



CONCENTRATION is needed by 1st Lt. Steve Claey, Detachment 18, 26th Weather Squadron, Rickenbacker AFB, OH, as he listens to one of the many questions about weather telephoned in to radio station WHIZ, Zanesville, OH. The first part of the recent hour-long show on which Lieutenant Claey was answerman, was spent discussing general weather topics with a station disc jockey. The rest of the hour was devoted to answering questions about weather phoned in by listeners. (U.S. Air Force photo by Sgt. Jack N. Rice)

Sergeant saves girl from attacker, death

HICKAM AFB, HI—An Air Force Commendation Medal was presented recently to MSgt. William M. Moorehead, 1st Weather Wing, for his heroic concern for another person.

Sergeant Moorehead earned the award late one night when he heard the screams and pleas of what sounded like a young girl's voice coming from near his on-base quarters.

As he looked around in the darkness he saw a man struggling with a teenage girl.

Without hesitation he ran to her defense, but his approach startled the attacker, who ran from the scene.

The girl seemed to the sergeant to be unharmed so he chased her attacker but lost him in the night.

Later, according to Maj. James Kerlin, the wing information officer, local security police and medical officials indicated that Sergeant Moorehead's quick response and action, in all probability, "... averted a death in this near tragic incident."



MSgt. William Moorehead

The citation accompanying the decoration presented by Col. Joseph E. Tucker, 1WW commander, recognized Sergeant Moorehead for "... his high regard for humankind, bravery, and concern, despite personal danger."

Senior stripes to 28

SCOTT AFB, IL—Military Airlift Command Personnel officials recently announced that 24 Air Weather Service master sergeants and four weathermen, now assigned to the Air Training Command or as NCO Leadership School commandants, were selected to become senior master sergeants.

Listed by Air Force Specialty Code, they are:

25190: John E. Brady, George N. Coleman, James A. Denton, James R. Fraser, Arthur O. Johnson, Robert H. Lovelady, David G. Martin, Harvey D. McInnes, David R. Payne, Ronald F. Prezio, Roger G. Seyfert, Donald Sowalskie and William I. Willis.

25291: Kenneth E. Butts, William L. Carmack, Clarence Chamberlain, Lionel M. Deacon, William C. Luce and John E. Steffen.

30291: Albert T. Bardusch, Jose Badillo, William Moorehead, William R. Lyons Jr., Buster G. Andrews, Joseph A. Lake and Robert J. Hamlin.

51190: Richard J. Shirley.

73290: Billy B. Smith.

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Far East squadron gets veteran unit designation

SCOTT AFB, IL—Air Weather Service officials recently announced that on Sept. 1, a veteran weather organization returns to AWS and another departs. It will happen with the reactivation of the 30th Weather Squadron at Yong San, Korea, and the inactivation of the 20th Weather Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan.

The decision for the action was approved by Air Force on May 13, but announcement of the intended change was released only recently.

According to AWS officials, units previously subordinate to the 20WS will become units of the 30th. They further said the change is expected to improve the U.S. weather support posture in the northeast Pacific by colocating the parent weather unit with the Commander-in-Chief United Nations (CINCUNC) and the U.S. Forces Korea commander (COMUSKOREA). CINCUNC and COMUSKOREA are the primary command and control agencies for the northeast Pacific area.

For AWS, the change puts the newly activated unit headquarters closer to the majority of the squadron's combat support units.

The 30WS, constituted on Aug. 29, 1945, was activated the next month on Guam, immediately after the

end of World War II. Then it took control of 16 weather stations already on islands scattered throughout the central and western Pacific.

Four years later, on Nov. 9, 1949, it was inactivated.

The next year the 30th received its baptism of fire when, at the start of the Korean War, it was activated to support the Fifth Air Force and other United Nations forces.

Within one month the unit's headquarters was forced to retreat south from Seoul to Taegu. It remained in Taegu until July 1951, when it returned to Seoul, then, in 1954, moved to Osan AB.

With the end of the Korean War the unit began turning its weather locations over to the Korean Air Force. In 1957 the 30th moved from Korea to Japan and two years later it was again inactivated.

In 1962, at Tan Son Nhut AFDL, just outside Saigon, Republic of Vietnam, the 30WS was once more called into battle. There, it served until July 1, 1971, when it was again inactivated.

This year, for the first time since before the Korean War, the 30WS is again an active unit performing a peacetime role.

Among the 30th's honors are 11 campaign credits from Southeast Asia, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross

with Palm (also earned by one of its detachments) and eight Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards (AFOUA) to include four with the V for valor device (five of its detachments earned separate AFOUAs and two detachments earned the Presidential Unit Citation).

The 20WS originally began in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations on Apr. 15, 1943. Over the next six months, until disbanded on Oct. 31, it had its headquarters in Cairo, Egypt.

Fourteen months later, on Dec. 6, 1944, it was again activated, this time on Blak Island, Netherlands East Indies. The next year the squadron moved to the Philippine Islands where it remained throughout World War II. From war's end to the start of the Korean War, the 20th provided weather support for units in Japan and Korea. However, in 1950 its mission in Korea went to the 30WS. In 1957 the 20WS was inactivated and in 1964 was reactivated at Fuchu AS, on the western edge of Tokyo. It remained at Fuchu until Oct. 6, 1974 when it shifted to Yokota AB where it will stay until inactivated Sept. 1.

Among the 20th's honors are five AFOUAs and one earned by its Det. 8, Kadena AB, Japan.

General Rowe speaks before Asheville FEA

ASHEVILLE, NC—When Brig. Gen. Berry W. Rowe, Air Weather Service commander, visited Operating Location A of the Environmental Technical Applications Center (ETAC) here, his time was stretched to the fullest.

On one day General Rowe, accompanied by Col. Paul Janota, ETAC commander, addressed the Asheville Federal Executive Association (FEA) members at their bi-monthly luncheon meeting then met with OL-A's people.

The subject of his FEA talk was "The Air Force and Today's Issues."

At the same meeting he saw one of his people, Louis A. Westphal, OL-A's chief, elected chairman of the Asheville FEA.

Uniformed boys give honors to uniformed man

ELLSWORTH AFB, SD—The uniformed members of MSgt. James W. Rawls' off-duty organization paid him honors recently. He had completed 10 years of adult leadership in the Black Hills Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

During those years, Sergeant Rawls, a member of Detachment 6, 6th Weather Squadron here, served as chairman of the council's adult leader training program.

He is credited by the Council for having "contributed to better quality scouting in the areas of Southeast South Dakota, Southeast Wyoming and Northwest Nebraska."

The ceremony took place in Rapid City, SD and also honored other adult scout leaders.



AIR FORCE RESERVIST, Col. Paul W. Kadlec, is now mobilization assistant to the Air Weather Service commander. Colonel Kadlec, the MAC's Outstanding Mobilization Augmentee for 1975, is manager of Meteorology for a civilian airline. His military career includes service with SAC and TAC as well as MAC. He has a degree in aeronautical meteorology gained through Parks Air College. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Command line

NCO advisors' request

General addresses problems

There is a recently popular song which includes the phrase, "I can see clearly now" with respect to events which had impacted personally on the composer of the song. Such a situation has its parallels in Air Weather Service today. Many events have, and will continue to affect the people who make up our Service.

My days are filled with efforts directed toward helping each of you reach a point where, to paraphrase that song, "you can see clearly now" both the details and objectives of the actions which affect you personally. Feedback from a variety of sources reveals we are much closer to the ideal of full understanding—but still have a way to go. We'll keep working on it, of course, but I wish to honor a commitment I made to our Senior Enlisted Advisors; that I would address some of the more complex problems in the Command Line.

PROBLEM ONE

The first problem area is getting our people who hold the obsolescent Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) 252X1 converted to a new career field.

