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Commander's Check Starts AF Academy Fund Drive

Getting the Air Force Academy fund drive off to a healthy start, Brig. Gen. Norman L. Peterson, AWS commander, this month contributed the first check to Col. Templeton S. Walker, fund chairman. The drive, which is being conducted to raise money for the Academy's Falcon Stadium, is expected to raise \$11,500 from patriotic and generous AWS personnel.



THAT CHECK being handed to Col. Templeton S. Walker by Brig. Gen. Norman L. Peterson, right, AWS commander, represents the first contribution to the AF Academy fund drive for construction of the Falcon Stadium. Colonel Walker, as fund chairman, will direct the drive in AWS, which aims for a \$11,500 goal between April 15 - May 15.

This is AWS' pro-rated share among all Air Force commands and sub-commands.

In addition to his donation, General Peterson sent out a letter to all parent unit commanders, urging their cooperation in the April 15-May 15 campaign push.

He stated, "In view of the intense interest expressed by key Air Force officials and the commander, MATS, I would like you to give this your personal attention. Your support as well as that of your subordinate commanders will help to insure a wholehearted response from the Air Weather Service."

Campaign material and instructions will be given out to key workers shortly. Since all contributions are entirely voluntary, no specific financial goal will be assigned to individuals. Chairman (Colonel) Walker, deputy chief of staff for AWS Air Operations, said he endorsed this policy as well as General Peterson's statement but he felt the natural generosity of AWS personnel would meet the requirement.

DOD to Start P-2 Pro Pay in Fiscal 1961

With the early March announcement of the new P-2 pro pay slated for fiscal 1961 by the Department of Defense, speculation as to AWS participation has arisen.

However, the Air Force has not yet revealed any of the AFSCs eligible for the P-2 pay, which is \$60 a month. Charles C. Finucane, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, Personnel and Reserve, said approval has been given to develop plans for 10,000 such increases in FY 1961.

Actually, the maximum of 6,508 P-2 increases are to be

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55th Logs 3,000th Ptarmigan Flight; Weather Track Now in 14th Year

A WB-50 aircraft, carrying a 55th WRS crew, swished off a Ladd Air Force Base, Alaska, runway on March 2 for the 3000th "Ptarmigan" flight, a world-famed weather route over lonely Arctic wastes.

Flyers of Detachment 1, 55th Weather Reconnaissance squadron, were thus notching another record in their 13-year history of weather reporting. The original Ptarmigan actually was flown on March 7, 1947, but because of adverse weather, the WB-29 weather aircraft was forced to turn back. The first official flight was logged in on St. Patrick's day, 1947.

Known as the most experienced Arctic flyers in the world, crewmen of the 55th and their predecessors have performed this enervating 15-hour flight on a clock-like basis since then. They have flown the equivalent of almost 400 trips around the world in those years.

The Ptarmigan track is named for an Arctic grouse, noted for its remarkable endurance and lengthy flights over desolate terrain. Ptarmigan flights by the detachment make an Alaska-North Pole round trip.

The original Ptarmiganers were men of the 59th Reconnaissance squadron. They flew from Eielson AFB, Alaska. They were succeeded in their job of collecting meteorological data to be used in forecasting weather throughout

Dr. Jacobs Gets AMS Title

Dr. Woodrow C. Jacobs, AWS Director of Climatology, has officially taken over duties as Chairman of the American Meteorological society board for Certified Consulting Meteorologists for 1960.

Dr. Jacobs was actually appointed to the position by the new AMS president, Thomas Malone, at the group's January 22 meeting in Boston. However, the transfer of documents and paperwork from the former chairman required some time to make the change official.

Joseph J. George, a reserve brigadier general and also an AWS reservist, had been the former chairman.

Reservist Opportunities

Did you know that ready reservists in the AWS reserve training program get a full day's pay for four hours of inactive duty training? Did you know that many employers grant reservists extra annual leave without loss of civilian pay so that they may perform the 15-day active duty training periods for which they receive full military pay and allowances?

Within AWS there are several hundred vacancies in all grades from A/1c through captain for qualified reservists. By participating in this training you are or can become eligible for correspondence courses, paid attendance at military schools, uniforms or uniform allowances, promotion, commissioning, and paid retirement.

If you anticipate release from extended active duty within the next few months, check with your commander right now on the advantages of becoming an Air Weather Service reservist.

Select AWS Men Aid President's 15,500-Mile South America Tour

During President Eisenhower's recent South American goodwill tour, selected Air Weather Service men provided vital meteorological support. One month before the Chief Executive's departure, AWS conducted a survey along the planned 15,500-mile route to, in and from the four southern countries.

Maj. Thomas J. Anderson, a weather officer of Detachment 28,



NOTIFYING the Presidential aircraft of the latest weather forecast are Maj. Thomas J. Anderson and SSgt Thornley J. Barnum, the two-man team from Detachment 28, 4th Weather group, who hop-scotched ahead of the President to check and forecast weather for his South American goodwill tour.

4th Weather group at Suitland, Md., was selected to make the survey. On January 10 he left Washington for Brasilia, the new capital of Brazil, Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, to check weather facilities and coordinate plans with Pan-American Airways and national meteorological agencies in the countries to be visited. As a result of his survey, AWS selected three weather teams to augment available weather services in the Latin American countries, headed by Major Anderson.

Teams

A three-man team was set up at Galeao airport in Rio de Janeiro and another at Ezeiza airport in Buenos Aires. The third team was a two-man mobile unit which moved ahead of the President along the route.

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Limerick Prize is \$25 Bond; Entries Begin Pouring In

Things began to percolate in the AWS Limerick Contest this month with the announcement of a prize of a \$25-US Savings bond and the arrival of the first entries from aspiring "poets."

Maj. Richard A. Lambie, chief of AWS Reserve Personnel section at Scott AFB, Ill., enjoyed the honor of being first in the limerick rivalry. His entry, which was "slightly" prejudiced reserve-wise, can be found, with some others, in another section of the Observer.

In addition, the sharp-witted major just "happened" to have a little news story available to tie in with the limerick. (Also in another part of the Observer.) However, entrants need not use reserves as a subject — any weather topic is eligible.

The second entrant was TSgt George Sabins, 55th WRS, McClellan AFB, Calif.

For those newcomers to this paying poetical pastime, the rules of the contest follow this article. It's fun, it's simple, it may pay you in fame and money! Enter today, enter often. Your family is also invited to take part in the

verbal competition.

Judges have not yet been named for the world-wide AWS limerick contest but it is expected they will be in the next issue of the Observer. They will be selected from a list of well-known American personalities.

The fact that entries have been printed in the Observer in no way implies that they are being considered as winners. The Observer will publish as many entries as practical in each issue, depending on space limitations.

A key point for contestants to keep in mind is that all entries should be on 3 by 5 inch cards, with the name, rank and unit of the contributor on the reverse side. This standardizes and simplifies judging.



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US Air Force -- Aerospace Power for Peace

Key to Your Future

President Eisenhower has told the nation, "We have forged a trustworthy shield of peace — an indestructible force of incalculable power, ample for today and constantly developing to meet the needs of tomorrow."

The needs of tomorrow cry out for the highest possible degree of skill and professionalism within the Air Force. Education is the way Air Force people reach peak performance.

A new avenue opened recently for airmen to gain education at Air Force expense, providing a college degree and a reserve commission at the same time. The Airman Education and Commissioning program offers study at civilian universities in a wide variety of fields. Qualification requirements have been eased to open the program to more airmen.

