

AWSers among MAC senior officer changes

SCOTT AFB, IL (MNS)—The names of five Air Weather Service (AWS) colonels, or men selected for promotion to that rank, were among 15 senior officer changes and two retirements announced by Headquarters Military Airlift Command (MAC) recently.

Col. Ramon C. Wilkins, AWS' deputy chief of staff (DCS) for Systems, will replace Col. Hyko Gayikian as chief of staff (see story of Colonel Gayikian's retirement elsewhere in this OBSERVER); Col. Robert J. Fox moves from assistant DCS for Systems to the DCS position, and Col. Walter M. Dale, director of Systems Management will move to the assistant DCS for Systems position.

Col. Chester C. Lukas, assistant DCS for Aerospace Sciences at Headquarters AWS replaced Col. David L. Roberts as vice commander, 7th Weather Wing, Scott AFB, IL, on Colonel Roberts' Nov. 1 retirement.

Col. Gary D. Atkinson, director of Aerospace Services replaced Colonel Lucas.

Other senior officers on the move to or within MAC are Lt. Gen. Thomas M. Ryan Jr., who became vice commander in chief of MAC last month.

Also, Col. Franklin E. Jassmann, who was to go to Scott AFB, IL, was instead assigned to McGuire AFB, NJ; Col. Alton P.H. Brewer Jr., became chief of the MAC Command Center Division; and Col.

Gene R. Durden became assistant DCS for Logistics, 21st Air Force.

Col. Bruce H. Mosley, this month, leaves Dyess AFB, TX, to become the 61st Military Airlift Support Wing chief of Transportation, Hickam AFB, HI.

Col. Ellsworth R. Richards and Col. Joseph E. Makant Jr., medical officers, move to Andrews AFB, MD.

Also, Col. Robert W. Kline, formerly at Dover AFB, DE, moved to Maxwell AFB, AL, as the Air University's director of Information and Lt. Col. (colonel select) Robert A. DeLorenzo will become MAC's DCS for Logistic's chief of the Supply Systems Management Division.



WEATHER WOMEN are not unusual in AWS, but soon they will be on the receiving end of weather briefings for flight people as well as one the giving end, as they have been. 2nd Lt. Karen L. Urbanik, Det. 1, 24th Weather Squadron, Randolph AFB, TX, briefs three members of the Undergraduate Navigator Training Program. At left is 1st Lt. Ramona Roybal, a former AWSer, who is about to return to weather by way of navigating a WC-130; 1st Lt. Flo Fowler, center, about to enter the weather business navigating a WC-130 out of Keesler AFB, MS; and Capt. Liz Koch. (U.S. Air Force photo by A1C M.S. Spangler)

Navigators

Women guide WC-130s

MATHER AFB, CA (AFNS)—A weather woman, 1st Lt. Ramona L.S. Roybal, has completed navigator school here and will once more be in the weather business.

She returns, not as a meteorologist, but as a navigator aboard a WC-130 Hercules flying out of McClellan AFB, CA. Another woman in the class who will fly weather missions is 2nd Lt.

Florence E. Fowler, who is to become a WC-130 navigator flying out of Keesler AFB, MS.

Lieutenant Roybal entered navigator training as a second lieutenant and a member of Det. 2, 9th Weather Squadron, Castle AFB, CA.

Lieutenants Fowler and Roybal were in the first class of women navigators.

Weather NCO among top MAC administrators

SCOTT AFB, IL (MNS)—A weatherman was among nine people submitted as Military Airlift Command's (MAC) candidates for annual Air Force Outstanding Administration and Executive Support awards. He is MSgt. Carl Kirchoff, chief of administration, 31st Weather Squadron, Rhein-Main AB, Germany.

Sergeant Kirchoff was nominated for the Executive Support Superintendent Award. Other nominees, their units and the award for which they will compete are Wilfred P. Holeman, Headquarters MAC, Administration Officer Award; SMSgt. Ferald J. Cobb, 63rd Air

Base Group (ABG), Administration Superintendent Award; Sgt. Sharon L. Arnold, Detachment 30, 1201st Air Postal Squadron, Administration Specialist Award; and Bathsheba Campbell, 438ABG, Administration Technician Award.

Others are Maj. Wayne R. Heinke, 21st Air Force, Executive Support Staff Officer Award; Capt. Douglas T. Cromack, 63rd Field Maintenance Squadron, Executive Support Staff Officer Award; TSgt. Richard P. Burns, Headquarters MAC, Executive Support Specialist Award; and Barbara C. Burgemeyer, 437th Military Airlift Wing, Civilian Executive Support Technician Award.



ONE DAY'S MAIL to be processed by "Santa's helpers," Det. 2, 11th Weather Squadron, Eilson AFB, AK (story on page 6) is checked by Mrs.

Dianne Ciz, a unit secretary, and SSgt. Sam Brown. The unit has helped Santa for 23 years. (U.S. Air Force photo)

by Capt. John S. S. Kim

HICKAM AFB, HI—Exercise Team Spirit, a recent test of combined readiness in the Northwest Pacific, saw U.S. Forces deploy to Korea (ROK), take part in integrated, joint operations, then return to their stations.

Throughout the exercise AWS people from the 1st Weather Wing (WW), 5WW, 7WW and Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC) took part. Col. Robert Julian, 30th Weather Squadron (WS) commander, led the weather support force.

Among the Pacific firsts were the use of tailored probability forecasts produced by AFGWC and Det. 10, 30WS' (Kunsan AB, Korea) technique to calculate sun angles at projected times to aid aircraft to deliver munitions precisely on target.

Korea exercise has many tests, many 'firsts'

For the first time the tactical forecast unit (TFU) was collocated with the Air Division at Osan AB, Korea.

The TFU was augmented by Mag. Charles Norman and Capt. Glenn Ichinose, AFGWC.

Another first, according to Capt. John S.S. Kim, 1WW unit information officer, was the provision of selected facsimile products to Korea from Japan.

The products came by C-141; however, Det. 17, 30WS' (Yokota AB, Japan) prepared backup packages if communications links should fail.

Direct support to U.S. units was provided by SSgt. Whisnant, Det. 2, 3WS; 1st Lt. John White III, Det. 6, 3WS; and Capt. Richard Holden and A1C Thomas Austin, Det. 75, 3WS.

Command line

General Dixon lays it on the line

I write my own Command lines, but this time I would like to deviate from the norm. I recently read a letter written by Gen. Robert J. Dixon, commander of the Tactical Air Command, to Mr. Marvin L. Stone, editor of the *U.S. News and World Report*. I was impressed, to say the least, and want to use my **OBSERVER** column to make sure the letter's message gets to every weather man and woman. In his letter, which was published in the **TIG BRIEF** (Number 18, Volume XXIX) of Sept. 23, 1977, General Dixon laid it on the line for each of us. His words resound with a truth which is apparently being overlooked by many, twisted by some and misinterpreted by an important few today. General Dixon wrote:

"Dear Mr. Stone,
"The article published in your 22 August 1977 edition, entitled, 'Military Pay—What the Furor is all about,' concerns me.

"It supports the impression that the military pay is higher than comparable civilian pay; that the military member is getting some things from the government gratis—as opposed to having earned them—and that all personnel receive exorbitant annual salaries of between \$11,743 and \$79,425. This is not so!

"To set the record straight—all is not well done or overdone with regard to military compensation, as the article would have you believe—we are especially concerned for junior enlisted members. Approximately 160,000 Air Force junior enlisted members—nearly one-third of our enlisted force—experience some significant financial difficulty.

Their plight results from requirements of military service forcing them into dilemmas beyond their control. For example, two or three essential permanent change of station moves during their early years of service, as they move from basic to advanced training and then to a duty station, without adequate government compensation for movement of dependents and household goods—coupled with the need to buy a car to get them where they're being sent, out-of-their-hide rental trailers or rental vehicles to move personal belongings—all add up to big expenses which financially crushes most of them. I suggest you ask the young men or women in the service why they are seeking help from financial institutions; why they 'moonlight'; why wives are seeking employment; why they get food stamps; how their dependents get their teeth fixed. They'll tell you—they just can't make the grade—to say nothing of getting ahead—a reasonable American ambition.

"The average per annum pay and benefits cited in the chart accompanying the article are misleading. Not all personnel who enter military service stay for a full career—only about 12 per cent remain long enough to qualify for retirement pay—the others do not get it. Thus, items like retirement and survivors' benefit insurance are not true 'money-in-the-pocket' indicators for the large majority of our service people. None of the so-called benefits, to include retirement and medical care, are provided gratis—each has been earned and all are vested in law.

