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# Weathermen Aid MAC's Big Airlift To Southeast Asia

By 2nd Lt. DeLane Eckelberry

Six weathermen from 7th Weather Wing acted as a vital link in a support chain that carried out the largest airlift on record of a combat-ready force into a war zone.

In the round-the-clock deployment of men and supplies from Ft. Campbell, Ky., to South Vietnam, the weathermen briefed MAC crews on conditions "upstairs" along the long route. They also kept the mission commanders and visiting VIP's informed of weather conditions from the continental U. S. to South Vietnam.

This gigantic airlift was dubbed "Eagle Thrust" in honor of the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" Division. MAC operated 369 C-141 Starlifter missions and 22 C-133 Cargo-master missions in the movement of 10,045 troops and 5,355 tons of cargo.

Thirty-seven Army helicopters were airlifted by C-133 crews. In the complex weather support situation, the 7th Wing observers forecasters and briefers functioned as a part of the MAC airlift control element.

Heading the 7th Wea. Wg. team was Maj. Victor Henkell of Det. 3, 15th Wea. Sq. at Charleston, S. C.

Assisting Maj. Henkell were CWO Thad Jennings and CWO Louis Bartlett, also from Det. 3.

Det. 5, 15th Weather Squadron at Dover, Del., sent Lt. Robert Borkowski, SSgt. Charles Springer, A1C Robert Schlacks and A1C David Teeter. The four forecasters brought to bear a combined 75 years experience on the operation.

A high altitude facsimile circuit especially installed for the (Continued on page 3)



WEATHER MATTERS—Maj. Victor Henkell, Det. 3, 15th Weather Squadron, briefs Gen. Howell M. Estes, commander MAC, on weather between Fort Campbell and the west coast. General Estes flew one of the first C-141's in Operation Eagle Thrust to Vietnam.

## Supergrade Promotions Listed For 138 AWSmen

Hq. AWS, Scott AFB, Ill.—Supergrade promotion lists were released by Air Force late last month. Hikes will be effected in increments on the first day of each month in 1968. Precedence of promotion is determined by time in grade.

Supergrade promotions are determined by a central board which meets once annually at Randolph AFB, Tex.

Air Weather Service gained 104 new E-8s and 34 E-9s. The following is a breakout by Wings:

### Hq. AWS

Promoted to CMSgt. are William A. Fritch, Carl E. Jolly Jr. and James A. Polston.

New SMSgts. are David R. Martin, Donald J. Robarge and Donald W. Rowland.

### 1st Weather Wing

Promoted to CMSgt. are Joseph W. Dragony, Albert E. Gaylord, Eduardo Hidrogo and Shepard M. Humston.

Receiving the rank of SMSgt. are Floyd G. Albee, David H. Batts, Stanley A. Coffman Jr., Will J. Donnelly Sr., Charles R. Grove, David Heisey, Robert R. Kennedy and Arthur G. Lessard.

Also William T. McConnell, Daniel J. Mele, Gerald L. Miles, Clay G. Russell, King Tanigawa, Jesse A. Trevino and Robert W. Watson.

### 2nd Weather Wing

Promoted to CMSgt. are

Thomas H. Bell, Howard M. Bock, Edward C. Bouchard, Howard S. Davenport and Edgar Inman Jr.

Hiked to SMSgt. are Lyndsey L. Barclay, James E. Blakley, Larry J. Burns, John T. Cherry, Johnnie Drew Jr. and Joe R. Foster.

Also Thomas P. Hayes, Melvin J. Meyer, John R. Pagliaro, Michael F. Tackett, Dewey A. Vaughn and Jack W. Williams.

### 3rd Weather Wing

Named for CMSgt. are Russell O. Brunn, Martin W. Dwyer, M. R. Laughlin Jr. and Thomas M. McElmurry.

New SMSgts. are James T. Barrett Jr., Clive E. Buchan Jr., George R. Crabtree, Herbert Ferguson, Hudson J. Garvin, James W. Goff, Egbert W. Lowe Jr., Adam L. Hauck, Harriet Lange and Robert L. Mains.

Also promoted to SMSgt. are John A. Mann, William C. Russell, Charles G. Sanders, James B. Siegel, Frank A. Slenko, Richard N. Taylor, Thomas B. Tinker, William E. Varnum, (Continued on page 3)

## Kindley Receives Photos From New Essa Satellite

KINDLEY AFB, Bermuda—ESSA 6, newest meteorological satellite, launched from Vandenberg AFB, Calif. in November, is now the primary automatic picture transmission satellite (APT) for Kindley's weather station.

Replacing ESSA 4, ESSA 6 averages an altitude of about

850 miles and passes within range of the Kindley receiving equipment between 6:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily.

The base weather station, Det. 18, 15th Wea. Sq., has been receiving excellent pictures from the satellite, which transmits photos of the earth's cloud cover.

## AWS Maintenance NCOs, Airmen and Units of Year Named



Schaecher



Purdy



Minnig



Frascari

Maintenance Personnel and Organization awards for Air Weather Service have been announced by Maj. Gen. W. H. Reddell, DCS Materiel, MAC. Letters have been sent to the winners and trophies are being provided for each of the awards.

MSgt. John M. Schaecher, 6th Weather Squadron, was selected as AWS-Specialized Maintenance NCO of the year for 1967. His citation noted outstanding performance, superior leadership, management and personal accomplishment.

Sgt. Kenneth H. Minnig (an airman at time of selection) was named Specialized Airman of the year. He is assigned to 15th Wea. Sq., McGuire AFB, New Jersey.

AWS Organizational Maintenance NCO of the year is MSgt. Mervin L. Purdy, 9th Wea. Recon. Wg.

Sgt. Ricardo Frascari, 53rd Wea. Recon. Sq., captured the honors as Organizational Maintenance Airman of the year for 1967. He was an airman at the time of his selection.

All of the above annual awards were established by MAC

Manual 900-1. Each man has received congratulatory letters from General Reddell and from Brig. Gen. Russell K. Pierce, Jr., AWS commander. They also will receive engraved plaques.

### Outstanding Units

Also established by MM 900-1, Outstanding Maintenance awards are presented to units in two areas—Specialized Maintenance and Organizational Maintenance.

In Specialized Maintenance, Det. 51, 2nd Wea. Wg., Wiesbaden AB, Germany, was selected as the Unit of the year for 1967. Det. 51 was chosen for outstanding productivity and other maintenance accomplishments. A trophy is being forwarded for presentation by AWS.

Organizational Maintenance Squadron of the Year honors were earned by 55th Wea. Recon. Sq., McClellan AFB, Calif. The squadron was cited for outstanding productivity, aircraft appearance and condition, and other noteworthy maintenance accomplishments. The 55th will also receive a trophy from AWS.



Det. 51, 2nd Wea. Wg.



55th WRS



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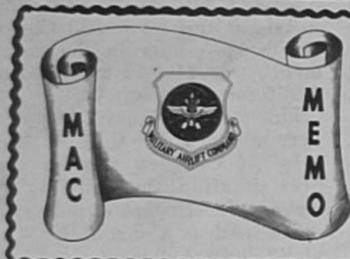
**BRIG. GEN. RUSSELL K. PIERCE, JR.**  
Commander, Air Weather Service

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**SMSGT. DON W. ROWLAND**, Editor

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Excerpts from MAC News Service stories condensed to provide AWS members a capsulized look at MAC activities.

### ARRS Has Big Year

Hq. MAC — The thin line between life and death in Vietnam last year was often a narrow cable dangling from a helicopter—with Air Force rescuers on each end.

Hurrying down the rescue cable, often in the face of raking enemy fire, pararescuemen of the Military Airlift Command's Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service saved 407 lives in combat last year, most of them downed pilots. They also saved 239 persons under non-combat conditions in Southeast Asia.

