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Lying down has no place in intensive summer camp training, although actress Diane McBain proves it has its advantages at other times. A little bit of inspiration helps, too, and the curvy film star certainly supplies that.

PACE HUMS AS CAMP END NEARS

Training and activities continue at a fast pace as the 937th's annual summer encampment nears the out-processing stage.

Following a successful set of mid-camp festivities, airmen and officers kept busy at the firing range, taking QJT courses, testing in specialties and performing their normally assigned duties.

The camp's middle weekend was marked by a well-attended Military Ball at Top of the Mall, Shepherd Mall, a parade, dedication of the unit's new headquarters building and a

picnic for unit members, their families and friends and visitors.

For the first time, the unit's camp activities was attended by royalty. Miss Beverly Drew, Miss Oklahoma of 1968, watched while the 937th passed in review, led by the 502 Air Force Band from Keesler AFB.

Miss Drew also attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official opening of the unit's new building.

Also on hand for the rites were Brig. Gen. John W. Hoff, commander of the

512 Military Airlift Wing, Carswell AFB, Texas.

Gen. Hoff stood with Miss Drew; Lt. Col. William E. Stealey, acting commander of the 937th; and Col. Harry Huff II, former commander of the 937th who is taking a California command, as the unit passed in review, and then assisted the beauty queen in the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The 513th commander appeared pleased with 937th progress and praised the unit and reservists in general, calling them "more important now than ever before."

Gen. Hoff cited 937th flights regularly around the world as an example of reserve readiness and said reservists are "ready to go whenever and wherever we're needed."

Outprocessing and pay lines will open at 0730 hours Saturday morning in the unit parachute shop in Building 1030 -- where airmen who aren't completely current will face the same old nemesis shot line.

Then, it's back to normal for another year, with 937th airmen due back for another UTA Sept. 13-14.



AIC Tom Hunt shows his best golf form during unit competition.

RESERVISTS SWING ON GOLF COURSE

Summer camp has been swinging for some 937th personnel who have taken advantage of the annual golf tournament held on the Tinker golf course.

The tournament which has been directed by 2Lt Delta Chabino of personnel services will continue through Saturday.

He said the cutoff

date for competition will be the completion date of summer camp as listed on individual orders.

Entry fee in the contest is 50 cents, and two score cards are required in the competition.

The first card, Lt Chabino said, will be used to determine the handicap. The second

card will establish the score to be entered in the competition. Both cards can be played in one visit to the golf course.

Handicaps will be figured on the Calloway system. Six numbers will be drawn from a hat, and the scores on those six holes will determine the handi-

cap and score.

The cards must be validated on the course by another member of the 937th.

Cards must be played before the end of summer camp, but Lt Chabino said they may be turned in at his office during the September UTA.

Pair Ending Military Years

Summer camp and a combination of 52 years of military service will end August 23 for Lt. Col. Jack W. Sutliff and Lt. Col. Ward Blocker.

The two officers will retire from the reserves at the end of summer camp.

Col. Sutliff, deputy commander of maintenance, has been with the 937th since March, 1963.

He has a total of 26 years with the actives and reserves.

The principal of West Junior High School in Ponca City received his commission as second lieutenant in November, 1943.

Col. Blocker, command-

er of the support squadron, also has 26 years of service in the actives and reserves. He has been with the 937th for six years.

In civilian life Col. Blocker is director of fiscal management for University Extension at Oklahoma State University.

Col. Blocker was a B-24 pilot in the South Pacific during World War II.

Taking over Blocker's duties is Lt. Col. Wilburn L. Williamson. The new support squadron commander has been with the unit since September, 1956.



Lt. Col. Ward Blocker, left, and Lt. Col. Jack Sutliff congratulate each other upon retirement after a combined total of 52 years of service in the military



SSgt Billy Trueblood plies his training on an engine.

Hot Pace Set By Mechanics

Four 937th engine mechanics came back to Tinker during July with a proud record of achievement.

The men were involved in Operation Exotic Dancer at Homestead AFB, Fla., and spent 11 days there working with the men of the 915th MAG.

The crew from the 937th tore down five engines in a remarkable five days. The engines were 4360s for C-124s.

A job of that nature usually takes some five weeks.

Taking the trip to Florida were SSgt Billy D. Trueblood, Sgt Gary R. Davis, Sgt Melvin S. Nic-

olosi, and AIC David E. Doss.

Sgt Trueblood explained that tearing down an engine means stripping the engine of all parts and getting it ready for overhaul. The stripped engine is then sent to Aerodex, a private corporation, for overhaul.

Trueblood is an Air Reserves Technician, and the other men are employees at Tinker.

Trueblood is spending summer camp in his regular job as an engine mechanic, and the other three men completed their summer camp obligations during their stay in Florida.



Two airmen get a bird's eye view of the parade.



Men of the 937th pass in review during Family Day activities.

