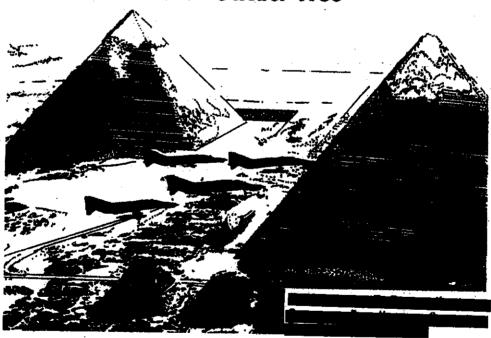
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FOREWORD

This monograph on the Proud Phantom deployment is hased on research accomplished at Headquarters USAFE and Cairo West Air Base, Egypt, and on documents furnished by historians and action officers at the Air Staff, Headquarters USEUCOM, every major command participating in the deployment, and the units which deployed to Cairo West. Based on the premise that a major function of the Air Force History Program is to provide useful information for staff officers and commanders on a timely basis, a preliminary study was written and distributed as quickly as possible after the deployment. Much of the research and writing was accomplished while the operation was in progress. In early 1981, the preliminary report was coordinated through the Air Staff and participating commands. Valuable suggestions were incorporated in this monograph.

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Chapter I

EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN MILITARY COOPERATION BEFORE PROUD PHANTOM

On 10 July 1980, 12 United States Air Force F-4E (Phantom) fighter aircraft landed at Cairo West, an air base about 25 miles west of Cairo, Egypt. The fighter squadron, scheduled for an approximately 90-day deployment under the nickname Proud Phantom, came to practice air combat maneuvers and weapons deliveries over Mideastern ranges, conduct foint training with the Egyptian Air Force, assist the Egyptian Air Force transition to its F-4E aircraft, and exercise operations with mobile, austere support facilities. Temporary maintenance shops, living quarters, field kitchens, and other support structures were set up by an advance party which arrived on site in mid-June. During Proud Phantom, these temporary Harvest Bare shelters received their first Mideast desert test for adequacy both as personnel shelters and maintenance shops for sophisticated aircraft. Thus, the Americans helped the Egyptians, who were having difficulty with their F-4E program, and at the same time, acquired operational and logistical expense ence with an actual deployment under austere conditions in the Mideast. Proud Phantom reflected the growth is military cooperation between the inited States and Egypt, with the visible deployment on Egyptian territory of an American rombat squadron marking a new direction in military relations between the two nations. 1

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PREPARATIONS AT CAIRO WEST

Predeployment Site Survey

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The team, led by Col Leigh H. Hunt, Jr., Directorate of Plans, USAFE, surveyed the site between 1-6 June 1980. This team was comprised of Col Charles Brown, Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, TAC; Col Patrick H. Hafner, Assistant Deputy Commander for Operations, 347th Tactical Figurer Wing (TFW); a maintenance representative from the 347th TFW; a logistics plans officer from USAFE; two engineering officers from the 823d Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) (Red Horse);* two communications officers, one from HQ TAC and one from the 5th Combat Communications Group (5th CMBTCG); and a serior NCO from the 4449th Mobility Support Squadron

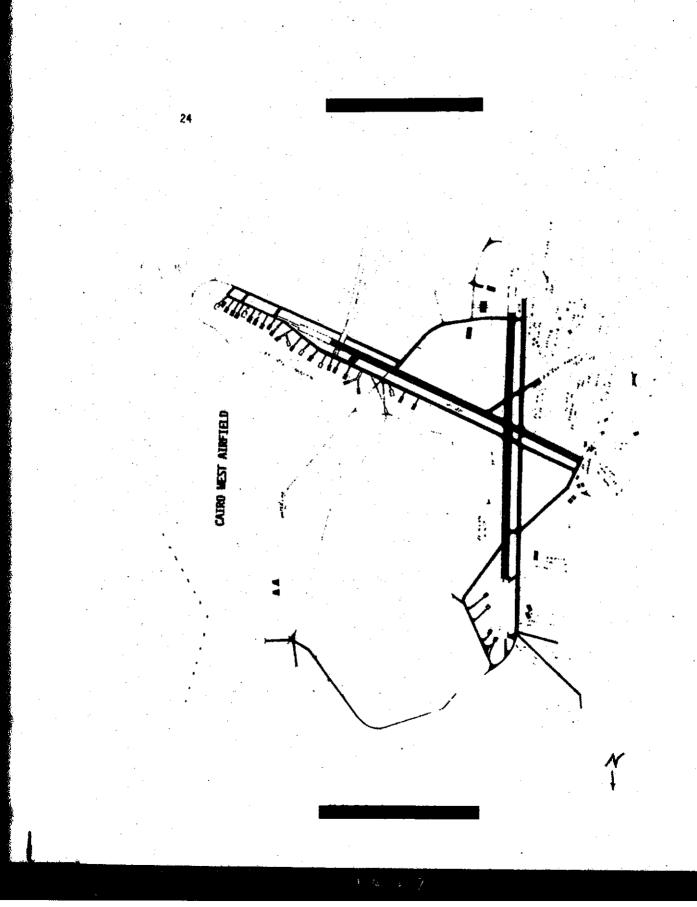
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Airlift to Cairo West

The 14 dame, just a week after the site survey team completed its report, MAC C-5s and C-141s began arriving at Cairo West with site preparation Jeams and equipment. This left little time for the recommendations of Colonel Bunt's team to be applied to MAC flow planning. These first flight: were nonstrop for the C-5s with the use of SAC air refueling. Only two prepair refuelable C-1417 required a refuelang stop.

