

## Two NCOs take part in mini sub rescue

RAF MILDENHALL, England - Two NCO forecasters of Detachment 20, 2d Weather Wing here took part in the successful rescue of the mini submarine, Pisces III, that was trapped on the ocean floor for more than 75 hours off the coast of Ireland in late August.

CMSgt. C. Marshall Carter and SSgt. Frederick Turner prepared the mission forecasts for the C-130 crews from Mildenhall's Bravo Squadron. The mission departed from Mildenhall with rescue equipment which had been sent from the

United States.

Sgts. Carter and Turner took part in the effort which was an international one to save the lives of the two men trapped in the mini submarine.

Rescue officials had predicted that the men could survive about 72 hours with the air supply that they had aboard when it was determined that they were trapped. The men were removed from the minisubmarine and assisted into a waiting life raft after 75 hours of entrapment.



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## RECON award winners selected by COMAC

The Air Weather Service (AWS) was selected by Gen. Paul K. Carlton, commander, Military Airlift Command (MAC), to receive the MAC Annual Resources Conservation Award RECON for having the most outstanding program management within the MAC Services for fiscal year (FY) 1973. He congratulated the personnel of AWS for their outstanding contributions.

Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Aldrich, commander, AWS, offered his congratulations while simultaneously extending a challenge to meet and exceed the FY 74 goals. General Aldrich reiterated the need to continue to be actively involved in seeking new avenues to manage our resources more effectively.

### Sergeant takes own advice

OFFUTT AFB, Neb. - A weather observer assigned to the Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC), here decided to follow his own advice and it paid off.

MSgt. Peter Pacchetti has been counselling airmen for 20 years and advising them to seek a college degree.

After thinking it over, he decided to learn if it was too late to seek a degree and see if one was really available if one desires it. The result was that the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) graduated the sergeant with a bachelor degree.

Sergeant Pacchette attended UNO under the Air Force Bootstrap program. He attained a grade point average of 3.7 on a 4.0 scale.

The sergeant can now use himself as an example when he counsels others. He said, "It can be done and it is never too late - after all, it took me 20 years to follow my own advice, and it paid off."

### Two AWS JOCs take office here

Two Air Weather Service (AWS) officers were elected to offices of the Scott Junior Officer Council here.

Capt. Earl Ley, headquarters AWS was elected president and Capt. Robert Agne of the 15th Weather Squadron here was elected treasurer.

The following individuals and organizations were selected as winners of AWS RECON program awards for 1973:

AWS Program Management Award - 1st Weather Wing;

AWS Program Administrator Award - Capt. Terrance F. Steyer, 1st Weather Wing;

AWS Management Improvement Award - Communications Branch, 3d Weather Wing;

Individual RECON Program Management Action Award - Maj. John M. Huck, 2d Weather Wing; Capt. Michael B. Wilson, 2d Weather Wing; Capt. William O. Kiser II, Detachment 32, 3d Weather Wing; SSgt. John Sinopoli, 11 Weather Squadron, 3d Weather Wing; Adalbert Koppel, GS-11, 55th Weather Squadron, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing, and Capt. Phillip D. Wilder, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing.

# One of last service pilots retires

by TSgt. Floyd Daniels  
RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. - Active duty warrant officers are becoming rare within the Air Force but even rarer are individuals who wear service pilot wings.

The Air Weather Service (AWS) lost its only service pilot and one of the few if any remaining in the Air Force with the recent retirement of CWO Don. B. Wigington, 24th Weather Squadron forecaster and administration officer.



CWO Don B. Wigington gives SSgt. Johnie C. Brooks Jr., a glimpse into Air Force History by a re-living his support role with the "Flying Tigers" during the 1945 China-Burma-India campaign. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



### In husband's shoes

ANDERSEN AFB, Guam - Checking the radar scope from the navigator's station of the WC-130H "Typhoon Chaser" aircraft is Debbie Marsteller, wife of 1st Lt. John M. Marsteller. The aircraft tour was part of the 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron Wives Orientation Day. The program is designed to promote better understanding among wives by

acquainting them with some of the daily problems faced by their husbands. Forty wives attended the semi-annual session which included a mission briefing, film and tours of squadron facilities and aircraft. For many, it was their first chance to look at the squadron's new H-model aircraft. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

"Although I've been in weather forecasting since 1947," Mr. Wigington recalls, "my first love was always flying. I learned to fly back in the '30s by hanging around the local airport and performing odd jobs in exchange for flying lessons and flying time. By the time I entered Texas Christian University at Fort Worth I had my private pilot's license."

The outbreak of World War II led Mr. Wigington to accept a direct

commission as a service pilot in the Army Air Forces in August 1944. The commissioning ceremonies were held here at Randolph in the base theater.

"To qualify as a service pilot," he explained, "you had to have at least a thousand hours flying time. I had approximately 4,600 at the time and had been teaching primary flying training to cadets as a civilian instructor at Corsicana, Tex., for about a year before I decided to enter the service."

"My military career began at Randolph in the early days. We didn't have cement runways then, only grassy fields where we took off and landed BT-13s AT-11s and AT-10s."

Following his instructor duties at Randolph, he was assigned to the Air Transport Command flying support missions for the "Flying Tigers" and Nationalist Chinese during the China-Burma-India campaign. He flew approximately 146 C-46 missions over "the hump."

"On one of my flights," Mr. Wigington smiled, "I was hauling rice to the Chinese which had been packed in Abbeville, La. It struck me as funny at the time since I had always thought of China as having all the rice in the world."

Following the war, Mr.

Wigington returned to Texas Christian University where he completed requirements for a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics. He reentered the service in 1947 and has since picked up a couple of masters degrees - one in psychology and another in education. "I hope that those persons who say their education has been interrupted by serving in the Air Force will think it over," Wigington said.

During his short return to civilian life following the war, Mr. Wigington worked at Love Field in Dallas as a civil service pilot with the local Air Force Reserve units keeping reserve officers current in their flying.

Upon entering the Air Force, Mr. Wigington was given the grade of staff sergeant and a choice of tech schools. He chose weather and has remained in the field ever since. He progressed to the grade of master sergeant in 1952 and when the warrant officer program opened in 1954, he applied and was accepted, pinning on his bars at Bergstrom AFB, Tex., in May 1955.

While his service career has taken him to many places throughout the world, one of the highlights he remembers most are four atomic bomb tests.

# All-American drug team picked

by A. Junkie, Staff Sports Writer

Well, another year kick-off season is on us and it's time to come up with our annual pre-season pick for the American Drug Conference. Leading the pack this year will probably be the U.S. Dopers. According to Doper coach, Drug Pusher, this year's team is bigger, faster and tougher than last year's championship team, which took a couple losses against Big John and the Feds, but wound up with a winning season.

