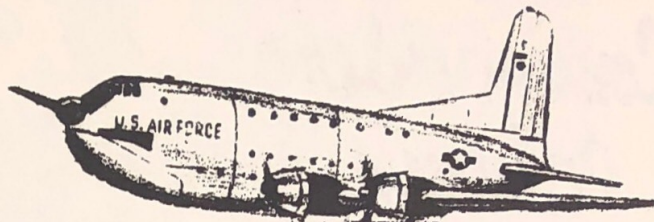


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SSGT ROBERT ANDERSON RECIEVES TOPS HONOR; SETS NEW RECORD IN 937 AIR MAINTENANCE

Crew chief, SSgt Robert R. Anderson, and his assistant, SSgt Hurschel H. Johnson, were spotlighted during the February UTA for having aircraft 50-0095 in such good condition for a flight that "black initial" status was reached.

This status simply means that the aircraft was in perfect flying order.

"The takeoff was made on time at 1600 hours and the entire mission was flown as scheduled with the status of the aircraft reflecting a black initial," Maj Jessel V. Williams, pilot of the aircraft, said following the flight.

"This is the first time, in ten years that I have been assigned to this unit that I have flown an aircraft that did not require an exceptional release," Maj Williams said.

SSgt Anderson was presented the unit's TOP Award for the month at the regular commander's call along with a gift for the outstanding performance of his duties.



SSGT ROBERT ANDERSON, left, is congratulated for the "black initial" status by pilot Maj Jessel V. Williams, as crew assistant SSgt Hurschel Johnson looks on. In the background is the 0095 which set the new unit record.

Maj. Williams, aircrew training officer, also said, "It (the condition of the aircraft) illustrates what can happen when the right person with the right attitude has the required assistance."

Commanders Column

ARE YOU A CRAFTSMAN?

We in the 937th MAG are very fortunate to have many craftsmen. It is our business to mend broken pieces, correct supply deficiencies, train airmen and officers from a meaningless number to an active member of our team.

Have you ever watched a painter slap paint on a wall in all kinds of criss-cross patterns with seemingly reckless abandon? Much to your surprise it dries to a beautiful flat finish with no streaks or brush marks.

He was a craftsman. There was no doubt in his mind how the finished product would appear. He had mixed the paint and chosen the proper equipment which he needed.

Have you ever been in one of our C-124's that was being buffeted around

quite roughly on "final" with a lot of "crab" in it and apparently is heading for the ground too fast plus drifting off the runway?

At the last second Capt. "Y. Smith," or one of many like him on our team, kicks out the crab and flares out in the center of the runway just as the wheels screech in for a grease job.

You can be assured that all of our flying personnel are air craftsmen before they are allowed the responsibility by Col Taylor and Col Bergmark.

You as an NCO have a poor performance in your section. Talk with this young man. Identify his problem and suggest things that would help him to solve it. Lend your influence if necessary.

How you stack up as a craftsman in human relations could not be higher because you reclaimed an airman to himself, and the 937th MAG.

Analogies and examples are limitless. I strongly suggest that you as an individual do all in your power to be known by your co-workers as a craftsman in your field.

Lt Col Julian E. Morris
Deputy Commander of Maintenance



937TH OFFICERS AND INSPECTING OFFICIALS end the inspection UTA with a critique session



ROA REPORT -- COL HOMER I. LEWIS, national vice president for air of the Reserve Officers Association (right), stopped off at Tinker on his way back to San Antonio, Tex., where he is reserve deputy commander of the air material area. While here, he visited with the 937th Commander, Col Huff, and they discussed the up-and-coming ROA meeting to be held in Oklahoma City. The visitor reminded Col Huff that since he's running for president of the Oklahoma ROA, he had better read up on the group's latest happenings in the ROA magazine.

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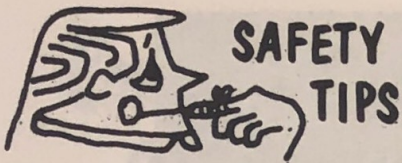
SEAT BELT MONITORS TO MEET

There will be a meeting of seat belt monitors in the safety office at 1000 hours, 18 March 1957. All units will appoint monitors immediately if they have not done so.

The monitors will attend the meeting to discuss the progress made to date on achieving the 100 percent seat belt goal.

Monitors should be prepared to present and discuss their progress charts and furnish a copy of the names of personnel within their unit not having seat belts installed. We have made amazing progress to date with approximately 95 percent of the group participating in the program.

The transportation section is continuing to install seat belts. Contact Capt Klima at extension 3742, to make arrangements.



COMMUNICATIONS FLIGHT COMES IN FIRST

Congratulations are in order for the communications flight, as they achieved 100 percent seat belt installation in privately owned vehicles.

