

Guy E. Pulliam

F-105 History

25-Jan-69

04-Mar-69

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The runway at Korat RTAFB was closed for repairs. During the last months of 1968, "preliminary surveys showed [the need for] replacement for approximately 64 top slabs of the eight-inch overlay, replacement for some 50 bottom slabs, repair of 220 slabs with broken corners, repair of some 500 spalled (chipped) areas on the runway and probable repair to some of the foundation structure." Significant runway deterioration had been noticed since March 1966. Some of the runway concrete "was initially laid down during the Imperial Japanese forces occupation in World War II."

Fighter squadrons of the 388 TFW deployed to and operated from two other bases during the period. Forty-four F-105s and 1,068 personnel of the 34 TFS and 44 TFS operated from Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, while the F-4Es of the 469 TFS deployed to Ubon RTAFB, Thailand. The 388 TFW retained operational control over their deployed squadrons and maintained their level of combat sorties from the deployed locations. The 388 TFW's F-105s "enjoyed a higher mission effectiveness" while TDY to Takhli. The F-105s flew 901 sorties, of which 848 were combat missions with an operationally ready rate of 78.4 percent.

Lt Col Jack Sherrill was the commander of the 44 TFS when the squadron operated from Takhli. "Excellent flight line facilities but hooches and O Club were not nearly up to par as Korat. Such perks assumed more importance than justified when we were no longer 'at war' after the Nov 1 halt."

The 56 pilots and EWOs from the 44 TFS who flew from Takhli included Maj William H. Talley, Maj Ronald L. Shepard, Lt Col Richard A. "Dick" Haggren, Maj Richard P. Cisco, Capt Thomas P. Doubek, Maj Thomas J. Phelan, Jr., EWO Maj Robert G. Denison.

Thirty-four pilots from the 34 TFS deployed to Takhli. They were: Lt Col Harvey W. Prosser, Jr., Lt Col Isaac M. Glass, Maj David J. Carroll, Maj Paul F. Swanson, Maj Manford C. Holly, Jr., Maj Sheldon H. Cooper, Maj Harold Kahler, Maj William R. McDaniel, Maj Guy E. Pulliam, Capt Oral L. Bell, Capt James V. Barr, Capt Darrell J. Ahrens, Capt Robert M. Howard, Jr., Capt Richard E. Tracey, Capt Ralph E. Durnbaugh, Capt Douglas R. Young, Capt Kenneth G. Lindell, Capt Charles J. Ferrari, Capt Clayton B. Lyle III, Capt Eugene G. Lamothe, Capt John F. Schell, Capt Eben D. Jones, 1Lt David S. Hartman, Jr., 1Lt Ronald A. Hoffmeyer, 1Lt Marshall D. Tilley, 1Lt Ronald D. Stafford, 1Lt Robert E. Bryan, 1Lt Robert J. Zukowski, 1Lt David T. Dinan, 1Lt John W. Crotty, 1Lt Alan B. Reiter, 1Lt Daniel P. Seals, 1Lt Joseph W. Widhalm, and 1Lt Edward L. Sykes,

The runway repairs at Korat required 2,416 cubic meters of concrete and was done under contract to Gerson and Sons from Bangkok who employed 600 Thai workers. The work was completed on time despite a 100-percent increase in the amount of repair required.

388 TFW History, Oct - Dec 68, USAF microfilm NO585, frame 1106 and Jan - Mar 69 & Jack Sherrill, e-mail, 14 May 2003 & Hq 388 Cmbt Spt Gp SO TA-375 dated 22 Jan 69 from Al Reiter, e-mail 19 Feb 15

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The 44 TFS at Korat published an order designating squadron individuals for specific positions.

a. Force Commander (Includes flight and element lead).

Lt Col Herbert L. Sherrill
Lt Col Harley N. Wills
Maj Larry W. Crotts
Maj Gordon E. Lewis

b. Flight Leader (Includes element lead). (*Flight leader for strike flights only.)