"Last year, we scored more than in any previous season," Coach Pusher said. "This year we could take it all—we've got the artillery and we might win the whole ball of wax."

## Starting quarterback

Starting quarterback this year will be All-Pro Guzzler Alcohol. Alcohol's breakaway speed on the highways and it's ability to block out women and children has earned it the quarterback position year after year. Alcohol's power running has laid many an opponent flat on his back. Nor does Alcohol lack a passing arm. He has bombed many other teams right out of the ballpark. Smoke Nicotine wasn't seriously threatened in his position this year. As fullback, Nicotine doesn't have the blinding speed of other players, but its ability to grind out the tough yardage, to wear down opponents gradually, makes it a juicy asset to the team.

Teamed with Nicotine in the backfield are Toke Marijuana and Drop LSD. Marijuana, an old pro who didn't achieve national acclaim until recent years, also possesses great speed on the highways. Marijuana can plast through the line and really light up the playing field. Says Coach Pusher, "Marijuana's greatest asset is its ability to distort the time sense of our opponents, causing them to err on crucial downs."

LSD, on the other hand, is more renowned for its colorful approach to the game. When in play, LSD can make moves which would seem im-

possible to the undistorted eye. Of course, one of the main ingredients for a winning season is a solid offensive line and the Dopers have one of the most offensive lines ever collected on one team.

Anchoring the line are Sub Methadone and Took Paragoric, both guards. These two are famous for their ability to block their opponents returns to normal lives. The center is Sniff Glue, a young player with greating sticking power and the gift for knocking opponents out of the game permanently under the right circumstances.

Playing tackle are Swallow Barbiturates and Gulp Amphetamines, old pros capable of blocking common sense from the minds of housewives.

## Potential user caught

Two of the greatest players of all time play the end positions. Split end is Mainline Heroin, long recognized as the most effective player to ever participate in the sport. Heroin won the starting position from Needles Morphine years ago, who previously had been considered without peer. Tight end is Snort Cocaine, who won its

position from Pipe Opium, another old timer. Both players make spectacular catches and are known for their ability to block an opponent's attempt to kick the habit. They can catch a potential drug abuser almost any time he comes in reach.

## Offensive line

When asked about his team's chances to repeat as champions, Coach Pusher replied, "It'll be easy as taking a trip. The only competition we'll have will be from Big John and the Feds. They stopped us cold turkey a few times last year and busted up a few plays, but our scouts report that most of the competition is young and inexperienced and should be pushovers. It'll be a good year.."

What, he was asked, would happen if they didn't repeat?

"Well, there's always next year," he answered. "Our recruiters are always on the lookout for new talent and they'll find it."

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# "Hassles"

by TSgt. Kenneth J. Merritt

Hassles -- you bring them on yourself. What I mean is, think of all the ways in which we hassle "The Man."

We refuse to abide by the dress regulations, which is his job to enforce. We are late for work and sometimes, even when we get there, we can't perform because of being high on...

He tells us to do something and we tell him to "stick it." There are the types of problems that we push on "The Man" and when he pushes back, we scream he's prejudice in an effort to save our...

But when you take time to evaluate the problems, it really shouldn't exist in the first place. The type of thing that "The Man" usually gets us for derives from one or more of the above.

In the struggle that we are undergoing, there is no room for weak-minded people. We fought to gain freedom from slavery. Was this only so that we could become slaves to drugs?

After we undergo the above changes, "The Man" will have gotten his break, and then we must see to it that we get ours! You see, once we have gotten ourselves together, we remove one of the obstacles we face in making "The Man" get his together.

Think about it!

# Myth in the Gap

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is reprinted from the Sooner Airlift with permission of the author and the editor. The Sooner Airlifter is the official newspaper of the Oklahoma Air National Guard (OKANG) with headquarters at Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City. The author, Brig. Gen. Grover Isbell, is commander of the OKANG and an executive geologist in civilian life.

There exists a double-edged myth in this country today which has contributed to divisiveness among our people. It is a myth kept going by misunderstanding and insensitivity - compounded by the well-intentioned zeal of those who feel driven to find someone (anyone) to blame for our Nation's current social-political-economic problems. Our fabled "generation gap" has probably sprung from this myth.

One part of this myth (from the youngsters) says that the establishment has buried this country in corruption, greed and selfishness. It sends it's young men out to die in wars started by the elders. Our morals are undermined by the indifference of profitworshipping old men too concerned with maintaining the status quo of their financial and political well being. The establishment has little concern for our environment, our cities, our political integrity, and the survival (with dignity) of our under privileged minorities.

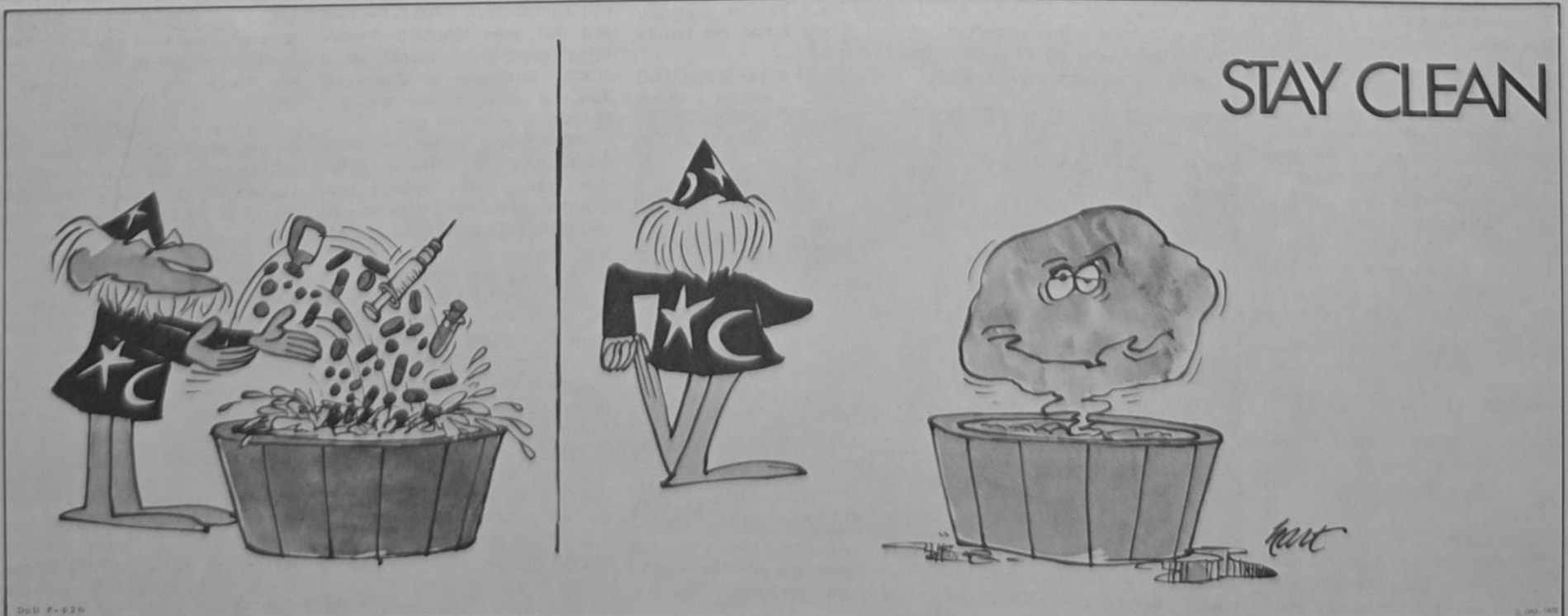
The other part of the myth (from the oldsters) says that young people are going to hell in a handbasket, having never learned the value of hard, honest work. They want their cake and eat it too. They've discarded all the old values and taken up the banner of permissiveness. They have little regard for the order and discipline of responsible government and they are anarchists who resort to violence and threats to achieve their own selfish ends.