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So it was that the 5th CMBTCG team arrived at Cairo West on 14 June, two days prior to the arrival of the 435th Tactical Airlift Wing's Airlift Control Element (ALCE) from Rhein-Main AB, Germany. ALCE was prepared to receive off-loading during the period 17-28 June 1980. The bulk of the site preparation contingent began arriving within the prescribed time frame. The first personnel and equipment from the 823d CES at Hurlburt Field, Florida, landed on 18 June and personnel and Harvest Bare equipment from the 4449th MOBSS at Holloman AFB, New Mexico, on the following day. MAC also started bringing in Harvest Eagle tents furnished by the 4400th Mobility Support Flight at Robins AFB, Georgia, as well as a variety of equipment and vehicles from such TAC bases as Moody AFB, Georgia; MacDil) AFB, Florida; Bergstrom AFB, Texas; Luke AFB, Arizona; and George AFB, California. Altogether, by the close of the site

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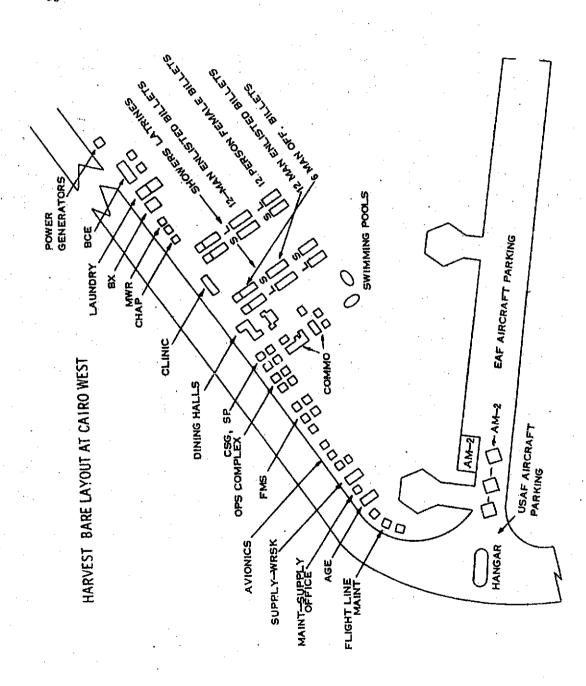
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preparation airlift on 28 June, MAC had delivered a total of 310 passengers and 1,943.6 tons of cargo to Cairo West in twenty-eight C-5 and three C-141 missions. 11

Site Preparation

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While some team members worked on establishing communications, integrated crews from the 823d CES and the 4409th MOBSS set to work erecting the bare base equipment. After their arrival on 18 June, the team set up a Harvest Eagle ren' slav to the side of the selected Harvest Bare site to house themselves and the other site preparation personnel. This completed, the construction crews erected the BASS shelters and the MOSS for F-4 maintenance. The Harvest Eagle tents provided initial eating and living facilities, but they could not furnish the standard of comfort expected by US personnel in the Mideast environment on an extended deployment such as Proud Phantom. The Harvest Bare equipment, developed by the Air Force in the early 1970s, provided modular, air-conditioned shelters for living and working, as well as electrical generating and water puriffcation equipment, for extended deployments. Site preparation personnel erected 127 of these shelters, including an aircraft hangar. They also expanded the aircraft parking ramp with AM-2 matting and removed sand from those 656-21 shelters scheduled to be used for munitions. 15

During the first few days, site preparation actions fell behind schedule. The ALCE did not have enough information to notify construction

crews when various kinds of equipment and technicians were to arrive. Load departure messages were not sent out in a timely manner, and site personnel were unaware of what was on each aircraft prior to the aircraft arrival. The site buildup was further hampered by the abort diversions of three scheduled MAC aircraft. As a result, some equipment failed to arrive in the required sequence. For example, Harvest Bare facilities preceded the arrival of the heavy earth-moving equipment needed to level the ground before the shelters could be properly erected. The planning difficulties occurred because of the short time between the site survey—when required assets were identified—and the date of the first airlift load. MAC normally needed at least 30 days to establish airlift schedules. ¹⁶

During the early phases of site preparation, no representative of operations, supply, maintenance, or civil engineering was present to aid the Red Horse team in refining the camp design. Since only a general sketch of the predeployment team's proposal for site layout was available, the engineers prepared the detailed plans on site. As a result, the construction crew had to make some last minute changes to the parking ramp, taxi lines, and munitions storage before the F-4s arrived.

