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21st COPS EARLY LEAD

Take Pride in Your Wing

To give us a better knowledge of the Wing to which we belong, this brief history of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing and its elements is presented. This first part will deal with the period prior to the activation of the Wing itself and in following editions of the Sabre, the history of our fighter squadrons and the recent history of the Wing will be given.

Activated in 1944

The Wing itself was activated on 1 January, 1953, at George AFB, California. The Wing drew its numerical designation from the old 21st Fighter Bomber Group of World

II Pacific Theater fame, so to speak from the very beginning, let's go back to April 21, 1944. It

on this date that the 21st Fighter Bomber Group was officially activated at Wheeler Field, Hawaii. At the time of its activation, the three tactical squadrons comprising the Group, all equipped with P-39 fighter aircraft, were transferred from other units in the Pacific area; the 46th Squadron from the 15th Fighter Group, the 72nd from the 318th Group, and the 531st from the VII Bomber Command. The 72nd Fighter Squadron had served in Hawaii since 1941, while the 46th and 531st had just returned from combat duty in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands. (The 416th did not become a unit of the 21st Wing until the Wing's activation in 1953).

Defends Hawaii

With defense of the Hawaiian Islands as its mission, the 21st Group conducted an intensive training program in connection with this assignment. Day and night interceptor missions were flown continually.

First Pacific Hop

In November 1944, 36 of the Group's P-39 aircraft were flown to Saipan by personnel of the three fighter squadrons - according to the Group history, the first crossing of the Pacific by fighter planes. Following this, in December of the same year, the Group converted to P-51 'Mustangs'.

Depart for Iwo Jima

On 9 February, 1945, the 21st Fighter Group departed from Pearl Harbor on the beginning of the long trek across the Pacific that was to have as an ultimate destination, the skies over Japan. On that date the air echelon left aboard the aircraft carrier USS Hollandia, debarking at Guam ten days later. From Guam the planes were flown to Tinnian on the following day, where the unit remained until March 23. On that date, the aircraft were flown to Iwo Jima. Meanwhile, the ground echelon had left Honolulu on March 2, and arrived at Iwo Jima on March 25.

Camp Close to Japs

Since the bivouac area assigned to the Group was but a short distance from the enemy lines, guard against attack had to be maintained at all times. Further harassment was occasioned by snipers situated in the innumerable caves which honey-combed the cliffs overhanging the encampment.

Overrun by "Banzi"

On the night of March 26 the Japanese forces penetrated the bivouac area, pinning down the unit's officers. A detachment of Marines infiltrated, bringing in hand grenades and weapons, and finally the enemy was forced to withdraw. Despite the large number of pilots wounded as a result of this attack, bombing sorties were flown to the Bonin Islands on the following day and throughout the remainder of the month.

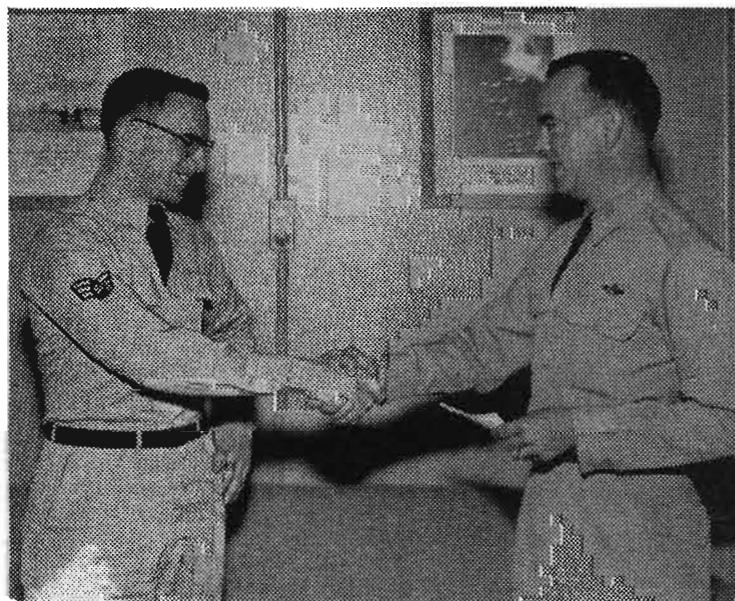
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Keeping 'em Flying



Special - Wheelus Field.

The first returns from the current 12th Air Force Gunnery Meet at Wheelus Field, North Africa, show that the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing has taken an early lead in one of the important events. Shown above are one of the maintenance crews readying one of our Sabres for another gunnery mission. The 21st is represented at the meet by its top fighter pilots, led by Colonel R. C. Franklin, Fighter Group Commander. Colonel Rowland, Wing Commander, departed Chambley for Wheelus on July 20 to observe the remainder of the Gunnery Meet.



