



THE 1960 COLONIALS — Off to a fine start (7 wins, 3 defeats), the Military District of Washington Colonials have their sights set for a record-breaking attendance in their next home outing with Army Chemical Center at Fort Myer on July 18. Attendance has been lagging, to say the least.

Front row (L to R): Pat Bailey, Don Crawford, Bob Pyron, Jim Robinson, Brad McIntosh, Francis Sussdorf, Willie Williams, Shirley Mullins, and Jimmy Marion. Second row (standing): Jim McGraw, Tom Heflin, Joe Thompson, and Shaggy Heston. Third row (standing): Don Betke, Henry Acuna, Melvin Pitman (Mgr.), and Tom Shima.

(MDW Photo by Pat. Fred Moore)

Colonials Take 3 On Road Trip; McIntosh, Heflin, Betke, Star

By JIM EASTERWOOD

A pleasant grin wrinkled the face of Melvin Pitman, playing manager of the Military District of Washington Colonials, as he set with feet propped atop his desk in North Area's Gymnasium at Fort Myer.

"Three out of four on the road — who wouldn't be happy", declared Pitman, whose excellent on the road (a 2.49 e.r.a.) no doubt did much towards establishing the youthful manager's genial disposition.

Successful Trip

The successful road trip—which brought the Colonials season's record to a respectful 7-3 mark, was highlighted by the slugging of catcher Brad McIntosh, a cotton-topped former Minor League player (Tidewater League) who hails from Morehead, North Carolina.

The slugging backstopper's average (now .304) zoomed some 70 points in the four game road trip, with his three-hit output June 25th against Fort Story, Md. climaxed by a game-winning 2-run circuit smash in the top of the ninth. It provided the Colonials with a 4-3 verdict and a sweep of the two-game series. Tom Shima's (six hits, 10 strikeouts) hurling gave the Colonials the first game, 10-3, as second baseman Bill McGraw pumped up the MDW offense with a 3 for 5 effort. Shima,

is not up to the swift righthanders real plateau. The hot Philadelphia Phillies prospect was scheduled to toe the slab Wednesday against the crack F.B.I. Industrial league team.

Heflin Stars

Another standout on the 4-game tour was shortstop Tom Heflin, who clubbed two round-trippers in MDW's only road loss, a 13-6 setback at the hands of Langley AFB. The Colonials won the first game, 11-2, behind the 6-hit pitching of Donald Betke (3-0, 2.37). Hank Acuna (1-1, 5.40) took the loss in the second tilt with Langley after twirling a beautiful five hit shutout against Andrews AFB Rockets June 16 at Fort Myer.

Actually the Colonials should probably have an 8-3 mark, with one game (Dover AFB) being called on account of darkness in the bottom of the tenth with the score tied 11-11. The Colonials had runners on second and third with no outs and the meat end of the order due up when the Umpire called the game. "It was certainly

light enough, declared the two opposing managers after the game.

Sideline Shots:

Bill McGraw leads the Colonials at the plate with a .467 average, compiled on 22 hits in 47 at bats. Bob Pyron, centerfielder, .300, has the most runs, 17; and Heflin (.415) is the leading run-producer, with 15. First Baseman Pat Bailey, 8 for 20, is third in team hitting with a .400 mark.