

# Charles E. Bishop

## F-105 History

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30-Sep-66

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During July - Sep 1966, there were 55 pilots assigned to the 333 TFS, 355 TFW, Takhli RTAFB, Thailand,

Lt Col James A. Young. Ops officer & Sq Cmdr assigned between 5 Dec 65 - 4 Jul 66. 100 missions.

Lt Col Donald K. "Danny" Salmon. Commander assigned 16 Aug 66.

Maj Duwade E. Hornsby. Assigned between 5 Dec 65 - 17 Jul 66. 100 missions.

Maj Howard W. Leaf. Assigned between 13 Feb 66 - 20 Sep 66. 100 missions.

Maj Douglas D. Brenner. Assigned 26 May 66.

Maj Gordon W. Atkinson. Assigned 18 Jun 66.

Maj Robert Gordon Rilling. Assigned 25 Jul 66.

Maj John C. Brown. Assigned 21 Jul 66.

Maj Robert A. Perkins. Assigned 12 Sep 66.

Maj Roger J. Mathiasen. Assigned 26 Jun 66.

Maj J. D. Tindall. Assigned 12 Sep 66.

Maj William J. McClelland. Assigned between 24 Jun 66 - 15 Jul 66. Returned to Yokota.

Maj Willard Selleck Gideon. Assigned TDY between 15 Jul 66 - 7 Aug 66. MIA.

Maj Henry Shudinis. Assigned TDY 26 Sep 66.

Maj Charles E. Bishop. Assigned TDY 18 Aug 66 - 17 Sep 66. Returned to Kadena.

Capt Donald J. Mattasolio. Assigned between 5 Dec 65 - 10 Jul 66. 100 missions.

Capt James C. Sharp. Assigned between 5 Dec 65 - 5 Jul 66. 100 missions.

Capt Robert J. Straubinger. Assigned between 5 Dec 65 - 10 Jul 66. 100 missions.

Capt Paul H. Dwyer. Assigned between 5 Jun 66 - 15 Jul 66. 100 missions.

Capt John H. Wendell, Jr. Assigned between 15 Apr 66 - 7 Aug 66. MIA.

Capt Jim G. Pinson. Assigned 21 Jun 66.

Capt Donald G. Weidman. Assigned TDY between 24 Jun 66 - 10 Jul 66. Returned to Yokota.

Capt Lloyd A. Sjulstad. Assigned 19 Apr 66.

Capt Ronald W. Scott. Assigned 28 Aug 66.

Capt Thomas A. Loken. Assigned 4 Jul 66.

Capt Gerald L. Hawkins. Assigned 11 Jul 66.

Capt John E. Cozine. Assigned TDY 24 Jun 66 - 9 Aug 66. Returned to Kadena.

Capt Samuel Chapman "Max" Maxwell. Assigned TDY 2 Jun 66 - 11 Aug 66. Returned to Kadena.

Capt William C. Butler. Assigned 22 Jul 66.

Capt Edward D. Nowokunski. Assigned TDY between 25 Jul 66 - 22 Aug 66. Returned to Kadena.

Capt Walter J. Brug. Assigned 16 Aug 66.

Capt Rodney A. Skoglund. Assigned TDY between 18 Aug 66 - 17 Sep 66. Returned to Kadena.

Capt Anthony J. Farrington, Jr. Assigned 20 Sep 66.

Capt Kenneth D. Edwards. Assigned TDY 26 Sep 66.

1Lt Jerry C. Smith. Assigned 20 Mar 66.

1Lt Fred A. Wilson. Assigned 20 Mar 66.

1Lt Ralph Thomas "Tom" Browning. Assigned between 21 Jun 66 - 8 Jul 66. MIA.

1Lt Martin J. Neuens. Assigned between 21 Jun 66 - 12 Aug 66. MIA.

1Lt Alan V. Rogers. Assigned 24 Jun 66.

1Lt Milton R. Rutter. Assigned 19 Jun 66.

1Lt Jack T. Stone, Jr. Assigned TDY between 26 Jun 66 - 12 Aug 66. Returned to Kadena.

1Lt Eugene L. Haggerty. Assigned 31 Jul 66.

1Lt Edward T. McCaffrey. Assigned 31 Jul 66.

1Lt Glen Francis Bullock. Assigned 17 Aug 66 - 3 Sep 66. Returned to 34 TFS at Korat.

1Lt Gary G. Catren. Assigned TDY 17 Aug 66 - 26 Aug 66. Returned to 34 TFS at Korat.

1Lt Richard L. Pack. Assigned TDY 26 Sep 66.

