

11TH TACTICAL MISSILE SQUADRON

1957 - 1958

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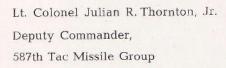
This book has been compiled as a tribute to the "Missile Men" of the 11th Tactical Missile Squadron. It is a graphic record of their efforts that have made the 11th a truly outstanding unit. This small but determined unit has blazed the trail for future missile units in the United States Air Force.

In memory of T. Robert Meyers, Technical Representive of The Martin Company, who succumbed at Wheelus Air Base, Libya, 19 November 1957, while supporting Annual Missile Launch Operations.

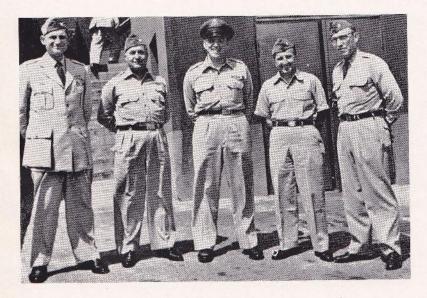
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Feb 1957 to June 1958



THE YEAR BOOK

OF THE

11TH TACTICAL MISSILE SQUADRON

SEMBACH AIR BASE, GERMANY

MISSION

The mission of the 11th Tactical Missile Squadron is to launch TM-61C missiles as directed by higher headquarters. To accomplish this mission, the unit must have the capability to:

- a. Receive, assemble, check-out and launch TM-61 missiles in adverse weather conditions day or night.
- b. Operate from dispersed positions.
- c. Maintain mobility of operations.
- d. Operate and maintain assigned equipment.
- e. Store and transport crated and ready TM-61 missiles.

We are the "Sunday Punch" of United States Air Forces in Europe and must insure that we are ready to carry out our mission at all times. The 11th Tactical Missile Squadron has crews on duty around the clock. If you keep in mind the vital importance of our mission to the free world it will help you to understand the necessity for the sometimes long hours that the men in the 11th devote to their duties.

HISTORY

This unit was activated as the 11th Pilotless Bomber Squadron at Orlando Air Force Base, Florida, on 1 September 1954 under the provisions of General Order Number 48, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, dated 27 July 1954. The initial cadre of personnel was somewhat less than two hundred officers and airmen, and they were assigned the mission to train "to maintain combat effectiveness in destroying enemy surface targets in a minimum of time under all weather conditions during daylight or darkness within the capabilities of the B-61 guidance system."

The original Squadron structure was an administrative branch, armament branch, communications branch, guidance branch, material branch and an operations branch. The latter was the nucleus of the present squadron and contained an operations section, target data and site survey section, simulated missile (T-33) and support aircraft section and one combat flight.

The Squadron soon began a rapid growth and expanded to over six hundred strong with three combat flights. Training was intensified and the Air Force called upon the "Eleventh" to perform a classified operational test developed Guidance System.

In addition, the squadron participated in the largest post war combined forces maneuver, "Operation Sagebrush", during September through November 1955. It was largely through the ingenuity and training of our participating elements that the highest expectations for the employment of missiles in "battle" were exceeded. The 11th Tactical Missile Squadron demonstrated effectiveness and invulnerability of properly deployed missile forces superior to manned aircraft.

During its training period in the United States, the 11th Tactical Missile Squadron also participated in numerous shows and demonstrations to better aquaint the public with this relatively new medium of warfare. Static desplays of missiles and launch equipment were given at Eglin Air Force Base, the Philadelphia National Air Show, Miami Beach and several festivals and fairs in and around Florida.

In June 1956, the 11th Tactical Missile Squadron was deployed to Europe to be assigned to the 7382nd Tactical Mis-

sile Group. Approximately five hundred officers and airmen were airlifted in the first Air Force mass move within three days from Orlando, Florida to Sembach, Germany. This move was followed a few days later by an airlift of eligible dependents.

On 15 September 1956, the 7382nd Tactical Missile Group was redesignated the 701st Tactical Missile Wing and the 11th Tactical Missile Squadron formed the 587th Tactical Missile Group. Under the group, the 11th Tactical Missile Squadron retained its original numerical designation and two new squadrons were formed. These were the 587th Support Squadron and the 587th Communications and Guidance Squadron.

The Squadron received its first operational mission in November 1956 when Combat Flight "B" was deployed for classified alert operations. Later, in January 1957 the units of the group were rotated to Wheelus Air Base, Libya, for an Annual Missile Launch Operation and an ARDC-APGC monitored operational suitability test termed "Operations Sunrise."

