

94 MOBILITY SUPPORT FLIGHT

MISSION

LINEAGE

94 Mobility Support Flight
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STATIONS

Dobbins AFB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

Capt William A. Young, III

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

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OPERATIONS

Five members of the base fuels section of the 94th Mobility Support Flight travelled to Rhein-Main AB, Germany, for annual tour training involving POL during August. 30 other mobility support flight members of the 94th travelled to Rhein-Main AB, Germany, for their annual tour during the third quarter of CY 85. Thirty-eight reservists aided the 435th Supply Squadron there in the areas of vehicle maintenance, fuels, accounting and finance, storage, and other general supply functions. A major project involved the reconditioning of approximately 1000 barrels of de-icing fluid which was critical to the mission of the unit. Major Carpenter of the 435th stated that the visiting reservists were a big help and would be welcomed back in the future

It was 0515 Saturday morning, 18 August as the World Airway's DC-10 prepared for landing at Rhein-main Air Base, Germany. For 43 passengers who were members of the 94th Mobility Support Flight of Dobbins AFB, Georgia, the scenario was a familiar one. During the past 5 years, the 94th Mobility Support Flight has deployed to 3 overseas locations with one thing in mind, training.

Rhein-Main Air Base is located in Frankfurt, Germany adjacent to Frankfurt International Airport. Referred to as the "Gateway to Europe" it serves as the major point of entry for all military personnel entering the European area. With a base of this size and importance, it was apparent that members of the 94th MSF would have more than their share of work to accomplish. The 94th MSF reservists were at Rhein-Main for annual tour and were assigned to the 435 TAW Supply Operation. There were 38 reservist assigned to supply, one assigned to CBPO, two were assigned to Vehicle Maintenance and two to Accounting and Finance.

Following an inbriefing by Maj. Carpenter of the 435 TAW/LGS, the reservists were assigned to various branches to assume their training activities for annual tour. There were 3 reservists assigned to the Stock Control Unit during this year's tour. Training consisted of correcting bad status from depots. And reviewing each item involved with date change. Also, stock numbers were researched for rejects using the Daily Transaction Register. Part of this training was enhanced by using the new UNIVAC 1100 Computer system.

The Storage and Issue Section was a very busy place. There were 8 reservists assigned to this section. Several projects were completed during the time the reservists were assigned to the section. Approximately 3000 drums were in need of scraping and painting in the outside storage area. This would retard corrosion on the drums. With 4 reservists working full time during the two weeks, a substantial number of these drums were redone. The drums contained de-icing fluid which is critical during the winter months, a factor which could greatly impair the mission, if not checked and corrected. "This is the kind of exposure that we as reservists can greatly benefit from," said Maj. Kenneth Powell, who was assigned to the 94 TAW as a Supply Officer.

Several reservists also worked in the warehouse, doing complete warehousing bulk storage within one building. Also, they cleaned shelves, and checked stock numbers and locations against a deck of R-36 cards. Some locations were also changed to increase efficiency within the warehouse. One reservist was assigned to the Mission Capable (MICAP) section. During the two weeks, several (MICAP) conditions were called in from the Demand Processing Unit, that were handled by the reservist. Follow up and lateral support were also accomplished, along with training on the new UNIVAC Computer system. There were two reservists assigned to the

Accounting and Finance section. One of these, Capt. Rehberg, works as a civilian in Accounting and Finance at Robins AFB, which gave her extensive knowledge within this section.

During the weekend many members of the unit took advantage of the local area by taking tours. The variety of tours was as diverse as Europe itself. Thursday was a day to prepare for departure back to the United States, finishing up projects and attending an outbriefing by Major Carpenter were among the day's activities. In assessing the trip, Maj. Harlon Crimm stated that, "A wealth of training was accomplished while at Rhein-Main and hopefully we can return again one day in the near future." Also Major Crimm stated that. "It was through the hospitality and professionalism of the active duty personnel at Rhein-Main that our goals were accomplished."

The 94 MOBSF was mobilized May 23 thru June 5 to go to Royal Air Force Base Alconbury, England to assist the 10th Tactical Recon Wing in their supply activities.

