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Abbeville, Fr Fetes Chambley AB Airman From Abbeville, SC

A/IC Ray Timms, of the 21st Air Police Sq, recently journeyed to a small French town named Abbeville, in the Somme region. His visit to this town was unique, inasmuch as Timms hails from a town of the same name, Abbeville, South Carolina. His purpose in making the trip was to attempt to find a common history that would link the two Abbevilles together.

A cordial welcome was organized at Abbeville for Timms. He had corresponded with town officials prior to making the trip and his arrival was expected.

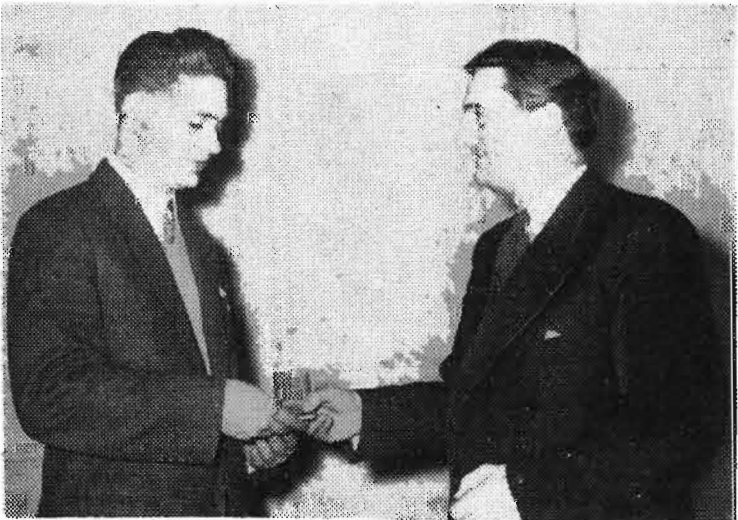
Abbeville's Mayor Mr. Max Lejeune and Timms had a long conversation in the Mayor's office shortly after his arrival. They discussed the mutual histories of the American and French versions of Abbeville. Timms received a book as a souvenir from Mr. Lejeune, concerning the history of Abbeville during the tragic years of 1940-44. He also was given the "Bronze Medal of the town of Abbeville."

During his stay there Timms learned that he wasn't the first citizen of Abbeville, South Carolina, to visit the French town. In 1945 an American officer, Capt Bill Mabry, visited the town to try to establish a friendly relationship between the twin cities.

Also while in Abbeville, Timms met several veterans of World War I. Most of these veterans had been in close contact with American troops commanded by General Pershing during the War. Timms took numerous pictures during his stay, in order to have something to show his fellow citizens back home. There are still many ruins in the area which are a result of the bombings during World War II.

Upon his departure the local Lions Club promised the Chambley Airman that they would correspond with their contemporaries, the Lions Club of Abbeville, South Carolina. Timms feels that much has been accomplished through his visit to the French town and hopes that stronger relations between the twin cities will continue in the future.

What's in a Name



A/IC Ray Timms, of the 21st Air Police Sq, hails from Abbeville, South Carolina. Timms recently made a trip to a French town of the same name, Abbeville France. While at Abbeville, Timms received the Bronze Medal of the town from Mr. Max Lejeune, Mayor, (right).

531st Pilot Lauded For Flying Ability

First Lt Brian K. McCallum, of the 531st Fighter-Bomber Sq, recently received a letter of commendation from Brig Gen William M. Gross, Deputy Commander, 12th Air Force. He commended the 21st Wing pilot for his superior display of flying skill.

During January, 1956, Lt McCallum was on a cross-country instrument training flight with his instructor pilot, 1st Lt John W. Cunningham, of the 416th Fighter Bomber Sq. Flying a T33 aircraft, 14 miles south of Brussels, Bel-



1st Lt Brian K. McCallum

gium, they experienced a flameout. The two pilots with a powerless aircraft, successfully performed an instrument flight rules penetration by dead reckoning methods through 17,000 feet of instrument weather conditions. This outstanding feat was performed without communication or navigational assistance.

In his letter of commendation Gen Gross said, "I congratulate Lt McCallum for his demonstration of flying ability." The General further stated, "Lt McCallum demonstrated an exemplary performance through his superior display of flying skill. This accomplishment has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force."

A Hot Time in St. Julien



M Sgt Samuel T. Ferguson, (extreme right) Fire Chief, and his crew of fire fighters who fought the recent blaze in the nearby village of St. Julien. After receiving a telephone call from a French woman in the village, the Chambley smoke eaters were on the scene in a short five minutes. Thirty minutes later they had the fire well under control.

Inspection Planned For Private Cars

The months of April and May have been designated as the period for inspection of all "CF" registered vehicles on Chambley Air Base. It is suggested that all vehicle owners take immediate action to insure that their vehicle is in safe mechanical condition. Effective during these months the Air Police in conjunction with the Military Police in this vicinity will "spot check" close to ten per-cent of all "CF" registered vehicles for safety and mechanical features.

The Air Police Pass & Identification Section has been notified by Hq USAREUR, Com-Z that the following minimum insurance coverage will be required before a vehicle can be registered in France. The minimum for France is \$10,000 liability for injury to or death of one or more persons and \$20,000 for injury to or death of more than one person, and \$5,000 property damage liability for each accident. These policies must be for a minimum of one year and must be paid in full to be accepted for CF registration.