Of course there is some truth in all of these statements. Like most mythologies, there is an undercurrent of truth in almost every fiction - just as there is usually a trace of fiction in nearly every truth. One has to be very careful today to distinguish between rhetoric and fact and between the objective appraisal and the emotional harangue. There is a strong temptation to generalize, to emotionalize, about issues that touch close to home, and these are "homey" issues.

Those who would knock the system might well remember that democracy has got to be the worst possible form of government - except for all the others. We do have many, many serious problems but this establishment (or system) has provided the people of this country with freedom of speech, freedom of action, freedom which allows peaceful protest and dissent, and the freedom and resources to take whatever actions may be necessary to move toward solutions to our problems. How many systems of government in the world can make that claim today?

Those who would knock the young might well understand that this is a new breed of cats. They question motives, values, and traditional beliefs that a couple of decades ago would have been accepted at face value with a few questions asked. In facing facts we should realize that the educational system we have built over the years has taught them to do so. We can take heart in the fact it's doing its job in preparing them to live in a rapidly changing and complex world.

All of us, young and old alike (whether in the military or out) have a great deal to learn from one another if we are going to effectively deal with the mythology of mistrust that has arisen between our generations in this ear of change - and if we are to replace the rancour and bitterness with mutual trust, understanding, and respect for our differences. But in order to do that, we need to open our eyes and ears and become much more aware of each other and develop a sensitivity and concern for each other in our respective beliefs and concepts.





### Close inspection

YOKOTA AB, Japan -- Checking tools is a job of TSgt. Robert D. Williams, a maintenance technician with Det. 17, 20th Weather Squadron. He was presented a Resource Conservation Award recently for a \$700 RECON savings which resulted from the reduction of tool kit authorizations. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## AWS validates \$5.4 million saving

The highest total ever achieved by a Military Airlift Command (MAC) technical service was achieved by Air Weather Service (AWS) in fiscal year 1973.

AWS validated \$5.4 million in savings reported in the Resources Conservation Program despite decrease in AWS people presently assigned.

In all, 403 management actions were initiated, all of which were the result of crossfeed.

Significant RECON actions involved the reduction of synoptic weather reconnaissance by the 9th

WRWg., for a validated savings of over \$1 million. A savings of \$689,500 was documented by the 1st WWg. which involved aircraft fixes of tropical storms being selectively replaced by satellite and/or land-based radar storm tracking (Selective Reconnaissance Program).

1st WWg. was named recipient of the AWS RECON Program Management Award for the second consecutive year. In fiscal year 1973 1st WWg., validated a total savings of \$1,372,200 and exceeded all management action and

crossfeed goals. These statistics attest to a strong, well managed RECON program.

Col. Wilson V. Palmore, AWS RECON program manager, commended AWS personnel on the support rendered the program and added, "We in Air Weather Service are proud of our accomplishments and are eagerly looking forward to surpassing all goals in fiscal year 1974. This can only be accomplished through the active participation of military and civilian personnel alike."

## Det. 5, 7th, WSq. put in 'excellent category'

Detachment 5, 7th Weather Squadron was placed in the "excellent category" of the 2d Weather Wing's (WWg.) forecast verification program for the past 18 consecutive months.

No other weather unit in Europe has accomplished this before, according to John W. Orndorff, commander, Detachment 5.

In recognition of this accomplishment, the detachment was presented the "Excellence in Forecasting" award for the third time.

The award is presented to forecasting units in Europe who maintain the exacting standards established by the 2d WWg. for the period of January through June or July through December.

The Detachment provides normal meteorological observations and forecasts at the 1st Armored Division's Ansbach Army Airfield. This means frequent deployment to the field in support of the 1st Armored Division by both observing and forecasting members of the weather unit. The outstanding rapport and cooperation between the members of the weather unit, who

willingly help each other with their respective duties, has played a large part in keeping the performance standards up, even when manning is short due to exercise support.

The detachment located in Ansbach, Germany, has been in operation since January 1, 1972 and has always met the optimum standards.

"Another contribution," says Major Orndorff "has been the excellent rapport between the aviators of the 1st Armored Division

## Italy based Sgt. makes big hit

AVIANO AB, Italy - An "Italo-Americano" weather observer with Detachment 7, 31st Weather Squadron played a big hit in the recent 1973 Exercise Best Hit at the Maniago, Italy gunnery range.

SSgt. John Contarino's bilingual abilities enabled him to work hand-in-hand with Italian Weather observers during the exercise. He also served as coordinator for Detachment 7's commander and the Italian officials.

His duties included taking weather observations relaying

and Detachment 5 forecasters. Aviators frequently call from remote locations to give on-the-spot pilot reports of unusual weather occurrences. With the rapid changes that are so common in the German weather, the importance of these reports cannot be overemphasized. The other members of the forecast section, each of whom has more than 15 years in Air Weather Service are Capt. Luis J. Escajeda, MSgts. William A. Gavers and John D. Dacey.

weather data from the detachments FPS-77 and nearby Istrana's radar unit and computing upper level winds. These support contributions were extensively used and aided the pilots from four nations make the exercise a success although the week's activities kept Sergeant Contarino busy, according to Eutimio L. Sena, the unit information representative, the sergeant described the experience of the exercise as "fascinating, interesting and educational."

## Pearls from the Palace

by Maj. David E. Smart and Capt. John Parisi

Palace? What Palace? Why, PALACE WEATHER, of course! Sound like a term to describe weather officer management team located at the Air Force Military Personnel Center (AFMPC)?

