

Aerial Gas Stations Assist Rugged Fighter Pilots To Reach War Scene

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Shaw Air Force, S.C. — (UPI) — Those rugged individualists—the fighter pilots—would have the aerial warfare if ever a limited war breaks out. But they would need aerial gas stations to get to the combat zone.

That's where the 9th Air Force fits into the Tactical Air Command picture. The 9th flies the airborne filling stations as well as the weather planes that scout the route for the fighters, the airlift craft that take along the ground crews and spare parts to keep the fighters in the air, and the reconnaissance planes to pick out targets and let fighter pilots know if their strikes were effective.

The 9th—a "long-legged" air force in the words of its deputy commander, Maj. Gen. Daniel W. Jenkins—rounds out the versatility of TAC.

Trained To Fight
The pilots of TAC's 12th Air Force who fly the speedy fighter planes are trained to fight an enemy for aerial superiority, destroy the enemy's supply lines and communications and give close, front-line combat support to the Army's ground forces.

It might be said that the 9th makes all that possible.

Under the 9th come the KB50J aerial tankers which enable the relatively short-legged fighters to fly non-stop from the United States to a base in Turkey, refueling them three times en route, over Bermuda, the Azores and Southern France.

Also in the 9th Air Force's

line-up of aircraft are the W-366 weather observation planes which precede the tankers along the route; the RB66 and RF101 photo and visual reconnaissance planes; the C123 twin-engine assault transports, and the C130 four-engine prop-jet troop and supply transports.

The realm of the 9th, which is commanded from Shaw AFB by Maj. Gen. David W. Hutchison, also includes such little-known units as aerial port squadrons, which furnish the loadmasters who see that the planes are properly loaded so they'll get off the ground and reach their destination; the communications and control units which furnish aerial communications, radar control and land-line communications, and aero medical evacuation units, which feed wounded from the front lines back to hospitals via assault transport planes that can operate from rough, grass airstrips.

All of these units—as well as TAC's fighter aircraft—are necessary components of a Composite Air Strike Force, the major limited war, or war prevention "weapon" of Tactical Air Command.

TAC has a dual general war role — to augment overseas forces in the combat theater, as well as the Air Defense Command, which is the aerial defense force for the United States. TAC also is the command which supplies or arranges for all the airlift required by the Army—including the transports for dropping paratroopers or assault landing airborne forces.

But TAC, an entirely U.S.-based command, is best suited to fight, or preferably prevent

a limited war. That is its major mission. Thus the CASF.

A CASF is tailored to the specific need of the situation that causes it to be ordered overseas. In any case, "quick reaction" is the key.

Initial elements of a CASF can reach the Middle East in 16 hours after getting the word "go." The total force can be in place and ready for operations within 48 hours. TAC is sure of these times, because it has put a CASF in place within them.

The fighters and support aircraft that sped to the Middle East during the 1958 Lebanon-Iraq crisis constituted a CASF.

Jumping the greater distances to the Far East, the leading edge of a CASF can arrive in 36 hours, with all the units on hand in 72 hours.

Limited Combat Ability
A simple CASF, one for a show-of-force or a good will mission, might consist of one squadron of fighters, half a squadron of reconnaissance planes, sufficient transport planes and six tankers. It would have only a limited combat ability.

An initial small war force might include three squadrons of tactical fighters, a mixed squadron of reconnaissance planes, three squadrons of troop carriers and a squadron of tankers.

Generally there are 16 to 20 planes in a squadron.

Although TAC supplies the men and machines to make up a CASF, the units, once overseas, are under the overall command of the theater commander and not TAC. TAC's 19th Air Force, which doesn't have a combat plane of its own, supplies the command element linking the fighter and transport units to higher headquarters on an overseas CASF.

The fact that both the Middle East and Far East situations in 1958 quieted after CASF's arrived in the areas points out the deterrent, as well as fighting, role of the unusual aerial packages.

Maj. Gen. Maurice A. Preston, commander of the 19th Air Force, put it this way:

"We seem to be stuck with the term 'limited war' and 'limited war mission.' The more appropriate terms would be 'limited action,' which spans a greater deal of activity."

"It's always the national purpose to avoid conflict. The military has been employed a great many times in persuading and dissuading activities, and doesn't that often get involved in conflict?"

Scout Weather
If Washington ever gave the word "go" to a CASF, the 9th Air Force would be in it, as well as the fighters. If the

CASF were headed east, weather planes from Shaw AFB would be the first off the ground to scout the weather over the ocean refueling points.

Jet-Assisted, propeller-driven KB50J tankers would quickly lift off from Langley AFB in Virginia, to rendezvous with the fighters coming from various bases in the United States.

