

# Dana B. Cromack

## F-105 History

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**28-May-64**

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F-105D Operational Training Course 111506E graduated 24 pilots in Class 64-K at the 4520 CCTW, Nellis AFB, NV. The class began training on 2 April 1964 with 25 students and was assigned to the 4526 CCTS commanded by Maj Warren Foss. The 25 student pilots and their home bases in this class were:

Lt Col Clifford A. Wilson - Seymour Johnson	Capt Thomas D. Scott - McConnell
Capt Thomas E. Boatman - England	Capt Charles Villa - McConnell
Capt James J. Butler, Jr. - 4 TFW Seymour Johnson	Capt William B. White - McConnell
Capt Dana B. Cromack - England	Capt Samuel A. Woodworth - McConnell
Capt Robert N. Daughtrey - McConnell	1Lt William L. Bryant - McConnell
Capt Kenneth R. Johnston - McConnell	1Lt Richard B. Bugada - McConnell
Capt Alfred L. Lane - McConnell	1Lt Wesley G. Carey, Jr. - Homestead
Capt Jerome H. Maier - Myrtle Beach	1Lt Edward L. Carron - Cannon
Capt Edward D. McCabe - McConnell	1Lt William E. Eskew - McConnell
Capt John L. Mesenbourg - 355 TFW George	1Lt Robert V. Hannah, Jr. - McConnell
Capt Merwin L. Morrill - McConnell	1Lt Raynor L. Hebert - Cannon
Capt John D. Schaaf - England	1Lt Jack A. Phillips - McConnell
Capt Wesley D. Schierman - Cannon	

1Lt Raynor L. Hebert died in the crash of his F-105D 59-1744 in North Las Vegas during a training flight on 13 May 1964. Due to the grounding of all F-105s on 14 May 1964, the students in this class averaged only 20 hours of flying time, 10 hours short of the 30-hour course standard. Hq TAC approved the early release of the 24 students. (pp 25 & 27)

After two years as an enlisted Marine and 14 months as an airman, 1Lt Jack A. Phillips had been commissioned through OCS on 23 June 1961. "After graduation, I was fortunate enough to obtain one of the pilot training assignments and was sent to Vance AFB at Enid, Oklahoma. By graduating as the top pilot of that class I was able to pick F-100 fighter pilot training at Luke AFB, near Phoenix, Arizona. ... Completing the F-100 course as a top graduate gave me the opportunity to choose an assignment to the newest fighter aircraft, the F-105 Thunderchief." (Jack Phillips, personal web site at <http://japhillips.com/jack/military/>)

On 14 May 1964, during his F-105 training, Lt Phillips flew as "Cobra Cat 02" on a training mission to the Wendover Bombing Range in Utah. Student pilot, Capt Thomas D. Scott flying as "Cobra Cat 04", successfully ejected from his F-105D when his aircraft experienced an in-flight fire.

"During his training at Nellis, 1Lt Phillips flew only 17 hours in the F-105. After training, Phillips returned to his assignment with the 562 TFS at McConnell. (Jack Phillips, e-mail 18 Mar 11.)

*Special Order AA-14 dated 2 Apr 64 in History of 4520th Combat Crew Training Wing, 1 Jan - 30 Jun 1964, AFHRA Call # K285.54-36, IRIS # 0488620.*

**20-Jan-65**

**27-Jan-65**

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Juliett Fight, led by Capt Dana B. Cromack, of the 12 TFS deployed with six F-105s from the 18 TFW, Kadena AB, Okinawa, to Osan AB, Korea, for a week-long "Nightmare" exercise with the 8th Army. "The purpose of the exercise was continuation training with live ordnance for the aircrews and further evaluation of the pop-up tactic for conventional weapons delivery in varying modes and terrain."

*12 TFS History, 1 Jan - 30 Jun 1965, pg 3.*

**15-Jun-65**

**25-Aug-65**

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With its personnel traveling by C-54, the 12 TFS, 18 TFW, deployed from Kadena AB, Okinawa, to Korat RTAFB, Thailand, to relieve the 44 TFS as the PACAF fighter squadron on temporary duty at Korat.