On 17 June, Headquarters USAFE activated a Proud Phantom Response Cell (PPRC) to assist in the site preparation phase of the exercise. Comprising representatives of all involved staff functions, the PPRC worked a variety of problems from the headquarters level as well as preparing the USAFE operations order. With the arrival from Moody AFB on 18 June of the Proud Phantom Combat Support Element Commander, Lt Col Edward S. Moore, II, additional guidance became available. He was able to assist the site preparation team in refining set-up requirements, while the 347th TFW Advanced Echelon (ADVON), which came on the scene 1 July, provided further guidance. 18

Indicative of the cooperation between the USAFE Response Cell and on-site personnel in preparing the base facilities was the 347th ADVON request that additional AM-2 matting be installed to widen the ramp

parking area. The USAFE Response Cell found that the existing Red Horse installation had met the site survey team's criteria but agreed that operations would be enhanced by additional taxiway widening. USAFE furnished the needed AM-2 matting for this project, which was completed by the Proud Phantom engineers after the departure of the Red Horse team. Similarly, on 4 July, the 347th TFW ADVON selected additional bunkers for munitions storage as well as weapons loading sites. The Red Horse team was then preparing for departure so the required work was accomplished by the Proud Phantom engineers. 19

Headquarters USAFE deactivated the PPRC on 11 July 1980, the day after the Proud Phantom aircraft arrived at Cairo West. On-scene commanders at the Egyptian base found the planning and implementation support provided by the PPRC to have been essential to the success of the exercise. ²⁰

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The site preparation teams completed their work on 9 July, just 21 days after their arrival and one day before the F-4s arrived. At the height of their activities, the Red Horse and MOBSS had a total of some 245 personnel at Cairo West is a coucling crews started to redeploy to CONIS on . July, leaving behind a site ready to receive the F-4s and their support personnel. The desert had been transformed into a squadron operations and maintenance area with electricity, running water, communications, and air-conditioned living and working areas. This remarkable achievement was made possible by the untiring efforts of the personnel who made up the site preparation team. These people were highly motivated and worked from dawn to dusk to meet the many challenges which they encountered. Despite the lack of a clear-cut Proud Phantom organizational structure at this stage of the exercise, personnel from the several units involved worked closely together and willingly pitched in to assist each other in accomplishing the mission. 26

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Chapter IV

OPERATIONS AT CAIRO WEST

The Commander in Chief, United States Air Force Forces, Readiness Command (USCINCAFRED) issued Air Tasking Order (ATO) 80-13 on 16 June 1980. This required the 347th TFW to fly twelve F-4E aircraft nonstop from Moody AFB, Georgia—its home station—to Cairo West AB, Egypt, on 9 July. The deployment was to involve two cells of six aircraft each with a separation of 30 minutes. Aircraft configuration would consist of three external fuel tanks, a travel pod, pylons, 20mm ammunition as ballast with the guns unarmed, and two unarmed AIM—7E air—to—air missiles. Two airborne spares were to accompany each cell through the first air—to—air refueling (AAR) and return to Moody if not needed. A total of 10 refuelings were scheduled. Missed refueling divert bases selected for the European leg were Laies AB, the Azores; Torreion AB, Spain; Rota Naval Airfield, Spain; Sigonella Naval Airfield, Sicily; Trapani AB, Italy; and Souda Bay Naval Airfield, Crete. 1

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larger sense, USCINCEUR was the supported commander and USCINCAFRED--COMTAC-- was the supporting commander for the deployment.* 2

Headquarters USAFE tasked the 347th TFW to prepare, in coordination with Headquarters USAFE, a local flying procedures chapter covering operations at Cairo West, known as "Chapter 8," to USAFE Manual 55-4, as well as an aircrew aid for the use of the Wadi Natrun range. USAFE specified that the F-4E unit should schedule a 1.0 sortie rate in coordination with the Egyptian Air Force 222d Regiment's flying schedule at Cairo West. The Proud Phantom unit was also to adhere to the Egyptian practice of six days of flying followed by two down days. Training to be accomplished included low-level navigation, interdiction, ground attack, and air-to-air. Approval to conduct dissimilar air training (DAT) was withheld pending completion of an Egyptian Air Force/USAFE-approved letter of agreement.

Headquarters USAFE also developed an outline for basic flight procedures. When they first arrived at their Egyptian destination, all crew members were to take part in one nondemanding orientation flight, which would emphasize local operating procedures. The training area, as established by the Egyptian Air Force, was west of the base over the generally unpopulated desert. Initially, low-level flights could be flown down to 500 feet above ground level (AGL), with the promise of Headquarters USAFE approval for lower flights as crews gained experience in desert operation. USAFE also limited flying to daytime visual flight rules (VFR) as there were no approved published approaches at Cairo West and lighting was inadequate. The Egyptian Air Force had already established Wadi Natrun as the primary air-to-ground range for Proud Phantom, but other ranges could be used later if permitted by the Egyptians. Finally, formation flying with the Egyptian Air Force was prohibited without prior USAFE approval.

safety, and security. This, together with appropriate guidelines developed at Headquarters TAC and the 347th TFW, provided the framework for Proud Phantom operations on scene. Once at Cairo West, the Proud Phantom contingent further refined and expanded its procedures to provide the Air Force with the benefit of its learning experience at this desert base.

