

4420 TROOP CARRIER WING

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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1959

RICHARDS-GEBAUR AFB

PAY DAY DELAYED UNTIL DECEMBER

Wing Personnel expecting to be paid during the November UTA were surprised to find no checks waiting for them.

The Comptroller office explained that the accounting dates of the Wing have been revised, delaying the Wing pay day to December. Personnel will receive pay for a total of 4 months, and regularly each quarter after December.

TEN RESERVISTS DON NEW SUPER-GRADE STRIPES IN RECENT PROMOTIONS

Ten Wing Airmen have received promotions to the new Super-Grade of Senior Master Sergeant effective 15 Oct 59. Those promoted are: MSGTs Harry W. Ackerbloom, Joel A. Arrington, George W. Chesney, Edwin R. Garrison, William F. Howell, David E. McMillan, Gordon N Patterson, H Herbert F. Smithers, Lewis W. Stafford, and George W. Stone.

RESERVISTS DOUB LE AS PARACHUTE JUMPER

Two members of the aircraft maintenance section, SSgt Garland D. Wagner and A/lc William C. Johnson Jr., have joined a local parachute jumpers club named the Kamo Sport Jumpers Club of Greater Kansas City. Wagner completed his first jump Oct 11, while Johnson has made numerous jumps.

WING TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS TOUR AND PARTY FOR 30 ORPHAN CHILDREN

During the December UYA, Wing personnel will be hosts to approximately 30 orphan children from the Gillis Home for Children, 8150 Wornall, Kansas City, Missouri.

The money donated by the Wing will be used to buy camping equipment for the Home. The children will be given a tour of the base, taken through a C-119, look over a F-102, served refreshments and shown cartoons.

SMS GEORGE W. STONE GETS THE BIRD

The 442d TCW personnel were well represented at a Base Civilian Party at the Town Hall Ballroom at 4011 Troost on 6 November. SMS George W. Stone won a live turkey as a door prize and Mr. John F Ross won a smaller door prize.

The Wing sends its sympathies to Gordon N. Patterson, General Foreman of the Aircraft Maintenance Section and M/Sgt H.Y. Love, Supply Sq. Food Service Supervisor, who have lost loved ones during the last sixty days.

NEXT UTA IS JANUARY 16 and 17th. LETS SHOOT FOR 100% ATTENDANCE

CAPTAIN DAVIS ON REGIONAL TV NETWORK

Captain Charles J. (Chuck) Davis, Commander of Headquarters Squadron, may currently be seen as the commercial announcer for regional Ford Dealers on the "Sportsman's Friend" television show, featuring Harold Ensley. This program, a longtime local favorite, is now on a regional network basis covering stations in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. It represents a Kansas City "first" in that it is the first local program to be given this honor.

"Sportsman's Friend" may be seen from 10:00-1030 P.M. on Mondays on channel 5 in Kansas City. The show may be seen on other network stations on Saturday evenings from 6:00 to 6:30.

442d RANKS HIGH IN R-G UNITED FUND

With a total pledge of \$262.50 the 442d ranks seventh among contributing organizations to the 1959 R-G United Campaign. As of the 16th of November, the final day of the campaign, the total collected was just over \$6,000. The amount for the 442d is the highest yet for a reserve organization at Richards-Gebaur.

These days, any pennies saved are most likely found in the fuse box.

AIRMAN OF THE MONTH

It has been suggested by Major R.H. Goodell, Wing Comptroller, that the 442d inaugurate an Airman of the month program in two areas within the Wing, Air Base Group and Wing-Cameron TCSq. Any comments or thoughts on this suggestion would be welcomed.

ITS TO LATE NOW

Wedding bells have been ringing for three members of the 442d Installation Sqd. Lost from the ranks of bachelor hood and gained by the ranks of the wife beaters are:

- Lt. Albert W Zimmer married Oct. 24th to Janet Gurley
- MSG Robert F. Green married Nov 25th to Dolores May Underwood.

A2c Jimmie L Evans married Dec 6th to Linda Zink.

HEADQUARTERS USAF - POLICY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Air Force Responsibilities to Other Elements of the DOD for Space Systems.

