some, tho who work pretty hard
The job does seem to get done
Pilots, mechanics, and armorers, I guess
Heck, they don't have any fun!

They wake me up when they go to the line
And complain when I come in late
It's not my fault that they can't find time
To hustle themselves up a date!

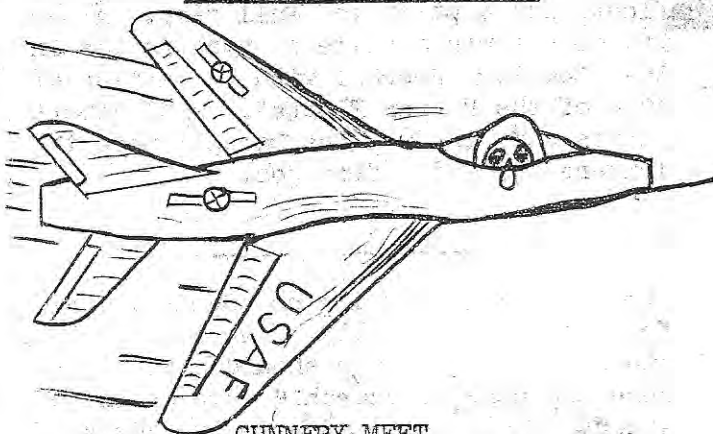
They never seem to go to the beach
They're pooped at the end of the day
Makes you wonder just why they came
If they don't get a chance to play.
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M&S GROUP REPORTING

HATS OFF to two OJT Supervisors who have earned this top record in the M&S Group. MSGT Carl Schuster out of 19 men tested boasts of their overall average score of 114. MSGT Dewey Lankford out of 22 men tested boasts of an overall average score of 110. CAN YOU TOP THAT? There are also 40 men enrolled in the ECI from
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M&S Continued

the M&S Group. Incidentally, certain members of the Group told yours truly that there is no justice in Georgia. Wonder what they could mean? Maybe it is because several visited various city facilities upon request of certain city officials.



GUNNERY MEET
(Gulfport, Mississippi)

Seriously - The gunnery itself was cut very short due to weather conditions. We feel our pilots built up a confidence in the "86s" though. "Dub" Shean proved that the target can be hit and hit hard with his high of 23. Other pilots knew the target was in the air for they saw it several times behind the tow T-33. However, it never did line up with the sight. MSGT Harding says that is the reason for so many "gunsights out". Another accomplishment of the gunnery was attained by Lt. Karibo when he wiped out all power lines in the area. The "Kain-tuck" outfit really made themselves known to the power companies of that section. Maintenance-wise the 86s gave little trouble and all the mechanics felt right proud to send them all back home in good condition.

Humor and Night Life - Rumors are that Walter Carter and Frank Morgan - - - -

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Seems as though New Orleans made quite a hit with the boys. The prize pupils of the "wicked city" were undoubtedly Buck

Rogers and Hedge Bechtel. The sum total of their sleeping time over a 48 hour period runs all the way from 20 to 30 minutes but BOY OH BOY DID WE HAVE A GOOD TIME.. OH MY HEAD! Then there's the maneuver of Carter and Feiock. They did the town of Gulfport and surrounding territory - finally winding up at the "Hambone". Walt finally left Don to his fate when he heard "What's the use going home, these places stay open all night?"

THANKS - to Bill Guest and Ben Caldwell for their help to all of us during this initial endeavor with the F86.

THANKS - to Paul Marks, Bill Goatley, Clay Alexander, Bob Bronger and Ray Harding for their good job in setting up for us to start flying right away.

THANKS - to all the people who worked hard (at times) to make the gunnery a success.

