

Reese Observes Graduation, Thunderbird Day Saturday

Quartet Earns 'Outstanding' Class Honors

Four members of Class 66-H, graduating Saturday from the undergraduate pilot training program at Reese, will be honored as outstanding graduates during ceremonies scheduled for 11 a.m. in the Reese base theater.

They are Captains Allen S. Cutler and Yuzo M. Tokita, 1st Lt. Ernie L. Schick and 2nd Lt. Donald C. Rierison. Each was selected for achievement in flying, academic and officer training during the 55 weeks he has trained at Reese.

Captain Cutler, from Westminster, Colo., has been in service since 1959 and was assigned to pilot training from defense duty at Hill AFB, Utah. He is a former student of the University of Colorado and was commissioned as a navigator through aviation cadets in 1960. He is being reassigned to fly F-4C tactical fighter aircraft in Europe.

Captain Tokita, from Seattle, Wash., has been in service since 1960 and was commissioned at the conclusion of aviation cadet training as a navigator in 1961. He is a former student of the University of Washington and is reassigned to Germany to fly F-4C tactical aircraft.

Lieutenant Schick, from Farmer, Wash., is a Washington Air National Guardsman who was graduated from Washington State University in 1960. He is returning to his fighter interceptor squadron of the guard at Spokane.

Lieutenant Rierison, remaining at Reese as a T-38 instructor pilot, is a 1965 graduate of New Mexico State University at Las Cruces, his home town.

He was commissioned last year through the Air Force ROTC.

Graduation speaker will be Col. Gabriel D. Ofiesh, Pentagon training expert.

General Asks Better Safety Thinking Here

An upward trend in traffic accidents involving Reese vehicles and personnel must be reversed, Brig. Gen. Dudley E. Faver, wing commander, has stated.

"I am very much concerned with the high number of accidents recorded this month," he said in a letter to unit commander. "Inexperience and failure to follow safe practices are the predominant accident cause. In addition, too many serious privately owned vehicle accidents have occurred."

Reese accidents lately have included collisions from backing improperly and other deficiencies.

The general pointed out three military disabling injuries, one civilian disabling injury and one government motor vehicle accident had occurred already in June. He directed unit commanders to investigate each accident and take necessary corrective action.

First line supervisors were directed to diligently stress safe practices on and off duty and that the importance of seat belts be re-emphasized.

General Faver also directed that parents of young personnel be counseled by letter to cooperate by making sure the young men use every safety precaution while traveling.

Attention of unit commanders also was called to the "highly unfavorable" accident record of Air Training Command, a record which shows 35 fatalities, as compared with 21 for the same period in 1965. During the first two weeks of "101 Critical Days," the command experienced six deaths, two from a private aircraft accident and four from private motor vehicle accidents.

"In view of this unfavorable experience, we must intensify our efforts to curtail and eliminate this needless and preventable waste of human life," Lt. Gen. William W. Momyer, ATC commander, messaged.

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CAPT ROBERT MORGAN SOLO



LT CHRIS PATERAKIS LEFT WING
1961 Reese Graduate



CAPT HENRY CANTERBURY SLOT



LT COL RALPH MAGLIONE COMMANDER LEADER



CAPT WILLIAM MCGEE RIGHT WING



CAPT ROBERT BECKEL SOLO



MAJ FRANK LIETHEN EXECUTIVE OFFICER



CAPT ROBERT HANEY MAINTENANCE OFFICER



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COMMANDER ENDS DUTY HERE

Leaving behind a record of accomplishments and recognition, Brig. Gen. Dudley E. Faver, wing commander, leaves Reese Sunday for a new assignment in Headquarters, United States Air Force,

Vice Chief Of Staff Named By Air Force

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—The Air Force appointed Lt. Gen. Hewitt T. Wheless acting vice chief of staff, effective June 13. He succeeds Gen. William H. Blanchard who died of a heart attack May 31.

General Wheless, 52, had served as assistant vice chief of staff since February 1965.

HEARINGS START

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—The House Armed Services Committee has begun hearings on a bill to permanently increase the number of lieutenant colonels and colonels authorized in the Air Force. A House subcommittee passed the bill without amendment June 9.

as deputy director of personnel training and education in the office of the deputy chief of staff for personnel.

General Faver, promoted to his present rank in April, came to Reese in Jan. 16 1964, from Amarillo AFB, where he was commander of the 3320th Technical School of the Amarillo Technical Training Center.

During his command of Reese numerous honors have come to the base. Each fund raising campaign to aid civic organizations has reached its goal; goals in the Air Force Cost Reduction Program have been surpassed; Certificates of Achievement in the civilian incentive awards program for the ninth and tenth consecutive years were presented.

Reportable accidents on holiday weekends in the Air Force "101 Critical Days" safety campaign have been averted.

The on-the-job training program at Reese has moved to the top among all Air Command bases; and the fire prevention program and ground safety programs have won national recognition.

Flying safety plaques have come to Reese under General's Faver's leadership and the supply activities won Air Force recognition for 1965.

Reese's management program has incorporated computers to speed up record-keeping and production of statics on short notice.

The Reese library has won national recognition; Reese was given the first permanent mobile control towers in ATC; and many distinguished visitors have come to the base to study and learn from various management operations.

Construction of needed permanent buildings has progressed and the number of proficient pilots trained for all commands of the Air Force has increased.

