



Dining Halls Boast Mouth Watering Feasts



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Holiday Messages

We are approaching another Thanksgiving Day here at Chambley which for many of us will be our last Thanksgiving in France as we come to the end of our three year tours.

Looking back over the past three years we can see many things for which we can be thankful. When we first arrived to make Chambley a livable and operational base.

With hard work, cooperation and high morale, we have wrought many changes in the living and working conditions to make Chambley one of the finest and most operationally proficient bases in USAFE.

This would not have been possible without the high esprit de corps displayed by all of you, no matter what your position here.

I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank you each for your fine work and wish you a very happy Thanksgiving.

Colonel Robert N. Baker
Wing Commander

The time of year is growing near when we look back and give thanks for the accomplishments and blessings of another year.

Chambley Air Base has progressed far since we arrived three years ago for our first Thanksgiving.

The comradeship, diligence and spirit of the personnel is among the finest I have encountered in my Air Force career at any base.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you for your contributions in making Chambley what it is today, and to wish you a very happy Thanksgiving.

Colonel Ernest C. Pruett
Base Commander

Count Off Your Blessings



CAB Pilots Fly Stricken French Boy to Lourdes

Six-year-old Benoit Jeantou of St Nicholas-en-Forêt, a victim of leukemia, was flown to a hospital in Lourdes for treatment, on Friday, November 1 by a Chambley C47.

The "mercy flight" was piloted by Lt Col Harris L. Denton, Major Earl A. Schmeling, Major Robert Cummings and Captain Creighton R. Dunn.

Benoit was stricken in early spring but the seriousness of his condition was not known until about six months ago.

Father Paul, Catholic Chaplain at Colin Caserne, found out about the boy's plight and coordinated with his Base Commander, Col Clyde Simkus, who in turn made arrangements with Col Robert N. Baker, Wing Commander, to

have the boy airlifted to Lourdes.

Friday afternoon an aircraft was dispatched to Frescati, the French Air Station on the outskirts of Metz. Here they
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23 Scouts Awarded

Twenty-three Boy Scouts and their leaders received awards at a Court of Honor which was held in the Service Club on Wednesday, October 30. The Court of Honor was held in conjunction with the Chambley PTA meeting.

After the opening ceremonies which were composed of Indian pagentry, the awards were presented.

Tenderfoot and Webelos Badges were presented to Don
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Thanksgiving Dinner at Chambley will be a feast fit for a king according to reports from spokesmen of the various messing facilities.

Airmen are permitted to bring their families to the Dining Hall. The price has not been determined as of this printing but it expected to be very nominal.

The menu for the Dining Hall is as follows: fresh shrimp cocktail, lemon wedges, crackers ROAST TURKEY, dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, glazed sweet potatoes, buttered fresh green beans, lettuce and tomato salad, french dressing, crisp celery strips, assorted olives, sweet

pickles, hot rolls and butter, mincemeat pie, pumpkin pie with whipped cream topping, coffee, tea, grapes, oranges, pears, hard candy and assorted nuts.

is, BAKED FRESH HAM, snow flaked potatoes, cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, buttered peas, buttered corn, salad, celery, olives and other holiday treats.

AACS Sgt. Saves Two F-100s

Continuing to operate with the usual efficiency displayed by the 1270th AACS Squadron in times of emergency, M.C.S.

ler in the Chambley GCA unit, recently brought in two F-100s to a safe landing.

final approach at Etain under GCA control and approximately three miles from landing, when they were advised of a GCA power failure.

USAF Announces Longevity Award

An AF Longevity Service Award to be worn by AF military personnel was announced by Hq USAF in late October.

The award will be in the form of a ribbon bar. It will be awarded for four years of honorable active military service. A bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded for additional four year periods. A silver oak leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five bronze clusters.

Detailed criteria and instructions for wearing the AF Longevity Service Award ribbon will be included in a forthcoming revision to the uniform regulation, AFR 35-50, to be published about the first of the year under the new number of AFR 190-10.

A D/F (Direction Finding) assist to Etain was immediately begun. However, the D/F assist placed the flight too far off to the side of the runway to make a safe landing.

The pilot of the lead aircraft requested assistance from Chambley GCA and "Squawked MAYDAY" while pulling up to a safe altitude. Radio contact was made with Chambley GCA on the emergency frequency and the pilot advised GCA he was "very low on fuel".

Radar contact was made without delay and the aircraft were directed to a successful landing at Chambley.

According to a spokesman for AACS, Sgt Messinger's instructions displayed confidence and excellent controlling ability.

