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21st Completes First Year At Chambley

Christmas Message



As Commander of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing, I extend to all, my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and successful New Year. Christmas is a day of many happy memories. A day that we like to spend at home with our loved ones, and since it is a day of giving, by our gifts we bring happiness to ourselves and our families.

For Service personnel, home is wherever their current assignment takes them and their Christmas celebration will vary according to existing conditions.

For most of us Christmas 1954 was a bleak and dreary day far from home and loved ones. Many of you were fighting the mud and rain of Chambley; others of us were stranded at various bases along the North Atlantic ferry route. Christmas 1955 presents a pleasant contrast and brighter outlook due to the progress made during the past year. Your cooperative effort these past months has not only bettered living conditions to a marked degree, but has also carried out the Wing's primary mission. These factors are borne out by the many honors and other recognition which the 21st has achieved this year.

The 21st Fighter Bomber Wing has reason to be proud of its accomplishments during 1955. With a continuing spirit of cooperation and a united effort, 1956 can be an even better year.

A blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all personnel of Chambley Air Base, your dependents and loved ones.

ROBERT R. ROWLAND
COLONEL, USAF
Base Commander.

Base Commander Urges Safe Holiday Season

In the opening address of the Base-wide drive against Christmas traffic accidents, Colonel Robert R. Rowland, Base Commander, stated, "Any human privilege, whether the privilege of free speech or the privilege to drive an automobile, carries with it certain responsibilities, and certain moral commitments on the part of the individual who exercises that privilege.

"Too often we take our rights for granted, as something to be enjoyed and used to our own advantage", the Colonel continued. "Whereas a right should be counted a privilege to be treasured and used conscientiously — something to be upheld and practiced."

Colonel Rowland pointed out that permission to drive an automobile is a privilege which is given to the personnel of this base in the expectation that they will fulfill certain obligations which have been designed to insure their own safety and the safety of others.

This, of course, includes obeying all traffic laws and ordinances.

The Commander reminded drivers that enforcement officials were taking increased measures against traffic violators and that such offenders are subject to serious punishment.

"The annual traffic toll in this Wing is an appalling tragedy" he concluded. "And one of the most effective controls that we have for the prevention of traffic accidents, is increased vigilance on the part of our traffic courts and enforcement officials."

Attention All Wives

Many Airmen plan to spend the Christmas Holiday on the Base. Therefore, the Base Service Club has put out a call to all Base Wives for contributions of cakes, cookies, pies, and homemade candy. Wives have been requested to bring their contributions to the Service Club on December 24. This is a wonderful opportunity for all you ladies to test your newest recipes and to provide Christmas treats to these "stranded" Airmen at the same time.

Christmas Spirit At Chambley Air Base



M. Megli, director of the Providence Orphanage, receives the first gifts package for his boys from Father Joseph E. Davy, Base Chaplain. There was a gift for each boy under the gaily decorated tree in the Officers Mess. (See page 6)

One Successful Year In Europe

Maybe you've noticed that this issue of *The Sabre* is a few pages more lengthy than the usual size, but we, up here in the "Gossip Shop," thought it would be appropriate to have an Anniversary Edition in commemoration of our arrival at Chambley.

Despite the gripes, standard around any Air Force installation, we must admit that Chambley and the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing have come a long way since the Bltng dropped us off at La Pallice.

We have proved ourselves in innumerable things during the past year: things such as the performance of our pilots and aircraft at the gunnery meets in Tripoli and at Nellis, in Sports, "ad infinitum". But that's all history now, and a major portion of this issue summarizes the events that helped shape this history.

Numerous events of the past year will remain in our memories for many years, to come, and there's no reason why our record in the year dawning before us shouldn't be as good, if not better, than the past year's achievements.

From the Editorial Staff of *The Sabre*, we wish to extend to all of you best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Orphan Boys Inspect 21st Wing Aircraft

At 1400 hours on 15 December, 42 boys from the Providence Orphanage stepped out of Chambley Air Base buses into Hangar #1.

Amid exclamations of, "Oh Regarde!", the boys, ranging in age from 8-14 years, began an unforgettable afternoon.

Madame Genevieve Hartman, Civilian Consultant, first told the boys a few things about Chambley Air Base, the pilots and the aircraft. Under the direction of Chaplain Joseph E. Davy, Lt. R. Williams and Mrs. Wm. Waller, the children were divided into four groups. Each group then visited the static display of aircraft and equipment and asked many questions of the pilots and interpreters.

1st Lt. Robert Dilger, 72nd FB Sq, and Mlle Mallaisé stood by the F-86; 1st Lt. James Dunn and Mlle Arbat by the T-33; A/IC Jesse Burnett and Madame Garlinski by the C-47.

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Chambley Hospital Admits 1st Patient

A rather dubious honor was bestowed upon Captain James E. Parsons of Headquarters 21st Air Base Group on December 3, when he became the first patient to be admitted to the new Chambley Air Base Hospital. Since Captain Parsons' admission the number of patients has been on a steady increase.

Upon the 21st Wing's arrival at Chambley last December, daily sick-call was held in a temporary dispensary located in what was then Bldg. 45. Later the dispensary was moved into the present hospital building. And until the hospital was recently opened here, patients requiring hospitalization were sent to nearby Toul-Rosiere Air Base.

The hospital was finally accepted and turned over to AIO on November 12, 1955. The new facility consists of five Wings — Wing "A" houses the out-patient records and treatment section and Flight Surgeons Office; Wing "B" — Out-Patient and Dental section,

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PTA Sponsors Christmas Party For Base Children

Friday evening, 16 December 1955, the Chambley PTA sponsored a base wide Christmas party in the 416th hangar.

The program included entertainment by the school children, a guest performance by the Joef choir, and from out of the blue a visit by Santa Claus himself.

The 1st and 2nd graders from Miss Ekrem's and Miss Miller's rooms began the entertainment with a recital of the letters of Christmas. The children themselves had helped to compose the verses.

Miss Sim's 1st graders fol-

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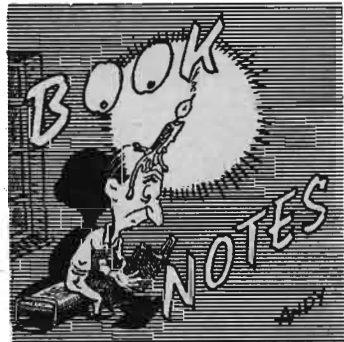
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Education Did Pay Off!

by Mr. C. de Kanter

This is the anniversary edition of the Sabre, and also we celebrate our first anniversary as an active Education Center on the base. For those men who have taken advantage of the opportunities offered, the Education Center way has been the path to Diplomas and promotions. Let me tell you about some of the things that the Center has accomplished!

Through our program of G.E.D. testing, fifteen men have received their equivalency Certificates from either their States or their high-schools. Two men have walked away from the Center with a regular high-school diploma under their arms, and as far as the Center can determine, the G.E.D. test results appearing on at least three men's form 20's have been instrumental in promotions.



By Miss Ruth Austin

Your Special Services Library, as defined by Air Force Regs, is "A service agency established for the purpose of providing reading materials of an educational, informational, general, technical, research, and reference nature, to an Air Force installation or activity."

The records show that the Chambley Base Library was born in the fall of '54, with approximately 2200 books being shipped-in from other bases in the command. During the first few weeks of its existence, the library was kept open a few hours each day by Airmen, working on off-duty time. Later an Airman was assigned to the library on a full-time basis.

At the present time our staff consists of three full-time workers including myself and Miss Jeannine Guerneau and Airmen Jose Martinez as library assistants.

On October 3, the library was moved from its temporary barracks location to the present pre-fab location. (Building T-212) Our shelves now hold 4532 books and we have approximately 70 periodical subscriptions.

There are books for all tastes - both fiction and non-fiction. For your convenience, these are further divided into sections such as: Westerns, Mysteries, Science Fiction, Biography, and Recommended Military Reading. There is also a shelf reserved for books on France and books by French authors.

In addition to books which are purchased from local library funds, the Department of the Air Force sends monthly book kits to us, with 25 current books. (Last October Chambley received book kit number 100!) Next year the Department of the Air Force will send 300 kits to 12th AF libraries alone.

We look back with pride to five courses offered under the sponsorship of the University of Maryland. Over 50 men have been enrolled in these courses so far, and all of these are planning to continue doing college work preparatory, eventually, to becoming eligible for Operation Bootstrap (Six months TDY to the College or University of your choice toward the completion of your degree).

The most wonderful event for the Education Center took place when we moved into our own quarters in November. The increase in men coming in for counselling has been beyond all expectations. Whereas previously we were proud to claim about 10 daily interviews with individuals, counselling them on education or mapping their future with them, the average daily attendance to the Center has now increased to 25. Our unusually good location, right next to the PX and across the street from the Mess Hall, has no doubt contributed to this increase.

