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Take To The Skies

Pilots Sought In New Program

Pilots are in demand by the Air Force Reserves.

And, enlisted men in the 937th are eligible to apply for admission in the program.

According to Capt. Bobby Gonshor, personnel officer for the 937th, the unit is pushing recruitment under the reserves' new Undergraduate Pilot Training Program which offers the college graduate a chance to be an officer, a reservist and a pilot. The enlisted man now in the reserves would

obligate himself for a five-year stay in the reserves following his completion of pilot training.

One of the greatest benefits of the program, Gonshor stressed, is that the pilot candidate will have to spend only 12 weeks of his obligation outside Oklahoma.

Those 12 weeks are spent in Officers Training School in San Antonio.

Gonshor said the pilot candidate can choose his pilot training school.

"If he chooses the pi-

lot's school at Vance Air Force Base in Enid," Gonshor explained, "he will spend only 12 weeks outside Oklahoma."

Time spent on active duty, Gonshor noted, will depend on the student's capacity to perform in the pilot training school and in his additional training with the local unit.

After the pilot's school, the new second lieutenant will be assigned to active duty training on the 937th's new aircraft, the C-130.

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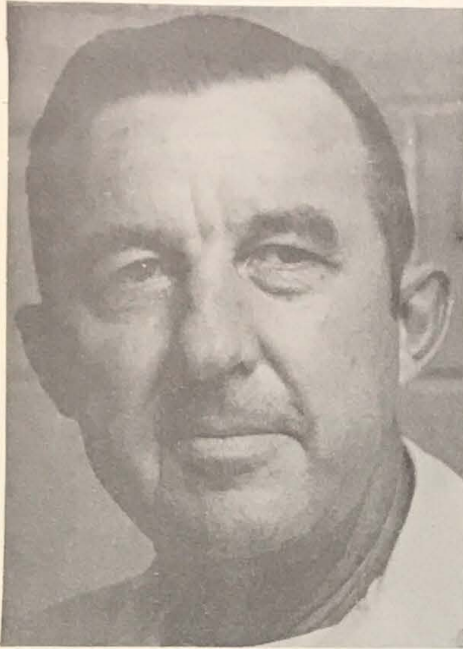
service obligation will be spent on reserve status.

Applicants for the program, Gonshor said, must be a college graduate or within a few months of graduation.

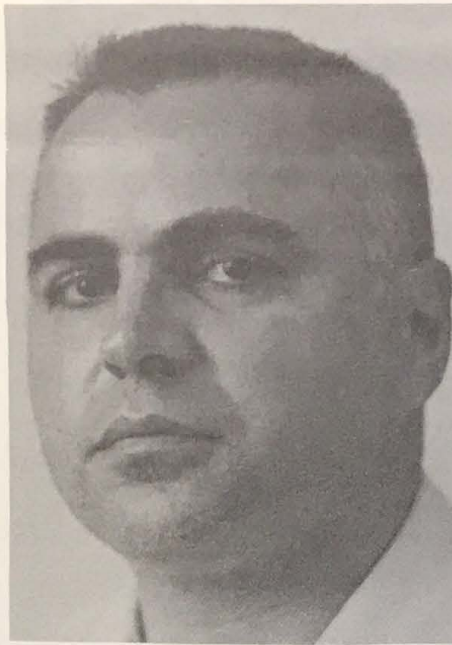
They must also be able to complete a rigorous physical and aptitude testing program.

Candidates cannot be more than 27 years old at the time of induction into the Air Force Reserves.

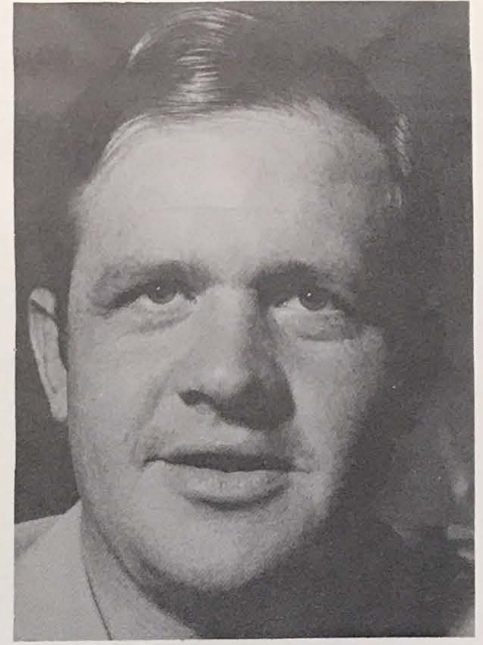
Further information can be gained from Capt. Gonshor.



Lt. Col. David Sutton



Maj. Warren Klima



1Lt Gerald Gamble

Three New Commanders Named

Three officers in the 937th have been assigned new duties as commanders of divisions within the unit.