TO: All Personnel
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1. The Secretary of Defense has assigned to the Department of the Air Force the responsibilities for developing and launching all military space boosters (except for projects specifically reserved by the Department of Defense) and for performing necessary systems integration for military space systems, including those systems for which payload development responsibility is assigned to other military departments.

2. This decision was made in the interest of efficiency and economy with due regard that several Department of Defense organizations will be involved since they will have needs which can be fulfilled most effectively by space vehicles or systems.

3. In view of the above, it is my desire that all Air Force personnel charged with fulfilling these responsibilities are aware of the obligations which the Air Force has to other Department of Defense agencies. The broad scope of this assignment with which the Air Force has been entrusted and the interests of the entire Department of Defense will be kept in mind constantly during the discharge of responsibilities in connection with these systems.

CURTIS E. LeMAY
General, U.S. Air Force
Vice Chief of Staff

A MIDDLE-AGED OBSERVATION: "ONE THING ABOUT GETTING ALONG IN YEARS IS THAT YOU FEEL YOUR CORNS MORE THAN YOUR OATS".

The delta-winged B-58 Hustler is designed as a complete weapon system and carries its stores in a pod slung beneath the fuselage.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

1. NATO.

NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) was formed as a military defensive move on April 4, 1949 by 12 countries which included the United States, Canada, and ten smaller European countries which included Belgium, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, and Britain. Greece and Turkey became members in February, 1952 and the Federal Republic of Germany joined in May, 1955.

Any European country may join NATO if all members are willing and it is agreed that it would help their objective of keeping all of free Europe free.

The purpose of the treaty was to protect smaller European countries from Russian aggression after World War II. The treaty clearly states that an attack against any one of these countries would be considered an attack on all of the member countries. Russia took immediate notice and none of these countries were further ravished by Communistic military power.

As NATO is a military watchdog for all member nations, four separate commands have been strategically located so as to keep better watch over members and to keep protection at a maximum. The four commands are the Atlantic, the European, the Channel and the Canadian - United States Command.

All nations contribute funds and military strength into one large pool of might. The United States, being the biggest has contributed over \$25 billion to NATO, Canada over \$1.5 billion and the European countries combined have paid out over \$150 billion.

NATO's strength is very impressive, having about 100 active and reserve units, more than 1,000 combat vessels, and over 5,000 combat aircraft.

NATO is more than just a military power and now is helping members to work closer together in scientific and economic problems. All members are working together to increase the size and power of the free world in Europe today.

The Korean Conflict and border conflicts between Red China and small Asian countries are proof that Russia for the time being

at least is shifting her aggression to other parts of the world and leaving NATO members free of open aggression.

2. NEW SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

A long expected resignation of Neil H. McElroy as Secretary of Defense has become a reality and Thomas S. Gates has been named his successor. In a National Security Council meeting President Eisenhower awarded McElroy the Metal of Freedom for outstanding service to his country and his dedication to his task.

McElroy is planning to return to Proctor and Gamble Soap Company as Chairman of the Board. He was president of the company when he became named to the post of Secretary of Defense.

3. TROUBLED INDIA.

The pressure is on in India where it seems imperative that action be taken against the Chinese Communists who have invaded India's northern borders and killed 0 or 10 Indian policemen.

Most of the Indians feel that their self-respect and interest of peace is being endangered and that the country should start looking for allies in the face of possible war. The country of Pakistan has been named as a meeting place for a joint defense agreement.

4. AIR FORCE CUTS PLANES - PLANS MISSILES

Approximately 900 planes are expected to be cut from the Air Force's strength to make room for the missile programs and to leave more money available for the missile program. About 12 bases are to be closed and 5 wings of 45 jet B-47's are to be taken out of operation. The Air Force has also cut the development and production on these aircraft. Production of the B-58 was cut from 40 to 32 during the next twelve months and the F-108 long range interceptor was abandoned completely. The drawing-board B-70 has been limited to two research aircraft as a final indication that the missile may replace the airplane sooner than any of us seem to realize.

5. HOPEFUL?

A bill has recently been introduced in Congress which would provide to AF Reserve Units 200 of the C-130 type aircraft.