NCO & Ann Of Quarter Selected

S/Sgt Jerry Tyring, 1270th AACS, and A/2C George R. Hooper, 21st Communications Squadron, were chosen as NCO and Airman of the Quarter by the Outstanding Airman and NCO Board which met on November 5.

Sgt Tyring, a native of Petersburg, Indiana, has been in the Air Force since August 26, 1950. Before his assignment to Chambley he was stationed with an AC&W outfit in Alaska and also spent three and a half years at Maxwell AFB, Alabama.

While at Maxwell, one of his duties was to conduct the West Point Cadets on tours of the radar facilities when they visited the base.

Here at Chambley, Sgt Tyring was active in "Stage 21" and was Assistant Director of the group when it disbanded.

He is married and resides here with his wife Margie and daughters Angela and Sandra.

For his achievement in being awarded NCO of the Quarter, Sgt Tyring will receive \$35

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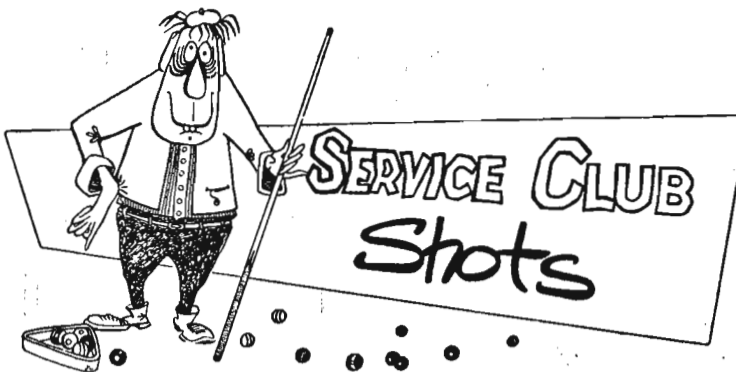
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by Sheila and Diana

The Service Club and staff has bid a sad adieu to Rhoda who is returning to the ZI. She has been with us for two years. With great appreciation for all the work and accomplishments she has done we wish you bon voyage Rhoda!

If you have any old toys or old clothes, don't throw them out, bring them to the Service Club. They will all be fixed up and distributed throughout the area to needy French orphanages and families at Christmas time.

If you have a hobby of taking movies bring them to the Service Club Friday; November 15. Show them with our 8 mm projector. A discussion

will follow on techniques and procedures on taking better pictures. We will also make some fudge.

The USAFE football championship game should be terrific. If you would like to go and have no transportation, sign up at the office for seats on the bus. It will leave the Service Club at 1230 hrs Saturday for Nancy, 16 Nov. It will return after the game. No charge, just dress warmly!

That night we will have a birthday party honoring all those who have a birthday in November. Refreshments will be served and presents given out.

Have you ever had a yen to learn how to play canasta? Come in Tuesday night and we will have a canasta session.

If you would enjoy a delicious home cooked dinner, come and join us Thursday night at the Fellowship Dinner. Following the activities presented by the fellowship group we will have a shuffleboard tournament.

Friday night place your bets and try your luck at some horsing racing. Even if you don't win you are bound to have a good time.

Finally this week we are honoring the ever popular short timer, with a party being thrown for them at 2000 hrs. We know there are lots of you so drop in and join us.

Ramstein To Host Jewish Ceremony

The first 12th Air Force Jewish Torah convocation since 1955 will begin Monday, November 25 at the Ramstein AB Chapel, according to an announcement by Chaplain Paul I. Bloom, 12th AF Jewish Chaplain.

Jewish personnel from 12th AF installations throughout Germany and France are expected to attend. Advance reservations may be made by contacting Chaplain Bloom at Ramstein Military 7491.

The Torah convocation will be conducted by Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, Rabbi of Young Israel of Flatbush in Brooklyn. Rabbi Sharfman is in Europe at the request of the Department of the AF for the special purpose of meeting with Jewish personnel and dependents.

Rabbi Sharfman is one of America's best known Rabbis. He is a graduate of the College of the City of New York and Columbia University as well as of the Yeshiva Chofetz Chaim Rabbinical Academy.

He is also a member of the bar of the State of New York. Rabbi Sharfman has served as one of the leaders of Jewish religious life in America for the past two decades. He is currently serving as President of the Rabbinical Council of America, one of the largest and most influential rabbinical organizations in the US.

During his stay at Ramstein, the Rabbi will be available for personal consultation from 1400 - 1600 hours on November 25 and 26. He will speak at special services at the Ramstein Base Chapel at 2000 hours. The dates again are November 25 and 26.