### MAC Cost Cutters Lead

HQ MAC (MNS) — People in MAC have had more cost reduction suggestions validated since July than during any previous six months, according to command cost reduction officials.

Between July and September, 65 per cent of Air Force validated suggestions came from MAC.

### Returnees Can Retire Near Home

HQ MAC (MNS) — Overseas returnees now can request retirement at a U.S. base nearest their home rather than at the port processing facility.

Officers and airmen serving overseas on their date of retirement previously could retire at their duty station or an aerial port.

### Pay Catches Up After 11 Years

It's never too late for the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center in Denver, Colo., to locate a pay error, an Air Weather Service sergeant discovered recently.

SSgt. William A. Crews, Detachment 36 of the 7th Weather Wing at McClellan AFB, Calif., received a check recently for a 1956 pay error. The mistake was about \$3 in his favor.

The finance center's Directorate of Quality Examination, which periodically reviews an individual's entire pay record, found the error. Sergeant Crews says the mistake must have occurred at the time of his first reenlistment 11 years ago.

## Command Line

**RUSSELL K. PIERCE JR.**  
Brig. Gen., USAF  
Commander



### Product Evaluation

Product Evaluation is a vital requirement in modern enterprise. Whatever the business—manufacturing equipment or providing customer service—the producer must evaluate how well he is doing his job.

There are reasons for this. First it is good business to evaluate how well he is doing quality-wise. If he does not willingly come forward with this information, the customer may suspect he is covering up his deficiencies.

Secondly, and more important, the producer must continuously evaluate his results in order to be sure that changes and innovations in his production line are, in fact, improving the product.

Our job of weather support to the Air Force and Army is a customer service. That's our business. And it is incumbent upon us to measure how well we're doing.

AWSR 105-6, Product Evaluation Program (PEP), outlines a system for evaluating Air Weather Service meteorological products. The aims of the

program are four-fold: to perform quality control, to identify our capabilities and limitations, to pinpoint deficiencies that require correction, and to apply performance standards to what we are doing in our routine, day-to-day operation.

I would emphasize that I am NOT interested in collecting data to compare one unit, or one individual, against another.

PEP has been established as a flexible, evolving program. Each annex to AWSR 105-6 will cover the evaluation of a separate product. The initial two annexes cover terminal forecast and surface observing evaluation. Other annexes will be added later. I expect PEP to grow in an orderly manner making maximum use of automated routines to keep workload at a minimum.

Like all self-evaluation programs, the success of PEP will relate directly to our efforts to make it meaningful. It must not be a square-filling exercise but rather a system to help us judge how well we're doing—and that is progress and PRIDE in action.

### Early Outs For Police Duty

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AFNS)—Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has authorized early release of military men who are within 90 days of separation to accept firm offers of civilian police employment.

The action to help state, county and city police departments to fill some 15,000 nationwide police vacancies was taken in a DoD memorandum Nov. 21.

The Washington, D. C. police department will be the first to recruit servicemen under the new program. Its representatives plan to visit eight bases through Dec. 11. The installations are: McGuire AFB, N. J.; Travis AFB, Calif.; Philadelphia NS, Pa.; Norfolk NS, Va.; Fort Bragg, N. C.; Fort Knox, Ky.; Camp LeJeune, N. C. and Quantico Marine Base, Va.

To be eligible for early release, candidates must have a written offer of specific law enforcement employment from a governmental police agency.

COL  
**SIDNEY A. BIRD JR.**  
COMMANDER,  
8th WEATHER SQUADRON  
WESTOVER AFB, MASS.

HOMETOWN IS BATON ROUGE, LA.

A GRADUATE (CHEMISTRY) OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIV.  
COMMISSIONED THRU ROTC IN 1940.

BEGAN ACTIVE SERVICE AS AN INFANTRY OFFICER.

COMPLETED PILOT TRAINING AND WAS ASSIGNED TO 446th BOMB, GP. (B-24s). FLEW 17 COMBAT MISSIONS DURING W.W.II.

BY THOMAS M. BOEKHOFF  
ANBBR

"AFTER A QUARTER CENTURY, I'm STILL WORKING FOR 8th AIR FORCE!"

CONTINUOUS AWS DUTY SINCE 1946 HAS TAKEN HIM TO ALASKA, KOREA, JAPAN, GERMANY, AND NUMEROUS STATESIDE ASSIGNMENTS.

A STEREO FAN, HE COLLECTS CLASSICAL MUSIC AND DRAMA ON TAPES.

PLANS TO TEACH AFTER AIR FORCE RETIREMENT.

COLONEL BIRD AND HIS WIFE (THE FORMER MARY E. HANKINS OF COACHELLA, CALIF.) HAVE TWO DAUGHTERS.

## -The Big "A" In Safe Driving Is Attitude-

Research has shown that one factor universally influences automobile crashes. The factor is ATTITUDE. What is attitude in driving? Simply stated, the attitude is a person's mental approach to a problem.

How do you think and perform behind the wheel of your car? The way your mind works has a direct bearing upon how well or how poorly you drive.

Are you in a good or bad mood? What are your dominating thoughts concerning the driving task you are performing, other drivers, road and weather conditions, your own condition?

Undoubtedly you have heard the term "Defensive Driving." An alert, positive attitude is the key to defensive driving. Think about what you are doing and about the influencing conditions under which you are operating. Watch closely and think about what the other drivers are doing in relation to you and your car.

Look for the unexpected, and you will be better prepared to cope with unforeseen emergencies. It is realistic to expect the worst from other drivers. If you are alert to sudden surprise situations, you are mentally ready to drive.

Secondly, consider road conditions. No two roads or driving situations are exactly alike. How heavy is the traffic flow; what type of weather is there; is it night or day? The whole idea behind safe driving is to know what problems you are facing and to act accordingly.

Develop awareness and a positive attitude can become a natural habit, and it really does not require any more effort than to be careless.

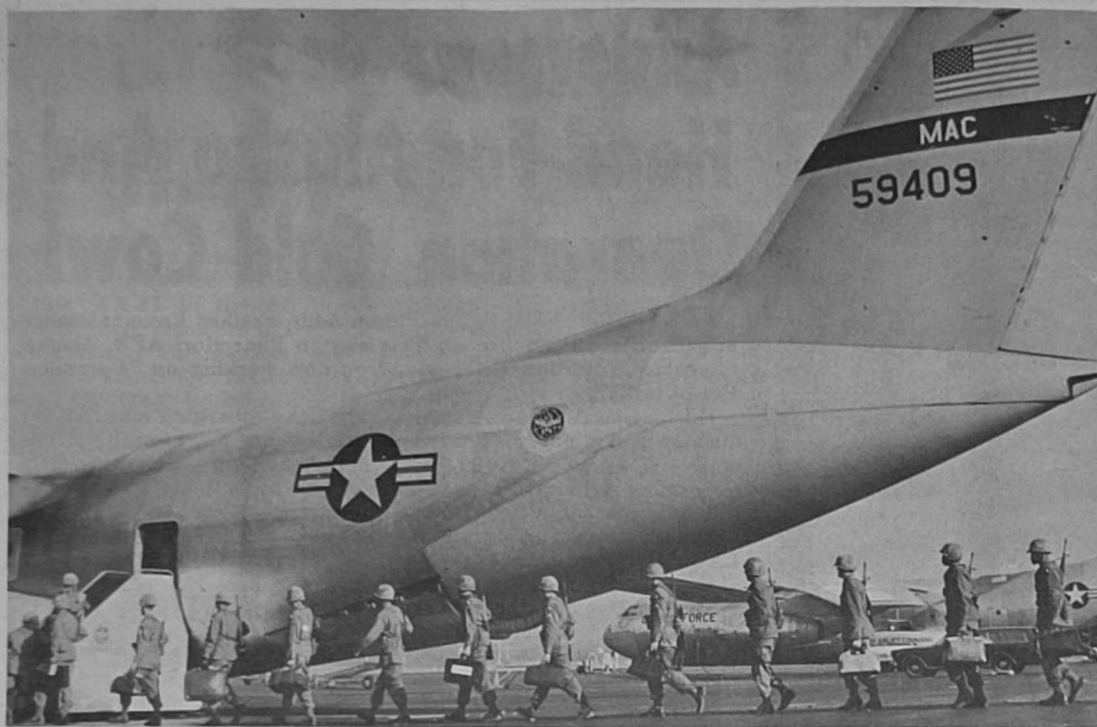
Developing a safe driver ATTITUDE includes an awareness of your own physical condition. If you take unnecessary chances by driving when you are excessively tired or under the influence of alcohol, you display an irresponsible ATTITUDE. Then the other drivers must watch out for you and your driving errors.

