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WELCOME HOME SABRES

Chambley Welcomes Home 531st and 416th

The roar, scream, and whistle of jet engines announced the arrival of two of our fighter squadrons earlier this month, and though a little belated, we'd like to extend a warm and hearty "WELCOME HOME" to the 416th and 531st Fighter Bomber Squadrons.

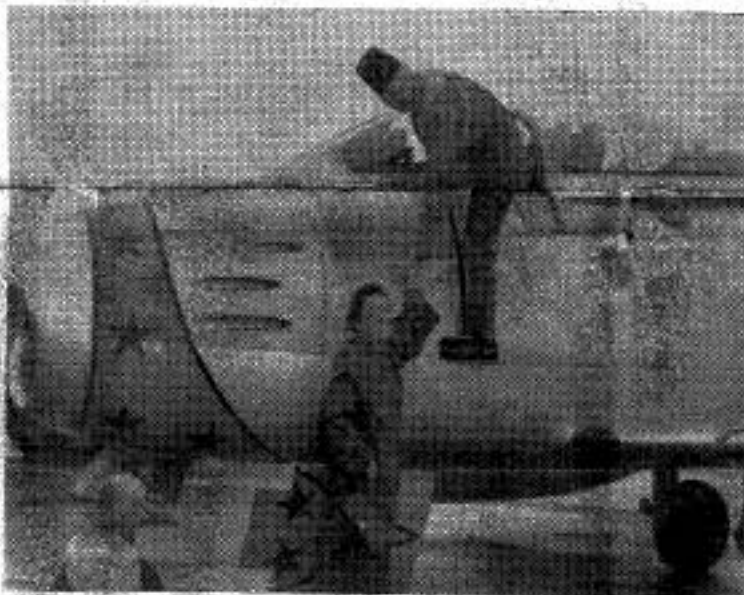
First of the two outfits to "drop in" to stay was the 531st. The lead flight headed by Lt. Colonel Charles J. Bowers, squadron commander, touched down at 1255 on Tuesday, June 7. The 416th, led by squadron commander Major Morgan R. Beamer made their final approach early Saturday morning, June 11, the first flight coming in at 0845. The 416th was due to make their home-coming appearance just two days after the 531st but were forced to remain at Furstenfeldbruck, Germany, and Rome due to inclement weather.

Supporting personnel of both squadrons arrived from Wheelus Field via C119. The 531st men arriving on the 8th and 10th, the 416th on Saturday the 11th. The general opinion voiced by both groups of their new and permanent residence seems to boil down to "beau coup muck and mire, but good to be back with the Wing again".

Both squadrons have been temporarily stationed at Toul-Rosières AB for the past five months while the construction of facilities at Chambley were being completed. After docking at La Pollice both units traveled via rail to Toul and for several weeks enjoyed a period of semi-inactivity. Time off was cut short with the arrival of the squadrons' aircraft in February. After the 8000 mile flight from George AFB, California, was terminated upon arrival at Toul, both squadrons established and maintained a busy operational schedule during their stay at the neighboring base.

The 416th and 531st, together with the 72nd Fighter Bomber Squadron journeyed to North Africa early in May to participate in the five week bombing and gunnery training held at Wheelus Field in Libya. After the highly successful five week operation at Wheelus the two squadrons headed north for Chambley with the 72nd returning to its temporary station at Chateauroux.

The 72nd is anticipated to arrive at Chambley sometime in July.



Mrs. Melba Leo and son greet Major Carl Leo as he returns from the successful gunnery encampment at Wheelus. Major Leo is Squadron Op's Officer of the 531st Fighter Bomber Squadron.

365 Days - No Accidents, 416th

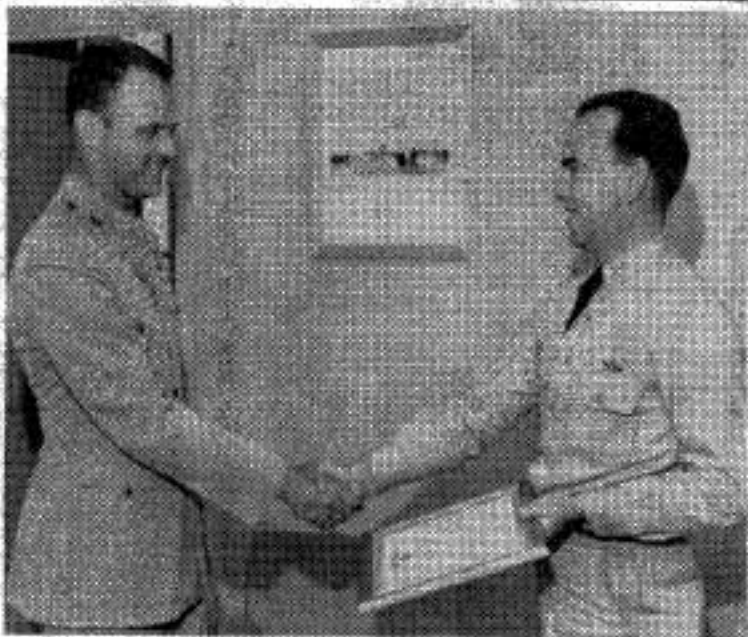
The 416th Fighter Bomber Squadron recently accomplished one full year of extensive flying operations without a single major aircraft accident. During the period of 25 May 1954 to 25 May 1955 the squadron, under the command of Maj. Morgan R. Beamer, totaled 5671 hours of flying time in F-86 Sabres. In conjunction with its continuous flying training program, the 416th averaged two joint firepower statistic display missions per month and underwent the long and hazard-floored overcast flight during the period.

