



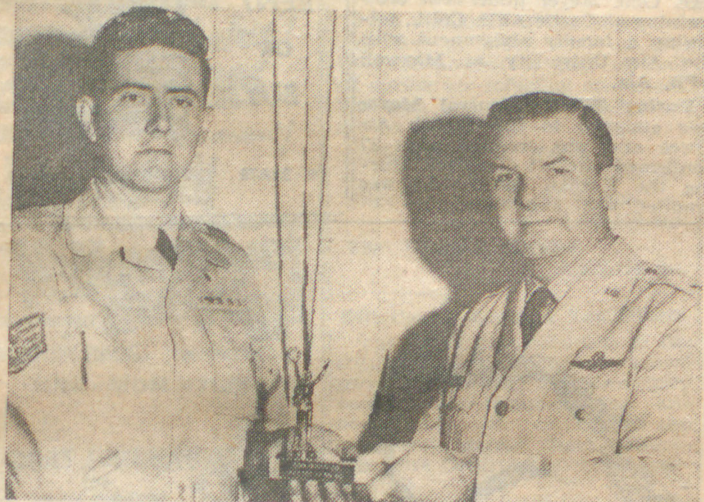
MAJOR LEAGUER—Soon, every 4060th Tanker at Dow will proudly wear a gold luminous band around the boom to indicate that wing is in the Major Leagues, having won the "Golden Boom" award.

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ESPRITE—SSgt. Gerald W. Icenogle FMS, Class 59G of the Dow NCO Prep School accepts the class honor award. SSgt. Carl R. Terry, also of FMS, won the same award during graduating exercises for class 59H thereby making morale and esprit in that squadron stand way high.

FMS Claims Sharpest Prep School Graduates

It seems that Field Maintenance Squadron has the sharpest Staff Sergeants on Dow AFB, if winning the Honor Graduate Award from the NCO Preparatory School is an accepted criteria, and we believe it definitely is.

Staff Sergeant Carl R. Terry of Field Maintenance Squadron, won the Honor Award for Class 59-G, NCO Preparatory School, and Staff Sergeant Gerald W. Icenogle repeated the feat for Class 59-H, thus making it two consecutive times that Field Maintenance Squadron has won the coveted award.

Inasmuch as the Honor Award recipient is selected by the faculty and student of each class, as the individual who is the best all around student, it appears that those Field Maintenance Troops are well rounded individuals. A student must display the desired qualities, abilities in attitude in all areas in order to receive the award.

Both Sergeant Terry and Icenogle had high academic averages in addition to the other required prerequisites for the award. Sergeant Terry is an Aircraft Instrument Repairman in the Instrument Shop of the Field Maintenance Accessories Branch. Sergeant Icenogle is an Aircraft Equipment and Accessories Technician in the Pneumatic Shop of the Branch. However, their performance at the NCO Preparatory School indicate that they are not merely "wrench benders" but have the leadership, supervisory and managerial abilities expected of NCOs.

Field Maintenance Squadron has two staff sergeants attending the present class (59-I) of the NCO Preparatory School, and we hereby give fair warning to the other squadrons. Field Maintenance intends to keep up the precedence it has set at the NCO Preparatory School.

You Will Be Contacted For United Fund Drive

It has been announced by the United Fund Project Officer, Lt. Col. David G. Bellemere, that the results of the 1959 United Fund drive will be evaluated by the following point system:

If a squadron turns in 100% participation (no minimum) and 50% of those participating give a fair share (minimum day's pay), the squadron will be eligible for the Fair Share Award.

If a squadron makes its goal of 100% participation, it will receive 50 points.

If the squadron makes its goal of 50% Fair Share, it will receive 50 points.

Total 100 points. Therefore, a squadron of 100 men with 80 giving would receive 40 points.

If 25 persons gave a Fair Share, the squadron would receive 25 points. Total 65 points.

Listed below are the Squadron Campaign Chairmen for the 1959 United Fund Campaign, who will contact men assigned to their squadron.

GRADE	NAME	ORGAN
1st Lt.	John W. Scott Jr	4060th Opron
1st Lt.	George H. Collins	4060th Opron
Capt.	James E. Glass	4060th Opron
2nd Lt.	James E. Dearman Jr.	4060th Aems
1st Lt.	Richard D. Riechael	71st Ars
1st Lt.	Albert R. Trautmann	71st Ars Alternate
1st Lt.	Thomas G. Bigley	71st Ars Alternate
T-Sgt.	Clarence M. Lewis	71st Ars Alternate
M-Sgt.	Lawrence J. Sutton	4060th Transron
2nd Lt.	Robert V. Belanger	1292-2 AACS
2nd Lt.	Howard W. Zander	1292-2 AACS Alternate
T-Sgt.	Ramon B. Rivas	4060th FDSVCRON
T-Sgt.	Barren Repass	4060th SUPPRON Alt
2nd Lt.	Gerald R. Sauter	4060th SUPPRON
2nd Lt.	John S. Malone III	4060th SUPPRON Alt

Dow Tankers Win Gold Boom Award

The 4060th Air Refueling Wing here at Dow has been awarded the Eighth Air Force Golden Boom Air Refueling Award for the second training period, May through August.

Reenlistment Honor Roll

Five more Dowmen decided to make the Air Force a career this week by signing on for new tours of duty.

New members of the Reenlistment Honor Roll are:

TSGT. Robert L. Rian Jr. 4060th Aircraft Support Squadron. Bob hails from Statesville, N. C., and is a veteran of more than 11 years service. He has reenlisted for a six year tour.

A-2c Eugene J. Corbert, 672nd AC&W Sq. Airman Corbet is from Jamaica Plain, Mass., and has stayed on for another four years.

ASAC James C. Goldy, 672 AC&W Sq. Jim comes from Ocean City New Jersey and has reenlisted for four more years.

A-2C Donald S. Kearton II, 71st ARS. Don is from North Laurel, Md. He has reenlisted for a new four year tour.

A-2C David C. Mitchell, 672 AC&W Sq. Airman Mitchell comes from Tippicanoe, Ohio, and has decided to try the Air Force for another four year hitch.

STAY SAC REENLIST

Every aircraft in the organization will sport a golden ring around the boom as soon as the proper type paint is available. The marking is designed to distinguish between major and hush leaguers.

A squadron must be declared 'Combat Ready' prior to participating in the awards program. Minimum activity required for determining the winners of the Golden Boom is 50 scheduled air refuelings per month, with 200 scheduled air refuelings during each four month training period.

Each air refueling squadron achieving 90 per cent or higher in air refueling efficiency for a four month training period is authorized to paint a gold luminous band around the ice shield on the boom of each unit aircraft.

AACS Selects Squadron Airman Of The Quarter

Airman Second Class William E. Humphrey was named airman of the quarter of the 1292-2 Airways and Air Communications Service Detachment. The announcement was made at Commander's Call by Captain Earl R. Tweedie, Detachment Commander.

Airman Humphrey, a control tower and GGA operator, entered the Air Force in September of 1956. He has seen duty in Korea before coming to Dow in March, 1958.

Airman Humphrey received the award for his consistent high quality performance while on duty, and conducting himself in a military manner and as a gentleman at all times.

He was rewarded with a pen and pencil set and a three day pass.



William Brennan, Jr.

AL Commander To Visit Dow

William A. Brennan Jr., of Indianapolis, Indiana, National Vice Commander of the American Legion will be the keynote speaker at the special northern and central Maine Conference on Legion and Veterans Affairs to be held at the Brewer Auditorium on Sunday, October 18 starting at 10 A.M. according to an announcement made today by Daniel E. Lambert, Orrington, Legion District Commander.

It was also announced that the full agenda of the Special conference will be released during the week.

Hosts to the special Veterans Affairs Conference will be the Daniel E. Geagan Post No. 98, American Legion of Brewer.

Tomorrow Night, Mr. Brennan will be the special guest of Colonel and Mrs. George W. R. Zethren at a dinner to be held at the Dow Officers Club.

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Installations Airman Passes College Tests

A-3C Curtis L. Spring assigned to the 4060 Installations Squadron as a Firefighter here at Dow AFB, recently passed his college G.E.D. test with extremely high scores. Airman Spring is due extended credit for his accomplishment as he had received no college background prior to his testing.

Born and educated in Craftsburg, Vermont, Curtis now 19 years of age was graduated from Craftsburg Academy in June 1958 and entered the USAF a short time later.

He stated that the testing was difficult and quite tiring but he was definitely pleased with the results. Now enrolled in the on-base college program, Airman Spring will continue toward a degree which he plans to complete in the Air Force.

Command Quota Announced For SMSgt - CMSgt

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—A command quota of 1,416 new senior and 553 new chief master sergeants will be filled by the SAC Central Selection Board which convenes here Oct. 12.

In addition, nominations for an additional 15 senior and 22 chief master sergeants will be forwarded to USAF for possible promotion.

As previously announced, not all new Dow senior and chief master sergeants will be able to don their new stripes on Dec. 1. SAC was given the authority to promote not more than 520 senior and 220 chief master sergeants in December, with the remainder picking up their stripes on June 1, 1960.

The SAC central Selection Board will be composed of representatives from the command's numbered air forces, 7th Air Division and Headquarters SAC. The board's president will be a colonel and the 15 members lieutenant colonels.

All selections will be announced Dec. 1, including those for next June. Air Force-wide, there will be 4,540 new SMSgts (1,660 in the December cycle) and 1,720 CMSgts (650 in December).

SAC will promote senior master sergeants in 62 career fields (and nominate in 14) and cover 52 career fields (plus 20 for nominations) for the first chief master sergeant selections.

Flight Pay Insurance Plan Pays Off

A unique flight pay protection plan has helped bolster Air Force flyers through periods of financial difficulties when deprived of flight pay because of accident, illness or other medical causes.

This is the Flight Pay Protection program, a nonprofit plan administered by the Air Force Association for the benefit of flying personnel of all Services. The program has paid more than one and a quarter million dollars to 500 claimants, in four years.

Information on the flight protection pay plan can be obtained from the Insurance Division, Air Force Association, Mills Building, Washington 6, D. C.