On the other hand, when you encounter poor drivers it does no good for you to lose your temper and shout a volley of insulting remarks. When you lose your composure, you put yourself in the same dangerous category as the careless drivers.

Remember the big "A" in SAFE DRIVING is ATTITUDE. In some adolescent circles it is considered "chicken" to reduce unnecessary risk-taking. Mature intelligence rejects this approach.

Poor driving cost Air Weather Service the lives of five good people and serious injuries to seventeen others during 1967. This unnecessary loss can and must be eliminated. Establishing ATTITUDE is the first and most effective step.

DAVID W. CONNELLY, Lt. Col., USAF  
Director of Safety



ON THE MOVE— Paratroopers from the 101st Airborne Division, the famed Screaming Eagles, walk in single file to enter a huge Air Force C-141 Starlifter jet transport of the Military Air-  
lift Command at Fort Campbell, Ky., during Operation Eagle Thrust. Each Starlifter carries 94 troopers or a combination of troops and cargo on the 10,000-mile flight to Vietnam.

# Eagle Thrust Completed -Earns Praise From Army

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operation gave the weathermen the capability to brief MAC crews on the weather from Ft. Campbell straight through to Vietnam.

Det. 10, 15th Wea. Sq., at McGuire AFB, N. J., acted as a Mission Support Center for the operation which lasted from Nov. 17 to Dec. 29. They provided centralized weather forecasts to briefers at all echelons of MAC.

Det. 44, 7th Wea. Wg., located in Suitland, Md., provided the computerized wind forecasts that carried the "Eagles" to their far off destination.

MAC Commander Gen. Howell M. Estes Jr. piloted the C-141 that carried 101st Commander Maj. Gen. O. M. Barsanti and the division's command element. They arrived Dec. 13.

Commenting on Eagle Thrust on his arrival in Vietnam, General Estes said the move

"demonstrates the tremendous strides MAC has made in strategic airlift capability in very recent years.

"Our air crews are trained to carry combat-ready troops and their equipment anywhere in the world," he said.

Off-load time for the C-141's during the operation averaged 16 minutes. One C-141 that carried 18.1 tons of cargo and 14 troops was unloaded in four minutes.

Six MAC airlift wings provided aircraft and crews in Eagle Thrust.

Starlifter crews came from Travis, McChord, Norton, Dover, Charleston and McGuire. C-133 crews came from Dover.

Col. Ralph S. Saunders, commander of the MAC airlift control element at Ft. Campbell, commended the weathermen for their important role in this highly successful operation.

In a ceremony at the end of the operation, Col. G. C. Burch, Chief of Staff, Hq. Fort Campbell, thanked the weathermen on behalf of the Army. He presented Major Henkell the Army Commendation Medal for his "continuous efforts and superb professional knowledge which helped to insure the smooth flow of aircraft.

CWO's Jennings and Bartlett were presented Certificates of Achievement in recognition of their efforts. They were praised for their professionalism and consistent sound judgment which contributed significantly to the overall success of the operation.

## Puerto Rican Children Feted

HICKAM AFB, HAWAII—This Christmas Holiday was a busy season for officers and airmen of 1st Weather Wing at Hickam AFB, Hawaii as they spread their share of cheer and goodwill.

In two separate drives, the wing contributed food and toys to needy families on the island of Oahu. One staff agency, spearheaded by SSgt. Jesus Gomez, contributed bags of fruit, nuts and cookies, toys and a Christmas tree to a family in Kaneohe, Hawaii.

In another collection, the wing headquarters contributed canned food to the Hickam AFB Family Services drive to aid needy families.

## Bronze Star

TORREJON AB, Spain—Maj. Gerald J. Perren, Det. 11, 21st Weather Squadron, has received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Vietnam.

A 20-year Air Force veteran, Major Perren was cited for professional ability, sound judgement and great enthusiasm in overcoming many involved problems associated with his duties as operations officer, Det. 14, 1st Weather Group, Vietnam, from July 1966 to June 1967.

## Supergrade Promotions Continued

(Continued from page 1)

Arthur S. Wallace and Elmer M. Winegarner.

4th Weather Wing  
Promoted to CMSgt. are Yearl Barlow, Raymond E. Dionne and Richard C. Ferguson.

Receiving the rank of SMSgt. are Richard L. Durand, Anthony D. Gallant, Dorothy W. Holmes, George M. Horn and George A. Horseman.

Also Dewitt Smith Jr., John R. Tasetano Jr., Marvin E. Thomas, John G. Wondzell and Ivan V. Woods.

5th Weather Wing  
Promoted to CMSgt. is John T. Thornberry.

SMSGts. are Allen F. Baker, Kenneth W. Bickett, Charles A. Bihler, Carl Brasington Jr., Jack E. Ebersole, Donald K. Fry and Charles Lagneaux.

Also Johnnie P. Mahoney, Samuel A. Maze Jr., Ignaci C. Rodriguez and Roy W. Wicinski.

6th Weather Wing  
Promoted to CMSgt. are Curtis M. Lord, Robert F. McGlew, William G. Montgomery, John P. Tankersley and Charles B. Wilson.

Receiving the grade of SMSgt. are Lowell A. McLain and Arthur R. Thomas.

7th Weather Wing  
Promoted to CMSgt. are John Lakes, E. L. Masterman Jr. and Gordon D. Rasmussen.

Promoted to SMSgt. are Forrest M. Archer, Paul G. Becker, William E. Bishop, Robert G. Galloway, Joseph X. Gauthier, Stanley Levin and Wilson H. McMillan.

Also Billy S. Mills, Robert D. Morre, Raymond L. Nybro, Arthur K. Rosa, Gene L. Swenson, Paul H. Turner, Kenneth R. Walters and Buddy L. Wilson.

9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing  
Promoted to CMSgt. are

Munn W. Chatterton, Frank Y. Galyon, Russel G. Houghton, Jean P. Jaquette, Eugene R. Sanchez and Harold G. Williams.

Sewing on the stripes of SMSgt. are Melvin L. Allen, Dolphus M. Crowe, Orie L. Fossan, Donald J. Hanson, James M. Lachey, Donald W. McEwen, Harold C. Meigs and Joe A. Miller.

And Charles E. Napler, Donald E. Prosser, Ernest V. Sandoval, David C. Schwartz, Jack B. Weber, Otto N. White, Edward R. Wynn and Teren T. Wyatt.

## Eagle Thrust Messages

... I am particularly pleased that the operation was completed in such a smooth and efficient manner. Not a single aircraft accident or incident occurred despite the unique nature of the mission. In short, Eagle Thrust was accomplished exactly the way all missions should be, efficiently and safely. I can't think of a more fitting manner to wind up a year of intensive effort on the part of all. Again my deepest appreciation for a job extremely well done.