As those of you directly involved will recall, we said early last year that the policy was: go

to forecaster school, retrain, retire or separate. We set the year 1981 as the cut-off date beyond which there would be no options. We obviously expected sufficient volunteers to fill forecaster class quotas over the years, and that all our 252s would not wait until the 1981 deadline.

Other more near term phase points were also established, such as selection for an overseas assignment, rotation from an overseas assignment, or becoming surplus to the needs of the unit to which assigned. We also found it necessary to institute a procedure for involuntarily selecting some people for forecaster school to ensure full conversion to the new weather career ladder by 1981.

The policy concerning retraining was not stated clearly enough with respect to AWS and Air Force needs, for these are the controlling factors in retraining action. As long as the AF-wide manning in AFSC 25170 remains low, it is not feasible to allow retraining into specialties which are better manned. It is equally contrary to AF needs to allow you who hold the AFSC 25271 or 25291 to retrain out of the weather career field when we still need people to fill chief observer authorizations. These

authorizations must be filled until we are manned well enough in the 25170 and 25190 AFSCs to make the conversion to station chief throughout AWS.

It is neither impossible nor easy to obtain my approval for retraining. If you apply and receive approval, it will be because your individual desires coincided with the needs of the AWS and the AF.

Such determination will continue to be made on a case-by-case basis. If you decide to apply, you must do so before selection for forecaster school. I also encourage those who have been unable to complete the 25170 course, for whatever reason, to seriously consider making a second try. Those who are unwilling to prepare for and attempt a second try at forecaster school will eventually have to request retraining or separate.

PROBLEM TWO

Another problem area, which affects fewer of our NCOs but is equally important, concerns the transfer of our weather equipment maintenance function to the Air Force Communications Service (AFCS).

With actions to resolve the move of AFCS to Scott AFB continuing to move slowly, we are pursuing alternatives to

effect the transfer as a separate action. Negotiations with AFCS and the Air Staff are proceeding. Although I cannot yet give you a firm date, we have reached a point where related actions are appropriate.

For those of you who are in the Defense Meteorological Satellite Program (DMSP) maintenance-operator area (AFSC 302X0), the proposed conversion to AFSC 308X0 was deferred for the present. AWS and AFCS are studying the feasibility of transferring the DMSP equipment maintenance along with the other weather equipment maintenance functions. We will include further information on this as we progress on the overall consolidation.

NCO CHALLENGE

As a final commentary, let me address our progress in the NCO detachment commander (Detco)-station chief area. As of August 1976, we have seven NCO Detcos and nine station chiefs assigned. As those who have led the way in these new jobs can tell you, each day brings a new challenge. The responsibilities and job satisfaction are considerably greater than those previously available in chief forecaster or chief observer jobs. I have full confidence in the



Brig. Gen. Berry W. Rowe
AWS commander

ability of our AWS NCOs to manage the total base weather station operation as both station chief and commander. As in any new effort, some of the people we serve will have a "show me" attitude. Each day we must build the evidence of success which will prove the point.

The burden will rest not only on those NCOs selected to lead the way, but on all AWS—officers and NCOs.

We must never hesitate to offer the helping hand or to fully support our NCOs in this effort; whether the need be from higher headquarters, laterally or from those airmen who support the NCO.

Though the task is great, those who "can see clearly now" will recognize the potential for our successes to enhance the prestige not only of our AWS NCO—but the Air Force NCO corps itself.

Enlisted line

Advisor: 'Records decide future'

"Air Weather Service gets the sharp people—the people with potential." Even if you have been in the command for only a few months, you have heard similar words in and outside AWS. Its been true as long as there has been an AWS. I get to review the records of many people in and outside AWS. I can assure you, it is as true today as it ever was—AWS gets the best!

VALUE

Some folks don't seem to know, or possibly care, how important their records, and the things that go in them, are to their career. Often their importance extends even beyond separation or retirement. They tell about you—where you have been, what you did, and how well you did it. They show your past, your potential and help determine your future. It is important to start to build good records early in your career—then keep them current and accurate. They will be screened when you are considered

for special assignments, professional military education (PME) selection, and awards.

Later, they will come into play when you are considered for the Senior NCO Academy, detachment commander positions, promotion to the supergrades, etc.

'HOW COME?'

Frequently after selections are made for PME, special assignments or promotion, you will hear someone say, "I don't know why he or she got so-and-so; my records are just as good—or better." Are the speaker's records better? I imagine the non-selectee doesn't really know. He or she doesn't know what is in the other person's records either. Quite often the speaker doesn't know what is in, or should be in, his or her records and has not checked them thoroughly or objectively. Many times, when things get to this stage, I will get a "Why didn't I get . . ." telephone call from the non-selectee. The answer to his question usually

turns up in his records.

Air Force (AF) is serious about the whole person concept, and it is particularly important when it comes to promotion to E-8 and E-9. PME and civilian education are important factors in decisions made about you at MAC and AWS. They play an important role in your selection for further PME, for special assignments, and even having a bearing on your chances of getting an AWS Command Section indorsement on your airman performance report (APR).

For some of our younger people, these things may not seem important now. They should keep in mind PME is a big help in promotion fitness examination (PFE) testing; civilian education can help you do a better job which can lead to better APRs and more challenging jobs. If the proper courses are taken, they can help prepare you for forecaster school

and lead to achievement of other goals.

An important item in your records are the airman qualifying examination (AQE) scores.

Often my "Why didn't I get . . ." caller has high AQEs but little or no PME or civilian education. That is usually the answer to his question. It is not impressive to see high AQEs in a person's records and then find his last activity in civilian education was in the '50's or early '60s—high school.

EDUCATION

Some people cite shift work as the reason they lack civilian education when many other persons trade shifts to get what they want. If you cannot get PME because of low quotas and keen competition for the in-residence courses, you can take some of them by correspondence, learn, and get them in your records. Shift work is not a valid excuse for lack of PME or civilian education.

Check at your Base Education



CMSgt. Howard M. Bock
AWS senior enlisted advisor

Office and find out about the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) as a way to increase your potential. CCAF offers college credit for in-residence PME and the Senior NCO Academy by correspondence is worth six credit hours.

You can pick up as much as 30 credit hours in an eight-hour day simply by spending a few minutes at the Education Office getting

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Weather whys???

Q.—Personnel from other commands attend the Military Airlift Command NCO Academy (NCOA) Air Weather Service people go to other than MAC's NCOA. Why? I would prefer the MAC NCOA.

A.—In one word—money. The quota exchange among the NCOAs cuts transportation and temporary duty costs. All NCOAs are accredited and of high caliber. Additionally, the crossfeed among NCOs from other commands has proven beneficial.

Q.—More than a year ago I washed out of forecaster school due to trouble with math. Since then I took some courses and want to try again. May I apply? How soon?

A.—Reapply on AWS Form 47 through channels to AWS/DOT. Your corrective action shows a positive approach and that, coupled with fine instructors at Chanute AFB, now all but insure your success. The instructors spend many extra hours working with students in difficulty. As a result our elimination rate stands at an exceptional four per cent. Further, there has not been a single elimination because of math since the course was redesignated 3AAR25170 (formerly 25370).

Q.—I want to volunteer for a MAC technical advisor (MTA) assignment when I rotate from overseas next year. Will all the MTA weather flight slots be converted to forecasters by then? Where are the MTA slots?

A.—Thirty-one Air National Guard weather flights support the AF and eight support the Army. Their locations are listed in AWSR 39-1. At present MTAs are observers and forecasters. If we continue to get well in forecaster manning as expected, all MTAs, after December 1976, will be forecasters—and selection is competitive. We look for NCOs who are not only good technicians but also experienced in on-the-job-training, administration, management, supervision and other areas. You should prepare now for such a challenging assignment.

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: Commander, 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.



