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Two Astronauts Begin Flight Training At Randolph April 5

Two U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronauts will become student pilots at Randolph Air Force Base and will join Undergraduate Pilot Training (UPT) Class 69-06 which begins study April 5. The astronauts are Dr. Philip Kenyon Chapman, ScD, and Dr. William Edgar Thornton, MD. Both

were selected as astronauts last August. Doctors Chapman and Thornton are two of a total of 10 astronauts who will be taking flight training at Air Training Command bases. ATC headquarters said other bases where astronauts will take pilot training are Laughlin and Reese AFBs in Texas, Vance AFB, Okla., and Williams AFB, Ariz. The training will be for approximately one year.

Doctor Chapman was born March 5, 1935, in Melbourne, Australia. He graduated from Parramatta High School in Parramatta, N.S.W., Australia; received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Mathematics from Sydney University in 1956 and from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a Master of Science Degree in Aeronautics and Aeronautics in 1964 and a Doctorate of Science in Instrumentation in 1967.

Doctor Chapman served with the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve from 1953 to 1955. From 1956 to 1957, he worked for Philip's Electronics Industries Proprietary Limited in Sydney, Australia. He then joined the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition, International Geophysical Year, serving for two years as an auroral/radio physicist.

Doctor Chapman was selected as a scientist-astronaut by NASA in August 1967. He and other members of this sixth group of astronauts have embarked on a program of intensive training in preparation for future manned space flights.

Doctor Chapman is a recipient of the British Polar Medal, senior member of the American

Astronautical Society and member of the Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions (ANARE) Club.

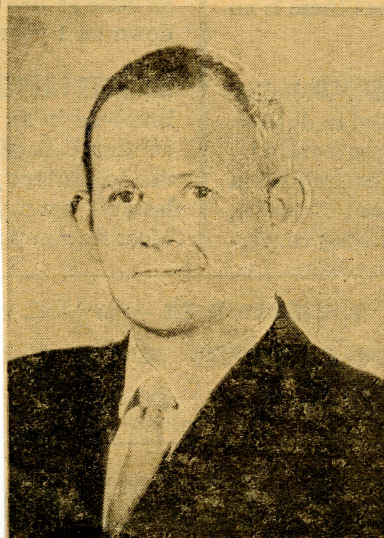
Doctor Thornton was born in Goldsboro, N.C., on April 14, 1929. He attended primary and secondary schools in Faison, N.C., received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and a Doctorate in Medicine from the University of North Carolina in 1952 and 1963, respectively.

Following graduation from the University of North Carolina and having completed Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps training, Dr. Thornton served as officer-in-charge of the Instrumentation Lab at the Flight Test Air Proving Ground and later became a consultant to Air Proving Ground Command.

From 1955 to 1959, he worked as chief engineer in the Electronics Division of the Del Mar Engineering Labs at Los Angeles. He returned to the University of North Carolina Medical School in 1959, graduated in 1963, and completed internship training in 1964 at the Wilford Hall USAF Hospital at Lackland AFB.

He returned to active duty with the U.S. Air Force and was then assigned to the USAF Aerospace Medical Division at Brooks AFB. It was during his two year tour of duty there that he became involved in space medicine research and subsequently applied and was selected for astronaut training.

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