Gen. Howell M. Estes  
MAC COMMANDER

Heartiest congratulations to the members of your command on your magnificent performance in the successful completion of Operation 'Eagle Thrust'. This historic airlift has proved conclusively that, with the speed and efficiency afforded by the Military Airlift Command, we can place combat ready forces anywhere in the world in minimum time...

Gen. William C. Westmoreland  
MACV COMMANDER

## Andersen's Chief Navigator Guided Flights For Five U. S. Presidents

ANDERSEN AFB, Guam—Flying for five United States Presidents is a record attained by only one Air Force navigator.

Lt. Col. David D. Odor has established this claim-to-fame by navigating for President Hoover, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson.

(Colonel Odor navigated the VC-137 that transported ex-President Hoover to the Brussels World Fair in 1958.)

He was also with President Kennedy on the ill-fated trip to Dallas in November 1963.

Additionally, Odor has served as a crewmember for: Vice Presidents Humphrey, Nixon and Mr. John Foster Dulles.

Some of his military VIP passengers include Generals Taylor, White, Twining, LeMay and Wheeler.

Lt. Col. Odor is presently chief navigator, 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron at Andersen.



SCRIBING HIS PRESENT "LIMITED" AREA OF OPERATION is Lt. Col. David D. Odor, Chief Navigator, 54th Wea. Recon. Sq. Formerly with the Special Air Missions unit, his flying took him to over half a hundred countries while serving numerous U. S. presidents and other VIPs. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## Udorn Base First To Use All Thais

UDORN RTAFB, Udorn became the first Thai base to use weather team composed entirely of Thai observers during a noon weather balloon release last month.

Another step forward in Thai-American relations was made when five Thai airmen working with Det. 15, 10th Wea. Sq. became the first all-Thai team to man an Air Force weather observatory.

RTAF observers were previously trained by Air Force in surface observing—then often reassigned where their knowledge was not used. This problem has been corrected.

Maj. John B. Walls Indianapolis, Ind. and SSgt. Donald E. Logan, Panama City, Fla., NCOIC rawinsonde, serve as USAF advisors to the Thai Team.



NORTH TO ALASKA—from Andersen AFB, Guam, are 54th WRS pilots Capt. John P. Powell (left) and Capt. Richard D. Gardner. They and 13 other 54th WRS members are supporting "Operation Cold Cow". Guam's Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero (center), wishes the men a successful mission.

## Top Chinese Weathermen Guests Of First Weather Wing



TWO-WEEKS TRAINING ENDS—Lt. Col. William C. Anderson (left) commander of 1st Weather Wing's Det. 4 at Hickam AFB, discusses a weather chart with Col. Lu-I-Jen (center) and Lt. Col. Li Ping-chih of Taipei, Taiwan. The two Republic of China Air Force (CAF) weather officers recently completed a two-week training visit

with 1st Wea. Wg. under the auspices of the Military Assistance Program. Both have long weather careers. Colonel Lu (deputy commander, CAF) has served as chief of CAF Weather Central. Colonel Li was chief of Tauyuan base weather center of Taiwan before becoming chief of weather ops for the CAF Wea. Wg.

## Oklahoma NCO Wins "Name The Plane" Contest

Sgt. Edward J. Spindler, Det. 4, 32nd Weather Squadron, Oklahoma City AFS, Okla., received a T-33 jet trainer ride.

The ride was awarded Sergeant Spindler as first prize in the "Air Force Name the Plane Contest," sponsored by the 31st Air Division Information Office as part of the United States Air Force's 20th Anniversary celebration.

Weather detachment officers and NCO's used the contest as a first term Airman Retention Program. Working together, Capt. Walter J. Harrison, Det. 4 commander, SSgt. Edward C. Lamphier, chief observer and the rest of the staff submitted twenty-five correct answers out of a possible twenty-eight.

Sergeant Spindler was chosen for the ride for the fewest errors in transmission of weather information and for his overall performance.

Maj. Billy B. Coggin, 31st Air Division Fighter Interceptor pilot, flew Sergeant Spindler on his one hour flight. Spindler

said, "The trip was one of the most terrific experiences of my Air Force career."

An athlete, Sergeant Spindler played softball for the 31st Air

Division championship team and contributed much to its success. He's also a member of Det. 4's bowling team.

After graduation from

Chanute's observer course, he was assigned to Det. 4, where he immediately entered OJT and was awarded his 5-skill level in June 1967.



T-BIRD RIDE—is given Sgt. Edward J. Spindler, Det. 4, 32nd Weather Squadron. Maj. Billy B. Coggin, 31st Air Division Fighter Interceptor pilot, does the honors. The ride was first prize

in the Air Force's Name the Plane Contest celebrating the U. S. Air Force's 20th Anniversary. Sergeant Spindler is a weather observer at Det. 4, Oklahoma City AFS, Oklahoma.

# Andersen Recon Flyers Head For Alaska And Operation Cold Cowl

ANDERSEN AFB, Guam—Fifteen 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron members are on their way to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska to replace a portion of the squadron now working on "Operation Cold Cowl".

This is the Air Force's latest attempt to eliminate the hazards of ice-fog by an airborne dry-ice seeding technique. The project will last about 60 days.

Guam's Governor Manuel F. L. Guerrero met with a portion of the northbound group Friday.

He complimented the men on the job they were about to undertake and hoped for their personal success in the project. Governor Guerrero added, "It's indeed unfortunate you men have to be away from your families this holiday season but I'm confident the results will overshadow your separation."

In addition, he presented the group a personal Christmas message from the people of Guam and some typical native handicraft for delivery to the Honorable Henry A. Boucher, mayor of Anchorage.

The weathermen deployed aboard a unit WC-130E which is specially equipped with a

dry-ice discharging tube that extends from the aircraft's dropsonde section. Dry-ice pellets are then dispensed into the fog bank from the low-flying aircraft.

## Orphan Girl Aided By 57th

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii—Re Be Ka a 7 year old Vietnamese girl who lives in Saigon, lost her father, a farm hand, when she was 3 years old and her mother died shortly thereafter.

She is now in the care of an uncle who is too poor to properly care for her.

January 1967, the 57th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron Pride Committee sponsored a program to aid Re Be Ka. Through the Christian's Children Fund Inc., \$120.00 of voluntary contributions is sent annually for her support.

To make this Christmas a happier one for Re Be Ka, the 57th WRS sent her a gift package of toys, clothing and a camera.

## Bronze Star

Lt. Col. Robert F. MacKenzie has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his service as commander, 10th Weather Squadron, Udorn RTAFB, Thailand.

Colonel MacKenzie was praised for initiative, sincere dedication and zeal which coupled with professional meteorological skill, served as an inspiration to those persons serving for and with him.

## New Commander Named At Fuchu Weather Central

FUCHU AS, Japan—Lt. Col. Hyko Gayiklan assumed command of the Asiatic Weather Central, Det. 1, 20th Weather Squadron, Dec. 19, 1967.

An Air Force/Air Weather Service veteran of 27 years, Colonel Gayiklan was commander of the Southeast Asia Joint Operations Weather Center, South Vietnam.

## Tan Son Nhut Weather Officer Ends Training

HICKAM AFB, Hawaii—Lt. Col. William H. Shivar, 5th Weather Squadron, Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam, recently completed the Air War College (AWC) Seminar Program.

The course took two years to complete, during which time Colonel Shivar devoted about eight to ten hours a week reading, writing, researching and preparing for speeches and debates.

This AWC Seminar Program, which closely parallels the Resident Course, is designed to expand the knowledge and understanding of senior Air Force officers and to prepare them for high command and staff positions.

# New Records Claimed By Sturdy Old Birds

EIELSON AFB, Alaska - Another record is claimed by WB-47 #51-2402. In October 1964, this aircraft set a record by becoming the first WB-47 in the Air Force to exceed 4000 flying hours.

