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Ninth Wing navigator gets DFC

McCLELLAN AFB, Calif. — The Distinguished Flying Cross has been presented to Capt. Martin W. Soth, 55th Wea. Recon. Sq., by Col. Felix G. Brenner, 9th Wea. Recon. Wg. commander. Captain Soth received the DFC for distinguishing himself on C-123 airdrop mission in the Republic of Vietnam.



Assigned at the time to the 309th Air Commando Sq., Captain Soth and his crew were given an urgent request to airdrop needed cargo to a Special Forces camp near My An in the Mekong Delta.

Captain Soth and crew were exposed to intense ground fire while making seven passes over the small drop zone to complete their mission.



ACCIDENT FREE—MSgts. Earl F. Snyder Jr., (center) and Thomas Damiano (right) both members of 56th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan, are congratulated by Gen. Howell M. Estes Jr., MAC commander, for reaching the 10,000 hour mark of accident-free flying. Sergeants Snyder and Damiano are engineers aboard WC-135 weather aircraft. (Air Force photo)

26th Wea. Squadron chiefs hold four-day pow-wow

BARKSDALE AFB, La.—Chief observers of the 26th Weather Squadron assembled at Barksdale AFB, La., last month for a four-day conference. Their purpose was to exchange views on supervisory duties and solutions to observations technical problems.

Col. Lawrence D. Connolly, commander of the 26th, opened the conference. Third Wing Commander, Col. Robert L. Sorey addressed the opening session and congratulated Det. 34, Dyess AFB, Tex., on being named the outstanding detachment in 3rd Wing.

He complimented the squadron as a whole on its excellent morale despite austere manning and limited experience. He spoke on safety, new equipment super-

visory responsibility and Project Transition. Col. Sorey also explained the significance of the narrative portion of the Airman Performance Report.

The conference covered quality control, personnel practices, pilot report procedures, additional duties, manning, retention, training and other topics.

Cheese!

Hq. AWS—If you own a \$5 Brownie or a \$500 Hasselblad and you think you can take good photographs, then the OBSERVER photo contest is just the thing for you.

All you have to do is photograph any object, person or scene relating to the month's theme and then forward your entry, with the negative and a brief description, to OBSERVER Photo Contest (AWFOI), Scott AFB, Ill., 62225. The theme for May is "Men at Work." You can submit as many entries as you like, but they must arrive at this headquarters no later than the 10th day of the month.

The best photo of the month will be printed in the OBSERVER. At the end of the year one of the monthly winners will be selected as best photo of the year. The photo of the year winner will be awarded a prize to be announced later.

This contest is open to all AWS personnel and their dependents — so start snapping.



ROYALTY—Greeting His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I, Emperor of Ethiopia, is 1st Lt. Peter F. Abt, Operating Location 2, 21st Weather Squadron, Kagnew AS, Asmara, Ethiopia. The emperor received a ten minute briefing and tour of the weather station's Satellite Tracking Van and other meteorological facilities. (Army photo)

7th Wea. Squadron gets a tip of the hat from U.S. 7th Army

WIESBADEN AB, Germany—Second Weather Wing's 7th Weather Squadron, which provides or arranges meteorological services for U. S. Army units in Germany, has been awarded the United States Army Europe (USAREUR) Outstanding Unit Citation.

The squadron was praised for sustained superior performance of duty for the past two years.

In a ceremony at Heidelberg, the award was presented to Col. Lewis A. Pitt, 7th Wea. Sq. commander, who also serves as USAREUR staff weather officer. The announcement and presentation was made by Maj. Gen. R. W. Whitney, 7th Army deputy chief of staff for intelligence, before the squadron's officers and men.

Col. Thomas J. Arbogast, 2nd Wea. Wg. commander was also on hand for the ceremony.

The unit citation is the highest Army award that can be bestowed outside of a combat unit award. The General Order citing 7th Wea. Sq. was only the second USAREUR/7th Army order published in the last two years for the unit citation award.

Seventh Wea. Sq. operates a headquarters unit, 10 forecasting and observing detachments, a forecast center, 10 observing-only locations and provides the U. S. Armys V and VII Corps headquarters with staff weather officer support.

The award was announced by USAREUR general orders under the joint signature blocks of Maj. Gen. Charles H. Chase, USAREUR chief of staff, and USAREUR adjutant general Col. J. H. Robinson.

The accomplishments of this unit, the general orders read, in providing direct support to USAREUR and the Seventh Army have made a vital, continuing contribution to daily operations and to specific requirements including command, army, corps and unit exercises.

The significance of the operation, with the demanding requirement for accuracy because of the safety aspect, as well as the dependence of commanders on the forecasts in their operational planning, is such that the command would have been severely handicapped with-

out the high quality of the support provided.

Operational 24 hours a day throughout the period, the squadron has earned the admiration and respect of all users of their product and has firmly established its reliability, accuracy, and utility.

The professional competence, exceptional accomplishments, and esprit de corps displayed by the members of the unit during this entire period reflect great credit on the members and the military service of the United States.

Do penguins read Observer?

HQS, AWS — The AWS OBSERVER staff honored a unique request this month. Mrs. Dan M. Chadwick of Beaufort, N. C., asked for recent editions of the AWS command newspaper so that she might read items of interest to her husband at the South Pole.

The Chadwicks are in short-wave radio communication about twice a week. Joan Chadwick selects news and reads stories she knows will interest her husband or his associates, then she forwards the paper through the mail. She says by the time he gets the paper, it will be about six months old.

Chadwick is serving with a Weather Bureau South Pole project. The retired Air Weather Service chief master sergeant maintains weather equipment used in the expedition.

He arrived at the South Pole in February and expects to stay there about 13 months. The members of his party live underground where surface temperatures often drop to 100 degrees below zero.

Typhoon Chasers praised by 313th A.D. commander

ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM — Typhoon chasers of 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron have received a letter of commendation from Maj. Gen. Jerry D. Page, commander, 313th Air Division, Okinawa.

General Page reviewed the long and hectic 1967 tropical cyclone season. Thirteen storms threatened Okinawa and the island was in typhoon preparedness conditions for nearly 700 hours.

Total threat to Okinawa in 1967 was rivalled only by that to Taiwan. It exceeded all other Department of Defense installa-

tions added together.

General Pages letter complimented the flying weathermen for outstanding performances despite difficulties and personal danger.

He concluded, "The service you crewmen provide is absolutely vital to us on Okinawa and I want you to know we appreciate it deeply."



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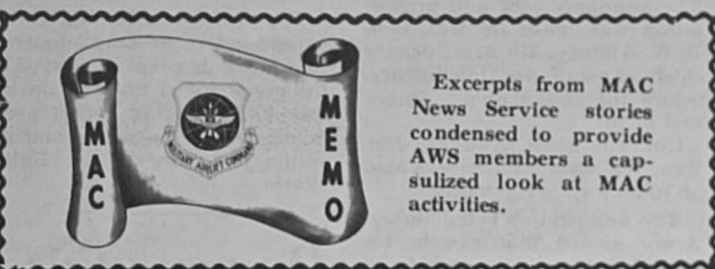
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Excerpts from MAC News Service stories condensed to provide AWS members a cap-sulized look at MAC activities.

Ribbon okd for outstanding airmen

ATLANTA (MNS) - A new ribbon has been approved for wear by men selected by their commands as airmen of the year.

Gen. Bruce K. Holloway, Air Force vice chief of staff, presented ribbons to 22 outstanding airmen - including Military Airlift Command's Sgt. Duane D. Hackney - at the Air Force Assn.'s convention in Atlanta.

Former command outstanding airmen are eligible to wear the ribbon. In precedence, it ranks below the Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

Enlisted promotions being studied

WASHINGTON (MNS) - A "weighted-factor" promotion selection method and expansion of the centralized selection system are being discussed at an Air Force airman promotion management conference at the Pentagon.

