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EDITORIAL

All publications have difficulty in functioning properly. Like other publications The Weather Lore is no exception. We are sure that you men in the widely separated detachments must feel that The Weather Lore is self-centered. Self-Centered on Headquarters and Detachment 6-1 here at Albrook. The reason for this can be explained very easily.

First of all, the 6th Weather Squadron covers a very large area and it is almost impossible for us to get any news from you detachments, unless you write in and let us know what is going on.

Secondly, The Weather Lore is published here at Headquarters and the news that is heard can very easily be picked up by your Editor.

We are trying to overcome this Self-Centeredness by asking you detachments to write in and let us know what is going on at your detachment. Remember all articles should be in this Headquarters by the 5th of each month.

The Weather Lore is initiating a new policy whereby we will attempt to have an Airman of The Month from a different detachment each month. If you receive a letter from your Editor, do not hesitate to give the information he asks for.

Next month, the September issue, will be The Weather Lore's SECOND anniversary. We would like to make this a memorable issue. We would also like to urge you detachments to assist us by contributing articles or any other materials for this issue.

OPTIMISM

Chaplain Vernon Borderlon
Captain (USAF)

Two men stood looking at a glass in which there was a certain amount of water. One of them gleefully remarked: "This glass is half-full of water"; the other remarked bemoaningly "No, it is half-empty". Thus we have an excellent example of the optimist and the pessimist ... both men looking at the same object but from two entirely different points of view.

The secret of a happy Christian life consists in learning to live by the day. It is the long stretch of road that tires us but the short jaunts never discourage us. We look at life in its entirety as a running whole, never in small intervals of the day. Living at this rate of speed we cannot endure to a ripe old age; we cannot successfully fight the battle for three-quarters of a century. Thus we have this idea in mind but if we were to stop and regard life as composed of brief periods then we would have more determination and courage to live better each day. In life there are really no long stretches - just a series of day after day. Life doesn't come to us all at one time but day after day, with each day bringing its own joys and its own sorrow, its own defeats.

We always think of tomorrow - but actually, tomorrow is never ours until it becomes 'today'. Our just debt to tomorrow is to welcome it as today with a fair and good inheritance in a determination to have its work well-done and its life well-spent.

Anyone can carry his burden, no matter how heavy it is, for one day. Whose work is so strenuous that he cannot do it for one day? None! It is because we look at life as a whole or an entirety that our burdens seem unbearable, our work too difficult. At the close of our day, we should be able to say that I have kept this day as I determined I would yesterday - for yesterday we saw new hope and courage in the dawn of tomorrow which is now today.

Do today's duty; fight today's temptations. Do not weaken or distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see and could not understand if you did see them.

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Scene: Kansas cyclone country.

Si: "Say, that was a mighty powerful wind we had last night. Hurt your house any?"
Lem: "Don't know as yet. Haven't found anything but the porch so far."

(AFPS)

The world's greatest optimist is the old maid who pulled down a bed then looked under it.

A lot of girls waste time wrestling with their conscience when they should be learning jujitsu.

"WELCOME BACK TO THE 6TH"

Major Mark J Brown Jr, a native of Framingham, Mass. and Operations Officer of the 2108th Air Weather Group Headquarters located at Westover Air Force Base, Mass., has recently arrived here for duty with the 6th Weather Squadron. Major Brown's primary duty will be Operations Officer here at Headquarters.

Major Brown is a veteran of several overseas assignments-- the Canal Zone, Equador, and Northwest Canada and finally Guam. While stationed at Guam in 1945 he was staff weather officer to the 21st Bomber Command's combat crew school, which trained lead crews for B-29 attacks on Japan.

His important work in weather forecasting and instruction earned him a letter of commendation from the command.

Major Brown's extensive experience in the tropics helped him solve the weather problems found over Japan. Accurate weather briefing often determined the success or failure of combat operations and the Air Weather Service made every effort to assign expert weathermen to every theater of war operation.

Graduating from Framingham High School in 1936, he attended St. Lawrence University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1940. While at college, Major Brown was a member of the Beta Theta Pi (social) and Sigma Pi Sigma (honorary physics) fraternities.

In October 1940, Major Brown enlisted in the Army Air Force at Boston, Mass. and studied meteorology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a cadet. He completed his meteor-

ology training and was commissioned as a weather officer in July 1941. He is a professional member of the American Meteorology Society.

Major Brown returned from his first overseas assignment to the Canal Zone in 1943 and entered pilot training, earning his wings at Altus Field, Oklahoma in April 1944. Since his assignment to Hq, 2108th Air Weather Group in September 1946 as Air Inspector, the Major has made numerous flights to the far-flung stations of the Group, which provides weather service for the U.S. Air Forces over an area embracing the North and South Atlantic, Caribbean, Central America and Panama. He was appointed to the position of Group Operations Officer in November 1948 and he will serve as **Operations' Officer in his present assignment here at Headquarters 6th Weather Squadron.**

His wife, the former Beatrice Fairchild of Sailsbury Center, N.Y., is also a graduate of St Lawrence University, a member of Alpha Delta Pi and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, During World War II, Mrs Brown served with the Navy as a Lieutenant j.g. in the waves. Major Brown's brother, Vernon, also served in the armed forces as a former Major in the Army.

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Did you ever hear about the girl who went to a masquerade ball dressed as a telephone operator and before the evening was over had three close calls?

A WORD FROM A NEW COMER

By Capt. Joe B Jordon

Although I am a new comer to the 6th Weather Sq and to the Canal Zone, I can already say that I am looking forward to the next three years to come. I would like to say to the Sq personnel as well as the personnel of detachments at Barranquilla, Waller, Coolidge, St Thomas, Ramey and Vernam that I appreciate the way I was welcomed into each organization.

I am also a rather new comer to the Air Weather Service, but in my three years I've always heard of the 6th Weather Sq as having a smooth operating organization and a smooth organization doesn't just happen, it takes the whole hearted cooperation of each individual to make it work.

