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3 Desert Rats Make All-Star Teams

Colonel Franklin Reassigned From Fighter Group To SHAPE

Fields, Kincheloe, Carlson Receive Honorary Positions on France Conference, USAFE Squads



Colonel R. C. Franklin Jr., Commander of the 21st Fighter Bomber Group, received orders recently assigning him to SHAPE in Paris.

Represented 21st At Nellis Gunnery Meet

Colonel R. C. Franklin Jr., Commander of the 21st Fighter Bomber Group at Chambley Air Base since April 27, 1955, was recently selected for reassignment to the Office of the Air Deputy at SHAPE in Paris. The Colonel is slated to assume duties in the Operations Branch.

Colonel Franklin was instrumental in the Wing's successful part in the world-wide USAF Gunnery Meet held last fall at Nellis AFB, Nevada. He is the proud possessor of the Commander's Trophy, awarded to the outstanding team Captain of the entire meet. He also won first place in the LABS with IP event and was third overall high individual scorer for the meet.

The USAFE Special Delivery Champions, led by Colonel Franklin, took second place in the Nellis Meet. They lost out by a narrow margin to a strong FEAF team in the final stages of competition.

In February 1951 Col. Franklin was recalled to active duty after a five year layoff in the Active Reserves. In civilian life he was a self-employed Public Relations Director and a freelance Radio Announcer in Fresno, California. His home is in Mojave, Calif.

His scholastic background includes high school at Glendale, Calif. and college at Antelope Junior Valley, Calif. He graduated in 1940 after majoring in Psychology and Pre-Med.

For ten months, prior to his assignment to the Fighter Group Command position, the Colonel was Commander of the 72nd FBS. Before that, he was Commander of the 436th FDS at George AFB, Calif.

Lt. Col. Charles J. Bowers, Deputy Group Commander and Wing Director of Operations, has been selected as Col. Franklin's successor.

A farewell party was held for the Colonel on February 25 at the Base Officers Club.

All-France Mentor

Colonel Herbert C. Hartwig, Coach of the Chambley Desert Rats, was selected honorary coach of the first team of the France Conference All-Stars.

John Maffucci of Chateauroux was named honorary coach of the second string All-France team.

Three members of the 1955-'56 Chambley Desert Rats cage quintet were selected to honorary positions on two All-Star squads last week. Jim Fields, Donald "Jerry" Kincheloe, and Leif Carlson each received berths on both the France Conference All-Star Team and the USAFE Tournament All-Star Squad. Fields was elected to the first string of both teams, while Carlson was placed on the second team of both ballots. Kincheloe was elected to the first team in the France Conference's "five-best", and to the second squad of the USAFE tourney All-Stars.

Fields, high scoring ace of the Desert Rats all season, assured himself of the honorary selections with numerous outstanding performances since the beginning of the season. His best game was his first effort in a Desert Rat uniform, when he poured through 31 markers against the Chaumont Mudhens last December 3rd. Since then he has maintained a constant 30 point per game average in league activity.

High Tourney Scorer

At the USAFE tournament, held at Ramstein Air Base last week, Fields averaged 22.2 tallies per game, while chalking up 111 points in five contests. He was high scorer of the tournament.

Kincheloe, a former USC star, was tied with Nouasseur's Willie Dillard for runner up scoring honors in the USAFE games with 93 total points. During the five contests at Ramstein, Kincheloe attempted 61 free throws and made 51 of them count.

His ability to fake the opponent out of position, and his able leadership, as Team Captain, throughout the entire season, were factors that assured him a first string position on the Conference All-Stars.

Kincheloe Scalps Indians

His highest scoring effort came on December 17, when he slipped in 35 points against the Orly Comets. In a game against the SHAPE Indians on January 8, Kincheloe stole the ball during a SHAPE freeze, in the final five seconds of the game, with the Indians ahead by a single point. He quickly scored the winning goal of the ballgame as Chambley edged the SHAPE five 62-61.

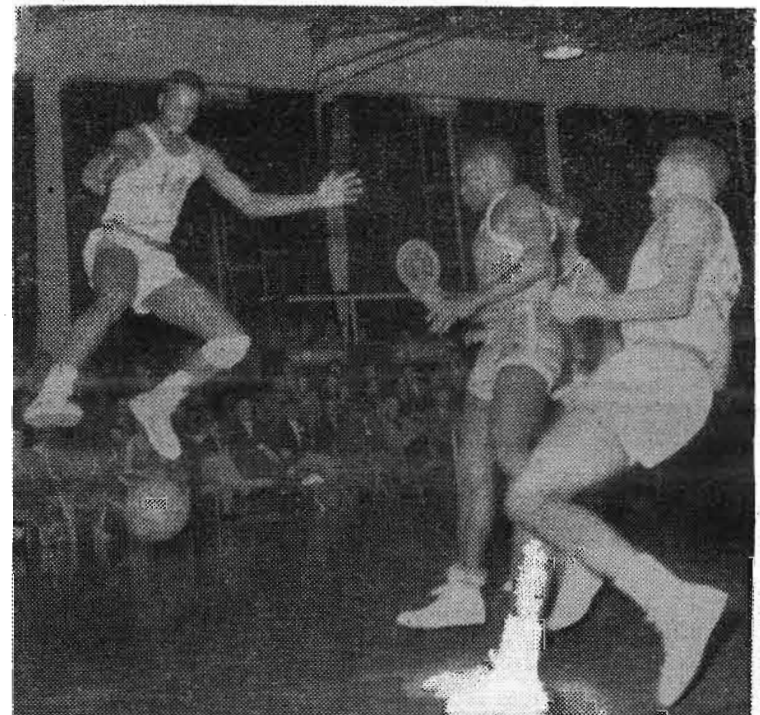
Carlson, formerly a Michigan State cageman, best displayed himself, during Conference activity, as a valuable rebound man. In last week's tourney appearances his backboard work was better than ever. But fans in the Ramstein Base Gym were pleased more with his floorwork and his fine scoring efforts. In the five games he potted a total of 58 points, for an 11.6 per game average.