Colonel Robert R. Rowland, Base Commander, congratulates A/IC Richard L. Crawford on his winning of the Third Place award in the USAF Library Short Story Contest. Colonel Rowland holds the cash award which went with the winning of the Third Place title.

Airman First Class Richard L. Crawford, Headquarters Squadron 21st Ftr. Group, recently achieved Third Place honors in the second level of competition in the USAF Library Short Story Contest. Headquarters Twelfth Air Force has announced that Airman Crawford's manuscript has been entered in the

USAFE Command Wide Contest and is currently awaiting judgement by USAF Contest Officials.

After taking the First Place award in the Base Level Contest at Chambley, Richard's story, which delves into the continuous battle for survival between the wild creatures of the frozen northland

country, was forwarded to the 12th Air Force Wide Contest where it won the third from the top slot.

Richard hails from Eugene, Oregon, where he was a member of the varsity squads in high school football and track. Upon receiving his discharge from the service this coming December he plans to enter the University of Notre Dame with a degree in journalism as his aim.

At the present time, Richard is putting the finishing touches on a full length detective novel which goes along the rough, tough, 2 gun, six fisted hombre line. He hopes to submit the text for publication into book form in the near future.

French Schoolchildren Thank Col Rowland

The group of young French schoolchildren who recently visited Chambley Air Base from several surrounding schools have sent letters of appreciation for the visit to Colonel Rowland. We'd like to present one of these letters, written by a nine year old boy, as it shows just how much these young Frenchmen appreciate efforts made in their behalf:

ABGRU Jose Concha Named Airman Of The Quarter

Airman First Class Jose Concha, Headquarters Squadron Air Base Group, who was voted 'Airman of the Month' at Squadron level, was recently named 21st Air Base Group 'Airman of the Month', and continued on to take 'Outstanding Airman' honors for the period of April, May and June 1955.

Airman Concha is a native of Columbia, South America, where he studied medicine for two years at Javeriana University prior to his entry into the United States in 1951. After working a year as a Latin American representative for an import, export firm in New Orleans he submitted his first papers for American Citizenship, and the following month enlisted in the Air Force. After the completion of his basic training Jose was assigned to his present job as Squadron Finance Clerk.

During his overseas tour, Jose's wife and daughter are living in Guatemala, and upon completion of his tour he plans to take a long leave, pick up his family and settle in the United States.

At present, Jose, who became a citizen of the United States in December 1953, is undecided about his future, but states that he likes the Air Force and may consider making it a career.

Sgt Herren Gets The Birds

S/Sgt Gene Herren of the 31st Weather Detachment at Chambley represented the 21st Wing at the 12 Air Force Open Skeet Shoot conducted at Landstuhl AB, Germany earlier in the month, and walked off with top honors in the Open High Gun Class. With 75 other gun men competing in the event, Sergeant Herren blasted 197 of 200 'birds' to easily grab the event.

"Dear Sir,

On behalf of my schoolmates of Billy-S/-Côtes, I want to thank to you. We have been very much interested by the visit of the airplanes. None of us ever was so close to such machines. We also have been touched by your kindness when you had us driven back to Billy and on the whole, your warm welcome gave us a great pleasure. Thanks again to the base personnel who was helping out for our visit."

The letter was signed by all of the children of the school.

Colonel Rowland expressed his thanks to Major Nicholas Mihailov and other personnel who participated in the days activities for a job very well done.

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Know This Area

The Duchy Of Lorraine And Nancy Its Capital

By Genevieve Hartman, Civilian Consultant.

In the old times, Lorraine was more than a province, it was under the government of its Dukes, a state independent from France as well as from Germany: the Duchy of Lorraine. It was founded in the year 942 by the Duke Gerad d'Alsace and this is also the time when the name of Nancy is first to be seen in the old chronicles. The history of the duchy from then on is also the history of Nancy.

It would be difficult to relate the history of Lorraine through the centuries of the middle ages; but one event, the battle of Nancy, in 1477, is still famous today. Lorraine's greatest enemy, the Duke Charles of Bourgogne was then defeated and killed: the icy pond, where his body was found on the following day, is now a square with a commemorating monument.

This was the first time that the people of Lorraine fought to preserve their independence. In the following centuries, they were to defend their freedom on the battlefield again and again from threats by the German Emperors, and by France. The 17th century was one of almost continuous war and finally the King of France won the race. In 1737 the last of the Dukes of Lorraine, François III, married Marie-Therese of Austria and got out of the place — while Stanislas, former King of Poland and father-in-law of the King of France, Louis XV, took possession of the Duchy to keep until his death.

Place Stanislas

This Stanislas period, although not very long, was very important for Nancy; 18th century ensemble the city is so proud of—namely "Place Stanislas", "Place de la Carriere", and the beautiful park "La Pepiniere" were built at that time. Stanislas dead, the Duchy and Nancy were made part of France for good and the Lorraine people became as good Frenchmen as they had been good Lorrains before.

