



BRIGADIER GENERAL is the new rank of Berry W. Rowe, Air Weather Service commander, with the pinning on of his new insignia by his wife, Alta, and Lt. Gen. John F. Gonge, Military Airlift Command (MAC) vice commander. Attending the Dec. 15th special ceremony were members of the AWS staff; two of General Rowe's children, Victoria and Mark; Mrs. Gonge, Brig. Gen. John W. Collens III, MAC deputy chief of staff for Plans and a former AWS commander; and Brig. Gen. Harry A. Morris, MAC chief of staff. With his promotion, General Rowe becomes the eleventh general officer to command AWS since its establishment in 1937. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Tom Claudy)

Heavy promotion

16 gain eagles; majority to 49

SCOTT AFB, IL—Promotions to colonel and major in Air Weather Service, according to one personnel official, were "well above expectations."

Sixteen were selected for promotion to colonel and 49 to major.

The men soon to wear colonel eagles are: George E. Chapman, 25th Weather Squadron commander, Bergstrom AFB, TX; John J. Elliff, 24WS commander, Randolph AFB, TX; Lawrence R. French, AWS director of environmental sensors, Scott AFB, IL; and Eugene O. Godman, AWS director of evaluation.

Duane M. Griesbach, Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington; Keith R. Grimes, Military Airlift Command deputy chief of staff for plans executive officer, Scott AFB, IL; David C. Gurkin Jr., AWS director of field support; Robert E. Julian, 3rd Weather Wing weather liaison division chief, Offutt AFB, NE; and George W. King, 1500th Computer Services Squadron AWS automation officer, Scott AFB, IL.

Duane H. Matters, Office of the U.S. Air Force Inspector General, Norton AFB, CA; John E. Oliphant, now 15WS commander, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH; Norman R. Phares, Det. 6, 2WW, Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany; Joseph K. Sleater, 2WS Worldwide Military Command and Control System (WWMCCS) environmental staff officer, Andrews AFB, MD; Roger F. Strand, 3WS commander, Shaw AFB, SC; James R. Wright, Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC) data automation chief, Offutt AFB, NE; and Richard Wright, 1WW operations and plans chief, Hickam AFB, HI.

Promoted to major were: (Hq. AWS) Donald L. Best, James W. Choate, Kenneth H. Clark II, Melvin E. Huffman, Raymond G. Lapierre and John Peschier Jr. (1WW) Neil D. McQuage and Robert J. Milne.

(2WW) Louis R. Billones, James D. Boles, Robert M. Bussey Jr., George D. Hull, George G. McCulley II, Robert D. Smith and Charles R. Stout.

(3WW) Robert C. Crisler, Robert J. Korose, Arthur C. Kyle, James D. Kyle Jr., Lawrence E. Little, Richard P. McEiveen, Robert W. Pohl, Kenneth G. Rogowski and John E. Shaughnessy Jr.

(5WW) Edward L. Barger, George J. Cejka, Brian W. Galusha, Frederick F. Haddad Jr., Patrick J. Larkin, Hugh K. Linnemann and James E. Trost.

(AFGWC) William B. Freeman Jr., Clarence L. Gordon II, Ray E. Harriman, Joseph B. Hooten, Robert E. Jeffus, Francis M. Kephart, David A. Leatherwood, Michael D. Lewis, Kenneth F. Persin, James P. Reilly, Keith C. Ross, Roger H. Schauss, Robert L. Scheibel, Jeffrey S. Schleher, Jimmie Smith, Melvin L. Turner, Gary G. Worley and George F. Wortham.

Air Weather Service adds numbered wing Jan. 1st

SCOTT AFB, IL—On Jan. 1, Air Weather Service (AWS) regained a wing, the 7th Weather Wing (7WW), a former Scott AFB unit.

The 7WW was established to better support the increased Military Airlift Command (MAC) mission. The increased mission was occasioned by the realignment of the tactical and administrative support airlift functions under MAC and assumption of host base responsibilities at Pope AFB, NC, and Little Rock AFB, AR.

The 7WW's subordinate units are the 6WS (Mobile), Tinker AFB, OK; the 15WS, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH; and 12 direct-reporting detachments on MAC bases, and at Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO.

The 15WS now supports Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC) and its tenants through detachments already on AFLC bases. In the past, AFLC did not have a weather squadron providing dedicated staff weather support and management at its bases. With its activation, the

15WS will insure that weather support is tailored to the specific needs of AFLC. The 15th now also supports Headquarters, Air Force Reserve at Robins AFB, GA, and the Air Force Security Service, Kelly AFB, TX.

The 6WS will continue to provide mobile observing teams and chief of maintenance support for ground meteorological equipment. Most of its subordinate detachments are presently located on AFLC bases.

The 7WW's history dates to 1965 when it was activated at Scott AFB and picked up the mission, resources and men of the 8th Weather Group which had twice served at Scott. The wing's mission was to support Headquarters Military Air Transport Service, Air Training Command (ATC), and AFLC, a job it did until 1972.

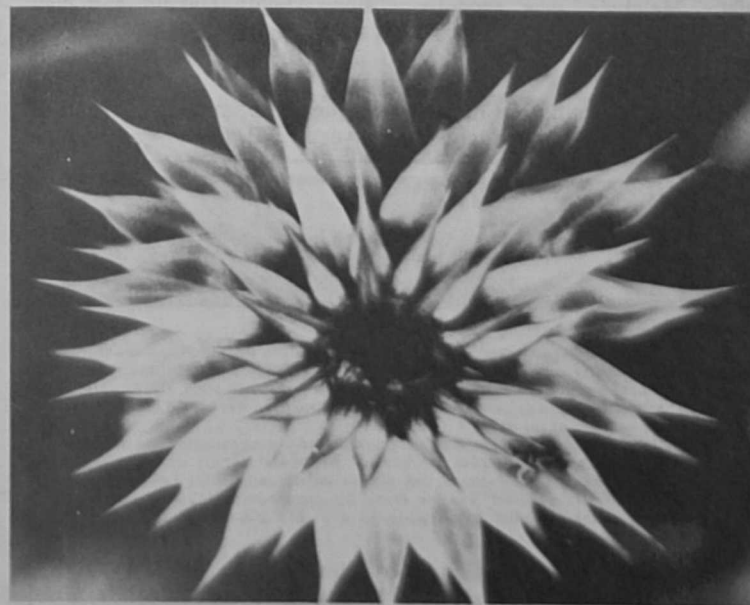
The 8th Weather Group was organized in 1945 at Grenier Field, NH, to support the Caribbean Defense Command and the North Atlantic Division of the Air Transport Command. In 1952 it moved to Scott AFB to serve ATC.

In 1957 when ATC moved to Randolph AFB, TX, the 8th Weather Group moved with it and remained there until 1961 when it returned to Scott AFB.

The 7WW has had among its commanders Col. William H. Best, who later became a general officer and AWS commander, and Cols. Arthur W. Anderson and Douglas C. Purdy who later became AWS chiefs of staff.

Tiny det tops base; surpasses goal two times

DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB, AZ—Detachment 9, 9th Weather Squadron here topped its base during the last Combined Federal Campaign drive. The unit gave 228 per cent of its \$270 goal and had 100 per cent participation. MSgt Charles E. Texter was the unit's drive chairman.



WINNING PHOTO in the Offutt AFB, NE, photo contest and labeled "Dahlia" was a picture taken by the Air Force Global Weather Central's 1st Lt. John D. Shewchuk. Lieutenant Shewchuk is an upper air monitor.



