

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



12 JUN 1988

The Boom Signal
% 8AF/DOTTR
Barksdale AFB, La.

To All Boom Operators

Greetings from all of us here at HQ SAC. Rusty reminded me that I went TDY last year about this time and he had to write the Signal input all by himself, so I guess it's only fair that I write this one. We sent out a newsletter in Feb that covered a lot of official subjects that are still current. We felt that you needed this information prior to the printing of the Signal. So, since you're up to speed on that information, we'll keep this letter on a lighter note.

Boom operators at the headquarters are becoming more numerous. Several officer slots are being converted to enlisted positions and it appears that we will get our share of these. I know it's easy to lose track of who is up here so I'll give you an update;

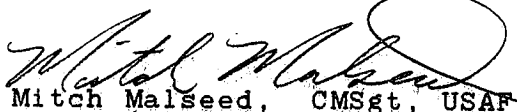
CMSgt Rusty Rutzebeck	DOTT	MSgt Mark Gentry	DONA
CMSgt Mitch Malseed	DOTT	TSgt Glenn Murdaugh	DONA
CMSgt Jack Patton	XPHV	MSgt(sel) Frank Huckabee	DOOC
SMSgt Dean Bakken	DONP	TSgt Don Casne(inbound)	DOOY
SMSgt Harvey Price(inbound)	XOXO	MSgt Chris Sadler(inbound)	DONA
SMSgt(sel) Bob Leach	DOOC	MSgt John Cardiel (retiring)	
MSgt Dave Crowder	DOOC		

That's who we are, all our phone numbers are in the Boom Operator Directory, and we all enjoy hearing from old friends. These slots at the headquarters are a pretty good way to break out of the rut and do something a little different. Life's not so bad here in Nebraska.

Well, another Boom Conference is history. The Tennessee Air Guard did a hell of a job hosting this one. Everything went like clockwork and all the working groups got a lot done. Changes have already been made based on recommendations from the attendees. This is our forum, the one time each year that all the NCOIC's can gather and strive to make this field the best that it can be. Thanks to all the Wings that supported the conference this year, when you get your minutes make sure your wing staff up through the CC gets a look at them. And for those of you who were unable to attend, pass them up to the staff to show them what was done and request next years budget include funds for this purpose.

It appears that there may be some relief in sight from the PCS freeze. We are being allowed to make some moves to provide senior leadership at some of our locations. So, keep your dream sheets current and let us know if you have any special requests.

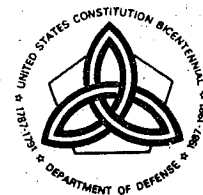
That about wraps it up for this time. Congratulations to all our new E-6 and E-7 selectees. Promotions look a little brighter than they have recently. If any of you find yourselves visiting Offutt, give us a call the day before, we'd like to see you.



Mitch Malseed, CMSgt, USAF
KC-10 Inflight Refueling Program Manager



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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: XPHV (CMSgt Patton, AV 271-2266)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

24 MAY 1988

TO: All Boom Operators

1. In the past year since my last update on KC-135 and KC-10 system improvements, there has been a dramatic change in the funds available to maintain and modify our aircraft. This trend of budget cutbacks extends as far out as we can currently see in the future. Most programs are continuing but have been slowed down and, in some cases, suspended until funds are available. Last May CINCSAC/CV validated SAC SON 001-87, Improved Air Refueling Systems. This Statement of Operational Need (SON) addressed the need to improve the KC-135 boom controllability and reliability. It also addressed the need for improvements to the boom pod. This program competed for funds in the FY90-94 SAC budget submission and went unfunded. It will be updated and resubmitted in the FY92-96 budget submission.

2. Modification programs in progress:

a. KC-135.

(1) TCTO 1099, Boom Interphone. Installs a new signal amplifier with boom interphone capability. This program has been on hold for two years because of an EMI bleed through problem. The right parts are now available and OC-ALC expect fleet installations to be complete by Mar 89.

(2) TCTO 1140, Tail Mounted Floodlight. Installs a light assembly on the aft edge of the top of the vertical fin that illuminates the air refueling envelope during night refueling. OC-ALC says that there are three aircraft left which will be modified by Nov 88.

(3) TCTO 1112, R-Model Conversion. Replaces J57 engines with CFM-56 engines. Also modifies other aircraft systems (APU, landing gear, brakes, etc.). Currently 120 aircraft have been modified. Program has suffered some cut backs but is still ongoing. Expect completion after FY2000.



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(4) TCTO 1131, Fuel Savings Advisory System. Installs a computerized system that uses inputs from engine performance and flight environment to compute and advise the crew on optimum performance parameters. This modification should be completed in FY89.

(5) TCTO 1135, E-Model Conversion. Replaces J-57 engines with TF-33 engines. 138 aircraft have been converted and the program terminated.

(6) TCTO 1316, Digital Autopilot System. Installs a new autopilot system. Installation is being kit proofed at OC-ALC with full installation to begin this fall, completing in Dec 91.

(7) TCTO 1258, LOX to Gaseous Conversion. Replaces 8-liter LOX system with six additional low pressure gaseous cylinders. Modification also includes installation of pod grills to the floor.

(8) Stowage Equipment. On hold.

(9) Aft Hatch Escape Slides. Escape slides have been approved for local procurement and installation on KC-135 aircraft.

(10) KC-135 Repaint Program. Program slowed due to funding. Contractor facilities are still painting. OC-ALC depot has stopped until funds are available.

b. KC-10.

(1) Wing Mounted Hose/Drogue Pods. Will start flight testing in Oct 88. Aircraft will be delivered to Seymour-Johnson AFB in Feb 89. Retrofit to begin in summer of 1989.

(2) Onboard Cargo Loader. In development phase. Program is approximately one year behind schedule. Anticipate testing to begin in late 1989.

(3) Hose Reel Tension Monitor. Last two KC-10s will be delivered with system installed. Fleet retrofit should begin this fall.

(4) Aural Tone Generator. Last two KC-10s will be delivered with system installed. Fleet retrofit should begin this fall. Provides one "beep" for contact/coupled and two "beeps" for disconnect/freeflight conditions through the interphone system.

3. Future Programs:

a. KC-135.

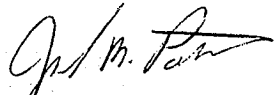
(1) Improved Boom Nozzle. Expect to flight test prototype boom nozzle with an independent disconnect capability in the fall of this year.

(2) Improved Boom Nozzle Light. Expect to evaluate two prototype nozzle lights later this year.

(3) Wing Mounted Hose/Drogue Pods. A proof of concept evaluation will be conducted in FY89 using a KC-135R. The aircraft will be modified with two hose pods borrowed for the KC-10 program for a year long evaluation.

b. KC-10. None.

4. If you have any suggestions, questions, or comments, please call me at AV 271-2266.


JACK M. PATTON, CMSgt, USAF
Air Refueling Systems Acquisition Manager



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REPLY TO HQ SAC/DONP
ATTN. OF:

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SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boomers

1. It's great to have the opportunity to make an input to the best "rag" around. Having arrived at Offutt in Nov 88, I have been busy adjusting to life as a "Headquarters Wiennie". Chief Rutzebeck took his Functional Manager chores and moved upstairs to training and I came to Operations after PCSing from Castle. My assignment in the Plans Division (DONP) of the Current Operations Directorate (DON) has been an interesting experience. DON is the controlling agency for Bomber/Tanker operations and the focal point for operational expertise. DONP, among other things, is responsible for the following issues:

- a. Preparation of Ops orders for KC-135/KC-10 worldwide deployments.
- b. Operations focal point for trip brochures and military construction projects.
- c. OPR for ORI/CORI regs and evaluation criteria.
- d. OPR for Low Altitude Air Refueling (LAAR).
- e. OPR for Kenney, Ryan, Spaatz, Evans, and Omaha Trophies.
- f. Provides operational expertise and inputs for all proposals affecting tanker operations and modifications.
- g. focal point for base actions working group, offensive aircraft systems panel, and OCR for regulations affecting combined Bomber/Tanker operations.

The wide variety of tasks are proving to be challenging, but at least it keeps me off the streets.

2. A couple of strictly boom operator issues that might be of interest.

a. The controversial issue of using the old, and in many peoples opinion reliable, load adjuster reared its head again. After receiving inputs on this matter from units, through CEVG, I asked the Tanker System Manager at Oklahoma City to readdress this problem. In short, their response was that the load adjuster was not a suitable aid for computing CG on the KC-135A/E/Q and D aircraft. I received assurances that the appropriate -ls would be changed to reflect the authorized computational aid, however, that has yet to materialize.



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If anyone wishes to discuss the details of the inputs, or Tinkers response, feel free to give me a call. The bottom line is, however, if Oklahoma City Air Material Area won't sanction it, we can't legally use the load adjuster on those aircraft.

b. The KC-10 boom/HF radio interference problem is being persued. Efforts are being made, by Douglas, to determine why keying the HF radio causes the boom to move uncommanded. Numerous aircraft have been identified as susceptible to this phenomenon and hopefully a fix will not be to far in the future. A footnote; please don't hesitate to document aircraft performance and crew procedural problems to the fullest extent possible. A hazard report on a just one of these incidents would have highlighted this problem more effectively and have got a lot more horsepower involved earlier.

3. A couple of months ago I had the pleasure of spending a month at Seymour Johnson getting some KC-10 instruction and orientation. It was an outstanding experience and many thanks to the Douglas faculty, as well as, everyone in the 68 AREFW for making my stay most enjoyable and worthwhile.

4. In closing, don't hesitate to call if I can be of any assistance. Please express any ideas or concerns either by telephone, message, or letter. Remember we are all here to help.

SMSgt Dean Bakken
Current Operations Directorate, Tanker Plans Division
Av 271-2773



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 1ST COMBAT EVALUATION GROUP (SAC)
BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA 71110-5025



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CEVG Booms (MSgt Benny Akers)

18 May 88

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

1. Greeting form ICEVG. We are still alive and well at Barksdale. The future move of ICEVG is still in question. Is has been a very busy year for us with the unit visits and conferences. Here is a run down of who is here:

DOV

CMSgt Larry Bruno
SMSgt Jeff Toellner
MSgt Don Pressley
MSgt Benny Akers
MSgt Ken Campbell
MSgt Cary Hubbard

STT

SMSgt Dick Maxwell
MSgt Tom Van Zile
MSgt P.D. Anglea
MSgt Brad Kolk
MSgt Roy Schufft
MSgt Bronnie Tennyson

2. The number of crews we fly with during evaluations has changed for the active duty units. We now fly with the senior stan/Eval crew, one R, E, and S crew from the squadron. If there isn't an "S" crew in the squadron we will fly with another Stan/Eval crew. We are still flying with the senior stan/eval crew and training flight when we visit the Guard and Reserve units.

3. As you all know the command EP testing bank is in the field and seems to be working very well. The open book qual testing bank should be out in June. We have started work on the instructor test bank but we don't have any projected completion date.

4. Change 1 to T.O. 1C-135(K)A-9 should be on the streets 15 June and hopefully this change will clear up some misconceptions and problems with the current A-9. Additionally, an operational supplement will follow with pen and ink changes to include pages that were not reprinted due to budget restraints.

5. We would like the opportunity to say thanks for the hospitality you've shown us on our visits. Say hello when your'e in town.

Cheers;

LARRY BRUNO, CMSgt, USAF
135 Infil Rfl Pgm Mgr

AFD: DOV3/BSIGNAL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 340TH AIR REFUELING WING HEAVY (SAC)
ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA 73523

FROM: 11 AREFS (TSgt Will Hillery, AV 866-7954)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: CMSgt E.G. Richardson

Greetings from the land of Altus AFB, Oklahoma. All the booms here send their best wishes to you around the command and worldwide bases.

During the past year we've experienced many changes that make our job more demanding and at the same time more fun. Lets just look at the "R Model". Yes we've completed the all important phase-in program and we're trying to make the planes do the things they were made to do, and that's fly a lot. For all you booms who have never had the chance to fly the "R", your time will come, and you'll feel just like the old heads around here and say, "it took a long time coming". And just think about this - you call "ready for takeoff", your copilot pushes the power up and you settle back into your seat. About this time you hear a funny noise like something tumbling down the cargo floor, the takeoff is complete and you look for your flashlight to make your cargo compartment check, and it's gone. I can just about tell you where to look for it, try the boom pod, it's there.

Since the last Boom Signal we've lost a lot of people. As you may know, MSgt Johnson Marsalis took it upon himself to retire, and a lot of the guys miss him. But little did we know at the time who his replacement would be. Then in walked MSgt Dan Deloy. You could call him "stick man" or "thin man" if you prefer. Well, the old fellow just jumped right in with both feet and we had to pull him back. For all those wondering, the paperwork was getting to him. But Sgt Deloy got it all together, and is doing an outstanding job. There's even a few people here that like the guy.

Now lets take a look at the booms on hand as of this month. I'll let you know right now that if you're planning to contact any of them, do it now, we move fast around here.

S-101 MSgt Ron Poe, packing his bag for a PCS to Tinker AFB.

S-102 TSgt Will Hillery, I'm just waiting for the Master list to come out.