Leaving George Air Force Base, California, on the 13th of December the 416th began the 8000 mile journey through the snow and ice infested northern route which took them across Labrador, Greenland, Iceland and northern Scotland. With the temperature dropping to as low as 26 degrees below zero it was a chilly change from the often 100 degree heat of George and the Mojave Desert. Blizzards and heavy icing conditions throughout the 48 days enroute forced many delays at the various stopping-off points and incurred many new operational hazards. Maj. Beamer stated that the close teamwork between the members of the squadron enabled them to surmount all the difficulties encountered during the flight and log the 450 hours of flying time expended as "without incident".

72nd Officers In LeMans Tragedy

Three officers of the 72nd Fighter Bomber Squadron narrowly escaped death at the recent LeMans auto racing tragedy. Capt Leo J. Lee, 1st Lt. Harold U. Everett and 2nd Lt. Richard G. Boyle were in the midst of the spectator area into which the Mercedes racing auto crashed and exploded, killing 79 and injuring over 100.

Captain Lee suffered several slight facial burns and badly singed hair, Lieutenants Everett and Boyle escaping injury. The trio stated that their having "hit the deck" immediately after the two autos collided may have been the factor



Colonel Robert R. Rowland, Base Commander, congratulates Major George H. Dodenhoff, United States Marine Corps Aviation Pilot, after presenting the Major the Commendation Ribbon in ceremonies held at Wing Headquarters last Thursday afternoon.

Major Beamer Promoted To Wing Op's Officer

Major Morgan R. Beamer, Squadron commander of the 416th Fighter Bomber Squadron for the past sixteen months was recently promoted to Wing Operations Officer. His duties at his new position began officially on Monday, June 20.

A veteran fighter pilot of both World War Two and the Korean Conflict, he led the 416th through its recent full year of operational flying without a single major aircraft accident.

Major Beamer became both well known and well liked by the personnel of the 416th during his period of command. In the words of one of the 416th maintenance personnel, "the major was never so busy but what he wouldn't always stop and help you out with a problem, always with a smile too. He's a fine man to work for."

Among Major Beamer's awards and decorations are the Air Medal with four oak leaf clusters, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Silver Star.

that saved them the fate of the casualties scattered all around them.

The nightmarish disaster, the worst in auto racing history, was caused by a collision of two of the high powered vehicles competing in the 24 hour endurance race. After the collision the auto driven by Pierre Levegh of France exploded and plunged into the crowd near the track.

LeMans is located approximately 170 miles south west of Paris.

A Word From Our Commander

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all those associated with the production of the Chambley Sabre for their efforts. It has been a difficult task getting the first issue put together and to press.

In the past it has been difficult to pass the word to all concerning Special Service Shows, NCO, Airmen and Officer Club activities, Service Club tours, etc. I know that this newspaper will serve as an extremely useful medium of expression for the many activities going on around the base. The Chambley Sabre will be published bi-weekly. I urge each squadron and activity on the base to make full use of it in spreading the word on their accomplishments and planned programs.

I also want to take this opportunity to pass on my personal thanks to all officers, NCO's and airmen of this wing, and attached units, for the magnificent job that has been accomplished in making Chambley Air Base into an operational fighter station. Many, many hard and long hours of work have gone into the task. I think we all realize that there is still much to be done; but I am confident that the spirit of the 21st Wing personnel will see us established this winter on one of the finest bases in France.

ROBERT R. ROWLAND
Colonel, USAF
Base Commander

21st To Be Featured In Publication By NAA

Word was received earlier this week that the edition of North American Aviator's Skyline magazine, devoted entirely to the overseas deployment of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing, is awaiting approval by USAF prior to publication later this month.

Upon receipt of this edition limited distribution will be made to all units by the 21st FBW Office of Information Svs.

First Marine Officer To Head 21st Tactical Unit

Major George H. Dodenhoff has been placed in command of the 416th Fighter Bomber Squadron, marking the first time in the history of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing that a Marine Corps Officer has commanded a 21st FBW tactical unit.

Major Dodenhoff was officially instated in his new position as Squadron Commander on Monday, June 20.

Commander Colonel Robert R. Rowland
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Maintenance Men Aid Catholic Orphanage

Twenty-five members of the 21st Maintenance Squadron attended a musical program at St. Joseph's Orphanage, Metz, on Sunday June 12th.

