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## Weather data vital to NATO exercises

Each year the Military Airlift Command airlifts U.S. based soldiers, airmen and cargo to Europe in support of Reforger and Crested Cap exercises.

Reforger, short for Return of Forces to Germany, and Crested Cap, demonstrate the U.S. capability to move ground and air forces rapidly to reinforce NATO in a crisis situation. Once forces arrive, they participate in a series of NATO sponsored ground, air and sea exercises called Autumn Forge. This year's exercises, which began during late August, have just concluded.

The majority of the weather support was arranged for and provided by 2nd Weather Wing and its units.

While 31st Weather Squadron and 28th WS units supported European flying operations, 7th WS members deployed with U.S. Army forces on ground maneuvers.

Col. William C. Culver, from Headquarters 2nd WW, Ramstein AB, Germany, acted as weather support force commander for the European forces.

Forty-five AWS members deployed from stateside units. Twenty-one who work at Army support units deployed with their units from Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, Texas to field exercises in Germany.

Fourteen stateside based members deployed to Europe in support of 2nd WW; ten deployed for MAC support: three to Germany, four to Goose Bay, Canada and three to stateside locations.

The highlight of this year's annual Reforger was the largest nonstop strategic air deployment to Europe in history.

On Sept. 13, 20 C-141Bs airdropped about 1,100 paratroopers and their equipment to two drop zones in Germany. The missions launched from Pope AFB, N.C., refueled en route, and landed at Charleston AFB, S.C., 21 and one-half hours later.

To support the three air refuelings, seven Barksdale AFB, La., KC-10s launched out of Goose Bay, Canada and 20 KC-135s from the United Kingdom.

To ensure all went well, a WC-130 scouted the drop route, and 2nd WW observers from Bad Toelz provided surface observations from the drop zones.

Another large airdrop on Sept. 20 involved the airdrop of intra-theater personnel. In that drop, the deployed combat control team took and transmitted weather data instead of the weather observers taking the drop zone observations.

### Sergeant earns \$400 from idea

A suggestion to install a lightning advisory system has earned TSgt. Janusz Celka, Detachment 9, 24th Weather Squadron, Maxwell AFB, Ala., a \$400 check from Uncle Sam.

His suggestion, submitted on an AF Form 1000, was to install the system between Maxwell and Gunter AFS, some nine miles across town.

Gunter is the home of the Air Force Data Systems Design Center, which provides automated data processing capabilities to major commands and field units around the world.

Whenever lightning is sighted within three miles of Maxwell, a lightning advisory system is activated for specific agencies on Maxwell.

AFDSDC, which currently has no such system, was usually notified of threat by telephone. However, because of higher priority weather station duties, AFDSDC could not always be advised in advance of lightning strikes which could cause an interruption in power to their computers.

Because of this, AFDSDC continually lost many complex data files and repeatedly had damage to



TSgt. Janusz Celka

computer disk pack equipment.

Replacing lost data and repairing these computer hardware systems is an expensive operation which costs the Air Force manhours and money.

However, with the advance notification AFDSDC, can shut down their computer and save the Air Force approximately \$600 per undamaged disc pack.

In addition, it takes about six hours to reprogram the computer in order to recover lost data files.

With an average number of 12 unscheduled power outages per year, the new method will save AFDSDC 72 working hours per year.

The total cost of the lightning advisory system is \$486.00 installed, and will yield an estimated net savings to the Air Force of \$52,104.58 during the first year the new system is in effect.

## AWS given share of command STEP quotas

The Military Airlift Command has received 55 quotas for the Stripes for Exceptional Performers Program, one more than in fiscal year 82.

The 55 quotas, MAC's share of the 450 STEP stripes Air Force wide, are then allocated throughout the command, based on the assigned population in grades E-4 through E-6.

Air Weather Service has received three STEP quotas for fiscal year 83, the same number as last year.

The STEP program, now a permanent Air Force program, is designed to let numbered air forces, technical services and wing com-

manders promote a limited number of exceptional airmen to the grades of staff through master sergeant.

Airmen must meet minimum time-in-service requirements, which are: staff, three years; to technical sergeant, five years; and to master sergeant, eight years at the time of promotion.

The STEP promotion authority for AWS rests with the commander, Col. George E. Chapman. He personally approves each selection among promotion eligible airmen in all AFSCs who have been clearly identified through awards and recognition programs.

### Christmas volunteers

## Alaskan det helps Santa

Children of U.S. servicemembers worldwide can receive a letter from Santa Claus complete with the North Pole postmark through a program called "Santa's Mailbag."

The program, begun in 1954, is made possible by the volunteer work of members of Detachment 2, 11th Weather Squadron at Eielson AFB, Alaska.

The program works this way. First the child writes a letter to Santa Claus,

then a relative or friend answers the letter as if it were from Santa, placing "Santa's answer" in a stamped envelope addressed to the child. The envelope containing the answer is mailed (before Dec. 1), to Det. 2, 11th WS, Eielson AFB, Alaska 99702.

Then detachment members, working in their off-duty hours, return the answer to the child, with Santa's stamped artwork and the North Pole postmark on the envelope.

# Command line

## Loss from safety mishaps costs more than money, time

In the August and September Command Lines, I talked of commitment. I want to stress commitment again this month, but from a slightly different viewpoint. I'm speaking of a commitment to safety.

