

HISTORY

187th Tac Recon Gp

Dannelly ANGB, Alabama

1 Jan-31 Dec 1973

MISSION:

To provide tactical air reconnaissance to all friendly forces through an intergrated system of aerial data collection using visual, optical, electronic communications or other sensory devices and subsequent processing interpretation, storage, retrieval, and distribution, of derived intelligence information concerning terrain, weather, and the strength, disposition, movement, and other activity of friendly/hostile forces.

Lt. Col. Clifford E. Singley, Commander

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HEADQUARTERS 187th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP
DANNELLY ANG BASE, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36105

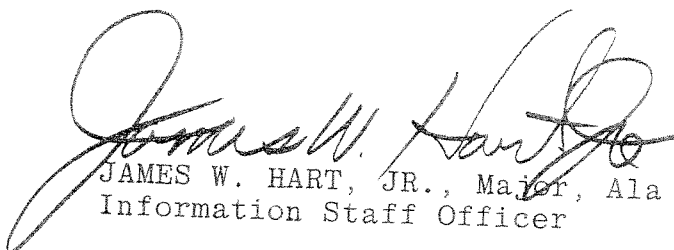
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JULY 1974

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TO: TAG

1. As required by SMD Supplement (Air)-1 to AFR 210-3, attached is the annual history of the 187th Tactical Reconnaissance Group, Alabama Air National Guard for the period 1 January 1973 through 31 December, 1973.
2. The information contained in this history is believed to be an accurate account of the activities of the Group.
3. This history is unclassified.


JAMES W. HART, JR., Major, Ala ANG
Information Staff Officer

Annual History
187th Tactical Reconnaissance Group
Alabama Air National Guard
1 January 1973-31 December 1974

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HEADQUARTERS 187TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP

LT. COL CLIFFORD E. SINGLEY

GROUP COMMANDER

FUNCTION

PERSONNEL

INFORMATION

MAJ JAMES W. HART JR

CHIEF OF SAFETY

LT COL HENRY B. CYR

GROUND SAFETY

CAPT JOSEPH C. YOUNG

DEPUTY COMMANDER OPERATIONS

LT COL WILLIAM R. TURNIPSEED

DCO

COMMANDER 160TH RECON SQ

LT COL JAMES E. DANIEL

OPERATIONS PLANS

LT COL JOHN B. CALHOUN

TACTICAL EVALUATION

MAJ WILLIAM H. SNEAD

GROUP OPERATIONS

LT COL WILLIAM G. ROBERTSON

COMMAND POST

MAJ JOSEPH F. MARLAR

INTELLIGENCE

MAJ JAMES F. SUTTLE III

160TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

OPERATIONS

LT COL TED D. TYUS

PRECISION PHOTO LAB

CAPT ROBERT C. BOONE

UNIT INTELLIGENCE

CAPT EUGENE T. BEASLEY

DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS

COL EDWARD D. GILMER, JR

CHIEF OF MAINTENANCE/
COMMANDER 187TH CAM SQUADRON

LT COL THOMAS N. MCELRATH

GROUP MOBILITY OFFICER

MAJ NORMAN H. RAHN

LOG PLANS

MAJ RANDALL K. WHITE

187TH CAM SQUADRON

LT COL THOMAS N. MCELRATH

COMMANDER

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
ADMIN MGMT OFFICER	CAPT CECIL C. STOUGH
1ST SERGEANT	CMSGT BILLY C. ADAMS
AVIONICS	CAPT WILLIAM H. PHILLIPS
ORGANIZATION MAINT	CAPT GRAYDON R. TOULMIN
FIELD MAINTENANCE	CAPT JOHN T. CULVERHOUSE JR
MAINT CONTROL	MAJ EUGENE H. STRANE
QUALITY CONTROL	CAPT JOSEPH VAN LINDERT

187TH COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRON

LT COL AZAR L. STEPHENS

COMMANDER

EXECUTIVE SUPPORT OFFICER	MAJ LONNIE J. SLAUSON JR
UNIT ADMINISTRATION-FIRST SGT	CMSGT WILLIAM W. HOOPER
BASE ADMINISTRATION	MAJ SIDNEY I. WELLS
SECURITY POLICE/WSS FLT COMDR	1LT BILLY W. HENDERSON
CHAPLAIN	MAJ GERALD H. MADDOX
COMPROLLER	LT COL EMILE M. BOWICK
FOOD SERVICE	CAPT GLENN B. SYLVEST MSGT JOSEPH S. LAFATA
JUDGE ADVOCATE	CAPT THOMAS G. MANCUSO
PROCUREMENT	TSGT JACK C. FISHER
MILITARY PERSONNEL (CBPO)	MAJ KENNETH K. LOTT
RECRUITING	SMSGT JIMMIE L. O'QUINN

(187TH CAM SQ CONT'D)

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>PERSONNEL</u>
TRANSPORTATION	CAPT WILLIAM P. RILEY
CHIEF OF SUPPLY	LT COL JAMES W. WEBB
EMO/MOS FLT COMDR	MAJ CECIL G. BRENDLE
SOCIAL ACTIONS	MAJ JAMES H. HORNE
FUELS MANAGEMENT	2LT TOMMY C. WELDON
BASE OPERATIONS	MAJ GEORGE A. GARZON
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS/ GENERAL MILITARY TRAINING	CAPT DONALD R. SCHMITZ

187TH CIVIL ENGINEERING FLIGHT

MAJ JOEL A. POTTER

COMMANDER

CIVIL ENGINEERING

1ST REX E. LEWIS

FIRE/CRASH

CMSGT CHARLES B. STEWART JR.

187TH TAC CLINIC

MAJ JAMES N. ANDERSON

COMMANDER

MEDICAL ADMIN

MAJ FRANK SPEED

187TH COMM FLT (SPT)

MAJ EMMETT L. MCCUTCHIN

COMMANDER

COMMUNICATIONS

2LT ROBERT M. MCGEHEE

AIR FORCE ADVISORS

LT COL NORMAN A. THOMPSON

SUMMARY OF GROUP ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 1973

During the first months of 1973 the 187th Tactical Reconnaissance Group worked at completing requirements for becoming combat ready in the RF-4C Phantom II aircraft. In March the Commander, Col. Clifford E. Singley, declared the 187th TAC RECON GROUP combat ready using regular Air Force criteria. This made the 187th TRG the first ANG unit in the country to become combat ready in the Mach II Plus RF-4C Phantom II Jet. The 187th moved from C-4 (non-combat ready) to C-2 (Combat ready) skipping the C-3 step. Criteria used in determining this status include the combat readiness of the pilots and weapon systems officers, aircraft maintenance and vital support functions associated with carrying out the unit's mission which is tactical reconnaissance.

Announcement was made in March that the 187th Supply Squadron had been selected to receive the ANG Minuteman Award as the runner-up for the Air Guard's entry in the Air Force's competition of the best Supply and Services Squadrons. Of 92 Supply Squadrons in the ANG, the 187th was rated second. We aim for number one next year.

6-10 April 73. An ORI/MEI of the 187th TRG was conducted by the Inspection Division, 9th Air Force during the April UTA. The purpose and objective of the inspection was to evaluate the organization, management, morale, and other factors which could effect mission accomplishment of the Group and subordinate units. The overall evaluation of the ORI was unsatisfactory. The MEI was satisfactory

Most functional area comments were satisfactory, excellent, outstanding or commendable. The Tactical Squadron was marginal. The overall evaluation can be no higher than the critical individual ratings.

The employment phase was unsatisfactory due to the unit's failure to acquire 80 percent of their day target requirements. The low experience level of assigned personnel in the areas of plotting and reporting resulted in failure to satisfactorily demonstrate an intelligence reporting capability in accordance with applicable directives. The 187th TRG successfully passed a rescheduled ORI conducted by Headquarters, Tactical Air Command during the period 17-19 August 1973. Effective 8 Apr 73 the 187th Tac Dispensary became the 187th Tac Clinic. The change was in name only. All services remain the same.

In April 1973 CMSgt Billy G. Adams, 187th CAM Sq, was named as the Chief Master Sergeant of the Alabama ANG. The tour will be for a twelve month period. This post was created by the Adjutant General to place greater emphasis on the non-commissioned officers of the Alabama ANG and the role they play in accomplishing the mission of their respective units. General Rollo, TAG, presented the award to CMSgt Adams during the National Guard Association of Alabama Convention held in Montgomery on 8 April 1973.