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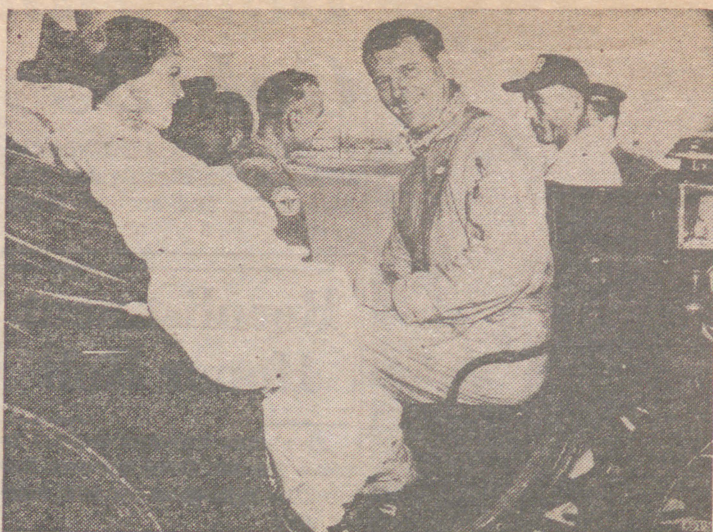
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POST FLIGHT REPAST—Finishing one trip and starting another, Brig. Gen. Avelin P. Tacon, Jr., Commander of the 831st Air Div., TAC, gets a congratulatory smile from a pretty senorita in a horse-drawn carriage. He's just led six F-104s on a non-stop flight from Myrtle Beach AFB, S. C., to Moron AFB, Seville, Spain, utilizing mid-air refueling from aerial tankers. It was the first overseas non-stop deployment of the 1400 m.p.h. jet fighter.

Ground Safety Report

By MSGT. JOHN D. FRENCH
NCOIC Ground Safety

Well, here we are again nearing the hunting season. Many men and for that matter women are going to derive enjoyment from this sport. Others, however, will not find themselves having so much fun because they've been injured either slightly or seriously.

I know to you this is a well worn phrase but it is nevertheless, true in a great many cases; that accidents are caused they just don't happen.

Forseeing many accidents this year, I am going to give you a few helpful hunting suggestions which should give you a way to avoid many of the needless accidents which happen every year.

Know Your Gun

Have gun, ammunition in good condition.

Sight-in gun before hunting. Learn to be a good shot.

Handle Gun Properly

Treat every gun as if it were loaded.

Always point muzzle in safe direction.

Be sure of target. Keep finger out of trigger guard until firing.

Practice self-control. Open the action; unload gun indoors or out when not in use.

Store hunting guns in safe place. Fulfill Duties As Safe Hunter

Follow rules of safe hunting. Learn to identify game.

Know, observe game laws. Be courteous.

Promote friendly hunter-landowner relations.

Insist companions observe these rules.

AIRMAN'S BOOKSHELF

POPULAR AND PROFESSIONAL AEROSPACE BOOKS

(AFNS) The Air Force member who takes his astronautics seriously will find the new book, "Soviet Space Science," a rich source of information. Translated from Russian by the U. S. Air Force's Technical Documents Liaison Office, it's an excellent survey of astronautics, as well as a valuable account of the Soviet approach to the problems of space flight.

The author, Ari Shternfeld, who has been writing on astronautics for more than 25 years, won the International Prize for the Promotion of Astronautics in 1934 for a book manuscript, which, incidentally, was written in French. He is described in a RAND Corporation study prepared last year for Congress as one of the most capable and prolific scientific writers in the U.S.S.R.

Quoting widely from American, British, German, and French, as well as Soviet sources, Shternfeld surveys satellites, laws of motion, man in airless space and numerous other aspects of manned and unmanned space travel.

In an absorbing discussion of the utilization of both artificial satellites and of natural interplanetary stations, Shternfeld argues that the moon is unsuitable as an interplanetary station, be-

cause it is too far from the Earth's surface. Also, too much fuel would have to be expended, he says, during the spacecraft's descent and take-off from the moon. The moon could be used, he contends, only if particularly high-grade fuel and building materials were found there.

He therefore holds that an artificial satellite, which could be placed rather close to the Earth, has a number of advantages over the moon as an intermediate interplanetary station.

He suggests that there might be one or more natural satellites of the Earth, closer than the moon, which have remained undetected up to now. On one of these, he says, it would be relatively easy to set up both a "flying observatory and an interplanetary station."

A detailed index and dozens of drawings, charts, photographs and tables, plus a foreword and epilogue by Willey Ley, make this 361-page astronautics survey a rewarding semi-popular treatment of man's probings in aerospace.

(Published by Basic Books, Inc., New York, 1959, "Soviet Space Science" retails for \$6.00. It has been recommended by the USAF Book Program for sale on the AIRMAN'S BOOKSHELF at popular BX prices. Also obtainable at reduced price by members of the Aerospace Book Club.) — Reviewed by Frank W. Jennings, Hq USAF.

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New Dental Officers Help In Restoring Full Service

Due to the recent arrival of two newly assigned Dental officers, the complete dental service previously provided at the Base Hospital has been restored.

First Lieutenant Harold H. Gady, USAF, DC, arrived last month after completing a 4 week TDY tour at Gunter AFB, Alabama, where he graduated from the Basic Orientation Course given to all profession Medical Service officers.

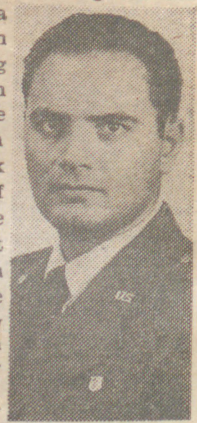
A resident of New York City, Lt. Gady received a scholarship in 1951 in recognition of his scholastic aptitude, and attended New York State University. He graduated from there in 1955, receiving a BA degree in Biology, and then attended New York State University College of Dentistry, from 1955 to 1959. Besides receiving his degree in Dentistry, he is a member of the Sigma Epsilon Delta Fraternity and the American Dental Association. He is now residing in Bangor with his wife Sandy.

First, Lieutenant Stanley S. Gold, USAF, DC, was recently assigned after completing his TDY tour at Gunter AFB, Alabama.



Lt. Gold, who is a resident of Brooklyn, New York, attended Brooklyn College and graduated in 1953 with a BS Degree in Biology.

During the period from 1953 to 1955, he did research laboratory work in the field of carbohydrate metabolism at the Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital in New York City. In 1955, he attended New York University College of Dentistry, and during the summer periods, he worked at the Guggenheim Dental Research Institute. Shortly before graduating in 1959, he received a Founder's Day Award in recognition of graduating in the upper 10 per cent of his class. At the present time, he has membership in the Sigma Epsilon Delta Fraternity, and Omicron Kappa Epsilon Honorary Society, and the American Dental Association. Lt. Gold is now residing in Bangor with his wife Toby.



General Meyer Completes B-52 Crew Training

WESTOVER AFB, Mass. (SAC PS)—One of the Air Force's top living aces, Brig. Gen. James C. Meyer, recently graduated from the B-52 combat crew training program and has assumed command of the 57th Air Division here.

A graduate of the Air War College, Gen. Meyer underwent crew training at Castle AFB, Calif., following a faculty assignment with the Air University at Maxwell AFB, Ala.

During WWII, General Meyer was assigned to the Eighth Air Force and was credited with 37 confirmed aircraft destroyed. During the Korean conflict he was credited with two more.



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WELCOME is due to T-SGT. JOHNSON from 4060 ARW who came in to us this week. Hope he likes his new job on the Alert Ramp as well as his last one.

ADIEU this week to A-1C SLONSKY, A-2C PASSARELLA and A-2C HUGHES who decided to try civilian life for a while. Good luck to you boys and if it doesn't work right, see you later.

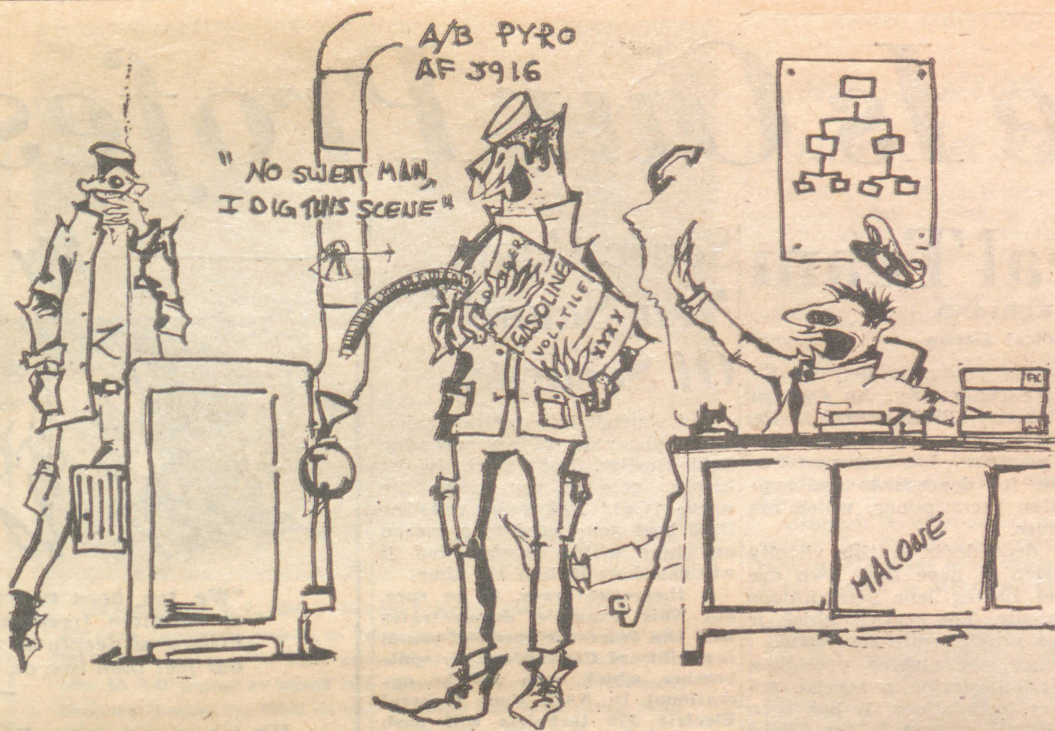
In case any of you Plugs don't know this—remember it. In the event of an Alert, the Maintenance Supervision Office (Bldg S266) is the Alert Command Post.