The children of the Orphanage prepared this program in appreciation for the assistance given to St. Joseph's during the past six months by the members of the 21st Maintenance Squadron.

Last November the 7002nd Air Base Squadron and the Advanced Party of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing invited the 70 orphan girls to the Base for Thanksgiving dinner.

After the Thanksgiving party plans were made to do something for the Orphans at Christmas time. The 7002nd and the Advanced Party of the 21st started a fund to purchase Christmas gifts for the Orphans. With the arrival of the Main body of 21st personnel in Mid-December the Christmas fund was able to buy each of the Orphans a pair of shoes. A few days before Christmas the girls were invited to the Base for an afternoon party and moving picture. Before departing the Base each girl was given a pair of gloves and the traditional Christmas stocking filled with candy, nuts and fruit.

To begin the New Year the members of the 21st Maintenance Sq. with the encouragement of Major Harvey Morris, Squadron Commander, decided to help the Orphanage as a Squadron project. Each payday the men put something in the "kitty" for their orphans. A/Sgt. K.D. Smith was in charge of the "kitty" which was able to buy each of the girls a new suit for Easter.

During the month of May the orphan girls were guests at a Squadron picnic. Another picnic is planned for some Sunday in July, stated Major Schmeling

No More "Clothes Line"

The necessity of waiting for the Mobile Clothing Van to visit Chambley and "The Long Wait" thereafter to get into it was eliminated on 16 June 1955 with the opening of the BASE CLOTHING SALES STORE. The store is located in the prefabricated building at the north end of Warehouse #4.

It was announced by 2nd Lt. Charles O. Green, Clothing Sales Officer, that the hours of operation will be 0900 through 1600 hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. This schedule is only temporary, so watch for further notification. It is expected that the store will be completed and in full operation by the early part of July.

Officers, Airmen and Army personnel assigned to Chambley are urged to take advantage of the present full stock of required uniform clothing. S/Sgt. Joseph A. Trusky, Clothing Sales Store NCOIC, is striving to procure and maintain a sufficient supply of necessary clothing items for all personnel at Chambley.

new Squadron Commander of 21st Maintenance.

Needless to say each visit of their sponsors is a big event in the lives of the little girls. The members of the 21st Maintenance Squadron are to be commended for their practical charity and their contribution to good public relations.

The "Chambley Sabre" Is Born

Congratulations, \$25.00 and a three-day pass to A/1C Wray Carter, 21st Installations Squadron, winner of the base newspaper naming contest. Wray was a little unbelieving when informed of his winning but has now settled down into serious thought as to where and on what to spend the booty.

A native of Donore, Pennsylvania, Wray has been a member of the Wing since May 1952. He is a welder in the Installations shop.

The boxes placed in the mess hall and Service Club yielded over 200 name suggestions for the paper when opened by the judging staff Friday, June 17. The judges, composed of Lt. Colonel Peters, Major Quinn, Captain O'Brien, Captain Davy and Airman Anderson were forced to vote, vote, and re-vote due to the many fine name suggestions entered. The contest was finally narrowed down to two entries and final decision made by Colonel Robert N. Baker, Wing Executive.



Weep Not For The Le Roy Eltinge

To write "fini" for those of us who are still rejoicing over the rumored fini of the Eltinge, he and/or it (take your choice) is not presently decomposing at the bottom of the briny but is sitting, at the moment of this publication in the port of Bremerhaven, Germany.

No one seems capable of pinpointing the instigator of the terrible rumor that the grand old ship of speed and comfort sank slowly into the west, but when located his punishment should be no less than a forced return voyage on it. (Photo by NAA)

Jack Pot

Number "13" turned out to be a not-so-unlucky number for one Airman First Class Albert W. Mooney, 21st Field Maintenance Squadron, Thursday evening June 2nd. With the Bingo Jackpot hovering at \$210 and the temperatures of almost 100 card holders hovering nearly that high, the 61st and final number called, "B-13" covered the only remaining open box on airman Mooney's card. The \$210 is now safely stashed away back in Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Al's hometown, and will someday help private citizen, that is Mooney through the University of Southern Illinois.

For those of us who might be inclined to be a bit envious, it's interesting to note that Al had been a regular customer at Thursday night bingo since its start at Chambley eighteen weeks prior to June 2nd. Up to that night Al hadn't come close to winning even one of the smaller events.

It's also interesting to note the tremendous drop-off of bingo players since that beau coup jackpot bit the dust. Even without an astronomical jackpot awaiting a taker, a couple of hours of bingo can furnish an exciting and profitable way of spending an evening if there is a large enough crowd playing. For example, the same night the "pot" met its downfall there was \$232 that went home in various gimmie pockets, not counting the jackpot. Reason: ninety six card holders in the arena.

