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(WAR GOD OF KAM THE FIRST)

154TH COMPOSITE GROUP

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154TH "ACE OF THE BASE" AT CLARK -- AND AT ANDERSEN!  
By Maj Gar Pillgrim, Acting Group IO

"We waxed 'em...we knocked their socks off!" With those words, plus a few similar (albeit spicier) statements by air and ground crews, support folks and detachment leaders and coordinators, the group has just marked pau the famous WestPac Deployment of '79.

Some 225 HANG men and women took part in the complex rotation to and through Andersen AFB, Guam and Clark AB, in the Philippines, where Hawaii's F-4Cs, aircrews, radar controllers, and maintenance troops worked together to turn in a "tremendous record of accomplishment"--so described by 13th AF Commander, Major General James Hildreth--in air-to-air exercises against B-52's, missile target drones, and F-5 Aggressor forces.

The General's laudatory remarks were echoed by other 13th AF officials, SAC's 3rd Air Division Commanders, and Clark training squadron leaders and instructors.

"Where we really 'watered their eyes' was in COPE THUNDER and COMBAT SAGE at Clark," according to 154th DCO, Col Richie Kunichika, who served as detachment CO for 'Blue' group--the final stage in the deployment that wrapped up at the end of June. "We received lots of kudos from the aggressors at 'THUNDER'; they thought the HANG troops learned faster and better than any other units that have come through the program," Kunichika added.

The people that ran the live missile-firing exercises at COMBAT SAGE were equally impressed. (The HANG troops scored enough 'hits' against the drones in both phases of SAGE activity that an equivalent small-power air force probably still would be down for maintenance and resupply.)

Major Guy Gardner, Ops officer of the 1st Test Squadron (controlling SAGE) put it this way:

"The fact is, I was rescheduling the HANG F-4s in on the drones last during any given firing period, because by the end of a week's training I knew you guys would damage the target or knock it down...and I didn't want to keep launching more of the damn things!"

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And what about the electronic countermeasures exercises against the B-52s on Guam? "I'd rather not discuss it at length," said the SAC project officer at Andersen, a typically straight-laced 'BUF'\* captain. He did deign to offer the following descriptive commentary: "What it proved to us is something we already knew. If all we do is work one-on-one with you guys...and even if we turn on all our jammers...you find us and splash us every time. It was very educational," he added.

"What it was--and I'm talking about the whole deployment--was the best example of Total Force Implementation and training in the field that we could imagine," according to 154th Group Commander, Col John Lee. "Everybody connected with this thing did an outstanding job; especially those people providing logistical support back here on home station, as well as the troops that made the trip. It was quite an effort, but it really paid off," Lee added. (For more nice words, see follow-o letter from CINCPACAF, General Hughes.)

\*Editor's Note:

'BUF' stands for "Big Ugly Fellow" (although "fellow" is not precisely the word most often used), an abbreviation applied to the B-52 for the past decade and a half. Some BUF crewmembers remain sensitive about the term. In fact, when the above-quoted Captain was asked by a HANG F-4 jock whether he flew BUFs, the B-52 type drew himself up to a point, pursed his lips and replied, "Yessir, that...is.. correct."

COMMANDER'S CORNER

What phase of life are we going through? For the 154th, we have passed puberty and the awkwardness attributed to that age and we are now addressing the concerns and responsibilities of manhood/womanhood. Growth and the context of growing are our concerns. This is why we deliberately chose our June 79 deployment package and this is why our November 79 and June 80 deployment packages were selected.

If we are to grow well, we need to address "stumbling blocks" that may hamper focusing on growth objective - and one of these major obstacles is our lack of attention to sharpen a safe operations. In your training and doing tasks during drill or any other work day, be consciously aware that mishaps detract from reaching our objectives. There is no such thing as a "small" mishap -- mishaps appear like a flu bug and they spread through carriers (human error causes) who don't care, who are not physically and mentally sharp, who like to cut corners, who are bent on self destruction, and who do not like to follow tested procedures.

It's time to make a commitment to yourself, to your fellow workers and to your families to positively seek to avoid mishaps. I do not believe in fatalism... I do believe that one can positively make his future happen by direct commitment and action.

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LETTERS, WE GET GREAT LETTERS. . .

