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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND  
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA 68113-5001



9 Oct 1991

REPLY TO: DONT  
ATTN OF: DONT

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

TO: All Boomers

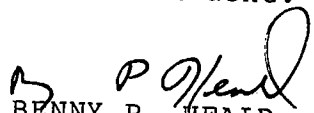
1. I've just completed my first year on the job, and with your help, I've managed to survive.
2. The last year has seen an incredible number of significant events. We won the cold war (all of those weeks on alert paid off), we fought the most successful air war in history (for the first time historians are united in the belief that air power actually won the war), and we have begun the process of changing the way we do business.
3. Not a week goes by without some new proposal that will effect us. I'm still not sure what the tanker business of the future will be like, but I'm sure it will be different. We know the Guard and Reserve will play an even more significant part in the tanker force of the future.
4. Its kind of sad, but the announcement has been made that the B-52 Gunners are to be no more. I intend to take as many gunners into the boom field as possible. The only negative I've heard on this subject concerns promotions and that won't be a problem. Let me explain. Say 20 SSgt gunners cross train into the boom field and we currently have 20 SSgt boomers eligible for promotion. The first year, the gunners will be in cross training status so their promotions will not effect boom operator promotions. The second year they will compete against the "old head" boom operators, but the number of promotions will be increased proportionally by the number eligible. Example: assuming a 10 percent promotion rate, we would get 4 stripes vs the 2 we would have received. Besides, if the cross training gunners out test the boom operators, after only 1 year in the AFSC, we deserve what we get.
5. The boom conference was a great success thanks to CMSgt Richardson, CMSgt Walker and CMSgt Mawhorr. We're anticipating a cargo loading conference at Castle AFB in the near future.

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6. I'm still looking for CCTS instructors and KC-10 boom operators. Call me if you are interested.

7. I'll close with a final compliment to all of you that performed so incredibly well during the war, (and to those that pulled back to back alerts at home). I'm not going to quote all the numbers, the fact is, you did the job as well as it could have been done!

  
BENNY P. HEALD, CMSgt, USAF  
SAC Functional Manager, Boom Operators

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE (SAC)  
MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 92518-5000



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

DOTTA (CMSgt Endrizzi, DSN 947-4324)

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8 AF/DOTT ( CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the Tanker NAF. With all of the reorganization and consolidation it's difficult these days to keep track of what organization we are in. One thing we do know for sure is that the tankers did a superb job in Southwest Asia. Sometimes it may seem like it wasn't recognized but, we know how effective they are without gas. It seems the sabre rattling raghead may be suffering from a short memory so standby for round two.
2. With all the changes in the last year we should keep on looking forward. Reductions don't have to mean we will hurt. We need to rally as a team and press on. This is another opportunity to demonstrate what we can do as a team. This years Program Managers Conference was good one. With attendance of 70 plus you can be sure a lot of good ideas were surfaced. We discussed issues that surfaced as a result of DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM. Seek out your Chief Boom and see what area you can contribute in.
3. Lean forward and best of Luck to all of you.

*Kenneth J. Endrizzi*  
KENNETH J. ENDRIZZI, CMSgt, USAF  
Inflight Refueling Program Manager  
DCS/Operations

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FROM: 11 AREFS/CCF (MSGT Rick Hackett AV866-7940)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

The booms here at "Altus By The Sea" wish to give their greetings to all those not fortunate enough to be stationed here. With the current changes going on in the command we here at Altus may finally get notified by the MAC folks here when we become part of them. I doubt it though.

The 340 AREFW was the first SAC unit to deploy to Desert Storm and one of the last to come back. We enjoyed our stay over there, especially when we relocated to a location with BEER! But seriously we learned some valuable lessons over there. For one thing it helps to be prepared to deploy. Being the first unit we had to scramble to get everything we needed on short notice, even then we forgot some things and had to try and locate them over there. So now we have deployment kits built up and ready to go. These kits include batteries for HP's, printers, chips, forms, tools, printer paper and anything else we need to set up operations. These kits are maintained and include a list of items we have to add at deployment time. Valuable lesson, be prepared. It was a good experience for our young booms. We are looking forward to the next Boom Reunion so we can get together with everybody.

Well, I'd like to show you our crew line up.

We ain't pretty but we do one hell of a job!

#### 340 AREFW

CMSGT Chuck Stewart - Wing Boom - The Chief just arrived here from Hickam. MPC promised the Chief Altus was just like Hickam, when the Chief arrived here he asked "Where are the Hula Dancers and the Mai Tai's?"

SMSGT Dan Deloy - 340 OSS/1st Sgt - Dan has recently remarried and is loving every minute of it. He was the Alert Facility Manager and now feels lost.

TSGT Jeff Wright - Scheduling - Spent six months in the desert and is now looking for a pet camel.

SGT Mike (Oppie) Conner - Scheduling - Just had a rugrat, thinks scheduling is great.

CAPT Dave Sprague - EP - Former boom in the 11th and still one at heart.

#### 11 Air Refueling Squadron

MSGT Rick (Taskmaster) Hackett - Program Manager/1st Sgt - Master of WEEDS and SEEDS and all other boom details. Saved our S-101 boom at the camp out by administering first aid. Way to go Doc Hackett.

MSGT Tim (Firewalker) Ablay - Stan/Eval S-101 - Broke his leg at our Animal in the Woods party, been out of commission since. Tim thinks a fine meal is the bar food during Happy Hour at the NCO Club.

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TSGT Carmen Vallejo - Stan/Eval S-102 - Brings his bloody axe on every flight.

SSGT Mark Miller - Training Flight - Had a rugrat, been here for three years wants to know what's next.

#### A FLIGHT

SSGT Eddie Dean - Still out fishing.

SGT Dom Peterson - Dom is getting ready to upgrade, one of the last people to make Buck.

SGT Leon Limon - Still smoking and getting ready for rugrat no. 2.

SSGT Jon Purdue - Just moved back in the dorms and running wild again.

#### B FLIGHT

A1C Rob (Grape Ape) Henriksen - Just got married, won't leave home without her.

A1C Dave Coleman - His father still gives him practice E.P. tests on leave.

SRA Lou Fournier - Drinking beer and going to school.

A1C Presley (Elvis) Lewis - Found love after his return from the desert.

#### C FLIGHT

SGT Kevin Beccard - Going to upgrade soon, still fixing people up with his cousin. Lives at Tex's lounge with two other booms.

SRA Marc Stansfield - One of our new instructors, before he couldn't spell instructor now he are one.

AMN Shane Flint - One of our boys from Oklahoma. The new ladies man, but no one has seen these ladies.

SGT John (Tex) Austin - Getting ready to upgrade. Installed a bar, jukebox, dart board and dance floor in his house, needs a liquor license for the new Tex's lounge.

A1C Dave (Doogie) Keller - Found love and like's to switch between the dorms and an apartment, also likes to feed the dogs.

#### 306th Air Refueling Squadron

MSGT Keith Janssen - Program Manager - Still farming pigs, says raising pigs and baby booms aren't very different. Keith has been raising pigs for so long he's starting to look like one.

SGT Lou (Rip) Graves - Stan/Eval S-141 - Everybody needs someone in Stan/Eval like Rip.

MSGT Fred (Stealth) Thomas - Stan/Eval S-142 - When they built the F-117 they had Fred in mind.

MSGT Jeff Boutwell - Training Flight - Came to us from CFIC. Jeff is our resident expert on Airman magazine.

#### A FLIGHT

SRA Dave Hart - Dave just tied the knot. Wants to be an Air Traffic Controller now, good luck Dave.

SGT Rick Black - Got divorced and remarried to the same woman, make up your mind Rick!

SGT Marvin (Roggy) Kennedy - One of our new instructors. "Man you ain't gonna believe this."

SSGT Don Trolinger - Don is a fresh retread from transportation. We're still trying to get him to join the club.(Never sat Alert)

#### B FLIGHT

SRA Chris Rieger - Soon to upgrade, has a car to support.

TSGT Larry Little - Came back from the KC-10. Said he missed sweating on preflights and laying down to refuel. Welcome back to a real airplane Larry.

SRA Mickey Murray - Had a rugrat and disappeared.

AIC Ronnie Wallin - Another one of our Oklahoma boys. Fresh from CCTS, If you need a student for an initial IBO check call he's cheap.

#### C FLIGHT

SGT Frank (Big Foot) Antonsen - One of our new IBO's. Just upgraded and already believes he can teach Chief Heald a thing or two.

AIC Tony (Gumby) Edwards - Had one rugrat and is working on another. Wants to know why you have to be an IBO to be in Stan/Eval.

SSGT Sal Iannucci - Made Staff this time. Just got back from his first TTF.

SRA Grant (Eddie Munster) Hortin - Doesn't like to come out during the day.

#### LOSSES

SSGT Dave Passey - Went to the MAC reserves.

SSGT Eric Merriweather - Was kindly asked to leave.

SGT Corey Brown - Going TDY to civilian life.

That's it for now, See you next year...

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 2D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)  
BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA 71110-5000



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF

71 AREFS/CCF (SMSgt Schufft, 2924)

9 Oct 91

SUBJECT

Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

Hello from the land of alligators, bass fishing, and some of the best crawdad eating in the world. Things have slowed down since the war. Since last publication, we have lost TSgt Glenn Haywood and soon to be MSgt "Shep" Sheppard to retirement. We have welcomed a lot of baby booms to the squadron. SSgt Parker came from POL, TSgt Causey and SSgt Rentfrow, ex-crew chiefs, ALC Kraczek, Amms Stracener and Williams and they're doing a fine job. So here's a list of all the master boomers stationed here and the latest gossip.

SMSgt Schufft - "Pa Pa" Schufft rides herd on the baby booms. Makes men out of them on Boom Camp outs. Gets MA in May.

MSgt Phillips - Works in Tanker Scheduling. He is the best hidden boom at Barksdale.

MSgt Sheppard - He is preparing for civilian life. The booms will gravely miss his check rides.

TSgt Farrow - S-101, The Hammer. I said, "It's Hammer-Time!!" Let's go fly!!

TSgt Haywood - "Billy Dee" retired to the Dallas-Ft Worth area.

TSgt Collins - Works 10 to 4 in training flight. Takes lunch from 12 to 2. He has taken over Glen Haywood's external activities. Just kidding.

TSgt Causey - Another new cross-trainee from the crew chief career field.

SSgt Rentfrow - Another new cross-trainee from the crew chief career field.

SSgt Parker - Another new cross-trainee, but he decided to get out of the POL career.

SSgt Weeks - S-103, Very straight and forward. Claims to be "fair" on all his check rides!!

SSgt Christensen - Upgraded to instructor and is attempting to manage the cargo load program.

Sgt Morrison - Tom got married and upgraded to instructor. He is "Bob Vela" of the 71st. He wants to start his own show, "This old squadron"!!

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Sgt McCoy - Went to instructor upgrade and directly to S-102. Don't pass go, don't collect \$200. Heard he got an ice shield at GREEN FLAG.

Sgt Stone - The "Wild Thing" is our first and only female football player. She plays "Tight End"!!

Sgt Clauss - Sweet Pea - I can't remember where I left it.

Sgt Adams - The "Squirrels" flight suits are still shrinking!!

Sgt Powell - Our newest instructor, Rick works in ground scheduling. Being an instructor cut the DNTFs in half.

SrA Hurd - That's Mr Hurd now. He got out and went to the Grissom Guard. Only thing is they got some numbers mixed up on the AFSC and they are expecting a survival instructor!!

SrA Smith - Another combat arms expert. He got a real good deal on a new truck! Too bad he couldn't return it! "Amm for Life Smith".

SrA Grim - Cousin Earkle finally got a driver's license. Now he is paying for several policemen's salaries, while his insurance just goes up and up!

SrA Cole - Got married and experienced his first delayed disconnect. Kid is due in Nov. If he keeps this up there will be more little Coles running around!!

SrA Burke - Got married and plans to become a minister.

SrA Elias - Got married and wrecked his new car.

SrA Mohrbacher - Slow road to no where.

SrA Culbertson - Our little playboy is still the "Don Juan" of the 71st.

ALC Kraczek - Came to the 71st with an attitude. Now he thinks he can play football. Someone forgot to tell him they don't let slow, white boys, who can't catch, play football!!

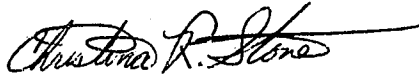
ALC Sherrouse - Stealth #1 is our war hero.


Amm Stracener - Came to the squadron under the gun, you can't throw pizza in the ceiling fan.

Amm Williams - Travis is from England and deathly afraid of Pa Pa Schufft!!

MSgt Hopper - Coming from 8 AF Scheduling looking for a job and now there's no alert facility. What's a fellow to do?

CMSgt Richardson - Waiting for retirement and raises cattle. 8 AF BX monitor.

  
CHRISTINA R. STONE, Sgt, USAF  
Boom Operator

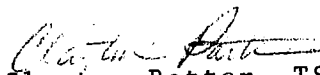
  
TODD N. COLE, SrA, USAF  
Boom Operator

FROM: 2ND AREFS / DOB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal 1991

TO: 8AF / DOTTR

Hello again from Mudbug country, 2ND AIR REFUELING SQUADRON, at Barksdale Louisiana. We have returned to business as usual after DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM. We deployed to sand land in August 90 and our last crews returned home in April 91. We are still going to some of those garden spots on cargo runs. We want to pass on a special hello and thanks to the good folks from Griffiss (509th and 41st) who spent so much time deployed with us in the desert. We also want to thank the Booms from our associate AFRES Squadron for volunteering to go to desert and fight along side us. We have hundreds of war stories to tell, so you'all stop in and see us next time you're pass'in thru Barksdale. If you are looking for a change stop by or call us, the KC10 may be just what you're looking for. Chief Gallucci's door is always open and we are always ready to hire good boom operators. We hope that the annual boom operators symposium has not died because of the war. We would like to see many of our friends there next year. Well that's the latest from the ARK-LA-TEX region until next year.

  
Clayton Potter, TSGT  
KC10 Scheduling, 2nd AREFS  
AV 781-2092/2394

CMSGT Joseph Gallucci	Program Manager/First Sergeant
MSGT Randall Lane	NCOIC/Long Range Scheduler (DOK)
MSGT Mike Perez	Stan/Eval Chief Boom (DOV)
MSGT Mark Esty	Boom Operator Scheduler (DOK)
TSGT Mike Barnes	Training Flight
MSGT Marv Aldrich	Combat Crew Training Branch (CCTB)
MSGT Mike Parsons	Mobility (DOH)
TSGT Mike Trace	Current Operations (DOO)
MSGT Keith Mitchell	Wing Scheduling (DOT-10)
MSGT Vivian Minto	8AF (PCS NOV 91 to 15th AF)
TSGT Bob Downs	Training Flight
TSGT Charlie Marrone	S051 (DOV)
SSGT Ben Watson	S052 (DOV)
SSGT Mike Post	R055 - Most TDY days during the war
SSGT John Calcote	R060 - Instructor
SSGT Alan Leaton	R061 - Coyote
SGT Todd Cleveland	R062 - New Home/Boat/Truck Owner?
SSGT Jim Protzman	R063 - Ins Up Grade Feb 92, Baby due Feb/Mar 92
SSGT Jeff Abell	R070 - New Instructor
SGT Phil Deal	R071 - 2nd most available boom
TSGT Lee Rogers	R072 - Hey Phil is this voucher right?
SSGT Jeff Sidles	R080 - Instructor, Ex Bandit
SGT Doug Bloom	R081 - New Instructor, Honor Grad NCOLS
SGT Dave Francey	R082 - Most available boom!
SSGT Bill Brown	R090 - New Boom
MSGT Don Crouse	R091 - Came to us from the 71st Spare - We hope Don finds a job soon!
TSGT Mark Hoffman	R092 - Exec NCO



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

32D AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)

BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA 71110-5000

FROM: 32 AREFS/DOB

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL 91

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR

Howdy Folks,

For the first time in three years the 32nd booms are in the signal. We're glad to be back. Like everyone, we've been quite busy this past year. Not all, but surely most of our boomers spent more time in Oman, Spain, Italy, etc, than they did at home. You all have had a similar type of year I'm sure, so I'll press on.

Since our last input our force structure has changed significantly. In the last year alone five brand new boomers have dramatically reduced the experience level of the lines crews. With that, our average boomer would be a TSGT, with twelve years time in service.

Now with that said, I don't want you to think we've stopped looking for new people. You people at bases getting ready to close, especially E-5's and below, we offer a relatively stable environment, with a mission that's interesting (AKA-Always changing). Keep us in mind when MPC comes a calling.

In closing, I'd like to extend an invite to anyone who comes down here for SAC's farewell Bomb Comp. That's if the competition really does happen. Just stop by our Squadron ready room, and we might be able to find a beverage for the weary traveler.

See Ya,  
John Felisky

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32 Air Refueling Squadron Boom Operators

*Dave Craig	SMSGT	CCTB Superintendent/Program Mgr Dave's also the proud owner of real live pig.
*Rich Otis	MSGT(sel)	CCTB-Odie claims E7 pay will almost equal his private contracting income.
*G.W. Loftin	MSGT	Stan/Eval-G.W. got himself married this past spring.
*Scott Konieczka	SSGT	Stan/Eval-Newest DOV boom operator, but more importantly, a Jet Ski owner.
*Randy Collins	MSGT	DOK Chief-Randy Doesn't buy anything unless it has 200+hp.
*Stew Horton	TSGT(sel)	DOK ASS.-Was, and still is, the meanest Video store owner around Don't you dare turn in late.
*Jim Kyne	MSGT	DOT-A nonscreamer in training flight, Jim stays pretty quiet.
*Mike Cardina	TSGT	DOT-Jim's opposite in training. Mike's alot louder than Jim.
*John Reigelsberger	SSGT	One of the new line IBO's in town. John recently completed his private pilots license, and no longer has blind trust in the Zero's up front.
*Tim Richardson	MSGT	Tim's happily remarried and counting the days to retirement.
John Felisky	SSGT	EXECUTIVE NCO(supply dude)-Barney's one of the new guys, just got fully checked out in May.
Chet Robbins	TSGT	Still got some gunner blood in him. Want a blatantly honest answer... see Chet.
*Eric Thomas	SSGT	ET took his initial IBO check last fall and already fly's on occasion with brand new students. CCTB doesn't let that happen too often.
Scott Gibbs	SSGT	Scott's become a husband and a father this past year.
*Mark Kline	MSGT	Still driving the same old car he's always had.
*Don Hess	SSGT	Just left DOO and returned to the squadron to fly and stay out of an office for awhile.
Jim Lockley	SSGT	Jim's boys keep him pretty busy. You don't hear him complain, and he's doing just fine.
Dana Hutchinson	SSGT	Hutch is another one of the new booms who just got checked out this past June.
*Bruce Crawford	TSGT	The 32nd's newest IBO, Bruce wants to take that new knowledge into a staff position somewhere soon.

Chuck O'Bannion SSGT

Russ Hess SSGT

Jose Martinez SrA

Kevin Langholz SGT

Bob Wolfe SSGT

Chuck's another one of the new boomers in the 32nd, getting checked out in May. Chuck's also a new home owner as of this writing. Russ is just coming back up on status after a long battle with the AF medical people. In the interim, Russ has been working hard in wing scheduling.

After a year of telling people he was coming to the KC-10, Jose got off his butt and made the move. He took his AR check in Oct, and is in cargo training as of this time.

New arrival from McConnell. He's in the school house now so there's not much known about him yet.

Bob's devoting most of his time to school right now.

#### WING STAFF FOLKS

\*Mike McCoy TSGT

\*Lynn Stoddard SSGT

\*Charlie Nicholson TSGT

\*Eddie Smuda TSGT

\*Jim Hackworth TSGT

DO/RA-Mike runs the DO Budget.

DOO-He's been DOO forever and plans on staying there.

DOO-Recently moved here from Stan/Eval. Old St Nick will be missed.

DO-26...There's no truth to the rumor that Eddie is applying for the Night Managers position at the "Maginot Line". Although as a DO-26 manager he's certainly qualified.

Jim's a wing scheduler who happens to be in the middle of instructor upgrade. He also had another child recently.

\*-indicates instructor status

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 7 AREFS  
SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL  
TO: 8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

A big hello from the Lone Star state. Depending on future events this may be the last input from Carswell since we made the base closure list, sure will miss this place. Things are changeing fast, can you believe it, no alert. We have had some booms depart and some come in since the last boom signal. Here is our line up for 1991.

MSgt Spence - Chief Boom/1st Sgt

MSgt ED Jackson - Pad Dad. Looking for a job, was fired by the president.

MSgt Al Adams - Al started terminal leave in Aug. Will miss him but he is still in the local area and we see him regular.

MSgt Tom Huber - S-101. Tom can be reached at the commissary after duty hours.

TSgt (MSgt seelectee) Jim Norris - Jim is trying his hand at 1st Sgt of the Mission Support Sq.

TSgt Mark "Dream" Weaver - Mark is our computer genius.

TSgt Winfort Burnett - Winnie started terminal leave in Sep. Retires 1 Nov.

SSgt Clyde Hampton - Medically grounded, he will be working the pharmacy.

SSgt Ruben Mendoza - S-102. Just got a O.P. from 3909 SAES.

SSgt Doug Shultz - Ground scheduling.

SSgt Tim McDermott - Flight scheduling.

SSgt Willie Coleman - Just cross trained from MMS.

SSgt Micheal Adams - S-103. Mike is on his way to Castle to be a CCTS instructor.

SSgt Jon Hilyard - The TDY kid.

SSgt Dan Klemm - Training flight boom.

SSgt Floyd Atkins - Cargo loading manager.

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Sgt DyAnn Avalos - Going to the KC-10 Reserve.

Sgt Phillip Lee - Recently graduated from CFIC.

Sgt Frankie Rollins - Recently graduated from CFIC.

Sra Jerry Burns - Our most recent graduate from CFIC.

Sgt Robert Tabor - He has been hiding out lately.

Sra Jim Harris - Jim's going to the Air National Guard.

Sra Eric Ball - Just reenlisted.

Sra Chic Creely - Working for the Pittsburg Guard.

Sra Jim Ewers - Civilian.

Sra Doug Templeton - Been every where, seen everything and done it all.

A1C Leroy Robinson - The squadron rapper.

A1C James Woodward - Woody's the quiet type, doing a fine job.

A1C Brian New - Last seen at the flight surgeon office, we call him sniffles.

A1C Phillip Dalrymple - Still have hard a time spelling his name.

A1C Christopher Hargett - Another quiet one, doing a good job.

A1C Mark Villacis - Another BMT, favorite saying "Hey Dude".

Amn Ricardo Gutierrez - Another BMT, now you see why I'm getting gray hairs.

Amn Troy Singleton - Newest kid on the block, the baby boom.

Well that does it for this year, if you want to get in touch with any of our phone number is 739-5205 or 5206. See you around.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)  
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 95342-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 93 BMW/DO1KA

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: 8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

Greetings from Castle AFB Ca. "Where it all begins".

The past year has been busy with Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Desert Express plus training students and it's not over yet. Over the next couple of years Castle will be undergoing some major changes that will affect the entire boom operator career field.