Safety isn't a boring lecture at Commander's Call, or a warning line in your sponsor's welcoming letter. Safety is really an approach to life; it's caring about yourself.

We protect our families at all cost, we unselfishly rescue strangers, and we lock up our valuable possessions. Why, then, are we sometimes dangerously careless with our own lives? What price would you put on a broken leg or days of pain in a back brace?

Sprained ankles, pulled back muscles, torn ligaments — these aren't the types of items usually covered in the Command Line. They might seem too petty to warrant command attention. Does \$200,000, 435 lost duty days and 181 days of restricted duty sound petty? That's the cost to Air Weather Service so far this year in dollars and loss of manpower from mishaps.



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AWS Commander

Two Air Weather Service members were killed in traffic mishaps, and the pain and sense of loss to their families, friends and co-workers can't be

measured in money or time.

Actually, the Air Force doesn't keep mishap statistics just to calculate losses. Statistics are for the purpose of preventing similar mishaps. Behind every safety statistic is an injured person, and ahead is a person who could be injured if they don't learn from another's misfortune.

Ironically, most of our statistics this year show people were hurt in recreational activities or, supposedly while having a good time.

Many of our social gatherings include the use of alcoholic beverages. Not all of the recreational injuries were caused by drinking, but it was a factor in eight of the most severe mishaps. In several cases, the person injured — or in one case killed — had not been drinking, but was the victim of someone else's indulgence. Prudence is required.

Obviously, we can't control everyone's actions, but we can be aware of possible danger and exercise self-control to minimize potential exposure to injury. Statistics neither accuse nor absolve; they only report numbers.

Each number, however, means a person was hurt or killed. Too many Air Weather Service people are "numbers" this year, and we have to work together to stop this growing trend.

As the Air Weather Service commander, all of the 59 reportable mishaps this year are important to me. Each report means one of my people is injured, and I care about that.

I also care that each mishap affects other AWS members. Someone must take on that extra duty — the mission doesn't stop because an observer or a forecaster can't be there.

No matter what your position, if you can't perform your duty, someone else is tasked to do more. Mishaps often beget mishaps. Since some of our units are undermanned, any extra workload on top of already long hours might be what causes the next reportable incident.

Each of us must be committed to our own safety. Shakespeare's "To thine ownself be true" is a good line to remember. Care about yourself — take care of yourself. It's a good, safe way to live.

# Weathermen face front line action at Normandy

By John Fuller

Weather forecasts prepared by Air Weather Service's 18th and 21st Weather Squadrons in England helped determine June 6, 1944 as D-Day for Operation Overlord, the famous Allied cross-channel invasion of German-occupied France, at Normandy.

But weather support to the historic invasion did not stop with the D-Day forecast. Indeed, on June 6 another phase of weather support commenced, provided by 21st WS men on the beaches and behind enemy lines at Normandy.

The first weatherman to reach France was SSgt. Charles J. Staub, who parachuted into Normandy at 1 a.m., June 6, with 101st Airborne Division elements, five hours before the landing of the first assault troops. Following closely was SSgt. Robert A. Dodson, who jumped with 82nd Airborne Division elements behind the beaches.

Parachuted into separate areas, each carried a small radio, a psychrometer and weapons. Each fared poorly.

Germans attacked Sergeant Dodson's force, and for the first 36 hours he acted as a rifleman. After the attack was repulsed, Dodson began taking and transmitting hourly weather

observations. He did so until June 21, when the front lines overtook him and he was sent back to a hospital to have the knee, which he injured on landing, treated. Suffering multiple gunshot wounds, Sergeant Staub was a casualty before he ever took an observation.



While that pair preceded the invasion, some 20 other 21st WS weathermen, assigned to Air Support Parties with the infantry, waded ashore beside the first assault troops on June 6 or landed behind the beaches with glider units.

Usually consisting of eight men, a half-track, and a radio-equipped jeep, the ASPs guided close air support strikes. The assigned weathermen briefed incoming fighter pilots on target weather and transmitted surface observations hourly to ships offshore.

Late on June 6, Cpl. Eugene Levine, a 21st WS observer assigned to an ASP with the 82nd Airborne Division, left England for France in a glider towed by a C-47 flying at 500 feet.

Although the C-47 was hit by flak

over Normandy and crashed, Corporal Levine's glider was released and landed okay. But the corporal spent most of the next day dodging Germans, and it was June 8 before he began taking and transmitting weather observations hourly.

The immediate job of Sgt. Patrick L. Kelley, a 21st WS observer attached to the 4th Infantry Division's 8th Regiment, was to drive a radio-equipped jeep ashore at Normandy's Omaha Beach.

When the landing ship tank touched bottom, it was some 200 yards offshore in 18 inches of water. As the landing craft's ramp door dropped, heavy gunfire greeted Sergeant Kelley. Looking toward shore for a place to beach his jeep, he saw what looked like logs the Germans used as obstacles. As he floored the jeep's accelerator, he saw they weren't logs; they were bodies. The LST's waves washed them aside so he did not have to drive over them.

The ASPs were followed by the entire 21st WS detachments. Fully mobile, each would furnish 24-hour observing and forecasting support to designated ground or air units. However, none landed on D-Day.

Detachment YF was to have hit Omaha Beach at 6 p.m., June 6, but as the LST approached its assigned landing area, it met such intense

mortar, 88mm and small arms fire that a landing was out of question. Debris prevented the craft from moving to a cleared area, so the LST commander was ordered to remain offshore overnight.