One Shot; Threefold Results

Carlson experienced his best night of the season, with 17 points, against the Chateauroux Sabres in last week's tournament. He pushed

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Favorites Fall In USAFE Finals



Bill Wilkerson (14), star forward of the highly publicized Landstuhl Raiders, drops the ball just before an attempted lay-in during the second Chambley-Landstuhl meeting at last week's USAFE Basketball Tournament. Looking on are: Chambley's Jim Fields (center) and Earl Redman (Behind Fields) and Landstuhl guard, Marion Sims (22). Chambley defeated the Raiders, 66-56, and eliminated them from the tourney.

Robert R. Rowland Arrives At Chambley, (Junior, That Is)

Robert R. Rowland Jr., first child for 21st Wing Commander, Colonel and Mrs. Robert R. Rowland Sr. made his arrival into the world at 0740 hours on March 1, at the Verdun Army Hospital.

Little Bobby missed being a leap year baby by only a few hours. Had he been born just eight hours earlier, before midnight of the 29th, he would have been one of those unfortunate individuals who has only one birthday every four years. Bobby weighed in at six pounds 11 ounces.

Next Birthday - 1960

David Alexander Edge wasn't quite so fortunate. David tipped the scales at six pounds four ounces when he arrived at Bitburg AB, Germany hospital on February 29. Young David's first birthday will be on February 29, 1960. He is the son of 1st Lt. and Mrs. Robert E. Edge, 531st FBS.

Fighter Group Augmented

On February 27, word was received from the 7424 USAF Hospital at Bitburg that A/B (Apprentice Boy) Vincent Dean Calomino, Shipping Weight: Approximately seven pounds, presently pipeline status, would be transferred PCS from Bitburg to the 21st Fighter Bomber Group, with FDOSA 3 March 1956. Vincent Dean is the new son of 1st Lt. and Mrs. Emil W. Calomino.

1977 Desert Rat All-Star

1st Lt. and Mrs. Leif M. Carlson became parents for the third time on February 21, when Dirk Thomas Carlson weighed in at seven pounds three ounces at the Verdun Army Hospital. If Dirk follows in his dad's shoes, he should qualify as an All-Star cager along about 1977.

Major Quinn Appointed Chairman Of ARC Drive

Major Omar H. Quinn, Hq. 21st AB Group, has been appointed Chairman of the 1956 American Red Cross Drive at Chambley Air Base. The Drive, which began on February 29, will continue until April 2.

Major Quinn has stressed that this drive is not so much a campaign for money as it is a campaign for new Red Cross members. Naturally, the Red Cross must have funds to operate, but the Major stated that it would be more beneficial to the organization to have five new members contribute \$1.00 each, rather than having one member contribute \$10.00. It must be remembered, this is primarily a membership drive.

Although membership is not mandatory, personnel should realize the benefits available to them through the Red Cross. Last year at Chambley alone, the Red Cross Office handled 481 emergency cases for military and civilian personnel. Every year the Red Cross pours back more money to European military personnel than what is collected in the annual fund drives at USAFE bases. The total assistance given to servicemen and their dependents at Chambley in 1955 totaled \$7,537.

The American Red Cross is always ready to extend a helping hand to personnel in case of any emergency. So let's dig in and put the 1956 Red Cross membership drive over the top at Chambley in 1956.

In the next issue of The Sabre, there will be an itemized list showing the results of the 1956 drive, within the individual units.

