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Crash claims 18 lives near here

A C-130 Hercules, operating out of Incirlik, crashed Friday at 3:05 p.m. killing all 18 people on board.

The aircraft was returning to Incirlik after a routine supply mission scheduled to visit Diyarbakir, Erzurum and Sinop. The Sinop stop was not made due to bad weather conditions.

On the return leg to Incirlik the aircraft crashed two miles west of the Adana racetrack.

The crew, all from the 463rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas on rotational duty here, included: Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Barnette, 45, Lenoir, N. C., navigator; Maj. Michael L. Jones, 35, Fresno, Calif., co-pilot; Capt. Richard J. Wagner, 30, Caledonia, Minn., pilot; SSgt. Patrick L. Cypher, 27, Stetsonville, Wisc., flight engineer; Sgt. George Moreau, 26, Shirley, Mass., loadmaster and Amn. Howard K. Watkins, 18, Big Spring, Texas, crew chief.



Colonel Barnette was on his first flying assignment since serving as the Detachment 193 deputy for personnel last year.

The passengers on board included: Army PFC Keith H. Dowdell, TUSLOG Detachment 4, Sinop; Army Sgt. John R. Saunders, also from Det. 4; Army Sp 4 Carl C. Carr, Det. 98, Erzurum and Navy Petty Officer 2 Daniel Hartke, Det 28, Sinop.

Among the local people killed in the crash was MSgt. James C. Webster, 54, Air Force Courier Service. He is survived by his wife, Eva, and four children all living in Adana.

The remainder of the passengers were members of the local rock music group BALLSE'

on a 10-day tour to entertain at some of the sites. They are:

SrA Mark A. Hunstadt, 21, Det 16. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon D. Hunstadt of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

SrA William F. Lancaster II, 22, and his wife Karen. Airman Lancaster was assigned to Det. 192. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Lancaster, Bono, Ark. Mrs. Lancaster's age and next of kin were not available at press time.

A1C Hans H. Hasenberg, 22, Det. 16. His parents are Henry J. Hasenberg of Lagrange, Ill. and Mrs. Irma E. Entenmann (Hasenberg), Villa Park, Ill.

Also SSgt. Jimmy L. L. Ashburn, 23, Det. 16, whose wife, Sgt Brenda M. Ashburn, is assigned to the same unit. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Anita K. Davis of Spring City, Texas, and his father, Louis Ashburn of Dayton, Ohio.

And finally, brothers Paul E., 17, and Joseph M. Johnson, 15, sons of MSgt. and Mrs. Joseph T. Johnson assigned to Det. 47. The Johnsons are also survived by three sisters.

The cause of the crash is not known. A board of qualified officers has been appointed to investigate the accident.

The casualty list

Crew:

Lt. Col. Benjamin H. Barnette, 45.
Maj. Michael L. Jones, 35.
Capt. Richard J. Wagner, 30.
SSgt. Patrick L. Cypher, 27.
Sgt. George Moreau, 26.
Amn. Howard K. Watkins, 18.

Passengers:

Navy PO2 Daniel Hartke, Sinop.
Army Sgt. John Saunders, Sinop.
Army PFC Keith H. Dowdell, Sinop.
Army Sp4 Carl C. Carr, Erzurum.
MSgt. James C. Webster, 54, A. F. Courier.
SSgt. Jimmy L. L. Ashburn, 23, Det. 16.
SrA Mark A. Hunstadt, 21, Det 16.
SrA William F. Lancaster II, 22, Det. 192.
Mrs. Karen Lancaster, wife of Airman Lancaster
A1C Hans H. Hasenberg, 22, Det. 16.
Paul E. Johnson, 17, sons of MSgt. and Mrs.
Joseph M. Johnson, 15, Joseph T. Johnson, Det 47

TOP LINE:

On my own behalf and that of all members of the U. S. Embassy in Turkey, I offer heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of those lost in the aircraft near Incirlik.

May the grief of those bereaved be coupled with the knowledge that those who died did so while serving their country and their fellows.

They will remain in our memories as brothers who made the ultimate sacrifice. May they rest in peace and those of us who remain be inspired by their examples.

James W. Spain
Ambassador

Friday's C-130 Hercules crash touched all Americans in Turkey. This tragedy cut across the three services and included both military and family members. All of us, regardless of our respective roles here, shared something in common with one or more of the crash victims.

We don't yet know what caused the accident. We can never know why destiny called these people who still had so much of life to experience. Our prayers go to those who perished and to their families, friends, co-workers, acquaintances and fellow service members who feel such a great loss.