The mission of my trip around the Antilles was an inspection tour but as I was not an inspector I was more or less free to observe from the side. In observing I found out why the 6th Weather Sq has its good name. I am afraid I left Albrook feeling just a little bit sorry for all the boys that were "stuck" out on these small islands but after the second or third stop I found out that they were all sorry for me, for being "stuck" in Panama. I left here with the idea that we would be met as soon as the plane stoped by several of the personnel ancious for news from Panama as well as from the states, instead we were met by a few that were eager to show us the weather station, the mess halls, day rooms, clubs, places to fish or swim and

in general show us how lucky they were to be there rather than in some of the other islands.

We flew over Coolidge, and it is such a small island that from 2,000 feet you can look over every part of it. I knew we were to transport the personnel out as the station had been closed so I felt we were in a way a rescue party but ten minutes after landing I had a surprise. Every man was there waiting but not one was happy to leave there and all the time I thought they would be glad to be at any one of the other stations. We landed at 11 AM and when we sat down to eat I found one good reason for their not wanting to leave there. We had steak, asparagus tips, beans, apple salad, fresh rolls, butter, ice cream, ice tea all for one meal. When I saw the food I wished I could stay there too. In general I enjoyed the trip and was glad to find the morale of the personnel so high. Another proof of the morale factor was the fact that the inspector was available for comment good or bad and he didn't receive a single complaint, so when you meet that many people and don't receive a single complaint, things must not be too bad. Not only was the morale good but the stations must have been because the inspector said that no station received a rating below excellent.

When you find this many men glad to be a member of an organization then the work is no longer dreaded but enjoyed, then you are right back to a smooth operating organization. With the continued effort on each man's part I am sure the 6th Weather Sq will keep the good name in the future as it has in the past.

RAMEY REPORTS

By Sgt Robert J Copiskey

JULY, and the new fiscal year commenced with a blaze of reports and inspections. The much stirred air has now quieted down and operations at 6-25 are back to normal once more.

The personnel of the detachment dropped and then rose as the station lost five men through transfers and separations, and gained four Sferics men from Coolidge AFB. The new Sferics personnel are; Sgt Louis E Weldon, NCOIC; Sgt Jerry P Cox and Cpl's Knupp and Slatton, all Sferics operators. The men who transferred were; Cpl's John J Tompkins and Horner to Albrook AFB; Cpl Edmund A Karpinske, to Howard AFB; and T Sgt Willis C Merriman, to the Hq & Hq Sq 5900th Composite Wing, Ramey AFB. Through separation, the detachment lost Sgt Douglas E Miller. Miller had enrolled in Syracuse University and will commence his schooling this September.

On the first of July the following promotions for men of this detachment went into effect; Sgt Eugene Riemland promoted to Staff Sergeant; Cpl Robert J Copiskey and Cpl Otto F Schramma promoted to Sergeant; and, Pfc Donavan D Douglass advanced to Corporal. Effective August 1st, Cpl's Kerns and Senigo were sporting new Sergeant stripes, as their promotions came through at that time.

Weather and AACS held their second Squadron Party together on Friday the 29th of July. Fried chicken, Potato chips, pickles, and beer were served and the Officers and Airmen of both outfits had a good time.

About the middle of the month, the 6th

Weather Squadron Inspectors held their quarterly inspection and it was rumored that the station was in excellent shape. The excellent rating was due to "mucho" cooperation among the personnel in the detachment.

The Ramey Base Bowling League started off with a bang on the 26th. The Wea-AACS combined team, called the Thunderbolts, has won six and lost four games after three nights of strenuous rolling. Members of the detachment forming the combined team are: M Sgt's Adams and Bair; Sgt Louis E Weldon; and, Cpl John R Arnett.

On August 7, the Ramey Base Basketball League will have its grand opening and a tentative schedule is being drawn up at this writing. The Wea-AACS combined team warmed up with another practice game against the University of Mayaguez. The game was a see-saw affair, but the locals came out on top 45 to 46. Members of the detachment playing on the team are Sgt Copiskey and Cpl Douglass.

Every Saturday the Base sponsors a recreational flight to Haiti and for the past two Saturdays, weather faces have been prominent among those making the trip. Everyone usually comes back with beautiful mahogany souvenirs plus interesting tales of life and everyday happenings in the capitol city of Port au Prince.

The station is suffering the loss of one of their best observers, as Sgt Magee was taken sick. It is hoped that he will recover quickly, as the observers section will be minus four more men in the next two weeks. Two men are leaving for separation and two are taking leaves, cutting the observers section down to 7 or 8 men.

SQUADRON NEWS

Wedding Bells chimed in the 6th Weather Squadron recently when S Sgt Joseph F McKissic and Sgt Hershel J Olinger were married.

S Sgt McKissic was married to the former Miss Gloria Diaz Granados. Their wedding took place in Barranquilla, Colombia on August the 7th.

Sgt Olinger was married to the former Miss Abby Martines. Their wedding was solemnized at the Albrook Base Chapel. Major Ralph Thompson and Mrs Thompson were witnesses. Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's uncle in Panama.

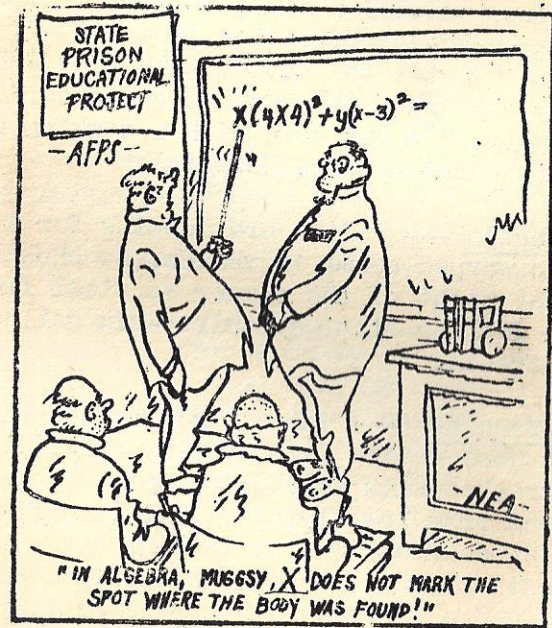
Pfc Sullivan has been walking around in smiles lately, it couldn't be because his bride, the former Miss Helen Anna Ech arrived here recently on one of the Panama Canal Railroad Boats? Pfc Sullivan enlisted in the Air Force on November 3, 1948. He was married on February 22, 1949 and was sent to Panama on March 2, 1949.

