Col Rowland Bids Farewell to 21st

Colonel Rowland’s Brilliant Career

Our departing Base Commander, Col Robert R. Rowland, came to the 21st Wing on April 23, 1953, replacing Col James B. Buick as Wing Commander. His brilliant military career began when he graduated from the Air Cadets in 1939. Five years later, at the age of 26, he was awarded his present rank as a “full-bird” colonel.

During WWII he served with the 348th Fighter Group in the Pacific Theater of Operations. There he was a Group Executive Officer and a short time later, Group Commander. Flying P47 and P51 aircraft he became an ace by destroying eight enemy planes.

After commanding this wing for 19 months at George AFB, California, the 21st received orders to move to France. From December 1954 until January 1955, Col Rowland led the 21st Flight Exchon across the North Atlantic from George AFB to Chambly, France.

Since the wing’s arrival in France, he has efficiently and capably guided the extensive operation required to mold a unit into a smoothly functioning organization.

His decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Soldier’s Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Medal with five clusters and the Commendation Ribbon. In addition he holds the Presidential Unit Citation with one cluster.

Col Hartwig Departing Chambly

Col Herbert C. Hartwig, Commander of the 21st M&G Group, received orders recently assigning him to Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Upon his arrival at Ramstein he is slated to assume duties as Base Commander. July 1 has been set as the effective date of the reassignment.

After coming to the 21st Wing in the summer of 1954, he immediately took over the job of M&G Group Commander. The fine display of leadership and understand- ing he has shown since joining the wing has vastly contributed to making the M&G Group one of the finest organizations within the 21st.

The colonel, whose home is in Chicago, Illinois, has been in the United States since 1957, when he enlisted as a private in the infantry. Times have changed radically since those “gun toling” days and now, 29 years later, he is about to assume command of one of the most important installations in Europe.

For the most part, Chambly personnel have become familiar with Col Hartwig through his proficient efforts as member of the base football and basketball teams. His de- finite streak of genius in leading athletic squads into the limelight has been well verified during the past months at Chambly.

The probable reason for his coaching capabilities is in the

Base Commander Expresses Departing Thanks Before Reassignment to Ramstein, Germany

A little more than a month ago, I received word that I am to be reassigned to Headquar- ters Twelfth Air Force at Ramstein Air Base, Germany on or about July 1, 1956. With this date rapidly approaching, I would like to utilize our own Chambly Sabre to express my thanks to each and every member of the 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing for the splendid job I have received during the past 38 months.

My sincerest thanks go to all unit commanders and staff officers for their invaluable help in planning and carrying out the various mobility exercises and operational activities in which we have participated. Exercises such as “Operation Foxtake” in early 1954 resulted in our smoothly conducted overseas deployment later that same year. Our championship gunnery team in 1955, the excellent rating received in the recent Operational Readiness Inspection, and numerous other operational achievements dem- onstrated the superior quality of the planning, the implementation and the support received from all.

My most cordial thanks are also extended to each NCO and crew chief for his untiring efforts in participating in the 21st Wing’s “Do it Yourself” program. Without your help, “Pro- Jab-Row” and many other of our facilities would have never become a reality. With the opening of the theater and the snack bar in April and the service club in May, our recrea- tional activities are now rated among the finest of the USAF bases in France and with your help they will continue to improve.

To each of Chambly’s dependant wives, I express my thanks for your patient understanding and the moral support you have provided your husbands during the past year. You have given classic meaning to the pioneer spirit prevailing here at Chambly Air Base.

The contribution of all the people in our local area activities with the French population has greatly enhanced our position in the surrounding communities.

The 21st Wing has been awarded many honors during the period of the past three years. High among these have been recognition in the field of competitive sports. We could not have established our enviable record without the assistance and support of each and every member of the command.

“My successor, an officer with whom I have been proud to serve, is to be Colonel Robert N. Baker, my Executive Officer since October 8, 1954. I know that you will afford him the same loyalty, devotion to duty and cooperation which it has been my heart and privilege to receive over the period of the last three years.

Again, my personal thanks to each and every member of the 21st. I know this wing, under the leadership of Colonel Bae- ker, will continue to be the top fighter-bomber wing in 12th Air Force. I shall always be inten- sively proud to have been a mem- ber of your organization and am looking forward to enjoying your future successes almost as much as I have in the past.

Goodbye, thanks again, and the very best to all.”

ROBERT R. ROWLAND
Colonel, USAF
Commander.