At that time, members of Det. 1, 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron hinted that they were aiming for 5000 hours before retiring 2402.

December 1965 was the date when 2402 went over the 5000 mark. She is now the first of her type to pass 6000 hours - and shows no signs of being ready for the old bird's home.

Her entire record-breaking career was spent flying out of Eielson. Most of these hours were flown in the Arctic area.

Two other WB-47s from Eielson, #2358 and #7021, are also approaching 6000 hours. Having three such venerables on a single base should be some-

thing of a record. Anyway, Det. 1 claims it.

Considering the extreme temperatures in which 55th WRS aircraft are flying, ground crews rightfully claim much of the credit. Many flights are launched with temperatures of 40 to 50 degrees below zero.

The task of preparing #2402 to fly falls upon SSgt. Roger Hagen, crew chief, and A1C George Trotter, his assistant.

Hagen is from Pelican Rapids, Minnesota, and has been at Eielson since June. Trotter, of Pueblo, Colorado, has been at Eielson since last February.



STANDING PROUDLY under their record-making WB-47 are SSgt. Roger Hagen, crew chief (right) and A1C George Trotter, assistant. Their aircraft has logged over 6000 hours for 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron - and is still going strong. Many flights are launched in extreme low temperature and most of the flying is over the Arctic. (Official U.S. Air Force Photo)

## Third Enlistment Nets Max Variable Bonus

KINDLEY AFB, BERMUDA-A Kindley AFB sergeant, enlisting for the third time in the Air Force, qualified for the Variable Re-enlistment Bonus.

Although not an impossible event, it is a unique one.

SSgt. Maynard C. Wright, a weather observer with Det. 18, 15th Weather Squadron, orgi-

nally served with the U.S. Marine Corps.

In August 1959 he enlisted in the Air Force. Four years later he returned to civilian life but after six months went back to the Air Force.

Last month, as a result of his decision to 'go career,' he collected his first reup bonus. Sergeant Wright received \$5,362.73. When asked what he would do with this windfall, he smiled and said, "It won't go moldy!"

Previous service has taken him to many places around the world, including three years in France. He cites world travel and educational work as two of his many reasons for re-enlisting.

Wright is from East Syracuse, N.Y., and married to the former Karen Robbins of Watkins Glen, N.Y.

The weatherman has been at Kindley since August 1965.



RAMEY AFB, Tour Guide Capt. Jack A. Aaron, WB-47 navigator, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, explains WB-47 wheel well to Mr. Orlando Rosa, Puerto Rico Economic Development Administrative Representative. Last month 53rd WRS celebrated successful completion of the 1967 hurricane season with a tour, briefing and luncheon for the leaders of the local community. Visitors viewed squadron aircraft (WC-130 and WB-47) with aircrews on hand as guides. A briefing was held at the Mission Control Center. Luncheon at the Officer's Open Mess followed the tour and briefing. (Official U.S. Air Force Photo)

## When Weathermen Speak Pilots Listen At Tuy Hoa

TUY HOA (7AF) - When the men of Det. 36, 30th Weather Squadron speak, the pilots from Tuy Hoa Air Base listen. In fact, they listened 11,601 times in the detachment's first year of operation.

Det. 36, commanded by Capt. Clarence M. Duff, 38 North Highlands, Calif., began operations Nov. 15, 1966. One year later they had produced 8,426 tactical support weather briefings for F-100 Supersabre and HC-130 Hercules operations.

In addition, 3,175 weather briefings were produced for missions flown by Air Force and

Army transports, helicopters and surveillance aircraft.

Five men from the detachment do all the briefings. This averages out to 2,320 briefings per man or more than six briefings per man for 365 consecutive days.

## Sergeant Hurries-- Meets AACP Needs

WEBB AFB, Tex.-SSgt. Henry M. Turk, a forecaster at Det. 16, 24th Wea. Sq. worked against the clock to complete enough college hours to qualify and be selected for the Airman Education and Commissioning Program.

Due to his age, Sergeant Turk had less than two years to take 30 hours of college credits and thus qualify for AACP. On a part-time class schedule, this takes real effort.

Turk topped the requirements by finishing 36 semester hours between January 1966 and May 1967. In addition, he took eight units of work from USAFI.

Entering the University of Wisconsin this month, Sergeant Turk will complete the requirements for a Bachelor of Science in meteorology.



Turk

## Venerable Wxman Ends Long Career

ANDREWS AFB, Wash., D. C.-Col. Nicholas H. Chavasse, Assistant for Weather, Deputy Chief of Staff, Programs and Requirements, at the Pentagon, has retired.

Members of the 16th Weather Wing, 3rd Weather Wing and Environmental Technical Application Center honored Colonel Chavasse with a luncheon last month.

At age 18, Colonel Chavasse joined the North Carolina National Guard. He was later graduated from the U.S. Military Academy, pilot training school and several service schools.

His assignments included squadron commander of a B-24 weather reconnaissance squadron, commander of the Air Force Weather Service in Europe during the Berlin airlift, Chief of Staff, Hq. Air Weather Service, commander of the 1st Weather Wing, commander of the 2nd Weather Group and he served as Staff Weather Officer of CINCAFLANT.

## How's That?

A weather forecaster is a person who passes as an exacting expert on the basis of being able to turn out with prolific fortitude an infinite series of maps and forecasts calculated from incomprehensible formulas with infinitesimal precision from vague assumptions based on debatable figures taken from alleged observations made with instruments of problematical accuracy by persons of dubious reliability and questionable mentality for the avowed purpose of annoying and confounding a hopelessly chimerical group referred to all too frequently as pilots.

## MILITARY AIRLIFT COMMAND Accent on Bars

1st. Lt. WILLIAM S. McCABE Jr.

DETACHMENT 6, 9 WEATHER SQDN Malmstrom AFB Montana

CHIEF FORECASTER IN BASE WEATHER STATION SUPPORTING A SAC MISSILE WING AND ADC FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQDN

HIS UNIT MUST FORECAST RAPID CHANGES IN WEATHER CAUSED BY THE FLOW OF COLD ARTIC AIR MOVEMENTS

MATH MAJOR AT UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, GRADUATED 1961

STUDIED METEOROLOGY AT SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE

PROFESSIONAL MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY



HOMETOWN: CASPER, WYOMING

ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY SPORTS ACTIVITIES REFEREES FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL GAMES FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS

## Births

WHITFIELD, 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert E., a daughter, Yolanda Monique, at Seymour Johnson AFB Hospital, North Carolina. Father assigned to Det. 12, 3rd Weather Squadron.

YOUNG, SSgt. and Mrs. Lawrence L., a daughter, Beth Bridget, at Army Hospital, USMA, West Point, N.Y. Father assigned to Det. 11, 12th Weather Squadron, Stewart AFB, N.Y.

ROGERS, 1st Lt. and Mrs. Larry P., a son, Paul Donovan, at Tripler Army General Hospital, Honolulu, Hawaii. Father assigned to Hq. 1st Weather Wing, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

# Observer Reviews Highlites Of 1967...

Air Weather Service continued special efforts on Southeast Asia support and meteorological uses of space while continuing its more conventional obligations.

Countless members of the command made news—some records were broken—flying safety records were vastly improved—and in general, both mission and performance increased. Brief highlites of 1967 follows:

## January

In January, in an unprecedented act, Maj. Gen. William E. Depuy, commanding general of the Army's 1st Infantry Division, presented Bronze Star Medals to each of 18 AWS weathermen assigned to OL-1 of 5th Wea. Sq. Det. 32, Phu Loi, Vietnam. The combat weathermen were commanded by Capt. Jerome O. Siebers.

Brig. Gen. Russell K. Pierce Jr. was elected to the Council of the International American Meteorological Society (serving for three years).

