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**ACCEPTING FOR EVERYONE** is Brig. Gen. John W. Collens III, Air Weather Service (AWS) commander, right, as Brig. Gen. John H. Germeraad, MAC Inspector General, presents AWS its second consecutive National Safety Council Award of Merit. The plaque is given annually to organizations of more than 1,000 personnel

which achieve a 5-10 per cent composite ground accident reduction from its last two-year average. Additionally, the unit must have had an accident rate lower than the Air Force average, which AWS has never exceeded. (U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. Mike Flynn)

## 'Third Wing' aids SAC Bomb Comp

BARKSDALE AFB, LA -- A weatherman from Britain joined men from throughout 3rd Weather Wing to take part in the Strategic Air Command's (SAC) recent bombing and navigation competition (Bomb Comp) here recently.

Named "Giant Voice," the 19th SAC competition was held to encourage development of more accurate strategic bombing and navigation techniques. Additionally, it publicly demonstrated the reliability of the manned bomber.

Host for the weather element of the Bomb Comp was Detachment 20, 3rd Weather Wing, commanded by Col. Frank D. Reeder. In addition to Henry Templeton, the British representative, weathermen came from six AWS units.

Mr. Templeton, a civilian with the Royal Air Force (RAF), started working in meteorology in 1939. During World War II he flew as an RAF pilot but returned to meteorology at war's end. According to him, he took part in the Bomb Comp because the differences between USAF Air Weather Service briefings and the weather watch procedures and those to which the five RAF Vulcan crews (who took part in the Bomb Comp) are accustomed made individual support necessary.

Throughout the week-long event the Competition Weather

Support Team (CWST), led by Maj. Donald E. Baker of Detachment 6, Pease AFB, NH,

coordinated weather with SAC and TAC as well as SAC's 2nd and 15th Air Forces.



**WEATHERMEN CONFER** to provide support to U.S. and British competitors in SAC's 19th Bombing and navigation meet at Barksdale AFB, LA. Left to right are: Col. Frank D. Reeder, Detachment 20, 3rd Weather Wing commander; Henry Templeton, a meteorologist with the RAF; and Maj. Donald E. Baker, Competition Weather Support Team chief. (U.S. Air Force photo)

## Capt. F. X. Neumann receives R&D award

LOS ANGELES AFS, CA-- Capt. Francis X. Neumann Jr., Detachment 50, 6th Weather Wing, recently received the 1973 USAF Research and Development Award from Gen. Richard H. Ellis, Air Force vice chief of staff.

Presentation of the ornate plaque was made during a special ceremony at the Pentagon.

Following the occasion Captain Neumann and three other recipients or research and development awards attended a luncheon as guests of Gen. David C. Jones, Air Force chief of staff. Other dignitaries present were Gen. Samuel C. Phillips, commander of Air Force Systems Command; and Lt. Gen. William J. Evans, deputy chief of staff for research and development.

Other winners and their awards were: Lt. Col. James B. Carpenter, psychology-occupational analysis; Lt. Col. Richard V. Feaster, high energy laser technology; and Capt. Leonard J. Otten III, also for high energy laser technology.

Captain Neumann, a staff meteorologist for the Space and Missile Systems Organization here, was cited for a research project he conducted to identify the composition and inherent ability of cirrus clouds to affect electronic equipment signal transmissions.

He also determined cirrus clouds exist at the high altitudes involved in programs he supports. His study provided information vital to the Department of Defense as well as to future actions in the space program.

A native of New York City, he was graduated from Le Moyne College, NY, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics. In 1971 he received his Master of Science degree in Meteorology from the Uni-

versity of Utah through the Air Force Institute of Technology program.

Captain Neumann is married to the former Sherry Stahle of Ventura, CA. They are the parents of a son.



Capt. Francis X. Neumann Jr.

## ETAC extends new challenge

ANDREWS AFB, MD -- The move of the USAF Environmental Technical Applications Center (ETAC) from Washington, D.C. to Scott AFB, IL, began October 1 with the establishment of Detachment 1 at Scott AFB. Officials expect the move to take one year.

Detachment 1 is made up of personnel from each functional area of ETAC and is commanded by Lt. Col. August L. Shumbera.

Upon completion of the move Detachment 1 will be replaced by the title, "ETAC," and the new IBM 360/44 computer will go into operation.

Volunteers for ETAC are now being considered, according to the parent organization, 6th Weather Wing.

## Two AWS units earn maintenance awards

### Cummings, Mathews, too

Two organizations and two men of the Air Weather Service (AWS) recently were named winners of annual Military Airlift Command (MAC) maintenance awards.

Selected to receive the Organizational Maintenance Unit of the Year award for fiscal year 1974 was the 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (WRS), Keesler AFB, MS.

The Communications-Electronics-Meteorological (CEM) Maintenance Unit of the Year award went to Detachment 6, 6th Weather Squadron, Ellsworth AFB, SD.

Individual awards went to SSgt. Fred H. Cummings, 11th Weather Squadron, Elmendorf AFB, AK; and Sgt. Michael J.

Mathews, 53rd WRS. Sergeant Cummings was chosen as AWS Maintenance NCO of the Year and Sergeant Mathews as AWS Maintenance Airman of the Year.

According to Col. Edward Hernandez, MAC director of maintenance engineering, selection of winners for the awards "recognizes maintenance units for outstanding productivity, excellent maintenance management, and other noteworthy accomplishments."

He continued, "The individual awards recognize outstanding performance, increased job knowledge, demonstrated leadership ability, and personal improvement."



**Brigadier General  
John W. Collens III**

# Command Line

### TAKE LESSON FROM HISTORY

The Secretary of Defense, Dr. James R. Schlesinger, has challenged us to be better read in the lessons of history. Too often we are prone to repeat mistakes made before under identical conditions.

Many of you will not have immediate access to historical tomes on the lessons of weather. Therefore, I asked John Fuller, the MAC historian responsible for compiling the AWS History, to place in this publication each month an historical note on the way weather (the lack of attention to weather) shaped the outcome of military encounters.

### OUR STORY

In addition, we are currently editing an historical document entitled, "Air Weather Service in Southeast Asia 1961-1973." The preamble contains a most engrossing treatment of how weather influenced the victory or defeat of armies, navies and air forces from the days of Hannibal to date. This history will be distributed through detachment level; I urge you to give it some attention. Our customers often think they face a new event when, in fact, you could recall the lessons of the past, apply them to current weather and gain for the opera-

tor a "victory" or at least avoid some pitfalls.

You Staff Weather Officers of all grades cannot really adequately do your decision-assistance job based solely upon technical prowess. You need instant recall of how today's weather events, compared to those of yesterday, have similarly impacted a military operation. Such knowledge will make your advice more credible.

### PAST IS AHEAD

Although DOD tests most of its weapons systems in fair weather conditions at White Sands, Eglin, Nellis, Dugway, etc., even deserts have produced disaster or victory for military commanders who ignored or heeded the advice of their weather guys. (Rommel used sandstorms in the Libyan Desert to screen his movements.)

Since the more likely fields of battle of the future lie in areas that abound in poor weather, our Army and Air Force decision-makers need your advice on how the environment could influence the outcome of their operation.

History will give you fact to support that advice.

Take a lesson from it!

## Leader's yardstick

**By Col. Franklin A. Ross  
54th Weather Reconnaissance  
Squadron Commander**

Here is a checklist for integrity:

- \* Do I tell the truth?
- \* Do I do my full share of the work, and not merely pass it along?
- \* Do I give others credit for their ideas or performance, or do I take their credit?
- \* Do I tell others one thing, then do or admit to another?
- \* Do I use people to my advantage, but at their expense?
- \* Do I keep my boss fully informed? Do I go around him or cheat him?
- \* Do I report data accurately or submit erroneous statistics which make me look better than I really am?
- \* Do I portray others as they really are, or do I taint their character or abilities to my advantage?

What is your checklist for integrity?

## Swap List

The following AWS personnel have indicated a desire to swap assignments with another individual of the same AFSC:

25251 - Sgt. Steven R. Meyer, Ft. Sill, OK, (Box 229, Medicine Park, OK) wants to go to Hanscom AFB, MA, or anywhere.

25251 - A1C Catherine Angelone, Hurlburt Field, FL, (Box 523, Hurlburt Field FL, 32544) wants to go to Pease AFB, NH.

25251 - SSgt. James DeWayne, K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI, (Box 1551, K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI) wants to go to Hancock Field, NY.

30250 - A1C Daniel K. McGill, Rt. 4, Box 334, Blytheville, AR, wants to go to any base in Michigan or Rickenbacker AFB, OH.

