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LT JOHN HOPE TAKES THE MICROPHONE TO
EMCEE THE ANNUAL MILITARY BALL.

SIXTEEN OFFICERS AND AIRMEN HONORED DURING ANNUAL PARADE AND REVIEW DAY

Sixteen members of the 937th Military Airlift Group were awarded medals at annual summer camp ceremonies held at the base parade grounds last Saturday morning.

The Southeast Asia Medals were for Air Force REserve flight crew personnel who have made trips into the combat zone in the last several months.

The men received the honor at the annual parade and review conducted by the 937th with the aid of the Continental Air Command Band which was on hand to play for the Military Ball Friday night.

Those receiving medals were Maj Carrol C. Ballard, Maj David J. Sutton, Capt Chester E. Urey, Capt Irvin Schmidt, Capt Loyd V. Hill, SSgt Jack L. Stienberg, AIC Bryan Wells, Capt Thomas C. Caraway, Maj Harry A. Anderson, Maj Glen L. Ellenwood, MSgt Vernon O. Brown, TSgt James A. Trogdon, SSgt Rolla C. Gibbons, Jr., TSgt Jim C. Buchanan, AIC John A. Whitehead, Jr., and Capt Claud Giddings.

In addition to the parade and review, which was viewed by families of 937th members, spectators toured the unit's C-124 Aircraft and later attended the annual Family Day Picnic.

CIVIL DEFENSE COURSES TO BE HELD

This spring, April 24-27, the University of Oklahoma is sponsoring a Civil Defense Management Training course. The four day course is designed to help upgrade disaster control officers and management and planning personnel.

It is a condensation of the three weeks Office of Civil Defense Course held at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Advance enrollment is required. Any interested personnel should contact the 937th Ground Training Office for further information.

Intelligence Review....
from the desk of Maj Ayers

BACKGROUND ON CHINA REBELLION

In recent years, Red China's leader, Chairman Mao Tse Tung, has held the viewpoint that China has been going soft, slipping into capitalistic habits. By 1966, Mao decreed a cultural revolution and started cleaning house of the leaders of the opposing viewpoint. Since then Mao's purges have cut deeper and deeper into the leadership of the country. Youthful Red guards were specially organized and turned loose to help Mao guide China back to "pure" communist practice. Sacrifices were demanded on an already impoverished people, running directly counter to their dreams of better lives. Instead of more food, bicycles, radios, watches, etc. They foresaw more work for less pay. The result was growth in opposition to Mao.

Opposition has taken many forms. The Bureaucrats who run China drag their feet willfully in administering Mao will. Premier Chou En-Lai has complained publicly that only six out of the sixteen of his Vice/Premiers were doing their work. Industrial workers have been sabotaging production with strikes and feet dragging tactics while demanding a better deal. Strikes have crippled the electricity and water supply of Shanghai, with the city itself boiling with street fighting between Maoist and anti-Mao factions.

