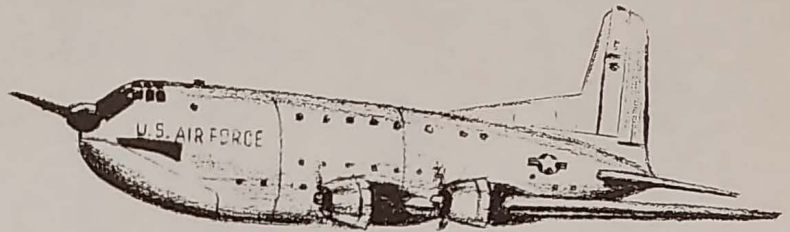


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SUMMER ENCAMPMENT DRAWS NEAR FOR 937th TROOP CARRIER GROUP MEMBERS

Nearly 700 members of the 937th Troop Carrier Group begin their 15-day summer encampment July 31.

Summer camp kicks off with commander's call to be held in the base theater. Military justice, courtesy and a safety briefing are in order at this meeting.

In-processing will begin at 1200 by the personnel section. Lunch will be served from 1100 to 1200.

All personnel should be processed in by 1400 at which time 937th members will assemble by squadrons on the East Ramp where a group retreat and parade will be held. Duty day closes at 1530.

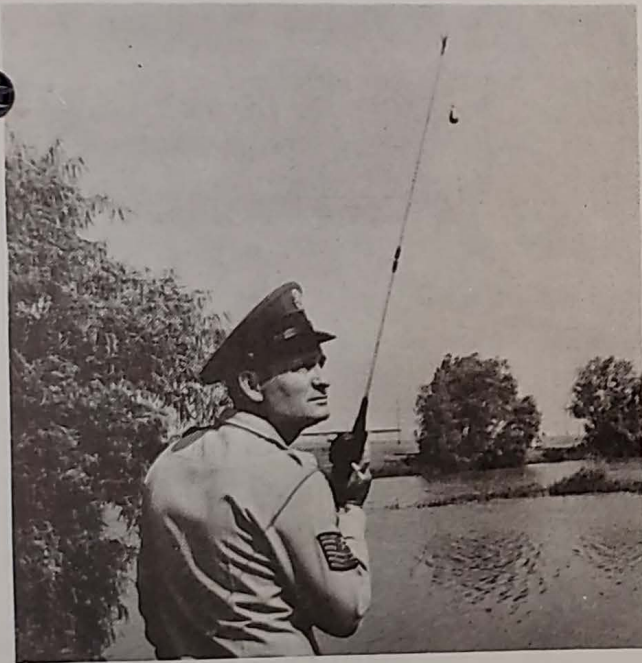
Duty hours for the encampment have been announced as 0700 to 1600. Sunday schedules will be announced by squadron commanders.

A full slate of athletics has been planned for after duty hours and complete details will be available at the up and coming UTA.

The teams will be comprised of members of the 937th's various squadrons, and regular competitive games or matches will be scheduled.

Softball, golf, volleyball, horseshoes, ping pong, badminton, bridge, gin rummy, checkers and bowling teams will be organized if enough names are turned into first sergeants.

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OVER THE HILL - That's where the fish will be heading when MSgt James C. Huckelberry drops that lead weight into the pond. There is a hook on the line too, but if they won't bite maybe he can knock 'em out. Only fooling Sarge, we know you are only demonstrating one of the many types of fun and games to be available to Sooners during their off-duty time beginning July 31. Full details in accompanying story.



THE COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Sometimes it's hard to associate your particular job in the 937th with our total defense effort and our mounting commitments in Vietnam. I have just returned from Saigon and a number of thoughts crossed my mind during the trip.

1. I was really impressed with the performance of the aircraft. We had almost no maintenance problems. This is certainly an indication of the outstanding work of our maintenance and supply people.

2. Our orders and overall paper work were correct and in order, an indication that our personnel and administration sections were "on the ball".

3. Our predeparture briefings were concise and comprehensive, a sure sign that our operations people know their job.

4. Our personal equipment was adequate and up to date.

5. None of the meals we ate could compare with the fine food we get in our own

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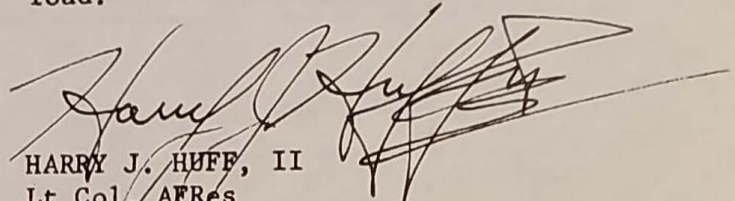
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mess hall. This tells me our food service section is the best in the Air Force.