Vehicle owners who purchase liability insurance from French companies must produce the policy to be accepted by the registrar's office. The French policies must have the above minimum coverage and must have the word "Affairs" instead of "Usage." This was effective January 17, for all initial registrations and policy renewals. However, the deadline is January 31, 1957. All vehicle owners will be required to have this minimum coverage at that time. If in doubt about the coverage on your policy it is suggested that you contact the Air Police Pass and Identification Section.

Effective January 1957 the German Government passed a new law which requires all persons in Germany to have a minimum of \$25,000 (property), \$25,000 (bodily injury) and \$10,000 (death) insurance on their vehicles. Therefore, all military personnel who own vehicles and are stationed in France and who travel to and from Germany, must have a GREEN INSURANCE CARD in their possession when crossing the France-German border. This Green Insurance Card can be obtained through the owners of your insurance company.

Local Mayor Expresses Gratitude to CAB Fire Fighters for Assistance

On January 29, at 6 pm, the Chambley switchboard received a call from a woman in the nearby village of St. Julien, stating that a barn in the village was on fire. Five minutes after the Chambley firefighters received the call they were on the scene and thirty minutes later the blaze was under control.

Mr. Andre Cordier, owner of the barn, evaluated his loss at approximately \$3,000. The building which contained a winter supply of hay was supposedly ignited by two small children playing with matches.

Local fire departments from Thiaucourt and Jarny arrived after the Chambley firemen had the blaze well under control. M Sgt Samuel T. Ferguson, Fire Chief, supervised operations. The rapid manner in which his men were dispersed and put into action.



Fire Drill

saved other valuable farm equipment and buildings.

The joint efforts of the American and French firefighters in spreading out the remaining unburned hay kept the fire from turning into a larger blaze.

At approximately 8:30 pm there was no longer any danger that the fire would again blaze up and firemen left for their home stations. However, a small crew of French firemen remained throughout most of the night because smoke was still emanating from several parts of the gutted farm building.

Base Commander, Col Robert N. Baker, was at the scene of the fire during the entire operation. He was accompanied by Mr. Georges Boutte, Mayor of St. Julien. Mayor Boutte, expressed his sincere appreciation for the prompt and efficient action displayed by base fire department personnel and other members of the 21st Wing who aided in stopping the fire in its early stages.

Harassed Hunter

A 65-year-old paperhanger, outfitted in hunting togs down to a license pinned on his back, insisted to officers he was "hunting coon" when he fired his gun at a busy intersection in Baltimore. There were no racoons in sight.

Fabulous Prizes Unclaimed

Attention all personnel who attended the opening of the St. Julien Dance Hall on Sunday, January 27. The first two prizes of the raffle have not been claimed as of yet. They are: An 80 pound live pig, lucky winner is the person holding ticket no. 402; second prize is a pair of sheets, winning ticket, no. 183.

If you are the owner of one of these tickets, please contact Madame Hartman, Ext 406. She will also help you take care of the pig if you were unfortunate enough to forget to bring your pig-sty overseas with you.

Salk Vaccine Shots Offered at Hospital For All Personnel

Chambley Air Base military personnel and their dependents are now being offered Salk (anti-polio) vaccine shots.

Medical officials at the base dispensary stated that the shots may be obtained by making an appointment at extension 374. All personnel and their families are urged to start their immunizations at the earliest possible date.

The action of this command reflects the action of the entire Department of Defense which urges all personnel to take the vaccine.

The Salk vaccine, now generally accepted by health authorities as a safe and highly effective method of preventing polio, will be given to all who desire it.

Available information, according to the Department of Defense, indicates that the military personnel and dependents at greatest risk are those residing with families of young children, and those in areas where community outbreaks are occurring or where hygiene and sanitation are substandard.

Although the incidence of polio among military personnel is low, officials at Chambley point out, the disease is of sufficient importance to warrant an extensive immunization program.

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Fair n' Foul

Happenings at CAB

by Tee J. Eff

Chambley — that is French for the end of the world.

As crowded as the mess hall parking lot is perhaps a little cooperation would ease the situation. The display wreck might be moved to a no parking area the gentleman who has the black Citroën with the flat tire might give up the space he has tied up for over two months. One space makes parking for three people during the noon rush.

After taking progressively less beatings, 12-0, 8-0 and 3-1, by the feet of French schools, the grammar school soccer team is switching to American competition. Look for some games with other dependent schools during March.

Base team soccer is also on the up-sweep, workouts began this week. With any kind of backing Chambley could have a winning soccer team. And with proper advertising I think attendance at games could be built up.

The little theater group has started reading for their new play, "My Three Angels." The cast is pretty definite but remember this is a club not just a cast. There is interest and activity for all who look on the theater as a way of life.

Don't let this get around but the other day if you asked the operator for any one of the four phone numbers in the Comm Sq Orderly Room the answer was, "that phone is out of order." What chance do

the rest of us have.

Which reminds me. I saw Sgt Boga, NCOIC of the Motor Vehicle shops being pushed — reason: dead battery — cause: forgot to put water in it.

I said this a month ago and I repeat it: Anyday now the new snack bar will open in the rear of the Service Club. Even unopened the question of fatigues in the snack bar has come up. Will they be allowed, and if so when?