Well you're right, it is.

To briefly recap, it all started in the late '60's with the functional manager for civil engineers. He got USAF to test a plan of putting functionally qualified officers (civil engineers) into the "personnel business" at AFMPC to manage his officer resource (lieutenant colonel and below). The test was successful and the PALACE Team concept was born.

### Palace teams

Interest has grown steadily with the gradual activation of several PALACE teams and plans are for all line officers in nonrated career fields to be represented by June 1974. Detailed information on the PALACE Mode of operation was included in two recent issues of The Air Force Officers' Career Newsletter. Both are well worth a few minutes of every officer's time to aid in increasing his understanding of PALACE WEATHER and its "modus operandi." The articles, "PALACE Teams" and "Palace Team Management Assignment Process," can be found in Volume V, Number 9 and Volume VI, Number 3 respectively.

In the Fall of 1972 Gen. Paul K. Carlton, commander, Military Airlift Command, and Brig. Gen. William H. Best, Jr., commander Air Weather Service, were approached concerning their approval of bringing the weather career field under the PALACE mode of management.

Both commanders concurred with the concept and agreed to support a weather officer management team -- PALACE WEATHER.

The PALACE WEATHER team will consist of three people -- two weather officers and one personnel technician. One officer, Career Monitor (Air Force Specialty Code, AFSC 2516) is assigned to the Officer Career Development Division. He is charged with an inherent "people" approach and is deeply involved in evaluation, analysis, counseling, communication, and determination of the next best move and career pattern for the individuals. The other officer,

Resource Manager (AFSC 2546), is assigned to the Resource Management Division. He is charged with resource distribution, filling key jobs and assignments.

### Complete representation

The two officers working together as a team, but upholding the integrity of their separate responsibilities, reconcile realistic career plans with "real world" requirements. The different weather AFSCs are intended to insure the most complete representation possible for the weather career field.

The PALACE WEATHER team will handle all weather officer assignments (lieutenant colonel and below) involving moves between major commands, continental United States (CONUS) to overseas, overseas to CONUS, and to and from permanent change of station schools. Major commands will continue to move officers from CONUS to CONUS assignments within their commands subject to concurrence of the PALACE WEATHER team. Additionally, the team will represent the 25xx career field on all personnel matters ranging from Air Force Institute of Technology selections to total force management.

One very important point should be stressed and understood by all weather officers regardless of grade or AFSC. The very basis of the PALACE WEATHER is to supplement the efforts of the MAJCOM Personnel staff and the staff of the functional manager, Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Aldrich, commander, Air Weather Service. A complete, closed loop of coordination between AFMPC, MAJCOM and headquarters Air Weather Service will be accomplished on all weather officer assignments.

### Reg changes

PALACE WEATHER has an operational target of December 1, 1973. To meet this target date, certain milestones have been established. The first was met with the recent arrivals of Capt. John Parisi and Sgt. Carolyn Eugenio at AFMPC. They joined Maj. David Smart to round out the PALACE WEATHER Team.

In October, there will be an announcement of the establishment of the PALACE WEATHER Team to all MAJCOMs and separate operating agencies, Air Force wide.



These 55th WRSq. officers were commended on their respective promotions recently at the squadron commander's monthly Recognition Day. They are, left to right, Lt. Col. John T. Mackesy, Lt. Col. Eugene R. Nelson, Maj. Daryl P. Wood, Maj. John T. Sullivan, 1st Lt. Lynn G. Ehler, and 1st Lt. David A. Doucette. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

# AWS world-wide roundup



## Dining out

OFFUTT AFB, Neb. - The traditional rap of the chimes by "Mr. Vice", 2d Lt. Patrick Stringer, heralds the start of the 2d annual dining out for the Air Force Global Weather Central and guests at the Officers Open Mess here. Kathleen Stringer, a gracious "Mrs. Vice," anxiously awaits the start of festivities associated with the formal military affair. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



## Making adjustments

YOKOTA AB, Japan -- Adjusting a wind direction transmitter is SSgt. Richard C. Grimaud, a maintenance technician with Det. 17, 20th Weather Squadron here. Sergeant Grimaud was granted a \$200 suggestion award recently for a wind calibration procedure which gave maintenance men at local weather stations a procedure for calibrating wind systems. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



## General gets the word

BRIG. GEN. LAWRENCE N. GORDON, commander, 1035th Technical Operations Group, recently toured a WC-135 B aircraft belonging to the 55th WRSq., part of the 9th WRWg, located at McClellan

AFB, Calif. Briefing the general is Capt. Jerry Christian, an aerial reconnaissance weather officer assigned to the 55th. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



## NCO of quarter

YOKOTA AB, Japan -- TSgt. Dwayne N. Burgess, weather forecaster smiles as he receives a plaque in honor of his being selected the 475th Air Base Wing NCO of the Quarter for the second quarter of 1973. Sergeant Burgess' wife, Charlene, stands near as Col. William E. Smurro, commander, 20th Weather Squadron, presents the award. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



## Nice going Sarge

McClellan AFB, Calif. - 1st Sgt. Richard R. Adams receives the Commanders Facility Inspection Award for the Best Appearing Dormitory from General Paul K. Carlton, commander Military Airlift Command. Sergeant Adams is the first sergeant of the 9th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron WRWq. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



## Seat belts win

TYNDALL AFB, Fla. - Receiving a pen and pencil set from A1C Jerry L. Carr, 4756th Security Police Squadron here is Capt. Von D. Woods, Detachment 9, 12th Weather Squadron for wearing his seat belt while driving. Some 40 cars were checked on base at ran-

dom recently and only Captain Woods and three other drivers were found wearing safety belts. All four drivers were awarded with pen and pencil sets. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



## Mop and broom brigade

McClellan AFB, Calif. - Displaying worn cleaning tools and tired bodies are members of the 9th Weather Wing after a "strenuous" GI Party in Bldg. 814 here. The building was given a perfect score during a recent inspection of the building which houses the flight simulator training section. Making the high score possible was the efforts of the 15 men who worked on it. The men responsible for the

achievement are: Front row left to right, A1C Donald Kelly, SSgt. Edward Tracey, Sgt. James Barlog, and A1C Joseph Cazel. Standing left to right are, TSgt. Darwin Stewart, Maj. John Thomas, Capt. Michael Burski, Maj. Paul McDonnell, TSgt. Daryl Zimick, SSgt. Richard Kleuver, TSgt. Alan Knight, TSgt. Leland Petty, MSgt. Edwin Fledman, TSgt. Eugene Ross and TSgt. James Morris. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