The Avionics Branch of the 187th CAM Sq moved into its new building in Mid-April. They now have more room (10,500 Sq Ft), better lighting and ventilation, a classroom, photo sensor and inertial navigation shop, forward looking radar and electronics counter measure shop, radio-radar shop and a automatic flight control system shop.

May 73.

Group Commander's Call initiated. Beginning with the May UTA, each Saturday at 1000 hours, all personnel in the Group will meet with the commander for the Commander's Troop Information Program. This meeting has become a highlight of each UTA for presentation of latest information by the commander.

22 May 73. T-29 Mercy Flight. The 187th flew a patient, paralyzed from waist down from an automobile accident, from Montgomery to Houston, Texas.

During 1973 13 Goodyear film processing and analyzing shelters (WS-430B) were received and emplaced by the 187th TRG. These shelters are equipped with the latest equipment in high speed film processing, interpretation and intelligence. These shelters more than doubled the capability of our photo processing interpretation facility.

13-17 June 73. A Staff Advisory Assistance visit was given to the 187th by 24 key personnel of the 363rd TRW from Shaw AFB. The purpose of the visit was to provide assistance and guidance in clearing up "key mistakes" found in April's ORI and to help us prepare for the upcoming retake.

Maintenance, Transportation, Plans, and Avionics were mentioned as commendable while Safety was cited as being probably the best in the Guard. The team reported that the cooperation and attitude of all members of the 187th TRG was commendable. Overall housekeeping was excellent. All personnel contacted were receptive and eager to gain from the expertise of the various team members.

An all Air Force High Power Rifle Match was held at Lackland AFB TX on 21-26 July 73. The ANG team consisted of twenty selected Air Guardsmen from throughout the ANG. MSgt William H. Atkins Jr from the 187th was selected as a member through the Match Data System. He was the only Alabama man selected to attend. The rifle used in the match was an M-14. The Air Guard Team members won every individual match but one and placed second in the six man team match.

During Annual Field Training 21 Jul - 4 Aug the 187th TRG was paid visits by such notables as Alabama Governor and Mrs. Wallace, Major General Charles A. Rollo, TAG, Major General Jeanne M. Holm, USAF, and Brigadier General Ralph Adams. Alabama's First Lady drew national attention from the press when she received an RF-4C orientation flight on 31 July. As Group Commander, Colonel Singley, presented a model RF-4C as a memento of the flight to her. Mrs. Wallace told of her pride in the 187th and remarked that the Governor "tells people about it everywhere we go."

The following day, "Air Guard One" the VIP aircraft of the NGB in Washington touched down carrying Major General Jeanne M. Holm, Director of the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council (SAF-PC) General Holm, the highest ranking woman in the Armed Forces, was in the midst of an orientation tour of five selected Air Guard and Air Force Reserve Bases throughout the U.S. and the 187th was one of the groups selected.

Colonel Singley presented her with a briefing outlining the personnel presently on duty with the 187th as well as the organizational set-up of the unit. Joining General Holm for her two hour

tour of the base was Major General Rollo, our Adjutant General. Before boarding her aircraft, General Holm congratulated Colonel Singley on a "most impressive operation, the people here are as highly qualified as those I've seen in the active force."

That was not the last praise the 187th was to receive that day. The Commander-in-Chief, Governor George Wallace came in to briefly address the men and women of the 187th. "It's proven," he said, "the Alabama Air Guard is the best in the nation. All you have to do is look at it's achievements to be convinced." The Governor was accompanied on a brief tour of the base with Major General Rollo and Brigadier General Adams, the assistant Adjutant General for the Air Guard.

The 187th TRG was awarded the Tactical Air Command Unit Achievement Award for its accident free operation during the period 9 Aug 72 through 8 Aug 73. Lt General Dale S. Sweat, Vice Commander of TAC stated, "This outstanding accomplishment in flying safety reflects highly on the group's professional competence. Those responsible for establishing this fine record are to be congratulated." Major General Levi R. Chase, Commander 9th Air Force added, "Please add my congratulations to those of General Sweat for the successful efforts which culminated in the winning of this safety award and in safe mission accomplishment." Major General Charles A. Rollo, the Adjutant General added, "Please add my congratulations to those of General Sweat and General Chase to the officers and airmen of the 187th TRG for their outstanding flying safety record during the past year."

The TAC Inspector General's Office confirmed the combat readiness of the 187th TRG after evaluating the performance of the 187th personnel during the Aug UTA 17-20 Aug. The team chief informed the group commander that the C-2 combat ready status declared earlier this year was confirmed. Colonel Singley had praise for the aircrews, ground support and photo processing personnel. "This accomplishment truly reflects the dedication and effort the men and women of this unit have put forth towards achieving the degree of professionalism required to be a combat ready Air Force unit. Our goal is C-1 combat ready and we'll not stop until we achieve it."

On 14 Sept 73 the unit T-29 aircraft made a Mercy Flight to transport a burn patient from Montgomery to Cincinnati OH.

MSgt Atkins and SSgt Shaw attended the Winston P. Wilson Rifle and Pistol meet at Little Rock, Arkansas in Sept 73.

Sgt Mitch L. Kezar, a photographer with the 187th TRG shot the photograph that won first place in the NGAUS/NGB Photo Contest. Sgt Kezar received a cash award of \$150.00 at the National Guard Association of the U.S. 95th General Conference in Oklahoma on 10 Oct 73. In civilian life, Sgt Kezar is a staff photographer with the Montgomery Advertiser.

Because of the energy crisis, this unit's flying time was reduced and certain restrictions were placed on our flying. During the period 8 Nov - 31 Dec. A complete standdown of all flying was imposed on 21 Dec 73 until the end of the year. Vehicle mileage was reduced considerably. For example, during the month of October 1973,

18,980 miles were recorded by the vehicles assigned to this unit, compared to 9,429 miles recorded during the month of December 1973.

30 underprivileged children were selected to attend the third annual underprivileged children's Christmas party and shopping tour sponsored by the NCO Academy Graduate Association and their wives in December. Members of the 187th TRG donated \$560.50 for the annual event.

Also in December, TSgt William G. Lawrence was graduated from the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Course at Lackland AFB, Texas in the USAF School of Aerospace Sciences. He was the Honor Graduate. He is the first guardsman to earn this honor. His average was 98.6 in the nine week, 360 hour course. He holds a Master Degree from the University of Toledo. In civilian life, he is employed by the State of Alabama as a psychologist.

ANNUAL HISTORY
HEADQUARTERS 187TH TAC RECON GP
PERIOD COVERED - 1 JAN-31 DEC 73

1. The 187th Tac Recon Gp. obtained a C-Rating in early 1973. On 6 Feb 1973, LtCol Clifford E. Singley declared the 187th TRG C-2, making this unit the first RF-4C Air National Guard Unit to obtain a C-Rating.

2. Headquarters Group DO function planned, directed, controlled and published six hundred one (601) documents that provided a large portion of the guidance needed by the subordinate units and coordination of higher headquarters to accomplish unit mission objective. Significant among these documents were twelve (12) Operations Orders to direct the specific activities of unit training assemblies and annual field training, three (3) Operations Plans and four (4) Changes and supplements thereto to provide guidance and coordination of group efforts against contingencies. Five hundred eighty two (582) Flight Orders were published to cover two thousand forty (2040) sorties.

3. The following number and types of STAN/EVAL flight checks were given in 1973.

a. RF-4C

(1) Pilot Tactical/Proficiency: 34

(2) Pilot Instrument: 35

(3) WSO Tactical/Proficiency: 20

b. T-29

(1) Instructor Check: 1

(2) Co-Pilot Check: 1

(3) Flight Engineer: 2

Source: TAC U-66 Report

4. Tactical Training and Records

a. All cyclical training items required by AFM 51-44, 60-1, and TACM 51-5 were accomplished.

b. Training record maintenance and administration of Air Crew Flight Records were found to be satisfactory during MEI 6-10 Apr 73.

Source: IG, 9AF Statemnt of Facts, 10 Apr 73.

5. The following is a recap of Sorties/Events flown for 1973.

a. Photo: Day 1274, Night 279.

b. Functional Check Flights: 48.

c. Air to Air Refueling

(1) KC-97: Day 10, Night 48.

(2) KC-135: Day 34, Night 59.

d. Operational Training Sorties: 194.

e. These sorties/events may not agree with total sorties because some were combined i.e., Photo and Air to Air Refueling.

Source: Daily Flying Schedule.