Air Force staff officers and major command representatives are taking part in panel discussions at the conference which began April 1 and is to end April 11.

Biggest problem for the panel studying the weighted-factor system is developing a way of assuring selection of best qualified airmen in each grade and specialty.

Panel members are expected to recommend an enlisted promotion system which would provide more information to individuals on what they can do to increase their chances of promotion.

Permanent combat leave bill

WASHINGTON (MNS) - Department of Defense is asking Congress for permanent authority to give special 30-day leaves to servicemen who volunteer for at least six months additional duty in a combat area. Present authorization expires June 30.

Special leave is not charged to the individual. It can be taken anywhere and the Government provides transportation.

Since temporary legislation was passed in November 1966, 1,309 officers and 48,036 enlisted men have volunteered to serve six-month extensions in combat areas.

Veterans and dependents benefits

WASHINGTON (MNS) - A new edition of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is available from the Government Printing Office in Washington.

Published by the Veterans Administration, the booklet outlines legislation changes including the Veterans' Pension and Readjustment Act of 1967 and it also gives addresses and phone numbers of more than 170 VA installations.

Single copies may be obtained for 20 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

MAC takes over McChord

MAC (MNS) - The Military Airlift Command will take control of McChord AFB, Wash., from the Aerospace Defense Command on July 1.

McChord, near Tacoma, is the home of MAC's 62d Military Airlift Wing, the largest unit with nearly 5,000 of McChords 7,500 men assigned to the wing.

With the addition of McChord AFB, MAC will have a total of eight bases.



The two-wheeled vehicle menace

Operating a motor vehicle is one of the most hazardous occupations in our present-day society. The United States loss in people and materiel each year is appalling. We in Air Weather Service are engaged in reducing the needless waste caused by motor vehicle accidents.

Our programs involve each and everyone, from commanders to the newest airman, and strive to promote better driving attitudes and safer procedures. While these programs are achieving their purpose, I see one serious unchecked problem area, THE TWO-WHEELED VEHICLE MENACE.

Why this statement? Let's look at the facts. In 1966, Air Weather Service experienced 41 private motor vehicle accidents, which cost six lives and \$241,900. Of these, 8 or 20% of the total were two-wheeled vehicle accidents.

In 1967, this record was improved significantly. Accidents were reduced a whopping 44%. Out of last year's 23 accidents, which cost us \$190,200, nine were two-wheeled vehicle accidents, including one fatality, accounting for 40% of our accidents.

This takes on real significance when I note that our two-wheeled vehicles amount to only 5% of the total vehicle population. Air Weather Service people riding two-wheeled vehicles were injured or

killed at a rate 12 times greater than those driving automobiles! This is the menace we face.

I congratulate all of you on your concerned efforts, which resulted in the large reduction in 1967. However, I am still concerned over the continued unnecessary loss of life and resources. I urge renewed and concentrated effort in control of the two-wheeled vehicle menace.

The first step is for you to recognize the problem. The next and most important step is to attack the problem at the action level - the owner/operator of the two-wheeled vehicle. Our attack must be multifaceted. Reduce the exposure by strongly encouraging reduction of unnecessary two-wheeled vehicle use.

We must redouble our efforts to increase driving skills by training, testing and proper licensing, activity guidance and control through cycle club participation. Promote attitudes and knowledge through special PMV cycle teams. Insure positive corrective action on all accidents.

When our two-wheel operators are honestly aware of the hazards they face, when unnecessary exposure to this hazard has been eliminated, when proper training of operators has been assured, then, and only then, will our two-wheeled vehicle menace disappear.



Lieutenants meet at OTS, live happily ever after?

RAF MILDENHALL, England - For some, Officers Training School (OTS) does not provide any romance at all, but for William L. Bush III and Ellen M. Rossi, this was not true.

Bush and Miss Rossi met while they were in the same class at OTS, and were married at Newmarket in England in late February.

Lieutenant William Bush, a weather forecaster with Det. 8, 28th Weather Squadron at RAF Mildenhall is now awaiting his wife's reassignment to Mildenhall from McCoy AFB, Fla.

Lieutenant Ellen Bush, who emerged from OTS not only with gold bars, but with a gold ring, comes from New Milford, N.J. The other Lieutenant Bush, from Tacoma, Wash., has been in the Air Force for five years. He worked his way to a commission through the Airmen's Education Commissioning Program.

Legion of Merit

Lt. Col. James E. Smith, Det. 8, 20th Weather Squadron, has received the Legion of Merit for outstanding service as officer in charge of OL-2, 2nd Weather Squadron.

Colonel Smith's accomplishments were extremely sensitive and of a highly classified nature.

Col. Robert A. Kerr, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for exceptionally meritorious service as DCS/Air Operations, Hq. Air Weather Service, from Aug. 6, 1962 to Oct. 10, 1967.

Leadership, exemplary foresight and ceaseless efforts consistently demonstrated by Colonel Kerr resulted in significant contributions to the effectiveness and success of the Air Weather Service reconnaissance and atmospheric sampling program.

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Fuchu major enlists own son

FUCHU AS, Japan - Maj. Wayne S. Bullock, Det. 1, 20th Weather Squadron, recently administered the oath of enlistment to his son James at the weather detachment headquarters.

James hopes to enter the weather or photography career fields after completing basic training. He served for two years as a missionary with the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints in California.

Major Bullock, an 18-year veteran, resides at Fuchu with his wife and four daughters.

28th Wea. Sq. Commander

COL
ROBERT D. JOHNSTON
COMMANDER
28th WEATHER SQUADRON,
NORTHOLT RAF, ENGLAND

NATIVE OF GLENDALE, CALIF.

RECEIVED HIS BACHELORS AND MASTER'S DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES (UCLA) IN 1941 AND 1958, RESPECTIVELY.

SPENT 28 MONTHS IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATION DURING WORLD WAR II.

ENJOYS SWIMMING AND BODY-SURFING.

MOST OF HIS 24 YEAR CAREER HAS BEEN IN WEATHER CENTERS, FORECAST CENTERS AND IN AEROSPACE SCIENCES AT GROUP AND NC LEVEL.

THE 1966-67 CHAIRMAN OF THE OFFUTT-OMAHA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY.

MEMBER OF THE UCLA CHAPTER OF CHI EPSILON PI (METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY)

MARRIED TO THE FORMER BONITA J. WILLITS OF SEAL BEACH, CALIF.

THOMAS M. BOLKOVAC
ARTIST



THE BRITOS FAMILY includes marksman-athlete-scientist Peter, wife Miriam, the former Miss Virgin Islands, and five lively youngsters, Lani, 7, Peter, 6, Louis, 5, John, 3, and Anthony, 1. They live at 117 Belt, Fairview Heights, Ill.

Ent AFB captain lauded for aiding passengers

ENT AFB, COLO.—Capt. Michael R. Denington, 4th Weather Wing, was a passenger on the Union Pacific's "Portland Rose" when the train collided with a freight train near Wamago, Kan., last Dec. 21.

At the time of the collision, Captain Denington was in the last car and was thrown forward, but he managed to escape serious injury. After picking himself up he made his way through the train giving first aid and comfort wherever it was needed.

A registered nurse, two Army medics and a group of cadets from St. Joseph's Military Academy at Hayes, Kan., were also aboard. Captain Denington joined them in coordinating first aid efforts and restoring order. Many of the injuries were to the face and head. One woman

had been so severely jolted that she momentarily lost her memory and could not re-



Captain Denington

member the date, the circumstance or her name. Denington calmed her until she regained her composure and memory.

Thirty-five of the train's 200 passengers were eventually hospitalized. Besides giving first aid, Captain Denington worked to restore order and calm, especially among the children on the train.

The captain and others worked to provide aid in the near zero temperatures of the Kansas winter. Fortunately, the train's lighting system was working throughout the emergency.