WEARING the colonial uniform made by his mother, Todd Scroggins, son of Capt. and Mrs. James Scroggins, Air Force Global Weather Central, Offutt AFB, NE, celebrated his fifth birthday on July 4th. A special treat came when young Todd received a special congratulatory letter from the President of the United States.

ENLISTED LINE

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scheduled for the college level examination program (CLEP) tests. College credit is available for basic training, some correspondence courses and by-pass tests, and most AF technical schools (even if you completed them as far back as the early '50s). After CCAF evaluates your accomplishments, they can be entered in your records and evaluated by a local college to get you started toward a degree.

If a forecaster passes the CLEP tests and the Senior NCO Academy by correspondence, he will have about two years of college in his records and many colleges accept these credits.

Many maintenance people and observers who have attended seven-level schools can do the same thing and get relatively the

same credits. Many of our first-term people have the ability to take and pass the CLEP tests, get their service evaluated and have over a year of college credit. There is very little reason for anyone in AWS to have records that show no PME or college credit.

SPREAD OUT

Don't put all your eggs in the college credit basket and leave the PME basket empty. The person that gets a degree while on active duty and no PME needs to re-evaluate priorities. All PME and no college also has its drawbacks. The person with low AQEs, but a couple of years of college and all

PME either has a lot of drive or his AQE scores do not represent the person. That person's records attracts much positive attention but the AQE should be taken again.

Promotion is not a reward for past services—it comes from recognition of potential. Is your potential viable and visible in your records? Does it show throughout your records or only in specific areas? Are you insuring your potential is all it could be? Does your Air Force Specialty Code indicate potential? Your answers and actions in relation to your records will decide your future.

MAC gains new enlisted advisor

SCOTT AFB, IL (MNS)—CMSgt. Otto H. Lensch III is the new Military Airlift Command (MAC) senior enlisted advisor.

On July 1 he succeeded CMSgt. Joseph Ward, who is studying under the Bootstrap program at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville for a master's degree in business administration.

Chief Lensch was the 375th Aeromedical Airlift Wing senior enlisted advisor here before his appointment to the MAC position.

Before that he was the chief, NCO Professional Military Educa-

tion Section of MAC's deputy chief of staff for Personnel.

Chief Lensch will advise Gen.

Paul K. Carlton, MAC commander on problems faced by enlisted people of the command. Additionally, he will represent MAC enlisted people at important meetings such as the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Senior NCO Conference. During such meetings he can discuss problems and make recommendations for improvements.



Lensch

OBSERVATION

MAC to shift role

SCOTT AFB, IL (MNS)—The Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) were directed by Deputy Defense Secretary William P. Clements Jr. to develop plans to convert the Military Airlift Command (MAC) to a specified command. The conversion plans are to be submitted to Secretary Clements for approval Sept. 1.

When approved, the JCS would include MAC in planning JCS exercises and for war. It (JCS) would also direct the allocation of airlift resources and list by priority competing movement requirements. Air Force would retain responsibility for administrative and logistic support.

AF: Obese officers must go down or out

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Overweight weather officers may feel the pinch when Air Force tightens its belt on the corpulent commissioned. A recent Air Force policy change says that failure to meet set standards may lead to involuntary separation when administrative sanctions fail to bring a person's weight within limits. The change says failure to meet dress, personal appearance or military department standards constitute substandard duty performance. The change applies to all USAF officers.

'Union... incompatible'

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, when asked at the convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Association in New York City to discuss the unionization of the U.S. armed forces, in part replied, "... the idea of unionizing members of the armed services is fundamentally incompatible with the command structure of the military services.

"It reminds me of that wonderful line from, I believe, H. L. Menkin, 'That for every human problem there's a solution that's simple, neat and wrong.' That (unionization) is one."

CFI is on its way, going on, finished

SCOTT AFB, IL (MNS)—Weather units on some bases recently saw Commander's Facility Inspection (CFI) teams and units on other bases will see them between Aug. 10 and Sept. 23, 1976.

Bases visited in July were McGuire AFB, NJ; Dover AFB, DE; Pope AFB, NC; and Charleston AFB, SC. Bases to be visited by the teams in August are McClellan AFB, CA; Kirtland AFB, NM; Dyess AFB, TX; Eglin AFB, FL; McChord AFB, WA; and Norton AFB, CA.

In September the teams inspect major MAC units at Altus AFB, OK; Little Rock AFB, AR; Andrews AFB, MD; Bolling AFB, DC; and Scott AFB, IL.

PME adds courses

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Two new base-level professional military education (PME) courses will be added to the existing NCO Leadership School soon. They will make up the first three phases of a five-phase NCO PME program to be used by weather people and the rest of the Air Force. The other two phases are the NCO and Senior NCO Academies.

New WAPS study material on way

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Air Weather Service enlisted members can look for some new study material next month. Study material for the Weighted Airman Promotion System (WAPS) tests will then be a reality. The pamphlet, AFP 39-8, will cover all specialty codes and will be updated twice a year. AFP 39-8 will be available at base personnel office customer service centers, unit orderly rooms and offices involved in testing and promotion.

Pay raise to be slight

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Air Weather Service people, military and civilian, can look for a three to five per cent pay raise along with the rest of the government officials in October, according to Air Force officials. A Ford Administration amendment now before Congress would allow up to a quarter of the raise money slated for basic pay, a taxable item, be added to the basic quarters allowance, which is nontaxable.

In memoriam

CMSgt. William J. Rummel (USAF Ret.) died May 23, 1976 in Oklahoma City, OK. He served with the 6th Weather Squadron, Tinker AFB, OK, prior to his retirement last March.

Lt. Col. Richard L. Hager, 31WS operations officer, Rhein-Main AB, Germany, died June 15, 1976. He is survived by his widow and two children.

Detachment 10, 20th Weather Squadron

Korea detachment serves 'Wolfpack' unit

KUNSAN AB, KOREA—The commander smiles and leans back in his chair. The briefer, now folding his meteorological charts, just predicted perfect flying weather for the coming day.

The commander of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing—the "Wolfpack," would rather not depend on his bunions for weather forecasts. That is the job of the men of Detachment 10, of the former 20th Weather Squadron.

"Our mission," says Maj. Mike Schwitters, detachment commander, "is to provide up-to-the-minute weather forecasts for our primary customers, the 'Wolfpack.'

"We are the commander's tool and provide him weather predictions which allow him to set up flying schedules.

"Our predictions—our forecasts—also aid in operations readiness inspections, tactical evaluations and other alert functions because they need accurate weather pic-

tures. Otherwise no one would know what to expect when flying over an exercise's target area.

"Our counterpart, the Republic of Korea Air Force (ROKAF) Detachment 8, 733rd Weather Squadron, provides the same support to the ROKAF's 111th Squadron," he explains.

Weather observers use meteorological equipment to provide accurate information on climatic conditions.

Another special service is typhoon, severe weather and tropical storm watches. If one of these phenomena is recognized, the detachment people notify Taegu, Kwang Ju and Kunsan.

