

918 AERIAL PORT FLIGHT

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STATIONS

Dobbins AFB, GA

ASSIGNMENTS

79 Aerial Port Squadron

918 Tactical Airlift Group, 1 Dec 1972

COMMANDERS

Cpt Harold. E. Conway

Cpt William C. Kearney, 11 Jan 1975

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OPERATIONS

The Annual Summer Encampment for the 918th Aerial Port Flight was performed at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. During the encampment the 918th Aerial Port Flight conducted training in the rigging and preparation of air drop material and were responsible for cargo and passenger terminal operations. 1973

The 918th Aerial Port Flight has recently completed training at Langley AFB, Virginia.

Approximately 4-6 hours of training was accomplished in eleven days with only 15 hours of classroom training. Reservists learned to operate one and one-quarter-ton trucks and trailers, 10K and 23K leaders, and driver maintenance. Each Staff Sergeant in the 918th Aerial Port Flight now provides monthly lectures relating to the unit's mission, task and mission requirements and OJT training to the lower-ranking airmen. 1973

Training on the operation of the truck, jeep, and forklift was conducted for personnel undergoing OJT. During summer camp, personnel attended training sessions on race relations, drug abuse, dangerous cargo handling, and driving. 1974

The 918th APF used Summer Camp for training in various ways for various reasons. New personnel who were not licensed vehicle drivers were qualified and the remaining personnel were given training on vehicles in order to stay current and familiar with the various vehicles - Jeep, fork lift, and tractor. A driver Rodeo was provided by Motor pool for any units to drive a vehicle through an obstacle course. The 918th APF participated in this 100%. During the entire summer camp, all personnel attended classes on Drug Abuse and Race Relations. Weight Check and physical training requirements for a run were made and one person was overweight. Classes on Weight and Balance; and Load Planning were given during both weeks in order to reemphasize the theory behind both areas by SSgt. Water and SSgt. Johnson. Dangerous Cargo class on June 8 provided by Sgt. Ellis for two hours. Periodic updates of new info regarding Mobility Exercises were given by MSgt. Schwitzer in order to be in preparation for Mobility Exercises which would take place during the second week of summer camp. Administrative personnel attended a school to help keep their skills at a high performance level. Throughout summer camp SSgt. Romano would brief the unit on applicable safety precautions according to where and what training, C-141 work, and the survival course at Lake Allatoona, per AFM 127-101.

Second Week June 10-15; Our second week began with work on our C-141 Fuselage section which will eventually provide actual loading conditions on a C-141 Aircraft. Approximately 110 man-hours were expended through Thursday, June 13, in removing a- bout 6000 pounds of Structural Steel, steel weights, wiring, and then cleaning the inside of the Fuselage and the area outside within a 50 foot radius. The C-141 will be worked on again during the July UTA. Cleaning the outside of the Fuselage and structural steel will begin in preparation for painting during the September UTA. Weather permitting, actual use of Aircraft will be October or November 1974. Eight personnel from Commercial Transportation under Major Blue reported to 913th APF for drivers training by AIC Herr and SSgt. Romano. A class on weight and Balance and Cargo Manifest were given by SSgt. Waters and SSgt. Sutton.

Our training for summer camp has empahsized the point of staying familiar with all aspects which our unit would be involved in performing through form familiarization and completion to the actual labor of preparing cargo for shipment and placing it aboard an aircraft. Also, training has emphasized meeting annual requirements such as the 1g- mile run, Drug Abuse and Race Relations Classes. Preparation for a Mobility Exercise ORI has been completed and the 918th APF would be ready to be deployed and/or support our mission, fork on the C-141

fuselage for training purposes has progressed well and will be a great training aid for other units.

All members worked on marking cargo, making corrections in weight and measurements, and completing forms 1347-2. A refresher course on fork lift truck operation was given to all personnel. Plans are being made to attend 1975 summer camp at an air terminal at Charleston AFB, S.C. Capt. William C. Kearney will replace Capt. H. E. Conway as Commander

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