Two former members of this organization, both Staff Sergeants, have recently returned to the 6th Weather Squadron, they are Staff Sergeant's Charles L Carlton and William H Thomas.

S Sgt Carlton was down here from September of '46 thru March of '48. During this time he was a clerk typist at Headquarters. He then transferred to Alaska, where he was stationed for a year. S Sgt Carlton reenlisted for three years and was sent back down here with the 6th Weather Sq. He is presently working as a Personnel Clerk.

S Sgt Thomas was stationed at Costa Rica, Howard AFB and San Jose, Guatemala. His duty with the Squadron was and is a Wea Observer. Thomas came down here the first time in September 1944 to December 1946, December 1946 to March 1949. S Sgt Thomas reenlisted and is down here for another three years.

A bowling team made up of Headquarters and Detachment 6-1 personnel was recently formed and the first games were played the 10th of August. Weather played 5700th Air Base Group and lost by a total of 9 pins at the end of the third game.



HOMETOWN NEWS
(AFPS)

Atlantic City --- It was 93 degrees on the baking boardwalk when doctors diagnosed 32 year-old Stephen Grenick's trouble as "near frostbite". They found him unconscious two hours after the door snapped shut as he checked over the stock in the freezing compartment of his ice cream truck.

Austin, Texas --- As Tom Shell backed his big truck into the city garbage dump a helpful man kept saying "Come on back some more," Shell suddenly remembered a big drop-off and slapped on his brakes three inches from a 60-foot cliff. "What's the matter with you? Are you crazy?" he asked the man. "I guess so," was the reply. I'm out here with a working party from the Austin State Hospital."

Washington --- Police are looking for a thief with a warped sense of values. He chose the hottest night of the summer to steal from a local filling station: thirty-six gallons of anti-freeze.

San Francisco --- There won't be any blitz cloth used on the dome of city hall. It may be streaked with corrosion, weather and bombardment from low flying gulls. But after a year of debate the city fathers have voted against cleanup, saying the edifice has "achieved a pleasing eye appeal that would delight the architects of classical times."

G.I. LAMENT

You make your bed;
There's not a wrinkle.
You shine your shoes
Untill they twinkle.
You sweep the floor;
You even mop;
You scrub the window
Ledge on top.
You blitz your buckle
Till you see your reflection,
Then what happens?
No inspection

THE RUBAIYAT OF OMAR KAHOOOLIO
By Allan T Ford

A Circular "N" underneath the bough
A jug of beer; a WBAN 10-A, and thou
Beside me observing in the wilderness
Oh, Wilderness Paradise enow.

You took my love,
You took my heart,
You took my breath
Right from the start;
And I didn't mind.
Please keep these things;
But give me back
My Air Force wings.

-- Vet Times

DID YOU KNOW THAT ?
(AFPS)

Snakes will wriggle backwards if they get in a tight enough spot.

About three and one-half percent of the ocean is salt.

Corn, not gold, was the one thing that built the fantastic Inca Empire in South America.

Male gorillas are peace-loving, vegetable-eating family men, they only fight as a last resort.

Japanese born on Dec. 31 are 2 years old the next day. Considered a year old at birth, they get another year each Jan. 1.

In 1845, a self-lighting cigar was invented. Worked, but never became popular.

Air cadets receive 275 hours' flight training the first year they get their wings.

The first school law required that kids attend 12 weeks a year; 6 of these had to be consecutive.

Possible changes in Armed Forces' sales store activities planned by the House Armed Service Committee for January 1, 1950, may include the closing of commissaries in metropolitan areas. The merchandise lists of Post exchanges and Ships Stores are expected to be curtailed. Exchanges and Ship's Stores will be required to support themselves financially except for limited supervising military personnel and free rent.

The Air Force will require discharged enlisted personnel to reenlist within 30 days to retain their grades, effective September 1. Army personnel will find it more difficult to join the Air Force in grade after an Army hitch, since grades will be determined by AFR 39-25, which bases grade on experience in occupational specialties.

The first Reserve Weather Group in Air Force history recently was established at Mitchel Air Force Base Long Island.

About 15 million veterans will be able to go to their post offices on or shortly after August 1st and fill out forms necessary to figure their share of the \$2 billion which will be distributed next year to owners of wartime National Service Life Insurance. Every serviceman of World War II who paid premiums on a policy for three months or more between October 1940, and October 1948, will be entitled payment. Averaging out the \$2 billion fund against the 20 million contracts would average payment of \$100 per policy, but officials estimate rebates to run from a few dollars to as much as \$500.

CARIBBEAN HURRICANES

By Clarence J Owens

To most of us the Caribbean Sea brings to mind romantic visions of rolling seas, whipped gently by soft tropical winds, with the vast expanse of blue studded with the enchanting palm strewn islands of the West Indies. In reality, nature has provided a poignant paradox amid the lavish beauty of these southern waters. At the beginning of summer each year this contradiction of nature begins to assert itself. The hurricane stirs itself as if from a long winter's sleep and hovers as a constant and potential threat to all coming within its domain.

The name "hurricane" originated somewhere in the lingo of the early Indian tribes of the West Indies. It is believed to be from a Carib Indian word meaning "big wind". At various times the storm was called "aracan", "hurancavan", "hurican," or "huracan." The appellation "huracan" is said to have been given these storms by the Arawak-speaking Indians, taken from the word describing the Evil Spirit of the Tainos, an Indian tribe of extinct aborigines of the Greater Antilles and the Bahamas.

Nowhere is the trickery of wind and storm more evident and the violence and destruction more pronounced than in the usually calm and unruffled waters of the tropics. Of the more than 1800 thunderstorms of varying intensity continuously in progress over the earth's surface each day, none reach more devastating proportions than the hurricane born in the Caribbean and South Atlantic. The waters of this region provide a fertile breeding ground, with their overlying warm, moist air constantly

feeding these tropical storms.

