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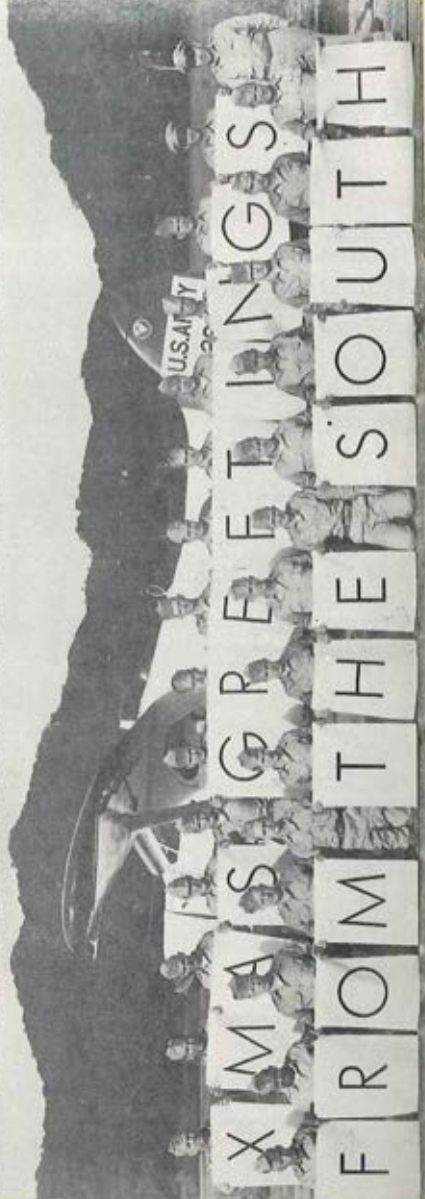
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PHOTOS ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE: Chinese Nationalist Air Force Wings being presented to Major W. Taylor, Captain Everett Koons, and Lieutenant William Cornwell (US Army photo from Formosa); upper right: Tropical and Arctic painted L-19 from the 937th EAC, IAGS, Canal Zone; Group photo at bottom: l. to r. Lts Berry, Niederbrach, Boman, King, Olson, Templeton (since departed for Bangkok), Maj. Miller (AO), Lts Shirey, Stewart, Baker (departed for EUCCM), and Capts Golombas and Cadmus (TDY to Ft Monmouth).



## PRO'S SAY....

### REPORTS ON "ARMY AVIATION" FROM WORLD-WIDE SOURCES

FORT SILL, OKLA — Plans for the movement of the Headquarters, AAS(COL GONSETH, Commanding) were moved up from 1 Dec 54 to 1 Nov 54. The element that remained at Fort Sill was commanded by LT COL CHARLES ERNEST. The last AATC class at FSI graduated on 6 Nov 54 (AATC 54-J) with approximately 60 students. All future classes will receive their tactical training at Camp Rucker. Brig. Gen. Hutton was expected to address 54-J, thereby winding up about 12 years of association of the Artillery School with FW Training. Orders from the Chief, TC restrict the H-23 helicopter for student instruction to winds of less than 25 mph, pending rotor-head modification to prevent "stop-banging."

Your Correspondent,

WOJG PAUL "Sam" BASS

### "HAZEL" WAS HERE!

FORT MONROE, VA — Subject of speculation hereabouts is the role to be played by this detachment under the recently-announced Continental Army Command - CONARC to be short. As yet nothing official has been announced but when and if there is an alteration the readers will be the first to know. The most recent hurricane, "HAZEL," gave Fort Monroe a pretty good going over. Our flyable acft were evacuated to the NACA hangar at Langley AFB, but we had one L-26 down for an engine change and an L-23 minus one landing gear strut in our hangar when the winds began to howl. The L-23 on jacks was so situated as to preclude moving the YL-26 well back into the hangar and the southerly winds pushed in the doors far enough to dent the nose slightly. Two trucks that had been parked in front of the doors to break the wind were pressed into service as ANCHORS for the doors, using ropes passed through holes knocked in the sheet metal. The metal siding began to peel away on the east side of our hangar under the pounding of gusts that reached 90-plus knots - but a gradual shift in direction accompanied by diminishing velocities saved it from being completely stripped. We had one international XC this past month when I went to Toronto to retrieve our YL-20 which had been converted by de Havilland into an L-20A. DeH did a very nice job on the conversion and were very hospitable. Our PERSONNEL data is as follows: Departing was AO, Maj WILLIAM C HALE, who, having transferred from Inf to CE, started to school at Belvoir. His place as Det

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Comdr here was taken by Maj DONALD J WAGNER. Maj CARL A COLOZZI continues as SuppO while I remain as EngO. Our Line Chief, M/Sgt Roger R Elrod, and the YL-26 crew-chief, SFC Desmon F Burnette, have rec'd notice that they'll get orders to report to Rucker for Hcptr Pilot Tng. A steady visitor to the strip is Lt Col J. ELMORE SWENSON who maintains his proficiency here while attending the Armed Forces Staff College across Hampton Roads at Norfolk, Va.  
Your Correspondent,

Capt GUY R CLAYBOURN, JR.

## HAZEL GOT AROUND

SAN JUAN, P.R. — Our Instrument Program was progressing nicely - Operation SANTE, a disaster-relief mission to assist the Republic of Haiti in its recovery from the damage inflicted by Hurricane "HAZEL" completely stopped the program. Our Beaver with Capt JERRY HOLSTAD, Sfc Carpenter, and PFC Ortiz spent 10 days in Haiti and all of our classroom space was used for storage of equipment prior to shipment to Port-au-Prince by C-119 Boxcars. We ALSO had a "Flood Alert" for 3 days as an aftermath of HAZEL's accelerated movement through the Caribbean. Cpts BOB ADAMS and FRED MAURER flew several mercy missions for the Red Cross during this period.... Preparation for Operation Shockwave, an air-transportability problem airlifting the 296th RCT & equipment, is underway. An avn detachment will operate from the forward airhead under the supervision of Capt CURLY LOS BANOS.... Our semi-annual night flying minimums having been completed, we'll take it easy until after the holiday season... Capt HANK VINEYARD, our AO, is still sitting on "ready," sweating out an L-23 from the Big Island.... Cpts LOS BANOS & BILL SWIFT, SuppO & EngrO respectively, are having difficulty keeping the Beaver flying (no spares)... Maj George Lafferty (ex of Tulsa) has arrived as Avn Advisor to the Puerto Rico-NG, replacing Maj JAMES (Pappy) DAVENPORT... Capt WILLIAM F DOBBINS (Ft Bragg) reported in to organize & operate a TC Avn Fld Maint Det here... Last, but not least, Lt James Krueger is expected in Dec, replacing Lt "JOSH" FIGUEROA, scheduled for sep in Jan 55.  
Your Correspondent, Capt JERRY E HOLSTAD

## WELCOME

HONOLULU, T.H. — Those of us already in this land of beautiful weather and wahines were glad to welcome the AA's of the 25th Inf Division. Maj DONALD A BAKER is the AO of the 25th and is ably assisted by Capt HAROLD E LOCKHART. Their Section is now located at Wheeler Field, adjoining Schofield Barracks. The 25th has been most cooperative in loaning their H-13's to AA's of the Hawaii-NG in order that they might maintain their proficiency while awaiting an H-13 of their own.... In USARPAC Hq, Capt WILLIAM BELL informs us they're expecting an AA Maint Det in Dec, and this will be a welcome addition to Hawaii. Capt Harold Moore (also of USARPAC) has just returned from Instrument Pilot School at SILL... Capt F.K. CHANEY, (Hawaii-NG), returned from Hcptr Sch in Oct, following your correspondent (AA Advisor) who returned from the same tng in Sept. Both of



MAJOR WALTER S. MAKUCH  
"Lucky Finner" on # 222  
Dead-heat with  
CAPT. GLENN M. EBAUGH  
"Lucky Finner" on # 222  
(Same chopper-same postmark)

US Army Photo  
Courtesy of Ft.  
Riley PIO

us agree the school was "the greatest." The Hawaii'-NG is awaiting the arrival of an L-23 later this month & we feel very lucky and grateful for this in view of the extended flights overwater required here. A roster of the NG pilots reads as follows: Capt F.K. CHANEY, Capt H.H. McNeill, J.J. Kern, & E.W. Bohlin, and Lts J.E. Doole, P.G. Phillips, and F.A.G. Ashdown. Sgt George Pacheco heads a fine crew of mechanics... We invite any & all AA's passing through Honolulu to contact us either at Honolulu International Airport or Fort Ruger.

Your Correspondent,

Capt THAD L FARRIS

## IT'S HIGH TIME

FT. McPHERSON, GA — Sorry we've been AWOL for a short period, but here's the latest from Third Army. Item No. 1 is about our Flight Detachment; they call themselves the "Teenie-weenie airlines" but last month they were anything BUT teenie-weenie. Capt Dave Shepherd put in 134 hours & Lt DONALD MULLIGAN 105 hours... that's a lot of flying in one month. Can anybody beat Dave's 134 hours?... No. 2: Maj BOTTS, our Dep Ch of Avn, did on or about the latter part of August, gently lay down his pencil, cleared his desk, and took off for a well-earned 10 day leave (Abbeville, SC - his home) & I understand a lot of time was spent in fishin'. No luck though - the office wall isn't large enough for the one that GOT AWAY... No. 3: As you know, the AAS is in the process of moving to Rucker in the Third Army Area, and as things stand now, fixed-wing training's already progressed. Two new candidates for Army Aviation arrived recently: a boy (8 lbs, 7 oz) for Lt & Mrs. MULLIGAN and a boy for Sgt and Mrs DeLuna....