This has been our painful year, our first year of operation at Chambley, the first year of growth. We have cut our teeth and outgrown our crawler. We are now ready to serve you even better than ever before. Come in on the ground floor, while you still have plenty of time ahead of you overseas, and let your success story add to our statistics for our next anniversary. We can only do for you what you will allow us to do!

Don't forget, Education does pay off! A man with a high-school education is worth twice the amount of a man without one, and a college degree adds another 75% to your earning power. You will never have such a chance again. Here, you have the time, the opportunity, and as always the Education Center at your Service. Use it!

French Carollers



M. Gries conducts the choir of the French "Fauvettes" at the PTA Christmas party, December 16, at Hangar two.

12 AF Recruiters CISM Champion Visit Chambley AB

By S/Sgt Robert N. Mayo
Base Recruiting NCO.

Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Money, Deputy Director of Personnel and 1st Lt. Philip J. Ferrara, 12th Air Force Recruiting Officer, visited Chambley Air Base on December 7, to discuss and emphasize the present 12th AF and USAFE Recruiting Program.

A special briefing was held at Wing Headquarters for all Unit Commanders, Adjutants and First Sergeants. Lectures were delivered at the meeting by Colonel Robert R. Rowland Base Commander, Lt. Col. Money and Lt. Ferrara.

The Recruiting Team expressed appreciation for the outstanding recruiting job being performed here at Chambley. Although the compliment was directed to the local recruiters, it was fully intended for all the personnel making possible the high re-enlistment rate - namely the Airmen who re-enlist.

The main topic of the meeting was the Career Counseling Program and having a better informed Airman. Following an interesting and appropriate film, a brief question and answer session developed, with Colonel Money doing an excellent job of supplying the answers.

In closing out his visit, Colonel Money stated that at the present time, Chambley Air Base is leading all 12th Air Force bases with a 68.4% re-enlistment rate for the first 10 months of 1955. Chambley is a top contender for the Recruiting Achievement Plaque, given by the 12th Air Force to the base having the highest re-enlistment rate during 1955.



Conner Wins CISM Driving Championship

1st Lt. John C. Conner of the 72nd Fighter Bomber Squadron and a former All-American diver from Duke University captured first place in the three-meter diving finals of the CISM (Conseil International du Sport Militaire) swimming and diving championship held last weekend in Brussels.

Conner, representing the U.S. Armed Forces team, compiled 144.9 points to win the three-meter board event. He is also holder of the USAFE one-meter diving title.

For Sale

Electric water heater - 50 gallon - French make; Transformer - 750 watt, has been in use for only five weeks; Transformer - 300 watt, only two months old. Contact 1st Lt. Robert W. Brown, 72nd Fighter Bomber Squadron at Ext. 313.

Commander's Christmas Message To French Civilian Personnel

Mes chers Amis,
Notre second Noël sur la Base est aussi l'anniversaire de notre installation à Chambley.

Je suis heureux de pouvoir vous remercier aujourd'hui de votre coopération pendant cette année. Votre travail nous a aidés à faire de la Base ce qu'elle est devenue. Pourtant, notre tâche n'est pas achevée; continuons à travailler ensemble pour le plus grand bien de nos deux pays.

Merci, et Joyeux Noël à tous.

Robert R. Rowland
Colonel, USAF
Base Commander

School Notes

The Dependents School of Chambley Air Base became a going concern 12 September 1955 when some 125 children entered the prefab classrooms. Everything went like clock-work that day. There was hardly an indication that many men had spent hurried weeks and hours making everything in readiness.

Much of the credit for bringing the school to completion must go to Major Nicholas N. Mihailov, a that time School Officer. He spent the better part of the first half of 1955 getting the necessary arrangements, preparing the room paper required for logistical support and lining up a teaching staff. Together with Mr. C. de Kanter Base Education Advisor, he planned the present school facilities which are probably the best temporary type in France.

From 1 August to 1 September 1955 AIO, under the leadership of 1st Lt. James M. Dellaripa, worked feverishly pouring concrete, setting up prefab walls, building room partitions, and painting. Not enough can be said for the men who put in many overtime hours in order that the job might be done.

On the 2nd of August, the first school staff member, Bernard M. Krieg, principal arrived on base. Two weeks later the teachers were welcomed aboard. Interestingly enough they represent practically the four corners of the States. There is Nancy A. Sims of New York, Deirdre J. Kast of Mississippi, Norma J. Miller of Michigan, and Maxine R. Ekrem, William H. Marsh and Mr. Krieg of California.

Included in the staff are Miss Kathleen Burke of England, language instructress, and Madame Stefane S. Garlinski of Paris, school secretary.

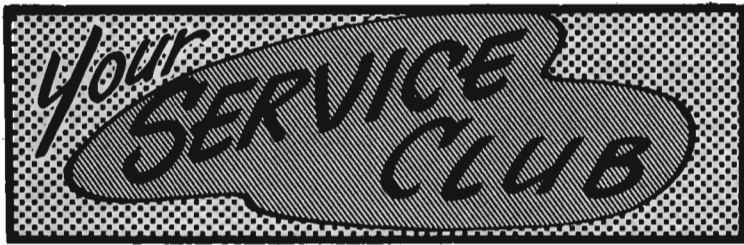
Shortly before the opening of school, a School Board was chosen. Lt. Col. Charles J. Bowers is president with members: Capt. Ward J. Catron, Capt. James W. Logan, WOJG Charles H. Culpepper, M/Sgt. William L. Scomer, M/Sgt. Thomas J. Fowle, Jr., and M/Sgt. Arvel P. Lusse.

On the 10th of October 1955 a meeting was held under the leadership of Maj. Mihailov for the purpose of organizing a Chambley Parent-Teacher Association. At that time the following officers were elected: 1st Lt. Bernard L. Karker, president; Mrs. Ed C. Adams, vice-president; Mrs. William Schomer, secretary; and Mrs. Morris E. Moe, treasurer.

In the short months it has existed the PTA has done much to support the school. It has voted funds for miscellaneous items needed by the school; organized room mothers to assist the teachers in their activities; provided the school with a piano, painted the concrete floors of the school and sponsored a successful Christmas program.

In its three months of operation the school has seen three School Officers, Maj. Mihailov, Maj. Phillip Limbacher and Maj. Paul A. Pickett.

Not to be omitted in this summary are the children themselves. On opening day the enrollment was 125. At the present time the enrollment is 125. The pupil population has not, however, been that stable.



By Miss Betty Jo Drewery, Club Director

The first anniversary of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing's arrival at Chambley finds your Service Club in other cramped quarters, but not for long we hope. Progress is being made at the new Club (that mansion on the hill) and by the time the second anniversary rolls around, we expect to have been well established in the busiest and best Service Club in France!

If you haven't found your way to our present location, look for the Coffee Bar and the Theater - you'll find us buzzing around in between. Though we are limited in space, we do have quite a few things available to you - Cards, Games, Magazines, Tour Pamphlets, Record Player, slide and movie projectors and a few musical instruments.

One of the services, which you may not know we handle, is phone service to anywhere in Europe or the USA. This is only temporary, as the NCO Club will offer this service upon completion of their newly remodeled Club. However, on hand to administer this service is our staff of three, including myself, Miss Patt Finnegan, Recreation Assistant, and our newest member - Miss Rhoda Nute, Program Director.

We need to add an Airman to our staff; one who is handy with the paint pot and brush. Many posters are necessary to publicize our activities and there is always decorating to be done. So if there are any aspiring artists among you who would like to help us out, please contact us at the Service Club.

We're happy to report that 23 lucky Airmen were able to obtain the funds and leave time which enabled them to fly home for Christmas. Needless to say, 'twas a happy group that left

NCO Wives Reporting by Helen Kardash

Of necessity this will be extremely brief since our Club has been in existence somewhat less than three months. For the benefit of those who may have joined the 21st Wing only recently, we would like to repeat a few of our doings.

The club was formed on October 3, 1955 and is open to the wives of all members of the NCO and Airmen's Club. We meet on the first and third Mondays of each month. Give us a try some evening. We know you will enjoy it as much as we do.

We have had several successful parties in this short while. We helped the NCO Club with the Halloween Party they gave for the children of all NCOs and Airmen; had an afternoon social to get acquainted with new members; and a Christmas party on December 19.

As soon as our Club is a little better established we intend to become a bit more civic-minded and help whenever and wherever we can.

the Service Club last Saturday morning. One of the fellows even took a sample of Chambley mud with him to show the folks at home. The label read: "The Muddiest Mud in France".

There must be plenty of talent here at Chambley; men who can sing, play an instrument, dance or mimic their First Sergeant. How about bringing this talent out of hiding and let everyone enjoy it? The Service Club Talent Show is scheduled for January but we need more entertainers!

There's something going on at your Service Club every night. Why not come over and join in the fun?