When I see how other units perform, then I know what a fine organization the 937th is.

We can operate with the best of MATS and not have to take a back seat.

Through the efforts of all the members of the 937th we are carrying our share of the load.


HARRY J. HUFF, II
Lt Col, AFRes
Commander



UP IN THE AIR - Captain Ellen Jean Cotton takes to the air to gather photos to be used in a SOONER GROUP briefing being prepared by Lt. Col Carson, Comptroller. Appears to be a case of Cotton pickin' pointers from a peapickin' cherry picker. That's MSgt Dale E Owens at the controls.

Chaplain Arthur A. Preisinger

Is it really worth it?

Is it really worth getting up every morning, going through the same motions, plodding through the same chores over and over again, finally falling into bed at night dead tired...only to get up again in the morning to start the same grind all over?

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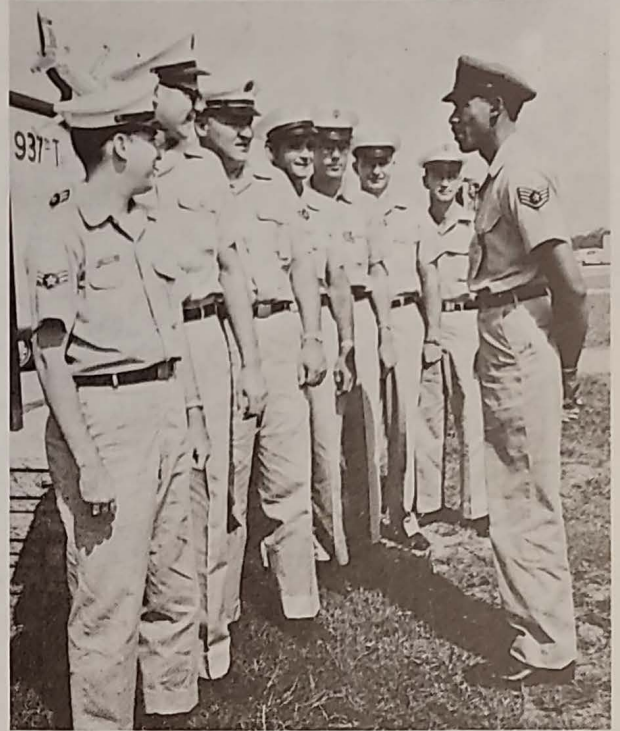
Let's face it. For some people it isn't! Whether or not life is worth living depends on who is living it and what he is living it for. For the man or woman who gets up in the morning and goes through the daily paces for one purpose and one purpose only --- to make a living --- it really is not worth it.

What's left of life if all we've done is made a living?

One of the greatest tragedies of prosperous twentieth-century America lies in the things many people live for. Pity the man or woman who is living only for things --- for food and drink, for clothing and shelter, for wealth and luxury, jewels and furs, for entertaining and amusement, for cars and gadgets. Pity not the man who is rich, but also the man who is poor for whom life has become mainly an effort to accumulate items --- be those items only a few scraps of bread or a cup of coffee.

Life is more than things --- Life is more than items. Jesus once told His disciples: "A man's real life in no way depends upon the number of his possessions."

No one, of course, would say that food, clothing and shelter are not essential to human happiness --- they are. But they are not the things that make life worth living! They are merely the things that make life possible. To make life worth living calls for something infinitely more important. It calls for something that money can't buy --- something that is free for the taking, yet something that millions spend their lives without ever finding!



SUPPORTS TINKER - Several members of the Sooner Group's Air Police Section provided support to Tinker's security for a special Open House held July 5. Ten Air Policemen volunteered for the special "Fourth" duty. Shown here is SSgt Robert L. Caruthers as he prepares to inspect his charges. Others from the left are: A2C Dale B. Reeder, A2C Wayne E. Kime, A2C Gary W. Ryan, SSgt Jackie R. Kilmer, A2C John L. Sukovaty, SSgt James W. West and SSgt Alan K. Slover. Not pictured but also assisting were SSgt Austin L. Chacey and A3C R.W. Phillips.

What is this essential ingredient? What is the life worth living? It is life lived in God.

More than 1500 years ago St. Augustine spoke a prayer which gave expression to an eternal truth. He said, "Thou has made us for Thyself, and our soul is restless until it finds its rest in Thee."

No man has begun to live in the truest sense of the word until his life has been brought into a definite relationship with God. Until that relationship has been established, all the "things" in the world will not make his life worth living.

SUMMER ENCAMPMENT...from page 1

Some 305th air crews will be busy during encampment with flights to Alaska and Saigon.

Members of the 937th Aerial Port Flight will perform their summer encampment at Travis AFB, Calif beginning August 28 in order to receive training from comparable units.

Arrangements for housing for airmen will be announced during July UTA and each individual needing housing should check with his first sergeant.