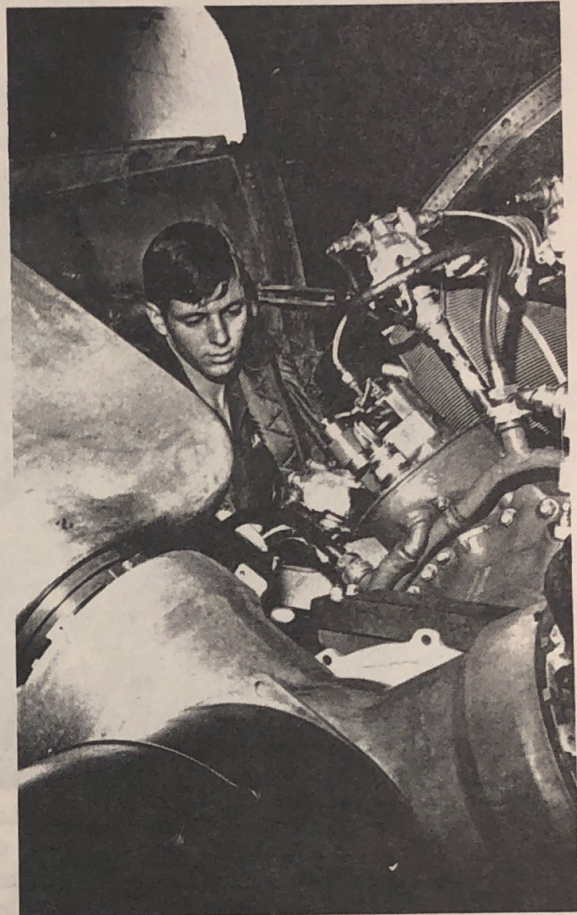
The score box for the remaining units in the 937th remain as follows:

Aerial port flight.....	3
Maintenance.....	14
305th MAS.....	12
Dispensary.....	6
Support.....	20
Supply.....	9
Headquarters.....	1

The grand total indicates over 95 percent of the 937th personnel have seat belts installed.

Starting within the next few weeks, the SOONER NEWS will publish a "potential" obituary column on those personnel not having seat belts in their vehicle.

Why not keep your name off the list by installing seat belts?



A2C LEWIS HULLAN takes great pains to check out the massive C-124 engine.

VIETNAM AIRLIFT SURPASSES KOREAN CONFLICT

TAN SON NHUT AB, Vietnam -- Air Force pilots flying C-123 Provider and C-130 Hercules aircraft last year moved more cargo in Vietnam than the total airlift of the Korean conflict. They logged more than 175,000 sorties to deliver 545,000 tons of cargo and more than 1,500,000 passengers.

In October, the Air Force reorganized its airlift command structure in Vietnam by assigning the 834th Air Division responsibility for all tactical airlift in Vietnam.

The new organization provided for administrative and operational control of six companies of Army CV-2 Caribu aircraft which were transferred to Air Force in January. The Caribus are used primarily to supply small units in remote areas.

S.S. RATES CAUSE CHANGE IN PAY CHECKS

If you noticed a change in your last pay check, it's probably because of a jump in social security rates. Rate is now 4.4 percent of taxable income instead of 4.2.