When state patrolmen and citizens from nearby Wamago rived, Captain Denington and the others set up a priority of injuries to first evacuate the most serious cases. School buses from Wamago were used and an emergency aid station was set up at the Wamago Methodist Church.

At the time of the accident, Captain Denington was heading home to Princeton, Ky., to visit his father who was hospitalized with pneumonia. He started the trip by car, but ran into heavy snow near Salina, Kan. Hoping for a swift and safe trip, he left his car and boarded a train at Salina. Ironically, he managed to catch the train by only a matter of minutes.

Captain Denington received the Air Force Commendation Medal for his actions that night. The citation that accompanied the medal lauded Captain Denington's quick appraisal of the situation and determination to take the initiative.

The Air Force weatherman, originally from Princeton, Ky., joined the service in 1963. He is currently assigned to Det. 1, 4th Wea. Wg., and works at the NORAD Cheyenne Mountain complex.

You name it, this major does it

He uses books, bullets or bare hands

HQS, AIR WEATHER SERVICE, Scott AFB, Ill., Apr. 3 — Whether it's books, bullets or bare hands, this Air Weather Service inspector excels. When he speaks — people listen.

Major Peter J. Britos is a fellow who just naturally accomplishes things. His childhood ambition was to be an Air Force officer. From rather humble beginnings, the native Hawaiian finished high school in Honolulu and found his way to Parks College of Aeronautical Technology, a branch of St. Louis University.

By attending summer classes and carrying maximum study loads, he was able to complete his college in three years. In 1957, at 21, he graduated with a degree in aeronautical meteorology.

At the same time, he received an Air Force commission through AFROTC. He was drill team commander, cadet corps commander and a Distinguished Military Graduate. He was president of his class all three years at the school.

Britos became a weather officer after completing the fundamentals of weather course at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

In 1960, First Lieutenant Britos welcomed his first "overseas" assignment — back to Hawaii. He was sent to the Kunia Forecast Center.

At Kunia he stepped into his first supervisory role as team chief of an analysis and forecasting team. He was promoted to captain in September 1962.

The weatherman established himself as a marksman while on the PACAF Base command rifle team. He was named captain of the master division of the all-Air Force rifle team and traveled to Camp Perry, Ohio for the national matches. He is now classified as a lifetime master high-power rifleman.

Summer of 1964 found the captain on his way to Asiatic Weather Control in Fuchu, Japan, where he later became Director of Alternate Typhoon Warning Center activities.

At Fuchu, Britos became acquainted with karate experts of the Japanese Air Self Defense Force. With a background of

judo training, he picked up an immediate interest in the popular Japanese sport of karate. He worked out during lunch periods and three nights a week. In record time he earned white and green belts, the first two steps in karate training. He also learned some Japanese while teaching English to his instructors. He won the purple belt in eight months, a feat which normally takes much longer.

Temporary duty in Vietnam interrupted Britos' karate training, but not his habit of excelling. He returned with a citation for meritorious service from Gen. William C. Westmoreland for weather support to the Army.

In February 1965, he traveled to Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines and was Outstanding Graduate from the Tropical Analysis and Forecasting school. He then returned to Fuchu to assume the additional duty of Chief, Southeast Asia support section.

Last fall Britos and his family returned to the familiar St. Louis area, to join Air Weather Service headquarters. He has become an active member of the Military Airlift Command speakers bureau, and is greatly in demand by educators for talks on weather sciences.

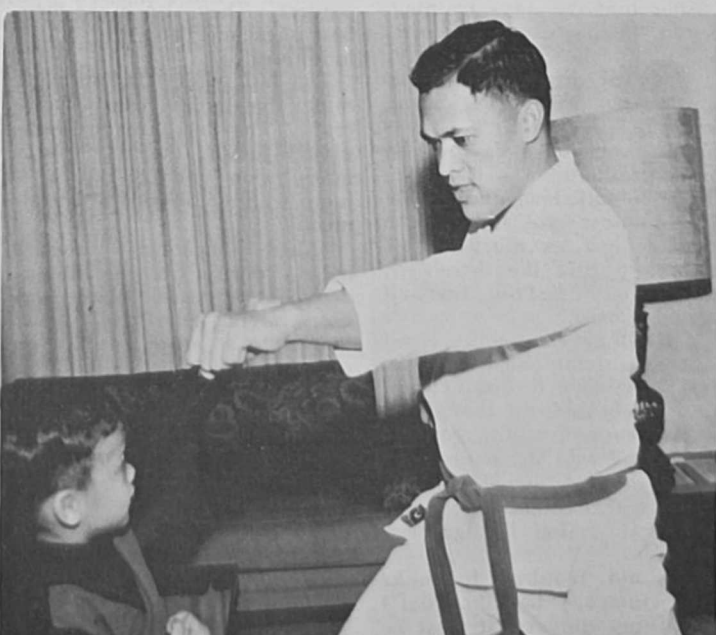
During college days, Peter Britos met and married the former Miriam Edna Golden, another achiever. In fact, she is a former Miss Virgin Islands.

Mrs. Britos is a mathematics graduate "cum laude" from Fontbonne College in St. Louis. She is a member of Pi Mu Epsilon honor society and Delta Epsilon Sigma, the national Catholic honor society. She is presently doing graduate work at Southern Illinois University and is head of the mathematics department of Central School district near Scott AFB.

The Britos family includes five children.



LIFETIME MASTER HIGH-POWER RIFELMAN, Maj. Peter J. Britos demonstrates technique of sighting with his favorite competition rifle. He was captain of western division of the All-Air Force rifle team while stationed with Kunia Forecast Center in Hawaii.



WHOS AFRAID? Little Louis Britos, 5, squares off with his father, Peter Britos, a purple belt karate expert. The Air Force major earned his purple belt in near-record time while stationed in Fuchu, Japan.

Det. 16 AFOUA

Anyone assigned to Det. 16, 10th Weather Squadron, APO San Francisco 96288 between July 1, 1966 and June 30, 1967, is authorized to wear the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Current data on SEA weather to be featured

SCOTT AFB, Ill.—For Armed Forces Day display, May 18, at U.S. Air Force and Army locations in the United States, the latest weather observations from (AWS) stations in South Vietnam will again be made available. AWS is the Military Airlift Command organization which provides weather support to air and ground forces in Southeast Asia (SEA) and elsewhere in the world.

Current weather data, much of it less than two hours old, will be specially transmitted for the day from South Vietnam over stateside lines for AWS by the Air Force Communications Service. Such weather data for SEA is not routinely required by Air Force forecasters in the United States. A special Armed Forces Day program will bring the Vietnam observations from AWS stations to stateside base weather stations by way of Saigon, Clark AB in the Philippines and the Weather Relay Center at Tinker AFB, Okla.

Weather stations in South Vietnam, all of them detachments of AWS's 1st Weather Group, commanded by Col. Griffin H. Wood, are at 19 dispersed locations. In total these AWS observing stations are currently taking nearly 300,000 observations yearly.



Roache receives new appointment

WASHINGTON, D.C. (ESSA) — Col. Clarence E. Roache (USAF, Ret.) has been named Deputy Federal Coordinator for Meteorological Services and Supporting Research, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Before the appointment, he was chief of operating programs in the office of the Federal Coordinator since 1964.

Colonel Roache retired from Air Weather Service in 1964. He was military advisor to the chief of the Weather Bureau. He spent his entire military career as a weather officer.



Col. Roache

Sorry bout that

Opps! We goofed. A caption in last month's "Observer" page six should read A1C James T. Lentz, Hq. 1st Weather Group, not SSgt. Dale P. Christie, Det. 13, 30th Weather Squadron.

1st Weather Sqdn. commander is a jumping grandfather

"At one time the parachute was a symbol of failure to me." Ironically, this admission comes from the only grandfather and the oldest person to graduate with class 26 from the U.S. Army Paratroop Training School at Ft. Benning, Ga.

In stating this viewpoint, 1st Weather Squadron commander Col. David M. Sweeney said as an Air Force pilot, the use of a parachute would have meant that I had lost my aircraft... and failed in my mission."

