

# 465th rolls 'em out for GALLENT CREW 77 in Texas

By Barbara Ann Vessels

F-105 THUNDERCHIEFS are raising the unit's daily sortie rate again as participants in a joint readiness exercise called Gallant Crew 77.

The 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFSq) began its involvement March 26 through March 31 deploying 12 aircraft daily.

#### AGGRESSOR ROLE FOR THUDS

The exercise is sponsored by the United States Readiness Command.

More than 30,000 soldiers and airmen will be involved in the training staged at Ft. Hood, Tex.

Carswell AFB, Tex., will be headquarters for the Opposition Air Forces commanded by Col. Walter J. Soboslay, 301st Tactical Fighter Wing's (TFWg) deputy commander for operations.

The purpose of the exercise is to train and evaluate selected active and reserve Army and Air Force units in offensive and defensive operations.

#### F-105 PRIMARY FIGHTER

Tactical fighter support consists primarily of F-105s

with the RF-4C Phantom providing aerial reconnaissance.

Also included will be the EB-57 Canberra electronic warfare aircraft from the Air National Guard and unarmed O-2 forward air controller aircraft.

#### COMMITTED FOR 18 BIRDS

The 301st is tasked with providing 18 F-105s for 'Gallant Crew' said Maj. F.

S. Winebarger, aircraft scheduler.

The wing's two detached fighter units, the 465th here at Tinker, the 466th from Hill AFB, Utah, will deploy six aircraft each to Carswell to join forces with the Carswell-based 457 TFSq.

#### RECOVERY AT CARSWELL

Daily, the 465th launches from Tinker, flies to Ft. Hood and returns to Carswell

Here, maintenance personnel from the 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (CAMSq) turn the aircraft around.

They then return to Tinker thus completing their preplanned strikes.

Maj. Winebarger advised that F-105s provided air-to-ground support for simulated enemy troops and equipment and the simulated bombing of logistic choke points.



F-105, number 383, takes-off to participate in the fighter support of Exercise GALLANT CREW 77 in central Texas. (USAFR Photo by SSgt. Bill J. Medina)

By Sgt. Mike Brown

Retiring this month is SSgt. Earl R. McKinney, Jr., a heating systems specialist with Civil Engineering (CE) Flight. He completes 20 years of service in the Reserves.

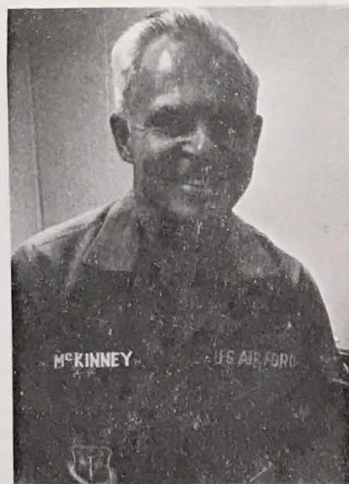
Sergeant's McKinney's Air Force career has been varied winding up four years with the 507th CE Flight. Prior to this assignment, he served in the commissioned as well as the non-commissioned ranks. In 1943, he received his wings as an Air Corps aviation cadet and a year later he was commissioned. He saw wartime service as a bomber pilot in the Pacific.

After the sergeant was promoted to major, he had also completed the maximum time in a commissioned status. That time totaled 28 years of both active duty and reserve time. Resigning his commission, he joined the 507th as a sergeant in 1973.

In 1975, he was selected as Airman of the Quarter. McKinney is a mechanical consultant engineer for Collins-Soter Engineers, Inc., in Oklahoma City.

(USAFR Photo by SSgt. Ben Gardner)

## Civil Engineer retires



SSgt. Earl R. McKinney



# MOBILITY EXERCISE: Getting accustomed to your face

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Sergeant Brown has been assigned as historian for the 507th since December. His prior service experience is six years in the Army. Part of his indoctrination was a glimpse of a mobility exercise.

By Sgt. Mike Brown

I met a stranger called mobility today. Although unfamiliar to me, it apparently was no stranger to its many participants.

Showing a remarkable amount of patience, a long line of people--dressed more or less alike--inched hesitatingly through a sequence of numbered stations or checkpoints.

## CHECKPOINT IMPORTANT

I was told that these stations were set up to provide some precision and efficiency for processing our people if Uncle Sam should send them somewhere.

I got the unmistakable impression that there were a lot of entangling details that must be worked out, and this is often where there's the hesitation.

In spite of an occasional hitch, everybody shuffled along according to a plan that the people at each checkpoint followed.

They obviously had had lots of practice with mobility exercises.

For example, at one point people with papers in their hands and I've-been-there-before facial expressions were lined up in a specified order.