S-103 SSgt Dan Reep, new in the job and looking for his first victim.

S-104 Sgt Doug Garrett, leaving for the KC-10 in June and taking all his computer knowledge with him.

R-110 SSgt Jeff Wright, replacing Doug Garrett on S104, but just don't know when.

R-111 A1C Mike Conner, "Opie", a young troop - but let me tell you, we'll make him learn one way or another.

E-112 SSgt Lou Rushano, off to CFIC to try and give us some help on the instructor side, and he "thinks" he can.

R-113 Sgt Durk French, "DR", just returning from his first TDY and loved it so much he's ready to go again.

E-120 SSgt Carmen Vallejo, is the person who wants me to teach boom systems classes on alert at four in the morning.

R-121 A1C Louis Graves, "RIP", quiet and doesn't say much, and you don't see much of him either.

R-122 SrA Steve Meloy, "Farmer", still trying to figure out why someone would buy a house and not a combine.

R-123 SrA Eddie Dean, still talks as much as ever, but now he's finding the right words to say.

R-130 A1C Leon Limon, "Sprite", young boom and still learning. Also finding out that others know more than he does.

R-131 SSgt Jay Davis, would have been at instructor school now, but signed up for the KC-10, and wouldn't you know, they accepted him without a waiver. "Strange".

R-132 A1C John Austin, "Tex" is what everyone call's him, but being a little guy he just doesn't fit the mold of a Texan.

R-133 A1C Kevin Beccard, just new in town and looking for a place to lay his hat, but you'll hear more about him at the next writing.

Well thats all the guys that make up the team around here. They do more than just get the job done, they do it well. The number here is Av 866-7954. If you just can't find anyone that's willing to listen, call me, Will Hillery, at 866-7567 and I'll give you a test over the phone, if you think you can pass it.

So for now, good-bye, and as always, good luck from all the guys at the 11th Air Refueling Squadron.



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HEADQUARTERS 340TH AIR REFUELING WING HEAVY (SAC)
ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA 73523



FROM: 306 AREFS Booms (AV 866-7072)

18 Apr 88

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO : All Boom Operators

Another year has come and gone, and yielded some very valuable information for the boom force. The lessons learned over the past 12 months have been eye opening experiences for everyone; like "buying an ice shield", which happened to me and was a very humbling experience. It was a night fighter qualification sortie with Bergstrom RF-4's, light turbulence but with good lighting. Everything happened so quickly that there was no indication that anything out of the ordinary had occurred. The IBO was at the controls when the student pilot approached, made contact, and then started the usual gyrations. Soon after this point, the RF-4 rapidly approached and exceeded the upper limit but a boom release could not be obtained due to nozzle binding. The RF-4 corrected his position and a disconnect was obtained; but before the boom could be flown up and out of the way, the receiver bucked upward wildly and somehow contacted the ice shield. This all happened over a matter of seconds. So, if you think it can't happen to you, think again.

Most booms will attest to the fact that strange things occur to the aircraft while TDY. A perfect example of this is a mission we flew out of Iceland to where we ended up having to dump fuel. I went back to the pod followed by the Nav and Staff IN because they wanted to see what fuel dumping looked like. Soon after they left the pod, there was a banging noise coming from my left side. I looked over out of curiosity and concern. The noise soon stopped and it was then I noticed that all fuel dumping had ceased. We were still in fuel dump and the A/R pumps were still on; so where was the fuel going? Well, my theory is that the boom retraction limit switch was shorting, causing the bypass valve to open and close (that banging noise), thus allowing fuel to be pumped into the aft body tank. This is basically the same condition that happens when you need to transfer fuel from the forward body tank to the aft body tank. The only difference is you are not in the pod to establish a pumping condition (fuel dump does this for you) or retract the boom to open the bypass valve (that is taken care of also). Even an easy task like fuel dumping can get your crew in trouble quickly. That's why all fuel panel operations need to be monitored closely by the entire crew.

Another case in point here is when we were returning from Morocco with a plane load of Blytheville maintenance folks. We were somewhere over the Atlantic when the Pilot started feeding some fuel from the forward body tank to the engines. The crew acknowledged the call and the A/C got up to stretch his legs. Approximately 5 minutes later he returned. As he jumped back into his seat, he glanced down at the FSAS

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c.g. display and noticed it read 43%. I quickly ran an inquiry on my H.P. and found the 43% c.g. was indeed correct. What had happened was when the A/R to engine manifold was pressurized from the forward body tank, fuel was also being pumped into the aft body tank; obviously at an alarming rate. This was kind of a hairy situation because of our present location and the status of the aircraft. The stab trim was full nose down, but luckily the autopilot stayed engaged long enough for us to correct the adverse c.g. Another example of just how important it is to back up your crew during all phases of the flight--no matter what phase you may be in at the time. Impacting the ground comes just as fast for you as it does for your crew.

Training. Sometimes that's all we hear about. With this in mind, we developed BOCEP Parts I and II last year. This year, we have something different. SIFT and BADEX are now being introduced and will soon be implemented into everyday life here. SIFT (Shaping Instructors For Tomorrow) takes the place of BOCEP Part I, and is sort of an advanced systems course. It uses the flight pubs as the basic course material with a lesson plan to guide the different classes and direct the path of instruction. SIFT doesn't stop at systems though and can be used as a thorough Pre-CFIC program. BADEX (Boom Associated Directives Examinations) is a computer program for the Z-100 used to test booms on applicable associated directives. The program is the same that is used for BOCEP, it's just slightly altered. Of course once you do have the program, many subjects can be applied to it. This is the driving force behind our training programs. You know, it only makes sense to apply something as much as possible to your needs as long as it continues to prove beneficial.

Among the various projects we are currently working on include a computerized cargo loading program for PC compatible systems. Any "bit-heads" that would like to help, please give us a call. This program would be very helpful for deployments and the like, especially when flexibility is required.

Now I would like to introduce the guys presently on the 306th's payroll:

Program Manager--SMSgt Larry Thompson

Alert Facility Manager--MSgt (SMSgt selectee) Scott Harris

Stan-Eval

S-103--SSgt Dan Repp

S-104--Sgt Doug (KC-10 bound) Garrett

"A" Flight

E-150--TSgt Fred Thomas

R-151--SrA Don Simmons

E-152--TSgt Ted Glick

R-153--A1C Dave Wells

"B" Flight

E-160--Sgt Rob Henson

E-161--TSgt Joe (KC-10 bound) Surovy

E-162--SSgt Danny Mendonsa

R-163--A1C Mike Seibert

"C" Flight

E-170--SSgt Dave Passey

R-171--A1C Tony Souza

R-172--Sgt Rick Black

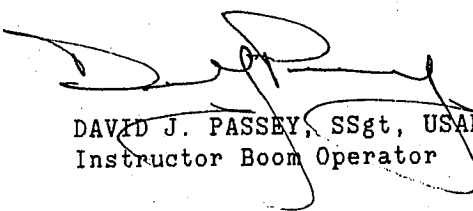
E-173--Sgt Mike Fausnaught

Inbounds

Sgt Salvatore Iannucci--CCTS

Amn Tom Zuniga--CCTS

Well, that's about all we have for this year. As always, we are happy to hear from you and appreciate the crossfeed; so give us a call. Till next year...



DAVID J. PASSEY, SSgt, USAF
Instructor Boom Operator



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
78TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (AFRES)
BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LOUISIANA 71110-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOB

25 May 1988

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

Boom Operators Everywhere: How yall are? We doin' pretty good down here in the Bayou State. I tried to explain to Chief Reef that there is only one thing worse than turning a Cajun loose with a water hose and that is have him sit down, try to write to you good folks without using a bunch of Cajun slang.

Well sha, I'm gonna try and told you bout what has gone on round this cozy little patch, nestled on the banks of the Mighty Red. For those of us from the bayous down South Louisiana, THE RED RIVER IS BIG!

The team of boomers here at the 78 AREFS have been extremely busy, doing all the things (and more) expected of KC-10 boom operators, hauling tons of cargo and passing millions of pounds of gas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chief for allowing me the chance to communicate with all you fine folks. Without further adue, it is my pleasure to introduce the dedicated boomers of the 78 Air Refueling Squadron, Air Force Reserve.

OLD HEADS:

Air Reserve Technicians

CMSgt Steve Reef
SMSgt Joel Montgomery
MSgt Ron Jackson
MSgt Charles Younce
MSgt Rene Hernandez
MSgt Gerald Gibbs
MSgt John Beasley

What They Do

In Charge?
Body Scheduler
Unit Security Manager
Ground Training
Stan/Eval
Mission Development
Mission Development

Reservists

CMSgt Tom Williams
SMSgt Don Murphy
SMSgt Charles Morlan
SMSgt John Pittman
MSgt John Hamilton
MSgt John Marshall

Civilian Occupations

McDonnell Douglas Training Inc., Haughton, LA
Airfield Manager, Richards-Gebaur AFB, MO
Federal Police Officer, Kansas City, MO
American Airlines, Retired, Dallas, TX
USAF, Retired, Bossier City, LA
Federal Express, Loadmaster, Memphis, TN

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MSgt Randy Rhodes
TSgt Reb Barton
TSgt Monsa Dugger
TSgt Norman Estep
TSgt David Fruge
TSgt Dwain Gerace
TSgt Jim Knapp
TSgt Wayne Hodgs
TSgt Charles Montgomery
SSgt Jeff Lacen
SSgt Dan Ursettie
SSgt David Walker

Student, Pre-Med, Shreveport, LA
Federal Express, Loadmaster, Memphis, TN
Emergency Medical Technician, Longview, TX
AT&T, Kansas City, MO
Continental Airlines, Houston, TX
Logger, Haughton, LA
Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City, MO
Full Time Reservist, Bossier City, LA
Entrepreneur, Jacksonville, FL
American Airlines, Dallas, TX
Saloon Keeper, Bossier City, LA
Liquor Store Manager, Shreveport, LA

GAINS:

SSgt Rodney Bennett

Came from the 79 AREFS at March AFB,
professional reservist.

MSgt Dennis Smith

Came from Little Rock ANG; works for the
Little Rock Fire Department, or more
appropriately does not work for the fire
department (only saw one fire in 10 years).

MSgt Rodney Sanders

Same as Dennis except he's a fire captain,
and while he doesn't work either, he's seen
more than one fire in ten years.

MSgt Ed Stewart

Ex C-130 loadmaster from Richards-Gebaur, runs
the mail room there Monday thru Friday.

MSgt Bill Hennigh

Ex C-130 loadmaster from Richard-Gebaur,
Federal Police Officer in real life.

MSgt Roger Gay

Came from Little Rock ANG, North Little Rock
Police Officer in real life.

SSgt Charles Stoddard

Was once in the 32nd AREFS, came back to
Barksdale after a year in school, works at
being a Federal Express Loadmaster.

LOSSES:

MSgt Lester White

Retired, 23 years active and reserve.

SSgt Keith Bloomer

Left to attend school in Iowa.

TSgt Bill Fordyce

Got a job in Ohio.

SSgt Jan Fuller

Just left; if you see her, ask her to call.

SOON TO BE "10" BOOMERS:

SSgt Donna Dobbins

Currently a loadmaster at Charleston AFB,
expected on board 1 July 1988.

SrA Gary Jennings

Recently separated from Carswell AFB, expected
on board by early July 1988.

SIGNED

DAVID K. FRUGE, TSgt, USAFR

FROM: 32AREFS/CCEE

SUBJECT: Boom Signal 1988

TO: 8AF/DOTTR

Greetings from the, "OUTSTANDING" 32 Air Refueling Squadron. Recipient of the 1987 Albert L. Evans Memorial trophy. Home of the largest and best KC-10 squadron in the Strategic Air Command.

The 32nd Boom Operators "Can Do" attitude has been a major reason for the multitude of requests for KC-10 support of our countries most vital missions. Some of our accomplishments this year include 1987 winner of the "Carl A. Spaatz Trophy," for the best Air Refueling Squadron in SAC. For the second year in a row the SAC IG awarded the 32nd with an "OUTSTANDING" rating. 8TH Air Force bestowed the 32nd with the Outstanding Air Refueling Squadron plaque. The Bomb/Comp format was changed last year to include cargo loading along with Air Refueling and Pilot events. Thanks to the great job done by MSgt Ted Whorley and TSgt Ed Mang the 32nd captured the best KC-10 crew and the "Ellis Trophy."

The 32nd isn't all work and no play though. We recently had a "Pig in the woods" that was a total success. Ya'll come on down, say hi, check out our mission debrief podium, and visit with the guys and gals. See for yourself what the KC-10 mission (no alert) is all about. We encourage all booms (under TSgt) to submit packages to SAC and fly in comfort. Get wide-body qualified!