DAY OF FESTIVITIES



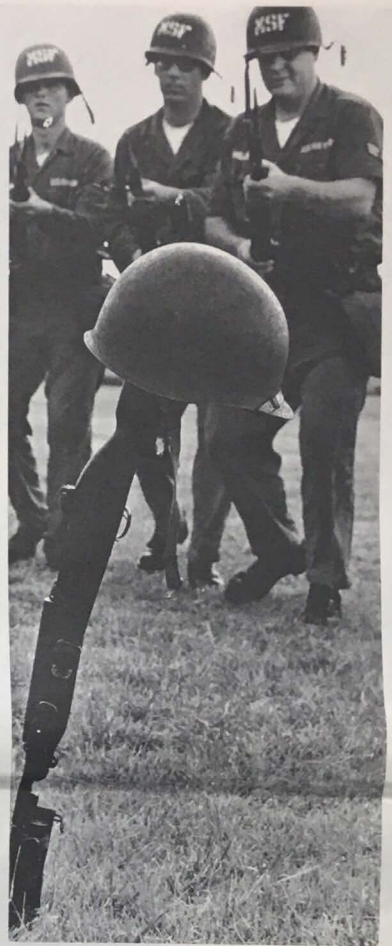
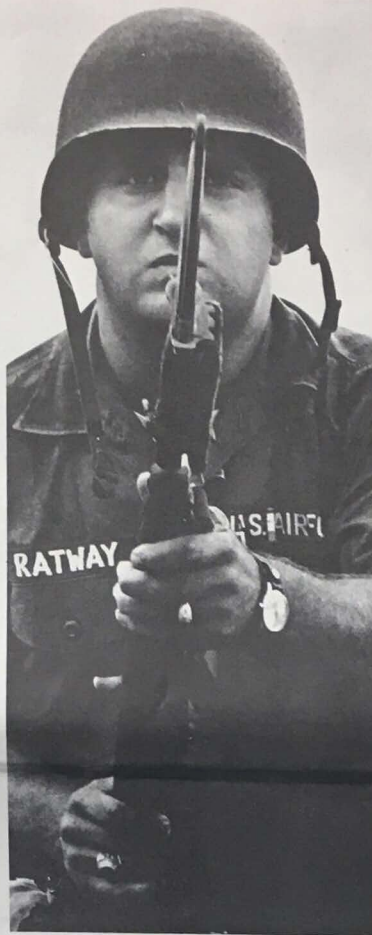
Miss Beverly Drew, Miss Oklahoma of 1968, and Brig. Gen. John W. Hoff, commander of the 512th Military Airlift Wing, formally open new headquarters building.



Military ball activities bring on signs of good time.



Watermelon and prizes brighten the 937th's Family Day picnic.





PREPAREDNESS: RIOT TRAINING

Some 15 air policemen of the 937th have completed a comprehensive course during summer camp on control of civil riots, taught by a regular Air Force instruction.

The course consisted of two full days of training covering the various formations used during rioting and practical exercises carried out during civil disturbances.

The reservists also took tests over the material they covered and viewed films on riot control, Sgt. Johnny Barnes, one of the students, said.

Sgt. Barnes said the airmen used all the equipment they would use under real riot conditions while in training.

All 937th airmen passed the course, Barnes said.

"It was more or less a refresher course for most of us," he said. "But there were several airmen who hadn't had the course before."





2Lt Jerry Gamble pulls the strings and gets attention of his audience.

LIEUTENANT PULLS THE STRINGS

A second lieutenant was pulling the strings at the annual 937th Family Day Picnic Saturday.

2Lt Jerry Gamble, 937th education and training officer, brought his troupe of marionettes to the picnic and entertained adults and children.

Gamble said his fascination with puppeteering started when he was eight, after his brother and he had become interested in building model airplanes and boats.

From the boats and planes they progressed to puppets and a bit of show business began in the Gamble family.

The Gamble brothers began putting on shows, some of them three-act plays.

Gamble recalled presenting "Hansel and Gretel" until production problems caused the brothers to switch from plays to variety acts.

"One of the production problems with 'Hansel and Gretel,' Gamble remembered, "was that I did the voice of Gretel and my voice changed,"

In high school the lieutenant continued his avocation and worked two seasons as a puppeteer at Santa's Workshop in Colorado Springs.

He helped send himself through college at the University

of Oklahoma by presenting shows to civic and school groups. He and his puppets also appeared in the Sooner Scandals, the university's annual variety show.

While in graduate school at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., Gamble did not shirk his role as a puppeteer. He appeared there in the school's annual variety show.

Gamble said he has a crew of 40 marionettes, but he feels he's rather disregarded them the past five years.

He explained that he's been working on a law degree at night and didn't have time to keep up with his avocation.

But, he said that's all changing now. He completed his law degree and has passed his bar exam. Now he plans to build some new puppets and put the others into better repair.

In May of 1968 Gamble represented the Air Force Reserves during the Air Force Reserve Day at the HemisFair in San Antonio. He presented his puppet show during the day set aside to honor the reservists.

When the lieutenant is not either working for the reserve unit or putting on his puppet show, he is a real estate agent.