## Third lieutenants

McClellan AFB, Calif. -- Air Force Academy "Third Lieutenants" listen to Capt. James Hathcoat, a WC-135 pilot with the 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (WRSq.) explain the operations and functions of the scheduling board. The cadets, Michael

Fitz (left) of Springfield, Tenn., and Michael Selway of Euclid, Ohio, visited the 55th WSq., as part of their orientation to active duty Air Force units. They were also given an orientation flight on a WC-135 aircraft. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



Mrs. Dial



Mr. Tuch



Miss. Jackson

WIESBADEN AB, Germany -- Three civilian employees of the 2d WWG. were presented Air Force Special Achievement Awards here recently. They are Mrs. Patricia Dial, Mr. Hubert Tuch and Miss. Lorrie Jackson. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



McCLELLAN AFB, Calif. - Capt. Milton O. Payne a navigator with the 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (WRSq.) takes the oath of office upon being sworn into the regular Air Force. Capt. Payne received the regular commission after serving as a member of the active duty Air Force Reserve. Col. Orville J. Beranek, commander of the 55th WRSq. administered the oath. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## 53d WRSq. completes move from Ramey to Keesler

by 1st Lt. Alan J. Tinder

July 23, 1973 marked the beginning of a new era for the 53d Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (WRSq.). With the liftoff of the last C-141 laden with members of the 53d, the Hurricane Hunters added another page to an already long and eventful history.

## Latest flick explains leave

RANDOLPH AFB, Tex. (AFNS) - If you wear a blue suit you probably know that you accrue two and one-half days of leave for each month active duty and that you lose accrued leave over 60 days each June 30.

There are some Air Force leave policies that aren't so well known however. That's why the Military Personnel Center has released a film on the subject: Palace Flicks film report No. 94, "Air Force Leave Policy."

These and other questions are answered in this 10-minute film.

Like the rest of the Palace Flicks film series, No. 94 is available at all consolidated base personnel offices for review by individuals at their convenience. It can also be checked out for use at commander's calls.

Born as the 3d Reconnaissance Squadron, Air Route, Medium, at Grenier Field, N.H., Aug. 31, 1944, the unit was first moved to Morrison Field, Fla., in 1946 and then to Kindley Field, Bermuda in 1947. Then Burtonwood RAF Station, England became home in 1953. Once again the squadron was moved to Kindley Field in 1960 and then to Hunter AFB, Ga., in 1963 for a short stay. In 1966, the 53d was relocated at Ramey AFB, P.R. where the Hurricane Hunters remained until their official move July 1, 1973 to Keesler AFB, Miss.

By early June, advance personnel were in place at Keesler preparing the way for the transfer of 400 personnel and their dependents.

The first of the squadron's WC-130s was ferried to Keesler June 18 by Col. Lawrence E. Pennington, squadron commander. July 1 marked the official relocation of the Hurricane Hunters to Mississippi.

In less than three months from the first word that Ramey was closing, seven airplanes and associated equipment as well as 1,500 persons were relocated at Keesler. Significantly, the 53d continued to meet each of its flying obligations as was demonstrated when the squadron successfully carried out required fixes on hurricane Alice.

## 10 Officers initiated to honor society

COLLEGE STATION, Tex., - Ten Air Weather Service officers have been initiated into the Texas A&M University Chapter of the Chi Epsilon Pi during recent months.

They are Captains Wendell D. Bechtold, Gerald D. Swoboda, James D. Kyle and Lieutenants John P. Byszewski, James S. Perkins, David H. Allen, David E. Brown, Richard G. Peer, Rodney A. West, Erwin L. Williams.

Chi Epsilon Pi is an honor society for meteorology students with high scholastic achievement and dedication to the pursuit of knowledge.

These officers were sent to Texas A&M to receive basic meteorology training and their performance indicates both a high level of academic proficiency and an interest in the atmospheric sciences.

## 150 persons attend Dining Out

OFFUTT AFB, Neb. - Two hundred fifty officers and guests of the Air Force Global Weather Central and 3d Weather Wing attended the 2d Annual Dining out in the Officers Open Mess here.

Maj. Gen. Timothy J. Dacey Jr., (USAF ret.), and guest speaker for the formal affair, emphasized the importance of communication.



Brig. Gen. Thomas A. Aldrich presents the 1972 Air Weather Service Moorman Award to Lt. Col. Donald A. Krider, officer in charge of the special projects branch at the Air Force Global Weather Central. The Moorman Award was presented in recognition of the outstanding performance by the special projects branch which provides meteorological support to classified military projects. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## WOULD YOU BELIEVE . . .

Capt. Francis D. Lomax netted \$450.00 as a result of a suggestion he submitted concerning weather reconnaissance tracks. The captain, a weather officer for the 53rd WRS1., proposed a means for more efficiently obtaining data on the East coast winter storm tracks.

Sgt. Erven F. McGinnes III, weather observer, Det. 17, 20th WSq., was graduated from the MAC NCO Leadership School, Class 74-1.

AN URGENT REQUIREMENT exists for volunteers for instructor duty in AFSC 302X0, Air Weather Equipment Repairman, at Chanute AFB, Ill. Interested personnel should apply through their local Central Base Personnel Offices in accordance with AFR 39-11, Chapter 8.

Sgt. Ward Allan Henney, Det. 18, 5th WWG., Mt. Home AFB, Idaho, took Judy K. Lee of Denver as his bride Aug. 18, 1973.

TSgt. Thomason, Det. 5, 7th WSq., was named 2d WWG., Senior NCO of the Quarter for April through June 1973.

THE AIR FORCE MILITARY PERSONNEL CENTER (AFMPC) has advised that all ex-prisoners of war, of the Vietnam conflict, will be credited with short and Southeast Asia tour credit as of the date they return to Continental United States. Personnel will also be awarded a special assignment limitation code in the Officer/Airman Mechanized Personnel Data System. Further information on the program can be obtained from any servicing CBPO.

Capt. Michael F. McEndre, 11th WSq., Elmendorf AFB, Alaska received the Joint Services Commendation Medal recently for meritorious service as chief, J2 Weather Support Unit, J2 Division Headquarters, Alaskan Command from May 1971 to July 1973.

OFFICERS AND AIRMEN currently on reassignments under the CHAP (children have a potential) program are deferred for the following 12 months from reassignment or involuntary temporary duty (TDY) in excess of 30 days. Some deferments have been granted when the military member's presence was not required, and subsequent to the initial reassignment. In the future, no deferments will be granted when the member's presence is NOT required to establish a CHAP reassignment. Also, in cases of members currently deferred, commanders may, in accordance with the above change, request the parent major command to authorize involuntary TDY in excess of 30 days if the member's presence is not required to establish a CHAP program. For further guidance, affected personnel are encouraged to promptly contact their servicing Central Base Personnel Office.