SUGGESTIONS TO RESERVISTS FOR FILLING OUT INCOME TAX RETURNS

As a general rule the following excerpts taken from the JAG Reserve News Letter and the Missouri Attorney General's Opinion apply to the Ready Reservists in our Wing:

From the JAG Reserve News Letter:

"Expenditures for the purchase and maintenance of uniforms required and allowed to be worn only when on active duty for training for temporary periods, when attending service school courses and training assemblies, are deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses, except to the extent of allowances received."

Deductions for Transportation Expenses:

"Where a Reservist is required to make trips from the city or general area which constitutes his principal or regular post of duty to the place where the drills are conducted which is away from such area, he may deduct his round-trip expenses so incurred." In such case where it was also necessary for him to remain overnight, he could also deduct his costs of meals and lodging.

STATE OF MISSOURI INCOME TAX: From the Missouri Attorney General Opinion No.36-59 October 14, 1959. "A ready reservist who is ordered to active duty by the appropriate federal secretary for annual training is on duty with the Armed Forces of the United States within the meaning of Sec. 143.105 RSMo.Cum.Supp. 1957. The ready reservist attending drill periods is not on active duty with the Armed Forces of the United States within the meaning of the above section." In brief, this means that income, received by a ready reservist, for attending the annual tour on active duty for training, is excluded from taxation by the State of Missouri for state income tax purposes. The maximum exclusion is \$3,000.00. This does NOT apply to the (U.T.A) United Training Assemblies, which is inactive duty, the income for which is taxed by the State of Missouri.

Since the active duty for training income received on the summer tours is excludible from taxation by the State of Missouri, it would seem analogous that active duty for training income received for other tours such as "Operation Swift-Lift" would also be excludible from taxation for Missouri State Income Tax purposes, although this was not specifically covered by the Attorney General's opinion.

STATE OF KANSAS INCOME TAX: As far as is known, it does NOT appear that the State of Kansas allows any exclusion for reservists military pay, whether it be active duty for training or inactive duty training pay.

GENERAL COMMENT: If you have a question of interpretation or applicability of the above tax matters as it affects your own case, you could contact the pertinent federal or state taxing authority, an attorney or accountant.

DID YOU KNOW THAT

Ninety-nine per cent of the Earth's atmosphere is below an altitude of 20 miles. All but one-one millionth of the atmosphere lies below 60 miles (100 Kilometers). The region around 600 miles out, or 1000 kilometers, is generally accepted as the material limit of the Earth's atmosphere. Above the 600 mile level is a zone of free moving air particles, called the exosphere, which is assumed to extend for some 600 miles. Above 1200 miles, or 2,000 kilometers, the exosphere thins out gradually past the Van Allen belts into the near-vacuum of space, with a particle density estimated at about one to ten gas particles per cubic centimeter. The volume within the solar system is sometimes referred to as "interplanetary space."

The suggestion that wine jelly be substituted for cranberries may make this the happiest Christmas in years.

AF TO CUT 8,000 MEN BY
END OF JUNE 1960

The Air Force will cut 8,000 men from its military strength within the next seven months, reducing its military manpower level to 825,000 by June 30, 1960.

The plans call for a cut of 2,574 officers and 163 warrant officers. Airmen will be reduced by 6,162.

The cut, announced by Secretary of the Air Force James H. Douglas, was prompted by the need to stay within the budget. According to Mr. Douglas, the manpower reduction will enable the Air Force to direct funds into missile, aircraft and other defense systems.

ATHLETES FRONT AND CENTER

The Air Force intends to be "well represented" on the U.S. Olympic team for the Summer Games, Sept. 11-25, 1960, to be held in Rome, Italy.

First steps were taken this week as word went out from Headquarters for the major commands not to overlook potential Olympic material.

The events listed for next year's XVII Olympiad include basketball, boxing, cycling, equestrian, field hockey, fencing and gymnastics.

In the 1956 summer and winter Olympic Games, the Air Force had 30 athletes entered in the various events.