Brigadier General
Berry W. Rowe

Command Line

'1976's challenge — essentiality and efficiency'

The year ahead holds many challenges for each and every member of the Air Weather Service. Our nation's Bicentennial Year will find us challenged with the need to modernize and streamline both equipment and procedures.

The installation of our new facsimile equipment (the DL19W) is essentially complete. The only exceptions are our European stations where we will shortly begin testing the DL19W fax (facsimile) equipment.

NEWER, FASTER, CHEAPER

In our Continental U.S. stations, we will begin installing a new, faster, more cost effective generation of communications equipment to replace our aging teletypes. The new Data Speed 40 equipment holds much promise for streamlining the data handling task in our weather stations. We are currently examining the feasibility of expanding DS40 capabilities to our overseas stations.

Equipment to automate collection and dissemination of data from our airfield weather sensors (wind, temperature, visibility and ceiling) will be installed at Scott AFB, IL, this summer.

Successful operation of the system will start us down the road towards reducing manpower expenditures required to perform observing tasks.

MAJOR CHALLENGE

Our major challenge for 1976 will be to sustain needed environmental services to Air Force and Army forces under budgetary pressures which will force us to examine every task and procedure for essentiality and efficiency. We are now working on a reduction in the number of bases where we maintain forecasters on duty 24 hours a day. Weather watch and crew briefings during hours when our forecasters are not on duty will be done at a central location following established remote briefing station procedures. We are also examining many other tasks that we do with the objective of reducing the manpower cost of our service. We are working closely with all the Weather Wings in this effort.

YOUR HELP NEEDED

As we are able to fully define specific actions that can or will be taken, you will be advised. We will need your support and assistance to make it work.

★ Personnel Shorts ★

Did you know that:

* You will be awarded a 25170 AFSC on graduation from the Weather Technician Course if you hold a 25271 AFSC?

* MAC/IG teams will make dress and appearance a special interest item on future visits? Expect greater emphasis on the overweight problem.

* On and off-base housing for students (married and single) is becoming tight at Chanute AFB? Major impact is on people entering Course 3AAR25170. The problem can be overcome to some extent by arriving at Chanute AFB a few days earlier than normally

planned. Class start dates cannot be delayed to allow people extra time to find housing.

* Effective next June only E-6 and above will be eligible to attend the MAC NCO Academy?

* When you are TDY and occupy TAQs which provide maid service there is a \$2 charge each day? This must be paid when you vacate the room. Record these charges in section five of your travel voucher for reimbursement.

* Eligibility cut off date for the FY77 chief and senior master sergeant promotion cycle was Dec. 31, 1975?

* Hawaii now has a no-fault vehicle insurance law? Driving there without it may result in fines of \$1,000 per violation. Vehicles cannot be registered without this coverage.

Luke AFB unit's people donate \$481 to CFC

LUKE AFB, AZ—According to Lt. Col. David A. Bush, commander of Detachment 11, 12th Weather Squadron here, the 15 people of his organization averaged giving more than \$32 per person during the recent Combined Federal Campaign.

The unit donated \$481 and the organization's CFC project officer was MSgt. Herman McCathern.

— Swap List —

Each of the following AWS people wants to swap assignments with another person of the same AFSC:

70250 — A1C Larry T. Font, PSC-2, Box 6138, Offutt AFB, NE 68113, wants Rickenbacker AFB, OH; Plattsburgh AFB, NY; Griffiss AFB, NY; or Andrews AFB, MD.

30250 — A1C Gary L. Delinks, PSC-2, Box 6645, Offutt AFB, NE 68113, wants any place from Wright-Patterson AFB, OH east and Andrews AFB, MD north.

25150 — A1C Barton L. Spiker, PSC-3, Box 1296, Keesler AFB, MS 39534, wants Carswell AFB, TX; Sheppard AFB, TX; Dyess AFB, TX; or Barksdale AFB, LA.

ENLISTED LINE

By
CMSgt. Howard Bock

I have noted one very significant and heartening development during my first few weeks as Air Weather Service's Senior Airman Advisor. It is the increased acceptance of, and positive response to, the single career ladder.

Growing pains are being resolved. Release of the list of the first 35 units scheduled to have station chiefs and the selection of our first enlisted detachment commanders (DETCO) added considerably to the career ladder's visibility. The original and almost automatic resistance to change is subsiding and is being replaced by logic, understanding and support. More and more people are becoming aware of the bright light at the end of the transition tunnel.

VOLUNTEERS

As of this writing, the next four 3AAR25170 classes at Chanute AFB are filled by volunteers and we were only two short of filling the fifth (April) class. Unfortunately we needed to fill the classes downstream. As a result, seven E-5 selectee non-volunteers were tapped for the April and May classes.

In these classes E-4s and E-5s will constitute the largest group—83 per cent. A few of our exceptional E-3s make up another 11 per cent. Our E-6 through E-9 eligibles appear to be more reluctant to becoming directly involved in the program. This is indicated by their six per cent input (even though roughly 20 per cent of the eligibles are in these grades).

However, a positive change is also noted; the mid-1976 classes show an increase in applications from the E-6 through E-9 group. This is especially significant in that these NCOs have managerial and supervisory experience which can become the mainstay of the single career ladder during its formative years. After they complete the 25170 course it will not take them long to prepare to step into the station chief and DETCO slots as the positions become available.

SOME READY

Obviously some of our former 253XOs are already prepared for these positions and, through individual initiative, many others can ready themselves. Many people must restore long dormant observing skills. Many have been insulated, either by the old system or personal preference, from in-depth managerial and supervisory experience.

The single career ladder is developing. It has command interest, insistence and backing. It will evolve.

Brig. Gen. Berry W. Rowe, AWS commander, has given his goal—10 per cent of the AWS detachments to be commanded by NCOs—not technicians.

SOON IS NOW

The NCOs will make this program succeed and, quite likely, much sooner than some people expect. In general, our E-7s through E-9s, former 252X1s and 253XOs, hold the key to the short-range success of the program. Our E-6s and below will assure its long-range success. We are going to have a different AWS; no question about that.

We are entering a period in AWS history during which the NCO will come into his or her own more than ever before. I suggest that those of you who are hesitating re-evaluate your situation now—later may simply be too late.

Quote of note:

"At the present time the level of activity (against North Vietnam) is limited not by aircraft, but by weather."—Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara in testimony before Congress on Feb. 20, 1967.

Michael Melchoir gets highest rank; Eagle Scout

GRIFFISS AFB, NY—Michael Melchoir, son of MSgt. and Mrs. Eugene Melchoir, was recently awarded scouting's highest award here—Eagle Scout.

Mike began scouting in Chitose, Japan in 1968, where he advanced

to Second Class Scout. His next three years in scouts were in Illinois, South Dakota and New York.

Sergeant Melchoir is a Detachment 25, 5th Weather Wing weather equipment technician at Howard AFB, CZ.



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Brig. Gen. Berry W. Rowe
Commander, Air Weather Service
DAVID F. BARR
Editor

Swap List

Present Wing: (Circle One)
1 WW 2 WW 3 WW 5 WW 7 WW AFGWC

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.



RECENT SATEL-LITE pictures are of great interest to Lr. Gen. Thomas S. Moorman Jr. (USAF Ref.), second from right, during his recent visit to Air Weather Service Headquarters, Scott AFB, IL. General Moorman commanded AWS from 1954 until 1958. During his visit he learned of the latest observing and forecasting techniques as well as plans for the future. With General Moorman, left to right, are: Col. Hyko Gayikian, AWS chief of staff; Lt. Col. Paul Pulse, deputy chief of staff (DCS) for logistics; Col. Alfred Molla, AWS vice commander; and Col. Robert Chamberlain, DCS for operations. (U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. T.A. Tierney)

Weather Whys??