For additoinal information contact Chaplain Paul I. Bloom, 7030th Support Group, phone 7491.

Incentive Awards Committee Acts On Eight Suggestions

The Military Incentive Awards Committee, at a meeting in Wing Headquarters on October 28, reviewed suggestions submitted by eight Chambley Officers and Airmen.

Recommendations made by the committee are as follows:

T/Sgt Winford K. Moore, 416th FBS, is to receive a letter of appreciation from the Wing Commander for his suggestion relative to an oxygen mask cover.

For his suggestion relative to a Personal Equipment "4" Way Test Stand, the committee recommended that A/1C Maxwell Pulliam, 531st FBS, receive the first place prize of \$50 and a letter of commendation from the Wing Commander.

A suggestion submitted by T/Sgt Jesse G. New, 72nd FBS, relative to a bolt holder of J-47 series engine exhaust cones, returned for resubmission with diagrams and photographs of the device.

It was recommended that Major William Metzger, 21st FBW, be awarded a letter of appreciation from the Wing Commander for his suggestion relative to bottled gas for house trailers.

For the suggestion of M/Sgt Richard L. Garfield, 21st FBW, relative to TO Compliance on aircraft and engines it was recommended that it be forwarded to AMC for higher echelon evaluation and adoption.

The suggestion submitted by M/Sgt John A. Thayer, 21st FBW, relative to barber shop operations was considered not feasible for Chambley at this time.

416th FBS Wins Safety Awards

During the recent "Gathering of the Clan" of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing Officers, both former and present, held at the Chambley Officers Club on November 8, the 416th was awarded a USAFE Flying Safety Award and a USAF Flying Safety Award.

The former was awarded for the period 1 January through 30 June 1957 and the latter for the period of July

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The recommendation for M/Sgt Edward C. Adams, 21st Field Maintenance, suggestion relative to installation of a new locally manufactured antenna, was that he receive second prize of \$35 and be given a letter of commendation by the Wing Commander.

Third prize of \$15 was recommended for the suggestion submitted by T/Sgt Earl W. Boga, 21st Transportation Squadron, relative to air tank support modification on two and a half ton cargo trucks.

LUNATICS Series to Discontinue

With this issue one of the favorite features in the SABRE will go out of existence. The cartoon series LUNATICS, created by A/1C Joel Reber and A/2C Jess Luna, after a long and morale lifting time has come to an end.

The series has been a part of the SABRE since October, 1956 and is one of the finest cartoon series to appear in any service paper.

Luna and Reber have done much other fine art work for the base in their stay here at Chambley. The signs around the base with the Wing insignia have been painted by Reber, while the art work for

the Service Club, the Officers Club and various other sections has been done by Luna.

Reber, who is assigned to Installations Squadron, is a native of Sacramento, California, and Luna calls La Habra, California his home.

When he returns to the States Airman Luna will return to art school where he will study for a career in commercial art.

The staff of the SABRE wishes to extend their thanks to both of them for the fine work they have done for us and wish them the best of luck in future undertakings.

LAST LUNATIC

By LUNA & REBER



We're Yanking the Chain; Good Bye Chambley!

NCO Wives News

by Ann Garfield

On November 5 we enjoyed a lovely luncheon at the NCO Club. Thanks go to Verna Neylon and Bonnie Niehoff for making the arrangements and the timely decorations.

Bouquets to Mesdames Lusse, Meade and McRae for the luscious dessert. After a short business meeting we eagerly tore into our "going away" gifts. It was just like Christmas.

A big thanks goes to Marlene Russel and her cohorts for the tremendous job they did purchasing and wrapping all the lovely gifts.

Finally the moment we were all waiting for, the drawing for the coffee service was held. Velma (Call me lucky) Boga was the delighted winner.

On Tuesday, November 19 we are invited to a coffee by the NCO Wives Club at Etain. All who can attend please meet at 1300 at the PX Parking Lot. If you do not have

a ride let us know and we will try to find one for you.

Sgt and Mrs Shriner are the proud parents of a new baby girl. Sgt and Mrs Giacchi are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl.

Those of you who are not leaving will be glad to learn that we are continuing our club until February. All wives of NCO Club members are cordially invited to join us.

We have a business meeting on the second Tuesday of each month and a social on the fourth Tuesday in the NCO Club ballroom at 2000 hours.

Que savez-vous de Thanksgiving?

