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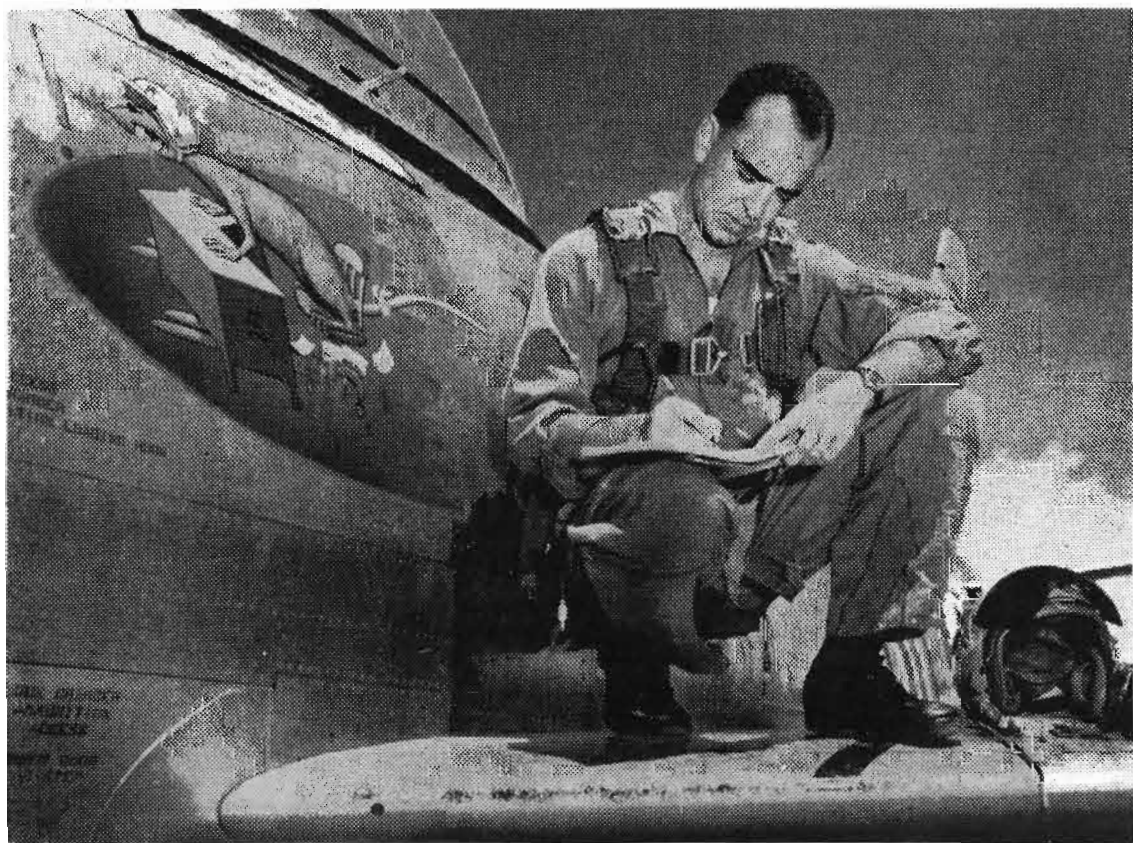


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Col Rowland Bids Farewell to 21st



Col Robert R. Rowland, Commander of the 21st Fighter Bomber-Wing since April 1953, will assume new duties at Headquarters Twelfth Air Force at Ramstein Air Base, Germany on July 1. (USAF Photo).

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 Headquarters 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 *Chambley Sabre* to express my thanks to each and every member of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing for the splendid support 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 Box-kite" in early 1954 resulted in our smoothly conducted overseas deployment later that same year. Our championship gunnery team of 1955, the excellent rating received in the recent Operational Readiness Inspection, and numerous other operational achievements de-

monstrate 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 airman for his untiring efforts in participating in the 21st Wing's "Do it Yourself" program. Without your help, "Pre-Fab-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 recreational 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 Chambley's dependent 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 Chambley Air Base. Your support of 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 honor 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 Baker, will continue to be the top fighter-bomber wing in 12th Air Force. I shall always be intensely proud to have been a member 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 of luck to you all."

ROBERT R. ROWLAND
Colonel, USAF
Commander.

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. Buck 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, a Group Commander. Flying P47 and P51 aircraft he became an air 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 Echelon across the North Atlantic from George AFB to Chambley, 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, Soldiers 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 Chambley

Col Herbert C. Hartwig, Commander of the 21st M&S 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&S Group Commander. The fine display of leadership and understanding he has shown since joining the wing has vastly contributed to making the M&S Group one of the finest organizations within the 21st.

The colonel, whose home is in Chicago, Illinois, has been in the Armed Forces since 1927, when he enlisted as a private in the infantry. Times have changed radically since those "gun totin'" 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, Chambley personnel have become familiar with Col Hartwig through his proficient efforts as mentor of the base football and basketball teams. His definite streak of genius in leading athletic squads into the limelight has been well verified during the past months at Chambley.

The probable reason for his coaching capabilities is in the



Col Herbert C. Hartwig

athletic background he acquired in college and in professional competition. He is a graduate of Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, where he played end and quarterback on the grid team. From Northwestern he went on to play "pro" ball with the New York Giants, where he also held down an end position.

