

# Morris Ross Shulmister

## F-105 History

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31-Jul-67

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The 34 TFS history for July 1967 did not describe specific combat missions for the month but did acknowledge that "... medium altitude run-in techniques were utilized in conjunction with QRC-160 ECM pod formation. ... Limited use was being made of the AGM-12 missile against point targets." During the month, the squadron flew 345 combat missions, 342 into North Vietnam and 3 in Laos. "A slight decrease in the intensity of enemy AAA fire was noted during the month and no MiG encounters were reported."

"Combat pilot strength stood at 21 line pilots [up from 19 pilots reported in June's history].

"During the month of July, six squadron pilots completed their tour of 100 missions over North Vietnam. Those completing were: Majors Raymond F. Jauregui, Earl Johnston, James N. McClelland, John R. Whaley, and Captains Donald O. Austin and Jackie R. Youngblood. [Not listed in the unit history for completing 100 missions this month was Maj Charles E. Irwin who left Korat in early August 1967.] No losses were suffered during this month and six replacements were received during this period of time."

Maj Earl Johnston, who had been squadron commander, flew his 100th and last F-105 mission on 3 July 1967. He had accumulated 360.2 hours in the airplane.

His 100th mission was the last flight in the F-105 for Maj Jauregui. Since starting his RTU class at McConnell in June 1966, he accumulated 351 hours in the airplane.

Maj McClelland's 100th mission on 22 July was also his last in the F-105. He had accumulated 340.6 hours in the airplane.

His 100th mission on 25 July was the last F-105 flight for Maj Whaley. He had accumulated 333.8 hours in the airplane. (F-105 Pilot Flying Hour report dated 18 Nov 85 provided by the USAF Safety Center to Bauke Jan Douma.)

The incoming PCS pilots in July were: Maj Robert T. Campbell, Capt Irving E. LeVine, and Maj Clyde L. Falls, Jr.

Capt Lawrence G. Hoppe, Capt Rodney A. Skoglund and 1Lt Morris R. Shulmister arrived prior to 12 July 1967 on TDY from the 18 TFW at Kadena. By the end of July 1967, Capt Hoppe had flown 9 combat missions with the 34 TFS bringing his total counters to 31. (Larry Hoppe, AF Form 5.)

The squadron commander was Maj George G. Clausen. Maj Roderick G. Giffin was the Operations Officer.

*388 TFW history, Apr Dec 67, Vol II, 34 TFS history, July 67, microfilm NO584, frame 0078 & 34 TFS web site on 2 April 2007 at <http://s88204154.onlinehome.us.34tfs/scarf.htm> & Chuck Irwin e-mail 6 Apr 10.*

31-Aug-67

3825

The 34 TFS history for the month of August 1967, reported that, "... numerous targets were struck by pilots of the squadron in the Chicom Buffer Zone and within the Hanoi restricted area. A marked increase was noted in all modes of defense (AAA, SAMs, MiGs) due primarily to the sensitivity of the targets." Squadron pilots flew 411 combat missions during the month, 407 to North Vietnam and 4 to Laos for a total combat time of 1063:20 hours.

"Combat pilot strength stood at 36 line pilots. During the month of August, four squadron pilots completed their tour of 100 missions over North Vietnam. Those completing were: Maj Harry Pawlik, Maj Donald F. Fryauf, Capt Jack A. Phillips [on 2 Aug] , and Capt David C. Carter. [Not listed in the

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squadron history for completing his 100th mission this month was Maj John O. Rollins II.] No losses were suffered during this month and 13 replacements arrived during this period of time. Two officers, Captains Skoglund and Shulmister, that had been on temporary duty with the squadron from Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, returned to their home station."

Maj Pawlik last flew the F-105 in February 1968. He had accumulated 436.1 hours in the aircraft.

The 13 pilots arriving in the 34th in August were: Maj William M. Blakeslee, Maj Kenneth W. Mays, Maj Donald Eugene "Digger" Odell, Maj James L. Taylor, Maj David C. Dickson, Jr., Maj William J. King, Maj Raymond Walter Vissotzky, Capt Robert M. Elliot, Capt Robert B. Middleton, Capt Lawrence R. Klinestiver, Capt Douglas A. Beyer, and 1Lt Lee E. Hollingsworth.