Vous savez que c'est un XX "American Holiday" (HA sur les time-sheets) un de ceux qui sont si agréables quand ils n'ont pas à être récupérés ensuite. Que savez-vous encore d'autre sur Thanksgiving? qu'on y sert traditionnellement sur les tables américaines, même les plus pauvres, la dinde farcie, entourée de légumes de toute sorte, parmi lesquels figurent certainement des patates douces, et que le repas se termine tout aussi traditionnellement par une tarte à la citrouille souvent accompagnée d'un "minced meat pie" (tranches de viande coupées très fines, raisins secs, tranches de pomme, le tout macéré dans de l'eau de vie: ceci n'est pas une recette mais une simple indication).

A ce propos, vous ne m'en voudrez pas d'évoquer une anecdote personnelle dont le souvenir me pèse encore sur l'estomac. C'était le dernier Thanksgiving que j'ai passé en Amérique, en 1953. Notre propriétaire, une brave Allemande de la Forêt Noire émigrée depuis la fin de la guerre de 14, qui combinait heureusement dans sa manière de faire la cuisine les traditions germaniques et les coutumes américaines, nous avait invités comme d'habitude au repas traditionnel qui avait lieu vers 2 heures de l'après-midi: ce jour-là on ne mange généralement qu'une fois — sérieusement s'entend — à l'heure qui convient le mieux à la maîtresse de maison.

Quelques jours avant la fête, un professeur de mon mari nous invite pour le même jour à "passer la soirée" (ce fut sa formule) en nous demandant d'arriver vers 17 h. 30. Sans méfiance, nous acceptons également avec plaisir.

Le repas chez notre propriétaire se passe comme les autres fois autour d'une table croülant sous le poids des victuailles et s'arrose de force bouteilles de bière. A l'heure du "pumpkin pie" nous nous excusons en disant que nous devons bientôt partir pour nous rendre à la seconde invitation... qu'elle laisse sa vaisselle, je l'aiderai le lendemain.

Chez notre second hôte, nous sommes reçus au salon où nous bavardons avec les autres invités quand la maîtresse de maison annonce qu'on peut passer à table. Nous nous regardons, n'osant comprendre. Arrivés dans la salle à manger, nous "la" voyons... "elle" est encore là, trônant au milieu des "trimmings", la dinde traditionnelle, de la prospérité américaine, et naturellement, il n'est pas question de dire que nous sortons de table. Que pouvions-nous faire? nous nous y sommes attaqués courageusement et nous nous

en sommes tirés à notre honneur puisque personne n'a rien remarqué et que tout s'est terminé sans effets fâcheux sur notre tube digestif. Néanmoins, je me souviendrai longtemps de ce Thanksgiving pantagruélique.

Mais tout ceci nous éloigne de l'origine historique de cette tradition si typiquement américaine.

Lorsque les premiers colons arrivèrent en vue des côtes du Nouveau Monde, celui-ci leur apparut réellement comme la Terre Promise aux Hébreux sortant du désert. La plupart de ces émigrants quittaient l'Europe pour des raisons politiques ou religieuses; le voyage s'était fait dans des conditions difficiles, souvent même dangereuses; un grand nombre de bateaux avaient disparu dans la tempête, de nombreux passagers, surtout les jeunes enfants, étaient morts durant la traversée.

Rien d'étonnant, dès lors, à ce que toutes les descriptions des arrivants s'accordent pour vanter la beauté et la richesse de cette terre, largement pourvue, par ailleurs, de tout ce qui facilite l'établissement de l'homme. "Les cieux et la terre" a écrit John Smith, un des fondateurs de la Virginie, "ne se sont jamais mieux accordés pour créer un endroit habitable à l'homme". William Penn, fondateur de la Pensylvanie, écrit à son tour:

"La nourriture offerte par le pays était aussi tentante que le climat était accueillant. La mer regorgeait d'huîtres et de crabes, de morues et de langoustes, dans les bois il y avait des dindons gras et incroyablement lourds, ainsi que des caillies, des écureuils, des faisans, des élans, des oies et tant de daims que dans certains endroits on considérait le gibier comme une viande plus qu'ordinaire."

Ce n'est cependant pas sous ces climats riants que prit

naissance la fête qui nous intéresse. Moins que la fête de l'abondance et de la facilité, elle sera au début celle de la reconnaissance de l'aide divine dans des circonstances particulièrement difficiles.

Ce sont les puritains de la Nouvelle Angleterre qui ont, en effet, célébré le premier Thanksgiving. Cette partie septentrionale de la Côte Est des Etats-Unis, si elle ne le cède en rien aux autres au point de vue des beautés naturelles, est pourtant de climat plus rude et de culture moins facile. Les premières années, passée la joie de l'arrivée, furent pénibles pour les colons. Ce n'est qu'au prix de beaucoup de patience et de ténacité, et après maints déboires que la petite colonie put enfin s'installer solidement et voir des jours plus heureux.

