

# 937th



# SOONER NEWS

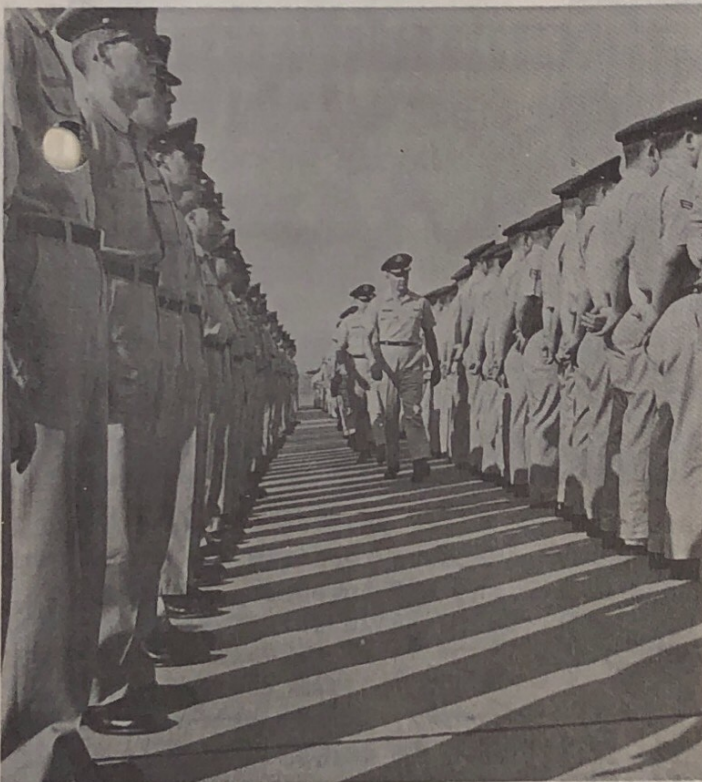
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**INSPECTION LINES---**A close inspection of the troops closed the annual encampment August 14. Commander Huff expressed approval of the unit's appearance and complimented 937th members for efforts during the 15-day training session.

## PENTAGON AUTHORIZATION CLARIFIED; 937th ALLOWED TO PASS 100% MANNING MARK

Clarification has been made of an authorization increasing the manpower of the 937th Troop Carrier Group by 200 additional enlisted men and officers.

The Pentagon statement made recently permits the unit to reach 100 per cent manning, 734 officers and enlisted men. Just prior to this announcement, the unit had reached 93 per cent manning.

New authorization allows the unit to pass 100 per cent manning and increase its strength to 943.

Most new positions will be for maintenance men who keep the unit's C-124 aircraft flying. Unit vacancies will be filled by increased recruiting in the Oklahoma City area.

Type of personnel to be recruited depends upon the individual skill requirements. The 937th is one of the 38 Air Reserve and Air National Guard units to get the increased manning authorization.

This increase will provide 29 additional Air Reserve Technicians to man positions on a civilian status with the 937th, boosting the unit's annual payroll to approximately 1.5 million dollars.

Non-prior service men are needed as well as ex-servicemen. Vacancies exist in a variety of positions.



# THE COMMANDER'S COLUMN

The 937th TCG has been picked as a "high priority" unit by the Air Force. This means we must accelerate our training to reach a C-1 combat ready status by 1 July 1966.

There is going to be a number of changes and many new faces in our unit. These changes are:

1. Increase of authorized crews to 160 instead of 12.
2. Elimination of the Materiel Squadron.
3. Formation of a Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.
4. Formation of a Supply Squadron.
5. Enlargement of the Combat Support Squadron.
6. Increase in the number of full-time technicians from 118 to 148.

We should get all of the non-prior servicemen from the unit at Muskogee as well as many of the prior service men. We should also pick up some personnel from the Amarillo area who belonged to the unit that is phasing out at Carswell. Our total increase will be about 225 men. This increase will task our facilities, our OJT program and will be a challenge to all of us. I know we can meet this challenge. Remember - The Sooner Group will be C-1 sooner than any other.

*[Signature]*  
HARRY J. HUFF, II, Lt Col, AFRes  
Commander

## ECI ENROLLMENT OPENS AGAIN FOR RESERVISTS

Renewed interest and emphasis is being given to ECI courses available to reservists through the unit Ground Training Office.

Reopening of ECI enrollment becomes effective in September and members of the 937th are urged to participate in these correspondence courses.

Courses are designed to provide auxiliary training in the skill level in which each airman is training. The studying corresponds to the OJT program the reservist is following.