1Lt Randolph S. Reynolds III. Assigned TDY from the 35 TFS 26 Sep 66.

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1Lt Richard E. Guild. Assigned TDY 26 Sep 66.  
Col William H. Holt. Attached pilot. Reassigned 11 Jul 66.  
Col Robert Ray Scott. Attached pilot. 18 Aug 66.  
Lt Col Robert E. Borden. Attached pilot. Reassigned 22 Aug 66.  
Maj Harry D. Sultzer, Jr. Attached pilot. Reassigned 10 Sep 66.  
Maj Dale Alonzo Johnson. Attached 20 Sep 66.  
Capt Robert F. Gadd III. Attached. Reassigned 14 Jul 66.

*355 TFW History, Jul - Dec 66, USAF microfilm NO462.*

### 01-Aug-67

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(Estimated date) A roster from the 67 TFS, 18 TFW, included the officers assigned to the squadron at Kadena AB, Okinawa.

Maj John C. Wright - Commander  
Maj Charles E. Bishop - Ops Officer  
Maj Wayne E. Fullam - Asst Ops Officer  
Maj Michael C. Stevens - Alert Pad Commander  
Capt William O. Harris III - Wing Stan Eval  
Capt Albert T. Borovich - Maintenance Officer  
1Lt William D. Sheldon III - Intel Officer  
1Lt Harry T. Kubota - Flightline Maintenance Officer  
2Lt Dale W. Porter - Munitions Officer

#### Red Flight

Maj William W. Raitt - Flight Commander  
Capt Edward D. Nowokunski - Asst Flt CO  
Capt Robert W. Ferrel - Pilot  
1Lt Jeffrey G. Cliver - Pilot  
1Lt Kenneth W. Mathews - Pilot

#### White Flight

Maj Willard H. Snell - Flight Commander  
Capt Edgar W. Michie, Jr. - Asst Flt CO  
Capt John P. Schoeppner - Pilot  
1Lt Edwin L. Harvey - Pilot

#### Blue Flight

Maj Robert G. Lanning - Flight Commander  
Capt John T. Stadler - Asst Flt CO  
1Lt James M. Kroyer - Pilot  
1Lt Henry L. Sherard - Pilot

#### Attached

Col John D. Rosenbaum - 18 TFW DCO  
Maj Roger D. Ingvalson - Chief O&T  
Maj Charles C. Vasiliadis - 6002 SEG  
Maj Richard E. Smith - Chief Plans  
Capt Roger P. Scheer - Ops & Tng  
Capt Malcolm M. Thompson - Flying Safety  
Capt Jerry L. Garner - Wing Plans  
Capt Thomas H. Platt - Command Center

*67 TFS roster provided by Rick Versteeg, e-mail 5 July 2011.*

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**20-Sep-67**

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In a published order, Maj George G. Clausen, 34 TFS commander, designated six squadron pilots as qualified Mission Commanders. They were:

Maj George G. Clausen  
Maj Roderick G. Giffin  
Maj Dwight E. Sullivan  
Maj Charles E. Bishop  
Capt Lawrence G. Hoppe, who by this time had flown 64 combat missions.  
Capt Hugh W. Davis

*34 TFS Special Order 47 dated 20 September 1967 provided by Larry Hoppe, May 2010.*

**21-Sep-67**

6563

In a published order, Maj George G. Clausen, 34 TFS commander, designated 29 squadron pilots as Combat Ready in the F-105. The same pilots were listed in a separate order as qualified to be Flight/Element Leaders in F-105s. The pilots were:

Maj Almer L. Barner, Jr.	Capt Douglas A. Beyer
Maj Charles E. Bishop	Capt Robert M. Crane
Maj William M. Blakeslee	Capt Hugh W. Davis
Maj George G. Clausen	Capt Nicholas J. Donelson
Maj James E. Daniel, Jr.	Capt Robert M. Elliot
Maj David C. Dickson, Jr.	Capt George W. Hamlin IV
Maj Clyde L. Falls, Jr.	Capt Lawrence G. Hoppe
Maj Roderick G. Giffin	Capt Lawrence R. Klinestiver
Maj David D. Igelman	Capt Irving R. LeVine
Maj William J. L. King	Capt Robert L. Martin
Maj Kenneth W. Mays	Capt Robert B. Middleton
Maj Donald E. Odell	Capt Sam P. Morgan
Maj Dwight E. Sullivan	Capt Harry G. Paddon III
Maj James L. Taylor	1Lt Lee E. Hollingsworth
Maj Raymond W. Vissotzky	

*34 TFS Special Orders 45 and 46 dated 21 September 1967 provided by Larry Hoppe, May 2010.*

**15-Jan-69**

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(Approximate date) "Twenty-eight Thunderchief Pilots Cited -- For completing 100 missions or combat tours in the F-105 fighter-bomber, twenty-eight pilots received special recognition certificates this month at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, from the Republic Aviation Division.

