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Succeeds Gen. Richmond

Burns Assumes 19th Command

Major General Robert W. Burns assumes command of Tactical Air Command's 19th Air Force at Seymour Johnson AFB on April 1.

He succeeds Maj. Gen. Luther Richmond.

For the past two years General Burns has served as chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Pakistan.

A veteran bomber pilot of the Eighth Air Force, General Burns as a group commander, flew combat mission in the B-17 Flying Fortress during World War II.

He later served as deputy chief of staff for personnel and deputy chief of staff for development with USAF headquarters in the Pentagon.

Subsequently he served in Greece, McChord AFB, Washington; and as deputy chief of staff for operations for the Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs. It was in that capacity that he was promoted to brigadier general in 1960.

He became a major general in April of 1965.

A native of Nettleton, Miss., the general is married to the former Ruth Blackburn and they

have three children — one son and two daughters.

The general holds the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with one oak leaf cluster, the Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Unit Badge and several other decorations.



**MAJ. GEN. ROBERT W.
BURNS**