

Aggie Graduate Is Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross



FORMER TECHSAN

Kathleen Cotropia, of Hearne, will transfer to A&M this fall after attending Texas Tech at Lubbock. Miss Cotropia is a sophomore math major at A&M this summer.

Air Force Capt. Kenneth R. Nimmo, a computer science graduate student at Texas A&M University, received the Distinguished Flying Cross Thursday for heroism earlier this year in Vietnam.

The medal was pinned by Col. Vernon L. Head, professor of aerospace studies at Texas A&M, during ceremonies in his office.

Nimmo was awarded the DFC for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as an RF-101 pilot over North Vietnam April 20.

The citation reads in part: "Captain Nimmo flew an unarmed and unescorted RF-101 aircraft into heavily defended hostile territory to photograph bomb damage against an active SAM missile site. With unwavering calmness and courage, Captain Nimmo did not deviate from his line of flight in spite of lively hostile activity directed against him."

The citation continues: "Captain Nimmo obtained outstanding photo coverage that was used to adjust the aiming point for subsequent strikes and aided in destruction of the site. The professional competence, aerial skill, and devotion to duty displayed by Captain Nimmo reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

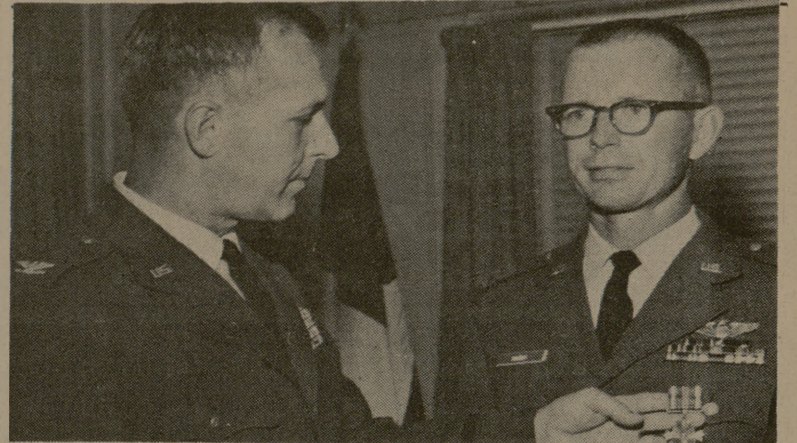
Among other decorations won by Captain Nimmo is the Air Medal with five oak leaf clusters.

A native of Newton, Iowa, Nimmo earned a bachelor of science

degree in chemical engineering at Iowa State College. He expects to add a master's degree at A&M in June, 1969.

Entering the Air Force in 1958, Nimmo served from May, 1962, to July, 1966, at Laon AFB in France, before being transferred to Tan Son Nhut AFB in Vietnam in August, 1966. He completed his tour of duty there in May.

Nimmo is married to the former Sylvia Weaver of Edinburg. They have two children, Brian, 6, and Cris, 3.



Air Force Capt. Kenneth R. Nimmo (right) receives the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism as a RF-101 pilot in Viet Nam. Making the award is Col. Vernon L. Head.

Education Materials Set For South American Tour

A wealth of supplementary educational materials from five South American countries is being fashioned into orderly form this week at Texas A&M.

Handling the processing of cultural, historical, educational and philosophical information, photographs and movies are 38 Programa de Educacion Interamericana participants who returned recently from a three-week tour.

Texas school teachers and education specialists comprised the touring teams.

Dr. Earl Jones, Programa director for A&M and the Bryan Independent School District, said the teams sought out hundreds of items from Peru, Guatemala, Argentina, Brazil and Mexico to be used for school instructional material.

"A lot of adult material is available for these countries, but there is surprisingly little ready for use by children on the elementary school level," Jones commented. "We have plenty of material to help alleviate the situation."

"Everybody on the tour mentioned the amount of art available in everyday life," Jones continued. "People make cooking pots, weave cloth for dresses, and even use something of a colorful pattern for painting their shacks."

Items collected by the groups include blankets, clothing, pictures, carvings and minerals.

Dr. Jones said the material will be developed into a children's museum in the Bryan-College Station area. Still other material will be gathered for travel units for use by school teachers throughout Texas.

"While our color films may not excite a regular movie audience, it will teach certain things about specific countries to children," Jones commented. "We are editing about 100 hours of color movie film and 100 long-playing records chock full of information."