Your Correspondent,

Capt DALE R WEES

## WISE CHOICE

CAMP RUCKER, ALA — It seems that my PCS from AO of USARCARIB to my present assignment here with Army Avn Serv Test Det (Bd # 5, OCAFF) came right in the middle of "M" DAY for the AAS and my own new organization. My first reaction at Sill was "Why Camp Rucker?" but after being here for the past 40 days I personally feel that it was a wise choice.... The camp was in surprisingly good condition and the movement into the buildings here has progressed rapidly and efficiently. The airfield has presented a different problem. Except for the fine runways (we have 3 hard-surfaced runways and one permanent hangar), there was little in the way of anything but open field. Buildings are popping up like mushrooms all over the airfield so it won't be long until the place looks "real George."

Your Correspondent,

Maj ERNEST L HAMILTON

## ROUNDUP

SEOUL, KOREA — Must admit that although we here in Eighth Army like the mag, we're not the best correspondents & so here's one of those rare letters from this neck of the woods... Lt Col SHIVELEY snuck out of here a while back to go to the 47th Inf Div at Ft. Benning (giving us peons a chance to make ACE now)... We're sad to see him go especially his British Commonwealth Friends. Maj CARL BOHANNON (ex of IX Corps) has come down & has taken over the duties as Dep AO, Eighth Army (the second time, incident-



# Ten Commandments for HELICOPTER FLYING



A "ten-frame" picture that appears on the subsequent pages. It is probably the only epic with a Biblical title that wasn't directed by Cecil and didn't star Victor. ART by Airman Second Class George Hicks; SCRIPT by Captain Willis R Kusy; PRODUCED by SMAFB Dept of Training Aids; DISTRIBUTION by Maj ARNE H ELIASSON.....



ly, he has replaced Col SHIVELEY, the first time being at IX Corps). Maj JAMES E. INGRAM is still with us (brightly sporting a new gold leaf). Also Capt O. B. BUTLER and yours truly who joined the staff late in June to replace Lt WINKLER who's now a civilian. I go "Big R" next month too... The RACETRACK (A-2) is now the hacienda for the homeless pilots who have been affected by the recent phase-out & redeployment of many of the larger units: Maj FRANCIS STEVENS is CO & has the following assisting him - Cpts Wilkerson, JARRARD, HILL, PETTY, RUDDER (former AO at IX Corps Arty), & Kishi. And then there is Lts BASS, Borde, Carter, DROTOR, FEREDAY, Forsyth, GRIFFIS, Hays, HEATHCOTE, Hicks, Jordon, Josh, Kakuk, LUKERT, MARTIN, Napp, PASSANO, Schaefer, Straughan, Walker and Ward...

A number of lucky AA's were transferred to Japan & Hawaii the last few months. We are FAT on Junior L-19 Drivers again. However, like the weather, just stick around awhile and it'll change again. Here's a partial AO listing: I Corps: Lt Col E. O. Lansford; I Corps Arty: Maj P. V. Jackson; 7th Div Avn Co: Maj F. B. FRANKLIN; KComZ: Maj R. K. Cunningham; KMAG: Lt Col W. H. Byrd; TC: Lt Col D. F. CASSIDY; 40th TC Bn: Lt Col. D. E. CONDON; and 45th TC Bn: Lt Col T. R. KIGGINS.... Almost - repeat, almost - all of the L-17's have been phased out & replaced by the dependable Beaver and much to the mechanics' delight. Cpts O. B. BUTLER & DON S MUTTONI are "tearing" the units apart on the semi-annual command inspection of Army Aviation. Have heard many comments that it is one of the best inspections AA's have had the displeasure to witness... Hats off to this team!... "Ol' Deadeye" (Lt Col HANKINS) has his shotgun oiled up & has been supplying us with "No. 1 Pheasant Dinners" lately. Has all of the flavor of the states, almost... Lt Col C. L. SHEPARD passed thru here recently on his way to ground duty with the 96th FA Bn, I Corps. Also, Maj D. J. THOMSON (2nd Tour) is now in full swing in his new job with the TC Avn Staff here in Eighth Army....

Your Correspondent,

Lt JOHN K MITCHELL

## LONG HAUL

FT. LEONARD WOOD, MO — My 1st attempt at the Faulknerian prowess & the first written report from this Section. The Air Section, as such, was really started in Dec '51 with the arrival of Maj (then Capt) WARREN P PAULEY. He was the AO, pilot, and everything else that pertained to flying here. When he reported in, the Section didn't have "Richard" so to speak: an opns shack one L-19, an oil shack that fell apart 2 yrs ago, a 3600' runway no self-respecting crow would land on & one 4200' runway in pretty good shape. From this meager beginning (sounds like O. Henry) the Section has constantly grown under his tutelage. We now have a 4750' paved runway, a 60' steel control tower, a 48' by 50' hangar, a new 24 x 30 ft oil & paint shack, & the same old, old operations shack. We also have a Plan 62 interphone & have 80 & 100 octane service and a 500-watt rotating beacon light — scrounged from CAA. Acft population has grown too. From (1) 19 to (4) & from negative choppers to (3) H-23B's, & of course, one L-17A (it's been on the ground so long we're going to use it as a monument in front of operations). All of this was done during Maj PAULEY's tour while he was still the lone pilot. After 18 months he was joined by Capt (then Lt) Jack Coffman and Lt. PAUL FRANCE. We've been fortunate in the past 2 months in that we've acquired SEVEN new pilots. Lt FRANCE, one of AA Aces, left here last month for EUCOM & we miss his helicopter dust. Our entire crew are: Maj PAULEY, AO; Capt Coffman, OO; Lt D. R. PAQUETTE, Asst OO; Lt G. F. DEHS, SO; Lt Duke THRALL, MO; Lt K. D. GALLIHER, Asst SO; Lt T. Dye, Asst MO; & LT G. HOCKETT (TDY to FSN).. Our present aim is to get everybody an assistant (Ed. Note: Amen, brother.) We also rec'd (6) new FW-mechanics, bringing our EM total to

He who inspecteth  
not his aircraft  
gives  
his angels cause to  
concern him



INSPECT YOUR AIRCRAFT  
CAREFULLY BEFORE EACH  
FLIGHT

Let infinite discretion  
govern thy movement near  
the ground for thy area of  
destruction is vast



USE EXTRA CAUTION WHILE OPERATING  
ON OR NEAR THE GROUND

22. Our AO & OO are engaging in a new campaign to assure all the new people that the Plan 62 box won't bite. It seems that all have trouble remembering exactly what to say to the good fast talkers on the other end, this resulting in a complex against the 62 by we junior AAs. Of late, we've been flying many missions for State and Post Conservation officials who are patrolling an area that abounds with White Tail Deer. It seems the hunters are fond of the area within the Post boundary & the "Bird Dog" really lived up to its nickname reminding said hunters it's illegal to hunt here after Nov 5th. Fortunately, 12 gauge shotgun slugs are erratic at 1100 feet. New pilot on Post is Maj(ex Capt) WILLIAM TYRELL who just arrived here after a long tour in Alaska (Notam: The Major was promoted the day he reported in.)

Your Correspondent,

Lt DEAN R PAQUETTE

## BEHIND THE SCENES

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY — I'd like to put in a plug for our USAREUR Ft Det Engineering Section which is instrumental in the success of our "Operations Airline" here. Under the leadership of Sfc William Mitchell, the Section takes care of 13 acft. Sfc Joseph Marchut & Sfc Olie R Milan are in charge of FW-acft & Sgt Cornelius J Chappel and Sgt Willie C Hill handle RW-maintenance. A VOLUNTARY night shift enables the Section to keep the acft ready day after day. Cpl Dante Pacicca won the competition among the crewmen for the most flying time on his acft during the month of August (His L-23 logged more than 100 hrs during the month.)... Now, some suggested changes that I feel are needed in Army aviation: MOS 1981, for fixed-wing pilots, is in drastic need of change or modification. It is discouraging to find pilots with over 3,000 hours, Instrument-rated, multi-eng. rated, in a battalion air section dropping flour bags, etc. I suggest that if nothing else the MOS 1981 A, B, C, etc should be used to denote different pilot specialties. It could also be used to cover job assignments such as supply, engineering, operations, fit examiner, etc..... Authorization is needed for chest-pack parachutes for L-23 and similar acft. The back-type parachutes, the only type now authorized, are not practical for use in this type of aircraft and are not being used as intended by regulations.

Your Correspondent,

Capt GEORGE E LAWRENCE



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## BEFORE....

FT. RILEY, KAN — Seeing as how I've volunteered (?) as our AA Correspondent, I'll let those interested know who we are & what we are doing. Here at Marshall Fld we have the 71st Hcptr Bn (including the 93rd Hcptr Co, 80th FMD, & 98th TAARD) as well as the 10th Inf Division Flt Det & the Post Air Sec. Within the 71st Bn, we have the RW-Instructional Sec honcho'd by Maj BYRON E SHEPPARD & consisting of WOJG's DAVE DUHAIME, JACK CAREY, Ed Spencer (10 Most Wanted), LEROY HERTZ, Howard Proctor, David Saylor, John Connor, - BILLY FULBRIGHT, John Cooney, WALTER OXFORD, & yours truly. All are recent PCS from Bragg except DuHAIME (Sill) & Cooney (Benning). Purpose of our Instructional Section is to organize & operate an instructional course in the H-21C (both ground & flight). Arrv'd 1 Oct and have been busy with rehearsals studying the "Beast" out of books inasmuch as we don't have the "live animal" yet (Ed. Note: Ltr dated 4 Nov; they've got the "animals" now.) Been bumming chopper time from the 93rd who have SEVEN H-25's & some Hillers. Will catch the "small type" in this issue & get hot; in fact, just nailed Mr. OXFORD, evidence of which you will find enclosed. . . More about the "Beasts" when we get them. . . Your Correspondent,

Thou shalt not become airborne without first ascertaining the level of thy propellant



IT'S BETTER TO SPEND MINUTES REFUELING THAN HOURS REGRETTING

WOJG JAMES D BRESHEARS

## ....AND AFTER

PHOTO BELOW: On 9 Nov, Army H-21C "Work Horse" helicopters # 17, 18, and 19 departed from Piasecki Hcptr Corporation's Plant at Morton, Pa., for Ft Riley, Kansas. In the photo (taken just prior to departure) are: Back row (L. to R.) Maj B SHEPPARD; Tom Begley (PHC rep at Ft Riley); PHC pilot Al Temple; Tony Tuccillo (PHC Asst Serv Mgr); W/O J.J. CAREY; W/O D.J. DUHAIME; & George Cucore (PHC H-21 Serv Engr). Front row (L. to R.) W/O J.D. BRESHEARS; PHC pilot Don Jergins; W/O W.J. CONNOR; Bill Coffee (PHC Fld Serv Opns); & W/O E.A. Spencer. (Photo, courtesy of PHC)..