General Faver, native of Sweetwater, enlisted in the Air Force in Lubbock and formerly taught school in Levelland.

He has served in many important assignments in the United States, Alaska and Europe and has won decorations which include the Legion of Merit, Air Force Commendation Medal and Army Commendation Medal.

Graduate Here To Fly Wing In Formation

With a Reese graduate in formation, the world-famous Thunderbirds, U.S. Air Force aerial demonstration team, Saturday will present the same colorful show over Reese which has brought fame and praise in many parts of the world.

The Thunderbirds are scheduled to arrive at mid-afternoon today, zooming over nearby areas to offer a miniature show on arrival.

Starting at 10 a.m. Saturday as a part of graduation day activities for Class 66-H, The Thunderbirds will make turns, climbs, descents and other maneuvers which thrill crowds wherever they appear. There will be a new maneuver every 30 second for almost a half hour as the six flyers work in precision as a four plane diamond or soloists.

Most of the actions will be by the diamond, with the soloists also demonstrating capabilities of the F-100 fighters.

The show is not intended to be strictly for thrills, but to show just how the Air Force has the airpower to meet emergencies as pilots work together.

Piloting the left wing of the diamond formation will be 1st Lt. Chris G. Patterakis of Modesto, Calif., who was graduated from Reese AFB in Class 61-E in January 1961. The lieutenant was assigned to pilot training by the California Air National Guard. He joined The Thunderbirds last December from duty as instructor pilot at Laughlin AFB, Del Rio. He returned to active duty in the Air Force in 1964. His Reese instructor pilot in the 3501st Pilot Training Squadron was 2nd Lt. Charles H. Croninger, reassigned in the summer of 1962 to Laughlin AFB.

The Reese performance is expected to be witnessed by thousands of South Plains residents who will be welcome to enter the base.

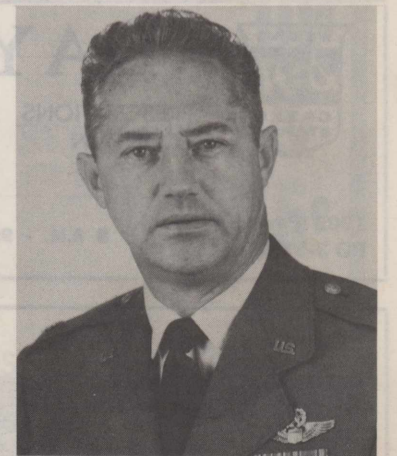
Procurement Chief Moves To New Rank

The chief of the procurement division at Reese, Lt. Col. Joseph V. Sullivan, this week put on insignia of the third rank since he came to the base in September 1961.

He was notified in March of his selection to his present rank. Monday he was notified his date of promotion had been set for that day and he put on his lieutenant colonel insignia without delay.

Colonel Sullivan, a business administration graduate of St. Bonaventure University, was assigned to Reese from Mather AFB, Calif., where he was assistant procurement officer. In July 1962 he was promoted to major. His date of rank was Feb. 4, 1962.

The new colonel was commissioned in 1945 through pilot training. He is a native of New Jersey.



COLONEL SULLIVAN

FIREARMS PROHIBITED

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—The Air Force reminded commands to inform personnel being assigned to Southeast Asia that bringing privately owned firearms into Vietnam is prohibited.

Commander's Comments . . .



By Brig. Gen. Dudley E. Faver
Wing Commander

THANKS! Goodbye!

*May God Bless you
and Keep you!*

Base Appearance Is Your Concern

Keeping an Air Force base neat and attractive should be of concern to each individual associated with the base. A base which presents a neat appearance is a credit to those who live and work there.

The base civil engineers have the responsibility of maintaining the appearance of the base. Though they do a creditable job, sometimes money may not be readily available for a project.

Therefore, they must rely on you on a "self-help" basis to keep the base in good order. Following are some items which you can accomplish in a "self-help" program:

Lawns should be mowed at regular intervals to the proper height for the type of grass at the base and under the local climatic conditions.

The grass adjacent to sidewalks and curbs should be edged at regular intervals.

All lawns should be fertilized and watered to keep a dark green, dense, weed-free lawn. Individuals in family housing should consider planting annual flowers, suitable to the locality, that will add color to the surroundings.

Policing is always an item that should be emphasized to keep attractive trash-free grounds.

These items are but a few of the ways individuals may assist in keeping the base as attractive as possible. If each of us accomplishes them when needed, we'll have an attractive and cleaner base. (ATCPS)

ON THE LINE

By Maj. Asa E. Hunt III

The democratic idea has a powerful attraction. Because it respects the desire of every man to share in his own rule, the community should not disregard its appeal. Based on a belief that every man has the capacity for self-government, the hopes and aspirations of all men are aroused.

Today's world still finds Communism on the offensive, but more people live under Democracy than ever before. Democracies and those dependent upon them govern a majority of the world population. While Communists are trying to penetrate Africa, Asia and South America, the idea of self-rule remains a stumbling block to them.

It is an inherent concept that cannot be destroyed . . . even by a dictatorship. Little wonder that even the most militant opponents of Democracy must learn to speak the language of the people. It has been said that the democratic dream is keeping the world on edge.