With no apparent provocation and with a suddenness that belies any greater degree of forewarning, the gentle winds slowly begin to coil themselves into a continuous mass of revolving force- small at first, it is true, but the pattern is there: the dead calm of the "eye", or center, with the conical shaped winds moving in counter-clockwise fashion around the "eye", slowly gathering momentum. From this embryonic structure, the storm increases in intensity and gradually reaches outward to gather more winds into its orbit as it builds upon the force of its own revolving motion. At the same time, while generating its power, it begins its stealthy movement forward, usually to the west, then veering northward due to the steering air currents aloft.

While still in the tropics, it moves at varying slow speed, ranging normally from ten to twenty miles an hour, as if content to creep toward its target while gathering all the strength it can muster to deliver its telling blow to the mainland or to ships at sea. The larger storms assume tremendous proportions: the circular pattern of the winds revolve in excess of one hundred fifty miles an hour near the center with hurricane force winds of seventy-five MPH extending out as far as fifty miles, and destructive gales reaching over three hundred miles from the center. As if powerful winds are not enough, the hurricane harbors in its revolving mass torrential volumes of driving, swirling rainfall.

Fortunately for those inhabiting the land areas who are subject to the vagaries of such

storms, it is a characteristic of hurricanes that the energy upon which they thrive and build depends upon the latent heat of condensation that only exists over the warm ocean areas; too, they cannot resist the counter-acting frictional forces of the atmosphere peculiar to the land areas. As a consequence, once they begin to move overland or over cooler waters, they are rapidly dissipated. The very fact, however, that the storm requires the warm currents of the ocean to nurture it, permitting it to garner and maintain its strength, has produced through the years a major problem for meteorologists in dealing with this unpredictable phenomenon. The old methods of making observations from sparsely scattered land stations, with dependence on reports from ships at sea in discovering and following the movement of the hurricane, proved seriously inadequate.

The wartime aerial operations produced a method of meeting this ever-present challenge. Beginning with the early phases of the war it became necessary for the United States to organize a gigantic ferrying operation over the North Atlantic in carrying men and equipment to the European battle fronts. Weather was the unknown quantity in following this northern route over the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions. In the absence of adequate fixed land observation stations in the far north, a system of aerial weather reconnaissance was devised which quickly proved its worth in lessening the hazards for the mass movement of aircraft. The Air Force was quick to see the value of aerial weather reconnaissance in other directions. Hurricane reconnaissance was begun on an irregular, spasmodic basis in 1942 and 1943 in

the Gulf, the Caribbean and South Atlantic, and soon thereafter in 1944 regularly scheduled operations were undertaken.

The reconnaissance program is under the direction of the Air Force's Air Weather Service, the agency formed to provide weather service for the Army and the Air Force. With headquarters in Washington, D.C., Air Weather Service maintains a vast network of approximately two hundred fixed weather stations throughout the Northern hemisphere, manned by over nine thousand officers and enlisted airmen. Brigadier General Donald N. Yates has served as its Chief since January 1945. In addition to hurricane reconnaissance from Bermuda covering the Caribbean, Gulf and South Atlantic, four other reconnaissance units operate at strategic points in the northern hemisphere; in the Arctic regions, where scheduled flights are made over the North Pole and return; off the California mainland into the Pacific, and in the western Pacific, where typhoons are tracked from Guam. In all these operations from both fixed ground stations and in aerial reconnaissance, Air Weather Service performs a distinct public service through coordination with the Navy Aerological Service and the U.S. Weather Bureau in providing the basis for weather forecasts and warning to the public.

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1 YEAR AGO

General John J Pershing, General of the Armies of the United States, died at his quarters in Walter Reed General Hospital, Washington, D.C. at 3:50 a.m. 15 July.

10 YEARS AGO

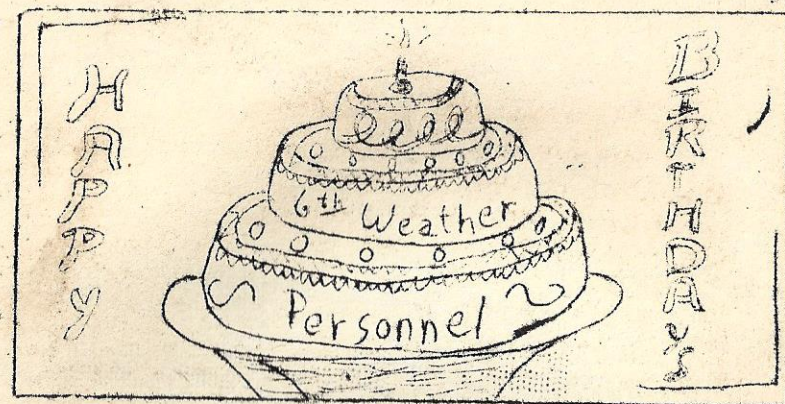
So smooth has been the transition that the taking over the duties of the top ranking office of the Army by Brig. Gen. George C Marshall has occasioned hardly a ripple in the work of the War Department. In moving up from deputy to Chief of Staff General Marshall has continued to push with vigor the important plans which he has helped to formulate during the past busy year.

25 YEARS AGO

The photographic section of the U.S. Army Air Service is engaged in the biggest task it has set for itself to date. The project is the aerial photographing of the United States, and the estimated time it will take is set at from 5 to 8 years.

50 YEARS AGO

Quarters on the new destroyers and torpedo boats will be limited to one apartment for messing both commanding and junior off. It was first intended to give the larger boats seven officers with cabin and private mess room for the commander, but owing to the demands for space there will be one mess room for all officers and the number for each destroyer will not exceed four.



OFFICERS AND AIRMEN BORN IN AUGUST

Cpl	Attilio E Sansevero	August	5
Cpl	Donovan D. Douglass	"	6
Pvt	William W Aby	"	8
Pfc	William S Hale	"	8
S Sgt	Donald L Banks	"	12
Cpl	Robert J Munson	"	13
Sgt	William E Pittman	"	13
Cpl	Charles O Rodgers	"	13
Cpl	Joseph E Martin	"	14
Cpl	Gerald A Bennett	"	15
Sgt	Charles S Bender	"	16
Sgt	Casimir Rowicki	"	19
1st Lt	Arnold B Herscher	"	19
1st Lt	Dan T Rogers	"	20
Sgt	Dan M Chadwick	"	21
T Sgt	Eldon O Hoover	"	22
Cpl	Eugene E Pearson	"	22
Pfc	Arthur N Babcock	"	26
Pvt	Philip R Holmes	"	26
Cpl	Raymond P Wilson	"	26
Cpl	Boyce D Worley	"	26
1st Lt	Alexander McPhearson	"	26
Sgt	Carl K Davis	"	27
Sgt	Harold G Evenson	"	27
Sgt	Maurice C Rollins	"	28
Cpl	Jerry K Kaehle	"	29

THE
DETACHMENTS
SAME OLD STORY
NOTHING EVER HAPPENS HERE

SILLY AINT
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OH-NO!