# Weather Whys??

Weather Whys?? is a regular feature of the Air Weather Observer. The questions come from you and the answers come from the Air Weather Service commander and his staff. If you have a question, send it to Commander, Air Weather Service, Scott AFB, Ill. 62225. Each question will be answered; however, all of the questions and answers may not be published in the Observer because of space limitations.

**Q.** - I have received an alert for an isolated overseas assignment. I know there is at least one NCO who is more eligible for this assignment than I. Why does this happen and is there anything I can do?

**A.** - Selection criteria for isolated assignments are based on short-tour return dates, overseas return dates, and the total active Federal military service date. In your case, there are two NCOs higher on the machine listing than you, but both of these individuals have an availability date in 1976. In other words, the two NCOs above you on the list are frozen from any assignment consideration until their stabilized tour is completed. Based on this, you are the most eligible NCO in your AFSC for an isolated assignment.

**Q.** - I have completed 36 months of service and would like to reenlist. However, my supervisor refuses to recommend my retention and the Selective Reenlistment Board has agreed with him. I thought the Air Force needed first termers to re-up; especially in my AFSC. If true, why can't I reenlist?

**A.** - It is true. The Air

Force does need quality first termers to reenlist -- with the emphasis on "quality." Based on your record during the last three years, you come up short in this all-important area. The Air Force of tomorrow (and today) demands a few high-quality airmen to perform the many jobs. Gone are the days when there were enough people available so the weaker, non-productive ones could be carried. Today's austere manning posture demands that every airman, NCO and officer carry his complete share of the load. It's unfortunate you couldn't correct, after repeated counselling, your performance and behavior to become an asset rather than a liability. My answer is not soothing, but I owe it to you to be candid.

## AWS adds four Dets., renames seven

Four detachments will be gained by Air Weather Service and seven redesignated on Jan. 1, 1975.

The four detachments (Det.) to be added are: Det. 1, 3rd Weather Squadron (WS), Shaw AFB, SC; Det. 9, 9 WS, March AFB, CA; Det. 10, 25 WS, Bergstrom AFB, TX; and Det. 20, 26 WS, Barksdale AFB, LA.

On the same date Det. 9, 15 WS, Maxwell AFB, AL, will be redesignated to Det. 9, 3 WS; Det. 12, 15 WS, Selfridge ANGB, MI, to Det. 12, 3 WS; Det. 28, 15 WS, Ellington AFB, TX, to Det. 28, 25 WS; Det. 29, 15 WS, Buckley ANGB, CO, to Det. 29, 25 WS; Det. 31, 15 WS, Dobbins AFB, GA, to Det. 31, 3 WS; Det. 4, 5th Weather Wing (WW), Pope AFB, NC, to Det. 21, 15 WS; and Det. 13, 5 WW, Little Rock AFB, AR, to Det. 20, 15 WS.

## Swap List

Present Wing: (Circle One)

1 WW 2 WW 3 WW 5 WW 6 WW 9 WW

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last, First, MI)

CAFSC: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Want to go: \_\_\_\_\_

(Base)

The Observer Airman Assignment Exchange list is designed to serve Air Weather Service personnel. The eligibility rules for exchanging assignments are contained in AFR 39-11. If you meet the criteria and would like to swap, fill in the coupon and send it to: AWS/CMS, Scott AFB, IL, 62225.



ALMOST EIGHTEEN DECADES were represented when the seven colonels of 3rd Weather Wing got together recently. The squadron commanders collectively had 175 years of military service. Left to right they are: Cols. Berry W. Rowe, 3rd Weather Wing; Eugene C. St. Clair, 24th Weather Squadron; Alfred C. Molla, 12th Weather Squadron; George S. Akers, 11th Weather Squadron; Frank D. Reeder, soon to command the 26th Weather Squadron; John C. Ball, 3rd Weather Wing director of operations; and Glenn B. Rumley Jr., soon to command the 9th Weather Squadron. (U.S. Air Force photo)

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## ENLISTED LINE

by CMSgt. Sam Parish

Following General Collens' lead, this month's column is potpourri -- a mixture of thoughts.

### USAF Senior NCO Academy

The MAC board completed selection of primary and alternate nominees for CY75 classes. I was a board member and helped select future students. AWS nominees fared extremely well, I feel, due to our Wing pre-selection boards. Volunteer statements by nominees were an important consideration. A listing of our primary and alternate nominees will be out soon.

### Wing Senior Airman Advisors

It's important that you know your wing advisor and how to contact him. You may write him using the office symbol "CMS" after the proper unit designation (Ex: 1WW/CMS, etc). You may call him using the following numbers:

1WW CMSgt. Grigsby 449-1779  
2WW CMSgt. Mardyla 424-5471  
3WW CMSgt. Wilson 271-4818  
5WW CMSgt. Horn 432-2004  
6WW CMSgt. Gregar 858-5863

AFGWC CMSgt. McCarthy 271-3115

9WRW MSgt. Roth 633-2534  
My telephone number is AUTOVON 638-3802

### Personnel Records' Importance

Much time and effort are spent trying to resolve personnel and assignment problems. When individuals call with a problem, we get one side of the story and work from there. In many cases, the more we dig, the more we find that every story has two sides and we did not get a realistic view from the individual. Such stories as, "I've been hit with an overseas assignment and I'm not the most eligible person," get old -- especially when we find the same person volunteered for the assignment and had just undergone a records review at his CBPO. We can't stress enough the importance of your personnel records on your career; from promotions to assignments. Make sure they are current and if there is anything you don't understand -- ASK.

by Col. Patrick J. Breitling

The Air Force Specialty Code 2546 Board is dead. This board, better known as the "46 Board," met quarterly at Headquarters Air Weather Service (AWS) to match the available personnel with advanced degrees in meteorology and the other physical sciences with the vacant UDL positions requiring a master's or PhD degree.

The Board's demise was brought on by a variety of factors. Following the assumption of the AWS personnel assignments functions by MAC/DP and Air Force Military Personnel Center (AFMPC) some years ago the board lost much of its official status, but continued to work closely with these agencies in an advisory capacity. The lack of a formal charter and the recently expanded role of AFMPC in the increasingly automated assignment of AWS 2546s raised the

question of the board's future.

At a "woodshed" held at Hq. AWS in early September attended by the members of the Board, AWS/CV, AWS/CS, MAC/IG and MAC/DP, a decision was reached to more clearly define and formalize the interrelationship between the board, MAC/DP and AFMPC in the assignment of AWS personnel with advanced degree training.

The charter grants formal recognition to the Advanced Academic Degree Assignment Board (AADAB) as the legitimate successor to the "46 Board" and represents a coordinated AWS/MAC/MPC position. It is:

### CHARTER

Objective: The objective of the AADAB is to assure that AWS personnel with special technical education are assigned to jobs that will employ their expertise to the max-

imum extent possible. Those Unit Detail Listing (UDL) positions which require that the officer possess master's or PhD level degrees or training will be filled with the best technically qualified people available. To this end, the AADAB will function in an advisory capacity to MAC/DP and AFMPC. To accomplish its objective the AADAB will:

Monitor an up-to-date listing of all AWS positions for which master's or PhD level academic degree or training is required by the UDL and identify vacancies as they occur.

Hold meetings at the direction of MAC/DP to consider all AWS personnel in grades below lieutenant colonel with advanced academic degrees available for reassignment to fill these vacancies during that period. Personnel with PAFSC or DAFSC 2546 assignment if they have the appropriate advanced academic training.

Set priorities for prioritize position vacancies as expressed by shortage reports submitted by AWS wings and Hq. AWS DCS or otherwise identified by MAC/DP.

Review personnel data on each person available for reassignment with an eye toward maximum use of his special technical education and expertise.

Recommend to AFMPC through AWS/CS and MAC/DP assignments for each person under consideration.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the AADAB will be made up of one voting representative from AWS/DN (Chairman), MAC/DP, MAC/IG, AWS/SY and AWS/DO. While additional persons may at times be invited to attend AADAB meetings, only those members listed above will have a vote.

Meetings will be held periodically or as required at the call of MAC/DP to satisfy the terms of the objective.

In late September a briefing was held at MAC Headquarters that may have impact on future advanced degree requirements in AWS. In that briefing, Maj. Gen. Oliver W. Lewis, USAF/DPP, stated that MAC and the other MAJCOMs were being asked to reexamine and rejustify the number of UDL positions in their commands that required the incumbent to possess an advanced degree. Since AWS has the lion's share of such positions in MAC, we are currently working with MAC/XPPE with a mid-December target date for a briefing to USAF/DPP. A reduction in the number of positions in AWS requiring a master's or PhD degree could very well follow.

