

## F-100 FIRSTS

May 25, 1953 - First operational aircraft to exceed Mach 1 in level flight - YF-100A flown by George Welch.

October 26, 1953 - New world speed record - 755.19 mph over Salton Sea, F-100A, Lt. Col. Frank Everest.

October 1954 - First American Fighter unit equipped with supersonic jets - 479th FDW, George AFB, CA F-100As.

December 17, 1954 - Collier Trophy awarded to NAA by Pres. Eisenhower for development of the first operational supersonic fighter.

February, 1955 - First supersonic ejection - George Smith from F-100A at 8,000 ft.

August, 1955 - New world speed record - 822.5 mph over Mojave Desert. Col. Horace Hanes F-100C

4 September 1955 - Col. Carlos Talbott won the Bendix Trophy in an F-100C that traversed the 2,325 mile transcontinental distance with an average speed of 610mph.

September, 1956 - Start of the F-100F - First two seater supersonic trainer aircraft.

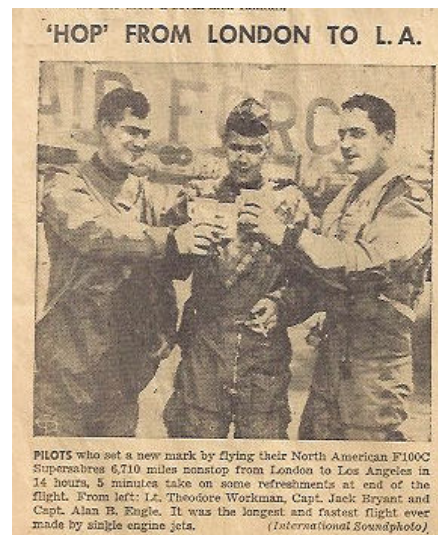
September, 1956 - Project Mobile Baker - first tactical jets to fly non-stop from Foster AFB, TX to Landstuhl, Germany (across the Atlantic), F-100Cs, 13 hrs, 50 min.

December, 1956 - two F-100Ds became the first-ever aircraft to successfully perform buddyrefueling.

November, 1957 - Project Mobil Zebra - First tactical jets to fly non-stop across the Pacific ocean - 16 F-100Cs and 16 F-100Ds from George AFB, CA to Philippine Is.

February, 1957 - First Air National Guard unit to be equipped with supersonic fighter jets - 188<sup>th</sup> TFS, Kirtland AFB, NM ANG.

May 1957 - three F-100Cs set a new world distance record for single-engine aircraft by covering the 6,710 mi (5,835 nmi, 10,805 km) distance from London to Los Angeles in 14 hours and 4 minutes. The flight was accomplished using inflight refueling. Pilots were Lt. Theodore Workman and Captains Jack Bryant and Alan Engle. See picture and text from the May 15, 1957 issue of the WOOSTER DAILY RECORD. Wooster is a town about an hour south of Cleveland. [Workman was a Super Sabre Society member.]



March, 1958 - First supersonic jet to make a Zero Length launch (ZEL) - Al Blackburn.

March, 1958 - Announcement - First fighter to be able to deliver a nuclear weapon at supersonic speed - TAC Cmdr. Gen. O. P. Weyland, F-100D.

May, 1958 - First foreign country to be equipped with supersonic jet fighters – Military Assistance Program, France.

August 1959 - two F-100Fs became the first-ever jet fighters to fly over the North Pole.

April 1961 – F-100s were the first USAF combat jets to enter the Vietnam War.

April 1965 – An F-100 was the first USAF aircraft to engage in aerial jet combat during the Vietnam War, while escorting F-105 Thunderchiefs to target.

1956 - First supersonic jet fighter to equip the Thunderbird Aerial Demonstration Team - 1956-1964 and 1964 – 1968, 13 years total.

1980 - First operational high-performance fighter to demonstrate remote controlled attack capability - QF-100 Full Scale Aerial Target 1979-1998.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

**1958 First supersonic jet fighter to equip an allied nation – France – F-100Ds and F-100Fs.**

**1972 Flew more sorties in Vietnam than all the thousands of P-51s flew in World War II.**

**1972 Flew more sorties in the Vietnam War than all other combat fighter aircraft combined –**

**360,283 sorties - 242 F-100s lost (198 in combat, 54 non-combat).**