Major Harlon D. Crimm, commander of the 94th MSF said that the 94th Combat Support Group supply personnel and all aspects of his command were represented except for food services. "A total of 45 people were sent to Alconbury from here," said Maj. Crimm

The sun was shining- brightly through the window of the giant PAN AM 747, as the flight attendants took away the remnants of the continental breakfast, just prior to its descent over the Irish coast in preparation for landing at London's Heathrow Airport. It was just past 2:00 a.m. Atlanta time and the night had been short for 42 exhausted reservists from Dobbins AFB 94th Mobility Support Flight (MSF). However, it would have taken more than loss of sleep and ordinary fatigue to diminish the spirits of an excited group, many never having been out of the USA previously. We were greeted upon arrival by representatives of the 10th Supply Squadron, our hosts and trainer for the tour, and rode the 60 miles to Alconbury under typical English overcast skies and 48 degree temperature.

Following a welcome period of rest members of the Flight reported for work alongside the men and women of the 10th Supply Squadron. Our purpose, according to 94th MSF Commander, Maj. Harlon D. Grimm, was to work, learn, and increase our job skills in an environment where we could more readily sense the importance of our roles as reservists. Our troops were assigned to supply, fuels, the CBPO, vehicle maintenance, and personnel.

During the two weeks, 94 MSF reservists conducted a complete war readiness spares kit inventory of approximately 55,000 units. They researched records for discrepancies, and prepared final adjustment documents. It was the first complete inventory that had been taken since most of the regular personnel assigned to the 10th had arrived there. The special sets section within the warehouse was completely inventoried by reservists. Sgt. James Ransome, Eddie Mayner, and Bobby Terrell, processed and stored 250 barrels of aircraft deicing fluid, weighing 350 pounds each, that had been on the base for months. Changes were made within the supply receiving area by TSgt. Jacqueline Roberts who suggested that the hundreds of packages coming into supply daily be separated at the depot into routing and priority. Priority items could be checked in quicker, and then sent out to the customer. Thanks to Jackie, perhaps they will get airplanes into the air a little quicker.

Six of our Reservists, headed by MSgt. Edward Silvey, received super training in the fuels area that they could not get at Dobbins. All was not work. During the middle weekend our reservist took advantage of the opportunity to explore. From Kings Cross, our people scattered massively. They went to Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, Trafalgar Square, The Tower of London, the River Thames, Piccadilly Circus, the British Museum, St. Paul's Cathedral, restaurants, pubs and so much more in so short a time.

The 94th MSF and the 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing (TRW) mutually agreed that the reserve and active association was mutually beneficial to each organization. The 10th TRW was able to complete several projects that had been delayed because of normal workload and personnel of the 94th MSF received significant training Major Grimm stated, "The deployment at RAF Alconbury, England was super successful in terms of the hands-on training received and the tremendous boost to morale among unit members.

Eight years ago, the 94th Mobility Support Flight, Dobbins AFB, deployed to RAF Alconbury, United Kingdom, for its first overseas deployment in 10 years. Recently, the 94th MSF returned to RAF Alconbury with 37 Reserve members representing 15 areas of 'supply, ready train. They anticipated a base similar to the one they remembered but to their surprise, the base had changed almost as much as they had. The A-10 Thunderbolt has replaced the F-4 Phantom at RAF Alconbury. The initial movement involved seven planes and by the time the switch is completed, 40 aircraft will call RAF Alconbury home, which means there is a build-up of people and material taking place in order to support the new mission. This created an ideal environment for reservists to receive specialized training in every aspect of supply from fuels to war readiness spares kits.

The reservists assisted their active duty counterparts in the opening of a new duty counterparts in the opening of a new base service store which received 300 line items daily. In the WRSK section, property was marked and relocated and fuels members served refueling the A-10s. Other 94 MSF members received experience on a new computer system designed to cut paper work in half and speed up the time it takes to respond to customer requests. Maj Harlon Crimm, commander, 94th MSF, said, the extreme volume of material in the supply activity provided excellent opportunity for training in a very busy and sometimes stressful operation Training in a NATO setting cannot be duplicated at a CONUS base because of the unique mission in NATO. I considered the training we received to be outstanding.

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