Military personnel who eat in a military dining hall do not get **FREE** food; those who live in a barracks or quarters do not get **FREE** housing—these men and women forfeit their allowances for quarters and subsistence when they use such facilities. Because we do not have sufficient adequate quarters, our airmen often live in substandard, crowded quarters, several in one room, and all forfeit their housing allowance. We have people paying large sums compared to their allowances to live in substandard quarters.

"A few other areas need clarification:

"**COSTS OF MILITARY MANPOWER/RETIREMENT:** These costs have increased and rightfully so. The root cause—inflation—has impacted on the Department of Defense as well as civilian industry. For example, 60 per cent of the Airline and Transportation budgets and 65 per cent of the shipbuilding, electronics and automobile industries go to manpower. Similar increases have occurred in state and municipal governments. The military retirement is not too generous. As far as cost to us, taxpayers, is concerned—military retirement now equals four-tenths of one per cent of the Gross National Product (GNP). Although it is increasing in inflated dollars, it is projected to be at the same GNP level in the year 2000.

"**MILITARY/CIVILIAN WORK COMPARABILITY:** There is no comparable work—how can pay and entitlements be equated?

"**BASIC PAY FOR FOUR-STAR GENERALS:** A general who reaches the 26-year mark gets

\$47,498—so does one who serves 40 years—there are no more pay raises.

"**MEDICAL BENEFITS AFTER RETIREMENT:** Most medical benefits should continue after retirement; however, they don't! For this reason 7,500 retirees gathered at Fort Benning, Georgia, recently to protest reductions in medical care. Not only are retirees facing cuts in medical care in military facilities, they also face the refusal of civilian physicians to care for them under **CHAMPUS**. The net result—limited medical care.

"**HAZARDOUS DUTY/HOSTILE FIRE PAY:** Hazardous duty pay goes to only about 3,000 out of a force of half a million in the Air Force and it is earned—every penny of it. It goes to our people for such duty as ordnance disposal, parachuting, and contact with leprosy. Hostile fire pay can only be drawn when the Secretary of Defense designates an area as a **combat zone** and is not drawn when war is declared by Congress.

"**FLIGHT PAY:** Flight pay is paid on a graduated basis—the maximum of \$245 per month is only paid during the six-18-year span; thereafter it is scaled down at the rate of \$20 every two years. No one gets flight pay after 25 years service, but many must continue to fly.

"**20-YEAR REWARD—A PENSION?** Retirement is not a pension—it is not a benefit we get by way of patronage. It is an earned annuity based on an investment and commitment to a unique way of life and service. Retirees are entitled to draw three



Brig. Gen. Berry W. Rowe
AWS commander

fourths of active duty base pay after 30 years' service—this equates to approximately 61 per cent of active duty pay.

"We fight to preserve essential benefits which have been part of our institutional way of life, not because we have gotten used to them (or because they are good for generals). We fight to preserve them for our people because we demand much from them during their careers—and they produce—for the country—under the most trying circumstances. You could perhaps get them to do the same for less but this tinkering with the fine workforce you have—a workforce that is already looking at better ways to get more, by union action—is frustrating them as they see their quality of life diminishing. Our way of life is not the same as our civilian neighbors; to compare military compensation to theirs is to forget that military service is a commitment, a way of life, not just a job. My people give up the right—to unionize, to decide where to live, to decide what hours, what jobs—which their civilian counterparts hold dear and which are protected for them.

Sincerely
Signed

Robert J. Dixon, General USAF
Commander
Tactical Air Command"

Enlisted line

Take PME Action NOW

Time is running out for many E-8s and E-9s who have not attended the Senior NCO Academy (SNCOA). NCOs in this group should evaluate their situation and potential—NOW! Fiscal year (FY) 1978 SNCOA classes may be their last chance for this essential and beneficial education.

Analysis of E-8 and E-9 promotions once again shows that more than 95 per cent of E-8 and 98

per cent of E-9 selectees had completed the SNCOA. Although correspondence and in-residence provide 20 professional military education (PME) Weighted Airman Promotion System points, analysis shows the board awarded points for "in-residence" PME.

Beginning with FY1979 classes, most SNCOA quotas will be filled at Air Force level. Percentages were not established, but there are

indications that 75 per cent to 85 per cent of the quotas will be filled from E-8 and E-9 promotion selection lists by a central board and most are expected to go to E-8 selectees. Quotas will be filled based on total promotion points, not promotion sequence number. It is evident that relatively few quotas will return to major commands (MAJCOM) for use by E-8s and E-9s promoted earlier.

More is involved than E-8 competitiveness for promotion to E-9. People who seek special duty assignments, including NCO detachment commander positions, and the extended high year of tenure option wherein selected chief master sergeants may remain on board for 33 years had better pay heed. Selections for SNCOA class 78-A are made. Two MAJCOM selection cycles remain



CMSgt. Howard M. Bock
AWS senior enlisted advisor

for FY78 classes. FY78 quotas may be your last "good show" at SNCOA selection. NOW is the time to insure you are nominated to the remaining MAJCOM boards.

Weather whys???

"Weather whys???" is a regular feature of the AWS OBSERVER. Questions come from readers and answers from the AWS commander and his staff. If you have a question, send it to: Commander, Air Weather Service; Scott AFB, IL 62225. Although all questions will be answered, space limitations preclude printing all of them in the OBSERVER.

Q.—Will there be enough transient airmen quarters (TAQ) space at Chanute AFB (IL) for 3AAR 25170 temporary duty (TDY) students? What are the TAQ rates? How will I be reimbursed?

A.—The required 160 additional TAQ spaces will be available. TAQ fees are \$3 per day, payable at the end of each month. Usually, people in TDY pay upon completion of the TDY. Because of course lengths, "normal" reimbursement procedures could create financial burdens. For this reason, prospective students should consider collecting advance travel and 30 days' advance per diem before leaving for school. While in school, they may collect accrued per diem on a monthly basis. Although TDY school hours are 7:10 a.m. until noon and 1:10 pm until 4 pm, the Chanute AFB finance office will serve everyone. Students on basic allowance for subsistence (BAS) at their permanent station will collect it at Chanute AFB only if BAS status is shown on their TDY orders. Others will not. Married people in grade E-4 or above, with four or more years service are eligible for \$30

per month family separation allowance while TDY.

Q.—Should retrainees, who have completed observers school, formally apply for Course 3AAR 25170, forecasters school, or simply wait until they are notified of a class reporting date?

A.—Retrainees must complete 3AAR 25170 and upgrade to the seven level to insure continued promotion eligibility. It is to your advantage to apply on AWS Form 47 to ensure your class date preference is considered. Submit your application immediately when upgraded to the five level, if not earlier. Having an application on file allows AWS/DOT and Palace Weather to better manage class selection and meet your desires.

Q.—I volunteered for the TDY forecaster school (3AAR 25170) more than nine months ago. When may I expect to be notified of a class date?

A.—Assignments to the early 1978 TDY classes are now flowing. Assignments could not be made until the fiscal year 1978 budget was released and the Air Training Command set class dates. Our goal is to make tentative 3AAR 25170 class assignments about nine months in advance. Final selections will be made four months in advance. We now have 175 volunteers for calendar year 1978 classes (63 for February); therefore, AWS will not be able to provide every volunteer his or her desired class date. We will do our best to place all volunteers in a class near their desired month.

Personnel shorts

Did you know that:

* On-base housing is available at Det. 18, 30th Weather Squadron, Yongsan, Korea, for the detachment commander, station chief and one enlisted forecaster if they elect the command-sponsored tour?

* While in uniform, Air Force people may not wear more than three rings?

* Women make up 2.6 per cent of the AWS officers and 8.4 per cent of its enlisted people? MAC-wide figures are 1.5 per cent and 7.1 per cent, respectively.

* As of July 1 enlisted forecaster manning was 89 per cent? We expect it to be 93 per cent by Jan. 1, 1978.

* Zone-A bonus of the selective reenlistment bonus-2 (SRB) and a Zone-B bonus of the SRB-1 may now go to 251XOs?

* Only seventy-seven 251XOs applied for the recent early out?

* Air Force no longer grants a 10-point General Airman Qualification Examination (AQE) waiver for people retraining into AWS? A General AQE of 80 or better is now required.