As this book goes to press, history marches on. The 11th has been redesignated the 822nd Tactical Missile Squadron. But the history of the 822nd Tactical Missile Squadron remains to be written in the coming years.

Command Section



Major Martin D. Fetherolf, Squadron Commander, known as "Fearless" by his contemporaries, has guided the Squadron through its growing pains and formative stages to its present combat ready stature.

Command Section



The Squadron "Exec" Major
Daniel E McCarthy, recently
assigned as the Commander's
right hand man, brings a wealth
of additional missile operational
experience to the outfit.

M/Sgt Brillantino Palomba, holds down the vital job of First Sergeant, The First Shirt, First Soldier or Top Kick, as service jargan names him, is concerned with all squadron activities.



Orderly Room



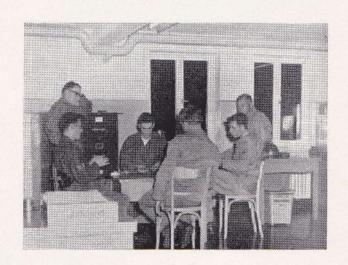
The Squadron Administrative
Officer Capt. Bob Selby, ably
assisted by S/Sgt John J. Hollywood,
handle the Orderly Room and all
squadron administrative functions.



Orderly Room



We fight the paper WAR



sweat out Long Alerts



and handle the miltitude of administrative problems

Calibration Section



Capt. Ralph Cox the driving head of the Calibration section



Celibration Section



Can do



is the by-word



of the Calibrations section

Squadron Operations



Major D. D. Dokter the operations officer, "Doc" by name and not by profession has the right prescription for the "Ops" section "HARD WORK"



Squadron Operations



The 11th Operations section





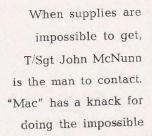


that really operates

Supply Section -



Lt. Orville D. Hart
In charge of a
multi million dollar
supply operation







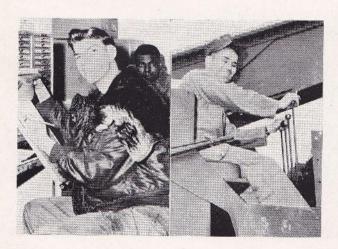
Supply Section



A Seminar discussion



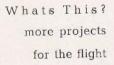




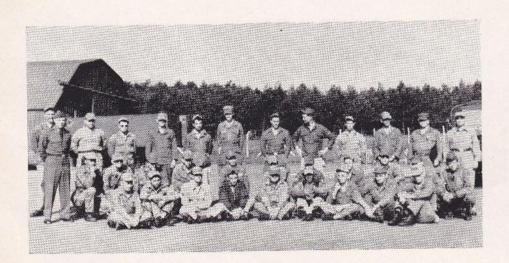
and paper work with a crane



Capt. Joseph D. Ryan
"Ry" Commands
combat Flight "A"









Assembly Team No. 1







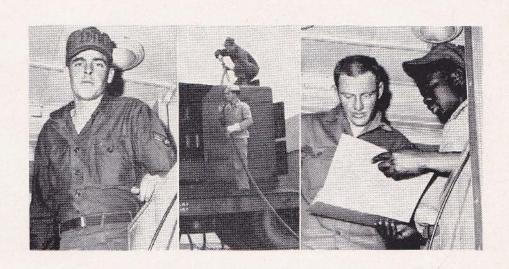
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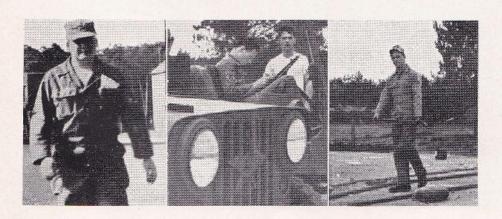






Launch Team No. 1







Launch Team No. 2







The "A" Flight Gast Haus

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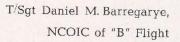


we dig into Tech Orders



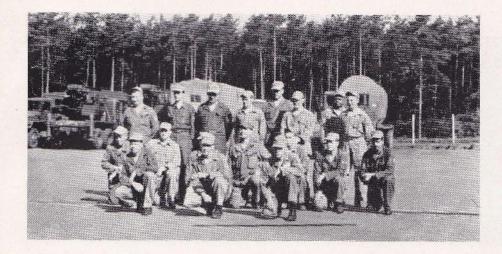


Capt. Ralph A. Snavely Jr., Commander of Combat Flight "B"