MICHAEL D. MCCOY, SSgt , USAF
Squadron Executive NCO/ Boom Operator

32nd AIR REFUELING SQUADRON BOOM OPERATORS

* Jim Pickel	CMSgt	Chief/ 1st Sgt, Masters Degree in Sept
Michael McCoy	SSgt	Squadron Executive NCO, B.S. DEGREE in Nov
* Ted Whorley	MSgt	Chief Boom, Ted keeps a home for wayward booms
* Joe Gallucci	SMSgt	Chief Tng Flt, Masters racketball Champ
* Leigh Taylor	MSgt	Tng Flt, The "Sailor"
* Greg Heffron	MSgt	Tng Flt, B.A. DEGREE in Nov
* Randy Collins	MSgt	Chief Stan/Eval, New wife keeps a smile on his face
* Nick Nicholson	SSgt	Stan/Eval, New house keeps him busy
* Rich Otis	TSgt	Stan/Eval, Resident Contractor
* Randy Lane	TSgt	Stan/Eval, By the Book. Hard Worker
* Mark Esty	TSgt	Stan/Eval, Does he ever take a break Doesn't give one
* Bob Downs	SSgt	Stan/Eval, TSgt selectee
Bob Wolf	Sgt	First Amn ever assigned to 32AREFS
* Ed Wolfkamp	SSgt	New Daddy, Glad to be out of scheduling
* Mike Perez	TSgt	MSgt selectee, Working toward B.A. Degree
* Mike Parsons	MSgt	DO-10 sub, Lost 13lbs during "Pounds Down"
* Judy Burr	SSgt	Newest Instructor, Dances on tables
* Mike Boozer	SSgt	Mr "Party", Knows how to have FUN!
* Marv Aldrich	TSgt	"Just ask Marv", granddaddy
* Jim Gosselin	SSgt	TSgt selectee, Just completed CCAF Degree
Jim Kyne	TSgt	One of the good guys
* Stew Horton	SSgt	"Video King," Working on A/P license
Mark Hoffman	TSgt	"Mr Wallstreet," Getting married soon
* Dennis Fox	TSgt	Tng Flt, Gets' the job done
* Karla Mattson	SSgt	Squadron Artist, and Newsletter publisher
* Ed Mang	TSgt	Our new Mr "Cargo"
Mike Post	SSgt	If he's not flying, you'll find him out hunting
* Scott Konieczka	SSgt	The TDY kid, proud Father
* GW Loftin	TSgt	Another one of the good guys
Mike Barnes	SSgt	Not afraid of extra work
Mike Trace	TSgt	Who's Mike Trace?
John Phillips	TSgt	His Suzuki Samurai is his new toy
* Don Hess	SSgt	Reenlisted for another four
* Charlie Marrone	SSgt	TSgt selectee, "Mr Lithograph"
* Tim Richardson	MSgt	The Dancing Bear
Don Crouse	TSgt	The "quiet Man", So far this year
Ricky Harris	SSgt	DOT 10, "Mr MOM"
Mike Cardina	SSgt	TSgt selectee, Ready for AR check
Vivian Hunt	TSgt	MSgt selectee, A real mover
* Eddie Smuda	TSgt	DO26, The Alert force Loves him
Jeff Seaver	TSgt	BA in Business in Nov
* Paul Hodge	MSgt	Can "DOO" attitude
* Mark Kline	TSgt	DO-10, Low profile
* Brad Baxter	TSgt	DO-10, "Mr MAC Channel"
* Dave Craig	MSgt	8th AF, "Lonesome Dave"

* INSTRUCTOR

TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS
FROM: 71 AREFS BARKSDALE

GREETINGS FROM THE KBAD BOOMERS. WE'RE STILL KICKING HIND END AND ENJOYING THE WONDERFUL, HOT, MUGGY WEATHER DOWN DEEP IN SOUTHERN LOUISIANA. HAVE YOU NOTICED EVERYTHING GOING CAJUN?

OUR BOOM ASSOCIATION IS MAKING PROGRESS. MOSTLY WE JUST HAVE ALOT OF GREAT PARTIES! HERE'S THE LINE-UP AND SOME NEWS OF WHAT'S UP.

KRAEMER - OUR S-101 / X-PAD DAD HAS RETIRED & IS FLORIDA BOUND.
WE GAVE HIM AN AWESOME SEND-OFF. LATER DAYS, FRED.

ROBBINS - S-102 OUR NEWEST HAMMER. HE QUIT SMOKING AND HE STILL HAS A PLEASANT PERSONALITY.

HITCHCOCK - S-103 STILL HANGING IN THERE. HE IS ENJOYING MARRIED LIFE & JUST BOUGHT A REAL HOUSE.

PERROTTI - BAM-BAM HAS SO MANY GALS RUNNING AROUND HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. RECENTLY PULLED A STOMACH MUSCLE.
HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

ADAMS - PEARL JUST D.G'd OUT OF CFIC. HE IS GETTING READY FOR HIS CHECKRIDE. GO GET 'EM, PEARL!

BROWN - BRAIN DEAD BROWN IS STILL ROWDY AS EVER FINALLY GOT THAT CFIC SLOT COMING SOON

CLAUSS - OUR BABY BOOM HE DOESN T LIKE ALERT VERY MUCH BUT WHO DOES?

POWELL - MOTORCYCLE MADNESS RICK WENT OUT FOR SOME TIME TRIALS LOOKS LIKE THE RACE IS ON!

MILLER - JILL IS RUNNING CRAZY RUNNING CLT AND CHASING THE BLOKES JUST GOT BACK ETTF IN MARCH GOES BACK IN JUNE

ELIAS - EDDIE IS A SEMI-NEW BOOM LIKES TO JUMP ROPE ON ALERT RUMOR HAS IT.. HE'S GOING FOR IRON MIKE TYSON NEXT

COLLINS - JERRY JUST PUT ON TECH AND HE AND HIS WIFE JUST HAD A BABY BOY DAVID GLENN CONGRATS!

GIBBS - SCOTT CAME TO US FROM McCONNELL REVERTED BACK TO THE "A" MODEL SO HE WOULDN T HAVE TO GO NORTH CFIC GRAD

CORR - BILL JUST GOT BACK ETTF. HE HAS ONE WEEK THEN IT'S TO THE KC-10. HIT 'EM "HARD CORR"!

TUCKER - THE DUCK HAS A NEW PAIR OF SHADES. THINKS HE'S JOHN LENNON. ASK HIM ABOUT...ALF-CALL 4000.

REIGELSBERGER-JOHN WAS AWARDED "BEST BOOM" IN OUR NEW BOOM COMP. IT WAS A TOUGHY. WAY TO GO. REGEA.

SHEPPARD -OLD SHEP IS STILL KICKING. LIKES LIFE AS A REGULAR OLD LINE INSTRUCTOR

CHRISTENSEN- ALAN W. IS ALWAYS HANGING OUT AT THE BOWLING ALLEY. HIS ROOMIE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE ANYMORE.

MORRISON- TOM THINKS HE'S MR. COOL. HAS A PAIR OF FLORESCENT , FUNKY SHORTS. THE BOOMS ARE CONFISCATING THEM TO BURN!

REED - JUNIOR, MR. NICKLE BEER NIGHT HIMSELF. JEFF JUST HAD A BIRTHDAY. WE THINK HE'S LEGAL NOW.

RYNO - THE RAZOR JUST GOT HITCHED. THE NEWLYWEDS GET TO SHARE
NAMETAGS NOW. CONGRATS STEVE!
HAYWOOD -GLENN CAME TO US FROM McCONNELL. HE IS NOW OUR TRAINING
FLIGHT MACHO MAN.
McGEE - OUR FAVORITE FIRST SHIRT, CHIEF BOOM, ETC. DON'T KNOW
HOW MUCH LONGER HE'LL BE HERE, BUT WE'RE HOPING.
GRIMES -BUZZ IS STILL HANGING WITH US. HE IS WAITING FOR HIS
ASSIGNMENT FOR NCO CLUB MANAGMENT OR PHOTOGRAPHER.
HURD - TODD IS OUR NEWEST BABY BOOM. JUST WALKED IN THE DOOR.
WE "HEARD" TODD WAS COMING TO THE 71st.
McCOY- SEMI-NEW BOOM,SUPER TROOP. HATES ALERT TOO. LOOKS
LIKE HE AND HIS WIFE ARE GOING TO ENJOY BOOM LIFE,
UNTIL HE DESIDES TO GO COMMISSIONED. HAS A HUGE DEGREE.

THAT IS THE 71st LINE-UP FOR NOW . LET'S SEE WHO THE GONERS ARE.

WETZEL - MIKE WENT KC-10 RESERVES AND BLEW EVERYONE'S MIND. YOU
KNOW, THE PROFESSIONAL, LIFER HE WAS. WELL, HE WASN'T
HAPPY AT KBAD RESERVES SO HE HIT THE ROAD FOR SEYMORE.
HUTCHINSON - HUTCH WENT TO MILDENHALL TO FLY WITH THE EC'S.
SOUNDS LIKE HE'S HAVING A RIOT.
HUNT - WELL, EVERYONE KNOWS AND LOVES VIVIAN. SHE WENT NEXT
DOOR TO THE KC-10'S ALSO. THE 71st HATED TO SEE HER
GO.MAYBE SHE'LL BE AT SEYMORE NEXT YEAR. KEEP YOUR
FINGERS CROSSED, VIV.

PLUS, WE ALSO HAVE TWO 8th AIR FORCE GUYS...

RICHARDSON - RICH FLIES WITH US ALL THE TIME. HE GETS MOST OF THE
INSTRUCTOR TIME AROUND HERE. THE CHIEF JUST BOUGHT
SOME LAND. LOOKS LIKE HE'LL BE AROUND FOR AWHILE.
CHEEK - THIS CHIEF ALSO FLIES WITH US ALOT. WITH ALL THAT
EXPERIENCE HE HAS, WE'LL FLY HIM AS MUCH AS HE WANTS

THE END. LATER DAYS, BOOMERS. SEE YOU AT THE NEXT REUNION. IF
YOU EVER HIT BARKSDALE, COME UP AND SEE US. THERE'S ALWAYS A
PARTY GOING ON.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 97TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)

~~PLYTHEVILLE AIR FORCE BASE~~, ARKANSAS 72317-5000

EAKER AFB,

REPLY TO
ATTN OF 97 AREFS (SMSgt Mullis)

06 Jun 88

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the Arkansas Boom Operators at Eaker AFB. The 97th again has had another outstanding year filled with many accomplishments. We have been busy in the deployment business with deployments to Andersen AFB, Guam and to Clinton Sherman, Ok. as well as the normal TTF deployments. We've won the Barksdale, Hoban and Omaha Trophies and had the top active duty tanker crew during the 1987 Proud Shield competition. Our Boom Operator's Association is still tops as we continue to help those in the local community with our monthly food for the needy program. During the Christmas season we expanded our food for the needy and toys for tots programs. We were able to collect enough in donations to provide 33 needy families in the area with groceries for the holidays. In addition we were able to collect enough new and used toys to provide several toys to 125 needy children including some from the local orphanage.

2. Well it takes time to get some things accomplished. Our self-help program is now 95% complete. Our facilities are getting better everyday, and we are now starting to get our new furniture in. We have moved back into our renovated alert facility. MSgt. Jerry Rhodes did a truly outstanding job of getting our facilities upgraded and getting us back in the building. Jerry, we know you'll do an outstanding job for the guys there at Malmstrom AFB.

3. Speaking of losing a few, we've lost some "Good OL' Boys" and we've gained a few as well. As I said, MSgt. Jerry Rhodes has left us and is now the Malmstrom AFB, Hilton Manager. MSgt. Carl Beaird retired back in Dec. and is selling insurance in the local area. SSgt. Jim "Stormin" Morman is now at Kadena and finally is with his wife Kelly on their joint spouse. SSgt. "Peppy" Glaze leaves us this week to cross into the KC-10. SSgt. John Wood got his PCS to Loring AFB, Me. Sgt. Brett Howard separated and is back home going to school in Ill. Travis Ries separated to become an Arizona Highway Patrolman, so slow down as you go thru the Phoenix area. On the gaining side of the house, we picked up MSgt. Hiram Bonner as our new alert facility manager. We've also picked up a couple of folks from "Ye Ole Schoolhouse" at Castle, they're A1C Troy Keach, Amn. Jeff Heiby, and Amn. Todd Cook. Inbound we

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have Sgt. Catherine Feiber, a cross trainee coming in from Mildenhall via of the schoolhouse.

4. The "Good Ol' Boy" roster looks like this:

SMSgt.(Chief Selectee) Bill Mullis- NCOIC/Chief Boom and generally the Boss. Resident Harley driver, Boom Assoc. Tres.

MSgt. Hiram Bonner- Managing the Hilton.

TSgt. Tony Britt (IB R-164) Recently returned from an ETTF. Took his Form F to the Pyramids. Still can't find out why.

TSgt. Rick Riker (IB E-161) Working hard, playing hard and trying to keep from going any farther out on the limb.

TSgt. Bob "Coonass" Mayeaux (IB E-160) The "Rajin' Cajun" is still trying to run with the Harley crowd in between fishing trips.

TSgt. Jay Warren (IB R-171) Keep him supplied in Forum magazine and you keep him happy.

SSgt. Eddie Cole (EB S-151) Stays quiet on checks until critique time.

SSgt. Peppy Glaze (IB scheduling) Trading in the Panic Button for a KC-10.

SSgt. Bob "B.B." Wiggs (EB S-152) Everyone knows "B.B."s no-notice schedule except "B.B." Vice Pres. of Boom Assoc.

