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We recall the memory of Major Robert M Thompson, a fellow member of the 6th Weather Squadron, who died on 3 February 1950 in the crash of a C-47 aircraft at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

With affection we dedicate this issue of The Weather Lore and extend to his family our deepest sympathy.

EDITOR'S NOTES

This month another report was added to The Weather Lore, "W.V.K.J. Reporting". W.V. K.J. are the call letters for the Sferics section at Ramey AFB. We would like to welcome them and hope that in the future they will continue to report each month.

Mention is also given to a fairly newcomer "The Albrook Almanac", being written under the guided hand of T Sgt Earl Newman. It is hoped that he to, will continue to report each month.

The Weather Lore has not heard from Robins in a couple of months and your Editor is wondering if they have forgotten us? Come on 6-26, lets get back into the lime light.

Kindley, Det 6-31, we understand submitted a very interesting Detachment History Report for December. Most of these Detachment History Reports contain good reading material which could very easily be gathered up and sent in to The Weather Lore for entry. Here's hoping we hear from you next month 6-31.

Ramey, Det 6-25, Miami, Det 6-24, and Det 6-30 at Banana River, Fla., have been submitting material for The Weather Lore regularly. We would like to express our appreciation to them for their cooperation.

We would like to suggest to you detachments, that anytime you have something you would like to see printed in The Weather Lore, please don't hesitate to send it in.

Our deadline is the 10th of each month, therefore, all material should be in this Hq. no later than the 8th.

THE CHAPLAINS CORNER

Chaplain Frank E Wiley
Captain, USAF

Complaints and gripes are interesting things in themselves. They are, quite often, excellent indicators of an individual's character. It is possible to know a great deal about a man just by the things that seem to upset him, the little things that get his goat, yes, and usually, most gripes are undeserved.

We complain about the things that we feel that LIFE has failed to give US. Check over the last fifty that have come your way and count the number of those which have been given because they couldn't do something for others. We find a great deal of selfishness mixed in with every gripe or complaint. Take that part out and there wouldn't be much left.

There is a story of a wise old sergeant who kept on his desk a special notebook, which he had labeled, "Complaints of the Men". The odd thing was that the book contained no writing in it. When one of the men came to tell him about the faults of another, he would say, "Look, I have a complaint book here. I'll write down just what you say and who said it. Then, I'll turn it over to the 1st Sergeant and he can take it up with the Commanding Officer."

"No, thanks, If my name has to go on it, just skip it."

No entry was made.

It takes study and work to become a pianist. Why should the man who doesn't complain when the piano won't produce beautiful music for him. We will get out of it just what we put into it.

NEW PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN
METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY

Brigadier General Donald N. Yates, chief of Air Force's Air Weather Service, Military Air Transport Service, long identified in the field of meteorology, was elected President of the American Meteorological Society for a two-year term at its recent 30th anniversary meeting held in St Louis.

Functioning in his military capacity and in his affiliations with national and international groups, General Yates has made many distinct contributions to the science of Meteorology. In addition to the American Meteorological Society, these groups include the Joint Meteorological Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Subcommittee on Aviation Meteorology of the Air Coordinating Committee; National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics; Research and Development Board; International Meteorological Organization; and the International Civil Aviation Organization.

In his official activities many scientific projects have come under his surveillance. He has helped to foster the development of various types of electronic equipment, especially those used in upper air research to meet the modern trends in high speed, high altitude aircraft. He has also been largely instrumental in developing the use of long range aircraft in aerial weather reconnaissance over the Arctic and remote ocean areas.

General Yates is a West Point graduate,

class of 1931. He obtained his MS in Meteorology from the California Institute of Technology in 1939. Since January 1945 he has served as Chief of the Air Weather Service, the agency which provides weather support for the Air Force and the Army. His headquarters is at Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, D.C.

His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit and the Air Medal. He was also decorated by the U.S., France and Great Britain while serving as Director of Weather Service for the U.S. Forces in the European Theatre of Operations, in addition to other foreign citations for meritorious service.

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Interviewer: "How many children in your family, sailor?"

Boot: "Well, let's see. There's Zeke, Annie, Willie, Flossie, Ming Toy Wong Chung..."

Interviewer: "Ming Toy Wong Chung: Where'd that name come from?"

Boot: "Maw read somewhere that every fifth child born in the world is Chinese."

A hick town is one where, if you see a girl dinning with a man old enough to be her father, he is.

(AFPS)

OPERATIONS

Major Mark J Brown Jr.

We were fortunate in having a staff visit from 2108th Air Weather Group the latter part of January. Colonel Peterson, Major Fava, Major Beaudoin, Captain Weide and Captain Prieston were all aboard and we cornered them with our problems. Most of the points we brought up were answered and we feel we gave them a few to work on back at Group. Our hope is that we did not scare them away.

With our aircraft still out of commission our hands are still tied on inspection trips, staff visits and supply runs. As of this writing we have at last procured an Albroom AF Base aircraft with which we will make a very short trip to Banana River. We were not able to obtain the aircraft for longer than three days and so cannot visit or inspect other stations. We still have hopes, however, and the end of the month should again see us in the air.

Communications are again under scrutiny. We have had most of our trouble from stations either asking for too much data or data no longer available. With the very strong economy program in effect it behooves all stations to examine and reexamine their communication requirements. This must be a continuing project to insure optimum efficiency with minimum requirements. Remember, we are at the operating end and it is our responsibility to initiate the action which will give us "More MATS For Your Money".

HEADQUARTERS' SYNOPSIS

The 1st of February, another detachment was added to the 6th Weather Sq., Det 6-32, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida. Headquarters would like to take this opportunity in welcoming 6-32 to the ranks of the fighting 6th. During the latter part of January a few charges took place in Hq.