A recent change opens the plan to airmen with 30 college credits or more. It eliminates prerequisite courses for all fields except meteorology. Some 200 spaces must be filled by the end of June.

Airmen who want a degree in meteorology must meet specific requirements. They need college credit in mathematics through analytic geometry and six credit hours of general college physics or chemistry to qualify. And they must be young enough to complete the training before their thirtieth birthday. There are 35 meteorological training spaces open.

Getting a college degree is never easy. It takes hard study. But the needs of tomorrow demand increased knowledge and proficiency. The Airman Education and Commissioning program offers airmen a way to meet these demands. Those who accept this offer will share in the promise of tomorrow. See your base education officer now.

(RKM)



"Lieutenant, it's customary to brief the pilot and then let him decide whether or not he still wants to fly!"

ON THE skew-T AWS Global Report

From around the world and across the nation come more highlights of AWS personnel at work and at play.

CWO John F. Gaillard, communications and training officer of the 11th Weather squadron, has been elected president of the 30-member Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, Toastmasters club. A 16-year veteran of AWS, his term begins in April.

Lt. Col. Lawrence D. Connolly assumed command of the 21st Weather squadron (Spain) on January 26, replacing Lt. Col. William E. Kunz, who has received a new assignment.



Lt. Col. Connolly

Col. Russell K. Pierce jr., commander of 10th Weather group, recently received a Japanese scroll of appreciation from the Tama Welfare society, sponsors of the Shiratori Orphanage. Presented by Mr. Heihachiro Nakashiro, society director, the scroll expressed its gratitude for the gifts and support by 10th Group personnel in the last two years.

AF COMMENDATION MEDALS to Maj. Richard O. Bomhard, former commander of Detachment 27, 9th Weather group, Brookley AFB, Ala.; SSgt Grant E. Morley, HQ, 10th Weather group, Fuchu AS, Japan; Lt. Col. Alexander Kouts, HQ 4th Weather wing, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Lt. Col. A. Seabolt, former commander Detachment 16, 26th Weather squadron, Barksdale AFB, Ala.

For donating a rare type of blood which helped save the life of a Grand Forks, N. D., woman, A/2c Roger Bulkow, Detachment 2, 29th Weather squadron, recently was presented a letter of thanks. The airman received the letter from the N.D. city, with an indorsement by Col. Thomas K. McHehee, Grand Forks Air Defense Section commander. A/3c Gary R. Sheffer, recently transferred to Saudi Arabia, was also cited for similar action.



TSgt Milles
Weather group, Reese AFB, Tex.

Third place winner in the 1959 Freedoms Foundation letter awards program is TSgt Leo C. Milles jr. The sarge got \$100 cash and the George Washington medal for his fine missive. He's at Detachment 17, 8th Weather group, Reese AFB, Tex.

Elegy to a Sad ER

by A/1c Fred Kuhner
HQ 4th Weather group

The attached ER is being returned —
Suggest it be torn up, shredded and burned.
Everything's wrong; the whole thing's a mess.
The Rating Official his thoughts can't express.
The "Duty Description" in Section II
Doesn't really describe what the man should do.
"Duties" means additional as well as prime,
And add what percentage each takes of his time.

In Section III, everything's fine,
Except that the Xs are all in one line.
Now surely you know and so you should tell
That he can't do all things equally well.
Now think it over and, though it vexes,
Rearrange a few of those up-and-down Xs.

In Section IV of this man's ER
The "Very Fine" rating deserves a gold star.
But then we continue to read the report
And lo, Section V gives inept support.
The "Facts and Achievements" aren't strong enough
To back up the rating, and that makes it rough.

When you write Section V, be more specific
About citing achievements that are really terrific.
Include how and why and what and when
So you won't have to do it all over again.

Under your "Other Comments," what is meant
By "merits promotion with top fifty percent"?
When in Section IV, "Overall Evaluation,"
He's "VFO," of great value to the nation.
"Top fifty percent" doesn't ever make sense;
Say "with contemporaries" if he's right on the fence.
Use percentages only for those who are
Above average as proven by the whole ER.
Make sure your percentages really agree
With item seven of Section III.

One other thing you'll have to fix:
The aero rating in Section VI.
But he's not rated, you may say.
An entry's required anyway.
Just put "nonrated," if that's the case.
Under "Duty Title" 's the proper place.

In Section VII, you must include
(Along with "He's never tardy or rude")
A statement of just how often you see
This man's performance of his duty.

Make sure your report is properly written
With everything neat, accurate and fittin'.
We know you can do it, so try very hard.
We admit that we're "chicken"; so be on your guard.
We'll expect the report to come back from you
Not one day later than the date it is due.

Servicemen Urged to Vote in Primaries, All Elections

To help protect and strengthen our democratic rights, AWS men are urged to vote in all types of elections from local to national levels. The power of free, secret-ballot voting is one of the most precious ones Americans possess, the Air Force stresses, and neglect of this unique right can actually erode our democratic system.

With the next Presidential election coming up fast, attention is being focused not only on this campaign but all publicly held elections.

Under the Federal Voting Assistance Act of 1955, servicemen and government employees are encouraged and assisted in voting by absentee ballot.

The Federal Post Card Application for Absentee Ballot (FPCA), can be used by those included in the Act if the state or territory so authorizes. Acceptance standards and procedures vary from state to state.

Requests for ballots should be neatly printed or typewritten on the FPCA. The applicant's name must appear twice, once handwritten. Military addresses should be made clear.

If application is made by letter, substantially it should contain the same information as required on the FPCA. It should be mailed as early as the state permits.

The state, city or county in

which a person lived before entering military or government service is usually considered his legal residence for voting. Time spent in the service counts in meeting the total residence requirements.

When the ballot is received, the envelope shouldn't be opened until the instructions on it have been read. If there are no instructions, it may be opened immediately.

In accordance with Federal law and Armed Forces regulations, no commissioned, warrant, petty or non-commissioned officer will attempt to influence any person on his choice of candidate. The actual marking of the ballot must be done secretly. This is required by law.

AWS military and civilians should write to their home state for information on coming primaries and actual elections at all levels.

USAF Board Meets in May on WO Hikes

Among warrant officers being considered for promotion to CWO-2, 3, and 4, at the USAF board meeting on May 23 are 137 AWS men.

WOs totaling 1,126 in regular and reserve status will make new promotions in these three grades. Even though the Air Force is appointing no new warrant officers, it is continuing its permanent and temporary hike program.

According to Pentagon sources, there are 293 WOs eligible for consideration for promotion to CWO-2, 605 to CWO-3, and 228 to CWO-4. In this group are WOs who are regular and reserve, active and non-active.

The Air Force statement announcing the board meeting said temporary warrants who do not have reserve appointments are not eligible and explained that the accelerated temporary WO promotions will come from a board scheduled to meet in June. This board will consider all eligible WOs including temporary, regular, and reserve.