When Desert Shield kicked off, Castle was designated as an aeroport for all cargo and troops being shipped to the Western Pacific. All the booms from the 924th and CCTS were involved in planning and supervising the loading of aircraft. Some even flew Desert Express sorties. We had numerous problems at the beginning of the deployment with cargo not being secured correctly, lack of aisle space, and general lack of knowledge of directives. We learned a lot of lessons about the capability of the -135 and our basic and continuation training programs. Hopefully, we can put to use what we have learned to overcome our short falls.

In May, we accepted a new Boom Operator Part Task Trainer. It is a state of the art computer generated image system. Some of the receiver's that have been developed and are currently available for use are the B-52, B-1, B-2, F-117, E-3 and more. The BOPTT also has the capability to do probe and drogue refueling. The only draw back is the clarity around the receptacle of the receivers. This problem is currently being corrected by the contractor. Once this is completed, we hope to have the BOPTT certified for probe and drogue refueling and fighter recurrency.

We are about to encounter some major changes in the near future. The first one is the 924th AREFS (tactical squadron) will be deactivated 1 Oct 91. The majority of instructors have volunteered to become CCTS instructors. The entire enlisted force did a super job supporting the 93rd Bomb Wing during their time here. They will be truly missed.

Another major change that is scheduled to take place in FY 93 is the CCTS academics will be taken over by civilian contract training. We will lose approximately nine enlisted slots when (and if) this happens. The contractor will also assume the responsibility of simulator training including the BOPTT.

Even though Castle is forecasted for closure in FY 95, we are still taking volunteers for CCTS duty. The chances are we will all move to Fairchild. If you are looking for a challenging and rewarding job, this is it. Over the next year we will be training over 210 new boom operators of which approximately 60 will be assigned to the guard and reserves. What this means is, all our classes will be full so there will be no shortage of work. If you would like to apply for

CCTS instructor duty, get with your program manager for details or call someone at Castle. We currently have 77 positions assigned with a variety of interesting duties.

The following is a list of "who's who" at Castle:

CMS Ron Livingston	93 BMW Program Manager
SMS Dean Bakken	93 AREFS Program Manager
MSG Tom Hervey	329 CCTS Program Manager
MSG Rich Lusk	330 CFIS Program Manager
MSG Ted Carrier	924 AREFS Program Manager
MSG Al Moser	Alert Facility Manager
MSG Pete Petersen	Boom Operator Part Task Trainer
MSG Greg Wheeler	Chief, Stan Eval
MSG Bob Durbin	Wing Inspector's Office (IG)
MSG (Sel) Dave Sealey	Tanker Scheduling Division
TSG Larry Placide	Instructional System Development Branch
TSG (Sel) Randy Smith	Tanker Tactics Branch

If you have any suggestions on how to improve what we teach in our training programs, please call us. We want to put out the best product possible and we can't do it without your help.

*Ronald D. Livingston*

Ronald D. Livingston, CMSgt, USAF  
Wing Inflight Refueling Program Manager

**93rd Bomb Wing  
Castle AFB, CA**

FROM: 93rd BMW/DOVTB

Aug 91

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

Greetings from all of us in the 93rd BMW Stan/Eval. We've been staying rather busy with the student checks, and no-notices, not to mention the constant testing which we administer to all KC-135 crew positions. We can usually spare a few minutes to say hi and share a cup of coffee though. The end of January this year brought about a change in locale, we're now in Bldg 1212 ( next to life support ). Our offices are on the 2nd floor closest to life support, and our phone number is still the same ( AV 347-4471 ). They set off two explosive charges then they burned the old Bldg ( 18 ) down to the concrete slab, we've got some great pictures of the demolition. We were really busy during Desert Express, but now we're back to only being busy. At least we're still 100% manned.

Recent Departures: ( All PCA )

**MSgt Bob Durbin** - Working for the Vice Wing CC. Wears blues and answers complaints all day. Wonders why his Mercedes didn't come with the fancy hood ornament.

**MSgt Robin Hendrickson** - Went to the 329th and enjoys not being one of the "bad" guys anymore.

**MSgt Wayne Isaacson** - Now working in CFIS, but stops by from time to time to see what we're up to.

**MSgt John Pike** - Took over S-101 just down the hall ( 924th AREFS ), refuses to give up being Bldg custodian though.

The guys in the shop:

**MSgt Greg Wheeler** ( Bazooka ) - "Working hours are 730-430, but I believe in some time off, in fact I believe I'll take some right now". Greg doesn't flinch during the Klaxon check anymore, but he still likes to drive by the Alert facility once in a while. Misses his beeper and brick.

**MSgt Gene Hagge** ( Chainsaw ) - "Hey, duty crew, Window". "What are you whining about now". Gene enjoys doing the monthly IBO meetings and answering all the questions some people have come up with. "Well, whats the book say". "Yo Bob, want to buy a Mercedes emblem?, 5 bucks".

**TSgt Jay Warren** ( Visegrip ) - Jay handles all the T.O.'s now, so he gets busy when the new ones come out. "I haven't got a phone and I can't even see the window from here, so I have to wait for the beep". "Hey, its still 5 minutes till quitting time, why is the coffee pot empty already".

**TSgt Steve Tuttle** ( Shotgun ) - "Don't you hate it when that happens". "Whiner check". "Who took my label maker?". "What do you mean, another quarter, that's not my writing". Steve is one of our frequent flier bonus members ( as a bonus, he gets to do lots of Form 8's ). "Dial 1-800-Waah".

**TSgt Gary Plain** ( Machine Gun ) - His nickname was rather appropriate for an ex gunner. "Oh very funny, my golf score is like someone running a high fever". New golf clubs same score ( tough to find time to play with Bazooka in charge ). "Is the computer free yet?, by the way I'm not Roger".

**TSgt Roger Smith** ( Bullwhip ) - The newest member of our happy group, did 2 checks in his first week. Still waiting for his scheduled duty crew training day, "Gary had one". "I'm only here to observe, you do what you think is right". Roger takes plenty of handkerchiefs on student checks now.

**SSgt Chris Youngblood** ( Crowbar ) - Chris is our resident sports addict. He really likes being an evaluator, even works as an umpire in his off time. "How can you guys drink coffee in the afternoon when its 100 degrees outside". Chris is also a frequent flier bonus member.

That's the present lineup, "how did these guys get their nicknames anyway?". We are the last link in the Castle chain, first the schoolhouse ( 329th ), then the flightline ( 93rd ), then to us. The Castle Instructors are doing one heck of a job on these students out here which makes our job much more pleasant. We think the results speak for themselves. Our hats go off to all the 329th and 93rd IBO's.

*St B Tuttle*

STEVEN B. TUTTLE, TSgt, USAF  
CCTS Stan Eval IRO



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REPLY TO 329 CCTS/DOZ (CASTLE)  
ATTN OF

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO 8 AF/DOTTR (CMS Richardson)

"So tell me Airman, what part of that malfunction didn't you understand."  
"You have to hold the disconnect switch until the boom is fully retracted."  
"Down pressure, down pressure, down pressure..."

These are just a few samples of the utterings heard frequently from the instructors as they pace the halls of the windowless 329th. Things are running as smooth as can be expected here, as we continue to do much more with even less than ever. The forecast is for full student classes as far as the eye can see. Since a couple of ANG bases are converting from A-7's to tankers we get everything from SMSgt cross-trainees to AB pipelines. Sixteen students to a class and all eager to learn.

We now have two new and improved simulators that help us give more realistic training to the students. The new computer program gives us actual "pole-in-the-hole" graphics. Each class, along with their instructors, sweat through ten sorties during a two week period. They come out fully confident to handle any malfunction that could ever occur with the air refueling system.

The office has gone through quite a changeover in the last year. A lot of highly experienced academic instructors have moved on to broaden their horizons. Our dearly departed include...

SMSgt Erskin Glast--looking for a desk somewhere at OFFUTT. We understand he is still trying to keep up with Chief Heald's running pace.

MSgt John "Pete" Peterson--keeping all the retired BO's at the simulator in line.

MSgt Bobby Skaggs--CEVG, BARKSDALE. One of the BIG bad boys now.

TSgt Bill Shippey--enjoying his new job at scheduling. "Say Bill, is that a gray hair I see?"

TSgt Gary Plain--flying student checks at the local STAN/EVAL and the newest boom to take up golf (and getting his money worth, I understand).

TSgt Curt Umstead--WURTSMITH STAN/EVAL at last communique. Already looking for his next assignment.

TSgt Jake Vogt--having fun flying as Brand Newby at CFIS. Still looking for more time to fish.

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SSgt Jodi Hartel--got married, got out, and is now roaming the German country side.

Here is a line-up of the current academic instructors...

MSgt Tom Hervey--Current BOSS. Done the office proud by receiving Senior NCO of the Quarter for the wing. Stays buried under mounds of paperwork. Haven't seen him in weeks. Proud father of three new horsies.

MSgt Frank Tesser--Current 'Back-up Boss', keeps the previously mentioned boss buried with paperwork. Newlywed; built a big, beautiful house in Atwater, complete with hot tub and all.

MSgt Robin Hendrickson--Branch Scheduler (fixit man). "Send me to FAIRCHILD before I become a permanent fixture around here." Still makes the best brew in town.

TSgt John Gallagher--counting the days. Dormitory manager extraordinaire. Head cook and bottle washer at all boom functions.

TSgt Jerry Head--brand new from the 93rd, taking life easy (if that is possible here). Three BOPTT's a day just doesn't cut it.

TSgt Red Skelton--recently received 'Best Mess' desk award (passing on the technique to Glen Forward). Wants a job at EGUN.

TSgt Tom Weirauch--private pilot looking for a runway in Nebraska. "Patiently" waiting for words or paper. Hi George!

SSgt Lenny Beck--newly assigned, starting his first class shortly. Trying to show Jerry how to take life easy.

SSgt Glen Forward--working so close with Red, can't distinguish one from the other. TSgt Select; says it is about time...

SSgt Vern Harvey--not to be confused with 'Hervey'. Also, TSgt Select; looking for real estate in west Texas.

SSgt Jill Miller--Keeping all her options open; always busy around the shop. Lives for TDY's.

Anytime you are at CASTLE stop by the 329th and say HI. We are always looking for someone to buy a patch, beach towel or dust a model. Fly safe, shake it easy and don't let your boom drag.



Thomas A. Weirauch, TSgt, USAF  
329 CCTS ACADEMIC INSTRUCTOR



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
330TH COMBAT FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR SQUADRON (SAC)  
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 95342-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 330 CFIS/DOKB

30 Aug 1991

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

1. It doesn't seem like another year has passed. Time really does fly when you're having fun. Castle booms were busy throughout DESERT SHIELD/STORM. We were training baby booms at the school house, candidates at CFIC, deploying all over the world and loading cargo 24 hours a day. In 8 months we safely loaded over 500 tons of cargo!

2. The candidates coming through now are SrA and Sgt's who picked up the hours and experience over in the desert. Overall the candidates are arriving well prepared. However, training flights need to coordinate with scheduling to ensure the pre-CFIC flights are not on spouse orientation or transition flights (Don't short change your people). Units also need to ensure the candidate arrives at CFIC with the associated directives required by SACR 51-135.

3. Here is the list of instructors at CFIC.

MSgt Rich Lusk  
MSgt Wayne Isaacson  
TSgt George Murman  
TSgt Greg Conrad  
TSgt Jake Vogt  
TSgt Jim Phelps (PCSing to Plattsburgh)  
TSgt Larry Santine (PCSing to Grissom?)

4. As stated in an earlier CFIC Boom Signal letter "for those who have not been to CFIC, PREPARE WELL, for those who have, STAY ON TOP".

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard J. Lusk".

RICHARD J. LUSK, MSgt, USAF  
Air Refueling Program Manager, SAC CFIC





DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)  
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 95342-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 93 BMW/D05

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

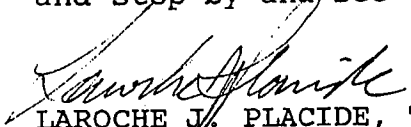
1. Hello from the mysterious world of ISD. For those of you who don't know what, or who we are, the courseware and trainers used here at CCTS originate in this division. This is, of course, with a great deal of coordinated efforts from the many agencies that comprise CCTS training. The majority of the career field has seen our material several times when they were in school at Castle. ISD actually means Instructional System Development, a fancy way of saying that we develop, construct, and validate all inflight refueling operator CCTS training programs. We also collect and analyze pertinent course data, identify tasks, define training requirements, develop behavioral objectives and criterion reference tests.

2. Well, that's what ISD is in a rather large nut shell. If anyone would like to call and talk to us about the training we provide, please feel free to do so. We ALWAYS welcome any exchange of ideas. Our numbers are: DSN 347-4417/4479. We have a good ear and would like to hear from the field.

3. Our present manning calls for two boom operators. The current roster include TSgt Laroche J. Placide and TSgt Robert W. Hillegeist.

a. TSgt Hillegeist is our new arrival having been in ISD for nine months as of this writing. He worked as a CCTS Instructor at the 93rd Air Refueling Squadron for two years. He was also the NCOIC for the Boom Operator Part Task Trainer before he came to us and is now putting his experience to work for us.

4. Well that's about all for this time. Until then, take care and stop by and see us sometime. We might put you to work.

  
LAROCHÉ J. PLACIDE, TSgt, USAF  
Curriculum Development Manager



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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 93AREFS/DOTB

21 Aug 91

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTK (Chief Richardson)

Greetings to all tanker (first Team) people. It was great seeing old friends again throughout the last few months of 1990 and early 1991. Although most of us were unable to participate first hand in OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/STORM, we loaded approximately 2,200,000 lbs of cargo and over 3,000 passengers on tankers heading to Southwest Asia.

We were especially proud to see some of our recent graduates participating in the effort. Judging from all reports, everyone did an outstanding job. All the training that everyone received paid off and showed the value of this prestigious profession. We continue to solicit formal and informal feedback on the quality of our training programs. This is important to us for it will help to maintain and improve upon our current programs. So please, give us a heads up and let us know we're doing.

The turn out for this years BOOM SYMPOSIUM was small, but was to be expected because of the world situation. There was still a great showing from the retirees and everyone had fun. We hope next year to have a bigger showing from most of the units.

As you know, Castle will be closing in 1995. Some of us are contemplating other assignments while others are looking forward to a possible Fairchild move. Speaking of moves, CCTS is still looking for a few good men and women to join our fraternity. If you want a change or a challenge then we strongly encourage you to put in your paperwork for selection. The job is very rewarding and the benefit of molding new boomers is outstanding. The following is a list of everyone currently assigned to the 93 AREFS.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mervin W. Arthurton".

MERVIN W. ARTHURTON, SSGT, USAF  
CCTS Instructor Boom Operator

SMSGT DEAN BAKKEN (program manager) last assignment: OFFUTT

LIGHT

TSGT WILLIAM MONTGOMERY (MINOT) Flight Superintendent  
SSGT LAWRENCE STOCKTON (OFFUTT)  
TSGT EDDIE COLE (EAKER)  
SSGT SCOTT STERN (DYESS)  
TSGT GERALD ALGER (LORING)  
SSGT JAMES COLEMAN (ROBINS)  
TSGT JOEL ESTES (PEASE)

B FLIGHT

TSGT ERIK HASS (MINOT) Flight Superintendent  
TSGT RANDY SIEP (ROBINS)  
SSGT CYNTHIA TESSER (MCCONNELL)  
SGT RODNEY CLINE (BEALE)  
SSGT LOUIS RUSHANO (ALTUS)  
SSGT GARY DAVIS (WURTSMITH)  
SSGT PHILLIP BLAISE (PLATTSBURGH)  
SSGT COLON MILLER (ROBINS)

C FLIGHT

TSGT DONALD WELLER (GRISSOM) Flight Superintendent  
MSGT RODNEY PERKINS (CASTLE)  
SSGT SCOTT HICKING (GRIFFIS)  
TSGT DENNIS PRATT (MCCONNELL)  
SSGT FRANCISCO SOTO (ROBINS)  
SGT JOSEPH RIENER (EAKER)  
SSGT PATRICK STEVENS (CASTLE)  
SSGT DAVID GALLEGOS (CARSWELL)

INBOUNDS

TSGT JOHN HARRIS (MCCONNELL)  
TSGT PAUL SLETTEN (BEALE)  
TSGT ROGER THOMAS (FAIRCHILD)  
TSGT TOM MCELROY (LORING)

RETIRING

TSGT GENE BRANTLEY

D FLIGHT

TSGT HERBERT HUGHES (DYESS) Flight Superintendent  
SSGT LARRY ROBBINS (BARKSDALE)  
TSGT KERRY GUZLOW (ELLSWORTH)  
SSGT FRED MALONE (EAKER)  
TSGT DONALD WILSON (PLATTSBURGH)  
SSGT GERALD SWANSON (MCCONNELL)  
SSGT THOMAS AXTHELM (MINOT)  
SSGT QUINN JANKE (GRAND FORKS)

E FLIGHT

TSGT RONALD DUGDALE (BEALE) Flight Superintendent  
TSGT BARTLEY ELLIOTT (GRIFFISS)  
TSGT JOHN OGLESBY (GRAND FORKS)  
SSGT MERVIN AUTHURTON (PLATTSBURGH)  
MSGT JERRY WILSON (WURTSMITH)  
SSGT JAYSON LIVELY (FAIRCHILD)  
TSGT DANIEL REPP (ALTUS)  
TSGT GENE BRANTLEY (BARKSDALE)



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
924TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (H) (SAC)  
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 95342-5000



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: CCF

29 Aug 91

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR

1. Greetings from the 924 AREFS, unfortunately this will be our last input to the boom signal. Our squadron retires our colors and numbers starting Oct 91. With our "draw-down" already underway we should be MISSION COMPLETE" in February 92. It is a very sad time for all of us, but thanks to SAC and MPC our people are really being taken care of. Although not in concrete, they seem to have gotten their first choice (special thanks to those who wanted to go north! ???). Those units that are getting these individuals are getting some of the best and most professional aviators in the business.

2. Before I get to the lineup I would like to express our thanks to all the individuals in the 93rd BMW CCTS, Chief Heald, KC-135 Functional Manager, SAC Enlisted Personnel Manager (SSgt Ingle), MPC (SMSgt Morgan) and SMSgt Ted Worley, KC-10 Functional Manager for all the support to our squadron over the years. More importantly thanks for the outstanding contributions to the 924 AREFS boom operators who have given their all for the preservation of world peace and devotion they have had towards this unit. Now for our line up.

Duane Barr A1C, PCS Dyess; Has the ability to find trouble without much effort - follows him like his AC does.

Davette Bates SRA, PCS KC-10 Seymour Johnson; She's says she tired of laying on her belly.

Carl Brasby SSgt, PCS Brooks Medical Center; he's get a hole in his heart to match the one in his head.

Brian Brumbaugh A1C, PCS Wurtsmith; lock up the little girls and close the bars.

Ted Carrier MSgt, Castle - which temporary job will they give me next? 4 yrs 5 jobs.

Todd Corey SRA, PCS Ellsworth, nice guy I think, - don't see him much!

Devan Debarr Sgt, PCS Barksdale; ex cop, same personality.

Chris Edmonds Sgt, PCS KI Sawyer, Just call me Ice Shield for short.

Joe Gedman TSgt, PCS Ellsworth; combat Joe could not find a job so they put him in DONO. Favorite saying "I don't know".

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Jim Handy TSgt, Castle; Mr scheduling no change to the schedule unless its straight from the commander; then questions it!

Steve Hines Sgt, PCS Grisson; "I don't know if I'll ever fly again".

Scott Holden Sgt, civilian; screw it, I've had enough! He goes into civilian life with the thickness form 8 file that I've ever seen.

Steve Huggins Sgt, PCS Plattsburg. "I joined the Air Force to play softball and nothing else". "What is A-9".

Paul Lankes Sgt PCS Plattsburg; "Mr busy body".

Steve Myrick SSgt, Castle; Ass Hole, thats me. Loves acting as 1st sgt with dorm issues.

John Pike MSgt, Castle - Alert? How long do I have to stay there?

Lance Quenga SRA, PCS Barksdale; Mr Cargo Loading.

Daune Reid Sgt, PCS Wurtsmith; we didn't even know he was assigned to our unit, until he received orders to Wurtsmith. Where have you been for the past year and a half?

Jeff Russell SRA, PCS KC-10 Seymour Johnson; he has become a real valley boy. I am to good for this, I'm going to the KC-10!

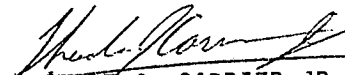
Eric Saathoff, Civilian; got out to join the peace corp, say it pays more!

Randall Smith TSgt, PCS Griffiss - made TSgt without testing, had enough points without it!

Jon Tucker SSgt, Civilian; It took Jon 10 years to figure out he hated the Air Force.

Keith Van Camp Sgt, PCS Plattsburg; he is happy no matter what he has to do.

Mark Weddleton Sgt, PCS Wurtsmith, "This job is simple". Give him five minutes to make it difficult.

  
THEODORE J. CARRIER JR, Msgr, USAF  
First Sergeant



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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

917 AREFS/CCF (SMSgt Tim Powers)

25 Sep 91

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the Abilene Refueling Company in West Texas. Like everyone else, we've had a busy year hauling trash, passing gas, and training B-one pilots to watch the lights and not the boom. Around Christmas, we packed up tanker ops and maintenance in our Steam Jets and headed for the Republic of Turkey. We joined a composite wing there and helped inflict pain from the north. Good per diem too. When we returned the B-one drivers were really proud of our accomplishments and glad to join in the celebrations...not. In any case, we've had a good year and are having a pretty good time in Drabilene.

2. The first thing I should do is say good-bye to MSgt Chuck Hughes. Chuck retired this past August and we were sad to lose him. Guys in the squadron would fight to fly with him because he knew so much. Every time I had an important decision I consulted him because he was the wise one. We miss him but wish him luck. He was planning to open a heating and cooling shop in Virginia. I'd buy stock. We also lost Sgt Henry Whitehead in the spring. Henry had an unfortunate accident during intramural softball and lost sight in an eye. He separated with disability. Bummer. Good luck Henry.

3. We've imported some good folks to help replace those who left. First of all, MSgt Phil Montgomery came to us from Fairchild where he was Alert Man. I think he wore a big A on his chest. I'm not sure what it stood for though. He's in training flight here and has many happy training folders. I'm crazy about him. We've also welcomed A1C Jay Hermosillo, Sgt Robin (Carney) DeLorenzo, A1C David Padilla, and A1C Lee Wood from CCTS. All of them are doing well. Welcome to boom world.

4. This is our current lineup:

101 - TSgt Dewayne Littleton - The resident database computer whiz. Moved from scheduling to Stan/Eval after the war. Good guy. Smart guy.

102 - SSgt Charlie "Lone Boom" Weaver - He described himself as "the epitome of a boom operator" during an interview after the war. He shouldn't have done that. Caught major heck from us. EPP - A - TOME made SSgt this year. Great job Charlie! Got married too!