Thy rotor RPM  
is thy staff of life.  
without it thou  
shall surely perish



LOW RPM IS REALLY DANGEROUS, KEEP  
IT WITHIN THE SAFE OPERATING RANGE

## GROWING PAINS

FT. BENNING, GA — 'Bout time to let the readers hear from the Inf Center "Bird Dogs". We're now a bona fide detachment instead of a section, eff 15 Oct. G.O. #90 set us up in business. Few more headaches involved, but figure it'll be worth it in unit integrity & esprit! Haven't moved to the new location as yet, but but by the time this gets into print we hope to be set up on Lawson ARMY Air Field, permanent hangars, offices and all that! The Section has been suffering growing pains for quite some time now. From a TD of 6 O & 11 EM just a year ago, we're now LOADED with 16 officers & 40 EM. Bigger and better things in the AA's future, we hope! Recent additions to the Sec are Lts FRANK Y ROSA (fr AAS) & Lt John Chambers. Check that! Lt Chambers & Lt ROBERT P SWANN are new recently-promoted Captains so drop in for your cigar soon. Located a couple of "Stick Jockeys" on the

"10 (?) Most Wanted"... Maj JOHN ASCHOFF is in ISD, TIS here and Capt BOB PRATER is with 1st Co, 1st Stu Brig. Do I get my "Fearless Fosdick Badge" back now?

Your Correspondent,

Capt O.G. MULLINS

## NEW AND NEEDED!

PIRMASENS, GERMANY — During our layoff (writing, that is) we managed to gather a load of news from this corner of Deutschland. Two new arrivals: Capt WALLACE H TRAVER (ex-Huachuca & ex-10MW) & Lt HENRY N BERRY (fr AAS)... We also had losses.... Capt Cliff Shaffer departed for Cp Gordon, Ga & Sfc Hank Ford sailed for Bragg. Within the next 4 months, we expect to lose all but 2 of our mechanics & it'll be hard to beat them too, a 1st class bunch... Capt TRAVER assumed command in late Oct & just the week before we officially took possession of the NEWEST hangars & Army Air Field in Europe... Prior to moving into heated, well-lit, spacious quarters, the Section here at the 17th Sig Ops Bn had effectively operated under FIELD conditions for TWENTY-SIX months. Of the present pilots, only Capt Shaffer & Lt BILL WHITE have spent all of this time under these conditions. We feel that it is a credit to them & to the mechanics who operated and performed maintenance in tents & makeshift qtrs for better than 2 yrs. We don't know of very many mechanics who have been able to keep 8 acft operating year-round under such adverse conditions for such a prolonged period...

Pirmasens AAF has 3 hangars, one of which is occupied by the 59th FA Bn. We wish that Capt BOB DEMPSTER could have been here as he spent a long time getting the hangars & airfield improvement project into action (Maybe he'll get the chance on his next OS tour.) When we flew Brig. Gen. Guest (USAREUR Signal Officer) into the new field, we remarked we'd like to have had a few more feet of runway (we have 1,500). The General, long a friend and user of Army aviation said that compared to fields in Korea our place looked like LaGuardia (We were put in our "1,500 foot place.") Many pilots who used Karlsruhe Airfield will be interested in learning that during the excavation for new runways there, a 1,000-lb. demolition bomb was uncovered. Digging further into the story, it was later learned that better than 50 of these jobs were planted there by the Germans to destroy the field when its capture was imminent. Some were exploded but many (no one knows the quantity) were left. So for the past few years, ARMY aircraft have been operating on a "HOT AIRPORT" and didn't know it. They're now going over the field with mine-detectors to discover the rest. BOY, what a hard landing could have done there! The Section's been lucky enough to trade its H-13E's for "G" Models, the Section putting them together at the 45th TAAM Shops in France... When the 45th TAAM Co moved from France to Germany this month, they used our field as a refuel point for their choppers. Needless to say, "ARMY AVIATION," December, 1954

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Don't clutch - boys!  
I'm an old instrument  
pilot from way back.....



Oh Yeah?

BY LT JOSEPH R GAYHART

Section is scheduled for the Annual exams in late November. We just got another drum of "midnight oil" but it may not last. We'd hoped they had forgotten about the exams, but they hadn't. Guess the best way to wind this up is by the "Randoms" method. LT JESSE BURCH graduated from the 7th Army IP School in choppers & now flies no hands. LT JACK SISBARRO who recently spent a week's TDY with the U.S. AIR FORCE during a maneuver, has started speaking to the rest of us again, but only occasionally. Doug Cullimore traded his lone silver bar for a pair. Capt Bob Skimmin & Doug have spent most of recent time on the "maneuver trail," stopping in at Pirmasens only for a change of socks and a quick look at the gleaming, new hangar....

Your Correspondent,

Lt RAY W TRUEX, JR

QUICKIE — Usually find pesos and the names of 2 more "Victims" in Maj LLOYD O. BORGEN's monthly letters... This month's billet very doux had the usual TWO & this added note of interest: "In that the majority of the aviators have no idea of the originator of the current AA wings, suggest you put a squib in "one of the lower left hand corners" that they were designed by Lt Col J. ELMORE SWENSON... Might be of interest to some Birdmen and settle many a bet to boot....."

## ULTRA NEW

FT. HOOD, TEXAS — New set of DA orders sent me to the 1st Armd Div here at Ft Hood, although I was expecting overseas orders. Upon arrival, I was greeted with open arms and the additional duty of PIO. Sooo... here we go! The unit's now in the middle of a rapid re-organization entirely new to Army aviation. It's so new that, although we are making progress, no one knows for sure what is taking place at the present time. Confusion? Not at all. For example, the Company Comdr is Capt Hardesty who is not here because he's away at school & he's been replaced by Capt Burford for 2 weeks. Engineering is another good example. Capt COERS is the temp-EO while the regular EO, Capt HUFFER, is also away at school. We're receiving new pilots (new to the unit, that is) almost daily.. Most of them had just rec'd orders for overseas or other ZI assignments when suddenly the old Army switchy-switchy... They walk into our Opns Office with a shocked, hurt expression and ask, "Wha Hoppen?" Capt FRED WELLER, the Ops Page 11

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there was quite a stir when they arrived six at a time, gassed up, and roared away. ONE helicopter is amazing to the local Germans, but six are enough to cause a local holiday. On one of our "high" visibility days this month, we were visited by Cpts McClannahan (35th TAAM), ROBERTS (97th Signal), and Tate (7th Army Flt Det) in 3 H-13s. Mac found the field thru the fog, but ROBERTS & Tate parked in the dependent housing area 1/4 mile distant for lack of a better place to light. When the fog hits Pirmasens, it socks in - fast. We coiffed up our visitors, gave them a few nerve pills and gave them a staff car & aimed them toward Stuttgart. Haven't heard from them since. Please come back, fellas; the ol' sun shines here once in awhile, honest. The

Thou shalt maintain  
thy speed between ten  
and four hundred feet  
lest the earth rise  
and smite thee



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IN CASE OF POWER FAILURE



Thou shalt not make a trial of thy center of gravity lest thou dash thy foot against a stone



A FEW MISPLACED POUNDS MAY EXCEED THE LIMITS OF YOUR CONTROLS

Officer, answers this query with a jolly belly laugh and points to Lt BILLY HALL, the AdmO, who in turn starts the pilots on their "in-processing." As the daze wears off they begin to realize that they are in on the ground floor of a new concept that's destined to bring great changes in Army aviation and another "first" to the 1st AD. The following are all NEW members of the unit & have either reported for duty or are scheduled to arrive in the next few weeks. Lt Col JACK BLOHM, Capt R. W. Blakely, R. W. Brown, J. C. Burford, J. A. Colborn, D. H. COERS, R. L. FELIX, J. E. GILROY, R. S. Hule, C. E. Rhodes, J. C. SMITH, H. T. SMITH; Lts C. A. Benedict, W. M. Edwards, W. C. Hampton, C. W. Kettering, L. S. LOLLAR, yours truly, R. C. LOPSHIRE, H. W. Schober, C. F. Sweeney, T. C. Watkins, J. E. WILLIAMS, and 2d/Lts E. Alexander, J. E. Burnison, R. P. Chandler, R. A. Delehanty, C. C. Frank, W. F. GEPPERT, L. J. Latham, R. J. Nicholson, L. W. Patrick, B. J. Satterfield, & J. B. WARNER. The experience varies from a few hundred hours flying time to several thousand but the over-

all outlook is that someday this unit should be a shining star in the ever-growing field of Army aviation.

