

Sergeant Gets Soldier's Medal; Saved Engineer

DOVER AFB, De. — For saving the life of a flight engineer at Thule AB, Greenland last July, M-Sgt. Edwin Alexander, 31st Air Transport Sq. at Dover was awarded the Soldier's Medal.

The rescue took place beside a C-124 which earlier had carried Alexander and Dawson from Dover. Both men were assisting in the refueling of the plane, scheduled to leave Thule later in the morning.

Alexander, standing beside the fuel hose and nozzle attachment beneath the craft, was watching the hose connection. Dawson was at the flight engineer's panel inside the plane.

Suddenly the nozzle attachment dropped from the fuel tank access. Gasoline cascaded out of the hose and onto the apron, thoroughly drenching Alexander's clothes.

He ran to one side of a huge pool of gasoline formed on the field.

It spread quickly, and coming in contact with the field refueling unit, it burst into a roaring inferno.



NEW MUNICIPAL AIRPORT — This is Goldsboro's new municipal airport which opened the first of this month. On the left and right are training planes for flight instructions. Others in the picture are privately owned. The 60 by 80 foot hangar is used for storage of aircraft and equipment. (News-Argus photo).

A Hunting Clan aircraft now operates as a flying zoo to bring animals and birds from Rhodesia, Africa to London zoos.

Municipal Airport Opens To Serve Goldsboro Area

Reactivation at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base brought the need to seek a new location for a municipal airport by the City of Goldsboro.

Money for the purchase of a site and construction of a runway, hangar and other facilities came through the sale of old barracks at the base. The barracks were given the city by the Civil Aeronautics Administration with the stipulation that they would be sold and the money used for the construction and maintenance of a new municipal airport.

Some \$51,000 was realized from the sale and after careful study a site was selected about six miles west of the city limits and just north of U. S. 70. The site was purchased in November 1953 from H. T. Lane for \$10,500.

Contract for the construction of a runway 300 feet wide and 2,500 feet long was let in 1954 under a contract of about \$11,000 and construction of the runway was completed early in 1955.

Heavy rains which accompanied Hurricane Hazel in October 1955 caused a delay in final approval of the field by CAA.

Repairs to the runway, additional drainage, grading of the hangar site, parking area and an entrance road were completed late last year

at a cost of approximately \$5,000.

Contract for construction of a prefabricated hangar was let late last summer but construction was help up by the steel shortage. The hangar, a 60 by 80 foot structure, was completed last month at a cost of \$21,000, practically exhausting what was left of the \$51,000 which was set aside for airport construction.

Negotiation for an operator for the airport were completed the first of this month and on April 1, the Board of Aldermen approved a contract leasing the airport and its facilities to Rocky Mount Air Service.

Operations began that day when the Rocky Mount firm transferred aircraft from a flight school in Kinston to the new airport here. The entire Kinston operations have been moved to Goldsboro.

James Baines of Bailey has been named manager of the airport by Rocky Mount Air Service. A veteran of four years in the Air Force, Baines is a licensed flight instructor. Additional instructors are available at Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids when needed.

The local field is operated under the name of Goldsboro Air Service. Available for flight training at the airport is a Piper Su-

percruiser and two Aeronca Champion two-place trainers. Four-place Cessna aircraft are available from Rocky Mount for cross-country charter trips.

George Air Base Is Getting F-100Ds

GEORGE AFB, Calif. — The 413th Fighter - Day Gp., commanded by Col. Gordon F. Blood, began receiving F-100Ds from the North American Aviation Company this month.

The first three planes were flown in by Capt. Vernon Wright, Randall Stephans and Devern Gardner. Each of the three tactical squadrons were assigned an F-100D.

The F-100D is basically the same as its predecessors but an automatic pilot and landing flaps have been added. Previously the pilot had to be

at all times in manual control of the aircraft while navigating and doing other things. Fighter pilots ment is more important to the pilot have said that autopilot equipment flying alone than to the bomber or transport pilot who has other crewmen to help with many details.

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