103 - SSgt Steve Zoller - War Scheduler. No conflicts with the ground training schedule during his tenure. He also moved from scheduling after the war. Didn't take him long to move either. Steve is going to CCTS around the 1st of the year. Don't worry boys, his bark is much worse than his bite.

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110 - Sgt Stephanie "Hard Body" McArthur - Steph graduated from both CFIC and NCOLS this spring. When notified of her NCOLS slot, she worried to death about the running. She said she couldn't make it 1/4 mile. Now she runs in biathlons! Her major success was getting rid of her ex-gunner husband. (I suppose all gunners are ex-gunners now!) Look out world! Great instructor.

111 - A1C Jay "Smooth" Hermosillo - This one is one smooth talking Latino. Sent him to Luke after fighter qualification. He told me the TDY was "ok." His AC had a different story!

112 - SSgt Chris Powell - Chris jumped off a bridge with a rubber band tied to his ankle. He went with Steve Zoller. Crazy boys. Now we found out he's fixing to take another jump--marriage. I thought he was a career bachelor. He's not. Going to CFIC in January.

113 - Sgt James "Jaws" Bautista - The TDY hog. Always seems to be in the right place for TDY's. Hazardous Cargo god, overseer of 1387-2's, loading and storage groups, etc. His girlfriend sends flowers to my office for him. Then my wife comes by....

114 - A1C "Junior" Arendse - Another war vet. Barely 21 years old. Wants the KC-10 at March. His California style just doesn't mesh well in West Texas. Said "fixin" the other day and went down the hall screaming... Wing Airman of the Month. Sharp dude.

115 - Sgt Mark "Wannabe" Yandell - Mark decided to hop in the AC seat while she was in the latrine. Stan/eval was on board. Bad plan. Mark's a dad now. What a scary thought.

120 - Dan "Yorgy" Jorgensen - Dan went on a two day trip from here to Loring to Spain and back. 25 days later, he returned...from Guam. Another bona fide war veteran. Dan will be a dad soon. Life will change.

121 - Sgt Robin Carney DeLorenzo - Robin has KC-135 in her blood. Her dad was a KC driver at K.I. Sawyer. She's spent the year getting fully qualified, pulling satellite alert, and getting married to Tony DeLorenzo. Tony used to work supply at the 329th CCTS.

122 - Amn David "Raal" Padilla - David recently certified and pulled his first alert tour. I began to worry when he asked me what time he could go home when he pulled alert. No Raal, you live out there, remember all those rooms??? He did fine. His wife didn't. Recently returned from a short trip to Mildenhall to support the B-one. He went with an IBO and rumor is he had a great time.

123 - SrA Roman "Ramone" Munoz - He keeps telling me, "Sgt Powers, my name is Roman." Think he's been to a Carnegie class... Roman likes women of age. Oh well, a man has to set clear objectives and implement strategy to achieve them. Roman does.

124 - Sgt Brett "BS" Clark - Brett is our newest instructor. Then, he volunteered for scheduling! BS is now married with children. Many broken hearts. When I have projects that require devious behavior and demand results, I select BS first. One day I mentioned that it would be nice to have cable in the boom pod. Poof. Cable appeared. No bills yet either. Then I asked about new furniture. Up pulls a spare alert truck full of furniture. He's amazing.

130 - Sgt Dave Robinson - Dave married a West Texan just this month. His folks are from Pennsylvania and they'd never been around a real Texas cowgirl before. Excellent show. Dave was going to DOS and study at Penn State but changed his mind and re-enlisted. Just returned from CFIC and passed his check. Super instructor.

131 - Sgt Lynn "Bonzai" Thatcher - Lynn had the misfortune of going to Saudi before the unit deployed to Turkey. Had a great time. Is currently in NCOLS and likes it slightly more than Saudi. If you ever fly with him, you'll know why we call him Bonzai. Wants a KC-10 to March.

132 - A1C Mark Silvia - Mak (Boston accent) is a true, rich boy from New England. He's in the Air Face (accent) for something neat to do. Sent him to Guam this spring and he loved it. He spent his first tour of alert at an FOL with me as his room mate. We had a lovely 10 day tour together. Mark is a resident artist and his creations adorn the walls.

133 - Sgt Trent Apodaca - Another war marriage. Trent is off to England covering his tracks as he goes. He's one of a kind.

134 - A1C Lee "Evelyn" Wood - Our youngest war boom. I was a cop in the missile field when Evelyn was trying to quit messing in his diaper. When he got back he said he'd sign me in to the VFW. I predict his career will start slowly and idle back from there. Really, he's a good boom. Squadron Airman of the Month, Squadron Guidon bearer, Squadron Trash Emptier, etc. See what I mean Evelyn? In any case, he was another victim of the war marriage syndrome. Has a baby boy too. Life is good.

135 - SrA John King - John is busy spending his bonus on his race car. Has visions of being on the pro circuit someday. John is another Saudi boy. And a victim of marriage afterward. (Does this sound like a trend?)

#### Training Flight

Sgt James Hill - CLT Guru - James came back to the squadron after the war to man the Cargo area. He's also the squadron cook. Chile for 5000. Brisket that will make you slap your baby. I think James has the best CLT around. He works hard at it.



Sgt Rick "Skippy" Marshall - This year, Rick wanted to (1) go to CCTS, (2) go to the KC-10, (3) go to CFIC, (4) go to the war and canx CFIC, (5) go to scheduling, (6) go to stan/eval, (7) go to training flight. He finally bought a house and works in training flight as Monty's sidekick. Skippy found that when you move off a crew, life changes. Working on his degree.

Sgt Randy Zaiontz - Randy's a spring graduate of CFIC and is currently at NCOLS with Bonzai Thatcher. I heard through the grapevine that they both really appreciate the opportunity to attend PME. Randy threatened to put in for the KC-10 when everyone started getting married. He works with James Hill in the CLT but is going ETTF in November.

MSgt Phil "Monty" Montgomery - When Phil arrived, he volunteered to be the supply custodian, building manager, computer functional manager, career advisor, aerobic monitor and weight manager. He wanted to know who was responsible for cleaning the latrines, he called contractors, and he gave lots of guidance in general. Lately, he started telling "Monty" stories. Clears the room quickly. Most of them relate to running an alert facility. Monty is a hard working senior NCO. He runs a superb Training Flight.

#### Scheduling

MSgt Troy Sinclair - Troy went to the war with the boys. Then he went to scheduling. Can't figure out which one is worse. We don't have an officer in tanker scheduling any more and most of our problems are gone. Troy heads both flight and ground scheduling. Works hard and raises cane too.

SSgt Todd "Biff" Salzman - Todd went from Stan/Eval to scheduling after the war. He loves it. The more pressure he gets, the better he likes it. Todd is doing the education thing too. This is one sharp NCO.

Sgt Troy Doane - Troy is another recent returnee from CFIC. He went right to scheduling and now has tentative orders for Loring. Wants to go to CCTS afterward. Troy never gets excited about anything. Perfect for scheduling.

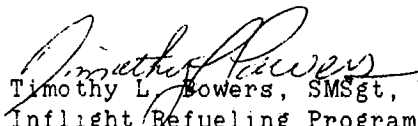
#### Pad Dad

MSgt Glenn Faught - Glenn wrinkled up his old nose when I discussed the pad with him. But now he's out there kicking butt. He learned from Chuck Hughes how to do that very well. Glenn is still coaching youth football and he's hard to find these days. Heard he put a guard in to play quarterback because his team was winning by 70+ points! LATE NOTE: Now Glenn is trying to figure out what his job really is!

Chief Boom

SMS Tim Powers - Life is good. I'm proud to serve with this group. They make this job fun. Of course, I would like to be on crew.....

5. We import a business effort crew every week so chances are you'll be down here one of these days. Stop in and see us. Fly Safe!

  
Timothy L. Bowers, SMSgt, USAF  
Inflight Refueling Program Manager  
917th Air Refueling Squadron



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 97TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)  
EAKER AIR FORCE BASE, ARKANSAS 72317-5000

REPLY TO: 97 ARS/CCF  
ATTN OF:

9 OCT 91

SUBJECT: 1991 BOOM SIGNAL (AND LAST FROM EAKER)

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR  
Attn: CMSgt Richardson

1. **CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES.** That for the most part, once again summarizes the personnel and reorganization line up for us here at Hooterville. We should probably start by telling you that we have retired a boom who without a doubt is a legend in his own mind. TSgt Robert (Bobby) Mayeaux has joined the ranks of the civilian community after 20 years of service. Good luck and Best Wishes! As you are probably aware, Eaker will be closing soon with all the booms going on to other bases. All of the booms know where they want to go, but aren't sure if they will ever get there.

2. The past year has been an extremely busy one for us. During the recent unrest in the Middle East, we were instructed to get our planes ready, pack our bags, and were deployed all over the world in support of the cause. The deployments did bring back a lot of experience that could be shared by all and also a lot of hair raising stories.

3. The starting line up for the Razorbacks:

SMSgt P. D. Anglea--Has left the Program Manager's position for the First Sergeant's position in the Operations Support Squadron.

SMSgt Larry (B.T.) Burrus--Has filled the CCF position by storm and with fire in his eyes. Now that he is in charge he can make things go his way, probably the way he wanted it ever since he got here. Most all booms say they like him as the Program Manager/First Sergeant, but we never see him unless we catch him before his tee time at the base golf course. (I guess rank has its privileges)

TSgt Chuck Horne--Left Castle AFB flightline to be Stan/Eval here with us. The only problem is that he always wants to go TDY, but the commander just won't let him go. Maybe at his next base he will get the chance.

TSgt Mike Sage--Moved from Stan/Eval to Tng-Flt, and is still to much of a nice guy. We are still trying to figure him out.

TSgt (Select) Paul (Bunky) Giles--Doing a great job, and has just made crew of the quarter. His nose is a might brown if you ask me.

SSgt Shaun (Shadow) Lewis--Recently promoted to SSgt, beating the boot by a couple of months. He is also the S-102 boomie. He sure would like to get to Kadena.

SSgt (Select) Joe (H-Bomb) Halenka--Recently graduated from CFIC, miracles never cease. He was nominated for NCO of the quarter, but the board did not ask questions about mixed drinks, so he did not fare so well.

Sgt Jeff (Sprout) Heiby--Recently selected to go to the KC-10. Now that he is going to a computer, he won't be a boom operator, but a world-wide trash hauler.

Sgt Troy Keach--He has been selected to go to Kadena. Spent 270 days TDY last year, and learned that you can save a lot of money.

Sgt Kevin (Tacan) Taha--Still thinks he is the best boom in SAC and nobody has proven him wrong yet, and if you don't believe it, just ask him. He also still thinks that F-16's don't need tacan's.

SrA Kevin Stevener--Just turned 21 and can't get him to be quiet anymore. The only white person to attend a Soul Bowl with his AC.

SrA Tom (Way-Cool) McCoy--Hasn't seen any MSgt dudes lately, but sure would like to get to the coast and do some surfing.

A1C Randy Bishop--Last we heard is that his wife still wears the pants in that family.

A1C Brian Satterlee--Recently got married to his home town sweetheart. Seems to be adjusting to married life quite well.


A1C Dave Benson--He figured since the base was closing he could just pack up and leave without a DOS. He is currently undergoing classes at base legal on the different aspects of legal and binding contracts.


A1C Rick (Dick) Clark--Just arrived at Eaker prior to the war and caught hell his first alert tour. I guess nobody had told him that you have to wear cloths while pulling alert.

A1C Fred Ramey--Seem to be a very nice young man. Wish all the Boomies were like him, and not get caught.

Amn Bill (Axel Rose) King--The only boom that we all have a hard time figuring out. We all still want to know what that thing is that he wears on his head, he thinks he's cool. **Wake up and smell the roses, PAL.**

Amn Darrell Macomber--Always very quiet. Has been nominated as the official boom assoc designated driver.

  
CHUCK P. HORNE, TSgt, USAF  
Recorder

  
LARRY B. BURRUS, SMSgt, USAF  
Chief Boomie



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 6TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE WING  
EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA 99702-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

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11 Oct 91

SUBJECT

Boom Signal


TO

All Boom Operators

1. Greetings from the Great White North. Many of you have heard the 6th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing may be closing. This may or may not include the Alaskan Tanker Task Force. Nobody seems to want to tell us anything. Will be here until '93 unless they do close us down. As far as Will's concerned, if it's before that it's just one more move. As for me, CMSgt Heald says I can't stay here any longer and new blood must come in. If anyone wants to PCS to the ATTF, (that's if we're still here) you better go and change your dream sheet.

2. As with the rest of SAC our mission has changed. We still have two lines of strip alert, an occasional C-141 refueling, and the good old rock runs. Basically all our fighter support missions went to the Guard folks down the street. Another big change is that the length of your stay up here has been cut from 45 days to only 28-30 days. For those of you who are scheduled to be here in the winter when the temperature drops below minus thirty degrees, this is good news. Other than that it's business as usual. We keep pushing on, trying to keep our day and night AR's current.

3. Remember, if the tankers stop coming to the ATTF, so does the last of the great deals. No tankers, no salmon it's just that way. If your crew wants to come up, it might be your last chance to see what Alaska is all about. All boomers take care and hope to see you up here real soon.

  
RAYMOND C. FREY, SSgt, USAF  
NCOIC, Alaskan Tanker Task Force

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)  
ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, SD 57706-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: SMSgt Wical  
SUBJECT: Boom Signal

10 Oct 91

TO: CMSgt Richardson

1. Greetings from sunny Ellsworth, home of the Black Hills Boomers. Just as all of you, we have had a busy and interesting year. One could go on and on about the war and of course those stories are all true.

2. Again, we would like to express our thanks to the TTFs all over the world for their outstanding support over the past year, "THANKS".

3. The following booms are assigned to the best squadron in SAC, or whatever command we are in:

CHIEF BOOM SMSgt Tim Wical - Out of the alert facilities just in time to watch them close. It is good to be back in the squadron.

TRAINING FLIGHT MSgt Guy Raynor (Radar) - Chief story teller and our resident expert in just about everything.

STAN/EVAL TSgt Chuck Miller - Now here is one happy camper, Smile or he will rip off your head and ---- down your neck.

STAN/EVAL SSgt Opie Flax - Stan/Eval loves Opie and say he will do a bang up job if he ever shows up for work.

MSgt Rambo Rom Whitmire - Ron will be one of those Mr. Guys here on the 23rd of Oct. Ron hated Ellsworth, Alert, Etc. but he was a true boom and we will all miss him.

MSgt Pat Pruett - We still are trying to get his heart started after the shock of making Master, "Good Job".

TSgt Dan Gilson - On a crew and damn proud of it.

TSgt "MAC" McElroy - Soon to be back in the squadron after a short stay at the alert facilities.

TSgt Gary Thomas - We think he is in DONO or something, well if he isn't there he told everyone he was.

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Sgt Red Emler - Still at Ellsworth but would like to go somewhere.

SSgt Bruce Zahn - Working in scheduling.

Sgt John Curry - Cargo Loading Training.

SSgt Alton Lundin - Damn glad to be a boomer and not a gunner.

A1C Kip Thornton - Plans on getting out and going to school to try and get smart.

Sgt Daniel Whetzel - Line guy.

AMN Michael Dunlap - Line guy.

A1C Brian Quam - Line guy.

A1C Marvin Pearson - Line guy.

SrA Steven Schlinkert - Line guy.

SrA Thomas Bice - Line guy.

A1C Albert Ashby - Line guy.

A1C Scott Walker - Line guy.

SrA "EIK" Eichler - Seperated.

SrA Ed Gorham - Seperated.

A1C Kris Fox - Seperated.

TSgt Pete Mueller - Retired Dec 1990.

Have a great year from the 28 Air Refueling Squadron.



TIMOTHY C. WICAL, SMSgt, USAF  
Chief Boom



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)  
ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57706-5000



REPLY TO  
ATTN. OF: 4 ACCS/CCF (MSgt Buckland, 675-4999)

1 Oct 91

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

Hello again from the best EC-135 unit in SAC. The last year has seen a lot of changes in our unit. The PACER LINK/DAISS modifications have been completed which has increased our ability to communicate/coordinate within our mission. We are still pulling hard alert irregardless of what the newspapers say. We are now under the 20 AF at Beale AFB. There are a lot of rumors floating around about us closing the store here at Ellsworth. We haven't seen anything on paper. So if you are interested in the EC business, give us a call. We had the 5th Annual Enlisted Flyers Campout last month and again a hugh success. Next year's is planned for April 92 so if your in the area, come enjoy the woods. We haven't had to many changes in personnel since last signal but I'll try and run down the roster. We have had several promotions this year. Duane Hillman got a line number for MSgt, Sue Keister and Jeff Haverly put on TSgt, Spud Micklich is wearing SSgt strips and Roger Berte is a BTZ SRA. Sam Ballante moved out to DO26 just in time for the scale down. I think he knew. We picked up SSgt Lyle Tolsma from Wright-Paterson as a cross-trainee and boy what a burner. We also got four fine young booms from the pipeline, ALC Jay Paulson who recently married a boom from Grissom. ALC Matt Arevalo who also recently married but to his high school sweetheart. ALC Mike McHugh and ALC Greg Carron who are doing their best to stay single. Let me give you the complete list:

- Chief Boom - ME. Still riding HOG's and hunting my @\$%&\* off.
- Tng Flt #1 - Duane Hillman - Looking for an assignment to Offutt, NOT.
- Tng Flt #2 - Sue Keister - Finally off crew and at her desk. Future Prg Manager.
- DO-26 - Sam Ballante - 14 years at Ellsworth, must like it here.
- DOTF - Jeff Bixler - Mr Antique, has been down for knee surgery last 6 months.
- S-101 - Ricky Geiger - Joe Bowler, always at the lanes, broke 100 a couple times.
- S-102 - Spud Micklich - Loves his dogs, especially when they get in a friends tent at 0500 to lick his girlfriend awake, she wasn't amused. We loved it.
- R-103 - Greg Carron - only guy I know that can have a good lookin girl in his dorm room and still get 100,000 on his Nintendo. World Record dip can collection.
- E-104 - Roger Berte - still planning to follow his cousin into the civilian sector.
- E-105 - Dan Trainer - Always hiking or jeeping in the hills, especially when we have local generations. Funny how that happens.
- R-106 - Al McNamee - Learned the meaning of good judgement at the campout, being hogtied and taped up for forgetting his manners.
- R-107 - Jay Paulson - Looking for a joint spouse with his new bride.
- R-109 - Andy Graham - Keeping a college girl real happy.
- R-110 - Matt Arevalo - Great young wife, help him paint his barracks room so he could move out.
- R-111 - Mike Weimer - Punk Rock Singer, producing second album, and extended his enlistment to upgrade, now jeep instructor.
- R-112 - Mike McHugh - Junior Marine ROTC, voted most respectful, got lost in San Antonio during 100th Anniversary of Alamo festival. Had big smile later.

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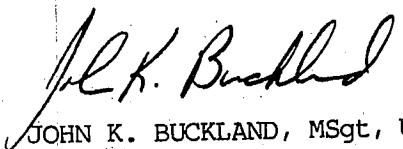
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- E-114 - Jeff Haverly - Back from DO-26 and loving crew duty. Puts alot of time into his new business, Kids Kastle, a new day care.
- R-115 - Jim Eustis - Found out how much fun he can have out in the woods. Climb in the wrong car and fell asleep. Suprise when owner climbed in to leave.
- R-116 - Steve Johnson - Rambo in Saudi. Did ya really need that M-60 machine gun during refueling? The Frenchies loved him though.
- R-117 - Lyle Tolsma - Super Boom - cross-trained last year and has past booms with three time the experience. Just call him "Stud"

That about raps up the roster. We said good by to two booms this year. Bob Janczewski was discharged and went back to lumberjacking in Wisconsin. Ed Berte is attending Iowa State. I should mention since no one thinks EC's do much. We sent two crews and planes to support Desert Storm. One crew made initial contact with Lt Col Fox, a downed F-16 pilot and stayed with him, coordinating the rescue effort. Unfortunately, he was captured but was later released. Spud Micklich and Steve Johnson were our two booms over there.

Well, it's time to close for another year. I hope we're still around this time next year. Remember it your around our way, give us a call. We don't have an NCO Club anymore due to money reductions but we have a nice lounge and some really nice places downtown. Keep your booms straight.

  
JOHN K. BUCKLAND, MSgt, USAF  
4 ACCS Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 43D AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)  
FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 99011-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 43 AREFS/CCF

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input - 1991.

TO: 8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)  
All Boom Operators

Another "very eventful" year has passed, since I last had a chance to sit down and write another input to the annual BOOM SIGNAL. Greetings from Fairchild. All of the boom operators wish to send our best to all past, present, and future boom operators. Grab a seat, prop up your feet, and start reading.

We have endured the build up to the Persian Gulf War, the Persian Gulf War, and are still feeling the after effects of it. The active duty Fairchild boom operators were slated for and very efficiently upheld SAC's commitment to Alert Duties. We helped our Air National Guard compatriots down the ramp deploy to Forward Operating Locations in both Egypt and Saudi Arabia. Some how we packed 45 duty passengers, their personal and professional gear, all their equipment, numerous tool boxes, and some spare parts into one of our jets. Then repeated the process two more times. All passengers and cargo made it to the final destination safely. The Wing Cargo Loading Manager is still scratching his young bean on that one.

The build up to the Persian Gulf War gave many Fairchild crews the chance to deploy to Castle AFB, and become part of the DESERT EXPRESS, "Cargo Haulers Etc." Untold headaches were created due to our conversion from the old "Water Burning Turbo-Jets, - KC-135 A-Models" to the new "Highly Over-Powered, Super-Charged, Whisper-Jets - KC-135 R-Models." We firmly believe the new tanker motto should become "Packing Trash, and Hauling Gas." Some of our aircraft had the old computer line stenciled on our cargo doors, "Garbage in, Garbage out." It was an eye-opening experience for many of our young boom operators.

During the DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM period, the active duty tanker forces kept a 100% alert rate, had 13 crews and aircraft deployed to forward operating locations, and played "Rent-a-Tanker" for all those units needing airlift support. Normal routine flying was at a minimum due to tanker unavailability. Half the time, we didn't have the correct aircrew available for an aircraft sortie. We would have an R-Model aircraft available, and only an A-Model crew available, or vice-a-versa. We even, don't ask us how or why, went up a line of alert. The DO felt that we were not justified in trying to get out of the commitment. The Wing King felt that Fairchild was not involved in the Persian Gulf War until 6 of the Bomb-galoid crews got G-Model difference training, and deployed to the Persian Gulf. There was 497 active duty military members deployed at that time.

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Since the end of the Persian Gulf War, we have kept a crew and aircraft at "Camel One." The crews, crew chiefs, and maintenance folks did a great job keeping our aircraft flying. Training Sorties were generated by utilizing the aircraft - two to three flights per day, Monday through Friday. Our deployed aircraft came home in great shape. Thanks to all those who flew our jets, and returned them without untold damages.