Interested individuals should contact the Ground Training Office during the September UTA if possible, or any time during the month to get enrollment information and begin the special training immediately.



Airman Third Class Phillip M. Ward, Civil Engineering Section recently graduated with honors from the ATC Inventory Management Specialist Course 3320 Tech School, Amarillo AFB, Texas.

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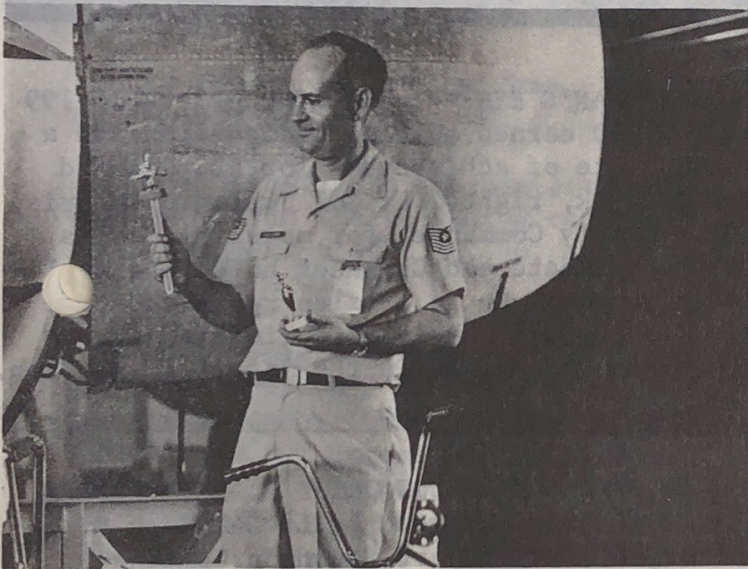
# SAFETY CORNER

## ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED

Col. Harry J. Huff, II, Commander of the Sooner Group announced several changes to his staff during the last UTA.

Topping the list is the retirement of Lt. Col Dale E. Bell, Deputy Commander for Materiel. Replacing Col Bell will be Lt. Col. Julian E. Morris, former commander of the 937th MATRON. Major Jack W. Sutliff was named commander of the MATRON.

In other announcements Major S.T. Ayers was named Logistics Plans Officer; Capt. James Rouser was named Civil Engineering Officer; and Maj Clair M. Anderson was named Flying Safety Officer.



**HUCK RETIRES---**MSgt James C. Huckleberry, after 20 years in the Air Force, retired effective September 1.

A native of Konowa, Okla., Sgt Huckleberry entered military service in August 1943, as a gunner in WW II's European Theater and spent several years as a photo supervisor, special investigator, air policeman, air traffic controller, and special services supervisor before retiring.

The "Sooner Group" well remembers Huckleberry as the driving force behind two successful picnics and other enterprises benefiting the reserve program and the 937th.

Married, with three children, Huckleberry resides with his family in Choctaw, Okla.

## WHAT ABOUT YOUR CHILD?

Safety Editorial --- Capt Warren Klima  
Ground Safety Officer

We all know that children lack the experience needed to know automatically what to do in an unexpected situation. But just remember, we were all kids once and in spite of all the well intentioned training received, KIDS WILL BE KIDS.

The return of children to school brings many problems to mind. An immediate problem involves our responsibility, as drivers and parents, to provide a safe environment for our children as they return to school. If a child loses his life in a traffic accident, all the other important lessons he has learned will have been in vain.

We should remind ourselves that school zone speed limits are in operation and all drivers must obey the limits, especially when children are present. Remember, too, all traffic must stop when meeting and overtaking a school bus which is stopped to load or unload children.

The safety and future of our children depend on the co-operation of ALL OF US.

## ATTENTION IS CALLED TO PARKING RULES

The parking lot adjacent to Building 1030 is reserved for officers and NCO's with the rank of E-7 and above during all UTA's. Because of repeated violations of this rule disciplinary action will be taken for unauthorized use of this lot during future weekends.

The parking spaces immediately adjacent to the building area are reserved for specific personnel, remaining slots are for any authorized person.



## HOUSE TRAILERS TO HELP SOLVE SPACE SHORTAGE

Three house trailers obtained during the last UTA from the Air Force in Springfield, Missouri will help solve the critical space shortage in the 937th's Bldg 1030.

Two of the trailers emplaced near the northeast entrance will be used as line shacks and utilized fully during each UTA. The third will be dressed up and painted and used as a recruiting vehicle and placed in various locations during each month.

The new additions were hauled to Oklahoma by members of the ground transportation section on three flatbed trailers borrowed from the host base.