Sgt. J.R. Gibbs (IB Scheduling) Pres. of Boom Assoc. Taking Peppy's Panic Button. J.R. and ELWOOD are producing Baby Boomers, their first one is due in the fall. Just completed Leadership School at Barksdale.

Sgt. Shawn Lewis (R-173) Has gotten to be another motorcycle maniac.

Sgt. Fred Malone (R-182) Spent some time in the hospital at Keesler. Maybe they should have done surgery on more than his arm.

SrA Joe Riener (IB E-162) Joecephus recently upgraded and has done a lot of cargo loading in the last 12 months, enough for them to pin a medal on him. Joecephus just got back from PTF.

SrA Brad Poppe (R-174) Getting thinner on top all the time.

SrA Mike Northup (R-181) Hard to tell who keeps him busier ,the baby or Kelly.

SrA Dan Rhodenbaugh (R-184) He'll still get rowdy if he can get a kitchen pass.

A1C Frank Renko (E-180) Always locks himself up on alert with his computer. He's become a real hacker.

A1C Joe Halenka (E-172) Tell it to "Joe Boom" he'll believe anything. Always working out.

A1C Troy Keach (R-163) "Mr. Florida" spent his first TTF in Alaska, he came back saying "there wasn't anything to do, there just wasn't anything to do."

AMN. Jeff Heiby (E-170) Jeff's really dedicated, just ask him.

AMN. Todd Cook (R-183) The new guy on the block is getting settled in okay. We'll have him on alert before he knows what hits him.

5. Most of us are here most of the time. If you're passin' thru, stop in, we always have a cold beer, a good story, a good lie or two and can probably find anyone you might be looking for. If you're planning on dropping in, give us a call at AUTOVON 721-7601.

W. E. Mullis
WILLIAM E. MULLIS, SMSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

Eric "Rick" Riker
ERIC "RICK" RIKER, TSgt, USAF
IBO Editor

FROM: 7BMW/DOF (SMSgt Davis/739-5216)

23 May 88

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Inflight Refueling Operators

1. Greetings again from the guys at Fort Worth. Since the last Boom Signal there have been a few changes of the guard at CFIC. Hugh Cheatham, (Mr. CFIC) finally retired and I replaced him as Chief Inflight Refueling Programs Manager last June. MSgt Lewis Timbrook went across the street last August and took over the reigns of the 7th Air Refueling squadron. He was replaced by MSgt Ed Mikell, who came to us from the STAN/EVAL unit at Castle. MSgt Tom Minton is the proud father of a new girl, except now he stays busy buying Similac and Pampers. MSgt Odie Davidson continues to be our corporate memory. However, he's lost so much weight his bohiney shows, (embarrasses our female candidates.)

2. Some of our candidates are arriving here without having had their three Pre-CFIC flights. This tends to slow down the rest of the class while we cover those items other candidates are exposed to at their home units. We are not asking you to send us a finished product, we like our jobs and want to keep them. But, its important to ensure Pre-CFIC training is accomplished and units concentrate this training on checklist procedures, cargo/passenger loading and associated directives knowledge. Also, insure if a candidate is attending CFIC on a waiver, bring a copy of that waiver with them. To effectively tailor our instruction to a candidates needs, we must have copies of TAR's which covered their Pre-CFIC training flights. These TAR's provide us with a valuable insight into an individuals ability and comprehension level.

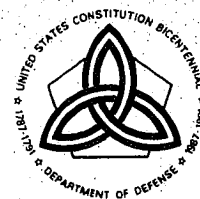
3. If you ever get to Dallas/Ft Worth area or have a question don't hesitate to give us a call at AV 739-5216.

C.T. Davis

C.T. DAVIS, SMSgt, USAF
Chief, Inflight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
7TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)
CARSWELL AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 76127-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

CCF

23 May 88

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8 AF/DOTTR (CMS Richardson)

1. Hello from the guys from Carswell, at Ft Worth Texas. This is a new experience for me, also for the Boom Signal. Hopefully, we will both recover. Speaking of new experiences, being Chief Boom has been quite a learning experience for me, the Boom Operators under me, the Commander and the Ops Officer. I would like to thank the guys and gals of the Squadron for their patients, help and bearing with me as I learn what the hell I'm suppose to be doing. They're a great bunch of good folks to work with. Also, I would like to thank CMS Rusty, CMS Walker, CMS Rich and my counter parts at CFIC, and many others I've called upon asking, what the hell do I do now. Please stick with me, I will get it right yet.!

2. We've had a lot of personal changes in the past year. We've said good bye to a lot of good experience, and welcomed some exceptional young airman. Thanks to Castle, I've gotten some good products!

3. Here's a line up of the troops.

MSgt Lew Timbrook - NCOIC, Chief Boom, 1st Sgt, on Crew R-124 and whatever else comes up

MSgt Bill Hall - Scheduling; retirement papers are in

MSgt Al Adams - Alert Facility Manager

MSgt Rudy Spence - S-101 Senior Stan/Eval Boom

SSgt Doug Schultz - S-102 Second in command Stan/Eval

SSgt Larry Greenfield - E-111 Cargo Loading Manager (Outstanding on ORI)

A1C Wayne Atkins - R-112 (said something about getting married)

A1C Mike Adams - R-113 (serious plans about marriage)

Amn Charles Creely - R-114 (studying the big EWO picture, newest boom)

TSgt Winnie Burnett - E-115 (Flt Boom; somewhere in Guam)

Amn Jerry Burns - E-116 (just certified and on first alert tour)

TSgt Chuck Meyer - R-121 (Flt Boom; NCOA in July)

SSgt Chico Gallegos E-122 (Asst Cargo Loading Manager)

SSgt Ruben Mendoza - E-123 (somewhere in ETTF)

MSgt Lew Timbrook - R-124 (what can I say, send help)

A1C Phil Lee - R-125 (waiting to be a new father)

A1C Dan Klemm - E-126 (just came back from ETTF)

TSgt Tom Huber - R-131 (Training Flt IBO/plus what ever else)

TSgt Mike Matlock - E-132 (Flt Boom)

SrA Tim McDermott - R-133 (Super Troop)

Amn Franke Rollins - R-134 (new troop, just broke his foot)

SSgt CD Franklin - E-135 (just back from Guam)

SSgt Clyde Hampton - R-136 (Likes those 3 hour night C-141 A/Rs)

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4. Here are some of our recent losses:

MSgt Keith Taylor - Ret
A1C Gary Jennings - Got out in the rollback program (going to work at the KC-10 Reserve at Barksdale)
Sgt Rick Brack (Kadena getting a good troop)
Sgt Al Leaton (KC-10 Barksdale)
Sgt Mary King (medically grounded, Palace Chase, Reserve)

We lost some exceptional people. But our lose is your good fortune. Thanks and best of luck to all of you.

5. Well, thats the picture here around Ft Worth, so if anyone comes down to cowtown give us a call. The Metroplex is hopping with entertainment, except Billy Bob's is closed due to insufficient funds. Stop by, we will at least point you in the right direction whatever your interest might be.


LEWIS C. TIMBROOK, MSgt, USAF
Chief Boom



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

20 May 1988



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CMSgt Elzey Richardson
8 AF/DOTTR
Barksdale AFB LA 71110-5000

Dear Rich

It's hard to believe I've been out of the "Puzzle Palace" for a year. I still have HQ SAC "Flashbacks" but I'm becoming firmly entrenched at Castle.

As always, we are looking for good, enthusiastic instructor boom operators to come to Castle. Things have changed quite a bit from the old days in that Castle is a very busy place. We are pushing 14 to 16 students per class, each student gets 9 flights and 14 BOPTTs. If you are selected, I can promise you a lot of hard work and an equal amount of satisfaction. It still amazes me that we can take an 18 year old "couch potato" into the Air Force and turn him or her into an EWO certified crew member in about 6 months.

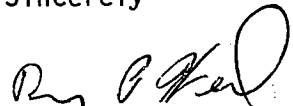
If you are interested in becoming a Castle instructor, please call me at AV 347-4405. You need to have 3 years time on station prior to PCS. You also need to submit a resume to me, CMSgt Rutzbeck at SAC, and CMSgt Harrison at MPC. The following are the minimum items that should be in your resume:

1. Personnel RIP
2. Last 3 APRs
3. Last 3 60-4s (Form 8s)
4. AF Form 942, Stand Eval History
5. 1 page resume
6. Letter of Recommendation from SQ NCOIC
7. Letter of Recommendation from SQ Commander

I'm very proud of the highly professional boom operators assigned to Castle, both in the CCTS and the 924th. During the past year our boomers have been tasked with many challenges and have met them all.

From my conversation with the NCOICs, as well as our external evaluation reports, it appears that the units are satisfied with the quality of the boom operators we are sending you. Please call me with any suggestions or comments you might have.

Sincerely


BENNY P. HEALD, CMSgt, USAF
In-Flight Refueling Superintendent

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)

CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 95342-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF

93 AREFS/DOTB

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal '88

TO

HQ 8 AF/DOTTR

1. Greetings to all! Before we get started with all the people here, I thought I'd take a minute to thank all who supported our annual reunion. This year's was the best I've attended and will be difficult to top. Especially fun was the guided tours of the KC-97. Thanks to all the "old heads" who gave us their personal insight into the old 97.

2. I'd also like to tell you a little bit about what we actually do out here. There are those who believe that all we do here at Castle is beat up the pattern. Not true. Because of the training requirements, we have been operating at full class capacity for sometime now and can expect this to continue for the future. That means a maximum of 16 students per class and 14 classes per year. An average flying week for the 93d includes 64 tanker sorties consuming 431 flying hours. Lets see, that makes average sortie duration of 6.7 hours. In that time we usually accomplish a nav leg, about an hour on track, and 2 to 2½ hours abusing the runway. When we've finished all that, we are still faced with the task of writing critiques, TAPRs, Ewo Study, CCP, LST, CWD, etc. Sound busy? I wouldn't trade it for the world. Castle instructor duty is the most challenging duty an instructor boom operator can have. Instead of flying with another instructor to keep you instructor duty current you fly with real students every flight. Especially rewarding is seeing the little student who could barely dress himself at the beginning of the training graduate as a 60-4 qualified boom operator at the end of 9 flights. If you are interested in being a Castle instructor, contact your program manager for further details.

3. Our current who's who of the 93d AREFS includes:

A FLT

TSgt Ted Carrier
TSgt Rob Hendrickson
SSgt Darnell Butler
SSgt Ben Selvidge
MSgt Tom Mahon
TSgt John Gallagher
SSgt Vern Harvey
SSgt Beve Katus

B FLT

TSgt Ron Daugherty
SSgt Tom Weirauch
TSgt John Pike
TSgt Larry Placide
TSgt George Murman
SSgt Lenny Beck
TSgt Curt Umstead

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C FLT

TSgt Terry Ross
TSgt Wayne Hillegeist
TSgt Tom Hervey
TSgt Erik Hass
SSgt Joe Ekroos
SSgt Frank Soto
TSgt Bill Shippey
MSgt Dave Wilson

E FLT

MSgt Ed Sickenberger
TSgt Gene Hagge
SSgt Aric Wiechmann
SSgt Roger Dumaine
SSgt Steve Tuttle
TSgt Bob Durbin
TSgt Gene Brantley
TSgt Bobby Skaggs

D FLT

MSgt Chris Sadler
SSgt Chris Youngblood
MSgt Mike Novosel
TSgt Rich Lusk
SSgt Jake Vogt
SSgt Jodi Hartel
MSgt Dave Mingus
SSgt Larry Santine

Staff/Spares

SMSgt Lanny Wayman
MSgt Benny Kepaa
MSgt Johnnie Mize
MSgt Jim Cannon

4. Lot's of things going on out here. Castle is the place for innovative things occurring in the boom field. Recently we've completed a suggested rewrite of the boom operator STS and we are currently working on a suggested rewrite of the dash nine. If you're interested in becoming a member of the team, fill out the paperwork. If you want to find out more, give us a call, AV347-2491/2341.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 924th AREFS/DOTB

1988

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

1. Greetings once again from the 924th, as you all know we pull alert duty here at castle, and our facility keeps getting better and better. Our new manager is Msgt Chuck Hughes, he is doing a great job out there for us. As always the 924th is busy, busy, busy, like the rest of you guys, so without further ado here's the run down.

2. Losses: Believe it or not our program manager, Msgt Sam Hunt has ended his 12 year stay with the 924th for a new job as head of the 93rd BMW STAN/EVAL. Our former S-101 Boom Tsgt Donald Rundle finally got his P.C.S.- to MINOT. But he didn't go alone, Ssgt Larry Townsend was asked to join him. I last heard they were both running things fine up there. Ssgt Jacqueline Hale and A1C Robert Wolfe have both gone over to the KC-10. SRA Mark Stinson has gone back to school for a while. Sgt Steven Smith got his wish and is now with the 909th at Kadena. And Tsgt Charles Clift is spending a ~~little time~~ *LOT OF TIME* in spare status.

3. As always the 924th is open to any words from the field, and if your on your way through to parts unknown, give us a call. We'll always be glad to help in any way.

4. THE LINE-UP:

Msgt Larry Vickers- New program manager. Former 93rd STAN/EVAL troop.
We'll see what happens.