Lt Eugene K Helehan our Supply Officer, departed for the Z.I. the 20th of January for a 30 day leave in Nebraska. Upon completion of his leave, Lt Helehan will be assigned to Det 6-30 at Banana River, Florida.

Sgt Frederick W Burton, A&E Mechanic for our squadron ship left the 20th of January for his discharge. Following his separation, Sgt Burton will continue on to his home in Connecticut.

Two airmen were attached to Hq the 26th of January from the 2108th Air Weather Group, Pfc Gilbert C Blanding and Pfc Patrick D Dougherty. Both of these men attended a 30 week course in Radiological Defence at Keesler AF Base. Graduating from this school, they were assigned to the 2108th Air Weather Group, they are here for 60 days indoctrination training in Special Project's, and then will be attached to Kindley AFB, Det 6-31.

The 10th of February, Pfc William W Aby one of our Supply Clerks left for Det 6-30 at Banana River, Florida.

The softball season has started here at Albroom and Hq and 6-1 have made up a team. Things look bright for the season with S Sgt

New's and Sgt Casey's pitching. A few practice games have been played thus far and some of the scores where; Weather 3 - AACS 0, Weather 1 - AACS 1, and Weather 0 - CAirC 1. T Sgt Hoover is coaching the Weather team and from the bench it looks like the Weathermen can take the cup if they play hard.

Friday, 20th of January 1950, is a date that will live long in the memories of the officers and airmen here at Albrook. This was the date of the squadron party which was held at the N.C.O. Club. Extensive plans were made to make the party a gala affair, and that is exactly what it was, evidence, those who attended.

Honor guests for the evening included Lt Col Robert Miller, 5700th Air Base Group Executive Officer, Lt Col John A Hass, our Commanding Officer, Major Ralph P Thompson, Detachment Commander, and Major Mark J Brown Jr., the squadron bantam S-3 and officers and their ladies of Hqs and Det 6-1.

The affair was started with a chicken dinner. Major Thompson acted as Master of Ceremonies and proved to be quite adapted to his role. Major Thompson also evidenced further talents by singing "The Wabash Cannon Ball", there seems to be no end to the Major's talents. Dancing was the criteria for the evening with good cold beer and mixed drinks.

Special mention should go to T Sgt Don Lindemer and his committee for their preparations in making this party an outstanding affair. A special note of thanks to M Sgt Howard of the N.C.O. Club, for his help.

W.V.K.J. REPORTING

Cpl Russell W Davis

With the return of Capt Emmert and S Sgts Smiley, Weldon, Strauss, and Cpl Trimble from Evan's Signal Lab. and receipt of all new photographic modification equipment this section and it's men are all hard at work, trying to straighten things around for operation the latter part of January.

We now have two low cost housing apartments for our station and included with these were two refrigerators (one for the storage of photographic chemicals and film), an electric range, bed and innerspring mattress immediately back of the operator's chair, plenty of storage and cupboard space for equipment as well as for meals and lunches. Hot coffee throughout the day is becoming mandatory. Some of the men are durn good cooks. Steaks and mushrooms most any old time.

Along with the two apartments came a very large and dirty yard. For the last week or so we all have been trying to improve it by the digging out of coral rocks, mowing, grading, and raking. Around the station we planted a Hibiscus hedge and other shrubbery. In a few more months we hope to have a very beautiful lawn, that is if, our blisters on our hands hold out that long.

Now for some news about the personnel--- Sgt Jerry Cox's return from a thirty day reenlistment leave was very much appreciated as he is a durn good carpenter. Just what we needed.---S Sgt Louis Weldon is on a thirty

day reenlistment leave. Just when he was needed for installation of a "Z" section at MacDill. Rumors are that the world will be minus another good bachelor---Upon the return of Cpl Richards from leave, we hope to have orders sending him, Sgt Slatton and Cpl Trimble to MacDill to aid S Sgt Weldon in setting up the "Z" section there. Cpl Bernard Caton, formally of 6-1, is playing on Ramey's basketball team, and, from what I hear, his speed and accuracy are sparking the team.---

W.V.K.J. OFF AND CLEAR--R.W.D.



THE ALBROOK ALMANAC

T Sgt Earl A Newman

To all who shall see these presents, Greetings from the land of Eternal Sunshine, Albrook that is. These words mark the debut of a new source of news from this neck of the woods, news which will have no bearing on the international situation and probably no bearing on anything, be lucky to have any readers. However, all that appears herein is certified to be the truth, the whole truth, etc, or may the station burn down. So hold on to your teletypes kiddies, here we go again.

We got an inspection this month - not just an ordinary run-of-the-mill inspection, but a big classy inspection by the 2108th AW Grp. They stayed and stayed and looked and looked and not being able to find anything wrong, climbed back into their aircraft, giving us all many smiles and much back patting, and headed for Ramey loaded for bear. We have, by now, returned to normal.

The Squadron Party was a huge success for all concerned, much food and drink was consumed and a great time was had by all. The one sour note injected into the whole affair happened the next morning, when a small red ant, tiptoeing across the barracks floor, was scared out of a year's growth by a great shout of "Quit stomping your feet". So much for the local branch of Alcoholics Anonymous.

"Rocketeers" please note. Your station is about to be graced by the presents of Lt Cole, who, although heartbroken at the thought of leaving Albrook, is somewhat cheered at

the idea of Parabolic Arcs and Jet Streams being so studiously perused on the bank of the local stream. Our loss is your gain. For anyone who is interested, Lt McMillan, once a happy member of our little group, is now an even happier member of Headquarters.

