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OF  
319th BOMBARDMENT WING (H)

(1 April - 30 June 1967)

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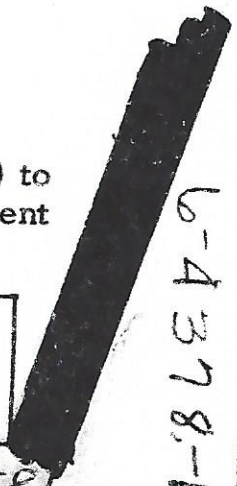
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## FOREWORD

(U) The 319th Bombardment Wing (H) History is a critical analysis of the unit's capability to perform its assigned mission. This history is a recurring document and is submitted annually on a quarterly basis. The present document covers the period 1 April -- 30 June 1967.

(U) Assigned to the 4th Strategic Aerospace Division at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota, the unit is a part of Second Air Force, Strategic Air Command. Of major concern to this history's coverage are the 46th Bombardment Squadron, the 905th Air Refueling Squadron and their supporting elements.

(U) The current history consists of two volumes containing the narrative and its supporting documents. When the reader needs additional information about a specific subject discussed in the first volume, he can quickly find it by turning to the referenced document(s).

**CHRONOLOGY**  
(1 April - 30 June 1967)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1 April	HARD HEAD III - At the start of the quarter the 319BW was designated to participate in airborne alert. The operation continued until 15 May with excellent results.
6 April	BIG BLAS DELTA - Two B-52H Crews, S-02 and E-19, took part in the first of three special ECM exercises against NORAD defense facilities.
18 April	1st COMBAT EVALUATION GROUP - The scheduled 1st CEG visit on 18-24 April had very good results for the two tactical units: No failures in flight or emergency procedures examinations.
11 May	YOUNG TIGER - Tanker #2599 was deployed to SEA, as 905 ARS Crew E-119 continued support in that area.
15 May	EVERY EFFORT - Air refueling training exercises were carried out between the 905 ARS and the 75th TAC Recon Wing, Bergstrom AFB, Texas, 15-19 May.
18 May	GOLD RUSH IV - The 905 ARS joined a tanker task force supporting the deployment/redeployment of 12 F-100s from Atlantic City, N.J. to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.
	TOP RUNG XVI - Bomber crews, S-01, E-47, S-07 and E-18, took part in the quarter's second special ECM exercise against NORAD defense facilities.
25 May	GREAT EFFORT - Grand Forks AFB was tested on its ability to operate under simulated radioactive conditions. The results were satisfactory.



Electronic Countermeasure (ECM) Exercises

(U) The 319BW was designated again to participate in special ECM exercises against NORAD\* defense facilities. B-52H crews from the 46BS joined with special SAC strike forces on three of these missions, BIG BLAST DELTA, 6 April, TOP RUNG XVI, 18 May, and SNOW TIME XXI, 8 June.

(U) For SAC the exercises were created, in as much as possible under peace time conditions, to provide realistic environments conducive to maximum training in penetration tactics. On the other hand, the NORAD strike force environments were designed to train personnel in electronic counter-countermeasure techniques and live air defense tactics. However, due to the peace time conditions of the exercises, they could not be considered as contests with declared "winners" or "losers." Nor was safety ever sacrificed for expediency.

(U) The SAC strike forces deployed to several common points over Canada before making their ECM run south over central North America. At the designated HHCL\*\* the bombers began their ECM activity and con-

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\*NORAD: North American Air Defense

\*\*HHCL: H-Hour Control Line.

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Msg., 2AF to 4SAD, (U), Subj: Fighter Intercept Activity, 10 July 67, Doc 35 and Ref., CARF FAA to 2AF, (U), Subj: BIG BLAST DELTA, 30 Mar 67.

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tinued to the end of the penetration track. Over specified sites the aircraft crisscrossed at different altitudes to "confuse" the NORAD radar operators. In turn, the ground personnel had to distinguish them from each other as well as recognize them as aircraft or chaff. <sup>43</sup>

(U) If a sortie was "neutralized" after successful interception by the NORAD forces, ECM activity was terminated. If, however, an aircraft passed over its assigned target without receiving notification of being neutralized, the air crew called "Bombs Away" and notified the site. In either event the aircraft continued to fly the specified route, for reasons of safety and to continue navigational training.

## "Young Tiger"

(C) On 7 May tanker crew R-109 returned from its temporary tour in South East Asia, where it had been supporting the air campaign over South Viet Nam. The 905ARS commitment in that area was continued with the deployment of crew E-119 on 10 May. The crew and its KC-135A, #2599, were to remain overseas for a period of 56 days. <sup>44</sup>

## FLYING HOURS

(U) Flying hours allocations were successfully met without any

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