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VaANG GOES TO GREECE

VaANG ENGAGES IN DEEP FURROW

One hundred and twenty-nine members of the 192d Tactical Fighter Group participated in Operation Deep Furrow during August 1968.

Deep Furrow 1-68 was a joint combined field training exercise in Northern Greece by NATO land and naval forces and CINCSTRIKE which included contingents from the New Jersey, Ohio, and Virginia Air National Guards.

Originally the entire project was classified which probably presented the most difficulty of the entire exercise. During the recruiting phase, members were warned that they could not reveal certain information. This presented many problems with employers, wives, parents and girl friends. In fact, the mailing address was classified and was downgraded too late to be of any value. However, most wives and employers were very understanding and patient, adding immeasurably to the overall success of the mission.

The 192d TFG and the 178th TFG, Ohio ANG were combined into one force and stationed on the Royal Hellenic Air Base, Larissa, Greece. Col Andrew C. Lacy, Ohio ANG, was the Tactical Commander and Col Percy O. Gravatt Jr, VaANG was the Base Commander.

Our Group Commnader, LtCol Claude F. Heath, who was the Tactical Commander of the 192d Forces stated that "our boys could be real proud of the job they performed and the professionalism that they displayed".

The hours were long (sometimes 16 hours a day) and the living conditions were not exactly ideal. The entire organization worked, lived, and ate in tents. Heat, wind and dust were a way of life and reminded most of their Boy Scout days.

Twelve F-84F aircraft flew 159 sorties and 439 hours during this operation. It was a beautiful sight when two groups of six F-84F's passed over Byrd Field in formation on the afternoon of 27 August 1968 on their return. They had flown non-stop from Torrejon, Spain to Byrd Field, a nine hour flight.

It was not all work and no play however, most found a free evening or two and some had a day off for sightseeing. Enroute stops were made in Lajes, Azores, and Torrejon, Spain. In Lajes most of the boys had the opportunity to observe (a few even participated in) a street bull fight. Those who were fortunate to stop over at Torrejon visited Madrid.

Larissa was a small clean typical Greek town of 80,000. The people were very friendly, but understood little English. When visiting the big restaurant in town, the waiter would take you to the kitchen where you would select your menu by pointing.

A seven hour trip by train was required to visit Athens. In some instances the ride was standing room only, but the scenery made up for the inconveniences.

A montage of pictures is on page 4. If you have any pictures that you think would be of interest, please bring them to Bobby Flournoy, he will copy and return them to you.

NEXT UTA: 14 & 15 SEPTEMBER 1968

CLUB NEWS

Saturday, 14 September 1968, 1600 hours, there will be a General Club Meeting of all Club Members for the purpose of electing new officers to serve in the forthcoming year. This meeting will take place at the Club 149.

The following is a schedule of events for the coming year. The 28th of September has been selected for a Crab Feast, 7:30p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Admission for this affair will be \$6.00 per couple.

A Halloween Dance, Thanksgiving Dinner Dance, Christmas and New Year's Dance are planned and a schedule including dates, times, Saturday night functions and admission prices will be forthcoming.

The Club is now open every Friday night for your enjoyment and relaxation, so pay your dues now and plan to attend.

ANNUAL INSPECTION FOR COMM FLIGHT

The 192d Communications Flight (Sup) will receive its Annual Federal Inspection during this UTA, 14-15 September 1968.

Attendance is mandatory for all Comm Flt personnel.

A personal conference period will be held during this inspection, exact time and place will be announced at the formation.

NEW DRIVE TO CAMP POLICY

LtCol Claude F. Heath, Comdr, 192d Tactical Fighter Group has announced his policy for permission to travel by private owned conveyance to and from Annual Field Training.

The present policy of denying permission to drive to anyone who has failed an SKT since the previous field training remains in effect.

In addition, permission to travel by POC will be granted only to those who have attained a 5 level AFSC.

REPORT ON FORMER ANG UNITS IN SOUTH VIETNAM

The four former Air National Guard tactical fighter squadrons now serving in South Vietnam have compiled an enviable record of 6,113 combat missions since the first unit arrived 3 May 1968.

The 120th Tac Ftr Sq, Denver, Colorado, was the first to arrive and as of 12 Aug 68, has flown 2092 combat missions out of Phan Rang in its 95th day there.

The 174th Tac Ftr Sq, Sioux City, Iowa, has flown 1969 combat missions in 86 days. The 188th Tac Ftr Sq, Albuquerque, New Mexico, has accomplished 1,162 missions in 61 days, and the 136 Tac Ftr Sq, Niagara Falls, New York, has completed 926 missions in 53 days.