Successful Carnival Nets Large Profit For Youth Activities

The American Youth Association Carnival, held at Chambly recently, has been pro- claimed a complete success by project officer, Maj Paul Finch. Despite adverse weather conditions, which prevented the car- nival from opening as scheduled on June 8, the concessions clear- ed $8,131.35 in their one day of operation.

A large amount of the credit must go to the Outdoors Wives Club, the NCO Wives Club and the base service club. The Officers Wives collected $636.00 on their “Tour to Paris” ticket sale. The winning ticket was purchased by Bill Clark, 21st Maint Sq. Clerk elect.

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A Girl Named Betsy

Echoes and Reflections
by D. F. Hassett

Quite a few years ago (204 to be exact) a girl named Betsy Ross took her first breath of fresh air while in the "shelter of Thy Love," which is a debatable title bestowed on Philadelphia by some misinformed person.

A few years later, the relative of the Ross family moved and lived in this little lady needed and threaded her way to a fame that would be envied by many of those esthetic or nitwits (whichever you prefer) out Hollywood way.

1776 the original flag has undergone some minor facelift, but still remains basically the same. It has represented the people of the United States of America in just about every conceivable spot on this great but mixed-up globe we inhabit. In the main, it is respected and considered a friend of other countries of the world, but then again there exists the minority who hate it. Their hate is not a sterile, however, because of the power and integrity for which our flag stands.

Although a person generally learns the significance of the colors of the flag in about the second grade of grammar school, the cruel wrath of time and disputation had blotted it from the mind of this writer.

After pouring through the Encyclopedia Britannica, the American College Dictionary and various other supposed banks of knowledge, the search ended in a total result of nil.

A friend with ingenious logic suggested the Airman's Guide. It states: "The blue field was taken from the edge of the Covenant's Banner of Scotland, significant of the covenant of the United States against British oppression. The stars symbolize the eternal union of the states in the traditional color of defiance. The white stands for purity."

The relevant part of this is simply that here at Chambly, on June 12, we were brought more personally into the ever-expanding vista of freedom. Despite the usual rain hereabouts, the Red, White and Blue was raised over this flag for the first time.

"Old Glory" is in every American's heritage. It is the symbol which tells us that we are still individuals and free to think for ourselves. This is not only patriotism but also the protection of our personal and cherished freedom. Therefore, it is elementary that we do our best to guard it well.

A Time for Rejoicing: Sabre Celebrates First Anniversary

Tomorrow (June 24) will be a day for rejoicing. The Chambly Sabre will be officially one year old. It was on June 24, 1955 that volume one, number one of your local bi-weekly came rolling off the presses in Verdun.

During the past 26 weeks numerous important events have taken place here at Chambly Airplane Base. There was: the outstanding performance of the wing's gunnery team, both at Wellox Field and Nellis AFB, the Air Force, Donald A. Quarles' visit to Chambly; our endless list of athletic triumphs; the openings of the theater, attack bar and service club; and recently the base dedication — just to mention a few.

The editorial staff of the Sabre has done its best to report all details concerning these events in an attempt to keep the personnel of Chambly well informed.

A year ago the staff of the Sabre consisted of one AFO, Donald Eugene "Skizmert-vreket" Anderson, who was editor-in-chief, rewrite man, copy boy, typist, proof reader, layout man and staff artist — all in one.


Grey Lady Hostesses Extend Farewell

The Sabre Salutes Master Sergeant Gilbert F. Tyler

M/Sgt Gilbert F. Tyler, 31st Fighter-Bomber Wing, has been assigned to Chambly Air Base since last November. The sergeant, who hails from Walla Walla, Wa., is a veteran of 15 years service.

Upon his entry into the service in 1941, Sgt Tyler was sent to Maxwell AFB, Ala. He was assigned to Turner AFB, Ga. — and it seems that since that time, Turner AFB has been the focal point of his entire service career.

The Chambly Grey Ladies gave a farewell coffee in honor of Mrs. Janet Rowland (left), wife of the departing Base Commander, Col Robert R. Rowland, in the officers club lounge last week. Hostesses were Mrs. Betty Wood and Mrs. Nancy Auwer, while Mrs. Namah Cameron and Mrs. Lisa McCaulley served as co-hostesses. Pictured here, with Mrs. Rowland, are Mrs. Beaver (center), Civilian Instructor for Volunteer Services of USAF, and Coast Helen B. Lewis (right), 21st TAC Hospital (USAF Photo by Capers).