The Service Club has set up the bingo program solely for the enjoyment and entertainment of personnel and their dependants stationed at Chambley AB. The only profit involved is that gained by those who buy winning cards each Thursday night. The more players each Bingo night, the more winners each Bingo night.

Monsieur Philip Has A Big Day

Monsieur Philip Pipeaux, all of three hundred and sixty five days old, recently celebrated his first birthday with the help of his parents, two sisters, a brother and a small group of good hearted 21st FBW personnel.

Philip is the son of M. Marcel Pipeaux, a French civilian employee at the AIO Supply Section, and although he quite naturally didn't have much to say about the fellows in the section going to all the fuss of throwing a party for him, he, as well as the rest of the Pipeaux's are due for many more good times according to Phil's "uncles", who are composed of 1st Lt. Bill G. Weir, S/Sgt. Billy Lunsford, A/1C Norman Olson, A/1C Charles Remberg, A/1C John Maldonado, A/2C Herbert Deem and A/3C Dick Scammacca.

Philip's big day was celebrated in the AIO Supply Section office last Saturday afternoon, and no pains nor curtains were spared. With plenty of food, laughter, ice cream, and of course a Birthday cake with one candle attached, the day was one to remember for all concerned. The AIO men didn't stop with just presents for Phil, but presented each member of the family with a gift.

According to Lt Weir, the men plan to have many more gatherings with the Pipeaux's, and hope to help the family in as many ways as possible.

Church Group Makes Life Lighter For Orphans

The kids at the St. Jean Foundation Orphanage, located on the outskirts of Metz, recently became the proud and happy owners of a complete new set of playground equipment due to the efforts and good will of members of the United Fellowship of Protestants of Chambley AB. The group not only contributed the funds for the equipment but also two weekends of elbow grease erecting and installing it.

The group, composed of approximately 60 members has unofficially adopted the 75 children of St. Jean's, the only Protestant orphanage in the city of Metz. The children have become the prime aim of the UFP's charity work. Along with procuring various items needed by the children they also hold a party in their honor one night each month. The parties usually feature educational movies, group singing, games and refreshments. Chaplain John L. George, sponsor of the group plans to obtain the complete set of science and education films put out by the Moody Institute for the benefit of the children. One of the Moody science films was shown to the children and created a great deal of enthusiasm. Momma, Jeanine Guerinou, librarian at Chambley and also interpreter for the club translates the dialog of the movies to the children.

The United Fellowship of Protestants became activated at Chambley shortly after arrival of the Wing from state-side. It began with a small group but has grown steadily in members. M/Sgt William L. Schemer, president for the first three month period relinquished the position to A/2C Bobby G. Brinson, Hq. Sq. Wing for the second current three month period. The club is non-sectarian in its regular Thursday evening meetings. Information on the club and its activities may be obtained by contacting Chaplain George at the base chapel or S/Sgt Maurice Jewell, also at the chapel.

First Baby Shower At Chambley

Wives of the 21st Air Base Group held the first baby shower at Chambley AB on Tuesday, May 31, in the Officers Club.

Mrs. Donald M. Clark, 21st Communications Squadron, was the honored guest. Madames Elburn Oxner and Peter Stricker were co-hostesses for the event.

Other guests were Madames John H. Stokes, Nicholas N. Mikhailov, Charles M. Culpepper, James M. Delaripa, Price E. Guthrie, Eddie C. Hodges, Robert E. O'Dell, James E. Parsons and Robert B. Woolsten.



New Base Commissary Opened

Colonel Robert N. Baker presided at the official "Open for Business" ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new Chambley Air Base Commissary on Wednesday, June 1st. The new store will be a temporary site until the completion of the permanent commissary building. Approximately 200 persons turned out to inspect the new store, which is located in the south end of Warehouse #5.

Hours of operation, as announced by 2nd Lt. Glen M. Grantham, Commissary Officer, are from 1030 to 1600 hours Monday through Friday. This schedule has been designed to best meet the demands of the majority of commissary patrons.

At the present time a shortage of commissary personnel and facilities prevent the making of home deliveries and the accepting of telephone orders. However, as an added service to customers, advance orders are being accepted at the store's meat department for special occasions and parties. It will be necessary to place all such requests at least three hours in advance with the store manager.

More than three thousand stock items are being handled at the present time. These goods are procured from the U.S., France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Denmark and various other countries on the continent. Plans are underway to increase the variety of stocked items and customers are urged to offer suggestions to the store manager for purchase of any goods not presently carried.

New Wing In 7002nd Hospital Open For Sick Call

The entire base is developing by leaps and bounds (short leaps and small bounds) and the 7002nd USAF Hospital is among the "pioneers." Although still in the disjunct stage, the "Seven Double O Dues" Hospital is destined to be an area hospital equipped with maternity ward and surgery.

Sick call was held in the upper bay of barracks #45 until June 8 when there was a mass movement to a completed wing of the new 75-bed hospital building. In the near future additional wings of the medical facility will be turned over by JCA for clinical use. Until this occurs, personnel of the 21st FBW will still be dependent upon the medical facilities of Toul-Rosières Air Base for inpatient service.