Statistically, the average time in combat for the four units is 72 days and an average of 85 missions per day for the four former ANG squadrons.

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CAPSULE LAW
(An AFNS Feature)

Before signing a contract, it's best to know exactly what the interest rate is. This applies to loans as well as buying merchandise on time.

State laws usually provide for a higher interest rate for small loans and small merchandise transactions than for larger ones.

A simple evaluation is to compute the true interest rate. A finance charge of \$162 for a loan of \$900 for three years represents a six per cent interest rate.

To obtain this, divide the finance charge by the number of years to get the yearly charge (\$162 divided by 3 equals \$54). Then divide the yearly charge by the amount of money borrowed (\$54 divided by \$900 equals .06 or six per cent).

This formula is fine when the whole amount of the loan is not repaid until the end of the contract period. However, when the loan is repaid in installments, as most are, interest rates may be far higher.

For example, if finance or carrying charges are based on a \$100 item at six per cent interest and are included in 12 equal monthly installments, the true rate for the year would be 10.9 per cent.

If finance or carrying charges are based on one per cent of the unpaid balance, the true annual rate is 12 per cent.

CAPSULE LAW
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A notary public is a public official who is given a commission by a state to perform certain official acts within the state. The official acts allowed by most states are--the power to take acknowledgments and affidavits, to administer oaths, and to certify to the authenticity of documents.

A notary certifies that a signature on a document is genuine. This requires that the notary see the signature being made. Notaries are bonded to require compliance with the law.

Many Legal Assistance offices have a notary public as an employe. They perform their services without charge to servicemen and their families. Further nearly all states allow a commissioned officer to act as a notary for military personnel under certain conditions.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Exercise Deep Furrow has come to a successful close thus marking another first for the 192d TFG. The hardships and work are behind, and ahead are the war stories and experiences to tell those who did not go to Greece with us.

It gives me great pleasure to express my thanks and appreciation for a job well done by those who participated in this exercise. I think the unit and each individual has just cause to be proud of the accomplishments in this deployment. It is my hope that everyone eventually will have the opportunity to go on an overseas deployment in the future. It is this type of training that keeps a unit in the state of readiness desired by the Air Force.

Tomorrow is another day and unit training must be forever accomplished, so let's all buckle down to the job now at hand. Let me remind you that our ORI/General Inspection is scheduled for 18 through 21 April 1969. This is only a short six months away. I'm sure everyone will strive extra hard to pass this ORI with flying colors.

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The Lowans at Phu Cat have been the leading squadron in decorations received. Four members of this unit have been awarded the Silver Star; eight the Distinguished Flying Cross; twenty-five the Air Medal with twenty-five Oak Leaf Clusters; seven the Air Force Commendation Medal and one has been awarded the Purple Heart.

Members of the four units have won 293 decorations in the short time they have been in combat. Three ANG pilots have been killed in action.

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VOTING -- YOUR DUTY
(An AFNS Editorial)

So you don't like the way the Government is handling this, that or the other thing? You complain to the people you work with and offer solutions to the problems at hand. Yet, come Election Day, you can't be bothered to vote.

Okay, so you're in the military and far from home. You say whoever is elected in your home state really doesn't affect you. You're wrong; it does. How about the state taxes you pay there on your income or that small piece of property in the old hometown? Not much guesswork involved in determining who sets the tax rate.

And what about the rest of your family and your relatives? They still live in your home state and before long, either through retirement or separation, you may choose to go back there to live. You can't escape it -- you are still directly affected by the lawmakers in your home state.

But you don't think your one vote will make any difference? In the 1962 Minnesota gubernatorial contest, the incumbent was reelected by a scant 142 votes. There were many voters who reassessed the value of their single ballot that election night.

You vote for officials because you believe they are qualified to handle the job. Usually their views generally coincide with yours. Voting is the only way you can get the representation you desire.

See your voting officer today. Let him help you help yourself. Cast your ballot. It's not only one of the privileges you insure by the uniform you wear -- it's your duty.