Msgt Rodney Perkins- Training flight boom. One mean boom with a mountain bike.

Tsgt Mark Graham- New S-101 boom and soon to be a Msgt. Another 93rd STAN/EVAL trooper.

Ssgt Ken McCarthy- S-102 boom. Doing a great job, and on his way to the 93rd.

Ssgt Clayton Fox- R-103, and still waiting for orders.

Sgt Mark Miller-R-104, our newest instructor with leadership school behind him.

Ssgt Carlton Brasby-R-105, New member of the squadron, a former boom who could'nt stay away.

SRA Scott Holden- E-106, Sold his soul for four more years and will tie the knot in the near future.

Ssgt Stephen Yavornitzki-R-107, If the vette keep rollen, so does ski.

Sgt Jacky Lemons-R-108, Has added a new dimension to the word boom operator.

Tsgt Terry Barber-E-109, Still looking for Kadena, or a KC-10 slot.

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Ssgt Joseph Gedman-E-110, Another newcommer to the 924th and one highly motivated boom. Were glad to have him.
SRA Gregory Warren-E-111, Newly married and ready to become a sergeant.
A1C Morgan Gray-R-112, Has had enough.
AMN Abel Saenz-E-113, Brand new and shows alot of promise. But he has to learn that you can't call everyone by there first name.
Sgt Patrick Stevens-R-114, Looking for that next stripe and that CFIC slot. One day.
AMN Eric D. Saathoff-R-115, Doing good and has just left on his first TDY to Alaska. Kept asking about Moose creek Lodge.
A1C James Thomas-R-116, ROCK STAR, enough said.
A1C Timothy Green-R-117, Still TDY.
Ssgt Jeffrey Sargent-E-118, Still the same after all these years.

5. thats all for this year, if you want to know more, drop us a line or give us a call. See you next year.

Ssgt Clayton Fox



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CA 95342-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOFB (CFIC)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR

1. Hello from Castle AFB, CFIC. Since the last letter things here are pretty much the same as for a s class averages, two or three per class, but thats the only thing.

2. CFIC will undergo some major changes in the near future. First, we're going to become a squadron, get this, 330th Combat Flight Instructor Squadron. Secondly, the classes are being reworked, adding some tactics? Lastly, we've had a big turnover in instructors. The only two old heads left are Radar and Ed.

3. The candidates should not notice any major difference in training due to the continuity we keep here. If anything, the course should be improved, if you can improve something that is already outstanding.

4. Lets touch on some areas that have been "magic" for most of the candidates. First, operation of the HP 41, station loading, using it as a calculator and basic funtions has been pretty weak. Lets face it, the HP 41 is a piece of equipment that we use so we should become intimately familar with it. Secondly, computing manual moments using the A-5 or R-5 seems to be a mystery. Everyone seems to be able to use the formula but anything beyond that is just extraneous information, right? Wrong!! Again the -5 is something that we use everyday and has been made more "user friendly." Knowing how to use the three methods of obtaining a C.G. is not that hard, we teach it to all of the candidates that come through here - ask them, they would love to show you how it's done.

5. Now for some good new, our resident self taught computer engineer, Radar, is working a program that will make loading the HP 41 faster. The program will allow you to change the date, tail number, etc, without adjusting all. It will also allow an entire fuel load to be entered by selecting the total, ie, 90, 100, 120. Ballast will be selected by the C.G. you want, not jsut 25% (24% for the R). The only problem so far is we've run out of memory in the calculator itself, but we're looking at other alternatives, so standby.

6. That about wraps it up here. If anyone has any ideas that they want to discuss or just B.S., give us a call. AV 347-2235/4350/4874.

7. The current "SLUG" list:

MSgt Guy "Radar" Raynor, Chief Enlisted Swine
MSgt Ed "Fast Eddie" Mazzini, Head Boom, looking forward to retirement
MSgt Mike Cooley
MSgt Erskin Glas, really assigned to DO5, but helps us out. Out of what?
TSgt Jeff "Jeffery-Dale" Boutwell
TSgt Dan "Mong-man" Mongeon
TSgt Chuck Horne Peace is our Profession
SSgt Jim Phelps

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CA 95342-5000

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: 93 BMW/DOVT (MSgt Hunt, AV 347-4471)

16 May 88

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. "Hello" from Castle Stan/Eval. We are very busy these days with an average of twelve booms to check each class. The passing rate is about 85%. The instructors in the wing are doing an outstanding job with the very young people in eight rides. We have many tough decisions to make on these people and we have just one flight to do it on. We strive to send you the best 3 level boom operator possible. Give us a call sometime and let us know how you are doing and how these new boom operators are working out.

2. There have been many changes in the past twelve months. Chuck Hughes moved to the 924 AREFS as Alert Facility Manager. Ed Mikell has gone PCS to Carswell to C.F.I.C.. Larry Vickers is the new 924 AREFS Program Manager. Mark Graham jumped the fence and is now the Senior Standboard boom operator for the 924th.

3. This is the list of the white throated buddies assigned currently.

a. MSgt Samuel Hunt - The new boss at Stan/Eval, has a chance to be a boomer again. Nickname: "The boss"

b. MSgt James D. Zarkos - Between Pubs and Racquetball, Jim stays busy. The latest recipient of the "Beak of the Week" award. "Oh Well". Nickname: "Zman"

c. MSgt Terry Daffern - Golf handicap up to 50 and bowling handicap down to 16. Sounds like its time to give up golf. Nickname: "TD"

d. TSgt Michael E. Dunn - "Let's go fishin!" "Doctor Doom" to everyone including the fish. Nickname: "Uncle Mikey"

e. TSgt Harry L. Allen - Became a "daddy" since the last signal. Has had to put a baby carrier on his golf bag. Nickname: "The Harry"

f. SSgt Michael E. Sage - New "kid" in the office, makes a living buying used items (junk) and selling it. He's better at it than Fred Sanford. Nickname: "Lamont"

Samuel Hunt

SAMUEL HUNT, MSgt, USAF
Chief, IRO Stan/Eval

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 93D COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 95342-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 329 CCTS/CTZ

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO 8th AF/DOTTR, (CMSgt Richardson)

Greetings from the land of "Where it all begins". As many of you know, we're turning out max size classes, with a new one graduating about every 3 weeks. The majority of the students in each class are BMT's so it looks like our boomer force is growing younger each year (or am I growing older).

Just to make sure that all our spare time is fruit-fully fulfilled, we also support most of the KC-135R model difference training. We can't wait for the day when this R model finally figures out how to leave the traffic pattern. And speaking of the R models, we also have the "joy" of being the ones who go to get them whenever another airframe is propped in.

Along with that, the BOPTT occupies a lot of our time, with each student receiving 10 missions while he/she is in academics. With these large classes, the BOPTT is becoming a second home to most of us. Mail forwarding address is ...

Add in keeping courseware updated, loading cargo during generations, umpteen million different meetings to attend, reports to file, review boards to answer, and a host of other things and you can see why we've had to cut our golfing and beer drinking afternoons down to 2 per week !

On the lighter side here's a list of who's who, thats here. (?)

SMSgt Harvey Price -- The man thats in charge. At least for a little while yet. Harv leaves for Offutt in three weeks to take over a job that has a title longer than the distance from here to there. (NCOIC Post SIOP something or other) We wish him luck.

SMSgt Mike Mawhorr -- The man thats going to be in charge. Mike's coming to us from stanboard. We going to have to figure out how to get him to stop looking over our shoulders. Especially when "other duties" call us out of the office. Maybe when we send him to the SNCOA for two months next week he'll calm down. (?)

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MSgt Gary Hutchinson -- The man who will be temporarily in charge till the guy who's going to be in charge gets back to take over from the person who is in charge. (Follow that?). Hutch is still counting the days to retirement, or is it the hours now? An assignment to Pease will keep him in for a while. Also throws great parties.

TSgt John Peterson -- Still Mr. Rogers in our hearts. Keeps the pipe and slippers in his desk but really believes students should be eaten raw without the benefit of cooking them first. Actually another great guy and outstanding instructor.

TSgt Keith Mitchell -- Keith's got himself a KC-10 assignment to Barksdale and says he's leaving sometime later this year. Line three to this office is still the "love line" girls. Ext. 4810. Please leave the other two lines open for our business use.

TSgt Tim Ablay -- Between shooting up the country side, hogging the computer for hours on end, (Jeez), Tim manages to turn out a few good classes of students. If any one out there has any rare coins you want to get rid of, contact Tim.

TSgt Tom Dewitt -- New guy on the block. Just came to us from the 93rd. He gets his first class tomorrow and so far we've answered question number 467 from him as to what to do. Maybe we'll start giving him the correct answers later.

TSgt Frank Tesser -- Yours truly! Got tired of seeing all those silly comments about me, written by other people in past Boom Signals. So I thought I'd come up with the stupid sayings this time. My major ambition? To get myself to McConnell AFB as soon as Chief Rutzebeck can do it. Hint Hint Chief. In the mean time I'm the office scheduler, and part time class instructor.

TSgt Don Houchin -- Donnie's still as quiet as ever but when he decides to drop a "tactical nuke" watch out! This guy is the type you can always count on when you need somebody to give that "little bit" extra.

TSgt Ronald Combs -- Ron never gets mad and never throws things. Just count the dents in things around here. Ron also does something else that I can't repeat here. Just ask him what it is next time you see him. Looks like Ron also might have a KC-10 assignment, leaving shortly after Mitch.

TSgt Mike Prieskorn -- Mike's so new to this place that we don't know what to say about him. Give us time, we'll probably find a lot. First thing he has to do is learn verbal self-defense.

SSgt Reginald Farrow -- Reggie is the resident squadron golf expert. He can throw a tournament together at the drop of a hat. As busy as he's acting a lot of hats have been dropping lately. Still our expert on tying a rope to the wing tip of an R model and attaching the other end to the flagpole.

SSgt Donald Cash -- We've finally moved the target off the ceiling from above his desk. Don's into DJ'ing for local functions with his monster speakers. Occasionally he can hear what we're saying. Great classroom instructor.

Have to close this thing now. I was told that I'm only nine days late with it so far. Just a quick pitch for the Boom Reunion NEXT March; I ran the reservations again this year and would like to say PLEASE get your reservations (with money) in as early as you can. The Association officers here have a monumental task in putting that thing on and your help would be appreciated.

Till next time, we wish you all a good year and give an invitation to anyone passing through to stop in and chat a while. Beer is served after hours.

Frank R. Tesser

FRANK R. TESSER, TSgt, USAF
CCTS IRO Academic Supervisor, KC-135

Harvey L. Price

HARVEY L. PRICE, SMSgt, USAF
CCTS IRO Academic Branch Program Manager, KC-135

P.S.

Dear Frank --

Your first and last input to the boom signal.

Love,

Mike M.



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 dark and mysterious world of ISD. Many of you don't know what ISD entails, while the majority of the career field has seen our material several times when they were in school at Castle. We developed the courseware and trainers used in training of students at the 329 CCTS. ISD means Instructional System Development, which is 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 the explanation of ISD in a nut shell. If you would like to call and talk to us about the training programs or exchange ideas our numbers are: AUTOVON 347-4417/4479. We have a good ear and would like to hear from the field.

a. MSgt Erskin Glast: The man that always says, "Say What?" or "Ok, Ok, Just Quit Beeping" when he is working on a computer. Erskin comes to us from CFIC and is an excellent addition to this unit. Nickname: The Hornet.

b. MSgt Don Hale: Don, is one of those type of people who keeps saying, "I think I've got the hang of it..." and then something sneaks up and bites him on the tail. Don, joined us in Oct and did a great job, he will be leaving in Aug to be the Assistant Wing boom Operator. Nickname: The Shadow.

3. Well it's time to close this letter now. Until the next time, have a good year and if you come by out here, we can put you to work.

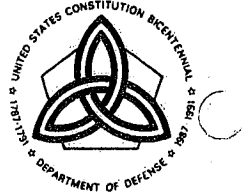
DONALD B. HALE, JR., MSgt, USAF
Curriculum Development Manager

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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 924th AREFS/DOTB

1988

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

1. Greetings once again from the 924th. Like the rest of you, we pull alert duty here at Castle, our facility keeps getting better and better. Our new manager is Msgt Chuck Hughes, he is doing a great job out there for us. As always the 924th is busy, busy, busy, like the rest of you guys, so without further ado here's the run down.

2. Losses: Believe it or not our program manager for so many years, Msgt Sam Hunt has ended his eleven year stay with the 924th for a new job as head of the Booms over at the 93rd STAN/EVAL. Our former S-101 Boom Tsgt Donald Rundle finally got his PCS, but not the one he wanted, to MINOT. But he didn't go alone, Ssgt Larry Townsend was asked to join him, we hear he's doing a bang up job. Ssgt Jacqueline Hale and A1C Robert Wolfe have both gone over to the KC-10. SRA Mark Stinson has gone back to school for a while. Sgt Steven Smith got his wish and is now with the 909th at Kadena. And Tsgt Charles Clift is spending a little time in spare status.

3. THE LINE UP:

Msgt Larry Vickers-New program manager. Former 93rd STAN/EVAL troop. We'll see what happens.