Then came the war of 1870. Nancy was temporarily occupied by the Prussians, and Lorraine itself was cut in two. One part, including Metz, was taken over by Germany together with the province of Alsace; the other remained French. This explains the peculiar shape of the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, which was made out at that time from what remained of two former departments, the Meurthe (South) and the Moselle (North). Actually Meurthe-et-Moselle is composed of two distinct areas, one around Nancy, the other around Briey and Longwy, linked by a narrow (5 miles wide) isthmus where Chambley is located. As another consequence of the war, a quantity of refugees came to Nancy from Metz and from Alsace because they did not want to become Germans. In order to cope with these many new inhabitants, new suburbs were built west of the railroad tracks, unfortunately without much order and plan.

Nancy WWI

The First World War found Nancy almost on the front line. However, in the last months of 1914, the battle of the "Grand Couronne"—10 to 20 miles northeast of the city—stopped the German advance on this part of the front for the rest of the war.

Between the two worlds wars, the town was busier than ever: a business center, but also a university town attracting a great number of students. Besides the renowned University of Nancy with its faculties of arts, law, sciences and medicine, Nancy offers its special schools: "forestière" (for the management of forests, the only one of its kind in France), schools of mines, of chemistry, electricity, agriculture, fine arts, and music.

Nancy WWII

During World War II, Nancy did not suffer too much, compared to other towns, except for a particularly heavy German occupation and two weeks of fearful expectation when the German troops, camping in the forest around the city, seemed to be preparing to oppose the advance of the 3rd American Army. Fortunately, thanks to God and General Patton, the Germans withdrew without combat action and every year the town is celebrating the happy day of its liberation by the US forces, September 15th.

To the visitor, Nancy offers two different types of historical attractions. First, in the old section of the town, the 14th century gate, "Porte de la Graffe", and the remaining wing of the ancient castle of the Dukes, "Palais Ducal", presently the seat of the Museum of Lorraine. Then in the Stanislas town, we find "Place Stanislas", "Place de la Carrière", and the park "La Pépinière". During the summer and especially on weekend nights, all the monuments are illuminated and this is a sight you should not miss.

Nancy 1955

Also this summer, to commemorate the bi-centenary of Place Stanislas, the town museums feature special exhibits: French Art at Stanislas Period, Fine Arts Museum, Place Stanislas. Two Centuries of Nancy Life, Museum of Lorraine, Palais Ducal. These exhibits may also be seen at night—on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Don't miss your chance to see them.

Officers Club News

New Board Of Governors

The Chambley Officers Club held the first General Meeting at 1600 hours on July 15 in the Officers Club. The meeting, conducted by Colonel Robert N. Baker, President of the Board of Governors, consisted of a discussion of the Club's financial situation, and the addition of two amendments to the By-Laws.

The following officers were elected to the board; Col Baker, President (re-elected); Capt Harston and Lt Calomino, Hq FB Gp; Capt Curry, 72nd; Capt Armstrong and Capt Nordlund, 531st; Capt Waxman, M&S Gp (re-elected); Lt Delaripa, AB Gp; Lt Wilson, TAC Hospital, and Capt Walker of AACS (re-elected).

After a discussion of the financial status of the Club, the constitution and by-laws, Colonel Rowland spoke to the group concerning the on-base housing situation. The Colonel stated that the base regulation concerning housing is being re-written. The new reg. will establish another priority system for obtaining a trailer in the rapidly expanding Trailer Park. The meeting was ajourned at 1700 hours.

A very successful officers call with wives followed the meeting. A buffet was served at 1800 and from 1900 to 0100 there was dancing to the newly installed Hi-Fi Public Adress system.

Latest Model A. P.



The possibilities of ever coming upon the Main Gate and finding something like this guarding it are a smidgin on the small side, but if they ever do find a replacement for Ole 'Denny', we could hope for something along these lines. Actually she isn't even a cowgirl. Just plain, beautiful Mara Corday of Hollywood, U.S.A.

Sec Talbott Has High Praise For Air Force Wives

Air Force wives don't need a fortune teller these days to forecast an easier life for them.

Secretary of the Air Force Harold E. Talbott, in a recent speech, held out bright prospects for better things to come in the fields of family housing, dependent medical care, travel and other services for dependents.

In a speech made 17 June to graduates of the Air War College and Air Command and Staff College, Montgomery, Ala., the Secretary also paid tribute to wives of the men in blue for the "magnificent" job they are doing everywhere.

Speaking of housing, Mr. Talbot said that if the Capehart Amendment to the present housing bill passes in substantially its present form, the Air Force in the next 12 or 18 months should be able to double its family housing.

The Secretary also said he is making every effort to get legislation on medical care for dependents through Congress. He added that "sweeping changes" will probably be made in Air Force travel practices, "particularly for dependents", so that traveling will be easier and more rapid "for all of our people."