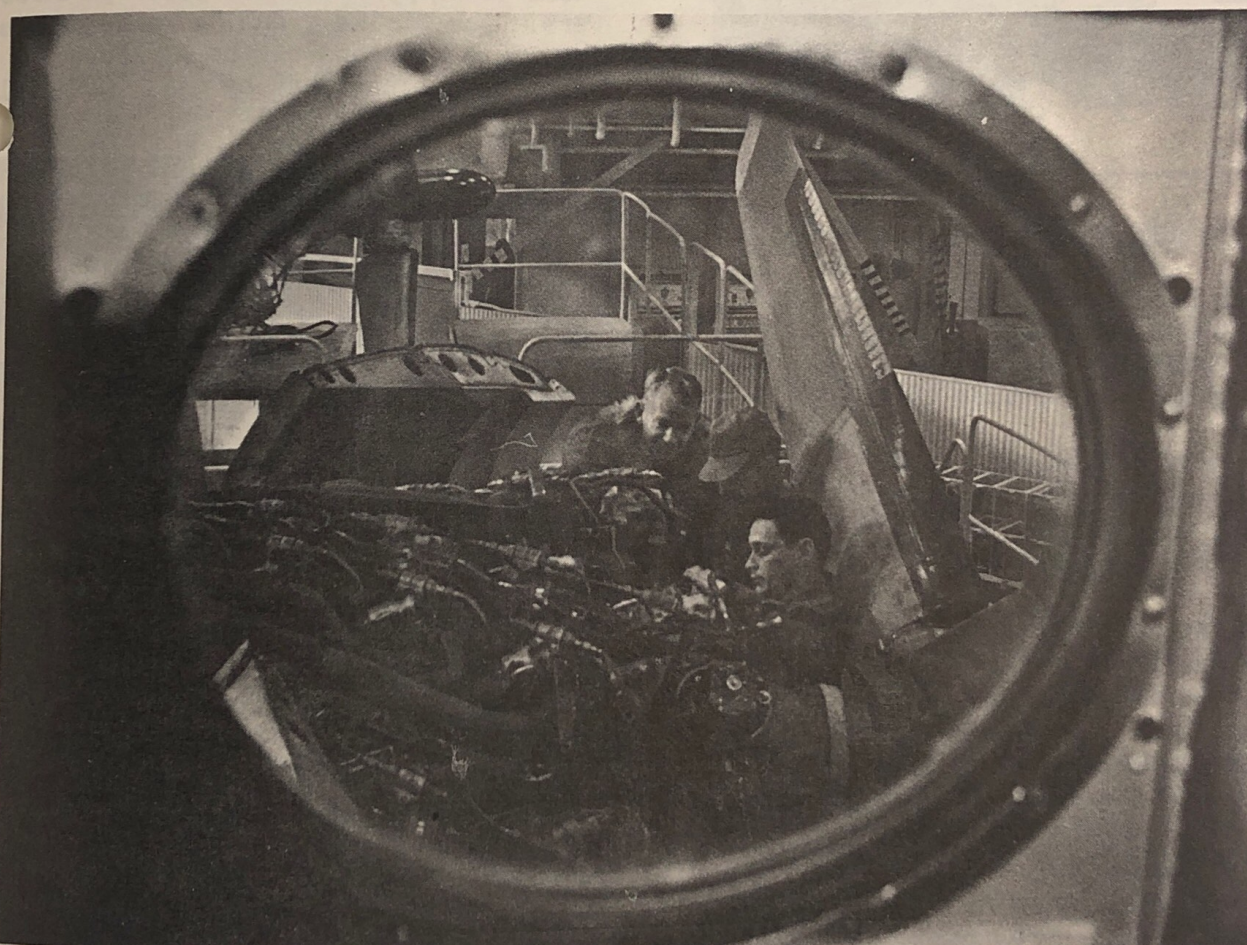
The increase is the second of eight projected boosts to cover costs of medicare. Ceiling for total deductions also is higher.

The higher rates began in 1963 with a 3.625 percentage and an annual maximum of \$174. In 1966, it went to 4.2 percent and \$272 maximum.

It will be 4.4 percent and \$323.40 for 1969-72. Increases will continue until a 5.65 rate is reached in 1987.



SMSGT JAMES CLARK AND TSQT JIM KELLY keep maintenance records up to date.



THROUGH A C-124 WINDOW, the camera watches three 937th members hard at work.

NOTE: THE MAINTENANCE PHOTOS SEEN IN THIS ISSUE ARE PRINTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STORY ON PAGE ONE CONCERNING THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED "BLACK INITIAL" FLYING STATUS.



CARGO EQUIPMENT UNDERGOES close inspection before each flight. Three 937th members, A2C Thomas Wagoner, A2C James Chappell, and SSgt James Jackson, see that each phase is in top condition.

GENERAL THEODORE J. CONWAY, U.S. Army, right, commander-in-chief of the U.S. Strike Command, arrives at Continental Air Command headquarters, Robins AFB, Ga., with CAC Commander Lt Gen Henry Viccellio. A group of senior staff officers including Gen Conway from the unified command, headquartered at MacDill AFB, Fla. discussed use of Air Force Reservists in Strike operations. Last year Reserve troop carrier units flew 4,932 missions in support of Army requirements, dropping 195.07 tons of equipment and 143,517 paratroopers. The Strike group was also briefed on other missions of the Air Force Reserve administered by CAC. (Official U.S. Air Force Photo)

TINKER TO RECEIVE CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

Tinker AFB is in line for more than \$2,000,000 in construction funds as part of a previously delayed plan that could not be completed because of a fund shortage.

Secretary of Defense, Robert S. McNamara, has given the go-ahead for 550 projects that had to be delayed and nine Tinker projects now have been funded.

The list includes:

Runway overrun.....	\$223,000
Replace equipment shop.....	\$129,000
Replace chapel annex.....	\$171,000
Replace exchange sales store..	\$427,000
Replace NCO open mess.....	\$440,000
Replace Officers open mess....	\$461,000
Replace gymnasium.....	\$409,000
Replace theater.....	\$308,000
Printing plant.....	\$118,000

Tinker was one of 10 Air Force bases receiving the go-ahead signal on construction projects.

