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 154th FIGHTER GROUP (AD)-HAWAII AIR NATIONAL ANTI-SUBMARINE AIR FORCE BASE-16 AUGUST 1964

APPLECART 137 - The Inside Story

What is APPLECART 137? "Applecourt" is the designation given to tests of the defense system and the capabilities of units involved in defending the Hawaiian Islands from attacks. Yesterday's test was the 137th in a continuing series of tests of the defense system.

Applecourt exercises test not only the operational and maintenance effectiveness of the 154th Fighter Group, but also the capabilities of other members of the defense team such as the Hawaii Air Guard's radar sites, the Army Guard's missile units, the Air Force's Control Center, and all levels of control of the Hawaii Air Defense Division (HADD). HADD is an inter-service organization with primary responsibility for defending Hawaii from air attacks.

Yesterday's exercise tested many phases of our ability to carry out our job in case of air attack.

Recall. Are we able to man the outfit sufficiently in the least amount of time? (Yesterday's exercise began at 0300, however two hours later, our strength was only 78%.)

Readiness. Can we become operationally-ready in the least amount of time, with all necessary weapons and equipment operational?

Command. Can we set up the command post and make it capable of controlling our operations?

Security. Can we set up security forces immediately to protect our operations from sabotage? (During alerts, our Air Police force is augmented by personnel from all sections.)

Armament. Can we load and arm aircraft fast enough to meet the threat? (This vital phase of our operations directly affects our capability to get aircraft airborne.)

Maintenance. Are there enough planes ready to fly? Can we service them and turn them around fast enough to meet the threat?

Disaster Control. In case of nuclear attack, can our disaster control team plot and estimate the damage from enemy action soon enough and accurately enough to insure protection of personnel and the evacuation of essential equipment? Does our warning system work and can our personnel deploy to assigned areas soon enough? (Yesterday three simulated atom bombs were dropped; their effect was plotted and you were deployed accordingly.)

Operations. Can our pilots intercept and destroy enemy aircraft in time? (Yesterday 13 flights with two aircraft each were scrambled. The first flights met supersonic targets flying at medium and high altitudes and the later flights met sub-sonic targets at medium altitudes. There was some trouble in destroying the faster targets but none in destroying the sub-sonic targets."

The general conclusion drawn from yesterday's exercise was that there is room a great deal of improvement in our defense capability and readiness to meet any threat to the Hawaiian Islands.

Especially important is our ability to recall personnel and man their posts. Although your particular role in the exercise may consist only of getting here immediately, it is an important one when we think in terms of the big picture. The entire system can not be considered adequate unless we can prove that our people are able to respond in the least amount of time in an emergency.

COMBAT LOMAS TO BE PRESENTED GROUP PERSONNEL

The 154th leads all HANG units in the number of enrollees in ECI courses and ECI courses completed. Helping to maintain our lead are the following who recently "graduated":

154th Combat Support Squadron (AD)

- MSGT Obed Mansfield - Air Police
Management for AF Supervisors Crse
- SSGT George Okuma - Electrical Shop
Management for AF Supervisors Crse
- SSGT Herbert Panoke - Air Police
Management for AF Supervisors Crse
Base Defense Weapons Course
- SSGT George Shibuya - Comptroller
Commercial Services Course
- SSGT Alfred Young - Air Police
Management for AF Supervisors Crse

154th Materiel Squadron (AD)

- MSGT Edward Schweitzer Jr - BEMO
Basic Supply Course
- TSgt Jose Aquino - Instrument Shop
Instrument Repairman Course
- SSGT Harold Detello Jr - Engine Shop
Acft Jet Eng Mechanic Course
- SSGT William Fox Jr - Maint Control
Weapons Mechanic Course
- SSGT Frank Montizor - BEMO
Basic Supply Course
- SSGT Frank Yamamoto - BEMO
Management for AF Supervisors Crse
- A2C Michael Minakawa - Armament Shop
Weapons Mechanic Course
- A2C James Takemoto - Instrument Shop
Instrument Repairman Course

154th USAF Dispensary

- TSgt Leslie Nakashima
Medical Entomology Course

GENERAL TRAINING ON TAP FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Scheduled for next Sunday's drill, 13 September is general military training (GMT) at Theater #1. Featured topics include immunizations and accident/illness reporting (by Dr. Raymond Tamura) and a talk on personal hygiene (by Dr Casimer Janski). MSGT Obed Mansfield and SSGT Albert Kellinui will cover area security.

NEW 1ST LIEUTENANTS HEAD PROMOTION LIST

Leading the list of recent promotions in the Group were two new First Lieuts:

- Roland N. Hamilton, 199 Wea Flt (M51)
- Stanley R. Woolaway, 154 Cmbt Spt Sq

Promoted to NCO ranks are new SSgts:

- Fausto Allosada, 154 Mat Sq
- Dennis T. K. Chong, 154 Cmbt Spt Sq
- Stanley W. F. Heu, 154 Mat Sq

Promoted to A1C was Wallace Takesane, 154 Mat Sq. Added to A2C rolls were:

From 154 Cmbt Spt Sq

- Roy A. W. M. Ching
- David M. Hanawahine

From 154 Mat Sq

- Gary M. Harada
- Kenneth Waltjen
- Dennis M. Yoneda

From Hq 154 Ftr Gp

- George W. Ferguson
- Milton A. Vieter

From 199 FIS

- Clifton K. Y. Yim

WILL THE 154TH BE NEXT?

The 155th Fighter Group, Nebraska Air National Guard, was named winner of the Spatz Trophy, the Winston P. Wilson Trophy and the Air Force Association Outstanding Unit Trophy. The Spatz Trophy and the AFA Award are presented each year to the most outstanding ANG tactical flying unit. Units are judged on the basis of their tactical, technical, administrative, and logistical efficiency. The Wilson Trophy is given each year for excellence in the performance of the ANG all-weather defense mission. This is the third year in a row the 155th has won the Wilson Trophy.

CAN THE 154TH STOP THE 155TH'S WIN STREAK? Hawaii no ka'oi!