Speaking on the recent Hoover Commission's recommendation for elimination of commissaries and post exchanges, the Secretary said:

"I want to assure every man and woman here that the Air Force will oppose these proposed changes. We should not only maintain the commissaries and post exchanges that now have, but their services should be extended and their prices reduced."

The Secretary paid this tribute to Air Force wives: "Words cannot express my admiration and appreciation for the magnificent jobs that you are doing on bases throughout the world... I only hope that you will keep heart and continue the good work until we are able to make life throughout the Air Force one that you can enjoy at any station to which you may be assigned."

About Bastille Day

By G. Hartman

First of all, don't try to speak to the average Frenchman about 'Bastille Day', he will just wonder what kind of American holiday that is... For you it's a day when the French people can go fishing while you have to sweat through your usual day of hard work. To a Frenchman, "le Quatorze Juillet", is the greatest national holiday, (the French '4th of July'). Historically it is the anniversary of the taking over of the Bastille, the old Paris prison-fortress, by the rioting mob of indignant Frenchmen on July 14, 1789. Also the liberation of its' prisoners and the beginning of the French Revolution, in which the corrupt reign of King Louis the 16th was overthrown and replaced by the French Republic. Later on it became the symbol of the democratic liberties won by the people.

Chambley Personnel Attend Trade Fair

Friday evening, July 15, Major John Stanifer and Captain Eugene Waxman represented Colonel Robert R. Rowland and the base officers at a reception given at the Nancy Trade Fair to honor Franco-American Friendship. Officers from Toul-Rosiere AB and representatives of the Army were also present at the festivities.

After a word of welcome from Monsieur Linard, President of Fair Entertainment Committee, bronze medal of the bi-centenary of Nancy's place Stanislas presented to each of the attending officers. Champagne was then enjoyed by all.

Later the officers were taken for a tour of the Fair including the unusual and beautiful Oceanographic Museum and its colorful sea life. The evening proved to be highly enjoyable and entertaining for all concerned.

Officers Wives News

By Muriel Dodenhoff

The Officers Wives Club met on Tuesday, July 12 for the election of officers and secc luncheon.

After a delicious buffet lunche served by the Officers Club, a meeting was called to order by Mrs. Robert Rowland, acting President. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Mrs. Robert Baker and after several corrections were accepted as read. Mrs. Baker read the constitution and an amendment was made to Article #4 and accepted by all present.

Mrs. Herbert Hartwig, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, introduced the candidates for office and they were voted upon. Those elected to serve were Mesdames Annabelle Bowers, President; Betty Mihailov, Vice President; Ginny Harter, 2nd Vice President; Jan Voils, Recording Secretary; Norma Till, Corresponding Secretary; Stacey Schmeling, Treasurer; and Mickey Davis, Assistant Treasurer.

The next meeting will be held the first Thursday in August.

For all those interested, Air Force Calanders for the coming year will be on sale by the Wives Club.

Master Masons

The members of Adoration Lodge #45, AF & AM, noted with pleasure the increase of visitors from the 21st Wing at the last two meetings. In turn, Master Masons from the 21st were also pleased to find a Masonic Lodge so close to Chambley AB.

On the 18th of July at a stated meeting a Degree Teams, consisting of WOJG Harrington WM: T/Sgt. Mason SW; M/Sgt. Putnam SD, initiated Major Woolson and T/Sgt. Varner into the Lodge. These were the first personnel to be accepted into the Lodge from the 21st Wing.

The possibilities of initiating an Eastern Star Club, with a Star Chapter to follow, were discussed at the last meeting. All ladies interested are requested to contact T/Sgt Mason at Extension 112.

Education Center Poop

By Mr. C. de Kanter
Education Advisor

General Education Development (GED) Tests have, for a long time, been misconstrued for the equivalent of a High-School Diploma. This is only partially true.

GED Testing has been accepted by the Air Force to take the place of a High School degree, so that man desiring to remain in the service and who has not completed high-school training, should all means apply as soon as possible at the Education Center for an appointment to take the High-School battery of GED Tests. (On the point system for promotion, the GED Test equal a High-School diploma.)

For those men viewing additional schooling under the Korean Bill of Rights, and who require a High-School Diploma to continue their studies, we urge you to consult with the Education Center as soon as possible as to whether your State of residence recognizes the GED tests for the issuance of a diploma, and also whether you can enter the college of your choice without requiring equivalency certificate. Do this now! Completion of all paper work requires time, and frequently correspondence is connected with securing all the the necessary information in order to help you to help yourself.

Individuals anticipating going to College upon completion of their service tour of duty and who have already fulfilled the High-School requirements, should not forget that there are also College level GED Tests available. A great number of American Colleges and Universities accept the results of these tests as credits in certain subjects. In most Colleges you can receive up to 24 (no, we are not kidding, twenty four is right) credits towards your degree. This represents almost one whole year of College work, which you can complete by permitting us to give you this battery of tests. The tests are not easy, but well worth the effort.