SOFTBALL GAME

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The 165th Fighter Squadron WHIZ KIDS

vs

The 167th Fighter Squadron RIDGERUNNERS

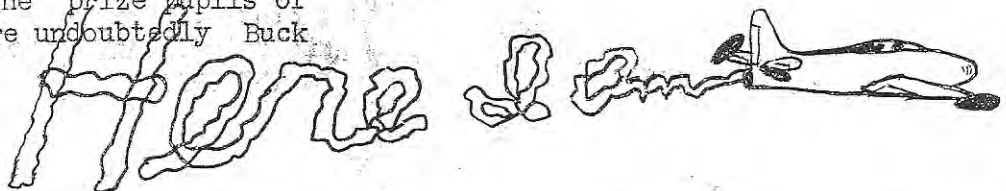
at

1600 hours

20 July 1957

This game was rained out at Travis Field and has been rescheduled. We would also like to congratulate Coach Jesse Allen (A/2C) and his 165th FIS Team for winning the championship of all the Kentucky Units. The above game is for the championship of the Wing. The 167th, as you know, is from West Virginia.

Lets make this a big turnout.....



FIELD TNG (continued)

ORCHIDS TO

The Maintenance Squadron for their tremendous job in supporting the 165th. W/O Alexander & MSGT Marks deserve an additional orchid for their planning & long hours of labor. The Operations Section for scheduling & flying of the available F86s. Capt McClure deserves a round of praise along with Lt Fox. Speaking of "Round" lets not forget Homer Price. The Line Mechanics who worked long and hard on those "bent wing machines." W/O Gowan in doing a masterful job in his first try at the Maint Officer Job, our thanks to you Jack. The T-33 Flight who achieved the impossible by not missing one tow mission in the entire time. These boys were great and lets tell them so. The Armament Crew for a very good job, the best ever. TSGT Ted Bolton and his crew were on the ball all the time.

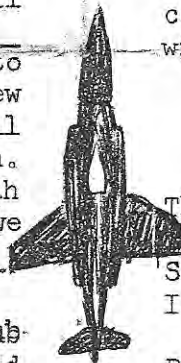
HUMOR - Sgt Wills (Golf Pro) was up to his old tricks at Savannah. He drew nothing, issued nothing and came out all even. Had a lot of back orders though. MSGT Baker spent every night in Savannah - said he attended the movies but we wonder.

SALUTE TO STATE STAFF

Thanks to the State Staff for their publicity-wise efforts during the field training encampment. From all indications more releases were made to newspapers, radios and tv stations than any year before. Altho State Staff is small and seldom heard from the wires are humming with promotions, transfers & reassignments. MSGT Gerald Tuttle was recently promoted to Capt. All of us who know "King Tut" know that it couldn't have been more deserved for their issue a finer guy. Maj Owen is now Deputy Chief of Staff and Lt George Windish Statistical Services Staff Officer.



DELTA WING



STILETTO SHAPE



Stay Put The Book said!! well find you sooner or later!!

DERBY FESTIVAL PARADE

The 123d FIW along with the AFRes, AFROTC and AF Recruiting combined their efforts and entered a float in the Derby Festival Parade. The theme of the float was "Jet Pilot" which had a model F86D one half the regular size. Naturally there were pretty girls decorating the float plus a pilot in full gear. Altho it didn't win a prize a picture was in the Courier Journal with a caption of "One of the Better Floats". MSGT Robert Harris and A/LC Rufus Darnell were the drivers and did a fine job.

Two fellows, fishing on Sunday, were feeling pretty guilty. One said to the other. "I suppose we should have stayed home and gone to church." To which the second angler replied lazily, "Heck, I couldn't have gone to church anyway my wife's sick in bed."

PARADISE FOUND(continued)

They're not very friendly, and they mutter at me
 Something about "Crunchies" or such I'M not quite sure what it is that they mean
 But from them it can't be much.

They're probably bitter cause they have to work
 While the rest of us take it easy I'll think of them while I'm out on the sands
 Where the air is cool and breezy.

So Tally Ho! Let's go to the beach
 Field Training is a wonderful thing
 Don't transfer me, just leave me be
 I LIKE IT HERE IN WING!

The first issue of VAPOR TRAILS carried a poem by Capt deConstant and this is another contribution of his inspired by Field Tng. ANY OTHER EDGAR ALLEN POE'S IN THE UNIT?