Dec 23 - 2000 hrs - Waffle cat'em

Party! We bake'em, You Dec 24 - 2000 hrs - Catolling Party - around the base, followed by refreshments at the Club. We'll be open till 2400 hrs.

Dec 25 - CHRISTMAS - Club will be open all day 0900 hrs - Christmas Breakfast 1400 hrs - Open House.

2030 hrs - Special Christmas Entertainment.

Dec 26 - 2000 hrs - Card tournament with prizes for the winners

Dec 27 - 2000 hrs - Wrecking Party - Take down Christmas and put up New Year's decorations

Dec 28 - 2000 hrs - December Birthday Party - For all those having Birthdays This month.

Dec 30 - 2000 hrs - Smoker Poker

Dec 31 - 2000 hrs - Open House - "Happy New Year"

Jan - 1900 hrs - "Hangover Square" Coffee Call.

Welcome Miss Nute

It's always a pleasure to introduce a new staff member. Miss Rhoda Nute, Service Club Program Director, joined us on December 6 - just in time to be swamped with the Christmas plans and programming. Rhoda comes to us from New Hampshire (or how far North can you get?) and is quite familiar with Service Club work. She spent two years working in Special Services Clubs in Japan from 1953 to 1955. If you haven't met Rhoda yet, please stop by the club and say "Hello". Particularly all "Youse Guys" from up New Hampshire way.

Officers Club Holiday Schedule

Dec 23 - Officers Call Stag - 1700-1900 hours.

Dec 24 - Christmas Music

Dec 25 - Featuring Tom & Jerrys at the bar.

Dec 26 - Movie.

Dec 27 - 25 c. Cocktails.

Dec 28 - Bingo.

Dec 29 - Movie.

Dec 30 - 10 c. bee - 15 c. high-balls - 1700-1900 hours.

Dec 31 - New Year's Eve Formal - Dance with floor show.

NCO And Airmen's Club News

Renovation of the Base NCO and Airmen's Club has just about reached completion and needless to say, things down there are looking 100% better. In retrospect, the Club looks like Ciro's in comparison with the "Beer Hall" we had over the old PX about this time last year.

The Club is featuring Miss Ulla Eckstien's combo, and from what we've heard, the group is quite versatile. Might prove to be worthwhile if you'd drop in and "dig". Ulla, besides blowing a mighty torrid trumpet, is also real easy on the eyes.

The new snack bar at the Club isn't expected to be completed for another week or so, but according to tentative plans, it will be open for sandwiches and coffee starting tomorrow.

Capt Knight Serves As GLO At Chambley



Captain Philip A. Knight, Ground Liaison Officer at Chambley, from Headquarters 7th Army, has served 14 years in the Army. His service has included 28 months of combat in Europe with the 82nd Airborne Division, as well as 14 months with the 25th Infantry Division in combat action in Korea. During World War II he fought in seven major campaigns with the 82nd, making combat jumps into both Sicily and Holland. In Korea he participated in five major campaigns during the first months of the fighting.

After leaving Korea, the Captain served as an artillery advisor to the Utah National Guard. Shortly after his arrival in Germany, in April 1953, he was assigned to the 28th Infantry Division as their G3 air. A year later he went to the 86th Fighter Interceptor Wing as Ground Liaison Officer. Captain Knight left the 86th in February 1955 to assume duties in his present position with the 21st Wing.

Captain Knight represents the Commanding General of 7th Army and his duties are of an advisory and liaison nature. Aside from being responsible for promoting cooperation and understanding between the Army and the Air Force, he is immediately concerned with briefing and debriefing pilots on close support missions, and in training pilots for forward air controller duty with Army units.

PROGRESS

From "Eltinge" days of, "Now hear this - Religious Services will be held in the Recreation Room at the foot of stairwell five", through the Theater-Chapel Bay of Barracks 45, to an upstairs Bay of the building, was a step forward.

In the month of September another milestone was reached with the completion and occupancy of the present "Pre-Fab" Chapel. Long awaited for and best of all will be the move to the permanent Chapel, which is nearing completion. It is possible that Christmas Services will be held in the new Chapel, even though it will lack a few of the finishing touches.

The Chaplains Section takes this opportunity to extend to each and everyone of you best wishes for a Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CATHOLIC

Midnight Mass - 24 Dec - 2400 hrs

Masses - 25 Dec - 0900 & 1000 hrs

Confessions:

Saturday, 24 Dec - 1600 to 1700 & 1900 to 2100 hrs

JOSEPH E. DAVY

Base Chaplain

PROTESTANT

25 December:

Sunday - School - Base School - 0945 hrs

Bible Class - Officers Club - 1000 hrs

Junior Church - Officers Club - 1100 hrs

Worship Service - Chapel - 1000 hrs

Evening Service - Chapel - 1830 hrs
JOHN L. GEORGE
Chaplain (Capt) USAF

The Origin Of Santa Claus

by Genevieve Hartman

Probably only few Americans realize that their traditional Santa Claus, with his silky white beard, furlined cap, and out-of-a-fairy-tale deer drawn sleigh, is Saint Nicholas. Who was Saint Nicholas? - A friendly and smiling personage, looking almost like Santa, but usually wearing a Bishop's attire with his miter and crozier, he comes to visit the children of Lorraine, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, and other European countries on the eve of December 6.

This is a grand day in the life of the European kids when Saint Nicholas, without a sleigh or reindeer, distributes sweets and gifts to those who have behaved the way they should.

We know very few things for sure about the life of Saint Nicholas, because truth and legend are blended in the story. Saint Nicholas, named a bishop of Myra in Asia Minor by an acclamation of the people in the fourth century, proved to be especially ingenious in helping those in need. One night he overheard the laments of three young girls who, because of the lack of money in their families, were planning to marry rich but ugly old men whom they did not want at all. Without them noticing where it came from, he threw his purse, containing a handsome sum, out of a window, and the money landed next to their feet. They were then able to marry according to their heart's choice.

Perhaps it was this very story that later appeared under a different form. - Three noblemen, so the tale goes, were sentenced to death by the Roman Emperor Constantine for having allegedly conspired against him. They were innocent but unable to bring any proof. Only at the last moment, thanks to the intervention of Saint Nicholas, who appealed for them with all the weight of his position, did the emperor let them free.

As time went by, the story of the tree young girls and the three noblemen, all being helped by the good Saint, grew into the custom of surprising boys and girls with presents on the day of Saint Nicholas.

Through the centuries the legend has changed, and the chimney became the channel through which the holy visitor deposited his gifts. Although, there are countries, like Germany and Austria, where the channel is quite different. A simple old stocking (preferably big) is hung on a window handle by the children before they go to bed on the eve of Saint "Nick".

21st Wing Ground Safety Office

Among the new functions which have commenced operations within the 21st Wing during our first year at Chambley is the Office of Ground Safety. It is charged with responsibilities for a Safety Engineering Program comparable to that of large industrial units of the United States.

Millions of dollars are spent each year in research and development of safer devices for our every day protection. Our safety engineers constantly present new ideas for such things as safer machinery, wider roads, puncture and blow-out-proof tires, power breaks, turn indicators and other such items.

Publicising and exercising basic principles of everyday safety has resulted with a vast savings of lives and property throughout the states of our nation. This program has proven itself effective in homes, on the highways, in shops and even in pedestrian movements in cities

And where is the "missing link" between Saint Nicholas and Santa Claus? If we go toward the North - and a few hundred years back - we shall find it. Traditionally, in the Netherlands December 6th was a children's holiday, appropriate for gifts. The English in New York, then New Amsterdam, accepted the new unrecognizable Saint from the Dutch, calling him Santa Claus. They moved his feast day to the English gift holiday - Christmas. The Scandinavians of America added the sleigh and the reindeer. And we all know the rest of the story.

72nd Fighter Bomber Squadron Report; Redtail Roundup 1955

by 1 Lt John J. Conley

The main body of the 72nd arrived in France aboard the "El Tinge" in December of last year while the pilots on the "Fox-Able" highlight were still moving eastward from base to base along the cold, dreary route to their new home. Little need be said concerning the tribulations faced by both groups during the journey. Icy runways, crowded compartments, and bad weather were just a few of the exasperations encountered, all of which are better left forgotten.

Shortly after arrival of the "El Tinge" at La Pallice, the main body moved to Chateauroux by rail and began installing themselves on the base. During the first of January the squadron the latter part of December and occupied itself preparing for the arrival of the aircraft and continued the business of setting up housekeeping. It was a busy time, for many of the facilities available stateside were absent at Chad and consequently, each section had to solve its own problems using a mixture of mooh and ingenuity. By 19 January, however, the date the highlight aircraft landed at Chad, the mad activity had been replaced by a sort of normalcy and the outfit was operating smoothly.