Dep loyment

In support of the fighter squadron, four C-5s and two C-141s brought 290 passengers and 278.6 tons of cargo to Cairo West between 8 and 11 July (MAC also started hauling construction crews and equipment back to Hurlburt and Holloman). Meanwhile, at Moody AFB, Georgia, the 68th Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS) prepared for the deployment. The squadron, commanded by Lt Col Arnold R. Thomas, Jr., was to fly twelve F-4Es to Cairo West and execute the tactical mission for approximately 45 days, backed by support elements provided by the 347th TFW and augmentee personnel drawn mostly from other TAC units in the United States. After that period, there would be a complete changeover of personnel, but all aircraft and equipment would be left in place. Aircrews from Moody's 70th TFS would replace those of the 68th during the "switchout."

The first cell took off at 2305Z on 9 July, exactly on schedule while the second cell departed at 2338Z, three minutes late. This latter departure was delayed because of end-of-runway check procedures. Strategic Air Command (SAC) KC-135s--from Pease AFB, New Hampshire; Loring AFB, Maine; RAF Mildenhall, England; and Zaragoza AB, Spain-provided 10 air-to-air refuelings. One primary F-4E missed the first refueling because of nozzle failure and diverted to Langley AFB. The first refueling took place in daylight which built aircrew confidence for the five night refuelings which followed. Colonel Thomas noted that the fifth refueling experienced difficulties in that the boom operator was initially on the wrong frequency and was "extremely hesitant and tentative in hook-ups." Two fighters had to move ahead of their normal sequence in the flight to avoid diverting to Gander, Newfoundland, due to

low fuel levels. Except for refueling difficulties and the loss of an AIM-7E missile over the Atlantic east of the Azores by one of the first cell's aircraft, the flight went as planned.

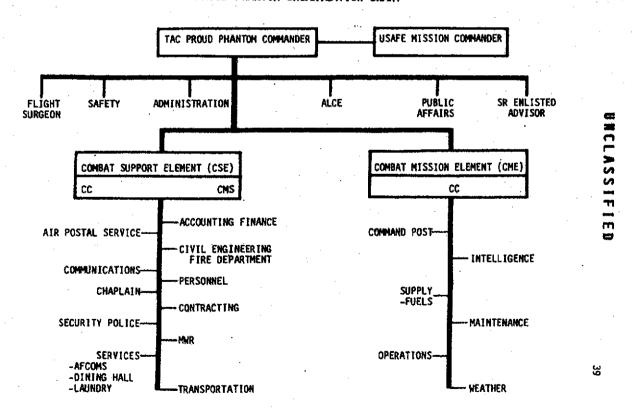
At 12127 on 10 July, after more than 13 hours in the air, the first cell touched down at Cairo West. One of the aircraft took the BAK-12 barrier due to a hydraulic failure. The second nell landed 30 minutes later without incident. Proud Phantom fighters received a rousing welcome from Antonia Handler Chayes, Under Secretary of the Air Force: Alfred Atherton, US Ambassador in Cairo; Mai Gen Mohamed Helmi, Chief of Staff, Egyptian Air Force; and Colonels Bradley C. Hosmer and John C. Price. At the invitation of the Egyptian Government, members of the international press corps were also on hand. They hurdled Egyptian security ropes to swarm around the first aircraft to park, piloted by Colonel Thomas. The arrival received extensive coverage in the Egyptian, US, and international media. The squadron demonstrated its quick reaction capability by turning four of its combat-ready fighters to fly local area orientation sorties two hours after the last f-4 had touched down. Within six hours, 11 aircraft were ready to fly.

Commano Structure

With the tactical fighters in place, the Proud Phantom leaders in set about establishing its command structure. Col Bradley C. Hosmer, 247th TEN Commander, had arrived at Cairo West on 8 July to assume the position of TAC Proud Phantom Commander. He was followed on 9 July by Collabor C. Price, who had been designated by the Sixteenth Air Force Vice Commander, Mai Gen Robert W. Clement, as USAFE on-scene commander. Colone) Price's normal duties were as the 406th Combat Support Group Commander at Zaragoza AB, Spain.

Our ing the first days of the site preparation phase, each unit at Cairo west has operated independently through its accustomed channels. As mentioned earlier, the formation on 17 June of the USAFE Proud Phantom Response Coll at Ramstein AB provided a single point of contact to manage

PROUD PHANTON ORGANIZATION CHART



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support requirements while Colonel Moore, who arrived on 18 June, coordinated these efforts at the base. Nevertheless, the participating units in the construction phase maintained their separate duties and even rivalries. Thus, one of Colonel Hosmer's first acts was to require all personnel, regardless of parent command, to crown their duty uniforms with "Proud Phantom" caps brought from Moody especially for this purpose. This had the effect of coalescing the on-site personnel into a unified Proud Phantom contingent. The 347th TFW also devised a special Proud Phantom patch, but supplies were limited until later in the deployment. 9

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Flying Operations in Egypt

control of Headquarters USAFF as spelled out by Chapter 8, USAFE Manual 55-4, and exercised through the USAFE on-scene commander. Day-to-day tactical control and scheduling were the responsibility of the TAC Proud

Oct Patrick H. Hafner, 347th TFW Assistant Deputy Commander for Operations, replaced Colonel Hosmer as TAC Proud Phantom Commander on 2 August 1980; he, in turn, was succeeded by Col Elmer Nelson, 347th TFW Vice Commander, on 8 September. In the USAFE on-scene commander position, Col Richard L. Craft, 406th TFTW Vice Commander, took Colonel Price's place on 29 August.