Grâce à des rapprochements avec les indiens qui leur enseignèrent leurs méthodes de culture, et notamment la culture du maïs, grâce à l'étude plus rationnelle des conditions de sol et de climat, le temps vint enfin où, à l'approche de l'hiver, les colons purent contempler avec satisfaction leurs greniers pleins et leurs fenils bien garnis. Ils tombèrent alors à genoux pour remercier le Seigneur dont la protection constante leur avait permis d'atteindre cette relative sécurité et, comme l'une va rarement sans l'autre, la cérémonie religieuse fut suivie d'un déjeuner plus copieux que d'habitude dont la dinde grasse qui quittait peu à peu les bois pour les basse-cours, fit les frais principaux.

Cette habitude se maintint et s'amplifia, mais son sens original est demeuré et Thanksgiving est une fête particulièrement chère au cœur américain. Elle est en effet la première fête bien à eux, celle où se traduisent le mieux leurs propres traditions de travail courageux et de confiance en l'aide d'en-haut.

Le 11 Novembre à Chambley

Malgré le grand désir qu'en aurait eu le colonel Baker, il n'a pas été possible de renouveler cette année la manifestation qui a eu lieu sur la Base le 11 novembre 1956.

Tous ceux d'entre vous qui y ont assisté se rappellent certainement l'imposant rassemblement de drapeaux portés par les Anciens Combattants venus des trois départements. Le fait même qu'on ait pensé à associer dans un même souvenir Anciens Combattants Français et Américains sur une Base Américaine avait beaucoup touché tous les vétérans, surtout ceux de la guerre de 1914 dont le 11 novembre est vraiment la fête.

Lundi dernier néanmoins, la fête de la victoire de 1918 n'est pas restée sans être célébrée à Chambley. Le colonel Baker a tenu, en y envoyant ses re-

présentants, à s'associer le plus possible aux différentes cérémonies qui ont marqué cet anniversaire. Se rendant lui-même à Nancy, il a demandé au lieutenant-colonel Jones de prendre sa place à Metz; le colonel Pruett était présent à Jarny tandis que le colonel Smith était l'hôte du village historique de Mars-la-Tour et que le colonel Lynch, enfin, déposait au monument aux morts de Chambley la gerbe traditionnelle. A ces cinq différentes manifestations, la présence effective d'un officier supérieur du 21st Fighter Bomber Wing signifiait pour la population française: comme par le passé, nous sommes avec vous le jour de cette fête qui est aussi la nôtre. Restons ensemble dans l'avenir pour que la paix que nous désirons tous devienne une réalité de plus en plus stable et durable.

Pour le dernier Sabre

Le prochain "Sabre" sera le dernier. Nous vous avons promis le titre: il y sera. Nous faisons également appel à vos talents artistiques: le photolab a fermé boutique, n'ayant plus de films. Pourriez-vous nous envoyer, d'ici la fin de la semaine prochaine (c'est-à-dire pas plus tard que vendredi prochain 22 novembre, à 17 heures) quelques dessins ou caricatures évoquant des faits marquants de votre vie sur la Base ou résumant vos impressions de Chambley? Sous le thème général "Chambley 1954-1957", les meilleurs dessins (avec légende s.v.p.) seront publiés et cette page sera ainsi un souvenir de notre passage sur la Base.

Par ailleurs, ce dernier "Sa-

bre" vous apportera des précisions sur le reclassement du personnel, les résultats déjà obtenus, les efforts poursuivis et les espoirs permis à ceux qui n'ont pas encore trouvé un nouvel emploi.

Enfin, que tous ceux qui ont "quelque-chose à dire" avant de quitter définitivement leurs camarades et la Base, nous envoient leur copie. Nous nous ferons un plaisir, dans la mesure où vous répondrez à cet appel et dans la mesure de la place disponible, de publier vos messages que nous vous demandons de faire aussi concis que possible. Bien entendu, l'équipe de rédaction du "Sabre" reste juge de ce qui pourra être choisi pour être publié.

Boy Scout Court Of Honor

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Owens, Thomas Neylon, Paul Denton, Stephen Luther and Raymond Winters.

Philip Limbacher and Bernd Harris each received Second Class Scout pins.

Perfect Attendance pins were presented to James Logan, Robert Baker and Robert Cummings.