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Col John A. Nelson
Lt Col Edward D. Moriarty
Maj Kirby Collins, Jr.
Maj Thomas J. Dodd
Maj Billy G. Dornberger
Maj Fred S. Hudson
Maj Edwin C. Johnson
*Maj William R. McDaniel
*Maj Guy E. Pulliam

Maj William W. Rowley, Jr.
Maj Raymond G. Schwartz
Maj William H. Stockton
Maj William H. Talley
Maj Joseph Reynes
Capt Thomas J. Doubek
*Capt Charles J. Ferrari
*Capt Eben D. Jones
Capt Robert L. Nesbitt

c. Element Leader (Strike flights only).

Capt Clayton B. Lyle III
1Lt Alan B. Reiter
1Lt Edward L. Sykes
1Lt Joseph W. Widhalm

d. Standardization Flight Examiner (AFM 60-1 & PACAFM 60-2) (Includes IP)

Maj William H. Talley
Capt Eben D. Jones
Maj Larry W. Crotts

e. Stan/Eval Flight Examiner, EWO.

Maj Jerry W. Hargis
Capt William M. Chynoweth
Capt Troice G. Cline

f. Instructor Pilot, F-105D & F-105F (PACAFM 60-5)

Lt Col Herbert L. Sherrill
Lt Col Harley N. Wills
Maj Kirby Collins, Jr.
Maj Billy G. Dornberger
Maj Fred S. Hudson
Maj Richard E. Kennedy
Maj Gordon E. Lewis

g. F-105 EWO Instructor

Maj Richard C. Carver
Maj John W. Sims, Jr.
Capt Donald L. Brown
Capt George A. LaFrance
Capt Gerald J. Stiles

h. FCF Pilot, F-105D/F

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Maj Gordon E. Lewis
Capt Charles J. Ferrari

i. FCF EWO, F-105F

Capt Donald L. Brown
Maj William M. Chynoweth
Capt Troice G. Cline
Capt George W. Mickey
Capt Henry C. Robert, Jr.

j. AGM-12 Pilots

Maj Gordon E. Lewis
Maj Thomas J. Dodd
Maj William H. Stockton
Capt Eben D. Jones

In November 1969, Maj Talley was reassigned from the 44 TFS at Korat to McConnell AFB "... as an F-105 instructor pilot from November 1969 to March 1970, and then as an F-105G pilot with the 561st Tactical Fighter Squadron at McConnell [beginning] March 1970. ..."
(<http://veterantributes.org/TributeDetail.php?recordID=823>)

44 TFS Special Order No. 48, dated 6 September 1969, signed by Lt Col Harley N. Wills, Operations Officer.

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On July 31, 1973, Lt Col Guy E. Pulliam who flew combat missions over North Vietnam as a member of the 34 TFS from Korat was killed in an A-7 accident near Nellis AFB.

His first F-105 flight was on 1 August 1968. He had flown F-105s with the 34 TFS and by 29 October 1969, the date of his last flight, had accumulated 280.5 hours in the Thunderchief.

ROTC units offer the "Guy Pulliam Leadership Award"

"6.5.1. Purpose. This award recognizes one cadet who demonstrates a commitment to spiritual values and to the spiritual aspects of leadership. It is named in honor of an Air Force pilot who embodied the above qualities and who was killed while on a training mission in 1973. This award is sponsored by the Officers' Christian Fellowship (OCF).

"6.5.2. Eligibility. The cadet must: be an AS 200 or AS 300 cadet; demonstrate self sacrifice, integrity, and servant-leadership; be involved in campus and community religious activities; and be committed to improving the spiritual climate of the cadet corps.

"6.5.3. Description. This award consists of one \$1,000 scholarship to attend the OCF's Rocky Mountain High, a 10-day wilderness adventure/leadership training program that is offered at seven different times each summer. "

AFROTCI 36-2020 , 24 MAY 2004, at <http://www.fresnostate.edu/craig/depts-programs/air-force/documents/Ribbonchart.pdf> & Jack Phillips 34 TFS web site & F-105 Pilot Flying Hour report dated 18 Nov 85 provided by the USAF Safety Center to Bauke Jan Douma.