6. The flying allocation program established for 1973 by NGB follows.

<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>ALLOCATED HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>
RF-4C	4008.1	4008.1	1949
VT-29A	184.8	184.8	91

Source: Flying Time and Allocation Progress Report.

7. Annual Field Training was accomplished at Dannelly Field two (2) different periods (21 Jul 73 - 4 Aug 73, 25 Aug 73 - 8 Sep 73). For aircrew personnel, primary interest was placed on completing semi-annual flying and ground training.

Source: Empirical.

8. This unit received a TAG IG ORI/MEI on 6-10 Apr 73. Result of ORI was unsatisfactory and the MEI was satisfactory. A followup limited ORI/MEI was conducted 17-19 Aug 73 with results being satisfactory.

Source: IG, 9AF Statement of Facts, 10 Apr 73 and IG, TAC Statement of Facts, 19 Aug 73.

9. On 22 May 73, a crew consisting of LtCol Ted D. Tyus, Capt Joseph VanLindert and TSgt Lawrence D. Thomas flew a patient, paralyzed from the waist down in an automobile accident, from Montgomery, Al to Houston, Tx in the T-29 aircraft.

Source: Daily Flying Schedule.

10. On 26 Jun 73, a crew consisting of LtCol Clifford E. Singley and Major Alden Webb flew a Photo Reconnaissance Mission of a flood area on the Tombigbee River in Demopolis, Al area, in an RF-4C aircraft.

Source: Daily Flying Schedule.

11. On 14 Sep 73, a crew consisting of LtCol Ted D. Tyus, Capt Joseph VanLindert, TSgt Charles H. Spraggins and TSgt Lawrence D. Thomas flew a burned patient from Montgomery, Al to Cincinnati, Oh in the T-29 aircraft.

Source: Daily Flying Schedule.

12. Because of the energy crisis, this unit's flying time was reduced and certain restrictions were placed on our flying on 8 Nov 73 until the end of the year. A complete shutdown of all flying was imposed on this unit on 21 Dec 73 until the end of the year.

Source: TWX NGB 082212Z Nov 73 and TWX NGB 211558Z Dec 73.

13. Unit aircrew strength as of 31 Dec 73:

	<u>Pilots</u>	<u>WSO</u>
Hq 187th TRG	9	1
160th TRS	25	24
187th CAM Sq	1	0
187th CSS	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	36	25

Source: 5 ANG V1 Report.

ANNUAL HISTORY

DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS HEADQUARTERS, 187th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE GROUP 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 1973

The Logistics Section is composed of two officers and three noncommissioned officers. In October 1973, the senior noncommissioned officer, Chief Master Sergeant Thomas E. Rist, moved his residence to the state of Kentucky and was discharged. At years end, the vacancy created by Sgt Rist's discharge had not been filled. In August 1973, Sergeant Mark E. Arthur, who was discharged from the Air Force under the Palace Chase program, was assigned to the Logistics Section as an Administrative Specialist. At years end the section was composed of the following personnel:

Colonel Edward D. Gilmer, Jr. - Director of Logistics
Major Randall K. White - Logistics Plans Officer
MSgt Robert S. Hammond - Inventory Mgmt Supervisor
Sgt Mark E. Arthur - Administrative Specialist

A complete rewrite of the Group Mobility Plan, OPLAN 400, was completed and published on 3 February 1973. During the period 5-8 February 1973, the Group Mobility Officer, Major Norman H. Rahn, was TDY at Shaw AFB SC to observe a deployment of certain elements of personnel and equipment of the 363rd TRW. Major Rahn returned with many good points and ideas to assist us in our mobility exercises.

During the Unit Training Assembly of 3 March 1973, the Group conducted a practice, walk-through, mobility exercise. During the critique held subsequent to the exercise, numerous discrepancies were discussed and activities concerned were directed to take immediate corrective action.

During the period 6-10 April 1973, Ninth Air Force conducted a prior notice Operational Readiness inspection of the 187th Tac Recon Gp. Although some discrepancies were noted, all areas within the logistic function, including the mobility exercise, received a satisfactory rating.

On 1 July 1973 the 187th TRG experienced a reorganization which affected both the Supply Squadron and Combat Support Squadron. The 187th Supply Squadron was deactivated as of 30 June 1973 and a new organization, the 187th Mobility Support Flight, was activated on 1 July 1973. The Mobility Support Flight (MOS Flt) is composed of two (2) officers and 61 enlisted personnel. Approximately 18 supply personnel and 12 POL personnel were transferred from the former Supply Squadron to the MOS Flt. The balance of the personnel assigned to the former Supply Squadron (approximately 75) were reassigned to the 187th Combat Support Squadron as part of the Base Support Element.¹

¹ Special Order No. 317, Alabama State Military Dept. dated 1 May 1973.

From the date of the ORI in April 1973 until the December 1973 UTA, the Group did not conduct another practice mobility exercise as we were awaiting a complete rewrite of Part III of the Mobility Plan (Recap of Materiel and Personnel) by the pilot unit, the 117th Tac Recon Group, Birmingham, Alabama.

When the updated Part III was received the latter part of October 1973, a schedule was established to palletize all mobility equipment on 463L pallets. This was accomplished during the month of November 1973 on a unit by unit, section by section, basis. A record was established for all items stored on a given pallet and pictures were made of each pallet to assist in repalletizing just prior to each mobility exercise.

Another practice mobility exercise was conducted during the 15-16 December UTA. Although considerable improvement was evident in practically all areas, the overall rating for the exercise was unsatisfactory due to improper marking of hazardous cargo by several organizations. As a result, another practice exercise is scheduled for the January 1974 UTA.

Due to numerous changes in mobility procedures throughout the year, a total of five (5) changes to the Basic Mobility Plan were published during the year. A complete rewrite of the plan is anticipated during the early part of calendar year 1974.

ANNUAL HISTORY

160th TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
Period Covered - 1 Jan - 31 Dec 1973

1. GENERAL: During this reporting period the 160th Tac Recon Sq gained a C-rating. On 6 February 1973 Colonel Clifford E. Singley declared the 187th TRG C-2. A TAC IG team inspected the squadron during the period 6 - 10 April 1973. The MEI was satisfactory but the ORI portion was rated unsatisfactory.¹ A follow-up ORI/MEI was completed satisfactorily 17 - 19 August 1973.² This was the first Air National Guard Unit to obtain a C-rating in the RF-4C.³

2. PERSONNEL: Squadron authorized strength was 154 with 141 personnel assigned.

Pilot gains were as follows:

- a. Captain Michael N. Killworth thru Palace Chase
- b. Captain John R. Wortmann
- c. 2nd Lt Jimmy Shehee

Pilot losses:

- a. Captain Donald L. Carter
- b. Captain Furman Thomas

Weapons Systems Officers gained:

- a. Captain Michael J. Ruffatto thru Palace Chase
- b. Captain Andrew J. Barrett II thru Palace Chase

1. Source: IG, 9th AF Statement of Facts dtd 10 April 1973
2. Source: IG, 9th AF Statement of Facts dtd 19 August 1973
3. Empirical

- c. 1st Lt Byron H. Mills Jr.
- d. Captain Johnny R. Vinson
- e. 1st Lt Michael L. Sappington thru Palace Chase
- f. 2nd Lt Roy E. Payne Jr.