At this time Colonel Robert N. Baker, Wing Commander, presented a statuette to S/Sgt Floyd Driggers, the outgoing

Scoutmaster, in appreciation of the fine job he has done with the boys.

Airmen Second Class Eric Paul received an Assistant Scoutmaster's badge and A/2c Robert Sawyer received a 13-year Service pin and a Scoutmaster's badge.

First Class pins were awarded to Robert Cummings, Douglas Kucklick, Robert Metzger, Thomas Perry and James Keuhn.

Receiving awards as Star

Scouts were Richard Blackley and Robert Baker.

Awards for outstanding service as leaders were presented to Major James Logan, Major William Metzger, Mr Newton Hamfeld, Sgt Alvin Owens and Major Paul Pickett.

The ceremonies were concluded as Robert Baker did a Sun Bustle Dance and James Logan, Robert Metzger, Robert Cummings and Douglas Kucklick did an Apache War Dance.

American Red Cross Schedule

- SAT., NOV. 16
 - 1900 Ping Pong Tourney
 - 2000 Truth or Consequence
- SUN., NOV. 17
 - 1500 Hospitality Hour & Dominoes
 - 2000 Franco American Song Fest
- MON., NOV. 18
 - 2000 Progressive checker tourney
 - 2030 English Class
- TUES., NOV. 19
 - 2000 Bridge
 - 2030 Armchair Opera "Selections"
- WED., NOV. 20
 - 2000 Square Dance
- THUR., NOV. 21
 - 2000 Art Class
 - 2030 Dance Class
 - 2030 English Class
- FRI., NOV. 22
 - 2030 Record Roulette
- SAT., NOV. 23
 - 1500 Ping Pong Finals. Nancy at Metz.
 - 2000 First and Ten!
- SUN., NOV. 24
 - 1500 Hospitality Hour & Clue
 - 2030 Let's Read a Play
- MON., NOV. 25
 - 2000 Progressive Checker Tourney
 - 2000 Cut a Letter Home
 - 2030 English Class
- TUES., NOV. 26
 - 2000 Bridge - Pinochle
- WED., NOV. 27
 - 2000 Square Dance
- THUR., NOV. 28
 - Open House Thanksgiving Day
- FRI., NOV. 29
 - 1930 Casino
 - 2100 Show Your Slides

- SAT., NOV. 30
 - 1500 Decoration Workshop
 - 2000 Birthday Party

Mercy Flight

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picked up Benoit and his family, Mr and Mrs Jeantou and his brother Bernard age seven.

Benoit's physician, Dr Henri Finel, attended to the boy while on the flight. Captain Leon Sentonac, French Liaison Officer at Chambley, acted as interpreter during the mercy flight.

After making a visit of the hospital and clinic at Lourdes, Benoit was returned to his home Saturday, November 2 at 2010 hours in the same aircraft piloted by Captains John A. O'Brien, Creighton R. Dunn and Daniel W. Davis.

Benoit had previously been treated in Nancy, Strasbourg and several clinics in Germany without success.

Command Post Awarded CAB Personality

One of Chambley's outstanding personalities was transferred to the 7030th Support

The Slippery Five

In the field of sports where an arbitrator is required, you often hear words to this effect by the losing team and even sometimes the winning team... "Boy, that referee, if..."

Regardless of how well a sporting activity is arbitrated the referees and judges are always under attack from fans, coaches and players.

Refereeing the gridiron games for Chambley and the France Football Conference this season are five men who could referee in any football league, without hearing that old saying, "Boy, that referee, if..."

This team consists of Captain Raymond Fortune, referee; M/Sgt Donald F. Rankin, umpire; S/Sgt Chuck Grimsley, field judge; M/Sgt Virgil Niehoff, head linesman; and A/IC Bob Cabral, back judge.

Capt Fortune, a noted arbitrator in Europe for the past three years was selected this year to work in the semi-finals of the USAFE Football Wood Engine between the Wiesbaden Flyers and the Burtonwood Bullets, which was held November 9.

Another outstanding umpire for Chambley is M/Sgt Rankin, also well known in Europe on the gridiron and hardwood floors.



M/Sgt Donald Rankin

Sgt Rankin, NCOIC of Special Services, is in his third season at Chambley. He was selected last year to work as field judge in the semi-finals at Wiesbaden between the Flyers and the Toul Tigers.

This year he has been selected as a field judge in the USAFE Football finals to be held at Nancy between the same Flyers and the Tigers tomorrow.

M/Sgt Niehoff, S/Sgt Grimsley, and A/IC Cabral are new at the game of officiating, but working with such outstanding officials as Capt Fortune and Sgt Rankin, their knowledge and skill at officiating will certainly improve.