C130 transports would load "fly-away" kits of spare parts and other necessities to keep the fighters operating overseas for a minimum of 30 days. Reconnaissance planes would take off from Shaw.

Within 16 hours the first tactical fighters could be in the Mideast.

The men of the 9th — far from "glory boys" — would have made it possible.

Doing the job would be men like Maj. Robert Sorenson of Newport, R.I., chief of the standardization section of the 4505th Air Refueling Wing at Langley AFB, Va., who thinks nothing of flying an aerial refueling station loaded with thousands of pounds of jet fuel.

Tanker Safe Plane

"It's a misconception that a tanker is a dangerous weapon. It's as safe as any other plane."

Another typical 9th Air Force pilot is Capt. A. B. Wallin, an RF101 pilot whose eyes and cameras "finger-print" an enemy for the tactical fighters and ground forces. And does it in an unarmed jet aware but undisturbed by the fact he can't fight back if attacked.

"Reconnaissance's job is to get the information and get it back. If I were to stay and fight and then get shot down, the purpose of the mission would be defeated."

There's not much glory for a 9th Air Force pilot, but he is needed.

(Next: A practice CASF in operation.)

Briscoe School Sets Festival

Ashland — Briscoe school's annual art and music festival will be held at 7 o'clock tonight.

Following a musical program by the Briscoe chorus, orchestra and band in the gym, art exhibits will be on display in the gym and in the classrooms. The art will be examples of students' creativity in the media of water color, tempera, clay, paper-mache, finger painting, murals, and weaving. The work is the outgrowth of the year's studies in social science, science, and music.

The public is invited to the festival which is planned by the teachers of Briscoe school. Mrs. Marie Bjorlie is Briscoe's art chairman.

The musical program will include the following songs by the chorus under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Cecil and accompanied by Mrs. Imogene McCoy: "Look Up, America," Angus; "Beside Thy Cradle," Bach; "Spring Marching," Bach; "Romany Life," Herbert; and "Gossip, Gossip," Hairston.

Under the direction of Raoul Maddox, the band will play "Choral," "March Trio," "Day Dreams," "All Through the Night," and "Easy Steps March." Barbara Reinholdt will play a flute solo, "Adobe," and Mike Krug will play a trombone solo, "Ruby."

The program will conclude with orchestra numbers, directed by Mrs. Audrey Bartlett.

Miss Shaver Speaks At SOC Assembly

Ashland — Miss Nancy Shaver, International Farm Youth Exchange student to Germany last year, spoke at the Southern Oregon college assembly at Churchill hall auditorium this morning.

Wearing native German costume, Miss Shaver discussed her experiences in Germany last year as one of five United States exchange students sent on the 4-H plan.

Miss Shaver planned to show slides of Germany and present basic background of Germany today. She feels she has gained much insight to the country during her 6½ month stay. Miss Shaver lived on five farms during her stay, not as a tourist but to actually learn of the German ways.

Miss Shaver is a senior at SOC majoring in elementary education. This term she is a counselor in Cascade A, a girls' dormitory. Since her return to the United States she has availed herself to numerous organizations so she could share her experiences as part of the exchange plan.

Banks No Longer To Pay Rewards

Portland — (UPI) — The Oregon Bankers Association has decided to stop paying rewards for information leading to arrest and conviction of robbers.

The OBA's Executive Council Monday withdrew the long standing reward offer because it feels the system is outdated by improved law enforcement.

The OBA has been offering rewards up to \$1,000 with the executive council determining the amount and distribution. From one to four such rewards have been paid each year with only one paid so far this year — for a 1960 robbery.

COOPER UNCHANGED

Hollywood — (UPI) — Screen idol Gary Cooper's condition remained unchanged today, the actor's physician reported. Cooper, who turned 60 Sunday, is suffering from advanced cancer and is under heavy sedation much of the time at his Georgian mansion in the exclusive Bel-Air section of West Los Angeles.

The Medical Roundup

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The New Anti-Diabetic Drugs

Some persons write to ask about the new anti-diabetic drugs that can be taken by mouth.

Diabetics should know that these drugs are not exactly like insulin, which can go into a child's body and there enable him to use sugars and starches.

Insulin can work well in the case of a child who, at the age of 10 or 12, apparently has no insulin-making glands left. The new drugs can hardly be expected to be of any use to such a diabetic child because they seem to work by stimulating what insulin-making glands are left in the person's pancreas (the large gland which lies back of the stomach).

This is why the new drugs are being used largely by older diabetics who, when in their later years they get diabetes, usually have a mild form of the disease. Occasionally, the new drugs have to be tried out on the type of diabetic who does not respond well to insulin.