Due to the limited facilities at present, it is impossible to give routine medical care to dependent personnel, but this will be alleviated very soon by an influx of much needed medical equipment from the medical depot. Dependents may be seen for routine sick call any day Monday through Friday at Toul Rosière from 1300 to 1400 hours daily.

Military sick call at Chambley commences at 0800 hours daily. Acute medical emergencies are treated at anytime. In emergencies, medical treatment can be obtained by calling 200.



Chambley Welcomes French Populace

Armed Forces Day at Chambley was a day of labor for a number of military personnel and a day of "off" for a larger number, but for the French populace around Chambley it was a day of extreme interest and wide-eyed observation. Despite intermittent showers and chilly winds throughout the afternoon an estimated four thousand French people made the trek to Chambley AB. Some traveled up to 30 miles by motor bike, others as far as five miles on foot.

For the greater majority of the Frenchmen it was the first opportunity to view at close range USAF aircraft, weapons, and equipment. The jet aircraft stimulated the greatest amount of interest among the visitors. On hand for inspection in the jet type were an RB-45, F-86F, F-86D, RF-80, and T-33. Each of the aircraft with exception of the RB-45 were equipped with a viewing stand enabling the people a closer look at the pilot's compartment. Several radial engine type aircraft were also on display, the largest crowd-drawer being the C119. The flight compartment was cram jammed with inquisitive Frenchmen from start to finish. Fifteen French employees of Chambley volunteered their services as interpreters and were invaluable in making sure that no questions went unanswered.

Hangar #1 was utilized to house the various equipment and service displays, and in one corner two movies in French dialog were shown continually to an un-ending audience. One of the flickers, "Life of an American Cowboy" created a response surpassing that of a Hopalong Cassidy thriller playing a Saturday matinee back home.

Buses were dispatched from the base motor pool to carry 160 school children from six surrounding villages to the display. School teachers had a hectic day keeping the large groups of milling youngsters within a watchful radius and it was a near miracle that all the kids got back to the same schoolhouse that they had originated from. The biggest event of the day as far as the young ones were concerned was the ride they received in the huge fire truck.

Officers Club News

Check Cashing

Personal checks up to \$25.00 may now be cashed at the Officers Club between 1130 and 1300 hours and 1700 to 2400 hours. Capt. W. C. Waller, Club Officer announced earlier this week. Dues are \$5.00 per month and any assessments from previous Officers Calls may also be paid during the same above mentioned hours.

Hours of operation for the Club are as follows;

Monday thru Thursday	1700 to 2400
Fridays	1700 to 0100
Saturdays	1200 to 0100
Sundays	1200 to 2400

Although the size and roar of the big truck caused a few to bolt in terror there was little difficulty in keeping the seats loaded to capacity.

Highlight of the afternoon for the French visitors and Base Personnel was the fly-by performed by Colonel Robert N. Baker and Major Guy L. Oliver. After a few slow speed approaches in front of the hangar area and then seemingly disappearing, the entire crowd ducked instinctively as the two F86's seemed to come thundering out of the hangar itself on their final pass overhead.

Reports of the day's activities in French newspapers were highly gratifying and Major Nicholas N. Mihailov, Project Officer for the program stated that "Franco-American relations and the 'Power for Peace' theme did alright for themselves on Armed Forces Day at Chambley."

21st Rod & Gun Club Rolling

Since its organization in April of this year the 21st Rod & Gun Club has made slow but steady progress according to S/Sgt. Wimberly, M&S Grp. Hq., Club Officer. At the time of organization membership was opened to all military and civilian personnel assigned or attached to Chambley Air Base or units supported by Chambley Air Base. The Club now has an active membership of 75 people.

Considerable difficulty was encountered in obtaining approval of a Club Constitution, but these difficulties have been ironed out and the Constitution has been approved at base level and forwarded to higher Headquarters for final approval.

Steps are being taken at present to affiliate with the National Rifle Association of America and the Association of America Rod & Gun Clubs, Europe. Affiliation with these organizations will be greatly beneficial to the Club here for these are large, universally recognized organizations devoted to bettering the lot of all shooters and fishermen.

That Man Behind The Pilot

The wife of a civilian aircraft mechanic has written a heart-warming letter about the pride she feels in her husband's work. It appeared recently in "Mechanics Bulletin", a Flight Safety Foundation, Inc. publication.

We feel the letter reflects the spirit of many an Air Force wife whose husband "keeps 'em flying". So we're reprinting the letter here in part.

"For too long the aircraft mechanic has been laboring under two misconceptions. (1) the general concept that a mechanic is a workman of lesser intelligence and ability, and (2) his concept of himself influenced by this general verdict.

It wasn't always this way. In its earlier days aviation was the great adventure. It was a new world of exploration and the lines between the explorers were not so sharply drawn. Mechanics, pilots, designers, financial backers, all were in it together, contributing equally their time, ingenuity, and patience, and sharing equally in accomplishment and in disappointment with aircraft.