For anybody who was stationed here at one time and who can remember an old '36 Ford, once the property of Sgt Bennett, you can relax men, it's gone - he has traded it for another, though somewhat newer, pile of ----. Sgt Lakey is likewise the proud father of a new car, a '49 Ford to be exact, with many other auto purchases in the wind - seems as though everybody is getting tired of being pedestrians.

T Sgt Rishel, late of the USAF Mission to Peru, passed through on his way to become a Rocketeer. He will arrive with many misgivings and a new Studebaker about the 1st of March.

The Third Stool has been working overtime this last month, moving the station. First here, then there, then back to here again until everyone is so badly confused that we don't know for sure just where we are or where we will be. One thing for certain though, if the termites ever let loose of each others hands, the station would collapse in a heap.

Guess this is about the end of the guff and the blah for the time being. Be sure to read your Weather Lore next month for further chapters in Adventure at Albrook, or Honest, I didn't See That OFF LIMITS Sign.

MIAMI MAELSTROM

Cpl John B Hodges

A few days ago I was sitting at my desk looking busy when one of our Airmen came and stood threateningly at my shoulder. "Have you written your article for 'The Weather Lore' yet?" he muttered. Upon my negative nod he burst out with, "Then you'd better mention Kankakee this time, arrr, arrr!" This example of misguided civic pride came from Sgt Vic Johnson, who is also the weight lifter of the detachment. (You know the species--every outfit has a few). Indeed, we all seem to be quite classifiable. Cpl Milner isn't comfortable unless he has his head buried deep in the motor of his Plymouth. (All this work, and yet I'm developing into a track star just giving pushes to stalled Weathermen!) Our Great Lover is Cpl Webb, the Night Life Kid who finds himself irresistible--you'll find him in front of a mirror, combing his hair. Cpl Bauer is our Sweetness and Light candidate, except that he is Always Right. But he leads a pure and wholesome life. Cpl Hunkins is our Shakespearean clown who never runs down. He's just departed on a furlough, and we are desolate. For an example of conjugal bliss to us all, and a frightening portrait of what is to come when we, too, Settle Down we have our Sober Married Man, Cpl Martin. Then there is Cpl English. I suppose that he is our Pete Smith character, always with a new "Love of my Life." She's currently yclept Ruth, or Ruthie, and is terrified of starfish, she says. I think that she's merely dazed, and seeing stars

Among all these classifiable specimens of Homo Sapiens, however, we've had one switch. Cpl Roskoski until recently was our Shrinking Violet who set an example to us all by the number of hours he could sleep; now he is at Vick's Bar. Perhaps he does his sleeping there, for his bed is widowed of his presence. And Me? Well, I've never followed that Greek precept to "Know Thyself," and so I must remain a Mystery.

After months and months of writing "S Sgt Paul Goldworm" on our reports while he was away at school, I have finally been able to satisfy my curiosity and see him in the flesh. He has proven to be nothing if not a "character" and a speed demon in his own right. The Indianapolis Speedway could really use this boy.

Every time Communications calls up now to tell us there's a TWX everyone moans, "Nominate five officers..." This is because we've been scattered far and wide during January. 1st Lt. Kelley, the ever-happy, was discharged, and Sgt Peterson was transferred to Bermuda, to be followed by Capt. Vick on a D.S. mission there. Then Captain Doeker and Lt McPherson were sent D.S. to Cocoa, Florida. Our CO, Captain Ellsaesser, arrived back from his furlough in California fit and rested, to find confusion reigning and a third of the office scattered to the winds. Somehow he managed to oil up the old machine, and we're purring along again. The only knocks are Weathermen's growls at Operation Portrex, which has us on around-the-clock operations again. But then, they also serve those who only stand and catch the fax transmissions.

DID YOU KNOW THAT?? (AFPS)

A decision to recruit and train 150,000 civilian volunteers as an "aircraft observers corps", was reached recently, the Defence Department announced. After training the volunteers will be placed in stand-by stations for use in case of emergency.

The Army claims many astounding new weapons, including self-aiming-anti-aircraft guns capable of creating an almost impenetrable defence against supersonic planes. The Army also announced that it's new anti-aircraft weapons can detect planes flying 1,000 miles an hour at 80,000 ft while they are still 175 miles away.

A new communications device which sends the spoken word along an invisible beam of light has been developed for the Armed Forces by Northwestern University Scientists. The invention can be used between ships at sea and from planes to ground without the danger of being intercepted.

United States Organizations Inc., (USO) which contributed much to the Serviceman's off-duty life during World War II, has announced a decision to cease operation because of lack of funds.

Water at the bottom of the Arctic Ocean is no colder than water at the bottom of the ocean on the Equator.

Only fish ever get a good look at the world's longest mountain range, called the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, it runs a full mile deep under the whole length of the Atlantic Ocean.