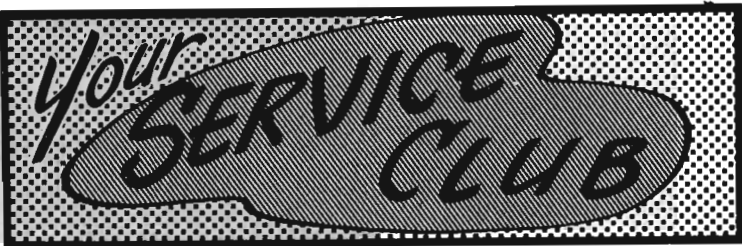
The new chairs in the NCO Club are terrific, more like a club should be. Now if someone would do something about that blankety-blank PA system.

Found: One key to the Mediterranean Hotel, Rome. Owner may claim same at Base Ops. (I didn't know we had any troops in Rome - did you?)

Heard a recommendation the other day that our athletic teams should be called the CAB Drivers. Sounds good, it's unique and appropriate.

Speaking of figures (have you seen the singer at the NCO Club?) did you know that military vehicles on Chambley drove 72,045 miles during the month of December.

Letter Getter of the Month — From Providence, Rhode Island to an A/3C at Chambley — 23 letters from the same girl, all post-marked between 3 and 5pm the same day and all received here the same day. It must be love 'cause bill collectors don't write like that. (Ed Note: that's \$1.48 postage, seven brews worth).



by Claire, Rhoda and Patt

February is the month for hearts and flowers and the time you remember your sweethearts both past and present. At the service club we are featuring a Sweethearts Photo Contest, the first of the month. All you have to do is submit a photo, black and white, to the club and we will post it along with the other entries. On February 14, St. Valentine's Day, the best pictures will be judged and a Miss Sweetheart and a Mrs. will be selected. There will be grand prizes for the winners so hurry up and bring in that favorite picture of your sweetheart, wife or mother. All entries will close on the 14th.

Have you ever wanted to delve into the fine art of French cooking? Well now is your chance to try your luck. A Gourmet Club, for all you people who like to eat that is, will meet once or twice a month and learn how to cook exotic dishes. This month the first meet-

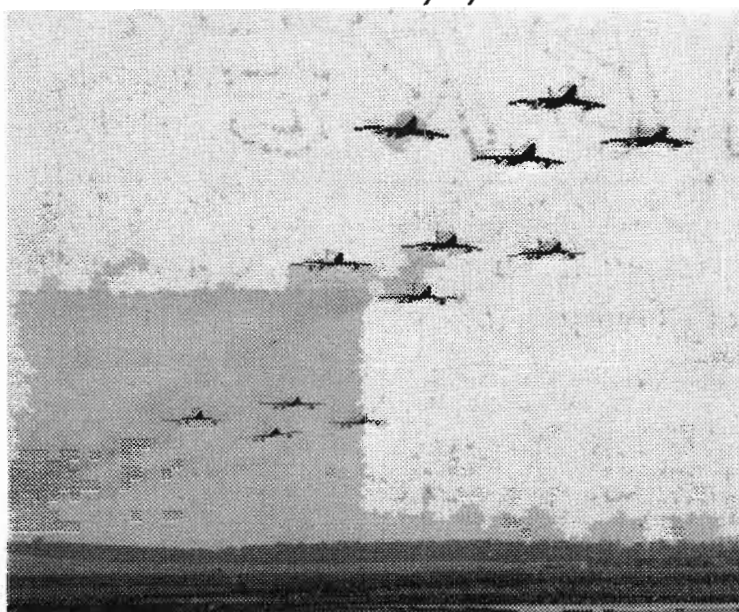
ing of the group, open to any one by the way, will meet on Friday February 8, at 7:30 pm.

The dish of the evening will be a French Souffle, cooked in the service club cuisine under the expert tutelage of Mr. Bourdelin, of the Civilian Personnel Office. Come all you wives and airmen to learn the art of baking, we will furnish the ingredients.

Chambley has its own hillbilly band, consisting of five men and they call themselves the "String-busters." They are playing at the club this Saturday night for a good, ole fashion hoe down. Come on in and listen or bring your partner and dance, it will be an evening of fun for all.

Keep in mind that the end of this month there will be a Boost Your Buddy Talent Show and a ski trip to the Vosges Mts. over Washington's Birthday weekend. Drop in the office for more information concerning these two events.

416th Fly-by



Airmen of the 416th Maintenance section, were treated to a flyby on January 30. The purpose of the aerial demonstration was to further indoctrinate ground crew personnel and to raise still higher the present good morale within the squadron.

416th Jets Fly-by for Ground Crews

1st Lt C.L. Barbero

Between 2 pm and 3 pm, January 30, the bliss and calm which hung over Chambley Air Base was rudely shattered by the whining crescendo of passing jet aircraft as a dozen "Bluetails" put on an fly-by for the benefit of our Maintenance Section. Led by our Squadron Commander, Maj Carl "Jet" Leo, the "Bluetails" made four formation passes over the field; maintenance personnel and OIS representatives were busily engaged in photo taking. At its completion, the general consensus of both the pilots and the maintenance men was that this fly-by served to further indoctrinate our squadron personnel on the capability of the Squadron and also served to better relationships between the pilots and the men who work on their "birds."