Here at Chambley, Col Hartwig led the 1955 Chambley grid team through a successful, 4-2-2, season. In basketball, he guided Chambley's cagemen to a France Conference Championship and took them all the

way to the finals of the USAFE basketball tournament last March.

With his impending departure, Chambley Air Base will have lost an outstanding officer and an outstanding sportsman.

All members of the 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing join together in wishing him the best of luck and good fortune in his new assignment.

Successful Carnival Nets Large Profit For Youth Activities

The American Youth Association Carnival, held at Chambley recently, has been proclaimed a complete success by project officer, Maj Paul Picket. Despite adverse weather conditions, which prevented the carnival from opening as scheduled on June 8, the concessions cleared \$1,311.35 in their one day of operation.

A large amount of the credit must go to the Officers 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 A/2C Nat Clark, 21st Maint Sq. Clark 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 in the "City of Brotherly Love," which is a debatable title bestowed on Philadelphia by some misinformed person.

A few years later, thru the relatively simple art of sewing, this little lady needled and threaded her way to a fame that would be envied by many of those esthetes or nitwits (whichever you prefer) out Hollywood way.

Since 1776 the original flag has undergone some minor face-lifting 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 by other countries of the world, but then again there exists the minority who hate it. Their hate remains 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 dissipation 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. Red is the traditional color of defiance. The white stands for purity."

The relevant part of this is simply that here at Chambley, 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 base for the first time.

"Old Glory" is 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 interests. 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 *Chambley 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 52 weeks numerous important events have taken place here at Chambley Airplane Base. There was: the outstanding performance of the wing's gunnery team, both at Wheelus Field and Nellis AFB; Secretary of the Air Force, Donald A. Quarles' visit to Chambley; our endless list of athletic triumphs; the openings of the theater, snack 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 Chambley well informed.

A year ago the staff of the *Sabre* consisted of one A/2C Donald Eugene "Skzmerk-t-vreptk" Anderson, who was editor-in-Chief, re-write man, copy boy, typist, proof reader, layout man and staff artist — all in one.

Andy has since rotated to the States, but without his untiring efforts in laying the groundwork for the establishment of this paper, the *Sabre* could not have enjoyed the success it has experienced.

The celebration of our first birthday also means that the present staff personnel are 365 days closer to 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 picture-feature showing the production process.

For Sale

Twenty seven foot Raven Caravan Trailer; fully equipped with refrigerator, flush "WC", 4 burner stove and full size bath. Contact Sp-3 I. Z. Zaslav at extension 7353, Maginot Casern, Verdun or visit trailer #9 at Bevaux Trailer Court, Verdun.

Grey Lady Hostesses Extend Farewell



The Chambley 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. Bettie Weed and Mrs. Nancy Auger, while Mrs. Nomah Catron and Mrs. Lisa McCouley served as co-hostesses. Pictured here, with Mrs. Rowland, are Mrs. Beaver (center), Civilian Consultant for Volunteer Services of USAFE, and Capt Helen B. Lewis (right), 21st TAC Hospital.

(USAF Photo by Capley).

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.

Mrs. Dottie Waller, club president, presented Mrs. 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. Poczizik, president of the Metz Officers Wives Club.

The Chambley Club extends its appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Betty Baker and her com-

mittee, Mmes: Anabel Bowers, Betty Weed, Cleo Nooger, Fran Perry, Stella Schlipf, Lee Peery and Helen Bell for the attractive table and dainty sandwiches served.

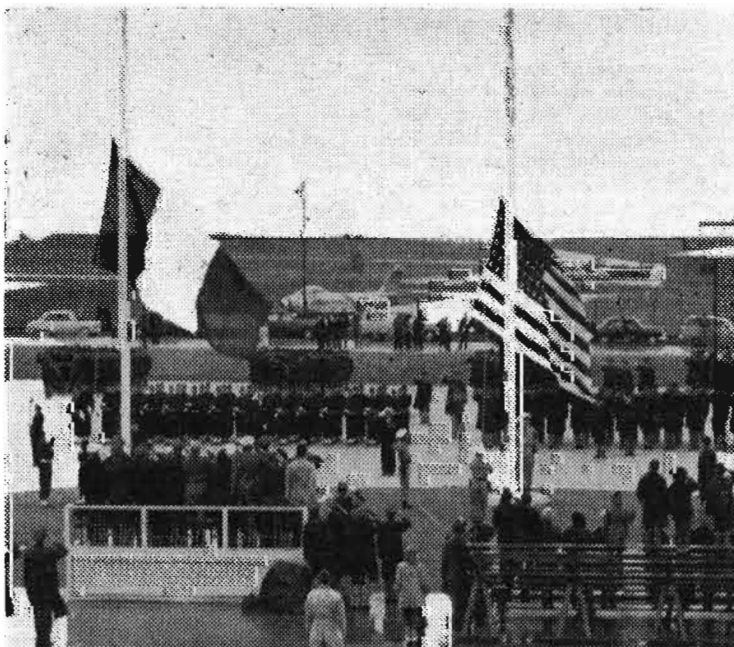
During the course of the business meeting, a motion was carried and approved that the OWC purchase 75 calendars from the Air Force Officers Club of Washington D.C.

Mrs. Melba Leo introduced the nominees for the coming election of new officers. There is a list of the nominees and their suggested offices posted in the powder room for all those interested.