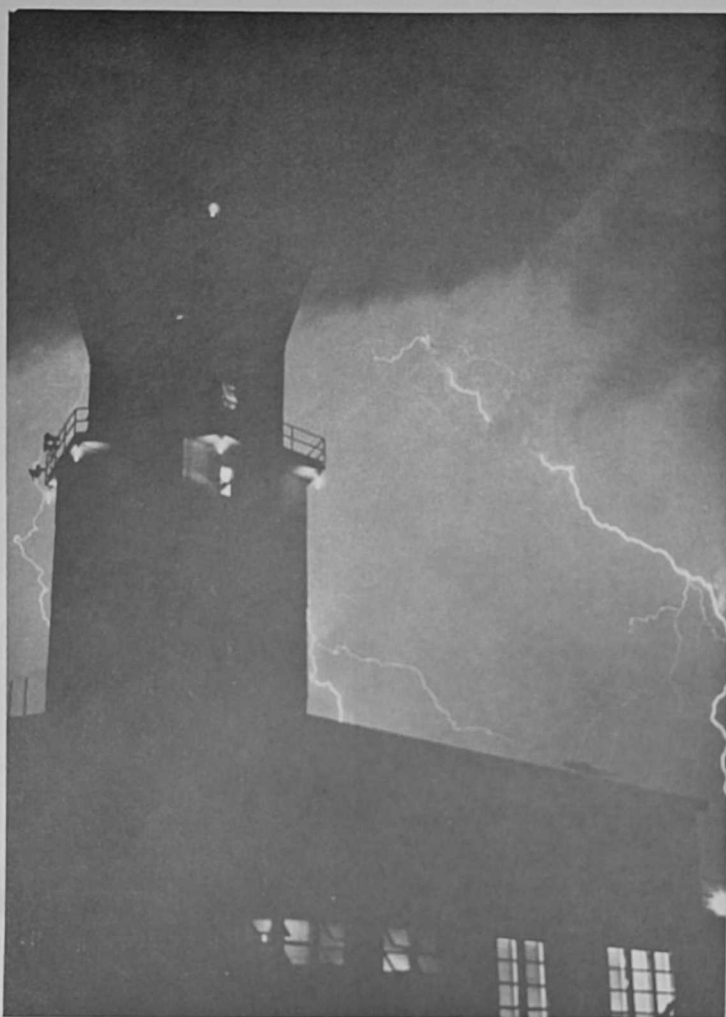
Chamber of Commerce Elects Weatherman

Another in the growing list of honors for AWS personnel was added recently when Lt. Col. Bernard Pusin, 6th Weather squadron commander, was elected to the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce for 1960.

The Tinker AFB, Okla., officer received a letter from a Chamber official advising him of this. In addition, the letter commended Colonel Pusin for his fine public service. It stated, "It is a great pleasure for us to work with you good people at Tinker, for we feel we are on the same team. It is in this spirit that this membership is extended to you." Stanley Draper, Managing Director of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, sent Colonel Pusin the complimentary letter.



STUDENT MSgt R. G. Rhodes lectures on weather and climate variations as part of his required activities of the Modern Weather Technique course at Chanute AFB, Ill. Sergeant Rhodes, with Detachment 6, 9th Weather squadron at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., gave a 20-minute talk on weather and climate variations in the Technical Training school. He was a recent graduate there.



THIS UNIQUE photograph was taken by A/3c R. M. Rathged of the Altus AFB, Okla., photo lab during a thunderstorm. Our thanks for the loan of the picture go to the AACS Information Office. If you have any outstanding photos on anything connected with AWS, shoot them in to us! We're always glad to run such shots in the Observer.

53d Logs in Last Track Before March Break-up

Ending almost 16 years of weather reconnaissance history, the 53d WRS flew its last scheduled weather mission from Mildenhall, England, on Friday, January 22.

Officially known as "Falcon Echo No. 273," the track started at 7 a. m. The WB-50 crew, commanded by Capt. Roy E. Goodwin, flew the 3,670 mile route over the Atlantic nearly as far south as the Azores and return to complete the historic flight.

Shortly before take-off time on this final mission, Lt. Col. John H. Mohn, 53d commander, was informed his unit had received top overall rating for AWS recon squadrons in 1959.

"This rating (of 96.9 per cent) was based on operational and maintenance quality and mission accomplishment," Colonel Mohn stated.

Another honor the outgoing 53d won during its history was the AWS Senter Award in 1957, given to the top unit in aerial reconnaissance excellence. Personnel of the 53d, as with those of the 54th and 59th WRSs, will be absorbed into other AWS organizations, MATS units, or possibly other USAF commands upon the deactivation of the units this month.

Address Correct?

If you are receiving the Observer through the mail, please check to see if we have your correct, up-to-date address. This applies to units as well as individuals.

The Observer is also interested in learning of the increase or decrease in unit strength, so that we may adjust our mailing list accordingly. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Big Slam Rolling on as AWS Men Across Country Pitch In

Eighteen AWS detachments, backed up by many alternate detachments, are backing up the gigantic 22,000-man Big Slam MATS-Army operation which ends March 28. Under the direction of the 9th Weather group, headquartered at Scott AFB, Ill., weathermen from all corners of the United States are working as much as 12 hours a day at some locations and seven days a week at others.

Known officially as Big Slam-Puerto Pine, the exercise involves the shipment of 20,000 Army personnel, 12,000 tons of equipment and 2,000 MATS members from numerous stateside bases to Puerto Rico and return. The combined endeavor began March 14 and ends March 28.

Among AWS detachments involved in weather support to the estimated 450 MATS aircraft being employed in the US-Puerto Rico flights are the following:

No. 1, Scott AFB, Ill., No. 22, McGuire AFB, N.J., No. 4, Dover AFB, Del., No. 17, Donaldson AFB, S.C., No. 18, Larson AFB, Wash., No. 27, Brookley AFB, Ala., No. 20, Travis AFB, Calif., No. 52, Charleston AFB, S. C., all 9th Weather group; No. 16, Biggs AFB, Tex., 9th Weather squadron; No. 20, 3d Weather squadron, Pope AFB, N. C.; No. 1, Ft. Campbell, Ky.; No. 10, Ft. Benning, Ga., 16th Weather squadron; No. 5, Tinker AFB, Okla., No. 6, Hanscom Field, Mass., 4th Weather group; No. 13, Connally AFB, Tex., No. 29, Kelly AFB, Tex., 8th Weather group; No. 10, Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, 5th Weather group; No. 4, McGuire AFB, N.J., 12th Weather squadron, and operating location personnel from Moffett Naval Air Station, Calif.

The 9th Weather group is coordinating directly with the US Navy Aerology office at Roosevelt Roads to arrange for weather support there. Three AWS men are working there.

Detachment 22, 9th Weather group, at McGuire AFB, N.J., is the Exercise Forecast Center. Its forecasts are being used at all stations to make it possible for Detachment 22 to know exactly

what the situation is at all times.

Satellite weather centers under this Center will be Detachment 20, 9th Weather group, Travis AFB, Calif., Detachment 10, 5th Weather group, Ramey AFB, P. R., and Detachment 52, 9th Weather group, Charleston AFB, S. C.

AWS Reserve personnel are also taking part in this unique exercise. Ten reservists, all at McGuire AFB, N. J., are supporting the AWS activity. They are Lt. Cols. Edmund Brombey jr., David L. Covney, Maj. Eugene W. Kilgore, Capt. William H. Edmondson, Jack L. Hummel, Francis J. Lacny, Herbert M. Rosenau, Earl H. Smith jr., and 1st Lts. George A. Cowdright and Gilbert Jager. The eleventh man, Capt. Eugene M. Rasmussen, is aiding at Scott AFB.

Weather briefings will be abbreviated at most detachments, to maintain pace with normal conditions and the BIG SLAM workload superimposed on them. Briefings will be thorough but flight folders will be eliminated (abbreviated flimsies will be used) and TCC clearance officers will present weather briefings wherever possible.

About half of the high-density air traffic will arrive and depart at Roosevelt Roads. The other half will use Ramey.

A total of 1100 flights both ways are slated to be made during the gigantic exercise. As a support group, AWS' detachments scattered over the continental United States, and representing much of AWS, are facing a heavy and very active workload, but to AWS men, it is just another job — a job they'll accomplish as efficiently as all their past endeavor.