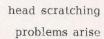




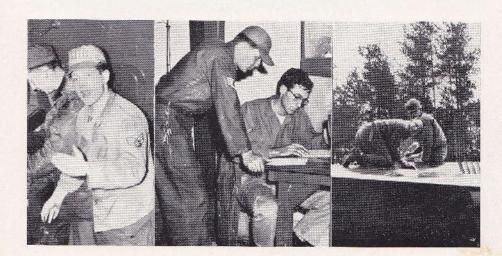




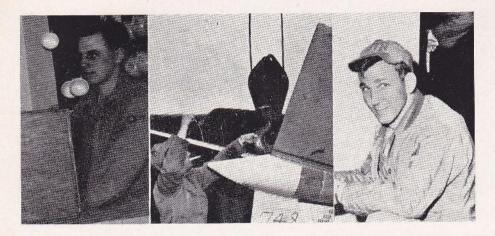
"B" Flight assembly section







but a solution is reached



A variety of projects



keep the men of Flight "B"



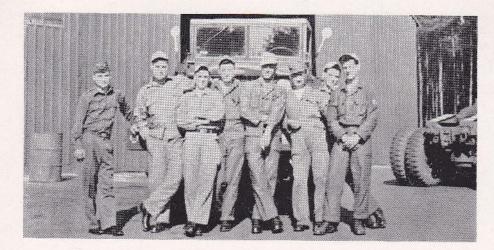
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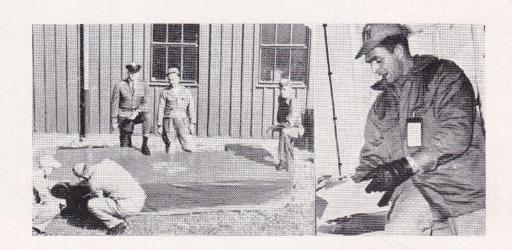
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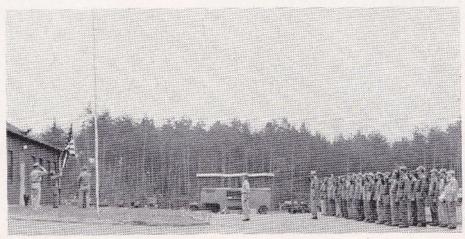






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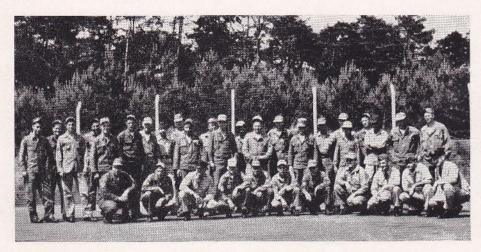
A couple of German cars.



Capt. Earle P. Brown, Commander "C" Flight. "Brownie" an old hand at the game helped bring the outfit over from the States

M/Sgt Charles A. Levenduski, NCOIC of "C" Flight is known as "Mr. C Flight" in the 11th.



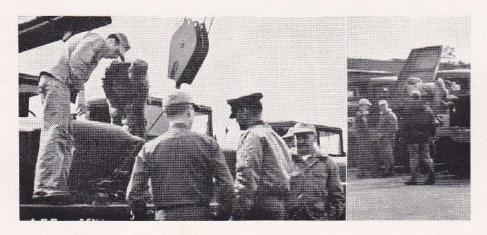


Combat Flight "C" -



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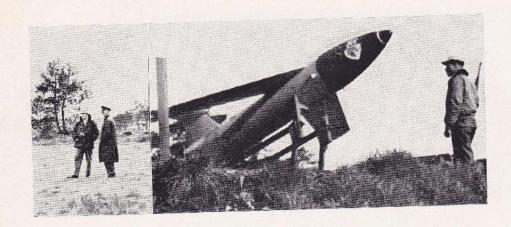


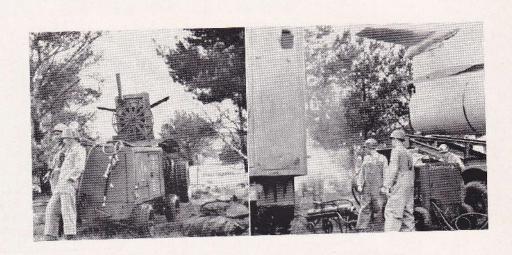


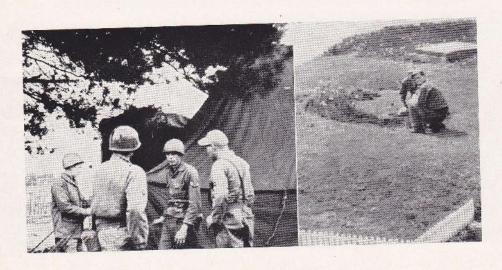
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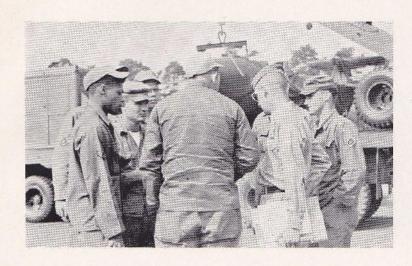