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On The Up Grade In February

Technical Sergeant Samuel T. Ferguson, 21st Installations Squadron, was promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant during the recent January-February promotion cycle. Staff Sergeants John E. Krickel, Hq. Sq. 21st FBW; O'Brien Summers, 21st TAC Hospital; and James E. McElwaney Jr., 21st Air Police Sq., all realized promotions to the grade of Technical Sergeant during the same period. Other promotions went to:

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| WING HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON:
To S/Sgt: G. J. Rhoades, W. A. Lumley. To A/1C: I. S. Broussard. To A/2C: D. L. Cysensky. | FOOD SERVICE SQUADRON:
To A/1C: J. Brandenburg. To A/2C: J. L. Rollins, S. Salinas, B. B. Whitehead. |
| 72ND FTR BMR SQUADRON:
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To A/1C: J. A. Kinney. To A/2C: G. A. Phillips. |
| 531ST FTR BMR SQUADRON:
To S/Sgt: W. L. Peacock, J. N. Robitaille, F. J. Smith, J. A. Esposito. To A/1C: E. G. Cox, C. E. Littell. To A/2C: B. S. Peterson, D. E. Thorn. | MAINTENANCE SQUADRON:
To S/Sgt: R. J. Knight, A. A. Stasse, J. C. Kazar, V. Rivera. To A/1C: R. L. Atherton, J. I. Hanscom, A. J. Mandon, T. W. Mitchell. To A/2C: L. J. Baisden, N. Clark, J. F. Hiskett, L. M. Lee, R. D. Morton, D. L. Ruckman. |
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To S/Sgt: J. A. Concha, W. O. Courley. To A/1C: T. L. Browne, L. Jackson. To A/2C: T. R. Andersen, J. A. L. Dubois, M. Ramirez Jr., C. Rollins. | SUPPLY SQUADRON:
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Individual Educational Problems Solved At Base Education Center

by Mr. C. de Kanter

We have been surprised at the Education Center to see the results that our article in the last edition has attained. Many men have come in to find out about their education evaluation, and many of them have gone away realizing that they actually were a lot closer to attaining their aim than they had supposed.

Why don't you also drop in at the Education Center and tell us your educational problems? Perhaps we have the answer to your own particular difficulty. Most problems often see insurmountable to an individual, but they soon disappear when the problems are analysed.

What have you done to attain some skill that will increase your enjoyment in life and might give you a better standing while in the service? Have you ever thought about taking up photography as a hobby, or of improving the photographic eye you have already been developing with your new Agfa or Leica?

Take a correspondence course and find out: how to take better pictures; how you can do your own developing; and how this hobby can come in handy to serve the Air Force.

Or what about a course in real-estate? Do you eventually want to become a property owner? Then take a course now that will give you the ins-and-outs on what to do when you buy property.

Perhaps you are interested

in farming, or a course in bookkeeping, plastics, radio, television, refrigeration, or any one of the other hundreds of courses being offered for your convenience and education through the Education Center.

Don't delay! Do something about your future today!

Masonic Lodge Planned For Chambley Air Base

In the War Room of Wing Hq. at 1600 hours on March 17, a new Masonic Lodge will be consecrated at Chambley Air Base with P. Cheret, Grand Master, *Grand Lodge Nationale Française*, presiding. This will be the first Masonic Lodge in Europe to be established on an Air Force Station, exclusively for Air Force personnel.

The newly chartered lodge will be Lafayette Lodge #51, AF & AM,

in memory of Revolutionary War General Joseph Lafayette.

Following the consecration, the following officers-elect of the 21st Wing will be duly installed:

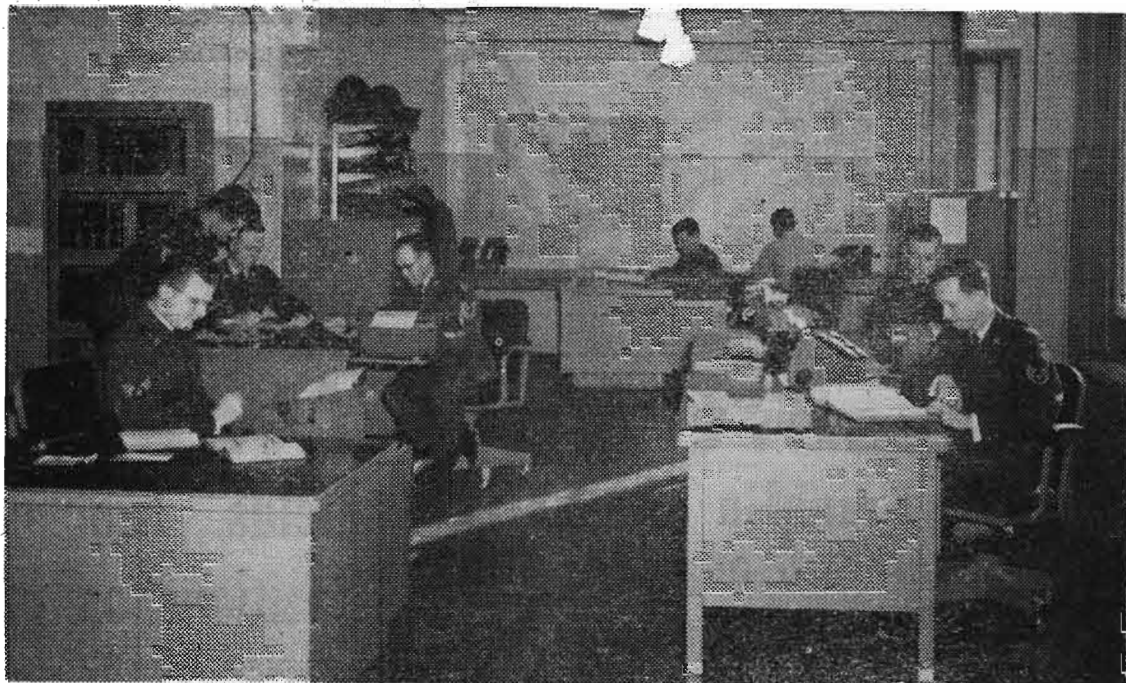
- R. J. Junion, J. C. Rustad, J. H. McFarland, C. J. Cross, C. R. Winters, R. H. Sindorf, N. Hampfelt, M. D. Schrader, L. J. Halbrook, J. Inman, and R. Williams.