This rotation ended the 44th's second combat deployment during which "... the 44th flew a record of 813 combat

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sorties. During their sixty-day stay, they amassed 1768 hours, averaging about twenty-five combat sorties per pilots. The results of their strikes, as shown by BDA and strike photography, was almost without exception more successful than planners had expected. Continued success became increasingly difficult, with the onset of the monsoon season.

"...The battle damage received by the 44th was extremely low for the period, when they came under fire on almost every mission. This damage rate is attributed to experience, increased use of proved tactics, and excellent flight discipline. The transition of command to the 12 TFS was carried out once again with no noticeable disruption in the normal operation."

The 12th squadron commander was Lt Col Charles W. Reed. "Combat missions, in support of PACAF OPOD 131-65, were initially flown on 17 June and the next day all 12 TFS pilots were in place and flying an average of 12 sorties a day."

The 26 officers from the 12th on the deployment were:

Lt Col Charles W. Reed	Capt John H. Busbee
Maj Paul S. Cleland, Jr.	Capt George A. Bogert
Maj Ralph H. Bowersox	Capt Charles M. Yeokum
Maj William J. Hosmer	Capt Wesley G. Carey, Jr.
Capt Charles R. Copin	Capt Robert M. Crane
Capt Dana B. Cromack	Capt Samuel E. Waters, Jr.
Capt Harrison W. Matthews	1Lt James R. Hostetter
Capt Vernon E. Frank	1Lt Frank J. Tullo
Capt Robert B. Purcell	1Lt John C. Morrissey
Capt Donald F. Smith	1Lt Charles P. O'Hara
Capt Raymond V. Moss	1Lt Charles C. Large
Capt John C. Jones	Capt Lowell F. Peterson - Flight Surgeon
Capt Thomas E. Boatman	
Capt Don I. Williamson	

Capt Harrison W. Matthews was an F-105 flight examiner in the 18 TFW Stan/Eval Flight. (18 TFW history 1 Jan - 30 June 1965, Vol I, pg 12, USAF microfilm MO497.)

"Normal operations progressed through the 26th of July. Daily armed recce strikes against targets in North Vietnam and Laos were flown, with primary emphasis on military staging areas, ferries and bridges, leaflet drops, and road cuts. ... The armed recce mission increased the effectiveness as only a primary target was designated to the F-105s, with the flight authorized to expend on any suspected targets along a road segment in North Vietnam. The standard armament for the armed recce mission was 6 x 75 lb gp bombs on the centerline rack, two LAU rocket pods outboard, and a full load of 20-mm in the gun."

During this deployment, pilots from the 12th faced their first combat against the SA-2 SAM including participating in the first SAM site attack on 27 July 1965.

Capt Hansel W. "Turk" Turley was one of the 44th pilots returning to Kadena after the 44th's second combat period.

*44 TFS history, 1 Jan 65 - 30 Jun 67, pp 37 and Appendix III, Exhibit 10 & 12 TFS History, 1 July - 31 December 1965, pp 3 - 4 & 18 TFW TDY Order dated 10 June 1965 reproduced in "The Birds Were Silver Then" by Lowell Peterson, pg 48.*

**30-Jun-65**

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At the end of June 1965, the following officers were assigned to the 12 TFS, 18 TFW . The squadron was on TDY to Korat RTAFB, Thailand.

Lt Col Charles W. Reed, Commander

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Lt Col Robert L. Fair, Operations Officer  
Maj Paul S. Cleland, Jr., Asst. Operations Officer  
Capt Robert B. Purcell, Weapons Officer

Capt Charles R. Copin, Flight Commander, INDIA Flight. Other members were:  
Capt Vernon E. Frank  
Capt Thomas E. Boatman  
Capt George A. Bogert  
Capt Matthew J. Kelch, Jr.  
Capt Samuel E. Waters, Jr.  
1Lt John C. Morrissey

Capt Dana B. Cromack, Flight Commander, JULIETT Flight. Other members were:  
Capt Allen L. Anderson  
Capt Robert N. Daughtrey  
Capt Charles M. Yeokum  
Capt Wesley G. Cary, Jr.  
Capt Robert M. Crane  
1Lt Charles C. Large

Maj Ralph H. Bowersox, Flight Commander, KILO Flight. Other members were:  
Capt Donald F. Smith  
Capt Raymond V. Moss  
Capt John H. Busbee  
1Lt James R. Hostetter  
1Lt James K. Sandin

Maj William J. Hosmer, Flight Commander, LIMA Flight. Other flight members were:  
Capt Don I. Williamson  
Capt John C. Jones  
1Lt Frank J. Tullo  
1Lt Charles G. Hofelich

Three other pilots not assigned to flights were:  
Capt Pike G. Grubbs  
Capt Anatole Semenov, Jr.  
Capt John F. Rehm

The squadron was authorized 36 officers and had 34 assigned with 5 airmen authorized and assigned.