Don't forget, High School and College credits can be earned through GED testing. Contact your Education Center now, and find out where you stand. We are located on the second floor of the Base Operations Building, phone Extension 145. Call us today!

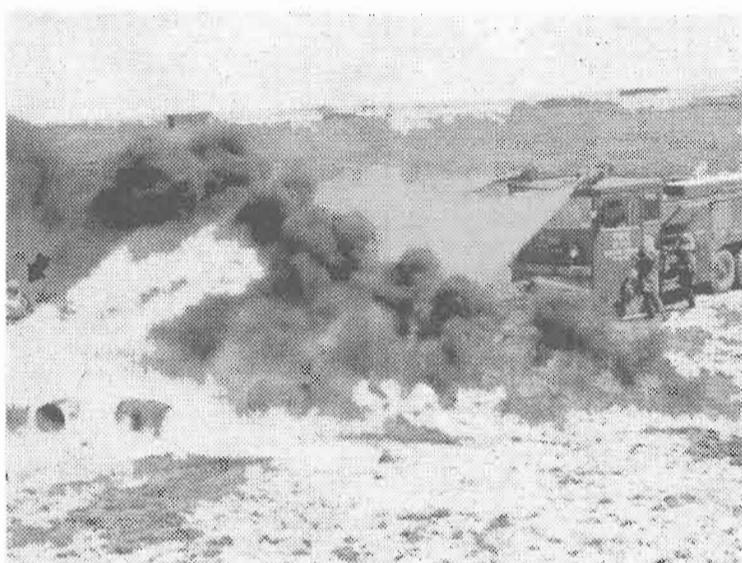
What's Going On?

METZ, July 31... French Air Force Air Show at Frescaty Airfield, at 1400 hours.

Swimming Contest... Crossing of the Moselle River by French contestants VERSAILLES (near Paris). Every week, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays after nightfall, the extravagant show "Son et Lumiere" (Sound & Light). The ancient castle of Louis the 14th is illuminated by colored lights and music and sound effects are used to re-create the medieval atmosphere.

On August 7, 21, and 28 the spectacular "Grandes Eaux", in which all the fountains in the main Park are illuminated by colored lights to make a fairy-tale garden out of the well known park.

Fighting Fire With Foam



These boys from the Base Fire Department aren't exactly 'playing it cool', but it's all just part of the day's classroom as far as they're concerned. The men of the Department are continually subjected to practice drills such as the one pictured above to keep them 'in then know' on the business of fire fighting.

Your Base Fire Department, a section of Air Installations Office, began their official operations at Chambley AB on December 15, 1954, the arrival date of the main echelon of the Wing at Chambley. Since that date the men haven't yet been called upon to demonstrate their technical skill and training, but have been standing by, 24 hours a day ready to squelch any hopes their foremost enemy, the 'Red Devil', may have had of causing damage to our aircraft and buildings.

The Department, which is under the leadership of Warrant Officer Richard Harrington, Fire Chief, set up their original center of operations in Hangar #1, but after a brief stay moved to the Base Operations building, their permanent headquarters. The Fire Department is perhaps the only outfit on base that can boast a semi-self sufficient provisional status. To the men of the Department, the Firehouse is not only place of work but also of recreation, 'book larnin', and living facilities, including their own chow hall.

Duty time for personnel of the Department is divided into the 24 on and 24 off work schedule, with two shifts alternating continuously day in and day out. On-duty time means stand-by on the flight line, out and indoor classroom two hours each day in the latest fire fighting techniques, equipment maintenance, KP, and a lot of just plain 'waiting and ready to go' alert. Off duty hours aren't unlike those of any other airman, with perhaps the exception of the possibility of being put on the 'call' if the need demands.

When and if the 'call' does ring out, your Base Fire Department will be ready and waiting.

Field Maint People Host Orphans On Outing

Personnel of the 21st Field Maintenance Squadron gave a repeat performance picnic for some 50 children from the St. Josephs Orphanage, located in Metz, on Sunday afternoon, July 10. The outing was held in the scenic woodlands between Ars and Gravelotte. Busses from the Base Motor Pool arrived with the anxious youngsters at noon and the first order of business was 'chow'. The speed with which the lunch disappeared gave evidence that it was enjoyed as well as appreciated.

The afternoon was devoted to games and contests and all too soon it was time for the kids, tired but happy, to return to the orphanage.

M/Sgt K. D. Smith was in charge of the arrangements for the thoroughly enjoyed afternoon.

Think It Over

"How many workers in civilian industry retire in their late thirties or early forties?" This question was recently directed by Major James P. Howard, officer in charge of reenlistments, Headquarters, USAFE, to the many young airmen in USAFE about to complete their first enlistment in the Air Force and who are now considering to reenlist or return to civilian life.