DON'T FORGET the UNITED FUND DRIVE, better known this year as OPERATION FAIR SHARE. Find out your share and pass it on to the ones who need it. Who knows, you might need it yourself some day.

DON'T FORGET October is the month of car inspections. If you get a ticket on the first of November, it's your fault; they all have to get up-to-date inspection stickers on, plugs, so let's get going and be first.

HUNTING season is on us again, plugs. REMEMBER—Christmas is also just around the corner and we want you to be here. When you are in the woods be CAREFUL and ALERT. Don't shoot unless you are sure of what you are shooting at. Hunting season can be a nice season but it can also be a dangerous and sad season for you at the same time. Make this year a happy and worthwhile season and be here for Christmas.

This is about all for this week, plugs, so drop around and see Yerz Truly and read next weeks issue for more news and items. See Yerz Around.



NO SWEAT—Now is the time to get checked out on how to properly maintain and operate your heating plant. A course in safe operation of heating plants is in continuous operation by AIO. Squadron Commanders should insure that all personnel who are responsible for heating within the squadron, attend these classes. The Fire Chief says that fire in its proper place is your friend but if carelessly allowed to get out of control it will destroy you and your loved ones more effectively than a trained enemy saboteur.

341st Boom Operators Now Take Limelight

The 341st boom section has an enviable record among it's members. In this business of air refueling, the man who flies the boom has a very responsible job; one in which experience is of significant aid in performing that job. Our squadron is very proud of the fact that the experience level of our boom operators is extremely high.

Nine members of our boom section have compiled totals of over 1,000,000 pounds of fuel off-loaded during air refueling operations. The men and their off-load totals are as follows:

TSgt William E. Hayes	2,935,080 lbs
TSgt Lawrence E. McKenna	1,942,650 lbs
TSgt David L. Stenzel	1,872,196 lbs

ECI Course Replaces Two Others

The USAF Extension Course Institute, the correspondence school serving more than 200,000 military and civilian members, has announced a new course in the armament career field, Course 3220, Fire Control Systems Fundamentals.

The course replaces Courses 3221, AN/APG-30 Sighting Systems Mechanic, and 3223, A-Series Gun-Bomb-Rocket Sight Mechanic.

Applicants for the new course must have completed ECI Course 3201, Armament Electronics Fundamentals or have had equivalent electronics training.

SSgt Leverett L. Hartley	1,635,800 lbs
A1c Leroy G. Sweeney	1,295,500 lbs
SSgt Albert G. Bauer Jr.	1,223,100 lbs
A2c Ruane D. Crummett	1,210,500 lbs
SSgt Joseph P. McConville	1,150,500 lbs
A1c Donald M. Ranta	1,031,800 lbs

There are many additional men not included on this list who are rapidly approaching the coveted fueling. Our hats are off to MSgt

1,000,000 pound mark in air re-Ben W. Clark and the entire boom section; not only for the above records, but also for the everyday performance efficiency that they maintain.

CDS Reports Apathy Toward Dow Security

This week Dow AFB was the subject in a local security exercise. Several important points come to light as a result of these tests. One of the most important of these was the fact that some people who work regularly on the flight line do not know what to do when they are faced with a security problem. This is the result of a general apathetic attitude by some of the people on this station towards the question of security. This hampers the security function to the extent that it almost neutralizes the effectiveness of the Combat Defense Squadron.

If security is to be as effective as required then key people must recognize the need to educate their subordinates and pass this knowledge on.

Name Change

It's still the same outfit; only the name has been changed. The Air Technical Intelligence Center was renamed the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center last month.

ATIC, 1125th USAF Field Activities Group, is located at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

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By LT. COL. A. M. KURLAND
Commander 860th Medical Group

The 860th Medical Group is constantly trying to improve the Medical Service offered to our Air Force community. An example of this is the service offered by the Optometry Clinic located in the Flight Surgeon's Office of the Base Hospital. The clinic, aside from taking care of military personnel, has been performing visual examinations for dependents and supplying them with written prescriptions, which are filled by civilian sources.



Col. Kurland

Since most of the dependents in this vicinity do not have the occasion to have their own eye doctors, the problem of having lens prescriptions filled has arisen repeatedly. The service which is now being provided has proved quite successful.

Dr. Herbert C. Emple, the civilian consulting optometrist, has been administering a service not usually found at military installations. It has been arranged to have Dr. Emple present in the Flight Surgeon's office every Wednesday from 1400 hours to display and dispense civilian eye glasses, both adult and child size, to all dependents.

Dr. Emple, a graduate of Bangor High School and the Massachusetts College of Optometry, has been engaged in private practice for the past nine years in the City of Bangor, and has offices located in the Metropolitan Building at 78 State Street.

The Hospital Staff welcomes both Dr. Emple and the fine service which he is making available to our Air Force community.

Sonic Boom New Sound Of Security

Put yourself in a position below the flight path of an oncoming B-58 Hustler. Just before the jet bomber gets to you, shout the word, "Go!" Not only will the B-58 beat your word to a person anywhere within earshot, but it will get there in half the time.

A theoretical race, to be sure, but this example demonstrates well the twice-the-speed-of-sound capability of Convair's super-sonic bomber, which soon will be operational in SAC. Four General Electric J79 turbojets will push the plane up to more than 1300 miles per hour at operational altitudes.

Such speeds are a must in order to keep pace with the rapid advance of aircraft developments on both sides of the iron curtain. But the earth's atmosphere, which holds even sound to a speed of 760 miles per hour at sea level, doesn't take lightly to the idea of some man-made object being forced through its molecules.

The result is a bellowing vocal retort on the part of Mother Nature — more commonly known as the sonic boom. This boom, much like thunder and no more damaging at operational altitudes of the B-58, results from shock waves created as the supersonic airplane shoves the atmosphere aside faster than it willingly moves. Though ordinarily no louder than distant thunder, sonic booms are more startling, since — unlike thunder — they are not preceded by a lightning flash.

To perform its mission effectively, SAC — and all other military organizations which fly supersonic aircraft — must fly and train at speeds which cause sonic booms. To do this regularly requires public awareness of the cause of sonic booms and their significance as audible proof of our nation's air strength.

As a member of the Air Force, you can do much among your neighbors to dispel the false rumors inevitably associated with something as new and unusual as the sonic boom. The more the public understands its significance, the more it will identify the sonic boom as a NEW SOUND OF SECURITY. (SAC PS)

X-15 Test Pilot Visits Hqs SAC

HQ. SAC (SAC PS)—Less than a week after piloting the X-15 on its first powered flight, North American Test Pilot Scott Crossfield paid a visit to SAC Headquarters.

At a press conference which preceded his tour of the underground command post, Crossfield dispelled a cloud of inaccuracies and misconceptions regarding his work with the experimental aircraft which will take man to the edge of space. Some lesser known facts revealed:

Only 25 percent of the X-15's capabilities will be realized in the current testing program before it is delivered to the Air Force.

So structurally rugged and safe is the X-15 that Crossfield estimates that 98 per cent of predictable accidents have been eliminated.

In Crossfield's opinion the X-15 is fully as safe as any other high performance aircraft, due to closely controlled operating conditions.

It is not Crossfield's mission—or that of North American Aviation—to "wing out" the X-15 for maximum performance. Their job is to test the X-15 and see that it meets the minimum specifications laid down by NASA and USAF.

There are three X-15s being used in the testing program.

The first X-15 will probably be delivered to USAF this fall.

Crossfield has been up to a simulated altitude of 210,000 feet in a pressurized flying suit, which is as far as any altitude chamber can take a man.

My Job



"We, too, born to freedom, are willing to fight to maintain freedom. We, and all others who believe as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."

—Franklin Delano Roosevelt

His job as a wartime President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces was a staggering one. You, as a member of the Armed Forces, also have a job—a humbler one, perhaps, but your fellow Americans rely on you to do it.

What is that job? Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa., wants your letter on "My Job: Protecting America's Freedoms." Submit it now for consideration in this year's Letter Writing Program. Don't write over 500 words and get it in the mail before Nov. 1. It may bring you an award of as much as \$1,000!

TIMES Spot News In Brief

OCT. 24 IS U. N. DAY

(AFNS) — This country will celebrate "United Nations Day" on Oct. 24, along with other UN member countries.

In paying tribute to the United Nations, Henry Cabot Lodge, U. S. Representative to the UN, has said, "Americans want a foreign policy which does two things — promotes world peace and upholds our national interests and ideals."

"The United Nations," he said, "is a place where we pursue that foreign policy. In it we work together with like-minded nations, not only to solve disputes, but also promote positive things like the atom-for-peace program, worldwide malaria control, and better living standards for people all over the world..."

"The United Nations," said the U. S. Representative to the UN, "also serves as a great loudspeaker which can expose Communist fallacies and mobilize world public opinion against aggressors. It is the most effective single engine in the world for the influencing of world opinion."

CARGO HAUL TO SOUTH POLE

A Tactical Air Command troop carrier unit, the 61st Troop Carrier Squadron, from Sewart AFB, Tenn., will help provide airlift of general cargo next year for the Navy's Operation Deep Freeze in the Antarctic.

A force of 114 men and seven C-130 Hercules turbo-prop, ski-equipped airplanes will journey to Christchurch, New Zealand, the staging base, before heading for McMurdo Sound, Antarctica.