Often, even when insulin or the new type of drug works well, the patient still must diet. This is especially true if he or she is fat. It is bad enough to be a diabetic, but it is much worse to be a fat diabetic. Many a person who has diabetic ancestry asks me how he can keep from getting the disease, and my first suggestion is "Don't get fat. That will put extra strain on your insulin-forming glands that they may give up and quit when you are 40, instead of when you are 70."

Bladder Irritability in Women
Hundreds of women write asking what to do for an "irritable bladder." I sympathize deeply with them, and I wish I could help, but I do not dare try. It might be bad enough if I knew that the woman had a cystitis or inflammation of her bladder, or if she had a rare ulceration in it, or if she had the falling down of the bladder that is due to an old perineal tear which came when she was giving birth to a child.

Perhaps she has only nervousness due to the fact that her daughter's marriage quickly broke up and the girl is back home with a baby. Or, perhaps, my correspondent has what my urologist friends call a "chronic urethritis grade 1." This means a slight reddening of the urethra, or tube which carries the urine out of the bladder. The trouble with this condition is that usually the more one treats

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By WALTER TOWNSEND

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon in the theater, members of the Domiciliary had the privilege of previewing exciting pictures of a part of New Guinea unknown to white men. They included pictures of natives who had known no white man.

As Dr. A. P. Klonhaus explained, the slides, synchronized with sound, were made during the years he and his wife established and maintained a medical mission there. This he called "The land of headhunters and birds of paradise."

"We've been all around the world and the Rogue valley area is the finest place in the world to live," Dr. Klonhaus said.

Helps Husband
Mrs. Klonhaus, a registered nurse, helped him with this medical mission in the interior of New Guinea with their 180-bed hospital. Natives had never seen a white man until Dr. and Mrs. Klonhaus went there in 1933. Now, they never

see a white man, and the only way in is by plane.

The people are strictly of stone age. No wheel; no metal; no clothing, except bark, brush material and leaves. The country is beautiful; 250 miles south of equator, and 6,000 feet up, quite tolerable climate for New Guinea.

There are primitive houses, with no windows or furniture. These stone age natives sleep on the ground and are superstitious. They have war dances, singing, talking, and big festivals.

Important Part

The pig plays an important part in cultural life, Dr. Klonhaus said. It buys a wife; pays for insult or injury; settles wars between tribes; and tells the story. The pig is sacrificed to appease evil spirit. If that does not work, human fingers are cut off to appease evil spirit.

Known as Wig people, men wear large wigs from human hair, clipping with bamboo knife.

Weapons, chiefly spears-of black palm, 10 feet long — the tips pointed with human bones.

This land of "headhunters" enjoyed the benefits of a quite modern hospital as New Guinea standards went, and is a Mandate of Australia, under control of United Nations.

Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Klonhaus brought back beautiful arrows and a head dress made from "birds of paradise" life. There are 52 minutes of slides and artifacts.

Wherever the pictures have been shown, the reception has been outstanding.

Retires
Dr. Klonhaus retired 13 years ago. After nine years of retirement he began his medical mission among these people of the stone age, and found a whole new life and quickly became absorbed in vital new things of interest.

He was introduced at the theater by Manager Henry C. Herzog.

The Red Cross served refreshments, and there was a question and answer period.

In June, Dr. Klonhaus and his wife will start off to show these pictures all over the United States. They expect to be back in the Rogue valley—where they live—in the late Fall.

WHITE ELEPHANT BID

London — (UPI) — A film company today advertised in the personal column of the London Times for a "white elephant building" to buy or rent.

Overseas Grain Shipments Totaled

Salem — (UPI) — The Oregon Agriculture Department said Tuesday grain exports from Portland in April reached 7.5 million bushels.

It was the biggest overseas shipment since May of last year.

Grain movements into Portland terminals, however, took the reverse direction. They were down to 5.4 million bushels, smallest since last September.

The department said grain inspections at Astoria, Pendleton and Merrill continued "very slow."

HONEST THIEF

Austin, Tex. — (UPI) — At least the thief who stole Rep. Bill Piersatt's automobile and wrecked it is honest — to a degree. Piersatt's car was stolen Sunday and later found piled up in a ditch Tuesday, police received a letter containing the \$200 that Piersatt had left in his automobile.

Pre-Registration Set For SOC Kindergarten

Ashland — Pre-registration for the Southern Oregon college kindergarten will take place Monday, May 15, at 9 a.m. in the college business office. A \$5 pre-registration fee will be charged, which will be applied toward the tuition charge or refunded if the child does not attend. The first 40 children registered will be given preference and a waiting list will be established beyond that point. Children enrolled must be five on or before Nov. 15.

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