

100.Two at Four

Eugene 'Gene' Dziejowski was an RB-47H AC in our squadron, the 343rd. He stood about 5'5" – if he stood on his toes. He was a great artist with an extremely dry sense of humor. Rafferty was giving him the raspberry at Stand-up over some problem Gene had encountered on his mission and 'Iron Mike' was not happy. Towering 6'2" over Dziejowski and raking him over the coals, Gene stood there silently until Rafferty was finished when Gene very quietly and demurely looked up into Rafferty's eyes and said, "you just don't like me because I'm Catholic." Needless to say, the tension was broken immediately. Even Rafferty laughed, which didn't happen too often.

Gene rendered a beautiful painting of the Tell-Two departing Incirlik in the rain on a collection mission. The painting has been donated to the 55h Wing and is being displayed in a prominent place depicting the wing's history of a now relatively unknown and forgotten mission.

- Reg Urschler



"March 1960. An EB-47E 'Tell-Two' taking off on a telemetry collection mission in an early morning rain from Adana Air Base, Incirlik, Turkey, 55th SRW operating location four." Painting by Lt. Col. Eugene Dziejowski, 343rd SRS