"The recipients were: Col Monroe S. Sams; Lt Col Dwight E. Mason; Maj Edward Y. Cleveland, Eddie V. Deck, Edgar W. Michie, Jr., Gerald C. Gustafson, Frank D. Schultz, Jr., Charles E. Bishop and Roger P. Scheer; Capts Thomas H. Edge, Lawrence G. Hoppe, Kenneth W. Mathews, Frank E. Peck, Rodney A. Skoglund, William A. Thomas, Jr., Forrest S. Winebarger, J. Leon Garner, Edwin L. Harvey, Dennis Jarvi, Bruce L. Melton, William D. Scott, Anthony C. Shine, Gordon L. Clouser, Robert W. Ferrel, Joseph W. Ralston, James Benton West, Harry E. Murk, and Thomas Coady."

Several of these pilots had been assigned to the 34 TFS and the 469 TFS when they flew their 100th mission.

*Thunderchief Worldwide Report, Vol. IV, No. 5, February 1969.*

**01-Apr-69**

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"At the beginning of April, the 12 TFS, [18 TFW,] was rated C-4 with only 17 crews counted for C status."

"In early April, the squadron was assigned seventeen F-105D and seven F-105F Wild Weasel aircraft." The 12 TFS was the only squadron at Kadena still flying F-105s.

"In April, The Wild Weasel alert requirement at the FOL was manned by two TDY crews from SEA. ..." The squadron's Forward Operating Location was Kwang-ju AB, Korea. The alert commitment was under "Combat Fox", which resulted from the capture by the North Koreans of the USS Pueblo 15 months earlier, on 23 January 1968.

The roster of officers assigned to the 12 TFS at Kadena on 1 April 1969 included:

Lt Col Dwight E. Mason - Commander  
Maj Charles E. Bishop - Operations Officer  
Maj Howard K. White - Asst Ops Officer  
Maj Eddie V. Deck - Asst Ops Officer  
Maj Rodney A. Skoglund - Scheduling Officer  
Capt Joseph W. Ralston - Stan/Eval  
Capt John W. McCarey - Maintenance Officer  
1Lt Joseph T. Rinella - Munitions Maintenance  
2Lt Charles O. Hanson - Flight Line Maintenance  
2Lt David C. Dixon - Flight Line Maintenance  
2Lt Deane C. Drury - Intelligence Officer

#### Attached Wing Staff Officers

Col Monroe S. Sams - 18 TFW Wing Commander  
Col Kenneth B. Glover - 18 TFW DCO  
Capt William R. Jolly  
Maj Leon D. Nedbalek - Flying Safety (1 Apr - 12 Jun 69)  
Maj Roger P. Scheer - Chief, Stan/Eval (1 Apr - 9 Jun 1969)  
Capt Edwin L. Harvey  
Maj Edgar W. Michie, Jr. - Emerg Actions Off & Alert Pad Cmdr (1 Apr - 30 Jun 69)  
Capt Harry E. Murk  
Maj Benjamin Dailey  
Capt William J. Binkley - Flight Surgeon

#### India Flight

Capt John P. Schoeppner  
Capt Frank E. Peck  
Capt James B. West  
Capt Gordon L. Clouser

#### Juliet Flight

Capt Thomas J. Coady  
Capt Carl D. Eliason  
Capt William A. Thomas, Jr.  
Capt Forrest S. Winebarger  
Capt Henry L. Sherard  
Capt William A. Stout, Jr.

#### Lima Flight

Capt Lawrence G. Hoppe

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Capt Thomas H. Edge  
Capt Bernard F. Ellrodt  
Capt Jeffrey G. Cliver  
Capt Joe T. Short

Kilo Flight (Wild Weasels)  
Maj Donald R. Yates - Pilot (WW # 106)  
Capt Tracy P. Rumsey - EWO (WW # 317)  
Capt Harold W. Stoll - EWO (WW # 137)  
Capt George C. Connolly - Pilot (WW # 450)  
Capt Kemper J. Gleason - EWO (WW # 421)  
Capt Jeffrey K. Pepperell - EWO (WW # 428)

*History of the 18 TFW 1 Apr - 30 June 1969, AFHRA Call # K-WG-18-HI, IRIS # 448509, Appendix III Exhibit 2, pp 4, 9 and 23.*

**30-Jun-69**

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The 12 TFS, 18 TFW, Kadena AB, Okinawa, had "... 22 crews by the end of June for a C-3 rating."