Msgt Rodney Perkins-Training Flight Boom. One mean boom with a mountain bike.

Tsgt Mark Graham-New S-101 boom and soon to be a Msgt. Another former STAN/EVAL trooper.

Ssgt Ken McCarthy-Our S-102 boom. Doing a great job, and soon to be on his way to the 93rd.

Ssgt Clayton Fox-Now on R-103, and still waiting for orders.

Sgt Mark Miller-Crew R-104, our newest instructor, and soon to be a graduate of the NCO Leadership school.

Ssgt Carlton Brasby-Crew R-105, New member of the squadron, a former boom who could'nt stay away.

SRA Scott Holden-Now on E-106, has sold his soul for four more years and will be tying the knot in the near future.

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Ssgt Stephen Yavornitzki-The boom for R-107 remarks: If the vette keeps rollen, so do I.

Sgt Jacky Lemons-Boom for R-108, has added a new dimension to the word boom operator.

Tsgt Terry Barber-Still on E-109, and still looking for a slot to Kadena, or an opening in the KC-10 program.

Ssgt Joseph Gedman-Another newcomer to the 924th, on crew E-110, and one highly motivated boom. Were glad to have him.

SRA Gregory Warren-Newly married, and on E-111, and ready to become a sergeant.

A1C Morgan Gray-It may have been crew R-112, we don't know, but Morgan has had enough.

AMN Abel Saenz-A brand new boom for crew E-113, he shows alot of promise. But he has to learn that you can't call everyone by there first name.

Sgt Patrick Stevens-Looking for that next stripe and that CFIC slot. Now on crew R-114.

AMN Eric Saathoff-Another new boom, doing good and has just left on his first TDY to Alaska. Kept asking about Moose Creek Lodge.

A1C James Thomas-The ROCK STAR of "C" Flight, enough said.

A1C Timothy Green-Still TDY. Crew R-117.

Ssgt Jeffrey Sargent-Still TDY. Crew E-118. Still wild.

4. As always the 924th is open to any words from the field, and if your on your way through to parts unknown, give us a call. We'll always be glad to help in any way. Thats all for this year, if you want to know more, drop us a line or give us a call. See you next year.

Ssgt Clayton E. Fox III



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
6512TH TEST SQUADRON (AFSC)
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 93523


REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 6512 TESTS/TEOB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

Greetings from Eddy Test -

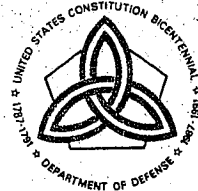
1. There have been a few new developments at Edwards since the last Boom Signal. After Sandy McClendon retired last year, MSgt Rick Kahler assumed the helm as Chief Boom Operator. MSgt Jim Parrish moved into the number two slot and I bat clean up.
2. Last summer the Edwards business effort was started. Crews arrive each Monday for a week to support the Flight Test Center air refueling requirements. The crews have been averaging one or two flights per day. The sorties are short and sweet. The refueling usually starts within 15 minutes after take off and ends 15 minutes prior to landing. Booms refuel everything from C-130's to the B-1 with plenty of fighters thrown in.
3. Let me take a minute and go over some of the up coming programs here at Edwards.
 - a. The Government has purchased 2 Boeing 747's for Air Force One Presidential Aircraft, replacing the B-707. The air refueling and envelope expansion test, utilizing both the KC-135 and KC-10, will be accomplished later this year.
 - b. The 135 booms should find this interesting. Earlier this year we performed a series of MITO tests with the KC-10, using intervals from 1 minute down to 15 seconds at light, medium and heavy weights, in front of and behind a B-52, KC-135, B-1 and KC-10.
 - c. The KC-10's are being modified to add wing tip air refueling drogue pods. Once installed the KC-10 should be able to perform three drogue refuelings simultaneously. The refuelings will be viewed from the boom pod using an externally mounted camera with a black and white video monitor.


KEVIN DOYLE, MSgt, USAF
Boom Operator



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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



1 JUN 1988

The Boom Signal
8AF/DOTTR
Barkdale AFB, LA 71110

To All Boom Operators,

There's been a lot of change in the Task Force over the past year; a terrible accident for one of the booms, more KC-10s, R-models, and ugly 8 engine beasts invading our peaceful domain. I'll start by telling you what happened to D.J. Hillberry on Labor Day, 1987 as he stopped to trouble shoot the cause of an idiot light that came on as he returned from a hunting trip. As he checked the battery it exploded, severely damaging his left eye and leaving shrapnel wounds to his face. Fortunately his hunting partners carried drinking water and they were able to flush the right eye. D.J. had to spend several weeks in different hospitals and endure many operations in an attempt to save the left eye. He was sent to the military's best eye reconstruction hospital but unfortunately the force of the explosion detached the retina and sight was lost in that eye. D.J.'s right eye is fine and the shrapnel wounds healed quickly. The flight surgeon won't let him pass gas anymore so he's awaiting his Air Force destiny.

AFMPC selected SSgt Ray Frey from Dyess to take D.J.'s place in the staff. Ray arrived here in the middle of March and is all checked out in staff work and trips to Shemya. He keeps wondering how many additional duties can a person be expected to fulfill (I keep telling him that about 10 is normal around here).

The three holers visited us several times during the past year and we sure enjoyed having them here. It's a thrill to watch the boomer work with all that high-tech equipment. Cargo loading is a breeze and all those buttons and dials in the boom pod (sorry, ARO compartment) make air refueling so much safer. Yes, it does make one yearn for greener pastures.

The R-models arrived in April and the first thing they showed off was the ability to fly a nine hour sortie, off-load 80 grand (normally takes two steam jets) and still have enough fuel for a pilot pro. I swear that there's a JP-4 maker on that airplane. The only trouble about having the R-model around is the scheduling nightmare that develops by having a mixture of crews and airplanes. It becomes especially tough when trying to fill strip alert lines.

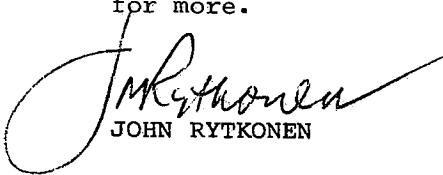
Throughout the year the base hosted many B-52 deployments and their entourage of support tankers. I've seen crews load and tie down that monstrous B-52 tow bar every way imaginable.

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The boom operators have done an outstanding job in getting the gas off in a safe and professional manner; we haven't had as much as a brute force disconnect this year. That tells a lot about the outstanding training these boomers get back home.

Thanks again to all the boom operators who endured the 40+ days here and all the strip alert tours. It's always a thrill for us to see boomers returning for more.



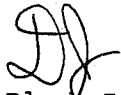
JOHN RYTKONEN



RAY FREY

D.J has a few parting words.....

Well folks, it's been real and it's been fun, but it looks like it's my time to move on. I've really enjoyed working with all you and I'd rather stay in Alaska to keep everyone on their toes. If all goes well I'll still be seeing some of you, maybe working with a few. It was great for me, and good luck to all, "we're counting on ya."



Black Jack, D.J. Hillberry
ATTF



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 28TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)

ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57706-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 28 AREFS/MSgt Westman

1 May 88

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Booms,

The Black Hills Booms' wish to extend a warm "Hello How Are Ya" to all our friends in the Boom field! Since the last Signal a few changes have occurred here at Ellsworth, MSGT Chet Westman took over as Chief Boom. TSGT Kieth Janssen {Previous Chief Boom} is now our Alert Facility Manager. Kieth earned a step promotion for doing an outstanding job as our Pad Dad! TSGT Pete Mueller is now our Chief of Training Flight, he has been busy redoing lesson plans for "R Model" systems classes.

The past year saw some good Booms leave and a new boom come in. Our most unfortunate loss was A1C Dave Hinze, Dave was in a car accident, and as a result, he was medically discharged. The doctors said he would never walk again, however, last time I talked to him, he was walking on his own and hopes to return to the Air Force as a boom. An amazing recovery, we wish him the best of luck! One other loss is due to a PCS, TSGT Doug Simmons is now S-102 Boom at the 91 AREF Sq. (Malmstrom AFB Mt) formed in April of this year. SRA Ed Paver left the Air Force this year during the recent rollback, and is now driving a beer truck delivering brews all over the Black Hills region. SSgt Steve Olson will depart to Ellsworth AFB North (Malmstrom) this fall. On the gain side, we received A1C Bruce Zahn, pipeline from Castle, in January 88. He is our first Boom to come in to squadron in over a year, and is continually impressing everyone with his abilities as a boom. Our hats are off to Castle for doing such an outstanding job preparing him for the boom field.

SMSGT (Ret) John Huntington passed away last August. As many of you know, John was the 28th's Chief Boom until he retired in April 1986. John's death was a tragic blow to all of us, but he will always be remembered, not only as a great Boom, but as an outstanding individual and friend to all of us.

Now for what you all have been waiting for....our line up.

STAFF

MSGT Chet (PAPPY) Westman	*Chief Boom
TSGT Pete Mueller	*IBU
MSGT Keith Janssen	*Alert Facility Manager
STAN/EVAL	
TSGT John Pettis	*S-101
SSGT Dan "Badger" Gilson	*S-102

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WORKING CLASS

SSGT Kerry "GUZ" Gulzow	*E-110 A Flight Boom
A1C Chip McCutcheon	R-111 new hubby
SGT Mike Mucklow	*R-112
A1C Bruce "Clubby" Zahn	E-113
SSGT Chuck "CHUCKELS" Miller	*E-114
TSGT Pat "Hillbilly" Pruett	*E-120 Assistant IBU
A1C Mike "ICKY" Ickes	R-121
SGT Walter "Ike" Eichler	*R-122 new IBO
SSGT Gary Thomas	*R-123 CLT Manager
SSGT Steve "Oly" Olson	*R-124 new hubby
TSGT Peter Mueller	*R-130 Pulls crew also when we're short handed
SSGT Jim "QUICK DRAW" McGraw	*R-131 C Flight Boom
A1C Paul "Red" Emler	R-132 Signal editor
MSGT Ron "RAPPIN RONNY" Whitmire	E-133 also goes by "Ronny Redneck"
SRA Steve "Opie" Flax	E-134 also goes by "HotFoot"

* denotes IBO's

Lessons learned:

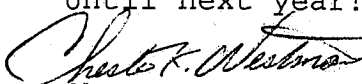
Never play leap frog with a unicorn!

Don't pet a burning cat!

When you're in Iceland, "Never stand on a geyser that's about to erupt!", for more information just call Opie "HOTFOOT" Flax, and he'll be more than glad to give you the details.

Phone Numbers: AUTOVON 675- Tanker squadron 1081, Alert 2971.

Until next year!



Chet Westman, MSGT, USAF
28AREFS/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/DOFT (TSgt Buckland, 675-4992)

24 May 88

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR

Hello from the Black Hills of South Dakota and home of the 4th Airbourne Command and Control Squadron. The squadron has gone through some changes in the last year so let's start first with aircraft and finish with personnel.

First, we received three EC-135 aircraft with the PACER LINK modification. They have completely refurbished the interior with airliner type insulation and new equipment. They also placed two LOX converters where the instructor pallet was and moved the instructor radio and oxygen panel to the right side of the boom pod. This makes training very difficult if not impossible. So if you see message traffic on PACER LINK training impact, that's what they are talking about. 4 ACCS booms will be doing their category and initial instructor training on 28 ARS aircraft. We want to thank MSgt Westman and the rest of the 28 ARS for their help in this matter.

We have also had quite a change of personnel since last signal. MSgt Ken (Pappy) Piotrowski has hung up his flight suit after 27 plus years. He is currently in the Rapid City area but plans to return to Wisconsin in a month or two. MSgt Danny Gardner has also retired and is now a security guard at a mental institution in Indiana. SSgts Larry Placide, Wayne Hillegist and Joe Gedman departed for Castle. Larry and Wayne went to the 93rd and Joe is at the 924th. SSgt Mark Sletton pulled up stakes and changed from a Black Hills Bandit to a Beale Bandit. SSgt Chuck Miller has returned to the 28 ARS after a 9 month tour with us. We really appreciated his help during our time of need. Those are our departed friends and now to list the current Boom Roster for 1988.

MSgt Darol Rang - Chief Boom - New head honcho
TSgt John Buckland - Training Flight - Arrived in Aug. from Kadena
TSgt Duane Hillman - S-101 - Just bought a new "poorhouse", beautiful.
TSgt Jim Sigl - S-102 - New Stan/Eval on the block
TSgt Steve Johnson - E-103 - Always TDY to Offutt
SSgt Jeff Bixler - R-104 - Really likes alert at Minot now
TSgt Ricky Geiger - E-105 - Recent NCO Academy Grad and new daddy
MSgt Sam Ballante - R-106 - Leader of Boom Crotch Rocket Club (bikes)
A1C Bob Janczewski - R-107 - Our Baby Boom at 18 but a good stick
SSgt Russ Hess - R-108 - Got kicked by horse, but OK now.
A1C Jay Adams - R-109 - Sharp new boom, trying to attend OTS
Sgt Howard Pearl - R-110 - Now at leadership school and next for CFIC
Ann Mike Weimer - E-111 - New boom, skateboard expert he says

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Amn Ed Berte - R-112 - New boom, Boom Crotch Rocket member
Amn Mark Bearden - R-114 - New boom, another BCRC member
Amn Dan Rogan - E-115 - New boom, visits Spearfish alot for women
SSgt Jeff Haverly - R-116 - Boom Golf and Complaining Champion
Sgt Tom Hayes - R-117 - Married Well\$\$\$\$\$, does booming for fun now.
SrA Doug "Spud" Micklich - R-118 - BTZ promotion, getting married Jun

Well that about rounds out the group and I better get this in before the 1 May deadline. If anyone is passing through, give us a call so we can show you the beauty of the Black Hills and the hospitality of the 4th ACCS Booms. Darols number is (autovon) 675-4999 and my number is 675-4992. After duty hours, my home phone is (605)343-3782. Come visit us.