The second attempt, made after 35 tense minutes of hugging the shore while shells "literally rained down on the craft," also failed when the anchor caught on a submerged truck, making it necessary to put to sea to free it.

The third try was a success although the truck preceding the detachment's weather van received a direct hit from an 88mm shell and blocked the exit. The weather van had to push it aside to get out. Once ashore, the weathermen found they were already at the front. German lines were just 100 yards inland.

By July 1, when the assault phase of Overlord officially ended, 14 complete 21st WS mobile weather detachments were ashore in France and operating in the front lines.

Aside from Sergeant Staub, the squadron suffered no further casualties — although by year's end two 21st WS enlisted weathermen were killed in combat, one by shrapnel and another by a land mine.

Written by Mr. Fuller, the Military Airlift Command historian for AWS, this column is featured monthly as part of the Project Warrior program.

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## Enlisted line

# Today's force earns dignity, respect

It was almost four years ago that I started my first "Enlisted Line" for the Observer. At the time, I thought it a tough assignment, but it was a piece of Angel Food compared to this, my last. The last one turns out to be a real tooth-puller — not only because parting comments are expected to be sage and profound, but because it signals farewell to the best job I've ever had and the best people I've ever known.

When one finally comes to grips with retirement, as I have to do on the last day of December, one tends to reminisce and wax nostalgic, harking back to those so-called "golden days of yesteryear."

For the career enlisted force, some of those years were in fact golden — some, on the other hand, leaned toward tarnished. But the enlisted corps has survived and evolved into something those of us who enlisted shortly after Custer's last stand couldn't possibly have imagined.

In my opinion, today's enlisted force has something that couldn't be bought, even with pre-1960 dollars. It has **dignity** and it has **respect** — both earned the hard way, but definitely earned. Enlisted people are no longer categorized as "sly and cunning, bearing watching," except by those who have had their eyes and ears closed since VJ-Day.

To the good of the Air Force enlisted corps and the Nation, however, you have the respect of those who count and who see you as highly trained, extremely valuable professionals, who need much more than three squares, a place to sleep, and some

cigarette money to operate the mind-boggling complexities of today's weapons systems.

This respect for your capabilities did not, as I've mentioned, come easy. It wasn't done by writing an AFR XX-X that states, "Effective Sept. 30, 1965, enlisted people will have dignity and respect." No — it's been acquired a millimeter at a time by enlisted people who **proved** their abilities to function as well-trained technical pros, as skilled leaders and managers, as planners, organizers, and thinkers — all that opposed to a centuries old proposition that enlisted people, upon hearing "Fire!", needed simply to pull the trigger.

There is no other group in today's Air Force that better typifies the "new" enlisted force than the one we have in the Air Weather Service.

You've been offered big challenges in the past six or seven years — you've picked them up and run hard with them. You've shown you can lead and manage with the best from anywhere.

The tougher it got, the harder you pulled. You've proved yourselves over and over.

I can't tell you how proud I am to have been even a small part of it, and I want to thank everyone on the AWS team, past and present, for their part in making some really good things happen.

I think all that is sufficiently profound for one day. Let me just slide quietly off the page now by saying that I've enjoyed these years more than I can tell you. They went by much too fast, but you can't stop the clock.



**CMSgt. George M. Horn**  
AWS Senior Enlisted Advisor

I have to tell you that the best part of all of it has been the people — you people. The cooperation and support you've provided has been unbelievable — you're all running way out in front of the superlatives I can think of without lunging for the Thesaurus. I'm sure you'll continue doing that for the new crew.

The best parting wish I can think of is that I hope each of you has as much fun and reward from your career as I've had from mine. Good luck and Godspeed to each of you.

## Maneuvers precede Autumn Forge



After arriving at the deployment location, SSgts. Mark D. Mullinax, Mark R. Sebastian and Sgt. Robert C. Stiver, Jr. (left to right), begin setting up the camouflage.

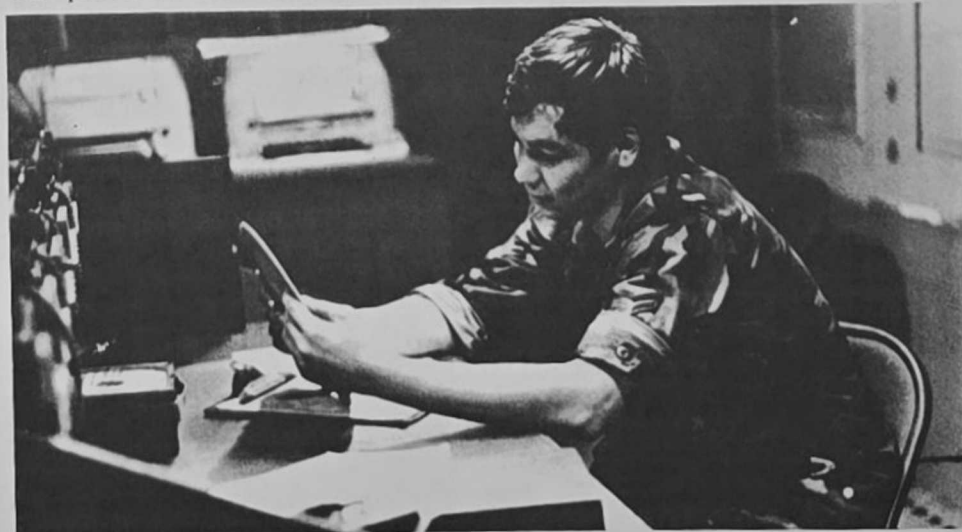
In preparation for Autumn Forge exercises, many 2nd Weather Wing units took part in Army maneuvers within the European theater.