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HUNGRY

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" THE OLD SARGE SAYS "

By S Sgt Donald L Lindemer

No doubt by this time fellows, you think the "Old Sarge" has a one track mind because our talks have been on a one subject basis, but it just shows there is so much "poop" floating around that you should know about. In the past it was felt that an important subject should be clearly discussed and defined so as to leave no doubt in your minds. That is the reason for the long drawn out discussions in our past talks. Like our ever changing Air Force we must change too, so today's talk will cover lightly on several subjects.

First of all, I am thinking of protection for you and your loved ones. So in this vein I am stressing National Service Life Insurance. According to AFR 34-11, dated 17 November 1948 regulations governing NSLI have been amended somewhat for your benefit. Here is the latest from "topside". All or any part of NSLI in the 5 year level premium term plan in any multiple of \$500 and not less than \$1,000, issued before 1 January 1948, may be renewed without medical examination for an additional 5 year term period, upon application therefore and payment of the premium at the five year level premium term rate required at the attained age of the insured, before the expiration of the first term period.

The renewal of the insurance for an additional 5 year term period will become effective as of the day following the expiration of the preceding term period. No grace period is provided during which such renewal may be accomplished.

Here is how it will work. Prior to the expiration date of term insurance the Veterans Administration will forward to each insured, through his Commanding Officer a notice of the date upon which the correct term period will expire and the requirements for effecting renewal.

To facilitate the renewal of such insurance, and to assure no loss of protection for individuals concerned the VA will forward the notice of expiration together with an application for renewal through the Insurance & Deposits Division at St Louis Mo., where administrative action will be taken to discontinue present allotment and establish a new allotment for the amount of the monthly renewal premium to be effective upon a date which will provide for the payment of the renewal premium in advance of the effective date of the renewed insurance.

Let us assume then that such a notice has been received by you effective 3 November 1949, and you desire to continue your insurance on the renewal basis a new DA AGO Form 141, should be submitted showing discontinuance of your present premium rate and authorizing a new allotment, the initiative of your present increased premium rate.

If you have further questions on this matter please contact the Personnel Section or a Personnel Affairs Consultant at your base.

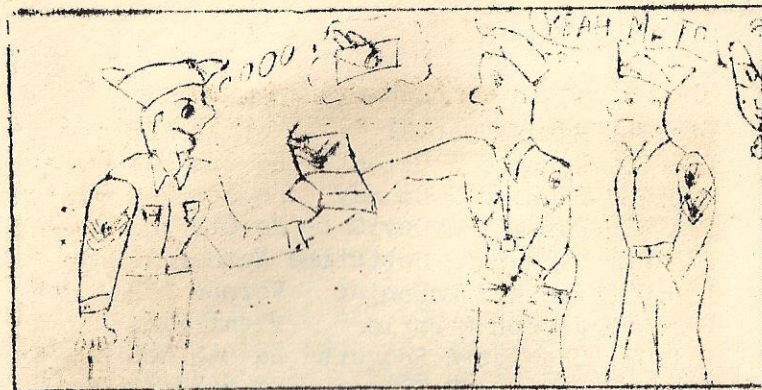
The second thing I know is on your minds is the "Career Development Program". I know a lot of you are wondering what the "que pasa" is, so I am going to touch on it briefly this time but in our next talk I hope to have a

clear, concise picture of this program for you.

First of all the plan involves a personnel program developed by the USAF to provide a systematic method for the selection, training, promotion and administration of Airmen and Warrant Officers established along Career patterns. The objectives of these patterns are accurate analysis of jobs required by the Air Force, the establishment of minimum standards for these jobs, proper assignment based on aptitudes, skills, knowledge and requirements and needs of the USAF. It means also that a broad peacetime training of airmen so they can serve as a Cadre for a rapid wartime expansion. It sets up a procedure that will assure an equitable opportunity of advancement within the ranks. It will set up a procedure for the elimination of unfit and undesirable personnel and it is hoped it will induce men to make the Air Force a career. The current SSNs will be converted to new job descriptions and codes, and the SSN will become the AFSC (AF Specialty Code) and will be a part of your permanent records.

Well, it seems that you have had enough "food-for-thought" for one sitting, so I'll close this talk by asking you not to forget your Air Force Aid Society Fund Drive.

There was once a girl named Neal
Who went up in a ferris wheel
But half way around
She looked at the ground
And lost an eighty-cent meal.



PROMOTIONS
Effective 1 August 1949

TO TECH SERGEANT

S Sgt James S Watson Hq 6th Wea Sq.

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt 942 Leonard T Lanser Waller AFB

TO SERGEANT

Cpl 942 Charles S Bender Waller AFB
Cpl 942 Carl K Davis Waller AFB
Cpl 784 Jose E Garcia Miami Fla.
Cpl 784 August A Hanson Coolidge AFB
Cpl 784 William T Kerns Ramey AFB
Cpl 784 James P Peterson Miami Fla.
Cpl 942 Maurice C Rollins Vernam AFB
Cpl 784 Simon J Roman Waller AFB
Cpl 784 Robert W. Senigo Ramey AFB