NON-COM RESPONSIBILITIES SPELLED OUT;
REGULATION DESCRIBES NCO ROLE IN AF

Another piece of the Air Force Quality Control Program was fitted into place with Oct. 30 publication of revised Air Force Regulation 39-6, "Responsibility of Noncommissioned Officers"

Starting with the clear-cut statement that a noncommissioned officer is an officer other than a commissioned or warrant officer, the regulation further defines an NCO as an airman in the grade of SSgt, TSgt, MSgt, SMSgt, or CMSgt.

This seemingly obvious statement sets the stage for three important provisions in the regulation:

1. NCO's must be delegated all authority

necessary to exercise leadership responsibilities.

2. They will be provided the advantages and privileges commensurate with their responsibilities.

3. They normally will not be assigned duties or details that will compromise their positions as leaders.

Spelled out precisely for the first time are the responsibilities assigned to NCOs.

They include:

1. Personal regard for the welfare of his subordinates through continuous observation and attention.
2. Maintenance of high standards of food, clothing, and living quarters assigned subordinates.
3. Sanitation, health, and safety.
4. Recreation and education.
5. Impartial treatment of airmen under his control.
6. Support of justified grievances of subordinates.
7. Fair and equitable use of passes and leaves.
8. Wherever possible, assistance in the resolution of the personal problems of subordinates.

The regulation stated that NCOs who do not fulfill these responsibilities will be considered for demotion according to the procedure set down in AFR 39-30 (Administrative Demotion of Airmen).

ARMED FORCES DAY SET FOR MAY 21 1960

"Power for Peace" is the slogan for the eleventh annual Armed Forces Day to be held May 21, 1960, the Defense Department announced.

Washington will be the site of the national kick-off of the traditional military week beginning May 14. Local commanders are urged to schedule unit or post activities during the week preceding Armed Forces Day.

Open house programs and community projects will feature the annual observance. The local programs should be designed to give Americans and people of other countries "a better understanding of the personnel, equipment and teamwork of the various components of our Armed Forces."

AF CURBS REENLISTMENT TIME, ENLISTMENT PERIOD

The Air Force has cut reenlistment time from 90 days after discharge to 24 hours and cut periods for which enlistments are authorized from six to four years, effective Nov 1, 1959.

These sweeping reenlistment changes are being made, the Air Force said, in order to obtain better programming of personnel and assignment control.

The Air Force said airmen reenlisting within 24 hours at Air Force bases will be assigned as follows:

1. Airmen reenlisting immediately for their own position will be assigned to their former organization.
2. Airmen who do not desire to reenlist immediately for their own position may be enlisted immediately for assignment to any unit on the base that has a vacancy, including tenant units, providing commanders concur in the assignment and no PCS is involved.

All airmen separated after Nov. 1 and before Jan. 31 will be required to sign a statement that they are aware that if they do not reenlist for their own duty position, they will be ineligible for enlistment for 91 days from date of separations.

SPACE CABIN SIMULATOR WILL TEST ASTRONAUTS

A two-man space capsule built along the lines of a small clothes closet was delivered to the Air Force Aerospace Medical Center, Brooks AFB, Texas.

The center's School of Aviation Medicine will use the space cabin simulator to test the mental and physical stresses on men in space.

Two astronauts will live in the egg-shaped capsule, which is eight feet high and twelve feet long, for 30 days in conditions closely paralleling those encountered in a venture into space.

Inside the capsule, the astronauts will find their tiny apartment equipped with chairs, a bed, sanitary facilities, food and cooking facilities. A maze of electronic equipment will purify the air, and even filter out cigarette smoke.

During the month-long "flight" the astronauts will be completely isolated

from the outside world. Radio will be their only contact, and one-way glass, opaque from the inside, will shut off light.

The capsule contains an instrument panel which records environmental changes and controls to alter the conditions. Space navigational controls will allow the men to "fly" the capsule.

Non-perishable food will be stored and a heating element is provided to heat soup or coffee. For daily needs the space travelers are allotted two quarts of water and 3000 calories of food.

The head of the Aviation Medicine School's Astroecology Section, Dr. B.E. Welch described conditions the men would have to endure on their month-long confinement. "Time will weigh heavily on their minds, and boredom will become their constant companion. The familiar day-night cycle they live by will be lost" he said.