Your Correspondent,

Lt ROBERT W KOEPP

(Ed. Note: Several months ago, over a few cups of coffee, we silently listened to an AA to whom we had not been introduced. The AA talked of a KING-SIZE Army aviation unit "on the boards" with a T/O&E that would dwarf anything we then knew to exist. The AA (whom we've met many times since then) now "clams up" whenever we get within twenty feet of him to our mutual embarrassment but what he said then apparently had substance. Note that THIRTY-FIVE AA's are listed & the end is nowhere in sight. Note also that the unit (as listed above) has no MAJORS at this point, the reasonable assumption being that they'll be assigned at a later date, if not already. The Branch Insignia of those listed are not the same; this unit has been designated as one of two "atomic" divisions... If BOB KOEPP can keep up with the changes as they occur, it should be interesting to follow the progress of this king-size unit. The oddity here is that FRED WELLER just mentioned in last month's report: "We're only waiting for some AA with a bit more rank to drop in and give us the green light" - and Lt Col BLOHM seemed to empty his desk at Hq, Fifth Army, & move down and take over. FRED will be careful what he says from now on)

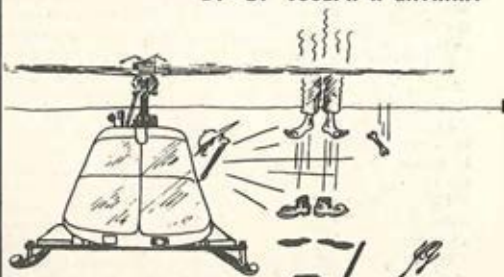
## SWEATIN' IT OUT

FT. SAM, TEX — Things are really popping down here with the 47th Medical Det buzzing around making ready for orders to EUCOM. The CO, Capt EARL KUCHERA, has several new pilots in his domain: Lts C. E. KELLY and W. S. Singleary, both from Sill. Lt KELLY is the TngO & the latter a new TIE Officer. The 63rd's still in the dark too, regarding their EUCOM shipment. CO Captain STRAWN has orders for 6 new pilots from FSI plus the tentative transfer of Capt Calhoun and yours truly to accompany him across the drink. The 82nd

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## "It Could Happen!"

BY LT JOSEPH R GAYHART



CLEAR!

has another new pilot, Capt STANLEY L SCHARF, bringing their total to three Captains w another on orders from Sill (Maj JOHN HAMMETT commands the unit.) The 57th reports no change and is still giving a helping hand to those units preparing for EUCOM. This, of course, they're GLAD to do, and all of them say "it couldn't happen to a finer bunch of fellows." Perhaps I should explain our basic mission here at Ft. Sam. We support the Medical Training Center located here and evacuate simulated casualties in their tng problems. In developing the training along combat situations, it is a great experience to participate in the evacuation of patients. In addition to the various Med Detachments, we have the Avn Det of the Medical Field Service School with Capt Joe Bowler as CO and Lt Ira L Isch as the Exec. They also support the School, demonstrating the tactical employment of the helicopter to all of the classes for Doctors, Dentists, and Nurses that are in attendance. The MPSC Avn Det has (2) H-13G's and (2) H-25's to fulfill this mission.

Supporting all of these units is the 148th TAAM Det (Fourth Army) with newly-promoted Capt CORYDON M EASTWOOD as CO and WOJG H. P. Friday as the Exec. We had three recent "bouncing bundles of joy," a baby girl to Maj and Mrs JOHN HAMMETT, a girl to Capt and Mrs. Parkinson, and a boy to Capt and Mrs. STANLEY SCHARF. (Ed. Note: Any trouble finding a Doctor?). . . Would like to wish a "Bon Voyage" and "Pleasant Shuffle-board" to Lt DON MURPHY who just left on an Oriental Cruise. . . .  
Your Correspondent, LT DARRELL C SLEVIN

### 3 WEEK FLIGHT

FT. RILEY, KANSAS — Two Fort Riley pilots along with a representative from the Hiller Helicopter Company made a flying tour into eleven states and gave assistance and advice to National Guardsmen on the newly assigned H-23 helicopter. The trio, Capt DOUGLAS MOSLEY, Post Aircraft Maintenance Officer; 1st Lt James H. Annear, Commanding Officer, 98th TAART; and Mr. Nicholas Hart, Hiller Representative, took off on the first leg of their journey on Monday, November 11, that during the subsequent three weeks found them visiting South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa. (PIO Release, Ft. Riley, Kansas.)

### NEW FACES

CHICAGO, ILL — There have been some personnel changes here in Hq, Fifth Army of late and we have had a problem keeping up with them. On Oct 18th we bid farewell to Lt Col JACK BLOHM, our Army AO since August of 1952. He's taking over an assignment at Ft Hood, Texas. Shortly thereafter, Maj WILLIE W. J. BARRIOS, who had reported to this Hq in August, was appointed Army AO and is doing a splendid job. Capt JAMES W ABBETT (reported in Oct) was appointed Exec & Opns Officer and has his hands full. But believe me - he's coming through with flying colors. The pilots here have really been busy, buzzing around and averaging approximately 70 hrs each month. The Fifth Army Flt Det lost another long-time bachelor in Oct when Capt ROBERT W BLAKELY said his "I do's" in Milwaukee. The entire Avn Section turned out for the wedding and a good time was had by all. Capt & Mrs. Blakely left on Oct 18th for a honeymoon on their way down to his new assignment at Ft Hood. We wish the both of them all the luck in the world. The Flt Det will also Capt JOHN J CLARK (transferring to Ft Hood) & Capt EDWARD C BROWN who is on orders to Europe. Sure hate to see them leave but to brighten up things we'd like to welcome Maj NED BAKER (from Ft Hood) and Capt HERSCHEL R NICHOLS (from Fort Riley). Several Engr units from Ft Leonard Wood are up at Ft Sheridan extending the airstrip. 1/Lt George Hackett of the 201st Engr Bn has been helping us out by flying some of

Thou shalt not let thy confidence exceed thy ability for broad is the way to destruction



THINK I CAN MAKE IT IS ON THE LIST OF FAMOUS LAST WORDS

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# MOST WANTED!



Everybody's moving; nobody's using the Change of Address Cards... We jumped from a supposed "10 Most Wanted" to "64 Most Wanted" and this month we're practically off the page... Nothing left to do but to abbreviate those who have been listed heretofore and hope they miss their issues and recognize their initials... Our new "travellers" are also listed and will be abbreviated next month... In ALL cases, the Post Office has returned issues marked: "Unknown - Moved, Left No Address - Asgd Overseas, Forwarding Prohibited - Unclaimed" and the like. We can only guarantee FORWARDING POSTAGE to your new address; if the Post Office doesn't FORWARD the issues as requested, we've done all that we can possibly do,....here's the bloody list....

GRB	<del>WEB</del>	JJC	LCC	<del>GJD</del>
CJD	VCE	LWF	REF	<del>HDP</del>
KAF	JEG	HJH	THH	RFL
MRMc	MVMc	GRM	<del>ADM</del>	RJM
WFO	<del>WGP</del>	RER	JWR	TPR
WTS,II	ETS	CAS	PS	DS
NAS	TCS	EFS	JWT	JFT
CCW	EMW	<del>RHW</del>	RLW	64

## NEW

Lt Horace Beasley  
Maj A. P. Bolding  
Lt Clarence B Brooker  
~~Cpl Robert I Gonfroy~~  
Lt Rudolph D Descoteau  
Pfc Billy R Franklin  
Capt James W Hancock  
Capt Gordon H House  
Capt James H Lefler  
Capt Arvil B Quinn  
CWO Durant Wadsworth  
Capt Francis T Hill

Capt Frank Barbour  
Sfc Jesus J Borjon  
Capt Allie D Calender  
WOJG Richard R Creighton  
Lt Jimmy J Douthit  
Pfc James W Gavin  
~~Lt Peter Herring~~  
Lt Fred G Harris  
Lt Raymond D Magallanes  
Sgt Charles H Schultz  
~~Lt Donnie Whelan~~  
Capt S. J. Hunter

Lt Hugh M Black  
Lt Ray B Bosworth  
Capt James E Brey  
~~M/Sgt Earl J Davis~~  
Capt Eugene W Dow  
Mrs J. D. Gillespie  
Capt Orman E Hicks  
Capt Charles L Kureth  
Lt Donald J Murphy  
Capt James Y Sheppard  
Maj Leland F Wilhelm

\*If YOU have any information on their current whereabouts, we'd appreciate your dropping us a postcard so that we can forward their back issues along to them. Take a good look at the list for if they're not found, they'll be carried as "initials" next month.

## LUCKY FINS!

Hey there! How about some "Aerial Bingo?" As a subscriber, twelve GRATIS issues are yours if you pair up your profile with one of the LUCKY FINS listed below... If you are a crew-chief, grab one of the drivers and pose him on the other side of the fin or if you are a pilot-subscriber, balance off the snapshot with your crew-chief.

No more deadlines to meet.. in fact, air-mail us a confirmation on the Fin Number and send in the snapshot later, we'll give non-ZI LUCKY FINNERS a 15-day handicap to their postmark date to balance the more rapid delivery to ZI subscribers... Please submit a "head" shot as close to the fin number as possible... we'll return your negative if you send one... Lt TOM FINLEY and Sgt Herbert H Sproal in bagged "310" - the Sgt to drag down the twelve "comps." We're awaiting a better snap from TOM FINLEY... Flying one of these?

105 155 240 280



# Photos In This Issue

Photos are always WELCOME. It gives the readers and the Editor a chance to meet many people face to face... If the PIO or some person in your unit takes a snapshot of something that would be interesting to others in A.A. have him send us a contact print too. It is easier for us to work with a negative but if the negative can't be sent, send us a 2 x 2, 4 x 5, or 8 x 10. Please show the first names of those who appear in the photo as well as their surname. An "Information Copy" will be forwarded to the PIO, Company, or individual remitting the photo...



