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EXERCISE BROKEN ARROW

A HANG jet fighter "burned" on the flight line Sunday morning, setting into motion a rapid evacuation of aircraft, personnel and equipment.

Although Guardsmen reacted immediately to the simulated Broken Arrow Exercise, no one was overly concerned. The "fire" was simulated by a smoke bomb, thrown without prior warning by a member of the Active AF to test the Group's reaction to such an emergency.

One minute after the smoke grenade was activated, all stations were alerted.

According to procedure, all aircraft and equipment in the vicinity of a burning plane must be moved to safety with those aircraft closest to the fire being moved first.

Three minutes after the surprise drill was started, one jet was being towed to safety while a second was taxied away by a mechanic. Seven minutes later, all four of the supersonic jets and all personnel were clear of the ramp area.

Although the Group has a total of 25 jet aircraft, only five were on the ramp.

In the event of an actual blaze, fire fighters from Hickam would have responded.

C-54 SKYMASTER IS RENAMED

TSGT Wayne Y. Soma has been selected by a board of officers as the winning entrant in a contest to

select a name for the Guard's C-54. Soma won a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond for his selection--"The Spirit of Aloha".

Soma, a full-time Senior Radio Technician attached to the 109th AC&W, said he thought the name was appropriate since aloha is a Hawaiian word known around the globe and would easily identify the plane as coming from the islands. "People will know where it comes from no matter where it roams. It will be a good ambassador if the people on board act in the spirit of aloha," he said.

Soma will be awarded his prize in official ceremonies probably to be held by the end of summercamp. It is hoped that GEN Siefermann will be on hand to make the presentation.

HANG OFFICER RECEIVES AWARD

Captain Edward H. Anderson, of the 154th Fighter Group, was awarded the Hawaii National Guard Commendation Metal by MAJ GEN Robert L. Stevenson, in ceremonies held at Schofield Barracks, on Saturday, 18 June.

CAPT Anderson was cited for his "courage, determination and professional competence" after spontaneously responding to the \$2.5 million Ft. Ruger fire of 13 Sept 1963, and directing an attempt to rescue 20 vehicles from a warehouse which was engulfed in flames.

Eight staff cars and one pickup truck valued at \$30,000 were saved by Anderson and a small crew

which he had quickly organized. The men hacked their way with an ax into the burning building, which also contained gasoline and live ammunition.

Well done, Captain.

KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT

What's silver or grey, hums quietly, and hovers over the hanger? An Unidentified Flying Object, naturally.

While the public may have denied the importance of UFOs, the AF has at least recognized their existence. Recently the AF Scientific Advisory Board declared UFOs are not--we repeat--not a threat to national security. But the board recommended expanding a program to determine exactly what these curious floating objects are, and are soliciting sightings made by independent scientists, or airmen.

So you got the word now. If you see anything bigger than a sea-gull hovering over the flight line--take it to your leader.

7TH AIR FORCE IN VIET NAM

The famed 7th Air Force, World War II major combat force in the Pacific, was reactivated April 1, and put into action in Viet Nam.

In a statement from the Pentagon, AF Chief of Staff General John P. McConnell said the 7th Air Force will assume the role of its predecessor, the 2nd Air Division, and will be commanded by LT GEN Joseph H. Moore.

The major air attack unit is composed of more than 35 squadrons, comprising about 500 combat and support aircraft. A subordinate command of Pacific Air Forces, the 7th is responsible for all AF combat air strike, support and defense operations on mainland Southeast Asia.

General Moore will continue to act as deputy commander for air operations to General William C. Westmoreland, the post he held while heading the old 2nd Air Division.

KEEP FIT WITH 5BX--YOU MAY NEED IT

REGULAR AF HELPS HANG

A regular Air Force unit is working round the clock for HANG--just for security's sake.

The Central Security section, of the 6486th AP Squadron, housed at Battery Selfridge, has the Group as its primary support mission. It protects our flight line, alert pad and missile storage site. For some time the regular APs pulled duty at the alert hanger, but by federal regulation, after the Group last year increased its capability, its security functions had to be maintained by federal forces--namely the regular AF.

During alerts our APs support the total base security mission, and thus work hand in hand with the Central Security section. In addition to providing the Group with the necessary security, the regular AP detachment assists our men in making-up drills and in giving practical training. There are four flights of 30 men stationed at Selfridge, who work with our 48 APs.

The working relations between the two groups has been described as "excellent" by NCOIC MSGT Herbert J. Davidson. Apparently the Guard APs have proved their mettle, for the integrated unit has achieved superior ratings during Operational Readiness Inspections.

The Central Security section is commanded by CAPT R.V. Maisey.

EMPLOYER'S DAY--1966--IS ALL PAU

Twelve bosses got the royal treatment Tuesday, when the Group rolled out the red carpet during the 2nd annual Employer's Day.

Guardsmen hosting their employers met them at the front gate, treated them to dinner at Chef Luis' "Top of the Hanger" and showed them their respective shops. Then the bosses were bused to the flight line and watched two jets run-up and take-off on runway 8.

To Guardsmen who invited your bosses: Thanks men, they all enjoyed it. To Guardsmen who didn't invite their bosses: Don't forget this opportunity next year to show the Guard to your interested employer. He'll thank you for it.