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COL BLANCHARD ARRIVES

"Supremely happy to be here," remarked Col Jack Blanchard, a native Californian, about his present three year assignment as Air Force Senior Advisor to the 199th. Col Blanchard was previously assigned at the Pentagon as Chief of Operations and Training for the National Guard Bureau. Prior to that, he served with SHAPE Headquarters in Paris.

"W H Y" ---

Early last week you received a phone call regarding the change in drill times. To most of us it meant starting a half hour later; however, an early shift started at 0830 yesterday and another at 0300 this morning. These shifts, in addition to the normal drill shift, increase the flying time considerably, thus allowing more time for operational work. In turn it will strengthen the entire defense team, composed of the 199th, 109th and 169th Aircraft Warning and Control Squadrons.

This schedule was designed to check, train, and develop the defense team. Although it does not allow time for on-the-job-training in the various sections, it does allow more intercept missions for the pilots, who must be as proficient as humanly possible and then some, and the ACWRON controller who guides the plane from takeoff to the UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) and then sets it on its lead collision course.

Although the present schedule is not the best for the 199th, it does aid the ACWRON controllers. There are approximately thirty controllers, many of whom are "drill status" airmen. It is for these airmen that the increased intercept schedule is aimed.

Schedule for next month's drill is: 21 Feb, 1300-2130; 22 Feb, 0300-1630. This is subject to change. If changed, you will be notified.

The colonel has flown the Air Forces' supersonic century series jet fighters, including the F-102 Delta Dagger and the F-104 Starfighter. The 199th is scheduled to receive the F-102 all-weather interceptor in late '59.

His career with the AF began in 1940, when he undertook aviation cadet training. He had already logged some 3000 flying hours prior to entering the program.

He first visited the Islands as a member of the 1939 Transpacific Yacht race.

He is here with his wife and four children.

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GENERAL NEWS

ALOHA to Capt. George Harris who will leave on a liaison tour for the Federal Aeronautics Administration to coordinate air traffic problems. He will visit Guam, Hong Kong, Manila, Tokyo, and Taipei. Capt Harris, who will leave the Squadron permanently upon completion of twenty years of service, is one of the three founders of the 199th Fighter Interceptor Squadron.

He will return from his tour in March and then depart for Guam to begin an assignment as Chief Controller of the Center-RAPCON. (Radar Approach Control).

ARMAMENT SECTION

1st Lt John Beaumont is presently in Tokyo as a member of the Radar Section of the PACAF IG Team. The team will conduct ORE inspections of regular Air Force Units equipped with the F-86L. He will return 5 Feb.

SUPPLY NOTICE

The Annual Clothing Inspection is currently being held by the Unit Supply Element. They will inspect the following sections on the dates indicated:

22 FEB '59

Motor Pool, Armament, and Food Service.

22 MAR '59

Air Police, P&A Section, Weather, Installations, and Communications.

If additional clothing is required and unavailable in Unit Supply, transportation will be furnished to the Base Clothing Sales Store on the Saturday Drill following the inspection.

AIR POLICE SECTION

On January 21st the Sophomore Class of University High School toured the 199th area. The tour was conducted by their teacher, William Tam Jr., an A/IC of the Air Police Section. The class visited the Maintenance Sections at work, an F-86L that was on display, Headquarters, the Alert Pad and saw an Air Police weapons display. The highlight of the tour was a "scramble" film. The tour took about two hours.

AWARDS....

S/Sgt. Stephen K.F. Hew should be very proud of his recent achievements: The award of two Bronze and a Gold USAF Excellence-in-Competition Badges and as a result of these has been awarded the USAF Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge for sustained superior marksmanship in major pistol competitions.

OPERATION BLONDE



A PEEK INTO THE CRYSTAL BALL



A NEW TAIL—Next year's pennies will retain the familiar portrait of Abe Lincoln on the front, but this sketch of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington will adorn the reverse side. The new penny is a feature of the Lincoln sesquicentennial observance. (AFPS)

A CHANGE FOR THE SQUADRON

Elements which were understrength because positions were "borrowed" from them to beef-up maintenance functions will be glad to know of an interim measure set up by the NG Bureau.

The plan, which will become effective 1 February, reorganizes the 199th as a different basic unit that will replace the old basic and maintenance units. It will return those positions "borrowed" from the augmented sections as well as insure correct AFSC's for them. It will also bring about an increase in grade allotments.

FROM: The Air Reservist (Dec '58)

PROJECT ALL-JET may prove to be the "coup de grace" for use of conventional aircraft in the training of USAF pilots. Being run by ATC since Nov 20 at Bainbridge AFB, Ga., they hope to determine effectiveness of all jet primary training being taken by 38 student pilots in the Cessna-built T-37 jet
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Some clues to the future of the Air Guard were brought out at a Pentagon briefing of 250 ANG and AFRes leaders according to an article in The National Guardsman (Jan '59).

"Fighter-interceptor elements, which make up a major part of the AG, eventually will become an all-Century Series force; BOMARC air defense missile units will come into existence; some missions now performed by the fulltime AF will be handed Guard fliers as the more costly weapons and planes compel the AF to cut its expenses elsewhere; and demands on the time and energy of Air Guardsmen will increase, rather than lessen, as requirements for instant operational readiness climb still higher.

Of interest, the article pointed out, was "a hint that AF would be happier if the ties between AG units and their home States were not quite so strong." This was contained in remarks by Lt Gen H J Asensio, AF Comptroller, who "rapped the AFRes on the knuckles for attempting to establish a separate appropriation of funds for itself, similar to that granted the AFNG.

"I feel that the Air Force, The Air Force Reserve, and the Air National Guard constitute one totality dedicated to the same purposes and should be treated as elements thereof. This it is impossible to do with the Air National Guard at the present time because of its particular State affiliations...." said the general.

Based on Gen Asensio's remarks, AF policy toward the reserve components can be summed up as: "the wolding of all its components into one Air Force 'family', with equal loyalty and equal capability," according to the article.

AF CAPTAINS SET INTERCEPT RECORD (AFPS)

Capt Maurice A Shaff and Bruce D. Jones, who took off, intercepted and destroyed a target flying at 35,000 feet in 8 minutes, 59.9 seconds, were awarded the General Electric Trophy. They flew the F-104.

The entire mission, which took 35 minutes from takeoff to landing, was conducted in a light, freezing rain. Two inches of water and slush covered the runway. The ceiling was 900 feet scattered, with 1,500 feet overcast and a visibility of only six miles. Temperature at 35,000 feet was minus 54 degrees centigrade.

Their average intercept speed from dead stop to altitude climb and time it took to hit the target was 1,150 n.p.h.

The training flight demonstrated, the AF said, Air Defense Command capability to operate in all types of weather.

TRAINING BRIEF

M/Sgt Sun Yau Goo, the Squadron Training NCOIC, is always available to aid you in the selection of a service school or ECI Training Courses.



PAJAMA GAME--If you like your baby doll pajamas filled with the real thing, look no farther than green-eyed, ash blonde Martha Hyer. Martha, a Texas beauty, now rates as one of Hollywood's most popular young stars.

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trainer. Elimination of conventional training is expected to improve the overall proficiency of the finished jet pilot and reduce the time required to train him.

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