

# Douglas G. Glime

## F-105 History

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**13-Feb-67**

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The eighth F-105 RTU Class 67FR graduated at McConnell AFB KS. The class started on 22 Sep 66 with 15 pilots and consisted of 1 Lt Col, 4 Maj's, 7 Capt's, and 3 1Lts.

They named themselves "The Untouchables".

The class deployed 16 F-105s for conventional weapons delivery training to George AFB CA between 13 Jan - 3 Feb 67 with the 560 TFS. The squadron commander was Lt Col Louis D. Braun, Jr. One of the students, Maj Francis P. Walsh, was the 100th pilot to enter the RTU program since it started in Jan 66. Student Lt Col Harry W. Schurr was awarded the Top Gun and Outstanding Pilot plaques.

The graduates were:

Lt Col Harry W. Schurr	Capt Robert D. Reese
Maj Robert T. Cavanaugh	Capt William J. Schaff
Maj Ward Kent Dodge	Capt Francis T. Torikai
Maj Benjamin M. Pollard	Capt Konrad Wigand "Konnie" Trautman
Maj Francis P. "Frenchy" Walsh	1Lt John William Bischoff
Capt Aquilla Friend Britt	1Lt Neil F. Blake
Capt Douglas G. Glime	1Lt John W. Ronemus
Capt Frank R. Jenkins	

Three of the pilots received Wild Weasel training at Nellis AFB, NV before reporting to South East Asia. They were Lt Col Schurr assigned to the 469 TFS, and Maj Cavanaugh and Capt Schaff who were both assigned to the 357 TFS.

Born in France, "Maj Frank P. 'Frenchy' Walsh ... saw his home in France destroyed three times during World War II bombing raids." (Sawdee Flyer, Feb 23, 1968)

Unfortunately, these guys were hardly "untouchable". Within 8 months of graduation, five of the 15 graduates were lost. Two were killed in SEA and three others become POWs, one of whom died in prison.

*23 TFW History, Jul - Dec 66, USAF microfilm MO554.*

**22-May-67**

3814

By 22 May 1967, eleven more Ryan's Raiders pilots had arrived at Korat from training at Yokota. These were the third set of crews for the Ryan's Raiders flying F-105Fs. The men, all pilots, were assigned to the 34 TFS.

This group was the last of the original pilot/pilot crews assigned to the Ryan's Raider program. Don Henry, one of the front seat pilots who had arrived from Kadena on 4 May 1967, recalled that these crews "... traveled by various modes of transport (military cargo to Korat or commercial to Bangkok etc.) and arrived on various days." (Don Henry, E-mail, 28 March 2005.)

The pilots were:

Maj Kenneth D. Oliver  
Maj James B. Register  
Maj Harold D. Wilson  
Maj James R. Bassett

Capt Tom T. Walker, graduated from McConnell's RTU Class 67ER on 6 January 1967.

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Five other pilots graduated from F-105 RTU Class 67FR on 13 February 1967. They were:

Maj Francis "Frank" P. Walsh

Capt Konrad W. Trautman

Maj Robert D. Reese

Capt Douglas G. Glime

Capt Neil F. Blake

Don Henry recalled, "... during May and June, there were more backseaters than frontseaters and crew pairings were not always the way we flew each mission. (Don Henry, E-mail, 28 March 2005.)

Maj Oliver was teamed with Maj Walsh. "I was very fortunate to have Major Frank Walsh as my backseater. In addition to being a pilot he was a former SAC Navigator/Radar Specialist and we really made a good team. Frank and I flew about 52 missions over North Vietnam before we ever saw it in the daytime. We had about 65 missions when he was moved to the F-105D day mission. From there on, I flew with a number of different backseaters and 'graduated' to flying Wild Weasel support missions for the B-52 'Arc light' strikes in the southern part of North Vietnam." (Frank Oliver letter to Rick Versteeg, dated 9/11/98.)