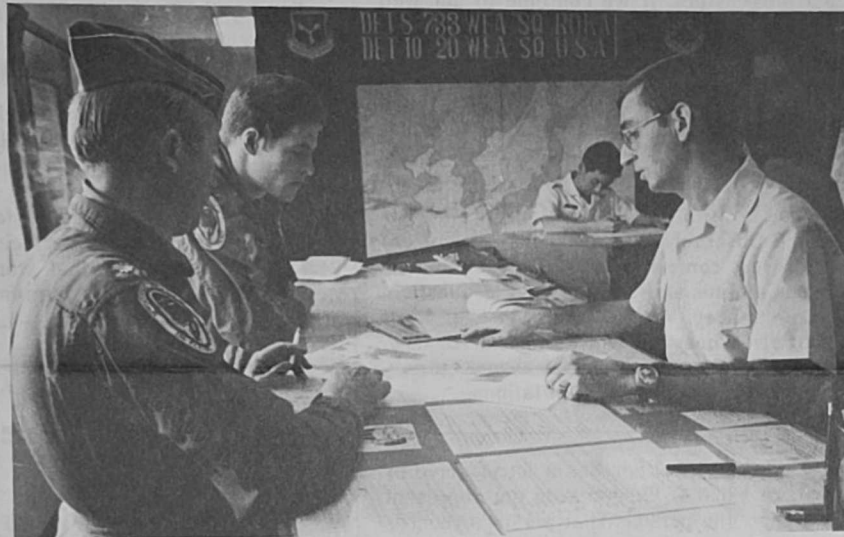
An added benefit is gained from satellite prints received by Det. 10

from the weather center at Yokota AB, Japan. The satellite pictures give the local weathermen a bird's eye view of Korea's weather.

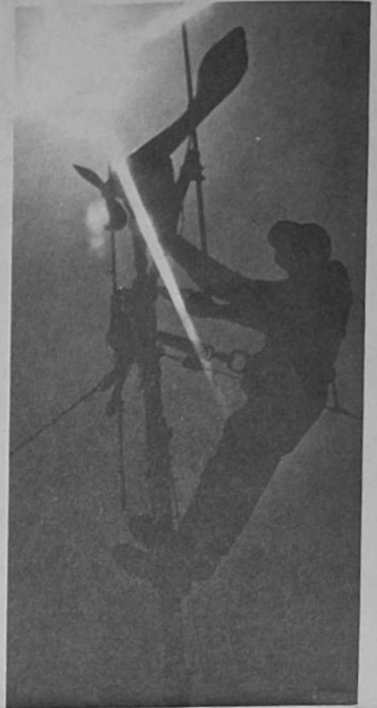
Weather people, like those in Det. 10, are the ones who predict whether Korea will or will not be the "Land of the Morning Calm," (Korea's national motto).



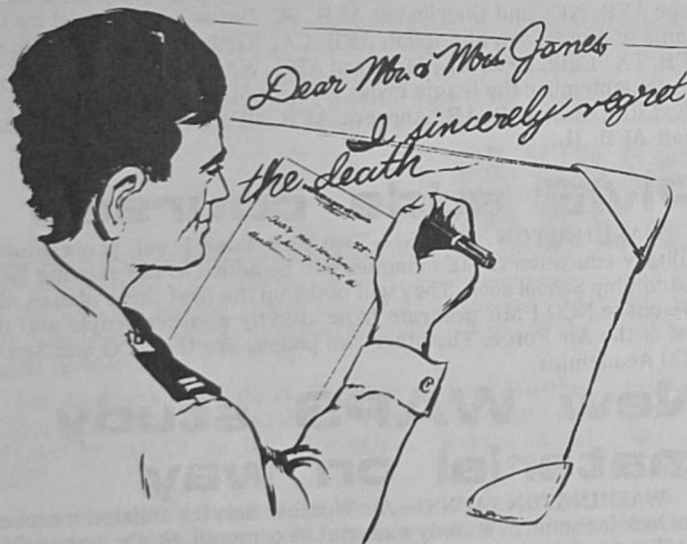
A LONG CLIMB is the route to work for TSgt. Thomas Gallagher at Detachment 10, 20th Weather Squadron, Kunsan AB, Korea. The radar antenna atop the tower is one of many pieces of weather equipment he maintains. (U.S. Air Force photo)



TWO VISITING members of Osan AB, Korea's 36th Tactical Fighter Squadron receive a weather briefing from 1st Lt. Thomas Walters at Kunsan AB, Korea, prior to leaving for their home base. (U.S. Air Force Photo)



WIND, always a flight factor, is monitored by MSgt. Irel Griffith, who uses a wind speed indicator and transcribes readings on a machine for dissemination to Kunsan AB, Korea's flying units. (U.S. Air Force photo)



by Capt. Fred R. Sanders
Commander
Detachment 20, 24th Weather Squadron

Roses take much care, attention

this business anyway? Why must I be responsible for others? Can I help it if they make mistakes?

Then I began reasoning, Surely I can't be expected to babysit at all hours of the day and night. I can't call all the shots. I constantly harp on safety—over and over again. It's enough to make you sick. Same old stuff about the same old accidents. Never any new accidents invented, just the same old ones. Yep. Just the other day I said . . .

Later, in the wing command post, the colonel had already begun notifying next of kin and I was glad I was so familiar with MAC Regulation 55-16. "This is Captain Sanders, I have a MAC HOMELINE—No, I don't know what caused it." Phones were ringing all over the room. I wish I had more time to—"Hello."

"Sir," the young sergeant began, "I just wanted to tell you how badly we feel about the accident."

"Thanks sarge, I appreciate . . ."

I thought later, I didn't really KNOW the dead man. He'd

recently arrived and I remember he was rather shy. He had a '65 sedan with a jacked up rear-end. He had just gone on a 72-hour break, maybe to San Antonio.

Over the phone another colonel was saying, "Fred, I want you in my office at noon. Lets go over the ground on your man's activities during the previous 24 hours."

I knew it would be difficult to trace those 24 hours, but I had to try.

I realized I had not even had time to feel sympathy for the man—one of my men who probably was still lying by the road. He was just 19 years old and his car had rolled five times. I shuddered.

"Fred, this is the squadron commander. I know what you are going through, I've been there myself. Be ready to brief the wing commander and me by 1500."

"Yes sir"

More pieces were falling into place. He was seen last in the Buckhorn Lounge near midnight, about 50 miles from

where the accident happened.

"We have only 18 people—no 17 now—in the unit but I won't need one of your people as an escort. Thanks anyway. I appreciate the offer." It was a sad moment.

Soon an even more depressing moment came as I began to write, "Dear Mr. and Mrs. . . . please accept my most sincere sympathy on the loss of your son. . ."

Hours later, home sure looked good. It had been a long day. I know it's habit, but I'll still check the garden. I like to see things grow—especially the roses. There's something about them.

Uh-oh! There is a black spot on the little one. I've got to keep that from spreading. Must have something in my eyes—I see tears spotting my shirt. Must be pollen—or something.

Sometimes young roses are susceptible. You have to watch for little indicators all the time. You know, keep constant vigilance and pay close attention. You simply can't become complacent at all—in the care of roses.

I am sure that most detachment commanders, at one time or another, wondered if and when that "late night call" would come. Mine came the morning of March 25, 1976.

"Hey, Fred, this is the director of operations. I'm afraid I have bad news for you."

"What's the problem? One of my people in trouble?"

"Worse. One of them was in a

car wreck—a fatal one. A young fellow named . . . I just got the call. The car rolled several times and . . ." My mind had begun catching only pieces of the conversation. ". . . died instantly . . . occurred at . . . you better come. . . I'll help anyway I can. . . I've already called. . ."

Leaping from my bed I asked my wife to call my top NCO as I asked myself, How did I get in

Detachment 4, 1st Weather Wing

Organizational patches become pride of unit



'AND UP THERE...' might be the words of TSgt. Vito Monteleon as he points out various unit patches collected by and displayed on the walls of Detachment 4, 1st Weather Wing here. To the right of Sergeant Monteleon's hand, in a special frame, is the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Apollo-11 patch which was presented to the unit by Astronaut Neil Armstrong. (U.S. Air Force photo)



CARE IS USED to properly position each patch as it goes on. This is evident as 1st Lt. Edward T. Woodward, right, braces a new patch board while TSgt. Charles Phillips adds the newest of more than a thousand patches affixed to the walls of Detachment 4, 1st Weather Wing, Hickam AFB, HI. The collection spans more than 35 years of military service. (U.S. Air Force photo)

HICKAM AFB, HI—An Air Weather Service organization is the keeper of what may be the largest organizational patch collection in the Air Force. Detachment 4, 1st Weather Wing here has more than 1,140 patches in the collection it displays on its walls.

