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# ORI launched at Pope

GULFPORT, Miss., Aug 27- At 10:30 Saturday morning the first C-130 Hercules aircraft from Pope arrived here, beginning the deployment phase of the 317 Tactical Airlift Wing Operational Readiness Inspection.

Lead aircraft brought in elements of the 3rd Mobile Aerial Port Squadron, the Airlift Control Element and maintenance personnel.

Later Saturday, the mainstream aircraft began arriving at 20-minute intervals bringing the rest of the support people and equipment. Altogether, 24 aircraft arrived in Gulfport with more than 900 people. One hundred and thirty of these people

were flight crew members from the 39th, 40th, and 41st Tactical Airlift Squadrons. During their stay here, the aircraft will carry a basic five-man crew plus an additional loadmaster for certain airdrop missions.

Immediately after their arrival, support people began working 12-hour shifts to establish operation centers at the forward operating base. Included among these were a dispensary and a dining hall.

Saturday night and Sunday, the 3rd MAPS people prepared and loaded aircraft. On Sunday night 18 aircraft were launched at 15-minute intervals. These made drops using the

container delivery cargo system, and then returned to Pope to pick up heavy equipment used in drops that night and last night. Thirty-nine missions are scheduled for tonight.

This inspection takes place in conjunction with Ft. Bragg's XVIII Airborne Corps Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise. The exercise simulates a humanitarian relief mission deploying engineering, medical, and military police teams and equipment into a stricken area. Others participating in the exercise are the Military Airlift Command's Air Weather Service and the Mississippi Air National Guard, the latter providing logistic support.

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## Food for thought

During the past few days, (if you haven't noticed), Pope AFB is in the middle of an Operational Readiness Inspection. As in the past when the whistle blows, most of us have to go. And in the last few days, most of us have been on the go. To make all this extra duty time a little more convenient, the services people on Pope

have extended their hours of operation.

While Dining Hall 2, the Airlifter Inn, is closed due to deployment, Dining Hall 1, the "Hercules Inn" has adjusted their hours. The breakfast meal will be from 5-8 a.m., the lunch meal is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the supper meal is from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m. Midnight: 9 p.m. - 4 a.m.



# 317th Trans Sq supports ORI

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Special to the Herald

GULFPORT, Miss., Aug. 27—  
Twelve members of the 317th  
Transportation Squa-  
dron Pope AFB, N.C.,  
have deployed here as  
part of the 317th TAW  
Operational Readiness  
Inspection.

SSgt. Dave Pleasants  
heads the team which  
consists of eight  
drivers and four

mechanics. Although  
there are some Mississi-  
ppi Air National Guard  
people working at the  
motorpool, the Pope  
team is tasked to  
maintain and operate  
the 55 vehicles being  
used by the 317th TAW  
during the ORI.

The Pope team  
arrived in here Satur-  
day, and immediately  
established a system  
to provide trans-  
portation for the other  
incoming personnel.

They will work 12-hour  
shifts to keep the  
motorpool operating  
round the clock.

The three buses the  
motorpool has are busy  
providing transpor-  
tation to and from the  
aircraft for flight  
crews. Like everyone  
else participating in  
the ORI, the trans-  
portation people have  
a job to do, and we  
are striving to get it  
done.

## "PRIME BEEF" gets ORI workout at Dover

BY 2nd LT. BRIAN HOEY

The 317th Tactical Air-  
lift Wing's Civil Engineer-  
ing Squadron Prime Beef Team  
from Pope AFB deployed Mon-  
day to Dover AFB, Del. As  
part of the Operational  
Readiness Inspection cur-  
rently underway at Pope.

The 70-member Prime  
Beef (Base Engineers Emer-  
gency Force) team is trained  
in small unit combat tactics  
to defend the perimeter of  
an airfield they have been  
assigned to construct. Given  
72 hours under any conditions  
the team is expected to build  
a 4000-foot air-assault strip  
helipad and additional facil-  
ities capable of supporting  
1,100 combat troops.

At Dover the team will  
do only minor repair and  
maintenance work since there  
is no requirement for air-  
field construction in the  
ORI scenario. The nine jobs  
assigned to Pope's team in-  
clude the installation of

an experimental solar col-  
lector to heat one of Dov-  
er's facilities.

But the main idea be-  
hind the Dover deployment  
is increasing the cooper-  
ation and teamwork among  
Prime Beef members, accord-  
ing to Capt. George Kell,  
chief of resources and req-  
uirements for the 317th CES.

"It's mainly a training  
exercise to get the guys used  
to working together so that  
when the real thing comes  
they're ready." For a lot of  
these people, this is the  
first time they've done this  
and they may not do it again  
for a long time. It's import-  
ant they learn to work togeth-  
er.

"Of course, we're not in  
the woods fighting or any-  
thing now. When we do that,  
they'll carry weapons too."

The team will return to  
Pope late this week.

The MAC Inspector Gen-  
eral is conducting a Per-  
sonal Conference Period  
in Bldg. 289 through Aug.  
31. Call Ext. 4417 or  
4745 as soon as possible  
for an appointment.

### 2nd Mileage Guide

The second edition of the  
1979 Gas Mileage Guide is  
now available in auto deal-  
ers' showrooms. The first  
edition, which came out  
last November, was com-  
plete for most American-  
made cars, station wagons  
and light trucks, but did  
not show the ratings for  
foreign cars. The second  
edition lists the miles-  
per-gallon ratings for  
foreign vehicles as well as  
a few additional domestic  
vehicles.

As with the first edition,  
there are two versions of  
the guide—one for Califor-  
nia and one for the other  
49 states.

If you cannot find a copy  
of the 1979 Guide in a  
dealer's showroom, write  
for a free copy to: Fuel Ec-  
onomy, Pueblo, Colo.  
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