

Flashback

Great Guns!



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In the early 1960s, one of the wings flying the new B-52G was the 4135th Strategic Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla. The bomber had been improved with the addition of television and electronic controls on its rear gun turret. The TV camera, located above the guns, eliminated the need for positioning the tail gunner in the back of the

aircraft; he was able to sit in the control compartment in the front of the aircraft, where he watched a screen showing the view at the rear of the bomber. Here, MSgt. Jerry O. Magee, crew chief, checks the ammunition booster that fed the four .50-caliber "stingers," each of which could fire as many as 600 rounds.