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9TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE WING

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DATE

EVENT

January

PT. Collier award for 1980

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The 1500th Olympic Game mission was flown at Det 2.

26 Jan -
8 Feb

Wing personnel participated in the third annual
Global Shield exercise.

February

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Brig Gen Monroe Hatch assumed command of the 14th
Air Division headquartered at Beale AFB, after the
position had been vacant for a short time.

March

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Wing personnel joined other base personnel and
individuals from SAC units around the world in
celebrating the command's 35th anniversary.

April

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An operational sortie levied by higher headquarters
flew on this date and was completed without any
problems.

May

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The Giant Reach deployment to RAF Mildenhall which
began in September 1980 ended on this date.

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A wing U-2R flew in support of a combined Navy and
Marine Corps exercise nicknamed Kernel Usher 81-2.

14-15

The 14th Air Division Commander, Brig General Monroe
W. Hatch, Jr. visited Det 4 and conducted a Staff
Assistance Visit.

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Wing personnel participated in a Short Sprint
exercise.

June

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The SAC Inspector General Team visited Project
Olive Harvest and conducted a Management Effec-
tiveness Inspection.

June Con't

- 4 The 15th Air Force Commander, Lt General James P. Mullins visited Beale AFB. Accompanied by several members of his staff, General Mullins headed a Staff Assistance Visit of the base.
- 8 Several flight line security changes occurred on this date, the most significant being the change to only one flight line access point being open during non-duty hours.
- 7-13 Wing personnel, equipment, and aircraft found themselves heavily involved in the second annual Busy Prairie Exercise.
- 15-17 The wing hosted a Blackbird Reunion at the Sahara-Reno Hotel in Reno, Nevada.
- 17 A higher headquarters operational mission was successfully completed on this date.
- 26 The wing attempted to fly another higher headquarters operational mission, but was plagued with problems.
- 29 The 100th Security Police personnel conducted a flight line penetration exercise on this date. Wing officials expressed displeasure with the results.

July

- 7-9 A 15AF team of two conducted a maintenance staff assistance visit on this date and made some interesting observations.
- 24 The wing launched a second operational mission in support of a higher headquarters request. The second flight was much more successful.
- 27 Both the 9SRW and 100AREFW found themselves involved in a Short Sprint Exercise on this date, the first of two conducted during this quarter. Results were not good as the two wings' combined effort resulted in a marginal rating.

August

- 1 On this date the first TR-1 aircraft landed at Beale, 26 years after the first U-2 flight. To commemorate the arrival of the TR-1, the 9SRW hosted an open house with many distinguished visitors in attendance, along with scores of visitors from the surrounding communities.

August con't

1 Along with the arrival of the first TR-1 aircraft at Beale, the wing gained a new unit, as the 4029th Strategic Reconnaissance Training Squadron was activated on this date, with Lt Colonel Gardner D. Krumrey assuming command.

4-6 A refueling test involving the new KC-10A and the SR-71 were accomplished on these days. Both aircraft were launched from Beale AFB. With these refuelings, the uniqueness of the KC-135Q aircraft flown by the 100AREFW diminished.

7-10 Aug
September

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31 Aug - The wing maintenance complex underwent an extensive
3 Sep Maintenance Standard Evaluation Team evaluation on these four days with some problem areas identified, but the overall rating was satisfactory.

13 Wing personnel participated in the second Short Sprint exercise conducted this quarter. The results were more pleasing than those recorded during the first such exercise and a satisfactory rating was awarded.

15 The first 9SRW owned TR-1 landed at Beale on this date, marking the beginning of a new era in strategic reconnaissance.

30 This date marked the fifth consecutive FOD free month on Beale AFB, a definite trend, of which wing officials were proud.

October

18 A U-2R deployment to Robins AFB, GA in support of a higher headquarters mission to take photographs over Florida. While at Robins an additional requirement was levied and successfully flown.

29 A deployment to Pease AFB, NH was completed in support of Busy Relay swapout of aircraft at Project Olive Harvest.

29 The SR-71 and KC-10 accomplished an operational test flight at night to evaluate the effectiveness of the KC-10's improved lighting ability.

31 A SR-71 deployment to March AFB, CA in support of an Air Show plus a fly-by at the Air Force Academy.

October con't

31 The Retiree Appreciation Day, Open House on the flight line, and the grand opening of Beale's AFB Museum occurred on this date.

November

10 Lt Colonel Spellacy departed TDY to Robins AFB, GA to serve with the Olympic Victor task force for setting up and planning 4 operational flights during a 2 week period.

11, 12, 13 & 16 Four round robin Olympic Victor missions were flown on these dates.

*mid month A short notice tasking requirement from higher headquarters required photographs in support of exercise "Bright Star". The wing received positive comments from HQ SAC.

16-18 A SR-71 departed for Barksdale AFB, LA to take part in a static display during the Bomb Comp Awards. It flew low and slow both ways due to a maintenance malfunction.

31 This was the seventh FOD free consecutive month.

December

1 The 9th wing personnel participated in a Short Sprint exercise. The overall rating was satisfactory. The 9SRW received an excellent on their reporting procedures and the 9SRW maintenance complex also received an excellent.

15 A key personnel change occurred. Lt Colonel Keith G. Findley assumed the position of Commander, FMS.

16 A short notice mission levied by higher headquarters was organized and flown to Mildenhall all during the same day. The deployed aircraft returned on 22 December via another higher headquarters mission.

23 Two key personnel changes occurred on this date. Colonel James R. Terry, the former Assistant DCM assumed the position of the Deputy Commander for Maintenance. Lt Colonel Bobby H. Russel, the formal Commander, FMS assumed the position of Assistant DCM.

9, 13 & 20 Three deployments to fly Olympic Victor missions were accomplished. Due to weather in the target region a low number of photographs were take.

* A date cannot be given in this unclassified brief.