Material progress in any society will help men secure their basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter. At the same time, it is necessary that man's intellectual and spiritual growth keep pace with his material progress so that he is able to develop values that will not only enrich and ennoble his personal life, but will insure the good and happiness of humanity.

At this point we must go back to the prophets and the philosophers. Man belongs to a moral community. All men must continue to enrich the spirit as well as the mind and the body. Even the humblest resident in a primitive society will react favorably to the idea of self-respect and self-expansion. Man cannot live by bread alone.

WIN MEDALS

The Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon has been awarded to A1C Willie E. Stephens, A1C Larry L. Roche and A3C Hector A. Saenz-Oliva, following their qualification.

Nominee Hopes To Join Astronaut Ranks

Second Lt. Robert Salisbury has been named Reese nominee for the Orville Wright Achievement Award being made to the student in Class 66-H undergraduate pilot training class of Air Training Command. The command makes its selection for each class on the basis of information offered in behalf of each nominee.

Lieutenant Salisbury, native of Brooklyn, had the highest flying grades in the T-37 phase of pilot training and was said by instructors to be eligible for selection as tops in the T-38 phase.

"His constant striving for excellence, positive attitude, and willingness to help others has made him a highly respected and admired member of his class," Brig. Gen. Dudley E. Faver, wing commander, said in nominating him.

The lieutenant is hopeful of doing graduate study and of being entered into the astronaut program.

He spent 10 years in Brazil with his parents while his father worked there and then was in Mexico for three years, starting on his school swimming team and in the Pony League. He became interested in

flying through traveling with his father, World War II B-24 pilot and builder of model airplanes.

At Florida State University, Lieutenant Salisbury won a place in Beta Gamma Sigma, the national scholastic honor society, on the basis of ranking in the upper tenth of his class.

He was enrolled in the Air Force ROTC and progressed through selection as squadron administrative officer, flight commander and group commander to rank of cadet colonel. As a senior, he was awarded the AFOTC extraordinary service medal as senior honor cadet. He obtained a private pilot's license, also, and was a distinguished graduate.

As a student at Reese, he has performed several extra duties for his class as a volunteer.

He is being reassigned to Luke AFB, Ariz., to fly F-4C aircraft for Tactical Air Command.



LIEUTENANT SALISBURY

Reese, Union Reach New Agreement Broadening Benefits To Employees

Reese management and Lodge 1810, American Federation of Government Employees, have signed an amended and supplemented employee-management agreement which both sides state should advance relations.

Minor amendments have been made to four articles of the contract originally approved April 24, 1964. Major amendments were made to the article on union-management cooperation and renewal and termination, George C. Brock, lodge president, stated. He and Col. Richard A. Steele, then base commander, signed the new agreement recently.

The negotiated supplements include representation on both sides of the table and lodge-management monthly meetings, wage surveys, training, tours of duty, safety practices and other fields.

The lodge's request for leniency in registration of privately owned automobiles has resulted in a wing publication which permits some base personnel to obtain base auto stickers without presenting the Air Police pass and registration section auto titles, insurance policies, license receipts and proof of state inspection, Brock said. Personnel covered include staff sergeants, GS-7, L-10, F-7 and persons above these grades.

The agreement also permits lodge officials to attend wage meetings and to give advice as to local firms to visit, types of industrial jobs to survey and to recommend lodge members for the job of collecting data from local firms.

Nearly 250 'Kids' Enroll In Course

"The patter of little feet" truly explains the current busting at the base gym as Reese youth participate in the children's summer physical education program.

One hundred twenty one boys and 127 girls, 6-12 years of age, are enrolled in the program which consists of calisthenics, volleyball, basketball, swimming, and the trampoline.

Children have a choice of attending the body-building program at 10 a.m. at the base gym and/or swimming at the airmen's or officers' pool after the gym session. The girl's program is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays while the boys work out on Mondays and Wednesdays.

The objective behind the program is "not only building their physical bodies, but teaching them to learn to play together so that they may live together," says Edwin Hall, youth center director.

Hall reminds parents that registration or re-registration for the program will take place July 19 for the boys and July 20 for the girls at 10 a.m. at the base gym. The current class graduates July 18.

A2C Sheldon Simon has volunteered his time and services to direct the children.

Overseas Allotment Program Enlarged

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—The Air Force has relaxed restrictions on the types of pay which personnel outside the 50 states can have sent home by allotment.

A new ruling now allows practically all pays and allowances to be handled by allotment.

Revision Of SKTs Readied For Dec. 1

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Construction of 11 revised skill knowledge tests and two editions of the Air Force supervisory examination is underway.

Tests to be ready Dec. 1, are being prepared for: communications center specialist and supervisor, Liquid fuel systems maintenance specialist and technician, and vehicle operator, dispatcher and motor transportation supervisor. Supervisory examinations will be available on Nov. 1, 1966, and Nov. 1, 1967.

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PERFECT FORMATION—The world-famous Thunderbirds, performing Saturday at Reese, show perfect precision flying as the four members of the diamond formation are joined by two soloists in an upward climb.

Demonstration Team Shows Combat Teamwork, Discipline

When the United States Air Force Thunderbirds present their precision aerial demonstrations at Reese Saturday, they seek to show the teamwork, coordination, discipline and flying ability necessary for effective combat air power.

But these top pilots recognize the demanding job performed by the men on the ground . . . the Air Force maintenance men.

