

907 WEAPON SYSTEMS SECURITY FLIGHT

MISSION

LINEAGE

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STATIONS

Rickenbacker, OH

ASSIGNMENTS

907 Combat Support Squadron

COMMANDERS

1Lt Dan W. Bratka

HONORS

Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

Decorations

EMBLEM

MOTTO

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OPERATIONS

Members of the 907th WSSF pulled their annual tours at Little Rock AFB, Arkansas, and received training in Air Base Ground Defense procedures. The participants lived under field conditions for the duration of the tour and they were given hands-on training with M-60 machine gun, hand grenades, compass reading, flares, ambushes and defense. 1982

The 907th WSSF performed their AD tour at Dover AFB, DE, 16 — 30 July 1983. They received training in flight line security, the M-60 machine gun, chemical warfare and Air Base Ground Defense (ABGD). Although the experience gained was helpful, the host training section was not fully prepared to give the type of training required by the 907th WSSF. UTA training in the WSSF included ABGD, map and compass reading and a briefing on organized crime by the Columbus police department.

1983 The 907th WSSF emphasized Air Base Ground Defense (ABGD) and bomb threat training throughout the quarter. During the June UTA, the ABGD training was enhanced with the help of the World War II Historical Reenactment Society. Members of the society posed as terrorists and scattered themselves in the woods around the base. WSSF personnel converged on the area and successfully stopped a takeover of the base. The NCOIC of the WSSF said the training was so valuable he'd like to do it again and even expand it to include other Reserve units. One drawback in the simulation, however, was the accuracy of the judging. Without the Multiple Integrated Laser Electronic System (MILES) mounted on the M-16 weapons, it was difficult to ascertain who was shot and who was missed. In several instances the referees were unable to reach a correct decision.

UTA training in the WSSF was somewhat impaired due to a shortage of vehicles and mobility equipment. The unit also reported the alarm system in the armory was inoperative and that alternate security measures would be taken. Unit commanders continued to emphasize the importance of chemical warfare training.

Several members of the 907th WSSF were deployed to the Caribbean to guard 907th TAG C-130's which were operating in that area in December 1983. During UTA's, the unit continued to train in flight line security and Air Base Ground Defense.

Twelve members of the 907th WSSF helped to set-up security for the 356th TAS C-130As deployed to Germany during Volant Partner. They worked in 12-hour shifts and established Entry Control Points (ECP) and close boundary patrol in two areas. Their German counter- parts controlled the outer perimeter and provided any needed backup when required. There was one incident reported in which two German "tech" students were harassing American troops and trying to get to the aircraft. They were turned over to the OSI for questioning. According to the OSI, the students wanted to place various anti-American and military slogans on the aircraft.

The unit also simulated two exercises for the German security forces. One of the exercises involved a command post duress with a hostage situation, and the other exercise demonstrated how to deal with a vehicle breaking the aircraft perimeter. Before leaving Germany, the 907th Security Police fired four different German weapons and received the German marksmanship ribbon.

During the UTAs WSSF personnel received classroom training on handcuffing and other general security police topics, flight line security, search and clear, and chemical warfare. Special OJT training was provided for their fire team and squad leaders.

Four members of the WSSF were among the top twelve finishers in the 1984 Peacekeeper Challenge competition. They will proceed to Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona to attend Peacekeeper "warm-up" and then go to Kirkland AFB, New Mexico in September and October for the worldwide competition

Shortages of M-60s, 203s, vehicles, radian equipment and space for incoming equipment plagued the 907th WSSF during this period. However, training was received in flight line security, tactical training, compass reading and on- the-job training for fire team leaders and squad leaders. Twenty nine members deployed to Rhein Main AB, Germany for annual tour 7-22 June 1986. Members were involved in routine security functions and assisted in the base open house 15 June 1986

1986. During the November UTA, the Group Commander officially opened the 907 WSSF obstacle course. The project took two years to complete, contains ten obstacles, and was designed to test the mental and physical skills of each member.

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