JOHN K. BUCKLAND, TSgt, USAF
Training Flight IBO



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
92D AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)
FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON 99011-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 92 & 43 AREFS, Boom Section

SUBJECT: Boom Signal '88

TO: Chief Richardson

Greetings from the Inland Empire.

Construction on base is at an all time high. They are in the process of renovating the Bomber alert facility. The Bomber crews have moved into the tanker facility, and the Tanker Crews have moved over into the dormitories.

Thanks to a combined effort the BOA raked in a record amount of money during this year's open house. Hopefully the boomers will be using that money to have a few parties this year. If you get up this way stop on by and ask the Chief to buy you a beer, just don't tell him I sent you

Take care, and we'll see you TDY!

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



SEPTEMBER 18, 1947

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CMSgt Zamagne- Chief is doing a great job as NCOIC of the 92nd. Because of possible repercussion I must refrain from saying anything more.

TSGT McDonald- Derek is in Training Flight now. Unfortunately for him he's pulling more alert now than ever before.

TSGT Prausa- The 92nd's answer to J.L Smith. Thanks to him though the BOA raked in the money during the open house.

SSgt Beth- Bob has earned the Nickname slug, and is still living up to it. If we could just keep him from going DNIF all the time.

SSGT Forward- Glen is still walking around in a daze. His wife just had twins. Way to go Glenn.

SSgt Oulela- Dean is the new hammer in Stan/Eval. If you want to pass a check make sure you have plenty of money.

SSgt Lively- Jay is also in Stan/Eval. Moneys good, but a six-pack is even better.

SSgt Howard- Just back from CFIC (at Last). Now he's ready to spend all that instructor pay.

SSgt Stroik- Anne's been here a while, but just recently got her wings. Now she's flying high and anxiously awaiting her first long TDY.

SSgt Baker- Bill is a good instructor, but how come he has such a hard time finding people to fly with?

Sra McGuire- Tom just reenlisted and bought a new car. Tom, what's the tally, 4 new cars in 3 years?

Sra Ward- Ursala is doin' great. Moved into base housing and is currently in Alaska. She should feel right at home there.

Sra Craig- Reenlisted for four more so he can pay off his truck. And everyone thinks Eric's smart cause he spends so much time on his computer. Go Figure!

A1C Deitz- Jim is extending his enlistment to PCS to Malmstrom. Is that Patriotism or what!!

A1C Photopulos- Career A1C. Hatchman is still waiting to drive on base. More to come!

A1C Swanson- Paul is the only Airman we know who is bucking for General. We all hope he makes it. HA. HA.

Amn Robison- New in from CCTS. Resident dorm party animal. Just don't try to talk to him when he's had a few.

Amn Bermodes- Mr. Low Profile. I don't have anything to write cause he's never around.

TSgt Thomas- Almost forgot about him. Works over in scheduling. He always looks busy when you go in there, but he never gets anything done.

DEPARTED BOOMS

MSgt Spencer- We were all sad to see Dick retire. Fortunately he didn't go far. Now you can see him watering grass around base. Congratulations on the promotion Dick.

MSgt Kaminski- Mark was recently installed as Chief Boom of the 43rd. Between the parking tickets and paperwork, we've been keeping him very busy. Matter of fact, haven't seen the top of his desk since he took over.

TSgt Montgomery- Phil was seen looking at small buses. He is TDY to the Pacific, what could that mean?

TSgt Deibert- Arrived from Minot. Unfortunately for him, they dragged him kicking and screaming into Training Flight. You can't be "just a crewdog", Lee!

SSgt Littleton- Recently moved to Stan/Eval. Our resident computer specialist. Did he trade his brain in for a 256K RAM Chip?

SSgt Grovhoug- Started "Bud's School of Alert Truck Driving." Always first to the plane because everyone's afraid to drive near him. "Watch out for those taxiway lights, Bud!"

SSgt McDonald- "If it ain't fishin', it ain't Mac!" You should have seen the one that got away.

SSgt Wesemann- Recently upgraded to Instructor. Still "King of Porno" but his pilot is running a close second. Looks like Al is heading for Malmstrom.

SSgt McGuire- "Crackers" still need a boost to reach the crew entry ladder.

SSgt Keeton- "Snoopy" was recently upgraded to Instructor. He's never around, so we're not sure if he's still in the 43rd or not.

SSgt Mackey- Special delivery from Germany. After three years with the Army pukes, Jay got a real job, doing what-we don't even know!

Sgt J.L.Smith- Still the "King of Voice." If he's not talking, he's snoring. A.K.A. "Mouth of the South."

Sgt Pickering- Finally down for the count, Dean got married in May 88. Hearts are broken world-wide.

A1C Burnett- Matt has been TDY so many times, he's considered permanent party at various bases around the world.

A1C Thayer- A.K.A. "Trigger" Has an answer for everything, even if it's not the right one. Brian is always looking over his shoulder for the dreaded "No-Notice."

A1C Sikes- Russ believes he's the most eligible bachelor on base. Don't bust his bubble, but the local females have a different opinion.

A1c Rodriguez-Couldn't get this guy out of Alaska (84 days TDY) Does that have anything to do with Northern Tier women, Rick?

A1C Frank- What a party animal! Just don't let the waitress at the NCO Club hit him in the head when he's drunk!

A1C Overton- New boom from Castle. He wanted to be "known throughout the Wing." Boy, did he do that the wrong way!

DEPARTED BOOMS

TSgt Gentry- "Biff" took his Harley to Offutt.

MSgt Lowe- Packed up and followed Jess to Loring by the sea.

MSgt Miller-Minot? Why not? Mickey did! You got one great boom.

MSgt Schloss-LORING- a Fairchild institution left after 12 years.

SSgt K. Smith-KC-10, may the women in the Pacific beware, cause Karl will soon be running them.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 319TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA 58205-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOTTR

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: CMSgt Richardson

We just finished our PRE-ORI inspection with good results. Tankers, as usual beat the bombers, with days to spare! Score Tankers 1, Bombers 0. The base now has its full compliment of KC-135R's and B-1B's. We still don't know if its a fighter or bomber, too heavy for a fighter and has a stick instead of a yoke. Winter of 87-88 is history, the warm season is here and the snow's been replaced by blowing dirt. Grand Forks has lots of clean air and friendly people, so if you're interested, you should change your dream sheet now. A number of booms are looking to go south for the winter(s) and need replacements.

Since the last boom signal we've submitted two proposals to SAC. 1: Delete the pillow and blanket requirement for all First View flights on the KC-135R. This requirement found in SACR 11-19 is no longer needed because the "R" model is warmer due to greater air in-flow from the new engines.

2: Place the baggage bins in the "R" model between body stations 1020 and 1120 on each side of the cargo compartment. The Airline Seats are then moved forward. This presents a more professional looking aircraft for CDV flights. Baggage may be loaded through the aft hatch.

A large percentage of our booms are being selected for the KC-10, so we're always looking for replacements. Five out of eleven instructors have applied for KC-10 duty so we will either PCS instructors in (Rusty take note) or grow our own. If you have not had your tour north yet, give Grand Forks consideration.

The units still waiting for your "R" models will be pleased with your new aircraft as the pressurization and handling characteristics are so much better; however, we still don't volunteer for pattern rides.


Alan R. Bekkerus SMSgt

Inflight Refueling Program Manager.

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Here's our list:

Newby's

MSgt Jim Eden IBO - Our new IBU. Arrived September of 87 from CFIC and he's still after the movers to find his hair. His Warning is WHAT EVER YOU DO, DON'T _____ WITH MY PERSONAL _____.

MSgt Nick Tomaszewski - Now the Alert Facility manager who some how arranged to get 15 AF best Alert Facility award. Not too bad for an EC-135 boom operator from England.

AMN Chad Goodnough - Another one from Castle. Just pulled his first Alert tour, and could not find enough to fill 7 days. Didn't take him long to figure out how to use C².

AMN Steve Hawn - Fresh from Castle, doesn't know what Alert is yet but he can spell CCP and EWO.....study.

AMN Larry Sauber - Still another one fresh from Castle got in while the weather is good.

AMN Retha "Hassie" Snyder - Our only female boom, she's getting all the good deals. The people at finance know her by her first name.

AMN Robert Vandenbos - Just opened the door to the squadron, fresh from Castle.

Outbounds

TSgt Wayne Isaacson IBO - Orders for the 93rd at Castle, he's a real old timer. Were losing a lot of experience with him.

Sgt Jim "Jaam" Lockley - He's now riding around in the 3 holer (KC-10) at Barksdale. On the way out he said something about hunting gators and fishin' in the swamps.

Sgt Eric Thomas "ET" - He's still here but his squadron patch is the 32nd AREFS?, Barksdale. Another 3 holer.

SRA Tony Ceraolo - Yes, another 3 holing communist ship jumping rat. He's leaving in June with one more than he arrived with, a baby girl. So what are you doing with your NO FAT CHICKS patch?

SRA Greg "Why" Nott - The roll back got him, and the computer world won. He helped get the computers up and running in the squadron. Oh Greg? YOU CAN'T TAKE THE ZENITH WITH YOU.

AlC Gary Elliot - This one was really a big surprise, seems like he just got here and then got orders to Kadena. Guess its timing and not who you know.

AlC Frank "Disco" Jirik - Civilian life will have him soon, and he will have to work for a living. Said something about college but we're not too sure its for the education.

AlC Jeff "Cornbread" Sidles - A proud new father and the owner of the much valued KC-10 class date. He surprised us with both, and should be leaving this fall.

The Old and Cold

TSgt Bob Bergquist IBO - Finally made TSgt. Our boom in scheduling with a dull hunting knife that he uses to ensure the high completion rates we achieve.

TSgt Don Frol (S-101) - What can you say about him that can be printed here. Ice Hockey is his game. Ask him about teams, names, or stats, if he doesn't know it he'll make it up.

TSgt John Oglesby IBO - He's filling a slot as our Tactics Boom. Someday he may be a real TSgt, and fill a slot in the squadron.

SSgt Jim Hackworth IBO - Just had another addition to the family, a girl and now complains about not enough time for the family. The weather's better and his Harley is seeing a few more miles.

SSgt Chris Hatley IBO - New father of a 9.5 lb baby boy. Bought a house and settling down to the ways of the north.

SSgt Barry "That's not the way WE did it" Hayes - C flight IBO. Wants a KC-10 assignment "HA!" he's waiting for the next board.

SSgt Ted Johnson IBO - A homesteader!, you guys down south should like that. 6+ years, always in Ely Minn., with his bride to be.

SSgt Steve Kleman IBO - The latest addition to our instructor force. He's been here for 6 years and wants to be a 3 holer.

SSgt Lloyd "Pink Floyd" Rand IBO - Last time we saw him it was on alert I think? His garden is growing all sorts of new and never seen before vegetables.

SSgt Jim "Harley" Wood IBO - "Wants a KC-10 south" and a side car for his "dresser". Then he can baby-sit his new daughter while cruising. Keep dreaming Jim!

Sgt Dan "Bam Bam" Elam - Maybe a future Harley owner but he keeps us laughing. These 3 holers keep coming out of the woodwork.

Sgt Jack Fortner IBO - Completed CFIC with a Outstanding Performance on his IBO check. Wants a KC-10, said something about being north and very cold.

Sgt Kip Green - "Boom flight squad leader" according the local paper. Think he's still here? We sub alert for him.

Sgt Quinn Janke - He's back from CFIC with HAIR ON FIRE AND 90 MPH, soon to be our latest instructor. It took awhile to convince him he's not a gunner anymore.

AIC Todd Cleveland - He got married to one of our command post controllers. Honeymoons not over and the only kitchen pass he gets is TDY orders signed by the DO.

AIC David Curtis - Rollback got him but Chief Boom got'em first, not too many SMSgt's on alert these days.

And last of all, the TOP DOG, HEAD CHEESE, BIG MAN, the BOSS.

SMSGT Alan "Al" Bekkerus IBO - His line number finally came up. He runs the show here, and has things under control most of the time.

Signed
Tigers of the North

905 AREFS

Grand Forks AFB N.D.