Weather Whys?? is a regular feature of the Air Weather Service 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: Com-

mander, Air Weather Service, Scott AFB, IL 62225. Each question will be answered, however all of the questions and answers may not be published in the Observer due to space limitations.

Q. — Will the Army accept NCO detachment commanders (DETCO)?

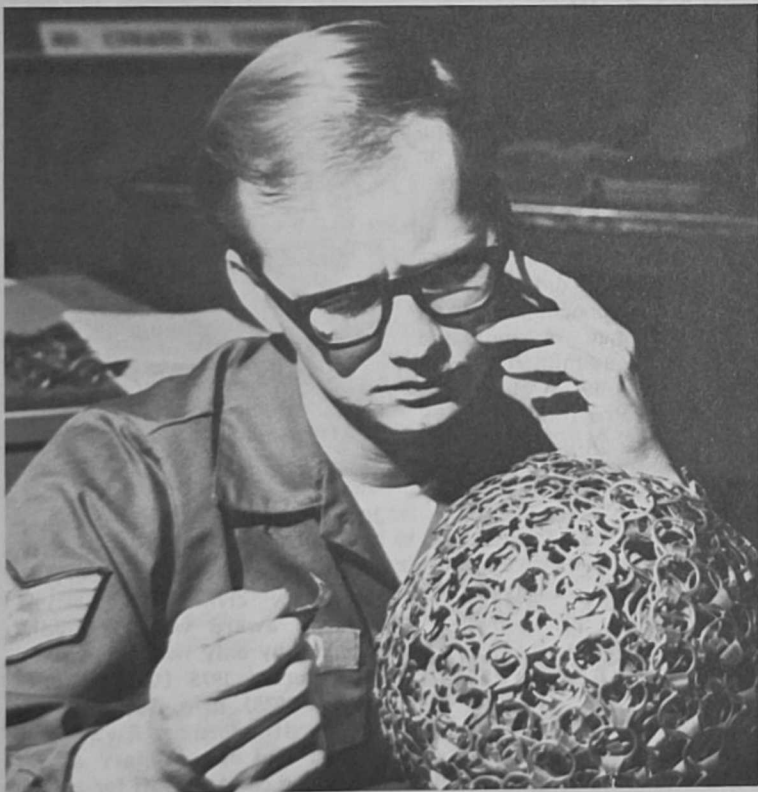
A. — We expect the Army to fully accept the NCO DETCO. MSgt. (SMSgt. selectee) Forrest

E. Gray is at Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, and things there are progressing normally. On the other hand, we would expect the Army to be reluctant to accept NCO staff weather officers (SWO)

and are only assigning NCO DETCOs to Army units with minimal SWO requirements. When the Army has more experience with the NCO DETCO we believe they will also readily accept senior NCOs as SWOs. We will adjust this current AWS policy as the Army commanders gain confidence in the outstanding AWS NCOs being assigned to these positions.

Q. — I am an E-4 attending the Weather Technician (3AAR 25170— Course. I hear that some E-3s are scheduled to attend this course in the near future. Is it true that after graduation we will have to work as observers only until we are promoted to E-5?

A. — Definitely not. After arrival at your next duty station you will become dual qualified. How soon you do this and become accredited will depend on your training progress and the needs of your unit. Your grade will have no bearing on the matter. Once accredited you may serve in either or both of the dual functions—that is the purpose of the single career ladder concept. In some isolated instances you may have to devote most of your time to observing until the former 253XOs become dual qualified. This may also occur if there is a shortage of 252X1s. Considering our current shortage of forecasters and full observer manning, these instances should be few and far between. If and when these situations occur, I expect them to be short lived as in-house training overcomes them.



FITTING another pop top on the globe-shaped ball of pop tops gathered by himself and his fellow students is SSgt. Terrence Mayfield of Chanute AFB, IL's Advanced Weather Equipment Technicians Course. The students will donate the ball of pop tops to a local church group who will use it and other tops to obtain a seeing-eye dog for a needy blind person. Sergeant Mayfield, before going to Chanute, was a member of Detachment 4, 6th Weather Squadron, Robins AFB, GA. (U.S. Air Force photo by Milene Wells)

OBSERVATION

Group study guide for SNCOA OK'd; available

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—The Air Force Senior Non-commissioned Officer Academy (AFSNCOA) has developed a group study guide for students interested in organizing group study to complete the academy's correspondence course.

The study guide, available through the Extension Course Institute (ECI), includes discussion and briefing topics for each lesson. Also, films available through local film libraries may supplement some lessons.

The SNCOA group study program is open to master, senior master and chief master sergeants enrolled in the academy's ECI course.

Persons interested in the group study program should enroll for it through normal procedures at the base education office (BEO). The guide may then be requested through the BEO from AFSNCOA/Programs & Evaluation/Research Division (EDS), Gunter AFS, AL, 36114.

Aliens must register now

SCOTT AFB, IL (MNS)—Federal law requires all aliens in the United States to register and to report their addresses once each year. This policy applies to military dependents who are foreign born, reside in the U.S. or a U.S.

possession, and have not obtained U.S. citizenship. Alien registration forms, which must be filed this month, are available at each U.S. Post Office or from the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington.

Reed to top USAF post

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—The President recently nominated Thomas C. Reed to succeed John L. McLucas as Secretary of the Air Force. Mr. Reed is a resident of Ross, CA. Dr. McLucas is now Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

Booze most abused drug

SCOTT AFB, IL (MNS)—Military Airlift Command (MAC) has launched an alcohol abuse counteroffensive to reduce the number of people killed or injured in alcohol-related accidents. Maj. Frederick A. Wagner, MAC Drug and Alcohol Abuse officer, said, "It's becoming more and more evident that alcohol is the leading form of drug abuse in

America today. Of the 92-million Americans who use alcohol, nine per cent are alcoholics. In MAC, we are identifying about 12 people out of every 1,000 each year as alcohol abusers."

The counteroffensive was developed to reduce the excessive use of alcohol and to help people with alcohol related problems.

Headquarters dropped

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Reorganization of Air Force and Navy Component commands of U.S. Southern Command, Quarry Heights, CZ, eliminates Headquarters U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and Headquarters U.S. Air Forces Southern Command. The change took place Dec. 31, 1975 and the missions of the two headquarters are now done by elements of U.S. Southern Command.