## BRAGG - P.4

**HELICOPTERS ACTIVE IN WAR GAMES AT BRAGG** — Helicopters are modern instruments of war, as illustrated in Korea and now being employed in realistic combat training at Fort Bragg, N.C., "The Home of the Airborne." Helicopters of the 8th Helicopter Battalion at Bragg are active participants in the regular training exercises held on this large military reservation, being used to transport troops and equipment and to evacuate the wounded. (PIO release and photo by PIO, Fort Bragg, N.C.)

## SMILE - P.8

**HELICOPTER PILOT TRAINING CLASS 55 E-H** — Group photo of AHPTC 55 E-H that completed its Primary phase at Gary AFB, San Marcos, Texas, in late October. They are left to right: **FRONT ROW:** Lts Charles R Miles, Charles W Kettering, John G Harris, Donald E Keen, Clarence B Brooker, and Clair E Heinbach, and Capt Morgan H Mathews. **SECOND ROW:** Cpts Jack B Del Porte & Frank V Hutton, Lt Ludwig A Beckman, Captains Herschel E Reynolds & Otto W Heubner, Lt Charles W Jones, and Cpts Francis E Cathey and John I Falkenberry. **THIRD ROW:** Lt Patrick L Colgan, Capt Phillips Melzer, Major Randolph M Palmer, Captains Vernon W Archer & Paul E Porter, and Majors Raymond J Swezey and James H House. (USAF photo submitted by Maj Arne H. Eliasson).

## H 21 - P.9

**DEPARTURE** — H-21C #8 (erroneously labelled as an H-25 on P.9) about to depart from the Piasecki Helicopter Corp. ramp for OCAFF Board # 5, Camp Rucker, Alabama. Personnel accompanying the Army Workhorse include (l. to r.): Pfc J. E. Stursa, John French (PHC Rep at Camp Rucker), Steve Tremper (PHC Director of Public Relations), Lt. Col. Harry Bush (OCAFF Board # 5), and Capt Douglas Moody (OCAFF Board # 5). (Photo and release by courtesy of PHC and Col Frank K MacMahon).

## ALASKA - P.28

**BEATING THE BUSH** — A good way to "beat the bush" in Alaska is to make full use of what Army aviation has to offer. Here - in what appears to be an inaccessible mountain lake - the aircraft have fulfilled their mission. Pictured are an L-20 (rear) and an L-19 on floats. (Photo submitted by Capt Richard L Dowden).

## YH-16 - P.29

**ADVANCED TESTING** — The world's largest tandem-rotored helicopter, the U.S. Air Force's YH-16 Transporter, was flown for the first time at altitude in mid-November.. The 42-place aircraft, which is being subjected to a rigorous flight test program at the Philadelphia International Airport by the Piasecki Helicopter Corporation, was flown at speeds exceeding 130 mph and at altitudes of between 3,000 and 4,000 feet. Pilots report that the huge helicopter, which weighs over 15 tons, exhibits very satisfactory maneuverability and control characteristics. A second, more powerful version, the YH-16A, which is equipped with two Allison shaft turbines, was recently completed and is now undergoing engine governor testing in preparation for its initial flight.

(Photo and release courtesy of PHC).







# Xmas Photo Captions

## Yuletide Greetings From the North (Photo, top of P. 16)

Y-Pfc P. Qualls  
U-Cpl P. Buckmaster  
L-Pvt R. Scharff  
E-Pfc R. Tierney  
T-Pfc L. Schroeder  
I-Pfc Moreland  
D-Cpl Forsythe  
E-Cpl Word  
- Pfc Watson  
G-Cpl Williams  
R-Cpl V. Rudovsky  
E-Pvt J. Keys  
E-Cpl Gehring  
T-Cpl Moxley  
I-Pfc Logsdon  
N-Cpl Chatfield  
G-Pfc E. Simpson  
S-Pvt R. Herman  
- Cpl N. Niemet  
- Pvt R. Hudgpath  
F-Cpl E. Stapleton  
C-Cpl R. Jones  
O-Sfc E. Archer  
M-Lt R. Cross  
T-Capt B. Marsh  
H-Capt L. Whitmore  
E-Lt Col J. R. Riddle  
N-Capt J. Johnson  
O-Capt G. Swanson  
R-Capt R. Dowden  
T-Sgt Keukes  
H-Cpl Evans  
- Cpl Little

## Christmas Greetings From the East (Photo, bottom, P. 16)

C-Pfc F.D. Worley  
H-Pfc J. F. Miller  
R-Pfc L. E. Dawson  
I-Cpl A. B. Carlson  
S-Pvt R. Gronlund  
T-Pfc F. Hill  
M-Sgt J. W. Leach  
A-Sgt J. H. Gebhardt  
S-Cpl S. R. Baldwin  
G-Pfc H. D. Porter  
R-Pfc B. Looney  
E-Pfc S. P. Bryant  
E-Cpl F. R. McFadden  
T-Capt W. Hutchison  
I-Capt A. Clarke  
N-Sfc R. Davis  
G-Cpl R. Kriete  
S-Sgt D. Savage  
F-Lt D. Lenz  
R-Capt J. Harbour  
O-Capt J. Sterling  
M-Lt J. Tabor  
- Lt R. Oksa  
T-Capt R. Roberts  
H-Capt H. Wilke  
E-Capt R. Stanfield  
- Maj C. Anders  
E-Maj R. Murphy  
A-Capt N. Butler  
S-Capt H. Johnston  
T-Capt E. Stewart

## MERRY XMAS From the West (Photo, top, P. 31)

- Sfc L. Sandler  
M-Sgt M. Elward  
E-Lt J. Guion  
E-Lt J. Guion  
R-Capt D. Blatt  
R-Capt J. Smith  
Y-Capt J. Berry  
- M/Sgt H. Ponder  
X-Capt R. McLaughlin  
M-Capt N. Sanders  
A-Capt P. Helton  
S-Capt O. Deuel  
- M/Sgt M. Reilly  
F-Capt D. High  
R-Capt M. Jameson  
O-Capt S. Blunk  
M-Capt E. Kelley  
The-Maj J. Briggs  
"-Maj B. Zeppenfeld  
W-Capt H. Snyder  
E-Capt R. Johnson  
S-Capt D. Vineyard  
T-M/Sgt Moore

## Xmas Greetings From the South (Photo, bot, p. 31)

X-CWO J. Forsythe  
M-Cpl W. Redfern  
A-Sfc H. Larimer  
S-Sgt I. Altman  
- Pvt M. Toole  
G-Pvt R. Curtis  
R-Pvt S. Packard  
E-Pvt G. Krick  
E-Cpl A. Natomeli  
T-Pvt M. Blinn  
I-Pvt A. Davis, Jr  
N-Sfc A. Newton  
G-M/Sgt J. Adair  
S-Capt G. Brockway  
- Maj T. Sabiston  
F-Maj R. Warren  
R-Sgt A. Garcia  
O-Pvt D. Repoli  
M-Sgt A. Sennott  
- Cpl R. Fix  
T-Cpl I. Boyum  
H-Pvt T. Campeau  
E-Cpl P. Chisefsky  
- Pfc T. Kunig  
S-Cpl G. Lapko  
O-Sgt C. Meek  
U-Pvt T. Wells  
T-Lt A. Pietro  
H-Capt J. Evans



NOTE: Units pictured in the Christmas photos and those who submitted the photos are as follows: Cover - 1st Army Flt Det & 1201st ASU (Photo by Capt K. J. Butterfield); Pages 16-17 (top) Hq, USARAL (Lt Col John R. Riddle & Capt Richard L. Dowden) - excerpt; "Believe it or not, we've been waiting for it to snow." (bottom) Seventh Army Flt Det & 97th Sig Bn (Maj Lloyd O. Borgen); Page 31 (top) AFPE Flt Det (Maj John R. Briggs & Lt James L. Guion, Jr) (Bottom) 937th Engineer Avn Co (IAGS) (Maj Thomas J. Sabiston). All photos are official US Army photos and do in no way portray the personnel or strength of the organization at the time of the photo.)

COVER ("A Very Merry Christmas to You") - Looking up at the Tower at Governors Island and sending their Best Wishes to you are (top to bottom): A-Sfc S. J. DiPietro, V-Cpl J. M. Rossetti, E-Cpl C. Radin, R-Pvt R. P. McDermott, Y-Pvt J. R. Richardson; M-Pvt T. A. Chambers, E-Pvt G. H. Bystrom, R-M/Sgt T. D. Ward, R-Pvt T. Tom, Y-Pvt Colon-Rivera; C-Sgt G. J. Rech, H-M/Sgt Dorman (Mfr Fld), R-Pvt J. Andrisani, I-Unidentified, S-Unidentified, T-Pvt A. Heilberger, M-Pfc H. T. Statesman, A-Sfc Christiansen, S-Unidentified; T-Capt A. T. DiResta, O-Maj L. W. Best; Y-Capt J. R. Beler, O-Capt R. H. Potts, U-Capt K. J. Butterfield. (Photo courtesy of Central Photo Lab, Ft Jay).

some of the passengers when we get in a tight spot. The Army Avn Sec was very proud of Lt CHARLES C BRAGG on the 29th of Oct when he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on the battlefield in Korea. The presentation was made by Lt Gen Hobart R. Gay, Commanding General of Fifth Army, and our Congratulations go to Lt BRAGG... If anyone passes thru Chicago we'd be more than glad to have you drop by and pay us a call here. Can always buy you a cup of coffee.

