

482nd Is Vital Link In Eastern Defense System



LT. COL. JAMES M. THOMAS

His command, expected to receive the highly classified F-102's "in the very near future" is charged with the "detection, identification, interception and destruction of enemy aircraft" flying within the 482nd's area of responsibility.

The Air Defense units maintain an around-the-clock vigil, with the supersonic, heavily armed interceptors ready to spring into the air at a moments' notice and intercept any aggressor plane that might violate this country's boundaries.

The 482nd will be the first East Coast installation to get the delta-winged F-102. Its speed is classified, as is much of its performance data, but the 102 is known to be capable of supersonic flight and all-weather performance.

It is capable of carrying rockets and guided missiles with atomic warheads. Col. Thomas and some of the other pilots of his command already have gone to other parts of the nation to fly the 102 for familiarization.

Around 25 of the F-102's are expected to be assigned here when the unit becomes fully operational. The 482nd is a separate unit at the air base, apart from the 83rd Fighter Wing activated here as a part of the Tactical Air Command.

Col. Thomas, who entered service in January, 1941, is a veteran of both the European Theatre of Operations in World War II and the Korean War.

He holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with an oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with six clusters, and unit citations in addition to his theatre service ribbons. He is unmarried.



OVER THE MOON — This is the F-102, delta-winged all-weather supersonic fighter-interceptor that will be assigned the 482nd Squadron at Seymour Johnson AFB. It "jumps over the moon" in this impressive photograph taken by John Bryson at a California air base. The Air Force says the 102 can't jump over the moon, yet, but it can fly straight up to 50,000 feet. And that's as high as Russian long-range bombers can fly.

The 482nd Fighter-Interceptor Squadron is being activated at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base as a vital link in the overall defense system protecting the Eastern United States from enemy air attack.

It is the sixth of the 85th Air Division's Air Defense units to be located in North Carolina which has taken on a role of growing importance in installations defending the country.

Commanding the 482nd is Lt. Col. James M. Thomas, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., and combat veteran of both World War II and the Korean War.

Mrs. James England is from the south and she said that Goldsboro is like her hometown — Savannah, Ga. Lt. Col. and Mrs. England and daughters, six-year-old Debbie and Barbara, 2 1/2 years old, are living at 819 E. Walnut St.

Another North Carolinian is Mrs. England is Mrs. David L. Bunting. She is originally from Wilson. Goldsboro is friendly and has a nice shopping center," she said. Her husband, Staff-Sgt. Bunting, has been in the Air Force since last November. They are the parents of two daughters and reside at 720 E. Walnut St.

Mrs. Wayne Langston is the

wife of a first lieutenant who is a helicopter pilot. The size of Goldsboro is just about the size of her hometown, Bryan, Tex. She has found that Goldsboro is a friendly town and she enjoys living here. The Langstons reside in Adamsville.

Mrs. Frank Schmacker is the wife of T. Sgt. Schmacker. "The people here are real friendly and we hope to stay here," she declared. Mrs. Schmacker is from Moultrie, Ga. and she likes to live in the south. The Schmackers and their three children live at Robbins' Trailer Park.

"The people here seem to want the Air Force here," said Mrs. J. R. Qualls, who is from Kernersville, N.C. (seven miles from Winston-Salem). Staff-Sgt. and Mrs. Qualls are the parents of a daughter. Their residence is at 723 N. Jackson St.

Gets Ribbons

DOVER AFB, De. — WO Russell B. Thornton, 1607th Installations Sq., received the Commendation Ribbon recently for supervising the rehabilitation of 25 War II buildings critically needed for operational units.

The Methodist Church, with 9,180,428 members, is the Protestant denomination with the largest membership.

Fayetteville Native Heads Field Maintenance Squadron

Major John M. Rose, Jr., a native of Fayetteville, is commander of the 156th Field Maintenance Squadron at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

A veteran of 14 years service, he was squadron commander of the 156th Fighter Squadron of the North Carolina Air National Guard from August, 1951, until June, 1952.