Lt. Col. David Sutton has taken over duties as commander of the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

He has been with the unit since 1962.

When he's not on reserve status, he is ART maintenance control officer for the unit.

Maj. Warren Klima has assumed duties as commander of Civil Engineering.

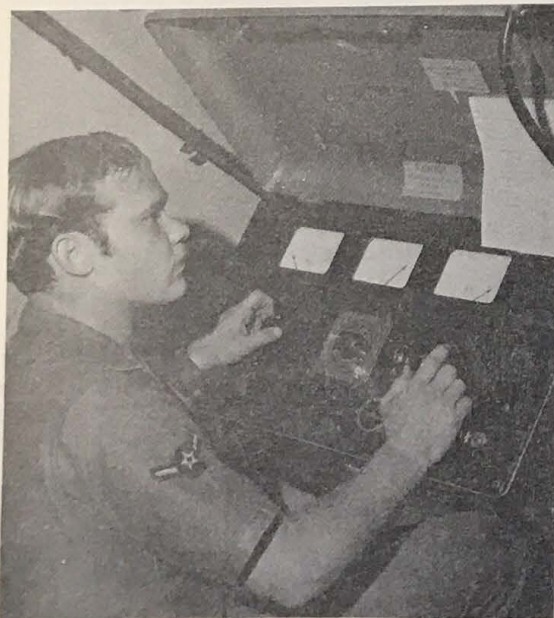
He has been in the unit for eight years and was logistics and disaster officer before taking his new position.

Klima is an engineer with the U.S. Air Force.

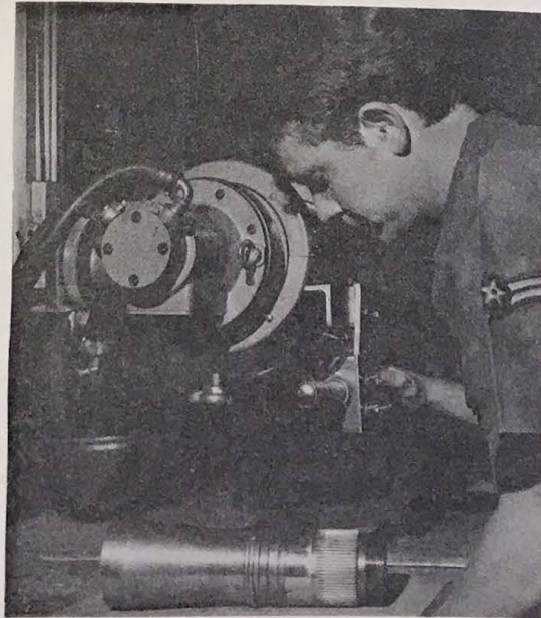
1Lt Gerald Gamble is the new commander of Aeroport.

He has been with the unit for five years and was training officer before assuming his new position.

In civilian life Gamble is a commercial-industrial real estate broker.



SUMMER CAM: job for two 937th enlisted men included working with X-ray equipment used to check parts of



aircraft. Setting up the machine, left, is Amn Tommy Lloyd. Checking a piece of equipment is AIC William Butts. Both are in Camron.

Promotions

Promotions since the last issue of the SOONER NEWS:

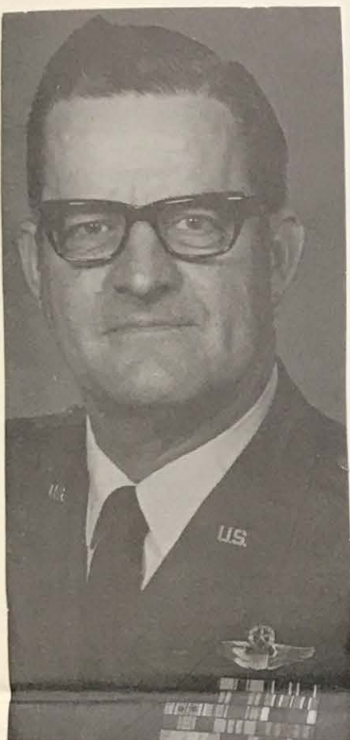
To MSgt: Allen G. Jones and James W. Pynn Jr.

To SSgt: Charles J. Raley, Ronald G. Tappe, Courtney Markham and John E. Shankle.

To Sgt: Murel Hall, Herbert Hargrave, Dennis Lehman, Edwin Mekush, Craig McGried, Joe Sochor, Andrew Springer, John Swindle, Bily Underwood and Albert Wulffenstein.

To AIC: Randy Flowers, Robert Howard, Steven Wilkerson, Theodore Charles Montgomery, Thomas Stallings and Michael Wiley.

Jenkins Takes New Command



Col. Cecil Jenkins

Col. Cecil T. Jenkins has moved from commander of the 937th to commander of the 94 Military Airlift Wing at L.G. Hnascomb Field at Bedford, Mass.

