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Engineers Hit Target Date

Unique Training Aid In 21st Jet School

The 21st Fighter Bomber Wing has, through the efforts of two men named Smith and a group of CAB personnel, become the proud owners of a unique training aid system. One which, as far as is known, has the distinction of being one of two of its kind within 12th Air Force. The training aid is composed of a series of cut-away views of the various operational systems within our F86 Sabrejets which enable both pilots and maintenance people alike to actually see the intricate systems in operation.

The "mock-ups", as they are called, give the men a tremendously better understanding of exactly how the systems work and what each part within the system contributes to the operation of the unit as a whole. The old adage of "One picture is worth 1000 words" is made obsolete by the mock-ups, as they in turn are worth beau coup pictures in clearly illustrating the points of stress wear, and so on.

The mock-up idea was first initiated within the 21st Wing back at George AFB, but didn't materialize until a few weeks ago when the 72nd Hangar suddenly took on all the sounds of a reclamation point. People from many units on base began work on the tremendous project with hack saws, sanders, files and buffers. The entire operation, under the direct supervision of Mr. Art Smith, North American Aviation Technical Representative and Mr. Carl Smith, General Electric engine "Tech Rep", incurred many long hours of delicate workmanship. Each system, such as hydraulics, stick control, emergency, had to be carefully cut down the middle, sanded, buffed, and painted, a different color to represent each differing part, then carefully mounted on display boards.

At present, six of the mock-ups are completed and two are nearing completion. The largest of the mock-ups is a cut-away of an entire jet engine, styled by Carl Smith, which gives the viewer an over-all picture of exactly what happens when our Sabres are in full operation.

On Monday, October 31st, the Jet Engine Technical Training School was brought into being in classrooms set up in the 72nd Hangar. The 224 hour course will cover all phases of jet engine operation and maintenance with our "home-made" mock-ups playing a major role in the fields of higher learning and better maintenance.

A "WELL DONE" to all the people who made this outstanding project a reality.

Outstanding Award To A/IC Hochhalter

A/IC Roman C. Hochhalter, formerly of the 21st Air Police Squadron and lately assigned to Headquarters Squadron 21st Fighter Bomber Wing, received the "Outstanding Airman of the Quarter" award at Wing level recently, for the period 1 July thru 30 September.

The 22 year old Airman has been a member of the 21st Wing since last February. He entered the Air Force in February 1953 after graduating from high school, Class of '52, at Glenham, South Dakota. Upon completion of his Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, he attended and graduated from the Air Force Air Police School at Parks AFB near Oakland, California. Prior to his assignment to Chambley he was a member of the 479th Air Police Squadron at George AFB, California. Until his recent reassignment to the 21st Wing Finance Section, he performed duties as a clerk and an Air Policeman with the 21st AP Squadron.

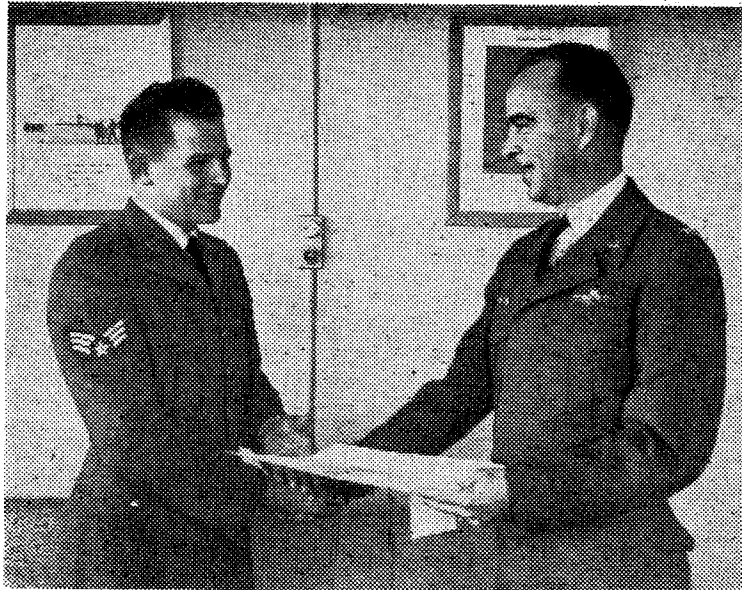
Before entering the service, Airman Hochhalter spent his time in ranching near his home in South Dakota. When his current enlistment is completed, in the early part of 1957, he hopes to attend college, majoring in Criminology, at San Jose, California.

Twenty five dollars and a three day pass were awarded to Airman Hochhalter by Colonel Robert R. Rowland, Base Commander, for the outstanding leadership and military bearing he has displayed as a member of the 21st Wing.