One such unit was Detachment 5, 7th Weather Squadron at Katterbach, Germany, whose members participated in the 1st Armored Division field maneuvers which tested the division's command and control elements.

Weather support for the maneuvers was provided from the detachment's

five-ton expandable van, "SWO-1." Observations and forecasts used for the maneuvers were intercepted from high frequency international weather broadcasts or relayed from tactical observing teams deployed with the 1st AD brigades.

The products were tailored by Det. 5 forecasters for use by the division's tactical operations center as part of the battlefield decision making equation.



A1C Patrick Higgins, from the detachment, completes a weather observation. (U.S. Air Force photos)

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# AWS Salutes. . .

Information for the Salutes column should be sent by public affairs representatives to HQ AWS/PA, Scott AFB, Ill., 62225. Submissions should list information by category and include the rank, full name, unit and unit location.

Items received by the 15th of the month will be printed in the following month's AWS OBSERVER.

Abbreviations are AWS - Air Weather Service; HQ - Headquarters; AIN - Army Installation; AAF - Army Airfield; AFS - Air Force Station; CCAF - Community College of the Air Force; WW - Weather Wing; WS - Weather Squadron; AFGWC - Air Force Global Weather Central; USAFETAC - U.S. Environmental Technical Applications Center; WRS - Weather Reconnaissance Squadron; BTZ - Below the Zone; OL - Operating Location; and OLC - Oak Leaf Cluster.

## Medals

**Defense Meritorious Service Medal:** Lt. Col. Henry M. Baddley, Jr., HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

**Meritorious Service Medal:** MSgt. Nevin C. Swartz, Maj. Jeffrey W. Johnson, Lt. Col. Richard P. Breese (1st OLC), Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; Maj. Warner H. Balsterholt, Det. 14, 17th WS, Norton AFB, Calif.; Maj. Robert L. Norton, Jr., Det. 23, 3rd WS, Moody AFB, Ga.; TSgt. David A. Girton, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.; MSgt. Wade C. Ramsey, Jr., Det. 3, 11th WS, Shemya AFB, Alaska; Maj. Terry Tarbell, Richard D. Delay, Det. 10, 2nd WS, Eglin AFB, Fla.; Lt. Col. Winston K. Crandall (1st OLC), Maj. Carl Curatola (1st OLC), MSgts. David A. Rosser (1st OLC), Charles P. Milliken (1st OLC), Maj. Francis E. Lomax, Harold R. Schmitt, Jr., TSgt. Gerald C. Markwell, MSgt. John J. Slaby, Jr., CMSgt. Harvey D. McInnis, Maj. Phillips A. Hanson, Capt. Kay T. Perry, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Lt. Col. Stephen J. Savage, Det. 19, 15th WS, Lajes Field, Azores; Maj. Richard H. Paine, MSgt. John M. Stefancik, Det. 40, 2nd WW, RAF Croughton, United Kingdom; Capt. Donald L. Boucher, Det. 3, 9th WS Fairchild AFB, Wash.; Capt. James E. Pettett, HQ 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

**Air Force Commendation Medal:** Sgt. Michael D. Thompson, TSgts. Dennis L. Lien, Robert D. Whelan (3rd OLC), Ronald S. LaLonde (1st OLC), 1st Lt. Matteo Colello III, Charles D. Zachary, Mary J. Carr, Mark J. Welshinger, Timothy D. Halderman, D'Ann A. Greening, Donald L. Carroll (1st OLC), Edward H. Erwin (1st OLC), Richard H. Blackmon, MSgt. Lawrence P. Carnito, SSgts. Augustine A. Huerta, Earl P. Wilshinger, Jr., Capt. Scott R. Hanses, Maj. Michael D. Lewis, Francis X. Neumann, Jr. (1st OLC), HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; TSgt. Rosanne Eodchick, Det. 19, 15th WS, Lajes Field, Azores; SSgt. David B. Meek, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.; SSgt. Roy E. Spoon, Det. 22, 26th WS, Carswell AFB, Texas; SSgt. Craig E. Heiselmeyer, Det. 58, 5th WS, Fort Carson, Colo.; TSgt. Martin L. Torres, Det. 16, 9th WS, Dyess AFB, Texas.

**Air Force Achievement Medal:** SSgts. Bruce W. Swartz, Valerie A. Swartz, Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; SSgt. George A. Gatto, Jr., Det. 6, 9th WS, Peterson AFB, Colo.; SrA. Richard A. Winkle, Jr., Det. 3, 2nd WW, Athens, Greece; SSgt. Bruce A. Mauk, Det. 23, 17th WS, Kirtland AFB, N.M.; 1st Lt. Edward H. Erwin, A1Cs Douglas B. Drew, Richard L. Sharpe, Jr., SSgt. Keith T. Williams, SrA Bryan R. Hamilton, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt. Carolyn D. Pierce, Det. 19, 15th WS, Lajes Field, Azores.