X-24B tests complete

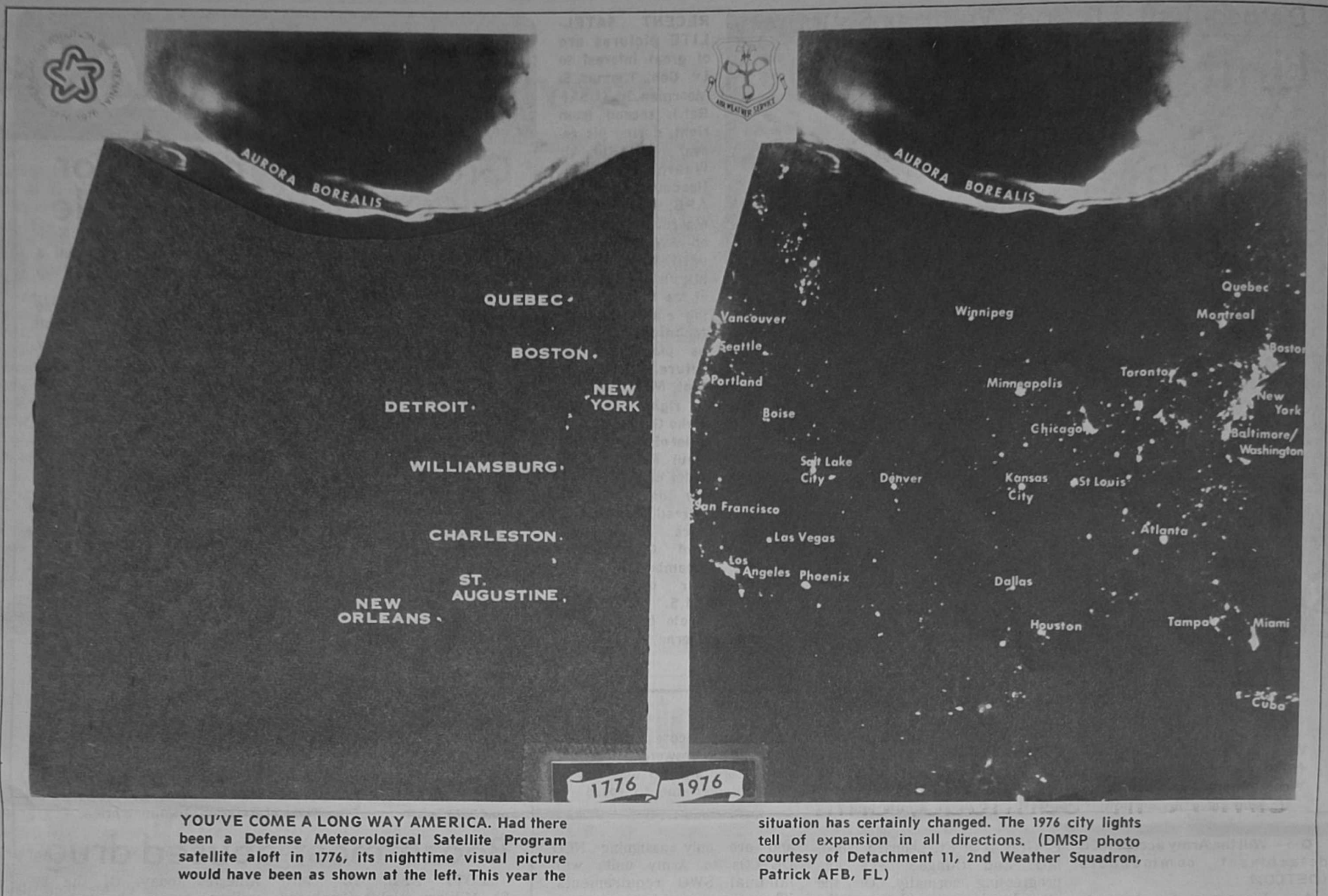
WASHINGTON (AFNS)—The wingless X-24B, which was tested by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration since 1973, flew its last mission recently.

The X-24B showed man's ability to maneuver and safely land a vehicle that was meant for earth reentry from space flight. Data obtained from the X-24B will be used to develop future aircraft capable of hypersonic (Mach 5-plus) speeds.

The flight ended a 27-month, 36-flight program.

AF tests split tour homes

SCOTT AFB, IL (MNS)—MAC bases will join other bases in a test that allows Air Force dependents to remain in base housing while the sponsor serves unaccompanied overseas tours. Certain requirements for eligibility must be met before the families may retain on-base quarters. Questions about the program should be directed to the base family housing officer where the family wishes to remain.



YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY AMERICA. Had there been a Defense Meteorological Satellite Program satellite aloft in 1776, its nighttime visual picture would have been as shown at the left. This year the

situation has certainly changed. The 1976 city lights tell of expansion in all directions. (DMSF photo courtesy of Detachment 11, 2nd Weather Squadron, Patrick AFB, FL)

AWS meets 1975's challenges

Air Weather Service people were equal to the tasks of 1975—a year of challenges for all.

SAFETY

AWS people enjoyed another safe year, and not a single private motor vehicle fatality up to this writing. During the year the National Safety Council (NSC) Award of Honor went to the 5th Weather Wing and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Weather Wings got MAC Private Motor Vehicle Safety Awards. Our goal for '76 is to prevent all accidents.

SINGLE CAREER LADDER

The Single Career Ladder program for enlisted weathermen was approved by the Air Staff in February and implementation began in June. Under the old career plan, at the E-5 level, weathermen chose either the observer or forecaster career field. The single career plan requires weathermen to attend the weather technician course and stay proficient as both forecasters and observers. The plan allows greater flexibility in scheduling and manning. It broadens enlisted responsibilities, offers them increased visibility and presents our people a more challenging and rewarding career. Full implementation of the Single Career

Ladder program will be complete in 1981.

SEON BEGINS OPERATION

February marked the beginning of the Solar Electro Optical Network (SEON). SEON is a combination of the Solar Observing Optical Network (SOON) and Radio Solar Telescope Network (RSTN). The first element of SEON began operations in Palehua, HI, in August. Through SEON observers can more accurately detect and analyze disturbances on the sun and forecast information to Air Force agencies whose missions could be affected by upper atmospheric events. The Air Force will soon ask for authority to produce four more SEON systems; in the Far East, Middle East, Puerto Rico and Holloman AFB, NM.

KANSAS CITY ARTCC TESTS

In an attempt to extend AWS support a joint test program was begun in June by AWS, the National Weather Service (NWS) and the Federal Aviation Agency (FAA). A small weather forecasting unit was set up in the Kansas City Air Route Traffic Control Center (ARTCC). The forecasters use FAA radars, pilot weather reports and weather radars to identify hazardous

weather before issuing advisories to aircrews in the area. The intended result is a more complete and responsible capability to help aircrews avoid weather hazards. Although the test will not end until next May, indications are that weather units in the ARTCC are the answer to extending our support beyond the local base area.

REORGANIZATIONS

In 1975 several major organizational changes took place, each designed to increase efficiency and reduce costs. September marked the end of more than 33 years of organized aerial weather reconnaissance by the Air Weather Service when the mission moved to the Rescue Service and the 9th Weather Reconnaissance Wing was inactivated.

In August the 6th Weather Wing was inactivated at Andrews AFB, MD, and Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC) took over its headquarters staff functions. To fill the void left by the 6th Wing, the 2nd Weather Squadron was reactivated. It and the USAF Environmental Technical Applications Center (USAF ETAC) were restructured under AFGWC.

ETAC MOVE

Responding to a 1974 Air Force directive, in August the

USAFETAC officially moved to Scott AFB from Washington. Dedication of the \$300,000 computer installation was in December.

CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Rising costs and shortages of energy and materials in 1975 plagued AWS as it did other services. Again our people were equal to the challenge. A validated savings of \$7.9 million during Fiscal Year 1975 Resources Conservation Program put AWS second among MAC's technical services and marked the third straight year we exceeded our established goal.

Weather wife gets FS award

PATRICK AFB, FL—At a recent Family Services Awards Luncheon here Mrs. Jeannie Nicolaus, wife of Capt. Richard C. Nicolaus, received an award.