February was definitely a disappointing month to all concerned. Bad weather, not mentioned in French travel posters, prevented any extensive flying and morale hit an alltime low. There was much to learn about operations in France and Germany though, and the time was utilized to acquaint the pilots with the various aspects of flying in Europe. In addition, it provided a chance for the men to become acquainted with France, the people, and the language, the latter through courses offered at Chad. In March and April, improved weather resulted in quite a bit of flying and the squadron was soon familiar with operating in Europe. TDY assignments, never long forgotten, came in droves and kept members of the squadron moving all over Europe. April was a full month, for in addition to the flying and TDY, dependants were beginning to arrive. Consequently, those concerned spent many harried days finding housing, refrigerators, and stoves. This search undoubtedly did more to acquaint the men with the French and their tongue than any other factor. By the end of the month, though, most of the families were settled on the economy in castles, villas, and in fact, most anything available. Luckily, it was summer!

Also in April, command of the squadron passed from Colonel R. C. Franklin to Captain L. D. Braun. Colonel Franklin left to assume new

The 'El Tinge'



duties as Fighter Group Commander.

With everyone settled at Chad, attention turned to preparations for the forthcoming move to Tripoli for gunnery training, the first squadron movement since arrival in France. On May eighth, all equipment and personnel were ready to go and with wives and kiddies turned out in force to watch, the squadron depart for Wheelus. Upon arrival, everyone was introduced to tent city and training began. An extensive gunnery program was inaugurated which continued until the end of the exercise and resulted in qualification of most of the pilots present. In addition, Lieutenants Everett, Lane, and Smith were chosen for participation in the USAF gunnery meet.

After a month in Tripoli, the squadron returned to Chad where rumors were flying concerning a move to Chambley. This, however, was postponed until the end of operation "Carte Blanche", during which some sixteen aircraft operated for a week from Bitburg under simulated combat conditions. On June twenty-eighth the squadron returned to Chad and prepared for the move to Chambley, which had been confirmed. With everything from erasers to engines to be inventoried, packed, and transferred, it was a time-consuming task and credit goes to each member of the squadron for the expediency

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1270th AACS

by M/Sgt Norman W. Lasseter

Traffic Cops of the Highways in the Sky or Guardian Angels of the Airways — That's AACS (Airways and Air Communications Service). The primary mission of all AACS organizations is to operate and maintain all aids to air navigation, i.e.: control towers, ground controlled approach, weather teletype and facsimile and communications point to point stations.

The Air Force component of AACS at Chambley was activated on November 1, 1954, approximately six weeks before the arrival of the 21st Wing. It was designated as the 1270th AACS Squadron, under the command of 2nd Lt. James L. Blake. At that time the squadron consisted of the lieutenant and three Airmen. By the end of May there were three Officers and 35 Airmen assigned to the unit, and today we have grown to a strength of seven Officers and 78 Airmen.

The initial navigational aid installed at Chambley was a mobile control tower, consisting of a trailer with all necessary radio equipment for control of air traffic operating out of this aerodrome. At the same time, a mobile homing beacon was installed to assist aircraft in finding the base. Later the weather facsimile and teletype equipment were installed to furnish necessary weather data from all fields in Europe.

All of these facilities were



installed by personnel of the 1270th Squadron and personnel of 2nd AACS mobile unit.

The permanent Chambley control tower, located on top of the Base Operations Building, is presently under construction and should be ready for use by next February. During the past months, control tower operations have been performed from the mobile control tower unit. Upon installation of the mobile tower, it was discovered that sufficient visibility was not being afforded in the control of all vehicle and air traffic. Consequently, the mobile tower was placed on a 20 foot raised platform, providing Chambley Air Base with the most unique control tower in the world.

Captain John J. Walker assumed command of the 1270th on December 1, last year. Last October Captain Walker was replaced by our present Commander, Captain James C. Plammer.

21st Maintenance 'Can Do' Squadron

by S/Sgt Emmet L. Allen

Upon our arrival at Chambley, we were surprised to find, as were the other squadrons, that the base had very little to offer in the way of operational facilities. Our base shops were incomplete and our hangars were devoid of just about everything. The equipment had arrived but was still laying idly in the crates in which it had been packed for shipment.

We went to work unloading boxcars and unpacking the crates, a job that kept us more than busy 24 hours a day. After everything was unloaded, we had the tedious task of setting up our shops. This accomplished, we began to settle down to our original jobs.

Then AIO needed some assistance, so the Maintenance Squadron helped them out. The Base Trailer Park was built as a result of the com-

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Many Tons Of Mail Handled By APO 247 During Past Year

Statistically speaking, the local "Pony Expressers" were a busy lot during the past 12 months. From December 20, 1954 thru November 30th of this year, personnel of the Chambley Base Post Office have performed the following services:

They wrote 11,026 money orders with a value of \$399,772.01; cashed 1,695 money orders with a value of \$93,629.81; and sold \$25,756.37 worth of stamps. They handled 21,812 pounds of Air Mail, 8,779 pounds of First Class Mail, 16,178 pounds of Official Mail, and 4,435 sacks of Parcel Post. They registered 4,385 pieces of mail and furnished directory service for 7,509 additional pieces.

The Base Post Office was officially opened for business on December 20, 1954 at a temporary location in a lower bay of building 45. (since changed to Bldg. S-209) The Post Office was opened and operated by personnel of Detachment 11, 12th Air Postal Squadron, which consisted of one Officer and five Airmen.

A year ago APO 247 was serving just over a thousand personnel, while today this figure has increased threefold. The postal family has increased from six to nine.

Headquarters 21st Air Base Group

Throughout our first year at Chambley, Headquarters Squadron 21st Air Base Group has accomplished much toward establishing the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing, due to the praiseworthy efforts on the part of all personnel of the unit.

Long and tedious hours have been spent in overcoming many obstacles in our path and the personnel of the unit have brought credit upon themselves for the progress which has been made. For example — Base Flight, the largest section in our unit, has received praise for support to all units of the Wing; in particular, the support given our

Hospital Lacks Facilities During First Year At CAB

by Lt Bernard L. Karker

With the final sound of the train whistle, personnel of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing had reached their final destination, Chambley, France. It was a bleak and dismal night at 2330 hours on 13 December 1954, unloading personnel and equipment from the Chambley "Special".

The Advance party of 21st Tactical Hospital, consisting of Captain Donald H. Stuhling, T/Sgt John H. Stone Jr., and S/Sgt Thomas G. Tinsley were awaiting our arrival and were there to greet us with their warm parkas and overshoes. Upon arrival at the Base, the unit was served a delicious breakfast consisting of eggs, toast and hot coffee. After eating cold sandwiches all day on the train, this was a treat for all personnel.

Following a good nights sleep, personnel of the 21st Tactical Hospital were ready to plunge into the future, playing a part in establishing our future home.

Fifty percent of our personnel, Doctors, Nurses and Medical Technicians were sent TDY to the hospital at Toul-Rosiere AB to assist with their work load, as this was the facility being utilized for hospitalization of personnel from Chambley. Our nursing staff had previously arrived in Europe and were assigned TDY to Toul after having been temporarily stationed in hospitals throughout Europe.

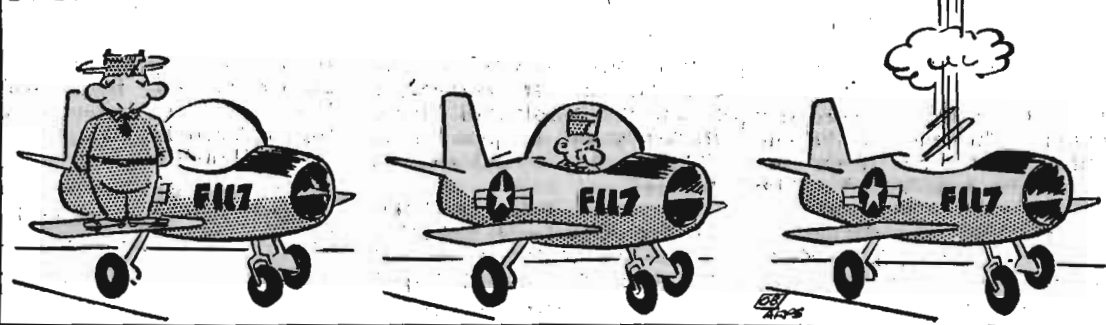
During our initial months here, the 7002nd USAF Hospital was established and the 21st TAC Hospital personnel were attached to the 7002nd USAF Hospital.

With the opening of the Hospital nearing (see story on Page 1) Major Garland A. Perry joined our ranks in August 1955 and assumed the duties as Hospital Executive Officer.

Our facilities are open to all personnel for inspection, come in and say hello. We have one of the finest medical treatment facilities in Europe and we're mighty proud of it.

A Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Headquarters Squadron 21st Fighter Bomber Wing Report

by S/Sgt Warren R. Spencer

With this organization having completed one year on Chambley Air Base, France, much water (or mud) has passed under the bridge. Many developments have happened since a year ago this Christmas Eve when the airmen of this organization worked late at night piecing their wall lockers together.