Jenkins took over the command of the 937th in the fall of 1969.

Jenkins came to the 937th from duties as deputy commander of operations for the 443rd Military Airlift Wing at Kelly Air Force Base, Texas.

He praised the 937th as "one of the best-manned units in the Air Force Reserve program."

Col. Jenkins was born in Lott, Texas, on March 2, 1921, and was graduated from Chilton (Texas) High School in 1940.

He attended Southwest Texas State College and was graduated with a degree in business in 1949.

Jenkins joined the Air Force cadets in 1942 and

received his commission and pilot's wings in June, 1944, at Foster Field in Texas, beginning his fighter pilot career.

In 1945 Jenkins was assigned overseas to the Fifth Air Force, 68th Fighter Squadron, where he served as a P-47 pilot and assistant armament officer.

While serving in the Pacific, his unit was moved to the Philippines Okinawa and on to Japan after the war.

In Japan Jenkins was assigned to the 7th Fighter squadron of the famous 49th Fighter Group, where he served as the Group Transportation officer and later as a flight commander.

On his return from overseas, Col. Jenkins was released from active duty in 1946.

He was an active member of the Air Force Re-

serve program until he was activated for two years during the Korean conflict.

In July, 1951, Jenkins was assigned to the 1738th Ferry Squadron in Long Beach, Calif., as a flight commander ferrying aircraft to all parts of the world.

Following the Pueblo incident, Jenkins was again activated in Jan., 1968, for over 16 months as the deputy commander for operations with the 291st Military Airlift Group.

In Oct., 1968, he was selected, while still on active duty, to fill the position of director of operations and training for the 443rd Military

Airlift Wing and assumed those duties on June 2, 1969.

Jenkins served in that capacity until Sept. 29, 1969, when he was selected to command the 937th



LEAVING the unit are Capt. Leona Sorenson, left, and Capt. Arthur Sorenson. The husband-wife team are moving to L.G. Hanscomb Field

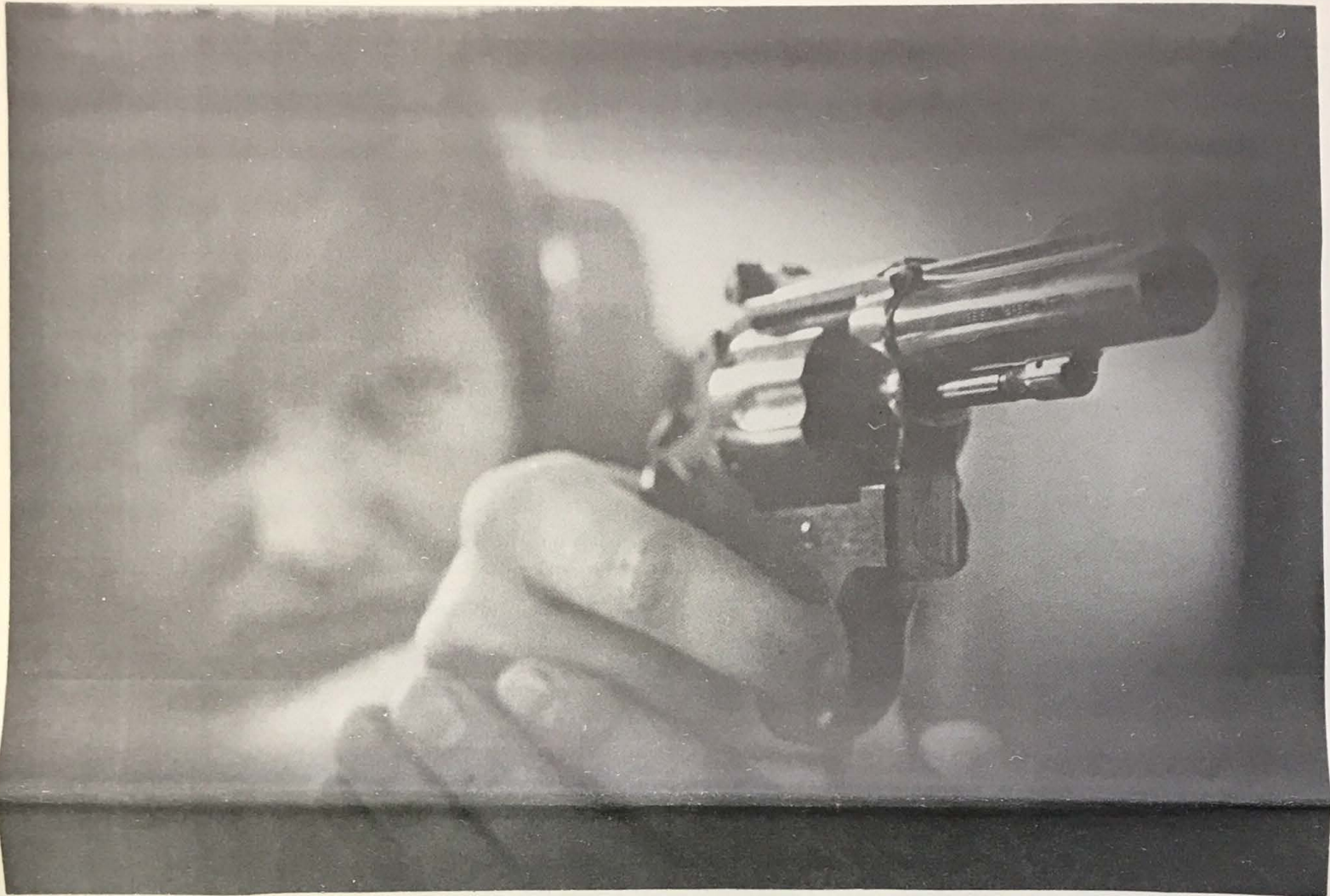
in Bedford, Mass., where the male side of the pair will become safety officer for the 94 Military Airlift Wing. She will become a flight nurse instructor.