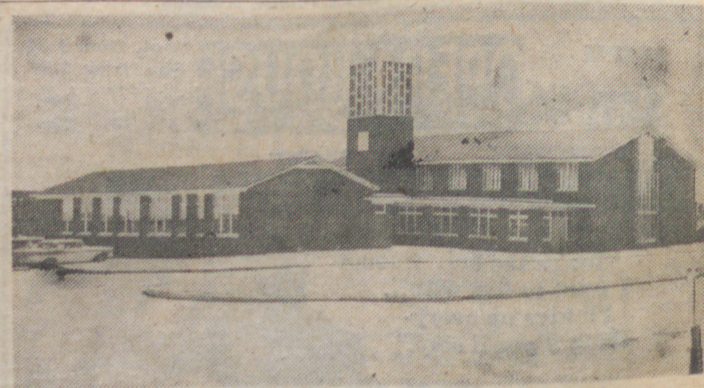
The C-130's will be equipped with special ferry and pylon tanks, to enable them to fly cargo from McMurdo to the scientific South Pole stations located about 750 to 800 miles away.

RADAR TO GO UP IN PUERTO RICO

The Air Research and Development Command has been authorized by the Defense Department's Advanced Research Projects Agency to let a contract to Cornell University for the design and construction of a radar to be used in ionospheric measurements.

The radar, equipped with a 1,000 foot diameter spherical antenna, will be installed in Puerto Rico. It will be capable of probing the upper atmosphere and providing information for use in the detection and identification of objects in space.

The radar installation is expected to be completed within two years.



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Saturdays, 9 a. m.
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Military History Utility

By Capt. Arthur J. Werlich
Historical Officer
4060th Air Refueling Wing

Military history serves a triple purpose; First, it is necessary for the strengthening of the military morale by providing examples of the nation's military valor and the ability of its armed forces to overcome hardships and difficulties. Any military force is dependent upon tradition to provide its motivating force, and this can only come from history.

Secondly, military history is necessary for the proper functioning of military-civil relationships, as a method of familiarizing political and congressional elements as well as public opinion, with military problems. Such a familiarization is indispensable if the military shall be provided with the requisite legal, financial and political backing and if they are to maintain public confidence.

Thirdly, military history is indispensable for effective organizational planning, the development of suitable strategies and tactics, the successful conduct of operations and the accomplishment of most other military tasks.

History is essentially a method of recording, analyzing and comprehending military experience and of making clear, through examples, the nature of military problems. Of histories were not used, practically all military thinking would have to be based on untested premises. Moreover, military history is the only method presently known which, for purposes of broad planning, could take the place of operational analysis. Statistical methods cannot be more than a supplement to historical analysis. Briefly, you could say, military history is the basis of creative military thinking.

Military histories are not new by any means. They can be dated back to Napoleon, who carried the works of Caesar with him at all times. Generals MacArthur and Patton were keen students of military histories.

In recent years there has been a lack of interest in the military history. Perhaps people have become infatuated with forecasting, unfortunately they forget the eternal truth that "what is past is prologue."

The revitalization of the military history is a necessity for the security of the United States. Recall the motto of the American Military Institute: *Historia mentem armet*—history should arm the mind.

In the words of Chief of Staff General Thomas D. White, "For utility value today, for our research purposes in the near future, and for posterity's study in more distant times, the history of the Air Force is vitally important."

SAC Chief General Thomas S. Power stated, "The military history, whether it be of an air force or a wing, is the only complete, overall documented record of a unit's activities. It is the only source available to a commander for a comprehensive view showing the interrelationship of the many. If we are to plan intelligently for the future, we must know what has happened in the past. In this respect the history can be an invaluable aid because it contains not only the unit's achievements, but also its past problems and the methods used to solve them."

At the present time the histories of the 4060th ARW are evaluated "Good" by Eighth Air Force and we take pride in the fact that we are maintaining one of the best historical reports of an air refueling unit in Eighth Air Force.

Here at Dow we maintain an archive of histories of the 4060th Air Refueling Wing in the Information Services Office (T-15) dating back to March of 1955. With the proper security clearance Dow personnel are welcome to review these histories.



THE TANKER TIMES

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Forty Dowmen Now Participate In Judo Sport

A rejuvenated Dow Judo Club, after approximately a month's practice since club activities were suspended earlier this year, is already gearing for a series of tournaments.

SSGT HUBERT A. DAVIDSON, physical fitness instructor and Dow Judo coach, said he hopes to arrange a series of tournaments for white and green belt participants so local judoists can get some idea of their capabilities prior to going into the Eight Air Force competition early in 1960.

With some 40 active participants, Davidson hopes Dow will make a strong showing in the forthcoming competition. The two score are spearheaded by four campaigners from last year. They are Edwin R. Dossiere, Harry Y. Asato, Elmer H. Maddocks and James R. Shaw, the last two of whom hold brown belts.

Davidson, a Black belt holder, is regarded by judoists as a terrific boon to the Dow Judo Program. Previously, Dowmen were going into competition against brown and black belt holders without even the benefit of a Black-belt coach. Adron Johnson, brown belt holder, former coach of the Dow team is presently undergoing additional training at the Kodokan in Japan.

Davidson feels that Johnson's return will materially strengthen the local club's opportunities. "Sergeant Johnson's enthusiasm and proved ability at organization and promoting the club will be an invaluable asset to us," Davidson asserted.

"Although we presently have only four experienced contestants," Davidson continued, "I think we will be able to acquit ourselves satisfactorily in coming tournaments. We have a lot of enthusiasm, and a lot of newcomers show a great deal of promise."

Sgt. Davidson received this black belt from the Kodokan in 1954 and since then has been coaching judo at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. One of his students, Billy Washington, went on to become so proficient he now outranks the coach.

Under Davidson's tutelage, Washington received a brown belt and acquitted himself so well in tournaments that Eighth Air Force headquarters became interested and sent him to the Kodokan where he received a second degree black belt, a rating one rank higher than his original instructor.

Immediately after returning to the States upon receiving his own black belt in 1954, Davidson was overall Champion of the Second Air Force and placed third in the SAC finals. Then went on to take second place in the Eighth Air Force meet in 1955 and again snagged third place honors in the SAC finals.



WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1—Howard T. Markey (left), President of the Air Force Association, presents an indemnity check to grounded SAC pilot Lt. Gerle L. Buckner. The check covers flight pay Lieutenant Buckner lost after his B-47 crashed on takeoff from Goose Bay, Labrador, last February. Lieutenant Buckner, the 500th claimant to benefit from AFA's unique Flight Pay Protection plan, is now undergoing treatment at Walter Reed Medical Center here.

Injured SAC B-47 Pilot Becomes 500th Claimant in Unique Flight Pay Protection Program

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 1—A Strategic Air Command pilot who lost his right arm in a crash of his B-47 earlier this year today became the 500th flyer to receive compensatory payment under a unique flight pay protection plan—thanks to his better judgment.

President Howard T. Markey of the Air Force Association, which operates the plan, presented a check to Air Force 1st Lt. Gerle L. Buckner of Las Cruces, New Mexico, at the injured flyer's bedside in Walter Reed Medical Center here.

Lieutenant Buckner, whose B-47 medium jet bomber crashed during takeoff at Goose Bay, Labrador, last February, is currently being fitted with an artificial arm at the hospital. Sitting on the edge of his bed today, the 28-year-old flyer from New Mexico recalled the accident that ended his flying career eight months ago and has kept him hospitalized since.

Lieutenant Buckner survived only because the immense impact jarred him loose and hurled him some 450 feet from the burning wreckage. One other member of the four-man crew also survived.

"I would never have believed that a man could survive such a crash," he said. "And for that reason I almost made an awful mistake. I overlooked the real importance of this Flight Pay Protection plan when it was first announced."

Reserve Forces Study Group Set Up:

The Air Force has established a special group to study long range requirements and missions for its Air Reserve Forces to best utilize their capabilities in support of the mission of the Air Force.

The group, due to convene at the Pentagon on October 19, expects to complete its study by November 18.

The 14-member board will consider possible roles for the Reserve Forces in light of changes in

"And if I hadn't changed my mind and decided to insure my flight pay, the financial outlook for my wife and 2½ month-old daughter now would be pretty bleak."

The check turned over to Lieutenant Buckner was his first indemnity payment on an insurance policy protecting military flying personnel against loss of flight pay because of accident, illness, or other causes. Armed forces flyers normally receive extra pay for flying.

Lieutenant Buckner is a member of SAC's 380th Bomb Squadron, based at Schilling Air Force Base, Kansas. He joined the Air Force in 1954.

The Air Force Association Flight Pay Protection plan has now paid more than \$1¼ million in benefits to 500 claimants. In its fourth year, the plan has some \$22 million of protection in force, with an estimated \$350,000 in current reserve to cover payments on claims now in progress.

AFA administers the Flight Pay Protection program as a nonprofit activity for the benefit of flying personnel of all services. The policy is underwritten by the Mutual Benefit Health and Accident Association (Mutual of Omaha). Additional information on the plan can be obtained from the Insurance Division, Air Force Association, Mills Building, Washington 6, D. C.

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Competition Set For Bridge Hands In Foreign Countries

(AFNS) Air Force bridge players are being invited to join a world-wide bridge tournament being sponsored by the Department of State.

The State Department bid includes all military members and their dependents living in foreign countries. They'll be competing against players of the Department of State, U. S. Information Agency and other agencies.

Individual prizes and trophies will be awarded to winning pairs in area and world-wide competition.

Although Dow personnel are not eligible for the contest, recent arrangements have been made with MSgt. Ralph L. Harracks of Dow

for all base personnel to learn to play bridge at an unusually low price.

The fee of \$.35 will be charged one time only. This will be for the purchase of a Bridge Handbook. Although some people have already been receiving instruction in this fascinating game, it will officially begin 18, October, 1959 at 6:30 p.m.

All personnel interested in learning bridge are urged to contact the Service Club for further information.

Sgt. Harracks has just recently returned from two consecutive overseas tours of duty, the first at Japan and more recently at Burtonwood, England. While at Burtonwood, Sgt. Harracks held a Bridge Instruction Class at the Officer's Wives' Club and there were twenty in the class.

This is your opportunity to learn the most provoking of all card games. So give it a try at the Service Club 18, October, 1959, at 6:30 p.m.