Mrs. Nicolaus accepted the 2,250-hour guard award. At the same luncheon Mrs. Marc Little, wife of Capt. Michael O. Little, became a member of the local Family Services board. All are

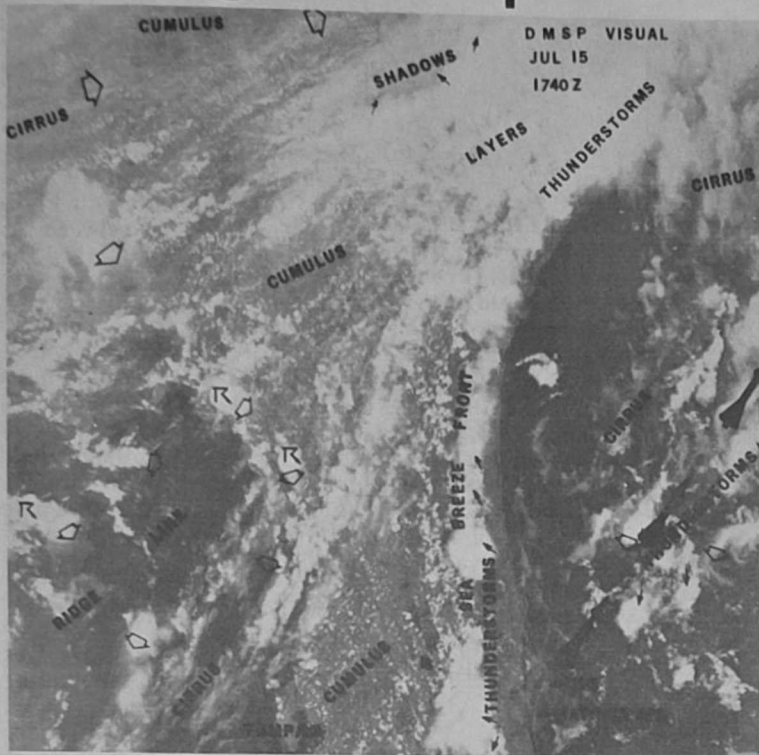


JOHN F. FULLER, Air Weather Service historian, recently received the Meritorious Service Medal for civilians. This uncommon award was reportedly received by only two civilians in AWS during 1975 (OBSERVER, October 1975). Brig. Gen. John W. Collens III, former AWS commander and now Military Airlift Command chief of staff for plans, presented the decoration. Mr. Fuller's medal stemmed from his creation of several significant and extensive written projects. (U.S. Air Force photo)

from Detachment 11, 2nd Weather Squadron here.

Detachment 11, 2nd Weather Squadron

Unit gives specialized service to space center



THIS SATELLITE PHOTO was used to make the prediction for weather during the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project launch last July. It was the first photo received by the Cape Canaveral Forecast Facility from the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program van. (U.S. Air Force photo)

PATRICK AFB, FL—Many services, facilities and people must work together to provide the specialized weather service needed by the Kennedy Space Center.

The Air Force, through Detachment 11, 2nd Weather Squadron here, manages the Cape Canaveral Forecast Facility (CCFF) which furnishes weather forecasting and consultation to all Air Force Eastern Test Range users. The forecast facility is open around the clock and is among the largest operational facilities in the world.

The CCFF forecasts weather probabilities before all launches.

In addition, forecasts are made for a variety of outdoor operations such as last summer's pouring of tons of concrete for the shuttle runway during the rainy season, during the loading of hypergolic fuels and for the navigation of barges which pick up and deliver materials to the space center.

While satellite photos offer sophisticated indications of what is happening weather-wise, computers, balloons, rockets, radar, aircraft and lightning detection as well as ranging systems are needed for the final human touch for predicting the weather.



FORECAST facility people, such as Sgt. Jorge Fernandez, seated, and (standing left to right) Dr. Leonard DeVries, Maj. Jerome Ashman and Sgt. Ronald Gearhart, provide the "go or no go" weather data needed by satellite launchers. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Lt. Col. J. F. Pohle attends CIMFA in Santiago, Chili

HOWARD AFB, CZ—Lt. Col. John F. Pohle, Detachment 25, 5th Weather Wing commander, was among the delegates from nine countries at the recent meeting of the Seventh Annual inter-American Air Forces Meteorological Committee (CIMFA) recently. The committee met at Santiago, Chile.

CIMFA is made up of weather experts from throughout Latin America. It meets each year to discuss weather support procedures and plans and to insure standardization of weather services throughout Central and South America.

Topics discussed this year included weather telecommunications networks, satellite networks, training and exchange of weather personnel, surface and upper air meteorological instruments, and weather support during national disasters and research.

Also attending the meeting were: From Uruguay: Nilo W. Amestoy and Lt. Ruben Silva; Peru: Capt. Alfonso Maguina; The International Organization of Civil Aeronautics: Jose Nunez; Republic of Panama: Ricardo Bermudez; Venezuela: Capt. Tulio Prado; Chili: Gen. Raul M. Vargas and Col. Sergio Bravo Flores; Argentina: Vice Commodore Elvio Alfredo Ferrari; Brazil: Lt. Col. Farid Cezar Chede; and Ecuador: Maj. Marcos A. Torres.

Ft. Huachuca seeks civilian

SCOTT AFB, IL—Like mild winters? Cool summers? Clear, smog-free air? Rewarding work? If so, the USA Intelligence Center and School (USAICS) at Ft. Huachuca, AZ, may have the job for you. USAICS has a new civilian meteorologist position in its meteorological branch. It became available Jan. 1.

Interested persons should contact the Civilian Personnel Office, Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85613 or telephone Lt. Col. James Owens at Operating Location A, 16th Weather Squadron, Ft. Huachuca; AUTOVON 879-3505.



ATTENTION prevails among visiting weather wives during their day at Headquarters Air Weather Service recently. Before the day ended more than 120 women visited the headquarters including, as honored guests, the wives of Lt. Gen. John Gonge and Brig. Gen. Harry Morris, Military Airlift Command vice commander and chief of staff, respectively. Host and hostess for the day were AWS commander, Brig. Gen. (then colonel) Berry W. Rowe (briefing) and his wife Alta. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Joneses:

Three times away,
three times back

OFFUTT AFB, NE—Vivian R. "Vicky" Jones, secretary to the Air Force Global Weather Central commander, must feel as if she is attached to Offutt AFB by a rubber band. She has left Offutt three times in the last 25 years only to return each time.

In 1950, as a staff sergeant in the Women in the Air Force (WAF), she was a court recorder at Strategic Air Command (SAC) Headquarters. A year later she

married her unit's first sergeant and left the base when he was transferred.

In 1955 the Jones family returned to Offutt, but this time she became a civilian secretary in intelligence. She left with her husband in 1958, but the following year again returned to Offutt and her old job in intelligence.

Mrs. Jones bid farewell to the base for the third time in 1965 and two years later drove back through

the now very familiar gate. "We returned in 1967 and have been here ever since," Mrs. Jones said. "Somehow I never really thought it strange that we kept returning. After a while we just called Offutt home. We plan to stay here after my husband retires." She then sighed and added, "We may as well."

CMSgt. Roy L. Jones, her husband, is SAC's personnel sergeant major.

42-week course

'Perfect grade average' to Schofield

CHANUTE AFB, IL—SSgt. Bruce J. Schofield, now a member of Detachment 4, 15th Weather Squadron, Altus AFB, OK, set a goal for his successors to follow here. He is the only student ever to attain a perfect grade average in the 42-week Advanced Weather Equipment Technician Course.

"I really didn't think I had done anything special until they told me I had aced the course," said Sergeant Schofield.

Out of the 11 people in his class, four were honor graduates, one with a 99.4 grade average.

"The class was a real challenge to teach," said MSgt. Ronald Godbout, an instructor. "You really had to know what you were talking about or they would nail you to the wall," he said.

A native of Gary, IN, Sergeant Schofield entered the Air Force in 1971. He attended the basic Weather Equipment Repairman Course at Chanute AFB in 1972. Although he didn't attain a perfect score at that time, he was an honor graduate.