*History of the 12th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jan - 30 Jun 65, pgs 1 and 10.*

### 30-Jun-65

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Twenty-two pilots from the 12 TFS, 18 TFW, received awards for heroism and achievements in Southeast Asia during the period 1 January - 30 June 1965. They were:

Lt Col Robert L. Fair -- Air Force Commendation Medal  
Maj Paul S. Cleland -- DFC 1 OLC

The following were awarded the Air Medal:  
Maj Ralph H. Bowersox  
Maj William J. Hosmer  
Capt Charles R. Copin  
Capt John C. Jones

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Capt Thomas E. Boatman  
Capt John H. Busbee  
Capt Wesley G. Cary  
Capt Dana B. Cromack  
Capt Vernon E. Frank  
Capt Raymond V. Moss  
Capt Donald F. Smith  
Capt Samuel E. Waters, Jr.  
Capt Charles M. Yeokum  
Capt Don I. Williamson  
Capt James R. Hostetter  
Capt Robert B. Purcell  
Capt Jay N. Mitchell  
1Lt Charles G. Hofelich  
1Lt James K. Sandin  
1Lt John C. Morrissey

*History of the 12th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 Jan - 30 Jun 65, pgs 5 - 6.*

### 09-Jul-65

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The four F-105 pilots of "Fine" flight from the 12 TFS, 18 TFW, dropped 24 750-pound bombs on a military area and railroad bridge on Route 15 at location 18-09N and 105-43E in North Vietnam. "Fine 1" was Capt Dana B. Cromack, "Fine 2" was 1Lt Charles C. Large, "Fine 3", Capt Harrison W. Matthews, and "Fine 4" was Capt Charles M. Yeokum. The attack resulted in heavy damage to the military area and partial destruction of the bridge by the bombs dropped by Capt Matthews. They encountered only light small arms fire.

*12 TFS History, 1 July - 31 Dec 1965, pg 22.*

### 02-Aug-65

4406

For the second time in five days, pilots from the 12 TFS, 18 TFW, tried to destroy the Thanh Hoa bridge (JCS 14) with 3,000-pound bombs. Squadron commander, Lt Col Charles W. Reed, led "Oak" flight that included Capts Allen L. Anderson, Dana B. Cromack, and Capt Robert N. Daughtrey. Capt Daughtrey was shot down by AAA during this strike.

*12 TFS History, 1 Jul - 31 Dec 1965, pg 6.*

### 02-Aug-65

F-105D 624249 12 TFS 18 TFW Korat Hit by 37-mm AAA while attacking the Thanh Hoa bridge (JCS 14). Crashed in RP-4, North Vietnam. 19-48N 105-48E Capt Robert Norlan Daughtrey 12 TFS pilot ejected and became a POW. Released 12 Feb 73. Call sign: "Oak 04". Combat loss during TDY of the 12 TFS from Kadena AB, Okinawa, to Korat RTAB, Thailand. Capt Daughtrey was number four in a five-ship flight led by Lt Col Charles W. Reed. Other flight members were Capt Jesse J. Henderson, "Oak 2"; Capt Dana B. Cromack, "Oak 3"; and Capt Charles M. Yeokum, "Oak 5" flying with a camera pod. The flight left Korat at 10:15 on this Rolling Thunder 25-C-4 mission. Capt Daughtrey crashed at 11:23.

"The following is an extract from the statement of Capt Dana B. Cromack: '... As Oak 4 continued his pull out, I noticed fire from his right wing and right side of his fuselage. Oak 4 seemed to level off at about 4000 ft heading about 140-degrees straight out to sea. At about 3 miles from the target, I saw a piece come off the aircraft; it may have been the canopy. Shortly after, I saw the aircraft hit the water in a slight dive. I spotted the chute and watched Oak 4 land. On my first pass over the area, it appeared that Oak 4 was trying to hide his chute.'

