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Engineers Hit Target Date

Unique Training Aid In 21st Jet School

The 21st Fighter Bomber Wing has, through the efforts of two men named Smith and a group of CAB personnel, become the proud owners of a unique training aid system. One which, as far as is known, has the distinction of being one of two of its kind within 12th Air Force. The training aid is composed of a series of cut-away views of the various operational systems within our F86 Sabrejets which enable both pilots and maintenance people alike to actually see the intricate systems in operation.

The "mock-ups", as they are called, give the men a tremendously better understanding of exactly how the systems work and what each part within the system contributes to the operation of the unit as a whole. The old adage of "One picture is worth 1000 words" is made obsolete by the mock-ups, as they in turn are worth beau coup pictures in clearly illustrating the points of stress wear, and so on.

The mock-up idea was first initiated within the 21st Wing back at George AFB, but didn't materialize until a few weeks ago when the 72nd Hangar suddenly took on all the sounds of a reclamation point. People from many units on base began work on the tremendous project with hack saws, sanders, files and buffers. The entire operation, under the direct supervision of Mr. Art Smith, North American Aviation Technical Representative and Mr. Carl Smith, General Electric engine "Tech Rep", incurred many long hours of delicate workmanship. Each system, such as hydraulics, stick control, emergency, had to be carefully cut down the middle, sanded, buffed, and painted, a different color to represent each differing part, then carefully mounted on display boards.

At present, six of the mock-ups are completed and two are nearing completion. The largest of the mock-ups is a cut-away of an entire jet engine, styled by Carl Smith, which gives the viewer an over-all picture of exactly what happens when our Sabres are in full operation.

On Monday, October 31st, the Jet Engine Technical Training School was brought into being in classrooms set up in the 72nd Hangar. The 224 hour course will cover all phases of jet engine operation and maintenance with our "home-made" mock-ups playing a major role in the fields of higher learning and better maintenance.

A "WELL DONE" to all the people who made this outstanding project a reality.

Outstanding Award To A/IC Hochhalter

A/IC Roman C. Hochhalter, formerly of the 21st Air Police Squadron and lately assigned to Headquarters Squadron 21st Fighter Bomber Wing, received the "Outstanding Airman of the Quarter" award at Wing level recently, for the period 1 July thru 30 September.

The 22 year old Airman has been a member of the 21st Wing since last February. He entered the Air Force in February 1953 after graduating from high school, Class of '52, at Glenham, South Dakota. Upon completion of his Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, he attended and graduated from the Air Force Air Police School at Parks AFB near Oakland, California. Prior to his assignment to Chambley he was a member of the 479th Air Police Squadron at George AFB, California. Until his recent reassignment to the 21st Wing Finance Section, he performed duties as a clerk and an Air Policeman with the 21st AP Squadron.

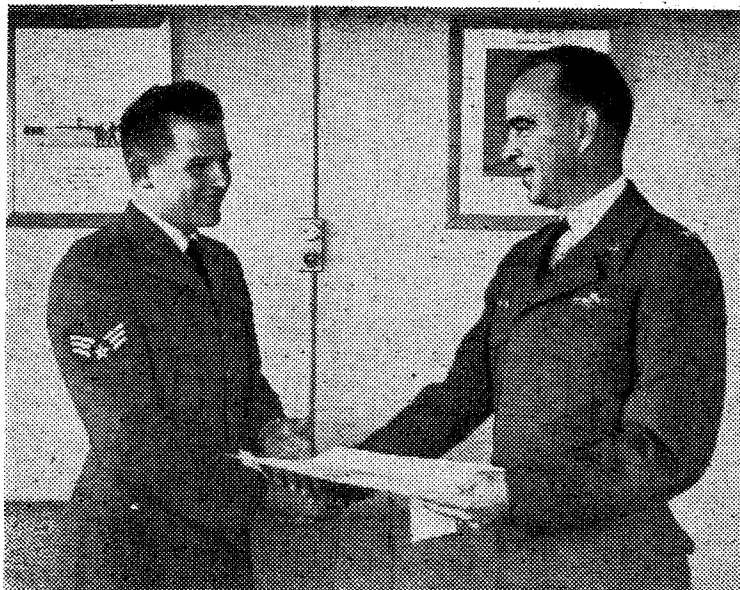
Before entering the service, Airman Hochhalter spent his time in ranching near his home in South Dakota. When his current enlistment is completed, in the early part of 1957, he hopes to attend college, majoring in Criminology, at San Jose, California.

Twenty five dollars and a three day pass were awarded to Airman Hochhalter by Colonel Robert R. Rowland, Base Commander, for the outstanding leadership and military bearing he has displayed as a member of the 21st Wing.

Four Up To Major

Four Officers of the 21st Wing received notification last week that orders will soon be forwarded designating their promotions to the rank of Major. The new Majors, with their dates of rank indicated, are Captains: Anthony Cvitanovich, Commander of the 416th Fighter Bomber Squadron (13 Feb 56), James W. Logan, Staff Judge Advocate (13 Apr 56), William C. Waller, Information Services Officer (29 Feb 56), and Paul E. Pickett, Base Fire Marshal (19 Dec 55).