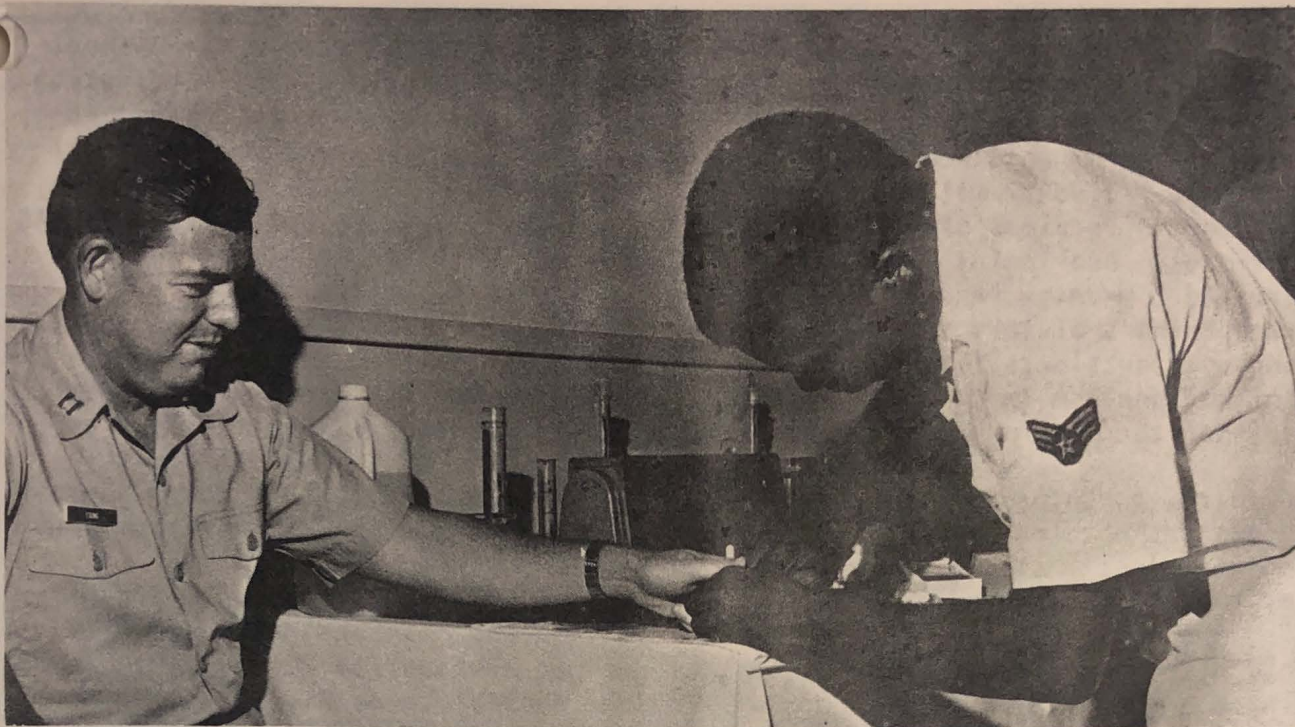
Red guard troops, determined to establish Mao's new order, have been fighting pitched battles with peasants and workers from Heilungkiang in the north-east to Yunnan in the southwest. These clashes are becoming increasingly violent. On 9 August a peasant rebellion was reported

in Chekiang Province opposite the Nationalist island of Taiwan. Reports also give evidence of Red guards fighting in Canton. The country's biggest oil fields were reported in full rebellion. In Hup-eh Province, 50 bloody incidents were reported in a week. Red guard newspaper report battles in Wuhan, where Mao supporters were killed with spears, pitchforks and axes.

The army is the only effective force left in China. As a whole, it is beyond the control of what remains of the peoples government. Military units are in direct or indirect control of all 28 administrative areas in China. But time and again army forces refused to interfere in local rioting and disorders. Most army units have been garrisoned in the same place for years. Close ties with local residents and officials have developed and weakened their response to Peking's direction.

ALTERNATIVES TO WHICH PRESENT DISORDER MAY LEAD: 1. A military takeover of China by region army commanders, there are no firm signs of such a conspiracy, and many doubt a nationwide cabal could be organized. Still, the Yangze Valley has historically been a fulcrum used to move China, and opposition in Wohan might prove contagious and spread to neighboring provinces, which include the most powerful in China.

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937TH PERSONNEL FOUND DONATING BLOOD NOT HALF AS PAINFUL AS THEY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE

BLOOD DONATION GIVEN FULL 937TH SUPPORT

In direct support of the war in Viet Nam, nearly 160 members of the 937th took time from summer camp duties last Thursday and Friday to donate blood to be used in the war effort.

The 937th Tactical Dispensary appealed to unit members when summer camp opened.

Within 72 hours after the blood is drawn, it will be put into use by medical personnel in Viet Nam. The blood will be flown to the war-stricken country by jet aircraft.