President Bush knocked the socks, boots, and flightsuits off all flyers here. When he disbanded the active alert forces, bringing both bomber and tanker crews and aircraft down from the 37 year commitment to EWO Alert Duties, the alert facility and all associated buildings became the latest craze for partying. CNN was here filming and interviewing our crews. The comments made by 43rd AREFS crewmembers are the expressed opinions of themselves, and not necessarily the opinion or belief of the Squadron Staff here. (Great disclaimer) Now, we have too many crewmembers available, not enough work for them, and they are still bitchin' at us. Just goes to prove, no matter what you do for crewmembers, they will always complain about being harassed.

We just had our Phase II, IG Inspection. The 3909 Strategic Aircraft Evaluation Squadron (1st CEVG for all who know their real name) tagged along, and hit the units too. All boom operators passed the EP tests. All boom operators passed their check-rides. As always, another "Excellent" inspection for us.

Grab a cold one, get another cup of java, take a potty break, or just stretch them legs, the next order of business -- 43rd AREFS Crew Line-Ups.

#### STAFF MEMBERS:

MSgt Kaminski - Mark has alot of the gray stuff appearing on his head. He is still the active health nut. Two Couer D' Alene Marathons later, banging iron for lunch, and construction engineer of the unit's Self-Help project keeps him busy, but not as busy as his one year old at home. Congratulations to Mark and Jacquie on their first - Mark Andrew.

MSgt Zarkos - Jim inherited the "Pad Dad" job from Monty. He, like the B-52 Gunners, are presently out of a job, and looking for a slot/job. The Alert Facility won't be his excuse for turning gray anymore. We wonder if he will be able to find a job that will let him play as many games of racketball a day as he is presently doing?

TSgt Oulela - Dean went from Stan-Eval to 43rd AREFS Training Flight to his current job as 92nd Wing Tanker Scheduler. He did a quick touch-an-go period in training flight. Still actively seeking his education and the wonderful world of golf. Dean and Kirby adopted a little boy - Daniel, congratulations.

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- SSgt Barker - (DOTG) Brian PCS'd from Grissom to Fairchild, and became a great addition to our unit. He requalified as an instructor, and took charge of B-Flight boom operators. Bought a house, sunk an anchor, and is active on the golf scene. Just as quickly as he landed in our squadron, off to Tanker Ground Scheduling job. Now he gets to hear crewmember complaining at its peak. "Why do I have to come in for training on my scheduled day off?"
- SSgt Mackey - (TF) Finally nailed Jay down to a 9 to 5 job. His wife has stopped sending ticking packages to my address due to her husband being gone all the time. He took over from the infamous duo - MSgt Deibert and SSgt Pickering. He is maintaining an excellent program in there. He is another one of those resident computer buffs, now his wife competes with IBM and MS-DOS.
- SSgt Keeton - (TF) Jeff just got assigned into Training Flight. He has been crew-dogging it for so long, now he is chained to a desk, kicking and complaining. He is already seeking ways to venture TDY. Congratulations on your recent marriage. Yes, he joined the Wed-Locked bunch. He is still trying to get his first Kitchen-Pass.
- TSgt Mc Donald - (S-101) Derek is still alive and kicking up a storm in Stan-Eval. He is our MSgt-Selectee. He is maintaining an extremely low profile -- might have to do with holding a line-number and the dreaded RED-Ink syndrome. Still is the active Stan-Eval Santa, but he is picking up a harder line since Dean Oulela left. The best way to get Derek off DNIF - schedule a trip to Offutt and need a second boom.
- SSgt Pickering - (S-102) Dean is still actively seeking the education benefits. Got dragged down to Stan-Eval kicking and screaming, and soon took down his first - Q3. Has mellowed out alot. Even let a few get a "Q1s" from him. He frequently can be seen pedaling his buns on an eighteen speed, or chasing golf balls down the long green pastures.
- SSgt Sugden - (S-151) Jim departed from the line-swine, crew-dog position to the evaluator role in Stan-Eval. Still paying on his home, and is expecting another member to his klan soon. We all hope for a healthy little one - future boom operator may-be.
- Sgt Frank - (S-152) Phil departed the line-swine, crew-dog position too, becoming a Stan-Eval evaluator. There is no need for "kitchen-passes" because he plays golf at least once a week. His wife gets to see too much of him, and now they removed alert. Hopefully, I don't start seeing those ticking packages again.

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LINE SWINE/CREWMEMBERS:

A-FLIGHT BOOM OPERATORS

- Ann Davis - (R-110) This is our newest addition, a no-notice PCS from the old disbanded 924th AREFS at Castle. He carries the title - "Baby Boom" well. No really bad poop yet, but he has made it to the First Sergeant and Commander's desk. He swiftly learned the meaning of self-study and responsibility. EPs and the checkbook gets alot of attention these days.
- A1C West - (R-111) Travis became our resident TDY Bum, constantly seeking new and extended ways of remaining TDY. Still a sharp troop, who seeks instructorship at the earliest possible chance. He is also a resident Dorm Party Animal, whose notorious activities are an interest of the squadron staff always.
- SSgt Mc Guire - (R-112) Marleen is still here. It has been almost 10 long years. Her "Home-Steading" sign needs fresh paint due to the many cycles of weather extremes it has faced. She will soon be forced to up-grade to instructor and face a swift PCS, or depart the Active Duty. Presently, she is crippled crew-dog, Borken part - ARM. Always found ways to keep from working. Resident phone answering machine.
- SrA S. Smith - (R-113) Scotty is another one of those resident Dorm Party Animals, whose actions and reputation are an interest of both the Commander and Myself. I think someone nailed his feet down at times, because he is maintaining such a low profile. He has closed down his Dorm Renovation Company, and just keeps Travis and himself buried in revelry.
- SSgt Anderson - (R-114) Ken was a great addition to the unit - another one of those cross-trainees - Castle great products. He swiftly bought a home, sunk an anchor, and set up his own "Home-Steading" sign in his yard. Guess he doesn't want to depart soon.

B-FLIGHT BOOM OPERATORS

- Ann Kilmer - (R-120) Christy came to us, ready to learn, and very serious about becoming a great boom operator. During classes, she takes all information seriously, even the poor attempts at jokes. Training Flight had to delete their funnies with her due to the lack of response she gave. No bad poop yet on this one. Just wait, she is new.
- SrA Richardson - (R-121) Jeph is maintaining an extremely low profile. He and his wife are the proud parents of a little boy. Became part of the "Wed-Locked" bunch, and then also became a papa. We see and hear too little from him. He is desiring an upgrade to instructorship -- watch out CFIS.

- A1C Witt -  
(R-122) Kraig came to us, an open-minded, ready-to-learn boom, and then found dorm life. He has swiftly become one of those evil-minded, party animals who prey on poor young female airmen. Can be frequently found at Club Fairchild with Chris partying and preying together. He is the proud owner of the U.S.S. Land-Yatch Witt. He boasts of getting 8 MPG on the high-way, down-hill, with the wind at his back. He claims to be a born-again Country Western fan. Didn't know CW was a formal religion.
- SSgt J.L. Smith -  
(R-123) J.L. will never go away. He has "Home-Steaded" successfully here for the longest. He is still seeking an Instructor Upgrade, and fears the swift hand of MPC and the dreaded PCS that follows. J.L., still - "Mouth-of-the-South," if it can be bought cheaply, needed for free, or is extremely hard to find, just get J.L. onto the process. Still seeking the Emcee position on the show, "Let's Make a Deal."
- SrA Applewhaite -  
(R-124) A.K.A. "The Apps." Ken is the resident "Lady's Man," known for his sweet-talking, lady-hustling abilities. He is always ready for a party. He was confronted with what he claims as a bad rap - just ask him about "Tina." He is really a great boom operator, just needs some more practice in cargo loading and "heavy-weight" identification and restrictions.

#### C-FLIGHT BOOM OPERATORS

- Amn Dalton -  
(R-130) Chuck is one of our newer boom operators. He just got a very small taste for Alert Duties. Don't have no really good poop on him yet, but he is still young, and we are watching.
- A1C Pavlasek -  
(R-131) Virginia is a great addition, providing me with some unique and interesting situations from the start. She was supposed to be seeing an officer from another base, but no one has had the opportunity to see them together. She saw some alert, but didn't get more than just her feet wet. She sent back a great postcard from her trip through the Mediterranean Area. Social Actions is still looking for it. Something about unrestricted sun-bathing.
- A1C Wilkins -  
(R-132) Chris, part two of the Kraig and Chris connection, is one of those dreaded boom operator, party animals. He is known to frequent Club Fairchild with Kraig, seeking the young and inexperienced female airmen. Also, one of those born-again Country and Western creatures. Know for frequent trips to Seattle and other cities.
- SrA Overton -  
(R-133) Mike finally found the solution to the "Tomiko problem" - get rid of her. He went TDY again, and returned to find his fond roommate shacking up with a recent release from the local lock-up. He swiftly pointed her out the front door, and then met a beautiful young vegetarian? Wonder how long this one will last. He is always seeking the elusive PCS to Kadena, something about the Oriental Woman.

AIC Fried -  
(R-134)

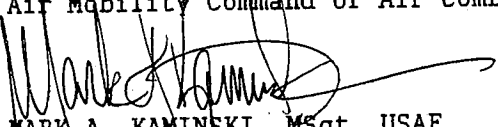
Ricky is one of those head-strong, thinks he has all the right answers, boom operators. Doesn't believe he should be required to know Boom Systems - "It's in the book." He is quickly learning to read it more often. He maintains a low profile most of the time. He is hanging around with the party type crowd, and may soon become a topic of interest for the Commander and myself. We are watching always.

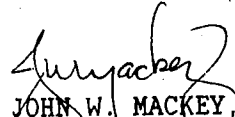
#### FOND FARWELLS

MSgt Deibert - Lee was a great part of our Training Flight. Got moved to Tanker Scheduling, and soon sought orders to get out of here. He is headed for 99th Tanker Tactics Squadron, at Ellsworth. He was active in the education side til he departed. He will make a great addition to the Tanker Tactics section. He was already scheduled for TDY's at Ellsworth, prior to even signing out of our unit. Lee, call back and let me in on that trick. He was our boom operator resident computer expert, frequently speaking various computer languages and seeking to rectify all input/output errors. Good Luck Lee. See you in the air.

MSgt Montgomery - Phil departed the "Pad-Dad" job, and went to Dyess. The old Alert facility will never be the same. Must have known the job was going away, because he left here at the right time. Phil, Anita, and his Klan are doing great at Dyess. We will definitely miss you. Good Luck. See you in the air.

Well, have another great year of flying the old "Strato-Hauling, Gas-Passing" tankers. Hope to see you in the air. Remember, keep the rubber side down, and the green side pointed to the sky. Fly Safe! See all of you with the new Air Mobility Command or Air Combat Command patches next year.

  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 319th WING (SAC)  
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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: Tigers of the North

15 OCT 91

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

TO: To All Booms (Who Care)

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today to pay homage to those poor souls who were so unfortunate to PCS into the midst of the Great White North. Most of us are tired of the DS - BS, but a few of us didn't get the honor of going. For those of you who did, we were one of the only bases to maintain a full alert commitment. (Whaaa). That really made the boys happy...Back to Back Tours. Anyone who got to Cairo can thank us for setting it all up, as we built that city on Rock-n-Roll. Not too much else going on up here, 'cept getting ready for another joyous, festive, funfilled, wonderful winter. For all of you southerners (everyone conus, and most others) that's when the air gets cold and the white stuff, called snow, falls from the clouds (like rain in your parts, but frozen) and covers the ground. But we still fly as normal. With no more alert we find more and more officers roaming the halls aimlessly bumping into each other on the rebound trying to find something to do (or complain about). Well, enough rambling for now, but, one last piece of trivia for all to hear. We were the first base to carry a "static display" (B-1 Lancer) engine on the KC-135. It's now an everyday occurrence for us so if you have any questions...don't ask us...look in the -9, page 6-1, under LOADING J-57 ENGINE, cause they're pretty much the same. Anyway, here's a list of the Tigers of the North:

**SMSgt Tom Clyce:** (Our new "COACH", senior boom) He wants to be a mortician when he retires...says he has 24 years of experience taking care of stiffs? We only wanted dinner not a seance/revival.

**SMSgt (Sel) Nic Tomaszewski:** (Scheduling) Had it with Stan Eval and moved to scheduling to relieve his pain...look for the pile of hair to find his desk. Hey Nic, someone asked about that Pontiac hood ornament????

**MSgt Jim Eden:** (Old Pad Dad) Talk about getting out while the getting was good. George Bush must've seen the way he was running the pad...that explains the great alert stand down. Welcome back to the squadron.

**MSgt Bob Bergquist:** (New Pad Dad) He's got no complaints about his new job except all those additional wing duties he's picking up...Will he survive the stress of being the new "Pad Dad". Oh yeah, Bob, your unemployment check is in the mail. But he'll survive on the pig ranch. EAT MORE PORK!!

**MSgt (Sel) Don Fro1:** (Training Flight) Keeps wearing out those zippers and his watch (nervous twitch). This great speaker absolutely left a sophisticated audience of hundreds of grade schoolers in awe during his desert shield speech. He also does birthdays, weddings, and barmitzvahs. Get your requests in early.

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TSgt Clay Fox: (Silver Fox, 101) Took Nic's place as the 101 sledge hammer in Stan Eval. Can't say too much about Clay unless it's good. He doesn't get mad...just even.

TSgt Bill Williams: Our newest addition to the Tigers of the North. He now has the distinct title of being our baby boomer (as a TSgt). He crosstrained from the local land mobile radio office and seems to be pretty happy.

TSgt Chris Hatley: (Scheduling) Let the power go to his head...the only boom we know, or will ever know, who submitted an IG complaint on the DO and lived to tell about it...we think. Supposedly he's at the academy...? If you see him, ask how he and SMS Bekkerus got their DS patches authorized.

SSgt Lloyd Rand: After 9 years of trying, the great "Dancing Bear" got his orders to Kadena. With him, he took that air that we were so accustom to associating him with. Lloyd, Green Peace is happy you're gone...something about greenhouse effect. Hear you blew the Harley and carried the parts to Kadena?

SSgt Quinn Janke: Ex-gunner in all respects. Gave up training flight for the great 93rd ARS. How's things goin' Quinn? We got your first STUD. Thanks A.H.

SSgt Mike Casey: (Cargo Loading Manager) Hey man, is that freedom rock? Mike was mistakenly frozen for 20 years up here in the northland...unfortunately he brought his clothes with him.

SSgt John Williams: (102) STOP! Hammer time. Recently moved to Stan Eval to take care of the slugs in the squadron...best BBQ beef sandwich maker north of Muskogee. His dad has it south or thereabouts.

SSgt Mike Frovarp: Hasn't figured out quite how he's going to pack all that air freight knowledge into the KC-135R...but we hope he takes his time. This isn't a 141 or C5, and we don't use 463L pallets. (But we did.....)

SSgt Brian Thayer: (Caveman) Owner of a new Ford P/U truck. Saved his money by isolating himself in his dorm from society only to emerge for squadron duties and functions. Plays a mean air drum at the parties.

SSgt Harvey Schneider: Harv finally finished his upgrade to instructor after a PCS, two trips to sandland, an ETTF, and retraining for the job...bet he's glad to get that over with...Good ole take charge Harv.

SSgt Greg "Smitty" Smith: Our Chief Master Sergeant in buck sergeant clothing has recently sewn on SSgt. Made us some big bucks at the last open house as the committee chairman by bossing us all around...the usual Smitty.

SSgt (Sel) Gil Chavez: Our racquetball champ. Quiet, easy going Gil...always smiling...makes you wonder sometimes if he's eating spiked burritos.

Sgt Larry Sauber: Mr prep/GQ himself...where's he get those clothes? Prince and MJ Fox got nothin' on Larry.

Sgt Mike Welter: DNIF/DNIA...from a bug the Docs can't find. Hope he gets back up on status soon cause he's driving us crazy. Right now Mike is coming down off of his steroids and boy is he pumped.

**Sgt Paul Wallace:** (Jackhammer) This Ole Dorm...Paul gets along with everyone here, if he starts to ramble on too much, just give him a saw, hammer and send him to his room. We've sealed off his door so no more saw dust escapes. Says he taught Bob Villa everything he knows. Wally??? Where's your building permit?

**Sgt Steven Hawn:** Last we heard from KKI was he wanted to go home...Haven't seen him since? We've been told he got out????

**SRA Chad Goodnough:** (RCE) Has passed on to the guard F-16 fuels at Fargo ND. After he gets his foot in the door he's going for the big one F-16 pilot...Good luck Chad.

**SRA Robert Vandenbos:** (The BOSS) After coming home from sandland decided to flee the north for better ways in the civilian life after us. Good luck BOSS.

**SRA Sean La Fave:** (Hollywood) 1st place in his weight class for regional body building competition...but he only weighs 105 soaking wet??? Not really...Good job Sean. For a personalized copy of his best side write: C/O Sean D. La Fave GFAFB, ND...He needs the money for an oil change in that hairdo.

**SRA Donnie Reid:** DNIF/DNIA...Went to scheduling. Now we're all hoping he forgot the bad things we used (as far as he knows) to say about him. At least he can't schedule us for alert anymore.

**SRA Ron Strobach:** He's our squadron celebrity...Maybe you saw him in AIRMAN magazine. What's next Ron...Rolling Stone?, G.Q?, **NOT!!!**

**SRA Darby Twardowski:** What can we say? Darb's the strong silent type...After two OP's and a tour in DS we're not sure if he has more hours in the tanker or in his car driving from here to Bismarck.

**SRA Jeff Lancaster:** WHO?...Got married and now we can't find him.

**SRA Brad Bachand:** Now that he's single again...Brad wants to go back to Europe to retrace the footsteps of the great Casanova. Did you get that rock back.

**SRA Mike Weir:** Make love not war. That's what he was saying in Cairo...It must have worked cause when we got back he was married. Mike, the Cairo gang is still waiting for the two cases of beer you owe them.

**A1C Clay Willoughby:** Met Lynn and now he comes to the squadron to get his rest. What's he going to do without alert and the VC.

**A1C Cher Dellinger:** 1st TDY to ETTF? Check out those "hot buns". Won the title at a local establishment where the legal age limit was 21??? Enough said?

**A1C Doug Delbaugh:** (Runt) E & E'd in on us and is now a Tiger of the North. Very quiet, very shy..., and very BIG, sorry if we say anything to make you mad Doug. Oh, by the way, how's Brad's scamming 101 class coming?

**AMN Stephanie Myers:** (Betty Boop) Our "Georgia Peach". When she first got here she set the pace when shooting the sextant one night and made the comment (in innocence) I've got the body...No one argues that! Now we'll have to clean up our act, she just got back from her 1st TDY to ETTF.

AIC Daniel Riedmatter: \_\_\_\_\_

AIC Jack Gates: \_\_\_\_\_

AIC Mike Brown: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ New meat inbound from Castle.....BYOV.

SMS Bekkerus: Almost forgot our old senior boom, but after 11 1/2 years we were glad to see him go. He dragged his heels and you can see fingernail marks in the right lane of highway 2 from here to Minot. All we can say is...Minot, Good Luck. He and TSgt Hatley served together in DS for 5 hours...but got that medal and can wear the patch...can honestly say that they were there.

*Buba Boomer*

Buba Boomer, MegaSgt, USAF  
Tigers of the North

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
Headquarters 434th Air Refueling Wing (H) AFRES  
Grissom AFB, Indiana 46971-5000

FROM: 72 AREFS

9 October 1991

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: Hq 8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

Another year has gone by. The last year was a busy one for us. All that stuff about war, activation, deployment, TDY, etc, is now behind us. We are still hearing the war stories from the guys in the squadron but it is truly amazing how they have changed over the past few months. Now it depends on who you talk to as to how the story is told.

As most every one knows, Grissom is about to change drastically. Over the next couple of years we will see our friends on the active side of the house go away. Of course that will also mean that our recruiting pool will go with them. The base will be a lot smaller than it now is.

The current story is that we will be getting another reserve tanker squadron and keeping the reserve fighter squadron. Also part of that story is that we will have "R" models when it is all over. We will believe all of this when we see the airplanes sitting on our ramp.

Even though our active duty friends are leaving we will still offer a beer and a vehicle, without gas, if you have the pleasure of stopping here in the cornfields for a night or two.



WILLIAM G. CARTER, SMSGT, USAFR  
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

This is our current line-up:

SMSgt Ayers, Kim E. (ART) - "Thumper" Her last name used to be Esbenshade, she up and got married on us. Kim is our donation to the tactics section. I'm sure she will do as good a job there as she did any where else.

MSgt Bartel, Larry P. (RES) - "Uncle Larry" has been busy studying himself to death. He is trying to take Course 8 and upgrade to instructor at the same time.

SMSgt Carter, William G. (ART) - "BC" That's me! Still trying to find out what this Inflight Refueling Program Manager position is all about that I inherited from Jerry Snyder. I don't know if the "BC" is from my initials or my age.

SSgt Culp, Shad P. (RES) - Shad is our "baby boom". He is still walking around asking how other people balance their time between family, reserves, and work. I am sure he will figure it out soon.

TSgt Drumm, Roger A. (RES) - Roger now knows that he made a good decision to retrain from gunner to boom operator. Seems there is a reason for everything.

MSgt Fansler, Tony L. (ART) - "Fans" took over as the Boom Section NCOIC when Kim moved to the Tactics job. He used to think he had it hard doing tactics and supply. That NCOIC title keeps him really busy now.

TSgt Hallock, David H. (RES) - Dave has been around now for over a year. He has run into some bad luck with his neck, seems they welded a couple of disks together. We are all hoping he will turn out OK and that he gets back on status.

TSgt, Henry, Jeffrey P. (ART) - "Buck" has moved into scheduling and is now catching all the grief from the booms if the receiver cancels or the A/R goes bad. He doing a fine job though.

MSgt Hostetler, Jerry W. (RES) - "Handy Man" Jerry is still sawing and nailing wood. Jerry can build most anything out of wood. His remodeling business is really taking hold. He even has people working for him.

MSgt Houser, Paul B. (ART) - "Doogie" came over the ART side and now sees the reserves from a different angle. He doesn't know what that angle is, but it is different.

TSGT Hughes, Blinda C. (RES) - "Chris" is now working in Peru, Indiana pediatric nurse. She found out it wasn't much fun to drive from Peru to Kokomo, especially in the winter.

SSgt Maier, Jeffery D. (RES) - Jeff is our newest boom. Not even a baby boom yet. He is still at the school house at Castle. We got Jeff from our maintenance Sq.

MSgt Johnston, Ronald L. (RES) - "Shark" (I think that has something to do with his nose) is still driving around in a State Police car. He found out that it comes in handy to have a car around the house with red lights and a siren especially if you decide to cut your wife's thumb off with a skill saw.

MSgt Murphy, Michael J. (RES) - "Murph" is still going to Purdue this is supposedly his last year. Seems his plans got put on hold because of some war somewhere so he is trying to make up for lost time by taking on a lot of school this year.

MSgt Orange, Kym (NMI) (RES) - "Homey" is our other Cop. He hasn't seen the inside of a patrol car in so long that he probably doesn't even know how to spell Cop. He thought the activation was the best thing to happen to him in a long time.