The men behind the USAF Thunderbirds have one thing in common. Though their backgrounds and specialties vary, each says he feels honored to be a part of this select organization, and rightly so.

Since only a handful of highly skilled men are selected for this unique duty, the competition is stiff.

Each of these men is an expert in his area and is a volunteer, often chosen from more than 100 other applicants vying for a single vacancy.

Many long days, and frequently nights, are spent keeping the Air Force's showcase flyers airborne. These dedicated technicians continue, month after month. Indeed, the superior maintenance record suggests the habit was formed more than a decade ago. A show has never been cancelled because of maintenance difficulties since the team was formed in May 1953.

Admittedly, there are many tests of adaptability. "Living out of a suitcase three-fourths of the year is no picnic," grins a crew chief.

Working hours hardly conform to union standards. In addition, there is no extra pay . . . not even flight pay, although the Thunderbird support personnel are aloft more than the average professional crewman.

But these inconveniences are seldom topics of discussion. More important are faster and safer methods of changing pumps and troubleshooting electrical systems.

An obvious indication of what the enlisted men feel toward their "Birds" is witnessed during every demonstration. They are out there

in front of the crowd, eyes fixed on every movement of the jets with the intense interest of the avid aviation enthusiasts they are.

Colonel Leaving '01st; Assigned To War College

Lt. Col. Howard P. Mann, commander of the 3501st Pilot Training Squadron, is leaving early in July for a new assignment as student in the Air War College of the University at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

The colonel, then a major, came to Reese in the summer of 1964 from a tactical fighter wing at Bentwaters, England, where he was chief of safety. He assumed command of the Reese squadron in April 1965, at the same time gaining a promotion to lieutenant colonel.

He has been in service 21 years and was a navigator in China during World War II. He spent six years at Moody AFB, Ga., as chief of training research and development, was a student of the Command and Staff College a year and flew in Korea during the conflict there.

Colonel Mann holds several decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross with a cluster, the Air Medal with four clusters, Korea's Military Order of Merit and others.

SPACE MENU TESTED
BROOKS AFB, Tex. (AFNS)—Four volunteer airmen have begun a 30-day simulated space flight at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine here in which they will be fed a powdered food formula mixed with water plus a pill containing supplemental vitamins and minerals. The test is another step in a broad study to define the nutritional and fluid needs of space travelers.

Thunderbirds Seek Interest In Airpower

The United States Air Force Thunderbirds, to perform at Reese at 10 a.m. Saturday, was activated in May 1953 by the national defense establishment and given a global mission.

Briefly, the team has been charged by the U.S. government and the chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force with the task of promoting "A better understanding and appreciation of airpower" and assisting with "the effective advancement of our national policy objectives."

Specifically, The Thunderbirds perform all over the world providing a suitable medium to exhibit technical and professional work, precision flying ability, and the flexibility and potential of all commands in the U.S. Air Force as a world-wide "Power for Peace."

The team's mission is one of "peace and good will," . . . through men talking to other men by sign language in the sky.

It is an example of the Air Force's long-range precision striking capability that can take decisive action in defense of freedom, including that of allies, anywhere on the globe in a matter of hours.

The Thunderbirds move out quickly as a small, highly mobile and nearly self-sustaining task group when they deploy around the world to stage their spectacular demonstrations.

They average nearly 100 missions or performances a year and travel up to 175,000 air miles to fulfill the team's show schedule. On the road, they travel with seven North American F-100 Sabres, a two place F-100F and a Lockheed C-130 Hercules support aircraft, as well as a full complement of crew chiefs, mechanics and specialists.

Starting at Luke AFB, Ariz., in Republic F-84G Thunderjets, the Thunderbirds made their first trip out of the country in January 1954 on a tour of Central and South America.

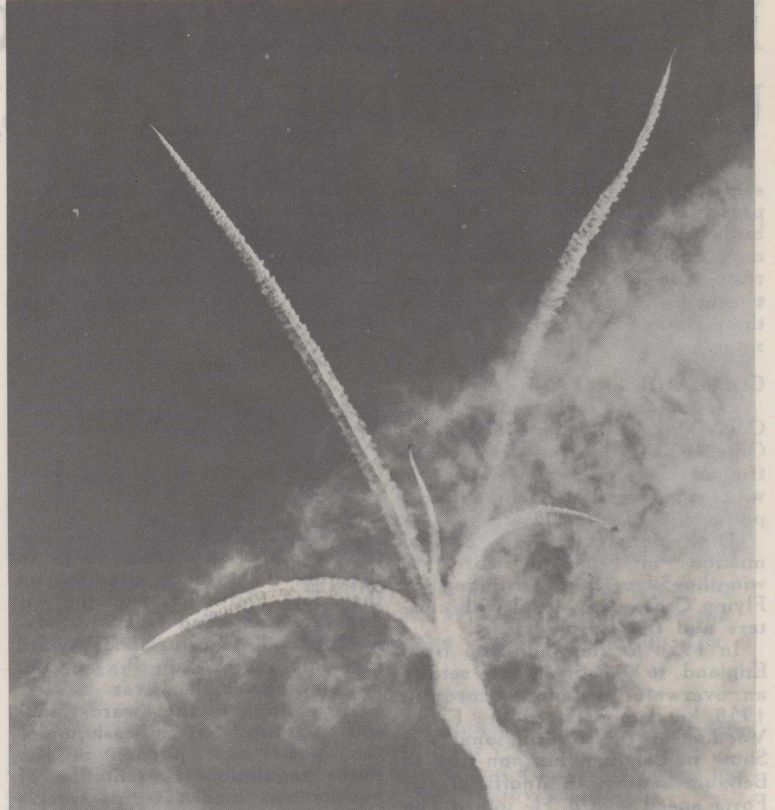
More than 3,000,000 people, many of them seeing a jet airplane for the first time, watched the team perform in 11 different countries that year.