"We were very happy to participate in the project," Col Huff said. "I was quite pleased at the number of volunteers and we know that this effort will help."

Tinker's monthly requirement is 195 pints and the 937th's giving did much to help meet this goal.



ANOTHER EFFORT WAS THE CLOTHING CHECK WHICH KEEPS ONE'S ISSUE UP TO DATE

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2. Another possibility is the gradual breakup of China into semiautonomous regions, ruled by military commanders as modern versions of the traditional warlords. Provincial loyalties have survived Communism, and regionalism has marked China's history. Yet the feeling among most outsiders is that the new forces of Nationalism in China will prove stronger than the old forces of dissolution.

3. A third, A "Chinese solution" is also suggested: nothing sudden or dramatic, no showdowns, just a slow drift back to stronger rule by Peking and to stability. All this, the authorities insist, will come only after Mao dies or is incapable of ruling.

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COL HUFF CONGRATULATES OJT SUPERVISORS ON THE COMPLETION OF THEIR COURSE.





CAPT KLIMA AND MAJ AYERS INSPECT MAJ CARRY'S OFFICE DURING 'BLACK BUCKET' CAMPAIGN.

RESERVE ESTABLISHES NEW AIRLIFT RECORDS

Air Force Reserve units flying C-124 Globemasters airlifted more than 22,000 tons of cargo in fiscal year 1967, as opposed to 8,600 tons the previous year. Some 42,500 passengers were carried by CAC's 19 military airlift groups. This was an increase of 400 per cent over the previous year.

Reserve units made 264 trips to the Pacific area in support of U.S. forces in Vietnam.

In relation to the above figures, statistics for the 937th look something like this: tons of cargo- 1,972; passengers- 4,262; passenger miles- 3,512,151.

C-5 HANGAR EQUALS 10 FOOTBALL FIELDS

Lockheed-Georgia Co. is building a cantilevered hangar for the C-5 that will have floor space equal to the area of 10 football fields.

Scheduled for completion in December, the engineering test center will accommodate two C-5s on one side and test equipment on the other. A five-story central core will contain offices, shops and laboratories.

CLEAN-UP INSPECTION AWARD INAUGURATED; BLACK BUCKET PRESENTED TO ELECTRIC SHOP

If you see a black bucket sitting outside an office or section door--take heed--it's not a butt can. Quite the opposite -- it's a trophy, but not for first place.

Beginning with the Aug 5 UTA a Clean-Up Inspection was inaugurated within the Field Maintenance offices.

Each UTA an inspection team will give these offices the 'white glove' treatment. When the inspection is over, there are no first prizes--only last place is recognized -- with a black bucket.

The purpose of the inspection is not to embarrass anyone, but to keep all maintenance offices in top shape.

The first inspection team was made up of Maj Ayers and Capt Klima, who made this comment: "It was a tough job to decide the loser -- all offices had made a good effort -- the selection was difficult -- but we had to present the 'trophy' to someone."

The final decision singled out Shop Chief MSgt Manuel Witt and his crew of the electrical shop.

Under these circumstances, congratulations to the losers.



FIRST OBSTACLE WHICH GREETED 937TH MEMBERS IN THE "IN-PROCESSING LINE WAS "JENIAL JOE" BURNETT WHO CHECKED THE LOCATER FILE ADDRESS AND DOG TAGS OF EVERYONE.

Summer Camp Hi/Lites

NOTE: (THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHS WERE SNAPPED OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY 937TH PERSONNEL DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP. PHOTOGRAPHS AND STORIES CONCERNING THE FINAL SEGMENT OF THE ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT WILL APPEAR IN THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE OF SOONER NEWS.)

A2C OLIVER AND A1C HILL, THE 937TH'S OWN STATE PARACHUTE CHAMP, PRODUCE OXYGEN MASK BAGS FOR THE FLIGHT CREW.