Founders of the lodge, in addition to the above officers are: Colonel

Robert Rowland, Base Commander, Richard P. Harrington, James E. Mason, and J. E. Putman.

A banquet will be held in the 531st dining hall at 2000 hours. Grand Lodge Officers and Officers from two other American Lodges in this area will be guests. Chambley Masons are invited to attend. However, reservations should be made by calling Capt C. J. Cross at Wing Finance, or Mr. R. P. Harrington at the Base Fire Station.

Handlers Of The Purse Strings



Personnel of the 21st Wing's Finance Section disbursed \$4,719,547 during the 1955. Finance personnel, pictured above from left to right, are: A/1C Roman C. Hochhalter, T/Sgt Robert E. Carr, A/1C William H. Wells, M/Sgt Ray E. Knepper, Finance NCOIC, S/Sgt Harold E. Eichler, Civilian Pierre Naude, A/2C Harold W. Melton, and S/Sgt Stephen B. Lynch.

Chambley Base Finance Section Serves As Nerve Center For Monetary Needs Of 21st Wing Personnel

According to general feeling and conversation, it wouldn't be taking too much of a risk to say about 99% of the personnel throughout this Force called Air believe that the 15th and 31st of the month are just about the most important dates in the monthly cycle.

This is taken for granted, and yet how many of us ever stop to ponder the question, who does the coordinating and paper work necessary to make this vast dissemination of that wonderful stuff that makes the world go around?

Last year the Base Finance Office disbursed \$4,719,547 for the period 1 January thru 31 December. The sale of French Francs alone runs in the vicinity of 17,000,000 Francs per month, and also checks that amount to \$70,000 in MPCs and \$2,000 in Francs. Due to the lack of banking facilities on the base, the whole work load is placed on the Finance Office.

Captain C. J. Cross directs the Finance Office, along with

16 Airmen and one French employee. Considering the tremendous work load put on the office, they are under strength. But many hours of after duty work keeps Finance operating efficiently.

The office is broken down into five sections; Commercial Accounting and Travel, Military Pay, Accounting Section, Administrative, and Cashier, with M/Sgt Ray E. Knepper as NCOIC of the operation.

Commercial Accounting and Travel handles the payments of all contracts negotiated by the Base Purchasing and Contracting Office for construction material and the innumerable amount of supplies needed to keep the Base functioning at a high proficiency rate. The immediate processing and payment of these contracts is done by T/Sgt Robert E. Carr and A/1C William H. Wells. This is done in an above average time of between three to four days,

thereby saving the government excess dollars because of a discount given by the firms under contract for expediting the contracts immediately.

The Military Pay Section is manned by S/Sgt Stephen B. Lynch, A/1C Roman C. Hochalter, A/2C James P. Murphy and A/2C Harold W. Melton. This section is responsible for the paying of all personnel including French and American civilians employed by the Base.

One of the most important segments of the Finance Office is the Accounting Section which is kept functioning efficiently by S/Sgt Harold Eichler and Pierre Naude, a French National. This department maintains control of the entire amount of money in the Finance Office and it also issues all MPC, French Franc, and U.S. Treasury Checks and also Savings Bonds. A subsidiary ledger is kept by this section for all the accounting documents in Finance.

A/1C John C. Roberts, handles the administrative duty which consist primarily of taking care of all correspondence and filing of letters and regulations.

Last but not least is the Cashier T/Sgt Thomas H. Thompkins, who does the actual paying out of the money after the intricate and tedious paper work has been accomplished. Maybe this article will help you to understand more clearly the carefully calculated process required in order to pay you the money you get for that TDY to Germany or Tripoli, and the reason why the majority of you draw your salary regularly twice a month.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Our apologies to NCO Wives. Last issue the staff erred on the caption under the picture taken at the NCO Wives first luncheon.

ATTENTION GRAY LADIES

Meeting at 0930 Monday 12 March in the Chambley Officers Club.





by Betty, Rodha and Patt, Your Service Club Staff

We can't let an issue of the Chambley Sabre go to press without a few dozen words from the Service Club.