Your Correspondent,

Miss JOANNE M WARD

(Ed. Note: Miss WARD is the Administrative Assistant at the Hq, Fifth Army Aviation Section, and her unit report represents the first contribution from the distaff side. Below is found the first submitted report from EM Maintenance Personnel. Its length precludes a special column or a page but we hope that other NCOs will soon remedy this. The space is available and we hope that this important element of AA will accept the invitation.)

## NEWCOMER

USFA — Was happy to receive my October issue of "AA" but found that pages 5,6,7, and 8 were missing. This was a little upsetting as I do not like to miss even ONE page. Hope you'll send a corrected copy. Also, I hope that you don't forget that USFA's EM read "AA" from cover to cover and not just the officers. Would like to add our bit of news. We had four promotions in the 58th Medical Detachment here. Pfc's PAUL C BASCHNAGEL, NORVAL WHITE, JR., and yours truly to Corporal, and a newcomer, Pvt Roby Renshaw went to Pfc. Leaving us was Cpl ROBERT I CONFOY who heading home for New Jersey & an early discharge.

Your Correspondent,

Cpl JOHN R SHERROCK

## IN THE HILLS

HOPPSTADTEN, GERMANY — In October, the 35th Trans Co (AAM) was redesignated the 30th Trans Co (AAM) and before all of our friends think we've run off the map would like to inform them of the name-switching. We're located outside of Baumholder near the small village of Hoppstaden. It's a wonderful set-up for work and billets but it is sure too far back in the hills for any night life. We share the same field with the 2nd Armd Div Arty Air Section and the 42nd FA Group Section. Presently asgd to the 30th are Capt's Henry J Baringer (ShopO) and Alfred J Wolfe (RW), Lt's James L Whited (FW) and Julian H Hall (Tech Supp), and the undersigned as C. O. Also have some "old hands" among the crewmen such as M/Sgt John Taylor, Sergeants First Class Paul Ashcraft, Edgar T Howard, and Robert Taylor, and Sgts James Shay, William Blystone, JOHN COLBURN, Alfred Mesa, & Joseph Tighe.

Your Correspondent,

Capt DONALD W LEEDHAM

## CLOSE SUPPORT

FT. JACKSON, S.C. — Fulfilling a variety of missions, the Fort Jackson Air Section provides the necessary support to both the 101st Airborne Division and Post Headquarters. Operating with two L-19's, an L-17, and one H-23B helicopter, the Ft Jackson "Air Force" consists of Capt Claude E. Sims, AO; Lt Ronald E Johnston, OpnsO; Lt Edward E Adams, Asst OpnsO; and Lt WALTER G. DERMATIS, MaintO. In addition to its regular functions, the Air Section participated this summer in the USAR program, aiding the 15 USAR pilots who took their annual training at Ft Jackson. Besides the officers the section has five EM mechanics, and administrative clerk, and a supply clerk. Sgt Frank Carson, line chief, is aided

He that doeth his approach  
and alloweth the wind to  
turn behind him, shall surely  
make restitution



MAKE ALL APPROACHES INTO THE WIND



by Pfc James Tabb, Herman J. Mehle, John Sanders, Zeno M Everett, and Pvt Glenn Sadler on the flight line. Pfc Jack Pierce (Admin) and Pvt Walter V Hayes (Supply) also help to keep the Section functioning smoothly. (Report based on a PIO Release.)

## HONORED

FORMOSA — It seems that every time I write I feel that I have to apologize for not being more prompt; however, as you know we have one of the "warm" spots at the present time and Capt KOONS and I are swamped with flights each week. Last week, four of us became the first ARMY aviators in the history of the Chinese Nationalist Air Force to become Honorary Members. General Wang Shu-ming made the presentation and pinned the Chinese Nationalist wings on us (See photo on P. 4). Gen. John C McDonald also was present at the ceremony. One of the recipients, Maj Wegge-land had departed on a PCS and his wings are being sent to him. We felt quite honored as prior to this time only a few AF personnel had been presented wings. We had a DA visitor this month, Lt Col RICHARD T NEUMANN, of the G-1 Section. Our winter weather is beginning to set in & rain is the order of the day (more IFR weather). We are awaiting DA approval of three helicopters, an L-20, and an L-23 so that we can continue to carry out our expanding mission. Expecting to see Capt ALLEN MOU and Capt Poppas as soon as they graduate from chopper school. All three of us have found this assignment quite challenging and interesting. Time is going rather fast and with the arrival of Sfc Foust and Sfc Wheeler to help Sgt Myers our maintenance has improved 100% per cent. Thanks to Col MARINELLI our supplies are coming through without a hitch and the red X's are changing to red diagonals. Our address is Hq, Army Sec, MAAG Formosa, APO 63, SF, Calif and being out on the very end of the limb we'd like to receive letters from our friends.  
Your Correspondent,

Maj DALE W. TAYLOR

## MILK TRUCK

FT. AMADOR, CANAL ZONE — Knowing all pilots' enthusiasm for watching aircraft or looking at pictures of them, I thought a picture of our Tropical & Arctic painting would be

of interest (See photo on P. 2). With their bright red and white paint job it is certainly an assist in locating downed aircraft in either the dense jungle or the barren Arctic. It also makes for a very snappy appearance on the ready line even though we've been accused of operating a "flying MILK TRUCK." It is also amazing how easy it is to keep the white clean — of course, we have a little more rain down here than you ZI occupationers have. A short trip into one of those Tropical showers is far more effective than your "Jiffy Car Wash" at home.  
Your Correspondent,

Maj ARTHUR W. BARR

Extract from last-minute letter from Capt GLENN M EBAUGH (AGS, Ft Riley): "Enclosed is a check to cover a subscription for Cpl MARY A. DOTY, a member of the 5021st ASU WAC Detachment and a tower operator at Marshall Field. I believe she is another "first." (Ed. Note: Certainly is a "first" & being your FIFTH, your ACE CERTIFICATE goes in the mail pronto. Balance of letter in Jan issue.)

He who allows his  
tail rotor to catch in  
the thorns, curseth  
his children and his  
children's children



AVOID A TAIL LOW ATTITUDE  
WHILE NEAR THE GROUND

Observe thou this parable  
lest on the morrow thy  
friends mourn thee



SAFETY DWELLS WITH THE SAFEST MAN  
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 Maj Milton E Greenhagen (Army Avn School, Camp Rucker, Ala)....Senior AA Rating  
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## Diputs

Several issues ago, we mistakenly promoted DAVID BISSET, JR to Lt Col on the basis of a DASO. Major Bisset accepted the mistake good-naturedly & now we are wondering if others would like us to make a similar "mistake." Note the letter we rec'd from Maj HENRY WANN just the other day:

"FLASH!" Subscriber, DAVID BISSET, JR, is now, as of this date and minute, a legally qualified, Lieutenant Colonel. You're off the hook, Editor; public announcement is desired. Regards. HANK WANN.