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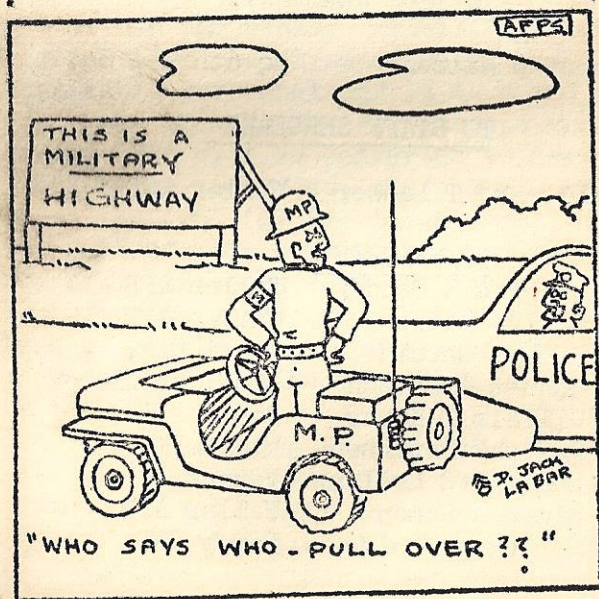
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Pfc 784 Bernard W Caton Hq 6th Wea Sq.
Pfc 784 Richard R Canady Hq 6th Wea Sq.
Pfc 784 Russell W Davis Hq 6th Wea Sq.
Pfc 942 Richard A Gottstine Vernam AFB
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Pfc 784 Charles O Rodgers Hq 6th Wea Sq.
Pfc 942 Raymond P Wilson Hq 6th Wea Sq.

TO PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt 784 William S Hale Vernam AFB



KEEPING PHYSICALLY FIT

By J.K. Kaehele

The purpose of the article is to explain the benefits derived from possessing a strong, healthy body and the clear mind that goes with it.

No doubt there are those among you who will groan at the idea of any type of exercise and scoff at the idea that he is in bad shape. As a rule these men are the ones who get their exercise by lifting large beer glasses from the bar to their mouths. Excellent results can be obtained in the realm of weight-lifting by fastening a large weight onto the bottom of the glass used for this purpose.

To begin with this is not a white man's climate. That is to say that if the average white man is left completely to himself and with nothing to occupy his mind but the meager amount of work he puts out each weekday and no set purpose in mind, he will invariably turn to alcohol as an outlet for something better to do. While there are some men who can take it for years on end, the average man cannot, and in time he can manage to tear himself down mentally and physically to a point where there is no turning back.

It is not a pretty thing to see a man reduced to the state of whose only hope or ambition is to be the proud possessor of a full fifth. I'm not trying to write a temperance lecture but as the Chinese say "It is a wise man who knows moderation in all things."

The answer to this problem is a hobby. So what could be a better hobby than healthful

living, which can be practiced anytime and anywhere with little more than a strong will power and a lot of good sense.

The average man if he does not exercise in any way, in time will do one of the following things.

(1) He will gradually lose weight to a point where his body is at the lowest possible operating efficiency and therefor lose a good part of his natural stamina and energy, or he will become obese or just plain fat. Look around you, you can see it everywhere in fact it is far more prevalent than the thinning type of neglect. First of all muscle and I take it that everyone of you at one time had some muscle, turns into soft, flabby fat and then the fat begins to pile up slowly around the middle and other places used to sit upon, slowly at first but with ever increasing rapidity as the individual begins to take more and more delight out of sitting down at a table loaded with heavy, greasy fattening food, and getting 10,12 and as much as 15 hours of sleep whenever the opportunity presents it'self. With out very much trouble one can find on all sides of us fat round stomachs filled with too much rich food and jouncing behind fat from too much easy living. Think before this sad state of affairs effects you, and you have to kneel to tie your shoestrings.

I'm not saying that every man should be another ATLAS or J C GRIMAK but I do say that no man should let himself fall into either of the forementioned categories, I have mentioned. If for no other reason than personal pride, keep in shape. It makes you feel 100% better and alive, energetic and above all

else it gives a man that certain something called Self Confidence in which so many of us are sadly lacking. There will be some who will say "I don't want to be muscle bound", and to those I say don't let it worry you, you have a long way to go, and let it go at that.

I don't mean that you have to spend long arduous hours hustling the weights around either. Just do something, play tennis, bowl, or run a little every day but try to do something every day to keep your body in some semblance of physical shape.

Running by the way is one of the best ways to harden up those flabby fat muscles and harden up the entire body in short order. Try to make it a habit to do some sort of exercise an hour a day every day for a period of time and see if it doesn't sharpen you up mentally and physically. Give it a try what have you got to lose but a little sweat?

Another thing in this climate you will no need to eat as much as most of us do. Eat potatoes but once a day and try to cut down on the white bread. Leave the cake and puddings for others and above all else, eat a lot of fresh green vegetables. Everything said is of no avail if the individual does not want to better himself physically. It must come from inside one, to stick to attain greater physical strength and health.

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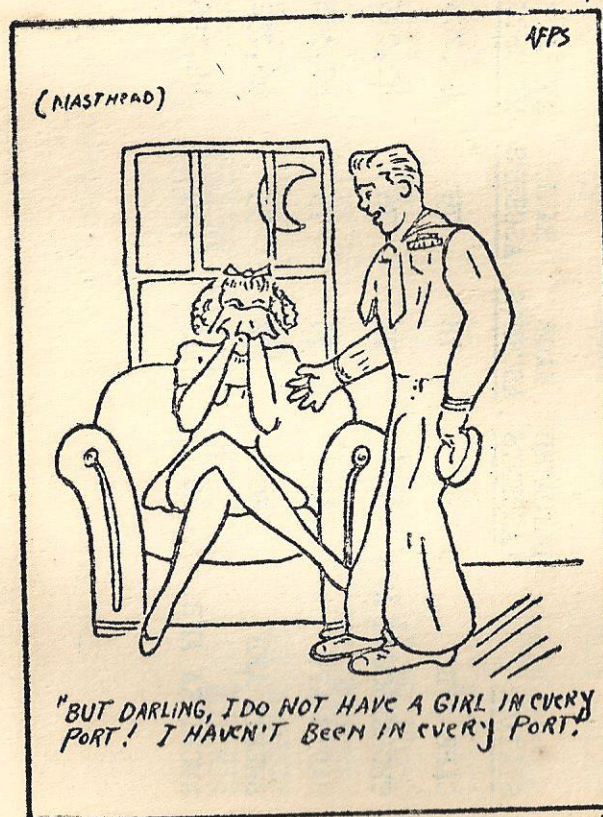
INTRA-SQUADRON CHANGES
10 JULY - 4 AUGUST