Changing to North American F-100 Super Sabres in June 1956, The Thunderbirds were reassigned from Luke to Nellis AFB, Nev. Often called the fighter pilot's "finishing school," Nellis is the "Home of the Tigers," and its graduates shot down the Russian built MIGs at a 14-1 rate during the Korean Conflict.

In 1958 The Thunderbirds were presented the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award by the Secretary of the Air Force for "exceptionally meritorious service of great national significance." The award is the highest peacetime award that can be given to a unit of the Air Force.

As the Thunderbirds entered their 1966 season, they had compiled a total of almost 1,100 aerial demonstrations before more than 60,000,000 spectators in 45 countries of the Free World.

Electric consumption at Reese averages almost a million kilowatt hours per month.



BOMB-BURST—The colorful Thunderbirds break from a sharp upward climb into a bomb-burst formation as they reach maximum height and zip into all directions to later virtually meet just above the ground in front of the crowd.

"If we did not oppose aggression in Vietnam, we would only encourage similar attempts in other areas, perhaps areas where it would be even more difficult to assist the victims of Communist subversion."—Dr. Harold Brown, secretary of the Air Force.

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REESE GRAD, OTHER OFFICERS UNITE TO PRESENT 'BIG' SHOW

Officers of eight states are scheduled to combine talents in presenting the colorful Thunderbirds aerial show at Reese Saturday. Success of the performance rests with close coordination between the pilots, their supervisors, the maintenance crew and the narrator.

COMMANDER/LEADER

Commander and leader is Lt. Col. Ralph J. Maglione of Akron, Ohio, who is making his second trip in that capacity to Reese. He was leader when the Thunderbirds performed here last year.

The colonel flew 104 combat missions in F-84s in Korea to win the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with clusters and the Purple Heart.

In 1956 he flew non-stop from England to Austin, Tex., setting an overwater distance record; in 1958 he demonstrated the F-101 Voodoo at the International Air Show in Belgium, his non-stop to Belgium setting an unofficial Air Force speed record. He joined The Thunderbirds in 1965 after serving in the Pentagon.

LEFT WING

A former instructor pilot at Laughlin AFB and a graduate of Reese, 1st Lt. Chris G. Patterakis of Modesto, Calif., flies left wing. He was graduated here in January 1961, assigned to training by the California Air National Guard. He enlisted in 1953 and left service four years later to obtain a college degree, returning in 1964 as a T-38 instructor at Laughlin in 1964. He joined The Thunderbirds last December.

RIGHT WING

Capt. William B. McGee of La Jolla, Calif., returns to Reese as a team member flying right wing. He earned his pilot license through working at an airport and entered the Air Force in 1957 through the Air Force ROTC.

He served two years in Japan as an F-100 pilot and flew with a tactical fighter squadron on two Atlantic and a Pacific crossing to visit 17 countries prior to joining The Thunderbirds in January 1965.

SLOT

Capt. Henry D. Canterbury of Huntsville, Ala., also is making a return trip to Reese for the Saturday performance as pilot of the slot position in the diamond formation. It is he who flies in the midst of hot blasts from the other three planes.

Prior to joining the aerial de-

monstration team in January 1965, he flew from Germany and later was an F-105 pilot at the USAF Tactical Air Warfare Center in Florida. He was graduated from the Air Force Academy in the first class in 1959 and is the first graduate to be assigned to The Thunderbirds.

Driver Earns TOPS Award

Skillful driving of a Reese bus in the midst of driving wings in the June 11 tornado situation on the South Plains has won the Air Training Command TOPS in Safety Outstanding Performance Award for support for Lon B. Jackson, base motor vehicle driver.

In addition to the award, Jackson is getting \$50 in cash under the special acts portion of Air Force regulation. Presentation of honors was made at this week's wing staff meeting by Brig. Gen. Dudley E. Faver, wing commander.

"While operating a 45-passenger bus, you took extra-ordinary action to insure the safety of your passengers, a flight of 25 pilot trainees, and the preservation of your vehicle," the letter to Jackson from the general, states.

"Shortly after leaving the Phase 1 pilot training site at Abernathy for the return trip to Reese AFB, the bus entered an approaching storm. Buffeted by rain, and winds of tornadic force which struck suddenly, you attempted to hold the bus on the road, but were unable to do so."

"Warning the students to 'hang on,' you maintained directional control as the gusts carried the bus sideways off the road and across a ditch. At the last instant you skillfully veered to miss a telephone pole, and the bus finally came to rest in a plowed field approximately 300 feet from the road."

"Your skillful handling of an extremely difficult and dangerous situation prevented serious injury to 25 passengers, and averted damage to the \$25,744 bus."