Four Up To Major

Four Officers of the 21st Wing received notification last week that orders will soon be forwarded designating their promotions to the rank of Major. The new Majors, with their dates of rank indicated, are Captains: Anthony Cvitanovich, Commander of the 416th Fighter Bomber Squadron (13 Feb 56), James W. Logan, Staff Judge Advocate (13 Apr 56), William C. Waller, Information Services Officer (29 Feb 56), and Paul E. Pickett, Base Fire Marshal (19 Dec 55).

Airman of the Quarter



A/IC Roman C. Hochhalter of Headquarters 21st Fighter Bomber Wing received the congratulations of Base Commander, Colonel Robert R. Rowland, recently, for winning the Outstanding Airman of the Quarter Award at Wing level, for the period 1 July thru 30 September. Aside from the certificate being presented here, Airman Hochhalter also received a three day pass and \$25.00 as part of the Outstanding Airman Award.

New Staff Members At CAB

Last week two new additions to Colonel Rowland's staff arrived at Chambley Air Base. Coming from a position as Professor of Air Science and Tactics at Arkansas University, Lt Col Ray W. Alford will assume duties with the 21st Wing as Wing Comptroller. The second arrival, Lt Col Herbert E. Des-Georges, came from an assignment as Special Assistant to the Air Base Group Commander at Foster AFB, Texas, and will assume duties as Wing Director of Materiel.

Maj Raymond H. Hepner, present Wing Comptroller, will become Air Base Group Executive sometime in November, while Maj Gordon L Edgett, present WDM will remain in that office as the Wing Armament Staff Officer.

21st Wing Personnel Visit Israel

Two Chambley Air Base personnel were among the 16 fortunate individuals who were picked recently, at Headquarters 12th Air Force, to take part in a pilgrimage to ancient Israel. M/Sgt Josef Lewin, Wing Headquarters Sergeant Major, and A/IC Allen A. Saperstein of the 21st Maintenance Squadron departed on the flight from Landstuhl Air Base, Germany on 12 October.

The tour consisted of stops at Naples, Italy and Athens, Greece, terminating at Tel Aviv, Israel. Once in the country, the tourists visited many historical and Biblical points of interest including: Haifa, the Sea of Galilee, Tibereas, Nazareth, Jeffa, Beersheba, and Jerusalem.

Holiday Flights For Christmas Scheduled To Leave Chambley

The Special Services Office has announced that all personnel yearning to be home for Christmas will have the opportunity to make it a reality. This will be via the "Yule Flight" which the Office has established and which will depart Chambley Air Base on 14 December, destination: New York.

Price for the round-trip flight, which will return to Chambley after approximately 24 days, will be

\$280.00 on a cash-and-fly basis. The aircraft will be a four engine trans-Atlantic job, complete with plush seats, hot meals and hostesses. If a sufficiently large number of personnel sign up for the trip the price will drop below the present \$280. Also, two aircraft will be made available if necessary.

All interested people may contact the Base Service Club at Ext 164 for complete information.

862nd Engineers Complete 'Caravan'

Six months ago the 862nd Engineer Aviation Battalion picked up its earth movers, shovels, picks and surveying instruments and began their enormous task of equipping Chambley Air Base with a trailer park. On that date they set their sights on 31 October as their target date of completion of "Operation Caravan", and they then proceeded to score a direct bullseye on that target date.

On Monday morning, 31 October, the 923rd Engineer Aviation Group Inspection Team from Landstuhl, Germany officially wrote "fini" to "Operation Caravan" by accepting the completed trailer park. Lt. Col. Besancon, Commander of the Inspection Group, complimented the 862nd both on the quality of the work and the time in which it was accomplished.

Captain John J. Pszekaza, Battalion Operations Officer, stated that the Battalion's personnel roster included only one electrician and three plumbers. Consequently, the ten miles of overhead wiring and five miles of plumbing which went into the park had to be installed by men whose designated tasks are those of earth moving, installation of concrete pads and roads, and heavy equipment operators. "Therefore", the Captain added "the utilities may not be quite what they could have been, had we the right men for the jobs." He compared it to the 21st Wing being assigned a Troop Carrier mission: "You could do it, but a switch such as that would naturally create a lot of difficulties."

The main body of the Battalion departed Chambley for their home base at Bitburg, Germany last Saturday. From there they will receive further construction assignments at Air Bases in France. Company C remained at Chambley until Wednesday, to put the finishing touches on the parking lot in the trailer area. The lot was an additional task, not included in the regular plans for the trailer park. Late Wednesday, Company C departed for Orly Field, near Paris, where they will begin an approximated two month construction task.

Captain Pszekaza extended his sincerest thanks to all Chambley Air Base personnel who assisted the 862nd during "Operation Caravan".