## Winter Danger

Frostbite is sneaky. It comes as a combination of time, temperature and wind speed. Here is a "gauge" for protection from it. Sin will freeze if:

Temperature is:	Wind Speed is:
12F	30mph
8F	25mph
5F	20mph
0F	15mph
-10F	10mph
25F	5mph

Watch the children, too.

# AADAB gains recognition

## Births in AWS

BOEHME, SSgt. and Mrs. Brent R., a daughter, Gretchen, Oct. 6. Father is an observer in Det. 7, 7WS, Grafenwoehr AI, Germany.

JUDGE, Capt. and Mrs. Gregory W., a daughter, Stephanie Nichol, Oct. 16. Father is chief forecaster at Det. 41, 12WS, Ft. Lee AFS, VA.

LOKEY, 2nd Lt. and Mrs. Luther B., a daughter, Wendy Denise, Sept. 19. Father is wing weather officer for Det. 24, 3WW, K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI.

BLASI, SSgt. and Mrs. Frank, a son, Francis Matthew, Oct. 13. Father is a forecaster at Det. 23, 6WW, Kirtland AFB, NM.

FUESTON, A1C and Mrs. Jon H., a son, Jeffrey Scott, Oct. 25. Father is an observer at Det. 5, 16WS, Ft. Knox, KY.

FISCHER, Sgt. and Mrs. Thomas J., a son, Kahlib Joseph, Oct. 6. Father is a weather equipment repairman in Det. 3, 5WW, Myrtle Beach AFB, SC.

## Equipment tested

# Weathermen support Exercise 'Reforger'

ANSBACH, GERMANY -- Many variables influence the outcome of battle, and com-

manders guide events by proper planning, tactical genius or even plain old luck. There is one

phenomenon over which field commanders have no control, however; weather.

History cites case after case where weather conditions determined battle results. Modern warfare and meteorological advances of the 20th century have greatly eased the burden on field commanders. For the U.S. Army, weather forecasting and observing is done by the U.S. Air Force Air Weather Service. This service was particularly responsive during Reforger '74's 10-day field training exercise "Certain Pledge" in Southern Germany. There AWS effectively served the Army by providing vital weather information to the VII Corps and 1st Infantry Division who fought the mock battle.

All support for the exercise was supplied by the 7th Weather Squadron, which is tasked on a day-to-day basis to provide meteorological and aerospace environmental services to the U.S. Army in Europe.

For Reforger, the 7th Weather Squadron's personnel went to field locations with Army flight support units and manned tactical forecast units. During the entire exercise, the weather people also provided normal in-garrison weather support for all other Army units.

The sixth Reforger field-tested the Army Tactical Multi-Channel Systems (ATMCS) which transmitted weather products from Heidelberg to deployed units. A microwave system to transmit weather information enabled field units to receive teletype copy and facsimile satellite maps -- all firsts for field units.

To do their jobs during Reforger, weather teams traveled over the foggy, muddy German terrain with Army units, setting up tactical weather observing kits on a moment's notice. This way, they aided commanders and helicopter pilots in the successful completion of their jobs.



IMPROVED WEATHER DATA is the goal of U. S. Army in Europe VII Corps Staff Weather Officer Lt. Col. Walter M. Dale. Here he checks a satellite facsimile map at the Corps' Command Tactical Operations Center. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Regina M. McGuiness)

## Parks official shares tips on hunting safety

OFFUTT AFB, NB -- When Ben Schole, information officer for Omaha's (NB) Game and Parks Commission office, gave a hunting safety briefing to the men and women of 3rd Weather Wing's Headquarters, he opened the possible way for other units.

After he had explained hunting safety and shown a brief film, Mr. Schole said he felt that Park and Game Commissions, or comparable organizations throughout the country, would "probably be more than happy to present such lectures to other Air Weather Service units."

A unit spokesman said the idea to invite Mr. Schole came due to the onset of autumn's local hunting season.

## Chary, Miller attend Science meeting

Capt. Henry A. Chary, of Headquarters, Air Weather Service (AWS), and Robert C. Miller, of AF Global Weather Central (AFGWC), represented AWS at the latest Interdepartmental Committee for Applied Meteorological Research and Atmospheric Sciences meetings.

The first meetings were held jointly in Norman, OK, and Kansas City. The second meeting was at Offutt AFB, NB, hosted by the AFGWC.

Briefings pertained to severe convective local storms and, according to Captain Chary, were to allow, "various agencies . . . (to) pool their resources, share their expertise, and thus better serve their customers."



"THE SUN SHINES ON THIS . . ." are the words used by Capt. Dave Paul, Det. 3, Headquarters AWS, Sunnyvale AFS, CA, as he explains solar panels on a model of a weather satellite to Mrs. Kaye Provini. The model was part of a weather exhibit seen by more than 500 visitors during Sunnyvale's recent open house. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

## Det. 8, 20WS assists international experiment

KADENA AB, OKINAWA, JAPAN -- Personnel of Detachment 8, 20th Weather Squadron played a substantial role in a recent Airmass Transformation Experiment (AMTEX).

According to SMSgt. Gerald R. Gooding, NCOIC of the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program site, the internationally coordinated project greatly increased the local workload. AMTEX is a project designed to bring U.S. and Japanese meteorologists closer together.

The project's primary objective during the recent meeting was to investigate why Taiwan Lows form just west and northwest of Okinawa. The Taiwan low pressure areas frequently bring strong winds and heavy rain to Okinawa during

Winter and Spring.

Participating in the project were Japan's Dr. Giichi Yamamoto, USAF Capt. George G. Koenig, Dr. Aylmar Thompson of Texas A&M University, and Purdue University's Dr. Chris Church, Dr. Ernest Agee and Mr. Richard Howley.

Detachment 8 personnel assisted the U.S. contingent in collecting data, mounting and operating time-lapse cameras, and explaining the fine points of interpreting satellite data.

Another AMTEX meeting is planned for February 1975.

## Det. 14's 'Safe Years' earn special award

RICHARDS-GEBAUR AFB, MO -- Four completely safe years netted Detachment 14, 12th Weather Squadron, the Air Weather Service Special Safety Award.

The award, a permanently-retained engraved plaque, was given for the period May 1970 through May 1974. It was presented by Col. William D. Brockmeyer, 3rd Weather Wing vice commander, and accepted by Capt. James W. Goldey, staff weather officer, on behalf of the detachment personnel and

## Cadets Visit Observatory

HICKAM AFB, HI -- The Palehua Solar Observatory, operated by the 1st Weather Wing, is one of the most visited military installations in the 50th state. It was recently host to the University of Hawaii's Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps (AFROTC) and its instructors.

Led by Lt. Col. Thomas Boyle, Professor of Aerospace Studies, the Group was briefed by Capt. James T. Parker, Palehua officer in charge, and MSgt. Arnold Starr, who told of the optical telescope and observable solar features.

# Seven AWS units reach safety goals

Seven units of the Air Weather Service recently were selected to receive safety awards for achieving specific goals.

The 6th Weather Wing, Andrews AFB, MD, will receive the National Safety Council's (NSC) highest award, the Award of Honor.

The Award of Honor is given to units of more than 1,000 military and civilian personnel which achieve 10 per cent or more reduction in ground accidents during the year. The 10 per cent is in comparison with the unit's previous 2-year record. Additionally, the organization must surpass the Air Force rate for the award year.

The 1st Weather Wing, Hickam AFB, HI, for reducing its ground accident rate more than five per cent, will receive a certificate of commendation from the NSC.

Units to receive NSC Certificates of Perfect Record had no reportable accidents or injuries during the award year. They are: Headquarters, Air Weather Service, Scott AFB, IL; 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Keesler AFB, MS; and the Headquarters Section, 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing, McClellan AFB, CA.

Each winning unit also will receive a special plaque to display.

USAF flight safety certificates for having the three consecutive accident-free years of

operation went to the 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Andersen AB, Guam; and the former 1st Aerial Cartographic and Geodetic Squadron. The 54th had 11 accident-free years and the 1st had 14.

## Twister sighting nets trio acclaim

CARSWELL AFB, TX -- Three men at Detachment 22, 3rd Weather Wing did their job well and a Texas television station cited them for it.

1st Lt. Edward W. Hollingshead, SSgt. Barry L. Rex and Sgt. Patrick W. Johnson, all members of Detachment 22, received the certificates of appreciation from station WBAP-TV, Fort Worth.