"You demonstrated the highest degree of professional driving skill in extreme emergency, which serves as an example for all drivers. Such performance is highly commendable and deserving of the ATC TOPS Award."

Jackson is married and has three children. He lives with his family in Shallowater.

SOLO

Familiar to Reese spectators as a solo pilot is Capt. Robert H. Morgan of Pendleton, S.C. He joined The Thunderbirds in November 1964 after duty in England and at Langley AFB as a member of a tactical evaluation team. He was commissioned in 1956 after aviation cadet training and has several decorations.

The other soloist is Capt. Robert D. Beckel of Walla Walla, Wash., also a member of the first graduating class at the Air Force Academy. He joined The Thunderbirds in January, following tactical fighter service in Germany and at McConnell AFB.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Executive officer of The Thunderbirds is Maj. Frank E. Liethen of Appleton, Wis., a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis. He served in France and was a fire control system engineer in the F-105 system at Wright-Patterson AFB.

He was outstanding pilot and over-all student in his class at the USAF Aerospace Research Pilot School at Edwards AFB and taught in the USAF Fighter Weapons School at Nellis AFB and research pilot school. He flew an F-104 modified with a rocket engine to 108,000 feet while in his last duty prior to joining The Thunderbirds last December.

MAINTENANCE OFFICER

Thunderbirds maintenance officer is Capt. Robert E. Haney of Champaign, Ill., commissioned in 1954 through aviation cadets. He has served as flight test officer at several bases, joining The Thunderbirds last August from maintenance quality control and flight test officer at Holloman AFB.

Mrs. Faver Feted At OWC Farewell

Mrs. Dudley E. Faver, wife of Brig. Gen. Dudley E. Faver, wing commander, was honored at the June hail and farewell coffee of the Officers' Wives Club held in the Officers' open mess. Mrs. Dwight Moody, OWC president, presented Mrs. Faver with an engraved gavel and an engraved charm bracelet with a charm from each organization.

Houseguests of Capt. and Mrs. Anthony Farina are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Faina of New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Fred Michel was the guest of honor at a farewell coffee given by Mrs. Dean Pappas.

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—The Air Force has asked for command action to reduce the number of telephone calls to overseas areas.



DOLLARS AT WORK—Some Reese contributions to the United Fund are being used to support the YWCA in its varied program of educational, recreational and cultural activities. The program includes art shows, workshops and activities for all age groups. Here a small class in Spanish receives instruction.

MONTH IS DANGEROUS

The 363 motorcides in Texas last December was the highest monthly total in recorded history. On two previous occasions monthly motorcides exceeded 299; 303 in December 1950 and 312 in December 1963.

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In May 1953, on its first flight, the YF-100 broke the speed of sound and gave the U.S. a supersonic Air Force.

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The Thunderbirds have flown Super Sabres since June 1956.

Since May 1953 Super Sabres have been setting records for speed, endurance, range and maintenance.

While the later models of the F-100 have a speed in excess of

1,000 mph, two earlier models, F-100A and F-100C, established the world's first supersonic speed records.

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JOB COMPLETED—The combination divider houses a television set and a magazine rack in the day room at barracks 420. The self-help day room improvement project was completed June 8.

Squadron Personnel Re-Do Dayroom In Year-Long Self-Help Activities

Culminating a year-long effort to improve barracks living conditions, 3500th Air Base Group Headquarters Squadron has completed a self-help dayroom redecoration project in Barracks 420. The month-long redecoration, which started May 5, was conducted as a result of a directive from Lt. Gen. William W. Momyer, ATC commander, on the improvement of squadron dayrooms.

Plans for the project were drawn up by Carlos Jordan under the direction and supervision of Capt. Paul E. Soherr, squadron commander. After the plans were finalized, Central Base Fund allocated \$450 for materials. Only \$325 was expended for improvements.

The improvements include paneling of one wall, construction of a combination divider consisting of television enclosure and magazine rack and a built-in floor-to-ceiling trophy case. All of these pieces were constructed of genuine walnut.

The project also included the installation of indirect lighting and repainting.

Special Bowling Price Announced

Special prices for July bowling on the Reese lanes were announced Thursday by 1st Lt. Stephen C. Erskine, personnel services officer.

During July, the lieutenant said, the price per line is 25 cents, a reduction of 10 cents from the regular price.

The July special is being conducted on a trial basis in efforts to increase bowling interest, it was said. It is effective at all hours on any day. Reese Lanes are open from 10 a.m. until 11 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday.

The July special price was approved by the Central Base Fund.

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LAMBERT WINS BIG

Reese's Bob Lambert is the best javelin thrower the armed forces of the United States has, he has demonstrated.

Last week he added new honors to his building record by winning the javelin throw for the Air Force in competition with the best in the other services. He tossed the spear 232 feet, 5 inches to out-distance others. The week before he had won the Air Force javelin throw in competition at Tinker AFB.

Lambert also did some high jumping for the Air Force last week at Fort Eustis, Va. He leaped 6 feet, 5 inches, lacking by an inch winning third place in the inter-service meet.

He holds the Air Force Academy record at 6-9 in the high jump and also is holder of the Academy javelin record.

This week he represents all services in the Amateur Athletic Association competition in New York.

Rattlers Seek League Wins

The Reese Rattlers baseball team was devoting its efforts this week to seeking wins in the National Baseball Congress league of Lubbock after a pleasant but unproductive trip to Liberal, Kan., to meet the Jay-Bees there.