"I am not technically minded and many of the articles in the 'Bulletin' are beyond my comprehension. But the very articles that leave me floundering indicate a readership with the broadest possible understanding and mechanical know-how. The readers are men with a high order of intelligence and a dedicated sense of responsibility. To them are entrusted equipment worth millions of dollars and lives that are beyond price. They command deep respect. I glow with pride that my husband is one of them."

Sincerely yours,

An Aircraft Mechanic's Wife

We like to believe that the Air Force still sees its members as engaged in a "great adventure"—and that pilots, crew members and maintenance men still see themselves as "sharing equally in accomplishment and in disappointment with aircraft."

But something the mechanic's wife says can touch your heart: "I glow with pride that my husband is one of them."

Reading her letter gives us that rare feeling that comes when someone expresses what we've been thinking for a long time—but haven't been able to put into words. It also serves as a reminder...

Have you told your husband recently how proud you are of his work?

Attention All Officers Wives

Mrs. Janet Rowland announced earlier this week that the initial organization and first luncheon to be held by the officers wives of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing will at 1300 hours Tuesday, June 28 in the Officers Club (Building 408).

A nominating committee will be appointed and the date of the next meeting and elections will be determined.

Mrs. Rowland anticipates a large turnout as this initial meeting will be the first time all the wives have been together since November, 1954.

God's Blueprint

When a catastrophe sweeps over the world, many men blame God for the world's troubles. They say that God could not be just, merciful and provident and allow so much evil and suffering. These men are usually the ones who, in times of prosperity and when things went well, claimed that the idea of God was outmoded. The same thing is true in the lives of men. When things go well they do not need God. If, on the other hand, they wreck their lives, God is blamed for everything.

If a man wished to build a house but knew nothing about building, he would go to an experienced architect and tell him what he wanted. The architect would draw up for him a set of plans and a blueprint to be used in the construction of the house. Suppose the man, instead of using and following the blueprint, threw it away and in spite of his lack of knowledge of building, proceeded to build the house himself. After he had finished the house and the storm and winds destroyed his house, too foolish it would be for him to blame the architect. The architect would say, "I am sorry, but don't blame me; you did not use my plan and blueprint."

God has given the world a plan and a blueprint definite and specific. That plan and blueprint is the Ten Commandments. The world discards God's blueprint and builds according to its own ignorance and folly. Then when the world finds itself with its house tumbling down, the world foolishly blames God.

We also as individuals sometimes discard God's blueprint, the Ten Commandments. Our plans fail and our efforts are of no avail. Then we like to shift the blame for our failure to God. If we expect the blessings of God and any happiness or prosperity we must use God's plan and blueprint in our lives. World leaders making plans for world

peace and security, cannot hope to be successful unless their plans are based upon God's plan. "This is the first and great commandment, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God,' and the second is like to this, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.'"

JOSEPH E. DAVY
Chaplain (Capt) USAF
Base Chaplain

Your Base Library

by Ruth Austin

The Special Service Library was unofficially begun in the Fall of 1954. In January 1955, the permanent librarian arrived, and at present, there are three full-time members of the staff—one Air Force Librarian, one assigned Airman, and one French Assistant.

The library is located upstairs in Bldg. #209 (Formerly #45). In the very near future, we hope to move into a Pre-Fab.

Your library strives to provide a balanced collection of books in all fields, for educational and recreational reading. We offer fiction, which includes mysteries, science fiction, westerns, historical novels and "best sellers", as well as non-fiction and technical works. Hours of operation are 1300 to 2200 daily.

Grand Opening Of The Chambley AB Officers Club



At 1730 hours April 30 Colonel and Mrs. R. R. Rowland cut the ribbon officially opening the Chambley AB Officers Club. Captain William C. Waller, Club Officer, assists Colonel Rowland.

Over 50 officers, their wives and a few French personages from the immediate area attended the grand opening. An attractive and tasty buffet, followed by dancing made up the remainder of the evening. Although the Club bar had been in operation since April 1st the grand opening was delayed until more of the officer personnel and dependents arrived.

Your Service Club Editor Speakin'

By Anna Bea Phillips Service Club Director

A big HELLO and a hearty invitation to all from your Chambley Air Base SERVICE CLUB. If you've noticed a batch of bright red geraniums and pink petunias dangling from the windows of Building S-209, well then you know exactly where we're located. There's not much room in our little nook, of the building, but we're bubbling over with things to tell you about our program, staff, and service (we hope!)

You'll want to get acquainted with the Service Club Staff (if you already haven't) and what a staff it is! There's A/2C Hector Hill; Artist, Dreamer, Music-lover, and assistant to a little bit of everything in the Service Club. Hector can tell you about all the Art and Music Exhibitions and Festivals around in Europe, about the latest jazz recordings, the Operas and the classics. He's a whizz at chess too, and would love to accept your challenge.