TSgt Page, Larry A. (ART) - Larry came to us from the 305th and soon after signing on he was again activated. Oh well, you can't have every thing. Larry spends a lot of time over at supply. He says he is ordering "stuff" for us but we think it is because his bride works in supply.

SRA Roberts, Scott G. (RES) - "Flaps" is another recent gain from the 305th. Scott is also going to Purdue. I don't know what he is studying but he is studying, or so he says.

SSgt Saur, Stephen J. (RES) - "Crash" may have gotten this name on active duty because of his driving habits but we are also using it because his driving habits haven't improved much. The insurance company didn't give him near what he thought that car was worth.

TSgt Schumacher, Gerald J. (ART) - Jerry is a recent gain from the 305th also. He too got here just in time to be activated. He used to have his boat up for sale, but rumor has it that he has decided to keep it so that he has something to do in spare time now that he won't be pulling alert. No money for gas though.

TSgt Seidle, James S. (ART) - "Soui" has completed a stint in scheduling and is now back in the squadron making sure everyone gets paid. He used to buy any car for \$500 but now that we don't have alert any more he will only give \$250 tops.

SMSgt Wiemer, Melvin R. (ART) - "Worm" is still working Stan/Eval to death trying to get his "numbers". He succeeds every now and then but not as often as he would like to.

TSgt Williams, Jeffery L. (RES) - "Remo" is now a Fireman. The other guys in the fire department tried to teach him to drive the big bucket truck but it seems a telephone pole snuck in behind him and ripped the bucket off. I know he didn't get check out on it that day nor for a while because it was in the shop.

The following have left us:

TSgt Bingham, Steven G (RES) - "Mr. Outdoors decided he wanted to join the Coast Guard. He is down in Florida. At least he can wear the same blue shirt and trousers.

SSgt Ellison, Roger C. (RES) - Roger decided that he could get a better job in North Carolina so he packed up and went away. He said he may try to get in the KC-10 unit.

CMSGt Snyder, Gerald R (ART) - "The Chief" got himself transferred to the KC-10 unit at Seymour Johnson. It doesn't make sense to us why he would leave his friends for: a bigger airplane with less engines, and Tactical Air Command!!!



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
9TH AIRBORNE COMMAND & CONTROL SQUADRON (PACAF)  
HICKAM AFB, HAWAII 96853

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 9 ACCS (MSgt C. A. Soumas Jr.)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Booms

Aloha! Just a few lines from the island of sun, sea and surf. That magical realm of "Local Motion". We local boys of the 9 ACCS are proud to be a part of that special brotherhood known as Boom Operator's; even if we do have to tell ourselves that every day. Those of you who know anything at all about the role of a "Boom" in the ACCS (not AREFS) business can relate to what I'm saying.

As usual and as it is everywhere, the Boom's here are an elite bunch of enlisted aviators specializing in EC-135 procedures. For starters, being AC/DC capable doesn't leave much room for receiver diversity. Having a Communications team and a Battle Staff crew to deal with also creates a mystical aura surrounding the fact that we do more than what is prescribed in T.O.'s on checklist, ie, being Trailing Wire visual inspector qualified, being a Flight Steward apprentice and just getting that feeling that you're the fifth spoke in a four hub wheel. I bet that most of you cannot imagine walking back to the boom pod to air refuel only to find that your passage is blocked by a locked door. On the other side of the coin, how would you like being trapped for a couple of hours in the aft section of the airplane by yet another locked door, separated from accomplishing checklist items and most important, not being able to get at the hot meal prepared for you by the Flight Steward. Yeah, I know what you thinking, how rough can it really be?

Now that I have those chips off my shoulder, let me inform you about these great Boom Operator's of the "9 ACCS".  
But first:

Aloha to MSgt Gary L. Ranney (2 Aug 83 - 31 Aug 91)

Congratulations to TSgt Selectee Stephen (DISCO) Cid (Line # 3104)

Welcome MSgt Clude A. Soumas Jr. (From Kadena AB, Japan, 15 Jul 91)

Welcome SSgt Michael D. Davis (Also, Kadena AB, Japan, 6 Sep 91)



And now the rest of the story:

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| 1. MSgt Gary L. Ranney       | PCS to Eaker AFB         |
| 2. MSgt Clyde A. Soumas      | Refueling Superintendent |
| 3. TSgt Robert G. Battaglia  | Historian                |
| 4. TSgt John P. Beringer     | Training Flight          |
| 5. TSgt (Sel) Stephen V. Cid | Equipment Custodian      |
| 6. SSgt Anthony M. Fontney   | STAN/EVAL                |
| 7. SSgt Lonnie B. Lisser     | Squadron Specialist      |
| 8. SSgt Michael D. Davis     | To be determined         |
| 9. Sgt Jeffrey L. Magee      | Building Custodian       |

**MSgt Gary L. Ranney** (2 Aug 83 - 31 Aug 91) Our resident elder is finally leaving the islands for Eaker AFB. Gary has been here so long that he doesn't know how to leave. (He could start cleaning out his desk for his replacement.) A question asked by many here is; how will he handle being a SAC trained killer dealing with currencies, category qualifications, and of course "words" written in black and white, filed in black binders and labeled SACR XX-XXX? See Ya!

**MSgt Clyde A. Soumas Jr.** - Inflight Refueling Superintendent. New Boom on the block. I arrived here from Kadena AB on 15 Jul 91. I'm trying to cope with the 9 ACCS way of life; with their SOP's vs PACAF Supp's vs Commander and OP's Officer's reign of whatever. I have found my name typed on just about every additional duty roster available. I get the feeling that any warm body will do.

**TSgt Robert G. Battaglia** - (AKA Battlestar) Newly assigned Squadron Historian. Bob's positive attitude and can do self motivation is a spiritual relief against this backdrop of chaos. Not much is known about Bob when he's off duty, he appears to be the consummate "Family Man", good husband and father type. No matter how much I write, I can't find anything to slam the guy on. That's good.

**TSgt John P. Beringer** - Training Flight. John subscribes to Gun's & Ammo, Rod and Gun, Field and Stream, Playboy, and is an active member of the NRA. Too bad for John though, cause on this island, that's all he can do is subscribe. John's got a real tough job here at the 9 ACCS, qualifying and upgrading high-time, reliable instructor boom operators (baby booms are not sent here). John comes to work everyday. I'm not really sure what he does to all those qualified Boom Operator Training Folders (7 of them); but what do I know, I've only been a boom for 11 years and in PACAF for 6 weeks. You figure it out.

**TSgt (Sel) Stephen V. Cid** - (AKA Disco Cid, Cid-ster, Cid-meister, Cid-noni, etc.) He can still be heard around the squadron asking the question "What's Moments?" Disco is finding out that with the extra stripe comes extra B--LS--T to reckon with. Disco is so busy and has so many responsibilities that you hardly see him around. The Stealth Boom, yeah, that's the ticket.

**SSgt Anthony M. Fontney** - S-101 Stan/Eval IBO. The Mr. Greenjeans/Fix-it boom of the 9 ACCS. He has refurbished his STAN/EVAL office to fit the status of a swinging single bachelor of Hawaii, and has the monstrous task of completing the Squadron Lanai Deck just to keep his name from being dragged through the mud. Tony wants things done by the book. "Follow the regulations" he says. That's fine and dandy, but to whose interpretation. Oh yeah, Tony knows everyone in the Hawaii Island. That's no lie.

**SSgt Lonnie B. Lissen** - Mr Limbo, and not because he can go low under a bar. It's the questionable status of his Air Force Career. By the time you guys and gals read this, it might be a sad but true fact that Lonnie will be a "Mister". Lonnie's sympathetic sincerity is only second to his "wanting desire" to stay in the Air Force. We all wish him Good Luck and Good Fortune to whatever happens to him. Everyone deserves another chance.

**SSgt Michael D. Davis** - Desert Storm Veteran. He is the only boom at the 9 ACCS with real combat time. At the time of this writing, he is on leave enroute to Hickam. Mike is a good friend of mine from Kadena, so I can safely say "Mike is so laid back he won't have any problems adjusting to flying EC-135's. After spending six months in Saudi Arabia, I hope he doesn't get boned.

**Sgt Jeff Magee** - "SAC-MAN" Every now and then, Jeff suffers a massive "SAC Attack". He just can't understand how things are done in the 9 ACCS. You can always find him in the books looking for that "etched in stone" verbage that says: "You Can't Do That." Jeff's going to make SSgt this time.

Well that's about it for this yea. I hope we can all keep in contact with each other. And remember, if you're in the neighborhood for any reason, please stop by or give us a call.

**Mahalo & Aloha**

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REPLY TO  
 ATTN OF:

Chief Boom

4 Oct 91

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8th AF/DOTTR

Who's Who Here,

CMSgt Jerry Malik	Chief Boom	EB
SMSgt Spero Melonides	Wing Stan/Eval	IB
SMSgt John Kurzeja	Senior Flt Leader	MB
MSgt Roy Balsamo	Flt Leader	EB
MSgt Tim Dunbar	Flt Leader	MB
MSgt Joe Garcher	Special Projects, CLT NCO	IB
MSgt Rory Ohse	Grn Tng NCO	MB
TSgt Jeff Groch	Alt Unit Safety	MB
TSgt Faruza Kalaba	Sq Security Manager	MB
TSgt Randy Palumbo	Squadron NCO	MB
TSgt Joe Shell	Sq Stan/Eval	EB
TSgt Dom Guerrieri	Sq Tng	MB
TSgt Jim Miranda	Wt Fit Control Monitor	MB
TSgt Keith Wagner	CPR/Pax Control	MB
TSgt John Weber	Sq Tng	MB
TSgt Pete Lagioia	Sq Tng	MB
SSgt Sam Gerros	Assist CLT NCO	MB
SSgt Joe Long	Brand New Air Tech	MB
SSgt Pat Quaid	Tech School	MB
SSgt Rich Spejewski	Tech School	MB

Now that alert is history, the quality of life has been upped a notch or two, although the monetary benefit wasn't hard to swallow for us in the ANG. Cargo loading and more cargo loading, are we a tanker or a trash hauler? The answer is both. Rollers on the floor, frequent checks of floor tie downs devices, aisle ways and baggage bins is now ever present on the boom operators mind. Gone are the days of the .55 cents box lunch, do the receiver and come back home. Now, its Pax and Cargo, yes, and do it right, roll with the flow. I hear all the time, "Where are the C-130's, C-141's, C-5's, isn't that their job (Cargo)". Where were they during the War, while we were laying three sheets of shoring. Answer was, we need this equipment, cargo there now. After all is said and done, cargo or not, we have to admit we still have the best job in the U.S. Air Force.

All of us were in psychedelic euphoria returning from the sand box (Abu Dhabi), we shared this experience with a great bunch of fellow Booms from the Ohio Air Guard. Some say we should have hung in there (stayed) for at least another month, who knows.

The decisive decision was made by the United Nations Committee, thus we loaded up our people and cargo with a 24" aisle way and HOR we went.

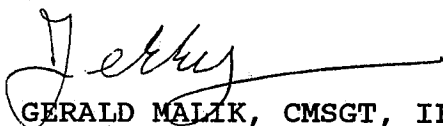
The War of course was 24 hrs a day and flying almost every hour of every day. We did the Navy, Saudi's, the Air Force heavies, fighters, and cargo types, probably same as you. Most interesting was that we were scheduled with seven French Mirages. The lead came up, hooked-up, had trouble hanging-on, disconnected, then asked with a heavy Arab accent, "If we had a soft drogue basket or hard". To the best of my knowledge at the time, I told him, "We had a regular drogue with a MA-3 coupler attached". Of course this was not what he wanted to hear, so he took his marbles (flight) and went elsewhere, most likely to find a KC-10 with a soft drogue. A scheduling problem with these guys, although we were there, ready and willing.

The nightly show at the Kuwait boarder was like the fourth of July. There was, it seemed, no less than a ten second interval when we didn't see a bomb, missile, or rockets going off. No nice way of doing a War.

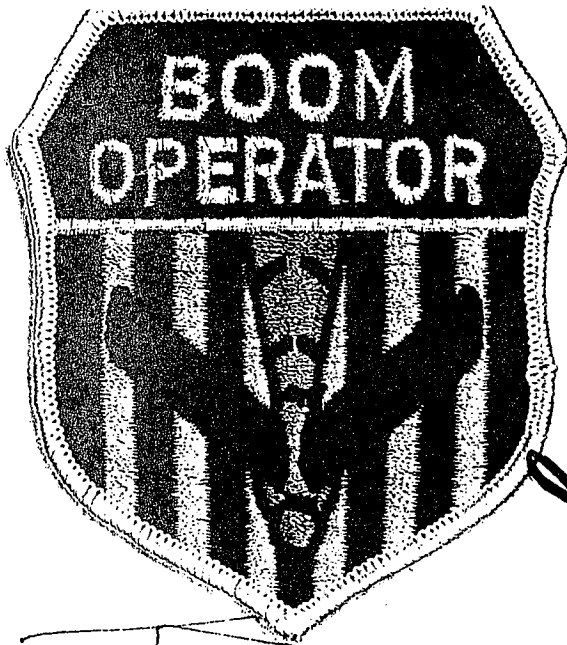
The Airplanes and the A/R systems held up pretty good despite the constant use, heat, and sand. We did, however, have some unusual discrepancies (write-ups) with the A/R boom that we would like to share with you:

1. Signal coil indicating open and not advancing to ready, cause, the trigger switch on ruddervator sticking.
2. Boom would drop, literally fall out of chock when lowering, cause, hoist lever mechanism out of adjustment.
3. Receiver moving boom out (extending) causing a horrible scraping sound, like the boom had no rollers, cause, hard to believe, but a faulty, interval hydraulic leak in the telescope control valve located above the sighting window. Maintenance trying to locate the noise needlessly changed the boom.
4. Telescope gauge inoperable, cause, small bevel gear stripped in the transmitter assembly.
5. Dump finger would not fully depress the boom poppet valve, cause, ring springs collapsed and stuck so much that the boom would not rest (retract) in the normal position.

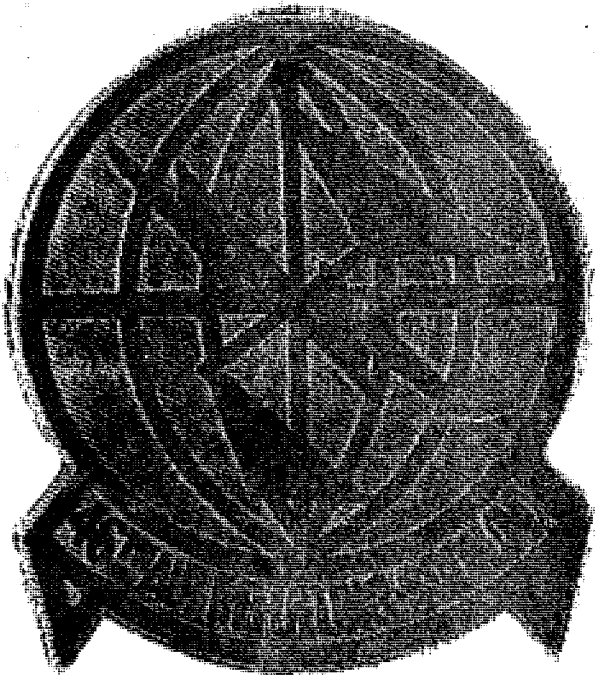
Well, enough is enough. To all of you out there, we wish you the best! We'll make our disconnect now and see ya around base ops.



GERALD MALIK, CMSGT, ILANG  
Chief Boom, Autovon 930-6971/72/73



*Sawyer  
Booms 91*



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 46 AREFS (MSgt Arnsparger)

8 October 1991

SUBJ: 1991 Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators Past & Present

Greetings from the 46th Boom Operators way up in the chilly north country surrounding K. I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan.

As with all the folks in the boom-business, this has been one helluva busy past year.... Just after Sadam started pullin' his s---, we were tasked to deploy a large group in country; some of our folks to Riyadh and some to Jeddah; and some on alert again and again and again. Bottom line throughout the entire Saudi ordeal - the booms here at the 46th put it all together and did a super job, couldn't have been done better anywhere! We as booms here at the 46th would like to echo that statement command wide and say to each and every Boom Operator out there - "Stand Tall & Be Proud"!!!! You belong to a group of folks that truly made it happen.

The rest of the story here at Sawyer has been pretty much plain vanilla except for SAC's new philosophy regarding the 35 year alert legacy. Things are changing faster than you can spell GUNNER... (just a little mud flung at our command's first team enlisted crew dog; oh that's right, "ex" crew dogs!) nuff said.

As we are experiencing our fall colors (beautiful time of the year up here!) and readying for winter, this is how our boom line-up looks in Upper Michigan:

SMSgt Scott Harris - Program Manager/First Sergeant

The guy that keeps (or tries to keep...) us straight up here... A recent Tanker/OMS merger is keeping him real busy these days as unit First Sergeant. With the adoption of the bad boys and girls comes lots and lots of counseling and spankings - bottom line, if ya need Scott, find the office with the tears that run in and out of it...

MSgt Brad Arnsparger - Training Flight/Asst. Program Manager

I'm the guy writing this thing... Have tried to stay busy mopping up the continual flow of tears that run in and out of Scott's office.

MSgt Harry Allen - Alert Facility Manager

That's right Harry, put it in moth balls and lock it up... About the time this guys gets settled in a job, BANG - you're outta there! Was the 307th Program Manager - they closed that unit and threw him outta that job too... What's the deal Harry????? (not to worry, Chief Livingston still loves ya!)

MSgt Greg Durand - Wing Flight Scheduler

Crunches all of our flying hours and numbers and makes 'em work! Greg is PCS bounced for an active duty liaison job in Pittsburgh setting up a brand new 135 unit; they're getting one of Sawyer's absolute best! THE VERY BEST TO BOTH YOU AND CINDY, GREG.

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MSgt Mike Takash - Wing Ground Scheudler  
Good guy!!! Hardly ever hear from him, gets all of us guys & gals the ground training we need; like it or not???

MSgt Bernd Ekdahl - Wing Ground Scheduler  
Brand new to ground scheduling off a crew. "B" is one of the "Upper Michigan here to stay" club members. Keep that ground schedule comin' B.

MSgt Steve Lonergan - S101 Chief of Stan Eval  
Steve is the guy that makes the ultimate thumbs-up or thumbs-down boom calls; and does a great job doin' it. Steve is our resident expert on Hunting and Fishing - basically, if it walks, crawls or swims... he kills it and cooks it! Additionally, he was our Daddy-boom for those deployed to Sandland. Is another charter member of the "Upper Michigan here to stay" club.

THATS IT FOR STAFF POSITIONS - BELOW IS THE LIST OF GUYS IN THE TRENCHES!

MSgt Marty Kovar - IBO/S102 Stan Eval  
Marty is a brand new MSgt pin on as of this writing... Congrats Marty! Hands out an occasional checkride or two but generally plays it fairly low-key. ANOTHER member of the "Upper Michigan here to stay" club... Oh, by the way Marty - Chief Heald called, something about an assignment????????????????

SSgt Sherman Merriner - IBO/S102  
Sherm just got his leather flying jacket and hasn't been seen without it since. Talked a bunch of stuff about the Guard and Reserve, but when it came right down to it... FOLD! Signed on again. He'll tell ya right out; when he grows up, he wants to be just like his daddy.... (Steve Lonergan) Steve's tried, but can't shake him. OH YEA - (Had to add this at the very last minute before sending) THE SHEET METAL SHOP CALLED FOR YA SHERM... "YES" THEY'LL BE ABLE TO FIX THE DOOR! HELLUVA DOWN PRESSURE DEMO BUB...

SrA Jenny Wieland - BO/Crew 110  
Jenny is hell bent on going to school... (We don't wanna loose ya!) Got married this past summer, looks as though she's headed for the Beale AFB area as a dependent... Maybe a future hire with the Mather reserve guys. We hate to see her leave "super sharp" boom.

A1C Jeff Tait - BO/Crew 111  
This guy is a hard charger! Was here a week and wanted to know if he could do his initial Cargo Training and go TDY - "woo big boy"... Anyway, a good strong new hire.

SSgt Matt Davis - IBO/Crew 112  
Cracken out Cargo Loads as our unit CLT Manager and doing a good job. Does some moon-lighting as a carpenter when he ain't boomen it.

SrA Bob Boettcher - BO Crew 113  
Big Bob! Always ready to go TDY... has a steady paying job as a Boom, but has a four year degree that show's he's an architect - guess C.E. doesn't quite measure up, huh Bob?

A1C Matt Lang - BO/Crew 114

Another S--- Hot new guy... Matt just got back from an ETTF TDY when he, according to him, had toooooo much fun; something about Amsterdam and all the time he and his pilot spent in the museums and libraries - purely cultural experiences????

SrA Woody Glosser - BO/Crew 115

Woodrow, Woodrow, Woodrow... Another of the good guys. Always chewen that "pinch between your cheek and gum" stuff, someday your gonna swallow that s--- Woody.

Sgt Matt Glover - IBO/Crew 116

Another 46th hard charger! Damn near got court martialed over the death of his co-pilot's alert teddy bear being murdered... He and Father Lonergan's son live together and keep the local FEMALE YOOPER crowed in check.

SrA Jeff Gilbert - BO/Crew 117

Jeff outta be in one of our front end seats... has more flyen time than most copilts. We're senden him off to Alaska TDY in the near future...BURR! Scott Harris has talked 'till he's blue in the face to keep Jeff around, but it looks as though Jeff is civilian bound... a real loss to our boom family.

SSgt Eric Mitcham - BO/Crew 121

Eric is holding down the fort on crew 121, and off to visit the folds at PTF real soon.

SrA Errikk Decker - BO/Crew 122

Hats off to them young guys... another excellent boom! Errikk's only problem is he's assigned to the wrong crew... His A/C keeps the crew in more trouble than you you can imagine?!?! Hang in there Errikk.

TSgt Ken McCarthy - IBO/Crew 123

QUIET! Look up the word quiet in Webster's and you'll see Ken's picture hangen there. BUT, there's hope... We've taught him how to talk! Ken is fairly new to us from the CCTS and we're using the hell out of him with the new hires - GREAT instructor - loves K. I. Sawyer and Michigan - Right Ken?

Amn Cavanaugh - BO/Crew 123

Seems like a great kid! Brand spanken new out of the school house. Good haven him here. 78 mph in a 15 mph zone? Slow down boy!

SSgt Ryan Cermak - IBO/Crew 124

Mr. Chip-head... If it has to do with computers, Ryan will either know it or learn it. Has been here a good while, has applied to the "Here to Stay club" for tenure.... We keep him busy as an IBO.

Amn Chel Courtney - BO/Crew 125

Chel just got back from a trip to England, according to sources, her dance ticket was in continual use;

SSgt T. J. Shima - IBO/Crew 126

Probably headed for the Flight Schedulers job - been there before, now headed back. New back on a crew for now after a short hop at Stan Eval.