MSgt. Robert J. Prince, 11th WSq., received the Air Force Commendation Medal for meritorious service while assigned as maintenance workcenter supervisor, of the Intermediate Maintenance Branch, 6th WSq. (Mobile), Tinker AFB, Okla., from September 1971 to May 1973.

Capt. Larry E. Nye, 11th WSq., received the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Force Commendation Medal recently for meritorious service as commander of Det. 16, 5th WWG., at Nellis AFB, Nev., from August 1969 to May 1973.

## AFGWC gets Moorman award

OFFUTT AFB, Neb. - The Special Projects Branch of the Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC) recently received the Air Weather Service's 1972 Moorman Award which is presented annually for outstanding performance by a centralized weather facility.

The branch provides tailored environmental weather support to numerous classified military

projects. A highly trained and dedicated team of 55 forecasters, observers, and computer programmers provide this sophisticated support on a 24 hour basis.

During the past four years Lt. Col. Donald A. Krider has been officer in charge of the Special Projects Branch. The quantity of the weather support has quadrupled in this time along with the increased need for more accurate forecasts. Operational procedures evolved from primarily manual forecasting procedures to highly computerized techniques. Future requirements will demand total automation of forecast products, and the man-computer interface of necessity will develop into real time quality control of all incoming data, data processing, and forecast model capabilities.

Although the Special Projects Branch was the specific recipient of the award, all personnel at AFGWC share in the honor, because it takes a total AFGWC effort to support the special projects commitments. The fire computer systems at AFGWC require accurate scheduling and effective management to process weather satellite data, surface observations, and upper air reports.



CMSgt. Hill

VANDENBERG AFB, Calif. -- A WAF member of Detachment 6, 6th Weather Wing was graduated from the USAF Senior NCO Academy at Gunter AFB, Ala., recently.

CMSgt. Alice L. Hill completed the course, which is the highest professional military school for noncommissioned officers. She was in a class of 240 students which came from 31 different Air Force commands and agencies.

Sergeant Hill's graduation capped nine weeks of extensive

management studies. The school emphasized modern management techniques to help prepare its graduates for a greater variety of Air Force responsibilities. The senior NCO studied three major areas: communicative skills, military environment and management.

Throughout the course students participated in small working groups which enabled them to swap views and learn from each other's experiences.

## Births in AWS

Smith, SSgt. and Mrs. Larry, a son, Aug. 14. Father assigned to the 6th WSq., Tinker AFB, Okla.

Cook, 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Donald E., a son, Mark Allan, June 27. Father is a forecaster with Det. 28, 15th WSq., Ellington AFB, Tex.

Shideler, SSgt. and Mrs. Phillip L., a son, David Lynn, Aug. 10. Father assigned to Det. 5, 3d WWg., Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

Kuczynski, Sgt. and Mrs. David A., a daughter, Lisa, Aug. 10. Father assigned to Det. 5, 3d WWg., Malmstrom AFB, Mont.

Gillmore, TSgt. and Mrs. Walter H., a daughter, Siobhan Linette, July 22. Father assigned to Det. 9, 3d WWg., Davis Monthan AFB, Ariz.

Davis, SSgt. and Mrs. John T., a daughter, Elizabeth Jean, Aug. 3. Father assigned to Det. 9, 12 WSq., Tyndall AFB, Fla.

Butts, TSgt. and Mrs. Kenneth E., a boy, Kenneth E. Jr., Aug. 16. Father assigned to Det 14, 12th WSq., Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo.

Wilfong, Capt. and Mrs. Timothy L., a daughter, Christina Marie, August 2. Father assigned to 54th WRSq., Andersen AFB, Guam.

Olson, Capt. and Mrs. Marvin A., a daughter, Michelle DeAnne, June 24. Father assigned to 54th WRSq., Andersen AFB, Guam.

Bjerkaas, 1st Lt. and Mrs. Garlton L., a son Kristopher Scott, May 18. Father assigned to 54th WRSq., Andersen AFB, Guam.

Couch, SSgt. and Mrs. Alvin W., a son, Scott Anthony, July 13. Father assigned to 15th WSq., Scott AFB, Ill.

Ryan, MSgt. and Mrs. John F., a daughter, Jennifer Mei-Ling, July 26. Father assigned to the 15th WSq., Scott AFB, Ill.

Hansen, Capt. and Mrs. James E., a daughter, Michelle Renee, August 20. Father assigned to AFPRW, Pentagon, Hq. USAF.

Matthews, SSgt. and Mrs. Donald C., a son, Jason Christopher, July 9. Father is a maintenance technician assigned to Det. 17, 20th WSq., Yokota AB, Japan.

## Officer of quarter

# 31st WSq. officer wins JOC honor

RAMSTEIN AB, Germany - A member of the 31st Weather Squadron was named junior officer of the quarter here recently by the Junior Officer Council.

## 1st WWg. Gets "excellence award"

HICKMAN AFB, Hawaii -- To further promote excellence in terminal forecasting throughout the 1st Weather Wing (WWg.), an annual Forecasting Excellence Award Program was implemented in January 1973.

All units participating in the program are eligible for the award. Scoring is based on how well each unit does as compared with a "norm" derived from previous year's performances. The program is managed by the Scientific Services Branch and verification is computed each month by the 20 WS/DN.

The monthly winner receives

## After 21 years

# Beranek returns to McClellan

McCLELLAN AFB, Calif. - After an absence of 21 years, Col. Orville J. "Mike" Beranek has returned here ... this time to command the 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (WRSq.).

In July of 1951, the then Second Lieutenant Beranek arrived at McClellan to work in communications. He maintained that job until leaving for flight training in April 1952.

Since then, Colonel Beranek's route back to Sacramento has been a circuitous one taking him back and forth across the United States to the Azores and Vietnam. When not behind the controls of an aircraft himself, the 43-year-old colonel was forecasting the weather for those who were.

Colonel Beranek was commissioned through ROTC upon graduation from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1951. He also claims "Aggie" training, having spent two years at Texas A&M in graduate meteorology study.

The Edgeley, N.D., native spent three months in 1953 at Randolph AFB, Tex., training in B-29s. There he met 2d Lt Joan Hutt, an Air Force nurse, who became his wife in September 1953. They now have two children; Richard, 18 and Lisa, 15.

With the exception of five years flying B-29s and B-47s for the Strategic Air Command (SAC) at Schilling AFB, Kan., most of the colonel's Air Force career has been spent in Military Airlift Command (MAC).

From October 1970 to September 1971, Colonel Beranek was chief of the scheduling section of the 834th Air Division at Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam. The job which entailed the scheduling of all allied aircraft airlift missions through Vietnam, "got to be hectic at times," Colonel Beranek said.