**Army Commendation Medal:** SMSgt. Robert W. Curran, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt. Bradford Butler, Det. 6, 9th WS, Peterson AFB, Colo.

## Promotions

**To colonel:** James Kerlin, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

**To lieutenant colonel:** Stephen Savage, Det. 19, 15th WS, Lajes Field, Azores; Calvin C. Naeglin, Ran-



Graduates from weather technician course 820401 are (front row, left to right): TSgt. Julian Snyder, AG1 William Nisky, SSgts. Spencer Chapman, David Sobatka; (back row) SSgt. Henry Bergfeld, Sgt. Peter Rahe, AG1 Mike Adams, SSgt. Vicky Edwards, Sgts. Rich Greenleaf, Dale Llewellyn, Sgt. Ken Kracke.

dolph W. Ashbt, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

**To major:** Francis X. Routhier, III, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Robert L. Eggum, Det. 58, 5th WS, Fort Carson, Colo.; Dominic A. Ruggeri, Det. 4, 26th WS, Loring AFB, Maine; Richard H. Paine, Det. 40, 2nd WW, RAF Croughton, United Kingdom.

**To captain:** James S. Mitchell, Allan M. Weiner, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Bridget S. Luckert, Det. 23, 26th WS, Wurtsmith AFB, Mich.; Beth L. B. McNulty, Det. 11, Beale AFB, Calif.

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**To senior master sergeant:** Joseph H. Runyon, Det. 10, 2nd WS, Eglin AFB, Fla.; Philip Henderson, Det. 30, 2nd WS, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.

**To master sergeant:** Ernest W. Troop, Det. 6, 5th WS, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Dale E. Bellmeyer, William F. Roche, Dennis L. Smith, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

**To technical sergeant:** Daniel B. Adams, Jr., Lauren L. Larson, John R. Parr, Dennis J. Rudolph, Anthony J. Reynolds, Franklin D. Yost, Thomas C. Miller, Duane C. Parker, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Andrew Miller, Det. 9, 24th WS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; James M. Cromley, Det. 23, 26th WS, McConnell AFB, Kan.; William M. Smith, Det. 36, 28th WS, RAF Alconbury, United Kingdom.

**To staff sergeant:** Ray Lacelle, Mike Erskine, Robert Slayton, Det. 30, 2nd WS, Vandenberg AFB, Calif.; James H. Collier, Franklin E. Henry, Det. 10, 2nd WS, Eglin AFB, Fla.; Mike Carr, Det. 9, 24th WS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Clayborn Barrett, Det. 2, 24th WS, Columbus AFB Miss.; Lawrence M. Smith, Det. 19, 26th WS, Whiteman AFB, Mo.; Mitchell L.

Manning, Jay E. Shulsinger, David L. Haines, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; David Rivers, Jr., Det. 23, 3rd WS, Moody AFB, Ga.

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**To senior airman:** Beth Lewis (BTZ), Douglas J. Schweinsberg, Det. 10, 2nd WS, Eglin AFB, Fla.; Steven J. Debee, Wayne K. Mercier, Det. 3, 11th WS, Shemya AFB, Alaska; Jeffrey A. Rosbach, Det. 6, 26th WS, Pease AFB, N.H.; Dennis Barron, Det. 11, 24th WS, Reese AFB, Texas; James Rhodes, Det. 22, 24th WS, Keesler AFB, Miss.; Steven Chrysostom, Linda M. Knott, Steve K. Long (BTZ), Sandra A. Thompson, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Krispin J. McCann, Michael DeYoung (BTZ), Det. 58, 5th WS, Fort Carson, Colo.; David E. Derung (BTZ), Det. 15, 9th WS, Grand Forks, AFB, N.D.; William A. Scarborough, Marsha F. Underwood, Det. 16, 9th WS, Dyess AFB, Texas; Paula Y. Przybysz, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.; Michael S. Maricle, Det. 8, 1st WW, Kadena AB, Japan; Robert B. Anaya, OL-G, AWS, Coral Gables, Fla.; Robert C. David, OL-A, Det. 10, 7th WS, Wertheim, Germany; Shawn T. Sankey (BTZ), Det. 6, 7th WS, Fulda, Germany.

**To airman first class:** Martin R. Thompson, David W. Schwanke, Det. 6, 5th WS, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Scott B. Armstrong, Det. 40, 2nd WW, RAF Croughton, United Kingdom; Bradford S. Ashby, Cynthia M. Skidmore, Mason L. Tanaka, Arlen D. Lewis, Donna B. Ahlstrom, Richard Carpenter, James N. Johnson,

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Eva L. Rich, Julie D. Terril, Robin L. Jansen, Patricia G. Harris, Gary D. Mercer, James C. Parson, Tim J. Colony, David P. Harrington, Daniel W. Miller, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Timothy M. Harmon, Det. 26, 26th WS, Grissom AFB, Ind.; Eric C. Merrell, Det. 23, 26th WS, McConnell AFB, Kan.; Bill Dennis, Det. 9, 24th WS, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

## Unit honors

**Junior Officer of the Quarter:** Capt. Michael Jamilkowski, HQ AWS, Scott AFB, Ill. for Scott AFB; Capt. M. Vance Mansur, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

**Senior NCO of the Quarter:** MSgt. Richard W. Hafely, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.

**NCO of the Quarter:** Sgt. William R. Wertz, Det. 10, 2nd WS, Eglin AFB, Fla.; SSgt. Susan L. Lawrence, Det. 22, 26th WS, Carswell AFB, Texas, for 26th WS; SSgt. Kenneth W. Nelmes, Jr., HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt. James Buchanan, Det. 1, 24th WS, Randolph AFB, Texas, TSgt. Joyce Phillips, Det. 12, 24th WS, Sheppard AFB, Texas, for Sheppard TTC; SSgt. Sterling Caldwell, HQ 26th WS, Barksdale AFB, La., SSgt. Susan L. Lawrence, Det. 22, 26th WS, Carswell AFB, Texas, for 26th WS, TSgt. Michael O. House, Det. 4, 11th WS, Fort Richardson, Alaska, for 11th WS; SSgt. David B. Meek, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.; for 15th WS.