To answer his own question Major Howard quoted some figures released by the U.S. Treasury Department on the study of men starting out in their chosen careers at the age of 25 and a breakdown of their status 40 years later at normal time of retirement.

Of the 100 men who started out, 40 years later 36 were dead, 5 were still working, 54 were dependent on someone else, and only 5 were financially independent.

What group will you be in 40, not to mention 20, years from now? Only time will tell.

If you take advantage of the Air Force's generous retirement plan it's a cinch you WON'T be among the 54 per cent who had to depend on someone else for their livelihood.

As a master sergeant you can retire from the Air Force after 20 years of service with a monthly retirement check of \$152.10. If you decide to serve another ten years and retire after 30 years of service, your monthly retirement pay would be \$251.55.

The formula for computing Air Force retirement payments is figured by multiplying monthly basic and longevity pay at time of retirement by the number of years of service by 2 1/2 per cent.

Before you make the big decision remember this fact. The Air Force's early age retirement benefits and a guaranteed retirement income can mean financial security and independence for you in the not-too-distant future.

Example

A retreat parade is announced. The day of the parade arrives and every mother's son adds a bit of 'spit and polish'. Shoes are shined. A clean uniform is put on. Brass shines after a vigorous 'blitzing'. We want to look sharp for parade. Or, maybe we are going to town, so we put some extra touches on our uniform because we want others to get a good impression of us. Such special occasions remind us that others are watching us and are impressed, either favorably or unfavorably, by what they see.

All too often we seem to forget that not only our appearance but especially our actions do affect and influence other people at all times. There is never an hour in our association with others when we are not making some kind of impression and creating some kind of influence on their lives. Others do see us. Others watch us and take notice of what we do. They are influenced thereby either for good or for evil. No matter how small or unimportant any particular action may seem to us, if it is good, it will be a source of edification to others and an inspiration to them to follow example. Our Divine Master exhorts us to good example with these words, "So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."

On the other hand, small and unimportant as an evil act may appear to us, it may be the cause and source of scandal to others. The Divine Master warns us against bad example and scandal. "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it were better for him if a millstone were hung about his neck, and he were thrown into the sea."

Example teaches more effectively than words. Emerson once said, "What you are speaks so loudly I can't hear what you say". Likewise, Edmund Burke, the Irish statesman, sums it up as follows, "Example is the school of mankind; and they will learn in no other".

Let us never forget that the eyes of others are constantly upon us. If they see good in us, they will be influenced to do good. If, which may God forbid, they see evil in us they will be influenced to evil. "So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven."

Chaplain Davy
Base Chaplain

BASE CHAPEL RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Sunday Masses 0800 and 1000 hours
Weekday Masses 0700 hours
Confessions 1900 to 2000 hours on Saturdays

PROTESTANT

Sunday Bible Class in Library 1000 hours
Worship Services 1100 and 1830 hours
Junior Church in Library 1100 hours
Thursday United Fellowship of Protestants 1930 hours

UFP Activities Book Notes

The United Fellowship of Protestants has been engaged in various activities in the past several weeks. On 22 June a bus-load drove to Vogelweh, Germany, to hear Billy Graham. On the 26th of June the Foundation St. Jean Orphanage celebrated their annual "Open-House" Festival. A group from the Fellowship was present, with the large crowd who attended from the surrounding community.

For their regular Thursday meeting, the U F P met on the 30th of June in a wooded area near St. Julien for a steak fry. With Sergeants Schomer and Driggers on the broiling end of the fillet steaks, and Mesdames Spann, Ewald and Schomer handling other table activities, well - even the bus driver could not help but have a good time.

During the evening Chaplain George conducted the quarterly election of officers with the following men elected:

President - A/2c Robert Ewald, 1270th AACS Squadron; Vice president - A/1c Otto Brillinger, Hedron, 21st FBW, and the new secretary-treasurer is A/3c Nolen (Guillot of 21st Installations Squadron. These elected officers took over on the 7th of July and will serve for three months.

The UFP meets regularly on Thursday evenings in the Chapel with a program, religious film and refreshments as a part of the activities.

By Miss Ruth Austin

Arrangements have been made with Miss Evelyn Hansen, Librarian of the Army Special Services Library at the Colin Caserne in Metz, for Air Force personnel living in the Metz area to check out books at that installation. This is an added responsibility for Miss Hansen, and a privilege we must not abuse. Please return all books promptly.

Your base Library is continually adding new books to its shelves. We are trying to keep up with the 'Best Seller' lists, and will keep you you informed of the new books we receive as we receive them. We have the list from the New York Times Book Review section posted on the bulletin board in the library, with the books we have at the present time listed.

Some of the new 'top' books you will find on the shelves right now are; MEMORIES, by Ethel Barrymore; SOMETHING OF VALUE, by Robert Ruark; SINCERELY, WILLIS WAYDE, by John Marquand; and ONIONS IN THE STEW, by Betty MacDonald.