By  
Lt BOB KOEPP



- 1) Capt Robert H Parks, to WHAAG (P), MAAG-J, APO 703, San Francisco, California. . . . .
- 2) Capt John W Mordaan, to 665 North Avenue, Northumberland, Pennsylvania. . . . .
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- 4) Capt Jesse O Giddens, to Hq & Hq Btry, 517th Armd FA Bn, APO 165, New York, N. Y. . . . .
- 5) Maj Clark C Bohannon, to 209 Paulsen, Monterey, California. . . . .
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- 11) Lt Dennis Whelan, Combat Aviation Co, 47th Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia. . . . .
- 12) Capt Earl J Scott, Combat Aviation Co, 47th Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Georgia. . . . .
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- 16) Capt Radcliffe Healy, to Hq, 112th Field Artillery Group, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. . . . .
- 17) Capt Arthur G Keith, to Hqs Co, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. . . . .
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- 21) Capt Eugene P Moser, to Air Section, 2nd ASB, APO 38, San Francisco, California. . . . .
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- 29) Maj Lee R Mettlen, to Headquarters, V Corps Artillery, APO 175, New York, N. Y. . . . .
- 30) Lt Arthur W Meyer, to 3444th Army Unit, G-3 Section, Camp Stewart, Georgia. . . . .
- 31) Maj Laurence Ballantine, to Trans Sec, XVI Corps, APO 14, San Francisco, Calif. . . . .
- 32) Lt Jimmie D. DeLoach, to 303rd Signal Bn Aviation Section, Fort Huachuca, Arizona. . . . .
- 33) Maj Harry A Lutz, to Box # 4, Rhan, Pennsylvania. . . . .
- 34) Lt Robert W Warner, Jr, to 99th Bn CT, 74th RCT, APO 81, New York, New York. . . . .
- 35) Capt David J Adams, to 118 West Hathaway, Apartment # 5, San Antonio, Texas. . . . .
- 36) Capt Joseph F Kunz, to Acrtf Maint Off Crs # 4, Trans School, Ft Eustis, Virginia. . . . .
- 37) Maj William C Tyrell, to Hq Co, 332nd Engineer Group (C), Ft Leonard Wood, Mo. . . . .
- 38) Capt Billie D Marsh, to 53rd Infantry Regiment, APO 949, Seattle, Washington. . . . .
- 39) Lt J. T. Lendrum, to Box # 285, Norwalk, Ohio. . . . .
- 40) Lt James R Cook, to 25th Div Arty Air Section, APO 25, San Francisco, California. . . . .
- 41) Maj William C Hale, to 336 Farmington Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. . . . .
- 42) Lt Lewis Miller, to 313th Signal Operations Bn, Fort George G Meade, Maryland. . . . .
- 43) Capt Story C Stevens, to Box 501, Gary Air Force Base, San Marcos, Texas. . . . .
- 44) Maj Gerald L Hough, to AHPTC Class 55 H-H, Gary Air Force Base, San Marcos, Tex. . . . .
- 45) Capt Charles H Drummond, to Hq, 8th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colorado. . . . .
- 46) Maj George Rogers, to Hq, V Corps Aviation Section, APO 79, New York, N. Y. . . . .
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- 56) Capt Wilfred A Baugh, Jr, to Hq Co, 26th Regt, 1st Inf Div, APO 139, New York, N. Y. ....
- 57) Lt Richard F Huff, to PO Box 742, Fort Huachuca, Arizona. ....
- 58) Maj John W Elliott, to 8066th AU, AAFMSD, APO 613, San Francisco, California. ....
- 59) Capt Jimmie D Vaughn, to 265th FA Battalion, APO 34, New York, New York. ....
- 60) Capt Carl K Russell, Hq, 8th Inf, S-3 Sect, APO 39, New York, New York. ....
- 61) Capt Richard D Smith, Hq, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regt, APO 696, New York, N. Y. ....
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- 65) Lt Jack R Kalmbach, to Hq Co, 4th Infantry Regiment, APO 731, Seattle, Wash. ....
- 66) Capt Raymond J Worth, to Hq, 540th Engineer Group (C), APO 154, New York, N. Y. ....
- 67) Maj Roy W Haney, to 508 Glen Carlyn Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. ....
- 68) Capt Thomas B O'Connell, to 7th Army Flt Detachment, APO 46, New York, N. Y. ....
- 69) Lt Colvin Newman, to Aviation Branch, TSESS, Camp Gordon, Georgia. ....
- 70) Capt Charles F Kieffer, to IAGS (Brazil Project), APO 676, New York, New York. ....
- 71) WOJG Nicholas C Stellingwerf, to 328th Trans Co (Hcpr), APO 46, New York, N. Y. ....
- 72) Capt Frederick R Gates, to P. O. Box 1690, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. ....
- 73) Mr. Raymond L Chaney, to Army Avn Division, TRADCOM, Fort Eustis, Virginia. ....
- 74) Maj Harold Grossman, to Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Virginia. ....
- 75) Capt Robert N Peterson, to 692nd Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Sill, Oklahoma. ....
- 76) Capt Richard T McCrady, to Combat Avn Co, 47th Infantry Div, Fort Benning, Georgia
- 77) Capt Charles J Lewis, to Route # 1, Eureka, Texas (Home Addr pending PCS-Alaska).
- 78) Maj Robert D Dearth, 152nd Fighter-Bomber Sqdn, State Airport, Hills Grove, R. I. ....
- 79) Corp George P Petrak, to 4027 1/2 East Compton, Compton, California. ....
- 80) Mr. James A Montgomery, to 201 Church Street, Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania. ....
- 81) Capt H. T. Smith, to 1st Combat Avn Company, 1st Armd Division, Ft Hood, Texas. ....
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- 88) Maj Robert M Webb, to 200 Mack Street, Enterprise, Alabama. ....
- 89) Colonel Jules E Gonseth, Jr., to Hqs, Army Aviation School, Camp Rucker, Alabama. ...
- 90) Lt Raymond C Balwierczak, to Hqs, Army Aviation School, Camp Rucker, Alabama. ....
- 91) Capt Raymond C Kerns, to 389 Cottonwood Drive, Richland, Washington. ....
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- 94) Captain William H. Harper 95) Captain Clyde J. Dillon
- 96) Lt. Boyce B. Buckner
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- 99) 1st Lt William F. Mullinix 100) WOJG Robert K. Halsey
- 101) 1st Lt William V. Ginn 102) 1st Lt Julian A. Anderson
- 103) WOJG Norbert W. Moczygemba 104) Lt Charles T. Gibson
- TO Board # 5, OCAFF, Army Avn Service Test Division, Camp Rucker, Alabama. ....
- 105) Maj Ernest L. Hamilton 106) Major John T. Pierce, III
- 107) Captain Claude E. Hargett
- 108) Maj Sigmund C Lenie, to TRADCOM, Fort Eustis, Virginia (eff Jan 1st). ....
- 109) Lt Edward J Sumek, to Army Aviation School, Class 55-B (LP), Camp Rucker, Ala. ...

I thought that his many friends in Army aviation would like to know that Capt. Malcolm E. Gordon passed away on October 20th, 1954, at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill. He is survived by his children, Billy, Carol Jeanne, Richard, and Nicholas.

Sincerely, Mrs. Dorothy Gordon



## SQUEEZE:

A situation in which the Editor is "hung up" between Page 24 and home... Too much copy - and not enough space.....

TACOMA, WASH — Enclosed is the subscription of Maj HENRY G SCHULTE, 41st Division AO (Wash-NG). He was one of the original people in the field of aviation in '42 & was a Group AO during WW II. Shot down during the early portion of the war, he was a prisoner of the Germans for 2½ years. He reverted to civilian status & joined the Wash-NG as one of the 1st aviators on the reorganization of the 41st Inf Div in '46. He holds a Senior Army Aviators rating... A large part of the AA's here are not familiar with Army Aviation in that they were formerly with either the AF or the Naval Air Arm.

Your Correspondent,

Capt WILLIAM R SHARP, AA Advisor, Wash-NG

FT RICHARDSON, ALASKA — All of us here in the "banana belt" send our deepest sympathy to those red-blooded men who are undergoing all kinds of hardships back there at Ft Meade, Md. We understand by "AA" that they don't have any doors on their hangar and are suffering from severe cases of frostbite. For the info of ALL - we here at Ft Rich have operated for 4 winters now without shelter of any kind to perform maintenance on the aircraft in temperatures ranging from 20 degrees F to minus 54 degrees F in the field as well as here in garrison. At this very minute we are experiencing a wind storm with a Steady 60-knot wind with gusts to 80. We have the acft tied to everything that is secured down including 2½ ton trucks (3 to each acft). Just called Elmendorf AFB & Sheep Mountain Pass is reporting winds to 140 knots. We are wondering when the open-mouth shed we sometimes call our hangar will blow away. Present odds are 2 to 1 it will go before noon. Our Regt is no longer the 196th but the 53rd Inf Regt, part of the 71st Inf Div, to be split between Ft Lewis and Alaska. We are still short 3 pilots but are expecting a Capt LEWIS from Ft Lewis. If YOU come up here be sure to bring the LONGEES... Patter: Our Lt William H Phillips didn't mean to cause anyone any trouble by being given the name Phillips at birth, & wishes to become PHILLIPS in your book. Two new members of the "Tracks Team:" Lt. GEORGE SWANSON (TAMD CO here) & yours truly. Send our best to the 7th Avn Co. ....

## STRIP TEASE!

Each month we'll publish the photo of a particularly "tough" strip or one that is difficult to place geographically. If it's the former send along the "approved solution" or the manner in which your unit used the "strip." - Give dimensions and physical obstructions. If it's a "strip" that's tough to place geographically, give us its present location and parent unit. .... This month we've got a "hot strip." Where is it? Answer on Page 28:



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V CORPS ARTY, EUCOM — We're happy to welcome Maj LEE R METTLEN to V Corps Arty as our new AO. He came to us from Camp Polk where he was Post AO. Capt MOHNEY, our former AO, has taken over the duties of EngrO. Capt LOWELL MIKLES and yours truly have just returned from Brussels, Belgium, where we picked up two L-17's to ferry to the 41st TAAM Co in Mannheim. Incidentally, Brussels is a wonderful place to visit (on TDY - \$14 per diem.) Exercise "INDIAN SUMMER" was a howling success and we logged 60 hrs during the 3-day problem. Looking forward to the "Who's Who."  
Your Correspondent, Capt ROY C JONES

CAMP STEWART, GA — Just a few items that may be of interest to all. To help our CBR training program for the trainees here we have hooked up a couple of tanks under the wings of the L-19's and have been spraying LIQUID TEAR GAS from the air. The results have been EXCELLENT and we highly recommend this type of mission to insure trooper utilization of gas masks and equipment. Decontamination units decontaminate the vehicles and equipment that are subjected to the liquid gas attack. We're working very closely with the Chemical units on post in order to develop the further use of Army acft in CBR tng... Our new section has been formed here at the AAA & Tank Training Center and includes 2 L-19's and two H-13's. Capt ROBERT DAVENPORT is our AO with yours truly, WOJG Ronald Green and WOJG JAMES MAXWELL also asgd to the empire. With the completion of our new opns building and the procurement of a coffee-maker we are in excellent shape to extend our hospitality to any or all AA's who might wish to drop in and see us...

Your Correspondent, Lt. ARTHUR H. MEYER  
(Ed. Note: Lt MEYER confirmed 370, a LUCKY FIN in the October Issue but delayed sending in the photo. Could be it's one of the TEAR GAS ships and they can't get close enough to the Fin for a snapshot.)