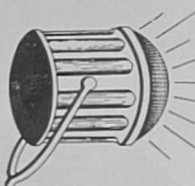
THAT'S A \$15 SMILE Joseph I. Staley is sporting and its a result of a suggestion he made in the Civilian Suggestion program. Staley, of the headquarters AWS Statistical Services division, submitted an idea recommending a change in the arrangement and coding structure of MATS Code 6. The congratulations of his chief, Maj. Willard C. Blackwell and the handy \$15 check prove his suggestion was useful.



COL. ROBERT A. TYLER, deputy commander, 4751st Air Defense wing (Missile) at Hurlburt, is briefed by chief forecaster, Capt. Thomas H. Pries, left, on weather conditions for a missile firing.

The OBSERVER

Spotlights



Detachment 3 32nd Weather Squadron

The countdown had reached zero. Out of the billowing rust red cloud churning from its booster rocket, the supersonic BOMARC Interceptor Missile shot upward to seek a live target maneuvering some one hundred miles out over the Gulf of Mexico. It was January 15, 1959, the date of the first BOMARC firing on the Eglin Gulf Test Range.

As the missile arched skyward from its launcher shelter on Santa Rosa Island (just off the coast of northwest Florida), Capt. William E. Cummins II, commander of Detachment 3, 32nd Weather squadron, observed the flight by radar, fed to consoles on the upper dais of the Eglin AFB Control center.

During the preceding count-down sequence, Captain Cummins had been in continuous contact with numerous sources to keep the Mission commander apprised of vital weather information. This was done by collecting data from AWS personnel, who,

on the day of a firing, take special observations at the launch site and at the airstrip from which the target drone is scrambled and recovered. It also includes information fed back by a reconnaissance aircraft flying a predetermined pattern over the range, and reports from various range support agencies such as the Eglin Boat squadron. Although the BOMARC itself has few weather limitations, the forecaster manning the weather position in the Control center is mighty busy as he collates information and pro-

vides forecasts to meet special test criteria and range safety requirements.

A Select Group

The primary mission of Detachment 3, located at Hurlburt field, (Eglin Auxiliary No. 9) is to support the 4751st Air Defense wing (Missile). This wing is the only organization that is actively engaged in testing, processing, and firing the BOMARC, and in training BOMARC squadrons to operate missile sites at strategic locations in the US. Unless this country is attacked by air, Eglin will be the only base that will ever fire this newest and deadliest weapon of the ADC arsenal.

Involves Others in AWS

Weatherwise, an IM-99A BOMARC shot requires an integrated effort on behalf of three AWS detachments. In addition to the inputs from Detachment 3, each firing requires a considerable effort on the part of Detachment 10, 4th Weather group, commanded by Major Brent F. Walker and located at Eglin Main; plus weather fed in punch card form to the Montgomery Air Defense Sector SAGE computer which fires and guides the missile. The latter requirement is fulfilled by Detachment 2, 32nd Weather squadron, whose Detco is Maj. Joseph C. Nawrocki. Another project on which close coordination between the three detachments is necessary is support of Boeing Airplane company's Gulf Test section in its Category I testing of the new "B" model BOMARC. The solid propellant "B" will have double the range and greater altitude capability.

Main Job

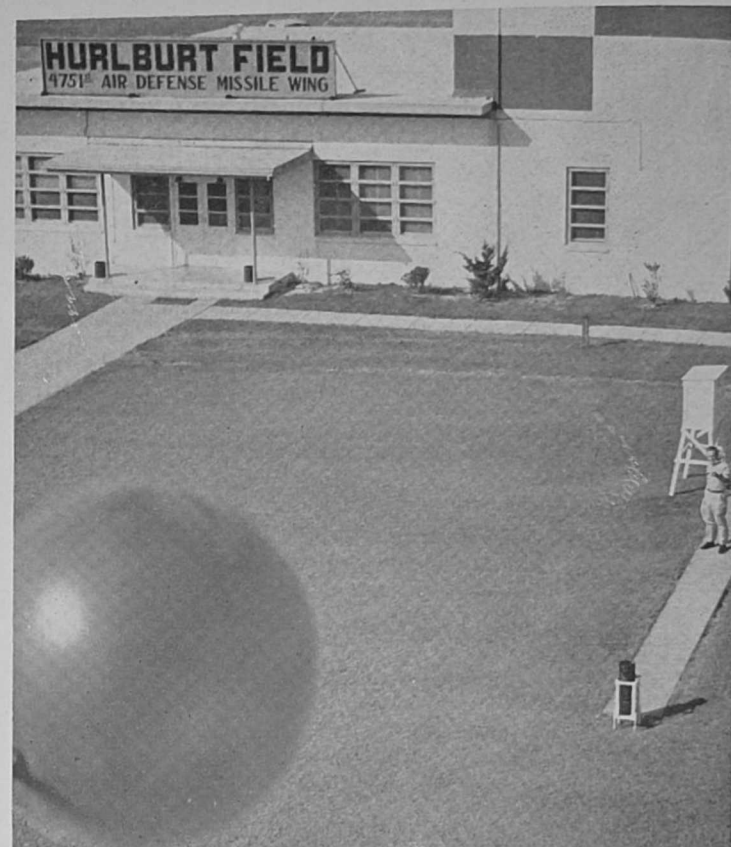
Of paramount interest to the Hurlburt detachment is the requirement to monitor the highly sensitive BOMARC program. From experience gained during ground and flight tests, they provide weather information to assist ADC personnel to suitably employ the missile in tactical situations. The Hurlburt detachment is part of Lt. Col. Leonard H. Hutchinson's 32nd Weather squadron, which has its headquarters at Dobbins AFB, Ga.

The BOMARC launch shelters are located some six miles southwest of Hurlburt. So what goes on back at the home flying yard where there is an inviting 9600 feet of runway complemented with full tower and GCA facilities? In addition to base aircraft, Detachment 3 has had an interesting group of TDY customers, as various outfits arrive to take advantage of the excellent weather and fine bombing and gunnery ranges.

The largest of the transient organizations was the 4th Fighter wing (TAC) which was at Eglin No. 9 almost a year. It was the first tactical unit to check out in the F-105. Other TDY organizations consisted of several ADC Fighter Interceptor squadrons, an Air National Guard outfit, and the Alaskan Gunnery and Rocketry team, which annually visits Hurlburt to acclimatize their aircraft for the Worldwide Weapons Meet held at neighboring Tyndall AFB.

Also Aid Army

One of the most faithful customers is the US Army First Ranger Company, attached to Fort Benning, Ga. They often stage their H-34 helicopters at Hurlburt during regular training problems conducted on the Eglin Reserva-



THIS IS HOW the scene looks to a weather balloon ten seconds after its departure from an observer's hands. The weather station is located beneath the tower in the new, fully air-conditioned base operations building in background.

tion. The reader may wonder how an Air Force base can absorb the extensive field activities required for Ranger training, but anyone who analyzes the local real estate situation will find that the Eglin Reservation with its nine auxiliary fields is spread over an area two-thirds the size of the state of Rhode Island — or about eight-hundred square miles. Other frequent visitors are aircraft from the 62nd Troop Carrier wing, MATS, as they shuttle BOMARC missiles from Boeing's Seattle plant directly to Eglin No. 9.

Duties Are Intriguing

Services tailored to meet any special requirements of these organizations have been developed and refined by the Hurlburt detachment. It follows that the detachment's workload has varied from forecasts for refueling missions to very high altitude streamline charts, from hurricane warnings to tide table information, and from overseas cross sections to forecasting refractive index profiles. To get the job done, this station is blessed with a wealth of forecasting experience averaging about nine years per man.