Airman of the Quarter



A/IC Roman C. Hochhalter of Headquarters 21st Fighter Bomber Wing received the congratulations of Base Commander, Colonel Robert R. Rowland, recently, for winning the Outstanding Airman of the Quarter Award at Wing level, for the period 1 July thru 30 September. Aside from the certificate being presented here, Airman Hochhalter also received a three day pass and \$25.00 as part of the Outstanding Airman Award.

New Staff Members At CAB

Last week two new additions to Colonel Rowland's staff arrived at Chambley Air Base. Coming from a position as Professor of Air Science and Tactics at Arkansas University, Lt Col Ray W. Alford will assume duties with the 21st Wing as Wing Comptroller. The second arrival, Lt Col Herbert E. Des-Georges, came from an assignment as Special Assistant to the Air Base Group Commander at Foster AFB, Texas, and will assume duties as Wing Director of Materiel.

Maj Raymond H. Hepner, present Wing Comptroller, will become Air Base Group Executive sometime in November, while Maj Gordon L Edgett, present WDM will remain in that office as the Wing Armament Staff Officer.

21st Wing Personnel Visit Israel

Two Chambley Air Base personnel were among the 16 fortunate individuals who were picked recently, at Headquarters 12th Air Force, to take part in a pilgrimage to ancient Israel. M/Sgt Josef Lewin, Wing Headquarters Sergeant Major, and A/IC Allen A. Saperstein of the 21st Maintenance Squadron departed on the flight from Landstuhl Air Base, Germany on 12 October.

The tour consisted of stops at Naples, Italy and Athens, Greece, terminating at Tel Aviv, Israel. Once in the country, the tourists visited many historical and Biblical points of interest including: Haifa, the Sea of Galilee, Tibereas, Nazareth, Jeffa, Beersheba, and Jerusalem.

Holiday Flights For Christmas Scheduled To Leave Chambley

The Special Services Office has announced that all personnel yearning to be home for Christmas will have the opportunity to make it a reality. This will be via the "Yule Flight" which the Office has established and which will depart Chambley Air Base on 14 December, destination: New York.

Price for the round-trip flight, which will return to Chambley after approximately 24 days, will be

\$280.00 on a cash-and-fly basis. The aircraft will be a four engine trans-Atlantic job, complete with plush seats, hot meals and hostesses. If a sufficiently large number of personnel sign up for the trip the price will drop below the present \$280. Also, two aircraft will be made available if necessary.

All interested people may contact the Base Service Club at Ext 164 for complete information.

862nd Engineers Complete 'Caravan'

Six months ago the 862nd Engineer Aviation Battalion picked up its earth movers, shovels, picks and surveying instruments and began their enormous task of equipping Chambley Air Base with a trailer park. On that date they set their sights on 31 October as their target date of completion of "Operation Caravan", and they then proceeded to score a direct bullseye on that target date.

On Monday morning, 31 October, the 923rd Engineer Aviation Group Inspection Team from Landstuhl, Germany officially wrote "fini" to "Operation Caravan" by accepting the completed trailer park. Lt. Col. Besancon, Commander of the Inspection Group, complimented the 862nd both on the quality of the work and the time in which it was accomplished.

Captain John J. Pszekaza, Battalion Operations Officer, stated that the Battalion's personnel roster included only one electrician and three plumbers. Consequently, the ten miles of overhead wiring and five miles of plumbing which went into the park had to be installed by men whose designated tasks are those of earth moving, installation of concrete pads and roads, and heavy equipment operators. "Therefore", the Captain added "the utilities may not be quite what they could have been, had we the right men for the jobs." He compared it to the 21st Wing being assigned a Troop Carrier mission: "You could do it, but a switch such as that would naturally create a lot of difficulties."

The main body of the Battalion departed Chambley for their home base at Bitburg, Germany last Saturday. From there they will receive further construction assignments at Air Bases in France. Company C remained at Chambley until Wednesday, to put the finishing touches on the parking lot in the trailer area. The lot was an additional task, not included in the regular plans for the trailer park. Late Wednesday, Company C departed for Orly Field, near Paris, where they will begin an approximated two month construction task.

Captain Pszekaza extended his sincerest thanks to all Chambley Air Base personnel who assisted the 862nd during "Operation Caravan".

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New Home Of The T-33's

The month of October saw the flight line in front of the 21st Base Flight Section take on a new look. People who remember the Training Command would swear that Randolph Field or Williams AFB had initiated a new annex at Chambley.

It was during October that the 21st Instrument School was officially opened, and with its birth came the acquisition of seven new T-33's, assigned to Headquarters Squadron 21st Air Base Group. The aircraft were acquired from bases all over Europe and the United States. The school is operating on a 5½ day work week, with Captain C. L. Mc Cauley in charge of the training program. The total strength of the "T-Bird" Flight will be boosted to nine, with the acquisition of two more aircraft sometime this month.