Colonel Sweeney is 49 years old and physically fit. His age caused him more difficulty in getting into paratroop training than it did in completing the school.

Five waivers were required, he recalls, before he could enter the rigorous jump school. The first waiver, quite obviously, was his age; the second, his sight; third, hearing; and four and five, waivers from Military Airlift Command and U.S. Strike Command, respectively, for him to attend the school since he is not presently filling a jump slot.

Fingering his new shiny wings, given to him by a fellow-paratrooper, General T. J. Conway, Commander U.S. Strike Command, Colonel Sweeney admits that he was just as full of pride on graduation day as were the younger men in the class.

The pride is evidently well earned. Of the 719 persons who started with class 26, only 565 received wings on graduation day, although some other members may graduate with subsequent classes.

During the three-week course, Colonel Sweeney arose each duty day at 5:45 a.m. and reported for training at 7:15. In a graduated course of physical fitness training, he eventually was doing 10 chin-ups, 20 push-ups, 20 airborne sit-ups (back on floor with knees elevated), 20 trunk-twisters, 20 body twists and 20 deep knee bends, and completed a two-and-a-half mile run in 16 minutes.

After that the days training began, lasting until 5:00 p.m. At night, he said jokingly, "I rubbed my bruises and soothed my tired muscles along with the other students. I was running out of spots to sleep on by graduation."

The colonel, lean and trim at 128 pounds, said some of the students lost as much as 17 pounds during the three-week course, but he lost only one-half pound himself.

Colonel Sweeney volunteered for the training because he believes in leading through example. He explained that some of his weathermen are required to "jump" into the drop zone ahead of assaulting forces and relay weather conditions there to a central station located elsewhere.

"I'm not required to make these jumps," he said, "but I felt it my duty to at least be qualified."

Because of his rank, Colonel Sweeney graduated first in his class. "The training is complete when you finish the descent on the fifth and last 'jump', he ex-



GERONIMO—Col. David M. Sweeney, 1st Weather Squadron commander, looks as if he would rather be back in sunny Florida than preparing to jump from a helicopter. Colonel Sweeney completed jump school with the U.S. Army at Ft. Benning, Ga., recently where he was the oldest member and only grandfather in the class.

plained, and because I was the highest ranking man in the class, I 'jumped' and landed first."

The paratroop school, which is strenuous enough without the exercises, is sectioned into three equal one-week portions. In the first week students are exposed to height, taught how to "jump" and how to fall and make aircraft door exits.

In the second week, class members are introduced to suspended harness training (which places great strain on the body), parachute landing falls from a device which swings the trainee back and fourth, and mass exit procedures. They also make their first parachute drop from a 250 foot tower.

The last week the students make five jumps from an aircraft. The first three are individual jumps, the fourth is a mass jump and the fifth is a jump with 45 pounds of equipment.

"Also," Colonel Sweeney noted, "during training all students in the training area and not receiving individual instruction, must stand at attention or parade rest. If you're required to move," he said, "you do it at a run."

Looking down at the eagle perched on his shoulder, he grimly reminded us, "There are no exceptions."

The Air Weather Service Observer regretfully announces the death of A1C Kenneth E. Baker Jr. and SSgt. Eduardo Garcia Jr.

Both died as a result of hostile fire.

Maj. McCright wins medal

Maj. Gerald D. McCright of the 4th Weather Wing, assigned to Athens, Greece, has earned the Airman's Medal for saving the life of a young Greek lad.

Major McCright entered a dangerous area to assist a Greek national who spoke no English with an unknown problem. Suddenly, he was knocked down by a blast from an exploding furnace. When he regained his feet, Major McCright saw the son of the Greek national, his clothes aflame.

Disregarding his own safety and the pain from burns on his face and hands, Major McCright managed to extinguish the flames. Only after he made sure that the boy was taken care of did he tend to his own wounds. His burns were serious enough to require his hospitalization for a considerable length of time.

Wives receive observer status

For years, the wives of the weathermen of Det. 29, 6th Weather Wing, Ft. Ritchie, Md. have been unofficially supplementing limited observations available to their husbands hard at work in the deep, dark, windowless confines of the cave.

Highlighting a recent detachment dinner party, the wives were named honorary weather observers and each wife received a fancy "Weatherbird" certificate.

Met fraternity taps 17

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—Seventeen Air Force officers and meteorology students at Texas A&M were initiated into Chi Epsilon Pi, honorary meteorology society, Apr. 16, 1968.

Fourteen of these men are receiving basic meteorology training and three are Air Force Institute of Technology graduate students in meteorology.

The three graduate students are Capt. P. T. Burnett, Capt. L. R. Heaton and Maj. D. W. Frazee. ATC students, all lieutenants, are R. D. Carlson, S. S. Fasser, R. C. Ghormley II, G. J. Horner, J. D. Johnson, T. W. Kitterman, T. H. Kyle, D. M. Meier, J. D. Mill, J. E. Solmon, T. C. Tarbell, D. W. Vanzant, H. W. Whidbee and P. R. Zook.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY—Cutting a cake commemorating the 58th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America are members of Cub Scout Pack 1, Andersen AFB, Guam. MSgt. Warren Lawyer, (center) 54th Weather Reconnaissance Sq., hosted the dinner for pack members, their families and friends. The Cub Scouts are (left to right) Jimmy Saxon, Chuck Lawyer, Jeff Charvat, Keven Richeson, Sergeant Lawyer, Radians Jordon, Neil Sullivan and Ricky Bunch. (Air Force photo)

Thule to the Tropics, rocketsonde work never done

ANDREWS AFB, Md. — High altitude weather observing has become a reality in Air Weather Service, thanks to a handful of men from the 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile), Tinker AFB, Okla. These men have been important in the operation of the Air Force Environmental Rocket Sounding System, a network of high altitude meteorological rocket sites which stretch from the equator to Thule, Greenland, and as far west as Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.

As this nation and others delve into the mysteries of outer space, one area of primary concern is the fringes of the earth's atmosphere. Dust particles and variable temperatures, winds, pressure, clouds and moisture must be carefully considered when any projectile leaves or enters the earth's gravity.

Firing weather rockets to altitudes of over 200,000 feet (40 miles) is one means of acquiring vital data for evaluation of varied phenomena, and at the same time providing direct operational support to the Air Force.

Preparation for launching of a rocketsonde is an operation requiring smooth teamwork with emphasis on safety and mission accomplishment. Weather rockets are small but like their big brothers launched from Cape Kennedy, require the utmost in professionalism from the launch crew.

Two hours before firing, several pilot balloons are released and tracked by twin theodolites (instruments used to visually track weather balloons) to 5,000 feet, for computing wind speed and direction. This is the first step in determining the eleva-

tion and azimuth (distance in angular degrees in a clockwise direction from a northern point) setting for the launcher itself.

Another pilot balloon release is made 30 minutes before launch to check for changes in wind conditions. If a definite change in wind speed or direction is indicated another pilot balloon release is made shortly before launch. Close tolerances are necessary as these missiles are inertially guided and initial orientation determines the trajectory for the rocket so that the debris lands in a predetermined safe area after the weather package has been ejected.

At the point of apogee of some other predetermined point, a charge fires and a small parachute opens to allow the weather instrument to descend to earth. The apparatus is then tracked by radar and radio ground equipment as it descends.

Atmospheric temperature and wind speed and direction are recorded from approximately 220,000 feet down to 80,000 feet. From this information, high-speed computers can derive pressure, density, wind shear (the local variation of the wind direction due to conflicting winds and speed of sound).

Similar data is provided by an associated balloon-borne rawinsonde below 80,000 feet. When the rocketsonde instrument and parachute enters the lower atmosphere, the chute tends to float, taking too much time to descend to the ground. The balloon-borne rawinsonde provides the required data much faster at these lower altitudes. Valuable data is then available to the



ABOARD THE USNS RANGE TRACKER, Sgt. Charles R. Wood, (left), 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile) and Mr. Robert Vaughn of the U.S.