Persons interested in being on the Bingo prize purchasing committee were requested to contact Mrs. Waller. The present committee would certainly like to have some of the ladies on the buying committee to help in the

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'Bright Stars and Broad Stripes'



Despite extreme adverse weather conditions, the ceremonies marking the official Dedication of Chambley 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 Woo)

The Sabre Salutes

Master Sergeant Gilbert F. Tyler

M/Sgt Gilbert F. Tyler, First Sergeant of the Hq Sq 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing, has been assigned to Chambley Air Base since last November. The sergeant, who hails from Waltham, Mass., is a veteran of 15 years service.

Upon his entry into the service in 1941, Sgt Tyler was sent to Maxwell AFB, Alabama. His next assignment took him to Turner AFB, Georgia — and it seems that since that time, Turner AFB has been the focal point of his entire service career.



M/Sgt Gilbert F. Tyler

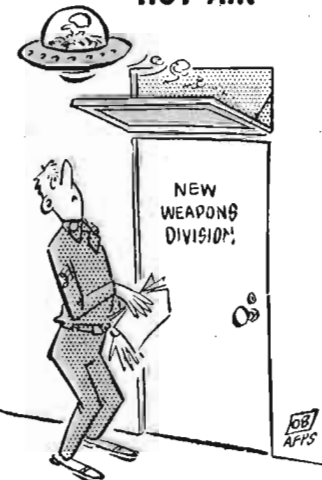
Like many others before him, Sgt Tyler has performed duties in various parts of the United States, Europe and Africa. But unlike most others he was assigned and reassigned to the same station (Turner) three different times and reenlisted there once. "In fact," said the sergeant "I have received all of my promotions during my various tours at Turner."

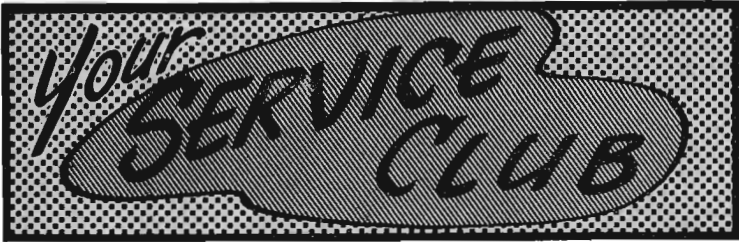
Sgt Tyler began his career in the clerical field while he was assigned to Maxwell. Later he spent eight months with a permanent party unit at the North Carolina State College pre-Preflight school.

From North Carolina State he was sent to Spence Field, Georgia where, in 1945, he volunteered for the Infantry. Upon completion of eight weeks Infantry training, he was sent to Casablanca to serve in the North African Theater of

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HOT AIR





by Claire, Rhoda and Patt

It's touring time in Europe and time to make plans for that leave you have coming up. Let us help you plan your trip by offering you our Tour Information Service, which will be open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 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 experienced 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 three men every weekend. Mr. Clifford drives to Paris every Friday evening after work and returns by 8 am on Monday. For the small sum of \$15.00, he will transport you, billet you in a first class hotel (which includes breakfast) and will drive 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 and be at the club by 5:30 pm on Friday. It sounds like a winner.

Program Forcast

STAGE SHOW — Tonight "Rock and Roll," a professional musical show will play at the club at 8:30 pm. That's tonight - June 23.

SQUARE DANCE — We're going to try it again - they say the third attempt usually works. We're referring to the fact that dancers are urgently needed for the Sunday night hoe-downs. Wives bring your huddies out or come yourselves to an evening of real fun. We have a good caller, Gerald Moore of the AP Sq. He can

Diaper Derby

First Lt John J. Kwasnowki, 7002nd USAF Hospital Registrar, made announcement early this week of the arrival of six new 21st Wing dependents. The new parents are:

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

M/Sgt and Mrs. William L. Schomer, 21st Installations Sq, a daughter, Valerie Jill, born on June 4; 7 lbs, 12 1/2 oz.

First Lt and Mrs. James D. Dunn, 72nd Fighter-Bomber Sq, a daughter, Shawn Elizabeth, born on June 5; 8 lbs, 1/2 oz.

First Lt and Mrs. Donald M. Clark, 21st Communications Sq, a daughter, Donna Marie, born on June 6; 8 lbs, 12 1/2 oz.

A/1C and Mrs. Ernest L. Hunter, 21st Food Service 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.

teach you as well as call, so let's have a turn-out this Sunday.

TOUR TO VITTEL — Tomorrow (June 23) we are visiting the popular summer resort at Vittel where one can take a mineral bath, play golf, swim or ride horseback. We plan to leave at 9 am and return about 6 pm.

BINGO — Every Monday night is the big night. Some lucky person is going to walk home with that lovely portable radio. All you need is a Bingo ticket and a lucky break. Aside from the door prize, the Jackpot and cash prizes are getting bigger.

POOL TOURNEY — The base finals should be played-off on June 28. The competition is keen and the play exciting.

SPRING DANCE — "June is Busting Out all Over" will be the theme at our first big service club dance a week from today (June 30). There will be girls, music and refreshments, which should combine to make a good time for all.

WIVES TEA — At 3 pm on June 27 the ladies of Chambley AB are all cordially invited to attend a tea at the service club.