Weapons Systems Officers lost:

Major Rudolph Viener III

(1) Status of Aircrew training: A few students were in UPT and UNT seeking a rating. Some progressed to upgrade training into the RF-4C aircraft. By 31 December 1973, aircrew positions were close to full strength either in the squadron or in training. Unit aircrew strength was 25 pilots and 24 WSOs.⁴

(2) Professional Training⁵

(a) Officers completing ACSC (ECI)

Captain Paul W. Bishop	January 1973
Major Kenton B. Creuser	November 1973
Major George A. Garzon	January 1973
Major Charles F. Gosser	May 1973

(b) Officers completing SOS (ECI)

Captain James A. Warren	June 1973
1st Lt Robert C. Warren	June 1973

3. PROMOTIONS:

a. Promoted to Lt Col

Ted D. Tyus	3 March 1973
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4. Source: 5 ANG VI Report
 5. Personnel Records

b. Promoted to Major	
Ray N. Daeke	4 February 1973
Thomas W. Chamberlain	28 January 1973
Ronald C. McDermitt	6 July 1973
Elmer B. Harris	15 December 1973
c. Promoted to Captain	
Robert E. Jeter Jr.	25 August 1973
James A. Warren	19 July 1973
Johnny R. Vinson	15 December 1973
d. Promoted to 1st Lt	
Carson L. Gay	19 March 1973
Byron H. Mills Jr	26 Jun 1973
Allen Q Thames Jr.	22 October 1973
Michael L. Sappington	18 December 1973
e. Commissioned 2nd Lt	
Roland S. Dodson	25 October 1973
John S. Payne	24 May 1973
f. Airman Basic	
Edgar V. Stone III	19 July 1973
Larry J. Henderson	8 November 1973
g. Promoted to Airman	
Orrin T. Williams	26 January 1973
Robert T. Clark	13 January 1973
Donald K. Ward	19 January 1973
John S. Gibbons	5 January 1973
Wesley A. Narmour	1 January 1973
Johnnie T. Phillips	11 January 1973
Donnie R. Piggott	23 March 1973
Mary C. Henderson	31 August 1973
Harlan W. Price	8 March 1973
Thomas D. Smith Jr	4 March 1973
Reginald A. Brett II (Came on Board)	19 September 1973
h. Promoted to A1C	
Donald R. Burton	1 November 1973
Charles D. Joiner	18 June 1973
Richard C. Boyd	1 April 1973
Al S. Ivey	1 April 1973
Charles E. Browder	20 June 1973
John B. Scott	20 June 1973

Jerry G. Spivey	20 June 1973
Gary B. Butler	20 June 1973
Mark A. Slauson	20 June 1973
Benjamin J. Spraggins	1 April 1973
James A. Carson	13 July 1973
Donald M. Pemberton	29 June 1973
Paul C. Weeks	25 April 1973
Kenneth L. Woodfin	6 June 1973
Craig A. DeLong	20 June 1973
Alan R. Moore	20 August 1973
Robert D. Scott	13 August 1973
Donald C. Baker	9 July 1973
Jerry M. Turner	5 July 1973
Andy W. Vaughn	10 July 1973
g. Promoted to Sgt	
Michael A. Chappell	1 June 1973
Dwight S. Smith	10 February 1973
Charles B. True	29 June 1973
Alton R. Barnes Jr.	20 June 1973
Michael A. Maxey	1 June 1973
John M. Gilliland	10 February 1973
Wayne A. Stubbs	13 July 1973
Luther Glover Jr.	20 June 1973
James B. Wright	2 July 1973
Russell E. Stevens	1 November 1973
h. Promoted to SSgt	
John E. Maddox	7 November 1973
Monroe D. Latram	13 August 1973
Glenn P. Stan'ford	1 June 1973
Gary R. Sullivan	13 August 1973
Michael Colacurto III	10 February 1973
Arthur L. Boyd	10 February 1973
Ricky M. Murphy	10 February 1973
Judith S. Pazeretsky (Came on Board)	7 April 1973
Charles M. Owsley	2 July 1973
i. Promoted to TSgt	
John M. Watts	1 June 1973
Thomas F. Light	10 February 1973
j. Promoted to SMSgt	
Lewis Sizemore	29 June 1973

4. OPERATIONS: The following is a summary of the sorties/events flown in 1973.⁶

- a. Photo: Day - 1274
Night - 279
- b. Functional check flights: 48
- c. Air-to-Air Refueling
 - (1) KC-97: Day 10, Night 48
 - (2) KC-135: Day 34, Night 59
- d. Operational Training Sorties: 194

5. Flying Allocation Program established for 1973 by NGB:⁷

<u>AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>ALLOCATED HOURS</u>	<u>HOURS FLOWN</u>	<u>SORTIES FLOWN</u>
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6. Annual Field Training was accomplished at Dannelly Field during two different periods: 21 July 1973 - 4 August 1973 and 25 August 1973 - 8 September 1973. Continuation training and semi-annual flying requirements were accomplished.

7. INTELLIGENCE: Intelligence requirements were successfully accomplished by all aircrew members.

8. PHOTO PROCESSING:

a. This section more than doubled its capacity to process film in 1973 with the receipt of a Weapons Systems Mobile Photo Lab (WS 430). This new equipment also increased manning requirements. Our PPIF section made ours the first and only unit to train (OJT) its own photo processor personnel. This training was authorized by special waiver from the National Guard Bureau. Twenty airmen received the 234XO AFSC under this program SMSgt Lewis Sizemore rated the results "real fine".

b. The PPIF processed 170,324 feet of film and 50,751 photographs. The great increase in photographs processed was because of the training program for the photo processors.

6. Source: Daily Flying Schedule

7. Source: Flying Time and Allocation Progress Report

9. SPECIAL PROJECTS: While accomplishing all normal requirements, our aircrews were also able to be of service to governmental agencies using the RF-4C. Special photo projects were accomplished for other National Guard Units, the United States Army, and several state and local government agencies.⁸

10. Roster of Personnell by Section:

a. Orderly Room

LtCol James E. Daniel
MSgt Kirby J. Jordan
SSgt George T. Wilson
A1C Donald R. Burton

b. PPIF

Capt Robert C. Boone
1st Lt Allen Q. Thames
SMSgt Lewis Sizemore
MSgt James C. Bass
TSgt Thomas F. Light
TSgt John M. Watts
TSgt Jessie L. Woodard
SSgt Larry D. Bern
SSgt Arthur L. Boyd
SSgt Michael Colacurto
SSgt Johnson R. Gibson
SSgt Monroe D. Latham
SSgt John E. Maddox
SSgt Rickey M. Murphy
SSgt Edward W. Salter
SSgt Glenn P. Stanford
SSgt Ralph M. Stanford
SSgt Gary R. Sullivan
SSgt William E. Watt
Sgt Alton R. Barnes
Sgt Michael A. Chappell
Sgt John M. Gilliland
Sgt Luther Glover Jr.
Sgt Michael A. Maxey
Sgt Royce Scofield
Sgt Dwight S. Smith
Sgt Wayne A. Stubbs

8. Empirical

ALC Gary B. Butler
ALC James A. Carson
ALC Steven M. Davis
ALC Craig A. DeLong
ALC Frank E. Litchfield
ALC Charles L. McMichen
ALC Alan R. Moore
ALC Donald M. Pemberton
ALC John B. Scott
ALC Robert D. Scott
ALC Stanley N. Siebert
ALC Mark A. Slauson
ALC Thomas O. Smith
ALC Jerry G. Spivey
ALC Benjamin Spraggins
ALC Charles D. Webster
ALC Paul C. Weeks
ALC Kenneth L. Woodfin
AMN Charles E. Browder
AMN Robert T. Clark
AMN Donald R. Crozier
AMN John S. Gibbons
AMN Mary C. Henderson
AMN Ronnie L. Lamar
AMN Gordon M. Ledbetter
AMN Armestine Mullins
AMN Wesley A. Narmour
AMN Johnnie T. Phillips
AMN Donnie R. Piggott
AMN Harlan W. Price
AMN Donald K. Ward
AB Larry J. Henderson

c. Intelligence

Capt Eugene T. Beasley
Capt Almon B. Ballard
2nd Lt John M. Bryan
2nd Lt Jefferson L. Grant
TSgt William G. Pazeretsky
SSgt Judith S. Pazeretsky
SSgt Rober E. Brophy
SSgt Charles M. Owsley
SSgt Bruce O. Johnson
Sgt William R. Coker
Sgt Charles S. Ritchie
Sgt Steven V. Toney
Sgt Duane L. Spruill
Sgt Russell E. Stevens
Sgt James B. Wright
ALC Donald C. Baker
ALC Jerry M. Turner
ALC Andy W. Vaughn

AMN Reginald A. Brett

d. Personal Equipment

Sgt Charles B. True
A1C Charles D. Joiner
A1C Richard C. Boyd
A1C Al S. Ivey

e. Operation

LtCol Ted D. Tyus
Maj Thomas W. Chamberlain
Capt Lawrence R. Harper
2nd Lt Gary G. Chamberlin
2nd Lt John S. Payne
TSgt Namuel R. Brown
SSgt John C. Mosbey
Sgt Ulysses A. Nelson
A1C Orrin T. Williams
AB Alan S. Popnell
AB Edgar V. Stone
Maj Kenton B. Creuser
Aircrew Flight A

Maj James R. Grier
Maj William J. Hobbs
Capt Gary L. Holcombe
Capt Glenn F. Sanford
2nd Lt Max V. Lenker
Capt James H. Gillis
Capt Paul W. Bishop
Maj Raymond T. Jankura
2nd Lt Jimmy Shehee
2nd Lt Roy E. Payne