## STAGING DESCRIBED

They were told they were going to McChord AFB in Washington and to have a good time. I heard this part of the exercise described as "staging."

Whatever its name, everyone was finally herded together while others reviewed the papers they carried.

They looked for certain items that each was supposed

to have such as identification cards, up-to-date shot records and dog tags.

I kept wondering what would happen if someone didn't have one of these items. Maybe he or she wouldn't get to go?

## BAGGAGE INSPECTED

Anyway, the next step was sending the people to a stack of bundles where they had their baggage tags inspected.

The tags were to be tied to the bundles as well as to their equipment and personal baggage.

Then they moved through a series of stations where their papers were scrutinized even more closely.

## BRIEFING LAST PHASE

Finally, they were sent to a last phase called a "briefing." I was told that a big group of people flying somewhere for Uncle Sam must be briefed on their trip.

Among other things, you go through a personal inspection during the briefing.

With this inspection, the government is assured that when a large military unit like ours is activated no one will take along a shotgun with a 48-inch barrel, a dozen cartons of marijuana cigarettes, or a five-foot shillelagh.

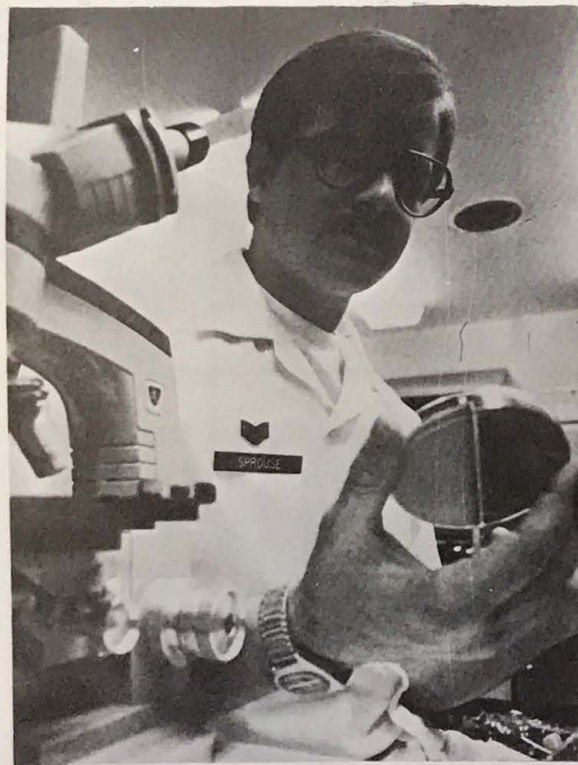
Also at this briefing, everyone is given miscellaneous information such as who's in charge of the flight, the type of aircraft, their departure and arrival times, and so on.

## A NEW FACE

Now I can say I have at least a passing acquaintance with mobility--the kind a newcomer gets as an interested observer rather than as a participant or administrator.

Although certainly no expert, I could see all the people involved in mobility were learning how to deal with various situations if our unit is suddenly activated in the unpredictable future.

## Mission Essential



**VET'S JOB NOT ALL CATS AND DOGS.** SSgt. James B. Sprouse, Jr., 24, is assigned to the TAC clinic as a veterinarian technician. A native of Oklahoma City, Sergeant Sprouse has been a reservist for 5½ years. He attends OSU and is in his second year of veterinary medicine. His average academic load is 20 to 22 hours per semester. As a reservist, he takes micro-biology swabs of the hands of food handlers in the hospital. He also inspects the dining halls for sanitation and gives annual exams to food handlers. (USAFR Photo by SSgt. Ben Gardner)

## Commander's conference unfolds many policies

By Capt. Gail D. Anderson

Though the 10th Air Force commander's conference happened awhile ago, much of the information generated there will benefit unit personnel in future activities.

The Austin, Tex., meeting included briefings on the privacy act, the freedom of information act, operations support for field units and command post requirements for airlift support.

Those subjects were covered within the first two hours on the first day.

Then there was a talk on tactical deployment vs. semiannual continuation training accomplishment.

The sessions continued with 10-minute briefings on manday management and terrorist threat actions, followed by 15-minute talks on the KC-135, AC-130, CH-43, A-37 and the F-105.

The afternoon portion of the conference dealt with 10th Air Force annual training policies; manning document changes; recruiting and retention, and dual additional flying training periods (AFTPs).

The commanders finished up the day with a three-hour Officer Effectiveness Report (OER) reviewer's seminar.

On Sunday morning, the commanders learned about manpower policy and procedures, and exercise planning.

The conference wrapped up with an overall U.S. Air Force Reserve update.