**Airman of the Quarter:** SrA Paula Y. Przybysz, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C., for Pope AFB; A1C Craig Sechrest, Det. 21, 15th WS, for 15th WS; Sgt. William E. Andrus, Det. 10, 2nd WS, Eglin AFB, Fla., for 2nd WS; SrA. Edward C. Crawford, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt. Lincoln D. Gordon, Det. 3, 11th WS, Shemya AFB, Alaska, for 11th WS; A1C Jeffrey Oakes, Det. 19, 26th WS, Whiteman AFB, Mo., for 26th WS.

**Forecaster of the Quarter:** TSgt. John R. Poudrier,

Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.

**Observer of the Quarter:** SrA Paula Y. Przybysz, Det. 21, 15th WS, Pope AFB, N.C.

## Education

**Air Command and Staff College:** Timothy D. Crum, HQ 5th WW, Langley AFB, Va.

**NCO Academy graduates:** TSgt. Robert Van Veghel, Det. 9, 7th WW, Scott AFB, Ill.; TSgt. Richard K. Comfort, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., graduated with honors; SSgt. Dwight W. Fleming, Det. 2, 9th WS, Castle AFB, Calif.; TSgt. Douglas L. Presley, Det. 7, 5th WS, Fort Ord, Calif.; MSgt. David H. Palmer, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., graduated with honors; TSgt. Floyd M. Parton, Det. 6, 1st WW, Palehua, Hawaii; TSgt. Roger Jagim, Det. 17, 9th WS, Ellsworth AFB, S.D., graduated with honors; TSgt. Hugh R. Wells, Det. 22, 26th WS, Carswell AFB, Texas; MSgt. Thomas Haskings, Det. 15, 24th WS, Vance AFB, Okla.

**NCO Leadership School graduates:** SSgt. Kenneth W. Nelmes, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., graduated with honors; SSgt. David P. Walker, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt. John M. Fritz, Det. 10, 2nd WS, Eglin AFB, Fla.; SSgt. Edward K. Reed, Det. 22, 26th WS, Carswell AFB, Texas; SSgt. Sonny Bernal, Det. 6, 5th WS, Fort Lewis, Wash., graduated with honors; SSgt. Michael J. Carmody, Det. 16, 25th WS, Nellis AFB, Nev.; SSgt. Mike Gottschall, Weather Training Branch, Chanute AFB, Ill., graduated with honors.

**Phase II, PME graduates:** SSgt. Donald R. Robinson, Det. 10, 2nd WS, Eglin AFB, Fla.; SSgt. David V. Wold, Det. 2, 11th WS, Eielson AFB, Alaska; Sgt. Glyn Erwies, Det. 2, 24th WS, Columbus AFB, Miss.; SSgt. William E. Lomax, Det. 24, 26th WS, K. I. Sawyer AFB, Mich., graduated with honors.

**Weather Technician Course:** Sgt. Spencer R. Chapman, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; SSgt. Victoria L. Edwards, Det. 24, 26th WS, K. I. Sawyer AFB, Mich.; Sgt. Richard M. Greenleaf, Det. 12, 5th WS,

Fort Devens, Mass.; Sgt. Kenneth C. Kracke, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt. Dale A. Llewellyn, Det. 14, 5th WS, Fort Hood, Texas; Sgt. Robert H. Powell, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Sgt. Peter J. Rahe, Det. 1, 5th WS, Fort Campbell, Ky.; TSgt. Julian K. Snyder, Det. 24, 26th WS, K. I. Sawyer, Mich.; SSgt. Michael R. Ouellette, 920th WRG, Keesler AFB, Miss.; SSgt. David A. Sobotka, Det. 23, 17th WS, Kirtland AFB, N.M.; SSgt. Kenneth L. Tegnell, Det. 7, 5th WS, Fort Ord, Calif.

**Weather Specialist Course:** SSgt. Paul Reynolds, Det. 12, 26th WS, Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y.; SSgt. Doretta D. Johnson, Det. 10, 2nd WS, Eglin AFB, Fla., graduated with honors.

**Degree recipients:** SSgts. Frederick N. Turcotte, Steven D. Erickson, TSgt. Cynthia G. Mendonca, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb., bachelors' degrees from the University of Nebraska-Omaha; Capt. Eleanor A. Doyle, Gregory W. Judge, HQ 30th WS, Yongsan, Korea, master's degrees from the University of Southern California; TSgt. Robert Van Veghel, Det. 9, 7th WS, an associate's degree from Georgia Military College.