* AWS first-term retention for January through July 1977 was 32 per cent? Things are looking better.

* Earrings and other ornaments on the head and visible ornaments around the neck are prohibited while on duty or in uniform? An exception is earrings when in formal or semi-formal attire.

Col. H. Gayikian retires Dec. 1

Air weather's longest resident?



Col. Hyko Gayikian

After more than 37 years in the U.S. Army Air Corps' and U.S. Air Force's weather service, Col. Hyko Gayikian will retire Dec. 1, 1977.

Colonel Gayikian enlisted in the Army Air Corps July 1, 1940. He was promoted through the enlisted grades to master sergeant by age 20; the next year he was a warrant officer junior grade. While assigned to the Pentagon (in 1948) he was directly commissioned a second lieutenant and began climbing the officer ranks. In all, he had 17 pay grades—from private through colonel.

Colonel Gayikian graduated from the first Air Corps Technical School Weather Observer Class at Chanute Field (IL) in November 1940. He served as an observer at Kelly Field, TX, then became an apprentice forecaster. He was at Chanute Field's Forecaster School when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

He worked as a forecaster in a weather central in England in the summer of 1942 then as a station chief in a forecast center. After becoming a warrant officer he commanded a weather detachment. Also, while in Europe, he flew weather reconnaissance.

After World War II he had tours in the Pentagon Weather Central and at Carswell AFB, TX., where he supported B-36s and the Flight Service Center. According to Colonel Gayikian, one of his most unusual assignments came in 1951. He served a year on temporary duty at Boeing's Wichita, KS, aircraft plant as a weather project officer during the B-47 operational test and evaluation. The project, known as WIBAC, was managed by Brig. Gen. (then colonel) Paul A. Tibbetts, aircraft commander of the B-29 "Enola Gay", which dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan.

In 1952 Colonel Gayikian was assigned to the Far East where he served in Tokyo, Japan's Weather Central then the Fifth Air Force (Forward) Forecast Center, Seoul, Korea. Other assignments in the 1950s were at MacDill AFB, FL; Castle AFB, CA; and Offutt AFB, NE.

In the sixties he attended the Air Command and Staff College, then returned to Germany—to the 2nd Weather Wing, which was then at Wiesbaden, Germany.

Before going to Southeast Asia, he was a detachment commander at McConnell AFB, KS, and served with the 25th Weather Squadron at Waco, TX.

In Southeast Asia he commanded the Southeast Asia Tactical

Forecast Center in Cholon (Saigon). From Vietnam he went to Japan where, at Fuchu AS, he commanded the Asian Weather Central. From there he went to Offutt AFB to be the 3rd Weather Wing's operations officer. While there he went on temporary duty to the Systems Command as chief of Weather-85 Mission Analysis.

According to Colonel Gayikian, "This TDY (temporary duty) lasted six months and the Weather-85 Study helped set the foundation for many of the AWS programs being implemented today, such as AWDS (Automated Weather Distribution System), single career ladder, etc."

In 1972, Colonel Gayikian was assigned as vice commander then commander of the 6th Weather Wing. At that time the 6th was the parent unit of the Air Force Global Weather Central, Environmental Technical Applications Center and the field units supporting Systems and Headquarters Commands, the President, Air Force Operations Center in the Pentagon, the Alternate National Military Command Center and the

Automated Weather Network at Carswell AFB.

In 1974 he came to Headquarters, AWS, as director of Operations then became the command's chief of staff the next year.

Colonel Gayikian, lauding current AWS programs to delegate more responsibilities to NCOs and sending younger airmen to forecast school earlier in their careers, was vocal.

He said his own experience convinced him that young people seek more responsibility and do a good job when they get it.

His final words to AWS were, "Challenges and opportunities, of the type offered to me by the Air Force and AWS, are still there for those who really want them."

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster.

The Gayikians plan to reside in Indialantic, FL.

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AWS salutes . . .

Medals

Meritorious Service Medal: Maj. Albert A. Rocca, Det. 11, 5th Weather Squadron (WS), Ft. Sill, OK; and Capt. James R. Avant Jr., Det. 15, 24WS, Vance AFB, OK.

Air Force Commendation Medal: (Two oak leaf clusters (OLC)): Maj. Francis O. Gantt, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA. (One OLC): TSgt. Jerome P. Wasson, Det. 9, 7th Weather Wing (WW), Scott AFB, IL; TSgt. Bobbie G. Moore and Capt. Jeppie R. L. Compton, Det. 2, 7WW, Travis AFB, CA; and Capt. Horst A. Schenk and SSgt. Charles T. Olson, 2WW, Kapaun Bks, Germany. (Basic): Capt. J. Ronald Redus and TSgt. Porter L. Hough Jr., Det. 31, 3WS, Dobbins AFB, GA; Capt. Garry C. Jackson, Det. 1, 2WS, WPAFB, OH; MSgt. Larry J. Oliver, Det. 20, 7WW, Little Rock AFB, AR; Capt. William C. Smith and 1st Lt. Michael J. Jamilkowski, Det. 3, 11WS, Shemya AFB, AK; Capt. Larry L. Marsh, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL; Capt. Timothy J. Keating and SSgt. William E. Elliott, Det. 5, 7WS, Katterbach, Germany; A1C Deborah A. Runyan, Det. 20, 24WS, Laughlin AFB, TX; SSgts. Louis B. Wooding and Gary E. Taylor, Det. 4, 11WS, Ft. Richardson, AK; and Sgt. Jackey D. Nichols, Det. 11, 5WS, Ft. Sill, OK.

Joint Services Commendation Medal: Capt. Delvin G. Simmons, Operating Location (OL) D, AWS, McClellan AFB, CA.

Army Commendation Medal: SSgt. Robert J. Ivanoff and Sgt. Connie C. Hennig, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA; and Sgt. William O. Ash, OL-A, Det. 2, 7WS, Fulda, Germany.

Air Force Good Conduct Medal: SrA Barbara Taylor, 7WS, Heidelberg, Germany; and SrA George L. Cline, OL-C, 7WS, Bad Toelz, Germany.

Special honors

Det. 1, 2WS, WPAFB, OH, received the AWS Accident Prevention Award.

A1C James A. Daniel, Det. 20, 7WW, Little Rock AFB, AR, was selected for the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps four-year scholarship program.

1st Lt. John F. Snyder, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL, received the Air Force Systems Command's Certificate of Merit for his part in a local housing beautification program.

A1C Patrick C. Keating, Det. 14, 24WS, Holloman AFB, NM, was chosen to enter Officer Training School.

Capt. Daniel J. McMorrow, Environmental Technical Application Center (ETAC), Scott AFB, IL, received the MAC Distinguished Individual Safety Award.

Maj. Edward L. Barger, TSgt. J. G. Garcia, SSgt. Harry Stockhausen Jr., and SrA Carl M. Roberts, Det. 11, 5WS, Ft. Sill, OK, each received the Commanding General's Aviation Safety Award.

Education

SSgt. Ron Wells, Det. 8, 5WS, Ft. Riley, KS, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in social science from Kansas State University.

Maj. Melvin E. Huffman, Det. 1, AWS, Washington, DC, was awarded a master of business administration degree by Southern Illinois University.

SSgt. Patrick Sorrenti, Det. 4, 31WS, RAF Bentwaters, UK, and Maj. Dennis D. Gilchrist of the same unit received degrees in management. Sergeant Sorrenti a bachelor of science from the University of Maryland and Major Gilchrist a master of arts by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

SSgt. Raymond M. Kruse, a maintenance technician at Det. 5, 5WS, Ft. Knox, KY, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in vocational education with a specialty in electronics from the University of Louisville, KY.

Maj. David J. Pina, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA, completed the Air War College.

Persons receiving associates degrees from the Community College of the Air Force are MSgts. Philip E. Clark and Paul R. Horne; and TSgts. Edmund G. Benedetti and Danny G. McGrew of the Air Force Global Weather Central (AFGWC). They gained degrees in applied sciences as did SSgt. Robert L. Picconi, Det. 12, 7WS, Finthen, Germany.

1st Lt. David E. Howell, Det. 20, 7WW, Little Rock AFB, AR, completed the Squadron Officer School Course by correspondence.