Speaking of flying, the month of January afforded our pilots a tremendous opportunity to log flying time. At the end of the month, our pilots had logged over 700 hours, attesting to the tremendous maintenance effort and the unusually good flying weather during this period. At present, the Ops boys are casting anxious glances skyward in the hope that this unusually good mid-winter weather will continue. Most of the old "heads" remember quite well the numbing cold and the poor flying weather experienced during our last two winters here at Chambley however, and do not hold much hope for this continued

calm. Here's hoping they're wrong.

An aircraft incident was experienced Saturday, January 26, when one of our Squadron aircraft piloted by Capt John Maxey, a former pilot in our squadron, engaged the over-run barrier upon landing. Fortunately, no injury was sustained by the pilot and only minor damages to the landing gears and drop tanks resulted. Without the crash barrier however, this could have resulted in a most serious accident with possible loss of both the aircraft and the pilot. Three cheers for the flight safety personnel whose never ending research enabled this barrier to be erected.

Capt James A. Cook, recently of this Squadron, was designated OIC of the Base Instrument School effective February 1. Here's wishing you good luck from the Squadron, Jim.: Captain Eddie "PaPa" Hedges was called upon to be a daddy in waiting (by proxy of course) last week when Mrs. Charles Lamb, wife of Lt. Charles Lamb, 531st Fighter Bomber Sq, became the proud parent of a bouncing baby boy. At the time, Lt Lamb was enroute here from Wheelus Field, but was detained by bad weather at Rome, and could not be here for the occasion. Capt Hedges, a real good neighbor, willingly paced the hospital floor in anticipation of the new arrival. The last comment heard by Capt Hedges as he mopped a perspiring brow, was "Never again".

531st FBS Reports From Wheelus Field

by 1st Lt Neil Udell

WHEELUS FIELD, Tripoli, (Special) — The 531st departed Chambley on January 6, for its semi-annual gunnery training at Wheelus Field. After three weeks of training the squadron has flown more than 1000 sorties, for a total of over 800 flying hours.

The squadron began interflight competition on January 14. At the end of two weeks of competition, Capt Albert P. Winkleman's C Flight, is leading the squadron with 6594 points. D Flight is second with 6414 points. A Flight is third with 6078 points and B Flight is in last place with 5820 points.

In individual scoring Lt Howell is leading the squadron with 1271 points, followed by Lt Wierenga with 1257 points and Lt Nicholson with 1235 points.

Col Donavon F. Smith, Fighter Group Commander, spent two weeks with the 531. Col Donald H. Lynch, ABGP, Commander, also visited us at Wheelus, during which time he checked out in the F-86. Now that Col Lynch has returned to Chambey, the word "Sir" has been dropped from the Base Leg call to mobile control.

M Sgt Holt's Able Flight is leading the inter flight competition in engineering for number of aircraft in commission and sorties flown. Able Flight has furnished and serviced aircraft for over 300 sorties.

In addition to normal flightline maintenance, the engineering section has done an outstanding job performing periodics and engine changes in the three weeks the squadron has been at Wheelus.

Where Are Near, Middle, Far East?

New York (AFPS)—Here is a breakdown on what is included in the three Easts—Near, Middle and Far—as reported by the National Geographic Society.

NEAR EAST—Turkey, Cyprus, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, Iran and the countries of the Arabian Peninsula.

MIDDLE EAST—India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim and Ceylon.

FAR EAST: China, Mongolian Republic, Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Indochina, Thailand (Siam), Burma, Malaya and Indonesia.

SAC Accepts Delivery Of Last Stratofreighter

RENTON, Wash. (AFPS) — The last Boeing C-97 Stratofreighter was completed here recently and was flown to Lincoln AFB, Neb., where it joined the 98th Air Refueling Sq. of the Strategic Air Command.

This 888th delivery marked the end of a Stratofreighter program begun more than 12 years ago at the Boeing plant here.

The Commissary will no longer be closed the day before the last payday of the month. Commissary inventory will begin after normal operating hours on the last working day of the month.

Air Police Reenlistees



Reenlistments in the Air Police Sq, took a sudden climb, when six air policemen took the advice of recruiting sergeant, M Sgt Charles Dimmick, (extreme left). The six reenlistees are: (left to right) A/2C Verne H. Taschner, A/2C Thomas H. Foley, A/2C Charles Cowens, A/2C John F. Clarke, A/2C Wayne Ale and A/1C Sammie J. Trayer. Squadron Commander, Major Phillip C. Limbacher, (extreme right) administered the oath.

La Leçon des Trois Singes

Sans doute avez-vous remarqué déjà, sur certains cendriers, ces trois singes pétris de sagesse malicieuse : nourris de cacahuètes et d'une certaine philosophie, ils se bouchent les oreilles, se bandent les yeux, se musèlent la bouche. Nous les proposerons-nous en exemple ? Peut-être.

Huit heures par jour, cinq jours par semaine, nous vivons ensemble. Il s'ensuit que nous avons certaines obligations, que nous devons, bon gré mal gré, leur sacrifier ; qu'un peu de sagesse nous simplifiera énormément de choses. Y compris et surtout nos relations. Cette sagesse ce sera, si vous le voulez bien, de ces singes que nous la tiendrons. Au moins d'une certaine manière ; je ne vous conseillerai pas de vous assourdir, de vous aveugler, ni de vous sceller la bouche, mais seulement la Prudence.