**CCAF degree recipients:** SSgt. James L. Laurenti, Terrence Rich, TSgt. James D. White, HQ AFGWC, Offutt AFB, Neb.; TSgt. Jerry Heath, Det. 11, 24th WS, Reese AFB, Texas.

## Retirements

Lt. Col. Richard P. Breese, Det. 7, AFGWC, Carswell AFB, Texas; Capt. James E. Pettett, HQ 1st WW, Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

## Births

A1C Keith D. and Vicki Johnson, Det. 8, 1st WW, Kadana AB, Japan, a daughter, Andrea Jeanette.

Sgt. William M. and Vickie Hale, OL-B, Det. 10, 7th WS, Kitzingen, Germany, a daughter, Christina Faye.

SrA Craig E. and Carol Kossoudji, Det. 58, 5th WS, Fort McPherson, Ga., a daughter, Christina Joy.

Capt. Jerry and Lea Foster, OL-C, 2nd WS, Griffiss AFB, N.Y., a son, Joshua David.

TSgt. Edward Kurdy, Det. 5, 9th WS, Malmstrom AFB, Mont., a daughter, Katrina Kim.

SrA Michell Haley, Det. 6, 9th WS, Peterson AFB, Colo., a son, George Thomas.

SSgt. John D. and Karen L. Gerrish, Det. 6, 5th WS, Fort Lewis, Wash., a son, Kevin Michael.

A1C Michael T. Poplin, Det. 22, 26th WS, Carswell AFB, Texas, a daughter, Diana.

Sgt. Howard G. Beach, Det. 22, 26th WS, Carswell AFB, Texas, a son, Justin.

Sgt. James Methven, HQ 26th WS, Barksdale AFB, La., a daughter.

## Chanute seeks help from local orphanage

Personnel at the Weather Training Branch at Chanute AFB, Ill., are seeking assistance from other Air Weather Service members in an annual fund raising drive.

For 24 years, members of the training branch have made a Christmastime contribution to the Victory Hall Orphanage in Normal, Ill.

Through fund raising activities like bake sales, dunking booths and straight donations, they have contributed annually to the organization.

Donating \$3,000 last year, the branch has set \$5,000 as this year's targeted goal. However, donations so far this year have been lower than average, and place the success of the drive in jeopardy.

If you would like to donate to the orphanage, please send a check or money order made out to the Victory Hall Fund to: 3350 TCHTG/TTMV/Stop 62, Chanute AFB, Ill. 61868.



Graduates from weather technician course 820304 are (front row, left to right): TSgt. Rick Cyrus, SSgt. Robert Currin; (back row) SSgts. Rob DuFrane, Vince Delaney, Laurie Brooks, Jean Brand, Dave Haines, Sgt. Ron Sinnard, SSgt. Gene Wilson (instructor).

## Weather Obs

**5th Weather Wing** — Headquarters 5th Weather Wing golfers teamed up with the Tactical Air Command's 2nd Aircraft Delivery Group to earn top honors during the intramural golf season at Langley AFB, Va. After finishing third in their league, Gary Heise, Tom Hogg, Jim Dearborn, Ed Arrance and Ron Bound won three consecutive matches to become base champions. Other members of the combined team included Gary Sickler, Tim Crum, Pat Giese, Dave Gurkin, Don Sowalskie, Dave Hopewell and Wayne French.

**Memorial** — Lt. Col. (Retired) Robert A. Suarez died Sept. 16, at his home in Urbana, Ill. Colonel Suarez, who retired after 22 years service, served the later part of his career as a weather officer. Following his retirement, he served 18 years as a civilian meteorologist, first with the U.S. Army as a micro- and meso-scale meteorologist and then with the Air Force as a senior instructor and training specialist with the weather forecaster/technician course at the Technical Training Center, Chanute AFB, Ill.

**Scouting award** — Cub Scout Pack 6, sponsored by Headquarters Air Weather Service at Scott AFB, Ill., is the first Okaw Valley Council pack to receive the Outstanding Unit Award. The honor, given on a yearly basis, is awarded to the pack which meets requirements based on membership, family and pack participation.

**Runner** — Jerry Hobart, Detachment 10, 30th Weather Squadron, Kunsan AB, Korea competed as the base senior category representative in the Air Force Korea District distance running competition at Osan AB, Korea. The technical sergeant won both the three- and six-mile events in the senior division and finished in fourth place for all age groups in both events.

**Australia** — An Australian man climbing at Shothole Canyon near Detachment 9, 1st Weather Wing, the Learmonth Solar Observatory, Australia, was aided by Capt. Rob Erickson and Bob Frederick when a ledge gave way and he fell 60 feet. Responding to cries for help, detachment members and two other Australians carried supplies and provided medical assistance until help arrived from the nearest town, some 20 miles away.

**Special Recognition** — TSgt. Leonard L. Czepiel, Detachment 14, 17th Weather Squadron, Norton AFB, Calif., has been honored by the United States Jaycees with the Outstanding Young Men of America award.

**Annual award** — Maj. Edward M. Tomlinson, Detachment 1, 2nd Weather Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, has been awarded the second annual Robert (Bud) Long Award. Major Tomlinson, who is chief staff meteorologist for the Air Force Wright Aeronautical Laboratories, Air Force Systems Command, was cited as the outstanding 2nd Weather Squadron staff meteorologist.