Aircrew Flight B

Maj Ray N. Daeke
Maj Charles F. Gosser
Capt Lowell A. Gilbert
Maj Ronald C. McDermitt
Capt Robert E. Jeter
Maj Donald T. Sheridan
Capt John R. Wortmann
Capt James A. Harris
Capt James A. Warren
Capt Michael J. Ruffatto
Capt Michael N. Killworth
2nd Lt Woodward D. Lamar

Aircrew Flight C

Maj Isaac M. Boutwell
Maj Nesbit B. Shearouse
Capt Rendell F. Clark
Capt Henry B. Foster
Capt Allen F. Kennedy
Capt David E. Crocker
Capt Robert K. Mintz
Capt Johnny R. Vinson
2nd Lt James D. Shannon
Capt John A. Jones

Aircrew Flight D

Maj Elmer B. Harris
Maj Virgil A. Shewbart
Capt John E. Hall
1st Lt Byron H. Mills
Capt Jack F. Morrow
Capt Lawrence R. Harper
1st Lt Carson L. Gay
Capt Andrew J. Barrett
1st Lt Robert C. Warren
1st Lt Michael L. Sappington
Capt Paul R. Bertolami

James E. Daniel

JAMES E. DANIEL, LT COL, AL ANG
Commander, 160th Tac Recon Sq

ANNUAL HISTORY - 187TH CMBT SPT SQ

Orderly Room Branch

On 1 January 1973, there were three people assigned in the Orderly Room of the 187th Combat Support Squadron. During the past year the work load has increased, resulting in the assignment of additional personnel. Administrative Specialists Sgt. Kenneth M. Johnson and ALC Brenda K. Leshore were gained. ALC Leshore is the first WAF to be assigned to this section. Additional personnel assigned included Sgt. Carl S. Edwards and ALC Billy A. Ferguson. CMSgt William W. Hooper is the First Sergeant.

The Orderly Room personnel are responsible for many duties. Some of these duties include keeping of the attendance rosters for Combat Support, insuring that late arriving personnel are credited with being present, and are given credit for the time made up, maintaining personal immunization records for Combat Support Squadron and Headquarters personnel, insuring the records are up to date and that personnel are notified when immunizations are required. Orderly Room personnel are also responsible for notification of personnel for any scheduled appointments and other assigned duties.

CONSOLIDATED BASE PERSONNEL BRANCH

The Consolidated Base Personnel Office (CBPO) successfully converted to the Base Level Military Personnel System (BLMPS) during the first quarter of 1973. Converting to this new system involved expanding the personnel data base from 1300 characters to 2800 characters of information. All additional required data was captured and loaded to the Burroughs 3500 computer. The new system eliminated the maintenance of the AF Form 7 and 11 through establishment of a computer produced substitute and produce completely flexible management output products for personnel managers, staff officers, and commanders. The CBPO organization was realigned to replace the Machine A Accounting Unit with a Personnel Systems Management Section to assist the CBPO Chief in maintaining a high quality data system which supports management needs. Another major change centered around the redesignation of the Data Control Section as the Processing Section. Within the Processing Section, the Officer and Airman Records Unit was replaced by the Records Unit. To update records and obtain information from the Base Level Military Personnel System, two remote devices are located in the CBPO. These remote devices consist of specially designed

typewriters similar to teletypewriters and machines capable of accepting punched cards. The remote typewriter and card reader is directly connected to the Burroughs 3500 Computer located at Maxwell AFB, AL.

The Point Credit Accounting and Reporting System (PCARS) was implemented during 1973. The PCARS is an automated system for the collection, accounting, and reporting of all retirement points earned by members serviced by this CBPO. To implement this new system, all retirement points earned by members prior to implementation were captured from manual records and key-punched into data cards. The cards were transmitted to ARPC, Denver, CO, to establish a master record for each member.

On 1 July 1973, the 187th Supply Squadron was inactivated and two Flights were formed - 187th Mobility Support Flight and the 187th Weapons System Security Flight. These Flights will function in peacetime as a part of the Combat Support Squadron with the exception of medical personnel who will work with the TAC Clinic. The Reorganization/Realignment on 1 July 1973 resulted in a loss of eight non-rated officer positions and a gain of 47 airmen positions. Upon inactivation of the 187th Supply Squadron, personnel were integrated into the 187th Combat Support Squadron except 15 personnel who were assigned

to the new Mobility Support Flight. To form the new Weapons Systems Flight, required transferring about 20 Security Policemen from the Combat Support Squadron Security Police Branch.

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE BRANCH

The Accounting & Finance function continued financial support of the 187th TRG and outlying units during the period 1 January-31 December 1973 in a satisfactory manner. Effective with the 1 July 1973 reorganization of the 187th TRG, all accounting AFSC's were converted to disbursement AFSC's on the unit UMD. This change required the retraining of all personnel assigned as accounting clerks. One member was reassigned to the newly created Mobility Support Flight to fill the disbursement slot authorized the unit. Four of the sections assigned personnel attended Comptroller School at Sheppard AFB, Texas for a two week period. The design of the school was to align, update and extend the knowledge of A&F personnel with active duty A&F operations, concepts and procedures. Remaining personnel assigned to the section are programmed to attend this course of instruction at later dates.

Major Joseph L. Majors, Accounting and Finance Officer for the 187th TRG retired upon completion of the December UTA. Sgt. Rosa N. Caudle was gained to the section in October. Sgt. Caudle is the first female to be assigned to the section and

came via the Palace Chase Program from the Accounting & Finance Office at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas. The section completed Annual Training at home station. All phases of training in relation thereto was completed in a satisfactory manner.

CHAPLAIN BRANCH

Changes in personnel: SSgt. Ronny D. Gann was recruited to fill the additional slot given this office on 1 July 1973. SSgt Gann came to the ANG after serving three years as a Chaplain's Assistant in the regular Army. SSgt David R. Inman received his fourth stripe on 1 February 1973. Chaplain Gerald H. Maddox was promoted to Major on 3 March 1973.

Chaplain Maddox participated in the TAC/ANG Chaplain's conference at Langley AFB, Virginia, 16-17 October 1973.

MILITARY TRAINING BRANCH

During the year 1973 the Military Training Section was taken out of the Career Control Section and became a separate section. This fulfilled proper organization requirements. The section still remains a part of the Combat Support Squadron. Captain Donald R. Schmitz is in charge of the section with SMSgt Ralph C. Worthington coordinating the Military Training requirements and TSgt Michael B. Sullivan coordinating Small Arms training requirements. All training except Small Arms was

Conducted on Dannelly ANG Base. The Small Arms training was conducted during the two phases of summer encampment and selected UTA's. The training was conducted at Maxwell AFB, AL and selected about seventy-five percent of the group. Both the M-16 rifle and .38 caliber service revolver were used. Additional small arms training was conducted during the Riot Control exercise performed by selected members of the 187th Tac Recon Gp and the 280th Communications Squadron.

TRANSPORTATION BRANCH

From 1 January 1973 to 31 December 1973, the Transportation Branch provided the 187th Tactical Reconnaissance Group with sufficiently maintained vehicles, which were an asset in the performance of the group mission. This branch maintained 36 General Purpose Vehicles, 6 Fire Fighting Vehicles, 4 Fuel Service Vehicles, 12 Special Purpose Vehicles, 4 Material Handling Vehicles, 3 Base Maintenance Vehicles, 3 Trailers, 1 463L Forklift (MHE), and other pieces of miscellaneous equipment. A satisfactory rating was achieved by this branch during the combined ORI-MEI in April. We received the same rating for the retake in August. All discrepancies noted during these inspections have been corrected. Effective training was accomplished this year by the Transportation Branch due to the

change to the Texas Plan for Annual Field Training. We performed our Annual Field Training at our home base, utilizing personnel to a much greater effectiveness through closer supervision by scheduling 4 men each 2 week period. This scheduling of personnel enabled us to beef our work force by 4 additional men from the period of July to December. Through this full utilization of our work force, the Transportation Branch processed and completed 517 vehicle work orders during the year.

Since the conversion to the RF-4C Aircraft, the Transportation Branch has received several new vehicles and other peices of equipment and we are expected to receive more in the future. New equipment received this year included a 5 passenger staff sedan, a 463L Forklift (MHE), and an aircraft towing tractor. Vehicles assigned to this branch operated a total of 180,572 miles during the year.