Among the patches, which represent organizations reaching as far back in military history as 35 years, is an Apollo-11 patch presented to the unit by Neil Armstrong, the first man to set foot on the moon, after his Apollo flight. According to 1st Lt. Edward T. Woodward, the Apollo patch was given for the detachment's support of the mission.

Another patch prized by the unit, and one with historic significance, is an original Flying Tigers patch. The Flying Tigers were a group of

flyers who gained fame before and during World War II. They flew in and around China against the Japanese even before America entered the war. The patch was a present from MSgt. Joe E. Mooney.

Countries represented on the unit's walls include Australia, New Zealand, Canada and England. Viewers can also see several 100-mission insignias from the Vietnam War as well as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Skylab and Soyuz-Apollo patches.

The collection began in mid-1962 when Sgt. Jack Brown asked a crewmember for his organizational insignia. Sergeant Brown intended to display only the patches of units directly served by his detachment.

As the collection grew, so did

interest in it on the part of detachment people. Before long everyone appeared to want to "get in on the act."

The collection apparently started at a good time. The Johnston Island Nuclear Test was underway and air traffic through Hickam AFB had become heavy.

By mid-1965 there were more patches than wall space; many patches were even stored in boxes for future display.

Two years later, in 1967, the unit moved to more spacious quarters. With more exposed walls, more patches went up. By 1969 more than 250 patches were on display and five years later the number neared 1,000.

Today the collection consists of 1,142 patches—and is still growing. (Information provided by 1st Lt. Edward T. Woodward).



'GIVE IT UP GEORGE' is the case as Capt. John Forsythe, left, slices a patch not already included in Detachment 4, 1st Weather Wing's vast collection from the arm of Maj. George Carpenter. The two men are C-5 Galaxy crewmembers served by the Hickam AFB, HI weather detachment. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Air National Guard seeks weathermen

LANGLEY AFB, VA—Former active duty weather people who want to keep a hand in the weather business have such an opportunity in the Air National Guard (ANG).

Members of ANG units normally train one weekend each month for which they receive four days base pay. Also, they attend one 15-day summer training period during which they receive normal active duty pay, according to rank or grade.

Presently majors or captains with specialty code (AFSC) 2524 are needed at Terre Haute, IN; Buckley ANGB, CO; Tulsa, OK; Pittsburg, PA; Little Rock AFB, AR; Mansfield, OH; Charleston, WV; Dallas, TX; Ontario, CA; and McGuire AF, NJ.

Senior master sergeants in AFSC 25190 are needed at Spokane, WA; McGuire AFB, NJ; Tulsa, OK; Willow Grove, PA; Little Rock AFB, AR; Kelly AFB, TX; and Hickam AFB, HI.

Staff sergeants, AFSC 25150, are sought at Baltimore, MD; Washington, DC; Ronkonkoma, NY; Otis AFB, MA; Annville, PA; McGuire AFB, NJ; Shelbyville, IN; St. Paul, MN; Austin, TX; and Los Alamitos, CA.

St. Louis, MO; McConnell AFB, KS; Willow Grove, PA; and Dallas, TX, need sergeants in AFSC 70250.

For more information call Detachment 6, Air Weather Service headquarters, AUTOVON 432-5020, 5028 or 5029.



MAC VOLUNTEER of 1975 is Mrs. Elizabeth Von Werne, wife of Capt. Warren A. Von Werne, Detachment 25, 31st Weather Squadron, Rhein-Main AB, Germany. Mrs. Von Werne, daughter of an Air Force man, was born in Germany but began Family Service (FS) work at Offutt AFB, NE. She held many FS positions and worked in "all phases of the Rhein-Main program." Her winning of the MAC title was announced earlier in the AWS OBSERVER. (U.S. Air Force photo)

Personnel shorts

Did you know:

- * Effective July 1, 1976, the former Headquarters Command NCO Academy (NCOA), Bolling AFB, DC, became a part of the Military Airlift Command professional military education (PME)? In January 1977 the Bolling NCOA will revert to MAC NCO Leadership School (NCOLS) status and a new MAC NCOLS will be established at Rhein-Main AB, Germany. At the same time the 21st Air Force NCOLS, McGuire AFB, NJ, will become a MAC NCOA with a capacity of 60 persons per class.

- * Resulting from the AWS Senior Enlisted Advisors conference, AWS recommended that the Air Command and Staff Extension Course Institute course be made available to senior NCOs? It was recommended that E-7 through E-9 USAF Senior NCOA graduates, in residence or by correspondence, be eligible to complete the course.

- * Enlisted people who attend the NCOLS are not required to complete Phase II PME training?

- * The new E-8, E-9 promotion system is effective in CY77? Study reference will be available for the CY78 cycle supervisory exam but not for the CY77 cycle.

- * Air Force is staffing a proposal which would restrict the use of points awarded for decorations under the Weighted Airman Promotion System?

- * AF has reopened the Airman Education and Commissioning Program (AECPP) on a limited basis? Contact your consolidated base personnel office and base education office for details.

- * Offutt AFB, NE, has 10 per cent of the AWS observer and 25 per cent of the enlisted forecaster authorizations?

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In July 1973 a reorganized Air Weather Service (AWS) headquarters emerged from a Military Airlift Command (MAC) drawdown. Its directorate of Administration had been dissolved and in its place the Executive Office (CSE), with its four functions, was formed to support the AWS commander and his staff.

CSEA

Administrative Communications (CSEA) helps control, direct and perform administrative management. It also supports and assists the staff with security matters and processes the headquarter's mail while maintaining sensitive files for the commander.

CSEP

Library and Publications Distribution (CSEP) maintains a 1,000-plus functional library for the headquarters. It also monitors the staff's publications requirements and requisitions. CSEP is the office which fully processes the record copies of AWS headquarters administrative orders while managing the policies and procedures for requesting temporary duty orders.

CSEP processes many reports. In addition to monitoring the AWS Inspector General reports, it processes around 260 others each year. Some of these are the Management Effectiveness Inspections, Air Force and Pacific Air Force inspections, special subject for inspection and cross-feed and cross-tell reports.

CSEE

Publication Management's (CSEE) major concern is that field units receive necessary, understandable and complete directives and changes to directives. This requires staff agency coordination, conciseness and clarity. Because of this, the CSEE editorial process does not stop with correcting grammar. It includes reviewing other AWS, MAC and USAF publications to insure that AWS directives are compatible with them.

By asking that the AWS staff annually review its publications, CSEE can control currency of directives. Its job is to govern dissemination of procedures as well as changes to published policies.

CSEE also assists in the publishing of other materials such as the National Weather Service manuals and federal meteorological handbooks.

CSEF

The primary goals of the AWS Forms Management (CSEF) program are to improve paperwork and reduce the cost of recording required weather data. The technical skills of weather specialists and the forms manager produce forms which simplify, standardize and improve AWS procedures, work methods and morale.

Last, but not least, CSE monitors or manages the in-house jobs which meet human and mission needs in the headquarters. These include processing officer efficiency and airman proficiency reports, scheduling people and facilities and various other additional duties.

Sergeant seeks stories of his pioneer forefather

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OH—When author Zane Grey laid pen on paper to tell of Col. Ebenezer Zane, his brother Jonathan and Lewis Whetzel, little did he know that years later an ancestor of Whetzel's would search to learn more of him.

MSgt. James Wetzel, an environmental analyst at Detachment 1, 2nd Weather Squadron here, now seeks more information about his frontiersman ancestor (in some past and unknown time the spelling of the family name changed).

Apparently the ancestral Whetzel's fame as an Indian fighter was justified.