Can there be a message in this tragedy? Certainly, we can say that these people embodied the mission of the United States Logistics Group. One way or another, all 18 of them--aircrew, members, rock band members and the remaining passengers--were in Turkey and riding on that airplane to serve the American community. We who remain to continue their work can find renewed dedication and strength in their memory.

Maj. Gen. Kenneth D. Burns
Headquarters TUSLOG Commander

"We understand death for the first time when it puts its hand upon one whom we love."
deStavol

On Friday afternoon, the call, "We have lost radio and radar contact with OLD 215, 14 miles west of Incirlik" heralded the unfolding of a tragedy--the loss of a C-130 aircraft which took the lives of 18 people. Among those lost were eight from Incirlik.

SSgt. Jimmy L.L. Ashburn, whose wife, Brenda, is a military member also stationed here; A1C Hans Hasenberg; SrA. Mark A. Hundstadt; Paul and Joe Johnson, sons of MSgt. and Mrs. Joseph T. Johnson; SrA. William F. Lancaster II and his wife, Karen; and MSgt. James C. Webster, who leaves behind his wife, Eva, and four children.

The aircraft belonged to the 463rd Tactical Airlift Wing, Dyess AFB, Texas. It carried six crewmembers on Friday, one of whom was Lt. Col. Ben Barnette, the former Director of Personnel here at Incirlik.

There are no words that can begin to convey the desolation and emptiness a tragedy like this leaves in its wake. Our thoughts and prayers.

go to the many families who have been touched by our loss on Friday.

It is gratifying to see the way our community was welded together, as one, to support the families affected and to do the many, many tasks that must be done in the aftermath of an air accident. Special thanks go to the aircrews of another C-130 and an F-4 for aiding in the search for the downed aircraft; to Col. Mahmut Ozcan, the Turkish Air Force and the Martial Law Commander who put a helicopter at our disposal in a very short time, which aided in locating the accident site and guiding the ground party to the scene; to the many offers of help from a multitude of both Turkish and American sources; and to the people of the chapel staff, hospital, Boeing Services International and many others who went to the accident site to assist in the recovery--the toughest task of all.

May God be with each person who has suffered in this tragedy, especially the families left behind.

Col. Wade L. Green
Wing Commander

Speaking for the Commander and Vice Commander of the Turkish Air Force, for the Martial Law Commander, for the Commander of the 2nd Turkish Air Force, for myself and all the members of my command I wish to extend my most sincere condolences.

At this time, it is very difficult for me to find exactly the right words to express my grief. Some of the dead were personal friends

of mine and I, along with many others, will miss them very much.

We of the Turkish Air Force have been glad to be able to help our close NATO friends in this time of need.

Col. Mahmut Ozcan
Turkish Base Commander

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Base populace reacts to Friday's tragedy

By MSgt Glenn Knight and
AIC Mark Hess

For only the second time in more than five years the Stars and Stripes are flying over this Common Defense Installation--this time at half-mast.

With the special permission of the Turkish government we are able to officially mourn the death of 18 fellow citizens, soldiers, sailor and airmen who died Friday in a crash of a C-130 Hercules nearby.

The spontaneous response of the Incirlik community was varied and positive.

A mid-afternoon call for blood donors resulted in the hospital having to turn away



volunteers three hours later. Blood samples were taken, typed and registered and the potential donors were told that they would be called if they were needed. Some were held in the hospital for person-to-person transfers if necessary.

One detachment cancelled a barracks feed, another a scheduled party and the AYA week-end dances were not held.

Before each of the AYA basketball games on Saturday the officials asked for 30-seconds of silence "in memory of our lost friends."

Local bowlers cancelled a scheduled week-end banquet in memory of the dead, many of whom were bowlers themselves.

The base chapel remained open from 9 a.m. until 3 in the afternoon for reflection and personal worship. Sunday's services were dedicated to memorializing the loss. Catholics celebrated the Mass of the Resurrection.

Det. 16 lost three of its members and their Wives Club rallied to support and aid Sgt. Brenda Ashburn, widow of SSgt. Jimmy Ashburn, through her period of grief.

Typical of the desire to help was the experience of CMSgt. Dorothy Holiday, NCOIC of CBPO. She was asked to provide 18 people to help at the crash scene, "and everyone volunteered," she noted.

One skeptical airman commented, "Two days ago I would have said that this base couldn't get together for anything--and I would have been very wrong."

"It's just amazing how small this base becomes when a tragedy hits," lamented one lady, "everyone knew at least one person on that airplane."

Stories of personal sacrifice, dedication and many extra hours of work surface everywhere a person walks. The element most missing from these stories is complaint.