INTEREST GROUPS — Time on your hands - nothing to do? Then get into the swing off things and join an interest group at the club. Here is a brief rundown on the groups that have started and are meeting regularly.

Stage Twenty-One

The Chambley Little Theater meets at 8 pm on Thursdays. Casting for "Stalag 17" will begin as soon as scripts are received. New members are needed.

Fencing Club

Meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 to 10 pm. Open to new members; beginners or otherwise. There is a French instructor from Metz; fee is 2000 francs per month (12 lessons) and equipment is available at no cost.

Judo Club

Meets Wednesday from 8:30 to 10 pm and Saturday from 2 to 4 pm. Open to new members; fee of 1500 francs per month (includes French instructor's fee); 300 francs for rental of jacket and pants.

Motorcycle Club

Meets every Monday at 7:30 pm; new members invited to join.

NCO Wives Club Sends Delegates to District Conference at Laon AB

by Laura Davenport

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

Plans were discussed for sending delegates to the all-France Conference of Women's Clubs in Paris next year.

A question and answer hour was held with various clubs giving their ideas and plans for the future programs of their individual groups. This was followed by a delicious luncheon, served by the Officers and NCO wives of Laon at the base NCO club.

Throw-away Bingo was recently started at the club on Bingo nights. This is sponsored by the wives club, but is played along with the NCO's regular Bingo.

A farewell luncheon was held yesterday (June 22) in honor of Mrs. Janet Rowland. Mrs. Iris Foreman and her committee were in charge. Helping with the decorations were social chairman, Mrs. Eleanor Lusse and her committee. We all hate to see Colonel and Mrs. Rowland leave, but we extend to them the best of luck and happiness in their new assignment.

Our next meeting will be at 8 pm on July 3 in the NCO club ballroom.

Sgt Clark Selected 'Airman of the Year'

M/Sgt Howard T. Clark, representing the 21st Maintenance and Supply Group, was selected over five other candidates this week as the "Outstanding Airman of the Year" for the 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing.

The award entitles Sgt Clark to be considered for the "Outstanding Aiman of the Command" award to be selected and presented by Headquarters 12th Air Force in the near future.

Sergeant Clark, a member of the 21st Supply Squadron, performs duties in the Base Supply Offices here at Chambley. He, his wife, Vera, and their two daughters reside in the Chambley Base Trailer Park.

Sgt Clark and the other candidates for the award were all interviewed by a board of top NCO's early this week.

The other candidates were: T/Sgt Louis E. Shadday, Hq 21st Air Base Gp; T/Sgt Jesse G. New, 21st Fighter-Bomber Gp; A/2C Carl S. Newton, Hospital; A/2C Charles R. Van Cleave, 1270th AACCS; and A/1C Roman C. Hochhalter, Wing Hq Sq.

Chaplain's Corner

Little Things

During the war plastic tips for shoelaces released many tons of metal for the war effort. It is said that the perforations in sheets of postage stamps account for tons of paper each year.

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 tons are made by repeating these processes.

We are seldom thrilled by the little things that fill our everyday 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, small though 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 who has despised the day of small things."

JOSEPH E. DAVY
Base Chaplain.

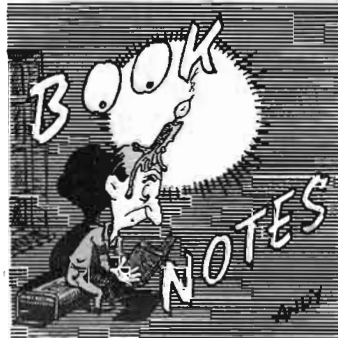
Base Chapel Religious Services

CATHOLIC

Sunday Masses	0900 and 1000 hours
Weekday Masses	0700 hours
Confessions - Saturday	1900 to 2000 hours
Catechism - Saturday	1000 hours

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Service	1100 and 1830 hours
Sunday School - Base School	0945 hours
Junior Church - Sunday - Prefab	1100 hours
Protestant Fellowship - Thursday	1930 hours
Episcopal Sunday School - Prefab	0900 hours



by Miss Ruth Austin

Good books make good movies! We wonder if you realize how many of your favorite motion pictures were published in book form originally.

We decided to see 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, Catherine, 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 written as a novel.

How about the *Caine Mutiny*, by Herman Wouke; *Trial*, by (Cont. on page 4).

Cinema-Scoops

Movie Times:
Weekdays - 6 pm and 8 pm.
Saturdays - 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm.
Sundays - 2:30 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm.

Saturday, June 23
Glory, with Margaret O'Brien and Walter Brennan; also cartoon.

Sunday-Monday, June 24-25
It's Always Fair Weather, with Cyd Charisse, Gene Kelly and Dan Dailey; also newsreel.

Tuesday, June 26
The Prisoner, with Alex Guinness and Jack Hawkins; also Sports Review.

Wednesday, June 27
Dial Red "O", with Helen Stanley, Bill Elliot and Keith Larson; also Diving Cavalcade.

Thursday-Friday, June 28-29
The Warriors, with Joanne Dru and Errol Flynn; also newsreel and cartoon.

Saturday, June 30
Red Sundown, with Martha Hyer and Rory Calhoun; also Sports Special.

STUFFY



REAR RANK



"Nonsense, sweetheart, the folks will love you!"