Phantom commander. The Proud Phantom command post actually controlled flight operations on a daily basis. Colonel Thomas noted that quidance on the establishment of the command post was lacking in the USAFE OpOrd. Consequently, using the 347th TFW command post procedures as a model, he obtained specific procedures from TAC and USAFE Headquarters by telephone. 11

As related earlier, the 68th TFS turned four aircraft on the first day of the deployment. This was followed by two down days on 11 and 12 July. Although unrealistic insofar as combat operations might be concerned, the brief respite gave the unit time to recover from jet lag, to receive local orientation briefings, and to work on the aircraft. The ensuing operations fulfilled almost everything that anyone had hoped to give from Proud Phantom. Clear Egyptian skies, relatively free of flying restrictions, provided excellent conditions for the Americans. By 2 October 1980 when the deployment ended, the two squadrons had flown a total of 886 sorties of 890 scheduled, with an average daily sortie rate in excess of 1.2, and had completed over 90 percent of their semiannual graduated combat capabilities training requirements. Admitionally, the Proud Phantom contingent's example at Cairo West gave the Egyptian Air Force the necessary impetus to surpass by five days the 31 August 1980 target date for its first F-4E squadron to become operational. 12

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Lessons were learned from flying over the desert terrain. The Egyptian desert offered few distinct reference points for low level navigation. Local aeronautical charts were outdated. Recent aerial photography was needed to update chart terrain features, especially vegetation patterns resulting from recent irrigation. The vegetation patterns were important to visual navigation since they are often the most distinctive feature. Also, height above ground was difficult to judge because of the flat, featureless terrain and the haze which obscured the horizon. 18

The one event which marred the Proud Phantom deployment occurred on 16 August 1980, when an F-4E crashed while returning from a TGM-65A massite training mission at Wadi Natrun. The aircraft, serial number 67-839%, call sign Lancer 2, hit the ground about eight miles southeast of Cairo West B, killing Mai Gordon L. Essinger, the pilot, and Capt James D. Wetherington, the weapon systems officer. As the flight was making a 60 degree tactical turn to the initial point, Lancer 1 saw his wingman making a descending right-hand turn and warned the aircraft to pull up. Lancer 2 rolled to a level attitude but not in time to avoid impacting the ground. The Egyptians aided in crash recovery efforts by providing helicopter

The mid-phase switchout saw personnel from the 70th TFS, commanded by Lt Col James R. Nichols, officially replace those of the 68th TFS as the operational arm of the Proud Phantom team. The changeover was planned so that there were phased periods of overlap to ensure continuity of operations through adequate orientation of the newly-arrived people. The high level of sortic generation—14 to 16 a day—continued during and after the changeover, except on 16 August when eight flights were cancelled following the F-4E accident. With receipt of a new supply of MK-92 bombs, the 70th TFS was able to hold its own "Tactical Turbey Shoot" on 1 September. Cooperation with the Egyptians was minimal during early September because when their 78th Squadron reached its operational readiness goal on 26 August, all the Egyptian F-4E personnel at Cairo west stood down for a 10-day holiday.

Maverick Demonstration

The Proud Phantom contingent began flying profile missions at the end of August for the Maverick live fire demonstrations held on 9 and 11 September. Two F-4Es delivered one Maverick each, destroying two trucks on the Wadi Natrun range on the first day. About 35 Egyptian officers—headed by General Badawi, Minister of Defense; General Ghzala, Armed Forces Chief of Staff; and General Shabara, Egyptian Air Force Commander—turned out to watch Maverick firing on 11 September. The 70th TFS crews put three missiles on target, but the fourth was inoperable and could not be fired. General Badr, Egyptian Air Force Chief of Training, also attended this demonstration, having flown a MiG-21 to Cairo West for the occasion. As a preliminary gesture for the forthcoming DAT exercise, he invited the US aircrews to inspect the aircraft. This provided the first opportunity for most of them to examine the Soviet-made fighter at close quarters. ²¹

Dissimilar Air Training (DAT)

In early August, the Proud Phantom contingent began preparing for conducting dissimilar air training between its F-4Es and Egyptian Air Force MiG-21s. In accordance with the USAFE OpOrd, the Proud Phantom team, assisted by Headquarters USAFE, drafted a proposed DAT agreement. Then, on 10 August, Colonel Hafner and representatives of USAFE Operations Plans briefed General Badr on a DAT plan calling for a series of performance comparison sortles to familiarize the crews with the characteristics and capabilities of the opposing aircraft followed by a series of closely controlled DAT missions. General Badr was receptive to the idea and set a target of early September for the training. The two sides concluded a "combined air operations agreement" providing detailed rules of engagement and scenarios. These were especially necessary as the Egyptian air-to-air range did not have a radar control capability. General Badr expressed great caution in preparing for DAT, reflecting his concern over flight safety. This attitude was shared by his USAF counterparts at all levels of command. 22

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Two more performance missions were flown on 23 September, with the final two on 26 September. These were similar to the previous missions. The Egyptian Air Force (EAF) was preoccupied with the preparation for the parade, and General Badr, "driven by EAF priorities," revised the DAT schedule on 23 September, moving the dates for the actual DAT missions to 28 and 29 September. 27

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Chapter V

MISSION SUPPORT

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As would be expected in a deployment as innovative as Proud Phantom, there were numerous obstacles encountered in the support area. The Combat Support Element (CSE), commanded by Lt Col Edward S. Moore from 18 June until 24 August, when he was succeeded by Lt Col John T. McCambridge, put forth an enormous effort coping with continuing problems, some of which had been identified as far back as the site survey and site preparation stages.