"The following is an extract from the statement of Capt Charles H. Yeokum, Oak 5: '... Oak 3 transmitted 'Oak 4 is hit.' I heard Oak 1 say, 'Turn off your boost pumps,' someone said, 'Head for the water.' The coast was about 10 miles east of the target, and a slight left turn was necessary after the bomb run to reach the nearest water. Oak 3 then said, 'He's out, I have the chute, he's by the two islands in the river.' ... I climbed into the clouds before locating him.' No formal

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search was initiated because of Capt Daughtrey's location deep within hostile territory and in close proximity to the target. No beacon contacts were made with Capt Daughtrey after landing.

"On 4 Oct 65, a radio Hanoi broadcast named Capt Daughtrey; as presently detained in North Vietnam. Capt Daughtrey has written his wife four letters. The fourth letter received is dated 16 Jun 66, postmarked Berlin, 18 July 66. Other letters from POWs dated Jun 66 also bear the Berlin postmark for the first time." (PACAF Intelligence Index of USAF Personnel MIA/PW in Southeast Asia", pg 1-029, AFHRA Call # K717.6031-3, IRIS # 1028640.)

"Oak flight, led by Lt Col (Charles W.) Reed (12 TFS Commander), and including Captains Henderson, Cromack, and Daughtrey again attacked the Thanh Hoa bridge on 2 August with 3,000# bombs. Capt Robert N. Daughtrey, the fourth man in the flight, was hit by intense AAA after his bomb run and ejected three miles east of the target. He was seen alive on the ground but was immediately captured and is a confirmed Prisoner of War (POW). The bridge was severely damaged but it did not go down!" (12 TFS history)

Thirty-two years later, Norlan Daughtrey remembered this mission. "There were five aircraft in the flight, I don't remember the name of the pilot flying #5, but he had only a photo pod on board, and was to take pictures of the strike. We were told before the flight that the AF Chief of Staff was not getting as good strike photos as the Chief of Naval Operations and he wanted some good strike photos. There were two clouds of flak over the target, one at about eight thousand feet and the other at about six thousand feet. We planned the attack to be toward the SE in case one was hit, he would be headed toward the Gulf of Tonkin. I passed through the flak at eight thousand feet and as I entered the flak at six thousand feet, I was hit somewhere in the aft section. I changed switches to manually drop the bombs, placed the piper somewhere slightly above the bridge, and pickled. I started trying to pull out with the stick in my lap, but the aircraft did not respond. I cleaned the aircraft off by pushing the panic button. Then I started oscillating from about thirty degrees right bank to thirty degrees left bank. The nose slowly began to come up. I tried full back trim to no avail. About this time I considered ejecting for fear that it might blow up, then I thought, 'Not now because they may be mad about us bombing them.' The oscillation continued and the nose continued to rise. I stayed with it until I was below two hundred feet. The tapes showed 590 KIAS. I kissed my rear goodbye and ejected. My right elbow hit the canopy rail on the way out and the wind blast blew my left forearm against the seat and broke it. The chute was really torn up, and I was only in it a few seconds before landing. I was captured by a native with a machete in less than a minute after landing."

"John Holm was an SA-16 pilot "... near Thanh Hoa the day I was bagged. He was going to land in the river near me and pick me up. Too late! They took lots of hits. He was shot in the leg."

*12 TFS History, 1 July - 31 Dec 1965 & e-mails from Norlan Daughtrey, 25 Sep 97 and 16 Oct 97.*

#### 06-Aug-65

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Under Rolling Thunder mission 26-C-1, a flight of four F-105s from the 12 TFS, on TDY at Korat from the 18 TFW, struck a military area and flew armed recce in North Vietnam in the area of 18-15N and 105-43E. The four pilots of "Oak" flight were:

Oak 01 - Capt Allen L. Anderson  
Oak 02 - Capt Dana B. Cromack  
Oak 03 - Capt Robert M. Crane  
Oak 04 - Capt Charles M. Yeokum

The flight dropped 24 750-pound bombs, fired 4 pods of 2.75" rockets, and strafed with 1,800 rounds of 20-mm HEI. Oak 01 bombed the military area while the other three pilots dropped on a railroad bridge. One span of the bridge was destroyed making the bridge unusable. The entire flight strafed and rocketed the military area, "... destroying eight buildings and causing serious damage to four others." The flight encountered moderate small arms fire.