The first of 167 AWS promotions to major became effective. The captains continued to assume their new ranks during the remainder of the year.

## February

SMSGt. Edwin R. Lappi and A1C Anthony M. Pavlovic were named as top AWS airmen of the year to compete in MAC for the honor attending the Air Force Association convention in March.

New closed circuit TV Briefing system inaugurated at Patrick AFB, Fla., for use in supporting rocket launches. The equipment is used by Det. 11, 6th Wea. Wg.

## March

Merewether Award was won by Maj. Robert W. Fett, 54th Wea. Recon. Sq. pilot. His research in satellite meteorology was recognized as "the most significant contribution to military meteorology."

Maintenance teams of 2nd Wea. Wg. moved tons of weather equipment from France to Germany 15 days ahead of schedule in the exodus of men and gear which was required by France.

## April

The OBSERVER began a



CUTTING THE CAKE at the 30th Anniversary Ball are AWS commander Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Russell K. Pierce Jr. Attending past commanders are Brig. Gen. Norman L. Peterson (left), Lt. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman (2nd from right) and Brig. Gen. Don Z. Zimmerman.

series of features showing mission and manning of AWS's eight wings.

Winners of seven Commanders Awards named. This was the 11th year for the awards which are named for former AWS commanders and which recognize outstanding contributions to AWS.

New supergrade stripes were sewn on by 88 AWSmen. Majority of the promotions were in the weather forecaster and observer skills.

## May

Ten AWS officers were named to assume the rank of full colonel during 1967.

Scott's Morale Index Trophy was won by Hqs. AWS. The award covers morale and discipline factors. It was the first time a tenant unit of Scott earned the distinction.

## June

The first of 85 new storm-detection radar sets was put in operation at Dover AFB, Delaware. Called the AN/FPS-77, the new radar provides local-area weather surveillance more precisely and less expensively than the APQ-13 and CPS-9 sets.

Brig. Gen. Roy W. Nelson Jr., former AWS commander, was named to the post of Special Assistant for Environmental

Services to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Brig. Gen. Russell K. Pierce Jr., AWS commander, journeyed to Cold Lake, Alberta, Canada, to aid in the inauguration of the new Joint Royal Canadian Air Force-U.S. Air Force ARCAS meteorological rocket program.

## July

AWS celebrated its 30th anniversary with an anniversary ball at Scott AFB, Ill., and similar festivities throughout the worldwide command.

At Offutt AFB, Nebraska, a squadron which began as a charter member of AWS was reactivated. This was 2nd Wea. Sq., which had been inactivated in 1956.

Chanute Weather Training department completed installation of Automatic Picture Transmission (APT) receiving equipment.

## August

Weather Reconnaissance celebrated its 25th anniversary Aug. 16.

Lajes weathermen set a record when balloons reached average heights of more than 26 miles during this month.

Recon flyers from 53rd WRS joined scientists from the Navy and ESSA in Project Storm-fury -- by seeding hurricanes

with silver iodide to learn if the storm's violence could be lessened.

AWS announced four colonel assignments: Col. Ralph G. Suggs to vice commander, Col. Lowell A. Stiles to command 1st Wea. Wg., Col. Douglas C. Purdy to command 7th Wea. Wg., and Col. Paul McAnally to command 4th Wea. Wg.

## September

The 1967 Hurricane Reconnaissance season got off to a late but furious start as weathermen rode herd on eight storms during mid-month.

Col. William S. Barney, who had held every rank from private to colonel, retired after 30 years in AWS.

Color photos of Hurricane Beulah were made by an AWS RB-57F from over 60,000 feet—A'first' for 58th WRS.

## October

Fiscal '68 promotion list to major included 62 AWS captains.

CMSGt. Wyatt T. McKay, 1st Wea. Gp., Tan Son Nhut, RVN., was named on President's roll of Economy Champions.

Cloud Height Radar set (AN/TPQ-11) installed and operating at Ramstein AB, Germany. This was the first of these units to become operational in USAFE.

Typhoon Carla carried a record-breaking 47.86 inches of rain to Baguio, in the Philippines -- measured Oct. 17.

## November

Fifty-six AWS majors were named to pin on silver oak leaves during the remainder of the fiscal year.

Sgts. David I. Berran and Billy L. Pohl, 3rd Wea. Sq., Seymour-Johnson AFB, N.C., had the AWS Room of the Year. They designed their room functionally to accommodate shift-working and study needs. Both are weather observers.

## December

NCO promotions listed for 1968. A total of 138 AWSmen were named for supergrades, and 591 were listed for Staff, Tech and Master.

Extensive weather modification tests began at widely dispersed sites in the northwest. Fog dispersal techniques were the prime subject. Initial tests were termed "highly successful" and the project is continuing during 1968.

## Retirees

The following AWSmen have recently retired:

Col. William J. Norton, Lt. Col. Nick Digiglio, Lt. Col. Anthony L. Marlo, Maj.'s Dean H. Frey, Stewart A. Hughes, William A. Moyna, Theodore B. Rothwell, Allen E. Staver, Harold B. Hanig, Harold F. Konvalinka, Paul T. Ulrich, Capt.'s Early E. Hill, Robert Levine and Arthur B. Sloan.

Additional retirees are CWO (W-4) John A. Stowe, CMSGt. Arthur E. Stockell, SMSgt. John H. Bump, MSgt. Warren Hatch, MSgt. Kenneth E. Modlin, TSgt. Thomas M. Karr, TSgt. John W. Ashworth and TSgt. Boyce D. Worley.

## Whiteman AFB Airman Earns AACP Position

WHITEMAN AFB, Mo.—A1C Eric C. Elder, Det. 19, 8th Weather Squadron, reenlisted for retainability in the Airman Education and Commissioning Program and will be promoted to staff sergeant upon enrollment to the University of Denver in January.

Shortly before his reenlistment, Airman Elder received a letter of appreciation from the Commander of the 8th Wea. Sq., Col. Sidney A. Bird, congratulating him for outstanding work on revising and updating the detachment's weather observer training program.



Elder

## Earns Award



Miss Dian Hartel

SCOTT AFB, Ill.—Miss Dian Hartel, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Harold W. Hartel, Hq. AWS, Inspector General Directorate, has been named runner-up in the annual achievement award competition sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

A total of 8000 students are nominated throughout the nations' high schools and the winner's names are submitted to every college and university for possible scholarships.

Miss Hartel of O'Fallon High School, Ill., is also a member of the debate team and enjoys art.



RIGHT ON TARGET—Christmas gifts are dropped on the atoll of Ullithi during the 1967 "Christmas Drop." Food, clothing, toys, school supplies and fishing gear were donated by Andersen AFB personnel and the civilian community of Guam. Delivery by sleigh was prohibited due to 80 degree temperatures in the Western Pacific, so a WC-130 from the 54th Wea.

Recon. Sq. was pressed into service (as usual) to complete the traditional Christmas effort. The 54th teams with Andersen's 79th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron to crate the gifts and rig parachutes for the drop. Ullithi was one of four islands selected by the U.S. Trust Territory because of hardships it suffered during the 1967 typhoon season.

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Highlights of Air Weather Service people at work and play.

AWS Global Report

Tinker AFB, Okla.

A1C Roderick W. Hardin, 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile), has been selected to attend the officer and Flight Training Schools, Lackland AFB, Texas, this month.

A 1966 graduate of the University of Denver, Harkin received his BSBA in Marketing. He enlisted in the Air Force in October 1966.

Ent AFB, Colo.

SMSGt. Herman White, 4th Weather Wing, has received a certificate of academic achievement for scoring the highest grade point average at the Personnel Management and Data Systems Course at Amarillo AFB, Tex.

Personnel Sergeant Major for the 4th Wing, Sergeant White is from New Jersey. He and his wife Gwendolyn have two children.