During that period, the squadron was on active duty at Manston, England. Since then, the squadron has been released from active duty and is now stationed at Charlotte.

Major Rose, an alumnus of Davidson College, entered the Air Force in 1943. He attended the flying school at Marianna, Fla., where he received his wings.

The major is rated as senior pilot. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and is married to the former Mary Giles Stewart of Fayetteville. They have two children, Jane Stewart and John M. Rose, III.



MAJOR ROSE

Garden Plot

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — The arduous chore of moving the lawn and keeping the yard looking nice gets recognition in St. Augustine.

Every month a secret committee from the Cherokee Garden Club tours the town and selects the yard with the best appearance. A bronze marker identifying the yard as the "Garden of the Month" is placed on the premises.

Gets Medal

LINCOLN AFB, Neb. — A-3C Richard D. Jensen, a medical lab specialist in the 416th Tactical Hospital here, received the Commendation Ribbon recently for actions at the scene of an accident near here. First aid he provided the victim of a crash is credited with saving the passenger's life.

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By JEAN POWELL (News-Argus Woman's Editor)

"Friendly" Almost without exception that's the adjective Air Force wives, who've come here to make a home with their husbands, use to describe Goldsboro.

Ten Air Force wives, including those of commissioned and non-commissioned officers, were asked, "What do you think of Goldsboro?" The following remarks were the result:

Mrs. Charles Vine, wife of M. Sgt. Vine, said, "Goldsboro is the friendliest town that we've ever been stationed in." She is a native of New York. The Vines and their two children reside at 720 N. Jackson St.



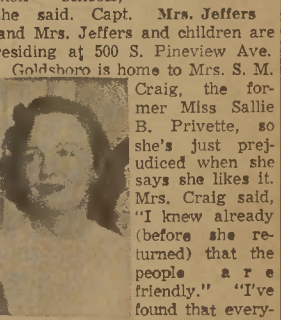
Mrs. Vine

A Georgia girl who is used to southerners is Mrs. Donald Risser. She likes southerners (of course) and thinks Goldsboro is certainly pretty during this season. She said that she had found her neighbors to be very friendly, as well as the merchants in town. Her husband is a first lieutenant and they reside on Goldsboro, Rt. 5.



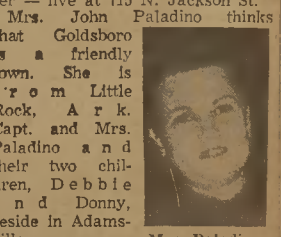
Mrs. Risser

"Spring is prettier in Goldsboro than anywhere I've ever been," smiled Mrs. Ullie Jeffers. She hails from Phoenix, Ariz. and is the young-looking mother of three children. "The children are all of school age and really like their schools," she said. Capt. Mrs. Jeffers and children are residing at 500 S. Pineview Ave. Goldsboro is home to Mrs. S. M. Craig, the former Miss Sallie B. Privette, so she's just prejudiced when she says she likes it. Mrs. Craig said, "I knew already (before she returned) that the people are friendly." "I've found that every-



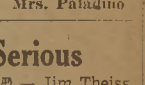
Mrs. Jeffers

one seems to want the Air Force here." T-Sgt. Craig has found that the civic and fraternal organizations are very anxious to have members of the service join. She said that it had been about ten years since she had lived here permanently and she's found that the town has grown quite a bit. "It is very colorful and the people seem to take an interest in their homes and grounds." The Craigs—the family includes a son and daughter—live at 715 N. Jackson St.



Mrs. Craig

Mrs. John Paladino thinks that Goldsboro is a friendly town. She is from Little Rock, Ark. Capt. and Mrs. Paladino and their two children, Debbie and Donny, reside in Adamsville.



Mrs. Paladino

Dead Serious

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — Jim Theiss, a University of Dayton junior, has found a peaceful place to study. His part-time job — and full-time residence and study hall — while going to college is in a funeral parlor.

A primus stove is a kind of portable oil-burning cookstove often used by Arctic explorers.



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