The crews who arrived in April and May, "... flew a total of 98 missions in the high risk Route Packages 5 and 6A during the next 80 days. They are credited with the first night, low-level, single ship attacks on targets such as the Thai Nguyen steel mill, Kep airfield, Yen Bai railroad yard, and the Bac Kan trans-shipment point."

*388 TFW history, Apr Dec 67, Vol II, 13 TFS history, 1 Apr - 31 July, microfilm NO584, frames 0044 - 0045 & "A Special Report on 'Ryan's Raiders', by Maj Albert L. Michael for Project Corona Harvest, Jan 1970, pg 6.*

### 28-May-67

5140

The 34 TFS Ryan's Raider crew of Maj Robert D. Reese and Capt Douglas G. Glime flew a night North Scope mission in F-105F 63-8312 using call sign "Buckshot". They dropped six 500-pound bombs using the Toss Bomb Computer on target 1595, the Ron Ferry in RP 1, North Vietnam. "Calibrated TA/CM OK. Refueled and flew low level to target area. Flares in target precluded low altitude drop. Made pass above flares at 5500' AGL for longevity. ... Doppler out." The flight detected one two-ring Fansong radar strobe from SAM site Lead 68.

*388 TFW TWX 281905Z May 67 to 7 AF in PACAF DO Read File for 27 - 29 May 67, AFHRA Call # K717.312, IRIS # 00518474.*

### 31-May-67

5148

The 34 TFS Ryan's Raider crew of Maj Robert D. Reese and Capt Douglas G. Glime flew a night North Scope mission in F-105F 63-8327 using call sign "Seba". Their frag order called for dropping six 750-pound bombs on target JCS 47.19, the Ban Nuoc Chieu Ammunition Depot at location 21-18-22N and 104-41-50E in RP 5, North Vietnam. However, they were "... diverted to 1463 [Mu Gia Pass] for an MSQ drop because of gyro and TBC out. Finally jettisoned under MSQ control because of low fuel and inability of MSQ to sequence drop on target after approximately 1 plus 30 in the target area."

*388 TFW TWX 010205Z Jun 67 to 7 AF in PACAF DO Read File for 31 May - 1 Jun 67, AFHRA Call # K717.312, IRIS # 00518476.*

### 28-Oct-67

3657

On 28 October, during an attack on the bridge over the Canal des Rapides to the immediate north of Hanoi, an Iron Hand Flight from the 44 TFS destroyed three missile sites during three separate attacks. The flight lead was Major Porter Thompson and EWO Capt Anthony W. Platek, Maj Francis "Frank" P. Walsh was number 2, Maj Oscar M. Dardeau, Jr. with EWO 1Lt Alfred T.

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Barnard EWO was #3, and Capt Douglas G. Glime was # 4.

*History of the 44 TFS 18 Oct - 30 Nov 67 in 388 TFW history Apr - Dec 67, Vol II, USAF Microfilm NO584 frame 0090.*

**30-Oct-67**

3456

Ten F-105D pilots from the 388 TFW at Korat attacked the Dap Cau railroad bridge (JCS 16) at coordinates 21-23-21N and 106-15-58E in RP-6A, North Vietnam.

The pilots from the 34 TFS were: Capt Irving E. LeVine flying 58-1157, Maj Clyde L. Falls, Jr. flying 61-0152, and Maj Almer L. "Buddy" Barner, Jr. flying 59-1759.

Pilots from the 44 TFS were: Capt Douglas G. Glime flying 61-0162, Capt Wayne Wright flying 59-1760, and Capt Calvin H. Markwood flying 62-4270.

Pilots from the 469 TFS were: Lt Col William N. Reed flying 60-0464, Maj Robert F. Grubb flying 62-4221, and Maj William Calvin Diehl, Jr. 62-4359, and Maj Harold D. Wilson flying 61-0208.