Due to the energy crisis we were required to cut our gasoline consumption 25% during the latter months of 1973. This was accomplished through an energy conservation program. Vehicle mileage was reduced considerably. For example, during the month of October, 18,980 miles were recorded by the vehicles assigned to this unit, compared to 9,429 miles during the month of December.

With a special emphasis on training, we have intensified our training program considerably. Only 6 men out of 45 remain below their qualified skill level position. Thirty-nine CDC courses were taken with an 83% passing rate. The average skill level manning during the period was 90%.

Representatives from the Transportation Branch participated on several committees including the Vehicle Utilization and Authorization Board, the Aerospace Safety Council, the Ground Safety Council, and Mobility Planning and Processing.

The drivers education program which was established to provide qualified vehicle operators, tested approximately 100 potential drivers. Seventy-five percent of the personnel that were tested were issued a military drivers license.

SUPPLY BRANCH

The Supply Branch of the 187th Combat Support Squadron came into existence 1 July 1973 with the reorganization and deactivation of the 187th Supply Squadron. The Branch was authorized 5 officers and 74 airmen to be augmented by 1 officer and 30 airmen from the 187th Mobility Support Flight. Following initial reorganization the Procurement Section, 187th CSS, was reassigned as a section within the Supply Branch. With exception of the addition of procurement function, other mission assignments

remained the same as that of the former 187th Supply Squadron.

Annual Field Training was accomplished within the two principle periods established for the group with some changes for other periods through December 1973 to meet heavy unit flying periods and other unit requirements. Two airman performed Annual Field Training with the logistics support unit of National Guard Bureau. UTA's continued on a staggered split period basis to support other units, flying and maintenance requirements.

2Lt Tommy C. Weldon returned from Officers Preparatory Academy, McGehee-Tyson ANGB, Tenn., and was assigned as Fuels Officer. Capt. James R. Fraser moved to the EMO Officer position, and 1Lt Wayne Rambo was reassigned to State Headquarters. 1Lt Vida A. Crum and Major Cecil Brendle, former officers of the 187th Supply Squadron were reassigned on deactivation to Hq. 187th Tac. Recon. Gp. and 187th Mobility Support Flight respectively. Major Brendle continues to fill the principle position of EMO Officer as well as Commander, 187th Mobility Support Flight.

MSgt Bert U. McCord, NCOIC, Fuels, was promoted to SMSgt only to be almost put out of work, as all aircraft were grounded on 26 December 1973 through remainder of calendar year 1973.

Two distinguished career airmen and technicians of supply were medically discharged during 1973, MSgt William T. Turner, Procurement, October 1973, and MSgt Robert Chesnutt, Material Facilities, December 1973.

Training continued at a high level with classroom and OTJ.

PRINCIPLE COMBAT SUPPORT ASSIGNMENTS WERE:

Chief of Supply	Lt. Col James W. Webb
Management & Procedures Officer	Major Norman H. Rahn, Jr.
Management & Procedures NCOIC	MSgt Ernest G. Dismukes
Supplies Management NCOIC	MSgt Lavert Y. Bryant
Equipment Management Officer	Capt. James R. Fraser
Equipment Management NCOIC	MSgt James R. Jones
Fuels Management Officer	2Lt Tommy C. Weldon
Fuels Management NCOIC	SMSgt Bert U. McCord
Item Accounting NCOIC	TSgt William H. Finney
Materiel Facilities Officer	2Lt Joseph J. Chastain
Materiel Facilities NCOIC	MSgt Lavert Y. Bryant
Procurement NCOIC	TSgt Jack C. Fisher

FOOD SERVICE BRANCH

The Food Service Section performed its annual summer encampment at Dannelly ANG Base from 21 July thru 4 August 1973. This camp was performed in an excellent manner with the number of personnel available. In August, plans were presented for a new dining hall. Proper forms for authorizations for new equipment were submitted for this project. In September, the Food Service Section enlisted one new man, but lost four personnel due to enlistment commitments.

The Food Service Section was featured in the December 1973 "Phantom Flyer" newspaper. This was a big incentive in recruiting for the Food Service Section.

SOCIAL ACTIONS SECTION

The Social Actions Section was organized 1 July 1973 with an authorized strength of two officers and one airman. Major James H. Horne was assigned as Chief of the Social Actions (7361A). Capt. Stephen E. Crum was assigned as Race Relations Instructor (7361C). TSgt William G. Lawrence was assigned as Drug and Alcohol Abuse Technician (73430B). Capt. Crum completed the Defense Race Relations Institute Course at Patrick AFB, Florida in July 1973.

Annual Field Training was conducted during two periods. Major Horn and Capt. Crum attended the first period and TSgt Lawrence attended the second period. The section was organized and work begun immediately to get feedback on the climate and condition of the base population as regards the Social Actions area concern. TSgt Lawrence completed the Drug and Alcohol Abuse School at Lackland AFB, Texas on 18 December 1973. The Base Commander was briefed on the requirements and responsibilities of this section.

JUDGE ADVOCATE'S BRANCH

During the period 1 January 73 to 19 August 73 the position of Judge Advocate was not filled. On 19 August 73, Thomas G. Mancusco received a commission as a Captain and was appointed as Judge Advocate. In January 1973, SSgt William J. Gamble of the Judge Advocate's Office completed his military obligation. SSgt Don E. Lawley was assigned to the Judge Advocate's Office and serves as the staff legal technician. Since 19 August 73 Judge Advocate personnel have been rendering legal assistance to all personnel having legal problems; indoctrinating personnel as to the necessity and desirability of executing wills and powers of attorney and the preparation of such documents. Capt. Mancuso has also given a briefing on the Uniform Code of Military Justice to the 187th Civil Engineering Flight.

BASE OPERATIONS BRANCH

The Base Operations section of the 187th Combat Support Squadron completed another successful year. In addition to its normally assigned duties the section participated satisfactorily in 3 Operational Readiness Exercises and 1 Operational Readiness Inspection. A significant amount of OJT was incorporated into the activities of the section this year, and at the present time all assigned personnel are capable of performing the various responsibilities of the section.

Three new airmen were assigned to the section during calendar year 1973. AIC Carroll T. Cannon and William T. Busby joined the section as dispatchers and both have completed their 5 level AFSC as Air Operations Specialist. Airman Busby was recently reassigned to the Food Service Section at his own request. Airman James L. Bandy, an Administrative Specialist, was assigned to the section, but enlisted in the regular Air Force in September. SSgt James R. Jordan, Jr. received his fourth stripe during the April UTA, while Sgt Charles B. Burns was promoted in August. these two NCO's represent the senior members of the section, and their experience, combined with that of the section OIC, Major George A. Garzon, provide for an extremely efficient operation.

ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH

SIDNEY I. WELLS, Major, Branch Chief: Formulated administrative services policies, coordinated administrative programs, monitored and directed administrative programs. Served in this position from 17 April 1967 to present. James H. Duncan, SMSgt. NCOIC: Planned and organized administrative activities. Directed operation of administrative activities responsible for records maintenance and disposition, distribution and master reference library. Supervised OJT for administrative personnel. Supervised inspection and evaluation of administration activities.

Served as Records Officer for the 187th Tac Recon Gp. Served in this position from 1 August 1966 to present. Henry J. Horne, TSgt, Asst NCOIC: Assisted Branch Chief and NCOIC in administrative function. Assumed NCOIC position in the absence of NCOIC. Drafted and typed orders, base publications, correspondence such as letters and memo's. Served as file clerk for Administrative Branch. Performed documentation surveys and provided administrative assistance to all assigned units. James D. Tatum, Sgt, PDO Clerk: Maintained master reference library, ordered all publications and forms from distribution source. Assisted in the maintenance of forms and base reproduction unit. Served in this position from 2 January 1967 to present. Six drill status personnel performed various administrative duties.

Date UDL Changed

1 July 1973

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Strength

Authorized strength as of Jan 73: 13. Assigned strength as of Dec 73: 11. Percent assigned strength as of Dec 73: 84.6%.

Training Objectives

- a. Performed administrative duties in support of the 187th Tac Recon Gp.
- b. Train administrative personnel to highest possible degree of readiness. All personnel assigned to Administrative Branch are qualified to the appropriate skill level.

Annual History
187th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
1 Jan 73 - 31 Dec 73

It was announced in January that Annual Field Training for FY74 would be performed during one of the following time periods - 21 July - 4 August or 25 August - 8 September 73. CAM Sq personnel completed AFT as scheduled. Formal upgrade training, proficiency training and management training was stressed during these periods.