**Barrel roll** — Members of Detachment 4, 3rd Weather Wing, Holloman AFB, N.M. recently took part in the first "Anything Goes" competition. Fourteen base units entered the events, which ranged from the barrel roll to the crate walk. Det. 4 members took an easy victory in the water carry and placed fourth overall in the competitions.

## Officials announce AF policy changes for women's and officer's uniforms

Military Airlift Command personnel officials have announced two changes to Air Force uniform policy concerning women's uniforms and officers' mess dress.

The women's blazer-style service coat and slacks will become a mandatory clothing item for enlisted women beginning Jan. 1, 1983. The semi-box style coat may still be worn until a phase-out date is announced.

Officers may wear the semi-formal uniform until the new mess dress is available. MAC personnel officials said the change takes effect immediately, and affects all new officers, officer trainees, all cadets, except U.S. Air Force Academy and other officers without the mess dress uniform.

The semi-formal uniform consists of Combination 1 with white shirt and black bow tie for men and white blouse and black collar tab for women. It may be worn any time the mess dress uniform would normally be worn.

MAC officials say the new mess dress uniform is not expected to be available through military clothing sales stores until late this year or early 1983. It may take an additional 18 months to develop adequate stocks, they said.

Women may now shorten the sleeves on the long-sleeved blue shirt with epaulets by having them altered. According to MAC personnel officials, this is

an interim measure by the 78th Uniform Board pending development of a new short-sleeve shirt for women. If the sleeves are shortened, they should be altered in the same style as the short-sleeve overblouse. (MNS)

### AAF badge wanted

According to the 1944 edition of "AAF — The Official Guide to the Army Air Forces," certain AAF technicians were authorized to wear a distinctive silver badge indicating the skills in which they were qualified. Among the 24 specialties designated were weather observers and forecasters.

The badge shown here was for the maintenance specialties. If anyone can provide a description, picture or an example of the actual weather badge, for display at Headquarters, Air Weather Service, please contact CMSgt. Charles T. Melson, AWS/CMS, Scott AFB, Ill. 62225 or telephone Autovon 638-4002.



## 'Big Mac' hits Western Pacific

By 1st Lt. Gregory T. Marx

To the Typhoon Chasers the term "Big Mac" represents more than the popular double-decker sandwich.

Based at Andersen AFB, Guam, the members of Detachment 4, Air Weather Service, and the 54th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, recently faced "Mac", the season's second super typhoon.

At 10 p.m., Oct. 1, the 23rd tropical cyclone of the Western Pacific storm season originated as a tropical depression about 350 nautical miles east-south-east of Guam.

Within 48 hours after its inception, the depression had undergone an impressive development process and had attained typhoon strength.

Positioned 60 nautical miles west of Guam, Mac sustained surface winds of 65 knots.

On Oct. 4, reconnaissance data taken from a WC-130 "Swan Bird" recorded a 909 mb central pressure. The storm had deepened by an incredible 46 mb over the previous 11 hours.

This was the basis upon which forecasters at the Joint Typhoon Warning Center declared Mac the season's second Super Typhoon in the Western Pacific region.

A Super typhoon is defined as a tropical cyclone with sustained surface winds of 130 knots or greater.

The Swan crew, with Det. 4's, 1st Lt. Byron Collison as the aerial reconnaissance weather of-

ficer, and MSgt. Richard Pelmonter as the dropsonde operator, flew on the mission when Mac was at its strongest central pressure of 895 mb.

Therefore Mac has also earned the distinction of being the most intense storm to date for 1982.

This year the Typhoon Chasers have seen some of its most active flying compared to any period of the previous five years.

Statistics compiled by Capt. Marsha Korose, chief ARWO, showed that the total number of investigative and storm fix missions in support of JTWC this year have already exceeded 1981 by more than 50 percent. The 257 missions flown by Sept. 30, compares to a total of 117 for 1981. Of the 257, 241 were completed with a 94 percent overall success rate.

Slightly less than 2,000 hours have been flown to meet these requirements. This relatively high figure can partially be attributed to the fact that 16 of the 23 storms so far this year have matured into typhoon or super typhoon status, and therefore exist for a longer period of time.

For example, typhoon Bess started on July 22, was declared a super typhoon on July 29, and didn't completely dissipate until Aug. 3, a period of 13 days.

Currently in the midst of the peak storm, normally mid-October to mid-November, the Typhoon Chasers are ready to meet the challenges of the Western Pacific.

Lieutenant Marx is the public affairs representative for Det. 4, HQ AWS.

## Relocations improve support

Headquarters elements of two Air Weather Service squadrons in Europe have relocated, improving weather support for armed forces within the European command.

The 28th Weather Squadron, RAF Mildenhall, United Kingdom, has recently consolidated its headquarters functions in the base operations building.

Since the unit's activation two years ago, crowded conditions at the base forced personnel at the headquarters to work from two different buildings.

Located a quarter mile apart, and on opposite sides of the perimeter fence, the geographic separation was a continual irritant to squadron personnel.

The squadron serves six detachments in the United Kingdom, provides staff weather support to Third Air Force, and when required, becomes an alternate headquarters for 2nd Weather Wing at Ramstein AB, Germany.

In Germany, the 31st Weather Squadron commander and his staff moved from Rhein Main, AB to Sembach AB, where they are again collocated headquarters for 17th Air Force, United States Air Force Europe.

Originally approved in 1980, but delayed until adequate space was available, the move now allows the unit to provide face-to-face support to the 17th AF commander and his headquarters.

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