TSgt Ted Johnson - IBO/Crew 130

The 46th Booms answer to Johnnie Carson/Eddie Murphy all rolled into one. He is still ducking arrows for selling the cars of the deployed folks during the Saudi ordeal. Ted is one of our hard chargers that ya just can't hold back... a guy I like to pawn off my ground training classes to at every opportunity.

SSgt Lloyd Fairchild - BO/Crew 130

Brand new cross trainee out of the maintenance career field; not holding that against him, should work out to be a good boom. Already talked about staying at Sawyer thru retirement...

SrA John Pilkington - BO/Crew 131

The current president of our Superior Boom Association; and doing a quality job. John is good people.

SSgt Rodney Derringer - BO/Crew 132

Rodney's off to CFIC at Carswell mid October time-frame. This Derringer guy is one to keep your eye on... he's tearing up the program. Told me the other day on an upgrade sortie: First, I'm taken Scott Harris' job, then move over Heald, there's a new sherrif in town - the name is Derringer... Don't worry Rod, this won't go anywhere...

A1C Chris Meinken - BO/Crew 133

Chris is a local by standards, from just a stone's throw down the road. Another good guy.

A1C Brian Valadez - BO/Crew 134

The little teenie-weenie boom from Southern California... We've put a new label on him up here: "HOOTCHIE-COO". He's sort of sensitive about his new handle, but trust me, it's caught on... The way we figure, most extremely short people are kinda on the sensitive side anyhow, so it's not a biggie... Hey Hootchie-coo, them beige dickies, black suede shoes, and white T-shirts gotta go... P.S. This guy is even shorter than Jenny Wieland!

SrA Mark Rupert - BO/Crew 135

Mark just got back from a TDY stint to Alaska, spreading good cheer and health (you can be sure). Looks as though Mark has landed himself a Flight Engineer job on C-130's with the guard at Harrisburg, PA. Those guys are getting a good catch. There's a guard unit in Pittsburgh that missed the boat by not picking Mark up. We're gonna miss him... Hey Harrisburg, get ready - here comes the Rupester!

SrA Rich Anderson - BP/Crew 136

Rich is off for the world of the 3-Holer... The KC-10 guys down at Seymour-Johnson are getting him.. Chief Smittie's gain is Sawyer's loss - good kid. Ole man Worley made a good choice with this one!!! The very best to both you and your wife Rich!

Amn Cody Pope - BO/

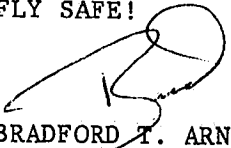
New hire outta the school house... The guys at Castle's school house keep pumpen out good strong young talent. Cody's gonna do well here!

Ann Pat Denson - BO/

Another new-bee hot off the press new hire... Pat is also brand new here at Sawyer; from down around Madison, WI, so it's sort of like home - right Pat?? Pat's gonna tear up the program here... another guy to watch!

If and when any of you ever find yourself on the ramp at K. I. Sawyer, please make it a point of dropping into the squadron and saying hello. We're always good for a cup of coffee and maybe even a beer? For those of you that are in that "Oh s---, I gotta go north": assignment mode, this is a really great place to live and work. As with any assignment throughout our Air Force, it's not so much the place and job as it is the people... and in that regard, we here at the 46th believe we've got the best of the best.

FLY SAFE!



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Greetings Everyone. Things up here at Loring have been busy since the last Boom Signal. Desert Shield, Storm, Calm have kept us all on the move. The 407th AREFS was deactivated in October of 90. So those who didn't come down to the 42nd either PCSd, Retired or got out. Heres are current line up of Boom Operators:

MSGT Mike Bauer - Proud new Daddy on the block. Currently the 1st Shirt. Going to CEVG.

MSGT Lee Winter - Just arrived from Saudi Arabia. He's not used to people speaking English when he trains them.

TSGT Tom McElroy - Head of Training Flight and hopes to be leaving for Castle real soon. Another proud new Daddy.

TSGT Gary Hunt - Alert Facility Manager, soon to be moving to Training Flight. This is still his first base. President of the "Save Loring Committee."

#### WING STAFF

MSGT Paul Lowe - (Scheduling) - Often seen smiling when he walks by. Never know why until you check the schedule.

SSGT Joe Ekroos - (Scheduling) - Often seen smiling when he walks by. Don't know why as of yet. Misses Stan Eval. (NOT)

TSGT Roger Page - Still hanging in there. Likes to play the role of "Stealth Boom" these days.

TSGT Brian Towle - "Cookie" Waiting to get back up in the air flying. The Nolan Ryan of our Squadron Soft Ball team. (well almost)

#### "A" FLIGHT

SGT Dan Rhodenbaugh - IBO (E-110) Hey Dan, how's old Don Q. doing in Puerto Rico? Just arrived from Eaker. Learning Loring boom tricks and showing us a few of his own.

SrA Dave Stadnicki - MB (E-110) Haven't seen much of him, think he's TDY down in Puerto Rico.

SSGT Will Rappaport - MB (R-111) Will's back in the dorms, and has alot of nice furniture. Soon to be getting an awesome stereo system. Often seen at the NCO club dancing up a storm with alot of good looking ladies.

AIC Lloyd "Russ" Keast - MB (R-112) When he's not on Alert or flying, you can find him heading home. (down South) Another one of our Maine-iacs. Loves to fish. Can tell you how much time he has left before he gets out of the Service. (to the second)

"A" FLIGHT Cont...

SSGT Nathen Peachy - MB (R-113) The "Peach-Man". Put on Staff in Dec. An Outstanding Volleyball player. Whats: the maximum length of a flat top?

SrA Karl "Krunch" Davenport - MB (R-114) Karl reenlisted last week, got that big SRB bonus. "Lifer" Can be found at the BX playing the Hard Driving video game, or riding his new Motorcycle.

SrA Joel Salley - MB (R-115) How many TDY's can you possibly get in one year? Joel still has to ask directions around the base. Has a year round tan which is pretty good for up here.

AIC James Dickson - MB (R-116) When he has the time, can be found golfing. The first words out of his mouth are usually, "Lets go to the club." But it's only three in the afternoon. James is trying to catch Joel on his TDY's.

"B" FLIGHT

SSGT "CD" Franklin - IBO (E-120) The CLT Manager spends more time in Puerto Rico than in the office. An avid Fisherman, nothing (like rain) stops him. Caught his fair share over in the Indian Ocean during the War.

AIC Tim Arsenault - MB (R-121) The most recent boom to take the plunge. (Marriage) If life was only guitars and Diana, he would be happy.

SSGT Mike Cahill - MB (R-122) Just put on Staff in March. Still likes to waive his C-square to fly. Another Fisherman who spent his time during the war fishing and flying, out in the Indian Ocean. Often found working on his jeep when not 4-wheeling.

SrA Sam Blackwell - MB (R-123) Loring's ladies man. He never seems to be around on the weekends. Nobody knows why.

AIC Erica Almgren - MB (R-124) Everyone loves her license plate, "FLY GRL". (NOT) Still begging for TDY's. President of the Boom Association. The only female boom left at Loring. \*\* MPC get the hint. \*\*

AIC Mike Craig - MB (R-125) Keep Mike and Royce T. away from telephone poles. He goes through alot of cars that way. One of the contributing writers to the signal.

SGT Russ Carlson - MB (R-126) Good old Dick loves the dorms. Spends alot of time at the gym, getting back into shape. (Keep working at it Russ) And one of these days you can enter a body-building contest. Still plans on making it to Colorado one day.

"C" FLIGHT

SSGT Garret "BK" Goff - IBO (S-130) Upgraded to instructor last year. In addition to working in Training Flight, he seems to be doing everyone's job. Cargo Load Training ect. Regardless, keep up the good job.

AIC Geoff Potter - MB (R-131) What is that loud noise? I think the cops are on the way.....again. Another contributor to the signal.

AIC Tom Krug - MB (R-132) Muscle man. Tom, it's okay to have just one beer beside V-8s. President of "Close Loring Committee." Loves going TDY all the time. (NOT)

SrA Tom Campbell - MB (R-133) Currently taking up residence at the Auto Hobby Shop. That Mustang is looking better everyday.

TSGT Don "Quaz" Cash - MB (R-134) Olive juice. Diego Debbie still misses you. Heading to Don't Know.

SGT James "Cliff" Clifford - MB (R-135) Going back to college and we know he'll miss the Air Force. (NOT) 6 plus 1 = 7.

SGT Tom Unerfusser - MB (R-136) The "General" waits patiently for and upgrade slot. Ha - stand in line. Does the Ops Officer recognize him. Moved into the dorms.

SSGT Mike Crews - MB (R- ?) A cross-trainee, used to work with the Army, so who knows what he did. (He has jump wings) Just got his foot out of a cast, guess you have to watch out for those hidden holes in the grass.

SMSGT Hiran Bonner - New boom that just arrived from Eaker. Moving up to the Alert Facility as the new pad Dad.

#### STAN EVAL

TSGT Derek SUFFiciencia - IBO (S-101) The man with the camera, you never know when you'll be in his KRUZER Productions. Watch out Madonna. Ask him about the Great White Shark (12FT) that got away in the Indian Ocean. Founder of the new sport "Crab Hockey."

TSGT Rick Taylor - IBO (S-102) Enjoying his role in Stan Eval. We don't know how hard his check rides are yet, but we sense a Grand Parent real soon. Still waiting for his "Outstanding Friend & Aviator" paper weight from retired Jess Schloss.

SSGT Larry Greenfield - IBO (S-103) Just got Married, third times a charm. His new wife Joyce keeps him in line. Just purchased a jeep from a BUFF "Puke" and believe it or not he got a real good deal. Yes! Its runs & looks nice, so nice he will probably never take it 4-wheeling.

#### Recent Departures:

SMSGT Don Pressley ----- Retired, playing golf and recently got a super job.  
MSGT Jess Schloss ----- Retired, looking for Rick's paper weight up in Washington.  
SSGT Shawn Lamb ----- PCS to Griffis. New Daddy.  
SGT Roggy Kennedy ----- PCS to Altus.  
SGT Mike Stout ----- Civilian. Look for an RV with a lot of antennas.  
SrA Joe Wilkins ----- PCS to Griffis. \* Lonny is still looking for his FLT jacket.  
SrA Paul Muschell ----- Civilian. Rumor has it he's trying to get back in.  
SrA Lonny Hall ----- PCS to McConnell. Ask "Lawn Dart" about finding the Men's room at 3 am.  
SrA Steve Hines ----- PCS to Castle. Hey! "Stove"  
AIC Royce Thomas ----- Civilian. Moved to Colorado and opened a Driving School. (NOT)  
AIC Audrey Swann ----- Civilian. Married a Navigator.

\*\* If your ever in the neighborhood stop on in. Always plenty of cold ones around.  
Typing and additional comments by Mike Cahill.

# MAINE AIR NATIONAL GUARD

132ND AIR REFUELING SQUADRON  
BANGOR ANGB, ME 04401-3099

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: CCA(Robert Phair)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: Chief Richardson

1. As the Air Force restructures its' force, many SAC crewmembers are in limbo as a direct result of degradation of S.I.O.P.,. With the recent demise of the gunner many aircrew wonder what is in store next. The navigators here have long faces !
2. There still remains an uncertainty as to whether we will become part of the Air Mobility Command or Strat Comm. Whichever it is, we are sure it will be interesting and maybe a little hectic at first!
3. Desert Shield and Desert Storm provided alot of good experiences to put under our belt. It was our pleasure for us to be "activated" and play our role under the TOTAL FORCE CONCEPT!!
4. Here is our crew!

Ssgt. Carla Cyr  
Tsgt. Jay Ellingsen  
Tsgt. Bruce Geroux  
Tsgt. Joe Gifford  
Tsgt. Chuc Halsted  
Ssgt. Scott Hessletine  
Msgt. Stan Hunter  
Tsgt. Tom Jones  
Tsgt. Pete Lerette  
Tsgt. Kymton Lovley  
Msgt. Roger Macleod  
Ssgt. Tim Marquis (Nav slot)  
Tsgt. Robert Phair  
Cmsgt. Joe Philippon (retires 31Dec91)  
Smsgt. Glenn Prewitt  
Tsgt. Mike Purcell  
Msgt. Sonny Reynolds  
Ssgt. Andy Shuman (hopeful pilot slot)  
Msgt. Ed St.Heart  
Msgt. Art Stevens  
Smsgt. Jim Winchester



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Respectively submitted,

*Robert Phair*

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AIR REFUELING TECHNICIAN



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: MSgt Bob Moquin, 9th AREFS

October 7, 1991

SUBJECT: 9th AREFS, Boom Signal Inputs

TO: CMSgt Richardson, 8th AF

Greetings from the "Gucci Booms" of March AFB, land of drive-by shootings, gang-bangers, Rodney King, bad air, and sky-hi home prices. It's been a busy year and half for us, as we're sure it has been for you. All of the boys and girls here at March did an outstanding job during Desert Shield, Desert Storm. I'm sure the entire boom community throughout the world did the same. Most of you may know we lost a brother boom operator about a week before Desert Shield began. Tsgt Mike Yates was tragically killed in an private aircraft accident, he was doing something all boom operators dislike, touch and go's. We will miss him. With the war being over you would think things would calm down, no, SAC is almost history, alert has gone away, wings combining, and of course by this time the gunners are probably working in the in-flight kitchen.

I've graciously volunteered to provide the inputs to the boom signal. In doing so, I get to say my peace. After twenty years I have decided to leave voluntarily, they won't have to scrape the base sticker off of my truck to get me to leave. It's just not fun any more, things like monthly weigh-in's, making people run everyday, burning people for little things, people not taking care of their troops. These are more important than doing the job. The art of looking good and being outstanding in oral copulation are first and foremost. Being a good boom operator just isn't enough anymore. Despite all of this, I have had the honor of serving with the finest bunch of people (boom operators) on this planet. I would love to write a book about our exploits as boom operators for the last twenty years, no one would believe it. The stories about alert, TDY, flying, the madness that we have to put up with, some of the idiots that we have to work for. It would truly be a best seller! If only the public knew how this business is run, they would really wonder how we won the war. If I had to place a score on my twenty years, and I weighed everything, ie, flying, alert, TDY, the good, the bad, the ugly, I would have to call it-a draw!!! Good-bye, good luck, and to quote one of my favorite people, "Lets be careful out there".

Following, is a brief rundown on the finest boom operators in the United States Air Force.....



SMSgt Russ Marshall(Lick 1)... Wing boom, HMFIC, recently gave up three days in Australia to be in Fort Worth ???, Was found asleep in the Yokota NCO club after a fight with Bailey's and vodka. Going to purchase my bullet proof vest after a recent gang shootout on his street.

MSgt Jim "Jimbo" Mountcastle... Chief boom, a recent newlywed, recently hired as the chief boom, trying to learn how to be a babysitter, and not at home.

MSgt Steve "OO" Oothoudt... First shirt, sleeve, babysitter, drives a cadillac, has all the honeys in his apartment complex in heat. Has been known to beg!!!

MSgt John "Uncle John" Page... Juliet-Papa, HMFIC of training, yes Seymour, he has smiled (twice), does not like Century 21 realtors, breaks into a cold sweat every time he sees a gold blazer sport coat, misses his holyness, the TAC Boom Operator Program Manager.

MSgt Bob "Smoke" Moquin(Lick 3)... Sky cap, bag boy, airshow whipping boy, reserve deputy, soon to be a full time deputy, you know me, you know my act, remember, bigger is better, however, there are some you (you know who you are) that won't fess-up, right Ted, Mr. Crouse, Mr. Perez. Boom stowed 1 january 1992, I'll be looking for blue air force vehicle stickers on pov's while running radar for the sheriff's department-outside the main gate!!!

MSgt Sven "Gus" Gustavson(Lick 2)... Mr. Mom, mother has gone to Osan for the next year, has an assignment to SAES(CEVG), probably will be a parking lot attendant after they bulldoze the saes building. Last seen at a P.T.A meeting, likes getting his teeth cleaned alot.

MSgt Brad Madison... Desert Shield did not agree with him after a night on the KC-10 bar and grill, made MSgt twice, has been quite invisible lately.

MSgt Chris Burkhart... Works at 15AF, the tanker command, likes bows and arrows, has seen the new Robin Hood movie ten times.

TSgt Tom "Dego" Degen... MSgt selectee- maybe, reserve deputy, had quite a time one night at Hickam, had to hitch-hike a ride to Guam on a C-5. After one of our outstanding aircraft commander's decided to takeoff without him.

TSgt Bob "Bo-Bo" Friesen... MSgt selectee, assistant to Uncle John in training, new dad, glad he's over 35 so he walk the aerobics, last seen placing C-4 explosives on the squadron scales.

TSgt Mike Aldapa... The longest time on station boom operator at March, Moreno Valley is going to name a school after him. To him, PCS is a four letter word. Also sells real estate, stays away from John Page.

TSgt Darnell "Home Boy" Butler... Also doubles as Homey the Clown, stays low, has been in mourning ever since the demise of Clark AB.

TSgt Richard "Easy" Davis... MSgt selectee, I don't believe it either, works at current ops, takes every trip to Mildenhall, still looks for "Baby Jane", has been know to beg.

TSgt Leo "Uncle Leo" Marin... Reserve deputy, punching out to pursue a career in law enforcement, will be attending the sheriff's academy in January with me. Does not like cars with blue air force stickers either.

TSgt Steve "Slow-Bo" Slobodnjak... Stan eval head hunter, hates taking waps test, #1 non-selectee for msgt the last two years. Soon to move to training flight.

TSgt Ken Holman... Who is he? Mr. Stealth, comes into the squadron twice a month to pick-up his pay statement. Occasionally flies as boom operator on the KC-10.

TSgt Barry Hayes... Does not like cargo loading-or vice versa, may be working for CE if he doesn't get his sierra together.

SSgt Mark Schumann... Stan eval head hunter, gave a Q-2 on his first check, messed up his leg playing flag football, back on the road looking for blood.

SSgt Judy Burr... Mama scheduler, listens to all the whining, loves her TDY's, North, South, East or West, loves Diego Garcia and all of it's social amenities, so many loadmasters, so little time...

TSgt Larry "Rambo" Bussen... Sir Lawrence, works at current ops, reserve deputy also, I know, duck. The boys at the department call him "Paul Bunyan", greets all suspects with a 870 Remington shotgun. Tells suspects he going to "Rodney King" them. Just goes to prove anyone can pass a psych eval.

SSgt Sterling "Way" Keller... Stealth #2, I'm not really sure about this guy. There's a honey in Australia who would kill to see him again.

SSgt Carl "The Truth" Smith... Yes, another reserve deputy, this no liqueur drinking, water drinker-mre eating guy, no skirt chaser, is now married, nice gal, to good for him.

SSgt Isaac Mc Millian... FNG, came from a hardship assignment at Hickam, is just about checked out. Does not like Homey the Clown!!!

SSgt Yvonne "Bonzie" Wherry... Former reserve boom, liked active duty during the war(I don't know why) decided to stay on. Do not make this gal mad. Last seen heading towards to the flight surgeons office with a gun in her hand.

SSgt Dave York... Stealth #3, ole Dave keeps on not being seen, a firm believer that it is very hard to hit a moving target.

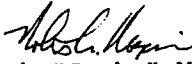
SSgt Danny Mendonsa... Flight lunch king, has or had a girlfriend in Spain, always begging to go to Europe. On a recent TDY he left one important thing at Hickam—the other boom operator on the crew.

SSgt "Sweet" Lou Drummond... Kadena Mafia #1, this guy gets the Rip Van Winkle award for the soundest sleeper, an 18 year-old transient from Indiana breaks in to his house one night, has breakfast, takes his watch, others items, and his truck from the garage and leaves. Lou and his room-dog never hear a thing. I would like him and "Rizz" to house sit for me. Wife now back from a PCS in Europe to guard the house!!!

SSgt Ken "Rizz" Risselada... Room-dog of Rip Van Winkle, Kadena Mafia #2, as you can read from above, make sure you hire him to house sit for you when you're TDY. Otherwise, a good troop!!!

SRA Ed Caldwell... I know nothing about this FNG, just completed MDTSI(Link), about to fly his first ride in the ten. Says he likes the beach, he'll need to dye his hair blonde first.

SRA Greg Adkins... FNG from Beale, if only Uncle John can keep him from saying "that's not the way we did it in the Q model". Ask Phil Hall.

  
Bob "Smoke" Moquin, MSGT, USAF  
Official Officer's Personal Baggage Porter



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 22D AIR REFUELING WING (SAC)  
MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 92518-5000

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 6 AREFS/DOB

1 Oct 91

SUBJECT: 6th AREFS, Boom Signal Inputs

TO: CMSgt Richardson, 8th AF/DOTTK

I'd like to start this off by first saying hello from Tanker Town, USA and congratulations to each of you throughout the command. Congratulations for not only a superior performance since Aug of last year, but for the same performance for the past 34 years of you know what! Yes, there are still lots of TEN booms that remember thursday morning beer parties in the parking lots around SAC.

I think each of you will agree that we have and will continue to be key players in whatever direction tanker command (s) will take. I just can't imagine any technology replacing you guys anytime soon! What we all must guard against is the inevitable feeling of separation that occurs when major changes take place. Regardless of 135's of tens; mobility command or combat command, we are still all boom operators; so lets keep the union as strong as it's been throughout history. Now I'll get off my high house and introduce some of the finest booms in the U.S. Air Force:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jeffrey McGirt".

JEFFREY MCGIRT, MSgt, USAF  
Air Refueling Program Manager, 6 AREFS

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CMSgt Ken "Tanker NAF" Endrizzi - Still has a desk on the top of the hill at 15th AF. The Chief, just like everyone else, is trying to keep up with the next rumor about tanker operations, of mobility ops, or is it combat? Last seen in a cessna flyin through the Banning pass eastbound.

MSgt Jake "The Snake" Benscoter - Jake thought he had a night managers job at the La Fayette (blue haired) Lounge in Fayetteville, (Pope AFB) N.C. Still the Enlisted Program Manager (NCOIC), when he's not on a good deal trip in the Pacific. Reportedly has an eye on Steve's job at P,burgh. Smile Steve!

MSgt Jeff "It's a Z" McGirt - Hell that's me so be nice - Chief Boom, part time NCOIC when Jake's on the road havin fun, Riverside County Reserve Deputy with Moquin. The Sheriff's business is reported to be quite lucrative because McGirt is offen seen crusin southern california in a new bright red 300 ZX; must be nice to have a working wife.

SMSgt Dave "Julio" Telles - Dave's on terminal leave til 1 Nov. He got lucky and was hired by the Sheriffs Dept also; we thought Julio would do a gerat job representing the USAF with his extensive military experience - after being selected squad leader he was fired 10 minutes later for an inability to form a squad for inspection (Dave, that's dress right dress)!

MSgt Paul "P.I." Rogers - Paul is back at the squadron after years at 15th Current Ops. Paul will be retiring this spring and is reported to be conducting secret negotiations with Cory Aquino about a new 100 year lease on Clarke - Good Luck Paul!

MSgt Perry "Spank the Capt" Sauro - Perry is my chief of aircrew (CCTS) training, and part-time computer sales guru. After spanking a bottle of captain morgan at the Torrejon NCO club, he reportedly volunteered to be an Iraqui infiltrator; he experienced severe difficulty finding his flight suit and gave up on the idea.

