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## Ho Hum: 1st Aeromed deploys nothing new!

By 2Lt Brian Hoey

While the words "Operational Readiness Inspection" can be enough to cause commanders and units some concern, one group at Pope takes all the commotion calmly in stride.

To the 1st Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, the start of an ORI is only the beginning of a normal work week for its 50 members. Deploying an average of once a month, 1st AES men and women participate in exercises throughout the country and around the world.

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Their involvements over the past year include Team Spirit, Bold Eagle, Solid Shield and Reforger, to name but a few.

For Pope's ORI the squadron sent 39 members winging their way west Monday morning aboard 317th Tactical Airlift Wing C-130 Hercules aircraft to Little Rock AFB, Ark., and Gulfport, Miss. The three aircraft each carried personnel and equipment, including members of Det. 1, 1st AES, Scott AFB, Ill.

"This is what we train for," stated Capt. Dale Morris, 1st AES operations officer.

"Most of the time they (the deployments) are joint exercises. For this one, we'll ferry simulated patients back to Pope later in the week. These will be Army personnel from Ft. Bragg, and possibly some of our own people from Pope." The personnel deployed include Squadron Commander Lt. Col A. A. Lindsley, Director of Operations Maj. C. T. Biliouris, Chief Nurse Phyllis Nagle, plus "every available flight nurse, medical technician, medical supply and aerospace ground equipment personnel assigned," according to Morris.

"Most of our admin people are down there too."

The group will establish a Mobile Aerial Staging Facility, and will send a three-person liaison team to work with the Army. An Aeromedical Evacuation Control Center will also be set up at Camp Shelby, the forward operating base near Gulfport.

The 1st AES will remain on-scene for the duration of the ORI, while a skeleton crew staffs its headquarters at Pope.

## Bond voyage.



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# 41st TAS leads ORI re-supply

By 2Lt Brian Hoey

While most of the attention during this week's Operational Readiness Inspection is focused on Gulfport, Miss., and Little Rock AFB, Ark., the central figure in home station activities at Pope is the 41st Tactical Airlift Squadron.

The 41st deployed nine aircrews late Saturday night and early Sunday, but has kept its remaining personnel busy since then preparing and flying re-supply missions to the two deployment bases.

"So far I think it's gone very well," said squadron commander Lt. Col. Don Lindbo. "There are a few loading problems when you have the clerks, cooks and bakers augmenting the regular people, and things move a little slower. But overall things are going well."

Both Lt. Col. Lindbo and 41st operations officer Lt. Col. John Bernard remarked on the uniqueness of this ORI. It is the first peacetime scenario used by MAC, and calls for a humanitarian airlift to an imaginary South American country stricken by an earthquake. ORIs normally employ a wartime contingency scenario, but these activities "will continue to be graded against the same criterion," according to Lt. Col. Lindbo.

"As far as I can find out, this is unique," said Lt. Col. Bernard. "It's a situation where the rear echelon (Pope) is equally tasked with the forward echelon. We are heavily committed here supporting them...down at Gulfport."



Lt. Col. Lindbo also observed that crew days are longer because of the forward operating base location.

"It's usually done closer to home. When Dyess had their ORI here last fall, they operated entirely off our Green Ramp. Their crews flew a 40-minute route, dropped on Ft. Bragg, then returned. With the distances involved here, our guys now

have a seven-hour flying time, making for a 10 to 12 hour crew day, roughly.

"A disproportionate share of the flying has also been done at night. The crews based at Gulfport are coming to Pope for loads, then returning to make their drops on All-American (drop zone at Little Rock AFB) and Camp Shelby (near Gulfport)." Lt. Col. Lindbo said.

## A F A dinner set

Mr. Vic Powell, special assistant to the Executive Director of the Air Force Association, will be the guest speaker when the Pope Chapter of the AFA holds its quarterly dinner Sept. 5 at the Officers' Club.

The cost is \$6.50 per person, and military of all ranks and civilians are invited. Recommended dress is coat and tie. Cocktails are at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Reservations should be phoned into wing protocol (4739) by noon Tuesday, Sept. 4.

## Pope Scene

By SSgt. Jim Palmer

"Pope Scene" the show that keeps you up to date on the Air Force and Pope AFB news, will soon move to a new air time. For the past five months "Pope Scene" has been aired Sunday mornings on WFBS 1450, Spring Lake. Now you can hear Pope Scene at 9 p.m. each Wednesday starting Sept. 5th. Be sure to listen. It's YOUR radio show.

## Sport Note

According to Base Gym Officials all organized team sports have been cancelled until the ORI is over.



## 39th TAS augments ORI effort here

By 2Lt Brian Hoey

When Pope squadrons return from rotation at RAF Mildenhall, England, they usually have a chance to give aircrews leave and recover before moving back into the mainstream of wing activity.

But nobody was talking vacation when the 39th

this part (at Pope). We're basically a body pool for them to manage."