*12 TFS History, 1 July - 31 Dec 1965, pg 40.*

#### 16-Aug-65

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A mission flown by the 12 TFS, 18 TFW, TDY to Korat RTAFB, Thailand, resulted in the first combat firing of the AGM-12C. Captains Dana B. Cromack and Wesley G. Carey, Jr. destroyed a bridge in North Vietnam.

Five pilots from the 67 TFS at Kadena arrived at Korat to begin the transition from the 12 TFS to the 67 TFS. "Maj Mathews, Maj Wylie, Capt Bollinger and Capt McCoy arrived at Korat via KC-135 and C-130. Col Risner arrived via T-39."

*12 TFS History, 1 July - 31 December 1965, pg 7 & 67 TFS history, 1 Jul - 31 Dec 65, pg 18 (frame 1904).*

### 31-Dec-65

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At the end of December 1965, the 12 TFS at the 18 TFW, Kadena AB, Okinawa, had 30 pilots assigned. They, and the numbers of combat missions flown to date, were:

Lt Col Charles W. Reed, Commander 31 missions  
Lt Col Robert L. Fair, Operations Officer 50 missions  
Capt Dana B. Cromack, Asst. Operations Officer 52 missions  
Capt Pike G. Grubbs, Weapons Officer 14 missions

Maj Paul M. Kunichika, Flight Commander, INDIA Flight, 65 missions. Other members were:

Capt Vernon E. Frank 57 missions  
Capt Thomas E. Boatman 39 missions  
Capt George A. Bogert 28 missions  
Capt Samuel E. Waters, Jr. 52 missions  
Capt John C. Morrissey 51 missions

Maj Robert T. Campbell, Flight Commander, JULIETT Flight, 3 missions. Other members were:

Capt Allen L. Anderson 33 missions  
Capt Wesley G. Cary, Jr. 36 missions  
Capt Robert M. Crane 47 missions  
1Lt Charles C. Large 42 missions  
1Lt Vernon V. Sisney

Maj Ralph H. Bowersox, Flight Commander, KILO Flight, 58 missions. Other members were:

Capt Charles R. Copin 51 missions  
Capt Samuel Chapman "Max" Maxwell  
Capt Raymond V. Moss 54 missions  
Capt John H. Busbee 46 missions  
Capt James R. Hostetter 57 missions  
1Lt William W. Koelm

Capt Eddie J. Doerschlen, Flight Commander, LIMA Flight. Other flight members were:

Capt Anatole Semenov, Jr. 24 missions  
Capt John C. Jones 46 missions  
Capt John F. Rehm  
1Lt Charles G. Hofelich 40 missions

Two pilots were attached to the squadron for flying:

Capt Donald F. Smith 52 missions  
Capt Rezk M. Mohamed

The squadron was authorized 36 officers and had 34 assigned with two pilots attached. They had 5 airmen authorized and assigned.

*12 TFS History, 1 Jul - 31 Dec 1965, pgs 1 and 13.*

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**14-May-66**

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For the first 4 1/2 months of 1966 the pilot roster of the 12 TFS in the 18 TFW, Kadena AB, Okinawa included:

Lt Col Charles W. Reed - Commander  
Lt Col Robert L. Fair - Operations Officer  
Capt Dana B. Cromack - Asst. Operations Officer

Maj Paul M. Kunichika - Flight Commander, INDIA Flight  
Maj Robert T. Campbell - Flight Commander, JULIET Flight  
Maj Ralph H. Bowersox - Flight Commander, KILO Flight  
Maj Pike G. Grubbs - Flight Commander, LIMA Flight.

Pilots in INDIA Flight were:

Capt Vernon E. Frank  
Capt Thomas E. Boatman  
Capt George A. Bogert  
Capt Samuel E. Waters, Jr.  
Capt Malcolm B. Robertson

Pilots in JULIET Flight were:

Capt Allen L. Anderson  
Capt Wesley G. Cary  
Capt Anatole Semenov, Jr.  
1Lt Charles C. Large  
1Lt Vernon V. Sisney

Pilots in KILO Flight were:

Capt Samuel Chapman "Max" Maxwell  
Capt Raymond V. Moss  
Capt John H. Busbee  
Capt James R. Hostetter  
Capt Lawrence G. Hoppe  
1Lt William W. Koelm

Pilots in INDIA Flight were:

Capt Eddy J. Doerschlen  
Capt John C. Jones  
Capt Richard Smith  
1Lt Charles G. Hoflelich, Jr.