If you haven't met Mrs. Didot yet, then you have a real treat in store. Mrs. Didot is French Recreation Assistant at the Club and is our greatest asset in humor, charm, and all-around good company. Mrs. Didot does most of the work in setting up our Service Club Tours and is always happy to help you with your individual plans for travel and touring.

Then there's Miss Phillips (Anna Bea, that is!). She's the Service Club Director and always in a "swivel" and "Whirl", but with you in spirit and love at all times. Since she's writing this article, best she not say more-but anyway, "Y'all come to the Club real often, 'cause if you're like the folks I've already met on the base, then I don't want to miss meeting a single one of you."

Here are a few things you can count on at the Service Club every week:

COFFEE CALL—every Sunday morning from 0900 till 1100 with free coffee and cake (thanks to the Mess Hall).

BINGO—every Thursday at 2030 in the Mess Hall with cash prizes for each game and a Jackpot that goes up \$10.00 each week, starting at \$50.00.

PINOCHLE CONTEST—every Saturday afternoon at 1400 with prizes for the winners.

CARD CONTESTS—Whist, Cribbage, Canasta, etc. - usually on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

EVERY DAY * EVERY NIGHT—we have cards, checkers, cribbage, a whole drawer full of records and a record player, a piano & sheet music, a 35 MM slide projector for you to use, a good radio, and an 8 MM movie projector available so that you can see your film as soon as it comes back developed.

TOURS—we try to have a one-day tour every Sunday. We have to charge usually from \$2.00 to \$5.00 for these

tours because military transportation is not yet available to us, but we didn't want to let the "Shutter Bugs" down, so we have to hire a civilian bus hence the charge. We think the tours are well worth the money, so come in every Wednesday if you'd like to find out where we're going the following Sunday.

On the subject of tours, we also try to have a three-day tour once each month. We've been to Brussels, Paris and Holland so far. We've also sent a bus to the Auto Races in Le Mans, and are planning a tour to Heidelberg and other places in Germany over the 4th of July weekend.

ADDED NOTE—we try to have floor shows (two of 'em) each month, so watch for posters, etc. informing you of these.

On The Up Grade In June

5315T FBSQ: To Staff Sergeant; W. H. Cory, T. J. Kearney, R. L. McDonald, J. F. Nordbye. To A/1C; M. H. Christian, C. W. Jarvis, W. Montoya, T. J. Williams, K. A. Zouga. To A/2C; L. E. Massey. AIR POLICE Sq; To Staff Sgt.; Z. Whitesock. To A/1C; R. C. Hockkalter, I. W. Carter, G. W. Weisenberger. To A/2C; D. L. Groover, HQ SQ WING; To Staff Sgt.; R. H. Lee, H. E. Eichler, D. L. Couwels. To A/1C; O. A. Brillinger, C. L. Goff, W. H. Wells. To A/2C; H. Sikes. HQ SQ ABGRU: To Staff; E. E. Madden. To A/1C; L. Webster, R. Albright. COMM Sq; To Staff; D. J. Blank, E. R. Spease. To A/1C; R. E. Belgrade, J. J. Luettgen. To A/2C; H. C. Hunter. MTRVEHRO: To Staff; B. W. Brown, D. G. Andrews. To A/1C; R. L. Atherton, B. Borgans, G. D. Gheris, A. C. Lowry, M. E. Peterson, A. S. Sirois. To A/2C; J. R. Simons, E. S. Mueller. MAINT. Sq; To Staff; K. K. Barton, C. J. Parea. To A/1C; E. L. Cain, E. L. DeClair, T. M. Fricke, W. H. Walker. To A/2C; M. L. Cain. SUPPLY Sq; To Staff; M. E. Kramer, M. F. Sands, J. Zamoska. To A/1C; P. A. Arnold, D. Dapilito, H. E. Fry, R. L. Harper, M. B. Smith, C. A. Whitaker. To A/2C; L. W. Thompson. MEDICS; To Staff; R. E. Hill, M. K. Sans, C. C. Hutchinson. To A/1C; A. D. Behm. To A/2C; E. Dorgan. INSTALLATIONS Sq; To Staff; W. W. Hostrower, C. E. Wells. To A/1C; A. Gonzalez, S. B. Hodgson, A. L. Humphries, R. A. Walker, L. Sellow. To A/2C; N. D. Gaddis. FOOD SVS Sq; To Staff; D. J. Washburn, L. J. Rouse. To A/1C; F. C. Croomes, J. Crackett. To A/2C; J. L. Wilson. No

Bowling News

The Chambley Air Base Bowling League recently passed the half way mark on their league schedule, with 21st Supply Squadron holding down top place. The league games are held at the bowling alleys in the Metz Quartermaster Depot each Monday evening.