Sergeant Wetzel said, "Indians killed his father when Lewis was 23 and he swore he would kill every Indian he came across."

Having the ability and agility to load a musket at a dead run, the books say Lewis earned the Indian name which translated means, "White man with the gun that is always loaded."

When Indian warfare wained around Wheeling, WZ, Lewis moved south through Kentucky, Tennessee and on down the Mississippi River. It was at a small settlement named Nasa, MS, in

1808, that he died. His death did not come in a glamorous Indian battle, but was due to a tiny creature instead. He died of Yellow Fever—the result of a mosquito bite.



FRONTIER SEARCH by way of books is how MSgt. James Wetzel, Detachment 1, 2nd Weather Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, tracks information about his frontiersman ancestor, Lewis Whetzel, a contemporary of Daniel Boone and George Rogers Clark. (U.S. Air Force photo)

TWO PROUD GIRLS practice how to use the barometer with which they won the San Rafael (CA) Oakview School Science Fair recently. The girls, Elyse Shapiro, 11, left, and Robin Bender, 12, received guidance from Maj. Irving W. Shapiro, Elyse's dad, a Detachment 2, 7th Weather Wing Reservist. (U.S. Air Force photo)



AWS salutes

MEDALS

Col. Paul Janota, Environmental Technical Applications Center (ETAC), Scott AFB, IL, received the Legion of Merit.

Col. Alphonse Gargiulo Jr., Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC), Offutt AFB, NE, received the third oak leaf cluster (OLC) to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

Receiving MSMs are MSgt. William T. Koch Jr., Detachment 14, 7th Weather Wing, Norton AFB, CA; Lt. Col. William E. Rodger, 2nd Weather Squadron, Andrews AFB, MD; Maj. Dan K. Waylett, 15WS, Wright-Patterson (WPAFB) AFB, OH; SMSgt. William E. Turner, 15WS, WPAFB, OH; and Lt. Col. James O. Ivory, Det. 5, 1WW, Clark AB, RP.

Air Force Commendation Medals went to SSgt. Robert D. Huth, Det. 5, 1WW, Clark AB, RP, second OLC; Capt. Joseph L. Small, 15WS, WPAFB, OH, first OLC; and Capt. Steven K. Arnett, 2WS, Andrews AFB, MD.

MSgt. Lawrence J. Wojcik, Operating Location A, Det. 6, Air Weather Service, Andrews AFB, MD, received the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

SPECIAL HONORS

TSgt. Vito J. Monteleon, Det. 4, 1WW, Hickam AFB, HI,

was selected by the Hawaii Chamber of Commerce as the 1975 Serviceman of the Year. Earlier he was the 1WW NCO of the Quarter (NCOQ) and 1975 Hawaii NCO of the Year.

TSgt. Carl J. Robertson, Det. 1, 1WW, Nimitz Hill, Guam is the Museum Distrophy Association Guam Chapter's Volunteer of the Year, a title earned for his work during the 1974 MD telethon.

SMSgt. Ralland A. Smith and TSgt. Michael L. Timmons, Det. 25, 5WW, Howard AFB, CZ, are their base's Senior NCOQ and NCOQ, respectively.

Amn. Charles M. Pittman, OL-A, Det. 15, 25WS, is the Gila Bend AF Auxiliary Field, AZ, Airman of the Month.

SSgt. Mervyn L. Screeton Jr., Det. 1, 24WS, Randolph AFB, TX, base NCOQ.

Kandyce Coldfelter, Det. 5, 16WS, Ft. Knox, KY, selected for the Airman Scholarship Commissioning Program. She will gain a commission as a second lieutenant and a degree in meteorology at either Oregon State University or the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA).

Douglas B. Jennings, son of MSgt. and Mrs. William E. Jennings, OL-A, Det. 12, 7WW, Olathe, KS, will be listed in the tenth edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students.

RECON

A1C David R. Hudson, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA, received \$25 for suggesting a change to the base daily bulletin format.

EDUCATION

Capt. Charles W. Kuykendall, 1WS MacDill AFB, FL, received a masters degree in business administration from the University of Utah.

Gordon Dickinson, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Lee Dickinson, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL, awarded a four-year Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship.

TSgt. Richard G. Allen, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA, a career education certificate from the Community College of the Air Force.

Maj. Dean A. Morss, Det. 1, 2WS, WPAFB, OH, will have a doctorate degree in atmospheric sciences conferred by the University of Michigan during its Aug. 22 graduation ceremony.

SERVICE SCHOOLS

First Lieutenant Edward J. Eadon, Det. 5, 16WS, Ft. Knox, KY, completed Squadron Officer School (SOS) by correspondence.

Maj. William T. Higham, Det. 15, 24WS, Vance AFB, OK, completed Air Command and Staff College by correspondence.

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A lesson from history

Bismarck Sea, World War II

Foul weather fades, Air Force flies, convoy destroyed

by John Fuller
AWS Historian

By the end of 1942, after setbacks at Guadalcanal and Midway, Japan's fortunes in the South Pacific began to ebb. The Japanese realized the threat of the defeats and began to strengthen Rabaul, New Britain Island, the southeast anchor of its perimeter, with outposts at Lae and Salamaua, New Guinea, just north of Australia.

In early 1943, mainly from Port Moresby, just 200 miles across the Owen Stanley Mountains from Lae, aircraft of the Fifth Air Force, led by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, struggled with Japanese naval and army units from Rabaul for air superiority.

By February 1943 the Japanese decided to reinforce Lae with almost 7,000 soldiers. The soldiers were to be moved through the

Bismarck Sea from Rabaul aboard eight troop transports escorted by eight destroyers.

The convoy, given air cover by around 100 Army and Navy planes, was scheduled to reach Lae on March 3 and be back at Rabaul five days later. Other cover the Japanese hoped to use was existing heavy weather associated with a southeasterly moving low pressure area.

When the convoy left Rabaul on March 1, it left under a canopy of low clouds, fog and poor visibilities. Additionally, a tropical front was causing poor weather in the Port Moresby area for the Fifth Air Force. Japanese meteorologists hoped the cloud cover associated with the unusual synoptic situation would hold five days—ample time to offload the troops at Lae and put to sea again.

The generally stormy weather

that began Feb. 27 held through March 2 as the convoy made its way through the Bismarck Sea. A few Fifth Air Force B-17s were able to bomb through the occasional breaks in the clouds however, and managed to sink one transport.

Late that day the curve in the tropical front over Port Moresby, along with the low pressure area, unexpectedly moved out taking the poor weather with it. The Japanese convoy was exposed.

During the next two days, Fifth Air Force aircraft, using newly developed skip-bombing techniques, sank six more transports and four destroyers. The last troop ship was sunk by American PT boats. The remaining four destroyers, all damaged and loaded with soldiers retrieved from the sea, managed to limp back to Rabaul.

More than 3,000 Japanese troops drowned and less than 1,000 made it to Lae. Fifth Air Force lost five aircraft during the battle while Japan lost around 25.

General Douglas MacArthur later described the Fifth Air Force victory as "the decisive aerial engagement" in his theater of the

war. The Japanese never again tried to send troop transport convoys to New Guinea.

If the Japanese had launched their convoy from Rabaul 48 hours earlier, the ships probably could have reached Lae under the weather's protective cover. They didn't.



BETWEEN Rabaul and Lae, the Japanese saw the protective bad weather break then felt the awesome wrath of America's Fifth Air Force bombers flying out of Port Moresby. (Artwork by John Milford)

Salutes (Continued from page 6)

Capt. Robert L. Eggum, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA, completed SOS and the Weather Staff Officer Course.