MSgt Ted "Pad Dad" Glick - After 27 Sep Ted started looking for a new job. He attempted to get two guard F-16's from Fresno to sit alert here with no luck. I'll bring him back to the squadron and make him an IBO finally.

MSgt (Sel) Marco "C.B.C." Defelice - Marco finally broke into the top 3 and is keeping a low profile till his line number arrives. On his way to Stan/Eval to be a chief head-hunter.

MSgt (Sel) Tina "Ms Dave" Wallace - Tina left the wing and is currently employed with Chris Burkhart at 15th current ops. Tina and Dave are about to become the newest parents any day now. Now lets see; nine months ago was Desert Sheild, or was it Desert Storm?

TSgt Richard Shipman - Rick is so quiet there's not much dirt to spread. Just a solid all-around boom you can count on when needed. I probably need to get on the road with Rick a little more.

TSgt Jay "Cool Breeze" Davis - Jay's a brand-new IBO, flight commanders boom/scheduler. I let this guy take a student from Pitch Black (down under) to Mildenhall and Jay couldn't be found for three days.

TSgt Steve "Potato Head" Kleman - Don't ask me, but Steve is another of my flight commanders boom in charge of scheduling the troops for all good deals. Steve is reported to be the only boom in history to have an application rejected by three dating services. Keep tryin Steve!

TSgt Sherry "Down Under" Bryan - Her handle says it all. Sherry continues to hold down the wing scheduling post. We havn't seen much of her since her memorable trip down under. Last seen at the Australian Embassy in L.A. inquiring about residency requirements. Oh My!

TSgt Joe "Chow Hound" Surovy - Joe is one hell of a TEN boom, but wants back in the 135 so bad he's even mailed a resume to the Altus chow hall program manager. Says he eats so much because he needs lots of muscle fuel; but we all know he has a 32 foot tape worm - yuck!

TSgt Roger "Easy Rider" Dumaine - Another IBO in training. Roger was recently selected to compete for NCO of the Quarter but failed miserably when he met the board in class A leather instead of blues.

SSgt Rodney "Mr Enable" Bennett - Rodney continues to be the fear of DOV; has 10 kills in 10 attempts during BOT/Flight checks - or something like that. Is a victim of his own computer programming skills. Reportedly cannot go TDY because nobody can unscrambel (his) programs.

SSgt Billie "B Square" Black - Billie continues to hold the fort at DOV (the real S-001 boom). Been nominated for STEP 16 times with absolutely no success (wrong AFSC Bill). His wife is out of school now and B-square is in the process of obtaining every toy he could never afford previously.

SSgt Dave "Psycho" Pileski - Although Dave still doesn't know how to navigate a golf cart, he has worked his way into training flight. He's just biding time till the next DOV slot opens because to Dave, payback is hell dude.\

SSgt Tony "Still got an attitude" Ceraolo - Actually Tony is mellowing out after deciding to make this business a career. A light came on inside when the CC started laughing at his reenlistment RIP. Tony is seriously one of the most technically competent booms in the business. Reports surfaced from Diego that he experienced a religious experience or something.

SSgt Greg "Mongo" Warren - Mongo was last seen playing golf in Guam and Iwakuni. Still insists that if you cut the corner on a drive, you technically can drive the ball 465 yards. Sounds good to me!

SSgt Jack "Acid Man" Lemons - Jack is one of only two booms having a personal acid fumes elimination checklist. Still tries to convince safety officers that battery acid inside jets is no big deal.

SSgt James "O.B." O'Brien - Jim contends that if you occupy his seat, you better know how to monitor altitudes, radios, and traffic avoidance; colonel or general, it doesn't matter. Thinks tact is something horses wear! When you need a devil's advocate, Jim's your man.

SSgt Jack "Mr. Canopy" Fortner - Still swears to this day that all F-4 pilots pull the A/R hydraulic cb's when the pucker factor is high.

SSgt Jeff "I can do that" Harp - When the chips are down, Jeff is the man that's always willing to help. However, I was forced to conduct a counseling session after discovering Jeff wandering the streets of his home town with EP study questions in his hands. Still distraught at the prospect of never seeing his beloved Clarke AB again.

SSgt Larry "Get me outa supply" Hudnut - We've been real busy churning out instructors and Larry is one of our finest products; and everyone that knows the hudmonster will agree. The only boom seriously give B-square competition for STEP inputs.

SSgt Randy "Dial Tone" Johnson - The only boom to own his personal WATS line. The secretary of Defense reportedly presented this personal line with the understanding that Randy not use the Autovon. Owns a 60 volume desk reference set of worldwide base directories.

SSgt Peppy "Cajun" Glaze - Peppy continues to plug away at wing scheduling. An acknowledged expert in tanker activity reporting and business efforts to New Orleans NAS.

Sgt Dan "BAM BAM" Elam - Congradulations to Dan and Cinnamon as the newest parents in the Sq. Dan was the other acid spill boom at Guam. Both these guys send thank you cards to Travis APS each X-mas.

SRA Able "I know that" Saenz - FNG from Castle. Able realized real quick that the cargo business is an eye-opener. His standard reply is "they didn't teach me that"; but his douglas instructor has a different story. He'll be an asset to any program.

TSgt Bob "Chicken head" Christopher - Retired 1 Oct 91. Bob was reported to have lost thousands of dollars covering Dallas bets over the past 5 years. Too bad they are comin around dude!



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
384TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (H) (SAC)  
MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, KANSAS 67221-5000



REPLY TO  
ATTN. OF: CCF

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

1. Greetings from the boom operators at McConnell AFB. Our boom operators are a young and highly dedicated professional force.
2. Their performance during DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM was phenomenal.
3. The 384th AREFS is a great squadron and the area offers the big city comforts of Wichita. If you like B-1 air refueling, this the place to be.
4. Here is a list of our players:


SMSgt Steve Miller - Chief Boom, enjoying his 2 year old son, drives an old red Volare' Super Coupe  
MSgt Ken Schmelzle - Pad Dad, negotiating with MPC for an E-8 stripe  
MSgt Stan Sears - S-101, loves soft alert, negotiating for a new job  
TSgt Ray Willis - Scheduling, begs to fly once a month, if your car needs fixing, take it to Ray!  
TSgt John Harris - Training Flight, selected for Castle to become a CCTS instructor in June, wants CMSgt below the zone  
SSgt Clint Reed - Cargo Loading Manager, shaved his mustache  
SSgt Mike Rollins - Preparing for CFIC, has an assignment to Kadena in December  
SSgt W.T. Moore - S102, Has cute twin girls, part time TDY barber  
SSgt Eric Nimke - Good seamstress, DESERT STORM war hero  
Sgt Joe Barry - NCO of the Quarter, former Crew Chief, doing well  
Sgt Nick Burney - Squadron body shop repair man, house blown away by tornado  
Sgt Lonny Hall - DESERT STORM war hero, next in line for Stan Eval  
Sgt Kevin Langholz - DESERT STORM war hero  
SrA Lisa Jankovsky - DESERT STORM war hero, got her bachelor's degree  
Sgt Bobby Chambers - Extended, selected for CFIC, got married  
SrA Doug Altimari - Sleepy, still single, good Air Guard candidate  
SrA Brad Harden - Working on his private pilot's license, wants to be an Air Force pilot, lifts weights  
A1C Derek Staden - Stealth boom, proud papa  
A1C Roger Koppes - DESERT STORM war hero, still single  
A1C Dan Purdy - DESERT STORM war hero, engaged  
A1C John Tucker - Quiet, wears GQ glasses, doing well  
A1C Loren Will - Assistant CLT manager, computer programmer, Amn of the Quarter, remarried  
A1C Bart Jordan - Got married, PME "Levitow Award" winner  
A1C Russ Gordon - DESERT STORM war hero  
A1C Tony Aparicio - Baby boom, roller skates 35 MPH in 25 MPH zones  
AMN Dennis Struve - Baby boom, can't wait to go TDY anywhere; anytime

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5. We had to say good-bye to SMSgt Gene Harris who retired in January. He's a full-time student at Wichita State, also TSgt Ray Templeton retired in May and is kept busy doing yard work by his wife Paulette. He wants to go fishing and get hired by Boeing. Thanks guys for the many years of professional service.
6. If you're ever at McConnell drop by and say hello, especially you boomers from Robins. Fly safe!

  
GEORGE S. MILLER, SMSgt, USAF  
Inflight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 5TH WING (SAC)  
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REPLY TO 906 DOT (SSgt Mozur)  
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO All Boomers

Hello to all you Boomers from the 906th Booms here at Minot Airplane Patch in North Dakota. It has been a busy fifteen months for all of us. From us, we would first like to thank all of the rest of you for a job very very well done! Boomers again proved we do, do it better! A special thanks also goes out to you guys and girls at the Forks and at Castle for a super smooth cargo loading operation during both Desert Shield and Desert Storm. A special thanks for those of you who spent most of your time in the sandbox.

Up here we are getting ready for what may be a somewhat "modified" Phase I ORI. (Due 21 Oct91) Whith all the draw down of the Alert Force it should be interesting to see what the inspection will be like.

We have been participating in a few exercises since the war in the desert such as Giant Warrior in Guam, and Pitch Black 91 at RAAF Darwin, Austrailia. We had a good time and hope to get back soon.

In the last year we have gained some new Booms and lost some old heads. Welcome to our new booms:

1. Sgt Chris Sidoli - Just returned from his first ETTF "Said he had a blast"
2. SSGT Kevin Watton - Kevin made Tech and just returned from his first ATTF.
3. A1C Ricky Recaido - Ricky is looking for a wife named Lucy, also just returned from ATTF

Now for our really new baby booms:

A1C Alecia Hale - Went Down Under to Austrailia and thought F-111's were really "Cool".

A1C Hannah Watson - Just certified after the alert pad closed.

Amn Jennifer Lord - Certified with Hannah and wanted to pull alert.

Amn Joe Morenski - Joe is still inprocessing. He is on easy street.

Goodby and good luck to the old heads.

MSgt Dave Kaminski - Dave returned from the Desert, got married, and retired to Indiana. Good luck!

TSgt Ron Daugherty - Ron retired back to the Castle area. Super guy, best of luck.

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Sgt Sean Martin - Left for the KC-10 reserve at Seymour. Best of luck Butch.

SrA Felicia Anderson - Also went to Seymour to fly the KC-10. Muchas Gracias Felicia.

SrA Heather Loudon Cawhern - Unfortunately Heather got medically grounded, and we will miss her flying, for she is a sweetheart.

#### Boomer Line Up

IRPM - IB SMSgt Al Bekkerus  
Just came to us from Grand Forks. Can't figure why he waited to move cross state. Must of been to return to the last of the water wagons.

S151 - EB SSgt Larry Townsend  
Retiring next year, and we will miss him.

S152 - EB SSgt Steve Klinkhammer  
Steve is still mellow after all these years.

S153 - EB SSgt Steve Yavornitzki - Steve made Tech and burned up the test.  
Wants to go back to Castle, but where will that be?

R161 - IB Sgt Mark Reuter  
The younger half of our Reuter brothers. Mark's a great guy and a damn good boom.

R162 - A1C Ricky Recaido  
Just back from leave in Colorado, on a rocky mountain high.

R163 - A1C Frank Gianni  
Got married to a lovely lady, still looking for a UPT slot.

R164 - IB MSgt Don Hale  
Don's having fun now setting himself up for retirement.

R165 - Amn Jennifer Lord  
Jennifer is one of the new kids on the block.

R166 - SrA Kriston Stagmaier  
Also got married, still calm, cool, and collected.

R167 - IB Sgt Jeff Murphy  
Jeff is looking for an assignment, just doesn't know where yet.

R171 - IB Carl Seaberry  
Carl is now marketing his own barbecue sauce. Best of luck Carl!

R172 - SSgt Kevin Watton  
Kevin's a quiet guy but does he ever study those books!

R173 - IB SrA Jody Riggs  
Jody got married and went to CFIC in the same month. Now they're expecting a little boomer.

R174 - A1C Howard Nast  
Howie just keeps plugging along, always seems to be happy.

R175 - SrA Tyler McElhaney  
Tyler gets out in December to PCS. Best of luck Tyler!

R176 - SrA Bryan Sellman  
Bryan is up at the ATTF now, giving the ladies a break.

R177 - A1C Alecia Hale  
Alecia is getting ready for a ATTF trip. We've got to find her some night fighters first.

R181 - SrA Steve Dolan  
Stevie is one of our resident hockey players. No damage yet.

R182 - SrA John Asselton  
Johnny Boom is always looking for another PTF.

R183 - A1C Hannah Watson  
Hannah is another new one on the block. Good job Jay!

R184 - Sgt Chris Sidoli  
Sid came to us from MMS. Great guy and a good boom.

R185 - SrA Jason Graff  
Jason just got married too. He deserved it after the desert.

R186 - IB MSgt Mickey Miller  
Mickey is getting ready to retire to the Spokane area. He should run for Mayor of Airway Heights.

Scheduling - IB SSgt Ken Bowerman  
Ken made Tech and is our ground scheduler. He has got us a good repore with hospital folks.

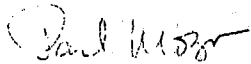
Scheduling - IB TSgt Jeff Reuter  
Our older Reuter brother. Jeff made MSgt and is one of our flight schedulers.


Scheduling - IB TSgt Sargent  
Jeff is our other flight scheduler and a real hockey fanatic.

DO26 - IB MSgt Don Rundle  
Don just lost his job, but while he had it he was a great Pad Dad.

Training Flight - IB SSgt Paul Mozur  
Came back from PTF and was suprised as hell. Enjoying the job.

Thats all for now. Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

  
Paul Mozur SSgt, USAF  
Training Flight

  
Al Bekkerus SMSgt, USAF  
IRPM



FROM: 133 AREFS

Oct 91

SUBJECT: Boom Signal 1991

TO: All Boom Operators

Hello to all Boom Operators everywhere, from the New Hampshire Air National Guard.

If there's one thing we can count on it's change, with you and I seeing plenty this year! The 133rd is braced and prepared for more transition just around the corner.

Our transformation to a stand alone unit went smoothly as we bid farewell to the 509th BMW. Rumors abound as to what commercial companies will share the base facilities. Airbus of Germany seems a likely candidate. Cargo shippers may take up residence...your guess is as good as ours. Anyway, best wishes to all our former 509th neighbors where ever you are.

This past year the NH Guard flew a diverse amount of TDYs...from strip alert in Iceland to supporting exercises in Europe. We participated in airshows across the U.S., Scotland, the Azores, and at the rate the world is changing, we may be setting up a static display in Red Square.

Of course none will forget our vacations from civilian jobs as we were activated for the Persian Gulf War. We should all be proud of the sacrifices, efforts, and the incredible mission we accomplished supporting the war, whether at home station or in the Gulf. Quite the team...thanks to all!

In the spring of 91 we moved into our new Alert facility, hired new controllers, and extra Security Police. The facility was great! Windows in the bedrooms, clean, fresh air, double kitchen, gymnasium, and exterior landscaping...who could ask for more? Yes sir that's right. We got it! No more alert! Talk about change and the end of an era. What's next?

The 133rd is preparing for the SAC IG and 3909 SAES (affectionately known as Sassafrass) teams in the coming spring. This should prove interesting with the current restructuring of the Air Force. Will SAC exist?

What is certain about the future, is that this time next year we will see the retirements of two of our most knowledgeable Booms...CMS Doucet and MSGT Gagne. Give them a call to wish them well as we surely do.

Well it's time to introduce our team:

## TECHNICIANS / INSTRUCTORS

**CMS MAURICE DOUCET** - Retiring with nearly 42 years in the service and close to three years worth of flying hours. He recently had a chance to refuel his son, an F16 pilot, in Alaska. Best of luck "Duke", "You'll be alright!"

**SMS RAY RICHARDSON** - Did such a great job at the Guard Bureau, upon his return he was moved from Stan Eval to Scheduling...GREAT!!! More golfing TDYs.

**SMS DAVE FROHLICH** - Since the 509th left, Dave organized and maintains the 157th Passenger Service. Although his favorite job is Cargo Load Training..

**MSGT BOB LOUGEE** - Decided not to retire after all. He's our newest instructor and still keeps the scheduling office on it's toes. He also took the women's softball team to top honors.

**MSGT STEVE MORGAN** - Reassigned to Stan Eval from Scheduling where we know he'll do a great job. The man also knows how to throw a good party.

**MSGT CARL SNEIRSON** - Keeps the Training Section in top shape. He also manages our emergency "Breakaway Fund". Need a T-shirt? Patch? Sweatshirt?

## AGRS

**TSGT MIKE BLANDINA** - Recently graduated from the NCO Academy. Mike's our computer specialist and Tactics expert.

**TSGT DENIS BOUCHER** - Started a trend with NH Boomers this year. Denis is expecting his first child. Congratulations. He also had a close encounter with Hurricane Bob.

**TSGT KELLY PHILBRICK** - More congratulations due to Kelly. He's also patiently waiting for fatherhood. Presently upgrading to instructor, and is our publications expert.

**PART - TIMERS** (Traditional Guardsmen)

**MSGT DICK ELLIS** - Dick's our resident architect. Working on plans for some of our new facilities and especially our all ranks club.

**MSGT BOB GAGNE** - We'll be missing him this time next year when he retires. He'll keep plenty busy though as he and his wife own a Kindergarten, and a Nursery school. He also works for the Post Office...some retirement...best wishes Bob!

**TSGT JOHN LENNON** - Our ghost boomer, and workaholic. He's got so many jobs he can't find the time for the bash he promised us.

**TSGT MARC ST. CYR** - Mr. Gin and Tonic makes the big bucks with Public Service of NH. Still searching for his dog "Stain".

**TSGT DARYL PETTIS** - Still expecting after all these years. Which one is it this time...4, 5, 6? Congratulations!

**TSGT GLENN SENECHAL** - Another baby on the way also, man are we good "OR WHAT!" Glen works for the Post Office also. Congratulations on your second.

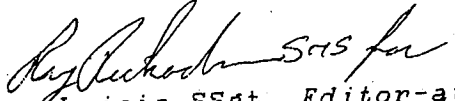
**SSGT MARK GIOVANNETTONE** - started school this fall at a local university. "Gino" assisted in the establishment of our computerized pubs program.

**SSGT JOHN GIBB** - About to get his Bachelors Degree in Sports Medicine...good job! As always having fun fighting off the women.

**SSGT DAVE LAJOIE** - Stroking it as usual...his paint brush that is. He's a free lance artist looking for a rich woman to support his habit.

**SSGT ELAINA D'ORTO** - Congratulations to Elaina on her recent marriage...best of luck for the future. Elaina is a toolmaker at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Well that's it folks. If your in the area, stop by for a visit. Call us at AV 852-2452.

  
Dave Lajoie, SSgt, Editor-at-Large



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
2D AIRBORNE COMMAND AND CONTROL SQUADRON (SAC)  
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REPLY TO  
ATTN. OF:

2 ACCS/DOFB (DSN 271-5513)

15 Oct 91

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the "Looking Glass" boom operators.
2. We, as well as the rest of the world, have gone through many changes since the last signal input. We have gone from flying the "Glass" around the clock to flying the "Glass" once a day at random times. Now we are no longer flying the "Glass" on weekends or holidays. Amazing, what next? We're still pulling alert though. All total the "Glass" was airborne 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, for 29 years.
3. We played a small but necessary part during Operation Desert Storm/Shield, consisting of flying weekly Desert Express missions in our sole KC-135E from Offutt to Riyadh and back, supporting the RC-135's deployed from our wing. The final tally was 117 sorties flown which included hauling over 1 million lbs of cargo and over 3 thousand pax by just one airplane.
4. Here is the 2 ACCS lineup:
  - MSgt Dave Ballard - Program Manager.
  - MSgt Glenn Murdaugh - Alert Facility Manager.
  - MSgt Terry Ross - Training Flight.
  - TSgt Andy LaCasse - NCOIC Scheduling.
  - Sgt Fran Nicholson - Scheduling.
  - S-101 MSgt John Basso, PCS to Riyadh in Nov.
  - S-102 SSgt Steve Winston, glad to be back in the boom field.
  - S-103 Sgt Tony Nicholson.
  - E-104 MSgt Russ Adams, "A" Flight IBO.
  - R-105 Sgt John Knight.
  - R-106 Sgt Robert Jepson.

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R-107 A1C Greg Wilson, newly wed.

R-108 Amn Tony Harland.

E-109 TSgt Dave Pelzer, "B" Flight IBO.

E-110 A1C Wayne Keiser, new father.

R-111 SSgt Rod Targos.

R-112 Sgt Debbie Worth.

Sgt Tim Treinen - Spare, in training also glad to be back in the boom feild.

5. 55 WG/DO23 Command Support Aircraft (CSA) Division lineup:

TSgt George Collins - NCOIC.

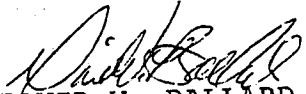
SSgt Don Anderson - Stan/Eval.

SSgt Bryan Barthlow - Training Flight.

6. 55 WG/CCK Command Crew Division:

MSgt Sze Tom.

7. If you're passing through Offutt stop in and see us! We will be glad to show you what an EC-135 looks like inside or just to BS.

  
DAVID W. BALLARD, MSgt, USAF  
Inflight Refueling Program Manger



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 380TH AIR REFUELING WING (SAO)  
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REPLY TO  
ATTN OF:

TK/689-6615

1 November 1991

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal Input

TO: BAF/DOIT (Chief Richardson)

1. A hearty "hello" from the base next to the sixth Great Lake. Mikey and I were sitting around the pickle barrel at the AGS (Altona General Store) reminiscing about how busy the past year has been. We are glad to hear everybody survived the Southwest Asian Wargames. We saw a lot of super booms come through here and Moron. We still see a few now and then on our Coronet East missions.
2. Sorry we missed everybody last year, but we were in the process of moving from Pease and establishing the operation at the "Burgh." As those who have passed through here can attest, we have some really nice office space, thanks to the 380 CES--and we do some really mean mission packages. But seriously, we did have a hand in expediting the movement of fighters and tankers even though most of the officer planners were deployed. Wonders will never cease, eh?
3. Since our initial operational date of Feb 90, the Tanker Task Force has moved 718 fighters and 477 tankers to and from Europe and other super locations. We even supply a GO HOME trip-tik to those redeploying through P'burgh. In addition, the Air Passenger Terminal has processed over 15,000 Space-A passengers since Feb 90. That doesn't include any of the Desert Storm/Shield duty-pax.
4. For those -135 types who are not aware, IMC 91-1 to SACR 55-12, Vol I states: "Anytime more than ten passengers are carried and/or when infants and handicapped individuals are carried, an emergency escape slide is mandatory." With Space-A travel being one of our last remaining benefits, it would help if the boom could insure a slide is put on board prior to deployment. Just remember; we will all benefit from helping those retired and active duty passengers take advantage of one of our last bennies! Also, take a look at SACR 400-4 and check your aircraft for proper configuration items, i.e., corner braces, airline seats, POKs and LPUs. We also suggest you keep the crew and crew chief baggage separate from any pax bags going to the UK. MAG Passenger Service will download all pax baggage and take it to the MAG Terminal. If your bags are in their bin, you'll be picking up your bags there.
4. In conclusion, if you're ever in the area, stop by the Tanker Task Force and say, "Hi!" If you're on your way to Europe or heading home, let us know and we'll do a deployment or redeployment package complete with winded flight plans, charts, and other forms necessary for the safe completion of your mission. Hope to see you all at the 1992 Boom Symposium in March.