Let's Consider

Future Possibilities — Thru GED

by Paul S. Strencejewski

Living in France certainly shows the advantage of living in a country such as ours — the Grand Old USA. But what is the use of living in that great country if you cannot take part in the development of our resources?

Let us take a youth standing on the threshold of life and examine his possibilities.

He is possibly in his first tour of duty and this is soon coming to an end. He may reenlist or he will soon return to civilian life. Will this life be the same as he remembers it? Maybe, but in all likelihood he is returning to a world that is a lot more technical now, where a high school diploma is one of the qualifications for that better job.

He likes to think, with an optimistic outlook, that he can obtain that comfortable position (through some stroke of ingenious luck) with more than enough pay to sustain him by merely being a veteran. But is this man qualified to fill anything at all but the working man's shoes?

What we at the Education Center offer you, the individual, is the chance to gain several objectives. If you are 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 next stripe.

On the basis of GED (General Educational Development) tests we can give you a chance to attain a high school equivalent diploma depending on the state in which you resided. With a college level GED you may obtain up to 24 credit hours (there are 30 credit hours to a year of college). Supplement this with University of Maryland courses and you may well come within reach of that much wanted college degree.

You have everything to gain and nothing to lose by dropping in at the Education Center and sitting down with us to discuss your plans for furthering your education.

Our extension is 145 and we are located two doors from the snack bar. We are anticipating your arrival and will endeavor to help you with all your problems.

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 equal 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 - in fact, 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.

Book Notes

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Don Mankiewicz; *I'll Cry Tomorrow*, by Lilian Roth; or *The Man in the Grey Flannel Suit*, by Sloan Wilson? These latter two are so popular, you'll have to get on a reserve list for them.

Bhowani Junction, by John Masters, was recently the subject of an article in *Life Magazine*. Then there is *The Spirit of St. Louis* — the life of Charles A. Lindberg, coming soon.

Old Favorites

Madame Curie, an autobiography by Eve Curie; *How Green was my Valley*, by Richard Llewellyn; *The Three Musketeers*, by Alexander Dumas; *Cyrano de Bergerac*, by Edmond Rostand; and *Quo Vadis*, by Henrik Sienkiewicz.

Others are: *Withering Heights*, by Emily Bronte; *Jane Eyre*, by Charlotte Bronte; *Mrs. Parkinton and The Rains Came*, by Louis Bromfield; *Not as a Stranger*, by Morton Thompson; *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 library. Our new hours of operation are: 10 am to 10 pm Monday thru Friday, and 1 pm to 10 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

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Operations for five months.

When he received his discharge from the Army late in 1945, he reenlisted in the Air Force, performing duties in the maintenance field. Following his reenlistment in Alabama, he was sent to Mississippi, and then to California and finally to Williams AFB, Arizona. It was at Williams that he changed from maintenance work back into the clerical field.

During his last overseas tour, the sergeant was assigned to various bases in the United Kingdom. It was there that he received his initial experience as a First Sergeant.

At different times during his career he has attended such schools as the A&E Mechanics school at Keesler AFB, Mississippi; the P-80 Crew Chief Specialist school at Chanute AFB, Illinois; the Administrative Specialist school at Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyoming; and the NCO Academy at West Dayton, England. This latter school, incidentally, was the USAF's first experiment with an NCO Academy.

For his post-military life, Sgt Tyler has plans to enter into private business. Before that day comes to pass, however, we're betting he has at least one more tour at Turner.

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

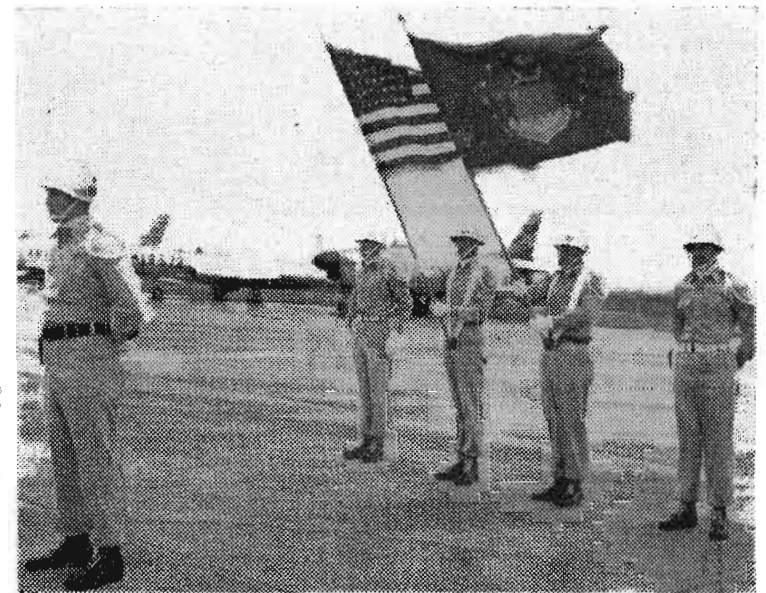
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selection of prizes.

The OWC raffle for the American Youth Activities fund was a tremendous success. \$636.50 was turned over to the AYA Council. We thank each and everyone for all the work and cooperation and especially those who bought tickets, thus allowing the raffle to be such a success.