Travel Documents

A pervasive problem, affecting most Proud Phantom personnel, concerned travel documents. Fortunately for the Red Horse and Harvest

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The Egyptian Government's policy of issuing entry visas valid for 30 days resulted in an additional administrative workload. As most Proud Phantom personnel were in Egypt for 45 days or more, their passports had to be returned to the Egyptian Government for visa extensions. The Egyptians also required exit visas which meant resubmitting the passports. Since the Egyptian staff agencies needed 7-10 days to process visa extensions and required three days' notice of all departures, the Proud Phantom personnel team spent much of its time handling passport and visa applications. Additional documentation issued to Proud Phantom members included Embassy and Egyptian Air Force identification cards. 3

Airlift and Supply

Although the Proud Phantom units brought their war readiness spares kits (WRSK) to Cairo, they were not able to function at planned sortie rates during the extended deployment without the supplies and spare parts brought in through Ramstein AB, Germany, on MAC regularly scheduled resupply, or channel, airlift. Using C-141 aircraft MAC's Twenty-First Air Force operated this channel airlift from CONUS through Ramstein twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday from 19 June until closure. These flights carried personnel and cargo including food, mail, base exchange supplies, and spare parts. Problems were experienced at the Ramstein end insofar as loading priorities were concerned. Because Proud Phantom personnel assigned the same priority of need to many of their supply requests, the supplies arrived at the MAC terminal at Ramstein AB marked with the same shipping priority. MAC personnel, unable to determine an item's relative importance, shipped cargo to Cairo West in the sequence they received it. As a result, the Cairo West contingent would receive items already held in excess while vitally needed parts and supnlies waited at the aerial port. To correct this, the Proud Phantom commander sent a senior supply NCO to kamstein to assign priorities to cargo destined for Cairo West. While this improved the flow of cargo to Proud Phantom, it contradicted the concept of channel airlift by allowing the customer to specify each aircraft load. 4

Ilsing the DCT-500 computer connection, Proud Phantom supply personnel requested routine resupply from Moody AFB. For those items affecting Proud Phantom mission capability and requiring expedited resupply, Headquarters USAFE designated the 50th TFW at Hahn AB, Germany, to support the deployment. Headquarters TAC sent three supply personnel to Hahn AB to assist the 50th TFW supply personnel in handling these urgent requests.

Contracting

Not all of Proud Phantom's logistical support was flown to Cairo West. Proud Phantom personnel purchased repair parts, supplies, and subsistence items, and rented vehicles, hotel rooms, and office machines in Cairo. Following discussions with Headquarters TAC, on 19 June Headquarters USAFE established a two-man USAFE Contracting Office at Cairo West to act as the contracting agent for Proud Phantom until 10 July when a TAC contracting officer arrived on site. Upon his departure on 30 September, USAFE again deployed a contracting officer to Cairo to handle the function until redeployment was completed.

The contracting officers found a number of conditions that hampered normal local purchase procedures: no central Proud Phantom supply office, unfamiliarity with the local market, imexperience in local business practices, and Egyptian Government controls. Local conditions added to the frustration. There was no city business guide or telephone directory available. There was a central business district, but shops specializing in such items as electrical and plumbing supplies, hardware, or auto parts were centered in various areas of the city--segregated by the type of merchandise offered. The same specialization and segregation was true for craft and repair shops where one district of the city contained sheet metal shops and another tinkers. Business was conducted on a cash and carry basis with bargaining between the customer and the seller to establish the price. Many merchants were unable to read and were unfamiliar with purchase orders and other forms of paperwork. In fact, use of such documents was considered by the Egyptians to show a lack of good faith in the seller.

Contracting officers had to rely on their Egyptian driver for their orientation to Cairo's markets and for bargaining with the merchants. Accommodating US Government contracting procedures to those of the Egyptian market was difficult. The Egyptian preference for cash payments at the time of a purchase posed a particular problem as it was contrary to the American contracting practice of paying by check once the seller presented an invoice. While Air Force regulations permitted the naming of a disbursing agent who could make cash payments, they prohibited the contracting officer from serving in this capacity. Initially, the USAFE disbursing officer assigned to Proud Phantom accompanied the

contracting officer on daily trips to the Cairo markets. Once the seller and contracting officer agreed on a price, the disbursing officer paid for the purchase in cash. To alleviate this awkward situation, Headquarters USAFE set up an imprest fund and appointed the contracting officer as fund cashier. The imprest fund cashier could make cash payments up to \$150 and in emergencies \$300 which would accommodate the majority of Proud Phantom local purchases. On 23 September the command requested the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center (AFAFC) to grant a waiver to the Air Force regulation which would permit the contracting officer at Cairo West to be named a paying agent. The AFAFC approved the waiver on 8 October.