The certificates came as a result of the trio seeing a hook echo on the radar scope and reporting it to Civil Defense. The tornado was seen on the ground near the town of Benbrook, TX, minutes later.

The public was alerted by WBAP-TV and, according to a TV station spokesman, "sirens were sounded within record time -- 90 seconds."

According to Detachment 22's 2nd Lt. Alan W. Gibbs, it was the first time Civil Defense sirens were sounded as a tornado warning in Fort Worth since their installation several years ago.



OBSERVER OF THE YEAR, Specialized Observer Function plaque was presented to SSgt. Earl W. Schneider Jr. at Guam. Now at Detachment 7, 6th Weather Wing, Carswell AFB, TX, Sergeant Schneider won the award while with Detachment 1, 1st Weather Wing, Nimitz Hill, Guam. (U.S. Navy photo)

## White House Fellows Program awaiting the 'Best of the Best'

Career airmen between the ages of 23 and 36 may apply for a White House fellowship.

The White House Fellows Program was established in 1964 to allow gifted and highly motivated Americans to gain first-hand experience in the governing process of the nation.

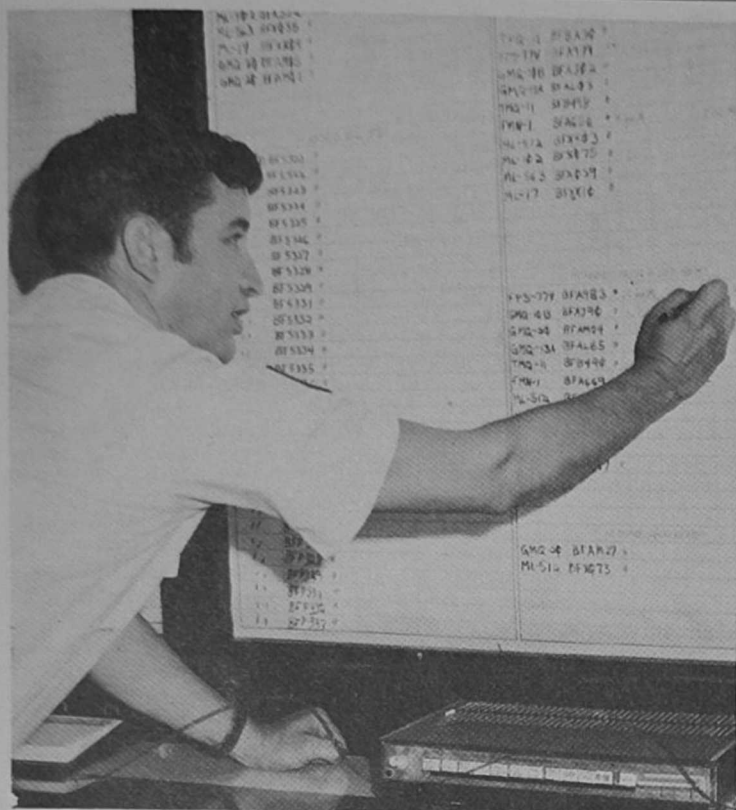
Selected persons serve a one-year internship as special assistants to members of the President's Cabinet and White

House staff. As such, they observe and take part in policy making at a national level.

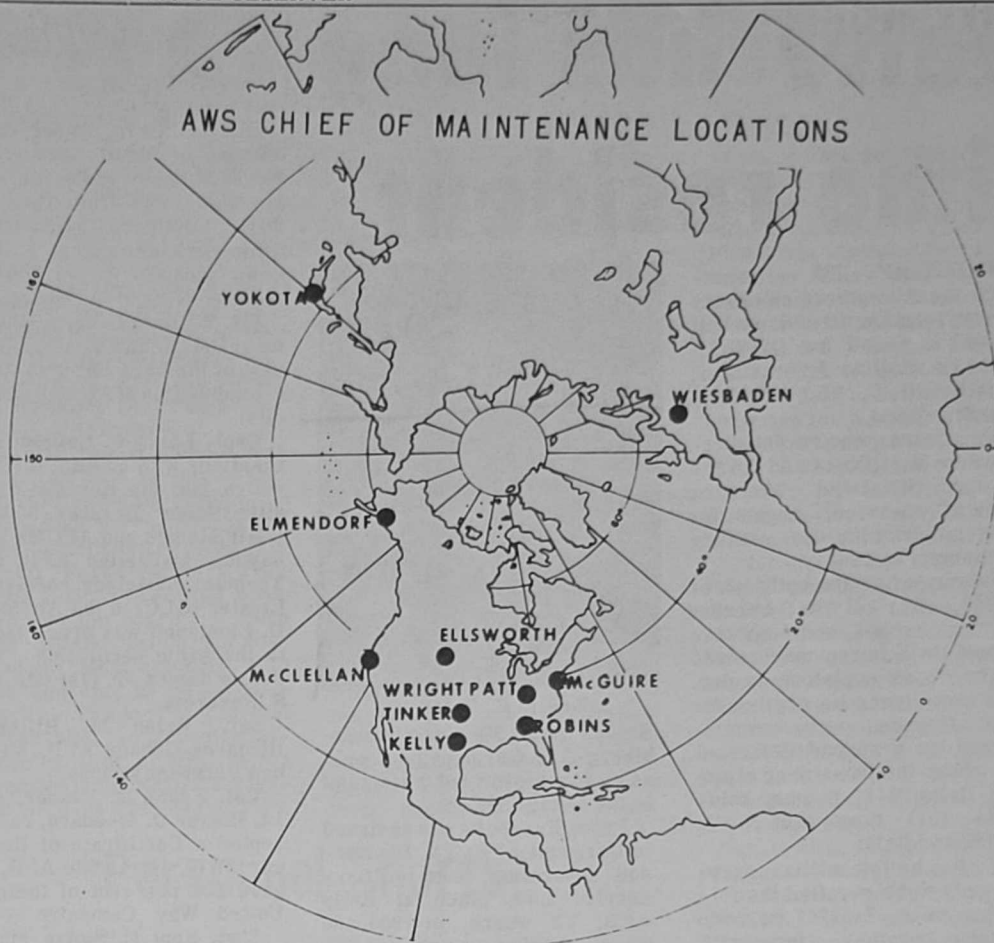
Interested individuals should direct inquiries or application requests to the President's Commission on White House Fellows, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20050. Applications for the 1975-1976 program, which begins in September 1975, must reach the Commission by Dec. 2, 1974.



SANTA'S MAILBAG is again being served by men of the Air Weather Service. Your child may also receive a "real letter from Santa at the North Pole." For the 20th year it may be done by sending an airmail stamped letter, addressed to your child and enclosed in a covering envelope, to Detachment 2, 11th Weather Squadron, APO Seattle 98737. There, TSgt. Harold J. Maille, project NCO, and his fellow Detachment 2 "elves," will mail the enclosed letter to your child. Upon receipt, point out that Santa's letter is postmarked, "Santa's Official Mail, North Pole, Alaska." (U.S. Air Force photo)



EQUIPMENT STATUS CHANGES, and when it does technicians enter the change on a status board. This enables the COM to know at a glance the condition of equipment for all of the areas he and his people must maintain. TSgt. Jesse R. Stiefel Jr makes such a change. (U.S. Air Force photo)



## New maint. management system; more AWS control

With revision of AFM 66-1, Vol X, comes a completely new maintenance management system for Air Weather Service units. Its most significant change involves the position of Chief of Maintenance (COM), who has a limited staff at each intermediate maintenance function.

The COM provides mainten-

ance management to his geographically supported units. He does this by planning, organizing, coordinating, directing and controlling the maintenance efforts throughout his area.

Each COM has a staff made up of production analysis, training management, administrative, plans and mobility functions, and is supported by Quality and

Maintenance Control Branches.