As a result of his work in coordinating the airlift support of Lamson 719, the Vietnamese incursion into Laos, Colonel Beranek

Capt. Douglas E. Sherwood, weather officer with the squadron, was selected for the award "for his outstanding ability as a weather forecaster, his enthusiasm and the

recognition in PACMET (1st WWg. monthly publication), and award, and a letter from the commander, 1st WWg.

The station with the highest cumulative total at the end of each calendar year will be awarded the 1st WWg. Forecasting Excellence Award consisting of a trophy presented to the unit.

A demonstration of professional excellence in the basic forecast skills is the prime goal of the forecast competition.

Monthly winners so far this year include 1st WWg. detachments at U-Tapao, Takhli, Korat, Andersen, Kadena, and Kunsan.

high degree of professionalism of his actions," according to Lt. Col. Robert W. Gossett Jr., squadron operations officer.

Captain Sherwood was assigned here three years ago and has had numerous additional duties, including unit security officer, unit voting officer, chief forecaster and unit income tax officer.

The captain recently completed a six-month term as president of the Ramstein Junior Officers' Council.

Captain Sherwood served as primary weather instructor for the 86th Tactical Fighter Wing annual instrument refresher course and as officer in charge of the weather detachment during the recent exercise Flintlock V in the United Kingdom.

He received his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Morris Harvey College, W. Va.

received the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star. He added this to his Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal.

Colonel Beranek assumed command of the 55th August 1, the same day that the 11th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance (CAM) Squadron was activated here eliminating the 55th's maintenance function and transferring its 300 maintenance people to the 11th. The newly-formed 11th CAM now has the maintenance function for both the 55th and the 41st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron which has just moved here as a result of the closing of Hamilton AFB, Calif.

"Making the 55th a solely operational squadron," the colonel said, "has made it streamlined. We can now devote all of our attention to our weather mission."

I'm very proud to be in the 55th. As long as I can remember, this unit has been famous for its high

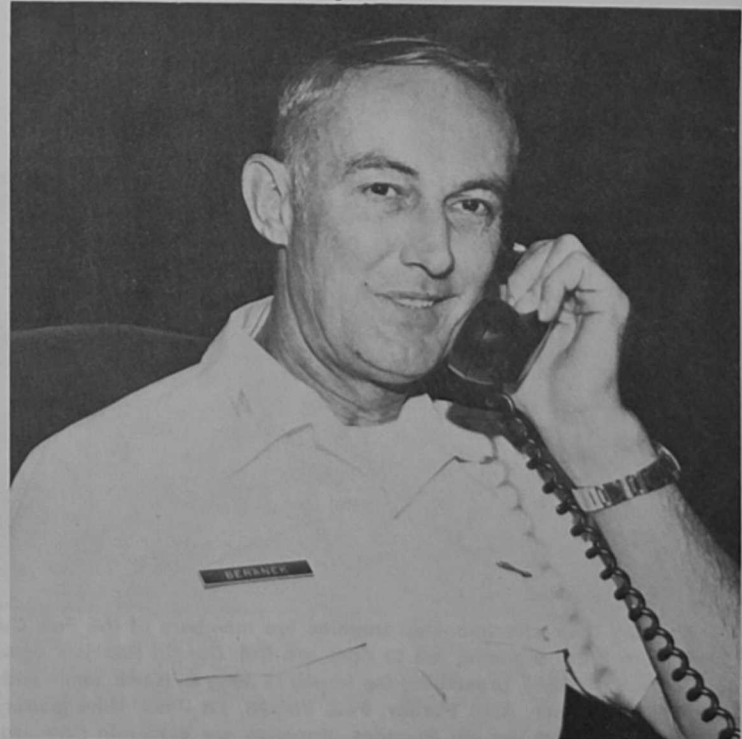
caliber personnel and productive mission," Colonel Beranek said of his new assignment.

About coming to the 55th as its commander, the 6,000-hour command pilot said, "Flying has been my first love all the time I've been in the Air Force and being in command of a flying organization is a goal I've always had in mind."

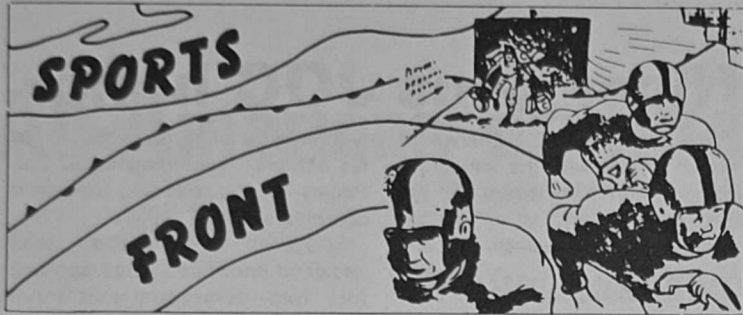
Colonel Beranek took command of the 55th from Colonel Foster A. Post who has returned to his previous job as chief of operations, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing, the 55th's parent organization also based here.

Colonel Beranek will be flying the 55th WC-135B. The squadron flies both the WC-135 and WC-130 aircraft which have been modified for weather reconnaissance.

Colonel Beranek, who devotes much of his spare time to gardening, picked up the nickname "Mike" at the age of five because "Frankly, I like it a lot better than Orville."



Colonel Beranek



## Det. 58 man takes tourney

FT. CARSON, Colo. - Michael D. Merchant, Det. 58, 16th WSq., and Bruce Patterson, OL D, 702 TASS, won the Ft. Carson Golf Team Championship played August 5 and 6. Their net score of 137 combined with a 61 best ball put them ahead of their nearest opponents by 1 stroke. Both received trophies and merchandise certificates.

## Air Force's Moody wins

YOKOTA AB, Japan -- Det. 17, 20th WSq., is now known throughout the Pacific golf world, thanks to Jerry Moody.

Moody took the 1973 Pacific Air Force (PACAF) Golf Tournament crown back to the Yokota base weather detachment. A winner, of the 1971 PACAF tournament and runner-up in the 1972 meet, Moody took top golfer honors in the tournament's open division with a 72-hole score of 314 (81-76-77-80).

The second day of the meet proved to be the most difficult for most of the golfers. Cloudbursts and high winds gusting up to 35 miles per hour slowed the course and rain held up early morning starters more than 20 minutes. It didn't seem to worry Moody though, as he fired his best round - a four over par 76 - and took the day's top honors by four strokes.

## He's a fighting Savage

When the chief observer at Det. 20, 2dWWG., RAF Mildenhall, England is called a "mean fighting savage" only the truth is being spoken. Edward J. Savage, 38, is a lineman for the Mildenhall Mauladers football team and, according to the head coach, is as mean and aggressive as they come.