Although the personnel of this organization, as did other personnel on the base, had a normal amount of extra duties to perform, they willingly and without complaint pitched in to see that they were accomplished. Often, while the barracks were being painted or the floors being tiled, they were required to move from barracks to barracks without anyone complaining too much, hoping that each time a move was completed that it would be the last.

Through the year, there were numerous promotions as the following list will indicate: One to M/Sgt, Seven to T/Sgt, 15 to S/Sgt, 18 to A/1C, and 12 to A/2C.

Also in the line of promotions, two officers have received notification of their promotions to Major, Captains William C. Waller, Chief of Office of Information Services and James W. Logan, Staff Judge Advocate, with dates of

rank in February and April 1956 respectively.

As is the case throughout the service, there was a considerable turnover of personnel. This will be a problem in the next six months with a projected loss of 4 officers and 19 airmen due to rotation to the Zone of Interior.

The two most notable increases in personnel were Lt Col Ray W. Alford, assuming duties as Wing Comptroller, and Lt Col Herbert E. Des-Georges, taking over the reins as Director of Material. Both officers assumed their new duties on November 4th.

Athletic-wise, this organization won a league championship in softball, only to lose 3-0 in the semi-finals of the base playoffs to the 72nd Fighter Bomber Squadron. In the summer bowling league, our team placed third of six teams. Now, the so called athletes are participating in the squadron level basketball league, losing their first game 31-21 to the 531st Fighter Bomber Squadron officers.

Although there is still a lot to be accomplished on this base and within this unit, it is with great anticipation and anxiety that the officers and airmen look forward to making this one of the better bases within France.

21st Supply Squadron; One Year Of Progress

by S/Sgt Donald R. Denny

On December 14, 1954, the main echelon of the 21st Supply Squadron arrived at a new duty station, Chambley, France. Although many of us were a little dizzy and tired from the long boat ride, we had dreamed many times of seeing Europe, and now we had the chance.

Upon arrival at Chambley, we readily saw that there was more than enough work for everyone. Besides having a limited number of facilities, all of us had to fight a war against mud; mud that most of us never dreamed could exist. Yet, it was here with us at every nook and turn. Every Officer and Airman knew that it was mandatory to have comfortable places to work and relax, so immediately we began to make improvements.

The first things we were concerned with were a commissary, clothing sales store, open storage area, Base Supply section, and an ammunition area. A section of one of the huge warehouses was chosen as temporary housing for the commissary, and Supply Squadron personnel, working overtime, soon completed this much needed function.

Last April, all Base Supply personnel and equipment were moved from the present M&S Group Headquarters building to a hurriedly constructed, but strong, pre-fabricated structure. The new quarters were built through the joint efforts of Maintenance, Motor Vehicle, and Supply Squadron personnel. An interesting highlight of this project is that it was completely painted in a grand total of 35 minutes by

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21st Food Service Sq Overcomes Many Problems

by WO Charles H. Culpepper Squadron Commander

This week marks our anniversary of one year of overseas duty at Chambley Air Base. During this period, the 21st Food Service Squadron has encountered numerous problems; some of these have been overcome, others have not.

Shortly after our arrival at Chambley, an enjoyable Christmas dinner was prepared by members of this organization and served to personnel of the 21st Wing in Dining Hall number one.

All Officers and Airmen were fed at Dining Hall number one, until April 1955, at which time we opened the Officers Field Mess. In July we opened Dining Hall number two, located on the extreme west side of the base, for the purpose of accommodating the members of the 21st Fighter Squadrons and the SCARWAF Engineers. Our meat processing plant was opened last month.

Among our many problems during this first year, we have had to contend with: inadequate garbage and trash racks, inadequate temperature in the clipper, improper facilities for cleaning garbage cans, as well as inadequate electric oil burning cook stoves. Further problems were created with the frequent failure of electricity, steam, hot water, and drinking water.

Most of these problems have been overcome from time to time. The clipper, which was originally built with electric coils, was installed with steam coils, bringing the temperature of the water to the required

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21st Ftr Bmr Group; 'Fox-Able' Plus One Year

by 1 Lt Emil Calomino

"Une Annee". With one year of NATO duty for the 21st Fighter Bomber Group now past history, this Group is looking forward to better its past accomplishments during the forthcoming year.

The three tactical squadrons of the 21st Fighter Bomber Group did not accompany the Group to Chambley. The 72nd FB Squadron operated out of Chateauroux Air Base, while the 416th and 531st FB Squadrons were located at Toul-Rosiere Air Base. The 72nd arrived at Chambley in July, being the last of the three Fighter units to report "home". This marked for the first time, since departure from the ZI seven months earlier, that the complete Group was located at one station.

One major change in the personnel structure of the Group was the assignment of Colonel R. C. Franklin Jr., former 72nd Squadron Commander, to the position of Group Commander. Former Group Commander, Colonel Verl D. Luehring was reassigned to Headquarters USAFE.

As the main echelons of the 21st and the 388th Fighter Bomber Wings docked at La Pallice, France on December 12, 1954, they were welcomed to the 12th Air Force and NATO families by Brigadier General Gross, Deputy CG of 12th Air Force. Memory reveals one striking comment made by the General that has proven itself true during the ensuing 12 months. This comment, in brief, was that the USAFE Gunnery Meet was in progress at that time at Wheelus Field, Tripoli, and that from all past accomplishments of the 21st and 388th Wings, that some strong competition was in the offering come the 1955 USAFE Gunnery Meet.

Last July, led by Colonel Frank-

California To France; 416th 'Blue Tail' Story

by 1 Lt Richard L. Tymick

The Sabres of the 416th Ftr Bmr Sq first touched down on continental Europe on January 29th of this year. The field was Chaumont Air Base. Just another one of the many fields used during the devious journey from George AFB in California to Chambley, but now, at last it was France under the wheels of the "Blue Tails". The next morning a short hop up to Toul Rosiere Air Base put the 86's into the waiting arms of the 416th advanced party which had arrived there the preceding month. The men of the en-route maintenance team rejoined the squadron here in late February, after seeing-off the last of the 21st Wing's aircraft at Prestwick, Scotland.

During the following months of March and April, the 416th

1955 USAFE Champs At Nellis



Nellis AFB Photographer snaps the USAFE Champs, shown above between missions, during the "photo-finish" of the special Weapons phase of the world-wide USAF Gunnery Meet held at the Nevada location in September. Left to right: front row: 1st Lt David E. Combs, 531st Ftr Bmr Sq, 1st Lt Lynn R. Lane, 72nd Ftr Bmr Sq, Capt. Dean E. Salmier, 531st Ftr Bmr Sq. Back row: Left to Right: 1st Lt. Charles Adams, 416th Ftr Bmr Sq, Col. R. C. Franklin, 21st Ftr Bmr Gp, Major George Dodenhoff, USMC.

lin as team captain, pilots and support personnel of the 72nd, the 416th, and the 531st Fighter Bomber Squadrons won the Special Weapons Phase of the USAFE Gunnery Meet for the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing. This same team represented USAFE at the All-USAFE Gunnery Meet held last fall at Nellis AFB, Nevada and they won second place honors in the Special Weapons Phase.

The many trophies won by this team, as well as individual trophies, are on display in the trophy case at Wing Headquarters.

Among the other accomplishments of this Group during the past year was the successful participation in exercise "Carte Blanche" and two successful gunnery encampments at Wheelus Field, Tripoli. Several gunnery records established at these encampments, by squadrons of this Group, still remain unbeaten.

21st Installations Sqdn

by Richard L. Scammacca

The advanced party of the Air Installations Squadron arrived at Chambley in early December of last year, and along with the men of the 7002nd Air Base Squadron, they helped make ready for the arrival of the main body.

AIO's main body of troops pulled into Chambley on December 14. After a day of rest, the men started to work, under the command of Major Robert B. Woolson.

One of the first problems encountered by the men of the squadron was the non-availability of materials. This, coupled with the limited service stock on hand, caused a slow-up of preventive maintenance measures and a general slow down of all shops. In April the necessary supplies arrived and full scale operations were begun.

Many carloads of pre-fabs began arriving in May, and with the aid of detail men from many units, construction was started on numerous pre-fab structures. Through the combined efforts of AIO and the detail men assigned by the various squadrons, we have been able to achieve an outstanding amount of results in our construction program. We, of AIO, want to express our sincerest thanks to those many detail men who have assisted us in this monumental task.

In July, the Fire Department moved into their permanent headquarters and held the traditional ceremonies, with the Base Commander and the Group Commanders attending.

On September 6, Major Woolson was reassigned and Captain Paul E. Pickett assumed command of the squadron. The Captain was reassigned to Air Base Group Headquarters in November, being replaced by Major Nicholas N. Mahalilov Jr.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the Generale de Chauffe, the French maintenance company with which we work. Without their help, it would be difficult for us to function.