"... Four strike pilots departed PCS and seven F-105D/F combat veterans reported for duty this quarter [1 Apr - 30 Jun 69]. The squadron also acquired four recent graduates of the F-105 school at McConnell AFB, Kansas, and four EWOs with recent combat experience in the F-105F Wild Weasel missions. All aircrews in the 12 TFS became highly qualified to perform the squadron's assigned tasks through the upgrading and continuation training program. ... Since eighty-five percent of the aircrews assigned were combat veterans, the experience level in the 12th remained high. The squadron boasts a collective total of 3140 combat missions in SEA, 2310 of which were flown over North Vietnam."

"The 12 TFS flew 1095 sorties for a total of 1728.0 hours during the quarter. Of this total, 515 sorties for 826.6 hours were flown at [the FOL at] Kwang-ju AB, Korea." By the end of June, "... those Weasels assigned to the 12th TFS began to cover the FOL alert."

"... Higher headquarters placed much emphasis on the Wild Weasel program. For a time, the 18 TFW possessed the only Wild Weasels in PACAF forces outside of SEA. A viable Wild Weasel program was generated that would provide realistic training including tracking simulated SA-2 sites and receiving the corresponding RHAW signals from these sites. Consequently, Wild Weasel tactics were practiced against Nike missile sites in Korea, and for the first time, in Okinawa."

The squadron history described a transportation problem in supporting their operations at Kwang-ju. "During the entire quarter, aircrews traveled to and from the FOL for normal rotation. The primary means of transportation was a MAC contract courier B-727, which made stops at Kwang-ju, Osan, Itazuke, Yokota, and Kadena. The direct flights between Kadena and Kwang-ju were not on a regular schedule and often a replaced crew could not leave the FOL until the second day after being replaced. This overlap of aircrews at the FOL was responsible for a marked decrease in the efficiency of the operation on the order of eighteen to twenty-one man-days each month. The courier schedule was unsatisfactory in that a back log of people and freight caused by bad weather could not be resolved without gross deviations from the published schedule. The 727 is not able to carry aircraft engines. The result was a significant lack of support by MAC contract scheduling, which cost the squadron many training hours for maintenance and aircrews."

By the end of the quarter, the 12 TFS, "... had 23 F-105Ds and 7 F-105F Wild Weasel aircraft. ... There were no F-105s on nuclear alert status this quarter."

The roster of officers assigned to the 12 TFS at Kadena on 30 June 1969 included:

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Capt Bernard F. Ellrodt  
Capt Jeffrey G. Cliver  
Capt Joe T. Short  
Capt James F. Leggett  
1Lt William G. Mann

### Kilo Flight (Wild Weasels)

Capt Robert P. White - Pilot (WW # 455)  
Capt George C. Connolly - Pilot (WW #450)  
Capt James A. Caldwell - Pilot (WW # 456)

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Capt William A. Stout, Jr. - Pilot (WW # 460)  
Maj Lorne F. McCormick - EWO (WW # 467)  
Capt Harold W. "Pappy" Stoll - EWO (WW # 137)  
Capt Kemper J. Gleason - EWO (WW # 421)  
Capt Jeffrey K. Pepperell - EWO (WW # 428)  
Capt Ralph M. Reed - EWO (WW # 485)  
Capt Steven G. Meyerson - EWO (WW # 454)  
Capt Robert W. "Butch" King - EWO (WW # 484)

*History of the 18 TFW 1 Apr - 30 June 1969, AFHRA Call # K-WG-18-HI, IRIS # 448509, Appendix III Exhibit 2, Appendix IV, Exhibit 3, pp ii, 4, 9, 11, 13, 14, 19, and 24.*

### 02-Apr-70

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Lt Col Charles E. Bishop, the 354 TFS operations officer, and Maj Albert L. Logan, a 354 TFS flight commander flew their end-of-tour mission from Takhli. 1Lt Bruce N. Cox was in the flight flying F-105D 61-0159.

Col Bishop retired as a Brig General. He last flew the F-105 on 7 May 1982. He had accumulated 942.4 hours in the airplane.

*E-mail from Bruce Cox, 24 Dec 1999 & F-105 Pilot Flying Hour report dated 18 Nov 85 provided by the USAF Safety Center to Bauke Jan Douma.*