PAY YOUR CLUB DUES NOW

PERSONNEL CORNER

The following personnel were promoted to the grades indicated on 13 August or 1 September 1968 as indicated:

192D SUPPLY SQUADRON
 SGT OLSEN, KENT E. 1 Sep
 SGT BRADLEY, GARY M. 1 Sep
 ALC DUKE, GEORGE T. 1 Sep

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
 SGT NICHOLS, JAMES E. 1 Sep
 SSGT TAYLOR, ALBERT T. 1 Sep

192D CAMRON
 TSGT BRADLEY, DONALD W. 1 Sep
 SSGT HUDGINS, JAMES E. 1 Sep

149TH TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRON
 CAPT ROSE, WILBUR E. 13 Aug

The following enlistments were made within the units indicated during the months of August and September:

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
 AB PATTERSON, JESSE E. 3 Sep
 AB DAVIS, WILLIAM C. 29 Aug
 AB JOHNSON, JOSEPH P III 28 Aug
 SGT JACKSON, CLARENCE C. 10 Aug

192D CAMRON
 AB BARNES, VINSON E. 3 Sep
 AB DILLARD, JAMES E. JR 27 Aug
 AB WALTON, STEPHEN M. 27 Aug
 AB JOHNSON, LOUIS W. 20 Aug
 AB HAUPT, GEORGE H. JR 6 Aug
 AB LOVE, MARION C. JR 3 Aug
 AB GAMMON, KENNETH A. 2 Aug
 AB SHEPHERD, RONALD D. 1 Aug
 AB SIMMONS, MICHAEL G. 1 Aug

192D SUPPLY SQUADRON
 AB SCHOOFF, MICHAEL D. 28 Aug

192D TAC DISPENSARY
 AB BRAUDRICK, LARRY W. 10 Aug
 SGT HIERS, JOHN C. 10 Aug

The following personnel were discharged from the Virginia Air National Guard in Aug and September 1968.

192D COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON
 ALC KLOTZ, RAYMOND J. 3 Sep
 ALC SILVESTRI, JOSEPH J. 3 Sep
 SSGT CRENSHAW, STUART L JR 7 Aug
 SGT CASTON, LANEY W. 5 Aug

192D SUPPLY SQUADRON
 TSG WELLS, THOMAS S. 3 Sep

STATE HEADQUARTERS
 LTCOL ARMSTRONG, B. F. 31 Aug

SECURITY CORNER

RESTRICTED AREA, CONTROLLED AREA AND PRIORITY RESOURCES: A RESTRICTED AREA is a legally established military zone under Air Force jurisdiction into which persons may not enter without specific authorization. The term restricted area is limited to the areas that contain aerospace operational resources. A CONTROLLED AREA is a land or water area, building, structure, or room to which entry must be controlled to protect Air Force physical resources situated thereon or contained therein (exclusive of aerospace operational resources). A PRIORITY RESOURCE is a priority designation that applies to the various graduated levels of security importance into which aerospace operational resources are categorized. These priorities signify the relative importance of such resources to the operational mission of the Air Force and the interest of the nation. Priority resources are categorized as priority A, B and C.

During training exercises such as ORI's Byrd Field ANG Base has two legally established restricted areas, the operational F-84F aircraft parked on the main parking area and the Group Command Post located in the hangar. The two areas mentioned above will be considered priority A resources during training exercises. There are no legally established Controlled Areas at Byrd Field ANG Base at the present time, a base regulation will be written in the near future establishing said areas.

EDITORIAL

How Wishes Come True

Peace and quiet have returned to the American scene. The shouts of sibling rivalry and "there's nothing to do" have become a part of summer's memories.

Family budgets have been strained to the breaking point buying new clothes, books, tablets, crayons and pencil boxes. Checks have been sent off for tuition payments and the promise of thrill-packed Saturday afternoon football games is just around the corner.

School has started and throughout the country life has returned to the scheduled, regulated normalcy of the school year for individuals, families and communities.

Fine for kids, teenagers, parents and teachers, but what effect does it all have on you? Plenty, if you're smart.

Why not jump on the education wagon yourself? You've got some great opportunities to study almost anything you want. Service schools and correspondence courses offer a wide variety of courses and subjects to increase your professional and technical knowledge.

If these don't suit your purposes, you have the facilities of the U.S. Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) at your disposal. Through USAFI you can get more than 6,000 courses covering everything from astronomy to zoology.

If you prefer to get courses for your high school diploma or college degree from a civilian source rather than through USAFI, you can apply for tuition assistance or use the In-Service G.I. Bill to help pay for your education.

Then of course, there are the Bootstrap and Associate Degree programs as well as various graduate study programs available through the military services.

Any way you look at it, there is an education program you can use to expand your knowledge, increase your skills and better prepare you for your chosen vocation.

Join the back-to-school crowd and take advantage of the tremendous educational opportunities available to military personnel. You'll be glad you did. (AFPS)