- 10 Jul 49 - Returned to Z I for discharge
S Sgt Carl J Stearns
Sgt Walter J Nowak
Sgt Harley G Barnes
- 12 Jul 49 - Extended Enlistment to 5 years
T Sgt William L Rishel
- 12 Jul 49 - Assigned to Hq from Coolidge
1st Lt Lewis J Allison
- 12 Jul 49 - Transferred to AACCS at Westover
Cpl Lawrence Elder
- 14 Jul 49 - Transferred to 25th Weather Sq
CWO Richard W Miller
- 15 Jul 49 - Assigned to Howard from Vernam
Capt. Lloyd L Behrendt
- 15 Jul 49 - Returned to Z I for Discharge
Sgt Douglas E Miller
- 16 Jul 49 - Transferred to Robins AFB from Hq
T Sgt Billy Kelly
- 16 Jul 49 - Transferred to Bermuda from Albrook
Sgt Donald B Henderson
Cpl William Y Peterson
Cpl Edwin P Zienowicz
- 16 Jul 49 - Transferred to 5900th Comp Wing
T Sgt Willis C Merriman

- 16 Jul 49 - Transferred to 2108th Wea Gp
T Sgt Thomas J Neubauer
- 16 Jul 49 - Duty to Missions in Lima Peru
T Sgt William L Rishel
- 19 Jul 49 - Transferred to Hq from 2108th Wea
S Sgt Charles L Carlton
- 20 Jul 49 - Transferred to Orlando Fla from Hq
Sgt Francis J Humphreys
- 21 Jul 49 - DS to School at Fort Gulick
Cpl Burl W Alpert
Cpl Bernard W Caton
Cpl Richard R Canady
Cpl Raymond P Wilson
Cpl Russell W Davis
Cpl Charles O Rodgers
- 22 Jul 49 - Assigned to Miami from 2108th AW Gp
Pfc John B Hodges
Cpl James W Johnson
Pfc Maurice E Milner
Pfc Joseph P Paris
- 22 Jul 49 - Transferred to Albrook from Coolidge
Cpl Ronald C Richards
- 23 Jul 49 - Assigned to Albrook from 2102 AW Gp
Capt. Fred W Pope
- 24 Jul 49 - Assigned to Hq from 2108th AW Gp
Major Mark J Brown

- 24 Jul 49 - Transferred to 12th Weather Sq.
1st Lt Lewis J Allison
- 24 Jul 49 - Transferred to 25th Weather Sq.
T Sgt Jack C Mock
- 27 Jul 49 - DS to school at Fort Gulick
Cpl John Thompkins
- 27 Jul 49 - Transferred to Albrook from Ramey
Cpl Walter E Horner
- 27 Jul 49 - Transferred to Albrook from Coolidge
Pfc William S Smith
- 27 Jul 49 - Transferred to Howard from Ramey
Cpl Edmund A Karpinski
- 27 Jul 49 - Transferred to Howard from Vernam
Cpl Frederick L Patrick
- 29 Jul 49 - Transferred to Vernam from Albrook
Cpl Ronald C Richards
- 29 Jul 49 - Transferred to Ramey from Coolidge
Sgt Louis E Weldon
- 29 Jul 49 - Transferred to Vernam from Coolidge
S Sgt Ralph A Hrabak
Sgt Cecil J Esnault
Pfc Danny E Senters
Cpl Albert R Woodford
- 1 Aug 49 - Transferred to Ramey from Albrook
1st Lt Earl W Holtzscheiter

- 1 Aug 49 - Transferred to 2104th AWGp
S Sgt Ruby J Dodd
- 2 Aug 49 - Transferred to Hq from Vernam AFB
Pvt William W Aby
- 4 Aug 49 - Assigned to 6th Weather Sq
M Sgt Glenfield F Thompson



The 11th Weather Squadron Rawinsonde Report for JUNE.

<u>STATION</u>	<u>OBLIGATED ASCENTS</u>	<u>RAOB ASCENTS</u>	<u>RAWIN ASCENTS</u>	<u>AV RAOB HEIGHTS</u>	<u>AV RAWIN HEIGHTS</u>	<u>HIGHEST RUN</u>
CAPE AFB	80	78	75	44,783	35,006	81,725
THORNBROUGH AFB	80	75	76	41,075	54,208	74,523
DAVIS AFB	80	73	75	42,388	22,801	66,469
SHEMYA AFB	80	38	35	46,752	39,468	71,718
AMCHITKA AFB	60	15	19	44,356	30,347	61,580

The 6th Weather Squadron Rawinsonde Report for JULY.

<u>STATION</u>	<u>OBLIGATED ASCENTS</u>	<u>RAOB ASCENTS</u>	<u>RAWIN ASCENTS</u>	<u>AV RAOB HEIGHTS</u>	<u>AV RAWIN HEIGHTS</u>	<u>HIGHEST RUN</u>
ALBROOK AFB	124	120	120	47,392	48,333	106,194
BARRANQUILLA	124	3	123	47,470	49,173	72,014
COOLIDGE AFB	80	71	80	25,974	24,865	60,269
MANAGUA	124	70	71	44,380	41,749	106,496
VERNAM AFB	124	113	117	44,701	44,747	71,686
WALLER AFB	124	124	124	50,794	50,935	70,138

OUT OF STOCK

By 1st Lt Eugene K Helehan

Supply Handbook for Meteorological Equipment

The supply section of the 2108th Air Weather Group has published a very helpful reference manual for meteorological equipment. Distribution has been made to all detachments. This little time saver will certainly be an aid to supply personnel at each detachment. It makes it quite simple to find out whether equipment is Signal Corps or Air Force and further breaks it down to the classes, 16H, 16E and etc. The manual is intended as a guide only. When preparing issue slips, reference should be made to the appropriate stock list or catalog.

Unsatisfactory Reports

The only way the purchasing section of Air Material Command can tell whether the equipment used by Weather Detachments is of poor quality is by Unsatisfactory Reports. For example, Twine RP15 is not available to the "R" sections, and a substitute of cotton twine has been made by AMC. There are cases of this cotton twine breaking while making the balloon release in winds. AMC will continue to think the cotton twine is satisfactory until UR's are submitted by the detachments. UR's are simple to prepare and should be forwarded in accordance with Squadron Letter 15-2 dated 27 May 1949.