Hq. USAF is advising bases to appoint representatives to contact the nearest U. S. embassy or consulate where entry blanks can be obtained. The application, plus \$1.50 entry fee, has to be in Nov. 1. Although no specified date for the competition is set up for any locality, the tournament has to be played on one night before the deadline date of Dec. 1.

If embassy or consulate contact can't be made, and a sufficient number of people want to play, tournament materials and entry blanks can be obtained by writing to: World-Wide Bridge Tournament Committee: State-USIA Recreation Assoc.; 801-19th St., N. W., Washington 25, D. C.



SURVIVES HEART STOPPAGE

Four-year-old Jimmy Smith of Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, sips warm broth spooned up by a medic as Dr. (Capt.) Carl B. Nagel observes. Jimmy's heart stopped beating during an abdominal exploratory operation Dr. Nagel was performing on him at the base hospital recently. The doctor quickly made an incision in the boy's chest and massaged the heart with his hand. After anxious moments the heart responded and started beating again. It had been inactive nearly four minutes. Jimmy is the son of A-1c and Mrs. Laurence A. Smith of Harmon.



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WINNERS—The Installations Squadron tag football team, this year's base champions. Members are, standing (l to r) Jack Keith, Wilbur Wright, Salvador Domingues, Glenn Roberson, Don Plamondon, Francis Woody, Robert Meyers, Richard Olson, Edgell Anderson, George Parker. Kneeling (l to r) Wiley Bratcher, Hubert Cannon, Michael Cominsky, George Hoshino, Patrick Gallagher, Galen Creighton, Dean Welts, "Gus" Gustafson, and Don Double (manager).

Commands Sift Supergrade Eligibles In Dec. Upping

(AFNS) The major commands will begin the selection process this month to promote 2,310 non-coms to senior and chief master sergeants on Dec. 1.

Senior master sergeant stripes will go to 1,660 airmen, while 650 will be boosted to chief master sergeant.

A Headquarters Central Selection Board, scheduled to meet in Washington Nov. 2, will pick 185 additional supergrades — 87 SMSgt's and 98 CMSgt's.

This "pooling" represents a proportionate sharing of certain AFS's by the major commands which did not have a large enough quota to allow them to select their own airmen for promotion. Each command will forward its nominations to Headquarters to compete for the specified skills.

Air Force-wide, there were 27,442 eligible for promotion to E-8 and 4,737 to E-9.

According to Dow personnel officials, when the Dec. 1 promotion list is published, the major commands will set up "selected lists" of those airmen who'll sew on their new stripes on June 1, 1960. This procedure is in line with the E-8, E-9 promotion cycling with its annual selection and semi-annual up-grading.

The June 1 promotions will raise 1,070 to senior master sergeant grade and 2,880 to chief master sergeant.

Headquarters is pointing out that misconduct or lack of fitness for the higher grade could result in the airman's name being struck from the list. On the other hand, if transferred to another command, a selected airman will take his appropriate quota with him to the new command.

Ramey Sponsor Program Now Working Well

RAMEY AFB, Puerto Rico (SAC PS)—A sponsorship program now in effect here is giving incoming families an excellent first-impression of the base.

The sponsor arranges suitable housing, insures that it is clean and well furnished, checks with transportation to determine when hold baggage and household goods will arrive, and secures a household kit from Family Services for the incoming family.

B-52 Joins Celebration

ANDERSEN AFB, Guam (SAC PS)—A B-52 Stratofortress, temporarily based at this Far Eastern SAC installation, will participate in the Australian Queensland Centenary celebration in a flyover on Oct. 18.

A non-stop, round trip flight from Andersen will be made by a selected crew from the 95th Bomb Wing of Biggs AFB, Tex. The eight-jet bomber will make a fly-by demonstration over Brisbane before returning to this SAC outpost.

The crew for this "hands-across-the-sea" gesture will include Capt. H. C. Zais, aircraft commander; 1st Lt. J. P. Marsh, pilot; Maj. H. G. Scaroni Jr., radar operator; Maj. H. R. Schroeder, navigator; Capt. H. L. Kaplan, electronic countermeasures operator; and MSgt. L. W. Bryant, tail gunner.

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Installations Grid Team Still Base Champions

The 4060 Installations Squadron guided by Quarterback, "Gus" Gustafson, dominated the grid for the full 40 minutes in overpowering the bewildered National League Champs, Food Service, 6-0.

The Engineers* took the opening kick-off and pierced to the F. S. 12 yard line on three consecutive pass plays to Parker, Anderson and Meyers. This drive however, fell short of the goal line on incomplete passes, broken up by the tight pass defense pattern of Food Service. After forcing their opponents into a free kicking situation Installations started a second drive, climaxed with left end, Edgell Anderson breaking loose from his defenseman, gathering in a breadbasket pass on the F. S. 25 from Gustafson and galloping the remainder of the grid into pay dirt.

Five aerial interceptions and the usual excellent brand of defensive football displayed the entire season by the Engineers held the pigskin on the Food Service half of the grid 90 per cent of both halves. This along with good coaching, spirit and heads-up playing tells the story why Installations Squadron has been crowned Base Champs two years running and runner-up the previous year.

The team finished the regular playing season with a 12-0 pasting over their rivals, Supply who by the way was the only team to blemish the 11-1 record racked up by Installations, and that came as a win in an overtime contest early in the season. 75th, the new club in the league and triggered by the little flashy quarterback Dewey, showed tremendous potential offensively and could prove a real threat next season.



NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK, beginning October 19 this year, will hold a special meaning for many Dow people who reaffirmed their religious convictions last Sunday during the SAC-wide "Go-To-Church" campaign. Overall attendance in services at the Base Chapel increased by almost 15 per cent as a result of the day's emphasis.

Dow men and their families have been encouraged to remain regular in their church-going and personal use of the Scriptures and devotional materials of their faith.

Three Missiles Tested On One Day:

The Air Force set a record, Oct. 6, when it successfully fired three strategic ballistic missiles on the same day — within a period of less than 14 hours.

First to go was an Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile. It started off at 1:55 A. M. (EDT), bearing an advanced design nose cone, and completed a near-maximum range flight over the Atlantic Missile Range.

Also tested over the Atlantic Missile Range was a Thor intermediate range ballistic missile, which lifted off the pad at 12:40 P. M. (EDT).

Another Thor took to the sky, this one over the Pacific Missile Range, a few hours later at 3:26 P. M. (EDT). This launch was made by a Royal Air Force crew in training at the Strategic Air Command's Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

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(AFNS) At the Air Force Academy last week, the athletic department might well have pondered the above words of inspiration and considered having them inscribed on the locker room wall.

For last week, Academy teams faced not only human opponents, but also the inhuman elements. They conquered both.

Colorado got a head start for a White Christmas when a 31-inch snowfall staggered the Denver environs. The Falcon football squad, unable to hold anything but light drills inside, finally shook the snows of Colorado from its heels and headed for the game with Trinity at super-heated, simmering San Antonio. Temperature, 90 degree F.

While the football team was perspiring, the Air Force Academy's cross-country trackers were confronting moisture in a more concentrated form in Oklahoma.

At Stillwater, site of the Oklahoma State University - Air Force Academy cross-country meet, flood waters had put the three-mile course under water. The Saturday morning meet was staged on the 440-yard track, where the Academy's squad topped Oklahoma State and Ft. Sill. In cross-country competition, where low score takes top honors, the AFA team came through with 23 points against Oklahoma's 31 and Ft. Sills' 74.

Meanwhile, the weather-harried Falcons faced Trinity University's players that Saturday night in what San Antonio papers called the "biggest football attraction in many years."

Trinity scored first, but the Falcons edged ahead in the second quarter 7-6. A rain, which swept over the football field during most of the second half, apparently refreshed the Falcon team. It swamped Trinity 27-6, thus stretching the Academy's record to 13 games without a defeat.

Weather or not, it seems the Academy's teams are hot.

Correspondence Grads Now Noted In AF Register

(AFNS) Dow AFB Officers who are "Off-Campus" graduates of the Command and Staff College and War College will gain the same recognition as those who graduate "in residence" when the 1960 Air Force Register is published.

In previous editions, successful completion of the schools was noted only for those who were graduated from the resident schools.

Now, however, future editions of the Register will also list the educational and specialty codes "H" (War College) and "I" (Command and Staff School) for those officers completing the correspondence courses offered by the Air University's Extension Course Institute.

Hq. USAF has asked major commands to furnish the names of all Regular Air Force officers who have completed one or both of these courses by correspondence. Individual officers are being advised to check their Officers Military Record (AF Form II) to be sure an appropriate entry has been made.

School Of Aviation Medicine Head Named:

Col. Robert H. Blount, veteran AF flight surgeon from Mart, Tex., has been named Commandant of the USAF School of Aviation Medicine, Brooks AFB, Tex. The school is part of the newly established Aerospace Medical Center.

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IN APPRECIATION—Airman 1st Class Robert J. Sperry, newly assigned to the Dow Base Chapel staff, was presented with a certificate of appreciation upon leaving his position with the USAF Advisory Group in Korea recently. The elaborate hand-lettered scroll was the first of its type awarded to a USAF airman, cited airman Sperry for "exceptional service rendered to the Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Republic of Korea Air Force." Pictured above is airman Sperry being presented the certificate by Chaplain (Major) Lim, Dong, Sun, Chief of ROKAF Chaplains. Looking on is Chaplain (Major) Melvin R. Miller, Advisory Group Staff Chaplain. Chaplain Miller is scheduled to report to Dow in January, 1960, as Protestant Chaplain.

FSSD List To Include 3-5 Level

(AFNS) The Air Force is now adding 3 and 5 level AFSC's on its quarterly Foreign Service Selection Date (FSSD) list and is advising commanders in the ZI that these airmen cannot be transferred within a command without Hq USAF approval.

This change will promise stability of a sort to Dow Airmen, but it also means he faces a probable early selection for overseas assignment after completing a minimum stay in the ZI of 18 months.

The reason for this is simply that overseas requirements for the listed specialties are proportionately higher than for other skills.