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Children Celebrate Yule Season



Yvon Garcia gets a close up look at the interior of the F-86 air-scoop. Looking on, left to right, are: Father Joseph E. Davy, Base Chaplain, 1st Lt. Richard E. Williams, 72nd Ftr Bmr Sq; Henri Blaes, Alain Germain, Jean Rousseau, and Christian Guérin, all from the Providence Orphanage, and Maj. Morgan R. Beamer, 72nd Ftr Bmr Sq. Commander.



THEN THE FUN BEGAN! At 1500 hours on the 15th the boys entered the Club to be greeted by the Officers Wives, gaily decorated tables, and a beautiful Christmas tree.



AIR GOES ROUND & ROUND! 1st Lt R. E. Williams of the 72nd Ftr Bmr Sq points out the important parts of the Sabre's engine to Mme Genevieve Hartman and six of the boys from the Providence Orphanage. S/Sgt Donald Mills (left) and S/Sgt Chester Hardin assist Lt. Williams.

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Lt. Richard Williams and Mr. Art Smith of NAA were on hand to answer questions concerning the static display of F-86 operating systems and an excellent cut-away of the jet engine that powers our Sabre.

The end of the static display came when Lt. Dilger started and ran-up an F-86 near the hangar, so the boys could hear the roar of the engine. Inclement weather and a slow drizzle of rain prevented a fly-by of our F-86's. The children then boarded the buses - destination Christmas Party, with all the trimmings. The party, sponsored by the Officers Wives Club and aided by many generous donations from units within the wing (listed later in this column) was held in the dining room of the Officers Mess.

Mrs. Richard Brown and her committee decorated the large U-shape arranged tables with little metal Christmas trees with gumdrops for ornaments. Large Christmas candles were placed on the tables at frequent intervals and at each place was a stocking full of cookies, oranges, nuts, balloons and candy. Each boy received as a gift a pair of warm mittens and knee socks.

While the boys settled down to eating the cakes and cookies, baked by the wives, and "firsts" and "seconds" of delicious ice cream, provided by the mess hall, the wives and interpreters circulated around the tables. Mrs. Ward Catron and her committee were responsible for the refreshments.

Amid the bursting of balloons and laughing, exclamations of "C'estpas pour vous?" and "On peut l'emporter à la maison" could be heard. The boys were gathered around the Christmas tree by M. Carron, school educator, to serenade their hostesses with beautiful French Christmas Carols. After the carols Chaplain Davy presented M. Megli, director of the Orphanage, the first large group gift from



PROVIDENCE COMMITTEE Following the orphans party, the above picture was taken of Mrs. Robert N. Baker's Providence Committee. Left to right: Mmes Clayburn Mc Cauley, Richard Brown, Robert Baker, M. Megli, Chaplain Joseph E. Davy, Mmes James Dellarippa, Ward Catron, and William Waller.



Miss Kathleen Burke of the Base Dependents School directs the children of the Chambley fourth, fifth, and sixth grades in a round of Christmas Carols at the Christmas program presented by the PTA on December 16, in Hangar number two.



1 Lt. James Dunn acquaints the orphans with a T-33.

under the tree. Then each boy opened one of the large gifts.

The Orphanage also received a quantity of sheets, towels and wash clothes. M. Megli and M. Carron expressed their personal thanks to all and then bid fond adieu to the women from Chambley.

Mrs. Robert N. Baker, Chairman of the Providence Orphans party, wishes to thank

everyone who contributed to the orphan fund. At the time of printing the fund has reached close to \$1000. The following units contributed to the fund: Air Police Squadron, Supply Squadron, Fighter Bomber Group, Maintenance Squadron, Officers Wives Club, 72nd Fighter Bomber Squadron, and various individual donations.

AMONG THE SHAMBLES

by 'By'

This column is sorta thrown in here to take up your reading time. That way you have the Sabre in your hands longer than usual, which makes for a better paper. This name is alright too; if you don't think so, talk to the Personnel people - the other day they got a TWX from the states assigning a man to "Shambles Air Base".

The holiday season is upon us again, together with the mud and cold and inspectors in the mess hall.

Might mention one thing here... The other day the gal that works the train gate on the road to Chambley spied an "aviator" cutting down a Christmas tree in the local woods - Tsk, tsk, this is against all the rules. Anyway, don't get caught!

Along with the season we have basketball, and is our team ever good!! Don't miss their home games and maybe make some of the ones they play elsewhere. They are the best in USAFE from where sit. Speaking of sports, we sure got a nasty dig in last months Etain paper about our inferiority to them in sporting activities - But guess who didn't even field a basketball team??? Lots of fine cooperation and hard work made possible our basketball court in Hangar #2. Sure is fine to have one. Anyway, don't miss seeing our team in action.

Maybe you haven't noticed yet but there is a large Christmas tree up in front of wing headquarters, put there through "courtesy" of an AIO detail. Looks real purty at night when all lit up. Speaking of being lit up reminds me of the number of drinks it takes to foul-up your driving. Play it cool during these holidays, there's lots of time to live it up as long as you're still alive.

INTERESTING IF TRUE DEPT: Seems to be a rash of traffic tickets lately on highway N57 going into Metz. All the alleged offenders claim innocence but you can't argue with the law. Even a certain squadron commander was caught - can't mention his name but the outfit handles vehicles!!

Saw an interesting example of the beautiful (?) Chambley mud the other afternoon when an earth grader got kinda stuck in the large field in front of the headquarters building... After many unsuccessful attempts to free it with 6X6's and cranes, a caterpillar tractor dragged it loose! Someone ought to turn in a suggestion to the Incentive Awards Committee about the mud.

NEW ARRIVALS: There's talk about a closed-circuit base radio station in the near future. Hmmm!! If you have had experience you should see that your name is mentioned to Personnel. There's also more talk about a Movie Theater; but what is needed is results!

Overheard Recently: Stars and Stripes newstand is going to move to the NCO Club snack-bar. ??????

That's about all for now except for everyone to have a Merry Christmas.

72nd Squadron

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and efficiency with which it was accomplished. On July eighth and ninth the aircraft were ferried up and on the eleventh the last shipment of men and equipment left Chad. Over the weekend most of the families moved to Metz or into trailers at Chambley by train and auto and on the following Monday the squadron was ready to begin operations from the home base.

While most of the squadron remained at Chambley during the summer, several pilots and men were continually TDY to Cazeaux and Tripolli in preparation for the USAFE gunnery meet. In July, Lieutenants Lane, Everett, and Smith flew to Tripoli for the meet as members of the 21st Wing team and less than a month later returned with the USAFE championship with the right to represent Twelfth Air Force in the USAF meet at Nellis. Early in September Lieutenants Lane and Everett left for Nellis with the rest of the 21st team. Their record is history.

In retrospect, this past year found the 72nd moving all over Europe gaining experience and proficiency at every stop. With this as a nucleus, further improvement will be added in successive years which will result in an outfit that can fly and fight, efficiently and safely, under any conditions that may be encountered.

PTA Sponsors Christmas Party

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lowed with a zestful presentation of the Barnyard Fuss and the song "Santa Is Coming to Town."

Next was the recital by Mr. Marsh's 3rd and 4th graders of the classic, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and "The Animals' Christmas" by Miss Kast's 3rd graders.

The children's program concluded with the singing of a group of favorite carols by Mr. Krieg's 5th and 6th graders together with the 3rd and 4th grade children.

At this time the well known girls' choir from Joeuf, a town 18 miles from Chambley, presented a selection of French Christmas songs.

The evening was topped off by the arrival of Santa Claus who presented every child with a gift of assorted goodies.

A large vote of thanks goes out to M/Sgt Thomas D. Glass and his committee who prepared this party for the children and parents. Mrs. Thomas J. Fowle, Mrs. James B. Stapleton, Mrs. Robert L. Cummings, Mrs. James A. Cook, Mrs. Edward C. Adams and Mrs. Morris E. Moe were the solid citizens rounding out the committee.

For special mention there is M/Sgt Edward C. Adams who constructed an especially attractive stage setting.

Maintenance

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bined efforts of AIO, the 862nd Engineers, and the Maintenance Squadron.

An all-out effort by the "Can Do" Squadron of the 21st Wing, resulted in another project completed, to improve the moral of the entire Wing.

Word was flashed from "Headquarters" on Wednesday 23 November, to have a basketball court completed in Hangar number two by the following Monday. With typical Maintenance Squadron efficiency and a 24 hour work day, the project was completed on Sunday 27 November. This was strictly a teamwork operation, and everyone in the squadron, including the Commander, Major Earl C. Schmeling and the other Officers got into the act.

"Well Done" was the remark of the Base Commander, as he and Colonel H. C. Hartwig, basketball coach, inspected the completed job. They both expressed their appreciation for the quality of the work and the speed with which it was accomplished.