*Vincent B. Ruck, Jr.*  
VINCENT B. RUCK, JR., SMSgt, USAF  
Chief, TTF Air Refueling Operations

*Michael K. Prieskorn*  
MICHAEL K. PRIESKORN, MSgt, USAF  
Manager, TTF Air Refueling Operations

Greetings from SAC's best kept secret! People who leave always come back. ETRF is now fully operational, thanks to the good work of Vince and Mike. Everything is going well. Change is still a constant here in New York. Wayne Ellis, in from Lake Charles, LA, is in the Wing Boom position and doing a great job! Steve Bacon has retired as our beloved Pad Dad and is now the 310th NCOIC. Jim Hammaker still in charge in the 380th. Don Fischer is S-101 and his 20 will be up this spring. The rumor control at Plattsburgh has declassified the following!

Wing Boom SMSgt Wayne Ellis keeping on top with the help of the President of the Enlisted Spouses' Club.

310 NCOIC MSgt Steve Bacon; Yes 310 "NCOIC" or should that be First Sergeant. Still complaining about giving up the pad but adjusting well!

380 NCOIC MSgt Jim Hammaker "Diamond Jim" our personal war hero kept a tight ship around KIA.

S-101 TSgt Don Fischer or should we say "Crusher"! In charge till spring, thanks for all the work, good luck on the outside!

S-102 SSGT Bob Johnson PBJ is now married and off the bus to Montreal.

S-110 Sgt John Pullen Back from CFIC and now married

R-111 A1C Bryan Smith squadron artist

R-112 A1C Sandi Akins just in from Castle and always smiling.

R-113 A1C Darin Coash in from Castle and already part of the crowd.

R-114 SrA Dan "Stinky" Teachy doing a good job

E-120 Sgt Roy Whittaker back from CFIC and enjoying a TDY at this time! -----

R-121 SSGT Tony Jones cross trained and got married.

R-122 SrA Eric Prince doing a fine job as Capt Jean Luke Pillard of the Star Ship Enterprise.

R-123 A1C Eddie Estagin (Sperz) a new comer and is doing a fine job

R-124 A1C Tim Estep "Right on Slide Slope"!

R-130 Sgt Gordo Ringler completed CFIC and now has a job in training flight

R-131 SSGT Tim Clark one of our newest who cross trained into this field.

R-132 AIC J.D. Harston (Junior Deputy) -- Doing well and has hopes for a KC-10.

R-133 SrA Eddie Schneider doing a good job keeping the ladies happy.

R-134 SrA Brian Hughes plans on living the good life in Florida as a civilian!

S-151 MSgt Robert Morales doing a great job in Stan/Bval He's doing all he can to change the boom world.

S-152 SSgt Richard Kozak; he already has a family wagon and I think he hears wedding bells in his future.

E-160 Sgt Junior Brown the man is back in action and should be going to Seymour Johnson.

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R-161 AIC Larry "Love" Henderson doing all he can to get women in his Love Shack.

R-162 AIC Todd McPeak (Flounder) a new boom who has a new friend that lives at the NGOIC's house.

R-163 AIC Kathy Hoffman star performer gonna go a long way.

R-164 AIC Gregg Holt got his wife pregnant to prove he really is a man.

E-170 Sgt Dave Nicholas our newest addition to the instructor force. He will undoubtedly do a superb job.

R-171 AIC Ken Tisdell (Kenny G) "Vote yes for Jobs"!

R-172 SrA Law Davis; doing a fine job and plans to separate in January.

R-173 AIC Sean Gardner "High school in session"!!

R-174 Ann Mike Mendoza, just ask Mike.

E-180 SrA Franky Acosta "ETTF Golden Gloves Champion"!

R-181 AIC John Wygmans - Found a new friend, Boner.

R-182 AIC Clayton Izumi has twins in the oven.

R-183 AIC Jason Beauchamp "Back 6, Back 8".

R-184 SSgt Tim Ballentine new cross trainee, acting dorm manager.

### Spares

Sgt Terri Santoro hatched another little girl.

TSgt Jim Phelps in from CFIC and doing a fine job and already on his second TDY.

SRA Natasha Barton "Too bad guys, she finally did it" Natasha Bamberger is married.

A1C Stacey Tansits aka Stacey Black. Baby boom or crew chief coming soon.

MSGT Steve Burkish ~~keeping the schedule rolling.~~

SSgt Tim Gemshlem looking up to weebles as a father figure.

MSGT Joe Baka "Pad Dad" trying to keep the cob webs from setting in.

Ann Matt Cooper just in and a fine example of Castle's hard work.

SSgt Dennis O'Grady "The distinguished one", more grey hairs are coming in every day. Leading training flight with the help of a rhino.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 19TH AIR REFUELING WING (SAC)  
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, GEORGIA 31098-6004

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 99/912 AREFS (Boom Operators)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boomers

1. Hello to all boom operators from the land of the Georgia Peach (some with legs). The weather sure has been great for flying. The past year was a busy one with Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Desert Express. The war turned a lot of our young boomers into seasoned veterans. As for now we are keeping busy with CTF, ATTF, ETTF, PTF and of course the desert (SA), all keep us hopping!!!

2. INBOUNDS: A1C Jose Cervantes

3. OUTBOUNDS:

Sgt Tim Stein - College grad off to North Carolina.

Sgt Tim Fowler - (AKA T.F. "MULLET HEAD") another to "fall" for the KC-10. We'll miss him.. and especially his boat.

Sgt Jeff Kelly - Off to Colorado.

SrA Bob Buccino - Off to the McGuire guard.

SrA Dwight Lucas - The war "Palace Chased" him to the reserves with his new bride.

4. RETIREES IN THE AREA:

R. L. ANDERSON  
BIBB BAILEY  
TEX BRANTLEY  
BILL BROWN  
HUBERT COOPER  
HOLLIS DEWBERRY  
ROSS EATON  
DOUG FORBIS  
ED GAINES  
GENE GANNON  
ROYCE GEE  
DAVID GIBSON  
BOB HAAG  
DON HANES  
HARRY HARRIS

CHUCK HEATH  
BOBBIE HENNINGS  
BILL JACKSON  
EUGENE JAMES  
CLARENCE KING  
JIM KRIENAST  
BILLY MANDERS  
JORGE MANGUAL  
JAMES MARSHALL  
BILL McDONALD  
JIM MILLER  
MARVIN MILLER  
JIM NISWENDER  
RUSSELL NEWMAN  
DON ODOM

JACK PARSONS  
RON PENNINGTON  
ALLEN POWELL  
ERNIE PUBANZ  
JOHN REALMUTTO  
RON RODGERS  
JACK SCOTT  
BOBBIE SIKES  
GIL SWITZER  
JULIAN THOMPSON  
RICHARD TURNER  
BOB WINGATE  
HOUSER WHITE  
BOB WYATT

912th Lineup:

SMSgt Sam Hunt (YODA) - Still the top boom of the 19th AREFW. He's ready for chief.

S-101 MSgt Angel Rodriguez - Recently pinned on his 6th stripe. Still the "Angel of Death".

S-102 TSgt (MSgt sel) Tony Compton - Our newest E-7. Always in Stan Eval.

R-110 SRA Gregg Clark - Haven't seen him since he got married.

R-111 A1C Jim Dudgeon - The "DUD" enjoys Robins when he's here.

R-112 SSgt Jesus Lopez - Zeus "Don't touch that dial."

R-113 Sgt Ken Crowe - Just brought one out of the hangar. Daniel is "liberated."

E-114 SRA Erik Murray - Terrorizing the local lakes with his new boat.

E-120 A1C Chris Whatley - New kid on the block, with one in the hangar.

E-121 Sgt (SSgt sel) Gary "Cookie" Cook - TDY to Robins. Just made E-5 and still thinks he can drogue refuel.

R-122 SSgt Eric Hudnall - Also a new daddy. He craves quality time at home.

R-124 SSgt (TSgt sel) Scotty Bradshaw - A new boom with a lot goin on. Look out for this guy!!

E-130 SRA Joe Reed (aka Jobie-One-Knobi) - Recent CFIC grad. Look out new kids, Joe's "hungry".

R-131 A1C Tom Rice (aka Jeri Curl, Rice Rice Baby.) Still continues his assault on the female species. Look out!!

R-132 Sgt Chris Hague (aka Hague Mack) - The family man is ready for CFIC (Certified Father In Charge)!!

R-133 SRA Chris Kosik (aka Cos, Kojak, Cosmik, C.T.B.C., Cowboy) Just made E-4. Served 210 days in "The Show". A "Goodfella."

R-134 A1C Damon Nelson (aka The Omen, Damien, Diesel) - Got good OJT in Saudi. Not a bad guy for a Californian. "Wants to be made".

99 AREFS Lineup:

MSgt Milt Barnwell - Milt always goes a mile a minute. Doin a great job, if you can find him "you've won".

S-151 TSgt (MSGT sel) Kevin Metz (aka Spike, Poopey Butt) - The #1 selectee AF-wide for master. Good job Spike!!

S-152 SSgt Jeff Potter - The Hammer. It's hard to believe somebody smiles in Stan Eval.

S-160 SrA Brad Ragan - Below-the-Zone recipient. He still thinks he can golf.

R-161 SSgt Mike Brannan - TDY to Robins. "The Phantom".

R-162 SrA Steve Nalbandian (aka Hollywood) - Soon to hand down his kingdom in May. "Fly's by the seat of his pants". 1st to be a "Goodfella".

R-163 A1C Brad Boland - "Cheeto" he learned his job the old fashioned way - he deployed to Saudi. Wants to be a "made" boomer.

R-164 SrA Shane Sanders - Still the kingpin of video love. Soon to retire.

R-170 A1C Joe Gellis - New kid on the block.

R-171 SSgt Steve Johnson (aka Spalding) - He can refuel anything you can fly.

R-172 Amn Dicky Hunt - Just in to take over for his old man. Big shoes to fill, but dicky wears a 12.

E-173 Sgt Brian Ennis - Has the sweetest new truck in town. Soon as he can open the door he'll enjoy it. CFIC grad.

R-174 SrA John T. Biggs - Another B.T.Z. recipient. A good boom with a new car, we can't get him to stop laughing.

E-180 Sgt Mike Steinkraus "SUBA" - Formerly known as the Sky Nazi. CFIC bound. Lookout rambo, suba will "whack" you -- another "Goodfella".

E-181 SrA Dustin McMillan (aka D-MAC, D-MAC) - CFIC grad. Just popped the question. We will miss him. He will always be our "Rain Man" always a "Goodfella".

R-182 Sgt Eric Moyer (aka Eriqye Moiyay) - Off to be a GUCCI boy in December. Lookout Goldberg!!

R-183 A1C John Ketcham - Nice new guy who just got married, beat a bust, stay tuned.



R-184 SrA Mike Hammond - 200+ days at the show -- "There's a new sheriff in town and his name is Reggie Hammond".

S-191 Sgt Doug Evans (aka Hooters) "Mon Now" he's cashing in his bachelor status but keeping his ski boat - nice work!! Senior boom in CENTCOM

S-192 Sgt Red Pullet (aka Red Snapper) - Co-emperor of the dorms. Parties so much his room is called "Club Red". Now in CENTCOM seeing the world.... again.

#### TRAINING FLIGHT:

MSgt John Pettis - "Steppin Out". Just got stepped to E-7. "You will not find a finer boomer anywhere in SAC.. or TAC".

MSgt Al Boothby - " King Kronenbourg" New ambassador to France. Needs skiing lessons though

#### CARGO LOAD TRAINER:

SSgt (TSgt sel) Nick Price - Our cargo expert... He still can build, fix, clean paint anything you can dish out.

#### SCHEDULING:

TSgt John Bodenhamer - If you're looking for trouble you've come to the right person.

TSgt Jim Garland - You can't find him unless there's a computer near.

SSgt Tim Qualls - One of the finest exboomers you want to meet -- he will be missed. Off to be one of those agents (OSI)

#### ALERT FACILITY:

MSgt Rick Reed - Looking for a JOB!!!

#### SPARES:

SRA Michelle Pape - Just brought one out of the hangar.

AIC Kim Robinson - Just in from CCTS.



## WISCONSIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HEADQUARTERS 128TH AIR REFUELING GROUP (ANG)  
GENERAL MITCHELL IAP 1919 EAST GRANGE AVENUE  
MILWAUKEE WI 53207-6199

REFLY TO  
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: The Booms

1. Greetings from the Badger State Boomers. During the past year we in Milwaukee have been busy at home, and around the world.
2. Things started heating up in early August, when many of us were notified early in the morning and found ourselves at Moron AB, Spain that same evening. Little did we know this would be our longest summer camp ever!!! DESERT STORM! For here all our AFTP's Drills, and weeknight refuelings were put to the test. Moron was only the beginning, from there we moved farther East to join forces with the Jeddah TTF.
3. In late December we found ourselves a new home, Cairo West, Egypt. We teamed up with the 141st WAANG from Spokane, WA, to fly, refuel, and make the best of it. In the next few months we all gained valuable experience, from our senior booms, to our newest baby boom. Our efforts payed off, after all was said and done we accomplished what we set out to do. Every receiver scheduled plus a few extra got their gas, 100% MISSION EFFECTIVENESS. It was a great team effort.
4. Back on the home front we have seen many changes as well. From our leadership, to new booms and new airplanes. In the last few months Chief Floyd L. Polzin, and the Senior Sqd. Boom "Herbie from Milwaukee" Kieferndorf have retired. With these retirements our average age has descended to 41 years. Chief Polzin amassed over 11,000 hours in the air in his 28 years as a boom. This won't keep Chief Polzin from his Vegas trips, but will give him more time to hunt. Not to be outdone "Herbie from Milwaukee" acquired over 6500 hours while maintaining a full-time civilian job. Not bad for a traditional guardsman. We wish them much success in the future, and will miss their experience and expertise.
5. Congratulations to our new Head boom SMSgt Richard Harvey. Richard brings over 9,000 hours in the air, and 29 years boom experience to his new position. He started out in the KC-97, and transitioned to the KC-135 A, E and is now leading us into the R's. On top of that he is our oldest ski bum and Great Lakes sailor.

This is the current line up here in Milwaukee:

SMSgt Lee Cornell - Stan/Eval, Air Tech, EBO/IBO. With over 20 years, 6,000 hours Lee keeps us on our toes. His computer wizardry keeps all of OPS running smoothly.

SMSgt Ron Puzia - Also known as "RAS NASRANI" since the gulf war, is our new senior Squadron Boom. Congratulations on the promotion.

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- MSgt Gerry Nelson - Heads the Boom training section. As the experienced booms retire, Gerry works with the younger booms to replace the retirees, this is no problem for him with over 9,500 hours, and 33 years flying.
- MSgt John Famularo - Air Tech, IBO and the man with many, many jobs. He is happy that he is no longer the Alert facility supervisor, now he can spend more time instructing.
- MSgt Terry Sands - Air Tech, Scheduler, just after completing 20 years as a boom reported to DESERT STORM to gain a little more experience.
- MSgt Ray Fassett - After 30 years as a Boom Operator, and traditional Guardsman, Ray remains very active with the unit. He is rapidly approaching 5,000 hours.
- MSgt Roger Steckhan - IBO, Guardsman, another one of our 20+ Boomers, and topnotch instructors. Roger runs his own business, and spends as much time as possible in Northern Wisconsin. Lately he talks more about tractors than airplanes.
- MSgt Cliff Klingbeil - Guardsman, with 20 plus years, and nearing the 5,000 hour mark. Works full time with Wisconsin State Patrol, Cliff knows how to handle a High-speed Boom.
- MSgt Bob Kowalski - Guard-bum, Retired State Employee, works hard at triple dipping. Still feels he's the new kid on the block, even with 21 years boom experience.
- TSgt George Snamiske - Civilian Evacuee, otherwise known as AGR. Just moved his permanent office from Alert shack to where his desk now faces the Chief's (is he worried about the AGR force?)
- TSgt Dean Dachenbach - Our only veteran of two Wars as a Boom Operator. Dean says \$10 went a lot further during the Vietnam War.
- TSgt Dave Eddy - Guardsman with a "real job", prefers spending his free time hunting and fishing. Dave said it was great seeing his son catch his first 37" Muskie.
- TSgt Robert Derrick - Recently AGR, Robert is our newest Air Tech, and Evaluator. If timing is everything, Robert has it all.
- TSgt Mark Lipinski - Guardsman and Full-time Fire fighter with the city. Mark has one of the most compatible jobs with boom operating.
- TSgt Steve Schweiss - AGR, recently promoted, and off to instructor school. Steve has diligently been working on Awards & Decs, so far we haven't seen any, but were not impatient.

- SSgt Don Harvey - Guard-bum set out to see the World, been to many overseas locations, Europe, and the Far East. Looking for Australia next. See you there.
- SSgt Jerry Schiessl - Guard-bum II, going on second year of following Don's footsteps, trying to develop a taste for bitters & ale.
- SSgt Teckla Falkowski - Our fist female boom, has the can-do attitude. She's true guardsman working for the State, and Guard.
- SSgt Dan Schmidt - Baby-Boom, presently working his way through school.
- Sgt John Magnus - Guardsman, went from initial Qual to combat support missions in a matter of days. Gaining experience all the way.

**920TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (H) SAC**  
**United States Air Force**  
**Wurtsmith Air Force Base, Michigan 48753**



FROM: 920 AREFS/CCF (MSgt Bibler)

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTF

As the leaves turn to their golden yellows and rosy reds and the temperature begins to drop here in Michigan, it marks the time for a new signal. We have been very busy up here in the "Sunrise side" of the state. Our squadron was involved in Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Proud Return. Our Boom Operators became very efficient in cargo loading and passenger handling. Some of our troops had the opportunity to become qualified to refuel the F-117 Stealth fighter.

Not only did we support the War in the Gulf, but we also maintained our alert commitments, Business Efforts, and Tanker Task Force assignments. We were spread very thin through the world and are all glad to be home!

Here is a list of everyone and how and what they are doing:

SMSgt Brad Kolb - Busy working in the wing.

MSgt John Bibler - Made Master and got the new job of Squadron First Sergeant and it keeps him hopping.

MSgt Bob Potts/Pottsy - Moved over to run the Alert Facility...NOT!

TSgt George Naylor - Yes, he finally made Tech. Was recently placed in Training Flight and has a lot of good ideas.

TSgt Curtiss Umstead\* - PCSed in from Castle AFB, CA and now works in Stan. Eval.

TSgt Eric Riker - Has kept very busy doing odd jobs around the squadron finally settling down to work in scheduling. Pins on MSgt in November.

TSgt Kevin Holmgren - He survived the war as did many, but, he looks "HEALTHIER" than most returning from the Middle East.

SSgt Rick Cohoon/Cooter - Still in scheduling(2yrs)! You'd think that he'd get it right by now!

SSgt Dale Martin - He has found a home in Stan. Eval. I wonder if he'll ever come out of there. He is still as crazy as ever about bowling.

SSgt Howard Tennyson/Wally - Moved over to Stan. Eval. and is doing great!

SSgt Milton Bowman/Uncle Milty - 11 mos to retire and counting.

SSgt Jerry Linscott/Spanky\* - Everytime he takes his boat out he encounters some kind of natural disaster!

Sgt Robert King/Pete - Pete who? Between TDY's, CFIC, School, kids and whatever else he does, doesn't leave much time for anything else.

Sgt Mark Anderson - Enjoys volleyball so much that he was the coach for the Men's, Women's, and the Co. Ed's teams! He says that he'll never do that again! Family is still growing with one on the ramp and one in the hanger.

Sgt George Tobola - Graduated from CFIC and was immediately put to work in charge of the CLT program. Keeps himself very busy.

Sgt Joseph Taylor\* - Just learned what a decompression lever is used for on his motorcycle (he's limping around the squadron with a sprained ankle). Went to CFIC at Carswell AFB, TX.

Sgt Shawn Lane\* - Dorf golfs...Dorf flies! He's TDY again.

SRA Amy Moore - Formerly Virnig, married a gunner that is now out of a job! Made SRA below the zone and reenlisted for another hitch.

SRA Stephen Crissinger - Got married at 30,000 ft on a tanker. He'll become a dependent in December.

A1C Steven Trypuc - Still the tallest asset in the squadron. Has a killer spike in volleyball. Makes SRA in a few days.

A1C Moses Menchaca\* - "Let my people go." Made SRA below the zone. Good job! Got married last summer and has one in the oven.

A1C Jason LeMaitre\* - Seems wherever he goes the place closes down ... Pease ... Wurtsmith ... Who'll be next?

A1C John Reed\* - Chasing as many women as possible. Just left to go on his first Tanker Task Force to Europe.

A1C Jeff Poe - Loves to go fishing here but only seems to be able to catch the small ones and everyone else in the way of his cast.

A1C Shawn Wagner\* - New this year from Castle. Doing well. Lots of TDY's.

A1C Robert Kruger - Still single and raising Cain. Seem's like he is TDY at any given time.

A1C Chris Brown\* - Has kept himself busy with TDY's and volleyball. As a matter of fact, he and a few buddies went down state to compete in a beach volleyball tournament and kicked butt.

A1C Claire Moyes - Doing well, busy with her family and fliing.

A1C Andrew Stutts/Moose\* - Brand spanking new from Castle. He's learning the ropes as fast as he can. Was thrown to the wolves at Eglin AFB, FL just 4 days after his first contact since Castle.

We had to say goodbye to several people since the last Signal. We wish them well. They were:

MSgt Craig Blessing - PCS to Griffis AFB, NY to be the Program Manager.

MSgt Eddie Masten - PCS to 2871 Test Sq. at Tinker AFB, OK.

SSgt John Felisky - PCS to KC-10 at Barksdale AFB, LA

Sgt Tim Pates - PCS to KC-10 at Seymour-Johnson AFB, NC.

Daniel McBride - Separated.

\* - New to Wurtsmith since the last Signal.

Well that just about does it for us here. I'm sure we'll see you around the Command as we all finally move out of here. See you all soon. Be good and be safe!

  
MARK S. ANDERSON, Sgt, USAF



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS EIGHTH AIR FORCE (SAC)  
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TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

GREETINGS FROM THE ONLY BOOMER  
ASSIGNED TO 8AF HQ (Bomber Command)

I'M GOING TO RETIRE 1 NOV 1992  
OR SOONER. IF I DON'T SEE YOU  
BEFORE I RETIRE — — IT HAS BEEN  
A PLEASURE. I'LL TRULY MISS  
ALL OF YOU.

Sincerely,

RICH RICHARDSON