TO CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

SMS Harry W. Ackerbloom, Camron; SMS Edwin R. Garrison, Hq Sq; and SMS Gordon N. Petterson, Camron, have been promoted to Chief Master Sergeant as per RO 295 of 1 Dec. 1959. Congratulations to all three.

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MANDATORY UNIFORM ADDITION

Paul W. Lemons, Administrative Officer has announced that, effective 18 Nov., bermuda shorts, knee length socks and bush jacket, all shade 505, were made mandatory for all airmen. Airmen not possessing these items are requested to report to Unit Supply, Building 6100, so that the items may be requisitioned. All airmen are required to have the items in their possession for the forthcoming clothing inspection.

MONTANARE MENTIONED IN SLR

M/Sgt. Joe Montanare, Camron, was mentioned by Bob Busby, Asst. Sports Editor of the K. C. Star in his Dec. 3 column, "On the Level". Seems Joe was a drill sergeant at Tanforan AFB in 1943 and tutored the late MAX Baer.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Dear Reservist:

As fellow members of the 442d Troop Carrier Wing (M) (Reserve), we should like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THE HAPPIEST OF ALL NEW YEARS!

We consider it a great privilege and indeed a pleasure to have had this opportunity to serve with you during the past year. We are looking forward to the coming year with expectations and high hopes for even a better accomplishment on the part of the Wing than was attained during the Year 1959!

We feel, as we are sure you do, that the 442d Troop Carrier Wing has given a good account of itself.

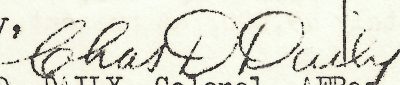
The Wing, during the Year 1959, has been awarded the Reserve Officers' Association Award for the Most Outstanding Reserve Unit in the United States. It has also been awarded the Air Force Association Award, as being the Most Outstanding Troop Carrier Wing in the Continental Air Command, and for having accomplished more in flying achievements than any Wing in the U.S.A. We were also awarded the USAF Most Coveted Flying Safety Award. The Continental Air Command's Award for Meritorious Achievement in Flying/Safety has been awarded to us for each six-month period of the Year 1959! The Wing was awarded First Place Award by Tenth Air Force for the year just past, and the Third Place Team Award in the Troop Carrier Rodeo, along with First Place Award for Individual Aircraft Crew. Briefly, we have won every First Place Award except one, during the past year!

Therefore, we feel confident with the same teamwork, cooperation and coordination displayed in the past year, we can increase our performance in the year just ahead.

Again -- We wish you the best of everything for tasks so well accomplished in 1959! We know you will be right in there doing your "level best" to assure that 1960 will be even better! In making it so, we will have contributed our share towards making our country strong -- a better, safer and happier place in which to live -- so, May God Be With You and Bless You, for the many sacrifices and self-denials you have made to make all of this possible!

With Our Very Best Wishes and Appreciation,

Sincerely,


CHARLES D. DAILY, Colonel, AFRes
Commander

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ALL AIR RESERVE TECHNICIANS AND CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL OF THE
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OFFICIAL BUSINESS

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10,156 RESERVE OFFICERS TO VIE FOR REGULAR AF

AFNS -- The Air Force will sift through 10,156 reserve officer's applications next month to determine which officers will be offered appointments in the Regular Air Force.

Selection boards, meeting in Washington, will pick the "best qualified" officers in the 2, 3, 4 and 5-year promotion list service groups.

Hq USAF officials estimate that about 3,000 reserve officers will be integrated into the Regular Air Force as line officers, the only category being considered.

This fiscal year's Regular Air Force line integration program is the smallest in scope and number of officers involved since the current Augmentation Act took effect. Limited to the 2-to-5 year groups, Air Force personnel planners are concentrating on the younger officers -- where the greatest need exists.

For comparison, fiscal year 1959, with no service date restrictions, drew 43,247 applications for Regular positions.

Under the provisions of the Regular Officer Augmentation Act of 1956, the Air Force has followed a policy of gradual build-up for its officer strength to the authorized level.

By Presidential and Office of the Secretary of Defense manning limitations, the Air Force's Regular officer strength was set at 55,540 by 1963. The Regular officer strength (for line and others) is approximately 49,000, at present.