Ribbons Go To Three In Camron

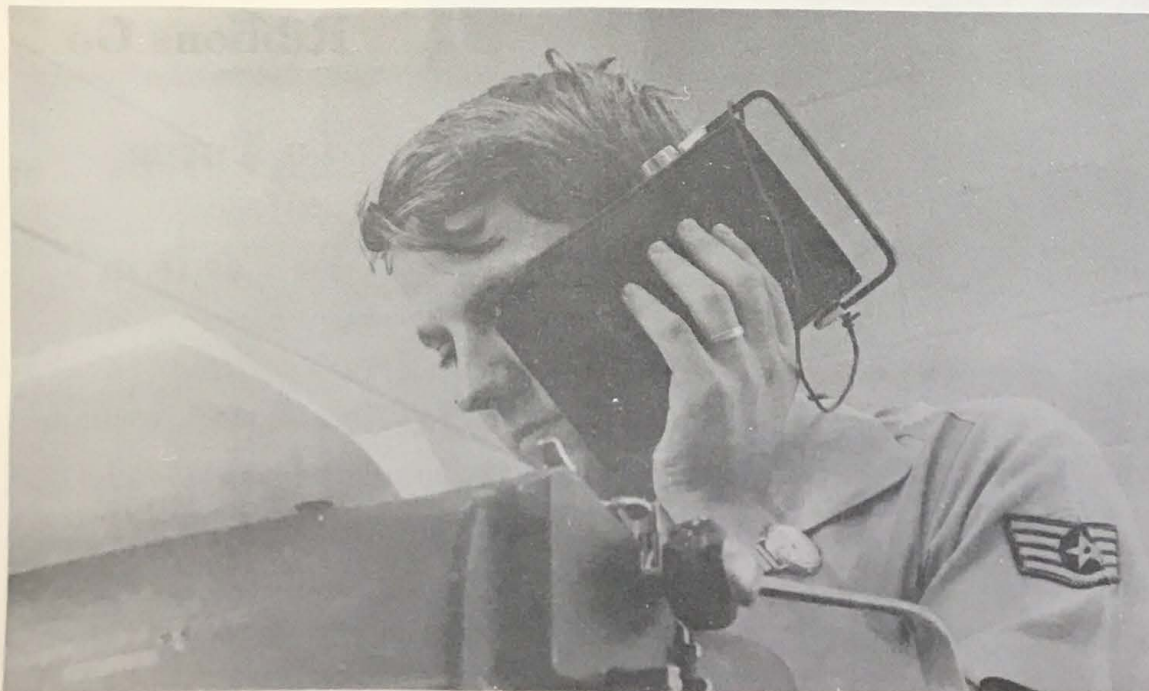
The Air Force Meritorious Service Ribbon has been awarded to three members of the 937th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

The ribbon is awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity while serving in the enlisted status in the Air Force Reserves.

Receiving the ribbon were SMSgt James Ellis, SMSgt Winifred Bledsoe, and SSgt James Mitchell.



The mood of night firing is captured in the lens of Sgt. Bob Taylor.



FOOTBALL FEVER is apparent on weekends of UTA, especially if one of the men's favorite teams is fighting

it out. Combining work with radio listening is an easily acquired talent for football enthusiasts.

Men Reenlist In Camron

Six enlisted men in the 937th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron have reenlisted for periods up to six years.

They are Sgt Reathel Charlton, Sgt Phillip Casey, SSgt Steve Britton, TSgt Hurshel Johnson, SSgt Ruben Martinez and Sgt Reginald Thompson.