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Officers Wives Hold Farewell Tea in Honor of Mrs. Janet Rowland

by Ida Mizelle Joseph

The Officers' Wives Club held a formal tea on June 14 in honor of Mrs. Janet Rowland, wife of the departing 21st Wing Commander, Col Robert R. Rowland, in the officers club lounge last week. Hostesses were Mrs. Betty Wood and Mrs. Janet Rowland with a beautiful silver vase as a farewell gift from the wives club.

Among the 150 ladies present were 16 French ladies from surrounding communities, who also presented Mrs. Rowland with lovely bouquets of flowers and gifts.

Also present were Mrs. J. W. McDonald, wife of the Metz Quartermaster Depot Commanding Officer, and Mrs. L. J. Poch, president of the Metz Officers' Wives Club.

The Chambly Club extends its appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Betty Baker and her committee, Mrs. S. Thompson, Mrs. Mary Ann Thompson, Mrs. Margaret Gilmore, Mrs. Joan Cronin, Mrs. Robert J. Cronin, Mrs. Betty Baker, Mrs. Betty Baker and Mrs. Betty Baker.

Bright Stars and Broad Stripes

by Ida Mizelle Joseph

Andy has since rotated to the Slates, but without his oulling efforts in helping the groundwork for the establishment of this paper, the Sabre could not have enjoyed the success it has experienced.

The celebration of our first birth-day also means that the present staff meson two days away from their DEROS — another reason for rejoicing.

As a final rejoicing note, it has been decided by the staff that base personnel would be interested in learning how the Sabre is put together. Consequently, in the next issue we plan to run a complete picto-re-feature showing the production process.

For Sale

Twenty seven foot Kayte Caron Trawler, A/C with refrigeration, flush "K/C", 4 burner stove and full all boat. Contact Sp 3-I, 2. Zsias at extension 7333, Megan Pier, Verdun at Eavou au St. and staff artist all in one.

Despite extreme adverse weather conditions, the ceremonies marking the official dedication of Chambly Air Base on June 12 created an impressive sight long to be remembered. Pictured here, the colors of France and "Old Glory" are raised side-by-side to fly for the first time over the home of the 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing. (USAF Photo by Wool)
by Claire, Rhoda and Patt

It’s touring time in Europe and time to make plans for that USAPH trip you have planned. Let us help you plan your trip by offering your Tour Information. The trip will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 pm to 10 pm. We will have a tour consultant on hand to give you travel tips and suggestions for any country in Europe.

He is Mr. Clifford, a base employee who is an expert tour guide of many years. He will have many brochures and pamphlets for you to consult, as well as maps and tour schedules. So drop in and have a chat with him. Sorry we can’t make reservations for you.

Let us clue you in on a fabulous Paris deal which is available to base men every weekend. Mr. Clifford drives to Paris every Friday evening after work and returns by 9 am on Monday. For the small sum of $15.00, he will transport you and a party of between 2 and 12 persons to a first class hotel (which includes breakfaest) which will bring you back to the base on Sunday night.

You can’t go wrong at this price. If interested, all you must do is sign up at the club before Friday afternoon and be at the club by 5:30 pm on Friday. It sounds like a winner.

Program Forecast

STAGE SHOW — Tonight “Bunic Kane and the Professionals” an musical show will play at the club. That’s tonight — June 23.

SQUARE DANCE — We’re going to give you a slight clue as to the third attempt usually works. We’re referring to the fact that the square dance, which is needed for the Sunday night hoe-downs. Wives bring your hubbub and make it an evening of real fun. We have a good call for one. Carl Moore of the AP Sq. He can.

Diaper Derby

First Lt John J. Kwanowski, 70922nd Air Base Hospital, has announced the arrival of a new 1st Wing dependents. The new parents are:

May and Mrs. Philip C. Limbach, Nl 21st Air Base Gp, a son, Robert Andrew, born on June 2; 6 lbs, 15 oz.

First Lt and Mr. James D. Dorn, 72nd Fighter-Bomber Sq, a daughter, JoAnne Elizabeth, born on June 3; 6 lbs, 13 oz.

First Lt and Mrs. Donald M. Clark, 21st Communications Sq, a daughter, Donna Marie, born on June 6; 8 lbs, 12 oz.

First Lt and Mrs. Ernest L. Hunkler, 21st Installations Sq, a daughter, Bobbie Sue, born on June 12; 5 lbs, 13 oz.

T/Sgt and Mrs. Harold E. Varner, 21st Installations Sq, a son, Charles Richard, born on June 13; 4 lbs, 13 oz.