'NUMBER ONE' might be the title given SSgt. Bruce J. Schofield, Detachment 4, 15th Weather Squadron, Altus AFB, OK, by the Chanute AFB, IL, training center. Sergeant Schofield was reported to be the only student ever to earn a perfect average in the Advanced Weather Equipment Technician Course. (U.S. Air Force photo by Milene Wells)

Offutt pair talks to local gatherings

OFFUTT AFB, NE—Two key officers of the 3rd Weather Wing, speaking before separate audiences, told of life in the Air Force and the relationship between Air Weather Service (AWS) and the National Weather Service (NWS).

The first speaker, Lt. Col. Vernon M. H. Von, Detachment 1, 3WW commander, spoke during a Bellevue, NE, Metro Council luncheon on how AWS and NWS aid each other operationally. He further explained how the organization's efforts support Air Force installations and civilian communities.

Col. Kenneth E. German, 3WW chief of Aerospace Sciences, was guest speaker at a Saint Thomas More School veteran's gathering of more than 600 people. He used the film "Wonder of Flight" and a special slide presentation to tell of Air Force life.

AWS Salutes...

MEDALS

TSgt. Tadd Kowalzyk, Detachment 15, 24th Weather Squadron, Vance AFB, OK; first oak leaf cluster (OLC) to the Air Force Commendation Medal (AFCM).

Capt. William J. Bihner Jr., Operating Location C, 2nd Weather Wing, Athenai Airport, Greece; Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Capt. Michael P. McGaughey, Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC), Offutt AFB, NE; AFCM.

Maj. Roland E. Barth, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE; first OLC to the AFCM.

TSgt. Theodore J. Lippnik, Det. 30, 1WW, U-Tapao RTAFB, Thailand; second OLC to the AFCM.

SSgt. William A. Brothers, Det. 30, 1WW, U-Tapao RTAFB, Thailand; AFCM.

Lt. Col. Quentin L. Wilkes, Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, TX; Meritorious Service Medal.

Sgt. Floyd M. Parton, Det. 30, 1WW, U-Tapao RTAFB, Thailand; AFCM.

Capt. Edwin W. Marston, Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, TX; AFCM.

SSgt. Gary P. Libby, Det. 4, 15WS, Altus AFB, OK; first OLC to the AFCM.

EDUCATION

SSgt. John W. Szalkowski, an observer, Det. 13, 9WS, F.E. Warren AFB, WY, completed Bootstrap and accepted into the medical administration career field for 1976 as a second lieutenant.

Sgt. Richard L. Crane, Det. 14, 12WS, Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO; bachelor of arts degree in economics and business administration through Park

College, Kansas City, MO.

Capt. Jim Robertson, Det. 17, 20WS, Yokota AB, Japan; completed requirements for a masters degree in education through the University of Southern California overseas program.

BIRTHS

SEDLACEK, 1st Lts. Dan and Vicki, daughter, Amy Jean, Aug. 29. Father is a European forecaster and mother is a forecaster, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE.

ZIMMERMAN, Capt. and Mrs. Leon I., daughter, Amy Lynn, Sept. 25. Father is a systems analyst, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE.

ESCAJEDA, Capt. and Mrs. Luis, daughter, Karina Marie, Oct. 6. Father is a forecaster, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE.

KOLARIK, 1st Lt. and Mrs. David A., son, Nathan David, Oct. 19. Father is a systems analyst, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE.

JOHNSON, A1Cs Eddie and Rhonda, son, Brian Edward, Nov. 1. Rhonda is an observer, Det. 13, 9WS; father assigned to the 90th Combat Support Group, F.E. Warren AFB, WY.

CREVIER, 2nd Lt. and Mrs. David L., daughter, Kathryn Marie, Nov. 2. Father assigned to Det. 4, 12WS, McChord AFB, WA.

MATZEN, Capt. and Mrs. Gregory E., son, William Albert, Nov. 3. Father is chief, current operations, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, AK.

KENNEDY, Sgt. and Mrs. Lynn J., daughter, Stephanie Lin, Nov. 8. Father is an observer, Det. 3, 31WS, RAF Lakenheath, UK.

SVEEN, SSgt. and Mrs. James E., son, James Christopher, Nov. 9. Father is assigned to Det. 1, 7WS, Feucht AAF, Germany.

MUELLER, MSgt. and Mrs.

Raymond A., son, John William, Nov. 17. Father is a member of the 24WS, Randolph AFB, TX.

MILLER, Capt. and Mrs. Marlyn R., son, Randall Adam, Nov. 17. Father is a forecaster, Det. 25, 5WW, Howard AFB, CZ.

DITTER, Sgt. and Mrs. Jeffrey D., daughter, Victoria Suzanne, Nov. 19. Father is an observer, Det. 12, 7WS, Finthen AI, Germany.

WALSH, SSgt., and Mrs. John J., daughter, Stephanie P., Nov. 22. Father is in Det. 14, 12WS maintenance, Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO.

JOHNSON, Sgt. and Mrs. Robert D., son, Stephen Edward, Nov. 22. Father is an administrative specialist, Det. 17, 31WS, RAF Upper Heyford, UK.

LITTLEJOHN, SSgt. and Mrs. Robert E., son, Aaron Michael, Nov. 26. Father is a forecaster, Det. 2, 1WW, Andersen AFB, Guam.

SMITH, SSgt. and Mrs. William M., son, Aaron Joshua, Nov. 28. Father is assigned to Det. 11, 25WS, Cannon AFB, NM.

GUINN, SSgt. and Mrs. Donald E., daughter, Erica Denise, Dec. 9. Father is a member of the 24WS, Randolph AFB, TX.

FARRINGTON, SSgt. (TSgt. Sel.) and Mrs. Donald G., son, Christopher Donald, Dec. 13. Father with Det. 5, 16WS, Fort Knox, KY.

SERVICE SCHOOLS

MSgt. John L. Williams, Det. 2, 2WS, Andrews AFB, MD; honor graduate, Class 76-3, MAC NCO Academy (NCOA).

TSgt. Philip B. Shuttleworth, Det. 10, 16WWS, Ft. Benning, GA; Speech Award winner, Class 76-3, MAC NCOA.

SSgt. Charles C. Johnson, Det. 7,

5WS, Ft. Ord, CA; graduate, MAC NCOA.

Sgts. E. Wayne Harris and Daniel K. Seitzer, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA; graduates, MAC NCO Leadership School (NCOALS).

Recent NCOA graduates from AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE, were: SSgt. Richard H. Preweitt, TSgt. John J. Hewitt, TSgt. William J. Hause and MSgt. Warren M. Jones. TSgt. Leeward Tubbs, 2WS, Andrews AFB, MD, also graduated. Segeants Tubbs and Jones were distinguished graduates.

Graduates of the NCOALS from Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL, were: SSgts. Francisco Ballesto-Baeza and James W. Grobe. Graduates from AFGWC were SSgts. Daniel E. Mitchell, Robert D. Huth and Kenneth A. Nutter.

SMSgt. Thomas E. White, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE; graduated from the USAF Senior NCOA.

SSgt. Edmund D. Wallace, Det. 4, 15WS, Altus AFB, OK; 22AF NCOLS Instructor Abilities Award and Jesse Anderson Award for esprit de corps from Class 76-4. He also had the second highest overall class average.

Sgt. Frederick A. Woodcock, Det. 26, 26WS, Grissom AFB, IN; honor graduate, Class 76-6, 21AF NCOLS.