TSGT VERNON O. BROWN FIRST RESERVIST TO QUALIFY AS FIRST FLIGHT ENGINEER

TSgt Vernon O. Brown was upgraded to qualified first flight engineer recently. He is the first reservist in the 305th TCS to become fully qualified as a flight engineer.

TSgt Brown lives at 1631 Sheffield Road in Oklahoma City and joined the AFRES in March of 59 as a Recip Engineer Mechanic after two previous years in the Army.

He entered flight engineer training in Jan 64 and was fully qualified as first flight engineer during June 65.



AIR FORCE SAVINGS - CMSgt S.T. Moore, operational maintenance, demonstrates the newly built safety tool rack he designed for the 937th Troop Carrier Group. The simple device gives each mechanic a place for his tool kit and has cut loss of tools from four complete kits in six months time to no losses since the rack was placed into operation. Moore is a nine-year member of the 937th and his idea has been submitted to Tinker officials. The rack was built from scrap-iron by 937th civil engineers.

SAFETY SLOGAN CONTEST TRANSISTOR RADIO TO BE AWARDED

During the upcoming 1965 summer encampment a safety slogan contest will be sponsored by the 937th TCG Safety Office.

RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. On a card not larger than 3x5" print your own original safety slogan. Print your name and the office where you work on bottom of card. Slogans must be less than ten (10) words. EXAMPLE: "Safety comes first and foremost, carelessness should never occur."
2. Entries must be placed in one of the slogan boxes located on hangar floor not later than 5 p.m. 10 Aug 65. Winner will be announced on the last day of summer camp.
3. Members of the 937th TCG are the only persons eligible. For additional information contact 937th TCG Safety Office.

SUMMER RECREATION SAFETY RULES MAY PREVENT A FATALITY CHECK BY YOUR NAME

"Summer Leisure" time is here, and with it comes ever increasing hazards and accidents. It should be a time when personnel become increasingly aware of summer recreation safety practices.

Since primarily our efforts for summer relaxation and fun center around bodies of water, this is where we should concentrate our safety awareness. Here are a few safety pointers to keep in mind during summer vacation periods.

Learn and apply boating "traffic rules". The number of persons participating in boating activities increase yearly, and without a keen knowledge sense of good boatmanship, accidents will increase accordingly. Having life preservers, jackets, first aid kits and good "common sense" are the first rules of boating.

Water skiing is a sport that attracts non-experts participants. Exercise caution when in the area of other skiers. Insure that your water skier wears a safety belt.

Swimming activities probably account for more accidents than any other water sport. Don't take chances. Know your physical limitations when swimming.

Scuba and skin diving require expert training. Poor physical conditioning of the participant, disobeying the rules, poor or faulty equipment and drinking are all contributors to fatalities in this sport.

These are just a few of the areas that one will probably come in contact with during the summer months. Safety rules are made to prevent accidents, but it is you who should apply them and see that they are enforced. Safety rules will prevent you from becoming a summer recreation fatality.

COMMISSARY PRIVILEGES DURING SUMMER CAMP - Commissary privileges during summer encampment will be limited to military personnel who have a current reserve ID card and a set of orders for the active duty period. Wives will not be able to accompany husbands or shop alone. They must have a dependents ID card and these are only issued to personnel who are on active duty for more than 30 days.

FOR ALL OFFICERS - The 937 Trp Carr Gp Officers Fund is for the purpose of funding your ROA membership, two socials each year and remembrance to members and dependents. The fee is \$20.00 per year, payable either in the full amount or \$5.00 each calendar quarter. The 3rd quarter for calendar year 65 is due and payable. See Lt Col Carson, Maj Eden, Capt McCrory or Lt Shaffer and bring your account up to date.

GROUP SUMMER PARTY, 6 AUG 65 - The Group Summer Party is planned for Friday, 6 Aug 1965 at the Diamond Ball Room, 8000 S Eastern. Music will be by the CONAC band and a local band that normally plays at the club. Beer, set-ups and chips will be furnished. Tickets for the occasion will be mandatory to be admitted since this is a private club and they will be on sale by members of the NCO Council in each squadron. Members of the Group, whether or not they participate in the 2 week summer camp at this time are encouraged to participate in this occasion and a good time is in store, with the excellent music planned.

NCO COUNCIL MEET - The Group NCO Council will meet Saturday 17 Jul 65 in the same location and time as the June meeting - Group Operations Command Post.

POLICY FOR CLASSROOM USE - The classrooms located in building 1030 including the Navigation and Operations Briefing Room will be scheduled on a first come - first serve basis. Requests will include purpose for which classroom will be used and submitted to the Ground Training Section or can be done by contacting Mr Royce Johnson at Extension 2935.