Headquarters 9th Air Force conducted an ORI/MEI during April 73. All functions of the 187th CAM Sq were rated satisfactory.

During 1973, two (2) CAM Sq NCO's were selected as airmen of the month. Sgt Morris B. Hadley II April 73 and SSgt John M. Williams Aug 73.

CMSgt Billy C. Adams was named Master Sergeant of the Alabama Air National Guard in April 1973. He will serve in this capacity for one (1) year. General Rollo, the Adjutant General, presented the award to CMSgt Adams during the National Guard Association of Alabama Convention held in Montgomery, Alabama on 7 & 8 April 1973.

The Avionics Branch and Jet Engine Branch moved into new buildings during April 1973.

MSgt Ernest E. Beasley received a certificate of appreciation from Governor Wallace for his outstanding contribution to the technician incentive awards program.

MSgt William H. Atkins, Jr. attended an all Air Force High-Powered rifle match at Lackland AFB, Texas in July 1973. MSgt Atkins was the only Alabama man selected to attend.

The 187th CAM Sq started 1973 with an authorized strength of seven (7) officers and 330 airmen with seven (7) officers and 306 airmen assigned and ended the year with seven (7) officers and 312 airmen assigned.

Some personnel and training statistics for 1973 are as follows:

EOC pass rate 79.0%, re-enlistment rate - 76.9%. The TAC Std Skill Level Manning increased from 83.9% on 1 Jan 73 to 86.0% on 31 Dec 73. The drill attendance averaged 99.2% with the lowest month of 1973 being 98.6%.

The 187th Tactical Reconnaissance Group programmed 4,116.5 flying hours during CY73. The 187th CAM Sq personnel launched 1,911 RF-4C sorties, logging 4,008.1 flying hours with a flying hour accomplishment of 97.4% and an average operational ready rate of 56.5%.

The VT-29 aircraft was flown 191.2 hours during CY73.

MSgt William H. Atkins Jr and SSgt Gerald M. Shaw attended the Winston P. Wilson Rifle & Pistol meet at Little Rock, Arkansas during September 1973.

1973 Historical Report, 187th Supply Squadron

2 February 1974

The 187th Supply Squadron was officially deactivated on 1 July 1973.¹ Under the reorganization of the unit the supply function was transferred to the 187th Combat Support Squadron.

The Squadron began the year 1973 with an authorized strength of 10 officers and 95 Airmen.² As of 30 June 1973, assigned strength was 7 officers and 90 airmen, representing a 92.3% of authorized strength.³ Most important, however, was an 86.3 TAC Standing Skill Level Manning.⁴ EOC pass rate for the six month period was 78.9% and reenlistment rate was 68.5%.⁵

In February 1972 the 187th Supply Squadron was awarded the Minuteman Award by the National Guard Bureau. As a finalist in the competition to select the best base Supply account in the Air National Guard.⁶

The mission of the 187th Supply Squadron included furnishing logistical and supply training support for other units, principally the 232d Mobile Communications Squadron, 280th Communications Squadron (Special), the 115th TAC Control Squadron and 115th TAC Control Flight in Dothan, and the Headquarters Alabama Air National Guard.⁷

1. State Military Department Special order No. 317 dated 1 May 1973.
2. 187th Supply Squadron Unit Manning Document, December 1972.
3. Personnel and Training Status Report, 30 June 1973.
4. Personnel and Training Status Report, 30 June 1973.
5. Ibid.
6. Award dated 14 February 1973 signed by Major General I.G. Brown: Director National Guard Bureau.
7. Interview with LT. Col. James W. Webb, Cdr, 187th Sup Sq; Dannelly ANGE, 30 June 1973.

To Accomplish this mission and adequately support the flying and maintenance schedule of the 187th TAC Recon. Gp., personnel of the unit were rotated on a split unit Training Assembly system.⁸

Annual Field Training 1973, was planned by the squadron to be carried out by its successor units. At the time of deactivation, one airman was attending the Air National Guard Officer Preparatory Academy, McGehee-Tyson ANOP, Tenn, to fill a unit vacancy.⁹

8. Ibid

9. Ibid

Principal Assignments for the Squadron were:
Commander: Lt. Col. James W. Webb
Supply Staff Officer: Major Norman H. Wahn, Jr.
Executive Support Officer: 1Lt. Vida A. Crum
First Sergeant: MSG Albert D. McQueen
Management and Procedures Officer: 1Lt. Wayne L. Ramba
Management and Procedures NCOIC: MSG Ernest G. Disukes
Item Accounting Officer: Vacant
Item Accounting NCOIC: TSG William H. Finney
Material Fac. Officer: 2nd Lt. Joseph J. Chastain
Material Fac. NCOIC: TSgt Lavert Y. Bryant
Equipment Management Officer: Capt Cecil E. Brendle
Equipment Management NCOIC: SMSgt William M. Weed
Fuels Management Officer: Vacant
Fuels Management NCOIC: MSgt Bert U. McCord.²²

10. 187th Supply Sq. Unit Manning Document, 30 June 1973.

ANNUAL HISTORY

187th Civil Engineering Flight
1 January - 31 December 1973

The 187 Civil Engineering Flight began the year understrength with 4 officers and 65 airmen assigned of 4 and 88 authorized. Lt. Col. C. Shields Henderson, AL ANG, was in command with Maj. J. Allen Potter as Civil Engineering Staff Officer, Lt. Curtis G. Pemberton as Prime Beef Officer and Capt Daniel S. Percival as Flight Training Officer.

As the OIC of the Prime BEEF Team Lt Pemberton prepared and conducted many of the special training requirements of the team. Lt Pemberton resigned in March and Capt. Percival was appointed as Team OIC and the total of the 16 special requirements were accomplished within the calendar year. To assist in Prime BEEF and Mobility training two staff visits were held with Lt Smith of the 363 CES, Shaw AFB, S.C. During this year our Mobility Plan was finalized and all packing was accomplished.

During the month of April Lt. Col. Henderson retired as Flight Commander and as BCE 30 June 73. Maj Potter was appointed Flight Commander in Oct 73 and Lt Rex E Lewis assumed the duties of BCE. In the interim Maj. Potter was Acting Flight Commander.

Annual Field Training for the Flight was accomplished by the Prime BEEF Team at the Air National Guard Training Site, Georgia Air National Guard, Travis Field, Georgia. This provided productive training for all skills and needed improvements were accomplished for the training site. Two Barracks were renovated and Air Conditioned, approximately two miles of road grade was constructed, all parking lots and road were stripped and centerlined, and a recreational building began by an Army Engineer Company was completed. The Fire and Crash personnel remained at Dannelly ANG Base to support the Group at Home Base.

The 187 CEF Fire & Crash Section responded to a total of 390 emergency alarms during the year 1973. This was a decrease of 69 alarms from the 1972 calendar year.

Crashes	2 with 3 Fatalities
Fuel Spills	165
Test Hops/Engine Starts	83
Military Emergencies	43
Civilian Emergencies	59
Tanker Assist to City	21
Power Line Fires	4
Rescue	5
Air Evacuation	3
False Alarms	4
Bomb Threat	1
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	390 Total

An active and effective fire prevention program was conducted by personnel of this department through the year. A Fire Prevention Essay Contest was initiated by the department and was sponsored by the 187th Tac Recon Group. The results of this contest have not been received as of this date.

Pit fire training was accomplished throughout the year with a total of 22 pit fires

Structural fire training was accomplished throughout the year with a total of 16 simulated building fires.

An effective and comprehensive in-service training program, both in the station and at the pit fire training area, was carried on by top NCO's and officers of this department. Items covered by this training program were as follows: first aid, breathing apparatus, egress, pre-fire planning, mouth-to-mouth artificial respiration, ladders, fire prevention, structural rescue operation, ventilation and other subjects. We have four (4) men on OJT to the 7 level AFSC, one (1) man on OJT to the 5 level AFSC and two (2) on OJT to the 3 level AFSC.

In order to assure fire readiness and proper maintenance, all apparatus, property and equipment of this department was inspected each day by fire protection personnel.

During the past year and up to this date, we have had four(4) firemen to attend service schools. This includes two (2) firemen to Rescue School, one (1) fireman to P-4 Operators School, and one (1) to Apparatus Fire School

The high degree of morale that has prevailed and the efficiency in providing service relative to the welfare and safety of the personnel of our base has reflected the loyalty and dedication of the fire department personnel. Through the application of these principles, the 187th Civil Engineering Fire Department along with the firemen of the Montgomery Fire Department have become second to none and have achieved the enviable position it holds today.