SAFETY HONORS

A forecaster, 2nd Lt. Lawrence M.O. Chun, Det. 4, 1WW, Hickam AFB, HI, received the MAC Distinguished Individual Safety Award.

UNIT HONORS

MSgt. James E. Gambrell, Det. 11, 31WS, Spangdahlem AB, Germany; 2WW Outstanding Senior NCO of the Quarter (NCOQ).

SSgt. Jeffrey D. Ditter, Det. 12,

7WS, Finthen AI, Germany; 2WW Outstanding NCOQ.

A1C Nicolas S. Powell, Det. 2, 2WW, Ramstein AB, Germany; 2WW Outstanding Airman of the Quarter.

MSgt. Alan Snider, Offutt AFB, NE; AFGWC's 1975 NCO of the Year.

CIVILIAN HONORS

Arthur W. Gulliver, chief of AFGWC requirements branch, Offutt AFB, NE, received a 30-year Service Award Pin and certificate from Gen. Russell E. Dougherty, SAC commander. Col. H.A. Million, AFGWC commander, then presented Mr. Gulliver a Special Achievement Award.

PROMOTIONS

To airman: Jay C. Trinklein, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA.

To airman first class: Ethel M. Fulmer and Craig L. Schroeder, Det. 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, TX; Mary A. Mennemeyer, Det. 13, 9WS, F.E. Warren AFB, WY; Allen P. Bayone, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE.

To sergeant: Connie C. Hennig and Shereen R. McGee, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA; Regina M. Kriete and John R. Gallacher, 9WS, March AFB, CA; Charles W. Duncan, Det. 13, 9WS, F.E. Warren AFB, WY; and Blair A. Abshire, William H. Copeland and David K. March, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE.

To staff sergeant: John M. Jory, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE; Donald R. Tooley, Det. 1, 7WS, Feucht AAF, Germany

To technical sergeant: Roger N. Brunnequell, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE.

To senior master sergeant: Frederic R. Roger, AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE.

A lesson from history

By John F. Fuller (AWS Historian)

The leader of one of the four bomber groups on the daring, August 1943 raid on Ploesti carried in last month's OBSERVER was one of the Air Weather Service founders. He later became the only former AWS officer to wear four stars. Can you name him?

He was born in Columbia, MO, in 1904 and spent his boyhood there and in Moline, KS. He graduated from West Point and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1926.

In 1936, from the California Institute of Technology, he became one of the Army Air Corps' first officers to earn a master of science degree in meteorology.

On July 1, 1937, as one of AWS' original 22 officers, he was assigned as 3rd Weather Squadron commander and the 3rd Weather

Region control officer at Barksdale Field, LA.

In July 1940 he left AWS and in December took command of a bomber squadron at Savannah Army Air Base, GA. He was one of the first four flying officers of the 8th Air Force and served as its assistant chief of staff for operations during its formative period at Savannah. When the 8AF moved to England, in June 1942, he went with it. Fourteen months later he was on the Ploesti raid.

After V-E (victory in Europe) Day he became chief of personnel services, Headquarters Army Air Forces; then deputy to the assistant chief of staff for personnel. In April 1947 he took command of the Strategic Air Command's 15th Air Force.

He returned to England in 1948 to organize the 3rd Air Division (later the third Air Force), which supported the Berlin Airlift. In

February 1950, in addition to his other duties, he became chief of the Military Assistance Advisory Group for the United Kingdom. Two years later, at Mitchell AFB, NY, he took command of the Continental Air Command.

On Aug. 31, 1957 he was promoted to general and in May 1958 became air deputy to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe, SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe) Headquarters, Paris.

He retired July 31, 1961, after 34 years service only to be recalled to active duty six weeks later. On recall, he became director, net evaluation subcommittee staff, National Security Council. He held this position three and one half years, retiring again on Apr. 30, 1965.

At the time of his second retirement he was the only Air Force active-duty general officer wearing the Medal of Honor—earned from the Ploesti raid.

His name is Gen. Leon W. Johnson.



POINTING AT VICTORY symbols on the side of his aircraft is Col. Leon W. Johnson, a Medal of Honor holder. With him is Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, European Theater of Operations, U.S. Army, commander. General Devers had just presented the Medal of Honor to Colonel Johnson for action during the Ploesti raid. The medal is still around Colonel Johnson's neck. (U.S. Air Force historical photograph)

Noncom unit claims many achievements

YOKOTA AB, JAPAN—According to SMSgt. Norris Smalls, Detachment 3, 1st Weather Wing commander, when you see a salute given in his unit you know a visitor is around. Det. 3 is made up entirely of noncommissioned officers.

Sergeant Smalls also points out that his NCOs "have many achievements to their credit."

In the last four months SMSgt. John Ryan completed the Senior NCO Academy; SSgt. Julius Wetzell was selected for promotion, completed the MAC

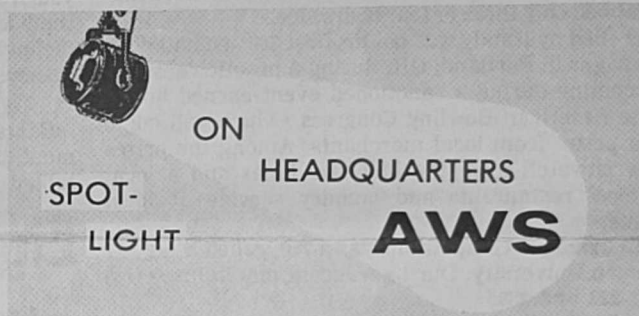
NCO Academy and base management course. TSgt. Edwin Clark and SSgt. Robert Rauch also finished the management course. SSgts. Robert Odom and George Burroughs graduated from the 22nd Air Force NCO Leadership School.

September's IMS Maintenance Man of the Month was SSgt. John Coursen and October's IMS Maintenance Man of the Month was TSgt. Dennis D. Calhoun. SSgt. Jim Hardesty is the most recent holder of the maintenance honor.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT is the case on one of Detachment 2, 3rd Weather Squadron's shifts at the Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC, weather station. For the first time a shift was made up of all women. They are, standing from left to right, A1C Cynthia Chase, weather observer, and A1C Diane Heibert, weather equipment specialist. Seated is 2nd Lt. Pamela Davis, weather observer. (U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. Dewey Mitchell)



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What direction should Air Weather Service take in probability forecasting? How can tropical cyclone analyses be improved or how can we best process vertical temperature soundings from satellites? How can satellite imagery best be applied to the local forecast problems?

These questions and more are now being looked into and answered by the Atmospheric Dynamics Division (DNTD).

FOUR EXPERTS

This four-man division, led by Lt. Col. William Johnson, is manned by people with a wide variety of educational and operational experience.

Maj. Walter Meyer and Maj. Douglas Abbott, both with long tours at Air Force Global Weather Central, furnish expertise in satellite meteorology and numerical weather prediction, respectively.

Capt. Albert Boehm, with experience at the squadron level, is active in the use of statistics in meteorological applications and in the probability forecasting-mission success indicator program.

Colonel Johnson has had a wide range of assignments and has a special interest in the physics and dynamics of the upper atmosphere.

As a group they are deeply involved in future AWS capabilities. In some respects, the name Atmospheric Dynamics is not complete—the interests and responsibilities of the division go far beyond the dynamics of the atmosphere.

DNTD is instrumental in establishing new directions for AWS technique development and is responsible for publishing the

Technique Development Summary. It is involved in formulating concepts for applying statistical methods to AWS forecasting practices and pushing for greater use of probability forecasts for selected weather parameters.