Even the bright, clear, spring-like week-end weather seemed to be quietly stating condolences. Life goes on--silently reflecting.

Turkish villagers aid efforts

By Capt. Jackie Clark
Public Affairs Officer

The spirit of cooperation between the Turkish and American people was embodied Friday. As a Turkish helicopter guided the disaster response team through the winding roads leading to the crash site, Turkish jandarma, ambulances and fire units responded from several directions.

Residents of the villages along the route were at every corner, pointing the way, guiding the large vehicles through the narrow lanes and tight turns.

The site was virtually inaccessible except to four-wheel drive vehicles. Again, the villagers and farmers responded by ferrying members of the response team on their tractors. Equipment still had to be carried over several hundred yards of mire and this could have only

been done with the help of the men and boys of the village.

As the response team began to leave at dark and the security police arrived to secure the area, the villagers put their backs into pushing cars, trucks and buses out of the mud. The on-scene commander's car high-centered on one of the back roads and within moments, more than 15 men and boys came out of the dark to help. It took a tractor and strong backs to literally lift the car up and off the pile of mud.

The women of Kuyumculor, the village nearest the site, were out early Saturday morning with hot ekmek, cheese and çay for the members of the security police who stood guard throughout the damp night.

For all their work and service during the tragedy, not one of our Turkish hosts would take anything except the word, teşekkür ederim.

MAC flights continue; investigation begins

The Friday crash of one of two C-130s operating out of Incirlik will not result in any degradation of Turkey-wide airlift according to Capt. Glen Cernik, local airlift operations officer.

"We got back up to full strength Saturday afternoon when a C-130 from Rhein-Main AB, Germany arrived with members of the accident investigation team. The new aircraft flew regular missions Sunday and will replace the crashed craft."

Captain Cernik also related that after, the ill-fated ship disappeared from the radar screen, the second C-130--ten minutes behind and coming in from Ankara--was directed to begin a search. Maj. Ronald N. Jackson, aircraft commander, and his crew located the crash and directed the Turkish Jandarma helicopter, with Colonels Green and Ozcan, to the scene.

They remained on station as a relay for communications and lead the disaster preparedness convoy to the scene.

INVESTIGATION TEAM

Col. Alen Johnson, 435th Tactical Airlift Wing deputy commander for operations, arrived Saturday to take command of the 22-member accident investigation team. The 435th is located at Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

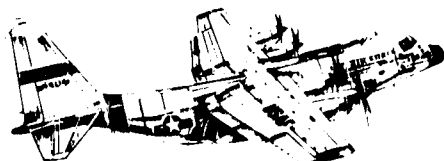
The team includes representatives from Dyess AFB, Texas, home unit of the aircraft, Lockheed, the manufacturer, and other medical, technical and safety experts from Weisbaden AB, Germany, Ramstein AB, Germany and RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom.

Hercules plays vital role

C-130s participate as military 'workhouse'

The C-130 Hercules was originally designed for the Air Force's Tactical Air Command and was to serve as a long or short range transport capable of delivering personnel or material by landing, parachute or auxiliary delivery methods.

It has been one of the true workhorses of the Air Force and today plays a vital role



in all support operations throughout the free world.

There are a large number of versions of the basic C-130 ranging from special Air Weather Service hurricane hunters to specially

The team will work under the operational control of the Commander-in-Chief of the Military Airlift Command.

Police response varied

Capt. William Hajdu
Public Affairs Representative

The Security Police swung into action Friday evening following the initial crash call.

1st Lt. Elijah Garrett, security police shift commander, and who speaks Turkish, went with the disaster response team to the crash site. He performed an initial security survey and arranged for protection of classified material at the site.

The convoy formation was handled by the Charlie Flight, shift commander, 1st Lt. Victoria Anderson and members of the shift.

Maj. Sidney Hoekstra, security police commander, took charge of the follow-on convoy.

Twenty security policemen responded to perform cordon control, maintain convoy integrity and to provide security for the Air Force encampment at the crash site. Volunteers, working 12-hour shifts, continue to provide security at the site.

The security police also provided on-base services such as crowd control at the hospital and took names of blood donors. They maintained limited radio contact with the disaster response team, and established a road guard system from the main gate to the hospital.