*12 TFS History, 1 Jan - 30 Jun 66, pgs 1 and 12.*

**30-Jun-66**

4533

The following 20 F-105 pilots were assigned to the 12 TFS during the period 15 May - 30 June 1966:

Lt Col Robert L. Fair - Commander  
Maj Robert T. Campbell - Operations Officer  
Capt Dana B. Cromack - Asst Operations Officer  
Capt Veron E. Frank - Flight Commander, INDIA Flight  
Capt Anatole Semenov, Jr. - Flight Commander, JULIET Flight  
Capt Eddy J. Doerschlen - Flight Commander, KILO Flight

LIMA flight had no personnel.

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Pilots assigned to the three flights were:

### INDIA Flight

Capt Malcolm B. Robertson  
Capt Thomas E. Boatman  
Capt George A. Bogert  
Capt Samuel E. Waters, Jr.  
1Lt William W. Koelm

### JULIET Flight

Capt Samuel Chapman "Max" Maxwell  
Capt John C. Jones  
Capt Philip C. Montagne  
1Lt Vernon V. Sisney

### KILO Flight

Capt Raymond V. Moss  
Capt Richard Smith  
Capt John H. Busbee  
Capt Lawrence G. Hoppe  
1Lt Charles G. Hofelich, Jr.

*12 TFS history, 1 Jan - 30 Jun 66, pgs 1 and 12.*

## 24-Sep-66

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The 18 TFW at Kadena AB, Okinawa, sent a total of 18 F-105 pilots on temporary duty to augment the 355 TFW at Takhli and the 388 TFW at Korat. Each of the wing's squadrons, the 12 TFS, 44 TFS, and the 67 TFS sent six pilots.

The five pilots from the 12 TFS who went to Korat were:

Maj Dana B. Cromack who flew his 100th mission with the 34 TFS in early December 1966 and was replaced by Maj Robert T. Campbell on 5 December.

Capt Vernon E. Frank who flew his 100th mission on 13 December. The 12 TFS did not replace him "... as the RTUs were beginning to fill the required number of pilots needed by the 388th."

Capt Thomas E. Boatman who returned to Kadena in November 1966 when he was replaced by Capt Anatole Semenov, Jr.

1Lt Charles G. Hofelich, Jr. who returned to Kadena in November 1966 when he was replaced by Capt Samuel E. Waters, Jr. who was then KIA on 13 December 1966 while flying for the 421 TFS. On 14 December, Capt John H. Busbee replaced Capt Waters in the 421 TFS.

1Lt William W. Koelm who was assigned to the 469 TFS for 67 days -- 24 Sept - 29 Nov 66. This was his 4th TDY to various squadrons at Takhli and Korat since April and May 1966 when he flew combat missions with the 333 TFS at Takhli.

Capt Wesley G. Cary went to the 357 TFS in the 355 TFW at Takhli.

*12 TFS history, 1 Jul - 31 Dec 1966, pgs 3 - 4 & Bill Koelm, interview 6 Aug 09 & 12 TFS Temporary Duty Order dated 21 Sept 66 signed by Lt Col Robert L. Fair, commander.*

## 31-Dec-66

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Maj Dana B. Cromack was the only pilot assigned to the 34 TFS at Korat to complete flying 100 missions during December 1966.

34 TFS web site on 2 April 2007 at <http://s88204154.onlinehome.us.34tfs/scarf.htm>

### 31-Dec-66

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The 12 TFS at Kadena AB, Okinawa, had 21 F-105 pilots assigned as of 31 December 1966. They, and the number of combat missions each had flown, were:

Lt Col Russell L. Rogers - Commander - 142 (Korea F-51)  
Maj Robert T. Campbell - Operations Officer - 22  
Maj Dana B. Cromack - Asst Operations Officer - 100  
Capt Vernon K. Frank - Flight Commander, INDIA Flight - 100  
Capt Anatole Semenov, Jr. - Flight Commander, JULIET Flight - 64  
Capt Eddy J. Doerschlen - Flight Commander, KILO flight - 64

Maj John C. Wright - 84 combat missions including those in Korea flying F-84s.