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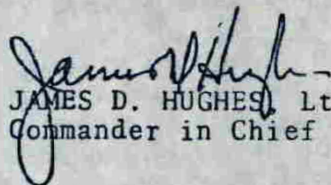
Colonel John S. W. Lee  
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Dear John

My congratulations to you and all your fine people who posted an unprecedented record during the recent deployment to WESTPAC.

This first for the 154th means two things to me. First, your long hours of work and planning paid off handsomely and second, you have provided tangible evidence of the Total Force concept --- your Group is ready to fly and fight - SAFELY .

Proudly

  
JAMES D. HUGHES, Lt General, USAF  
Commander in Chief

TO LTCOL JAMES K LOTA, OUR WARMEST ALOHA FOR EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE

LtCol James K. Lota retires in July 1979 after serving 32 years from 1946-50 in the Hawaii Army National Guard and from 1950-1979 in the Hawaii Air National Guard. He progressed through the ranks from Specialist First Class through Master Sergeant to his current grade while performing in administrative, personnel and executive support functions.

LtCol Lota will be honored at the 8 July 1979 HANG awards ceremony where he will be presented the Hawaii National Guard Medal for Merit by Brig General Arthur Ishimoto for "extraordinary achievement displayed during his service with the Hawaii National Guard." His other awards are: NCO Association Graduate Ribbon, Air Defense Force Reserve Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon and the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon.

LtCol Lota was the 154 Composite Group's Executive Support Staff Officer where he performed the following additional duties and functions; Manday Controls, Traini Officer, Security Manager, PDO, GMT Officer, Privacy Act Manager, Chairman of the 154 COMPG Unit Welfare Fund Council, President of the 154 COMPG Airman Promotion Board, Group Documentation Manager, Group Adjutant and Ceremonies and Parade Coordinator. He has been an active supporter of HANG's Royal Guard and has actively lead the Group's participation in humanitarian campaigns.

LtCol Lota's services, professional expertise and humor will be missed by all of us. Being a new guy in HANG, this editor has yet to solve the special "Lota Mathematics", where the IO shop's  $1 + 1 = 1$  and the CE Folks'  $2 + 3 = 6$ .

LtCol Lota plans to start his new career at the 19th Puka and sez he will be ready to take on all comers with his trusty putter. Our Warmest ALOHA to a dedicated professional and buddy!

TAKE IT TO THE CHAPLAIN - 154COMPG Chaplain Major David Kennedy

A Question From His Flock: Last month my teenage son was accidentally killed. My three year old daughter has not been told about his death. They were very close and she asks about him, but my wife insists that she be told he is at work. My wife doesn't think she should know of his death till she is older. I feel that she needs the truth, even at 3 years of age. I would like your opinion.

The Chaplain Responds: It is a mistake to lie to a child about anything, for thereby you are teaching the child to lie. We must not minimize the ability of children to handle situations. They often reveal a philosophy that older people do not possess.

In a kindly, loving way the little girl should be told that the young man died and is now being cared for by God. If she asks how and why, tell her how, and as to why, simply explain that the boy was in an accident, and accidents are part of life. (It is good for children to know that they must be careful to avoid accidents. That is the way to learn safety.) Don't say that God decided to take him. There is no quicker way to cause children to fear God.

There is less chance of hurting the child emotionally by telling her the truth rather than perpetuating the lie, instilling unwarranted fears, or leaving the subject (and her feelings of loss) shrouded in some kind of hush, hush mystery.

## CAM SQ NEWS

....Back in March 1978 we had a staff assistance visit conducted by HQ PACAF and this is what they wrote: "The capability of maintenance technician observed was outstanding. The assigned personnel have made an excellent transition from supporting the F-102 to the F-4C. The aircraft are in good condition and, in the ANG tradition, it is apparent that an aggressive upgrading program is underway. The skill levels of the assigned personnel were worthy of note and that, coupled with stability of personnel, gives the 154 CAM Sq capabilities that are not found in a comparable USAF unit. In sufficient time the HANG should achieve capabilities with the F-4C that will be hard for the regular Air Force to match...and our Commander wrote in tune with the above: "With you continued aggressiveness we will have the best F-4C aircraft in the USAF and will take any and all MEI/OR in stride"...And just about one year later the results were:

"The recent ORI conducted by the HQ PACAF Inspectors and we quote "Met or far exceeded Air Force Standards in all areas of evaluation"...And from General James D Hughes, PACAF Commander, "I have rarely seen such a collection of excellent and outstanding ratings, the 154 Composite Group aircraft maintenance complex was the best observed today by the HQ PACAF IG"...Right on bra, Right on...Just thought we would mention the above just one more time...