The Cairo market was able to provide most of Proud Phantom's local purchase needs. The only unavailable items were aircraft parts, spare parts calibrated in English measurements, and repair parts for M-series tactical vehicles. Proud Phantom purchases included spare parts, building supplies, sand, gravel, asphalt, bulk chemicals, fruit, eggs, and sugar. In Cairo, the USAFE contracting office filled 191 local purchase requests with a value of \$48,865. In Germany USAFE also spent an additional \$10,230 in local purchase funds to buy two swimming pools.

Engineering

The USAF base engineers at Cairo West worked long hours, exerciting a great deal of ingenuity, to keep the bare base facilities in working order. As noted earlier, the water system was prone to breakdown, primarily due to deficiencies in the Egyptians' electrical pump system. The camp also experienced power outages due to generator overloading. Harvest Bare latrines continued to be troublesome, requiring constant maintenance, except those assigned to the women's billeting area. They were adequate for the 30 or so females assigned to Proud Phantom. One morale buoster was the two portable swimming pools furnished by USAFE. Once the engineers had deciphered the German language instructions, the pools became a popular after-hours spa. 10

Health and Morale

The flight surgeon at Cairo West also had his share of people problems. Some personnel arrived in Egypt with medical profiles which rendered them unfit for the deployment and had to be returned to their home bases. Others contracted various ailments after arriving in Egypt. One individual who arrived with the first wave of the tactical deployment on 9 July required emergency surgical treatment for appendicitis. Maadi Military Hospital in Cairo provided extremely competent and considerate treatment to the patient. The flight surgeon established a close rapport with Egyptian Air Force medical personnel at Cairo West and elsewhere and found them both professional and cooperative.

Everyone, visitors and deployed personnel alike, agreed morale at the Proud Phantom camp was inspiring. Searching for the ingredients for this success, the USAFE on-scene commander summarized as follows: 12

The high morale throughout the deployment may be attributed to a number of factors. A concerted effort was made by the 347th TFW to orient all TAC participants to the environment and the mission Proud Phantom hats and patches helped establish a common identity. Stringent camp rules were established and enforced equitably. Details were used effectively and equitably to maintain a clean and orderly camp. Recreational opportunities were provided through MMR /morale, welfare, and recreation? and included off-base tours and field days. A weekly morale call program was established. It was interesting to note that social action and non-judicial legal matters were easily handled through supervisors and command channels.

Naturally, not all adjusted easily. Early in the deployment, the Proud Phantom commander reported that "numerous young enlisted seen with various 'stories' requiring air evac home were handled by positive reinforcement and opportunities for vocational horizon expansion (i.e., KP)." Not all was so grim; the Egyptian Air Force had been kind enough to allow USAF personnel to consume beer in the camp. This was a big concession since Egyptian Air Force personnel could not consume alcoholic drinks on the base. As a precaution, the Proud Phantom commander had a beer tent

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erected out of view of the Egyptians and placed a limit of two beers each (four on special occasions; none when infractions had been made). 13

Maintenance

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Colonel Abdullah was happy with the Proud Phantom "work with" philosophy as opposed to the Soviet "work for" relationship of former times. 15

The areas of close interface during the deployment were almost too all-inclusive to isolate. Munitions cooperation quickly expanded to such areas as AIM-7 and AIM-9 missile maintenance and BDU-33 and 20mm ammunition processing. The Proud Phantom gun shop personnel helped the Egyptian Air Force tear down and build up five M-61 guns which had not received any sort of maintenance since arriving in Egypt. In other areas, US and Egyptian parachute riggers and egress specialists worked together in Egyptian Air Force shops. On occasion Egyptian crew chiefs assisted their American counterparts to launch and recover Proud Phantom F-4s. Given Colonel Abdullah's interest, there was an ongoing exchange between maintenance managers. The USAF maintenance schedulers soon had a telephone line installed between their office and the Egyptian equivalent so they could compare daily schedules. While the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which began on 13 July, slowed down the Egyptian crews somewhat because of the day-long fasting, the Egyptian Air Force was able to maintain its normal work schedule. In the Islamic holy month of the Islamic h

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Lt Col Henry L. Lavendar, the last Proud Phantom Chief of Maintenance, noted that Egyptian interest definitely waned after the 10-day standdown at the end of August. He attributed this to the fact that after the first Egyptian Air Force squadron had become operational, the Fgyptians were heavily involved in preparing for the 6 October parade.

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Nevertheless, a few technicians became very interested in a problem arising with a Proud Phantom F-4 on 17 September when a fuel leak was discovered on its right wing. Maintenance personnel found a cracked wing rib and requested depot assistance from Hahn AB. When this team arrived on 24 September via commercial airliner at Cairo International Airport, Egyptian customs officials confiscated their supply of parts and tools. It was 28 September before the shipment was retrieved and Proud Phantom maintenance personnel worked with the depot team around the clock to get the aircraft ready for the redeployment. Egyptian maintenance men were interested observers, this being their first opportunity to see the inside of the wing cell structure. ¹⁸