NCO Academy graduates, including those with additional honors, are **TSgt. Wayne V. King**, distinguished graduate (DG), and **TSgt. Roger N. Brunquell**, honor graduate (HG), AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE; **SSgt. Cecil I. Smith**, Det. 11, 25WS, Cannon AFB, NM, DG; **TSgt. Barry N. Bradt**, Det. 1, 6WS, Kelly AFB, TX; **TSgt. Charles H. Brenneke**, Det. 28, 26WS, Wurtsmith AFB, MI, DG; **TSgt. Joseph C. Micic Jr.**, Det. 25, 5WW, Howard AFB, CZ, DG; **TSgt. Philip B. Shuttleworth**, Det. 10, 16WS, Ft. Benning, GA, DG and speech award; **TSgt. Boyd C. Owens**, Det. 21, 24WS, Craig AFB, AL, DG; **TSgt. Jeffrey W. Russell**, Det. 9, 3WS, Maxwell AFB, AL, DG; **SSgt. Daniel Fineran**, 5WW, Langley AFB, VA, DG; and **SSgt. Daniel J. Brees**, Det. 3, 5WS, Ft. Bragg, NC, DG.

NCO Leadership School graduates, including those with additional honors, are **SSgt. Mervyn L. Screeton Jr.**, commandant's award and **SSgt. Franklin O.H. Benton**, HG, Det. 1, 24 WS, Randolph AFB, TX; **SSgt. Donald D. Nissen**, Det. 25, 5WW, Howard AFB, CZ, HG and speech award; **TSgt. Ralph S. Olinger**, Det. 14, 5WS, Ft. Hood, TX, HG; **SSgt. Efrain Cortes**, Det. 8, 5WS, Ft. Riley, KS, commandant's award and DG; **SSgt. Randall D. Ravasto**, 1WS, MacDill AFB, FL, academic achievement award; **SSgt. Terry F. Landsvork**, speech award, **Sgt. Edward W. Harris**, DG, and **SSgt. Earl E. Simon**, commandant's award and DG, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA; **SSgt. Lauren L. Larson**, Det. 9, 16WS, Ft. Rucker, AL, academic achievement award and DG; **Sgt. Anthony J. Stephenson**, Det. 2, 3WS, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC, DG; **Sgt. Michael E. Murray**, OL-A, 1WS, Avon Park, FL, DG; **Sgt. Norman L. Swinney Jr.**, Det. 20, 24WS, Laughlin AFB, TX, DG; **Sgt. Larry A. Burkhardt**, Det. 8, 31WS, Zweibrucken, Germany, HG; **SSgt. Gary L. Johnson**, Det. 10, 16WS, Ft. Benning, GA, academic award and DG; **SSgt. Michael J. Visnaw**, Det. 28, 26WS, Wurtsmith AFB, MI, commandant's award and DG; and **Sgt. Gary W. Bitto**, Det. 5, 16WS, Ft. Knox, KY.

UNIT HONORS

A1C David R. Hudson, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA, Observer of the Month.

A1C Robert F. Cunningham, Det. 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, AK, 3WW 1975 Airman of the Year.

MSgt. Charles G. Treser, Det. 16, 9WS, Dyess AFB, TX, 3WW 1975 Supervisor of the Year.

Sgt. Jon H. Fueston, Det. 40, 2WW, RAF Croughton, UK, Editor of the Quarter.

Det. 9, 9WS, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, chosen as the best weather station in the Strategic Air Command's 15th Air Force.

PROMOTIONS

To captain: **William T. Rhoads**, Det. 3, AWS, Sunnyvale AFS, CA; **Marvin E. Pershing**, Det. 10, 25WS, Bergstrom

AFB, TX; and **Gerard D. Whitman**, Det. 5, 1WW, Clark AB, RP.

To first lieutenant: **Robert A. Frederick**, Det. 5, 7WW, Dover AFB, DE; and **Lloyd L. Anderson Jr.**, Det. 15, 24WS, Vance AFB, OK.

To senior master sergeant: **Jose Badillo**, Det. 5, 1WW, Clark AB, RP.

To master sergeant: **Earl W. Raymond**, Det. 6, 3WS, Homestead AFB, FL.

To staff sergeant: **Leopoldo Viernes**, Det. 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, TX.

To sergeant: **Toni D. Humphrey**, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA.

To senior airman: **David W. Elliott**, Det. 10, 25WS, Bergstrom AFB, TX.

To airman first class: **Janelle A. Weaver**, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA; **William Locke** and **Calvin Lumpkin**, Det. 6, 3WS, Homestead AFB, FL; **Gaetano S. DiPasquale**, **William P. May II**, **Louise M. Kelliher** and **Vicki L. Marolf**, Det. 8, 26WS, Griffiss AFB, NY; **Roger L. Woolman**, Det. 15, 24WS, Vance AFB, OK; and **Donna M. Vincent** and **David A. Goldbeck**, Det. 5, 7WW, Dover AFB, DE.

COMMAND ASSIGNMENTS

Capt. Samuel P. Williams now commands Det. 3, 7WW, Charleston AFB, SC.

Col. Kenneth D. Hadeen moves from AFGWC vice commander, Offutt AFB, NE, to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, DC, this month.

Col. Charles H. Moss becomes AFGWC vice commander, Offutt AFB, NE, replacing **Colonel Hadeen**.

Lt. Col. Lawrence R. French, AWS, Scott AFB, IL, replaces **Colonel Moss** at AFGWC this month.

Lt. Col. Robert E. Julian to command the 30WS, Yong San, Korea.

MARRIAGES

A1C Terry L. Sawyers, Det. 21, 2WS, Edwards AFB, CA, married **Elizabeth H. Adkins** at Huntington, WV, June 2.

Amn. Daniel A. Beall, Det. 21, 2WS, Edwards AFB, CA, married **Amn. Kathy E. Isbell** at Paducah, KY, April 17.

Kathy is now a student at the Weather Maintenance School, Chanute AFB, IL.

A1C Michael E. Hancock, Det. 17, 24WS, Williams AFB, AZ, married **Diana Lynn Metcalf** at LaPoint, UT, April 24.

CMSgt. Richard H. Langill, Det. 18, 20WS, Yong San, Korea, married **Yi Chang Pun** at Seoul, Korea, June 23 in the Shin Hung Buddhist Temple.

BIRTHS

SSgt. and Mrs. James L. Ruffin, son, **Philip Michael**, March 19. Father is a member of Det. 1, 11WS, Elmendorf AFB, AK.

SSgt. and Mrs. Richard B. Fontaine, daughter, **Anna Bungon**, March 23. Father is a member of Det. 10, 20WS, Kunsan AB, Korea.

SSgt. and Mrs. Ronald A. Loney, son, **Steven Paul**, May 6. Father is a member of Det. 58, 5WS, Ft. Carson, CO.

A1C and Mrs. Brian M. Chapman, son, **Nathan Monroe**, April 13. Father is an observer, Det. 8, 28WS, Griffiss AFB, NY.

Capt. and Mrs. Russell W. Reed, son, **Kenneth James**, May 5. Father commands Det. 1, 20WS, Fuchu AS, Japan.

Second Lieutenant and Mrs. Boyce R. Columbus, son, **John Edward**, May 19. Father is a forecaster, Det. 15, 9 WS Grand Forks AFB, ND.

A1C Ramona Maasen and husband, son, **Jason**, May 30. Mother is an observer, Det. 2, 7WW, Travis AFB, CA.

Capt. and Mrs. Gregory Ventura, daughter, **Lisa Marie**, date not reported. Father is a member of AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE.

Sgt. and Mrs. David Rusher, daughter, **Micki**, date not reported. Father is a member of AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE.

CMSgt. and Mrs. Wesley W. Armitage, daughter, **Julie Kristin**, May 30. Father is chief observer, 3WW, Offutt AFB, NE.

Sgt. Marsha Tamburro and husband, son, **Harl**, date not reported. Mother is a member of Det. 6, 3WS, Homestead AFB, FL.