Vous avez une cervelle, quatre membres, si peu que ce soit un peu de cœur, et... quoi, vous vous frottez ? vous me trouvez bien peu libéral, bien peu charitable ! Vous laissez là votre page et ne voulez plus écouter. Car vous en avez, du cœur, beaucoup ; il vous offense qu'on puisse en douter.

Jusqu'ici vous avez raison. Cependant, vous qui vous offusquez si vite, avez-vous toujours reconnu, soupçonné seulement, que votre voisine, votre voisin, ont aussi ce même peu de cœur que vous revendiquez hautement pour vous-même ? Si vous les regardez, si vous écoutez ce qu'on en dit, si vous parlez d'eux, comment le faites-vous ?

Vous vous plaignez amèrement que votre collègue chérit les complications, qu'il les entretient, qu'il ou qu'elle est incapable de rien que d'aigreur ; qu'ON vous a dit qu'il — ou qu'elle — se conduisait bien légèrement ; vous voilà malheureux de subir leur voisinage, vous vous en plaignez ; vous manquez de mots pour les stigmatiser ; vous concluez que « ça ne devrait pas exister ».

D'accord, quelque chose ne devrait, en effet, pas exister. ~~Non pas ce dont vous vous plaignez davantage, mais votre attitude qui nous fait craindre le pire, voir le pire, l'entendre, le répéter. C'est ici que j'en appelle à la Sagesse, à la Prudence, de nos amis Singes. Ici, il convient de s'aveugler, de se museler, de s'assourdir. Le pire n'est pas, — n'est jamais — sûr. Il ne vous appartient, ni à moi, d'en décider ni de le juger. Si ON vous rapporte — et ON, toujours bien informé, ne l'est jamais complètement — si ON vous rapporte telle histoire fâcheuse, ne l'écoutez pas, ne vous pressez pas de l'entendre. Dites-vous que ON pourrait aussi facilement vous l'attribuer. Dites-vous que ceci ne concerne pas votre travail, que vous n'avez pas à vous ériger en juge, et qu'enfin, le voudriez-vous ? Il est d'élémentaire justice de ne pas écouter un parti sans entendre l'autre. Irez-vous demander un complément d'information à votre collègue mis en cause ? Certainement pas. Alors n'écoutez pas qui le charge. Imiter le singe. Scellez vos oreilles. Taisez-vous. Vous en coûtera-t-il tellement ? « Alors », dites vous, « il convient de nous interdire toutes relations ? Nous vivons dans une tour d'ivoire ? »~~

Certes pas. C'est ici qu'il faut passer outre à une certaine sagesse. Ce collègue dont vous détestez l'irascibilité, cette collègue que vous voyez acariâtre, et dont vous ne voulez pas entendre parler autrement que pour les condamner, qu'en savez-vous ?

Que connaissez-vous d'eux ? Vous en êtes-vous seulement inquiété ? Vous a-t-on dit qu'elle travaille seule, qu'elle a seule ses enfants à sa charge, que l'ainé est immobilisé depuis des semaines ? Savez-vous que la femme de ce collègue se porte mal, qu'il s'en inquiète ? Savez-vous que leur

travail n'est plus leur souci essentiel ?

Que connaissez-vous des journées — ces autres journées, autrement dures, autrement exténuantes — qu'ils commencent après le travail, à 6 heures, quand vous allez, vous, vous détendre et qui ne s'achèvent qu'à la nuit avancée. Beaucoup de tracas, peu de temps, un mauvais sommeil. Et si vous les avez connues, les avez-vous oubliées déjà ?

Qu'en savez-vous ? Que connaissez-vous de leurs Problèmes, de leurs inquiétudes particulières ? Que soupçonnez-vous de celle-ci, — la première — à laquelle vous participez pour l'aggraver : qu'ils n'ont à compter que sur eux, qu'ils sont seuls. C'est une immense inquiétude, lourde d'autant plus qu'ils ne se l'avouent pas, qu'ils n'en ont une conscience qu'obscur, ou que leur orgueil leur interdira de l'avouer. — « Ils ne forcent pas la sympathie... ».

Ils n'en ont que plus besoin. Ici il convient d'ouvrir vos yeux, de regarder. De parler, peut-être. Le mot qui peut suffire, pourquoi ne le diriez-vous ? Écoutez : ce qui ne se dit pas, c'est cela qu'il faut entendre davantage. J'ai connu un ménage très sympathique chez lequel les premières semaines de vie conjugale furent un désastre. « Enfin », leur disait-on, « la vie commune est faite de concessions ». « Pourquoi n'en faites-vous ? » — « Mais, j'y suis toute disposée », disait-elle. « Je ne demande pas mieux », répondait-il... « Mais » — et là, bien entendu, tout se gâtait, « qu'elle — ou qu'il — me donne l'exemple ». Il fallut leur expliquer qu'il n'était d'exemple à attendre, qu'il fallait commencer chacun tout de suite. Il importe peu de savoir s'ils le firent, mais je veux en venir à ceci que vous devez aussi commencer sans attendre, cette politique de la main ouverte. Détendez-vous. Ne craignez pas alors d'ouvrir les oreilles, les yeux, de desserrer les lèvres ; mais sachez à quelle fin. Essayez le pouvoir que chacun de nous peut avoir sur son voisin, jusque la scellée dans un jardin intérieur, dont vous avez peut-être la clef.