On 25 October Base Flight received fourteen airmen from the three Fighter Squadrons on the base. From the 531st came: S/Sgt Robert L. McDonald, A/1C Robert Murker, A/2C Raymond L. Flannigan, A/2C Billy L. Knowles, and A/3C Willard W. Walters; from the 416th came: A/1C William O. Gourley, A/1C Daniel G. Holmes, A/1C Daniel E. Gilbert, A/3C Roy Rollins, and A/3C Eugene D. White; while S/Sgt William E. Rauch, A/1C Willard G. Forgy, A/2C Theodore L. Browne, and A/2C Charles R. Swanson all came from the 72nd.

NCO And Airmen's Club News

Piero Massari and his Italian Comedian Show Band, featuring vocalist Charollette Hanf, are providing a full schedule of music and entertainment at the NCO and Airmen's Club during the month of November. This Italian troupe specializes in combining New Orleans Jazz with a Spike Jones style of foolishness, while providing a cheerful evening of entertainment for Club patrons.

According to M/Sgt Bill Haley, Assistant Club Custodian, Chambley NCOs and Airmen will have a Club Snack Bar at their service within the near future. Construction of a kitchen began, at the Club, on 1 November and the tentative date of completion has been set for 20 December. The new Snack Bar will feature steaks, chickens, chops, and all types of short orders. It is hoped that the kitchen's hours of operation will be from 1700 hours to closing on weekdays and from noon to closing on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Next month the Club's agenda calls for Sweden's female version of Harry James, Miss Lilla Ekstam and Orchestra, featuring a female vocalist.

Attention All Wives

Mr. John E. Carsten, Assistant Red Cross Field Director at Chambley Air Base, has announced that a "Gray Lady" training course will be initiated on Wednesday 16 November in the Base Hospital, beginning at 1300 hours. All ladies interested in taking the course are requested to contact Mrs. M. R. Beamer at Base Trailer 1070.

Supply Squadron News Roundup

by Donald R. Denny
Turkeys For Thanksgiving

Frozen turkeys, between six and ten pounds, will be available at the Base Commissary for the Thanksgiving Holiday. 1st Lt Glen M. Grantham, Commissary Officer, has advised that customers place their orders early with A/1C Lee Standerford at the store's meat department. The local store will also feature a wide variety of fruit cakes, candies, and nuts from now through the remainder of the year.

Commissary hours of operation are from 1030 to 1600 hours on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, and from 1030 to 1730 hours on Tuesdays and Fridays. The store will continue to close on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.

Clothing Sales Store

S/Sgt Joseph A. Truskey, Clothing Sales Store NCOIC, reports that the Base "Haberdashery" is well stocked with a complete line of low quarter shoes, service shoes, and blue flannel shirts. All personnel are reminded that all clothing purchased from the Clothing Sales Store is altered Free-of-Charge.

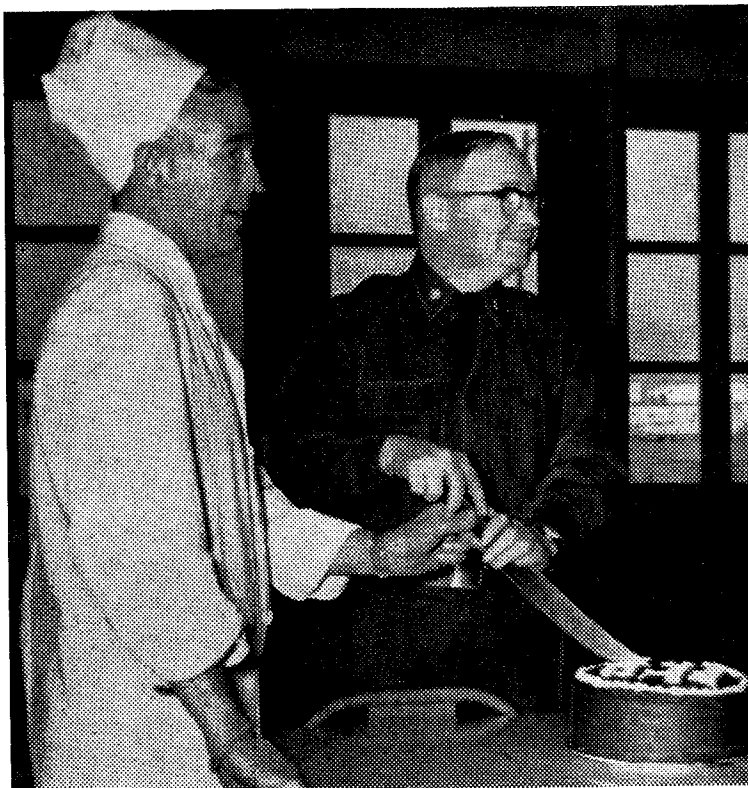
Administrative Changes

Captain Royden D. Schooley, formerly assigned to Shaw AFB, South Carolina, has replaced 1st Lt. Charles O. Green as Clothing Sales Officer and Material Facilities Officer. Lt. Green is pending reassignment to the 416th Fighter Bomber Squadron.

"That's Muh Boy!"