A1C and Mrs. Victor R. Howell, son, **Benjamin**, Jan. 21. Father is a maintenance technician, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA.

Sgt. and Mrs. Douglas L. Presley, daughter, **Amy Marie**, March 18. Father is an observer, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA.

Capt. and Mrs. Stephen J. Savage, son, **Brian Curtis**, May 1. Father supervises weather courses, Chanute AFB, IL.

SSgt. and Mrs. Charles J.F. Potter, daughter, **Charlotte Elaine**, June 24. Father is a forecaster, Det. 5, 16WS, Ft. Knox, KY.

RETIREMENTS

TSgt. Ralph Moore, Det. 1, 11 WS, Elmendorf AFB, AK, after 23 years military service.

Lt. Col. Charles M. Dunn, AWS, Scott AFB, IL, after 30 years.

MSgt. Roger A. Bygrave, Det. 30, 26WS, Kincheloe AFB, MI, after 23 years.

AFGWC, Offutt AFB, NE, reports the retirement of **Col. Herbert A. Million**, **Maj. Max Demianovich**, **SMSgt. Peter Gretz**, **CMSgt. Charles D. McCarthy**, **MSgts. James Donahue**, **Charles Riggs**, **Clifford Seals** and **David U. Gorsline**, and **TSgts. James Floyd** and **James Mitchell**.

SMSgt. Olin F. Bryant, Det. 3, AWS, Sunnyvale AFS, CA.

MSgt. William T. Koch Jr., Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA.

Lt. Col. William E. Rodgers, 2WS, Andrews AFB, MD. **TSgt. Larry M. Means**, Det. 3, AWS, Sunnyvale AFS, CA.

From within

Detachment float wins first

WURTSMITH AFB, MI—This year base officials here asked all units to help out with the annual Armed Forces Day celebration. In response each unit tried to be the most inventive due to it being the bicentennial year—and Detachment 28, 26th Weather Squadron won the top award.

Det. 28's people chose as their theme, "The First Americans" and they got first Americans—Indians—to help them.

By refurbishing discarded materials and using live bushes a float was made to look like a typical Indian scene. This was topped off with several Indian children and their guardian from the Oscoda Indian Mission, 25 miles north of the base, each wearing authentic Indian dress.

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany's new enlisted weather detachment commander is MSgt. Roger G. Seyfert, Detachment 7, 7th Weather Squadron. Sergeant Seyfert, a 17-year veteran of military service, is an honor graduate of the NCO Academy and completed the Senior NCO Academy Course by correspondence. He has several unusual distinctions as well. He has served more time on Army posts than Air Force bases; was the last enlisted forecaster to leave the Republic of Vietnam; and half of the installations to which he has been assigned are now closed. (U.S. Air Force photo)



Europe units discuss objectives

KAPAUN BKS, GERMANY—Members of four Air Weather Service units located throughout Europe met at 2nd Weather Wing headquarters here recently to discuss capabilities and objectives.

According to Capt. Bernard C. Diesen III, unit information officer, "The ad hoc study group established the goal of providing one coherent roadmap to manage the modernization of weather support..."

Captain Diesen concluded "...one thing is for certain—manpower drawdowns, centralized support and communications will all present special problems and opportunities in the planning and accomplishment of the 2WW mission."

Dover closes observation site

DOVER AFB, DE—"A touch of sadness," were the words of Maj. Charles A. Egolf, Detachment 5, 7th Weather Wing here, as he told of the last observation taken at Dover's representative observation site (ROS).

A1C Frank Dimola, who took observations at the ROS for 18 months, took its last observation. The ROS closed as part of the Air Weather Service transition from continuous to basic meteorological watch.

Natural wonder not wonderful

ELLINGTON ANGB, TX—SSgt. Charles T. George Jr., chief observer, Detachment 28, 25th Weather Squadron, recently found that all of nature's wonders are not necessarily wonderful.

Minutes after taking an observation Sergeant George returned to the weather station, walked straight to the telautograph and wrote: "This observer regrets to inform our subscribers that he has come face-to-tail with one of nature's less appreciated creatures. Therefore he (the observer) will be temporarily indisposed while he affects a change of wardrobe. The creature was last seen heading north toward the (control) tower. The creature is easily identified by a white rally stripe on an otherwise black chassis."

Since Sergeant George's incident several other skunks have been seen near the Ellington AFB weather station.

Duo teaches, then honored

YOKOTA AB, JAPAN—Although they wanted to go to Europe but were assigned to the Orient, the CMSgt. Stan Levin Family took the change of direction in stride and it paid off.

Chief Levin, his wife Gladys and their children did not curse their fate when they learned they were going to Detachment 3, 1st Weather Wing here. Instead, they decided to learn as much about Japan and its citizens as possible.

Their first step came soon after their arrival when they learned of the need for English conversation teachers by the Japan Air Self Defense Force, (the Japanese air force).

Each lesson taught cost them a two-hour drive through the unbelievably congested Tokyo traffic to get to the school for class but still they took on the task. Before long their students learned they were equally welcome in the Levin home.

The living room sessions not only helped the students with their English, but gave them a chance to observe an American home. These events eventually led to the Levins visiting their students' homes.

According to Chief Levin, his assignment to Air Weather Service headquarters, Scott AFB, IL, made leaving Japan and the family's student friends difficult.

Speaking before the school as the Levins prepared to leave, Col. Seiji Murata, school adjutant, said, "Sergeant and Mrs. Levin shared in our personal victories and our defeats. In their understanding of our philosophies and way of life, they are even more Japanese than the Japanese."

Sports shorts

Unit pedals to help retarded

FT. MEADE, MD—When the people of Detachment 4, 5th Weather Squadron here made plans for their fourth entry in the annual Bike-A-Thon in behalf of the mentally retarded, they were attacked by circumstances.

According to Patrick L. Herod, as the cyclists began their way along the 25-mile route, things started badly and stayed that way much of the time.

"For instance," he said, "Richard M. Mellinger ran into his own parked car as he left the station. Archie Black, using a borrowed bicycle, learned it had but one gear—slow."

Carolyn Cannon soon realized that chivalry is not part of a bicycle race. The knowledge came when her bicycle needed minor repairs and no one stopped to help. Kerry Parrish undertook the race despite what he termed a "slow leak" in one tire. Before long he realized his problem was more than just a "leak" and, according to Herod, "it was far from a slow one."

All of the Det. 4 competitors finished the race and by doing so helped gain more than \$4,000 for the charity drive.

Europe pinsters win awards

VOGELWEH, GERMANY—The 22nd Annual 2nd Weather Wing Bowling Tournament ended with awards going in all directions.

From among the 114 participants in the two-day event, awards went to Detachment 6, 2WW, for first place team honors. Paul Krenek, Det. 2, 7th Weather Squadron, took singles honors with a 667. The doubles event went to F. "Mac" McSpadden and Jerry Gowan, 2WW headquarters, for their 1,276.

The other two events went to Jack Buckingham, 2WW, including the all-events title for his 1,919 pins in nine games.

Teen shows motorcycling ability

OFFUTT AFB, NE—A teenager, entered in this year's 3rd Weather Wing headquarters Motorcycle Proficiency Demonstration, proved that younger riders can handle the two-wheeled machines too. Steve Wilson, son of CMSgt. Buddy L. Wilson, finished with an outstanding rating.

In addition to Steve, Sgt. Gary Delinks, TSgt. Roger Mead and A1C Mike Ouellette demonstrated that safety on the "big bikes" can be just as routine as in an automobile when the person in control pays proper attention. Each of the weather men have covered more than 12,000 accident-free miles in the last year.

The Motorcycle Proficiency Demonstration is held at 3WW each year to promote cycle safety among its members and families.