Other new books include; The Martian Way and Other Chronicles, by Asimov (Science Fiction); The Uranium Prospectors Guide, by Ballard; The Tooth and the Nail, by Ballinger (mystery); Beyond Courage, (Escape tales of American airmen in Korea) by Blair; and The Lonely Sky, by Bridgeman (Experiences of a jet test pilot).

72nd Conquers American League Champs

Monday evening, July 18, saw Headquarters Squadron, Wing, American League Champions of the Base Softball League, go down in defeat against the 72nd Fighter Bomber Squadron. The loss, their second during the entire season, put the Wingmen out of the running for their expected shot at the National League Champs for the Base Championship, and put the 72nd into the three game playoff slot against the National League Champs, 21st Communications Squadron.

The final score card for the Monday night game showed the 72nd on top of a 3-0 verdict. The game was tight throughout the seven innings of play, with both teams playing good, heads-up ball. The Headquarters men set a possible record in the tilt by racking up four double plays in the first four innings. Chuck Sharmon, leading hurler for the Wing team, allowed only three hits during the event, with Ron Lee, slinger for the Fighter boys following suit.

Two of the 72nd's runs crossed home plate via the error route, the third being driven in by a solid punch into left field with a man on third.

The arrival of the fighter squadrons at Chambley at the end of the softball season made it necessary to reestablish the Base Championship playoff conditions. It was programmed that the three units would compete in a round-robin elimination with the victor meeting a coin-flip determined opponent from the two League Division Champs. The 531st, however, dropped from the eliminations and a best-of-three playoff between the 72nd and 416th, resulted, with the 72nd clouting out two consecutive wins over the 416th.

The holder of the Base Championship will journey to Chateauroux for the playoffs to determine the All-France Champions, the winner there going on to Weisbaden for a shot at the USAFE Championship.

The three game Base Championship playoffs were scheduled to be held this past week, but due to the time element involved in publication of the Sabre, we are unable to state the winner, as at the time of this writing, we dunno.

Baseball News

By T/Sgt Harry Chrisman
Team Manager & Coach

The Chambley AB baseball team has been taking a rest for the past two weeks or so. At the present time the season is sort of slack. The next league game is scheduled for August 6 when the team will travel to Orly Field for a two game stand. After completing the series at Orly, the boys will again hit the road, bound for Evreux and one make-up game.

The teams record, from a won-lost stand point, looks pretty good but we were unable to win the league games that were important to us. Chambley is currently in third place in the league standings.

For the season thus far we have three men hitting over the 350 mark. They are Foreman, Dapilito and Heintz. If Sgt. Hamlet continues his present pace, he too will be hitting well over the 350 peg by the end of the season.

We received a lot of good support from our fans during the season at our home games, and on behalf of all the team members I'd like to thank all those who came out to give the base team the fine morale support received.

Listening Reminders

Your Twelfth Air Force is on the Air — Tune in AFN Kaiserslautern-665 KC, for the following 12th AF Shows:

FRIDAY at 1800 Hours.

'Dateline Twelfth Air Force' — Special Feature news and on-the-scene reports of 12 AF activities. 540 KC — Munich.

SATURDAY at 2115 Hours.

'Command Visit' — A weekly interview with a 12th Air Force Senior Commander.

THURSDAY at 1750 Hours.

'Five Star Final' — 12th AF Sports news.

Good local news every day can be heard at 1255, 1750, and 2100, Monday thru Friday.

Chambley Airman In The Swim

Water and A/1c Jack W Nelson just naturally go together, and when the two get together in regards to a swimming meet, broken records and awards have a way of ending up hanging from Jack's belt almost every time.

To take the most recent case, let's go back to the USAFE Swimming and Diving Championship Meet held at Furstenfedbruck recently. Jack, who hails from the Special Services Office, entered three events at the meet and not only copped top honors in all three but also broke all existing records in the events. The 50, 100, and 150 meter Butterfly Style departments are Jack's specialty and he aptly proved why in this particular meet.

Last fall Jack returned to the states at a U.S. representative in the Pan American Games held in Mexico City. Just before the meet got under way several of the competitors, including Jack, became stricken with dysentery. A large number of the swimmers dropped out due to this but Jack entered into the 50 meter Butterfly event despite his serious handicap. He ended up in fourth place but had his consolation in one fact; the winner of the event had been defeated in several previous 50 meter events and each time by none other than fourth place Jack Nelson.

Jack is currently on TDY to Los Angeles where he will participate in the AAU Swimming and Diving Meet to be held soon, then he journeys to Samps on AFB, New York to compete in the All-Air Force Swimming and Diving Championship Meet to be held later this summer.

Who said being a 'water boy' is a hard life?