After the main business meeting a film was shown to the

'What so Proudly We Hail'



Guard commander, 1st Lt James H. Hamby (left) and a color guard of the 21st Air Police Squadron stand at attention at the Chambley base flightline as departing honors are extended to numerous dignitaries who attended the Dedication of Chambley Air Base on June 12. (USAF Photo by Barnes)

Small Deductions Equal Big Dividends When Buying Bonds thru Payroll Savings

Would you like to start stacking 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 \$6.25 deducted from your pay for bonds each payday. That's what it costs each time you buy a \$25.00 bond in three paydays. \$18.75 gets you a \$25.00 bond.

You've quickly saved \$18.75 the painless way . . . and its value will keep increasing. In a couple of years its worth will be well over \$18.75. In ten years you \$18.75 has grown to \$25.00.

\$12.50 a pay period will get you a \$50.00 bond every third time. \$37.50 buys a \$50.00 bond.

There are other ways to save money — but what others are so painless and sure fire as automatic deductions from your pay?

It's such a good idea, in fact, that it has been heartily

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Successful Carnival Nets Large Profit For Youth Activities

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ed to receive the \$200.00 cash prize. The NCO Wives took in \$128.35 on their successful cake sale.

Competition between squadrons for the best booth at the carnival was won by the TAC Hosp. The Hospital's beer garden and hamburger stand netted a profit of \$174.70. The Motor Veh Sq's water dunking machine ran a close second, collecting \$170.75.

"This year's carnival was an outstanding success despite inclement weather," Maj Picket stated. "This was our first crack at a carnival at Chambley 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."

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 Chambley Air Base on June 12.

(USAF Photo by Barnes)

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 S/Sgt Robert N. Mayo, Career Counseling NCO, and an airman who is assigned to Chambley Air Base. Reserve obligations of personnel after discharge and various GI benefits were discussed in the previous installments.)

"If I can earn \$85.00 per week in civilian life, that'll 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 it 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 \$140.40, also prior to 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 \$53.00 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, shelter, 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 — what do you think you will pay."

"I don't know, I guess my folks would let me live with them and I used to pay \$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 for each, 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 union dues."

"I paid \$10.00 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? The Air Force pays 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 received major insurance companies in the States, right?"

"I guess so."

"Now, John, with a budget like this, you would have about \$5.40 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 would, 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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endorsed 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 chore 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. Lee A. Rogers, Hq 21st M&S Gp Adjutant.

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

Verdun Celebrates 40th Victory Anniversary

VERDUN — The long-awaited fortieth anniversary of the World War I Victory of Verdun took place here last Sunday, in the presence of France, President Mr. René Coty, and a host of civilian and military dignitaries.

With the President when he arrived in Verdun were: Sir Gladwyn Jebb, Ambassador from Great Britain; Baron Guillaume, Ambassador from Belgium; Robert Als, Ambassador from Luxembourg, and Brig Gen Frank Moorman, US Military Attache to France.

Advance Section was represented by Brig Gen William R. Woodward, commanding general, and Col Kenneth R. Dyer, ADSEC deputy commander.

Downtown Verdun was crammed with unprecedented crowds of visitors for the great day. Every movement of the official entourage was met with cheers from the crowds packed along the route. Until inclement weather really took over, President Coty rode in an open car, waving to the crowds as he passed.

M. François Schleiter, Senator-Mayor of Verdun accompanied the President during his visit, after meeting the Presidential train at 0935 at the Verdun station.

The entourage visited the Ossuary at Douaumont where wreaths were placed, and then proceeded to the City Hall, which was the scene of several speeches and the ceremony of the signing of the "Livre d'Or", Verdun's Golden Book" by the distinguished visitor.

Visual highlight of the day for the throngs of camera enthusiasts was the review held later in the day, following an important speech by President Coty. Troops of the 22d Regiment of Tirailleurs and the C.I.R., stationed in Verdun; the famous "Garde Républicaine"; the cadets of St-Cyr; contingents from the French Air and Naval academies also took part.



VERDUN — President René Coty of France and many other international notables were on hand last week to help in Verdun's commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the World War I victory. In the top photo, President Coty is shown with distinguished visitors, including, at left, Maj Gen Cogy, Commander of the VIth Military Region and Military Governor of Metz, who was recently designated to be commander of French troops in Morocco. (Center Photo) Earlier in the day, at the Ossuary at Douaumont, President Coty spoke with Monseigneur Petit, Bishop of Verdun. (Lower Photo) Among American representatives in the celebration were Brig Gen William R. Woodward (right) ADSEC commanding general, and (left) Brig Gen Frank Moorman, US Military Attache to France.

U.S. Army. Photo By Kondreck

First Annual Dinner

Base Athletes Receive Recognition Awards at Banquet

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

The evening's activities were highlighted when Col Robert R. Rowland, Base Commander, presented 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing blazers to nearly 50 base athletes, in recognition of their active part in advancing the sports program at Chambley Air Base.

Following a magnificent steak dinner, prepared by the NCO Club, Maj Sherman C. Cooke, Special Services Officer, introduced each of the speakers for the evening. First on the agenda was Chambley football and basketball coach Col

Herbert C. Hartwig.

Coach Hartwig expressed his thanks to his own team members and the other base athletes who have helped so tremendously in bolstering and helping to maintain the high level of morale so prevalent at Chambley.