A/3C Bradley Hinton et Mme Geneviève Hartman de l'Office Informations Services ont présenté un film sur la vie des cow-boys aux enfants de l'école municipale de Chambley.

Du côté d'Abbeville avec Rayford Timms

Ceux qui lisent l'anglais ont vu, en première page, l'histoire du Sgt Timms recevant, des mains de Monsieur Max Lejeune, Député-Maire d'Abbeville et Ministre, le Sceau de la ville française qu'il doit remettre à sa ville natale, Abbeville, en Caroline du Sud.

Si la parenté de deux cités n'a pu, par le voyage du Sgt Timms, être établie sur documents de façon certaine, il n'en reste pas moins que son geste d'amitié (et l'écho que celui-ci a éveillé dans la petite ville de la Somme) revêt une grande importance au point de vue des relations franco-américaines.

L'année dernière, c'était Mrs. Nordlund qui avait retrouvé des membres de sa famille originaire de Lunéville. Etes-vous bien sûr, vous-même, de ne pas avoir un petit cousin parmi les soldats cantonnés à Chambley, ou ailleurs, ou la race des Oncles d'Amérique se serait-elle définitivement éteinte ? Allons, mettez-vous en chasse et, si vous découvrez quelque chose d'intéressant, dites-le nous vite.

A tout le Personnel Français de Chambley

Le Sabre a enfin sa page en français et nous sommes heureux d'en remercier ici le Colonel Baker et tous ceux dont l'intervention a permis d'atteindre ce but.

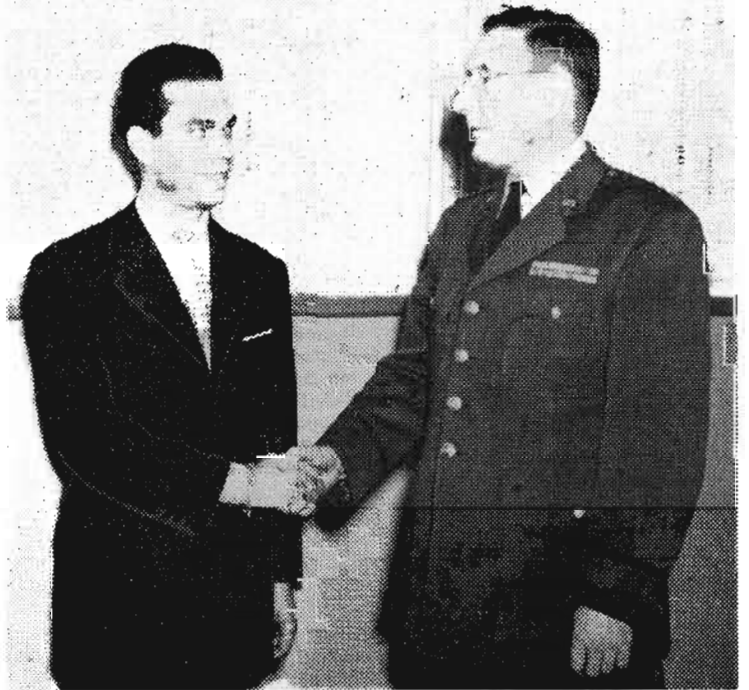
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L'équipe de rédaction

Importants changements dans les deux Sections du Personnel

Le Bureau du Personnel Civil et la Section Militaire du Personnel ont connu, conjointement, d'importants changements.

En même temps que le Lieutenant-Colonel Martin F. Peters était affecté à la Section Personnel de la XII^e Air Force, Monsieur S. S. Garlinski partait assumer à l'aérodrome d'Orly, près de Paris, les mêmes fonctions qu'il avait assumées déjà sur cette installation.



Major William H. Metzger, Directeur du Personnel, souhaite la bienvenue à M. Chemssy, nouveau Directeur du Personnel Civil. M. Chemssy remplace M. S. S. Garlinski qui a quitté Chambley pour des fonctions militaires à l'aérodrome d'Orly.

Monsieur S. S. Garlinski, affecté à Chambley au mois de Juillet 1955, y avait, depuis lors, déployé beaucoup de soins et de dévouement au Service du Personnel. Nous sommes heureux de l'assurer de notre sympathie. Nos vœux lui sont acquis pour l'exercice de ses activités dans sa nouvelle affectation.

Nous souhaitons tout particulièrement assurer de notre gratitude le Lieutenant-Colonel Martin F. Peters. Si cette sorte de témoignage est quelquefois commandée par les circonstances, il se trouve que nous avons cette fois la bonne fortune de nous en acquitter avec une sincérité totale. Le bon sens, l'affabilité et la compréhension du Lieutenant-Colonel Peters, qui ne se sont jamais démentis, nous ont été infiniment précieux. Nous regrettons de devoir à son départ l'opportunité de l'en remercier. L'excellent, le cordial souvenir que nous en gardons est l'expression la plus sûre de notre gratitude. Nous souhaitons vivement qu'il le sache.