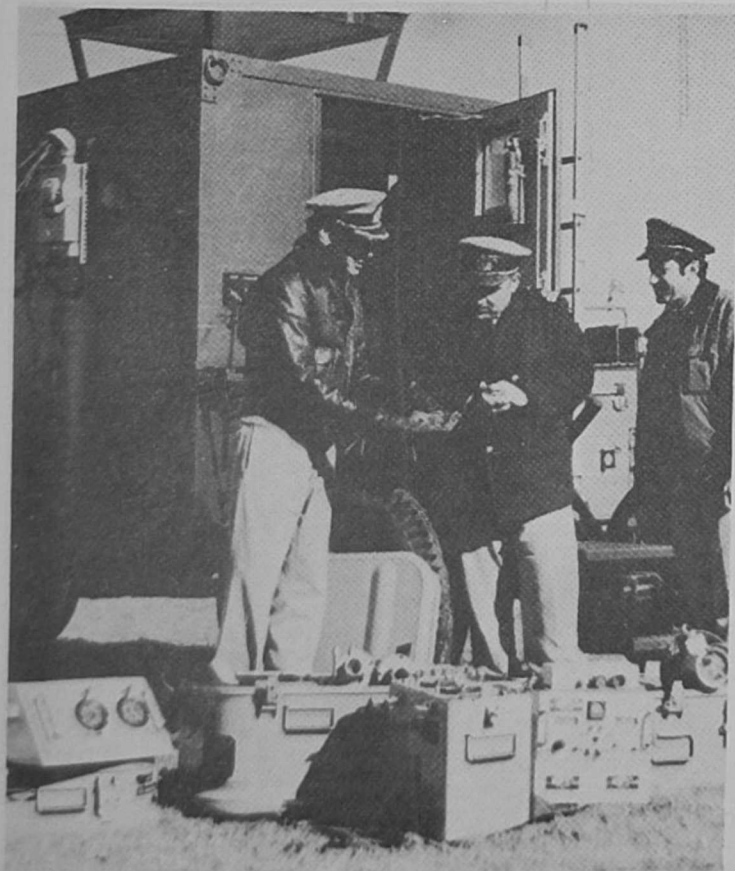
Maintenance Control is the "heart" of the COM's operation. Maintenance Control directs and controls the entire maintenance effort. To effectively do this, as was done in the 6th Weather Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK, a Maintenance Control Center was built using self help. This center can

identify and show the status of virtually every piece of major meteorological equipment in its area of responsibility. Through such centers COMS can more effectively monitor and control, as well as schedule, all maintenance in their areas.

The Control Center is not unique to 6th Weather Squadron; and AWS COM has a similar

center to support his units. Through these control centers, COMs can take active part in all maintenance efforts.

The COM and his Maintenance Control function are now able to provide assistance to units within a given area -- for better maintenance and its control.



CHIEF, URUGUAYAN NAVAL Weather Service, left, shows the commander of Base Capitan Curbelo a wind equipment printed circuit as Ensign Edelberto Viana looks on. (U. S. Air Force photo)

### Gift to Uruguay

# AWS van watches Latin skys now

HOWARD AFB, CZ -- By means of the Military Assistance Program the Uruguayan Navy gained a mobile meteorological observation van and the Air Weather Service cemented international relations even more. It came about following a staff assistance visit during which it was learned that the Uruguayan Naval Weather Service needed the van.

Once the need was known, a van was declared excess, funding action was completed and the van made the trip from Langley AFB, VA to Howard AFB, CZ.

At Howard, Capt. Richard A. Rasmussen, detachment forecaster and Latin American Affairs Officer with Detachment 25, 6th Weather Wing, along with SSgt. Carl L. Ridener, the unit's maintenance NCO, delivered it to Base Capitan Curbelo, Uruguay.

At this location representa-

space over Montevideo and South Atlantic waters can be made. Further, the van will provide an effective meteorological watch point for fog banks and severe weather phenomena in that area.

The van was moved aboard a MAC C-141 to Montevideo where it was met by Cmdr. Ludovico Toletti and Lt. Cmdr. Ernest Figueroa.

The next day it was towed to Base Capitan Curbelo, approximately 60 miles away, where, within the week, it was set up and aligned by Sergeant Ridener.

Following some quick "classroom" instruction of Ensign Edelberto Viana by Sergeant Ridener, the van went into operation.

According to a Detachment 25 spokesman, "The Uruguayan personnel were very pleased with the van's usefulness, equipment, appearance, and size."



ENSIGN VIANA enters van for first time. (U.S. Air Force Photo)

# Det. 7 has long time resident

KELLY AFB, TX -- Impossible for a weatherman to stay at one location 19 and one half years? It wasn't for Leslie C. Gates, a civilian forecaster at Detachment 7, 15S Weather Squadron here.

Mr. Gates, who recently received a certificate and pin for having completed 30-years Federal Service, began his association with the military community in 1942.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War II he attended cavalry school and was assigned to a horse-mechanized regiment as a platoon leader. The same year he applied for pilot training, was commissioned as a second lieutenant, and spent the remainder of the war flying B-17 bomber missions (51) throughout North Africa and Italy.

In 1945 he left military service only to be recalled the following year. In 1947 he completed weather forecaster school and, after a tour at



Leslie C. Gates

Brooks AFB, TX, went to Neubiberg AF, Germany, not only as a forecaster but as a pilot in the Berlin Airlift.

From Europe he was assigned to Carswell AFB, TX. His second separation from military service took place at Kelly AFB, TX where, in 1955 and as a civilian, he joined his present unit.

# Nine officers will attend 'High Flight'

Nine members of Air Weather Service (AWS) will be among 51 captains and majors attending a special High Flight program at Scott AFB, IL, Dec. 3-5.

From AWS will be Capt. John H. Bradham, OL-C, 6th Weather Wing (WW), Griffiss AFB, NY; Capt. Ernest W. Elston Jr., 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing, McClellan AFB, CA; Maj. William J. Higham, Detachment (Det.) 15, 24th Weather Squadron (WS), Vance

AFB, OK; and Maj. James Kerlin, 1WW, Hickam AFB, HI.

Also attending will be Capt. Arthur P. Livingston, Headquarters AWS, Scott AFB, IL; Capt. Robert G. Peterson, 5 WW, Langley AFB, VA; Capt. Arthur T. Safford III, Air Force Global Weather Central, Offutt AFB, NE; Capt. Joseph Silva, Det. 7, 31WS, Aviano AB, Italy; and Capt. Terrence Woodruff, 53rd Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Keesler AFB, MS.

Officers were selected to attend the program based on their outstanding middle management skills and executive growth potential. (MNS)

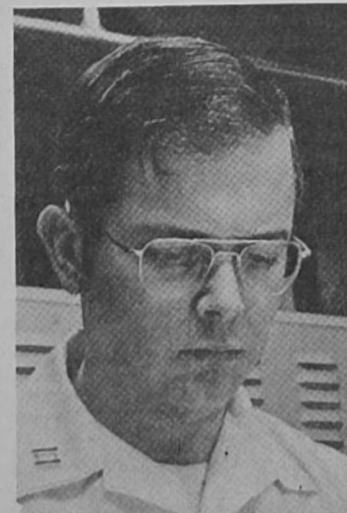
# Two AWS units to get MAC awards

Flight Safety Certificates commending two units of the Air Weather Service (AWS) were recently received from Headquarters Military Airlift Command (MAC).

The certificates, which were directed to the AWS commander's office, cited three consecutive years of accident-free operation by the 1st Aerial Cartographic and Geodetic Squadron (ACGS) and the 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron (WRS).

In his letters of transmittal, Lt. Gen. Daniel 'Chappie' James, MAC vice commander, said of the 1st ACGS, "The squadron's total record of more than 14 years of accident-free flying, set prior to its inactivation in March 1974, is an outstanding accomplishment."

Of the 54th WRS he said, "The squadron's total record of 11 years of accident-free flying, conducted under demanding and often hazardous circumstances, serves as an example to the entire command."



Capt. R. D. Delay

# Capt. Delay sets pace, 'Mister' on to 'Masters'

KIRTLAND AFB, NM -- Detachment 23, 6th Weather Wing here had an Air Force success story in the form of Capt. Richard D. Delay.

Captain Delay joined the Air Force Special Weapons Center last year as its staff meteorologist. His story began long before then.

He was born and raised in Brooklyn, where he attended Stevens Institute of Technology before enlisting in the Air Force.

His first job was as an air traffic control radar maintenance man. At Keesler AFB, MS, while in training, he met and married a teacher of nursing at a local junior college.

In 1965 he was accepted for the Airman Education and Com-

missioning Program. After obtaining a degree in meteorology from Pennsylvania State University he completed Officer Training School and began his "officer career." It lasted but one assignment, to Ft. Stewart, GA, before he again moved upward.

He said, "I was selected for graduate training in meteorology, received my M.S. degree from Penn State in 1971 and came here to Kirtland, first to the Weapons Laboratory then to the Special Weapons Center."

After three years at Kirtland, Captain Delay received orders to go to Operating Location "F" of Detachment 18, 20th Weather Squadron, Camp Humphries, Korea.

Det. 2, 1WW, Andersen AFB, Guam, had a harvest of honors recently. CMSgt. Eugene Murdock received the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), and TSgt. Paul (Tex) Vogler the Air Force Commendation Medal (AFCM). Sgt. Dirk Semmelink earned the NCO Leadership School Commandant's Award and TSgt. Ed Yeater was selected NCO of the Quarter.