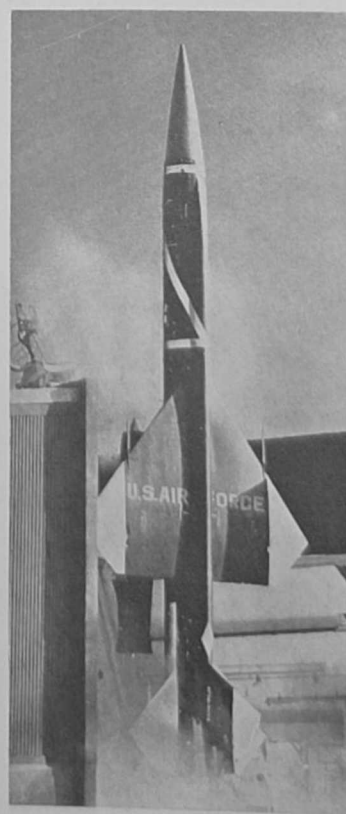
Capt. Thomas H. Pries, the assistant detco and chief forecaster, took his undergraduate training with the best of them at Chicago university.

That Pro Quality

For MSgt Jack O. Mittan, the only justifiable description is that he contributes a wealth of experience for which any weather organization would be thankful. The agencies with which Sergeant Mittan has participated as a forecaster run the gamut; i.e., Glider school; Army Chemical Corps, Flight Service, US Weather Bureau; and at locations from Greenland to Guam. Both Sergeant Mittan and TSgt Gordon W. Butler have had experience in tropical meteorology.

Observers

The Observing section is headed up by SSgt Russell Maliniak, who has the additional chores of clerk and records checker. His know-how and the proficiency of his four airmen have combined to establish an enviable observing record. During the last six months, less than 1.5 errors have been reported by Data Control per one thousand observations. This fabulous foursome is composed of A/1c John L. Jones, A/2cs Jerry Cox, Bobby J. Hood, and Jorge I. Jimenez-Colon.



FIRE! This Bomarc IM-99A starts its skyward flight from a tactical launcher shelter near Hurlburt field. Dispatch of this automatically operated missile was completed with the aid of Detachment 3 weathermen.



AS HE SIGNS Form 175 for the T-bird pilot, TSgt Gordon W. Butler explains he will be "met-watching" the jet's crew. Capt. R. W. Hazlett, base Operations officer, left, checks the sergeant's verification.

AWS Command and Staff



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AWS Inspector General



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AWS Commander



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Director of Air Operations



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Deputy Chief of Staff
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Col. Robert F. Long
Deputy Chief of Staff
for Operations

50 AWS Officers Selected for Regular AF Status

Fifty AWS officers have been nominated for appointment to the Regular Air Force and need only US Senate confirmation on their new status. This group has been selected from a total of 134 applicants for Regular status.

The 50 lieutenants also require a determination of physical qualification, and meet other necessary requirements but this is mostly a formality, as they are on active duty already.

Those nominated for Regular appointments are:

1st Weather wing

(To be 1st Lt.) 1st Lts. William L. Eakin, 54th WRS; Robert M. Fletcher, and Norman F. Jacobs, both 10th Weather group.
(To be 2d Lt.) 1st Lts. Richard J. Brady, 1st Weather wing; Tommy D. Guest and William F. Johnson, both 10th Weather group.

2d Weather wing

(To be 1st Lt.) 1st Lts. Richard L. Cummings, 28th Weather squadron; William M. Dabrock, 31st Weather squadron; Hubert H. Frisinger II, 21st Weather squadron; James Kerr III, 53d WRS; Richard L. McManus, 2d Weather wing; Lt. Ronald R. Van Note, 18th Weather squadron; and George R. Davidson, 53d WRS.

(To be 2d Lt.) 1st Lt. Harold D. Rist, 31st Weather squadron.

3d Weather wing

(To be 1st Lt.) 1st Lts. John M. Anderson, Norman R. Phares, Thomas G. Wetzl, all 5th Weather group; Merle O. Bunde, John I. Pohle, all 3d Weather wing; Edward M. Burwell, Donald G. Kopp, Donald E. Smith, all 26th Weather squadron; Gerald P. D'Arcy and Earl P. Snyder, both 9th Weather squadron.

(To be 2d Lt.) 1st Lts. Robert Kleiman, 26th Weather squadron, and David E. Smart, 9th Weather squadron.

4th Weather wing

(To be 1st Lt.) 1st Lt. Dale C. Barnum, 4th Weather squadron.

(To be 2d Lt.) 1st Lt. Clarence H. Bush Jr., 32d Weather squadron.

2d Weather group

(To be 1st Lt.) 1st Lts. John F. Clarke and David C. Gurkin, both 2d Weather group HQ, and James W. Hall, 25th Weather squadron.

(To be 2d Lt.) (1st Lt. Fred P. Tobin, 2d Weather group.

4th Weather wing

(To be 1st Lt.) 1st Lt. Harold E. Bradberry, 4th Weather group HQ; 1st Lt. William L. Richards, 6th Weather squadron, will be nominated as a 1st Lt. on completion of less than four months additional service.

8th Weather group

(To be 1st Lt.) 1st Lts. Luther R. Poindexter and John C. Boockholdt, both 8th Weather group HQ.

(To be 2d Lt.) 1st Lts. Glenn L. Fuller and Lynn L. Leblanc, both 8th Weather group HQ.

9th Weather group

(To be 1st Lt.) 1st Lts. Lucious C. Butt, Russell W. Jones and William S. Willis, all 59th WRS; Orville E. Dickerson, 56th WRS, and James H. West, 55th WRS.

(To be 2d Lt.) 1st Lts. Donald P. Bjornson, Edward R. Fortanbary, 9th Weather group HQ; Terry Martin, 59th WRS and 2d Lt. Struan L. Paddon, 55th WRS.

1st Lts. Darryl W. Freed and Dale K. Polenske, 55th WRS, and William F. McGovern, 56th WRS, will be nominated for 1st Lts. on completion of less than four months additional service.

Loan Beats Loss

In a financial pinch it is better to borrow on your GI life insurance rather than cash the policy in, the Veterans Administration said in a recent announcement.

Holders of GI permanent insurance plans may borrow up to 94 per cent of the cash surrender value of the policy. GI term insurance has no loan value.

Borrowing is the wiser move, the VA said, pointing out that all protection ceases forever once the policy is cancelled, because in most cases it cannot be restored.

Details are available at all VA regional offices.



This sweet but unfortunate youngster could be one of your relatives or friends. Your contribution, big or small, will help pay for the research, care and rehabilitation of many thousands of such tots in 1960. Last year, 250,000 such crippled children and adults were helped by generous people like you.

They were helped by your purchase of Easter Seals. Send your contribution up to April 17, to:
National Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc.
2023 West Ogden Avenue
Chicago 12, Illinois

Remember, you are their greatest hope!

Ptarmigan

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for their weather work. Personnel of Detachment 1, 55th WRS flying the 3,000th Ptarmigan from Ladd are:

The original 3,000th Ptarmigan was scheduled for February 21, but several activities, including Project Count (a world-wide AF supply program), caused the flight to be delayed until March 2.