Fred Olmsted pitched the first game for Reese and lost, 7-5. He allowed 10 hits and struck out seven, but saw the game go to the Jay-Bees, loaded with former college and professional players. Reese scored two in the second inning on hits by Jim Lynum and Tom McCay, coupled with an error and walk.

Another run came in the third on hits by George Cooper, Lynum and Larry Ferrell, and a walk to John Kreideweis. Two followed in the fifth on singles by Lynum and Cooper and a double by Kreideweis.

Liberal scored twice in the fourth on a single and two doubles. In the sixth the Jay-Bees tied it up with a cluster of hits. In the bottom of the eighth the game went to Liberal on a single, error and triple. Dave Newkirk, former major leaguer, hurled against the Rattlers.

Records on the Saturday night game are not complete at Reese. Liberal won, 18 to 0, as the game was called in the sixth. Jim Looper, Liberal Pitcher, signed a New York Met contract after the game, with members of both teams looking on.

The Sunday night score was 15-2 for Liberal. Ferrell, and Dub Jones singled in the Rattlers' scores.

The Rattlers scored a 3-2 win over Mathis in the NBC league before going to Kansas, with Olmsted striking out 11. Jones singled in the winning run.

Junior Olympics Doubles Winners Roll Top Scores

Winners of the Junior Bowling Olympics doubles rolled Saturday in their respective age group were: Dwight Jackson and R. Fraser in the 8-10 age group with 545 pins; Roger Tamblin and Jeff Vanek in the 11-12 age group, 715 pins; Fernie Tamblin and L. Locke in the 13-14 age group, 735 pins; Owen Costello and Patrick Kennedy in the 15-16 age group, 804 pins.

The top individual bowler during the single and double events was Patrick Kennedy with a total pin fall of 918 pins followed closely by Fernie Tamblin with 862. Roger Tamblin continues to lead the subteens with 848 pins knocked down for an average of 141.

"This is real good bowling for an 11-year-old boy," reports SSgt. Don Crowl.

This Saturday mixed doubles will close out this year's Junior Olympic Bowling, and girls in the 8-10 year age bracket are needed as partners of the boys that have bowled in the singles and doubles events.

GAME SCHEDULED

The Reese softball team was scheduled to meet the Lubbock Commercial team Thursday night on the student softball field. The game was to start at 7:30 p.m. and all Reese people invited to view the contest.



ENLISTEE—Maj. Paul A. Griffith (left), chief of Civil Engineering control center, swears his son James W. Griffith (right) into the Air Force at the Armed Forces Service Center at Amarillo, Tex. The swearing in took place June 20.

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UP WE GO—The four members of the Thunderbirds aerial demonstration team leave the ground together as they prepare for the precision flying show such as they will present Saturday at Reese.

Former Reese Instructor Is A Hero

Heroism and highly proficient piloting in Vietnam by Capt. Frederic D. Hutchinson, former instructor pilot in the 3501st Pilot Training Squadron and later standardization/evaluation board member, is told in the June 15 issue of the Air Force Times.

The captain, who left Reese about a year ago, was co-pilot for Maj. James R. McCarthy as they attempted to unload oil drums from a C-123 Provider on a short airstrip in Vietnam. They landed with a heavy load and immediately were greeted by swarming Viet Cong. The major made quick decision to take to the air again.

The runway was short and the load heavy. A Viet Cong bullet tore into the right wing. The major got the plane in the air, but it wouldn't climb fast enough. Captain Hutchinson retracted the landing gear quickly. The C-123 hit a palm in the 20-foot tree barrier. A tree stuck into the wing. Glass shattered.

Four feet of the tree towered on the wing, adding to difficulties.

The major reduced power on the off-side. The plane started to drop. It had never been more than

15 feet off the ground. It dropped to three feet.

Every available crewman, including the navigator, started to jettison fuel drums. The C-123 climbed slightly. The closest safe airstrip was 80 miles away. The major and Captain Hutchinson both devoted full time to flying. They reached the base as the crew did everything possible to aid.

The crew stayed aboard. The runway was covered with foamite to eliminate danger of sparks igniting the plane when it hit, traveling faster than landing instructions set forth.

The major and captain credited crew training with a safe landing; the crew said it was expert piloting.

Coming, Going

ARRIVING:
Capt. Jonnie R. Reeder, from Vietnam.

DEPARTING:
A1C Jesse A. Norman, to Seymour Johnson AFB.

MSgt. Marion D. Richardson, to Dover AFB.

Maj. Paul A. Griffith, to Pope AFB.

SSgt. Ronald C. Tamblin, to Randolph.

SSgt. Charley Hicks and SSgt. Franz F. Thoma Jr., to USAFE.

Capt. Michael P. Ferris and 1st Lt. James A. Harrass, to Sheppard.

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Off-duty educational courses are available at Reese and at nearby Texas Technological College and South Plains College.

★★USAF VIETNAM BATTLE REPORT★★

Air Force pilots were flying 24-hour air support for Operation Hawthorne — a search and destroy operation being conducted about 60 miles north of Pleiku in South Vietnam's mountainous central highlands — at the close of the week ending June 10.