Through an extensive recruiting effort the Flight has grown to 3 officers and 76 airmen. A high degree of morale prevails with the 187 CEF which has a "can do" attitude.

ANNUAL HISTORY

187 TAC CLINIC

1 Jan - 31 Dec 1973

The month of April brought a change in name to the medical section - the 187 TAC Dispensary was designated as the 187 TAC Clinic. The function remains the same; however an estomertist officer slot and an estomertist technician slot was added.

The female population of the TAC Clinic has grown from two in 1972 to seven in '73. They are assigned to dental, x-ray, and medical services.

There was also an addition of another dentist to the Clinic - Dr Fleming. Another first was the assignment of Maj Frank T Sreed as the Health Services Officer.

With the aid of the Palace Chase program, initial enlistments, and prior service enlistments the over-all strength of the 187 TAC Clinic increased significantly in '73. This is a welcome significance since there has been an increase of night flying and EQT duty.

An addition, and important position was filled in '73 - that of a second physician. Dr Charles F Butler, who transferred from Boston, has greatly aided in the workload of the Clinic.

ANNUAL HISTORY

187th Communications Flight (Support)
Period Covered -- 1 Jan - 31 Dec 1973

The 187th Communications flight is attached to the 187th Tac Recon Group. Unlike the 187th Tac Recon Gp, our gaining command is the Air Force Communications Service (AFCS) which is located in Oklahoma. Our unit is tasked with the responsibility of providing and maintaining a communications center, non tactical radios, GRC-27 (ground to air radios), telephone installation and maintenance operation of ground radios (KWM-2) and an on-base dial telephone system.

The 187th Comm Flt had a successful but very busy year. Under the capable supervision of SMSgt Eubank, MSgt Davis, and TSgt Hidle the communications center put into operation a new UNIVAC DCT-1000 (teletypewriter for all narrative and stastical message traffic). This machine replaces the simple TWX machine. The new machine is capable of card and tape traffic.

The Ground Radio section under the supervision of TSgt Henry King has always had to train at Maxwell AFB with our advisory unit because there has never been sufficient space to house the ground radios (KWM-2). We are proud to say that we will receive shortly a van to house this equipment. This van is equipped with a five (5) ton air conditioning and heating unit. We plan to have this van painted Air Force Blue and put the large AFCS shields (decals) on the sides. To us, this is a first, because for the first time since this unit was established in 1966 the ground radio section will drill at home.

The Maintenance Section recorded one of the busiest years ever. They pre-wired the entire new Avionics Building (Bldg 1305M) with a 25 pair cable and installed a telephone key system. In addition to this a P. A. system was installed in the hangar, a telephone key system was added to Base Supply, a new cable run was made to the new Engine Shop and telephone and intercom systems installed. This is not to mention numerous maintenance requests.

In addition to actual work accomplished, wheels were set in motion for future projects. Requests through National Guard Bureau were made to have our present 100 line base dial telephone system increased to support a 200 line dial system. Since we are presently operation at 100% capacity we feel that this request is justified and will be granted. Requests through the same channels were made for Engineering and Installation to up-date our present communications system to take care of all programmed construction. This project will also include the installation of a direct burial closed circuit television cable. The 202nd E & I Sqdn from Georgia has been tasked with this assignment and some drawings have been made. Part of the equipment and cable has already been ordered.

We were successful in obtaining a dual-net radio frequency for the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron to replace the out-dated system presently being used. Radios for this new system are on order.

We researched information that we hope will enable Operations to receive the GRC-171 (ground to Air radio) which will replace the un-reliable GRC 27. Most of the above mentioned projects and requests will take time but we are proud that we are looking ahead.

As with any organization during the year, we had our ups and downs. At present we are in dire need of additional space. Capt. Ficquett (Comm Officer 3024) resigned and applied for retirement¹. This leaves our officer manning at 50%. Getting personnel commissioned who can meet the educational requirements and take six (6) weeks off to go to the Officer Academy are hard to find. Paper work for a potential officer has been submitted

During the past year, officer manning dropped from 100% to 50%,² airman manning fluctuated between 100% in Jan. 1973 to 93.1% in Dec. 1973.³ Tac Skill Level manning increased from 62.9% in Jan. 1973 to 77.7% in Dec. 1973.⁴ Our reenlistment rate increased from an average of 55% during the first five (5) months of the year to an average of 100% for the remaining seven (7) months.⁵ There were a total of seven (7) airmen promotions⁶ and one (1) officer promotion. Capt. McCutchin completed Air Command and Staff School⁷ and was promoted to Major on 17 May 1973⁸ and was federally recognized on 13 June 1973.⁹ Major McCutchin is now fully qualified as a Communications Flight Commander.¹⁰

Recruiting efforts of the Group and Flight cannot go un-mentioned because the Comm Flight received two (2) prior servicemen from other units and four (4) prior servicemen from the Palace Chase Program.¹¹

Nothing can top off a good year more than successfully passing the Annual Federal Inspection. The Comm Flight was inspected on 19 May 1973 and was rated SATISFACTORY.¹²



EMMETT L. MCCUTCHIN
Commander

- 1 - SO A-365 dated 7 Aug 73.
- 2 - Personnel Training & Status Report
- 3 - IBID
- 4 - IBID
- 5 - IBID
- 6 - Airman Records
- 7 - Officer Records
- 8 - SO A-237 dtd 17 May 73
- 9 - SO 142M dtd 13 Jun 73
- 10 - AF Form 2096 dtd 2 Apr 73
- 11 - Airman Records
- 12 - Inspection Findings Letter dated 19 May 1973.

ANNUAL HISTORY

187TH MOBILITY SUPPORT FLT

PERIOD COVERED 1 JULY 1973 - 31 DEC 1973

The 187th Mobility Support Flight was organized on 1 July 1973 with the mission of augmenting base support for the gaining base with personnel from various support sections in the case of an actual mobility and deployment. An official statement of mission had not been received at the time of this writing. Unit Manning Document authorization for the flight was two (2) officers and sixty-one (61) airman. As of 2 Feb 1974 there were two (2) officers and fifty-four airmen assigned. Maj. Cecil G. Brendle, 41-940-3470, assumed command of the flight.² Dr. (Capt) Charles F. Butler, 41-940-3470, was assigned as medical officer.³

The Mobility Support Flight attended Annual Field Training (AFT) conducted at Dannelly Air National Guard Base, Montgomery, Alabama. The AFT was divided into two main 15 day periods, 21 July through 8 Aug 1973, and 25 Aug through 8 Sep 1973. During these periods the flight insured that all mobility records and equipment were current.

During the Unit Training Assemblies since the formation of the flight 1 July 1973, normal training has been conducted in the airmen's assigned sections. The flight has participated in locally conducted mobility exercizes, and held formations and inspections at the end of each days UTA.

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1. SMD SPECIAL ORDER 317
 2. 187th TRG SPECIAL ORDER A-303 1 July 1973
 3. SMD SPECIAL ORDER A- 314 5 July 1973

ANNUAL HISTORY

187th WSS Flt

(U) The 187th WSSF was organized on 1 July 1973. 1st Lt Billy W. Henderson assumed command. This organization was formally the Security Police Branch of the 187th CSS. Since the 187th WSSF was organized, we have attended one summer camp at Dannelly ANGB, Montgomery, Alabama. During this summer camp the Flight qualified 32 security personnel with M-16 and .38 cal weapons. During the period 1 July 73 through 31 Dec 73 the following was accomplished by this Flight. SMSgt Strathur A. Carmichael was the first graduate of the NCO academy. He graduated in October 1973. SMSgt Carmichael was awarded an outstanding performance report for his performance in the Security Police Field.

Listed below are some of the items accomplished by the Weapons System Flight:

1. There were 16 personnel promoted this year.
2. There were 5 personnel administered the AKT with 100% pass rate
3. All assigned security police qualified with both the M-16 and .38 cal revolver.
4. This unit processed over 700 I.D. cards, both 2AF (RES), and 2AF (ACT).
5. Over 300 motor vehicles were registered.
6. There were over 100 sets of finger-print cards accomplished.
7. In addition to the above mentioned, this unit also accomplished all required Security Police training on items such as unarmed Defense, Investigation, Civilian Disturbance, Arrest, Search and Seizure, and Traffic Control.