For the past eleven months, the squadron has been helping support the St. Joseph Orphanage for girls. There are 54 young ladies living at this Orphanage, their ages ranging



Chambley Hospital Admits 1st Patient

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Admission and Disposition Section, Administrative Section, Emergency Room, Laboratory, X-Ray, and Ear, Nose and Throat Section. - Wing "C" - A 50 bed ward, 6 bed OB Pavillion, Surgery, Sterile Supply Room, Isolation Ward and a N.P. Ward.

Located in "D" Wing are: Medical Supply rooms, the Hospital Dining Hall, Kitchen, Morgue, Medical Material Warehouse, Patients Library, and Physiotherapy Room. - Wing "E" houses the female dependents ward.

The hospital comprises 53,100 square feet of floor space. With the opening of the hospital in limited operational capability, the Gray Ladies are once again active. You can see them working in the wards, visiting and assisting the patients in writing letters, mailing packages, and distributing books, magazines and cigarettes to the sick. They deserve a great round of thanks for the fine job they are performing.

21st Supply Squadron

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the Base Supply personnel. Naturally, all were rewarded by being able to participate in a bustling beer party.

On June 16, 1955 the base Clothing Sales Store, constructed by members of all M&S Group Squadrons, began full scale operations. Maintenance Squadron personnel were responsible for beautifying the interior of the sales store, and all who helped are to be congratulated for a job well done. These were only a few of the innumerable functions that were undertaken and finished by our personnel.

Since arriving at Chambley, the squadron has made a most creditable showing in all squadron level sports activities, as well as having several of its members participate on the athletic teams. The squadron team captured first place in

the base wide bowling tournament in March, did very well in the summer softball league, and were beaten by the Communications Squadron in the touch football finals.

Recreational facilities are not complete by any means, but the Supply Squadron Recreation Fund has off-set this non-existing function by being able to send 27 personnel to wonderful European recreation spots on three day passes.

Although a full year has elapsed since we arrived in France, we still have a long way to go before making Chambley Air Base an Officers' and Airmen's paradise. But with our ever present desire and determination to get ahead, Chambley will soon be the base that all of us have strived and hoped to have.

from 2 1/2 to 14 years.

Last Christmas our Squadron Commander asked the aid of the unit for the purpose of assuring the children a decent Christmas. In February Master Sergeants Smith, Agnew, Trice, and Ketcherside initiated a policy to make the Orphanage a project of the 21st Field Maintenance Squadron.

The policy was adopted wholeheartedly by the Officers and Airmen of the Squadron. A total of \$2,100 has been donated by the Squadron since February 1955. The money has been used to buy food, clothes, and a few bicycles. Some of the money went toward the repair of the building itself.

On May 11th Major Schmeling became Commander of the Squadron and he readily approved the Orphanage program. Every now and then, before pay call, the Major gives a little pep-talk to renew interest in the project. At times Father Joseph E. Davy, Base Chaplain, also jogs our memories in respect to the usage of the Orphanage contributions, which are on a voluntary basis.

A Christmas party is being held at the Orphanage today and each child will receive a stocking full of toys. It is our belief that this money has brought more good will, cemented more friendship, and given more personal satisfaction to the men of the Maintenance Squadron than anything else that could have been obtained with the sum involved.

Two Airmen and one "Old Soldier" took a dive, by enlisting for another six years. And financially they haven't done so bad. A/IC George C. Cleveland received \$1,059, while A/IC Sidney J. Owens collected \$990 after taxes. (M/Sgt Bert A. Judemann isn't saying).

Santa Claus Visits Chambley

The annual Christmas Party for children of all base personnel was held yesterday afternoon at 1400 hours in the 416th Hangar. Santa Claus arrived by C-47 at 1430 hours with gifts and goodies for all the base children. The NCO and Officers Clubs donated \$100 each for the party and the Central Base Welfare Fund gave \$300 for the gifts and goodies.

416th Story

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ing in exercise "Carte Blanche".

The 416th contributed greatly in pilots, armament and engineering personnel, and aircraft to the Wing gunnery team which won the phase II competition in the USAFE gunnery meet at Wheelus, and later took second place in the Air Force wide meet at Nellis AFB in Nevada.

While the gunnery team was scoring hits at Nellis, the 416th was back at Wheelus, scoring their own. After sharpening its teeth in another successful Lybian Campaign, the squadron returned, well tanned, to Chambley in late October.

Here, a month after returning from Wheelus, Major Carl H. Leo assumed command of the squadron when Captain Cvitanovich moved to Bitburg.

So here is the 416th Ftr Bmr Sq today. One of the finest squadrons in the US Air Force.

21st Fd Sv Squadron

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180 degrees. Temporary garbage racks have been built to take care of our needs at this time. Bids are presently being received, by the Purchasing and Contracting Office for the purpose of issuing a contract later for the installation of concrete garbage and trash racks for each dining hall. These racks, which will include both hot and cold water and steam, will be a considerable improvement for our operation.

The dining rooms of each mess hall have been painted. Other improvements, such as drapes and tiled floors, have also been made, showing a tremendous improvement in the environment of the dining halls. The appearance of the kitchen will also improve after the tiling is completed.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to the following organizations for their aid in helping us accomplish our mission during the past year: 21st Supply Squadron, 21st Maintenance Squadron, 21st Installations Squadron, 21st Motor Vehicle Squadron, and the 21st Medical Group.

Chambley Cagers Trounce CAMA, Orly In Twin-Bills; Undefeated In 6 Contests

The Chambley Desert Rats have been burning up the nets so far this season by winning their first six games in France Conference loop activity. Coach H. C. Hartwig's cagers downed last year's undefeated CAMA quintet 71 - 66 and 59 - 48 in contests played in the 416th hangar on December 11th and 12th. Last weekend the Chambley cagemen committed another twin killing by defeating the Orly Comets, on Orly's home floor, by scores of 85 - 55 and 82 - 52.

The two Chateauroux games were battled right down to the wire, giving the Chambley fans quite an exhibition of top-notch basketball. In the final minutes of both games the crowds were brought to their feet as the CAMA players put on an all-court pressing defense, in a desperate attempt to gain possession of the ball. But the men from "Chad" just couldn't keep up with the terrific pace set by Jim Fields and the Chambley team.

In the first game Chambley held a 38 - 30 edge at halftime. The CAMA five seemed to revive in the second half and at one point they surged ahead 59 - 55. But the deficit was soon made up by Chambley's pressing defense and the accurate shooting of Fields.

With two minutes of playing time remaining, Chambley went ahead 67 to 63. The fans were in an uproar as Jerry Kincheloe dropped in a field goal on a

nically executed hook shot from inside the foul line. CAMA bounced back with three points and it looked as though they might catch the Chambley front-runners until Fields potted a long one-hander from outside the foul circle, ending the tightly fought contest with a five point victory margin.

The second game of the twin bill proved to be as exciting as the previous night's battle. A nip and tuck affair throughout both halves, the Desert Rats kept a slight edge on the CAMA quintet; an edge that proved to be a deciding factor when the whistle sounded with Chambley on top 59 - 48. During the late moments of the second night's contest, fans were treated to a demonstration of strangle holds and gridiron type tactics, as the game reached fever pitch. One incident saw the entire Chambley reserve squad leap to their feet and race to the scene of an impromptu wrestling match beneath the CAMA bucket.

Fields led both teams in scoring honors for the double header by pouring in 32 points in the first game and 20 markers in the second contest.

On December 16, the Chambley quintet went on the road for a double-header with the Orly Comets. The games took place last Saturday and Sunday at the Suresnes Army Depot on the outskirts of Paris.