Weather Bureau prepare the ARCAS meteorological rocket for firing. (Air Force photo)

requesting agency after they have been computed.

At times the 6th has assisted in launches from the United States Naval Ship (USNS) Range Tracker, a highly instrumented Western Test Rangeship.

The change from the humid, muggy climate of Panama to the frigid shores of Greenland taxes a rocketsonde man's versatility in more ways than one. Most launch sites are isolated and require high personal endurance. Even the shipboard life on the Range Tracker is an unusual experience for land-lovers of the 6th Wea. Sq.

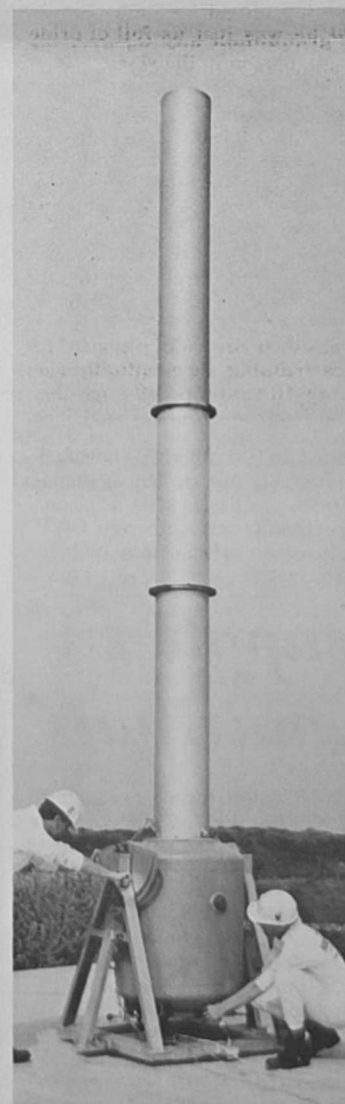
The ARCAS rocket is currently being used for rocketsonde experiments at all the operating sites. In the near future this rocket will be replaced by the LOKI rocket system, which is lighter, more portable and relatively inexpensive to operate. Both are propelled by solid fuel.

Rocket crews have established a first-class indoctrination facility at Tinker AFB, Okla. where every operation except the actual firing is taught through practical experience as well as classroom study.

Three at Patrick win missile badges

PATRICK AFB, Fla.—Three Det. 11, 6th Weather Wing officers have been awarded missile badges for their work in the missile field at Patrick AFB, Fla., recently.

Col. Hal R. Montague was awarded the Master Missileman badge for seven years missile service. Maj. Leon R. Tucker received the Senior Missileman badge for three years of missile work and 1st Lt. Richard A. Rasmussen was presented the Missileman badge for 18 months in the field.



NOT A STOVEPIPE—Sgt. Charles R. Wood (left) and Sgt. Frank R. Bogart, both of the 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile), set the elevation angle on the ARCAS rocket launcher at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. (Air Force photo)

20th Wea. Sq. celebrating 25th birthday

FUCHU AS, Japan — On April 15, 1943, 20th Weather Squadron was born in Cairo, Egypt. The infant unit was instrumental in providing weather support to bombing missions in Tunisia, Sicily, Italy, the Balkans and Crete. Today that child is an adult of 25, and once again in combat, supporting U. S. forces in Southeast Asia.

In those 25 years of growth, the 20th has lead a full life. During WW II it moved from Egypt to the Netherlands East Indies, to the Philippines, to Okinawa and finally to Japan. Before leaving Europe, it helped bring WW II to a close by providing weather support to the Ploesti oilfield raids.

With the end of WW II, the 20th settled itself in Japan, and has remained there ever since. On June 27, 1950, it found itself in combat again, briefing the pilots of the first American combat aircraft to cross Korean skies. A staff weather section was set up in support of the 5th Air Force, a job it still performs.

Today, 20th Wea. Sq. has its headquarters at Fuchu AS, Japan, with detachments all over Japan, Okinawa and Korea. Curiously enough, the present commander of the 20th, Col. Elwyn A. Mosely, served as a detachment commander in Libya in WW II, and was staff weather officer to the 375th Heavy Bombardment Group which led the attacks on Ploesti.



THAR SHE BLOWS...ER...GOES—The ARCAS meteorological rocket leaves the deck of the United States Naval Ship (USNS) Range Tracker on its 40-mile journey...straight up. Styrofoam spacers can be seen falling away from the rocket. (Air Force photo)

Langley weathermen assist with a different breed of CAT

LANGLEY AFB, Va. — "Where is the nearest area of clear-air turbulence (CAT) for today's flight?" Sounds strange since most pilots try to avoid encountering turbulence, rather than deliberately to fly into it.

Det. 2, 5th Weather Wing at Langley, is assisting the Flight Dynamics Laboratory, Air Force Systems Command, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio, in a CAT project.

The magnitude of the turbulence problem is quite surprising. A recent one-year survey showed over 8500 reports of turbulence by commercial and military pilots. Aircraft damage cost has been more than 30 million dollars over a three-year period.

Some years ago it was theorized that flights above cloud levels would be smooth. The advent of high-altitude aircraft and the discovery of jet-streams, temperature inversions, mountain waves, and other tur-

bulence-generating mechanisms have disproved these ideas.

The CAT program presently being conducted at Langley is limited to altitudes between 20,000 and 40,000 feet, designated as MEDCAT.

A highly instrumented F-100 aircraft collects turbulence data. This instrumentation consists of a differential pressure gust probe, voltage controlled oscillators, and a magnetic tape recorder.

A van is located at the airfield to provide instrument maintenance and calibration, pre and post flight system checkout, and "quick look" checks during the flight.

Success of this program depends upon the ability of Det.

2's forecasters to accurately locate and predict the regions of turbulence factors in the Langley area. The forecaster briefs the CAT pilot and a route is chosen.

Normally, two missions are flown each day. Flight plans may be altered at any time prior to mission completion should a nearby pilot report significant turbulence.

All taped data is thoroughly checked out by the MEDCAT experts and forwarded to the joint Air Force and Navy reduction facility at New York University for computer reduction and processing.

It is hoped that sufficient data can be obtained about CAT to assist aircraft designers to calculate stresses caused by atmospheric turbulence. This information will also be useful in the study of other aeronautical problems such as control and stability, propulsion and stimulator design, and human factors.

The project has already assisted the Langley AFB weather unit. The location and severity of turbulence as reported by the CAT pilot is relayed to the duty forecaster. He incorporates this information into briefings given to departing crews and disseminates it via teletype circuits to other military and civilian weather stations throughout the United States.

CAT information will also be used by Det. 2 for working up forecast studies to improve the product in the future when similar situations occur. Accurate forecasts can steer the pilot away from that dangerous CAT.

Saves \$9,600, gets PRIDE award

SSgt. Charles R. Cashier, Det. 52, 20th Weather Squadron, recently received the MAC Gold PRIDE Award for sustained and continued outstanding achievements in the PRIDE program.

Developing a method for repairing components in a radar cloud height measuring set which resulted in a savings of \$9,600 was a major factor in Sergeant Cashier's award.



MINI BUSES? — No, these Greyhound buses just look small when parked under the wing of a C-5 Galaxy at Marietta, Ga. Drivers parked the six buses, all of which would fit inside the plane's cargo compartment, beneath the wing without reaching the tip nor endangering the 27-foot-long engine nacelles. (Lockheed Photo).

Korean, USAF weathermen speak the same language

SUWON AB, Republic of Korea (MNS) — Led by Capt. Gary M. Kanemoto, a four-man detachment works closely with Korean Air Force weathermen. Forecasters Captain Kanemoto backed up by weather observers A1C Norman K. Reed and Edward J. Landry Jr.