Jones heaped praise on the participants, chosen for competence and creative teaching.

"I am impressed by the tremendous understanding and seriousness of purpose of the group," Jones remarked. "The teachers attained the goal of understanding Latin American cultures."

Communication was a problem since few of the teachers spoke Spanish or Portuguese. Changes of schedules caused only minor

difficulties since participants were learning so fast and enjoying themselves that they hated to leave every place, Jones explained.

Ruth Cedillo of Bryan, Programa secretary, reported her group collected numerous curriculum guides, wood carvings and paintings during visits to elementary and secondary schools in South Brazil.

"We spoke with teachers, pupils, doctors, Indians and even the President of Peru," said Mrs. Anne Cunningham of El Paso. "It was our privilege to observe dances, festivals, entertainments and church services. I especially enjoyed the archeological ruins of the Incas. The country has taken magnificent care of the recognized work as far as world culture is concerned."

The people of Argentina impressed Mrs. Helen Flesher of San Angelo.

"They were lovely, cultured people," she recalled. "We were interested in observing a country under a dictatorship. A number of expressions of friendships to

the United States were voiced to us."

Caroline Penn, a Houston Spring Branch teacher, clarified some personal misconceptions about Northern Brazil.

"We traveled six days in the Amazon area and it's not as wild as we often think of it. People all seem to have boats by which they go to church and market areas. They lead, apparently successful lives and handling the boats for them is no more difficult than for us to drive through Houston."

Alvin Stanchos of Refugio termed Mexico a country which has hit the ground and is ready to run.

"Mexico has the potential to boom within 25 years," Stanchos observed. "Population presents a problem, but the country's transportation system is well established. Mexico has a number of paved farm-to-market roads and its communication and railway systems are well built up. Widespread emphasis is on education."

Robert Griffith of Round Rock says the United States has tremendous influence in Guatemala.

Firefighters Are Registered For Five Days Of Schooling

Firefighters from such distant points as China, Lebanon, the West Indies and Canada were among 312 participants registered this week for a five-day industrial fire protection school at Texas A&M.

The roster also includes 40 instructors, all specialists from industry, municipal fire departments, or the Firemen's Training Division of A&M's hosting Engineering Extension Service.

Chief Henry D. Smith, school director, said the men will divide time between half-day classroom sessions at the Ramada Inn and in fire evolutions at Brayton Firemen's Training Field near Easterwood Airport.

All registrants heard two U. S. Bureau of Mines officials speak

Monday morning. Larry Clark, safety engineer from the Dallas office, opened the school with "The Magic of Fire."

H. F. Browne, manager of the Health and Safety sub-district in Dallas, discussed "Propagation of Flame."

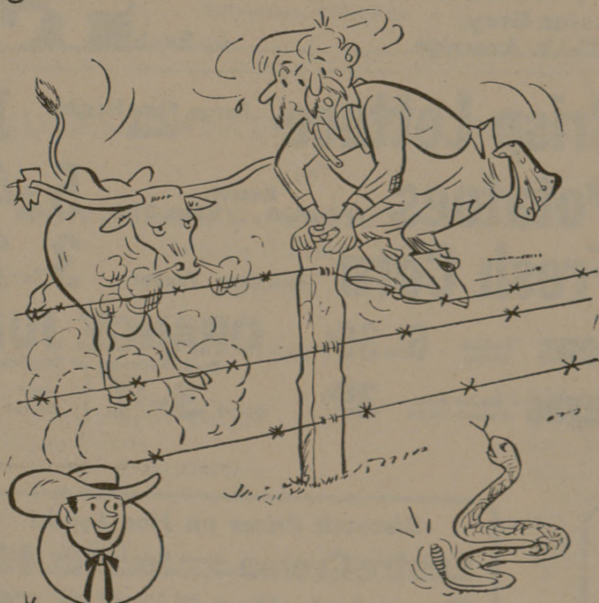
Among field assignments will be overhead pipe rack fires, loading terminal and tank fires, operation of wet type portable fire extinguishers, breathing apparatus, and process unit-line rupture and flange fires.

Industrial accident prevention courses are being taught throughout the week at the Ramada Inn. W. B. Mansfield, supervisory development chief for A&M's Engineering Extension Service, is program chairman.

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