Sgt. William Leng, weather equipment repairman, Det. 4, 15WS, Altus AFB, OK, is now president of the base Enlisted Advisory Council. It is a combination of Airman and NCO Advisory Councils.

Capt. Larry F. Collins, standardization flight examiner with 55WRS, McClellan AFB, CA, was sworn into the Regular Air Force by Col. Orville "Mike" Beranek, 55th commander.

Air Medals and AFCMs went to four men of the 55WRS, McClellan AFB, CA, recently. Capt. Thomas J. Melody received the 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC) to the Air Medal and Capt. Ramon D. Clantanoff was presented the 3rd and 4th OLC to the same decoration. AFCMs went to SSgt. Jessie James Jr. (1st OLC) and to SSgt. Santiago S. Nazareta.

Sgt. Brian M. Hillerby, Det. 14, 12WS, Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO, recently sewed on new sergeant stripes.

Col. Frank D. Reeder, commander, and 2nd Lt. Homer O. Woodard, campaign chairman, accepted a Certificate of Honor on behalf of Det. 20, 3WW, Barksdale AFB, LA, personnel, who gave 158 per cent of their "fair share" in the United Way Campaign -- two weeks early.

SSgt. Kent E. Stolze, administrative specialist at Det. 29, 15WS, Buckley ANGB, CO, received the 2nd OLC to the AFCM for service at Det. 30, 10WS, U-Tapao RTAFB, Thailand.

Senior NCO of the Quarter for 7WS, Heidelberg, Germany, is MSgt. Manley R. Biggerstaff, Det. 4, Schwaebisch Hall AAF, Germany.

A medal and three new titles went to men of 3WW recently. Capt. James R. Avant Jr., of headquarters, received the 1st OLC to the AFCM for service as weather officer and support liaison officer, Det. 20, 2WW, RAF Mildenhall, England. Career NCO of the Quarter went to TSgt. Raymond D. Ross, NCOIC of Maintenance, Det. 1; First Term NCO of the Quarter is Sgt. David M. Raric, chief clerk at headquarters; and Airman of the Quarter went to Ann. Robert H. Fernandez, an administrative specialist. Winners received desk sets from Col. Berry W. Rowe, commander.

Two men at Det. 18, 20WS, Yongsan AI, Korea, received MAC Pacific quarterly honors recently. SSgt. Donald O. Novak was selected as MAC Pacific NCO of the Quarter and Sgt. William L. Burton was runner-up for MAC Pacific First Term Airman of the Quarter. Both men had won "best in Korea" and competed for Pacific honors at Clark AB, PI.

Wedding bells were the order of the day for TSgt. Marlin Mason and A1C Charlotte Bolander

recently. They are members of Det. 4, 16WS, Ft. Meade, MD; he as chief observer and she as an observer. Wedding was at the fort chapel followed by a surprise party hosted by Msgr. Elmer Corby.

Maj. Craig D. Shaw, Alaskan NORAD Region staff weather officer in the 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, AL, received the MSM for service as commander, Det. 30, 3WW, Kincheloe AFB, MI.

Five AWS men were in the top 10 per cent of the latest Norton AFB, CA, MAC NCO Academy class. They were MSgt. Robert D. Johnson, Cannon AFB, NM; TSgt. Larry M. Hamm, Fulda AAF, Germany; TSgt. James B. McClain, McClellan AFB, CA; SSgt. James A. Randolph Jr., Scott AFB, IL' and SSgt. Johnny R. Revel, Kindsbach CMF, Germany.

In Hq. AWS, Capt. H. William Pacella, budget officer, received the Meritorious Service Medal for service as 2WW comptroller. Chief of avionics maintenance division, 1st Lt. John H. Fullerton, was presented the 1st OLC to the AFCM for service with the 9WRW.

Six former AWSers, now weather instructors at Chanute AFB, IL, have won honors at the NCO Leadership School during the last 10 classes. SSgts. Robert L. Martin, Larry J. Walsh, Robert L. Harris and Alvin B. Crockett Jr. won Commandant's Awards. Sgt. Francis V. Villarreal took Honor Graduate, and Sgt. Robert P. Tartartis was the only graduate to win both Honor Grad and Academic Achievement Awards.

At Homestead AFB, FL, 1st Lt. Howard W. Balentine married Deborah Ann Barnes on Sept. 20. They honeymooned in Jamaica. The groom is a 1972 AF Academy grad. and a forecaster in Det. 6, 5WW.

Sgt. James W. Lingle, a weather observer, was chosen Airman of the Quarter for Det. 3, 5WW, Myrtle Beach AFB, SC.

Triple honors went to Sgt. Richard A. Beard of Det. 7, 7WS, Grafenwoehr AI, Germany. He was selected as Community Leader for October for work with the Boy Scouts, then NCO of the Quarter for his squadron, then NCOQ of 2WW.

Capt. Earl R. Snipes MAJCOM Staff Weather Officer in Hq. 1WW, Hickam AFB, HI, received the AFCM for service with Det. 17, 10WS.

TSgt. Charles Lutz is NCO of the Quarter and A1C Steve Flumerfelt is First Term Airman of the Quarter for the 1WW, Hickam AFB, HI. Sergeant Lutz is a solar equipment technician at OL-D and Airman Flumerfelt is an administrative specialist in the wing's Headquarters Squadron Section.

MSgt. Thomas B. Lancaster Jr., assistant chief observer in the 31WS, Lindsey AS, Germany, was selected Top Three NCO of the Quarter for 2WW.

A1C Ronald C. Johnson, weather equipment repairman in Det. 11, 2WW, Torrejon AB, Spain, selected as Airman of the Quarter for 2WW.

# Civilian jobs open at M.L.

Positions, GS-9 through 14, exist at the Meteorology Laboratory, Research Triangle Park, NC. The positions offer job opportunities for Air Weather Service alumni, especially separatees and reservists not penalized under the dual compensation laws. The open positions are:

- GS-9 Meteorologist (B.S. degree in Meteorology)
  - GS-12 Meteorologist/Model Development (M.S. or experience at equivalent level in related field)
  - GS-13 Model Development (M.S. or experience at equivalent level in related field)
  - GS-14 Model Development Chief (Ph.D. preferred)
- Inquiries should be sent to:  
NOAA/NBS/OT  
Attn: Sam Gibson  
Boulder, CO 80302

# A lesson from history

By John F. Fuller  
(AWS Historian)

"Almighty and most merciful Father, we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy great goodness, to restrain these immoderate rains with which we have had to contend. Grant us fair weather for battle."

This was the prayer of a chaplain, given on Dec. 23, 1944 by order of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton. The rain, which had plagued American forces for weeks, stopped the day the prayer was given.

Thirty years ago this month, on Dec. 16, 1944, Germany launched an offensive in the wooded plateau, which stretches from Northeast France through Belgium and Luxembourg, known as the Ardennes. Their offensive caught the Allies by surprise.

Adolph Hitler, Germany's dictator, demanded that the action be shielded from Allied airpower by bad weather for at least 10 days. He got seven, although rain, snow and thaws hampered Hitler's armor.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower later wrote of the battle, "As long as the weather kept our planes on the ground it would be an ally of the enemy worth many additional divisions."

When the weather broke for five days, beginning on that December 23rd, Allied airpower helped blunt the offensive.

"Weather" said Germany's Generalfeldmarshall Gerd von Rundstedt, "is a weapon the Germany Army used with success, especially in the Ardennes offensive."