Always Room For Improvement

You can never know too much about a subject. That, apparently, is the way the firefighters at Vance AFB, Okla., feel. The Extension Course Institute, USAF, reports the Fire Department of the 3575th Installation Group has enrolled 100 per cent for ECI Course 5711, Fire Fighting and Aircraft Crash Rescue.

In most instances, officials say, the 7 level airmen in these ladders are also returning overseas after a minimum stay in the ZI.

Because an airman will usually not be moved within a 12 month period, Headquarters is discouraging the intra-command shifts as they, in essence, could substantially extend a man's minimum ZI residency.

The FSSD quarterly attachment is sent to major commands in the ZI with the Air Force's withdrawal letters which inform them of the airman levies for overseas. Previously, only the 7-8 skill level airmen within the overseas selection range were on the attachment. The latest one — for the Jan. Mar. 1960 period — and all future FSSD listings will

tabulate the 3 and 5 level AFSC's in short supply overseas. There are 56 of the 3 and 5 skill levels in the current listing.

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Officers Wives Club Notes

By JOAN M. BLAUM
A Coffee "We Applaud" will be held in recognition of wives participating in Family Services activities. These ladies, who have given so generously of their time, will be presented awards. The coffee will be on Wednesday, October 21st, in the Service Club at 1:30.

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Here are the week's bowling results to date:

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Holy Rollers	9	6	6617
Dowettes	9	6	6409

The high individual scorer was Betty Brown with 176 points. High three games was Rosella Cockrum, 463. High team three games was won by the Gutter Balls—1791. High team single game—Maggie's Magpies with 633.

Weekly we will give mention to one of the teams to acquaint you with its members. Our bowling shoes are off to the Eight Balls in eighth place. We salute them on their outstanding sportsmanship. The team is composed of Marie Bird, captain; Mary Dunham, Vivian Parker, Jo Ross, and Laurie Simon.

Game Day chairman reports Dot Brazil maintains first place, Marty Hallett is second and Rue Horner is third. Low was Joanne Morgan. The prize was won by Lucille Greer.

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NCO Wives Club Notes

By MARIE CULLY

Hello to our three new members Dee Watson, Phyliss Carrigan, and Carrie Davidson. Guest of the afternoon was Rosalie Sanders. The door prize went to Peggy Cook. We're glad to see that list of new members growing, keep it up girls.

Now for a few notes on the nominees for Vice-President; This is for the first Vice, and we have three nominees. The first is Judy Consaul, and at present she holds the office of first-vice. Judy was once our treasurer and has been active on other committees in the club. She is the wife of M-Sgt. Robert Consaul who is First Sgt. in 4060th Field Maintenance Sqdn. Their last base was in Japan, and they came here four years ago. Judy hails from Thousand Islands N.Y. Judy is very active in Family Services also, in fact she's a busy girl, always willing to help out on any worthwhile project.

Secondly, we have Earline Rowe. She has worked on various committees, been Chairman of the Decorating Committee, Co-

chairman of Ways and Means Committee, and at present is very busy being the Co-chairman of Housing at the Family Services Center. She is also active in Scout work. Earline is the wife of M-Sgt. O. C. Roe, Wing Hdqs. They came from Nashville, Tenn., originally. Last Base was in England, two years ago.

Third nominee is, Felicia Gullford. Felicia was in charge of the Arts and Crafts classes for the Youth Center last season, she has been Treasurer, and Chairman of the Nursery Board of Directors, at present she is the Assistant Volunteer Chairman of the Thrift Shop. Felicia is a willing worker and has been on other committees as well. She is the wife of SSgt. Kenneth Gullford Supply Sqdn. They came here from Okinawa four years ago. Home States are N.Y. and N.M.

Sounds like another tough choice, these girls all have what it takes for a good candidate. Good luck to all of you.

Just a note to remind you of the Newcomers Breakfast being held the 22nd. That's at 9:00 A.M. and it sounds pretty good. Come as you are, and they tell me someones been caught in their shorty pajamas. Twenty-five cent fine for any extras you put on gals, so forget the lipstick and mascara on this morning.

Twins Born At Dow Hospital

Mrs. (Lt. Col.) James R. Wiley, wife of the Base Vice Commander here, gave birth to twin daughters in the 860th Medical Group hospital on Sunday, October 11.

Colonel and Mrs. Wiley have named their "new additions" Patricia and Pamela. The Wiley's have three other children, Mary, Emmeline and James, Jr.

This is the second set of twins born at this hospital since November of 1953. The last set of twins to be born here prior to the Wiley twins was in February of this year.

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Daughter born to A/1C and Mrs. Herman Nichols.
Son born to TSgt and Mrs. Donald F. Stautner.

7 Oct 59
Daughter born to SSgt and Mrs. Roger Wright.
Son born to SSgt and Mrs. James Howard.
Son born to SSgt and Mrs. Allison Blaney.

8 Oct 59
Son born to 1st Lt and Mrs. Sidney Bradfield.
Son born to A/2C and Mrs. Charles Hannington.

9 Oct 59
Son born to Capt and Mrs. Archie B. Osborn.

10 Oct 59
Son born to SSgt and Mrs. James R. Shetty.
Daughter born to TSgt and Mrs. Donald Giroux.
Daughter born to A/2C and Mrs. Melvin Nelson.

11 Oct 59
Twin daughters born to Lt Col and Mrs. James R. Wiley.

Firepower First
The Air National Guard's 122d Tactical Fighter Wing, Baer Field, Ind., has been selected as the first Air Reserve Forces unit ever to participate in a Firepower demonstration.
The Air Guard team will use 18 F-84F "Thunderstreaks" at the Ft. Sill, Okla., demonstration on Oct. 17. The fast-striking planes will place a total of ten high explosive bombs, 210 rockets and 10 napalm bombs on target in six minutes' time.

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News And Social Happenings



BEST JUNIOR WARDEN — Jack Horner, Dow AFB Dependent who attends the 5th St. Junior High School in Bangor was chosen by his teachers as the most conscientious Dow pupil in school. As a reward Jack became Smokey's helper during his appearance here and was presented a Fire Prevention Achievement Award by Fire Chief James LaFountain and Smokey, the Fire Prevention Bear. Other children who were present at Smokey's show here received plastic fire helmets.

Transportation Squadron Fires Education Shot

Hats off to those who have heard the Educational Shot that echoed around the Transportation Squadron and decided to burn one candle instead of cursing the darkness. To verify this, one should look in on the group study classes, being held at building 207, every Tuesday and Thursday evenings. There isn't a vacant seat to be found in the house.

The welcome mat has been rolled out for newly arrivals to this squadron. They are A-2Cs

Philip D. Clark, Gerald Glover, Gilbert W. Millet and A-3Cs Everett P. E. Buron, Nicholas Persichette, Bernard W. Poyer, and August Turnbull. Fortunately all are high school graduates.

Lest we forget, Steven C. Green arrived at this base on 23rd September to begin his career as the son of A-2C Russell Green of our vehicle maintenance shop. Congratulations Russ.

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341st Wives Host At O Club

The wives of 341st officers entertained last Tuesday, October 13th, at the Officers' Wives Club meeting. At the luncheon, table decorations were of the Fall motif.

The 341st Officers' Bowling Team has moved into first place in the Officers' Bowling League. Congratulations to our experts of the hardwood.

Lt. Robert Weiss directs our attention to the bulletin board for an announcement of the Squadron Basketball Team practice sessions which are expected to begin next week. Everyone who enjoys this

great game is encouraged to come out for the team.

More and more of our families are moving into the new Capehart housing each week. From all reports, the new tenants are very pleased with the housing facilities offered in the Capehart area.

In last week's article, the name of Capt. Harry Wood was accidentally omitted in naming Squadron personnel elected to the officers' Club Board of Governors.

This past week saw the return of Capt. Moran's crew from Bunker Hill A. F. B. where the pre-

Bombing Competition Conference meeting was held. The crew will depart Dow in approximately two weeks to take part in this "World Series" of Bombing Competition.

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SATURDAY MATINEE
"DOMINO KID" Starring Rory Calhoun and Kristine Miller. Also, Chapter 9 of the "HOP HARRIGAN" Serial.

SATURDAY EVENING
"ISLAND WOMEN" Starring Marie Windsor, Vince Edwards and Marilee Earle. Filmed in Nassau, the picture interweaves two triangular romances with the calypso music and dances of the Bahamas area.

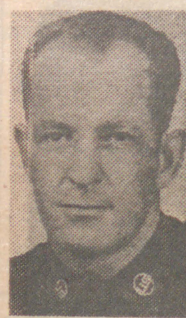
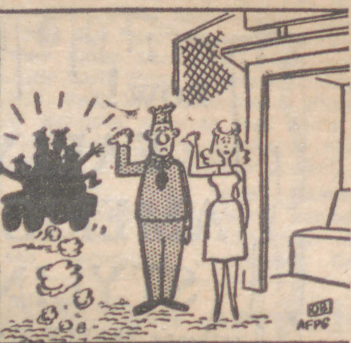
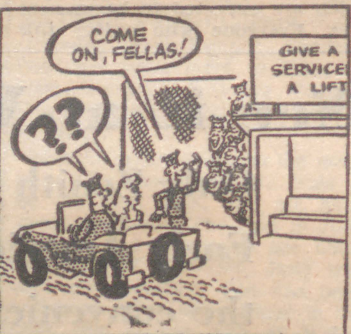
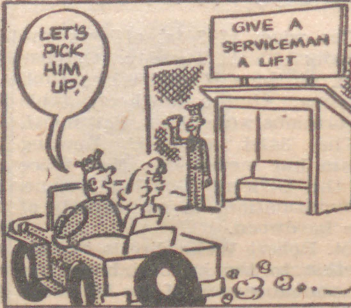
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TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
"THE THIRD KEY" Starring Jack Hawkins, Dorothy Alison and John Stratton. Also, two color cartoons.

THURSDAY - FRIDAY
"TARZAN'S GREATEST ADVENTURES" Starring Gordon Scott, Sara Shand and Anthony Quayle. As the title implies, the picture involves one of the most exciting of manhunts, Tarzan's vengeance-hunt for four men who wantonly kill defenseless natives as they push on their way to look an abandoned diamond mine.