"Waco" was a Wild Weasel flight supporting strikes in this area. Their target was SAM site VN780 at location 21-17N and 106-17E. The flight took off at 05:50 and the mission lasted 3.9 hours. The flight's lineup was:

#1 - Capt Rowland F. "Frank" Smith, Jr. and EWO 1Lt David H. Williams from the 44 TFS in F-105F 63-8302

#2 - Capt Fred R. Nelson and EWO Capt James T. Wallace from the 44 TFS in F-105F 63-8312

#3 - Maj Oscar Moise Dardeau, Jr. and EWO Capt Edward William "Tiny" Lehnhoff, Jr. from the 44 TFS in 63-8306

#4 - Capt Jacob C. Shuler from the 34 TFS flying F-105D 60-0445 on his 12th combat mission.

*National Archives camera film archive control number NWDNM(m)-342-USAF-42649C & Jake Shuler combat mission spreadsheet.*

**02-Dec-67**

4793

"Pilots from the 388 TFW participated in strikes against resupply routes and lines of communication along Mu Gia Pass and in the southern panhandle [of NVN] Dec. 2." (Sawadee Flyer, Vol I, No. 11, Friday, Dec 15, 1967, pg 1.)

The Wild Weasel crew of Capt Robert E. Dorough, Jr. from the 44 TFS and EWO Maj Clarence S. "Bud" Summers flew their 78th combat mission over North Vietnam.

"Sat - Finally flew mission #78. We flew with a four-ship strike flight on a radar drop in Pack 6. The weather was really bad, a real MiG day even though we were supported by two F-4 flights. However, the WX must have been too bad for the MiGs; they never took off. Really got painted by the Firecan radars at Yen Bai, and my flight had quite a few 85-mm shells thrown at it. Capt Jim Wright got #100 today [Capt James H. Wright, Jr., 44 TFS]."

Capt Douglas G. Glime from the 44 TFS flew a Rolling Thunder 56A-213 mission today in F-105D 60-0464. His target was at location 20-20-45N 104-19-39E. (National Archives photo archive control no. NWDNM(m)-342-USAF-42649C)

Four pilots from the 34 TFS flew a mission controlled by the Commando Club radar. The radar site use the call sign "Wager" at the primary frequency of 396.2 MHz. "Pistol" flight took off at 06:55 for a TOT of 08:07. They pre-strike and post-strike refueled from Red Anchor 20. Their lineup was:

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- #1 - Maj Almer L. "Buddy" Barner, Jr. flying F-105D 60-0462
- #2 - Capt Carl William Lasiter flying 60-0445
- #3 - Maj Donald W. Revers flying 62-4248
- #4 - Capt Jacob C. Shuler flying 61-0132 on his 26th combat mission
- Spare - Capt Irving E. LeVine in 61-0194

*Bob Dorrrough's Combat diary & Jake Shuler mission card and e-mail 11 Jan 2011.*

**07-Jan-68**

2322

"On 7 January, a B-52 ARC LIGHT strike was in progress in the DMZ/TALLY HO area when the SAM warning and SAM divert code words were given by F-105 IRON HAND and EB-66C and EA-3B ELINT aircraft. Part of the strike force delivered ordnance on the primary target and part diverted to the secondary target. FANSONG radar ELINT was reported in the vicinity of VN-187, the present high threat site, and at 17-02N and 106-57E."

The Wild Weasel crew of Capt Robert E. Dorrrough, Jr. and his EWO Maj Clarence S. "Bud" Summers from the 44 TFS, flew their 92nd mission over North Vietnam. "Sunday - Capt Doug Glime [Capt Douglas G. Glime who had arrived at Korat on 22 May 1967 as a Ryan's Raider] got #100 this morning.

"Flew #92 on a "Buff" support in the late afternoon. The weather in the DMZ-Pack 1 area was solid up to 10,000 ft. Perfect cover for a SAM site. Sure enough, when the B-52s were about 12 miles out, up came the site. However, we were breathing down the site's neck, so he only stayed up for about 10 sec, and did not fire. Had he fired at us we probably could not have avoided the missile due to short acquisition time."