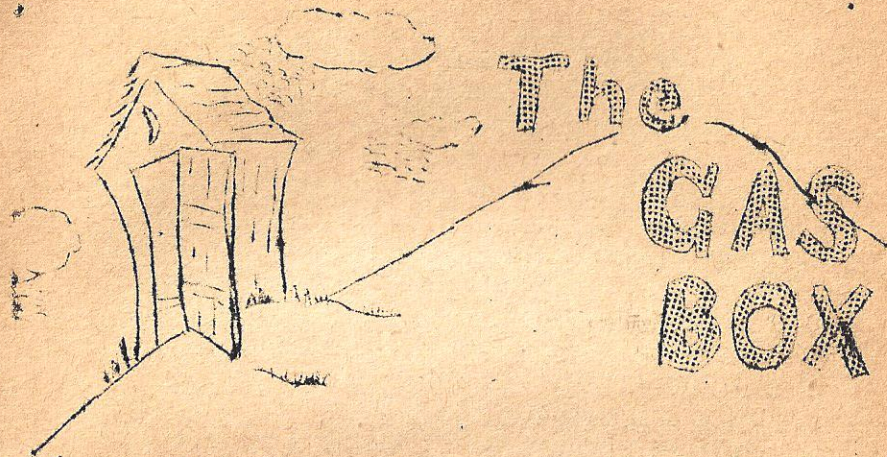
AIR
NEWS

The Air Force racked up a virtually complete freeze in the top three Airmen grades, as it notified all commands in the Z.I. and overseas to halt promotions to grades of tech sergeants and staff sergeants. The letter of notification contained one exception: those personnel who are serving in MOSs designated as critical in AFR 35-34 even these must be (a) fully qualified; (b) actually serving in the critical specialty; (c) filling a local vacancy; and (d) enrolled in a major command which has a vacancy for that grade. No vacancy can be counted unless it is in one of the critical spec numbers described.

Quotas for the major commands to separate 401 non-Regular officers and ground up to 299 during the month of March has been announced, by the Air Force.

The Air Force will establish a defensive cordon around the key atomic energy centers of the country. A defence "wall" will be placed around the atomic installations at Oak Ridge, Tenn., Hanford, Washington, and Los Alamos, N.M. Airplanes flying within 100 miles of any plant will be required to identify themselves - failing which, they will be investigated by fighter planes.

Air Force promotions policies have been amended to permit promotion of enlisted personnel to grade five without regard to unit vacancies. Only 12 months in grade is required for promotions from Pfc to Corporal, instead of the 14 previously needed.



RECEIVED: wonderful response from 6th weather in the annual March of Dimes Campaign, \$56.62 was collected.

FOUND: Sgt Lakey with 1949 Ford, Sgt Bennett with a '41 Pontiac and S Sgt Benson with a '47 Kaiser.

HEARD: S Sgt Paul Dolan is taking on the old ball and chain sometime in April.

OBSERVED: Sgt Bennett, Sgt Lakey, and Sgt Thomas being sworn in by Captain Dunlap, upon their extending for a year.

FOUND: Mr and Mrs Mark J Brown Senior visiting Major and Mrs Mark J Brown Jr. for 2 months.

HEARD: A 4 foot shark couldn't resist S Sgt Carlton and S Sgt Reihnhardt's charms

so he jumped in their boat while the two fearless men were fishing in the Bay of Panama.

FOUND: Quite a few potential softball players among the officers here at Hq., during a game with the enlisted men.

WANTED: More cover designs from Sgt James V Johnson of Miami, Det 6-24.

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MEETING NOTICE

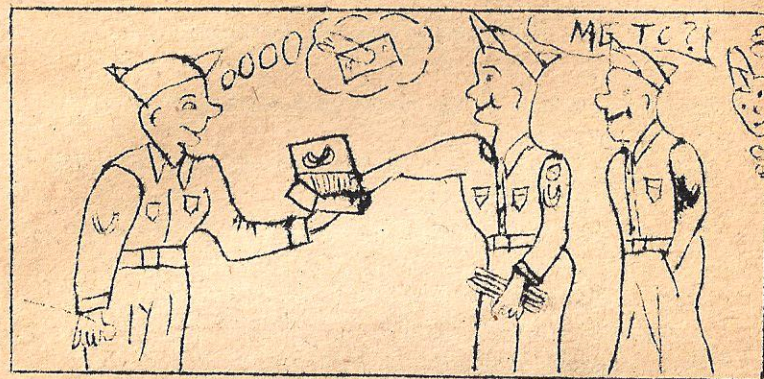
All former mayors and other office holders in the City Council of Rio A. will meet in the cellar of the departed Carol Petty's grass shack, just off the main dirt road near the swamps. Neckties will be worn.

The gathering will be held at midnight to lend the proper sinister air and because of the extreme hush-hush of operation, members will be admitted thru the secret panel only after identifying themselves with the organization's special knock, the fraternal handclasp, and by making a noise like a Cb.

Do not approach the sanctum if dust devils are seen on the road and give the signal only when the wind is NSE and smoke is slightly disturbed like in the Beaufort Scale.

Everyone will bring his own tea bags or reefers if he desires refreshments and there will be no entertainment because times are difficult.

Plans for the coming social rainy season will be made.



PROMOTIONS Effective 1 February

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc 784 Harry P Raynes Det 6-31 Kindley AFB
Pfc 784 Gerard J Schower Det 6-25 Ramey AFB
Pfc 784 Paul R Singer Det 6-26 Robins AFB

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The mother kangaroo was itchy. Couldn't understand why. She kept scratching her tummy until it hurt. Finally the light dawned and she reached into her pouch and pulled out her two little youngsters. Angrily she whacked their heads together. "There!" she said. "That'll teach you two to eat crackers in bed!"

THE FIGHTING WEATHERMEN

On every side both near and wide, you hear
their praises sung
The Navy, and the Leathernecks, the Fliers
brave and young,
The radio, the magazines, the newsreels,
and the press
Have told the stories of their lives, of
hardship and duress.
Their names and deeds are known to all,
but someone tell me when
The world will hear the story of the
fighting weathermen.



Swinging their psychrometers
They charge into the fray,
With flashing anemometers
They drive the foe away.



Those unsung heroes of the corps,
Those dashing men of steel---
To them the horror of the war,
The missing of a meal.



While lesser soldiers work and sweat,
To earn their board and keep,
A weatherman must always get
His fourteen hours of sleep.