For the Windy month of March we have not one, but three big Stage Shows on the schedule. "Go West Young Man" comes to us on Tuesday, March 13, with a cast of 14 people from the good ole USA. "Hi Time", a fast moving variety show, will play here on March 16. Another entertaining show, "Spring-time Showtime", will appear here on March 23. All shows will be held in the 416th hangar at 2030 hours and everyone is invited.

Shure and Begorry

You'll be aneeding to spend some time at the Service Club on March 17th, 'cause 'Tis The Day for the Irish and time for the "Wearing O' The Green". With FINNEGAN leading the festivities, O'DREWRY and O'NUTE will be on hand

Book Notes

by Miss Ruth Austin

New books added to the library collection recently include the following titles:

THE INFLUENCE OF SEA POWER UPON HISTORY 1650 - 1783, by Alfred Thayer Mahan; THE PRINCIPLES AND TYPES OF SPEECH, by Alan H. Monroe; Journalist Eugene Lyone's OUR SECRET ALLIES, THE PEOPLES OF RUSSIA; and PUBLIC PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, by the late William E. Mosher.

Others are: AN OUTLINE OF SCIENTIFIC CRIMINOLOGY, by Nigel Morland; THE UNDECLARED WAR 1940 - 1941, by William L. Langer and S. Everett Gleason; HITLER, A STUDY IN TYRANNY, the first full account of the career of Adolph Hitler to appear in any language, by Alan Bullock.

Children's Books

The Library Staff has been working especially hard in enlarging the children's and young people's collection. A few of the books recently received and now ready for circulation are listed below in two categories.

"E" BOOKS - (Picture Books): Evers: IN THE BEGINNING; Watts: OVER THE HILLS TO BALLYBOG; Flack: ANGUS AND THE DUCKS; Lindman: FLICKA, RICKA, DICKA AND THE STRAW-BERRIES; Tazewell: THE LITTLEST ANGEL; and D'Aulaire: FOXIE.

"J" BOOKS: WAR PAING. AN INDIAN PONY, by Julilly H. Kohler; LITTLE FOX, by Frances Frost; FIELDER'S CHOICE, by Wilfred McCormick; TATTOED MAN, by Howard Pease, a mystery adventure on the high seas; START OF TRAIL the story of a young Maine Guide, by Louise Rich

Sergeants Graduate From NCO Academy

FREISING, Germany (Special) - Major General Frederick E. Glantzberg, Commander Seventeenth Air Force, today presented diplomas to three graduates of the USAF NCO Academy Class 56-A from Chambley Air Base. Class 56-A graduated 141 NCOs.

The Chambley graduates were T/Sgt V. W. Niehoff, 21st Food Service Squadron; T/Sgt J. P. Hughes, 416th Fighter Bomber Squadron; and T/Sgt Q. Hatten, 21st Motor Vehicle Squadron.

General Glantzberg told the graduates that the Air Force is depending upon them to develop our young airmen. "They've got to be developed into the type of men we need to guarantee the future of efficiency and power of our military establishment", he said.

He was introduced by Major Norman C. Duquette, Academy Commandant. Other guests present for the graduation exercises included Colonel J. P. Price, Commander 7100th Support Wing; and Colonel E. B. Miller, Commander Erding Air Station.

to give the biggest party of the season. Don't miss it!

There's still time to enter the Service Club Ping Pong tournament. The Finals won't be held until the 30th, so come try your luck. The winners will receive real handsome prizes.

It's time for all you singers, dancers, comedians, and instrumentalists to gather your props and prepare for the Base Level USAF Talent Contest. Winners from Chambley will have an opportunity for further fame in France, Germany and possibly the USA. All interested personnel are requested to stop by the Service Club for complete details. Watch your bulletin board for more information on the contest.

Latest Spring Fashions?



"Crazy Hats" was the theme of a recent Officers Wives luncheon held at the Chambley Officers Club. Mrs. Webb Wilson (Center) won first prize for the craziest creation - an Easter Bunny Bonnet. Mrs. Maurice Nordlund (right) was awarded second prize for her trailer-hat. And Mrs. Paul Bell was voted the third place winner for her chapeau model of the proposed Officers Club powder room.

Noteworthy Thought

Homer Rodeheaver was one of America's famous song writers and trombonists. He had the gift for putting feelings and thoughts into song and verse. This would be a pretty cold world if we could not sing, or if music would not find a response within us.

When asked one day what formula he would give for success and happiness in life, Mr. Rodeheaver responded, "Here is the secret of success in three easy lessons:

SING, because it will keep you healthy;

SMILE, because it will keep you good looking;

PRAY, because it will keep you in touch with God".

John L. George Chaplain (Capt.), USAF

Base Chapel Religious Services

CATHOLIC

Table with 2 columns: Service Name and Time. Includes Sunday Masses (0900 & 1000 hours), Week day Mass (Mon - Fri) (1705 hours), Saturday Mass (0700 hours), Confessions - Saturday (1900 to 2000 hours), Lenten Devotion - Tuesday (1930 hours), Catechism - Saturday (1000 hours).

