Lockbourne Visiting Officers Quarters (VOQ)
VOQ # 20. Gus Letto lived here for his first month at Lockbourne.
Lockbourne Bachelor Officers Quarters (BOQ)
Lt. Ed Brawley and WO Al Rakstis in a room at the BOQ.
BOQ 18 Room 36, ready for inspection.
BOQ 18 Room 36. No wallboard or paint in the BOQ rooms.
There were plenty of aeronautical charts available for decoration.
Gus Letto’s first brand-new car, a 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air.
Earlybird Training Program
Simulator class in Operation Earlybird, on base training for new B-47 copilots.
John “Jack” Evanko in simulator class room.
Control panel, RB-47 simulator.
Cockpit, RB-47 simulator.
Pistol Qualification
Early 1956
Pistol qualification at firing range, early 1956.
Pistol qualification at firing range.
Koch, Bob Walts, Wes Fry, Barney Calligan, Vacarro, range monitor.
‘Deadeye’ Roloff
Standard issue 4-inch, .38 caliber pistol.
Roloff and Koch?, shooting it out.
4th SRS Squadron Operations
Don Weibel, mission planning.
Building a new partition in the 4th SRS 1st Sgt’s office.
Barney Calligan, leaving 4th SRS Headquarters building.
Bob Walts in officers locker room.
A/1C Wayne Weddle, 4th SRS squadron clerk.
RB-47Es
In Flight
4th SRS RB-47E with APQ-56 side looking radar radome.
RB-47E 52-716 with APQ-56 radome. *
RB-47E formation flight. 10th SRS S/N 52-3383.
RB-47E 52-716 with APQ-56 radome. *
RB-47E formation flight: 52-697 in foreground.
RB-47E formation flight.
RB-47E 52-3391.
Operation
Grandslam
12 Nov 1958
Operation Grandslam, Nov 58, Gus Letto in flight line truck.
Sgt Friese and LtCol. Williams playing cards while waiting for aircraft to become ready for preflight.
Operation Grandslam, EB-47E 53-2169, being towed to position.
Lt. Col Williams and Lt. Col Bell inspecting ATO bottles.
Operation Big Sickle, EB-47E formation.
EB-47E 53-2126 in formation with partial load of ATO bottles.
Operation Big Sickle EB-47E 53-2126.
Crews on alert. Preflighting Dave’s Nicolson’s’s model plane.
Crews on alert flying Dave Nicolson’s model airplane.
Posting the alert crew status board.
Jimmy Moore getting instruction on the portable HF single sideband radio.
Passing time at the ‘mole hole’.
Dave Nicolson working on a model airplane.
John Gnan, working on a SOS Spanish course.
John Gnan talking on the phone with Nancy.
Crew briefing room. Tom Richards went on later to become an FAA Administrator.
This aircraft was subsequently transferred to the 90th SRW at Forbes AFB, KS. On Apr. 13, 1960 the aircraft crashed near Perrin, MO while on a pilot upgrade mission. Aboard were an instructor pilot, two pilots and a crew chief. Without a navigator to provide guidance, the crew opted to climb above the thunderstorms and were outside of the optimum operating envelope for the aircraft. When the aircraft flew into a thunderstorm it was wracked with violent updrafts and downdrafts that ripped the RB-47 apart. One pilot and the crew chief bailed out and survived the ordeal. (Al T. Lloyd, 18 Sep 2003)