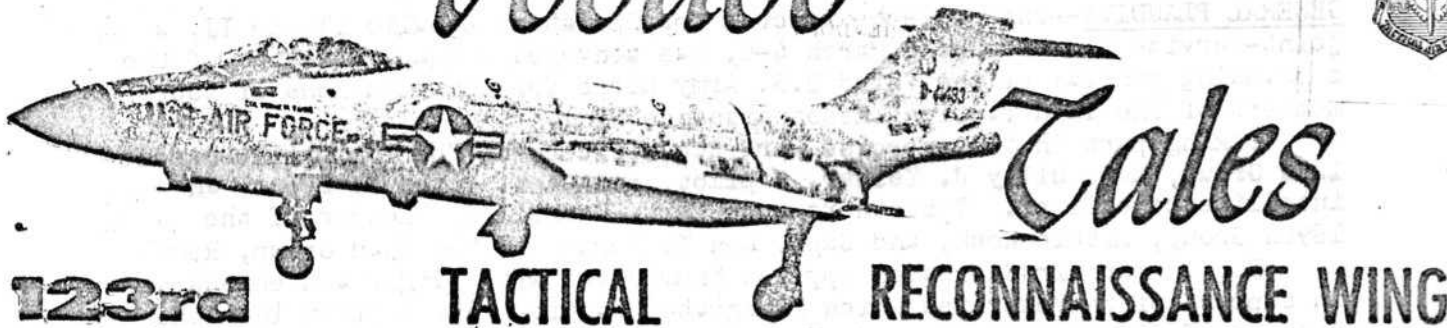


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RIFLE TEAM WINS TAC CHAMPIONSHIP—The boys from Langley Air Force Base's rifle team thought the championship would be as easy as a politician making a promise.

They were on their own range near Newport News, Va. The only team making much noise was the one from Texas (and one naturally expects a lot of noise from Texas.)

But as the three-day meet came to an end last Friday, something often called "Kentucky windage" had rolled in on a hot front from the West.

A five-man team from the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Group took home the major trophies from their first small-bore rifle meet in U.S. Air Force competition.

TSgt. Donald Durbin, 123d Supply Squadron, won not only the TAC individual championship but carried away first-place trophies for the prone, kneeling, and standing positions. Durbin missed a perfect 400-point prone target during the second day's competition by only three points.

The Louisville-based team also emerged from the meet as its air command's champion. The team finished 409 points ahead of its nearest competitor, Bergstrom Air Force Base, Texas. Team captain is Maj. Harry Greschel, 123d Supply Squadron and members are Durbin, TSgt. Ed Hornung, 123d Combat Support Squadron; ALC Doug Richardson, 123d Supply Squadron; MSgt. John Arms, 123d CAM Squadron.

Durbin will head the Tactical Air Command's five-man team in the all-Air Force competition which will take place in late May at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. The all-Air Force meet is one of the major steps in determining who shoots for the United States in the September Olympics.

Hornung also placed sixth in individual competition and will be first alternate at the all-Air Force meet.

It was the first regular Air Force competition for the 123d's team which has won previously awards in National Guard competition.

ASTRONAUTICAL PRAISE— Brig. Gen. Jack H. Owen, wing commander, has received the following letter from Navy Commander Edgar D. Mitchell, NASA astronaut:

"On the evening of 21 March I made an RON at Standiford Field in conjunction with official duties at Fort Knox. I want to commend the alert crew for the efficient and courteous manner in which my arrival and departure, both in inclement weather, were handled.

"The officers and men performed in a manner bespeaking both professionalism and a good military tradition."

GENERAL PLAUDITS—The project director for Operation Caballo Blanco II, a joint-service exercise held March 4-8, has conveyed the appreciation of the commanding general of the Third U.S. Army Corps for contributions of four members of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing.

Taking part in the exercise were two officers of the Louisville-based 123d Group, Maj. Billy J. Yeiser, a pilot, and Capt. James P. Evens, an intelligence officer. The others were Capt. Darrell E. Blocker of the 189th Group, Little Rock, and Capt. Don T. Borden of the 152d Group, Reno.

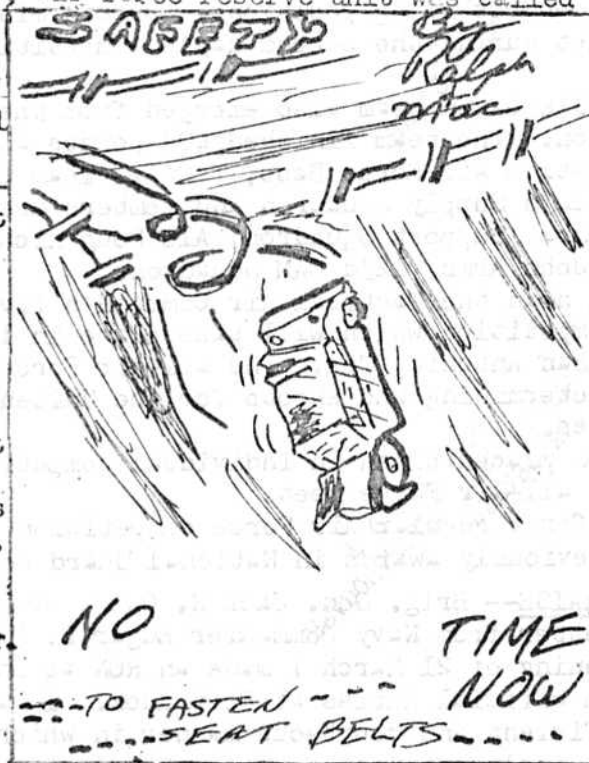
The former Air Guardsmen applied themselves with "vigor and enthusiasm" in support of the exercise which integrated tactical air support into the "scheme of fire and maneuver." The men had no previous experience in a tactical air control system.

Adding his own congratulations to the list, Maj. Gen. Charles R. Bond Jr., 12th AF commander, noted that he found it "especially gratifying that their performance was accomplished during a period of extreme personnel turbulence which required detaching (on short notice) personnel from the 123d Wing to serve as reconnaissance duty officers and air targets officers in the Direct Air Support Center."

The commander of the 831st Air Division commented that "such performance reflects the personal professionalism of each of these officers and brings great credit upon the 123d TRW and their individual units."

TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY ON UNIT—WAVE Television, Channel 3, will air a half-hour documentary on the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing/Group on Sunday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. The production is produced by WAVE's Special Projects Department and will be in full color. Be sure to watch. The production's cinematographer is George Rasmussen III. Rasmussen was activated when the Columbus, Ind., air force reserve unit was called on 11 April.

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MENUS (We thought it better to run this next to the safety tip)—Tuesday supper: breaded pork chops. Wednesday breakfast: ala carte menu and bacon. Wednesday lunch: over fried chicken. Wednesday supper: vegetable beef soup and hamburger. Thursday breakfast: ala carte menu and bacon. Thursday supper: spaghetti.

FOR SALE—14-foot Glass fiberglass ski boat (1960), 60-h.p. Mercury motor, trailer, canvass and all Coast Guard equipment included. \$795.00. Call Lt. Mooney, Ext. 70.

BLOOD AID NEEDED—MSgt. Edward Lankford, base motor pool, has a friend undergoing open-heart surgery next Monday. About 50 pints of blood are needed for the operation. If you can help, please contact Sgt. Lankford, Ext. 99.