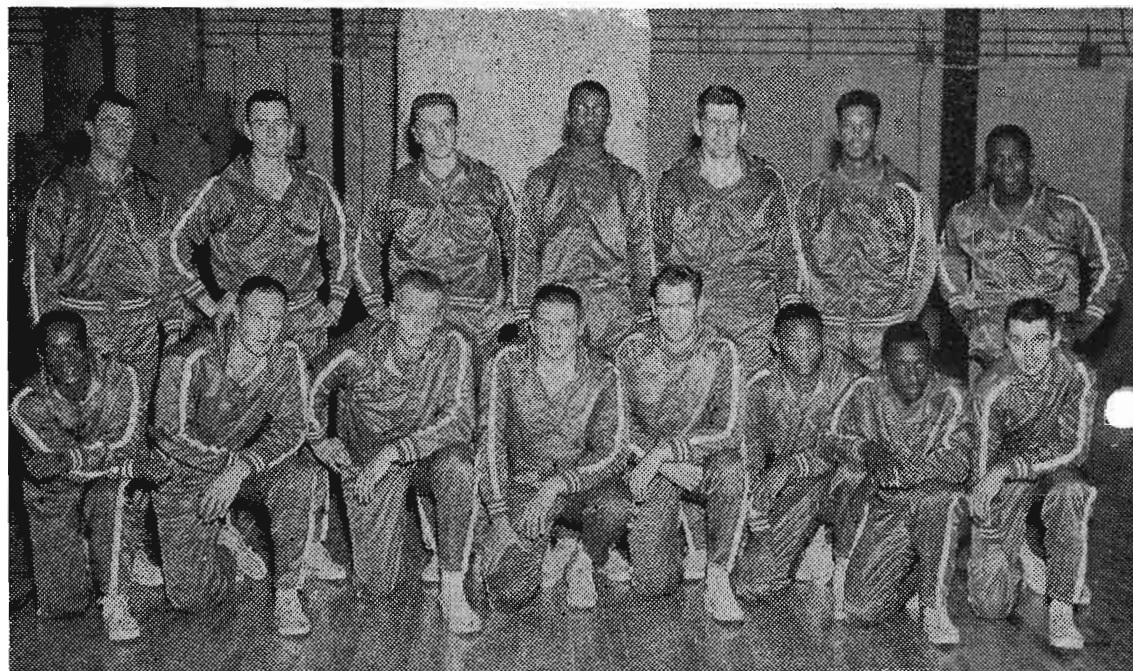
The Orly five proved to be little competition for the Desert Rats, as they racked up their fifth and sixth straight victories. Chambley set-down the Comets in both games by 30 point margins while rolling up a Gargantuan 85 - 55 score in the first contest and breezing through the second tilt 82 - 52.

Chambley's Kincheloe pumped in 35 tallies in the first game and 25 points in the second. Fields was runner-up in both games with 21 and 24 points respectively.

Earl Redman and Cecil Voils of Chambley were bearcats on defense, and dominated both backboards in the double-header. Comet Ace Dave Grambell accounted for 16 points in the first game and 14 markers on Sunday.

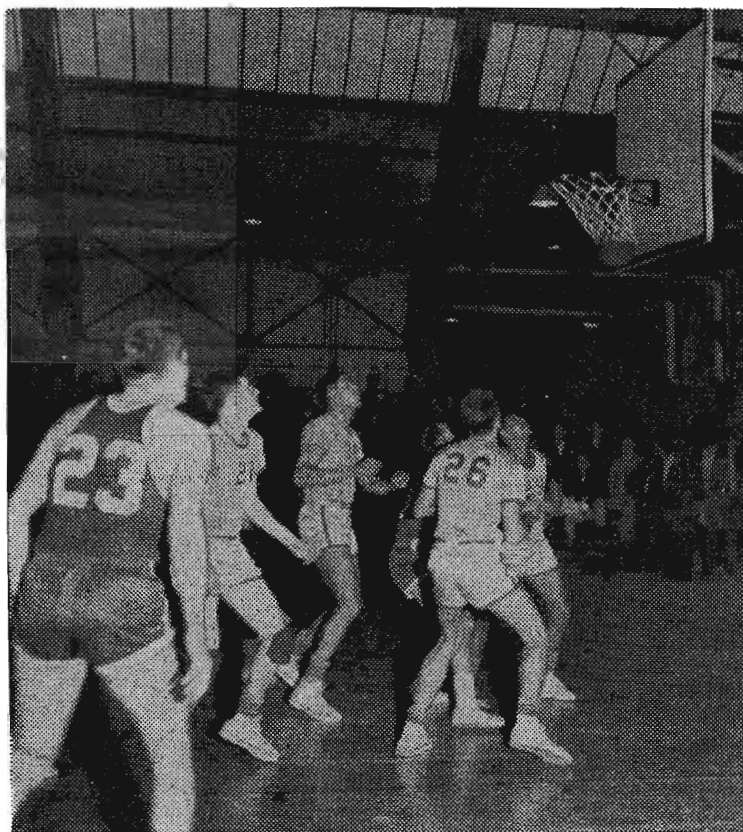
Dec 3-4	Chambley	71; 62
	Chaumont	43; 49
Dec 11-12	Chambley	71; 59
	CAMA	66; 48
Dec 17-18	Chambley	85; 82
	Orly	55; 52
Jan 7-8	SHAPE There	
Jan 14-15	Laon Here	
Jan 21-22	Chaumont There	
Jan 24-25	CAMA There	
Jan 28-29	Orly Here	
Feb 4-5	SHAPE Here	
Feb 10-11	Laon There	

Undefeated Desert Rats Cage Squad



After downing last year's undefeated champions from Chateauroux in a twin-bill at the 416th Hangar, Coach H. C. Hartwig's Chambley Cagers posed for the above picture. Kneeling: from left to right: Al Foreman, Art Clay, Leif Carlson, Ron Highline, Ronald Wood, Virgil DeArmond, Jim Fields, and Jerry Kincheloe. Standing: left to right: John Bristol, Bob Sisk, Jim Barton, Ed Washington, Cecil Voils, Earl Redman, and Ed Dargon.

Chambley Sinks Chateauroux



Chambley's Cecil Voils (23) sinks a one-hander from way out, while four members from last year's defending France Basketball Conference Championship CAMA Squad are caught flat-footed under the basket. Chambley star, Jerry Kincheloe (partially hidden) crouches for the rebound that didn't come as the ball whips the nets, marking up two more tallies for the victorious Desert Rats.

Rod And Gun Club New

by S/Sgt William F. Wimberly

While the 21st Rod & Gun Club won't be officially a year old until next April, the club was in the planning stages long before the 21st departed from George AFB, California.

The present Club membership stands at 129, and we're growing every day. Since our organizational meeting, the Club has acquired a rifle range, built by Club members, and a Clubhouse and retail sporting goods store, located in the rear of the POL pre-fab offices.

Chambley's first Snack Bar was established by Rod and Gun Club members early last summer, and the temporary "Snack-Tent" was kept in operation until AFEX facilities were established on the base. Profits realized from this venture allowed the Club to build up its resources and establish its retail store. Approximately \$1500 has been saved, by Club members, on the purchase of sporting items from the sales store.

Our Club has been affiliated with the Association of American Rod and Gun Clubs in Europe, and the National Rifle Association of America, two of the foremost and universally recognized organizations of their kind.

At our regular meeting held last week, new Club Officers were elected. They are as follows: President - Captain E. L. Galloway, Vice President - M/Sgt R. T. Maher Jr., Secretary - S/Sgt J. M. Taylor, Treasurer - 1st Lt. D. J. Kincheloe, Sergeant at Arms - M/Sgt B. G. W. Hutt, Members at Large - Colonel R. R. Rowland, Colonel H. C. Hartwig, and T/Sgt F. R. Dixon.

Any Officer or Airman interested in joining our Club can do so at the Clubhouse, located next to the base parachute shop, on any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening between 1830 and 2030 hours. Original membership

BOWLING STANDINGS

American League						
	W	L	Pct.	Tot. Pins	Avg.	Hi-Game Series
Independents	38	18	.679	35264	839	964 2753
Motor Vehicle	33	23	.589	34055	811	955 2672
Finance	27 1/2	28 1/2	.495	34393	819	938 2705
Food Service	26	30	.464	34402	819	976 2650
NCO Club	23	33	.411	31361	747	974 2819
Wing Headquarters	21 1/2	35 1/2	.365	33445	796	983 2663
National League						
	W	L	Pct.	Tot. Pins	Avg.	Hi-Game Series
M&S Group	37	15	.712	32669	837	938 2705
72nd Squadron	27	13	.675	24700	823	955 2675
31st Weather	32	20	.615	31800	815	989 2722
Maintenance	19	25	.432	22581	684	925 2591
TAC Hospital	20	36	.357	21217	743	923 2616
Communications	8	36	.182	22057	668	863 2410

1955 Bowling News Roundup

Although base bowlers have had to travel from Chambley to the Metz Quartermaster Depot during the past months, local keglers couldn't be kept away from the alleys. Through the combined efforts of Majors H. A. Schlipf and R. L. Cummings and S/Sgt W. R. Spencer, all of Headquarters Squadron, 21st Fighter Bomber Wing, a regular Chambley Air Base League was established last March.

21st Supply walked off with top honors in the league, followed by Headquarters 21st M&S Group and Headquarters 21st FBW. In the individual accomplishments department, Colonel H. C. Hartwig rolled the high three game series, while M/Sgt Bill Jones held high average honors.

In the present winter league American and National divisions have been formed. The Independents of the American circuit and M&S Group in the National loop are presently leading in their respective league standings.

S/Sgt R. D. Hamlett of the Food Service team leads the American League with a 578 high three game series. S/Sgt D. L. Cauwels (since departed to the 21) holds high game honors with a 232 score. In the National loop, J. J. Gaca of the M&S Group team carries a 548 high three game series, while R. S. Segerlind has to his credit a high game of 228.

Competition is still hot and there is a strong indication that there will be many changes in the standings, both in the team and individual categories, before the leagues conclude their activities next spring.