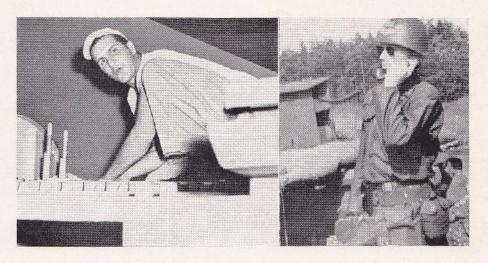


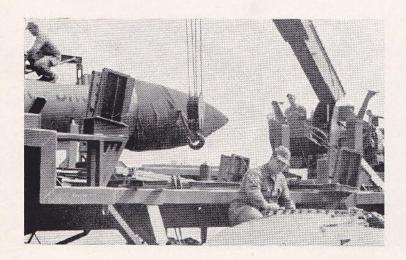




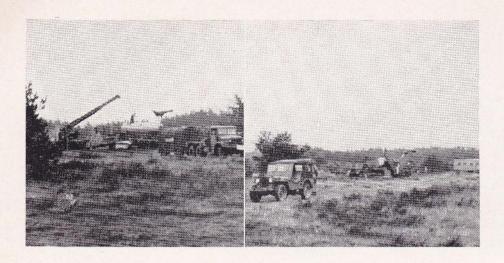
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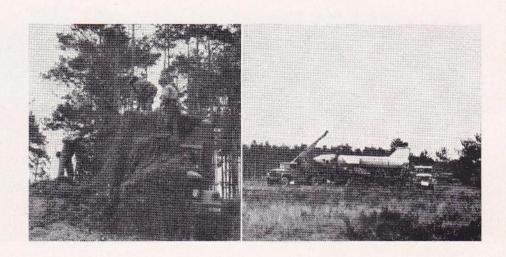


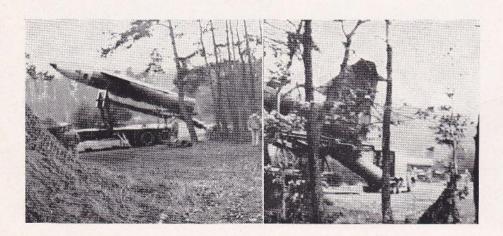




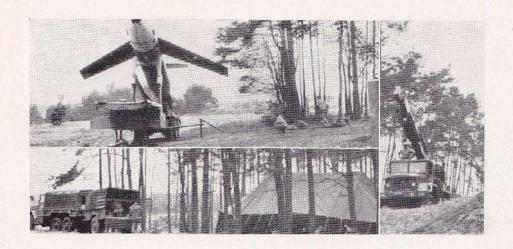
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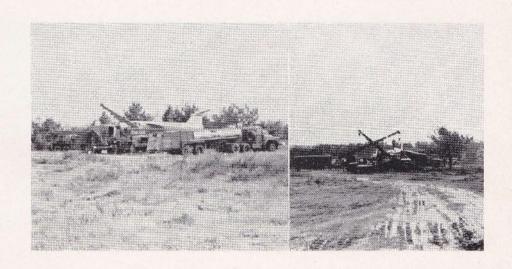


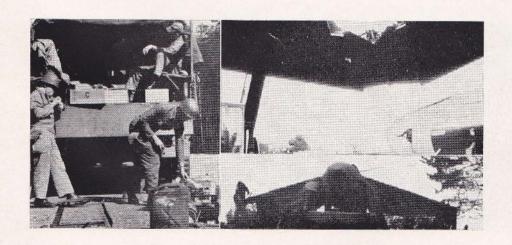




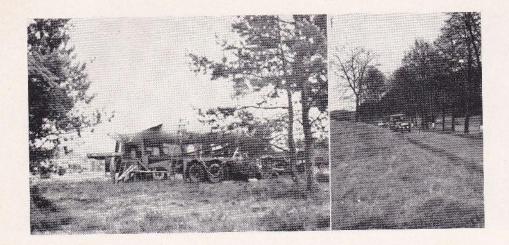
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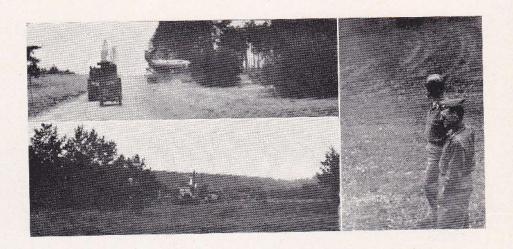