PROTESTANT

Table with 2 columns: Service Name and Time. Includes Sunday Worship Service (1100 & 1830 hours), Sunday School - Base School (0945 hours), Junior Church - Sunday - Prefab (1100 hours), Protestant Fellowship - Thursday (1930 hours), Episcopal Sunday School - Prefab (0900 hours).

Officers Wives Club News

by Indie Joe Dellaripa

There was a preview of spring at the Officers Wives Crazy Hat luncheon, March 1, thanks to Joanie Edmonds and the Wives of the 531st. And the hats were the craziest ever seen... flower pots, jets, bridge tables, you name it - somebody wore it! Joan Wilson, wearing a lovely skirt to march her Easter Bunny hat, was voted first prize. "Nord's Trailer" won Lois Nordlund second prize. And third prize went to Helen Bell, who balanced her idea of what the new club powder room should be like.

Dottie Waller won the "Blorney Hat" coronation centerpiece and Fran Perry and Ann Karker took home two potted plants.

Maxine Lundberg submitted plans for redecorating the Powder Room, which were immediately approved. If you want to help, contact Maxine. She has said it's permissible to volunteer your husbands help!

Fran Perry is going ahead with plans for a Tea, March 23, at which Au Printemps will show a collection of their Spring hats and accessories.

The Brownies, which will be organized in the near future, will be directed by June Pickett. This is a worthy project that deserves your help.

Nancy Augur surprised everyone with two raffle prizes. Fran Perry and Delores Brown were the lucky winners of a beautiful spring bag and an umbrella.

At last month's bridge Lillian Cummings won high score, followed by Lee Peery and Dottie Waller. The next bridge will be held March 15.

Don't forget, this month the Red Cross and the Heart Fund are conducting their respective drives. Let's make it 100% from the Officers Wives Club.

Field Maintenance News Highlights

Since the beginning of the year, the following named men have taken advantage of the re-up bonus, and have taken another step in furthering their careers:

S/Sgt Marvin Dunlap, S/Sgt Harvey Lofton, T/Sgt Jim Kiebler, T/Sgt Fred Dixon, A/1C James W. Thompson, S/Sgt John Kazur, T/Sgt Ray Cummings and A/2C William A. Thompson.

Products of the 21st Maintenance Wood Shop can be seen at various spots around the base. The trophy case in the lobby of Wing Headquarters and the rostrum in the Wing briefing room were both built by Wood Shop personnel. Mess Hall number One also displays evidence of the abilities of the Maintenance Woodworkers, in the partitions and ornamentation which have recently been installed.

The following personnel were intimately connected with the above pieces of carpentry. A/1C Tom Mitchel, A/2C Larry Madison, and A/2C Rudy Locke.

NCO Wives Elect New Officers; Plan St. Patrick's Day Party

by Helen Kardash

Last Monday evening the 21st Wing NCO Wives elected new officers for the next six month period. Newly elected officers will assume duties on April 1. They are: Mrs. Ella Craven, President; Mrs. Verna Liggins, Vice

President; Mrs. Corrine Carter, Treasurer; Mrs. Bonnie Davis, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Jo Ann Oberding, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Marlene Russell, Parliamentarian.

The big event planned by the NCO Wives for March is the

Saint Patrick's Day steak fry. Reservations must be placed during the week of March 4 for all paid up members and their husbands. This requirement must be met in order to give the NCO Club Management ample time to make the neces-

sary arrangements.

There will be music provided throughout the meal and the ballroom will be open for dancing after dinner.

Remember the date - March 17th - at the NCO Club.

Bitburg Barons Drop Chambley From USAFE Basketball Tourney On Johnson's Last-Second Goal

Player-coach Ron Johnson of the Bitburg Barons sank a "desperation" field goal in the last second of play during last Saturday's Championship Finals at Ramstein Air Base in a game between the Barons and Coach H. C. Hartwig's Chambley Desert Rats. The ball was in the air when the horn sounded, and when it swished through the nets, the Desert Rats were eliminated from the tournament. Bitburg won the game 60-58.

The Desert Rats led the Barons throughout most of the contest, and Chambley held a six point edge, 36-30, at the intermission. Later, with the score tied 58-58, and two minutes left on the clock, Johnson elected to hold the ball at center court. The Desert Rats, employing a tight three - two zone defense, made no attempt to go after the ball, and the fast moving contest suddenly slowed to a standstill.

A Bitburg goal would have been almost inevitable, had the Desert Rats quit their zone defense to press for the ball. They had no choice but to stand and wait for the final shot. If it was missed, the game would go into an overtime. If it was good, the Barons would be USAFE Champions.

It seemed that Johnson's strategy had failed when he passed to center with eight seconds left on the clock and the shot from center was missed. But the rebound came back to Johnson in time for his final, frantic shot.

According to the pre-tournament, pro-German publicity, the Chambley team wasn't even supposed to unpack their bags. The press and radio had already declared the German Base entrants as the only squads with talent enough to make the finals.