....From the Hawaii Wheel Chair Athletic Association, "We would like to extend our thanks to the NCO graduates for helping at our 6th annual aloha wheel chair games at the University of Hawaii. Also the graduates participated in the Easter Seal Cannister Drive and collected over \$300.00...and they also manned the Easter Seal telethon telephones...

### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS:

...Welcome back TSGT RICHARD KUDO from the Simulator Section who spent two weeks at the 183rd TFG Springfield, Illinois ANG obtaining intensive training on new modifications to the F-4C Simulator...The personnel of the Illinois ANG also benefited from SGT KUDO's visit, he took Da Kine Hawaiian care package consisting of pineapples, macademia nuts and candies...A1C CHANG HONG(Flightline) one of Hawaii's top soccer players, former OIA all star and graduate of McKinley High School, plays for the Budweiser team in Honolulu...SMSGT KENNY CAMARA has over 500 orchid plants in his yard...Excuse the error on SRA HEATHER HUNTER, back in the April issue of the "K" paper, we did refer to her as HEATHER BULTER, sorry HEATHER it won't happen again...AIRMAN STEVE SILVA attending the Electronic Warfare System Special School at Keesler AFB, MS is doing real great. He was a flight leader at basic, missed being honor student by 3 questions, was chosen the Boot of the Week during his first week (very rarely done at Keesler), became a member of the Keesler all male chorus (only special people are chosen), won a two mile race on base and was chosen to usher at the Miss USA pageant, escorting Miss Hawai, her mother and grandmother to a reception. He met many of the beautiful women, chatted with last year's Miss USAF; "Boy they are all so pretty" Wow!...and get this, he says he misses home...ED FROST and his partner TONY RODRIGUES won the HANG Duffer two-man best ball championship with a score of 64-64-128, 2nd place tied three different teams of KEN IINUMA and MEL ICE, DICK MILES and FRANK CARLOS, JOHN BEAUMONT and BRIAN OSHIRO with a 130 score...Welcome to the Squadron SSGT DONN CLANCY who is assigned to the flight line...Congratulations to the new MSGT's, STAN HEU, MEL ICE, DAVE PAAHANA, EVARIST RAWLINS and VAL WONG. Congratulations to new TSGT's CLEM CROWELL, LESLIE MIZUMOTO, WALTER WAUKE and WALLY WONG. New SSGT's EDMUND WONG and SRA's STEVEN COLE and MELISSA REYNOLDS...Party up!....

## 199 Weather Flight Happenings

SMSGT WILLIAM COFIELD JR, MAC Technical Advisor (MTA) to the 199 Weather Flight is retiring in October 1979. Bill, an ex-pro boxer, still keeps in shape by running several miles a day. He began his USAF career in August of 1951 at the age of 21. with the Strategic Air Command and was reassigned to the Military Airlift Command as a weather observer. He served a tour in Vietnam as a member of a combat weather team attached to the 4th Infantry Division and in 1977 became the 199th Weather Flight's MTA. He has provided day-to-day continuity for the unit being the only full-timer attached to the flight. Bill completed 28 years of excellent USAF service; five years with the Hawaii Air National Guard.

He hopes to seek his second career in aviation while in the mainland. "The Air Force has taught me a lot of things that I, otherwise wouldn't know. I have mixed emotions about leaving. While in the service I had good years and bad. The last few years with the Hawaii Air National Guard have been some of the best!"

We all wish you in your challenge and will miss you!

## Base Supply Tidbits

The following supply personnel participated in the following deployments:  
Guam - TSgt J. Chun, SSgt R. Hiyane, SSgt A. Kepaa, Sgt T. Lapera, and Sgt A. Valero  
Clark AB, PI - TSgt D. Fukumoto, TSgt F. Yamamoto, and SSgt S. Wong.

Congrats to Sgt Louise Lum on giving birth to a baby boy and SSgt Randal Hiyane who's a proud father of a baby boy.