Crewmen and their positions on the 3,000th Ptarmigan are: Lt. Col. Lawrence T. Keohane (Detachment 1 commander) aircraft commander; 1st Lt. Richard A. Mollicone, co-pilot; 1st Lt. Ronald C. Anderson, first navigator; 1st Lt. William Alt, second navigator; MSgt Edwin V. Fusco, weather observer; TSgt Quentin L. Barry, flight engineer; SSgt Eddie N. Volson, dropsonde operator instructor; TSgt Paul Zerebecki, dropsonde operator; SSgt Darrell F. Skinner, first radio operator, and A/1c John J. Martz, second radio operator.

Personal congratulations were recently sent to the 53d WRS for their participation in Project Golf Ball, a classified activity, by Brig. Gen. Norman L. Peterson, AWS commander.

Personnel Changes

Here's how to keep up-to-date on personnel changes at the AWS Command and Staff level, as pictured on page 5.

As personnel changes are made, the Observer will print a photograph of the officer's successor the same size as the one in the feature. The new officer's name and position will be directly underneath his picture.

Thus, all you have to do is cut out the new officer's picture and paste it over the picture of the man he is replacing.

Citing the unit's "exceptional support," General Peterson added, "The accomplishment of this difficult task during a period when the 53d WRS has been additionally burdened with inactivation responsibilities reflects highly upon the entire organization."

Reports from HQ USAF reflect the outstanding support rendered by the 53d WRS to this project and show that your organization has made a significant contribution to the mission of the U.S. Armed Forces."

56th Starts New Weather Track

A new "Buzzard" joined 56th Weather Reconnaissance squadron on March 1. This is Buzzard Juliett, a weather reconnaissance mission between Guam and Japan. It joins the two existing Buzzard weather tracks, "Hotel" and "India," which go northeast and southwest of the Japanese islands.

Juliett runs over 900 nautical miles east of Tokyo, then turns southwest to the island of Guam. Meteorological observations and spot wind computations will be taken over 2600 nautical miles of the Pacific Ocean. The flight, in one of the squadron's WB-50s, will take about 12 hours.

Buzzard Juliett, which will fly every other day, will be joined in April by other 56th WRS operations out of Guam in search of spawning typhoons in latitudes near the equator. The Yokota unit will then track these storms and give warnings to land areas in their paths.

Select AWS Men

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From Brasilia, the mobile team proceeded to San Carlos, Argentina, and on to Santiago, Chile, providing weather observations and forecasts along the route.

The information obtained by the mobile unit was relayed to the stationary teams at Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, who supplied the crews of the presidential and accompanying aircraft with route and terminal forecasts.

3d WW Active

Weather information for the first and last legs of the President's flight (from Andrews AFB near Washington, D. C., to Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico) was provided by AWS Global Weather Central at Offutt AFB, Nebr.

Enroute forecasts, including winds, temperatures, significant weather, as well as terminal forecasts and meteorological watch were provided during the 1,500-mile flight to Puerto Rico and back.

The deployed forecaster teams coordinated their forecasts and tailored meteorological information received from Pan-American and the national meteorological agencies to fit the operational needs of the project. Communications facilities were furnished by mobile units of Airways and Air Communications Service.

All 4th WG Men

The mobile unit was headed by Major Anderson. He was assisted by a weather observer, SSgt Thornley J. Barnam, also of Detachment 28.

All of the special project weathermen were from the 4th Weather group, headquartered at Andrews AFB, Md. Weathermen with the team in Rio de Janeiro were Maj. Robert L. Maynard, Detachment 4, Kansas City, Mo., Capt. Robert I. Vick, Detachment 24, White Sands Missile Range, N. M., and Jerome P. Weber, Detachment 16, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

The Buenos Aires team consisted of Capt. Robert Boyce, Detachment 2, Andrews AFB, Md., Abraham L. Ruiz, Detachment 6, Hanscom Field, Mass., and Arthur S. French Jr., Detachment 11, Patrick AFB, Fla.



FOR COMPLETING 30 semester hours at the University of Maryland, Atlantic division, Capt. Charles L. Clay, Detachment 4, 4th Weather wing, receives an ADC Certificate of Educational Achievement from Lt. Col. George E. Prieston, detachment commander, Charles E. Tunner, base Education Services officer at Pepperrell AFB, Nfld., beams his approval.

USAF Featured in March Issue of Big Magazine

Holiday magazine features an 8,000 word article on the United States Air Force in its March issue, which should be of interest to AWS personnel.

The article recounts something of the history, traditions, and growth of USAF and examines the methods, planning, and objectives of its global operations. It looks at the men and materiel of "our prize military force," from the white-scarfed heroes of World War I to the "best-trained fliers and ground components in existence" today.

"Today, respected, feared and well-blooded, the Air Force faces more problems than ever before," the article says. "It must be ready for another Berlin airlift, to support an expedition to Lebanon, to help protect Formosa, put teeth in the NATO alliance, provide rapid transport for airborne Army divisions and supply the ultimate punch in a cataclysmic atomic war."

"It cannot afford to lose the technological race. It must conquer space as fast as possible. It should anticipate further military demands and situations. It must remain alert politically, for in the harum-scarum climate of democratic action simple virtue is frequently outgunned by influence and adept maneuvering. Above all, it must find and keep the men who are able and willing to carry out its missions — even when it can promise only blood, sweat and tears."



MORE THAN worth her weight in nickels is stunning Barbara Nichols, a rising starlet of the films. Barbara has been cutting quite a figure, literally, in the entertainment world under the banner of Paramount Pictures.

Check Time Left on PCS Moves!

Personnel scheduled for a new base on permanent change of station orders should make sure they have at least 12 months retainability after arrival at the base. Those with less time must agree to extend or face possible denial of reenlistment, according to an AF-wide letter sent out by USAF recently.

The letter explains in detail the policy of change "C" in AFM 35-11 (Military Personnel Assignment Manual). A general reduction of PCS and a more stabilized personnel status are the objects of this latest of AF letters on these subjects.

AWS men in doubt should see that they receive competent counseling from proper officials either before going to a ZI base from overseas or between-ZI-base assignments.

Witty Limerick Men's Entries

When the thoughts of release make you nervous,
And you wish to continue your service,
Send Form 1288
With your name and the date,
Be an Air Weather Service reservist.
—Maj. Richard A. Lambie

At take-off, as sure as can be,
There's the forecast, right on the T,
And as each plans his way,
Someone's certain to say,
"That blonde in Weather is for me!"
—TSgt George Sabins

A Chinese observer named Loon
Was filling a Rawin balloon,
He lit up a "cig,"
The noise "velly big,"
They're plotting his fallout this noon.
—SSgt John W. Scanlon

There once was a man named Sprite
Who wouldn't heed the sign, "Blinding
Light,"
How odd it may seem
He challenged the beam
And now poor old Sprite's lost his sight.
—A/1c Alan Sandberg

Limerick Contest Rules

1. All members of AWS and their families are eligible to submit any number of entries to the Observer Limerick Contest.
2. Subject of all entries will be weather or weathermen.
3. First prize will be a \$25 US Savings Bond.
4. All entries will be in limerick form of five lines, with the first, second and fifth lines rhyming and the third and fourth lines forming the secondary rhyme.
5. Each entry will be submitted on a 3 by 5 inch card. Limerick will be typed or neatly printed across the width of card. The author's name, rank and AWS organization will be typed or printed on the reverse side of card.
6. Entries are to be sent to Editor, Observer, Hq. AWS, Information Office, Scott AFB, Ill.

The Observer agrees to publish as many entries as practicable, to arrange for a formal judging of entries by a qualified panel of judges, to publish the results of the contest and to award the prize(s) with suitable publicity for the winner(s). Receipt of entries cannot be acknowledged except for publication in Observer. No entries can be returned.