Trickiest phase of all was unloading each trailer and placing it into position on concrete blocks.



## AIRMEN'S QUARTERS

Last UTA an airman had to sleep in one of our aircraft because he couldn't get a room at the transient quarters. He waited too late to sign in and the rooms were gone.

We block 50 rooms each UTA for Saturday night. The base will hold these rooms until 5 P. M. and then assign them to anyone who needs a room. If you depend on quarters at Tinker during UTA's, you must get your room before 5 P. M. on Saturday. The best procedure is to check in by noon so you can be sure of a room.



**MARKSMAN'S EYE---**A qualifying mark of 199 out of 200 earned special recognition and a certificate of achievement for A3C Richard M. Charneck, right. Lt Col Julian T. Morris, 937th Deputy Commander for materiel, holds the certificate and Charneck holds the qualifying weapon. He is a sales representative for Proctor and Gamble as a civilian and an administrative clerk in the materiel squadron.

**ECI GRADUATE---**TSGT James F. Lott, Moore, Okla., is congratulated by Lt Col Jack E. Newman, Combat Support Squadron Commander, for completing "Management for AF Supervisors," an ECI course. Lott works in the 937th Finance and accounting office.





# GROUND TRAINING INFORMATION

19 September 1965

The Commander's Calls will be held as follows:

Saturday-0930 Hq 937 Trp Carr Gp (H)  
Operations Brief- 305 Trp Carr Sq (H)  
ing Room 937 Tac Disp

Saturday-1445 937 Cmbt Spt Sq

Sunday-1445 937 Materiel Sq

The Air Force Specialty Knowledge Test (AFSKT) will be administered in the following career fields during the September UTA. Airmen will be tested in classroom 1 at 0800 hours, Sunday 19 September 1965.

3 - level: Any career field

5 & 7 - level: USAF Supv Exam, 20, 24, 27, 29, 46, 47, 54, 56, 60, 62, & 73.

The AFSKT will be administered during October UTA in the following career fields: USAF Supervisors Test 33, 36, 42, 43, 44, 71, 90, & 93.

The OJT Supervisors Meeting will be held in Classroom 1 at 1330 hours, Saturday 18 September 1965. All OJT Administrators and OJT Supervisors will attend this meeting. Trainers, NCOICs and OICs are encouraged to attend.

All personnel who had birthdays in either April, May or June, and did not take their physical fitness test during the July or August UTA are required to take their test during the September UTA. The test will be given on the hangar floor as scheduled below:

18 September 1965

1330 hours,	18-24 years old
1400 "	25-29 " "
1430 "	30-34 " "
1500 "	35-39 " "
1530 "	40-44 " "
1600 "	45 and above

0830 hours,	18-24 years old
0900 "	25-29 " "
0930 "	30-34 " "
1000 "	35-39 " "
1030 "	40-44 " "
1100 "	45 and above

Small Arms Training will be conducted for aircrew members on Saturday and Sunday during the September UTA. No other personnel are to be scheduled for the firing range.

First order	Second order	each day
0900	1300	

ATTENTION ALL BOWLERS - The 937 Bowling Team is being formed to participate in Tinker AFB League Play. All interested bowlers contact LtCol Carson in Room 205 or Sgt Bagby and/or Robinson in Maintenance.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS NEWS - The Personal Affairs Office has a limited number of OAR 7004 forms (Request for Statement of Earnings from Social Security Administration) for anyone interested in obtaining a statement of SS earnings. See Sgt Littleton in Room 206.



# CHRONOLOGICAL EVENTS FOR THE SEPTEMBER TRAINING ASSEMBLY 18-19 SEP 65

## Saturday 18 Sep 65

0730-0800	Sign in	CSS & Mat Sq - Hangar Floor All Others - Orderly Rooms
0930	Commanders Call -	Hq 937 Trp Carr Gp 305 Trp Carr Sq 937 Tac Disp Operations Briefing Room
1330	OJT Supervisors Meeting	Classroom 1
1330-1600	Physical Fitness Test	See Schedule for age groups
1445	Commanders Call -	937 Cmbt Spt Sq Operations Briefing Room
1645	Retreat	937 Materiel Sq

## Sunday 19 Sep 65

0730-0800	Sign in	Same as Saturday
0800-1200	AFSKT	Classroom 1
0830	Buddy Care	Classroom 2 & 4
0830-1100	Physical Fitness testing	See Schedule for age groups
1445	Commanders Call -	937 Materiel Sq Operations Briefing Room
1645	Retreat	Hq Sq & Tac Disp