NCO Wives Club Sends Delegates to District Conference at Laon AB

By Laura Davenport

Mmes: Elia Craven, Bonnie Davis, Lottie Meade, Jolene Pierson, Suzanne Smith and this reporter all attended the Northern District Conference at Laon AB last week.

The tip of a shoelace and the disk of paper punched to make each perforation in a sheet of postage stamps are very small. The tips are made by repeated strokes of a punch. We are seldom thrilled by the little things that fill our every day lives. For most of us a series of little things make up our every day life. Taken singly they appear so unimportant. Added together these small things become great and important.

Our acts of kindness, our just dealings with our neighbors and the faithful accomplishment of our daily duties, though small, they seem to be, give us the spirit of the hero or heroine. It requires more of a heroic spirit to do little important things than to do big important things.

The saints became saints because they did ordinary things, small important things, but they did them well. The Old Testament prophet Zephaniah summed it up when he said “For he despised the day of small things.”

JOSEPH E. DAVY
Bose Chaplain.

Base Chapel Religious Services

CATHOLIC

Sunday Masses

Church of the Holy Cross
9:00 am and 12:00 noon
Weekday Masses
7:30 am and 4:00 pm
Catechism — Saturday
10:00 am

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Service
Lutheran Church
11:00 am
Protestant Fellowship — Thursday
10:00 am
Junior Church — Sunday — Prefab
11:00 am
1:00 pm
10:00 am
Episcopal Sunday School — Prefab
9:00 am

Cinema-Scoops

Movie Times: Weekdays — 6 pm and 8 pm.
Saturday — 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm.
Sunday — 2:30 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm.

Sunday, June 25
Sgt Clark Selected ‘Airmen of the Year’

by Miss Ruth Austin

Good books make good movies! We wonder if you realize that your favorite motion picture was published in book form originally. Here’s just how many books we could locate at your library which have been made into a movie. Here are a few:

Recently we had A Man Called Peter at the local theater. This wonderful story of Peter Marshall by his wife, Catherie, has been a best seller since its publication in 1951 — don’t miss it.

Another recent show was Mister Roberts. Did you like it? Then try the book, by Thomas Heggen. There are two versions of this one — one in the play form and another as a novel.

How about the Caine Mutiny, by Herman Wouk? Tried by

(Cont. on page 4).

STUFFY

“Nonsense, sweetheart, the folks will love you!”
Future Possibilities – Thru GED

by Paul S. Stenczewski
LIVING in France is certainly the advantage of living in a country that has our great Old USA. But what is the use of living in that great country if you cannot part in the development of our resources?

Let us take a youth standing on the threshold of his future and consider his possibilities. He is just starting on his first tour of duty and this is soon coming to an end. He may re-enlist or he will soon return to civilian life. Will he return to the same as he remembers it? Maybe, but in all likelihood he is returning to a world that is a little more technical now, where a high school diploma is one of the qualifications for that better job.

He is likely to think, with an optimist, that is the least of his worries. But is he going to dream of a comfortable position through some unforeseen or accidental fortune with more than enough pay to sustain him by merely being a veteran. But is it not up to him to fill anything at all but the working world?

What we at the Education Center offer you, the individual, is the chance to gain several objectives. If you want to continue to work in the service, or intend to stay in the service, you should fully realize the positive impression which education and knowledge of your career field leave with the promotion board.

This may be one of the factors which may grant you the merits to obtain your promotions.

On the basis of GED (General Educational Development) tests we can give you a chance to attain a high school equivalence.

Book Notes
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Old Favorites
Magazine Curie, an autobiography by Eve Curie; How Green was my Valley, by Richard Llewellyn; The Three Musketeers by Alexandre Dumas; Cyrano de Bergerac, by Edmond Rostand; and Quo Vadis, by Henryk Sienkiewicz.

Others are: Whither Heights, by Emily Bronte; Jane Eyre, by Charlotte Bronte; The Old Curiosity Shop, by Charles Dickens; The Rain's Came, by Louis Bromfield; Not as a Stranger, by Dorothy Canfield; Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain and A. J. Cronin's The Keys of the Kingdom and The Green Years.

You will find all these and many others at your special services. The hours of operation are: 10 am to 10 pm Monday through Friday, and 1 pm to 10 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Let's Consider
Travel's Expensive; Take Good Advantage Of Your Overseas Tour

Did you ever stop to think about the cost of a trip to Europe from the US, including transportation, hotels, recreation, and food?