Mr. Rickey Ray Castrapel (civilian, unemployed) of Portland, Oregon, recently put his husky, handsome and healthy 25 pound frame to work and proceeded to walk off with the Annual Oregon State Body Contest. Mr. Castrapel, age 2 years, and the son of A/1C Vincent R. Castrapel of Hedron ABGru, completely outsparked all other contestants in the annual fete in every department from best looks to loudest lungs. Young Rickey walked home carrying the state title and a loving cup large enough to take his Saturday night baths in. According to his dad, his plans for the immediate future are as yet undecided.

Cake Operation



The opening of the 21st Tactical Hospital's Dining Hall last Tuesday noon was properly feted with ceremonies including the traditional cutting of the cake by Lt Col Herbert T. Clough, Commander TAC Hospital, pictured above wielding the machete. Assistant cake cutter is T/Sgt Bill Davis, Mess Steward. Col Rowland and Col Baker attended the opening as guests of honor.

72nd Squadron Hangar Happenings

Lieutenants Lynn R. Lane and Harold U. Everett returned to Chambley on 28 October after a long and successful gunnery meet at Nellis AFB, Nevada. Lt. Lane was greeted home by his wife, Joan, and son, Lee, plus a large group of well-wishers. Both pilots were "Comment allez vous'd" by Colonels Robert N. Baker, Wing Executive Officer, R. C. Franklin, Fighter Group Commander, John H. Stokes, Air Base Group Commander, and Captain Louis D. Braun, 72nd Squadron Commander.

Captain "Terry" Lee, Squadron Maintenance Officer, had the honor of bringing home the trophies that were won at the meet. WOW! They are truly beautiful, to say the least. Next year some additions should be shown to the fine collection of trophies, which are now at Wing Headquarters. Congratulations, for a job well done, are in store for all who participated in the meet.

The 72nd Orderly Room now boasts of having the finest bulletin board on the base. We also feel that we have the "ultra" in our Ground Safety bulletin board. The Court Martial bulletin board catches the eye with a white background, red border, star studded, plus lightning flashes. All in All, no one can mistake the location of the Orderly Room when entering the Hangar.

Now that the Squadron is again united, things are happening. The Hangar has once again taken on the activities pursuant to keeping our aircraft in the best flying condition. 1st Lt. Richard E. Williams, Engineering Officer, and Sergeant Charles E. Meade, Line Chief, are busy plotting and keeping our maintenance crews keyed to that high pitch which is essential in keeping the high proficiency of our Airmen.

It seems great to have the

Wanted: Your Ideas

Word has been received from the Base Incentive Awards Committee of a change to USAFE Regulation 35-17 which authorizes payment in cash, from non-appropriated funds, for suggestions on management improvement to be paid to military and civilian personnel at USAFE bases on a monthly contest basis, with the top base cash award being \$35.00.

Six awards are offered monthly at base level. They are in amounts of \$35, \$25, \$15, \$10 and two \$5 awards. Monthly suggestions winning cash awards will be forwarded to Hq Twelfth Air Force for entry in Command contests and further cash awards. Winners in the Twelfth Air Force contest will be entered in the semi-annual USAFE contest with top cash payment being \$100.

The first semi-annual award will be made in June 1956. The annual \$1000 award will be made to the Welfare Fund of the USAFE base whose management program shows the greatest degree of activity and productivity during a calendar year.

Only those suggestions which have been approved, and put into operation, will be considered for awards in any contest period. Suggestions requiring approval of higher headquarters will be considered during the period following the completed action.

The Base Incentive Awards committee will judge suggestions on the following factors: annual dollar savings, annual manhour savings, improved working conditions, number of people affected, morale and welfare benefits, and broadness of scope and originality.

Squadron together again. WHERE DO WE GO NEXT? Time will tell! So until the next edition, "Au Revoir".
M/Sgt Richard J. Kardash

Halt! Who Goes There?

by Daniel F. Hassett

A short while back a lengthy convoy of familiar ton and a half's came rolling through the main gate of Chambley Air Base and into the lair of the "Desert Rats". The trucks, filled to capacity with 114 dusty but excited Airmen, thus terminated a long and salty jaunt from the "Land of the Big PX" to the welcoming shores of "La Belle France".

The arrival of the troops was anxiously anticipated by all of the "Old Timers" of the Base; a monumental fact in itself, for these new Airmen were reinforcements to the Air Police Squadron. It is a well known fact throughout this Force, called Air, that anxious anticipation of the Air Police is a rarity indeed, but that they were Air Police was only a minor detail. The paramount part of the whole thing was that these new arrivals were the boys that were going to relieve these "Old Timers" of that tedious chore of guard duty, a soldiers lament since Alexander led his armies across Europe.

The greater majority of the men hail from the pride and joy of General Curtis Lemay's Strategic Air Command. Therefore, they are by no means new to this all important job of security, a thing which was lacking at Chambley due to insufficient personnel, but is now adequately under control.