Completing the Senior NCO Academy (NCOA) course

were SMSgt. Alfred D. Willis, Det. 4, 5WS, Ft. Meade, MD; and MSgt. Herman J. Washington, OL-G, Det. 6, AWS, Selfridge ANGB, MI.

NCOA graduates are MSgt. William F. Burnes Jr. and TSgt. John T. McLaughlin, AFGWC; and TSgt. Robert W. Battermann, 7WS, Heidelberg, Germany.

Completing the NCO Leadership School are distinguished graduates Sgt. Victoria J. Fuller, AFGWC; SSgt. Charles J. F. Potter Jr., Det. 5, 5WS, Ft. Knox, KY; and Sgt. Randall W. Mayo, Det. 18, 26WS, Rickenbacker AFB, OH. Other graduates are Sgt. Martha S. Canipe and SSgts. James R. Lively and Richard T. Reck, AFGWC; SSgt. William R. Browning, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL; Sgt. Shereen R. McGee, Det. 10, 7WS, Kitzingen, Germany; and Sgt. Charles Duncan, OL-D, 7WS, Pirmasens, Germany; and Sgt. Daniel O. Thorne, Det. 1, 5WS, Ft. Campbell, KY.

Unit honors

SSgt. Roger H. Heinen, Det. 1, 2WS, WPAFB, OH, is the 2WS' Career NCO of the Quarter (NCOQ) for April-June 1977.

A1C John E. Ingram is the summer Airman of the Quarter (AOQ) for Det. 9, 5WS, Ft. Rucker, AL.

Sgt. Stephen R. Browning, ETAC, is his unit's NCOQ.

SrA John M. Swimley, Det. 4, 31WS, RAF Bentwaters, UK, is the 2WW's April through June AOQ. The Wing's NCOQ is TSgt. Arthur R. Elkins of the Headquarters and MSgt. Billy D. Richardson, also of the Headquarters, is 2WW's Senior NCOQ.

For the April-June period, SrA John M. Swimley was the 31WS AOQ. He is with Det. 3 of the unit, RAF Bentwaters, UK.

Sgt. Toni D. Humphrey, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA, was chosen the unit Observer of the Month (July).

Promotions

To lieutenant colonel: Ralph M. Hughes, AFGWC and Thomas L. Rish, AWS.

To captain: Edward W. Oliver, Dean G. Duffy, Roland B. Stull and Donald S. Nicklin, AFGWC; Timothy J. Keating, Det. 5, 7WS, Katterbach, Germany; Jeppie R. L. Compton, Det. 2, 7WW, Travis AFB, CA; and Philip G. Yavorsky, Det. 1, 5WS, Ft. Campbell, KY.

To first lieutenant: Jeanette M. Heumann, ETAC; and Frank C. Flinn and Donald L. Reinke, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL.

To master sergeant: Richard E. Atkinson, Det. 10, 30WS, Kunsan AB, Korea; Benjamin L. Coughran, Det. 9, 7WW, Scott AFB, IL; Jerry M. Sherlin and Jerry K. Johnson, AFGWC; and Horace R. Rowe, Det. 4, 5WS, Ft. Meade, MD.

To technical sergeant: Ronald T. Presnal, OL-A, Det. 12, 7WS, Bad Kreuznach, Germany; James G. Benedict, AFGWC; Jerome P. Wasson, Det. 9, 7WW, Scott AFB, IL; Louis U. Csencsits, Det. 20, 7WW, Little Rock AFB, AR and Kenneth L. Gregg, AWS.

To staff sergeant: Curtiss E. Poorman, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA; Andrew P. Quigley, John P. Correnti, Robert L. Chastain, Joe E. Brackett and John Boggs, AFGWC; Susan J. Goodale, Det. 5, 7WS, Katterbach, Germany; Ambros F. Disori, Det. 20, 7WW, Little Rock AFB, AR; Gerard J. Gebken and Gregory F. Martin, ETAC; and Kathy D. Endres, OL-A, Det. 2, 7WS, Fulda, Germany.

To sergeant: David A. Bennett, Paula A. Adkisson and Marie L. Aubrey, Det. 2, 7WW, Travis AFB, CA; Carl M. Roberts, Det. 11, 5WS, Ft. Sill, OK; Dennis J. Svitak, Det. 4, 31WS, RAF Bentwaters, UK; Randy H. Julien, Det. 20, 7WW, Little Rock AFB, AR; Maurice J. Anderson, Det. 3, 7WS, Heidelberg, Germany; Michael T. Wright, ETAC; Joseph Harriman Jr., Michael S. McGurn, David P. Pares and Michael D. Saunders, AFGWC; Timothy Q. Heupel, Det. 31, 3WS, Dobbins AFB, GA; Michael D. Crain and Nola K. Bennett, Det. 4, AWS, Andersen AFB, Guam; Nancy W. Brooks and James F. Murray, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL; Nancy S. Robbins, Det. 15, 25WS, Luke AFB, AZ; and Jose L. Gonzalez, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA.

To senior airman: Phillip D. Davis, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA; Dwight O. Allen, Det. 10, 30WS, Kunsan AB, Korea; Donald M. Williams, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA; Michael D. Hammond, Det. 1, 5WS, Ft. Campbell, KY; Paul V. Brown, Det. 11, 5WS, Ft. Sill, OK; Charles P. Richmond, Det. 18, 26WS, Rickenbacker AFB, OH; John A. G. Test,

Det. 3, 11WS, Shemya AFB, AK; Angel L. Rivera and Jeffrey T. Bernard, Det. 5, 6WS, Ft. Lewis, WA; Mel K. Nordquist, Det. 15, 25WS, Luke AFB, AZ; Leonard A. Wells, Det. 21, 5WS, Hunter AAF, GA; Vicki L. Berger and Thomas D. Lawrence, AFGWC; Thomas M. Derussy and Steven F. Graves, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL; Clarence A. Wilder, Det. 4, 7WS, Schwaebisch Hall, Germany; Konrad W. Crowder, OL-A, Det. 21, 5WS, Ft. Stewart, GA; Floyd Dalton Jr., Det. 9, 5WS, Ft. Rucker, AL; Bradley T. Turner, OL-A, Det. 12, 7WS, Bad Kreuznach, Germany; Frank E. Hendricks, Det. 14, 25WS, Holloman AFB, NM; David L. Wyman, Det. 4, 11WS, Ft. Richardson, AK; Thomas B. Craig, ETAC; and Richard M. Mellinger, Det. 4, 5WS, Ft. Meade, MD.

To airman first class: Edward M. Dumas, Det. 10, 30WS, Kunsan AB, Korea; Jack A. Moore and Mary H. Matava, Det. 5, 7WS, Katterbach, Germany; Stephen G. Schmidt, Det. 1, 5WS, Ft. Campbell, KY; Danny J. Briseno and Arleen L. Sheppard, Det. 5, 5WS, Ft. Knox, KY; Martin W. Sprinkle, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA; Perry A. Halberlain, ETAC; Joseph C. Fabian and Tommie L. Gilbert, Det. 9, 7WW, Scott AFB, IL; Robert M. Brown, Vicky L. Chatham, Keith E. Daniels, Christopher Hoyda, Steven W. Krull, Livinia C. Moyston, John G. Sacco and Jay D. Lightle, AFGWC; Thomas H. Spindle Jr., Det. 2, 7WW, Travis AFB, CA; and Janet M. Newton and Theodore L. Robinson, Det. 6, 5WS, Ft. Lewis, WA.

To airman: Robert R. Millspaw Jr., Det. 6, 5WS, Ft. Lewis, WA; Robert D. Shieflo, Det. 15, 25WS, Luke AFB, AZ; and Jeffrey Torgerson, Colin D. Sells and Stephen F. Lantz, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL.

Civilian honors

Ernest P. Flippo Jr., Det. 20, 7WW, Little Rock AFB, AR, received the Outstanding Performance Award.

Dee Blish, wife of Maj. Edward H. Blish, and Judy Morss, wife of Maj. Dean A. Morss, Det. 1, 2WS, WPAFB, OH, received special honors from the local Family Services. Dee received the 500-hour Guard Award, and two other awards. Judy received a Certificate as the Welcoming and Waiting Wives chairperson.

Diane M. Gordon, ETAC, received a cash award for her part in reorganizing the AWS Technical Library.

Command assignments

Capt. Richard A. Rasmussen now commands Det. 20, 7WW, Little Rock AFB, AR.

Lt. Col. Dale C. Barnum now commands the ETAC.