RAF Alconbury, England

A1C Myron N. Vanetsky, Det. 36, 28th Weather Squadron, was named Airman of the Quarter for tenant units at Alconbury.

Airman Vanetsky, a weather observer, was praised for accurate weather reports and for winning the confidence and respect of all assigned to Det. 36.

Osan AB, Korea

SSgt. Dale L. Campbell, Det. 15, 20th Weather Squadron, has been presented a letter of appreciation from Col. Suh Byong Whoo, commander of the ROKAF 73rd Weather Group.

Sergeant Campbell was praised for his assistance in obtaining and delivering Nimbus Weather Satellite pictures to the Republic of Korea Air Force Weather Central.

RAF Alconbury, England

TSgt. J. B. Dillahunt, Det. 36, 28th Weather Squadron, has been awarded the MAC PRIDE Silver Certificate for the period July 1, 1967 to Sept. 30, 1967.

Sergeant Dillahunt was cited for use of good management and strong leadership in maintaining a continuous weather watch and quality control program for the observing section and conducting a well planned program as QJT supervisor and training NCO.

Whiteman AFB, Mo.

A1C Eric C. Elder, Det. 19, 8th Weather Squadron, reenlisted for retainability in the Airman Education and Commissioning Program.

Once enrolled at the University of Denver in January, Airman Elder will be promoted to staff sergeant. Upon completion of OTS he will qualify for duty as a Television Production Officer.

Previously Airman Elder had completed weather training in minimum time and received a 95 percentile on his five level skill-Knowledge test.

Ent AFB, Colo.

SSgt. Lester L. Martin, SSgt. Charles L. Nees, Sgt. David W. Linke, Sgt. Ronald Loney and Sgt. Celestine G. Martinez of the 4th Weather Wing, have received MAC Silver PRIDE Awards.

Andrews Weatherman Wins Incentive Award

ANDREWS AFB, Wash. D.C.—Maj. Edward V. von Gohren 34, was presented a \$50 check as an incentive award for inventing a meteorological rocket thermistor mounting arrangement.

The meteorological rocket is used to measure temperature and



Laura J. Suggs

Laura Suggs Secretary For KSU Committee

SCOTT AFB, Ill.—Laura J. Suggs, daughter of Col. Ralph G. Suggs, Hq. Air Weather Service, vice commander, has been elected secretary of the Union News and Views Committee, Kansas State U., Manhattan, Kansas.

Responsibility of the News and Views Committee centers on forums and speakers.

The Forum sub-committee plans and publicizes various topics pertinent to the student body. Famous personalities are acquired by the Speakers sub-committee for campus lectures.

Laura is also a member of Kappa Delta sorority, Kappl Phi honorary and American Veterinary Medical Association.

Fairchild Hiller Corp. Awarded Radar Contract

GERMANTOWN, Md.—Fairchild Hiller Corporation's Space and Electronics Systems Division has been awarded a contract for the design and development of a weather radar for Army tactical support.

The contract, valued at \$1,298,000, was awarded by the Fort Monmouth Procurement

Division of the Army Electronics Command. It calls for the design, development, test and qualification of a mobile weather radar set, AN/TPS-41, (XE-2) in accordance with the requirements of the Atmospheric Sciences Laboratory.

Mobile weather radar (MWR) provides the Army with the capability to locate and measure precipitation and natural or nuclear clouds for tactical purposes. It provides military commanders with information on storms, visibility, and other airborne phenomena and is the only meteorological tool capable of collecting precipitation data over an entire tactical area of interest, both enemy and friendly, up to 150 miles.

The new MWR display will consist of three visual indicators, providing real time, three-dimensional data on precipitation areas, and nuclear detonation activity. Remote indicators will permit the display of data at tactical centers or weather offices up to a mile from the radar operating site.

Air Weather Service will monitor the development of this equipment to determine future acquisition to expand operational capabilities in future Army Weather support.

The AN/TPS-41 (XE-2) is the most advanced tactical weather radar under development and will add significantly to field commanders' capabilities, particularly in areas like Vietnam.



AEROSPACE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT HONORED—Maj. Edward V. von Gohren, 6th Weather Wing, displays his new invention, a meteorological rocket thermistor mounting arrangement. Maj. von Gohren received a \$50 incentive award.

Commendation Medals

U.S. Air Force Commendation Medals for the time periods listed have been awarded or approved recently for the following AWS members:

Col. William J. Norton, (Second Oak Leaf Cluster), 29th Weather Squadron, from July 26, 1965 to May 30, 1967.

Lt. Col. Anthony L. Marlo, USAF Environmental Technical Applications Center, from July 15, 1966 to Dec. 1, 1967.

Lt. Col. Joseph W. Stephan, 4th Weather Wing, from Dec. 31, 1963 to Sept. 20, 1966.

Maj. Harold B. Hanig, 6th Weather Wing, from Oct. 31, 1963 to Dec. 31, 1967.

Maj. Hugh M. O'Neil, (First Oak Leaf Cluster), 3rd Weather Wing, from Feb. 22, 1963 to Mar. 31, 1967.

Maj. Richard L. Daye, 3rd Weather Wing, from Sept. 30, 1963 to Mar. 31, 1967.

Capt. Deryl D. Broers, Weather Officer Advisor to Republic of Korea Air Force, 6146th Air Force Advisory Group, from July 26, 1965 to July 25, 1967.

Capt. Robert Levine, Assistant Staff Weather Officer, Hq. 22nd Air Force, from Apr. 1, 1967 to Sept. 26, 1967.

Capt. James H. Blackburn Jr., 2nd Weather Squadron, from Aug. 16, 1963 to July 31, 1967.

Capt. James A. Degiovanni, 3rd Weather Wing, from July

8, 1965 to Mar. 31, 1967.

Capt. Edward L. Pace, Staff Weather Officer to 325th Fighter Interceptor Wing and 62nd Military Airlift Wing, from July 1, 1966 to Oct. 25, 1967.

Capt. Richard L. Purdum, 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, from June 19, 1966 to June 30, 1967.

Capt. Tommy D. Guest, Det. 10, 6th Weather Wing, from Oct. 7, 1965 to Sept. 13, 1967.

CWO (W-4) John A. Stowe, Det. 7, 9th Weather Squadron, from Aug. 6, 1963 to Dec. 16, 1967.

CMSgt. Irvin N. Barnes, (Second Oak Leaf Cluster), 388th Tactical Fighter Wing, from Dec. 2, 1966 to Sept. 28, 1967.

SMSgt. John H. Bump, 6th Weather Wing, from June 4, 1965 to Nov. 30, 1967.

SMSgt. William Riley Jr., Det. 51, 2nd Weather Wing, from Sept. 5, 1965 to Oct. 19, 1967.

MSgt. Kenneth E. Modlin, Det. 2, 9th Weather Squadron, from Aug. 25, 1963 to Dec. 1, 1967.

TSgt. John W. Ashworth, Det. 10, 8th Weather Squadron, from Dec. 29, 1966 to Dec. 1, 1967.

TSgt. Boyce D. Worley, Det. 22, 26th Weather Squadron, from Mar. 12, 1964 to Dec. 1, 1967.

TSgt. Raymond J. LeBrun, (First Oak Leaf Cluster), 4th Weather Wing, from Oct. 29, 1965 to Nov. 15, 1967.

TSgt. Jack A. Josue, (First Oak Leaf Cluster), 56th Combat Support Group, from Dec. 11, 1966 to Dec. 6, 1967.

SSgt. Gus Bradley, 56th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, from Apr. 20, 1966 to June 30, 1967.

Commanders Call

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Filmed Air Force highlights of 1967 will be featured at the worldwide Commander's Call meetings in January.

The 26-minute, color presentation documents many of the top events involving Air Force people with emphasis on combat activities in Southeast Asia.

