

Like Father, Like Sons

Like father, like son, like brother...

This aptly describes the LeBlanc family. SM Sgt. Dudley J. LeBlanc entered the Air Force in 1952 and was trained as a medic.

Airman Gerald W. LeBlanc entered in August 1976 and requested to work in medical services like his father.

Airman Randal K. LeBlanc followed three months later and made the same request.

Both airmen also requested England AFB as first choice for base assignment. Both got their requested job and base assignment.

Now, Sgt. LeBlanc is superintendent of nursing services and his sons are medical service specialists at USAF Hospital England.

Sgt. LeBlanc was on an overseas tour when his sons joined the Air Force under the delayed enlistment program.

After his father's assignment here, Gerald made his request and then Randal did the same.

"I was really excited, I just couldn't believe it," Gerald said about being stationed with his family.

"I was going to medical school in Galveston, training to be a physical therapist assistant. I had completed one year and had a year to go. I applied for a grant and when it didn't come through, I joined," he added.

Randal explained, "I had already done all the traveling I wanted to. I realized the difference between being at home and being independent. This way I can have both."

He spent 15 days at his high school in Las Vegas, Nev., enroute here from technical training school, in support of the Air Force Recruiter Assistance Program.

Under this program, he spoke with students at the school, telling them what Air Force basic and technical training was really like. The experience was "fun and interesting," he said.

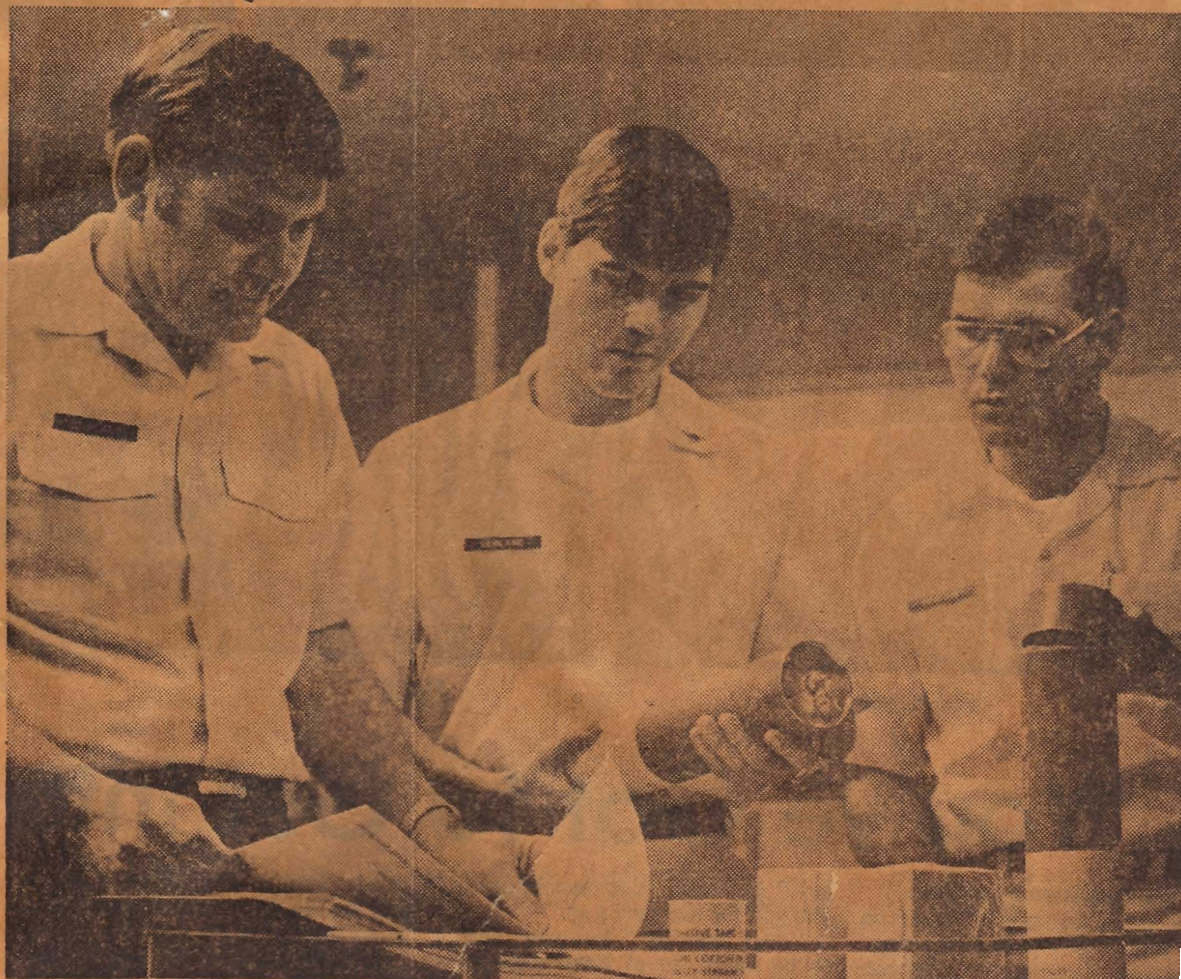
"There were about 10 students that signed up for the Air Force after talking with me," he concluded.

Sgt. LeBlanc said he realized that his sons would probably be scrutinized a little closer than the other medical service people at the hospital.

He added that he was very hesitant at first, and he and his supervisor had several long talks about the situation before his first son arrived here.

"I seldom ever see them here. I work with their supervisors. Of course, I see them on my rounds and occasionally run into them around the hospital, but I have no direct contact with them," he said.

Although they admit to "talking shop" at home, most of the Air Force conversations are around the field of career advice and information on advancement, skill levels



SM Sgt. Dudley J. LeBlanc, Airman Gerald W. LeBlanc and Airman Randal K. LeBlanc load supplies on a cart in USAF Hospital England. Sgt. LeBlanc is the

father of the two airmen. All three are stationed at England Air Force Base as medical service personnel.