Air Force pilots flew in support of U.S. Army troops of the 101st Airborne Division participating in the operation. The soldiers made contact with an estimated battalion-size North Vietnam force June 3.

During the day, Air Force fighter-bomber pilots bombed and strafed enemy positions as close as 50 yards from the Army troops. Flareship crews — flying Fairchild C-123 Providers and Douglas AC-47 Dragonships — dropped flares to provide illumination during the night.

Heavy foliage in the battle area prevented accurate bomb damage assessments, but many insurgents were believed to have been killed during air strikes.

Close air support for ground troops and other combat missions sent Air Force strike pilots on 1,310 combat sorties against Viet Cong targets in the south.

In air action over North Vietnam, Air Force pilots flew 245 missions against a variety of Communist military targets.

In addition to strikes by fighter-bomber pilots, Boeing B-52 Stratofortress crews bombed areas of suspected VC troops concentrations in Quang Ngai Province on the north central coast, in the areas 60 to 65 miles north-northwest of Saigon and in an area 20 miles west of Hue.

MINI-GUNS FOR A-1E

Air Force Douglas A-1E Skyraiders used against North and South Vietnam military targets are being equipped with more fire power.

In addition to its other weapons, the sturdy, propeller-driven A-1Es now carry two 7.62mm mini-guns. The mini-guns are similar to those used in Douglas AC-47 Dragonships. The six-barreled guns are capable of firing shells at the rate of 6,000 rounds per minute.

NEW SURVIVAL SYSTEM

Installation is underway on a new escape system for pilots of disabled Douglas A-1E Skyraider aircraft.

Developed by Stanley Aviation Corp., Denver, the Yankee survival system is being added to the A-1Es in the field.

Although jets have ejection seats to clear pilot and crew from their disabled aircraft, pilots in propeller-type aircraft have not had this protection.

The Yankee system extracts the pilot, rather than ejects him. The pilot is pulled from the cockpit by a tractor rocket attached to his torso harness by a length of nylon riser which acts as a shock absorber.

Reese, Keesler Libraries Win Air Force-Wide

HQ. ATC (ATCPS)—Libraries at Keesler and Reese AFBs have been announced as winners of second and third place, respectively, in the 15th annual Air Force Library Publicity Contest.

The library at Athenai Airport, Athens, Greece, took first-place and a prize of \$350, plus an added bonus of up to \$200 in travel expenses for the librarian to attend the awards presentations during the American Library Association's meeting in New York City July 13.

Keesler's placing was worth \$200, while \$100 will go to Reese.

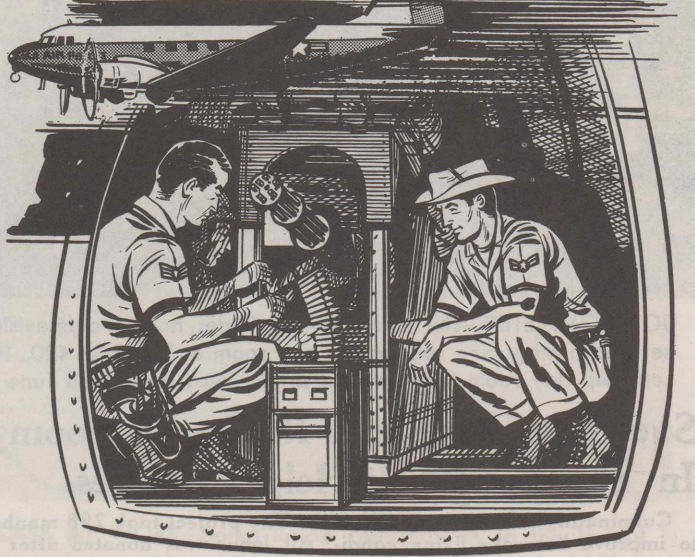
In addition to their distinction in the Air Force contest, both the Keesler and Reese libraries came in for additional honors.

The Keesler library received an honorable mention in the John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards Contest for an excellent understanding of the use of available publicity media in relating the library's potential and present patrons to its resources and services.

The Reese library was named for a special John Cotton Dana award for a carefully planned patron-oriented program of printing consistent with the reproduction and design resources available to the small staff.

The John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards Contest is co-sponsored by the American Library Association and the Wilson Library Bulletin.

A Facts



It's A Fact that a new version of the famed Douglas C-47 Gooney Bird now serves as an attack aircraft in Vietnam. The AC-47 is armed with three Miniguns, each capable of firing 6,000 rounds per minute.

Expanded Fire Prevention Program Planned By Fire Marshal's Council

The Reese fire prevention program has included numerous successful activities and will be enlarged in efforts to maintain leadership in Air Training Command. The Fire Marshal's Council disclosed at its last meeting.

The council stated Reese Village occupants have been counseled on fire hazards, such as bird nests in dryer vents, dirty heater filter pads, trash under the hot water heater and other situations.

During the year, 19 lectures for 290 newly arrived personnel were given and dependents attended semi-monthly meetings. Persons working in jet test cells and on programs and a display board showing fire hazards in the village was maintained.

Requests have been made for

\$170,000 to install draft stops in 12 mobilization buildings, install dry fire extinguishing systems in 10 range hoods, install dampers and firestats in buildings, to repair damage sheathing, to repair hangar heating systems, to replace fire escape stairs on 20 two-story buildings and for other purposes.

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