The Squadron Commander was Maj George G. Clausen. Maj Roderick Gene Giffin was the Operations Officer and Maj William M. Blakeslee the Executive Officer.

*388 TFW history, Apr Dec 67, Vol II, 34 TFS history, 1 - 31 Aug 1967, microfilm NO584, frame 0080 & F-105 Pilot Flying Hour report dated 18 Nov 85 provided by the USAF Safety Center to Bauke Jan Douma.*

### 31-Dec-67

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As of 31 December 1967, the 333 TFS, 355 TFW, Takhli RTAFB, Thailand, had 44 aircrews assigned. They were:

Capt James L. Aldrich	Maj Frank N. Moyer (EWO)
Maj Byron E. Black	
Lt Col Louis D. Braun, Jr.	Capt James E. North
Capt Russell F. Brownlee (EWO)	Capt William H. Nottingham
Maj Norman D. Evans (attached pilot)	Capt Ronald D. Patchett
Capt John K. Fraser (EWO)	Maj Cecil G. Prentis
Maj Giles W. Gainer	Maj Malcolm B. Robertson (TDY pilot)
Maj James D. Gormley	Capt Donald W. Schalk
Maj William C. Jones	1Lt Morris R. Shulmister (TDY pilot)
Capt George D. Graves	Maj Frank D. Shultz, Jr.
Maj Gerald C. Gustafson	Capt George D. Smith
1Lt Lee E. Hollingsworth	Maj Bruce D. Stocks
Maj James S. Hildebrand	Capt James G. Thomas
Maj Robert L. "Bob" Jondahl	Capt David L. Tucker
Capt Richard K. Koehnke	Maj Robert M. Wall
Maj James G. LaChance	1Lt Thomas S. Waller (EWO)
Maj Albert E. Lyons (EWO)	Maj Charles D. Vittitow
Maj William T. O'Connell (EWO)	Maj Eddy J. Doerschlen (TDY pilot)
1Lt Richard J. Maxwell	Capt Robert C. Bigrigg
Lt Col William R. Looney (TDY pilot)	Maj William M. Dalton
Maj Robert Kieth Hannah	Maj James L. Graham (EWO)
* Capt Michael A. Nelson (attached pilot)	

\* Capt Michael A. Nelson was assigned in 1967 to the Tactical Air Warfare Center (TAWC) in Florida but PCS to Takhli as the pilot member of the Anti-SAM Combat Assistance Team assigned to the 355th TFW. "I arrived not qualified in the Thud (long time F-100 pilot), but Col Bob White, then the DO of the 355th, agreed to send me to Kadena to get a quick check out in the Thud. I got one fam ride when I got back to Takhli and my next one was a counter. I flew with the 333rd. About a third of the 100 was strike and two thirds Wild Weasel, which became an easier transition after we stopped going to RP VI." (Mike Nelson e-mail 16 Jun 2020)

*333 TFS History, 1 Jul 67 - 31 Dec 67, USAF microfilm NO463, frames 0961 - 0962.*

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**28-Feb-68**

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"Thunderchief pilots from the 355 TFW struck sixteen 2 1/2 ton trucks six miles north of Mu Gia Pass ... . The pilots destroyed six trucks, damaged two, cut a road, and caused five sustained fires and nine secondary explosions. Capts. David L. Tucker and Martin D. Scott and 1st Lt. Ross Shulmister were three of the strike pilots."

*Takhli Times, 8 Mar 68*

**07-Apr-68**

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"... Thunderchief pilots from the 355 TFW struck a highway segment, 19 miles south-southeast of Dong Hoi, cutting the road in one place. One of the pilots on the strike was 1st Lt. Ross Shulmister. ... Lines of communication and military storage areas in the southern panhandle of North Vietnam were also hit by pilots from the 355 TFW."

*Takhli Times, Friday, April 19, 1968.*

**15-Apr-68**

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Capt Morris Ross Shulmister flew the F-105 for the last time. Since his first flight on 1 September 1966, he had accumulated 444.7 hours in the Thunderchief.

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

**24-Apr-21**

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Morris Ross SHULMISTER was born on January 6, 1940 and passed away on April 24, 2021 and is under the care of Kraeer Funeral Home in Popano Beach, FL.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/pompano-beach-fl/morris-shulmister-10166385>