His 100th mission was Capt Glime's last flight in the F-105. He had accumulated 374.1 hour in the airplane.

*7th Air Force Weekly Air Intelligence Summary (WAIS), 13 Jan 68, AFHRA IRIS # 1015490, pg 25 & Bob Dorrrough's combat diary & F-105 Pilot Flying Hour report dated 18 Nov 85 provided by the USAF Safety Center to Bauke Jan Douma.*

**31-May-68**

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In May 1968, 13 pilots and EWOs from the 44 TFS at Korat received Silver Stars for missions flown. They were:

- Capt Richard W. Arnold (Pilot. WW #347. Two awards, 20 May and 25 May 68)
- Capt Ramon R. Balut, Jr. (EWO WW #337. 20 May 68)
- Capt James F. Bartsch (EWO. WW #345. Two awards, 20 and 25 May 1968)
- Capt Robert W. Carter, Jr. (EWO. WW #362. 25 May 68)
- Lt Col Robert A. "Red" Evans (Pilot. WW #597. 7 May 68)
- Capt Harry N. Gainer (Pilot. WW #390. 7 May 68)
- Capt Douglas G. Glime (Pilot. Awarded 7 May 68)
- Capt Gerald W. Metzler (EWO. WW #335. 7 May 68)
- Maj Michael S. Muskat (Pilot WW #388. 20 May 68)
- Capt Kyle Stouder (EWO. WW #394. 20 May 1968). He also received a Purple Heart on 29 April 1968.
- Maj John F. Unangst (Pilot. WW #358. 25 May 1968)

- Capt Robert E. Dorrrough, Jr. (Pilot WW # 349. 2 OLC 20 May 1968)
- Maj Clarence S. "Bud" Summers (EWO WW # 340. 2 OLC 20 May 1968)

*388 TFW history, Apr - Jun 68, 34 TFS history June 1968, USAF microfilm NO584, frame 1406 & Bob Dorrrough, e-mail 17 July 2011.*

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02-Apr-71

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Former F-105 pilot "Air Force Major Douglas G. Glime, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel O. Glime of R.R. 1, Forest City, Iowa, has arrived for duty at Andrews AFB Md. His wife Merle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward O. Hendrickson of Rancho Mirage. Major Glime, an HC-135 Hercules pilot <sic>, is assigned to the 89th Military Airlift Wing, the special Air Force unit which provides air transportation for the President of the United States and other top government officials. He previously served at Travis AFB and has completed 10 months duty in Southeast Asia."

*Desert Sun, Number 206, 2 April 1971 at <https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=d&d=DS19710402.2.62&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----1>*

26-Aug-17

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Douglas Glime July 29, 1937 - August 26, 2017

Retired USAF Lt. Colonel Douglas G. Glime, 80, a 1955 Forest City High School graduate and highly decorated Vietnam fighter pilot, flew his final mission August 26, 2017.

Doug was the son of Samuel and Bernice Glime who owned and operated G&H Motor Parts beginning in 1952. The Forest City store was owned by Doug and his wife, Merle, at the time of his passing.

Following 1959 Drake University graduation, Doug entered the United States Air Force. Piloting a F-105 Fighter Bomber, he flew 101 missions during the Vietnam War. Doug was awarded the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal and many other medals honoring his valor.

Following Vietnam service, Doug was assigned to the prestigious Presidential Squadron at Andrews AFB. Between 1970 and 1980, he piloted aircraft carrying the nation's highest ranking government officials around the world.

Doug is survived by his wife of 59 years, Merle, five children and their families.

Burial is at Miramar National Cemetery, San Diego, California.

*[http://globegazette.com/forestcitysummit/obituaries/douglas-glime/article\\_22a99add-c16c-5659-b69e-969285a31ac1.html](http://globegazette.com/forestcitysummit/obituaries/douglas-glime/article_22a99add-c16c-5659-b69e-969285a31ac1.html)*