History

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First to Blast Japan

In April of '45 the 21st Fighter Group hurled its challenge against the Japanese homeland. The first of seven 'Empire Missions' flown during the month took place on the 7th, when 41 Mustangs escorted B-29's to the Tokyo area. According to the Group history, three notable 'firsts' were scored by the 21st Fighter Group on this occasion. The flight marked the first appearance of Army fighter planes over Japan, the first mission in which the 'Superforts' were escorted by fighter planes, and the longest over-water escort mission ever attempted up to that time. A Distinguished Unit Citation was awarded to the 21st for this mission.

Another 'First'

Another auspicious 'first' was scored by the 21st Group when on April 19 the unit participated in the first strafing mission to Japan. Atsugi Airfield was the primary target, and according to the mission report, 70 enemy aircraft were destroyed on the ground and 17 in the air.

Continue Pounding

Adverse weather conditions limited the very-long-range missions to four in the month of May. Targets for the missions included airfields in the Tokyo and Nagoya areas of Honshu and air installations on southern Kyushu. The final Empire Mission for May was the bombardment of Yokohama, in which fighters furnished protective cover for B-29's dropping incendiaries on the Japanese port. It was during this period that the bombers had resorted to night missions, but by July drastic reduction of enemy opposition in the air made escort duty almost unnecessary. However, power plants, airfield installations and communications facilities remained primary targets and in addition to raids on Japan, the Group continued regular missions to the Bonins, keeping the Suzuki Airfield inoperative and harassing the enemy shipping and communications. Altogether the 21st flew 33 effective missions in the Iwo Jima Campaign.

21st Inactivated

Following the cessation of hostilities, the organization remained in the Pacific on occupation duty. On 4 December, 1945 the 21st moved to Saipan, remaining there until 16 April 1946, when the unit moved once more, this time to Guam. On 10 October 1946 the 21st Fighter Group was inactivated at Guam and its personnel and equipment were transferred to the 23rd Fighter Group.

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WANTED

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Football In The Air

The solid thump of shoulder meeting shoulder, the chant of calisthenics, and the smack and whistle of pigskins being belted through the air will soon become familiar sounds around Hangar #1, according to Colonel Herbert C. Hartwig, M&S Group Commander. Col. Hartwig will be doubling his duties by putting on the sweatpants and shirt of Head Coach of the coming Chambley AB Football Team.

The initial practice session date for the base team has been established as August 15, beginning at 1600 hours in the large field situated to the left of Hangar #1. The first week of practice will be devoted to loosening up exercises, wind sprints, and conditioning drills to lob off any extra baggage which may have become acquired by personnel trying out for the team. A final squad of 40 men will be selected on September 3, with 33 men suiting up for each game. Colonel Rowland has announced that he is 100% behind the football program and that all men, regardless of their rank or job, will have an opportunity to try out for the team. There is no restriction on officers participating, however "the best man will get the job", said Col. Hartwig.

The standard 'T' formation will be utilized to start the season off, with the speed and precision departments being stressed. A limited number of plays will be used at first so that more time can be given to perfecting deceptiveness and speed.

Equipment for the team is 90% complete at present and the best that money can buy. The team uniforms are a bright red and white.

Chambley will be in the Western France Conference, with Toul, Chaumont, Phalsbourg, and SHAPE making up the coming season's Conference opponents. One game will be played against each of the Western Conference outfits plus four non-conference tilts. The lead-off game for Chambley is expected to be a rough test, their opponents being Chaumont who copped top honors in the Conference last season. A battle bet-

ween the East and West Conference Champs will be played October 29th, the victor going on to the USAFE playoffs.

The programmed games for 1955 season are as follows:

- 20 Sep Chambley vs Chaumont
 - 24 Sep Chambley vs Etain (NC)
 - 1 Oct Chambley vs Toul
 - 8 Oct Chambley vs Phalsburg*
 - 22 Oct Chambley vs SHAPE*
- (* At Chambley)
(NC Non-Conference)

Only one non-conference game has been scheduled so far. Other non-conference events will be posted as they are filled in.

Another AACS 'SAVE'

On the morning of 24 June four F-86 type aircraft from a Canadian base in France called the Chambley AB control tower reporting they were lost in the vicin with fuel rapidly diminishing. The control tower immediately gave 'T' aircraft a 'steer' signal to the base. During the initial steer the Canadians again called in and advised the tower that this was a "MAYDAY" call as they had approximately only two minutes of fuel remaining. Three additional steers were given at 20 second intervals and at 0424, just three minutes after the Canadian fliers had made their initial emergency call, the aircraft landed safely on the Chambley runway.

Upon refueling, the four aircraft had respectively 54, 55, 67 and 86 gallons of fuel remaining at the time of their touch down on the strip. Another 'SAVE' was credited to the Airways and Air Communications Service.

Sergeant Sharp



"Whaddaya mean, deposit return?"