Maj. Francis O. Gantt now commands Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA.

Maj. Albert A. Rocca now commands Det. 11, 5WS, Ft. Sill, OK.

Marriages

A1C Rex H. Miller, an observer at Det. 6, 5WS, Ft. Lewis, WA, married Army Sgt. Lynn M. Veach, July 7. The bride is a management specialist in the 9th Division Material Center.

A1C Patrick F. Jaderborg, an observer at AFGWC, married Kristine M. Kramolisch, of Omaha, NE, on July 2. MSgt. Earl A. Angell and A1C Sheila D. Davern, both technicians at AFGWC, married each other Aug. 7.

A1C Dorene E. Field, Det. 2, 6 WS, McClellan AFB, CA, was married to Sgt. Michael L. Wright, May 13, in Rome, NY.

Sgt. Hiram E. Keller, ETAC, married Fern Steele, Sept. 2.

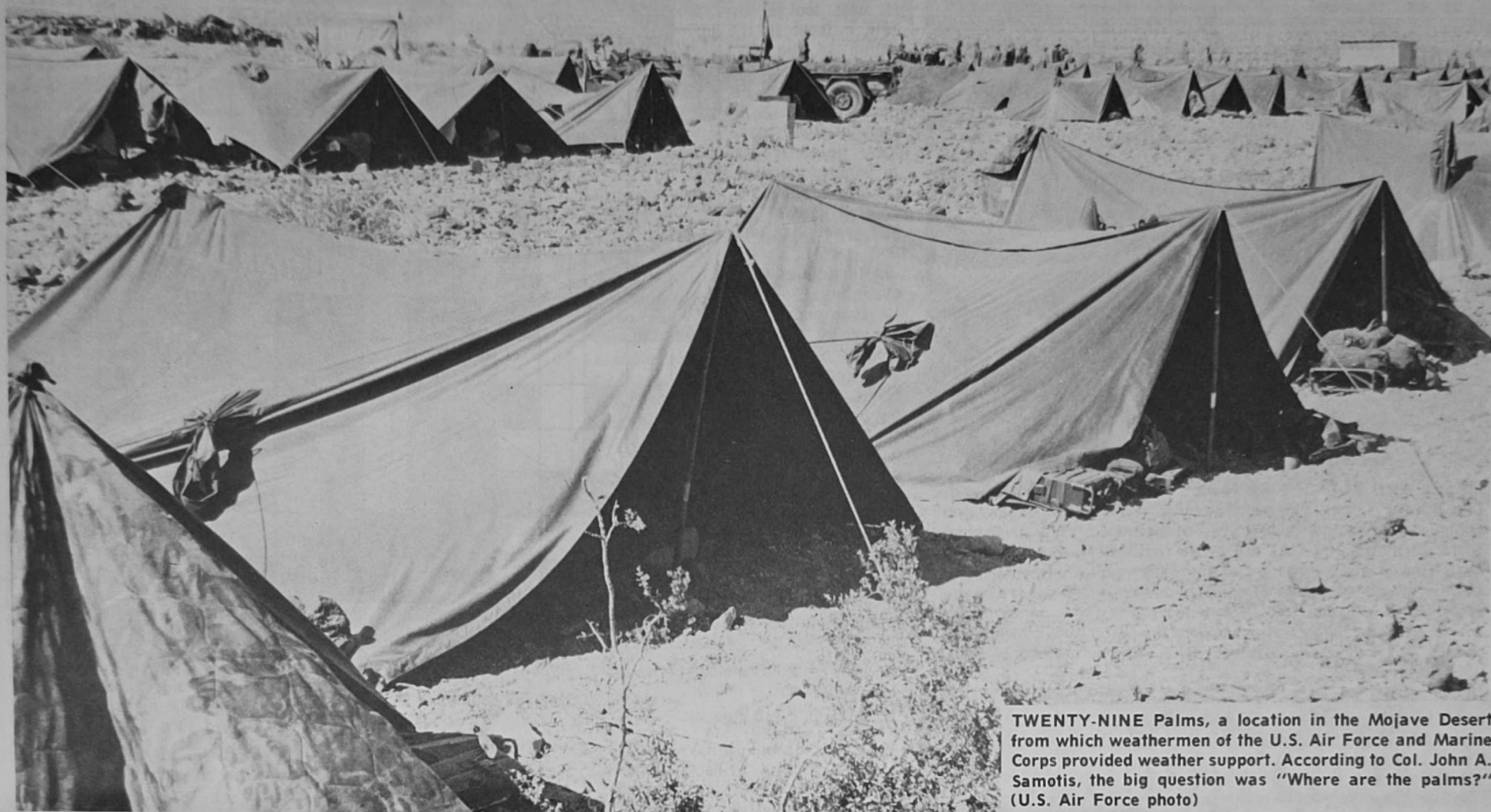
A1C Charles Grubb, Det. 11, 31WS, Spangdahlem AB, Germany, married Debra Jean O'Rear, June 10 in Gary, IN.

SSgt. Paul L. McCloud, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA, married Ruth F. Canada, Aug. 18.

A1C Mark R. Woody, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA, married Deborah M. Matlock, Aug. 27.

A1C Frenda K. Smith, Det. 29, 25WS, Buckley ANGB, CO, was married to A1C Steven Blakney, Det. 6, 12WS, Peterson AFB, CO, at Denver on Sept. 19.

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TWENTY-NINE Palms, a location in the Mojave Desert from which weathermen of the U.S. Air Force and Marine Corps provided weather support. According to Col. John A. Samotis, the big question was "Where are the palms?" (U.S. Air Force photo)

Palms in short supply

Marine Corps weathermen join AWSers for Brave Shield XVI

TWENTY-NINE PALMS, CA—"Where are the palms?" was the question of the 53 Air Weather Service (AWS) and U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) weather people as they sweltered in the summer heat and dust of the Mojave Desert in Exercise Brave Shield XVI.

According to Col. John A. Samotis, temperatures during the exercise were consistently above 100 degrees and tested the mettle of

more than 25,000 Army, Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy, Reserve and National Guard people taking part in the U.S. Readiness Command (USREDCOM) Joint Training Exercise.

Brave Shield XVI was the first time that USMC weathermen were in a USREDCOM exercise. They were from El Toro, CA, and supported Military Airlift Command

(MAC) deployment and redeployment operations from Expeditionary Airfield Twenty-nine Palms as well as the Marine forces commander during the mock war.

Air National Guardmen from the 210th Weather Flight, Los Alamitos NAS, CA, were in the field as were AWS reservists.

Lt. Gen. W.W. Marshall, deputy

commander in chief, USREDCOM, directed the exercise and Colonel Samotis, 1st Weather Squadron (WS), MacDill AFB, FL, commanded weather support forces.

Other key weather people were Maj. Don D. VanLeuven, Detachment (Det.) 11, 25WS, Cannon AFB, NM; Capt. Charles C. Morrill, Det. 7, 5WS, Ft. Ord, CA; USMC Capt. Stephen C. Salamack,

5th Marine Air Wing, El Toro MCAS, CA; and Capt. Raymond E. Wietholter, Det. 6, 5WS, Ft. Lewis, WA.

Col. Joseph D. Saccone, 5th Weather Wing commander, Langley AFB, VA, while touring weather units in the field, praised the weather people for their part in planning and supporting the exercise.