The next speaker, Col Rowland, also expressing his gratitude to the athletes, stated: "You can't know how deeply I feel for the job you have done". He went on to explain that Chambley's sports program, for a long time, was the only means of recreation and entertainment for personnel assigned here.

Upon completing his talk, Col Rowland presented the first award of the evening—the

"Coach of the Year" award to Coach Hartwig. 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 Rowland was for the "Outstanding Athlete of the Year". It was this award that took the cake. Colonel Rowland cut a slice from the huge banquet cake, and in a symbolic gesture presented it to Jim Fields as the year's outstanding sports figure.

Unit intramural trophies were presented next to the respective squadron commanders. Col Rowland then presented each individual athlete with the official 21st Wing blazer.

Five Rats Elected to All-Stars

Laon Upsets Desert Rats, 10-6; Loss Drops Chambley into 3rd Place in Conference Standings

The lowly Laon Rangers utilized eight hits and seven Chambley errors to push 10 big runs across the plate last Saturday, as the Desert Rats fell, 10-6. The loss was Chambley's third straight and it dropped the Rats into third place in the conference standings, one and one half games behind the league leading Chaumont Mudhens. Etain holds the second spot in the conference, one half game out of first place.

Chambley grabbed a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Tom Wilks walked, advanced to third on Dick Ewers single and scored on an error.

The Rangers bounced back in the following frame with four runs on three hits. After Steve Jones had grounded out, short to first, George Christenson fanned. Christenson was safe at first when the Chambley catcher dropped the ball. Joe Dalon followed with a home-run to deep right.

Dalon's homer was the first hit off Chambley's starter, John Harris. The next batter, Don Brown, popped out and Willie Smith was safe on Chambley's second error of the inning. Jim Eason singled, moving Smith to third and Galen Shedd walked, loading up the bases. Ben Spears followed with a solid double to center, scoring Smith and Eason. The rally ended a moment later when Chuck Partridge flew to center, and the Rangers led, 4-1.

When Christenson singled in the top of the fourth, Manager Russ Hamlett pulled Harris and Bob Chance came in to retire the side. Chance also retired Laon in order in the fifth. But in the hectic sixth, 11 Rangers came to the plate, and before the inning was over, Laon held a 10-1 lead. Four of Chambley's seven errors were committed in the sixth.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Desert Rats finally came to life. Donato Dapolito led off with a single to left. Cantrell Brown singled, sending "Dap" to third and Lynn Heintz walked, filling the bags. "Dap" scored on a wild pitch, while Brown and Heintz advanced one base, and both runners came home when Al Berguson sent a towering double to left.

Berguson moved to third on a balk. He tagged-up and scored when Wilks blasted a sacrifice fly to deep left. "Bergy" was forced to slide at the plate when the throw came in from the outfield, and he painfully sprained an ankle as the Laon catcher attempted to block the plate.

Ewers followed with his second hit of the day a ground rule double into the centerfield weeds, but the next two batters were retired

'Here's the Pitch'

Col Robert R. Rowland, 21st Wing Commander, threw the first pitch at last Saturday's Chambley-Laon diamond encounter. The historic toss marked the opening of the Desert Rats new ball-park. The colonel's pitching form was better than ever — although the peg to the plate was just a wee-bit high.

to end the uprising. Laon still led, 10-5.

It looked as though the Rats might pull the game out of the fire in the bottom of the eighth. Heintz was safe at first on an error, stole second and scored on another error. Chambley went on to load up the bases on a walk and a pair of Laon miscues. The threat died, however, when Al Foreman flew deep to center for the final out of the inning.

Bud Whitehead relieved Chance on the mound in the wild sixth frame, and held the Rangers hitless throughout the remainder of the contest. Harris was charged with the loss, his second against no wins. Christenson received credit for the victory, although he needed help from Eason in the sixth and Jones in the seventh.

The Sunday contest of the scheduled two game series was called off because of rain.

Conference Standings

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chaumont	5	1	.833	—
Etain	5	2	.714	1/2
CHAMBLEY	4	3	.571	1 1/2
Laon	3	6	.333	3 1/2
Fontainebleau	1	6	.143	4 1/2

Safe at Home



Chambley's Al Berguson was forced to slide for home on a close play during last Saturday's Chambley-Laon encounter. Ranger catcher, Ben Spears, successfully blocked the plate, but he dropped the ball a split-second after this picture was taken. On this same play Berguson painfully sprained an ankle and had to be carried from the field. (USAF Photo by Woo).

Desert Rats Plan Trip To Burtonwood, England

Russ Hamlett, manager of the Chambley baseball squad, announced this week that his Desert Rats are scheduled to meet the Burtonwood Air Base nine during an exhibition tour to England on July 13, 14 and 15.

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

Five Chambley Desert Rats have been selected to participate in the second annual 12th Air Force all-star baseball game between the France and Germany sports conferences at Etain next Saturday.

Headquarters 12th AF released the names of both squads early this week, after tabulating the ballots submitted by each respective club. The five Chambley players are: Russ Hamlett, all-star assistant manager, John Harris, pitcher; Donato Dapolito, second base; Al Foreman, shortstop; and Cantrell Brown, outfielder. Etain's Don Gabor has been elected head manager of the squad.

Dapolito will be playing on the France squad for the second year in a row. He and centerfielder Lynn Heintz represented Chambley in the first all-star tilt played at Ramstein last summer.