Coach Hartwig's boys, however, didn't read the papers or listen to the radio. In fact, they surprised all of the alleged experts as they outplayed the opposition until the final second of the final game.

The Landstuhl Raiders, who were supposed to win the tourney hands down, defeated Chambley in the second round of the winners bracket 91-61. Three days later Chambley walked over the Raiders 66-56 to eliminate them from the tournament with their second defeat. Chambley had been credited with a win earlier by virtue of default when North Africa's Ben Guerir squad didn't arrive in time for their first game.

In Chambley's first game in the losers bracket, they overcame a nine point halftime deficit to trounce the Nouasseur Air Depot, 92-72. Jim Fields poured in 36 points to outscore Nouasseur's high scoring Willie Dillard who potted 32.

On the following night, Chambley tangled with their arch-rivals from Chateauroux in the second round of the losers bracket. The Desert Rats edged the Sabres for the fifth time in seven meetings, 62-61. This game was also the decider for the France Conference Championship. Chambley won the game in last few seconds of a five minute overtime when Leif Carlson sank a shot from outside the foul circle. The ball bounced back and forth on the rim three times, before dropping through for Chambley's one point victory margin.

The Desert Rats clinched a berth in the finals of the tournament when they eliminated Landstuhl in a Friday night battle.

It would be impossible to pick an individual tournament star from the Chambley squad. Each of Coach Hartwig's men played well in the



Free Ball

All-Star forward, Paul Shrum of the Landstuhl Raiders, pictured above, seems to be wedged-in between the Desert Rats' Leif Carlson (17) and Bob Sisk (15) during a rebound free-for-all.

tourney. Chambley's formula for victory could be summed up in five words: Fields, Kincheloe, Carlson, Redman, and Sisk. Coach Hartwig used these five starters throughout the final three contests, without needing a single substitution.

Jerry Kincheloe constantly drew applause for his accurate "charity tosses". Fields was high scorer of the tournament with 111 points in five games. Bob Sisk and Earl Redman turned in some of their finest floor games of the season. Fields, Kincheloe, and Carlson were elected to the tournament All-Star team. (See story on page 1).

Any way you look at it, the Chambley Desert Rats did alright for a team that wasn't even supposed to unpack their bags.

Ice Is Gone But Danger Lingers On

Three Desert Rats Make All-Star Teams

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through the game's final tally in the last six seconds of play, to give Chambley a 62-61 victory over the CAMA outfit. That single field goal: (1) Won the France Conference title for the Desert Rats; (2) eliminated Chateauroux from the tournament; and (3) paved the way to Chambley's participation in the finals of the tournament.

These All-Star selections are picked by Conference Officials solely as an honor. There is no post-season All-Star game.

France Conference All-Stars

First Team

- F - Jim Fields, Chambley
- F - Dick Honingford, Laon
- C - Jerry Kincheloe, Chambley
- G - George Dujmovich, Chateauroux
- G - Charles Hall, Chaumont

Second Team

- F - Jim Raspberry, Chateauroux
- F - Dave Gambrell, Orly
- C - Chet Miller, Laon
- G - Cliff Freer, Chateauroux
- G - Leif Carlson, Chambley

USAFE Tournament All-Stars

First Team

- F - Jim Fields, Chambley
- F - John Musciano, Bitburg
- C - Willie Dillard, Nouasseur
- G - Ron Johnson, Bitburg
- G - Paul Shrum Landstuhl

Second Team

- F - Jim Raspberry, Chateauroux
- F - George Dujmovich, Chateauroux
- C - Jerry Kincheloe, Chambley
- G - Leif Carlson, Chambley
- G - Bill Wilkerson, Landstuhl