Group at Ramstein Air Base, Germany recently.

This outstanding personality will be working directly under the supervision of Colonel Hubert Hartwig, Ramstein Commander and former Commander of the 21st M and S Group.

At formal ceremonies at the Officers Club on November 8, Col Robert N. Baker, Wing Commander, presented Col Hartwig with letter order number ZZ222 21st Fighter Bomber Wing, dated 8 November 57, reassigning Chester W. Goat to his new post.

Chester was given to the Chambley Desert Rats basketball team while playing at Montrison, France in an international tournament. The gift was from an Italian team.

After much debate as to the fate of Chester, he returned to Chambley with the team and became the base mascot. The 21st wishes the best of luck to Chester and Col Hartwig in forthcoming athletic competition.

BAKER 9 Closes

A golf tournament was held at the Chambley Golf Course on October 27 for all golfers. Forty-seven players participated.

Prizes which were awarded, consisted of golf clubs, golf bags, golf shoes, gloves and various other pieces of equipment.

After the tournament, steaks, weiners and other delicacies were enjoyed by the players and their families.

The tournament was a fitting climax to the short life of the Chambley Golf Course which officially closed on October 31.

According to M/Sgt Samuel R. McRae, President of the Chambley Golf Club, the success of the golf course was largely attributable to the efforts of the following people: Col Robert N. Baker, Wing Commander; Col Ernest C. Pruett, Base Commander; Major Harold C. Hayes, Maj John K. Stanifer, Capt Gerald F. Auger, Capt Raymond L. Fortune, Capt Philip V. Yaggy, 1st Lt William G. Higginbotham, Jr, 1st Lt Arthur N. Till, M/Sgt William H. Ashworth, M/Sgt Robert F. Ferguson, M/Sgt Bert A. Juedemann, M/Sgt Arval P. Lusse, M/Sgt Charles C. Meade, T/Sgt Loren Craven and S/Sgt Francis S. Sparks, Golf Professional.

Sgt McRae adds, "These men worked hard and deserve the thanks of all personnel of the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing and I wish to add my thanks for a job well done."

Rats Lose To Etain 32-7 in Seasons Final

Tied For Fourth In League Play

The Etain Pioneers defeated the Chambley Desert Rats 32-7 here on Sunday, November 3 in the last game of the 1957 France Football Conference season.

Etain behind quarterback Ralph Elurfeld, utilizing a powerful single wing and spread formation attack, ripped through the Chambley line for large gains most of the day. However, it was through the air that Etain scored their first three touchdowns.

Elurfeld hit fleet halfback, Gil Bennet, on the two yard line completing a 28 yard pass play for the first paydirt toss. Elurfeld made the conversion.

He hit Redman and Coleman again in the second period to give the Pioneers a healthy 19-0 lead at halftime.

Both teams played scoreless ball in the third period.

Barracks Breeze by AGM

The following views and news 21st Fighter Bomber Wing, has been gathered for this history-reporting period:

All members of our squadron would like to extend to Captain John A. O'Brien Squadron Commander, our deepest regrets and condolences, Captain O'Brien's father, James J. O'Brien, of Victorville, California, passed away on October 4, 1957.

With the ever persisting cries of "FIGMO" and the joyous shouts prevailing with the pre-holiday festivities, and more frequent vacancies in our home... (S-204), all members of our elite upper-floor, left-bay society are cautioned of the extensive span of bridge, located on the Chambley boardwalk between Wing and the AFEX Gourmet Restaurant.

This historical... however obscure... piece of temporary architecture contributes much to our present-day atmosphere, but it presents an extreme hazard to those enroute to their morning coffee break. Please be alert to preserve our bridges, moreover, your personal appearance and existence.

(Chambley Blurp). "Who has been eating out of my porridge bowl," or in modern-day WDO phrases, "Who in the (censored) has been eating out of my end basket," may sound a little premature in this edition; however, this really has transpired.

Located on a quaint little hill-top here at Chambley AB, is Base Operation, which houses the Wing Director of Operations Sections. It seems as though some rather humorous rituals have been conducted there, the guest and object of these — why of course — Chester, the Air Force goat.

Chester, an Airman Basic goat of dubious heritage, was awarded (dumped off) to WDO last week by an unknown party, and since then things have been happening.

Through and as a result of several classified conferences, it has been resolved that Chester will become part of the current scientific-political race.