Les visites, les rencontres personnelles qu'il a déjà eues, sont la meilleure présentation de Monsieur Jack M. Chemssy qui succède à Monsieur S. S. Garlinski. Une longue activité dans les différentes sections du Personnel lui ont donné d'acquiescer une expérience dont les prochains mois nous ferons mesurer l'effet. Il restait à Monsieur Chemssy, qui a beaucoup voyagé, puisque l'Ouest de la France, le Maroc et, plus près de nous, Laon, Phalsbourg, Chaumont - enfin, lui sont également familiers, à découvrir Chambley et la Lorraine. Il s'y emploie ; ni le mauvais temps ni la boue ne l'ont encore rebuté. Il semble que son allant, sa bonne humeur, un sens certain de l'humour, lui ont rendu de sérieux services. "C'est possible".

dit-il, "mais aussi j'aime l'eau. On m'assure que Metz a une excellente piscine d'hiver ; cela, c'est quelque chose encore à découvrir !" Monsieur Chemssy débute sous le signe de la découverte et de la bonne humeur. Bravo ! Nous sommes heureux de l'accueillir parmi nous.

Le Major Metzger remplace, lui, le Lieutenant-Colonel Peters. Affecté pour la première fois en Europe, il vient, par Bremerhaven, sa première escale, de Belleville (Illinois). Interrompues par différentes missions, dix années d'administration du Personnel lui ont donné un robuste optimisme et un vif intérêt pour les rapports sociaux. Egalement passionné par la chasse et la pêche, il s'est pris d'un attrait pour le français dont il a sérieusement entrepris l'étude. Nous devons convenir que le Major Metzger s'est déjà tiré à son honneur des conversations que nous avons ébauchées.

Venus d'horizons cependant différents, le Major Metzger et Monsieur Chemssy ont des points de vue identiques quand au sens de leur travail et à sa portée ; ils sont également persuadés de la nécessité bienfaisante d'une étroite coopération entre les Personnels Militaire et Civil :

"Je suis absolument convaincu de la nécessité d'un travail d'Equipe, c'est le seul valable et le plus efficace pour résoudre nos problèmes communs", nous a dit le Major Metzger.

Monsieur Chemssy, lui, conclut : « Il faut attirer l'attention de chacun sur les promesses et les perspectives excellentes d'une coopération étroite à partir de la confiance de tous ».

Belleville et Chaumont semblent d'excellents auspices. Nous nous en réjouissons de tout cœur.

Desert Rats Cop Eastern League Title; Fields Wins France Scoring Crown

Chambley, last year's USAFE runner-up won the France District Eastern League Basketball Championship with a 10-2 record. Jim Fields copped scoring honors of the entire France District by pouring in 57 markers during his final league appearance against the Toul Tigers. Jim emerged from this contest with a total of 299 points for the season's 12 games.

He averaged 24.9 to edge out SHAPE's Jim Singleton, who scored 297 for a 24.7 per game average.

The Desert Rats now enter the France District Championship playoffs between 6 and 10 February, conducted at Chateauroux Air Base. The Rats drew SHAPE, the Western League's runner-up for their first play-off contest. The four teams in contention for the France Championship and two bids to the USAFE play-offs at Bitburg Air Base are: Chambley, Chateauroux, Laon and SHAPE.

Chambley's M Sgt Don Rankin was selected as one of the four officials to work the play-offs at Chateauroux. The four officials selected were: CWO Howard Dunbar and T Sgt Virgil Ballard, Chateauroux; M Sgt Ed Revis, Chaumont and M Sgt Don Rankin.

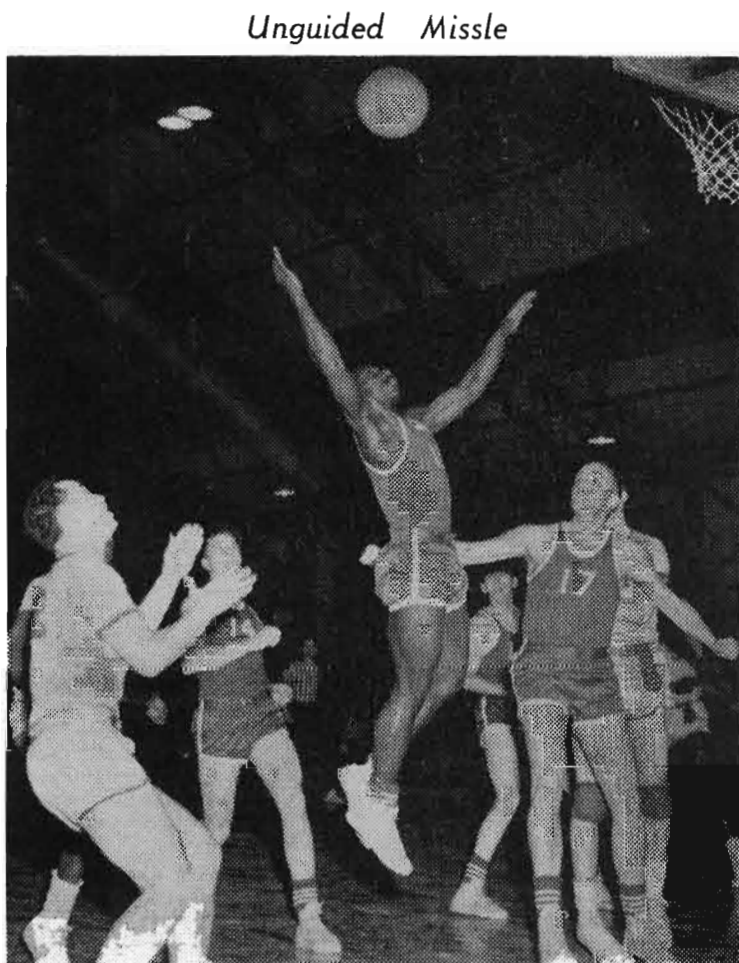
Chambley Ski Squad Wins Four Places On All-France Team

During the 1957 France and Germany Ski Championships conducted at the Garmisch Recreation Area on January 21 through 25, four members of the Chambley Ski Team were selected to compete in the USAFE Finals Championship.