He never has to exercise
Nor pull K.P. or guard---
That stuff's OK for other guys,
For Weathermen....too hard.



- Jan 7 Transferred to Davis-Monthan AFB frm Waller
S Sgt Leonard T Lanser
- Jan 7 Transferred to Maxwell AFB from Waller
Pfc Philip R Holmes
- Jan 8 Transferred to Kindley from Westover AFB
Cpl Roy Holmes
Cpl Lolas E Randolph
Cpl William G Thoms
- Jan 9 Transferred to Ramey from St Thomas
Sgt William E Pittman
- Jan 11 Returned to Albrook from Lima, Peru
T Sgt William L Rishel
- Jan 13 Reenlisted for an Indefinite period
S Sgt Charles O Roe
- Jan 17 Transferred to Ramey from Waller
Captain Charles D Easley
- Jan 17 Transferred to Albrook from Waller
Cpl Ray E Sharrer
- Jan 19 Reenlisted for 3 years
Sgt Jerry P Cox
- Jan 21 Transferred from Ramey to AWS Wash., D.C.
T Sgt Robert E Magerman
Sgt August A Hanson
Sgt William T Kerns
Sgt Robert W Senigo

Jan 21 Transferred to Barksdale AFB frm Waller
S Sgt Alfred K Blackwell

Jan 21 Transferred to Maxwell AFB from Waller
Sgt Walter E Williams

Jan 21 Transferred to AWS Wash., D.C. frm Waller
Sgt Robert L Dees
Sgt Robert L Haas
Sgt Simon J Roman
Sgt Boyce D Worley

Jan 22 Transferred to McClellan AFB frm Waller
T Sgt Homer Kingdon

Jan 24 Transferred to AFRTC Miami Int. Arpt.
1st Lt Daniel L Kelley

Jan 24 Transferred to Kindley AFB frm Westover
Cpl Bernard J Long
Cpl Harry J Kohler

Jan 24 Reenlisted for an Indefinite period
T Sgt William L Rishel

Jan 25 Reenlisted for an Indefinite period
M Sgt William R Bair
T Sgt Edward N Partanen

Jan 26 TDY to Albrook from 2108th AW Gp.
Pfc Gilbert C Blanding
Pfc Patrick D Dougherty

Jan 27 Transferred to Kindley from Robins
Sgt James P Peterson

Feb 1 Transferred to Banana River from Hq.
1st Lt Eugene K Helehan

Feb 1 Transferred to Hq. from Albrook
1st Lt Robert W McMillan

Feb 1 Transferred to Banana River from 2108 AW Gp
Cpl Earl C McGraw

Feb 1 Extended for 1 year
Sgt Gerald A Bennett
Sgt Harvey L Lakey
Sgt Richard A Thomas

Feb 1 Transferred to MacDill AFB from Robins
S Sgt Robert L Smith
Sgt Gaylord L Birk
Cpl Robert C Flinn
Cpl Paul L Hill

Feb 1 6th Weather Sq., Det 6-32 organized
0001 at MacDill AFB, Florida.

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The instructor was calling the roll. To each name someone had answered "Here" until the name Johnson was called. He called the name again. Silence. Then the instructor raised his eyes and spoke: "My word. Hasn't Johnson any friends in this class?"

"THE OLD SARGE SAYS"

T Sgt Donald L Lindemer

This month's discussion deals with your reenlisting in the Air Force. I know some of you men are saying to yourselves "stow the gab, just as soon as the day arrives, I'm getting out. No more Air Force for me!" In this respect it is quite a normal reaction. Before you make any rash statements, lets look at the facts exactly as they are.

Lets remember one thing, no job is perfect whether it be in civilian life or in the Air Force. The pet peeve with most of you no doubt are the Air Force regulations. These seem to annoy you more than anything else, but remember this, any good business or corporation has its rules and regulations, for without them, they would go out of business. One must remember our Air Force is a big business and to remain at the top, it must set up regulations, which we must all adhere to or go down as a failure.

Truthfully men, it behooves all of you to check into the benefits you can obtain by choosing the Air Force as a career, or lets say your future occupation.

In choosing your career let me point out the fact that we are in the air age and the atomic era. Your Air Force needs you as a technician. If you are a technician you can readily recognize that a golden opportunity awaits you in the Air Force. In addition, you probably have a broader concept of what the individual American's responsibilities are in this unsettled world.

Most of you are on your first "hitch". In this respect you have an investment in the Air Force. You've learned your way around; you know how the Air Force works and what makes it tick. That puts you way ahead of the new guy who is going to take your vacancy when you leave the service. You're already an old hand at this business known as the Air Force. Some of you are well on your way to the top in the Air Force. You would lose this advantage if you entered some new job on the outside. You would be the newcomer among the old hands already there.

By staying in, you men are heir to a good income, security and the chance to get ahead. Figure for yourself, if you will, the real net balance of an income based upon your years of service in the Air Force. Lets look at the facts as they are: suppose you stay in for 20 years and retire in the fourth pay grade (Sergeant), you will receive \$95.55 a month for the rest of your life and \$143.33 if you complete a full 30 years. Lets compare this with civilian life. To have the same benefits, we just mentioned, you, as a civilian, would have to save, starting at the age of 18, \$838.00 a year. How many civilians do you know who can put aside this much money a year in addition to their expences?

Another thing fellows, did you know that the lowest paid man in the Air Force has more money now to save or spend on pleasure than the average person in civilian life? Remember, I said the average now this is a fact, provided of course every one gets the same in value for their dollar.