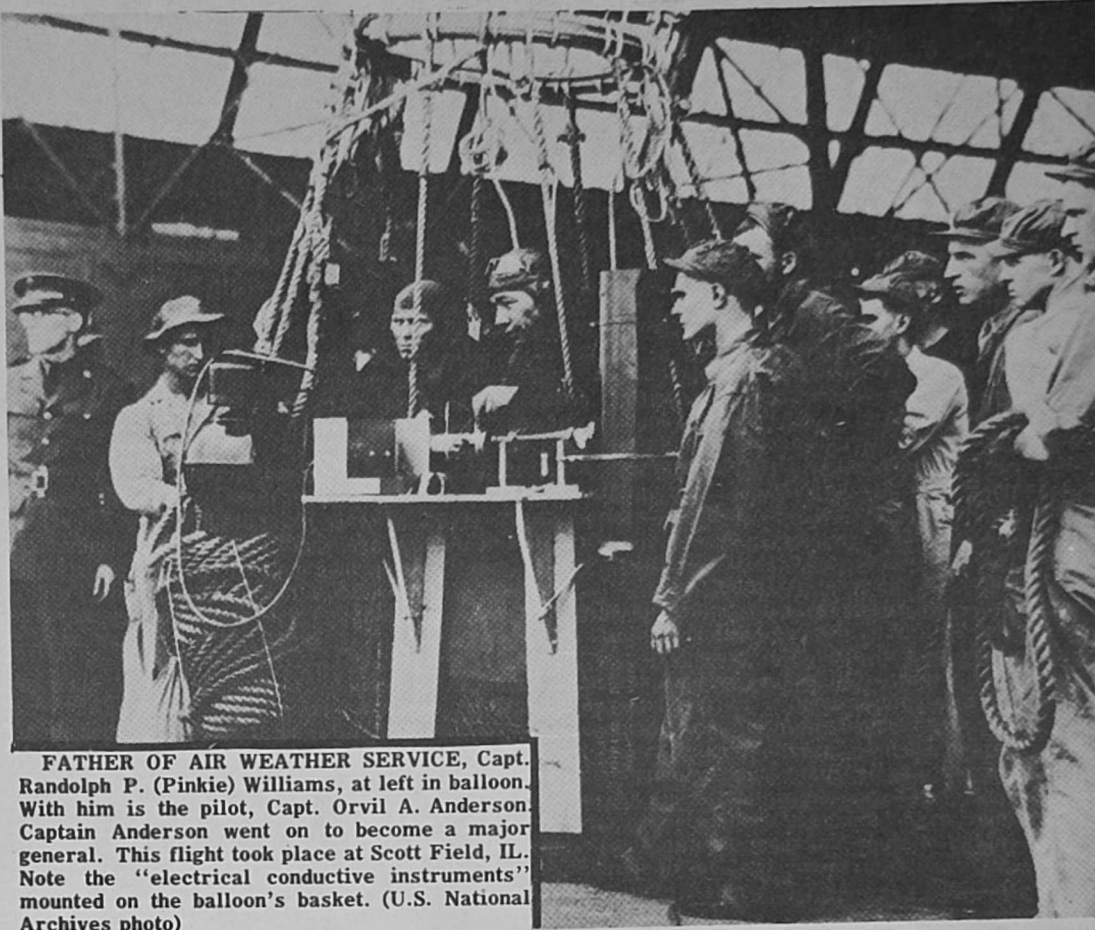
On Jan. 3, 1945 the Allies counterattacked, but the bulk of their armor had hardly passed through the infantry when bad weather set in again. Not a single tactical aircraft could support the attack. Fog kept them grounded that day and for the next two weeks.

For 11 days during January 1945 strategic aircraft of the Eighth Air Force were unable to leave the ground. During January even fighter aircraft, fighter-bombers, and medium bombers were grounded 13 days.

The value of weather during the Battle of the Bulge was fully realized by friend and foe alike.

(Note: This is the first of a series of articles to be published from an AWS pamphlet, *Weather and War*, soon to be distributed to AWS units)

# AWS' 'Yesteryear' was



FATHER OF AIR WEATHER SERVICE, Capt. Randolph P. (Pinkie) Williams, at left in balloon. With him is the pilot, Capt. Orvil A. Anderson. Captain Anderson went on to become a major general. This flight took place at Scott Field, IL. Note the "electrical conductive instruments" mounted on the balloon's basket. (U.S. National Archives photo)

## 82nd's Weathermen

# Det. 3, a 'Jumpin' Outfit'



Capt. W. G. Hugli

FORT BRAGG, NC -- Detachment 3, 16th Weather Squadron, is alive and jumping, a fact brought about by its assignment to provide weather support for an Army paratroop division.

As jump-qualified weather observers and forecasters, the personnel of Detachment 3 are unusual, both in their mode of transport and their affiliation with Army combat personnel.

Detachment 3 provides all tactical and airfield support for Fort Bragg except joint Army-Air Force commander briefings, which is the job of Detachment 4, 5th Weather Wing at Pope AFB, NC.

The unit's tactical teams are headed by Capt. Wilbur G. Hugli, staff weather officer for the 82nd Airborne Division.

According to Captain Hugli, the unit is organized along Army lines with a mission to "provide weather support to tactical Army units, including deployment with the Army." It is also called on to give in-garrison weather support for Special Forces units.

Additionally, the detachment supports all Adverse Weather Aerial Delivery Systems (AWADS) drops. A weather team of two men is present each time an AWADS drop is made.

Captain Hugli has made more than 19 Army-related jumps

in the last 18 months. About them he said, "I have complete confidence in the jump equipment. Also, the Army-oriented jump training we received at Fort Benning, GA, is the best to be had." Captain Hugli completed a jumpmaster course at the 82nd Airborne Division's Advanced Airborne School last June.

After Captain Hugli said, "All equipment in our inventory is Army issue except for specialized meteorological gear," Sgt. David Hansen added, "And inspections are rigid. Both Army and Air Force inspections are held...we have 82nd Airborne and XVIII Airborne Corps equipment to be checked too."

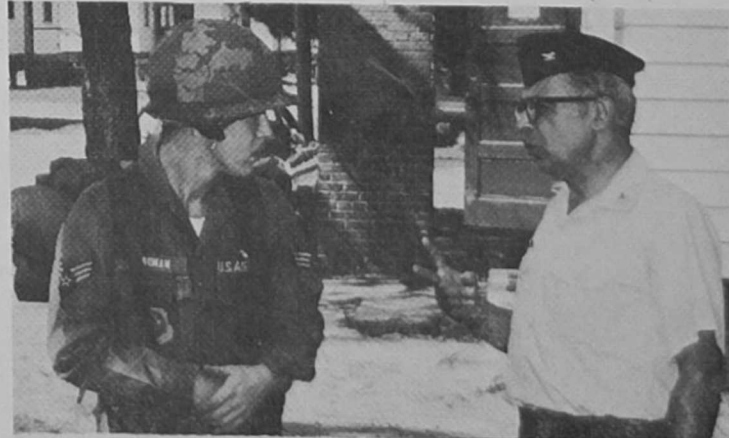
When preparing for a jump, unit members must include a Weapons Equipment Container-Individual (WECI) bag. It weighs about 100 pounds, almost double the 65-pound jump equipment and field pack.

"On the ground," Captain Hugli said, "we can build a legitimate weather station in a pup tent because most of our equipment can be 'chuted in' or air landed."

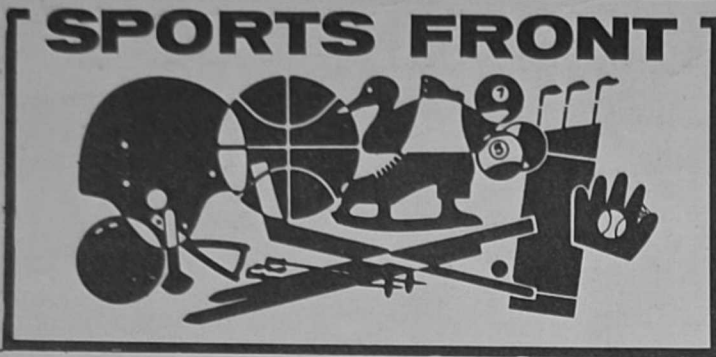
The unit has 23 personnel assigned; four officers, two enlisted forecasters and 10 observers as well as maintenance men and administrative personnel.



SHOW AND TELL was serious business during the recent visit to Detachment 3, 16th Weather Squadron, Fort Bragg, NC, by Air Weather Service deputy chiefs of staff. Capt. Wilbur G. Hugli, far right, briefs Col. Hyko Gayikian, Operations deputy, as Col. Castor Mendez-Vigo, Systems deputy, center, examines equipment and Col. Joseph M. Tyndall, Aerospace Sciences deputy, far left, is briefed by Sgt. Mitchell D. Edwards. (U.S. Air Force photo)



"DURING A JUMP..." appears to be the opening of a question and answer session between Sgt. Richard L. Truman, left, of Detachment 3, 16th Weather Squadron, Fort Bragg, NC, and Col. Hyko Gayikian, deputy chief of staff for operations, Air Weather Service, during a visit to Fort Bragg by several senior staff members. Sergeant Truman wears more than 90 pounds of jump equipment when he leaps into forward areas in support of U.S. Army airborne units. (U.S. Air Force photo)



## Loring's Det. 4 adds trophy

LORING AFB, ME -- Detachment 4, 3rd Weather Wing, recently received another trophy to add to their collection. This time it was as second place winner in the Loring AFB 1974 Slow Pitch Softball Program.