Lt Col Robert L. Fair - Previous commander and now 18 TFW DO - 58

Squadron pilots were:

#### INDIA Flight

Capt Malcolm E. Robertson - 17  
Capt George A. Bogert - 43  
1Lt Leon L. Garner - Not listed.  
1Lt William W. Koelm - 84

#### JULIET Flight

Capt Samuel Chapman "Max" Maxwell - 28  
Capt John C. Jones - 52  
Capt William R. Jolly - "SEA tour complete"  
Capt Philip C. Montagano - 103 (RF-101)  
1Lt Vernon V. Sisney - 30

#### KILO Flight

Capt Eugene P. Beresik - Not listed.  
Capt Richard E. Smith - 24  
Capt John H. Busbee - 51  
Capt Lawrence G. Hoppe - 22 (Eight to RP-6 during TDYs with the 354 TFS at Takhli)  
1Lt Charles G. Hofelich - 79  
1Lt Gordon L. Clouser - 46

Capt Thomas E. Boatman, who had resigned from the Air Force, had flown 67 F-105 combat missions.

12 TFS history, 1 Jul - 31 Dec 1966, pgs 1 and 14 and 17 & Larry Hoppe, e-mail 27 Apr 10 and AF Form 5.

### 12-Jan-67

4562

Col William S. Chairsell, commander of the 388 TFW, sent a letter of appreciation to Col Neil J. Graham, 18 TFW commander, for the support that 18 TFW F-105 pilots gave to the 388th. "I am long overdue in writing you to express our appreciation for the significant contributions made by pilots of the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing who have served here on a temporary duty basis. Without their help, we simply would not have been able to fulfill the fraged sortie load on many occasions. Their experience and leadership have been appreciated by our pilots, many of whom are recent RTU graduates, and much of the praise heaped on this wing by higher headquarters has been earned by 18 TFW

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pilots. ..."

"I would like to cite the names of those who have served with us - a sort of Honor Roll - and pray that the collective memory of the present 388th Wing hasn't omitted anyone:

Maj Ralph H. Bowersox	Capt John L. Measenbourg
Maj Dana B. Cromack	Capt Cowan G. Nix [POW 1 Oct 66]
Maj Pike G. Grubbs	Capt William W. Raitt
Maj Howard E. Johnson	Capt John F. Rehm
Maj Glen C. Ward	Capt Anatole Semenov, Jr.
Capt Allen L. Anderson	Capt Donald F. Smith TDY to the 469 TFS
Capt Thomas E. Boatman	Capt William H. Snell
Capt John H. Busbee	Capt Burton Spurlock
Capt John E. Cozine, Jr.	Capt John T. Stadler
Capt Patrick Dotson	Capt Michael C. Stevens
Capt Jack L. Francisco	Capt George H. Vipond
Capt Vernon E. Frank	Capt Albert C. Vollmer
Capt Wayne Eugene Fullam	Capt Samuel E. Waters, Jr. [KIA 13 Dec 66]
Capt Charles H. Hofelich, Jr.	Capt Duane H. Zieg
Capt Eddward L. Jones	1Lt William W. Koelm
Capt Thomas E. Mason	

"In conclusion, may I say that I wish we could have permitted all the 18 TFW pilots who were here last month to remain here. You have helped us when we needed you and it's frustrating that we can't help you in return. But the last two weeks have seen the many expected replacements from RTUs arrive and by next week we should be overmanned. Now that the Personnel pipeline is pumping, there seems no way to regulate it. We are having to build more hootches to accommodate them.

"Again, warm thanks to you and your professionals for seeing us over the hump."

The pilots had supported each of the squadrons in the 388 TFW: 34 TFS, 469 TFS, and the 421 TFS.

*History of the 12th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 1 July - 31 Dec 1966, pgs 15 - 16.*

**15-Jul-67**

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(Approximate date) After flying his 100th combat mission in December 1966 while TDY to the 34 TFS, Maj Dana B. Cromack from the 12 TFS at Kadena flew the F-105 for the last time. He had accumulated 659.8 hours in the airplane.

*F-105 Pilot Flying Hour report dated 18 Nov 85 provided by the USAF Safety Center to Bauke Jan Douma.*