MSGT THOMAS MAKES SURE PAPERWORK IS IN ORDER AS OVER 1,000 937TH PERSONNEL ATTEMPT TO PROCESS-IN IN ONE MORNING.



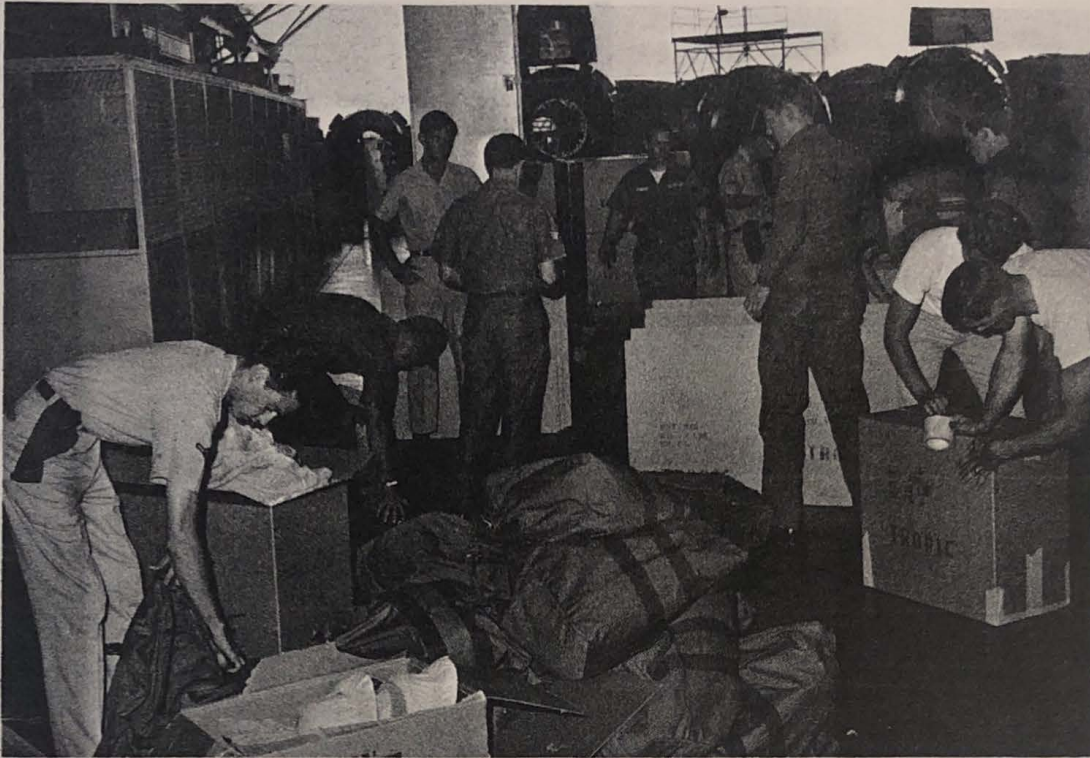
"READY ON THE RIGHT...READY ON THE LEFT ...READY ON THE FIRING LINE"--ECHOED THROUGH THE FIRING AREA AS PERSONNEL QUALIFY WITH THE M-1 CARBINE.



(TOP PHOTO) AN AIRMAN MAKES SURE HIS TARGET IS SECURE BEFORE THE FIRING BEGINS. (BOTTOM PHOTO) A2C CHARLTON DEMONSTRATES HIS SKILL WITH A POWER AIR DRILL TO A2C OWENS.



SSGT MCPHERSON AND LT CECILIA MATHEWS STOP INCOMING AIRMEN TO CHECK BLOOD TYPES.



MEMBERS OF THE SUPPLY SQUADRON PACK TROPIC SURVIVAL KITS.

...and more

EACH MEMBER OF THE SHEETMETAL SECTION MUST LEARN TO USE A GOOD MANY TOOLS AND SMSGT ELLIS GIVES SSGT BOONE A LITTLE COACHING IN THE USE OF ONE OF THE SHOPS SAWS.