Among the duties of the Air Weather Service men are early morning briefings for pilots. Wind speeds and directions, cloud cover, atmospheric pressure and visibility are covered in the briefings.

They also maintain a 24-hour watch on weather conditions at

Suwon as well as other bases in case Suwon is closed for landings.

One of the first joint efforts between Korean and American weathermen was a seminar on the terminal airdrome forecast. "The terminal airdrome forecast gives a picture of the weather for the next 24 hours at Suwon and the aircraft alternate bases," Sergeant Peay explained.

Pointing out one reason why things have gone so smoothly, Captain Kanemoto said "We're all weathermen and regardless of our native tongues, weathermen speak the same language."



YAW VANE of the specially-instrumented F-100 aircraft is checked by CAT pilot, Maj. Robert J. Vanden-Heuvel, Aerospace Systems Division, AF Systems Command. The pitch vane can also be seen. Turbulence data obtained by these experiments will improve CAT forecasting techniques and minimize future aircraft damage or loss of life. (Photo by Maj. William H. Quelch Jr.)

Children get supplies from 55th 'Samaritans'

McCLELLAN AFB, Calif. — The "Good Samaritans" of the 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, McClellan AFB, Calif., recently used two of their WC-135 weather aircraft to airlift 500 pounds of supplies to ten underprivileged Eskimo children at Marshall, Alaska. The airlift was in support of a request by Brian Johnson, school coordinator at Marshall.

Johnson wrote his parents living in Davis, Calif., for assistance with the Eskimo children, who lost their nursery school supplies and toys when their schoolroom burned down four months ago. The children were in the VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) "Headstart" program.

After collecting supplies for the children, Johnson's parents contacted the McClellan AFB Information Office, who in turn asked the 55th Wea. Recon. Sq. to airlift the supplies to their Det.

1 at Eielson AFB, Alaska, via the Lark Delta north weather reconnaissance route.

The cargo, consisting of such items as school books, picture books, crayons, dolls and miscellaneous toys was then transported to Marshall.

When concerned citizens of Sacramento, Calif., learned of the plight of these children, more supplies reached McClellan through VISTA from various school districts in the area. A second 55th Wea. Recon. Sq. "Good Samaritan" aircraft was put into service to airlift supplies to the Eskimo children.



CONGRATULATIONS were the order of the day for Capt. and Mrs. Ronald R. Brown, 20th Weather Squadron, Fuchu AS, Japan. Brig. Gen. Russell K. Pierce Jr., (left) had just presented the captain with the Bronze Star for outstanding

weather support while serving with 1st Wea. Gp. at Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam. Captain Brown and his wife, Rosanne, along with their two children, now live at Kanto Mura FHA.

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Highlights of Air Weather Service personnel at work and play.

AWS Global Report

Randolph AFB, Tex.

A1C Robert Wright, Det. 10, 24th Weather Squadron, has been named squadron Airman of the Quarter of 1968.

A weather equipment technician, Airman Wright was selected for consistent exceptional work, dependability and military bearing.

MacDill AFB, Fla.

SSgt. Arthur G. Allan, 1st Weather Squadron, was a finalist in the Hq. Command Outstanding Airman of 1968 competition.

Maj. Gen. Milton B. Adams, commander, USAF Headquarters Command commended Sergeant Allan for his professional accomplishments while distinguishing himself as the U. S. STRIKE Command's nominee for the title.

Pope AFB, N. C.

Capt. Cam J. Tidwell, Det. 20, 3rd Weather Squadron, received three honors at ceremonies held at the Pope AFB Officers Open Mess.

Honors earned by Captain Tidwell included his captains bars, a plaque naming him Outstanding Junior Officer of the 5th Weather Wing for 1967 and a TAC-Education Achievement Award.

South Ruislip, England

SSgt. William R. Canada, Det. 6, 28th Weather Squadron, was presented a MAC Silver PRIDE Award.

Among his many accomplishments, Sergeant Canada was chosen as the Detachment NCO of the Quarter and will soon become the quality control NCO and OJT Supervisor.

Keesler AFB, Miss.

Sgt. Jimmy R. Faulk, Det. 22, 24th Weather Squadron, has been presented the MAC Gold PRIDE award.

An observer, Sergeant Faulk was cited for taking and transmitting over 1,500 observations in the last eight months without an error.

Ent AFB, Colo.

Col. Charles K. Anderson, commander, Det. 7, 4th Weather Wing, was selected as the number three Air Force nominee for the General Thomas D. White USAF Space Trophy, given for the most outstanding contribution to the nation's progress in aerospace during the preceding calendar year.

Colonel Anderson was nominated for his work in establishing the solar observing and forecasting network.

Ft. Ritchie, Md.

Sgt.'s Jordan B. Matejcek and Roger G. Pederson of Det. 29, 6th Weather Wing, have received MAC PRIDE Awards.

Sergeant Matejcek received a Silver PRIDE Award for his improving the method of posting and identifying facsimile charts through the use of plexiglas and labeling.

Sergeant Pederson won the Bronze PRIDE award for improving the method of posting and identifying facsimile charts through the use of plexiglas and labeling.

Eielson AFB, Alaska

SSgt. Earle L. McCormick Jr., Det. 2, 11th Weather Squadron, recently won the honor graduate award from Alaskan Air Command NCO Leadership Academy.



William V. Booth

Retired CWO's son named Eagle Scout

Hq. AWS-William B. Booth Jr., 13, son of CWO and Mrs. William B. Booth Sr., (USAF Ret.) was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout at a recent meeting of Troop 48, Belleville, Ill., chapter of the Boy Scouts of America.

A senior patrol leader with the troop, Booth has been in the scouting program for the past two years. A junior high school student, he has earned the God and Country Award, membership in the Order of the Arrow and the Presidential Fitness award.

The older Booth retired from Hq. AWS in November, 1966.

AFOUA presented

TINKER AFB, Okla.—The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award was officially presented to members of the 6th Weather Squadron during ceremonies at the base theater, by Col. Arnold R. Hull, Commander 6th Wea. Wg., Andrews AFB, Md.

Later, Colonel Hull was given a tour of 6th Wea. Sq. facilities. The tour was highlighted with a walk through the squadrons vehicle maintenance department and Rocketsonde Operations sections.

Bronze Stars

MSgt. Charles R. McGill, Materiel Directorate, Aircraft Maintenance and Propulsion Division, Hq. Air Weather Service, has been awarded the Bronze Star.

While NCOIC of Airborne Communications Command Center (ABCCC) aircraft, Sergeant McGill was cited for establishing and maintaining a vital maintenance forward operating location for 314th Troop Carrier Wing aircraft, Da Nang, Vietnam.

MSgt. Francis N. Loop, Det. 58, 16th Weather Squadron, Fort Carson, Colo., was recently presented the Bronze Star for meritorious service as Staff Weather NCO to Fifth Special Forces Group (Airborne), First Special Forces, Vietnam.

Capt. Ronald R. Brown, 20th Weather Squadron, Fuchu AS, Japan, received the Bronze Star for outstanding service while assigned to the 1st Weather Group, Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam.

Capt. David W. Seigworth, Det. 11, 16th Weather Squadron commander at Fort Sill, Okla., has received the Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam.

While assigned to Det. 14, 1st Weather Group, Captain Seigworth provided unique weather support services for the 7th Air Force enabling them to more advantageously employ their tactical air power in Southeast Asia.

Capt. Sheppard L. Hayman, a navigator with the 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious

service as Combat Tactics Navigator, DCS/Operations, Hq. 7th Air Force, Vietnam.

Captain Hayman's evaluation of tactics employed by reconnaissance forces, identification of problem areas and aggressive follow-up on corrective action greatly improved the effectiveness of the tactical recon units in SEA.

MSgt. William C. Mack, flight chief, 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, has received the Bronze Star for meritorious service as a line chief for F-100s, Vietnam.