Deadline for contest will be announced in future Observer issue.

Seek Retired, Eligible Personnel for Many Teaching Positions

Eligible AWS personnel who expect to retire shortly or within the next few years, and who are seeking teaching careers, are receiving encouragement from educational institutions.

To aid those personnel also, the Defense Department's Office of Armed Forces Information and Education has prepared a list of institutions offering teacher training programs for retired military people.

With thousands of Armed Forces officers and men slated for retirement during the next several years, there is service-wide interest in the teaching profession as a "second career," an OAFIE spokesman explained.

"In view of the acute nationwide shortage of qualified teachers, many universities and similar institutions are anxious to help qualified retired persons to qualify for instructional careers," he said.

Fellowships or similar financial grants range up to \$2,500 annually in some institutions, he said. Many retirees are also eligible for additional assistance under the Korean GI Bill.

A/1C, Others Starred in Same-Name Dept. of Oklahoma Town

Very few AWS personnel may know it but Gary Cooper works for Detachment 18, 8th Weather group, at Vance AFB, Oklahoma. However, lest you nice readers get the idea this is the world-famed movie actor, don't.

This Gary Cooper is an Airman First Class and he's a weather observer with the AWS detachment. The young airman was recently featured in the Enid (Oklahoma) Daily Eagle among those people in the vicinity having the same names as well-known personalities.

Among other local entrants in the same-name category were (Mrs.) Betty Davis, Sinclair Lewis, John Quincy Adams, Woodrow Wilson, Jack Webb and Linda Darnell. And even that most unusual of unusual names, John Smith, was reported as a citizen of Enid. Pocahontas would have quite a time tracking down HER John Smith, were she living today!

Requirements

Bachelor degrees are required for entrance into teacher training programs, he explained, and the aid is limited to 12 or 18 month periods. The programs lead to teaching positions in high schools or junior colleges.

University programs slanted toward training retired military personnel for teaching careers are offered by Brown University of Providence, R. I., and Duke University of Durham, N. C.

Other institutions among those offering financial assistance are Yeshiva University, New York City; Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., and the San Francisco Unified School District, San Francisco, Calif.

Combinations

Some programs involve both college training and on-the-job teaching experience under university instructors. Financial assistance is given for the actual teaching phase of the training.

The OAFIE spokesman emphasized, however, that interested retired and active military personnel should write directly to the universities for information.

Under the Korean GI Bill, eligible retirees may receive financial assistance until 1965. Applications must be made within three years after separation from active duty.

Those attending full-time college courses are allowed up to three years of financial assistance, it was explained. Single veterans receive \$90 per month, those with one dependent \$135, and individuals with more than one dependent up to \$160 monthly.

FOR RETIREES

If you have 14 or more years service you can pick up a personal copy of AFM 34-4-3, AF Guide for Retirement, which contains a wealth of pension and compensation detail. Check with your orderly room or publications office.



"I've been recalled to duty as a weather forecaster!"

56th Wins Yokota Hoop Title for Second Consecutive Year

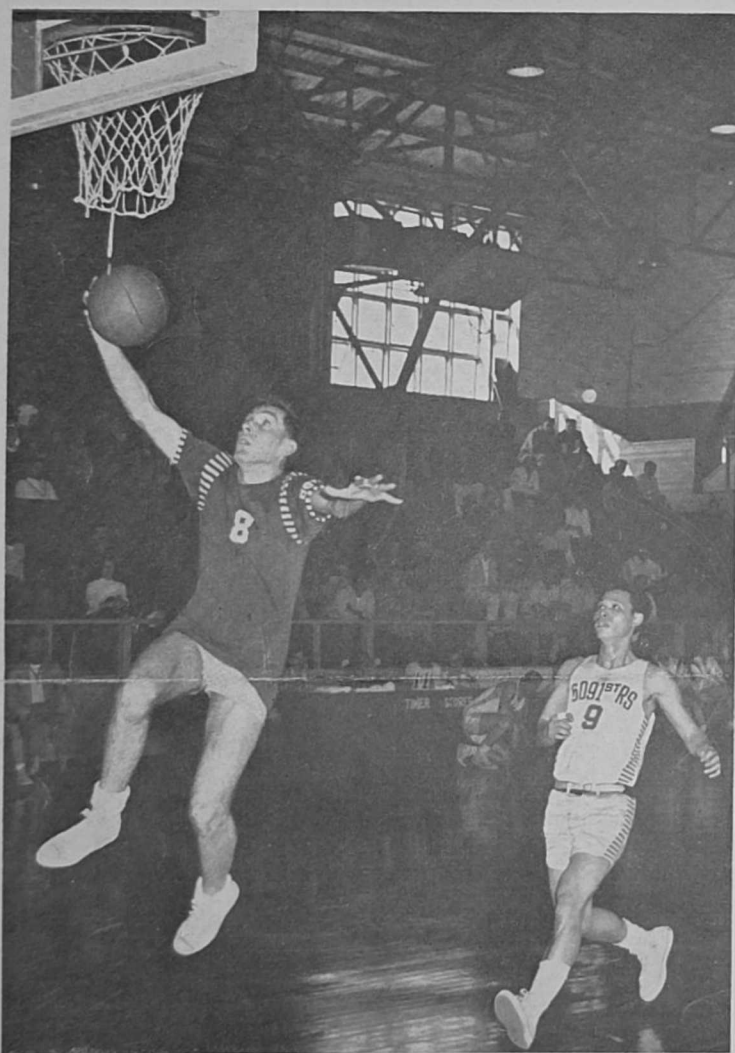
The hard driving 56th Weather Reconnaissance squadron basketball team swept unbeaten to the Yokota Air base 1959-60 Intramural basketball championship last month by defeating the 6091st Reconnaissance squadron 70-52. It was the second time in their four-game climb to the championship that the Weathermen downed the men from 6091st. They dumped '91st to the losers bracket in their third tourney game, 67-58.

The 56th, third place in the

American League during the regular season, beat 6102d Support squadron in their first game, 59-47, and knocked off the 40th Fighter Interceptor squadron in their second, 73-56.

In their final game, Harry Milner pumped in 37 points for the victorious Buzzards. James McDonald and Bud Whitfield added 13 and 11, respectively.

This marks the second consecutive time the 56th has captured Yokota's Intramural basketball championship.



HOPPIN' HOOPSTER Harry Milner of the 56th WRS, whips one in the basket as Don Louie of 6091st RS looks on in dismay. Milner was high scorer in both wins over the 6091st, shooting in 29 and 37 points respectively, in the 67-58, 70-52 contests.

56th BB Champs to Get Jackets

Twelve members of Yokota's champion 56th Weather Reconnaissance squadron basketball team will be presented jackets soon recognizing their superior hardwood action during the past season. Money is currently being raised for the coats by the officers of the weather unit.

The jackets, made of wool and bearing the 56th green and white colors, will be presented to the hoopsters as soon as delivery is made. A basketball will be embroidered on the front containing YAB Champions, 56th WRS, and the year of the victory.

This marks the second year in a row that the 56th Weather won the Yokota intramural basketball championship. This year they swept to the top with four straight wins in championship play.

Pro Pay

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given. But by cutting some originally slated P-1 increases for fiscal 1961 and "doubling up" on P-2s, the effect would be to give 10,000 specialists the P-2 pay.

To receive this new pay, specialists, in addition to other requirements, must have been receiving P-1 pay for at least six months.

DOD is attempting to gain specialists in critical skills and reduce overages in less critical fields and this P-1, P-2 conversion doubling-up is one method of attack. Latest figures reveal 42,600 airmen are now drawing P-1 pay in 112 AFSCs.