Chat with a tourist some time and get a rough idea of what it cost him to get over here, and then make up your mind to take advantage of the fact that you're already in Europe. Use your leave time to do some travelling that you may never get the chance to do again.

Situated in this portion of France, you are just about as centrally located as you can be. You're a stone's throw from Paris, Luxembourg, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, and it's hard to think of a better central location from which to plan visits to the countries of Western Europe. (We're not advocating 'behind the Iron Curtain' travel).

Too many of us just watch the calendar, stick around our barracks or quarters, and generally behave as if we were forced to remain in one town throughout our tour of Europe.

Dedication Day Guest Speaker

Air Marshal T. N. McEvoy (RAF), Chief of Staff of AIRCENT, Fontainebleau, France, was the main guest speaker at the Dedication of Chambly Air Base on June 12.

Small Deductions Equal Big burdens;

When Buying Bonds thru Payroll Savings

Would you like to start saving up $25.00 or $50.00 bonds the painless way?

You sign a little form and from then on the money starts piling up in your name — in your own "treasure chest" — and you don’t have to give it another thought.

In a few months you can start counting the bonds you own. In a few years you’ll have a stack of them "that high." They'll represent a lot of dollars. Your dollars.

Chances are you’ll never miss the $25.00 or $50.00 deducted from your paycheck each pay period. That’s what it costs each time you buy a $25.00 bond in three pay periods. $17.50 gets you a $25.00 bond.

You’ve already saved $12.50, the painless way ... and its value will keep increasing. In a couple of years its worth will be over $18.75. In three years you’ll have saved $25.00.

For bonds purchased by Mail, $12.50 a pay period will get you a $20.00 bond every third pay. $17.50 buys a $25.00 bond.

There are other ways to save money — but what others are so hard to give up. Take the value of automatic deductions from your paycheck for bonds. That’s a good idea, in fact, that it has been heartily recommended.

Successful Carnival Nets Large Profit for Youth Activities

(Cont. from page 1) at the $250.00 cash prize. The NCO Wives took in $128.35 on their successful cake sale.

Competition between squadrums for the best booth at the TAC Hosp. The Hospital's bear garden and hamburger stand netted a profit of $174.70. The Motor Veh Vtg's water drinking machine ran a close second, collecting $170.75.

"This year's carnival was an outstanding success despite incon- venient weather," Maj. Pickett of the AYA Council said.

"This was our first crack at a carnival at Chambly and next year we hope to double our take.

"The $1,311.35 is to be used for a children's recreational program during the summer and fall months. The parents and members who contributed to this carnival should be commended for their enthusiastic participation."

Guard commander, 1st Lt James H. Hamby (left) and a color guard of the 21st Air Police Squadron stand at attention at the Chambly base as they prepare to receive various dignitaries who attended the Dedication of Chambly Air Base on June 12.
Civilian, Military Wages Compared During Career Counseling Discussion

(Editors Note: This is the third of a series of articles dealing with an actual conversation between Master Sergeant Robert N. Mayer, Career Counseling NCO, and an airman who is assigned to Chambly Air Base. Several of the points discussed will be repeated in the previous installments.)

"If I can earn $38.00 per week in civilian life, that will certainly be a pretty good pocket full of money, won't it?"

"It sure looks good, John, but have you considered what it is going to cost you to live?"

"No, I haven't, can you figure it up for me?"

"Let's do this way, you figure it up and I'll write it down."

"Okay." "Before we start, do you mind if I use your service pay as a comparison, since you know how you are living right now?"

"No, I don't mind."

"All right, as a civilian, you would earn $340.00 per month before taxes, and in the service you earn $149.40, also gross taxes, with an additional $6.00 for clothing, a total of $146.40. Is that right?"

"Yes."

"Taxes take 18% of your pay, or about $57.00 per month as a civilian and $15.00 in the service, right?"

"Yes." "That makes civilian pay look pretty good, especially if that were all they took from you, but consider food, clothing, transportation, medical and dental expenses, retirement and pension plans and so on."

"Can we figure that up?"

"Yes, John. Here is what we have, Food, health insurance, what do you think you will pay."

"I don't know, I guess my folks would give me the same allowance and I would have $20.00 per week."

"Okay, let's split that, say $10.00 a week for food and $10.00 a week for room — about $40.00 a month, right?"

"Yes."

"How about clothing?"

"Oh, I suppose $8.00 or $9.00 a month."

"Let's say $6.00 per month, since that's what the government pays you now. How about recreation?"

"I paid $12.00 a month before."