← **LIKE A SCENE** from World War II U.S. Army equipment and men pass through the Camp Wilson Area during Exercise Brave Shield XVI. Air Force and Marine Corps weathermen supported the exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo)

→ **A FIELD** headquarters for U.S. Army people being set up in the Mojave Desert during Exercise Brave Shield XVI. (U.S. Air Force photo)

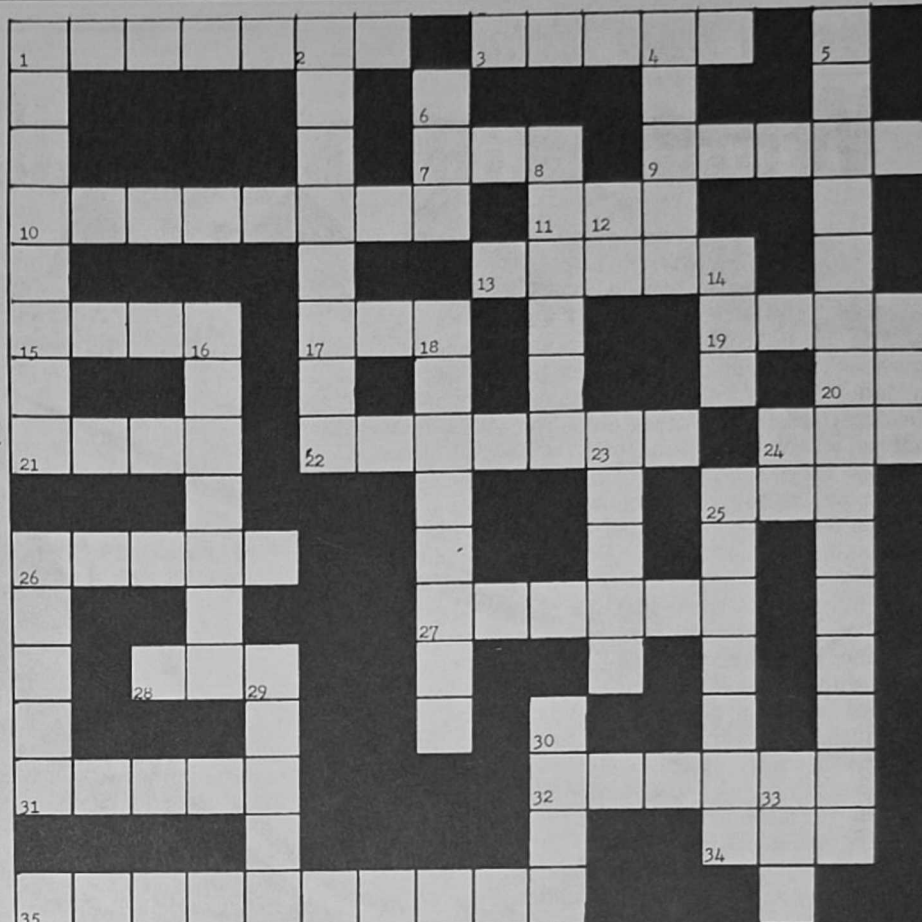




HISSES AND BOOS are the reward of SrA Alan R. Sofinowski, Detachment 1, 30th Weather Squadron, Yokota AB, Japan, and applause and "ahhhs" go to the rest of the cast of "Only An Orphan Girl." Airman Sofinowski, the villain (naturally), threatens Kelly Snell (the orphan) on stage at the base recreation center. The weatherman is a member of the local players group and is also the show's producer. The audience, before each performance, is encouraged to show their feelings toward the cast's roles by whatever sounds they feel should be given. (U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. John Peters)

ACROSS

1. Best tool to locate a front in the 850mb is the _____ analysis.
2. Lows near cP fronts are usually associated with maritime polar fronts. In winter, maritime polar fronts are _____.
7. Call sign of Wichita's civilian station.
9. Hurricanes form over the _____.
10. Isotherms are generally _____ to fronts.
11. Aircrews sometimes must _____ during bad weather.
13. The maximum windspeed axis (jet) at 500 mb usually crosses the surface position of a frontal system at or within two degrees latitude _____ of the triple point on the occlusion (in the northern hemisphere).



15. This front has a slope between 1/50 and 1/100.

17. Shemya's call sign.

19. _____ is a rough, milky, opaque ice formed by instantaneous freezing of small supercooled droplets as they strike an aircraft. (AWSM 105-39)

20. Ice crystals.

21. This type wave often has short waves passing through it.

22. Continental polar fronts do not normally wave or occlude. They are too _____.

24. Mission Success Indicator (symbol).

25. Call sign of Peterson Field.

26. A tropical cyclone with sustained winds of more than 129 knots is often called a _____ typhoon.

27. A radar echo which indicates intense tropical cyclones.

28. Aerospace Sciences Review (abbr.).

31. Synonym for "muggy."

32. Doppler radar is our radar of the _____.

34. Title of respect.

35. The apex of a frontal system usually is near the location of the 500mb maximum wind axis at the point of _____ of the contours between the trough and ridge located immediately downstream.

DOWN

1. _____ storms frequent the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean during September.

2. Same as 18 down.

4. Air masses are divided by a _____.

5. AN/GMQ-10.

6. Call sign of Eielson.

8. _____ is a Canadian term which often indicates a front aloft.

12. Oregon abbreviation.

14. Human Relations Education (abbr.).

16. After the implementation of Phase I to metric system, wind direction will be measured in _____ and temperature in (25 down).

18. A good tool for locating maritime polar fronts is the 500mb _____.

23. A mountain range in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Illinois.

24. Det. 19, 26WS' state (Abbr.).

25. After the implementation of Phase I to metric system, wind direction will be measured in (16 down) and temperature in _____.

6. Lows near cP fronts usually are _____ of the cP front (in northern hemisphere).

29. On the 850mb chart, a thermal _____ overlaps the surface position of an occlusion.

30. Terminal Forecast Reference Notebook (Abbr.).

33. Call sign of March AFB.

(Answers on page 8)

From within ...

Man has best possible month

FT. SILL, OK—The old saying, "When it rains, it pours," gained real meaning in the life of Sgt. Jackey D. Nichols, Detachment 11, 5th Weather Squadron, and his wife Becky. In the same month Sergeant Nichols reenlisted for six years, was selected for promotion to staff sergeant, was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal and then Becky awarded him the thrill of a lifetime. She presented him twin sons, John and Daniel.

Esposito passes milestone

ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM—SSgt. Vicki Ann Esposito, Detachment 4, Air Weather Service, here, passed another milestone in weather reconnaissance. She was recently upgraded to flight examiner, the top dropsonde system operator crew position.

Her new duties include supervising the training of newly assigned people and administering inflight evaluations to crew position counterparts. Sergeant Esposito has nearly 2,000 hours as a crew member.

Santa's helpers at it again

EIELSON AFB, AK (MNS)—Detachment 2, 11th Weather Squadron here are ready to give Santa Claus a helping hand again this year.

For the 23rd time the unit's people will accept letters from parents around the world to be remailed with the post mark "North Pole, Alaska."

Parents desiring their children to receive letters from Santa are asked to prepare the letter as if Santa had written it. Put the letter inside a stamped envelope addressed to the child. Send the letter and envelope, inside a second envelope, to: Detachment 2, 11th Weather Squadron; Santa's Mailbag; Eielson AFB, AK 99702. Parents are urged to send the letters early to avoid the Christmas rush.

At last count, the unit's people had returned more than 165,000 letters destined to expectant youngsters since the program began.

Holtgard now mission director

ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM—1st Lt. Nancy E. Holtgard, Detachment 4, Air Weather Service here, recently became the first woman known to be fully qualified as a mission director of a storm penetrating WC-130 crew.

Postal officials provide overseas mailing dates early Christmas

WASHDC (AFNS)—The U.S. Postal Service announced deadlines for Christmas mailing to APOs and FPOs.

Dates shown are the latest mail can be postmarked for delivery before Christmas.

LOCATION	PRIORITY	LETTERS	PAL	SAM	SURFACE
Africa	Dec. 9	Dec. 7	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Alaska	Dec. 16	Dec. 14	Dec. 10	Dec. 3	Dec. 1
Australia	Dec. 2	Nov. 30	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Caribbean & West Indies	Dec. 14	Dec. 12	Nov. 30	Nov. 23	Nov. 13
Central & South America	Dec. 2	Nov. 30	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Europe	Dec. 12	Dec. 9	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 11
Far East	Dec. 12	Dec. 9	Nov. 28	Nov. 21	Nov. 21
Greenland	Dec. 9	Dec. 7	Dec. 1	Nov. 25	Nov. 25
Hawaii	Dec. 16	Dec. 14	- No-SAM/PAL -	-	Dec. 1
Iceland	Dec. 14	Dec. 12	Nov. 30	Nov. 23	Nov. 23
Middle East	Dec. 5	Dec. 3	Nov. 8	Nov. 1	Nov. 1
Southeast Asia	Dec. 2	Nov. 30	Nov. 18	Nov. 11	Nov. 11

A lesson from history

Weathermen guerrillas, heroes in WWII

by

John Fuller

AWS historian

(Continued from the October issue of the AWS OBSERVER)

The JC-40 Group, volunteer weathermen, underwent secret and intensive combat training at Kearns Field, UT, in late 1943. In early 1944 they were assigned to Headquarters 15th Weather Squadron (WS) in Australia and had a twofold mission: form the nucleus of task force weather teams and work behind Japanese lines in the Philippine Islands as guerrillas. They were to provide weather observations to support Allied air strikes and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's plans to liberate the islands that fall.