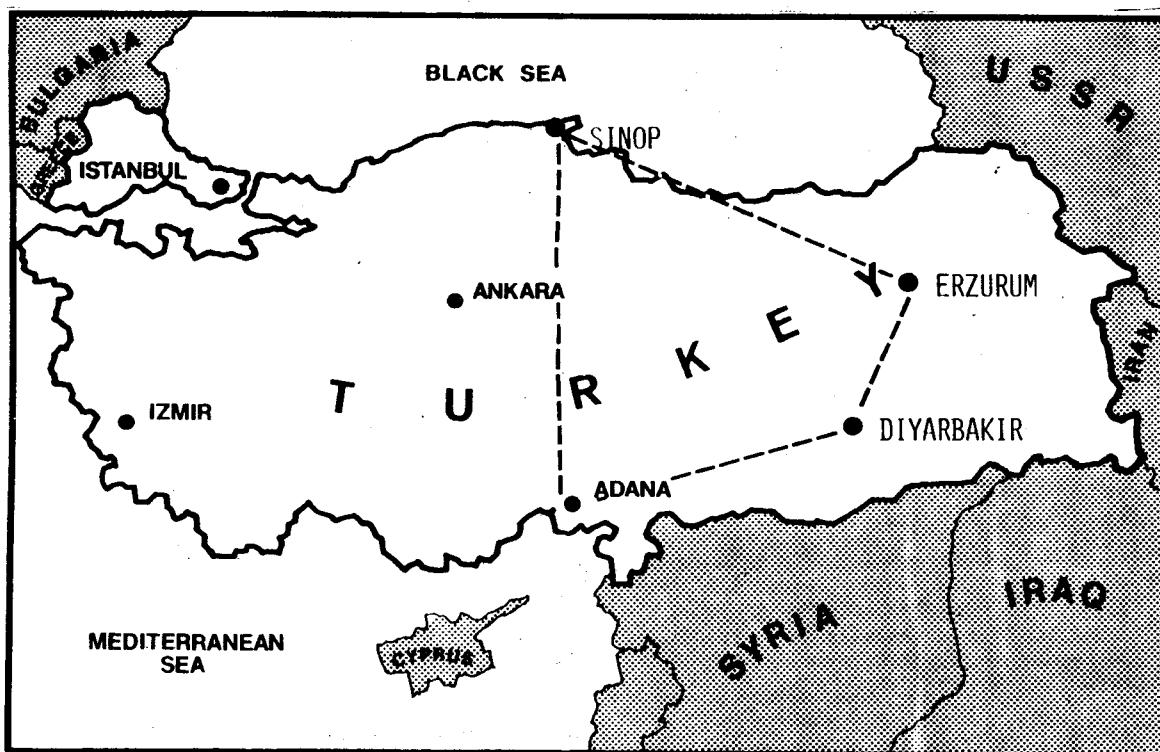
equipped gun-ships for ground support during army operations. Some versions are used for rescue and recovery as well as for reconnaissance and refueling.

Built by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, the C-130 sports four Allison turboprop engines each capable of 3,755 propeller-shaft horsepower. The wing-span is 132 feet, seven inches and it is 97 feet, nine inches long and 38 feet, six inches tall.

The speed of the C-130 is listed at 380 miles per hour with a ceiling above 30,000 feet and a range beyond 2,500 miles.

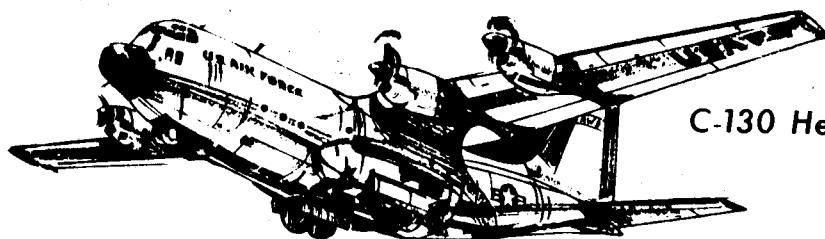
Its load capabilities are 43,811 pounds of cargo, 92 fully equipped troops, 64 paratroopers or 72 litter patients with two attendants.

The normal crew is two pilots, a navigator, a flight engineer and a loadmaster. A maintenance crew-chief is often added to the crew, bringing the total to six.



AIRCRAFT ROUTE--Mission Tango 3 departed Incirlik, just east of Adana, Friday morning stopping at Diyarbakir and Erzurum. A

scheduled stop at Sinop did not take place due to bad weather. On the return trip to Incirlik the aircraft crashed west of Adana.



C-130 Hercules

Accident site located with Turkish help

By AIC Mark Hess
Staff Writer

Response to the accident scene was accomplished with the cooperation by local Turkish police and military authorities. Initial search was accomplished by Detachment 10 Commander Col. Wade L. Green and Turkish Base Commander Col. Mahmut Ozcan in a helicopter provided by the Adana Martial Law commander.