If you desire to stay in you will be governed by the proposed Airman Career Program. This program provides an easily understandable method by which you men can plan your Career, step by step. Briefly, this is what the Airman Career Program does: 1. Places you in a career field for which you have a proven aptitude. 2. Trains you for a still better job in the Career field. 3. Provides for your promotions from private through to Warrant officer grades when you are qualified and when vacancies exist. To date there are 40 Career field groups. The choice of a Career in the Air Force is most extensive and varied.

I have merely scratched the surface on why you should reenlist, and from what has been said "think it over"! You can't go wrong by looking up the facts. These facts may be obtained from your Base Recruiting Office.

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The son wrote:

Dear Dad, Gue\$\$ what I need mo\$t of? That'\$ right. \$end it along. Be\$t wi\$he\$. Your \$on, Ru\$\$.

The Dad answered:

"Dear Russ, I am glad to kNOW that you are NOT doing badly in Panama. NOthing pleases me more. Write aNOther letter soon. As I have NO news I must close NOW.

A FORECAST STUDY

T Sgt Robert Beall

From the many difficulties and the few solutions offered, the following forecast method was miraculously stumbled across. Any similarity to the real thing is purely coincidental..It happened one day when one of the boys from the welding shop asked what the que pasa was on the local wx - the why, when, where and just what made it. The whole business, I proceeded to explain was actually quite simple and could be likened to the joke about the man who had nothing to worry about, you know - either you live or you die; if you live you've got nothing to worry about - much and so on. Well, with the weather; -

Down here there's only two seasons to worry about, a dry season and a wet season. If you happen to be awake all thru the extended dry season you got no worry cause it can't rain (being dry season). However, if you're sweating out the rainy season there's only two things to worry about - either the front's north of the Isthmus or it's south. If it is south you've only got two things to worry about. Either the winds upstairs are east or they are north. If they are east, you've got no worry cause all the rain will fall in the hills, but if they're north, well you get it, so why worry.

Now if the front is north of the Isthmus you only have two things to worry about. Either the air is moist or it's dry. If it's dry worrying is nil, but if it is moist - so

what if you do get a little drizzle.

The foregoing notwithstanding there's only two things to worry about...Either the air is stable or it's unstable...If it's stable, all you got to worry about is whether it is getting any insolation or not. If it does, and if it isn't already, you've got your instability, and well - you've got to worry about something.

So (I finally wound up) you've got nine months: rainy season and it really doesn't matter what you've got; it will rain in spite of your forecast and anyway, what did you expect here - source region Cp?

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The company clerk had a hangover to end all hangovers. He asked the first sergeant for advice. "Hey, Sarge, I really got butterflies in my stomach."

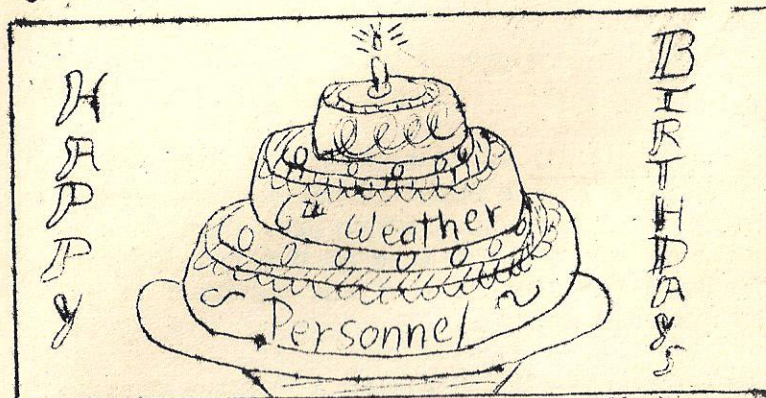
"Take an aspirin and they'll go away."
"I did. Now they're playing ping-pong with it."

"Well my son," said the chaplain, "I hear you are the father of triplets. The Lord has indeed smiled upon you."

"That was no smile, padre," the sergeant snorted. "That was a good old-fashioned belly-laugh."

An expert is an ordinary man, away from home, giving advice.

(AFPS)



Officers and Airmen
Born in February

WOJG	Marion L Hershberger	February	5 1922
1st Lt	William K Byle	"	9 1917
Cpl	Roy Holmes	"	10 1929
Cpl	Paul L Hill	"	12 1930
Major	Robert M Thompson	"	13 1914
Capt	Samuel J Allen	"	14 1909
Cpl	John A Sapp	"	15 1929
Sgt	Joe J Korinke	"	16 1930
Sgt	Charles D Lee	"	17 1929
Capt	Charles D Easley	"	18 1920
S Sgt	Robert E Strauss	"	18 1928
T Sgt	Donald L Lindemer	"	19 1915
1st Lt	Eugene K Helehan	"	20 1922
1st Lt	Marvin E Key	"	20 1922
Pvt	Wilbert Fleming	"	22 1922
Capt	Daniel A Rodgers	"	23 1915
Capt	Robert E Wright	"	24 1919
1st Lt	Allen R Davis	"	26 1916
Sgt	Albert L Mills	"	27 1929

HOMETOWN NEWS
(AFPS)

Elizabeth, N.J. -- "Battle of the Bulge Won by Girdle, Thumbs Down" is the way one newspaper headlined this story. Mrs. Lena Carrozza's left thumb had to be put in a splint. She told the doctors that she sprained it adjusting her girdle.

Los Angeles -- Mrs Hezekiah K Watkins charging cruelty, is seeking a divorce. She explains: her husband once abandoned her in their car on a railroad track--with a freight train coming. Oh, yes, the engineer stopped the train just before it reached the car.