JC-40 Group weathermen destined for guerrilla duty in the Philippines went with the 5217th Reconnaissance Battalion (Provisional), Brisbane, or the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (Special), U.S. Army Forces in the Far East, with further assignment to a continually changing succession of organized American and Philippine guerrillas. Most of them were commissioned as Philippine Army second lieutenants; all were paid emergency pesos.

—PROBLEMS—

American submarines (the lifeblood of coastwatchers, spotters, and guerrillas throughout the southwest Pacific) transported them. Because submarine hatchways could only accommodate equipment smaller than 24-inches in diameter, the bulky weather gear was packed in special containers. The first guerrilla weathermen left Darwin, Australia, by submarine and by May 10, 1944, six weather reporting stations operated on Mindanao and Samar Islands—one of which had pilot balloon (pibal) equipment to measure upper-level winds.

When not harassed by Japanese patrols, the guerrilla weathermen took synoptic weather observations each six hours, and specials when the occasion demanded or when asked for by the 15WS. Established guerrilla radio networks transmitted the observations in code, and weather and warnings of enemy aircraft had priority over normal intelligence data. Most reports were back at 15WS stations within 30 minutes of the observation.

Japanese patrols forced the guerrilla weathermen to constantly move their sites, forcing them to be hard-core infantrymen more often than not.

—FOUGHT ON—

One staff sergeant landed on Samar in May 1944 from a

SMSgt./OT John E. Brady

submarine that torpedoed a Japanese ship on the way. He immediately linked with a guerrilla unit and a short time later lost all of his weather equipment when he was forced to evacuate. From then on he transmitted only visual observations—but transmit them he did.

The first station on Leyte Island was (with the help of guerrillas) set up by other weathermen slipped silently ashore from a submarine in July 1944. Its permanence was short lived, however, as Japanese patrols often forced it to shift around in the jungle. The weathermen were warned of the patrols by primitive jungle warning systems, including the use of drums at night.

TSgt. Max E. Hoke, a guerrilla weatherman, boarded a submarine at Darwin late one night in May 1944. A month later the submarine surfaced off Mindanao's coast and, after a prearranged signal (the quick raising of an American flag) Sergeant Hoke went ashore. It took natives three days to haul his cumbersome weather gear through the jungle and into the hills.

At a concealed radio station manned by Philippine guerrillas, he met a couple of Americans who had been there since the surrender of Bataan and Corregidor in early 1942. They bombarded him with questions about home and the war. Almost as soon as the weather station could operate, a Japanese patrol forced the men to move. The weather gear was hidden in the jungle. Fortunately, the patrol stopped a five-hour march away. "It wasn't very pleasant..." Sergeant Hoke later said, "...waiting a week to see what they were going to do," knowing that a favorite enemy tactic was to surround an area at night and attack at dawn. Sergeant Hoke went home in June 1945. During his stay on Mindanao only two submarines brought supplies and news of the war.

—DISASTER—

It was aboard the American submarine *S.S. Seawolf* that two 15WS guerrilla weathermen lost their lives under peculiar circumstances.

From December 1941 until the fall of 1944, the *Seawolf* made 14 war patrols, sank 27 enemy vessels (representing 108,600 tons) and damaged 13 others. She seemed to be charmed and escaped serious damage while establishing her illustrative combat record.

On September 21, 1944, the *Seawolf* put to sea from Brisbane, Australia, on her fifteenth war patrol and under her third wartime skipper, Lieutenant Commander Albert

M. Bontier. Three days later she surfaced at Manus Island, in the Admiralty Group, to pick up U.S. soldiers and stores destined for guerrilla forces in the Philippine Islands. Among the passengers were Sgt. Charles H. Hammill and Cpl. Robert P. Herbig, two JC-40 Group observers, who had joined the 15WS six months before.

After leaving Manus the same day it arrived, *Seawolf* was last heard from when she reported her position on Oct. 3, 1944. After that she failed to respond to radio calls and was eventually reported missing. It was an unusual disappearance in that there was no Japanese anti-submarine activity in the vicinity at the time—a fact substantiated by captured documents and post-war interrogation of Japanese military officials.

Subsequent investigations failed to establish the precise cause of the *Seawolf's* disappearance, but evidence indicates she may have gone down off Samar's east coast—sunk by Americans! She became entangled in a hunt for a Japanese submarine that sank an American destroyer, and before she could identify herself, was attacked and sunk, going down with all hands—82 crewmen and 17 Army passengers.

By October 1944, guerrilla weathermen operated 39 weather stations in the Philippine Islands, of which five had pibal gear and complete forecasting facilities. As General MacArthur's forces liberated various areas, the stations in the immediate vicinity were ordered to transmit hourly weather reports.

—RELIEF COMES—

On June 16, 1945, the U.S. Sixth Army approved a 15WS request to discontinue the guerrilla weather stations which, following the Philippine liberation, were no longer needed. Eventually, all guerrilla weathermen went back to Australia for what the 15WS historian described as "a well earned rest."

Records do not say if the guerrilla weathermen ever contacted fellow 5WS weathermen, the ones overrun when the Japanese took the Philippines three years earlier.

Sketchy accounts indicate that most of the 15 or so 5WS enlisted men among the last-ditch defenders of Bataan and Corregidor in early 1942, were either killed or captured. Sgt. Dewey A. Kiethly was captured, as was 1st Lt. James H. Cooke, who reportedly died later in a Japanese prisoner of war camp. TSgt. Johnnie Crews was reported to have escaped capture to become a guerrilla weatherman.

Swaps stripes for bars; regrets his 'wasted years'

by Shirley Peeples

Yokota AB OI Staff Member

YOKOTA, AB, JAPAN—"I feel sorry for people who retire then can't find jobs in the civilian world like their military jobs, and have nothing to fall back on," said former SMSgt. John E. Brady, Detachment 17, 30th Weather Squadron here.

"People who don't go back to school these days only hurt themselves. A high school education without a technical school vocation or college education is virtually worthless. It feels good to have completed my degree, but it's just a stepping stone to better things, as far as I am concerned."

Officer Trainee (OT) John E. Brady is now at Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, TX, and will be through December. At completion of his training he will become 2nd Lt. John E. Brady and be assigned to Offutt AFB, NE. He has more than 180 college credit hours of education, a bachelor of science degree in business management from the University

of Maryland and is working on a masters degree in education.

OT Brady has been in the Air Force 15 years. The first six to eight he admittedly had no confidence in himself or his abilities. College was out of the question—and then he married.

"My wife was the one who encouraged me to go back to school and after the commission I had dreamed about years earlier," he said.

Next came the classroom hours he spent in the University of Minnesota, Allen Hancock College

and East Washington State University.

"So many times I wanted to just quit. It got so discouraging moving from place to place, losing hours, having to pick up and do again what I just finished doing. I could never seem to get enough or the

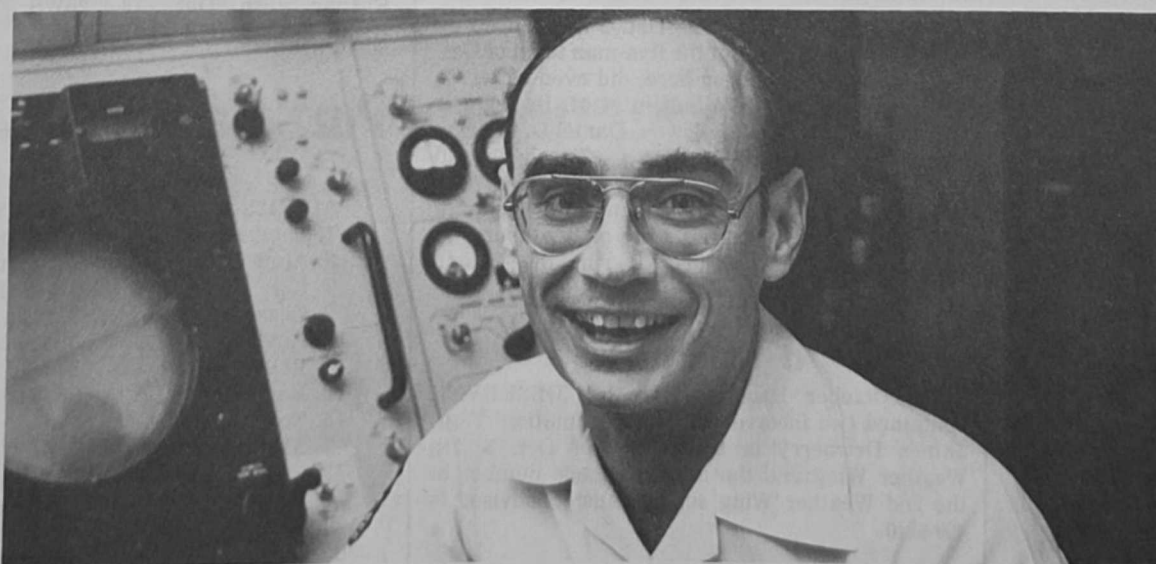
correct courses to get a major so I could get a degree. I thought it would never happen until I went to Yokota AB and entered the University of Maryland program."