One of the aircrew positions most heavily involved is the loadmaster, who is doing his usual double duties of ground and flying activities, according to loadmaster scheduler MSgt. Harvey Horita.



Tactical Airlift Squadron came back from two months in Europe. Instead, Lt. Col. Don Koch's outfit walked smack into the middle of the Operational Readiness Inspection.

"We were surprised to be tasked as heavily as we were," said Capt. Mike Dittl, a 39th scheduler.

"Everyone in the whole squadron is participating, regardless of whether they're doing ground duties or whatever."

While Lt. Col. Koch works in the Command Post this week, Operations Officer Lt. Col. John Parker has the squadron's reins.

"We (the 39th) are not being evaluated as a unit," during the ORI," Lt. Col. Parker said. "A unit can't be evaluated until 11 days after the last airplane gets back. The ORI started 10 days after we returned from rote."

"People from the 39th are responding to whatever tasking the 41st gives us. They're the

"Mainly, from an individual standpoint, it's loading and preparing the airplane, flying if need be, then re-deploying. We're hauling stuff like airdrop platforms, airdrop containers, and other equipment...down to Gulfport and Little Rock. Our ground duties are preparing the airplane, then loading it so the crew can just pop in and fly it."

"All it is really is a lot of work and long hours," he laughed. "The only thing is bad timing, but still the guys are hacking it."

Lt. Col. Art Feenan, assistant operations officer praised the performance of the 39th crews and support people.

"Apparently everything is going quite well. We haven't had any serious problems back here. I think a large part of the success lies with the individual crew members to come back off rote and fit right into the ORI framework," he said.

## In-flight kitchen triples output

How many times has an aircraft commander settled into the left seat, depressed his mike button and asked, "O.K., did we get the flight lunches?" only to be met with a dead silence?

This scene probably repeated itself more than once during this week's ORI as Pope's in-flight kitchen geared up to producing three times its normal number of flight snacks and box lunches.

Since last Friday, the kitchen has doubled manning and increased shifts to 12 hours, putting out more than 650 meals, according to Sgt. James Schneider, assistant NCOIC of the kitchen.

"I'd say it's almost triple the weekly load," stated Schneider. "We're doing about 30 planes a day. We've already done 50 meals so far this morning, and we'll probably do more than 100 before the day's over. That's box lunches, snacks, everything together."

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PURPLE DUCK...  
THAT'S A  
COMBINATION OF  
PURPLE SHAFT &  
RUPTURED DUCK!







# Kitchen...

The kitchen normally keeps enough supplies available to take care of any sudden demands, including ORIs.

"Normally I keep a heavy supply on hand because we've got the airborne, the 82nd, right next door, and I never know what they're going to do. We've even got 5,000 C-ration meals available, plus in-flight, combat and long range patrol (dehydrated) rations," Schneider said.

The kitchen is also allowed access to the commissary in the event any supplies suddenly run short.

"We may have to get somebody out of bed, but we can get it," he added.

Fleet Services has also been affected by the heavier ORI load, but has not increased manning, according to Amn. David Socciarelli, a fleet services step-van driver.

"It's just the more meals they put out, the more trips we have to make," Socciarelli explained. "The furthest spot for us to drive is Romeo row, which takes about seven minutes. But it's nothing we can't handle."

The other personnel working in the kitchen through the ORI are NCOIC Sgt. Gary Duty, SrA. Rick Miller, AIC Miguel Gonzalez, and Amn. Tom Fink.

## TEST YOUR E.Q.

(Economics Quotient)

True False

☐ ☐ (1.) Less than four per cent of the U.S. labor force are agricultural workers.

☐ ☐ (2.) Today, the U.S. ranks third in international trade.

ANSWERS: (1) True (2) False

## ORI hours: Dining halls

The 317th Combat Support Group Services Division has announced the following schedule for the dining hall during the ORI:

Dining Hall 1. Hercules Inn:  
Breakfast-5 to 8:30 a.m.  
Lunch-10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Dinner-3:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Midnight-9 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Dining Hall-2 is closed during the ORI.

The above schedule will run through the dinner meal on Aug. 31. The "Airlifter Inn", Dining Hall 2 will open at 1 a.m. Sept. 1 with its 24-hour carry out service.

The MAC Inspector General is conducting a Personal Conference Period in Bldg. 289 through Aug. 31. Call ext. 4417 or 4745 as soon as possible for an appointment.

## In Memory

SMSgt. Burgess Lee Everson, NCOIC of Pope's Combat Control Team, died of an apparent heart attack shortly after parachuting onto the Camp Robinson drop zone Monday. He was evacuated to the Air Force hospital at Little Rock AFB after complaining of chest pains, and was pronounced dead on arrival.

A memorial service for Sgt. Everson is tentatively scheduled for Friday at 1 p.m. at the base chapel.

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