Other returnees to the France lineup from last year's all-star roster are: Evreux catcher, Art Moore; Doug Lenz, Chaumont first baseman; and Bill Bennett, second sacker for Etain.

The Germany stars, being managed by Hahn's Harold (Buckey) Walters, will hold their practice sessions here at Chambley starting this Tuesday. Walters will be depending a lot on Bitburg outfielder George Morgan to bolster the Germany cause. Morgan, back for his second all-star try, was the winner of the Stars and Stripes USAF Most Valuable Player Award for 1955.

Four other members of the Germany nine, who were all-star choices in '55, will be included in Walter's lineup next weekend.

According to word received from 12th Air Force, the game will be conducted in a similar manner to the Major League all-star game. Pitchers will be allowed to perform for no more than three innings, and umpires will change their positions after four and one half innings are completed.

In addition to the five Desert Rats who have been selected to participate, Chambley's Phil Caldwell has been chosen as an outfield umpire. He will



Russ Hamlett
...Assistant Coach

perform his duties in left field during the first four and one half innings, switching to right field during the second half of the contest.

Top sports writers, representing the American press in Europe, will select a Most Valuable Player for the 1956



Foreman



Harris

classic. Following the game, Mr. Lewis McAffey of the Air Force Times will present the award, which is being sponsored by his newspaper.

Tickets for the game are available through the Chambley Special Services Office. Prices are: 25c for children and 50c for adults. All profits will go to Little League and other American Youth Association activities.

The American Forces Network in Frankfurt, Munich and Kaiserslautern is scheduled to broadcast the game at 2pm on the 30th. Airman Pat Rogerson and Specialist Bill Owens will handle the commentary.

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FRANCE CONFERENCE

Head Manager: Don Gabor, Etain.

Asst. Manager: Jim Olson, Dreux.

Asst. Manager: Russ Hamlett, Chambley.

PITCHERS:

- Tom Harris - Evreux.
- John Harris - Chambley.
- Davy Crockett - Etain.
- Larry Folsom - Chaumont.
- Charles Smith - Dreux.

CATCHERS:

- Art Moore - Evreux.
- Leon Watkins - Dreux.

1ST BASE:

- Doug Lenz - Dreux.
- John Cook - Etain.

2ND BASE:

- Bill Bennett - Etain.
- Donato Dapolito - Chambley.

3RD BASE:

- Bill Carroll - Laon.

SHORTSTOP:

- Al Foreman - Chambley.

OUTFIELDERS:

- Cantrell Brown - Chambley.
- Bob Pettit - Dreux.
- Gene Thomas - Bordeaux.
- Howard Mexico - Evreux.
- George Christenson - Laon.
- Dick Samuelson - Chaumont.

GERMANY CONFERENCE

Head Manager: Harold (Buckey) Walters, Hahn.

Asst. Manager: Ben Short, Landstuhl.

Asst. Manager: George Wright, Sembach.

PITCHERS:

- Tony Padilla - Hahn.
- Rod McDonald - Landstuhl.
- Barnie McGowan - Landstuhl.
- Joe Milewski - Hahn.
- Paul Bacon - Bitburg.

CATCHERS:

- Bob Kendrick - Landstuhl.
- Jim Henley - Spangdahlem.

1ST BASE:

- Harvey Read - Landstuhl.
- Leo Schnurbush - Sembach.

2ND BASE:

- Ralph Christ - Ramstein.
- Cecil Nickles - Nubiburg.

3RD BASE:

- Joe Sweeney - Hahn.
- Charlie Sanchez - Bitburg.

SHORTSTOP:

- Paul Wolfe - Hahn.

OUTFIELDERS:

- George Morgan - Bitburg.
- Frank Hogan - Pruem.
- Bob Ellenberg - Hahn.
- Gil Bettez - Hahn.
- Gene Lindeman - Pruem.
- Ed Lee - Nubiburg.

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 1956 diamond season with a forfeited win over the Toul-Rosiere Dodgers on June 7. Four days later, the Mice traveled to the Nancy Ordnance Depot and shutout the Nancy Cubs, 7-0, behind the 13 strikeout pitching of Chambley's mound ace, Tom Perry.

Hitting honors went to Randy Bowers and Bobby Baker. On June 14 the squad journeyed to the Metz Colin Casern and took a shellacking from the strong Little Giants, who were last year's Little League winners.

Much credit for the establishment of the Desert Mice must go to Maj Garland A. Perry, Maj Ja-

mes W. Logan, 1st Lt Carl Erickson and S/Sgt Floyd Driggers. The diamond was built by the afore mentioned, with the help of M/Sgt Virgil Niehoff and S/Sgt Cecil Liggins.

Col Robert N. Baker procured the necessary equipment in order that the season could 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, in the backstop position; Randy Bowers, first base; Bobby Baker, second; Bobby Cummings, on third; and Hugh Fleming at short.

In the outfield are: Steve de Kanter, in center, with the remaining chores being handled by utility players: Len Davis, Tom Fowle, Bob Niehoff, Don and Dick Owen and Larry Thomas.

Those who give promise of blossoming into regular players are: Larry Thomas, Larry Hamfeldt, David Parsons, Stephen Luther, Billy Carter, Ricky Haas, and Jim Stapleton. Young Stapleton has enough enthusiasm alone to make the team, once he ages a bit.