OT Brady says he would do anything to make people realize the importance of going back to or on with school.

"People sit around and make a million excuses for not going to school. I did too. Air Force people still able to use the G.I. Bill should take advantage of it. In 1989 it won't exist any more; it will be gone."

"A lot of young people who enlist in the Air Force plan just to stay in four years then go to college. Some of them reenlist and make a career of it and, in the process, put off their education. For some reason they frequently don't make use of the Education Center or the G.I. Bill."

Does he regret anything? "my only regret," he said, "is that it took me so long to realize the value of education. I wasted the eight years that I didn't even try to move ahead."



SMSgt. John E. Brady

Sports

AWS golf team nets deuce slot in Scott match

SCOTT AFB, IL—The Air Weather Service (AWS) golf team here won its last two matches to take second place in the Scott AFB Intramural League.

Members of the team were from the Environmental Technical Applications Center, Headquarters 7th Weather Wing and Headquarters AWS. They included Douglas Abbott, J. Warnke, William Johnson, J. Wilson, Art Kyle, J. McAleenan and J. Cheatham.

Also in Scott AFB AMS golf, three men placed high in the base's Labor Day weekend tourney. In the Championship Flight, Al Gideons took second and Art Kyles fourth. Chuck Viola captured second place in the second flight.



LOADED FOR THE GAME (grapefruits under his T-shirt), Chief Roger G. Zimmerman, 31st Weather Squadron, entered Rhein-Main AB, Germany's annual Colonels vs. Chiefs softball game and the fruits were eventually pitched to the Colonels in place of the official softball. After each splatter the Colonels awarded themselves a run and the game ended 15-14 in favor of the Colonels. The match took place on base with the base's general officer, Brig. Gen Theodore Crichton, hitting a home run as an "honorary Chief." (U.S. Air Force photo by Jose Lopez Jr.)

Detachment all pinsmen

FT. MEADE, MD—Many organizations claim heavy participation in sports by its members, but how many can claim that every person assigned is on the unit bowling team? One can.

According to TSgt. Allen S. Edwards III, Detachment 4, 5th Weather Squadron unit information officer here, "All eight personnel assigned to the unit are on the bowling team." The team (and unit) consists of Edwards, Alfred D. Willis, Richard M. Mellinger, Terry J. Sonnier, Archie S. Keiper, Archie D. Black and Kurt F. Fox. Horace R. Rowe, the team's captain, is also president of the local, 10-team league.

Trio helps take title

RAMEY, PR—When the U.S. Coast Guard Slow Pitch Softball Tournament ended here recently, the 13-4 winner was the Army-Air Force team. Three of the winning team's members were weathermen. They were LeRoy Phillips, Paul Sheffield and Tom Maier, all of Detachment 5, 12th Weather Squadron. Maier had the team's highest batting average and even took an extra trophy home, one for having hit the most homeruns during the season. Maier is an administrative specialist.

First time up, wins all

DULUTH IAP, MN—In its first try at competitive golf, the Det. 8, 12th Weather Squadron team took on the Base Intramural Golf League—and won. The weathermen entered the final round tied for first place with the local 23rd Air Division (ADCOM) team then cinched the championship, 12-2. The weather team was made up of Ed Quinlan, Pat Ashton, Chris Summerell, Pete Lundberg, Greg Martin and Al Lagree.

Guam challenge taken; record set, set again

In September's AWS OBSERVER, Det. 2, 1st Weather Wing (WW), Andersen AFB, Guam, challenged all AWS units to top its 48:08 time over a mile and a half course. This "record" was set using what Det. 2 called "team aerobics" or using a five-man team. The challenge was taken—and a new record set—then set again.

KAPAUN BKS, GERMANY—According to Henry A. Chary, 2WW information officer, Det. 2, 1WW, was answered "... by the fleet fellows of Headquarters 2WW. Chuck Olson led with 7:59 over the mile and a half; Bob Bachman with a 9:18; Joe Byers with 9:28; Dick Skillings with 10:13; and Larry Boyd with 9:28; Dick Skillings with 10:13; and Larry Boyd with 10:20 for a total of 47:18." The 47:18 topped the Det. 2 record of 48:08. Chary added a challenge. "I walked the required mile and a half in 16:51. Let's see now if the rest of AWS' runners, joggers and walkers can top the 2WW mark."

FT. CAMPBELL, KY—Det. 2 was topped by Headquarters 2WW, but the five-man team of Det. 1, 5th Weather Squadron here, did even better. It covered the mile and a half in 44:04. Its team is made up of Walter J. Solowey, Daniel O. Thorne, Stephen G. Schmidt, Gordon L. Zieschang and Carl A. Batts. Schmidt led the pack with 7:30, which was no surprise to his teammates. Schmidt recently qualified, with a time of two hours, 57 minutes and 35 seconds, to run the Boston Marathon.

Oops—a correction

The October issue of the AWS OBSERVER contained two incorrect bits of information. TSgt. James Dewberry is a member of Det. 3, 7th Weather Wing and the duty telephone number of the 2nd Weather Wing senior enlisted advisor is 499-6240.

AWS salutes (Continued from page 4)

SMSgt. Charles L. Miller, 30WS, Yongsan, Korea, married Yong Cha Pak, Sept. 16.

A1C James A. Turner, formerly with the 30WS, Yongsan, Korea, married Sun Hee Lee, June 12.

Sgt. Duane C. Parker married A1C Carol Hankiewicz, both observers with Det. 13, 5WS, Ft. Eustis, VA, at the post chapel Sept. 10.

SSgt. and Mrs. Matthew Masula, son, Jonathan Wyllie, June 19. Father is weather maintenance shop NCO in charge, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA.

Reenlistments

SSgt. Christa B. Zumsande, Det. 15, 25WS, Luke AFB, AZ.

Sgt. Johnny J. Bratton, Det. 20, 7WW, Little Rock AFB, AR.

Sgt. Jackey D. Nichols, Det. 11, 5WS, Ft. Sill, OK.

SrA Lawrence L. Shipp and Sgt. Jose L. Gonzalez, Det. 14, 7WW, Norton AFB, CA.

Retirements

SMSgt. Lloyd R. Worster and Lt. Col. Jerome Wacker, Det. 11, 2WS, Patrick AFB, FL.

Locator

DeSeure, SSgt. Michael, last known to be at Patrick AFB, FL, is asked to contact TSgt. Bill Brown, Box 4549, APO NY 09109.

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In memoriam

Maj. E. Allen "Al" Gideons, a former member of the Air Weather Service and more recently an Aerial Weather Reconnaissance Weather officer assigned to Headquarters, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, died at the Scott AFB, IL, Medical Center of what was reported to be a heart attack. He is survived by his widow, Cam; five children, Julie, Chip, Sandy, Rob and Brad; his mother, Mrs. Edgar A. Gideons Sr.; and a sister, Carolyn Vinson.

Puzzle answers (From page 6)

ACROSS
1. Thermal
3. Aloft
7. ICT
9. Ocean
10. Parallel
11. RON
13. North
15. Cold
17. SYA
19. Rime
20. IC
21. Long
22. Shallow
24. MSI

25. COS
26. Super
27. Spiral
28. ASR
31. Humid
32. Future
34. Sir
35. Inflection

DOWN

1. Tropical
2. Analysis
4. Front
5. Transmissometer
6. EIL

8. TROWAL
12. OR
14. HRE
16. Degrees
18. Analysis
23. Ozark
24. MO
25. Celsius
26. South
29. Ridge
30. TFRN
33. RIV

(Puzzle provided by the 3WW)