Present standings of the league are as follows:

	Won	Lost	Av.
21st Supply Sq	30	14	.682
Hq Sq Wing			
(Team "B")	24	20	.545
Hq 21st M&S Gp	23	21	.523
Hq 21st AB Gp	22	22	.500
Hq Sq Wing			
(Team "A")	19	25	.432
21st Mtr Veh Sq	14	30	.318

HIGH GAME, INDIVIDUAL
221, Hanson, Hq M & S Gp

Being as this is the first issue of the Chambley Sabre and the procedure of filling up four pages of newsprint a little new and evasive, I'd like to take this opportunity, and also several inches of space, to put in a word from the editor. Namely, HELP!

To get this thing rolling in the right direction, let us speak of news. There was a smidgin of doubt, before all this began, as to whether we at Chambley were in need of a base newspaper. Although I heard a guy say "this place is real lost!" and believed him, we do have a wide coverage of all sorts of news by all sorts of news media, like the Stars & Stripes for instance. Well actually we aren't trying to compete with any other paper, or other media, because for one thing it ain't possible. The only purpose of the Sabre is to inform the people on Chambley Air Base of just what's going on at Chambley Air Base, and this the Stars & Stripes or Air Force Times or Omro Herald can't do. All this put together and squared by pi equals—Chambley Sabre.

To get down to the narrow marrow of this idiom, the staff of the Sabre is currently running at one. These four pages are pretty small and don't take more than five minutes to read, if you don't stop and look at the pictures, but filling them up with material worth reading can become more or less of a job for a misplaced sign painter without a lot of cooperation from you who have to read it. Like was already mentioned above, we're not competing with anybody so if you come upon anything you think the guy or gal across the next mud puddle might like to hear about, how's about routing it up this way so we can put it in the Sabre and find out?

list from 72nd or 416th FBSq.
To Technical Sergeant; Charles M. Goeman, 72nd FB Sq.; D. C. Binson, MTRVEHRO: George W. Elliott, Hq Sq Wing; R. E. Flora, Supply Sq; A. G. Jacobson, Field Maint. Sq.
To Master Sergeant; J. H. Dubberly, MTRVEHRO; E. Perkins, MTRVEHRO; V. L. Shaw, 531st FB Sq.

Sergeant Sharp



"Those guys in the barracks have been tampering with my stuff again!"

Chambley Nine Shooting For Conference Title

After getting off to a slow start in the earlier part of the season, the Chambley AB Baseball Team has suddenly caught fire, copping the last five games in succession. With a shot at the conference championship only three games away and the team clicking better than it ever has, Chambley stands a good chance of getting a berth in the All Air Force Tournament to be held in Germany late this summer.

Currently occupying second place in the conference, the Chambley "Desert Rats" still have two double headers to conquer before they get a crack at their biggest obstacle on the road to the conference title, a tough SHAPE, Hq. nine. Having dropped both their prior games with SHAPE, both by 3 runs, Chambley is sharpening their teeth for the weekend of July 2 and 3 when a double header will offer a chance at revenge. It promises to be the hottest battle of the entire season. The SHAPE outfit has dropped only one conference game thus far in the season, and that to Evroux whom Chambley has trounced in two out of three events.

A perfect record for the remainder of conference play for the "Desert Rats" would still leave them right where they stand at present, in second place, unless SHAPE drops one game. If this occurs, it will mean a play-off for the top spot. However, even if the team can remain in second place it will still get them the ticket to the All AF Tourney.

In the base stealing department the team couldn't be doing better. In last weekend's twin bill against Orly they totaled 13 stolen bases, and in a single tilt with Toul a week before they pilfered 16. In the stick swinging business, Foreman, Bryant, Dapilito and Heints are all holding down a .370 or better batting average. Home runs aren't going un-used either, with Foreman belting two in Sunday's game with Orly, and Sgt. Chrisman, Team Manager, notching four RBI's at one clip by banging out a grand-slam homer in the same game.

Moral support could mean the difference between victory and defeat against the coming battle against SHAPE, so remember Saturday and

Sunday, July 2 and 3, and give our Base Team the backing they should have.

Chambley's season's record so far stands at nine victories and five defeats, the scores as follows:

CHAMBLEY	7	Chaumont	5
Chambley	11	Evroux	1
Chambley	10	Evroux	14
Chambley	14	Bordeaux	12
Chambley	9	Bordeaux	17
Chambley	4	Etain	0
Chambley	9	Turnabride	11
Chambley	4	SHAPE	7
Chambley	5	SHAPE	8
Chambley	9	Evroux	1
Chambley	13	Turnabride	1
Chambley	14	Toul	3
Chambley	14	Orly	3
Chambley	23	Orly	3

HQSQ ABGRU Runs Wild Over Medics

Highlighted by a 12-run sixth inning in which five home runs were belted, the Headquarters Squadron, Air Base Group softball team annihilated the 21st TAC Hospital aggregation 29 to 6 during an American League softball game last Friday.

It is believed that three records were established during the one-sided event, namely: number of runs in one inning-12, number of home runs in one inning-5, and number of consecutive home runs in one inning-4.

FOR SALE:

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