SSgt. Robert E. Kern, NCOIC reports and admin section, maintenance division, 58th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, earned the Bronze Star for meritorious service as NCOIC Flight Records, Awards and Decorations section and a military affiliated radio station, 535th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Vietnam.

Lt. Col. Bruce M. Elvin, OL-4, Headquarters Air Weather Service, Norton AFB, Calif., has received the Bronze Star.

Colonel Elvin consistently demonstrated professional ability, sound judgment and great enthusiasm to overcome the many involved problems associated with countering aggression in Southeast Asia.

TSgt. James E. Williams, chief observer for Det. 20, 16th Weather Squadron, Fort Wolters, Tex., has been awarded the Bronze Star for distinguished service in Southeast Asia.

Williams was cited for performance with Det. 32, 5th Wea. Sq., in Vietnam.

Air Weather Service Commendation Medals

U. S. Air Force Commendation Medals for the following named Air Weather Service men have been awarded or approved recently:

Col. Hershell L. Abbott, Headquarters, 6th Weather Wing.

Col. Donald K. McGaughey, Det. 8, 20th Weather Squadron.

Lt. Col. John C. Ball, (First Oak Leaf Cluster), Air Force Global Weather Central.

Lt. Col. Earl J. Barrows, Assistant Staff Weather Officer, United States Military Assistance Command, Thailand and Det. 1, 10th Weather Squadron.

Lt. Col. Ralph D. Crago, Det. 21, 15th Weather Squadron.

Lt. Col. David W. Crow, Headquarters Air Weather Service.

Lt. Col. John B. Dee Jr., Headquarters Air Weather Service.

Lt. Col. Leonard L. DeVries, Headquarters Air Weather Service.

Lt. Col. Ernest L. Jenner, Headquarters Air Weather Service.

Lt. Col. George W. Moxon, Headquarters 6th Weather Wing.

Lt. Col. Henry E. Sievers,

Headquarters Air Weather Service.

Lt. Col. Joseph L. Skeldon, 9th Weather Squadron.

Lt. Col. Francis H. Smith, 25th Weather Squadron.

Maj. Norman F. Jacobs, (First Oak Leaf Cluster), Det. 7, 24th Weather Squadron.

Maj. Alvin I. Opolinsky, 8th Weather Squadron.

Maj. Franklin A. Ross, (First Oak Leaf Cluster), Headquarters Air Weather Service.

Maj. Edward R. Wachholz, Det. 38, 25th Weather Squadron.

Maj. Arthur D. Ward, Operating Location 10, Headquarters Air Weather Service.

Maj. Charles F. Yount, Headquarters Air Weather Service.

Capt. Richard Bailey, (First Oak Leaf Cluster), 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron.

Capt. Lowell T. Cooke, 2nd Weather Wing.

Capt. Frank T. Globokar, Det. 10, 29th Weather Squadron.

Capt. (then) First Lieutenant, Donald R. Jakubczak, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron.

Capt. John E. Kutulas, 5th Weather Wing.

Capt. Eugene W. Nute, Headquarters Air Weather Service.

Capt. Victor A. Sulin, 5th Weather Wing.

Capt. William D. Tucker, Det. 2, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron.

Capt. Jack R. Vowell, Det. 5, 35th Weather Squadron.

Capt. Dan K. Waylett, Det. 1, 1129th Special Activities Squadron.

First Lieutenant David L. Booher, 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile).

CMSgt. Henry J. Garvin, Det. 51, 2nd Weather Wing.

CMSgt. Ferdinando Naso, Det. 36, 7th Weather Wing.

CMSgt. Ray G. Switzer, (Second Oak Leaf Cluster), 7th Weather Wing.

SMSgt. Denzil Fleming, Det. 31, 6th Weather Wing.

SMSgt. John E. Lupton, 31st Weather Squadron.

SMSgt. Johnie M. McPeak, 2nd Weather Squadron.

SMSgt. Henry J. Sulley, 56th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron.

MSgt. Roland H. Alexander, Det. 51, 2nd Weather Wing.

MSgt. James Baker Jr., Det. 13, 26th Weather Squadron.

MSgt. Larry Batzelle, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing.

MSgt. Gerald E. Daugherty, Headquarters Air Weather Service.

MSgt. Kenneth J. Foley, Det. 8, 20th Weather Squadron.

MSgt. Howard Ison, 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile).

MSgt. David R. Martin, 123rd Weather Flight.

MSgt. Weldon G. Morlan, 35th Weather Squadron.

MSgt. Robert L. Orwig, 165th Weather Flight.

MSgt. Jesse B. Smith Jr., OL-5, Det. 7, 4th Weather Wing.

TSgt. Lee Dixon, Det. 8, 20th Weather Squadron.

TSgt. Richard C. Fisk, Det. 4, 29th Weather Squadron.

TSgt. Francis J. Hill, (First Oak Leaf Cluster), Det. 5, 15th Weather Squadron.

TSgt. John F. Hunt, (First Oak Leaf Cluster), 5th Weather Wing.

TSgt. Harold E. Johnson,

Headquarters Air Weather Service.

TSgt. Alton R. Liverman, 4th Weather Wing.

TSgt. Pete A. Lundberg, Det. 1, 29th Weather Squadron.

TSgt. Edward J. Moran, Det. 12, 9th Weather Squadron.

TSgt. Indulis J. Plaudis, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing.

TSgt. Robert Snyder, 15th Weather Squadron.

TSgt. Jacob W. Stoneberger, 4th Weather Wing.

TSgt. James L. Yeoman, Det. 1, 2nd Weather Squadron and Det. 1, 1129th Special Activities Squadron.

SSgt. William D. Falkenthal, OL-5, Det. 7, 4th Weather Wing.

SSgt. Jean M. E. Lemire, 6th Weather Squadron (Mobile).

SSgt. Norman L. Swett, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing.

Sgt. Frank J. Miller, Det. 11, 16th Weather Squadron.

Sgt. James A. Treadwell, Det. 34, 1st Weather Group.

Sgt. Richard J. Unger, 14th Aerial Port Squadron.

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SPORTS FRONT



By SSgt. Eugene Goldsmith

Observer Wrestling Champ

A1C William G. Davidson, a weather observer assigned to Det. 14, 28th Weather Squadron, Bentwaters RAF, England, recently won both the 3rd Air Force and the United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE) wrestling championships, and was selected to represent USAFE in the USAF championships.

While his 3AF title was uncontested in his weight class, Davidson proved his merit as a skillful wrestler by pinning three successive opponents and decisioning a fourth in the USAFE championships held at South Ruislip AS, England.

Major's Son Court Star

Bob Bissell, son of Maj. Robert J. Bissell, Hq. 7th Weather Squadron, was recently selected a member of the All Conference Class A European High School Basketball Team. Bob is a junior at Heidelberg American High School. He was also an All Conference selectee at split end on the football squad last fall.

Eeny, Meeny, Miney

With the baseball season just beginning and the big league hockey and basketball teams in their playoffs, the sports scene on the national front is once again doing something it does every year. Confusing things.

Because the basketball and hockey seasons run into late April and early May, and our big league soccer and baseball teams start playing for keeps in early April, our sports fan is placed in a position of having to choose among several simultaneous live and TV sports events.

Further confusing the sports fan is the string of track and field meets held during this time of the year as well as golf and racing classics scheduled for the spring.

There are also major boxing matches, high school and sandlot baseball and fishing and camping activities with junior.

It all makes for real hair-tearing.