Attending the conference on Jan. 29-30 were Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, 507th commander; Lt. Col. John J. Clossner, III, 465th Tactical Fighter Squadron commander; Lt. Col. William J. Howse, Jr., 507th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Dr. (Lt. Col.) Samuel T. Huckle, Jr., 507th Tactical Clinic commander, and Major James D. Young, 507th Combat Support Squadron commander.

Representing the group's five "new" units were Col. Donald L. Jackson, 3rd Air Logistics Center commander; Lt. Col. Maurice C. Anders, 10th Maintenance commander; Major Stanley Alexander, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron.



## Unit awarded for hangar roof display

By Barbara Ann Vessels

The unit was recently named as one of the top ten Reserve organizations in the nation for its support of the highly successful Air Force Reserve Bicentennial program.

On hand to accept the award in Washington D.C., from Maj. Gen. William Lyon, Chief of Air Force Reserve, was Group Commander, Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer.

The presentation was made during a recent Air Force Reserve Commander's Conference held in conjunction with the Reserve Officers Association mid-winter convention.

### LARGEST IN THE NATION

The unit was recognized for an 80 foot by 80 foot reproduction of the Air Force Reserve Bicentennial symbol painted on the hangar roof. The display is the largest in the nation.

The painting, a creation of members of the unit, is painted on a corrugated roof which slopes approximately 30 degrees and is four stories high.

The drawing is a silhouette of a revolutionary soldier side-by-side with a modern-day reservist.

Reservists spent over 200 voluntary manhours painting and drawing the colossal emblem.

The 6,400 square foot painting can be clearly seen by air traffic flying over Oklahoma City.

The emblem was dedicated in community ceremonies in November 1975 by Oklahoma City Mayor, Patience Latting.

### NINE OTHER AWARDS GIVEN

Fourteenth Air Force (Reserve) Dobbins AFB, Ga., was awarded for best numbered Air Force (R) program.

94th Combat Support Group, Dobbins AFB, Ga., and 439th Combat Support Group, Westover AFB, Mass. tying for best unit program.

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## High Flyer of the Year



TOP "BIRD" IN THE SKY. High flyer during 1976 is aircraft #372 accumulating 288.7 hours of flying time. Crew chief, SSgt. Melvin H. Morrow,

packs a drag chute prior to a flight. The aircraft is assigned to pilot, Maj. Forrest S. Winebarger, 465th TFSq.

(USAFR Photo by Ellis Young)

Best unit project was 508th Tactical Fighter Group, Hill AFB, Utah, for constructing a bicentennial park in Harrisville, Utah.

926th Tactical Airlift Group, New Orleans, La., awarded for a successful 'Media Appreciation Day.'

The 928th Tactical Airlift Group, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Ill., selected for its presentations of bicentennial plaques to visiting world dignitaries.

The 920th Weather Reconnaissance Group, Keesler AFB, Miss., awarded for a Central American and Caribbean "Goodwill Program."

The 349th Military Airlift Wing, Travis AFB, Calif., recognized for contributing \$800 to purchase and plant 1,776 trees in nearby communities.

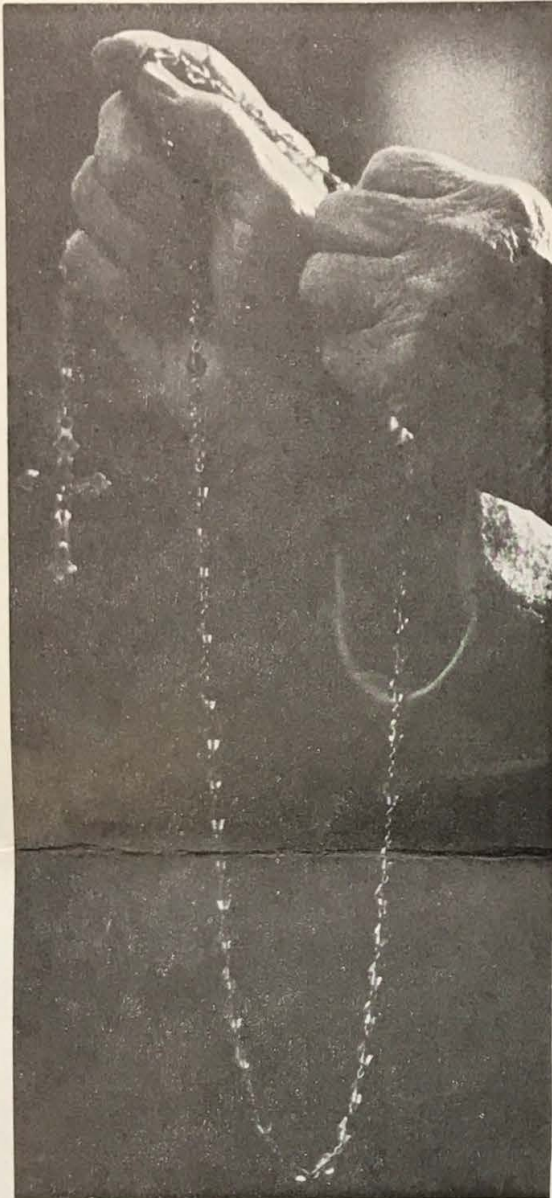
And, to the men and women of the Air Reserve Information Squadron program awarded for bringing the Reserve Bicentennial program to the attention of large segments of the American public.