The four CAB airmen selected were: Bror Anderson and Veikko Suutari, of the 21st Comm Sq; Phares Butler and Jim Murphy of Hq Sq, 21st Fighter-Bomber Wg. The finals will be held at Berchtesgaden, Germany, from February 23 to March 1. The France team will consist of ten members.

Bror Anderson, who topped the field from the France District, captured the cross-country title. He covered the valley course in 28:54, to beat his next best competitor by nearly five minutes. In this event, Veikko Suutari finished 4th; Jim Murphy 7th and Phares Butler 8th, out of a possible ten positions.

In the special slalom, the Chambley team members placed as follows: 3rd place, Phares Butler; 6th place, Jim Murphy and 7th place, Bror Anderson.



Unguided Missile

Speedy Jim Fields, heads skyward for a rebound in the final game of Eastern League activity against the Toul Tigers. Consistent court action such as this has earned Fields a reputation as one of the top cagers in USAFE competition. The Rats went on to ruin the Tigers in this contest, with the help of Field's 57 points, 117-51.

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Education Center Celebrates Second Anniversary at Chambley

by Cornelio de Kanter

Two years ago on January 13, 1954, the author arrived at Chambley Air Base to set up shop. He actually started from scratch, two packing cases and a couple of folding chairs were all that was available to the education center for the first three days.

Under the watchful eyes of the then Maj, now Lt Col Nicholas N. Mihailov Jr., education officer, the center began to take shape. A desk, some more packing cases for filing, expendable materials for the "office," and an actual telephone number listed in the directory, were some of the luxuries added within the first two weeks. By March we had the first University of Maryland course offered on the base, eight hardy students taking French I. The on-duty French program was running in its second term and our application was in to have a testing section established.

Half a year after starting the program, ABGp was moved to its present location in the Base Ops building and the education center was promoted to one full room, two desks, an actual typewriter all our own and under the ever cooperative and watchful eyes of Cols Rowland, Baker and Stokes, more rooms were available to hold classes in.

However, in November of 1954, we were given word that the Service Club would not move to our present headquarters and that this building would now become the education center.

Since those days we have given 457 GED tests which have resulted in high school equivalency for airmen and officers. We have obtained close to one hundred equivalency certificates from states for recipients of passing GED grades.

Handy in Handicraft



An Arts and Crafts demonstration was held in the Base Service Club on January 28, 29 and 30, under the supervision of Mr. Phillip Maxwell, from AYA Headquarters at Wiesbaden, Germany. The event drew many directors from other US Military installations in France. Mr. Maxwell, gave lessons to be taught to children, such as; leather work, weaving, chip carving, stenciling and puppetry.

ABGp Captures Title In National League

Hq ABGp, annexed the National League Intra-mural basketball title with an 11-0 record. A play-off is on tap in the American League between the two teams tied for first place, Hq Sq, 21st Fighter-Bomber Wg and the 72nd Fighter-Bomber Sq. The following are the standings in both the American and National League.

American League		
Team	Won	Last
Hq Wing	9	1
72nd FBS	9	1
Comm	6	4
Mcint	5	5
531st FBS	4	4
Air Police	3	9
Food Serv.	0	12

National League		
Team	Won	Last
ABGp	11	0
416th FBS	8	2
Trans Sq	6	5
AACS	5	6
TAC Hosp	3	7
AIO	2	8
Supply	2	9

NCO Wives Welcome Newcomers at Coffee

by Anne Fowle

A coffee, with newly arrived wives as guests of honor was hosted by Wilma McRae and Shirley Ivey on January 24. A Holland theme was carried through the meeting with slides and patter by Ella Craven and a Dutch shoe door prize won by Corine Carter. Lucky cup cakes were eaten by Lottie Mead and Jo Pierson.

The Bake Sale, under the push of Ella Craven in the Air Police and 72nd area was very successful. Half the proceeds raised go to the welfare fund.

A trip through the Gorze Institute, opened the eyes of Jane Burlingham and her group of welfare minded NCO wives to the needs of the persons hospitalized there.

LOOKING BACK

(The following new items appeared in the *Chambley Sabre* of February 11, 1956).

... Chambley hit by icy grip. Sub-zero temperatures freeze many trailers.

... A/1C M. Bond, of the 21st Supply Sq, was selected for the Outstanding Airman of the Quarter at Wing level.

... Chambley Air Base donates \$4,246 to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

... Fields passes 500 point mark as Chambley downs SHAPE twice. Fields grabs scoring honors for both nights with 29 and 17 respectively.

A Rude Shock

After sinking his teeth into the deputy sheriff's leg, a dog in Tuscon, Arizona, seemed to have a most amazed expression on his face. The sheriff had a wooden leg.

LUNATICS
by REBER & LUNA



Extended! You must have a hole in your head