

107th MISSION SUPPORT FLIGHT

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STATIONS

Niagara Falls, NY

ASSIGNMENTS

COMMANDERS

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Service Streamers

Campaign Streamers

Armed Forces Expeditionary Streamers

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OPERATIONS

Mission Support Flight consists of 5 sections: Information Customer Support, Visual Information, Mission Support Data Operations, Mission Support Radio Operations and Mission Support Maintenance.

Information Customer Support provides first rate service to the 107th FIG. The Publications Distribution Office (PDO), utilizes a systemized computer program to collect requirements: order, stock, and manage inventory; and distribute Air Force departmental and field publications and forms. Customer Support is responsible for introducing the Air National Guard Automated Order

System (AAOS) to the 107 FIG. Using a main database containing the records of all personnel, orders are automatically generated through a few simple keystrokes for school annual training, and alert duty. They are also the base focal point for reprographics and message distribution. As a reflection on their quality support of the June 1988 Organizational Readiness Inspection (ORI), Customer Support received a rating of "Best Seen to Date."

Visual Information inaugurated its new closed circuit television system which was received with the highest acclaim. The multichannel network accessible through CCTV provides military briefings and Air Force training films, public and base service announcements, and personal interest items. State-of-the-art equipment and software utilized by Visual Information's skilled technicians create a higher degree of interest in the programs presented. This period also saw the publication of the base newsletter. The Thunderbird, move to electronic desktop publishing. This not only provided a more professional and polished appearance, it enabled the inclusion of much more information with the availability of varied text type and assorted pictures. With regular articles by the Commander, First Sergeants, and various sections, Guardsmen are kept up-to-date with changes and events — base, state, and nationwide.

Mission Support Data Operations provides the 107 FIG with computer support using the Unisys System 11 mainframe. The on-line capability provides a link for users to access other military and civilian computers for utilization of software and information updates. They are also the hub for computer education at the 107 FIG. Using the Interactive Video Information (IVI) system, an information library, and the expertise of its personnel, Data Operations provides outstanding training support.

Providing communications during wartime or peacetime emergencies, such as hurricanes, is the responsibility of Mission Support Radio Operations. Transmitting coded messages along the Eastern United States on guard drills using Pacer Bounce furnishes the training necessary to keep the radio operators in a state of readiness. Radio is the most reliable of the communication channels and the last to fail in an emergency.

Most projects mentioned above would not be possible if it were, not for the expertise of personnel in Mission Support Maintenance section. Television cables, phone lines and communication equipment used to run all types of equipment were installed by Maintenance personnel. Besides the daily tasks of building, maintaining, and repairing, Mission Support Maintenance has been the focal point for several projects such as the installation of Motorola Centracom II communication system.

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