Savage arrived at Mildenhall in February 1973. He was 25 pounds over the weight limit and faced a May 15 deadline to meet the Air Force weight standards. He reduced to below the limit in eight weeks.

When asked by his commander, Maj. Richard H. Klodnicki, why he went out for the team, Savage replied, "You made me lose the weight and I felt so good I thought I'd give it a try."

The Fighting Savage of Mildenhall typifies the old AWS spirit - determination and a will to do it better.

## Few Cu's win big

ELLINGTON AFB, Tex. - The Few Cu's softball team of Det. 28, 15th WSq., here won the summer softball league tournament recently. The Few Cu's were undefeated in the double elimination tournament. The four best teams from each of Ellington's two regular season leagues made up the teams in the tournament. The Few Cu's won with scores of 3-2, 4-3, 6-2 and in the championship game won by a score of 10-1 over the 924th Tactical Airlift Group (AFRES). According to Don Cook, a Few Cu, "The final victory culminated a season of excellent defensive play and timely hitting by the entire team."



Receiving their championship trophies are members of the Few Cu's softball team of Det. 28, 15th WSq. Standing left to right are Col. Donald Robison, commander, 2578th Air Base Group (AFRES), presenting the trophy to John D. Hawk, commander of Det. 28; Bobby Coker, Larry Parker, Arno Perlow, Paul Voglen, Ed Ross, Mike Mader, Stephen Maxwell, John Felder III, and Damien Bundrick. Kneeling are Benjamin Coughran, James Burbank, and Don Cook. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## Det. 17 Sgt. wins 4th in talent contest

Yokota AB, Japan - "Fun with Magic" is the title of a show which SSgt. David Scribner, Det. 17, 20th WSq. performed to win fourth place in the 20th Annual Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest.

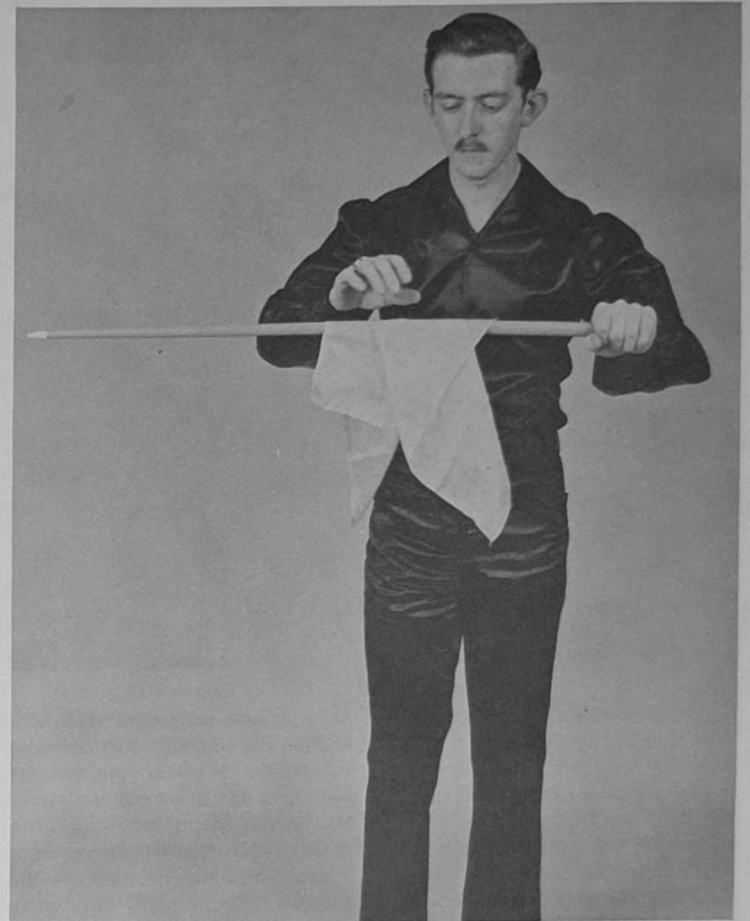
The Rockaway, N.J., native first began to develop an interest in the arcane arts about 17 years ago after acquiring a child's book on magic.

The sergeant says that daily practice is necessary to hone a sharp edge on his skill that is necessary to fool an audience.

Sergeant Scribner has mastered many tricks over the years, but says his favorite trick is the vanishing cane act. He said, "The cane changes colors and disappears completely."

"Perhaps the most difficult act to pull off," said Scribner, "is one involving levitation. Everything must be done to perfection to convince the audience that the lovely lady is really floating through the air without support."

The sergeant performs in NCO and Officer Clubs, at private parties and clubs in the vicinity of Yokota where he is stationed.



Prestidigitator Scribner

## Old soldiers play mountain ball



HICKMAN AFB, Hawaii -- To coin a phrase "old soldiers never die, they just play Mountain Ball." The over "30" personnel of Hq., 1st Weather Wing (and some are way

over 30) are presently participating in Hickman's Mountain Ball League, with a 4 win and 4 lost record. Considering that it takes a triple to get most of our players to

first, we feel our record is better than average. This outstanding bunch of ball playing old men is coached by a young WAF observer, Sgt. Ellen Wildenberg.

## AWS Hq. team takes championship

Headquarters Air Weather Service (AWS) here recently captured the 1973 base intramural softball tournament championship, fast pitch division.

AWS garnered the crown by upending league champs, 1500th Computer Services Squadron 4-0 in the final game.

During the year, the computermen had defeated the weathermen in a play-off for the league championship and the rivalry between the two teams was

intense.

Jerry Daugherty, the Weather hurler was fresh from two days rest and John Knapp may have had a tired arm for the Computermen, after two straight days of hurling. This may have played a role in the final outcome, as Knapp was strong in the early innings, but Weather got to him, in the later frames to take the victory.

The fresh Daugherty was superb throughout, pitching a rare fast-pitch shutout. He struck out only

two but allowed only three hits and had the Computermen pounding the ball weakly into the ground all evening.

Weather scored two in the third on a single by Roy Stegletter, a run scoring triple by Sam Parish and an RBI single by Daugherty. In the fourth, John Pechier singled and trotted home on Don Breitbach's round tripper to close out the scoring. Daugherty held the Computermen off for the last three innings and preserved the championship for AWS.



SMILES ARE ALL AROUND for this year's intramural fastpitch champions at Scott AFB. The members of this championship Air Weather Service team are front, left to right: Al Couch, Larry Fletcher, Sam Parish, Roy Steigleder and Don Breitbach. Rear, left to right, are John Pechier, Ray Jojola, Jerry Daugherty and Tollie Coakley. Not present for the picture were Bob Peterson, Charlie Turk, Jim Howard and Mike Campeggio. (U.S. Air Force Photo)