FT MEADE, MD — This may not make the Deadline, but I suddenly realized that there has not been anything in the Good Book about our Operation "GYROSCOPE," and I would appreciate coverage on the following. (Ed. Note: "GYROSCOPE" refers to the new unit rotation plan whereby entire units will PCS overseas and replace units of a similar size.) We're scheduled to change places with the 2nd Armd Cav Regt (at Nurnberg, Germany) in July of '55 and we would like to hear from any ARMOR LIEUTENANTS (1961) who would like to go with us. We need SEVEN more to be TO&E so all inquiries will be appreciated and answered. All correspondence should be sent directly to Capt DAVID H MONEY, Regimental Air Officer, 3rd Armd Cav Regt, Ft Meade, Md. As an added inducement and in case anyone is interested there WILL BE (repeat) WILL BE concurrent travel for dependents. Your Correspondent, Lt LAVON BAGWELL

FT. CAMPBELL, KY — I've recently been appointed PIO for the Army Avn Sec, 11th Abn Division and as such have become the "self-styled agent" for "AA." Our Section was recently bolstered by quite a few new pilots. After a thorough canvas I have gotten cash





## THE ONLY CHAIN

BETWEEN THE PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR BELOW IS SIMPLY A "CHAIN OF GROWTH." WE ASK EACH NEW SUBSCRIBER TO BRING IN ONE "NEW FRIEND" AFTER HE SUBSCRIBES. IN PARENTHESES YOU WILL FIND THE NAMES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DONE SO:



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commitments for the following: Lt A. L. JUNKO (AA Sec), Capt V. M. NASH (Ft Campbell, Ky), and Capt H. L. BAKER (Campbell AFB) and have gotten "promises" from two others. Capt HOWARD T KILMAN just roared in here from Okinawa and wants to know "wha happen" to his copies of AA. Please advise when it is best to submit the pertinent propaganda. Your Correspondent,  
Lt OWEN B NEFF

(Ed. Note: Pertinent or impertinent, the copy date on this end is the 12th of the month. An airmail from any part of the globe can be mailed as late as the 8th. As in this issue, we quiver when the bins are empty on the 15th and start to pour in the cartoons and photos. The copy arrives on the 18th and then the "Squeeze" begins. 'Hell hath no fury like a correspondent scorned.")

MANCHESTER, N. H. — Short line in the form of a correction to the Nov. issue. In the "Strip Tease" of Pittsburg, Kansas, you call L-2's Aeroncas. The L-2 was the "Spin-Loving" Taylorcraft. The Aeroncas were L-3s. Many of us oldies remember the L-2s as "toprudder death." The L-2s would spin over the top almost everytime when one held toprudder in a violent turn, and that can mean a fatal crash, say turning on final. No criticism, it's just that there are a few of us left who flew and loved the L-2s as well as the L-3s. You had to fly an L-2 and never let it fly you or trouble you had by the handful. Yours,  
Capt BILLY WOOD, AA Advisor

Whitaker, CWO WADSWORTH, Vern Bakewell (Sikorsky Factory Rep), and I stopped there on a return flight from Las Vegas with three H-19's on the 14th of May, 1952. The Heliport was even officially opened, but we did spend two wonderful days. I have stopped there twice since then and once by car and even without my "chopper" I was WELCOME.....  
Your Correspondent,  
WOJG HERB KRAUS



Along the Eastern Seaboard? Gulf Coast? No - this one is a toughie. Chances are you haven't called this Tower. It's Isla Grande Airport in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The airport is in the upper left hand corner, the famous Caribe Hilton Hotel in the right foreground, & Ft Brooke (Hq, USARFANT and MDPR) in the extreme background. (US Army photo submitted by Capt Jerry E. Holstad).

HOLLOMAN AFB, N. M. — Believe Lt GLENN GRADLEY, our AO, recently sent a rundown on our unit and what we're doing here at Holloman. Still have three or four people who are "peepers" and are doing our best to "unpeep" them. In regards to the Western Hills Hotel at Ft Worth, I believe that 5 others and myself were the first to open the WESTERN HILLS AIRPORT (Heliport). Capt Lester Robertson, WOJG Endfinger, WOJG

## Alaska





CARLISLE BARRACKS, PA — Enclosed is one sub, one renewal & 3 takers for the Year-book. Capt FLOYD T BARRON ("Blue," to many) departed for USAREUR & I figured he'd not get there in time to return the YB information so I took the liberty to sub for him & also renew his subscription. Hear from Mrs. Barron that he's to be assigned among many friends at Hq, 7th Army. Good luck. . . Capt THEODORE (Ted) DEVINE holds the driver's seat here at the Army War College following his tour in AFPE. . . Finally clobbered the NG for one sub after refusing to lend my copy of "AA". . . The PA-NG has the Avn Sec of Hq, 1st Bn, 104th Cav stationed here at Taylor Airport. . . After this plug the PA-NG can do their own cheering. . . The victim's name is Sgt DARREL O ELSTON. . .  
Your Correspondent, M/Sgt JESSE O COZART

FT. BENNING, GA — Just a note to tell you that Lt DENNIS WHELAN & I have moved on to the Combat Aviation Company, 47th Inf Division, here at Benning. We have 56 pilots on our rolls. Yours,  
Capt CHARLES FOURNIER

(Ed. Note: 56 pilots! It's difficult to believe that this is a typographical error in the light of BOB KOEPP's letter on Page 11 about the other COMBAT Aviation Company. If this figure is correct, certain conclusions must certainly be drawn. No mention is made of Helicopter Transportation Companies in either letter; therefore, their strength must be considered in excess of these figures. The two Divisions, designated earlier as "atomic" divisions, will probably be stripped-down, "no suet," highly mobile combat units with total strength at figures less than "normal" divisions. The considerable increase in AA strength in each of these two "test" divisions portends a phenomenal growth in this field if the arithmetic extension is applied to other comparable units. Then too, there is always the possibility of Tac Air & Troop Transport responsibilities. Where "there's smoke, there's fire" and the smoke tends to indicate a separate branch or at least a "consolidation." If you use a conservative adding machine the figures point to an 8,000 plus strength. Let's hope that the "projects" at Hood and Benning prove "the point" and succeed.)

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Last month, Capt DON DICKINSON closed out his monthly column, "Signal Corps and Army Aviation," with this paragraph: "Remember, the next time you fly, DON'T Forget the Weather. If you can't get it from the Air Force, the Navy, or the Weather Bureau - tune in "TODAY." Dave Garroway gives it every morning at 7:12 A. M. E. S. T. "..... We thought Mr. Garroway would enjoy reading that he was just one notch below the Military and the Weather Bureau and forwarded him an "Information Issue." . . His prompt answer read: "I probably will mention the article you sent along in the next few days, but I can't be sure of which day; it depends on the way the timings run. But I do appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it in. Many thanks for it."..... Think the matter's closed? . . . No - we expect an airmail from DON DICKINSON with words to this effect: You bum, was peacefully and sleepily shaving this morning at 7:10 A. M. when MY NAME came booming over the airwaves. There is NO STYPTIC PENCIL made that will congeal that hole in my nose. . . My lawyer will contact you under separate cover.

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## RANDOMS FROM THE EDITOR

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on the opposite page  
may be found on P. 18

The Who's Who Yearbook is jelling slowly... We didn't receive the necessary 1,000 by the November 15th Deadline but by extending this Deadline to January 15th we hope to corral the minimum "print order." By the 19th of November, we had 610 PAID Questionnaires and 313 "additional" Questionnaires in the bins... Our enthusiasm for the project hasn't been dampened in the least but we'll just say this - if we can't convince a good portion of those 313 to share in the project, we've got a lot of paper-burning to do. Actually, it's impossible for us to lose our enthusiasm... We squandered about 87 skins to initiate the project (postage, Forms, letters, etc.) and with this gun in our back you can be sure we'll see the job through even though it means we may have to use the shillelagh during the Dec 15th-Jan 15th period. (How they get she-lay-lee out of those characters I'll never know.) No pix on the installation at Rucker as yet, but we do have a good return on the "Key AO" photos and aircraft photos from the manufacturers. If we mentioned in last years "Who's Who" that we thought AA personnel were "prolific," wait'll you see the productivity statistics this year. If you haven't remitted a Questionnaire, we've mailed out a "Unit Copy" to practically every AO on our books for unit use, so it's available if you wish to send in an Abbreviated Listing on a separate form. With this last note, we'll forget the YB and skip to the "New Look."

Everything else has a "New Look," so why not this publication? Among other things, we'd planned to add an additional 16-20 pages to the '55 issues, bringing it to a 48-52 page job throughout the year. The 32-page job you're reading this month is beginning to give at the seams and unless we add some pages soon, we're going to have some disgruntled correspondents. There's only one drawback. The minute we add a page or two we go over the ounce and our "rain, snow, and gloom of night couriers" are going to insist upon more \$. The ZI issues go third-class and we can add at will without increasing the postage... Not so with those issues that go to APOs and US Possessions. We send them FIRST Class to insure the most rapid delivery at the lowest possible cost and we double our postage costs the minute we go to 33 pages. That's why we pegged the '55 non-ZI subscriptions at two-forty (\$2.40) and made the plea in the Questionnaire to the non-ZI subscribers to go along with the POSTAL increase. Hate to say it but almost half of the renewals are at the \$2.00 figure and instead of a "New Look" we have the "Blue Look." We've haggled ourselves "blue in the face" with the printer to get those 16-20 pages at a comparable price, but you can't haggle with the Post Office. And as you know, when it comes to the delivery of this publication, I can't very well take my business elsewhere. Down DC, the conversation all revolves around "a bigger bang for a buck." We can't give it to you as cheaply as they can, but we'd like to give you a bigger BANG in '55 if you'll let us.....

Our last NOTAM for '54 ties in directly with the "New Look." There'll be plenty of white to fill each month and so we'd like to again extend an open invitation to one and all to submit whatever unit news, personal news, or official news that you have. If you've written a good article on any AA subject - send it along. We won't suggest to AO's that each unit should have a regular PIO for in reading the articles each month it seems that everyone in this field is d--n busy as is without another chore. But -the space is there for you to use and you PAID for it. You'll also find that this issue has a great many group photos... They're tied in with Christmas to be sure but no one will think the worse of you if you submit a group photo of your unit at ANY time of the year... If you'd like use the 2 x 3 foot BLANK showcards and spell out a message of your own... Just tack the message on a separate sheet of paper & we'll add the letters to your contact print later... Well -that about does it... Don't know if we're the ones to give you that bigger BANG but we sincerely hope that the man coming down the chimney does RIGHT by you..... A very Merry Christmas to you all.....

Your editor, Art Kesten



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