Headquarters AWS Personnel advised all airmen they have no definite information on the new program and urged them not to inquire at this time. As official word is received, it will be immediately passed out to the field, according to AWS Personnel spokesmen.

9th Gp Hoopsters Win 13th Straight Take Scott Title

Sizzling sharpshooters of the 9th Weather group headquarters racked up their 13th straight victory in late February to take the Scott AFB, Ill., intramural hoop title. For the hustling hoopsters of the 9th, this unblemished record for the season registered their second consecutive year as base champs.

Number 13 seemed to be the lucky one for the weathermen, inasmuch as they were competing against 13 other base units for the hoop title. This final match was a low-scoring 49-28 affair over 798th A.C. and W. squadron. Prior to this, the 9th group court men had run up a 63-49 score against the 1405th Air Base wing team.

In this game as during the season, John Schulz and Gary McKenzie led the way with 17 and 14 points respectively. Season totals for all units in the rivalry showed McKenzie with 226, Bill Bradford with 123, and Schulz with a 116 point total to lead (McKenzie) and rate among the top ten sharpshooters.

Other team members are 2d Lt. Julius Pegus, 1st Lt. Donald Bjornson, A/2c John Younce, A/2c Richard Daugherty, 1st Lt. Robert Hamilton, A/1c Linzell Miller, SSgt Ronald Ferguson and SSgt Joe Kubula.

Paid Your Taxes?

AWS men who are not residents of the following states might do well to check their state income tax status:

Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Michigan, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming, and Illinois.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act protects a serviceman from taxation by a state in which he may be stationed but it does not exempt him from taxation by his home state.

Determination of a home state may lie in the definitions of "domicile" or "legal residence," or the exercising of voting privileges.

If in doubt, see your unit or base legal officer.

Births

CORBY, SSgt and Mrs. Elmer, a daughter, Melaine Diane, March 3, at Wailus hospital, Hawaii. Father assigned Detachment 3, 1st Weather wing, Wheeler AFB, Hawaii.

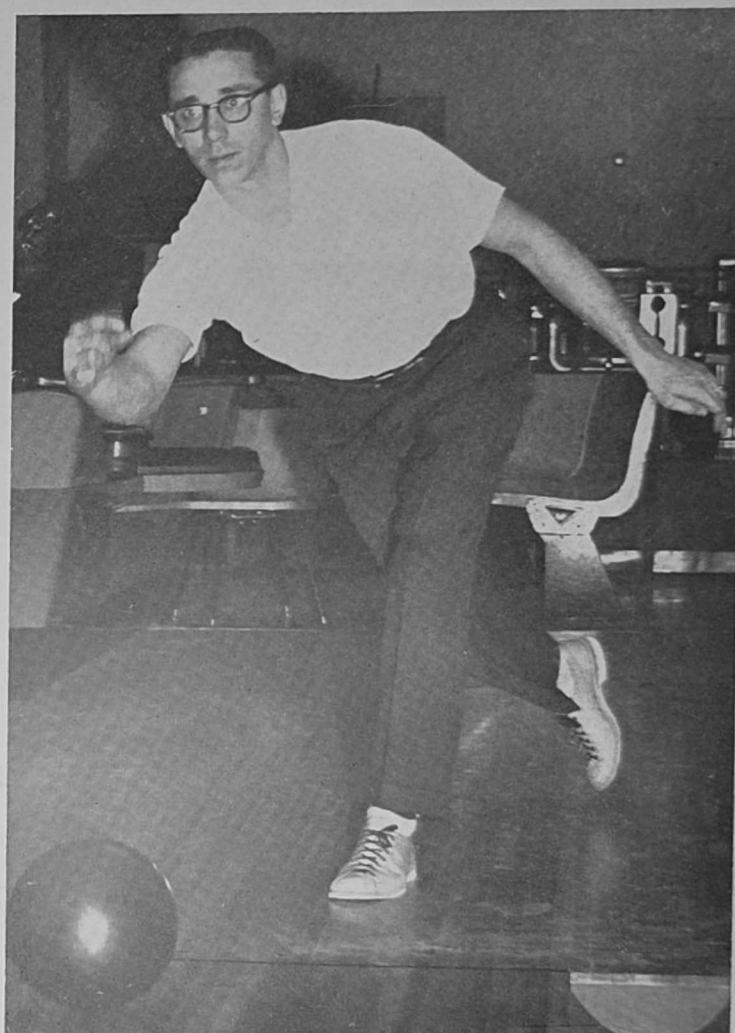
KEOLANUI, SSgt and Mrs. Samuel, a daughter, Faith, January 19, at Wahiawa General hospital, Hawaii. Father assigned 1st Weather wing HQ, Wheeler AFB, Hawaii.

KOBILSEK, SMS and Mrs. Peter, a son, Michael, January 2, at USAF hospital, Washington, D. C. Father assigned Climatic Center, Detachment 3, HQ AWS, Washington.

McELMURRY, SSgt and Mrs. Thomas, a daughter, Terri Thomas, February 9, at USAF hospital, South Ruislip, England. Father assigned Detachment 40, 28th Weather squadron, High Wycombe, England.

PERRY, A/2c and Mrs. Donald, a daughter, Lisa Ann, on February 10, at Craig AFB hospital, Ala. Father assigned Detachment 9, 8th Weather group, Craig.

Waco Bowling Champ



25th WS Sergeant Takes Waco, Tex., Bowling Title

Proving that he's both a sharp observer and bowler, SSgt Vincent Casella recently toppled over all opposition to take three titles in the Waco, Tex., city tournament. Casella thought he had so little chance against the "real keggers" that he rolled only on practice game preparing for the big meet.

When the much-disturbed dust finally settled on the alleys, the 25th Weather squadron headquarters sergeant discovered he had been crowned champion of Waco. The honors garnered by the new title-holder were, first

in scratch singles, second in handicap singles, first in scratch all events, and first in handicap all events.

Carrying only a 174 league average into the tournament, the bespectacled NCO thought he had little chance but his tallies showed differently. His top-notch three 3-game series gave him a superb 1,909. He got a little excited when he whopped a nice 640 series opener in team play but still didn't feel he could win any top title.

Smashing a beautiful 257 first game in the singles, he swept all rivals aside, ending up with a 673 series.

The only thing that bothers the Waco City champ now is when he bowls his regular 530 to 540 in league play, instead of the steaming tourney scores. Rather embarrassed, Sergeant Casella says, "I have the idea people expect more (now)."

Exchange Data

Each year airmen and soldiers buy 60,000,000 hamburgers and 220,000,000 cups of coffee at exchange snack bars and cafeterias.

Shopping at exchanges is not a "right" but a privilege accorded to servicemen and their families by Congress. Around the world, 65,000 civilian exchange employees work for one purpose... to serve you!

Protect the exchange privilege — don't buy for unauthorized civilians.

TDYers Can Get 'To-Station' Pay

Beginning April 1, an officer or airman going on TDY can have his wife drive him to the airport or railroad station and collect seven cents a mile both ways for the trip. This news was released by the Air Force Accounting and Finance office recently.

But the payment cannot exceed the usual one-way taxi fare, plus tips. Tips may be figured at ten cents for a fare under one dollar or ten per cent for a fare over a dollar.

On the return trip, you can be picked up again in the family car and collect again, under the same restrictions on taxi costs.

The Air Force expects to save money since the payment would ordinarily be less — and never more — than cab fare, the Center said. With your wife along, the trip would also be more pleasant — or so the Center says!