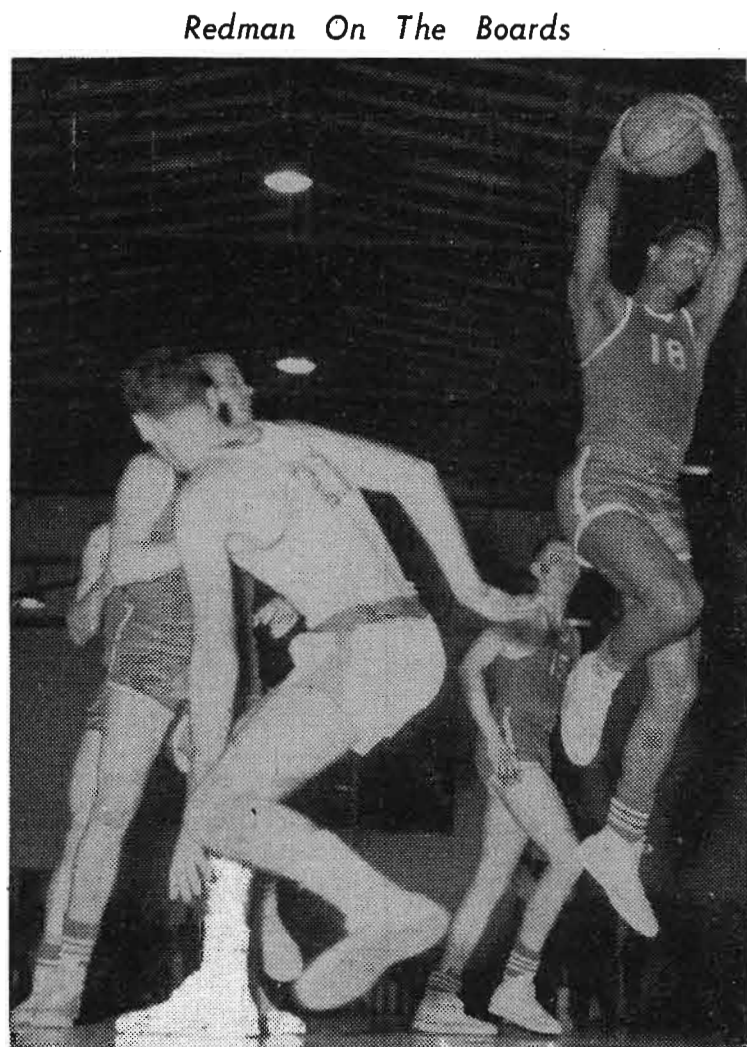
Soccer Team Falls To 'Spang' In Tripoli

The Chambley Soccer Team missed out on their shot at the USAFE Soccer Crown at Wheelus Field, Tripoli last February 26, when they dropped a 5-3 ballgame to the Spangdahlem Spartans.

The heavy sand and extremely hot weather quickly tired the Desert Rats as the Spartans from Spang pumped in two tallies in the first half, while Chambley failed to score.

It looked like the Chambley footmen had gotten their second wind when play resumed in the final half as Joe Ramo and Charlie Goldman booted in once apiece for the Desert Rats. Spang however jumped back with three more goals in the last half and as the final minute ticked off, the scoreboard read 5-3 in favor of Spangdahlem.

For their sterling performances in league competition throughout the season, Chambley's Silvio Girardi and Charlie Goldman were selected to represent Chambley on the U.S. Armed Forces Team, that played the Turkey Soccer Team for the 1956 CISM (Conseil International du Sport Militaire) Championship at Wiesbaden on March 3rd. The Armed Forces Team was completely outclassed by the lightning fast Turks as they dropped the contest 5-0.



Earl Redman (18), pictured above, displays one of the reasons why the 1955-1956 Chambley Desert Rats were a winning team. Redman has been pulling in more than his share of rebounds, for Coach H. C. Hartwig's cagers, since the advent of the basketball season. Also pictured are: Landstuhl's Jack Sumner (21) and Chambley's Leif Carlson (Behind Sumner) and Bob Sisk (15).

Chambley Keglers To Compete In England

Six bowlers from Chambley Air Base journeyed to Chateauroux Air Base recently to compete in the France Sports Conference Bowling Championships held there. Warren Spencer and Doug Daily finished second in the doubles bracket and were among the top 24 bowlers in France. These two men will compete in the USAFE Bowling Championships at Fairfield, England scheduled from 20 thru 24 March. Both Daily and Spencer received runner-up trophies at Chateauroux.

A/IC Daily, rolling a 538 three game series in the doubles and 575 in the singles, paced the Chambley bowlers. He hit 1606 total pins for nine games for a 178 average. He is currently carrying a 165 combined league average. Airman Daily is assigned to the Base Operations section of Hq. Sq. 21st AB Group.

Closely following him was S/Sgt Spencer, who rolled a 572 three game series in the singles, while finishing with 1537 total

New Merchandise At Rod & Gun Club Store

The 21st Rod & Gun Club store received \$2,000 in new merchandise recently.

A limited supply of powder and primers is presently on hand and reloading equipment for .306 and .270 calibre rifles.

Club officers have contacted a French carpenter who will do wood carving on gun stocks for a comparatively low fee.

In addition to their regular weekly hours of the operation, the clubhouse is now open on Saturday and Sundays from 1:00 to 1600 and from 1800 to 2000.

pins for a 171 average. Sgt. Spencer, who is Chief Clerk with Hq. Sq. 21st FBW, carries a 165 average.

M/Sgt Bill Jones, 21st Supply Sq., finished third among Chambley's representatives with 1503 total pins. He was followed respectively by A/IC Vic'or Giere, 72nd EBS; A/3C Ron Carek, 31st Weather Det.; and S/Sgt Art Eberhart, 21st Supply Sq.

In the team event, won by a powerful group of bowlers from SHAPE, Chambley finished fifth out of a ten team field. They rolled games of 848, 760 and 905 for a total of 2513 pins.

Desert Rats Composite Tournament Box Score

	F.G.	F.T.	Total Points	Per Game Average
Sisk, f	20	3	43	8.6
Redman, f	13	2	28	5.6
Kincheloe, c	21	51	93	18.6
Carlson, g	25	8	58	11.6
Fields, g	46	19	111	22.2
Brown, f	1	2	4	.8
Michalowski, g	1	0	2	.4
TOTALS	127	85	339	67.8