After a third place finish in regular play, the team lost the first of a double elimination playoff then took the next four games before losing to the base champs.

Luck had little to do with the small unit's win -- they have finished first or second for the last four years.

## Pair slams way to trophies

HICKAM AFB, HI -- Discovers Day on Oahu was a hot one, particularly for Ron Bound and John Kim of Headquarters 1st Weather Wing. The divotless duo underparred their way to win the "A" and "B" flights, respectfully, of the Hickam AFB Discoverers Day Golf Tourney.

The contest was under a format of match play versus

par, in which players had to beat par to win each hole. Players in "A" flight had a handicap of 0-14 and "B" flight 15-36.

Bound stroked a pair of 82s and was one hole up on par to win "A" flight. Kim was even stronger. He took "B" flight eight holes up on par with scores of 92 and 93.

## Det. 21 takes 86th award

KINDBACH CMF, GERMANY -- Detachment 21, 2nd Weather Wing, today displays the 86th Tactical Fighter Wing's Commander's Trophy. It came when the unit was chosen for having finished first in the small unit division (under 100 personnel) as holder of the most Intramural Sports Program points.

Twice each year the 86th presents the award based on points accumulated for sports participation and victories in all sports activities at Ramstein AB, Germany.

## League first, base second

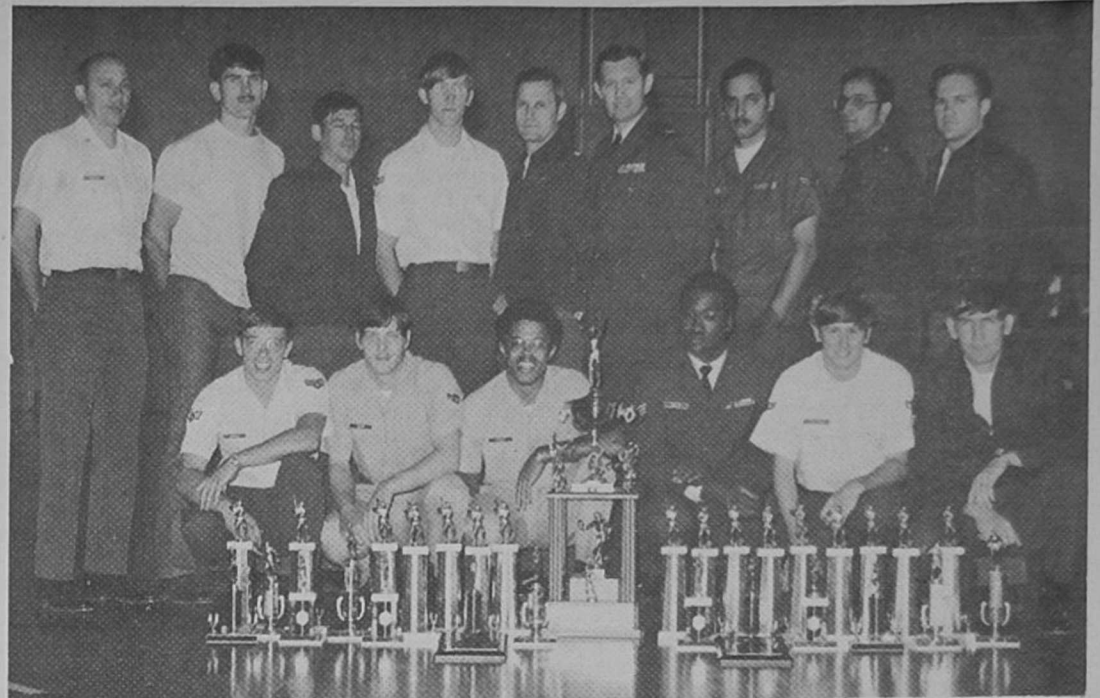
ELMENDORF AFB, AK -- The 8-man intramural golf team of the 11th Weather Squadron here took tops in their league then dipped to claim second place in the base championship.

Team members were:

George S. Akers, David E. Buerk, Wilmer D. Hughes, Robert O. Jones, Michael D. Murphy, Larry E. Nye, James L. Wise, and team captain Perry A. Raleigh.



WEATHER WATCHING CAN BE GREAT may be the opinion of Omaha, NB, residents when Carol Scott announces weather over the city's TV channel 3, and now she is an "honorary weatherman" in the 3rd Weather Wing. Following her visit to the unit and the Air Force Global Weather Central she accepts from Col. Berry W. Rowe, 3rd Weather Wing commander, a certificate which announces her "membership." Miss Scott is the daughter of a retired Air Force officer. (U. S. Air Force photo).



JUST A FEW of the trophies earned by the 6th Weather Wing personnel are proudly displayed by some of the members of various teams. See story below. (U.S. Air Force photo)

## Commander's Trophy

# AWS' 6th takes Langley's 1st

ANDREWS AFB, MD -- Andrews AFB's top sports trophy, the Commander's Trophy, is now a possession of the 6th Weather Wing. It climaxed the unit's 1973-1974 participation in the base's "Lifetime Sports Program" and was earned by personnel from the 6th Weather Wing Headquarters and the recently designated Detachment 2 of that organization.

The trophy was presented to Col. Joseph K. Lambert, vice commander, by Brig. Gen. C. J. Douglas Jr., 1st Composite

Wing commander, during special ceremonies.

According to Capt. Larry Johnson of the 6th, members of the headquarters and base weather station took part in base sports all year, winning more than 30 individual trophies along the way.

Some of the awards earned by the weathermen were: first places in slow pitch softball, mile run, table tennis doubles, and second places in the track and field 220, 440, 880, paddleball doubles, and badminton doubles.

Contributors to the awards were: James T. Zumwalt, Steven W. Walls, Phillip J. Travis, James C. Hanavan, Robert Borkowski, John V. St. Onge Jr., Carlton N. Bryan, George L. Suarez, Willie R. Patterson, Gregory Daisey, and James T. Callahan.

Others were: John F. Kern, Jerry M. Wright, James S. Lydon, Quentin L. Wilkes, James M. Connelley, Norman R. Reem, Steven W. Walls, Frederick J. Fowler, and Bruce A. Milliman.

# 'St. Sixth-olas' hosts Noel party

ANDREWS AFB, MD -- For the third year in a row mem-

## AWS-AFCS team wins SAC meet

BEALE AFB, CA - An Air Weather Service unit teamed up with one from the Air Force Communications Service to become the first tenant team to win the intramural fast pitch softball championship on this Strategic Air Command base.

It happened when four members of Detachment 11, 3rd Weather Wing joined with members of the 1937th Communications Squadron. The weathermen were Keith Rhyne, Hugh Parker, Steve Meyer and Dave Fulcher.

The "outside champs" went undefeated throughout the playoffs. It was the first time a non-SAC unit has taken any major sport at Beale AFB.

bers of Headquarters 6th Weather Wing, its Detachment 2, and the USAF Environmental Technical Applications Center will host a Christmas party for underprivileged children.

The gala day will be broken into three parts. After the most needy children are identified, they will first be taken to a local store where they will be outfitted with new clothing.

The second event is the party at which clowns from the local Shriners organization will entertain.

Finally, and as the climax to the day, Santa Claus will arrive and present each child with a personal gift and a basket of food which may be taken home to share with other members of the family.

Whether our readers greet others with "Merfy Christmas" or "Happy Chanukah (Hanukkah)" at this time of year, their OBSERVER staff sincerely wishes them "Season's Greetings."

## Team revamp builds winner

HICKAM AFB, HI -- After a dismal 1-16 fastpitch record, athletes of 1st Weather Wing here decided to revamp their team.

Under the guidance of Henry Simmons and the coaching of Al Gargiulo, who picked up a few veteran and rookie players, a new look appeared. The team switched to Mountainball (a form of softball using a 16-inch ball) and the end of the Hickam season saw the team with an 8-7 record.

After a local waiver of the "no over 30" limit for the age of players, the "Oneders," as the 1st calls its team, snatched the first three games. Due to temporary duty assignments and several injuries, the season sagged somewhat for them, but they never dipped below .500.

Team members were Dennis Nealson, Bee Bailey, Paul Santoki, Dennis Dropeo, John Kim, Bob Jenkins, Mike Graf, Steve Flumerfelt, Chuck Ruberson, Pete Peterson, Roland Vongruenigen, Ron Bound, Chuck Larson, Joe Tucker, Eldon Schmidt, Ray Runyan, Hal Woods, Bill Keiffer, and Buck Buchan.