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REVIEW ON

HISTORY

OF THE

55TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE WING (SAC)

OCTOBER 1962

Not Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas,

DOWNGRADED AT 12 YEAR
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~~the reconnaissance activities and the emergency war~~
~~capability of the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, Forbes~~
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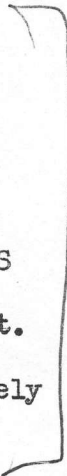


Recommendations have been submitted on all four crew members for recognition of their accomplishment. (U)

Upon the successful completion of the assigned task, all Blue Banner and Baby Bonnet forces in Bermuda were recalled to Forbes AFB. By 0250Z on the 29th, all aircraft had been returned to the home station. Lt Colonel Donald A. Grant commanded the force at Bermuda during this period. 17 (U)

COMMON CAUSE MISSIONS

While the wing was highly active in the mid-Atlantic area, activity on the Common Cause and Blue Ink missions was continuing. On the afternoon of October 26th, Common Cause sorties were raised to three a day and Blue Ink to two sorties each twenty-four hours. A standard route was established for Common Cause with set take-off times of 0900Z, 1300Z and 2100Z each day. These missions required two air refuelings each with the 2nd ARS at Hunter AFB assigned initial responsibility for tanker support. Both refuelings were conducted in the Gulf of Mexico approximately 100 miles south of New Orleans. 18 (S)



BLUE INK MISSIONS

Blue Ink sorties were also standardized for routes and for take-off timing of 0800Z and 1900Z each day. Minor variation

- 17. Msg, 2AF Zippo 10-595, 2AF to 303ARS, 27 Oct 62, (SECRET), Document 13.
- 18. Table II, Recap of Common Cause missions, 23 Oct thru 31 Oct 62, (SECRET), Document 14.



TABLE I.

MISSILE GUIDANCE RADAR OF THE BFCN TYPE WAS LOCATED ONCE DURING THIS PERIOD ON SORTIE FG-025, 19 OCT 62.

BLUE INK SORTIES

DATE	A/COMD	CREW ACFT	SORTIE TIME
13 OCT	HICKS	277	8:05
13 OCT	COOK	266	7:10
14 OCT	WRIGHT	273	6:10
15 OCT	CHAMBERS	266	6:30
15 OCT	COOK	277	7:30
17 OCT	HICKS	273	6:05
18 OCT	WRIGHT	266	6:30
19 OCT	CHAMBERS	277	6:00
20 OCT	COOK	273	6:30

TOTAL SORTIES 9 TOTAL TIME 60 HRS 30 MIN.

AN ADDITIONAL TWO SORTIES WERE EXPENDED FOR FERRYING CREWS AND AIRCRAFT TO MCDILL - TIME 6 HOURS 10 MIN. (S)



TABLE II

COMMON CAUSE SORTIES 23 OCT THROUGH 31 OCT 62.

DATE	A/COMD	CREW ACFT	SORTIE TIME	TOTAL	MISSILE INTERCEPTS
23 OCT	HAYNES	307	9:00	5	0
24 OCT	RIGGAN	306	8:45	17	1
25 OCT	GRIFFIN	295	8:55	4	0
26 OCT	MILLER	300	8:30	10	0
26 OCT	MATTISON	307	9:00	10	1
26 OCT	RUST	308	2100Z 8:40	25	6
27 OCT	WILLSON	306	0900Z 10:40	31	14
27 OCT	GRIFFIN	289	1300Z 10:15	24	19
27 OCT	MILLER	295	2100Z 10:25	33	6
28 OCT	GYULAVICS	288	10:10	29	21
28 OCT	RUST	307	10:15	15	10
28 OCT	BOSTOCK	308	10:10	16	9
29 OCT	MATTISON	280	10:30	22	20
29 OCT	MILLER	295	10:10	37	14
29 OCT	HAYNES	300	9:15	17	9
30 OCT	EILENBURG	306	10:30	30	12
30 OCT	CUMMINS	307	10:50	23	12
30 OCT	GRIFFIN	308	9:20	2	0
31 OCT	MATTISON	288	9:40	20	13
31 OCT	RIGGAN	280	10:00	22	15
31 OCT	MALOT	295	10:10	22	12

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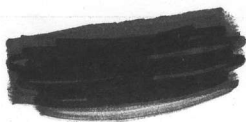




TABLE II

TOTAL SORTIES 21

TOTAL TIME 205 HRS 10 MIN

BIG CIGAR RADARS (BFCN'S)

WERE INTERCEPTED ON FOLLOWING SORTIES:

27 OCT	WILLISON	3	
27 OCT	MILLER	1	
28 OCT	GYULAVICS	5	
30 OCT	EILENBURG	2	
31 OCT	RIGGAN	2	(S)

