

4/13/88

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Dear Emory,

Thought I'd responded to your 3/23/88 until I found it under a stack on my desk. Sorry. And thanks.

I'm lost on the Millington, TN stuff, never knew it or forgot it.

Is it possible that there are various grades within any MOS?

With his advanced training at Keesler Oswald was still a 6700 or a basic air control man.

That is what he did. Only he did things that most others did not do in that job.

Or at Keesler he did get the MOS 6741. I've forgotten.

From my recollection of the military of more than 40 years ago, it is possible that the first orders were what was called "scratched." Cancelled. This could have been for a number of innocent reasons, like too many on that shipment. Another is that they were one light on the Keesler detail, so he was added to it.

I don't think that after the Jacksonville electronics training he ordinarily would have been sent to Millington to become a grease monkey.

My hunch is that when they needed five men from the Jacksonville class for the advanced training they selected those who did best or seemed more suitable.

In the army, most such matters were handled by enlisted men, some not very bright and some not caring very much.

When I was interested in this area I was more interested in the fact that virtually no Keesler records remain and that there are so few of his subsequent career and that those that exist are so meaningless and misleading.

I have a cousin I've not seen in years, much younger. He was to be sent on his job to near here and was going to come and see me. But he hasn't been shifted yet. He was in the army right after JFK was killed and he also was sent to Keesler for other advanced training. From what I remember it was most likely 6711, air controller. From there he was sent to the Dominican Republic, where LBJ had just embroiled us in support of the army which had thrown the elected government out. I've not seen him since he enlisted. But as I recall he was sent back to the US all by himself to go to the Pentagon. So, I suppose he also may have been involved in classified work. If and when he gets here I'll talk to him and see if she can provide any enlightenment. However, his employer may have kept him where he was or sent him ~~some~~ elsewhere. I have no address for him. He phoned when he thought he'd be sent to near us. Not since.

Thanks and best,

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Dear: JR,HW,ET,BF,PH

Turn if you will, to page 755 of Volume XIX and look at Folsom Exhibit 1 ( p. 118 ).

LEE HARVEY OSWALD 1653230/6400

Note the MOS code 6400.

Oswald had requested and had been recommended for a duty assignment in Aircraft Maintenance and Repair ( Folsom 1, p.107 ) while still in California. This assignment was by the way, the same as that of his brother Robert and was perhaps why Lee chose it. The Oswald who was promoted to PFC in the above orders got exactly that when he graduated from the Aviation Fundamentals School in Jacksonville. MOS 6400 is a Basic Aircraft Maintenance Man. All of the men in the group which went to Keesler AFB were awarded MOS 6700, Basic Air Control Man ( see Powers testimony ). What does this indicate?

1. Sometime between May 2, and May 3 the Marine Corps decided to change Oswald's training and spend a few thousand dollars of taxpayers money in retraining him for a new Occupation Specialty.
2. Someone named Lee Harvey Oswald left Jacksonville and went to Keesler to become an Aviation Electronics Operator and another guy named Lee Harvey Oswald went to the Naval Air Station at Millington, Tennessee ( Memphis ) to become a mechanic/repairman.
3. It's just a typo and the code coincidentally happens to be in the MOS that Oswald asked for in California.
4. Some body in the Marine Corps fucked-up and forgot to retype an original before the document in question was passed to the Warren Commission.
5. None of the above and I'm just being hyper because they've screwed around with me too often.

Your comments will as always, be most appreciated.

Regards,

Em

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