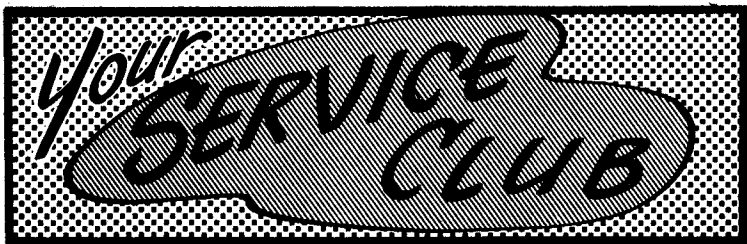
The operation of the Air Police Squadron takes in an extensive scope and under the proficient guidance of their Commander, Captain Daniel W. Davis, the Air Policemen are doing a tremendous job.

416th Farewell Party (Again)

The 416th Fighter Bomber Squadron gathered together at the Chambley Officers Club on Saturday evening, November 5th, at a cocktail party in honor of Captain Anthony Cvitanovich, 416th Commander. His departure in the near future to take command of Detachment #1 at Bitburg and his recently announced promotion to Major were the highlights of the occasion.

Captain Cvitanovich has been with the 416th since August 1953 and has served at various times as a Flight Commander, Operations Officer and since July of this year as the Squadron Commander. A veteran fighter pilot of both World War II and the Korean Conflict he has served with the squadron from Alaska to Africa and points in-between. His leaving is regretted by all and it is hoped that his new assignment will be to his liking.

Captain Robert P. Smith acted as Master of Ceremonies during the evening and presented "Tony" with a silver and gold cigarette dispenser suitably engraved as a remembrance of the 416th squadron. A tape recording of the presentation and other events of the evening was also given to Captain Cvitanovich.



by Betty Jo Drewry

Program Director

At last we have some good news to report. The Service Club will be open daily from 1300 - 2200 hours beginning 14 November. After the recent escapades with the painters and the floor tiling crews we are now ready to roll out the "Welcome Mat", so Y'ALL COME!

Let's have a look at what's in store for the next couple of weeks. First of all don't miss the big Stage Show in the hangar on 11 November. This promises to bring a gleam in the eye as it features Gracie Cole and Her All Girl Orchestra. They give out with some fine type music so be on hand - show time 2030 hours.

We've missed seeing your smiling faces for such a long time that we feel a "Welcome Back to the Service Club Party" is in line. Monday night - 2030 hours - 14 November - hope you can make it. This will also be a "Welcome Patt Party" so come and meet her (especially all you Yankees).

Tuesday, 15 November we are scheduling the first meeting of the Little Theater Group along with Bridge and Chess groups. We'll be looking for you!

Remember the 'ole Corner Drug Store? Well the Service Club will be transformed into just that come Wednesday 16 November. Plenty of ice cream and all the trimmings will be available. Come in and make your own favorite Sundae.

A Special, Special, treat is in store for the Jazz fans on 18 November. This time in the form of an all male Jazz band featuring CHET BAKER, reputedly among the top three rated trumpete players in the states. "JazzTime U.S.A." will be held in one of the hangars, watch posters for full details.

A little item to mull over is the Thanksgiving Bus Tour to Paris. We are working on this and information will be available soon.

Lots of you have 55mm slides and 8mm movies and the Service Club is just the place to show them. We have both types of projectors and you may use them in the club during normal operating hours.

School Notes

No longer must the children grouse through a heavy haze of cement dust in their rooms. The trick was turned by a sturdy crew of PTA volunteers Friday evening, 4 November.

With Sgt. Cook clearing the way with his home vacuum cleaner, a good coat of deck paint was laid on classroom, office and latrine floors in nothing less than record time.

So energetically did the men apply the paint, that half way through the job Sgt. Harris had to scurry around for additional paint to finish the rooms.

Mrs. Stapleton and Mrs. Cummings were also very much on the job with their moral support and material (coffee and cookies).

The sequel to this story was provided by Sgts. Schomer, Fowle and House who hauled desks, chairs, bookcases et al. back into the rooms the following Sunday afternoon.

All hands at the school say simply: "Many thanks!"

Miss Miller one morning spent a good many minutes drilling the vowel sounds with her first graders. Heading for recess one little girl turned her freckled face up to her teacher and offered an evaluation of the lesson: "That sounded like baby talk."

November 1 began the formation of a Jr. AP Patrol. The boys and girls of the fifth and sixth grades will have the duty of assisting the children on their way to and from school. They are very anxious to keep a perfect safety record.

NCO Wives Reporting

by Helen Kardash

On Saturday afternoon, 29 October, the NCO Club, with the help of the NCO Wives Club, sponsored a Halloween Party for the children of all Base NCO personnel. Judging from the glowing faces of the children attending, (and there must have been at least 125 present) the party was a "howling" success, in keeping with the spirit of Halloween.

Movies started off the afternoon's events, followed by the ever-popular refreshments, and a costume parade. The parade judges, Sergeants Bill Haley, Clyde Lamp, and T. R. Neylon selected four winners. Two of the best costumes and two of the funniest costumes were presented with prizes. The children received balloons, gum, paper hats, masks, clappers, and ratchets — all through the courtesy of our generous NCO Club.