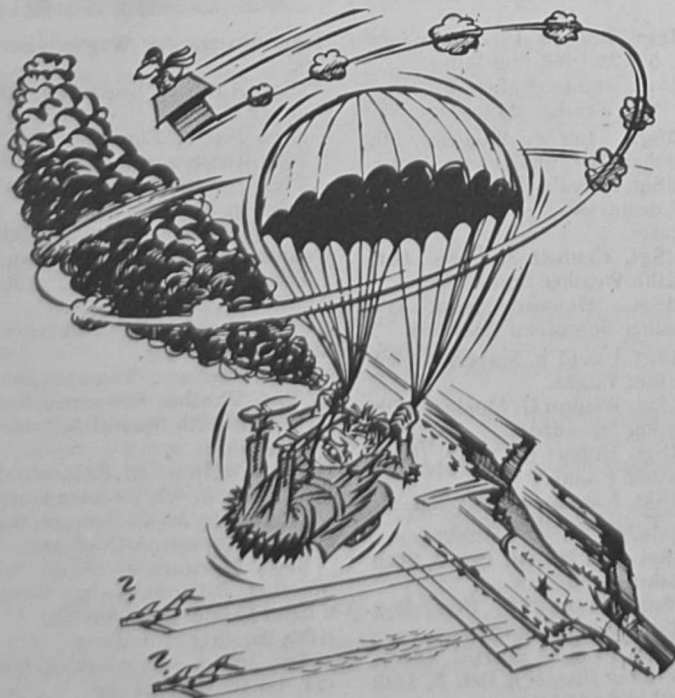
DID YOU KNOW?

Yankees Lead in Pennants

The New York Yankees lead the major leagues in pennants won with 29 and they have been World Series champs 20 times. The San Francisco Giants follow the Yankees in pennants won with 16 and St. Louis Cardinals are second in series triumphs with seven.

How Did Pittsburgh Get the Name Pirates

It dates back to the 1890's when the two major leagues were fighting over players. Taking advantage of a technicality, the Pittsburgh Nationals stole a star second baseman, John Bierbauer, from the American Association's Philadelphia team. Pittsburgh's president, J. Palmer O'Neill, was immediately tagged J. Pirate O'Neill and his team nicknamed the Pirates.



"HONORABLE MIG SHOT DOWN BY YANKEE DOG,
HOW DO I EXPLAIN BACK IN HANOI, OI, OI, OI!"

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Retirees

The following AWSmen have retired as of Apr. 1, 1968.

Col. Hershell L. Abbott, Lt. Col. Ralph D. Crago, Lt. Col. David W. Craw, Lt. Col. John B. Dee, Jr., Lt. Col. Leonard L. DeVries, Lt. Col. George W. Moxon, Lt. Col. Joseph L. Skeldon, Lt. Col. Francis H. Smith, Maj. Alvin I. Opolinsky, Maj. Edward R. Wachholz, Capt. Dale E. Crosby and Capt. Thomas R. Hemphill.

Additional retirees in April are CMSgt. Ferdinando Naso, CMSgt. Ray G. Switzer, SMSgt. John E. Lupton, MSgt. James Baker Jr., MSgt. Larry Batzelle, MSgt. Kenneth L. Williams, TSgt. Richard C. Fisk, TSgt. John F. Hunt, TSgt. Alton R. Liverman, TSgt. Edward J. Moran and TSgt. Jacob W. Stoneberger.

Sgt. first to re-up; ends nine-year drought

FORT MONROE, Va., -Sgt. John T. Lauer ended a nine year-old drought in February when he became the first airman ever to reenlist as a member of the 16th Weather Squadron since it has been located at Fort Monroe.

Sergeant Lauer, a native of York, Pa., was sworn in by Col. Leonard V. Gillespie, 16th Wea. Sq. commander.

Det. 31 AFOUA

Det. 31, 6th Weather Wing has received the Air Force Outstanding Unit award as part of 6940th Security Wing, Goodfellow AFB, Tex.

The AFOUA covered service from Oct. 1, 1965 to Sept. 30, 1967.

Enough Smiths in MAC to form their own unit

CHARLESTON AFB, S.C. (MNS) - At Charleston, the Smiths have it. At least they have an aircrew, maintenance team and weather briefer.

One recent flight from Charleston to Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, was flown by six Smiths. Four Smiths prepared the C-141 Starlifter for the flight. And SSgt. Ronald E. Smith of the 15th Weather Squadron gave the crew their weather information.

A conversation between two 3rd Military Airlift Squadron flight engineers named Smith started the whole thing. One remarked that there were enough Smiths in MAC to form their own unit. Within hours an all-Smith flight was airborne, headed for Southeast Asia.

Not every crew of Smiths gets a send-off from the base commander like this one did. But then, not every base commanders name is also Smith - Col. William L. Smith.

The unique flight crew included Lt. Col. Herbert A. Smith, 3rd Squadron, Capt. Kenneth R. Smith, 30th Military Airlift Squadron at McGuire AFB, N.J., Capt. Thomas E. Smith, 76th Military Airlift Squadron at Charleston, and MSgt. George W. Smith Jr., TSgt. Charlie Smith and A1C Thomas B. Smith, 3rd Squadron.

And - believe it or not - the 437th Organizational Maintenance Squadron team that worked on the aircraft before take-off was made up of TSgt. William C. Smith and Airmen First-Class Robert J. Smith, Richard R. Smith and Colin S. Smith.

This should put the Smiths one up on the Joneses.

AWS Commander presents awards to eight Reconmen

CLARK AB, P. I. - Eight officers assigned to Det. 2, 57th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, were recently decorated by Brig. Gen. Russell K. Pierce Jr., AWS commander. Two officers received Air Medals, four received Combat Readiness Medals and two earned both.

Receiving Air Medals were Morris C. Garrison Jr., 10th 10th Oak Leaf Cluster and Charles N.D. Smith, 1st Oak Leaf Cluster.

Combat Readiness Medals went to Lt. Col. John H. Hug, and Majors William C. Shuping, Joseph W. McGee and Christiaan C. Niessingh Jr.

Captains Neil E. Palmer and Graham J. Shoemaker were awarded the Combat Readiness Medal and the 2nd and 1st Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, respectively.

Major Niessingh also received recognition from the Wichita Division of the Boeing Co., for completion of 3,500 flying hours in B-47 and WB-47 aircraft.

Van Moppes now Darin

CLARK AB, P.I.-SMSgt. and Mrs. Louis Van Moppes, Det. 5, 1st Weather Wing, announce the marriage of their daughter, Judith Ann, to Capt. John Joseph Darin M.D., son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Darin, Highland Park, Mich.

The couple exchanged vows at Saint John Vianney church in Highland Park. Capt. and Mrs. Darin are residing at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota, where the groom has recently been assigned as a medical officer.

3 AWS NCOs in top 10% at academy

ORLANDO AFB, Fla.-Three Air Weather Service NCOs placed in the top ten per cent of the Military Airlift Command NCO Academy Class 68-6, which was graduated March 21.

They are MSgts. Kenneth D. Hotaling, Hq. AWS, Scott AFB, Ill., and Charles D. McCarthy, Det. 12, 24th Weather Squadron, Sheppard AFB, Tex., and SSgt. Harold A. Story, 29th Wea. Sq., Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo.

Class 68-6, consisting of 122 students was the 99th to be graduated from the academy. Graduates now total 12,007.

Commencement speaker was Brig. Gen. Gilbert L. Curtis, 63rd Military Airlift Wing commander.

The academy plans a move to Norton AFB, Calif., this summer.

Armed Forces basketballers AAU Champs

DENVER (MNS) - Armed Forces All-Stars won four straight games to dominate the Amateur Athletic Union basketball tournament in Denver.

The 12-man Armed Forces squad, that included 6-foot, 6-inch center Bill Bradley of McGuire AFB, N. J., defeated Vaughn Realty of Spokane, Wash., 73-69, in the final game.

To move into the finals, the Armed Forces team beat the defending champion Akron Goodyears, 78-65.

In other tourney matches, the all-stars bombed Norristown, Pa., Salvation Army 75ers, 141-75 and Milwaukee, Wisc., Zip Codes, 92-70.

Bill Bradley, the MAC tournament's most valuable player for the past two years, scored 25 points in the tourney.

In May, the Armed Forces All-Stars are expected to represent the United States in the International Military Sports Council championship at Gorizia, Italy.

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