Andersen Man Re-Ups During Typhoon Gilda

ANDERSEN AFB, Guam—Even Typhoon GILDA didn't stop Sgt. Ronald F. Johnson of Det. 2, 1st Weather Squadron from reenlisting.

Evacuated with his family from off-base quarters to a typhoon-proof home when GILDA bore down on Guam, Sergeant Johnson faced a problem. Should he stay safely in quarters or brave the weather to reenlist on schedule?



Johnson faced a problem. Should he stay safely in quarters or brave the weather to reenlist on schedule?

Taking no chances on a technicality interfering with his Air Force career, Sergeant Johnson braved the weather and made the re-up on time.

## SPORTS FRONT



By A1C Jesse L. Frey

### A SPORTS FIRST

August 3, 1918 marked the first time in the world's history that two ball teams went to the scene of their contest in airplanes.

In 15 airships two officers' teams of nine men each from Carlstrom and Dorr Fields headed for Sarasota on their way to Bradentown where they were to play a baseball game.

Both teams landed at Sarasota because there was no airfield at Bradentown and the balance of the trip was made by automobile. The air line distance from the camps to Sarasota was about 50 miles.

All officers arrived safely, but Carlstrom had a long ride home, which is a figure of speech, meaning they lost 6-0. (This is from an article in the Air Force Historical Foundation Magazine).

### Good Showing

Environmental Technical Applications Center (ETAC) football team tied for 2nd place in the 1967 Bolling AFB Intramural Football League.

Closing the regular season play with a 5-2-1 record, ETAC and 1100th Support Gp. played to a 6-6 tie for second place honors.

A rugged ETAC defense kept them in the running by allowing opponents an average of just eight points per game.

Ron Brown of ETAC, an end, lead the league in scoring with 78 points which included 11 TDs and 12 conversions.

### Division Winners

Members of the 57th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron softball team, Hickam AFB, Hawaii, won the "B" League division championship of the intramural slow pitch league.

This was the first year they competed in the league and they outscored their opposition in 13 of 14 meetings.

### "SPORTS SHORTS"

LONG TIME COMING--University of Southern California football team ranked number one in the nation for 1967, defeated Notre Dame in Irish territory for the first time since 1939! USC 24 Notre Dame 7.

VISITORS JINXED--In the Houston versus Texas A & M college football series, the home team has always won.

### SOME NBA RECORDS

Most games won--68 by Philadelphia 1966-67.

Most games lost--63 by San Francisco 1964-65.

Most points scored in season--4,029 Wilt Chamberlin, Philadelphia.

Highest scoring average--50.4 Wilt Chamberlin, Philadelphia.

Most consecutive field goals missed--35 by Wilt Chamberlin, Philadelphia.

Most players scoring 1000 points--(6) by Syracuse 1960-61.

Highest assist average--11.5 by Oscar Robinson, Cincinnati.

Most points scored in one game--173 by Boston vs Minneapolis.

Most consecutive points in one game--24 by Philadelphia.

Most consecutive games played--844 by John Kerr.



How come they made me Detco? I'm just an Airman!

## Dillahuntys Of Alconbury — Good Scouts

RAF ALCONBURY, U. K.—J. B. Dillahunty is a good scout. But then, so is his wife Kathryn.

And son, Robert M., age 15.

And son, Ray A., age 13.

And daughter, Laura Lee, age eight.

That is, the entire Dillahunty family all are active in RAF Alconbury scouting circles.

The elder Dillahunty, a U. S. Air Force technical sergeant and chief weather observer with the 2d Weather Wing's Det. 36 of the 28th Weather Squadron, is assistant cubmaster of RAF Alconbury Pack 217. He's also in charge of the newly-formed Webelos Scout Den.

Mrs. Dillahunty, a firm believer that good scouting begins at home, is assistant troop leader of Girl Scout Troop 10.

In his fourth year with the program, Robert M. is a Life Scout.

Ray, after two very active years, has advanced to the rank of First Class Scout.

As the only daughter in this scouting family of five, Laura Lee is holding her own well. She is already in her second year as a Brownie, following in her mother's footsteps.

All the Dillahuntys are good scouts.



RACKING 'EM UP—Dressed in German hunting garb, Maj. W. F. Jordan admires the trophies obtained from deer taken in the Republic of Germany. Large antlers are those of the coveted red deer which he bagged this season. (Photo by Skarsten)

## 2nd Wing Marksman Downs Rare Deer At Kassell, Germany

By SSgt. James E. Skarsten

LINDSEY AS, Germany—A 2nd Weather Wing meteorologist is making his mark in an entirely different field—deer hunting.

Maj. Walter F. Jordan Jr., commander of 2nd Wea. Wg.'s

USAF weather briefing detachment, has collected many trophies as a result of his activities afield. He has been hunting in German state forests since coming to the Federal Republic two years ago and has bagged deer of various species.

But none can compare with the huge German IA Red Deer antlers that now hang on his living room wall. He brought this beautiful animal down while hunting near Kassell, Germany, in November.

Only a few hunters are allowed to take the Red Deer during the six month season. Each hunter is allowed only one animal. Only five Americans from this area have bagged the coveted prize during the current 1967-68 season.

Red Deer are highly prized because they are carefully protected in Germany, with only a few throughout the entire Federal Republic selected for hunting.

Chances to hunt these few deer are awarded by lottery and with thousands of names in a hat, one doesn't get to hunt a Red Deer very often.

But Major Jordan got the opportunity—and his Red Deer.

## Ramstein Sergeant Pursues Degree -- Gets AECP Slot

RAMSTEIN AB, Germany—After attending night school classes in broad daylight and pursuing an education halfway around the world, finishing the Airman Education and Commissioning Program (AECP) should be a snap for SSgt. Robert G. Christophel.

Sergeant Christophel got in his "night day school" licks while helping Air Weather Service support construction of Distant Early Warning (DEW) line sites on the Greenland ice-cap.

In contrast to this cool experience, he was, a couple of years later, "sweating it out" in the balmy climes of Florida—and chasing that education. His Florida alma mater is Florida Southern College.

In 1963, Christophel took several courses from the University of Omaha while stationed with Air Weather Service's

Global Weather Central at Offutt AFB, Nebr.

Now a weather observing technician with 2nd Weather Wing's 31st Weather Squadron, Christophel finds that his determination has paid big dividends.

For Sergeant Christophel now has orders assigning him to Oklahoma State University at Stillwater, Okla. this month. He is aiming at a degree in aeronautical engineering and a commission in 1970. After that, he'll work in one of U.S. Air Force's research and development programs.

## Fourteen Recon Crew Members Decorated At Clark Air Base

CLARK AB, P. I.—Fourteen Det. 2, 57th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron members have received Air Medals for meritorious achievement while supporting U.S. Armed Forces in Southeast Asia.

Det. 2, headquartered at Clark AB, Philippines, provides special weather reconnaissance support of U.S. activities in SEA.

The following Det. 2 men received Air Medals:

Lt. Col. John H. Hug, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster; Major Morris C. Garrison Jr., 8th and 9th Oak Leaf Clusters; Maj. John B. Hilburn, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster; Maj. Donald R. Malm; Maj. Joseph W. McGee, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster; Maj. Edmond J. Rice, 5th Oak Leaf Cluster; Maj. Angelo J. Scalici, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.

Also receiving Air Medals were Maj. William C. Shuping; Capt. Gregory G. Korczak, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster; Capt. Christiaan C. Niessing Jr., 1st Oak Leaf Cluster; Capt. Neil E. Palmer, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster; Capt. George E. Price Jr., 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster; Capt. Thomas Scott, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster; and Capt. Van B. Young, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.

PRIDE  
AT WORK



AND PLAY