Notice to Forecasters

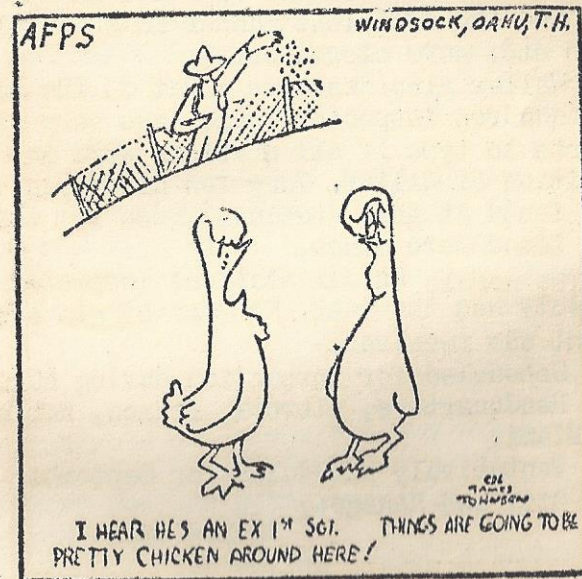
Now you can quit screaming about the unsatisfactory erasers. Your Base Supply can purchase locally erasers that are good for

taking the mistakes off the weather maps. A letter giving authority and procedures has been sent to all stations. In case you want the nomenclature, they are as follows:

- 1 A.W. Faber Co. - "Green Castell"
- 2 Eberhard Faber Co. - "Pink Pearl"
- 3 General's - "Kimberly" No. 132

In future months of The Weather Lore the Supply section will use this column to forward Supply bulletons that we think you may be interested in.

Hasta Luega



SQUADRON INSPECTOR
Capt. Frederick W Marr

During the month of July Barranquilla, Waller, Ramey, and Vernam were given quarterly technical inspection. All stations evidenced gradual improvement.

The inspection team had planned to inspect Coolidge but on arrival the detachment was in such an advanced state of deactivation that little or nothing was left to check.

Regarding this deactivation all the airmen at Coolidge certainly deserve a big Pat on the Back for the smooth and efficient manner in which this detachment operated in its final days and the efficient manner in which all records etc. were closed out.

Waller also deserves a Pat on the Back. The Squadron inspector would have very few reports to type if all stations were in the condition of Waller. Very few discrepancies were found at this station. Those few that were found were minor.

The morale in all stations inspected during July was the best. Not one single complaint was received.

Scheduled for inspection during August are: Headquarters, Albrook, France, Robins, and Miami.

Tentatively scheduled for September are: Guat City and Managua.

SPORT SHORTS
(AFPS)

NEW YORK

Gil Johnson, outstanding passer and quarterback for Southern Methodist University last season, cut short his college football career recently signing with the New York Yankees of the All-American Football Conference. He ranked sixth among the nation's leading passers in 1948.

SEATTLE

Sammy White, \$75,000 rookie catcher with the Seattle Rainiers, was called up recently by the Boston Red Sox to join their chain. White had originally been promised for delivery in 1950.

HARRISBURG, PA.

Pennsylvania deer hunters once more will have an antlerless deer season. It will be for one day and will occur on the day following conclusion of the regular season. The decision was made because of the large increase in the deer herds.

"I hear you are going to Paris. Are you going to take your wife?"
"My wife!! "You wouldn't take a sandwich to a banquet, would you?"

GOLF!

Golf is a game in which you hack a little white ball, which normally has dimples or sometimes "smiles" from a mound called a tee to another mound called a green where there is a small cup which is poorly adapted to the purpose. There are five things essential: Links, clubs, a ball, a lurid vocabulary and a patient wife. Golf is 98 per cent walking and 2 per cent shooting - too much walking for a good game, and too much of a game for a pleasant walk.

Golf is full of paradoxes. If you try to kill the ball, you get nowhere; if you make a good shot you can't find it. The harder you try the worse you do. If you concentrate, you get tense; if you relax you get careless... When putting, the longer you prepare to shoot the greater grows the distance and the smaller the cup. After you shoot, the cup shows up in the wrong place.

The idea that one can connect with a ball by cussing it, is a relic of bullwhacking days. Yet it is done as part of the game except by hen-pecked husbands and men with loose dentures.

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NEWS FROM ROBINS'

By S Sgt John L. Madden

How much hotter is Robins AFB in the summer than any of the bases in the so called Tropics? The men stationed here, who used to be at Vernam, namely Capt. Fleming of the Weather Station 25-8L, and Sgt Barnes of Sferics, state that Robins is warmer by about ten degrees, especially in the afternoons with temperatures of 95 to 100 degrees. These temperatures, accompanied by scattered showers every day for nearly two weeks, made grass cutting rather unpleasant. Sferics personnel have been on their good behavior the last two weeks of July due to the one-half square block of area they have to keep neat while exposed to high temperatures and humidity, plus being financially embarrassed.

The men made some hot shooting records with the .45 caliber pistol inasmuch as every one not hospitalized has qualified. A couple of the fellows even made "Sharpshooter".

Sgt Barnes formerly of Vernam AFB, visited Robins during June and fell into the clutches of Capt Emmert. Result: Reenlistee. Sgt Barnes has since purchased a very nice 1941 Ford Tudor and is living the life of "Riley".

Robins' Sferics Station probably is in a unique position at present with two (2) Reenlistees, both of whom are maintenance men on Sferics Equipment. We are most happy to have them. We now have a total of seven (7) Airmen and one Officer.

Several of the men are broadening their minds by actively participating in USAFI correspondence courses on radio and electricity.

It is a mighty good idea to know something of the equipment with which one is working.

Much more powerful and convenient radio equipment is on order, which, when installed will give around 2000 watts of transmitting power and push button tuning. If we can just get some WAF secretaries, this might be an ideal place to spend a few years.

We finally got the coke machine fixed, so now we don't have to chip ice out of the ice box anymore. That stuff really tastes good after a strenuous practice of golf on our newly installed minature golf course.