MSgt Howard Okita received kudos from the Hq PACAF IG team for his performance as an augmentee to the team in its inspection of Yokota AB, Japan.

Congrats to MSgt Alfredo Canopin and TSgt Herbert Gomes on their promotions.

TSgt Harrison Iga returned from a supply training course conducted at Lowry AFB,

Congrats to TSgt Nevin Harada on his assuming the NCOIC position of the Supply Systems Branch.

AIC Elden Tupuola made the news by apprehending a purse snatcher in Waikiki.

Congrats to Maj James Iwamura on his election to the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board.

TSgt Dennis Fukumoto and TSgt George Ginoza were members of the HANG team that ran in the recent Primo Relays.

## PONTES BECOMES CAMRON'S FIRST FIELD MAINTENANCE BRANCH E-9

CMSgt David J. Pontes, 154 CAM Sq Field Maintenance Branch Chief, was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant on June 8, 1979. With this promotion to the highest enlisted rank Chief Pontes became the first CMSgt in the Field Maintenance Branch of the 154 CAM Sq.

Chief Pontes' leadership and effective management of the FMB were instrumental in the unit receiving an excellent rating in its first ORI with the F-4C aircraft during September 1977 and an excellent rating during the MEI conducted in June 1978.

Congratulations Chief Pontes on a very deserving promotion!

## UNIT TRAINING ASSEMBLY (UTA) ATTENDANCE

Unit Training Assemblies are scheduled in advance to insure all unit members have adequate notice and planning opportunity. The UTA's are training periods which provide and ensure total HANG operational exercising capability. UTA attendance less than 100% reflects a degraded HANG operational potential.

Let's become concerned and try to help those occasional absentees to become more involved in realizing the importance of their UTA responsibilities. Perhaps friendly carpooling could insure mutual benefits for both members and HANG.

## RECRUITING KOKUA

Our HANG Recruiters were aggressively "beating the bushes" at the 50th State Fair and are continually "on the road" following-up on good HANG prospects. If you know of anyone with smarts and talents, please refer them to our recruiters-- the more searchers the better our chances of locating da best person.

Information Specialist, TSG 79170, new reporting, article writing and editing, typing 30-40 wpm; Illustrator, TSG 23172, visual aids, charts, illustrations, brochures, photolayouts, silk screening--samples desired; Historian, TSG 79172, seek, summarize and categorize data and events; CCTV Maintenance Specialist, 30455, operate and maintain CCTV equipment, prior CCTV experience reference -- these are some of the people we are looking for.

## OFFICER PME AUDIT - A ONE-TIME ACTION

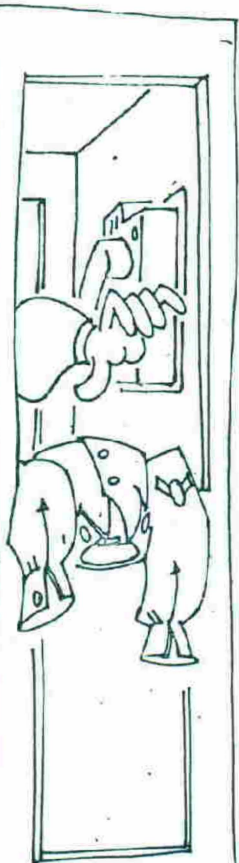
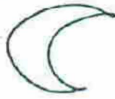
The CBPO is performing a one-time audit of all officers PME data. This action preceeds the completion of a central Air Force Manpower and Personnel Center computerized personnel recordkeeping system. All PME data is expected to flow directly from Air University into this new central data bank to ensure data credibility and to eliminate servicing CBPO verification of your PME course completion certificates.

HANG officers are urged to kokua by providing the 154COMP/GBPO, SMSgt Koge, with a copy of their PME course completion certificates at the earliest convenience. Clarification of acceptable source documentation was mailed to each officer on 5 July 1979.

## MAJOR GENERAL WEBER, CHIEF, NGB REVIEWS 154COMP Operations and Activities

Major General LaVern E. Weber, Chief, National Guard Bureau was escorted by Major General Siefertmann, Brig General Ishimoto and LtCol Lota through the various 154 Composite Group shops and facilities on 15 June 1979. General Weber also reviewed the readiness capability of the 169ACW Sq and 326 Air Division integration with HANG activities.

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"Airman Kent! You?"