R & D

The division monitors many environmental research and development activities to see if they can be used by AWS units.

These activities include numerical weather prediction model developments, tropical cyclone observing and forecasting, development of model output statistics and mission success indicator algorithms, and satellite sensor technology.

To get its job done DNTD works closely with such places as the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory as well as a number of university meteorology departments.

DNTD provides technical consultation assistance to Headquarters AWS as well as to field units. Division members sponsor a number of Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) students and provide assistance in the form of potential theses topics as well as the actual acquiring of data for their research.

Finally, the division evaluates and approves technical papers prepared by AWS people for publication.

By
Maj.
Walter
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SPORTS FRONT

SOCCER

RAF LAKENHEATH, UK—Soccer at Detachment 3, 31st Weather Squadron here has special meaning. The unit provided the base soccer team a winning captain and two members. Until his recent departure even the detachment commander, Donald E. Ellingson, was a third team member.

Dan Scarry, unit chief observer, has captained the Lakenheath team since 1973. That year he led it to the United Kingdom and U.S. Air Forces in Europe championship. The next year he ramrodded the team to the U.K. championship and is again shooting for the title for 1975.

Other members of the team are Skip McBride and Lynn Kennedy.

GOLF

OFFUTT AFB, NE—The Air Force Global Weather Central golf team recently took the Offutt AFB Intramural Golf League Championship away from 12 other units here. Members of the team include: Craig Arterburn, John Jacobsen, Earl Maki, Earl Sweeney, Stuart Wadleigh, Joseph Schufman, Lee Snyder, Dave Stangl, William Smith, Charles Neuman, Geoff Koenig, John Cipriano, Richard Albrecht, Barry Rex and Charles Stephens.

BOWLING

MCGUIRE AFB, NJ—When the cheers faded, James Raudy, Detachment 10, 15th Weather Squadron, had done what every bowler dreams of. He rolled a 300 game during sanctioned league competition.

In an interview following the occasion, he learned it was the first 300 game ever rolled at the McGuire AFB lanes.

He said, "I felt 'out of it'; I couldn't feel the pressure. I finished a grave shift and had grabbed only three or four hours sleep."

The perfect game rolled by Randy was not his first 300; he had done it once before as a teenager in Portland, OR, during a practice session. The 300 at McGuire, coming during a sanctioned event earned him a diamond ring from the American Bowling Congress (which will come later) and many other prizes from local merchants. Among the prizes were a \$295 Quartz wristwatch from the McGuire lanes and a local jeweler, dinners at local restaurants and laundry service at local cleaning establishments.

Raudy's best series in league competition was a 770, rolled at age 17 while a student at Oregon University. During a recent match his series showed games of 259, 223 and 288.

SOFTBALL

FUCHU AS, JAPAN—The second semi-annual U.S. Air Force-Japan Air Self Defense Force Weather Softball Game had

a complete turnabout. The American team won 12-11 over the Japanese, who had taken the first event.

HICKAM AFB, HI—The game ball given to Col. Alphonse Gargiulo Jr., 1st Weather Wing commander, after the final game of the season has great meaning.

His team won the game 14-3—the only win of the season.

The team had lost 17 consecutive games up to the last one.

Interviewing AFGWC

Peterson: 'We've enjoyed our tour here very much'

OFFUTT AFB, NE—Capt. Robert E. Peterson is the operations officer, Data Acquisition and Processing Branch (AFGWC/WPP), at Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC).

His job includes coordinating the receipt and production of satellite imagery and special sensor data received from Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) satellites.

The WPP Branch is made up of two sections; operations and programming.

Programming develops and maintains computer programs for processing satellite data. There is also a maintenance section which keeps the electronic equipment

operational. Captain Peterson's section is authorized 33 people who make up five teams of six observers and supervisors. The on-duty team provides satellite data support to customers, many of whom are outside AFGWC.

Some of Captain Peterson's specific duties include coordinating with the product users and making decisions that affect data coverage from each satellite.

Q. — Can you tell us some of the factors involved when making these decisions?

A. — Basically the job is to determine a data coverage load on the satellite that will satisfy most or all customer requirements. When making a decision the customer's priorities and



UNIVERSAL LOVE is the case for Capt. Marv Coleman, right, Detachment 25, 5th Weather Wing, Howard AFB, CA: Capt. Lloyd Tucker, left, and 1st

Lt. William S. Jenkins during their visit to the San Vicente de Paul Orphanage, Quito, Ecuador. (U.S. Air Force photo by SSgt. Barry Purkis)

Weatherman takes Christmas to 156 Ecuadorian orphans

HOWARD AFB, CZ—"The really bad part is that you just can't do enough," said Capt. Marv Coleman. "You know you're doing your best, but it is just a drop in the bucket. Other than that slight feeling of despair, it was the most satisfying thing I've ever done."

Captain Coleman, of Detachment 25, 5th Weather Wing here, talked about Operation Papa

Noel—or Operation Santa Claus—a joint project of the local Junior Officer Council and Enlisted Advisory Council to aid the San Vicente de Paul Orphanage in Quito, Ecuador.

The 100-year-old orphanage has 156 orphans ranging from infants to 12-year-olds and is run by 16 Roman Catholic sisters. Each

child is allotted 250 Sucres or \$10 each month for food.

When it was learned that the orphanage was in a condition which allowed air to come through its many cracks and that the children slept on rag-stuffed mattresses on bare bed frames, the two councils went into action. The councils provided rugs, pillows, mattresses, blankets and usable clothes.

Eight Air Weather Service officers attend MAC's High Flight program

SCOTT AFB, IL (MNS)—Eight Air Weather Service officers recently attended the Military Airlift Command's (MAC) High Flight Program here. The program recognizes officers with outstanding middle management skills and executive growth potential.

Attending from AWS were: Maj.

John P. Diercks and Capt. Marc E. Cotnoir, Air Force Global Weather Central, Offutt AFB, NE; Maj. Gary L. Doty, Detachment 21, 24th Weather Squadron, Craig AFB, AL; and Maj. Thomas E. Taylor, Det. 12, 7WS, Finthen AI, Germany.

Also attending were: Maj. John P. Upchurch, AWS, Scott AFB, IL; Capt. Ronald J. Bound, 1st

Weather Wing, Hickam AFB, HI; Capt. John R. Ernst Jr., 15WS, Scott AFB, IL; and Capt. Robert P. Wright, 5WW, Langley AFB, VA.

The three-day program, sponsored by Gen. Paul K. Carlton, MAC commander, is designed to increase the officer's understanding of MAC operations and management procedures.

systems analyst-computer programmer. After six months my current position became available, and I accepted it.

Q. — Has your job changed much since taking it?

A. — There have been constant changes. Our branch moved to a new location here. New equipment and methods of receiving the data, improved software being developed by our programming shop, and a new data communications satellite system are just some of the changes. I foresee these changes continuing in the DMSP.

Q. — Now that we've learned something about your work, how have you and your family enjoyed the Offutt-Omaha area?

A. — We've enjoyed our tour here very much. The climate is milder than our native Michigan and we particularly enjoy the camping, fishing and hiking available in the surrounding area. We've found Omaha an easy city to get around in and it offers outstanding places to go out and to eat. Some of the other places we've enjoyed a great deal are the zoo, the Joslyn Art Museum, the shows and facilities at the Aksarben Coliseum, and Fontenelle Forest. The base has two golf courses and I have used them to get out and enjoy the Nebraska sunshine.

Next month's interview will be with Amn. Deborah L. Trammell, Timothy G. O'Connor, Ronald D. Donnell and Jody A. Ferris.