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Three of the aircraft, while enroute to Lajes, had diverted. One went to Trapani, Sicily, for maintenance assistance. The Proud Phantom enroute support team--composed basically of airframe generalizes and engine and weapons loading personnel--encountered difficulties repairing this aircraft's electrical and hydraulic system. A maintenance team from the 40th Tactical Group (40th TACG) was dispatched from Aviano Air Base. Italy, and made repairs. After the aircraft took off, it aborted again, this time to Decimomannu Air Base, Sardinia, where it was followed by the 40th TACG team for further repairs. Two other F-4s landed at the Rota Naval Station, Spain, one with mechanical problems and the other as escent. The escort aircraft went on to Lajes and rejoined the other f-4Es

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On Saturday, 4 October, one day after the F-4Es departed for Lajes, the 39-member MOBSS contingent, accompanied by some of the 55 augmentees tasked from various civil engineering units, arrived for camp disassembly. They started work on Sunday. Most of the remaining civil engineering augmentees also arrived on Sunday. By Monday, disassembly of the hangar and several expandable shelters was completed. Colonel Craft, commenting on the first day's work with a full crew, reported that site disassembly could progress at a faster rate than anticipated. The schedule called for each crew to fold three expandable shelters daily, but each crew took down four shelters. Two days later, MOBSS crews were folding about five or six shelters daily, almost twice as fast as expected; and Colonel Craft reported that they had disassembled half of the shelters on site. He projected completing all structures except the dining hall by 17 October. The dining hall was scheduled to be taken down on 20 October. Meanwhile tent cit, was being constructed, with the remaining population scheduled to move into tents on 10 October. The rapid progress with camp disassembly was due in part to the fact that Harvest Bare maintenance was to be performed at the storage location rather than Cairo West. High morale of site personnel also contributed to the progress. Colonel Craft reported, "the accelerated pace of camp fold-up could mean earlier departure for some of our people."19

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Page 73 redacted for the following reason: 15, B1 3.3(5), (b)(6) Meanwhile, camp disassembly and release of personnel for airlift home continued ahead of schedule. On 12 October, Chaplain (Major) John Meyer conducted the final worship service, and food service personnel served the last evening meal in the dining hall. After breakfast the next morning, disassembly of the dining hall began. The same day the Proud Phantom Air Post Office (APO) closed, although outbound mail was to continue until the scheduled departure of the last postal clerk on 17 October. Incoming mail already in transit was allowed to continue to Cairo West. Food service personnel, beginning with the closure of the dining hall on 13 October, drew on residual commissary stocks and cooked evening meals on charcoal grills for the 172 remaining Proud Phantom personnel. As three electrical generators were among the items to be left at Cairo. West, the camp retained an electrical power source and thus could operate refrigeration units which had not been packed for shipmert. 21

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Proud Phantom's objectives were to give USAF personnel experience with a deployment under austere conditions in the Mideast and to help the Egyptian Air Force improve the operational readiness of its F-4 fleet, which had been purchased from the United States in 1979. Both of these objectives were accomplished. For the first time, the Air Force used its Harvest Bare equipment to provide bare base support facilities in a Mideastern desert environment. These facilities successfully supported flying operations, and USAF F-4E crew members gained valuable experience flying missions over the unfamiliar desert terrain. Assisted by daily exposure to US F-4E procedures, the Egyptian Air Force also met the goal for its first squadron to be operationally ready by 31 August 1980.

Twelve F-4Es from the 347th Tactical Fighter Wing flew non-stop from Moody AFB, Georgia, to Cairo West, arriving on 10 July 1980. During the deployment, they conducted extensive training in Egypt, flying 886 of the 890 scheduled sorties and maintaining a sortie generation rate of 1.2. The loss or one F-4 in a fatal crash detracted from the otherwise

*Security classifications in this summary were derived from those in Chapters I through VI. successful operations. Clear skies and minimal flying restrictions facilitated training that included air-to-air and air-to-ground operations using practice bombs, live bombs, and live 20mm ammunition. Additionally, five Maverick missiles were successfully fired as a demonstration for the Egyptians.

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AB	air base
AFB	Air Force base
AAR	air-to-air refueling
ACL	allowable cargo load
AD6	airlift delivery group
ADVON	advanced echelon
AFAFC	Air Force Accounting and Finance Center
AFLC	Air Force Logistics Command
AGL	above ground level
ALCE	
APO -	airlift control element
	air post office
AR	aerial refueling
ASD/ISA	Asst Secretary of Defense for International Security Affair
ATO	Air Tasking Order
AUTOVON	automatic voice network
BASS	base augmentation support sets
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CENTO	Central Treaty Organization
CES	civil engineering squadron
CINCMAC	Commander in Chief, Military Airlift Command
CINCSAC	Commander in Chief: Strategic die Command
CINCUSAFE	Commander in Chief, Strategic Air Command Commander in Chief, United States Air Forces, Europe
CMBTCG	communication of the control of the
CME	combat communications group
	combat mission element
COMMSC	Commander, Military Sealift Command
COMMITMC	Commander, Military Transportation Management Command
COMRDJTF	Commander, Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force
CONTAC	Commander, Tactical Air Command
CONUS	continental United States
CSA	combat support activity
CSE	combat support element
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DAT	dissimilar air training
000	Department of Defense
	pehasone or nesense
EAF	Egyptian Air Force
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FOUO	For Official Use Only
1 000	ror official use unity
GOE	Association of the state of
OUE	Government of Egypt
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нь	high frequency
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
JDA	foint deployment agency
KW	Kilowatt

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