Readers and fans of "Barracks Breeze" should not entertain fears or anxieties in the possible near future when headline news might disclose that a new satellite dubbed "GOATNIK I" has been launched and is following the earth's orbit, emitting constant bleating sounds, which have been picked up by scientific and electronic devices.

These brief highlights pretty well relate a complete summary of squadron news, but as a pleasant forethought, do you really believe we bachelor of S-204 should really fear Sadie Hawkins Day?

Although most of the afternoon was gloomy for Cham

Kiwis Win 4 Games

Although Chambley has no official base basketball team the base is well represented on the hardwood this year by members of the 72nd FBS and Hq Sq ABGp, first and second place winners in the 1956-57 intramural league.

Adopting the name Kiwis, the team journeyed to Grosvenquin to play the Canadians a double-header on November 4. The Kiwis won both encounters by scores of 45-24 and 34-18.

Three days later at Nancy the Kiwis met an undermanned French Air Force team and easily coasted to victory by a score of 82-40. Five players hit the double figure mark with Gordon Fraser taking scoring honors with 22 tallies.

Last Tuesday night, the Kiwis played another Canadian team from Air Division at Chateau de Mercy, defeating them 54-26. Bob Sisk and Al Glover took scoring laurels with 18 points apiece.

Members of the team are Lyle Webber, Horace "Roundies," Richmond, Roger Neff, Gordon Fraser, Pop Sisk, Al Glover, Joe Kellerman and Tom Welsh.

Safety Awards

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1955 through June 1957.

These awards represent a considerable amount of effort and ability on the part of all the squadron personnel and is a direct tribute to the outstanding contribution made by this squadron to the Air Force's Flying Safety Program.

The awards were presented to Major Carl Leo, 416th Commander, by Col Robert N. Baker, Wing Commander. Col Baker read the attached indorsements reflecting this outstanding achievement.

The USAF Award is a stained wood and blue velvet background and surrounded by a stainless steel framing. It will soon adorn the 416th's Trophy Case.

NCO & Ann. Awards

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and a letter of commendation from the Wing Commander.

Airman Hooper, the son of Mr and Mrs Forrest Hooper, of Rockland, Maine, entered the Air Force August 31, 1956. He took basic at Lackland AFB, Texas and was then assigned to Francis E. Warren AFB, Wyoming. From there he was reassigned to Chambley.

At Chambley Airman Hooper is the chief switchboard operator in Communications Squadron.

Airman Hooper will receive \$25 and a letter of commendation from the Wing Commander for his award as Airman of the Quarter.

bley, the Rats had several outstanding moments. Midway in the fourth quarter, Pee Wee Hunt took a pitchout from Eugene Pruitt on Etain's 45 and raced 55 yards for Chambley's lone tally. Pruitt made a beautiful block on Etain's defensive halfback to set Hunt free. William Deese kicked the extra point. Score midway of the 4th period 19-7 Etain.

For a moment it looked as though Chambley might make a strong comeback bid, but this was quickly erased when Gil Bennett raced 65 yards to give the Pioneers a comfortable 25-7 lead.

The hard defense displayed by both teams saw many players carried off the field. In the first two minutes of play, Chambley lost the service of their outstanding tackle, Aubry Massey and later that of George Davis.

Etain's score would have even been larger if not for the brilliant defensive ability of right end, William Deese, who on numerous occasions broke through the would-be blockers to bring down the elusive halfbacks.

With Massey and Davis out of the game after the first two minutes of play, two second string players Franklin Rowe and Jug Miller, very capable filled their positions. Rowe, Albert Stanish, Jack Carter, Sammy Snead, and William Deese played an outstanding defensive game for the Rats.

The only bright spot in the weak Chambley pass defense came in the late minutes of the fourth quarter when Bob Bacote deflected two would-be touchdowns.

The Rats had a very successful year compared to their two previous seasons as they completed the season with a 5-4 record.

The Rats tied for fourth place with the Laon Rangers who they had defeated earlier in the season.

Much credit must go to the coaches, Harry Page, Paul Herold, Pop Shelton and Charles Culpepper, and the members of the team that worked so hard to give Chambley a winning season.

Chambley has some of the best footballers in the France Conference in, Albert Stanish, William Deese, George Davis, John Christian, Aubry Massey, Jack Carter, Eugene Pruitt, Pee Wee Hunt and C. E. Jackson who have proven their abilities on numerous occasions.

Coach Page has taken this opportunity through the SABRE to express his appreciation and thanks for the help rendered by Colonel Robert N. Baker and other personnel who have made the past season possible.

Also to the fans who braved the cold and rainy afternoons to root for the team here and away and especially to the members of the team who devoted their time to making the season a success.