"Okay, how about social security? That's one cent to the dollar or $3.40 per month, right?"

"I guess so."

"And one other thing, how about retirement and pension plans? John, you pay about $125.00 per month after 20 years service. A similar civilian plan would cost about $130.00 per month. This is based on estimated retirement and pension obligations in the States, right?"

"I guess so."

"Now, John, with a budget like this, you would have about $54.00 left as a civilian and $125.40 as a member of the Air Force."

"I guess then as a civilian I would have to do without some of the things I need, like a retirement plan."

"Yes, John, I'm afraid you could, but why do without it? It would leave you with $135.40 as compared with service pay of $125.40 and no protection in later life."

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Payroll Savings Plan

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directed by the top people in the Government and the U.S. Air Force — but most important, it has been endorsed by millions of Americans who have found this the easiest way to pile up savings."

You too can get in on the US Savings Bond program now. Just fill out the required form... then forget the rest of saving while the bonds pile up automatically in your "treasure chest".

For more information on Savings Bonds see your unit Savings Bond representative. If you don't know your representative, you can contact Capt. Joe A. Rogers, 81st M.S., 21st S.F. G.A."

Capt. Rogers is the project coordinator for the USAF bond drive here at Chambly. The drive will continue until July 30.

First Annual Dinner Base Athletes Receive Recognition Awards at Banquet

Team members from each of the 21st Wing's various athletics squads gathered at the base NCO club last Tuesday night for the first Chambly all-sports banquet.

The evening's activities were highlighted when Col. Robert R. Bowland, Base Commander, presented 21st Fighter-Bomber Group's 50 base athletes, in recognition of their active part in advancing Chambly's Air Base.

Following a magnificent steak dinner, presented by the Chambly Club, Maj. Sherman C. Cooke, Special Services Officer, introduced each of the speakers for the evening. First on the agenda was baseball足 basketball coach Col. Herbert C. Hartwig.

Coach Hartwig expressed his thanks to his own team members and the other athletes who have helped so tremendously in bolstering and helping to maintain the high level of Chambly's athletics program at Chambly Air Base.

The next speaker, Col. Bowland, while stressing his gratitude to the athletes, stated: "You can't know how deeply I appreciate your efforts and contributions."

The next award presented by Col. Bowland was for the Outstanding Athlete of the Year. It was presented to Col. Bowland by the base athletes. The award consisted of a scroll and a plaque, both inscribed with the achievements of Coach Hartwig's teams.

The next award presented by Col. Bowland was for the Outstanding Athlete of the Year. It was presented to the student who had excelled in athletics. The award consisted of a scroll and a plaque, both inscribed with the achievements of the student athlete.

The ceremony was concluded with final remarks by Base Commander Col. Bowland, who expressed his appreciation to all those involved in making the evening a success.
**Desert Mice Open 1956 Diamond Campaign in Little League Play**

*by Andy Smith, Team Manager*

The Chambley Desert Mice, Little League counterparts of the local Desert Rats, opened their season with a forfeited win over the Tou-Be-Rouge Dodgers on June 7. Four days later, the Mice traveled to the Navy Ordnance Center in the Navy Cabs, 7-0, to the Oustlee Baker and Butch Wulff, who assisted in coaching the team. The last game of the season was played against the strong Little Giants, who were last year's Little League winners.

Mice coach Bob N. Baker procured the necessary equipment to order that the season would be started on time. Any progress that the team has made is directly attributable to Erickson and Driggers who have assisted in coaching the team. For the most part, the team consists of boys who have never participated in Little League baseball.

It is felt that with favorable weather, the Desert Mice will blossom into contenders for the Little League Eastern District title. The regular players are:

- Tom Perry and Clint Scott, hurlers; Jim Logan, the unforgettable Andy Bowder, first base; Bobby Baker, second baseman; Bob N. Baker, third baseman; and Hughes Fleming at short.

**Desert Rats Plan Trip to Butterwood, England**

Buss Hummed, manager of the Chambley baseball team, announced this week what this Desert Rats are scheduled to visit the Butterwood Air Base during an exhibition tour to England on July 13, 14, and 15.

The Butterwood squad will repay the visit, with an exhibition series at Chambley on August 24, 25, and 26.

**Five Rats Elected to All-Stars**

The Chambley Desert Rats have been selected to participate in the annual 12th Air Force all-star baseball game between the Federal and Continental Associations at Elmendorf next Saturday.

**FRANCE CONFERENCE**

**GREAT RATE**

**More Sports**

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