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Service Club Lowdown

SSGT. ART RAMALHO

Arthur Murray Dance Classes now forming at the Service Club. Classes start Tuesday night 20, October, 1959 at 8:30 p. m. for 8 consecutive weeks.

Learn Fox Trot, Jitterbug, Cha-Cha, Waltz, Samba, Rhumba, and many more. For information, or if you wish to register, call the Service Club at 2152, 2179, or just stop in.

A free dance session will be held immediately after the hour of instruction for all those registered. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to receive Arthur Murray instructions at this low rate. Eight full hours of instruction at \$10.00 per person or \$10.00 per couple; \$5 the first lesson and the remainder on the third.

Here's your Base Service Club schedule:

FRIDAY
6 P. M.-10 P. M.—Hobby Shop and Photo Lab.

7:30 P. M.-10 P. M.—Pinochle Tournament.

SATURDAY
1 P. M.—Pool Tournament.

SUNDAY
9 A. M.—Coffee Call.
1-5 P. M.—Hobby Shop.
1-6 P. M.—Jam Session.
5 P. M.—Chess and Cribbage.
6 P. M.—Bridge Instruction.

MONDAY
8 P. M.—Participation Games.

TUESDAY
1-4 P. M.—Ladies Ceramics.
6 P. M.—Accordion Instruction, Copper Enameling Class.
6-10 P. M.—Photo Lab.
8:30 P. M.—Arthur Murray Dance Course.

WEDNESDAY
8 P. M.—Dance with Lou Pearson.

THURSDAY
3:30-5:30 P. M.—Childrens Creative Ceramics Class.
6-10 P. M.—Hobby Shop.

Wood Hobby Shop News

WOOD HOBBY SHOP

A/2C Duffy from Wg Hq Sq. completed a nice speaker cabinet. It was from 1/2" plywood. He is refinishing it very light to use in his home.

Lt. Mills of the 71st ARS has his duck boat almost completed, it is made of hardwood framing and covered with 1/2" EXT. plywood. He plans to put it in use very soon, "Duck Hunting."

A/2C Burgett completed a stand table. It was made of 1/2" birch hardwood. He is going to refinish it blonde. Looks very nice.

A/2C Williams from BCE Sq. completed a set of end tables. They were made of 1/2" birch veneer. They will be refinished blonde.

A/2C Ottenbriet from 71st Sq. completed a real nice coffee table. It was made of 1/2" oak hardwood. He is refinishing it blonde and will use it in his home.

MSgt Lavin repaired a chair that is over 100 years old. He did a very nice job, putting the joints together with dowels.

Capt. Adams from 341st Sq. completed a chart frame from hard pine, the backing was 1/2" plywood.

Major Renault has completed five picture frames for his home. He intends to paint them blue.

A/2C Myran Katcavage is making a box type cover to go around his home built radio, he plans to finish it in walnut.

A/1C Martin made a cigarette tray for the bowling alley. Now he is working on a new platform table.

A-3C Robar made 12 picture

and chart frames. They are made of 1/2" pine.

S/Sgt Leville repaired a fence type platform for a toy baby carriage mattress.

Saturday 10 Oct. A/2C Joe Alex of Trans Sq. while working on his boat, accidentally cut his finger. So, A/2C Sherrin, asst., of the shop, applied first aid to Alex's finger by using ELMERS GLUE-ALL. The only thing Joe could say was, "OUCH!"

A/1C Painter of Trans. Sq., is working on lamps being made from bowling pins.

Col. Barnes, Commander of Wg. Hq. Sq., is working on a coffee table for his own use.

If you have any spare time, stop in and see some of our facilities. We feel sure that you will like them.

CAR TOPICS

Have you ever thought of how much voltage it takes to pass the car ahead of you? The gas-conscious motorist may not know that he's "stepping on the volts" when he accelerates around the car ahead - actually throwing twice as much voltage into his spark plugs.

Detroit automotive engineers say quick acceleration isn't the only time plugs require twice normal voltage: nearly any plug with 10,000 miles on it requires a double dose all the time. And for quick acceleration, when you need power and performance the most, the spark plugs may require "twice the double dose" of voltage to fire. The trouble is, the ignition system may not have the output to supply that high voltage when it's needed, so the spark plugs just don't fire.

Another point of interest is that worn spark plugs (and at 10,000 miles they are usually ready for the scrap heap) can be misfiring under normal driving conditions and you don't even feel it. You may be wasting gas and losing power, although your engine seems to be running fine.

Gym News

BASE GYMNASIUM HOURS

The Gym will be open on week days from 7 am to 10 pm, Sat. from 8 am to 11:30 pm and from 12:30 pm to 5 pm.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL NEWS

On 19 Oct. at 9 am Base Service Club. There will be a managers review meeting for the Intramural Basketball season. SSGT Bill Wright NCOIC at the Base Gym will conduct the meeting. All managers are asked to be there on time. Coffee will be served.

ATTENTION

Dow Air Force Base Basketball team is looking for a Coach and Manager. Any basketball players who would like to try out for the team please come to the Base Gym and contact SSGT Bill Wright. With the new Base Gym almost completed the 1959-60 season is going to be better than ever. BACK YOUR TEAM.

Auto Hobby Shop News

This week we had 175 vehicles use the facilities of the Auto Hobby Shop. The major maintenance stalls are at present full but we will be glad to put you on the short waiting list.

The minor maintenance stalls are sure busy. Everyone is getting ready for the state inspection and old man winter. So you better come over and get yourself prepared for winter.

The paint and body shop is doing very good. SSGT Miller of Security just had his 54 Chev painted black and it looks real good.

The POV section can take on some more work most any time. Any time you need any information or assistance on any thing that we can do in the Auto Hobby Shop please feel free to call on any of us.

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Arts And Crafts Center

At the present time the Service Club Arts & Crafts Center offers areas in copper enameling, ceramic painting and decorating, creative ceramics, leathercraft, mosaics, sculpture, and photography. Professional instruction and individual attention is given to every patron.

Meet the staff of the Arts & Crafts Center!

Mrs. Viola Heal, ceramic painting and decorating and leathercraft instructor, has studied under Charles West of California and Virginia Lee of Florida, both nationally known ceramists. Mrs. Heal has also studied oil painting and stenciling for four years under

Mrs. Kenneth Macdonald of Providence, Rhode Island.

A-1C James Hoffman, photography instructor, regularly assigned to the Base Photo Lab, comes to us highly qualified, a graduate of Ground Photography School in 1955 at Lowry A.F.B., Colorado.

A-2C Jack M. Ade, general arts and crafts instructor and AIC of the center, holds a B.S. degree in Art Education from Indiana University and was employed by Alexandria, Indiana, City Schools as Art Supervisor before entering the service in 1956.

Arts and Crafts Center Schedule:

Sunday 1:00-5:00 Family Day.
Tuesday 1:00-5:00 Ladies Ceramics class, pouring 6:00-10:00 Open for your hobby, pouring. Photography.

Wednesday 6:00-10:00 Ceramics, Copper Enameling instruction.

Thursday 3:30-5:30 Children's Crafts Class, 6:00-10:00 open for your hobby, pouring.

Friday 6:00-10:00. Open for your hobby, pouring. Photography.

Briefing-Tour Highlight Visit

HQ. SAC (SAC PS) - A briefing and tour of SAC Headquarters on Oct. 1 highlighted a full schedule for 70 leading U. S. citizens attending a joint civilian orientation conference sponsored by the Department of Defense.

Other defense installations included in the tour were the Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick AFB, Fla.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Headquarters, Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic, Norfolk, Va.; Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., and the Pentagon, Washington, D. C.

Purpose of the orientation, which began in Omaha on Sept. 30 and ends Oct. 9 in Washington, is to broaden the public understanding of the defense program, the Department of Defense, and the Armed Services.

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AF Tops In Manpower Quality, Defense Department Study Shows

(AFNS) Right down the line, the Air Force is ahead of its sister Services in such important matters as reenlistments and experience, according to a just published study of enlisted personnel released by Charles C. Finucane, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, Personnel, and Reserve.

Mr. Finucane, in a Pentagon briefing last week (Oct. 1) said the manpower picture is steadily brightening and gave much of the credit for this turn of events to the broad program prescribed by the Cordiner Committee.

One of the key recommendations of the Cordiner Committee was the relating of military pay scales to those paid for similar work in private industry.

Speaking of enlisted quality in the Department of Defense generally, and not singling out any Service, Mr. Finucane made the following points:

Regular enlistments are on the rise in all Services. For the 1959 fiscal year, the Army leads the Air Force by a small margin, although a comparison of the past two fiscal years reveals the Army making the largest recruitment gain. The Army, with no recruiting quotas, is in a position to take all qualified applicants. The Air Force and other Services, can be more selective. The Air Force's lower intake need can be explained as a result of its higher retention of those already in uniform.

The Air Force, with a first-terminer reenlistment rate of 45.7 per cent, led the parade by far. Overall, the Department of Defense average rose from about 25 per cent in fiscal year 1957 to 30 per cent in FY 1959, with significant improvement in all Services.

Reenlistment quality in all rates were boosted appreciably in electronics, mechanical and repair, crafts, "other technical", and ground combat areas. Still too far are administrative and clerical skills and those classed as service type occupations.

The Air Force has the "most experienced" personnel with 57.3 per cent having four or more years of service. Next in line is the Navy with 41.6 per cent, followed by Army with 38.5 per cent. Trailing is the Marine Corps with 35.9 per cent. The same relative positions were held by these Services in 1957.

The Air Force has some 90 per cent of its enlisted strength rated in Mental Groups I-III, compared to 84.2 per cent for the Marines, 83.5 for the Navy, and 83.4 for the Army.

Mr. Finucane told of the energetic campaign to identify and release from service those with low potential. In fiscal year 1958 more than 100,000 in this category were turned out of uniform, with the Army releasing some 70,000. The Air Force doffed its hat to about 75,000 and the Navy gave 19,500 their papers.