Our thanks to the NCO Club members and to all the wives who helped make the party the success it was. And three cheers to Mesdames Anderson, Carter, Holt, Ivey, Juedemann, Meade, and Wolf for creating such a fine "Spookland".

'Twas just another example of the esprit de corps which is so prevalent in the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing.

Officers Wives Club News

by Cleo C. Nooger

Baskets full of colorful autumn flowers, fruits and vegetables adorned the tables for the November Officers Wives Club luncheon last Thursday afternoon. Hostesses for the occasion were the wives of the 21st Fighter-Bomber Wing, with Mrs. R. R. Rowland as luncheon chairman. A typical Thanksgiving dinner was served to forty members, who first enjoyed a delightful punch served from a beautifully decorated cocktail table.

The business meeting was opened with the announcement that classes in French will begin on Monday, November 7th through the sponsorship of the Education Center. Classes will be held twice a week, Mondays and Wednesdays from 1515 hours to 1615 hours at \$5.00 per month per student. Textbooks and other articles will be provided through the Education Center.

Father Davy, Base Chaplain, was then introduced to the members, and he reported the Boys Catholic orphanage in Metz was to be feted with a Christmas dinner, party and gifts on December 15th and asked that the OWC name a committee to take charge of the details. Mrs. Robert N. Baker was appointed to head the committee and she is to choose her helpers from the club membership. Fifty dollars from the OWC treasury was voted to start the ball rolling for this worthwhile project. The rest of the money must come by voluntary contribution and everyone is urged to give freely to make the orphans' party a huge success.

Father Davy asked for volunteers to sew and hang curtains in the chapel annex building, and Mrs. Ross M. Beamer was named to head this committee.

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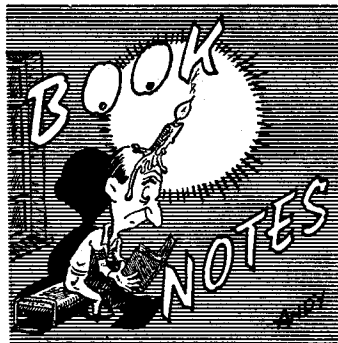
On Armistice Day we might all think over a speech of General Omar Bradley, our former Army Chief of Staff. Speaking in Boston, on November 10, 1948, the distinguished military leader warned:

"With the monstrous weapons man already has, humanity is in danger of being trapped in this world by its moral adolescents. Our knowledge of science has clearly outstripped our capacity to control it. We have many men of science, but too few men of God. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. Man is stumbling blindly through a spiritual darkness while toying with the precarious secrets of life and death.

"The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. This is our twentieth century's claim to distinction and to progress."

Joseph E. Davy

Base Chaplain



By Miss Ruth Austin
Base Librarian.

Following are a few quick thumb-nail reviews of the top books recommended for your reading pleasure. You will find these at your Special Services Library.

Good for a laugh is Bentz Plagmann's THIS IS GOGGLE: OR THE EDUCATION OF FATHER. Says Bellamy Partridge, "This is the truest and funniest book I have ever read about the male teenager."

NO TIME FOR SERGEANTS, by Mac Hyman and currently on the Best Seller List, is the delightful story of the hillbilly who was drafted, and his adventures in the military. The publishers have sold 125,000 copies of this book and Book-of-the-Month Club has distributed 160,000 copies. It has been adapted into a Broadway play and Warner Brothers have bought the screen rights.

Welcome, Patt!

Your Service Club takes great pleasure in introducing our newest addition to the Staff. She's MISS PATRICIA FINNEGAN who comes to us straight from BOSTON, MASS. If you haven't met Patt yet, please do stop by the Service Club to say "Hello" and welcome her to Chambley. We hope she's going to like it here for we're so very fortunate to have her with us.

Miss Finegan is a graduate of Emmanuel College in Boston and has had a great deal of experience in Social Work and Recreation in Boston. This is her first assignment with the Military, but she is already hard at work and "pitching in" like a veteran.

Patt is anxious to meet "you all", so be sure to come say "Hi" real soon. Incidentally, although Patt hails from Boston, we've already caught her saying "Y'ALL" a couple of times, so we're issuing a special invitation to all you YANKEES and IRISHMEN to straighten her out before we REBELS convert her.

Education Does Pay Off!!

by Mr. C. de Kanter

As this paper appears on the news-stands, the dead-line for enrollment in the University of Maryland courses of French I, International Political Relations and possibly German I is close at hand. The Education Center will still accept all new enrollments until 1700, Monday November 14th. All men who have an incomplete in French I are once more urged to sign up immediately for this new course. There is no payment due at this time, and this may be your only opportunity to clear this incomplete before the pressure of spring flying sets in again. Don't delay, enroll today!

A High-School level group study course in either American Government or American History is planned to start on the 21st of November. All men who have to clear these courses prior to approval from their state on their G.E.D. tests for equivalency certificates should contact the Education Center immediately so that preparations for the classes can be made in time. The following states demand that their graduates through G.E.D. testing comply with American History credits prior to issuance of the equivalency Certificate: Oklahoma, California, Massachusetts, Ohio, Mississippi, and Illinois.