The award will hang in the lobby of the headquarter's building.

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## Active duty for recruits lowered to three months

Newly enlisted Air Force Reservists can now complete their initial active duty tour in only three months, according to Air Force officials.

Previously, reservists with no prior military experience had to serve from four to six months active duty. The new program has been initiated as a recruiting incentive according to Lt. Col. Roger P. Scheer, group commander.

"This program offers a number of advantages for prospective recruits," said Col. Scheer. "High school graduates can now complete their active duty commitment during the summer months and still enroll in fall college classes.

"Also, employers are more willing to give their workers a three month leave of absence, especially when they are receiving valuable training."

As in the past, new Air Force Reserve recruits spend their first six weeks undergoing basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. Those entering highly technical career fields then go on to the Air Force's equivalent of a trade school.

Others return to their reserve unit where they receive on-the-job training.

To be released in three months, the reservist must complete his technical training and demonstrate entry level proficiency in his chosen career field. Otherwise, he still has up to six months to complete his training.

Once he has completed his active duty requirement, the Air Force Reservist trains one weekend a month and two weeks each year with the reserve unit in his local community.

## Job Rights

CAN MILITARY TRAINING TIME BE CHARGED AGAINST VACATION TIME?

No. Whatever vacation rights an employee has, he keeps. However, the employer and employee may mutually agree to use vacation time for military training.

DOES THE TRAINEE LOSE HIS RIGHT TO RETURN TO WORK IF HE DELAYS REPORTING BEYOND THE TIME PRESCRIBED UNDER THE LAW?

No. But he will be subject to the conduct rules of the employer pertaining to explanations and discipline with respect to his absence.

SUPPOSE THERE IS NO REGULAR WORK SCHEDULE AS IN THE CASE OF A SALESMAN?

Since reporting for work is the normal way of ending leave of all kinds, it is enough that the employee notify the employer and begin work on the day that would be his normal workday.

## RE-UPS and STEP-UPS

Reservists from 507th, 72MAPSq and 71MAPSq reenlisted recently:

SSgt. Robert H. Arce; A1C. Edward W. Bench; A1C. Larry C. Busby; SSgt. Ronald C. Carter; SSgt. Jimmie P. Charboneau; SSgt. Anne Crites; Sgt. Paul C. Cunha; SSgt. James A. Dixon; Sr.Amn.Adina A. Evans, SMSgt. William E. Howard; Sr.Amn. Jamerio S. Knight; Sgt. Ronald L. Kriete; SSgt. Tommy D. Lloyd; TSgt. Clifford Marzett, Jr.; A1C. Jimmu D. Purdom; Sgt. Ernest L. Staten; SSgt. Raul Sturm; SSgt. John T. Swindle; SSgt. Billy W. Underwood.

Reservists from 507th, 72MAPSq, 72MAPSq, 10th Maint, 10th Supply and 3ALC were recently promoted to:

SSgt. Lola E. Blair; SSgt. Janet K. Zakrzewski; SSgt. Terry A. Rahlf; SSgt. Jess W. Baxter; SSgt. Jerry N. Haley, II; SSgt. Alan G. King; SSgt. Milton T. Halleckson; SSgt. William W. Carr; SSgt. Frank W. Lewis, Jr.; MSgt. John P. Schultz; TSgt. Eddie J. Turner; TSgt. Douglas K. Patterson; Sr.Amn. Jeanette R. Cochran; Sr.Amn. Carl D. Mayab; Sr.Amn. Ronald C. Locke; Sr.Amn. Randy M. McCown; Sr.Amn. Jack B. Moman, II; Sr.Amn. Maria E. Lopaz; Amn. Helen K. Greene; Amn. Jack A. Milam; Amn. Clyde R. Leckie; Amn. William L. Brown; Amn. Rod C. Clouse; Amn. Carol S. Bow; Amn. Michael L. Williams.