Low-grade candidates for en-

listment are being turned away by recruiters to preserve quality and to avoid separation action later. In addition, retraining programs are shifting "overages" into trades now in the shortage category. Mr. Finucane said this will be a continuing policy.



"And in conclusion, let me say that I stand 100% in favor of united giving." Give the United Way!

Generous Scholarship Aid Goes Unclaimed, VA Says

(AFNS) Financial assistance of up to \$110 per month for each month of a student's education, to a maximum of 36 months, is being unclaimed by an estimated one third of the eligibles under the War Orphans Education Program.

Misinformation about the basic provisions of the War Orphans Education Act is the reason, according to a Veterans Administration announcement. Heart of the matter is the VA definition of a "war orphan."

The VA says there are three major misconceptions:

Many of the eligible young people fail to think of themselves as orphans while one parent is still living. But the law regards the children of a parent who died from a wartime service-connected injury or illness as orphans

even with the other parent alive.

Eligible children who have married, frequently consider themselves no longer eligible for educational aid. Marriage is not a bar to eligibility under the War Orphans Education Act.

Some eligible children believe that they may pursue training only at the college level under this law. Not so. Training can be taken in various occupations in the vocational and technical field.

Furthermore, an otherwise eligible orphan who serves in the Armed Forces before his 23rd birthday may still qualify as a "war orphan" within five years after his first release or discharge and prior to his 31st birthday.

Details are available at regional Veterans Administration offices.

Schilling Man Saves Campers

SCHILLING AFB, Kan. (SAC PS)—Because this base has a campsite at Lake Kanopolis and MSgt. and Mrs. James M. Pugsley picked a recent night to camp there, the Doyle Whittaker family of McPherson, Kan., is alive today.

It was late and dark when the Pugsleys heard cries for help. They jumped into their motorboat and searched the waters with a flashlight until finding the waterlogged family of five.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker and two of their small children were kept afloat by their life preservers for three hours after their boat sank. Their nine-month-old baby was kept high but not dry on a gasoline can, the only piece of equipment from their boat which had not sunk.

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Commands To Be Allowed Leeway For Retraining

(AFNS) Major commands are going to get a chance to speak up and tell Headquarters what they need in the way of on-the-job retraining in order to meet their own local requirements.

At present, AFR 39-8, "Airmen Utilization and On-the-job Retraining", is being used to control and reduce surplus grades and skills on an Air Force-wide basis. However, Headquarters believes the regulation tends to somewhat limit local commanders in meeting certain local retraining requirements.

AFR 39-8 lists the favorably manned skills and grades both currently and projected to be surplus to Air Force-wide authorizations.

To assist the major air commands and to allow for greater flexibility, Hq USAF is asking

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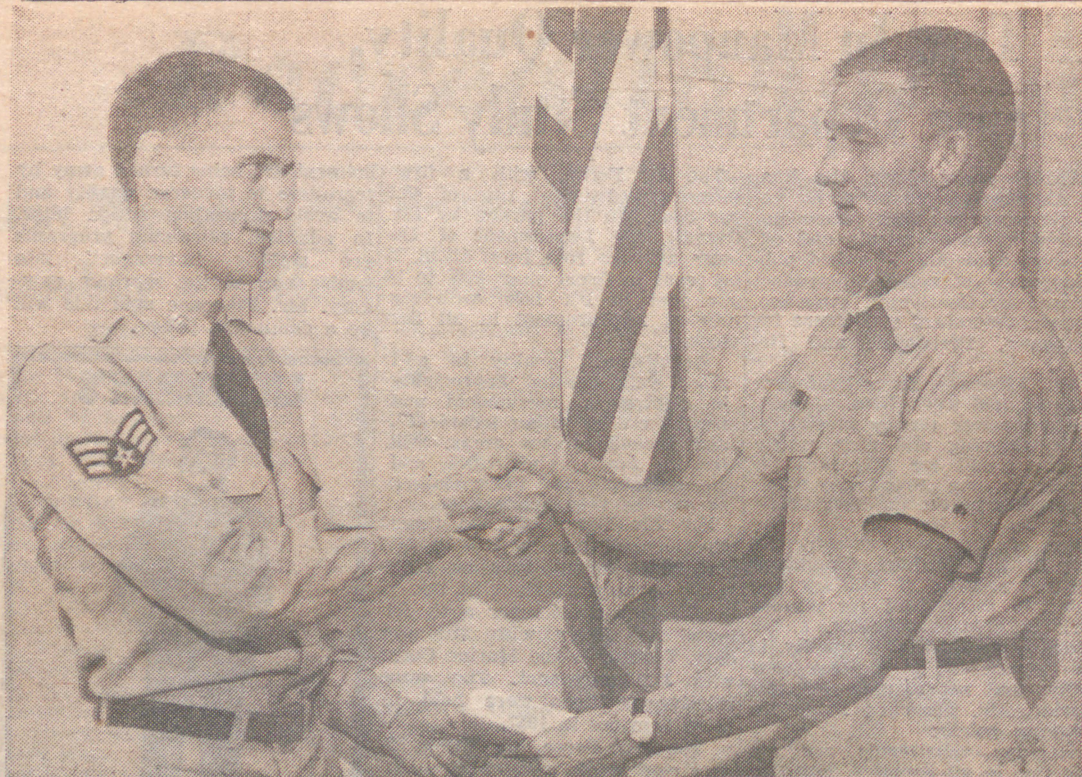
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ARDC Plans Reorganization; Four Divisions To Be Formed

(AFNS)—The Air Research and Development Command will be undergoing far-ranging reorganization changes in the near future. At a Pentagon press conference on Oct. 6, Lt. Gen. Bernard S. Schriever, Commander of ARDC, described some of the features of the plan which resulted from several months' study by a task force.

"The major objective," General Schriever said, "is to organize the Command and establish management procedures that will give us the maximum capability for compressing the time between the initiation of developments to the introduction of new systems into the operational inventory."

In line with this, ARDC's Headquarters will be streamlined. Additionally, General Schriever said, many of the procedures and thinking that applied to the ballistic missile program, mainly the concept of concurrency, will be applied to the new organizational structure and management procedures.

This concurrency concept, he explained, is where there is an integration of planning, programming and budgeting; where development and testing and operational use are considered along with all other problems, including logistics.

A new grouping of centers into four functional organizations will also result from the reorganization. The function of these four divisions, headed by ARDC Deputy Commanders will be to place both responsibility and authority at the operating-management level.

The Air Force Ballistic Missile Division will remain essentially unchanged, taking care of the missile and space programs.

The Directorate of Systems Management and major elements of the Wright Air Development Center will be combined to form a Wright Air Development Division, responsible for aeronautical and related systems programs.

Army OK's More Missile Sites

WASHINGTON, D. C. (SAC PS).—The Army has authorized construction of five more Nike Hercules air defense missile sites to protect SAC bases.

Dow AFB will be protected by the BOMARC missile, the site of which is presently under construction.

The approved sites, which are considered military necessities, are Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.; Minot AFB, N. D.; Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; and Glasgow AFB, Mont.

Five other proposed Nike Hercules installations (not included in the air defense master plan) will be cancelled. They are Lockbourne AFB, Ohio; Grand Forks AFB, N. D.; Bunker Hill AFB, Ind.; Warren AFB, Wyo.; and Blytheville AFB, Ark.

Construction of the approved sites will begin in 1959 or '60 and be completed in 1960 or '61.

The building of nine other Nike Hercules installations was announced July 31.

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School Facilities Provided By Local Districts In ZI

(AFNS) In September, when the school year started, children of Air Force parents entered the local classrooms along with other youngsters in every state in the United States. These schools are run by the community and not by the Air Force, although in a manner of instances Air Force dependents might comprise the majority of the school population.

This "loading" gives some parents the mistaken idea that the school is administered by the Air Force, comments an Air Force spokesman responsible for dependents' education. The Hq USAF official points out that only at Eglin, Patrick, Tyndall and McDill Air Force Bases in Florida; Craig AFB, Ala., and Langley AFB, Va., are the schools operated by the Air Force.

In all other cases, in the US, the local school district meets the educational needs of the children.

When a large base settles in an area or an existing base's population suddenly swells, it's up to the base authorities to advise local officials of the need for increased educational facilities. In some instances, to meet the demand, civil authorities will build a school near the base as a matter of convenience. It is this proximity to the base that often gives people the erroneous impression of the school "belonging" to the Air Force.

Providing educational facilities does not mean the local district is bestowing favors on the Air Force. This is actually a community responsibility, and the community responds in much the same way it would if a large industrial plant moved into town with a subsequent influx of employees and their children.

There is a difference, though. In the case of a factory or business, taxes would help support the expansion of a school program. An Air Force base, being Federal property is generally non-taxable, therefore the community is deprived of this income source.

Congress, recognizing this, authorized Federal assistance for communities if their existing facilities are strained. Legislation provides funds for school construction, operation and maintenance.

The money does not come out of the Air Force's budget. Rather it is paid to the school district by the U.S. Office of Education, a part of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

This payment does not give the Air Force or the Office of Education a say-so in school operation or policy. If an Air Force parent wants to make his voice heard, a Hq USAF official said, he can do it by joining the local Parent-Teacher Association.

The amount paid by the Government is based on the "local contribution rate," which represents approximately the average amount a school district is contributing to a child's education. As might be expected, it varies from place to place. The payment also depends on such factors as the Air Force family head living or working on Federal property.

If he lives and works off base, the Federal contribution would be 100 per cent. It would be only 50 per cent if he lived off base, for example, because in that case it's assumed he is contributing to the community income.

That's why, early in the school year, usually during registration, little Johnny may come trudging home with a note from teacher. The apprehensive parent will probably discover it's nothing worse than a questionnaire he has to fill out and return to the school authorities.

The personal data is important to the school, which must make a head count of the kids and report pertinent information about the parents to the U.S. Office of Education; if it is to obtain Federal assistance.

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An Air Force Command and Control Development Division at Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass., will be established, taking over the present AF Cambridge Research Center. It will direct communications and electronic control systems.

An Air Force Research Division will be set up in about six months, in the Washington area, to manage the research program.



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