If you are a resident of any of these states and have still not attained your high-school diploma or certificate, enroll at once so that delay on attaining your equivalency will not be postponed unnecessarily.

If you have no definite goal in mind educationally, you are urged to talk over your particular problems with us now. The less time wasted getting stared, the more can be accomplished before you leave Chambley. Don't become one of those men who says: "If I only had started earlier, I could have completed..." Don't try to cram the impossible into too short a time, we are no magicians, and a lot of water flows under bridges before your goal can be attained. Whatever your problem, High-School, or College, see us today. You can do something about it while at Chambley. Metz doesn't have as much to offer as we do!

AACS To Celebrate 17th Birthday; 1270th At Chambley For Over Year

Airways and Air Communications Service, the "Guardian Angel" of the Air Force, will mark the completion of its seventeenth year of service on 15 November 1955.

Chambley's branch of this far flung organization, the 1270th AACS Squadron, celebrated its First Birthday on 1 November 1955. Under the command of Captain John J. Walker, the unit has supplied, operated, and maintained Airways and Air Communications Service to the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing, as well as USAF.

On 1 November 1954 the 1270th AACS Squadron was initiated into the ranks of the Air Force Units,

being established at Chambley Air Base in accordance with Military Air Transport Service (MATS) General Order Number 172. 2nd Lt. James L. Blake was named as the original Commander of the Squadron, pending the arrival of Captain Walker.

The organization first consisted of one officer and two enlisted men. It has since grown to its present strength of six officers and 71 enlisted personnel. Included among assigned personnel are: Operators, Maintenance Men, Administrative Clerks, Personnel Specialists, Supply Technicians, a Supply Officer, a Flight Facility Officer, a GCA Officer, and an Adjutant and Commander.

Chambley Drops to Laon, 34-19

A muddy field, injuries, and just plain too much Laon spelled out defeat for the Chambley Desert Rats in their final game of the 1955 season, played at Tournebride Field last Saturday afternoon. The loss dropped Chambley into third place and put Laon into second in the final Eastern France Football Conference standings.

A big first half, in which the Laon Rangers piled up a tidal 34-6 lead proved to be too much for the Chambleymen to overcome, despite a hard fighting comeback in the last two periods. The local team couldn't seem to build up sufficient steam in the first thirty minutes of play to either stop the well-oiled Ranger squad or push the pigskin into pay-dirt. Laon's ace quarterback, Larry Raimundy, former star at the University of Wisconsin, unleashed his high velocity passing arm at the opening whistle and continued to set up scoring plunges via the airways throughout the event for the Rangers, in spite of some fine aerial defense by Chambley.

Chambley's quarterback, Phil Caldwell wasn't outshone by any means in the pass-and-connect department as he heaved all three of CAB's scoring sorties and connected with 14 out of 29 attempts in spite of a perpetually slippery ball. Big end, Don Kincheloe, putting bench duty due to an injured ankle, was in the game long enough to snare in two touchdown heaves, on one of which he shook off two Ranger tacklers and scooted the remaining 35 yards to pay-dirt.

The second half of the game took on a completely new look, as the Desert Rats got into full swing, holding the Rangers to a single marker while punching across two for themselves. With the line plowing truck-size holes in the Ranger forward wall, the backfield clicking off extra yardage on every play and the defense holding like glue, it looked like Chambley might still pull victory out of the bag. A win and second place just weren't in the cards however, as the Desert Rats still trailed by fifteen points at the final gun.

Despite the loss, our team has still left an impressive first-season record of four wins, two ties, and two losses.

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Stars at Ball Game



Four of the most outstanding stars at the recent Chambley-Etain football game were those worn by Major General Robert M. Lee, Commander 12th Air Force, as he honored the 21st and 388th Fighter Bomber Wings by attending their gridiron event. The General, pictured above seated behind Mrs. Baker and viewing the game with a critical eye, commented highly upon the spirit and drive exhibited by both teams during the 6-6 deadlock.

Comm Team Shooting For USAFE Title

Another Base Athletic championship was recently pocketed by the 21st Communications Squadron and again the Comm boys are representing Chambley Air Base at the All-France Conference Championship play-offs being held at Chateauroux the last three days of this week. This time the Comm Squadron touch football team ran rampant over all other entries in the base wide two-game elimination series, following their similar performance during the base softball season.