"We were able to get to the scene within one hour and direct ground rescue units with the helicopter," noted Green. "This was possible due to Col. Ozcan's efforts."

The Turkish Jandarma met Air Force ground teams at the front gate to escort them to the crash site. Jandarma and Turkish National Police units also had established security at the site and are continuing with

support from Det. 193-1 personnel.

Turkish nationals at the scene were extremely cooperative with arriving U.S. and Turkish officials. Many aided in locating wreckage that was obscured or scattered far distances from the impact site. "One Turk returned the billfold of one of the victims to me personally," added Colonel Green.

Acting upon a request from Green, Colonel Ozcan obtained Turkish General Staff permission to fly the American flag at half mast in front of the Det. 10 headquarters since Saturday morning till the end of memorial services today.

"We have received condolence messages from Colonel Ozcan, the Vice Commander in Chief of the Turkish Air Force who was representing the Turkish Commander in Chief who is presently out of the country, and the commander of the 2nd Turkish Air Force at Diyarbakir."

Chapel community responds to families' grief

An ecumenical memorial service for all the accident victims will take place at the base chapel today at 3:30 p.m..

For those wishing to contribute gifts in memory of those lost in the crash, a list of preferred memorial designations by the respective families will be available at the chapel.

The Chapel has been extremely active from the moment word of the accident was received. Catholic Chaplain (Capt.) William Moore and Protestant Chaplain (Capt.) Jack Williamson went out to the accident

scene with the initial response teams. Later in the day, the other chaplains made personal notifications to the local victims' families.

"The community response to this tragedy has been overwhelming," said Chaplain (Lt.Col.) Harold Bonath. "The totality of the individuals and organizations that have pulled together to assist and comfort those in need has been magnificent."

Chaplain Bonath cited the outstanding response to the call for blood donors by the hospital. "The Chapel has been called by many offering help and asking how to express their sympathy."

In His Service...

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Harold D. Bonath, Installation Chaplain



In time of deep sorrow the need to communicate with God becomes vital. We offer this prayer to assist in your communication with God.

O God, where are you?
Our world suddenly lost all meaning. As we face the days ahead we ask, "Lord, what is the meaning of life? How can I live in a world without the loved ones who have been our very life?"

We know so little about you. But we dare to make our earnest plea--help us, even in sorrow, to discover the real meaning of life.

Band started MWR tour

Popular rock group headed for sites

By AIC Mark Hess
Staff Writer

Lost in the crash Friday was the entire local rock group Ballze. The group was on a 10-day MWR tour of sites in Turkey.

The first stop on the tour was to be Sinop. But the C-130 carrying the troupe and its equipment was weathered out and forced to continue onto Incirlik when the plane met with disaster.

Comprised of SrA. Mark Hunstadt, 21, of Det. 16, SRA William F. Lancaster, 22, and his wife Karen, of Det. 192, AIC Han Hasenbourg, 22, and SSgt. Jimmy Ashburn, 23, both of Det. 16. Also part of the group was Joseph M. Johnson, 15, son of MSgt. and Mrs. Joseph T. Johnson of Det. 47. Escorting Joseph on the trip was his older brother Paul, 17.

The band, formed approximately six months ago, was a recent hit at the Incirlik and

Lord, we feel so empty. Yet we sense somehow that you can become our fullness. Fill us, while we cling to Thy hope which lessens our sorrow and, in compassion, heal our despair with your gift of renewed faith. We pray in the name of our Comforter.

Amen

Some of the families have indicated a preference for memorial gifts in lieu of flowers. Those requests are:

Johnson--To the base Chapel to be designated at a later time.

Ashburn--To Incirlik MWR for a new public address system in the name of Jimmy L.L. Ashburn.

Webster--To UNICEF in loving memory of MSgt. James Webster.

Barnette--To the Dyess Chapel Memorial Library in loving memory of Lt. Col. Benjamin Barnette.

Turkey-wide Talent Contest. Since drummer Johnson was a dependent, the band was unable to travel to Germany for the USAFE contest, but they gladly opted for an MWR tour of Turkey.

The band was purported to be the best rock band in Turkey capable of playing to eager audiences, having headlined at the 1979 Incirlik Oktoberfest and playing the Incirlik clubs on a regular basis.

The band was slated to play the upcoming Det. 192 Toga party in a battle of the bands competition.

For the many single airmen living in the dormitories, Ballze provided a pleasant alternative to the nightly disco dancing.

As one Ballze fan put it, "It may have only been rock and roll, but they liked it. So did everyone else."