New York -- It could only happen in Brooklyn. Anton Knapp, 52-year-old Brooklyn pipefitter, wanted to knock some sense into the head of his 15-year-old son, Anthony. So he hit Anthony over the head with a baseball bat. He was booked on charge of felonious assault. His son was taken to the hospital with a possible fractured skull, lacerations of the scalp and left ear and two broken teeth.

Detroit -- It's perfectly legal to drive while drunk along runways of City Airport here. So ruled a traffic judge in dismissing a drunken driving charge against Herbert Wiegand 48, accused of doing just that. The law, the judge explained, says "that for a person to be guilty of drunk driving, the driving must be done on a public highway or in a place open to the general public." The airport runways aren't open to the public.

SPORTS QUIZ
(AFPS)

1. What fighter after winning the heavyweight boxing championship in 1935, was defeated in his first defense of the crown?
2. In golf, a player may be out of bounds to play a ball laying within bounds. True or False?
3. Clemson, Davidson and Duke are all members of what collegiate athletic conference?
4. Which of these hurlers won the most games in a season: Lefty Grove, Jack Chesbro, Dizzy Dean?
5. What fighter won the heavyweight title on a foul and who was his opponent?
6. Which one of these pitchers holds the American League record for the most wild pitches in one season? Bob Feller, Iube Waddell, Walter Johnson?
7. One of the following teams went through the 1943-44 hockey season without losing a home game. Which one? Detroit Red Wings, Montreal Canadians, Boston Bruins.
8. Who was the youngest manager in big league history?

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AIR INSPECTORS NOTES
Lt Dan T Rogers

Our stateside stations have undoubtedly wondered why we scheduled an inspection during the week of 16-21 January. postponed it until the week of 1-5 February, then finally postponed it indefinitely. It's merely a matter of transportation. The squadron aircraft has been out of commission since 2 December and the inspection scheduled has been based on estimates concerning the aircrafts return to flying status. No promises are being made, but it now looks as if we'll be able to make it during the first week of March.

The 2108th Air Weather Group has completed inspections at Kindley, Ramey and Albroom. The Group inspector assured me that he was well pleased with stations at Kindley and Albroom and I'm sure he found Ramey also in top-notch shape.

With the establishment of a new Sferics Detachment at MacDill the 1st of February, the Sferics program is back on its feet with a four station network. If all stations are able to operate satisfactorily for the next two months, the evaluation test that is being conducted should give a fair indication of the actual value of Sferics.

Analysis of Heights Attained by
Upper Air Stations of the 6th Weather Squadron
During the Month of February 1950.

<u>Station</u>	<u>No Runs</u>	<u>Av Height</u>	<u>Max Height</u>
<u>RAWIN</u>			
ALBROOK	58	40,292	55,840
KINDLEY	57	34,898	62,401
<u>RAOB</u>			
ALBROOK	57	40,111	55,840
KINDLEY	57	38,707	62,401

ANSWERS TO SPORTS QUIZ

1. Jim Braddock lost to Joe Louis, June 1937.
2. True, Rule 9, section 3.
3. Southern Conference.
4. Jack Chesbro won 41 games for New York Yankees in 1904.
5. Max Schmeling from Jack Sharkey, June 12, 1930.
6. Walter Johnson with 21 in 1910.
7. Montreal Canadians.
8. Roger Peckinpaugh managed the Yankees at the age of 23 in 1916.

BIGGER AND BETTER

Thomas C Renner

The tension between the two countries had reached their inevitable climax. With the development of the A-Bomb and then the H-Bomb, war had seemed remote inspite of ideological differences. Joe Johnson and all the other Joe's and Tom's and Bill's had not listened too well. They were more concerned over the Saturday night date or the new car than with world problems.

But now—now Joe was listening and worrying. The CBS network blared out the story of an atomic age war, and he thought, "In the beginning the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep."

The quotation came from childhood memories. He sat rather calmly moving the glass of sherry in his hands. No one spoke, everyone listened quietly, attentively.

The shaky voice of the announcer continued, "At 8 o'clock this evening the enemy's rockets approach was recorded by the radar towers on the Jersey coast and up past Riverside. Their estimated time of arrival is 8:05. Our defenses have already retaliated with an attack. Our best defense is to remain at out posts. Panic will only hinder—"

Joe looked at his watch. It was 8:04 and 50 seconds. His mind began counting off the seconds. "Zero minus 10, zero minus 9, zero minus—", the quotation sent an odd flurry of insecurity and fear through him.

It was odd that any fear could touch him now, in these hushed seconds before the blow!

He thought: "Fear was useful once. It was useful because men were afraid, they ran away, found something to fight back with and lived another day. They ran from the mammoth, The jungle, the rulers of time—everything; and because they ran from forces that were stronger than they, they survived." He remembered the headlines: H-BOMB THOUSAND TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN A-BOMB. "I wonder—"

The thought was meaningless. There was no place of refuge, no cave, no bomb shelter, just a little bar below street level.

"Zero minus 7. What now little man?"
Just 7 seconds to what?"

"Zero minus 5, his mind thundered as he watched the watch. Five seconds more and science, the world, I will know the answer."

"Write in five seconds the history of the human race. Start with the Pekin man, the Java man..." "Geology said the Pekin man, who had lived 1/2 million years ago had known something about fire. Man had had this secret from that time. And now, now for 40 years they had known of nuclear fission. In the last 12 years they had learned to build bombs,—bigger and better," he thought.

It was this desire for something better that had eventually made Pekin man into homo sapiens. The wish had always seemed a laudable ambition, except, possibly, when applied to an atom bomb. Maybe there was an A-Bomb that was too big...

"Zero minus three seconds."