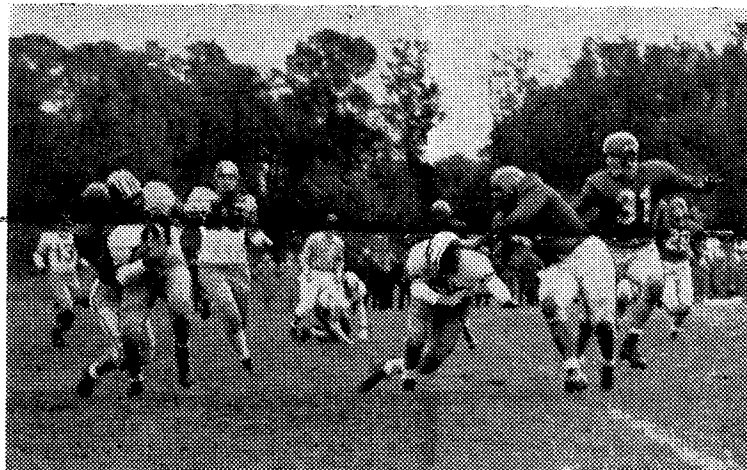
The yellow shirted Comm team rolled over five opponents during the "Touch" season while accumulating a total of 33 points against their adversaries' 6. AACS, which landed in second place at the finish line, went down twice at the hands of the Comm people to the tune of 6-0 and 7-0.

The Communications aggregation, which is sporting two men from 8th Radio Relay and five stalwarts from 21st Supply Squadron, departed our home Wednesday bound for Chateauroux and a "Sudden Death" elimination series for the All-France Conference title. In this type of tourney, a single loss puts the unlucky loser out of the running, but toute des suite.

The victor at the Chad tournament, which was scheduled to end Saturday will then travel to a yet to be named base in Germany for the USAFE Championship title. Let's hope the boys go all the way this time.

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Plenty of action was stirred up by Desert Rat quarterback Phil Caldwell as he scooted around end for 12 yards during the Chambley-Etain 6-6 deadlock played on October 22. Galloping to his aid are halfback Ray Jackson (13) and center Jim Hamby (28) while halfback Fred Kennedy (24) lays a nice cross-body block into a would-be tackler. The Pioneer attempting to put a hammerlock on Caldwell finally succeeded. The gentleman in the loud striped shirt in the center background is M/Sgt Tom "Eagle-eyes" Fowle, Chambley Back Judge.

Officers Wives 'Club News'

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There was an overwhelming response to help Father Davy with his pet project.

Volunteers are also needed for wrapping gifts for the base-wide Christmas party for the 367 dependent children. Contact Father Davy for details.

The Special Events chairman announced that a cake sale for the benefit of the forthcoming base nursery will be held November 15th in the Airmen's Mess, starting at 10 a. m.

The Welfare chairman reported that there will be a meeting of registered Gray Ladies in the Officers Club Lounge on Thursday, November 10th at 9 30 a. m. Gray Lady classes will definitely start on 15 November and Mrs. Ross Beamer, chairman, urges all interested ladies to come to the classes, as there will be a representative from Stuttgart to conduct the three half-day sessions.

Rod And Gun Club

Members of the Chambley Base Rod and Gun Club are urged to drop by the clubhouse during the next week to bring their back dues up to date. This money is urgently needed to increase the stock of the club store and to finance future events.

Among the future events, still in the planning stages, is a Turkey Shoot. It is hoped that necessary arrangements can be completed in order to schedule a Shoot sometime before Thanksgiving. More details concerning this event will be available later.

A large stock of pistols are presently on hand in the club store, located in the rear of the POL pre-fab, next door to the base parachute shop. Club members interested in purchasing firearms of this type may take advantage of some outstanding bargains. Check this list against Stateside prices: Smith and Wesson K-38 Revol-

Soccer Squad Sees Shutout

by Skzmerktvrepkt
Sports Writer etc.

Equipped with the best in uniforms and gear, stout hearts and stouter shin-bones, but only three days of practice, the Chambley AB 1955 Soccer Team made its initial debut against the Chaumont "Mudhens" last Saturday afternoon and proceeded to get soundly trounced to the tune of 8 to 0.

Chaumont not only had the advantage of scoring the most points, but also that of having fielded a soccer team for the past three years running. As is true in most things, experience paid off. The Chaumont boys had more or less of an easy day with the "Desert Rats" no matter which side of the field you looked at it from. The Chambleymen outdid the Mudhens in the speed and college try departments all the way, but when it got down to the business of popping the pill into the net, it was all Chaumont.

Our home team can take consolation in the fact that the Chaumont team has, in the past three years, plowed under five out of seven French teams in Class A Soccer events.

Dropping the first of their five conference season games hasn't daunted the boys a bit, according to Jose Concha, Hedron ABGru, who will spend the soccer season serving as seer of the soccer squad. They will journey to Etain AB this Saturday, and judging from the spirit and try hard or die hard sweat they have been putting into their practice sessions it will be a game to watch closely. Toul will be their adversary on the following Saturday, November 19, followed by an open date with which they hope to take on a French team, then a home game against Toul on our own football field on November 26. The '55 season will be wrapped up in an away game at Laon.

The holder of the Eastern France Conference championship will battle with the Western France kingpins at Chateauroux on December 10, the winner there going on to Germany for a shot at the USAFE title.

Now that the football season at Chambley has come to a close, let's not forget our boys in shin-guards. This soccer business is a rugged, fast, and highly interesting one, so leave us sport fans get out and root for our home team.

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Base personnel interested in seeking membership in the Rod and Gun Club may contact S/Sgt William F. Winberly at Ext 242 or stop by the Rod and Gun Clubhouse on any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening between 1830 and 2030 hours.