Request for classrooms for summer camp must be submitted in writing to the Ground Training Office during the July UTA.

DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN ITEMS - All items for the information bulletin (Sooner News) must be submitted to arrive in the Administrative Services Office by the second Monday prior to each UTA.

All items for the 1965 Summer Camp Bulletin must be submitted to the Administrative Services Office by 19 July 1965.

GROUND TRAINING INFORMATION

Any airman below the grade of SSGT interested in performing a 12 day tour of active duty between 4-15 October 1965, contact the Ground Training Office during the July UTA and make application to perform driving duties for the National Security Seminar at Oklahoma City. You must have a valid state and Government driver's license, outstanding military appearance and thorough knowledge of the Oklahoma City area.

All sections have become lax in submitting their requests for Specialty Knowledge Testing. All requests for testing will be submitted one UTA prior to the UTA month the airman is expected to take the test. No testing will be accomplished from this date (17 Jul 65) forward unless this standard procedure has been followed.

The Air Force Specialty Knowledge Test (AFSKT) will be administered in the following career fields during the July UTA. Airmen will be tested in Classroom 1 at 0800 hours, Sunday 18 Jul 65.

3 level: Any career field.

5 & 7 level: 22 23 30 32 34 40 53 55 57 58 65 67 68 70 72 74 75 77 & 92.

The AFSKT will be administered during August in the following career fields:

USAF Supv Exam, 33 36 42 43 61 63 64 90 & 98.

A special class is being conducted in Classroom 2 at 1400 hours on Saturday of each UTA for all clerical (70XXX) personnel who do not have a 5-level AFSC awarded. Office supervisors will assure that their assigned clerical personnel attend this training.

The OJT Supervisor's Meeting will be held in Classroom 1 at 1330 hours, Saturday 17 Jul 65. All OJT Administrators and OJT Supervisors will attend this meeting. Trainers, NCOICs and OICs are encouraged to attend.

Commander's Call will be held in the Base Theater at 0800 hours, Saturday 17 Jul 65. All personnel will report to their assigned section at the base theater between 0730 - 0750 for signing of AF Form 40. Seating and signing of Form 40s will be the same as the previous Commander's Calls.

All personnel who had birthdays in either April, May or June are required to take their test during the July UTA. The test will be given on the hangar floor as scheduled below:

<u>17 Jul 65</u>	<u>Age Group</u>	<u>18 Jul 65</u>
1330 Hrs	18 - 24	0830 Hrs
1400 "	25 - 29	0900 "
1430 "	30 - 34	0930 "
1500 "	35 - 39	1000 "
1530 "	40 - 44	1030 "
1600 "	45 & Above	1100 "

BASE BEMO MOVES TO BLDG 15 - The Individual equipment section of BEMO is being moved from Bldg 469 to Bldg 15 in Area A effective 12 Jul 65.

RETREAT SCHEDULE - The Aerial Port Flt will perform retreat ceremonies on 17 Jul 65 and the 305 TCS is scheduled for Sunday 18 Jul 65.

Small Arms training will be conducted during the July UTA by a Base Range Instructor. Airmen other than Category A type will be scheduled as indicated below. Airmen who have completed Basic Training since 1 Jan 65 should not be scheduled. Sunday firing schedule is reserved for aircrew personnel.

SATURDAY	1030 Hours	1300 Hours	1430 Hours
937 CSS	4	4	0
937 Mat Sq	4	4	6
937 Hq Sq	0	0	1
305 TCS	1	0	1
937 APF	0	1	1

CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER OF EVENTS FOR JUL 65 UTA

SATURDAY 17 JUL 65

0730 - 0750	Sign Form 40s	Base Theater
0800	Commander Call (Entire Group)	Base Theater
1030	Firing Range	See schedule, page 7
1300	Firing Range	See Schedule, page 7
1330	OJT Meeting	Classroom 1
1330 - 1600	Physical Fitness Testing	See Schedule page 7
1400 - 1500	Clerical Classroom Instruction	Classroom 2
1430	Firing Range	See Schedule, page 7
1430	NCO Council Meeting	Group Command Post
1620	Retreat Formation	937 Aerial Port Flt CSS & Mat Sq - Hangar
1645	Sign out	All others - Unit Orderly Room

SUNDAY 18 JUL 65

0730 - 0800	Sign Form 40s	CSS & Mat Sq - Hangar Floor All others - Unit Orderly Room.
0800	AFSKT Testing	Classroom 1
0830 - 1100	Physical Fitness Testing	See Schedule, page 7
1620	Retreat Formation	305 Trp Carr Sq CSS & Mat Sq - Hangar Floor
1645	Sign Out	All others - Unit Orderly Room

NOTE: Special training and meetings for flying personnel in addition to those above are published by the Operations Section.