That thought had acquired a hypnotic quality now. Around him Joe was aware of men

frozen and motionless while they waited for the blow that was to come. The first A-Bomb, no one was sure then...no one was sure now. The calculations said...But what if the physicists were wrong, the thought machines inaccurate on their mathematical calculations?

"Zero", he shouted unconsciously. There was a moment of silence, of nothingness, complete void of reaction. There was no sound as yet, but a brilliant light streamed in through the doorway.

"Here comes the shock wave!" a hoarse voice said. Under his feet the solid floor jumped, then buckled. Joe fell. Around him thunder roared. The concrete walls trembled and shook. "This is it," he thought. He was right, this was it.

Unexplainably a vision of his wife and children appeared in his mind. They were in California, thousands of miles from the scene of this attack. How long before they would find out the reaction, the results. He could not answer this question, he dared not think.

A man at his side was murmuring, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..." He was not sorry. He was not afraid. Once such emotional responses as sorrow and fear had been useful to the race of men. Now---

Under him the concrete jolted. He began praying with the others, "Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy Kingdom---" The concrete jolted once more and flared into heat measured by the millions of degrees....

It was bigger and better!

SPORT SHORTS (AFPS)

Syracuse Jewel Ens, general manager of the Syracuse Chiefs baseball club and dean of International League managers, recently died. The ex-Pittsburgh Pirate manager was 60.

Cleveland The Indians have bought pitcher Charles (Red) Embree, 30, from the Browns for an unannounced sum. Embree, Cleveland property from 1941 through '47—he was with Baltimore in 1944—was traded to the Yankees in 1947. He won 3 and lost 13 with St Louis last year.

Camden, N.J. Jersey Joe Walcott will meet Hein Ten Hoff for the German heavyweight title next May in Stuttgart, Germany. Walcott will receive a \$7,500 guarantee plus transportation, with an option of 40 per cent of the gross receipts, tax free, and training expenses.

Worcester Dr. Eddie Anderson has resigned as head coach at Iowa University to return to his old job of coaching the Holy Cross Crusaders. It's a five year contract and he replaces his former pupil, Dr. William C (Bullet Bill) Osmanski.

Chicago Earl L (Curly) Lambeau, dean of professional football coaches, with 31 years as mentor of the Green Bay Packers, has been named head coach of the Chicago Cardinals.

SEC. SYMINGTON WARNS
U.S. OF SOVIET POWER

Russia is capable of launching a surprise attack on any part of the U.S. "against which we have no sure defense," Air Force Secretary W. Stuart Symington said in a recent speech at Baylor University.

He pointed out that communist dictators now control the largest ground army, air force, and submarine fleet in the world.

The Secretary declared, "those who re-iterate that America must be destroyed now have a ground army greater in numbers than the combined armies of the U.S. and its allies; an air force whose strength in the world and is growing relatively larger month by month; and the world's largest submarine development and construction program.

Secretary Symington expressed the opinion that any democracy which attempted to maintain a peacetime armed force comparable to those of the dictatorships would wreck its economy.

"Here are three facts which every American should know," Mr Symington said.

(1) Behind the Iron Curtain there has been an atomic explosion. (2) Enemies are capable of delivering a surprise atomic attack against any part of the United States. (3) We have no sure defense against such an attack.

"Remember, Russian soil is but five minutes flying time from American soil in Alaska," Mr Symington said. "Waco is but an 18-hour flight from Moscow for the bombers we know Russia is producing in quantity."

AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

S Sgt Donald P Benson, (a 6 foot 5, 200 pound Swede) Crew Chief on our squadron aircraft 5951, steps up to be Airman of the Month. It is appropriate that he should be Airman of the Month for he recently reenlisted for an indefinite period, and plans to make the Air Force his career.

Sgt Benson was born in Barren, Wisconsin on April 28, 1922. His childhood for the most part was spent here and upon graduation from grammar school his family moved to St. Paul, Minnesota. He attended Humboldt High School in St. Paul graduating in 1941.

Graduating from high school he went to work in a munitions defence plant to do his share for the war effort.

He further showed his anxiety to help the war effort by enlisting in the Army Air Force on October 30, 1942, at Fort Snelling. His basic training was taken at Coffeyville, Kansas. After 6 weeks of basic he was sent to Amarillo, Texas where he attended A M School for 5 months. Successfully completing A M School he was sent to Lockheed-Vega Service School in Burbank, California for B-17 A M training. He received more schooling at Kerns Field, Utah where he attended a small arms training school.

His next assignment found him with the 304th Airdrome Squadron at Blythe, California training B-24 Bomb Groups. His organization later moved to Alamogordo, New Mexico to train another B-24 bomb group.

In April of '44 he was transferred to Camp Stoneman for processing before being shipped overseas. His first overseas assignment was at Oro Bay, New Guinea, and from there to Nadzab, New Guinea where he was assigned to the 21st Air Service Group. The 21st Air Service Group formed an air freight service for the Southwest Pacific. After 5 months at Nadzab he found himself spending time at Biak, N.E.I. and then Tachikawa Air-drome, in Japan.

On October 14, 1945 he returned to the Z.I. and was discharged on 10 December.

On 3 December 1947 he reenlisted in the Air Force at Wold-Chamberlain Air Force Base. He was assigned to Andrews AF Base where he stayed for 6 months.

In August of '48 he arrived here at Albrook and was assigned to the 5702 Maintenance Squadron. In April of '49 he transferred to the 6th Weather Squadron.

Sgt Benson reenlisted for an indefinite period in November and no one can tell him the Air Force isn't a good deal. When asked what his plans for the future were he replied, "I will make the Air Force my career and when I retire I plan on opening a summer resort in Minnesota." Those of us who know him, know there is no doubt that this will come to pass. Good Luck Benson.

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