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MEMBERS OF KINGSLEY FIELD'S top "Voodoo" Aircrew of the Month pose with their supersonic F-101B interceptor on the Klamath Falls Municipal Airport runway. The crew, composed of First Lieutenants Vincent D. Robben, navigator, left, William F. Gregory, pilot, center, and T.Sgt. Jack O. Rennels, crew chief, was honored for its superior ability to perform the duties necessary for defense of western skies. Both flying members of the crew are assigned to the 322nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron, and Sergeant Rennels is part of the 408th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Kingsley Crew Of Month Named

First Lts. William F. Gregory and Vincent D. Robben along with T.Sgt. Jack O. Rennels go hand-in-hand to compose the top

igator, were named the top tandem in the 322nd Fighter Interceptor Squadron for superior flying skill and ability during combat training missions. Sergeant Rennels was cited by the 408th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron for his consistently fine record as crew chief on one of the powerful F-101B "Voodoo" fighters based at Kingsley.



GROUND - BREAKING ceremonies for Kingsley Field's \$53,000 chapel annex were performed last week by Air Force personnel and representatives from the Klamath Falls Ministerial Association. Leading the group in the dedication prayer is Kingsley's chaplain, Capt. Jefferson E. Davis, second from right. Others are left to right, K. G. West, pastor of the Stewart-Lenox Baptist Church; Capt. J. D. Fuhrman, 408th Fighter Group executive officer; and Col. Joseph Sides, staff chaplain for the 25th Air Division.

Lt. Gregory, 25, joined the 322nd while it was based at Larson AFB, Wash., and has been with the squadron longer than any other officer in the unit. A native of Janesville, Wis., Gregory enlisted in the Air Force in 1965 as an aviation cadet, receiving his silver pilot's wings one year later. Since that time he has flown over 1,200 hours in the T-33, F-46 "Sabre" and "Voodoo" aircraft. Among his hobbies, Gregory lists golfing and archery, for which he has become well-known among Klamath Falls sports fans. He resides in Falcon Heights with his wife, Gail, and 4-year-old daughter, Lea Michelle.

Radar observer on the prize crew is Lt. Vincent D. Robben. Following a year of navigation training as an aviation cadet, he received his wings in July of 1958. He was then transferred to James Connally AFB, Tex., for advanced jet training before assignment to Kingsley during January of 1959. In addition to his normal flying duties, Robben is his unit's assistant intelligence officer. He lives at 730B Wright Avenue in Falcon Heights with his wife, Yvonne.



M.SGT. RAYMOND MILAM JR., center, received his second Air Force Commendation Medal in two months from Kingsley Field commander Col. Rupert C. Welch, right, during informal ceremonies held recently in his office. Maj. Curtiss R. Gruye, commander of the 408th Materiel Squadron, was present for the award.

Sgt. Jack O. Rennels is the third member of Kingsley's top "Voodoo" team, and his job is to see that every component of the mighty supersonic fighter is in topnotch condition, and, according to his commander, Maj. Victor Prarat, "... he's one of the best in the business." Rennels, a native of Charleston, Ill., is a veteran of 16 years service and has been keeping the 322nd's interceptors in fighting trim for more than three years. He resides with his wife, Patricia, and two children, Ross, age 2, and Elise, 5, in Falcon Heights.

Sergeant Gets His Second Service Commendation

Raymond Milam Jr., a Kingsley Field master sergeant, was awarded his second Air Force Commendation Medal in two months by Base Commander Col. Rupert C. Welch, during informal ceremonies held in his office.

Sergeant Milam, superintendent of Kingsley's Petroleum, Oils and Lubricants (POL) section, received his second medal for saving the life of a small Moroccan child during the earthquake disaster in Agadir, Morocco, in March of 1960. These quakes killed an estimated 5,000 persons. During his services as a rescue worker at the scene, Sergeant Milam found and led operations which resulted in the rescue of a child, who had been buried under debris and rubble for some 39 hours.

with an appropriate citation depicting his humanitarian effort.

In November of 1960, Sergeant Milam first received the coveted award for outstanding duty performance while in Morocco.

Following his extremely successful and eventful tour in the North African country, Sergeant Milam was designated to become a member of Kingsley Field's 408th Fighter Group. He arrived during July of last year.

He lives with his wife, Ethel, and daughter, Vaile Marie, in Falcon Heights.