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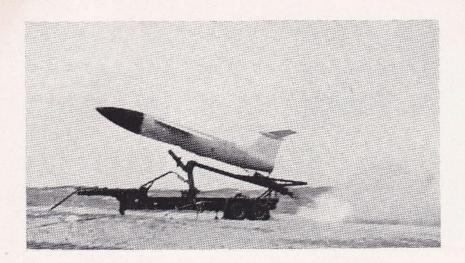
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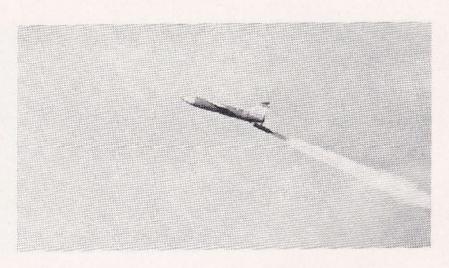






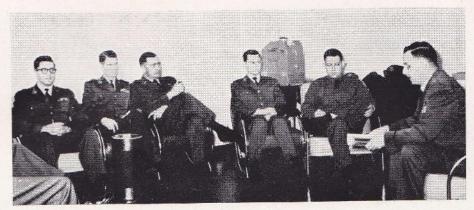
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Miscellaneous



Commanders Briefing



Clean Up



Ready for the field





"B" Flight puts on Armed Forces Day Show

Miscellaneous





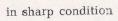


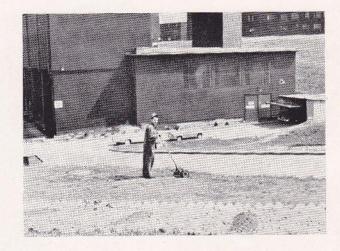


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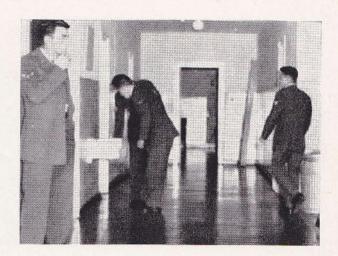




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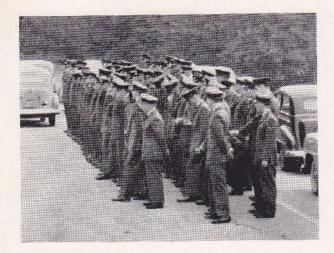
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Don't step on that engine!!!

Inspections-



We have inspections in the parking lot





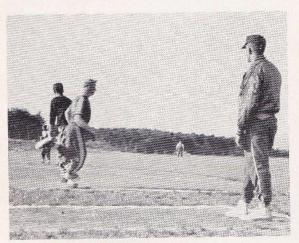


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- Sports



1958 LEAGUE CHAMPS SOFTBALL TEAM







Sports -



BOWLING TEAM







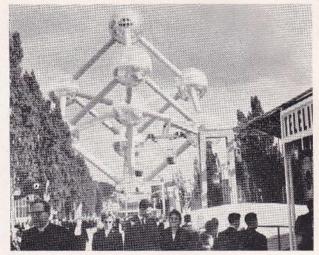
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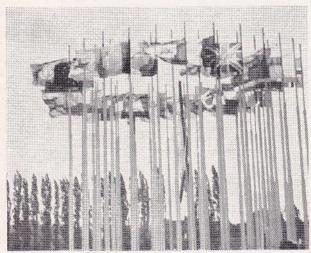
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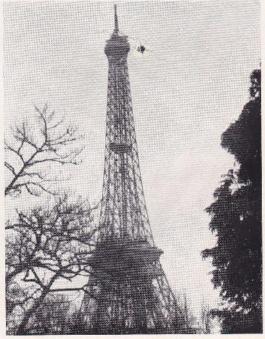
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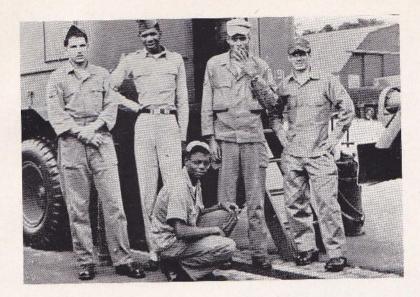
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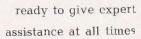
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