AV 362 HMFVIC 5755/5800 TRN FLT 5761 ALERT 6410

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From: MSGT J.D. Hill 41AREFS/CCF 587-4028

To: CMSGT Elzey Richardson 8AF/DOTTR

Subject: Boom Signal

1. Hello to all present, past, and future boom operators from the men and women of the 41AREFS, Griffiss AFB, N.Y. It has been a banner year for the boomers of the 41st here at the "Griff". With the bare-base deployments to exotic places like Clinton-Sherman Okla. in the middle of the worst winter in the past 40 years, what more could a person ask for? Yes indeed, life is good. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank CMSGT Rutzebeck for the bright young stars that have arrived during our critical manning period. I wouldn't trade them for anyone. They are super. Kudo's to the staff at Castle. Keep on cranking them out guys. This will be my final input to the Signal, as this semi-old head will be walking away from the the best damn job the military has to offer, come July 15.

Just a word of advise to you young folks, continue to challenge yourselves with those hard-to-attain goals and you will go far as a gas-passer. To all my old buddies, especially J.D. Zarkos, continue to reach for the stars my friends. Here is the current line-up of the Best In Sac:

A/R Program Manager- MSGT J.D. Hill- if I can get a B.S. degree, anyone can.

Alert Facility Manager- MSGT Billy "Banzai" Karasko- doing a super job.

Senior Public Relations Boom- SMSGT Tom Ross- currently re-qualing as an instructor and doing a great job.

Training Flight Instructor- MSGT Al King- "STEP" promotee this past Dec.

S-101- Tsgt Larry Marks- not a better evaluator anywhere.

S-102- SSGT Dan Goewey- "MR PUBLICATIONS" Very difficult but very fair.

S-103- SSGT Bart Elliott- I want to go to Castle, so will someone please leave that place. Also, can I ship a boat in my household goods?

R-104- MSGT Steve Dixon- just put on Master and is a welcome level of experience.

R-105- SSGT Dan DeBellis- D.O.S. is this wednesday. A great boom and we hate to lose him. Thanks, rollback program.

R-106- AMN Angela Owens- one of our new arrivals and a welcome sight. "Distinguished" grad from the schoolhouse.

R-107- AMN Tony "cheeks" Dettorie- Does great work, just don't tell him that. Another new arrival.

E-108- SSGT Al Smick- "The Green Grocer"- Just bought himself a new tractor that cost more than my truck.

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R-109- SRA Tim Smith- Super Boom- just made SRA below-the-zone and found out he
is soon to be a Papa. Got to keep that boy on alert more often.

R-110- SSGT Joe Thomas - our resident Cargo Loading expert- going to Stan/Eval soon.

E-111- AIC Michelle Reid- soon to join the ranks of the blissfully wed. wants to be
a civilian ASAP.

E-112- AMN Ed Morse- the boy came in the Air Force to see the world, and gets sent
30 miles from home.

R-113- AIC Guy King- A bright young star. Very quiet and very competent.

R-114- AIC Steve Fields- is still looking for the meaning of life. Also enjoys sleep-
ing a lot.

R-115- AMN Paul Frownfelter- Another competent baby boom. ETTF at this time.

R-116- AIC Miles "Can I take leave" Caton- does a super job if you can keep him
away from Rochester.

E-117- SSGT Scott Hicking- Our newest Instructor and will go very far. Just ask him.

R-118- TSGT Marc Aalderink- A fairly new experienced instructor from McConnell. Likes
to chew snuff and fish.

R-119- SRA Dave "Ninja" Shead- our most recent CFIC candidate. Will soon be the short-
est instructor in the command.

R-120- SSGT Mike Hernandez-"The Latin Lover"- Our resident lowest profile. The only
boom operator in the command to have his own answering ser-
vice in the alert facility.

This just about completes the "All Star" listing of the FIGHTING 41ST. I realize
to a lot of my old buddies, I will only be remembered past that next beer, however,
I will never forget any of you. It has been great folks, and I wish all of you the
best. So, keep those HP batteries charged and the pole in the hole.

ALL MY BEST

J.D. Hill

IRO Program Manager

41AREFS/Griffiss AFB N.Y.

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Reply to
Attn of (MSgt Randall, AV366-6189)

Subj Boom Signal

To 8 AF/DOT (CMSgt Richardson)

Hafa Adai from Andersen AFB Guam. Where the weather is dry, wet, hot, and humid almost every day. The 65th Strategic Squadron has gone through many changes. We currently have three Boom Operators stationed here. Two in the Squadron and one in scheduling. Here's the latest info on who's doing what for now.

Chief selectee Ron Livingston finally sewed on his chief stripe. There's no doubt in anyones mind that he is a chief. He has created another boom slot in the 65th and is currently working on a boom slot in scheduling. He is always up to something. Chief Livingston is the Chief of Tanker Scheduling and schedules all tanker activity in our theater. He's the one who schedules one crew to go TDY here and another crew to go there. He's doing an outstanding job. His office is located in the Bomb Wing building above the 43rd BMW Commander's office. As busy as scheduling can be, the Chief always finds time for an Australian trip or two. No idea what the Chief has up his sleeve for an assignment in the future.....only time will tell.

MSgt Troy Sinclair has done an outstanding job as the Alert Facility Manager. He's heart broken about loosing his job. Hard to believe his building is empty. I have a feeling a few trips to Australia, Korea, and the Philippines might cheer him up. Troy is scheduled to return to the states in September. Rumor has it that Troy's not real excited about the possible PCS locations available. Might he extend here at Andersen? No decisions have been made yet. At any rate, Troy is currently working with us at the 65th as an Operations Planner, (building mission packages). He is rapidly learning how to run the computer flight plans and has assured us he already knows how to run on TDYs. Should Troy decide to extend, he will make a great asset to the 65th.

I'M (MSgt John Randall) the Staff In-Flight Operations Superintendent and loving every minute of it. I was the Alert facility Manager for about a year before Troy Sinclair arrived. Boy was I happy to see Troy. I really missed the flying and booming as the Facility Manager. I've been in the 65th almost a year now. The last five months I've had it all to myself since Chief Livingston went to scheduling. All the booms I've worked with TDY have done a great job. The airplanes are looking pretty good and the booms seem to be well briefed before they arrive. I'm in the process of updating our Custom and Boom Operator brochures. Soon as I get them completed I'll send a copy to all the units that visit us.

Our misssions here haven't changed much since the last boom letter. We currently go to Darwin, Australia; Clark AB, Philippines; Kadena AB, Japan; Osan and Kunsan AB, Korea; Wake

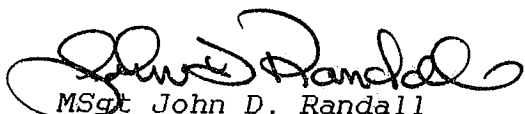
Island; Diego Garcia and a few other places including Thailand. We still pull strip alert, however, it's only for a four hour period, and most crews only pull strip a couple times during their stay. We are involved in alot of fighter movements and continue to work with the Navy and Marine probe and drogue refuelings. Most of our local missions are in support of the 60th Bomb SQ stationed here at Andersen. This means two to three hour missions refueling B-52s. Most likely you will get a chance to carry some type of cargo and most definitely you will carry alot of passengers. We always open maximum seats on all sorties in the Pacific when fuel loads permit. Please insure all the troop seats are operational with seat belts installed prior to departing your home station. Additionally, bring all five beverage containers as required by SACR 400-4. Forty or fifty passengers can go through the liquids fast in our hot humid climate. As I mentioned, you may get a chance to carry cargo. We carry just about everything you can put on a 135. Ninty percent of the time a staff boom will assist you in loading the aircraft. Our largest loads are usually associated with typhoon evacuations, Cope Thunder Operations and Deployments into Australia.

A TDY to the Pacific can be a great opportunity to see some interesting places and gain valuable experience. Don't hesitate to let me know if you need anything over here. I'm here to serve you!

Take care out there, and FLY 'EM SAFE!!!!

CMSgt Ron Livingston = Tanker Scheduling
MSgt John Randall = Staff Boom Operator
MSgt Troy Sinclair = Operations/Planning

P.S. Yes Gary Adams is alive and well. Currently he is the Guam Area Manager for the Pacific Stars and Stripes Newspaper. Be sure and give him a call when you're over here, he would like to hear from you.



MSgt John D. Randall
65th SS Staff Boom Operator
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CCF (449-7713)

27 May 88

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

TO: 8AF/DOTTR, Chief Richardson

1. Thanks again Rich for the reminder to complete our unit input to the folks reading the B.S.

2. Aloha! Well, the weather is perfect (as usual) here at the 9th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. By now, I'm sure most of you have read our write up in the October 87' issue of Airman magazine. The article is a good one and describes what we do. Additionally, review page 79 of the 87' Boom Signal for more of an insight on the 9 ACCS mission.

3. Lately, we've worked closely with AFRES and SAC Ops here at Hickam. A short time back we diverted two of our "EC's" from a AC/DC training mission to refuel a transienting B52 overhead Honolulu. SAC called us with little to no warning due to the nature of the mission, but with everyone's efforts PACAF pulled one through for SAC. Everyone felt a real sense of accomplishment. After all, "tanker folks is tanker folks, it doesn't matter who you belong to we all will be there to get the gas off, 100%!" It was a real challenge to make this one work and it clicked off like clock work. (That's only typical of "tanker toads," right?, RIGHT!)

4. Now for the cast of players, young and old, pretty through ugly, or whatever! We'll talk about people instead of positions of importance, that's more fun!

SSgt "Ike" McMillan Altus AFB loss, our gain. Ike gave up "R's" for our "EC's" with white paint (we don't do camouflaged jets, at least not yet!). Ike gets em' good with his "puppy-dawg" eyes! Building Manager Da-kine!

SSgt "Tony" Fortney Carswell's loss and our gain. Everytime the big blue van ("Sin Bin") shows up at a function, there's a party going on in it. "Eh, Tony?, you going party, or wat!?" THE original Italian lover, authored the much fabled book "How to be Italian"!

SSgt "Lonnie" Lissner Gave up GAFFB, NY for sunny Hawaii. Lonnie rides an 88' Magna (very carefully). Pssst, wanna race, brah?

SSgt "Steve" Cid He is still smiling! Steve upgraded to 180 this year. Longs for P.I. trips, in fact any trip, any fun, and any basketball game he wins in his sports league!

TSgt "Rick" Raprager "Rap" gave up his motorcycle for his image and for DOV.... Rap is now a very reserved gentlemen, who night manages NCO clubs, and bars, and....

MSgt "Frank" Perry Our loss, and the Beale Bandits gain! Hey don't tell anyone but I think the real reason that Frank is going to Beale is to spend most of his time doing an outstanding job at work and a tiny bit of his time over the hills in Nevada, if Val will let him go!

MSgt "Gary" Ranney Gary covers ground faster than most of you dream of. Gary continues to do very well running in various events. He covers each mile of ground in less than 5 minutes, friends, thats moving! Gary does a super job managing money and resources for our unit, and believe me, its difficult to say the least, with CINCPAC ABNCP folks right next door tasking us right and left.

MSgt "Marty" Sabourin Computer Wiz! Single handed, he designed, produced, and directed a new computer weight and balance program. This program makes it so easy to do a 365-4, the Booms fall asleep flight planning! (At least we are awake for "tanker" refuelings) Thanks Marty, for a job done more easily!

Okay, now its my turn. Some of you know me, a lot don't. Simply put I tend to be a "trench" type of person. What I mean by that is I feel its very important to get with your troops and be the best at your specialty and be a manager to the best at your ability. So to make a long story short, I believe (in no special order) in being an outstanding Boom Operator, pulling my share of alert, flying my share, helping all troops on and off duty with their problems, etc., and working with the Commander, Ops Officer, managing as effectively as possible. Those are my goals now and in future jobs, etc. This past year, I've tried to help push through changes to AFR 90-9 to allow the Installation Commanders to give single flyers at home station their own rooms or BAQ as required. We've made some concrete headway in this regard. I'm glad I could help. Okay, Okay, Okay, enough soap boxing! If your at Hickam, and want to visit with us, give any of our Boom's a call at 449-7629 and we'll show you the "Blue Eagle." Until then, I gotta go ride my scoot (Harley) down to my boat...Aloha!

"Mango Zero-One-Alpha....

Breakaway!

Breakaway!

Breakaway!"

Buzz - - - - -

BUZZ WILLAUER, CMSgt, USAF
Chief Enlisted Aircrew Manager

Night... Mike...

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
909TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: IRPM (SMSgt Faulk)
SUBJECT: 1988 Boom Signal

TO: All Present and Past Boom Operators

The 909 AREFS Boom Operators say "hello" to everyone from the land of the rising Yen. We here at Kadena have enjoyed another superb year. Higher Headquarters and Joint Force Exercises are a daily occurrence for the 909th. Our various operations include:

PHILIPPINES - COPE THUNDER, coup attempts, dodging bullets and knives on Friendship Road, Angles City; but we do have FUN! FYI: Bar Fines are 350 pesos.

KOREA - TEAM SPIRIT, COPE JADE, and the Stereo Club, Penthouse, Golden Gate, etc, etc, etc. FUN too!

MAINLAND - COPE NORTH, MISAWA, YOKOTA, FUN but expensive.

JAPAN

All of these missions we get to do low level, EMCON 3 & 4, tobogganing and various other tactics. Oh yes, I forgot to mention an occasional TDY to U-Tapao and Bangkok, Thailand along with Singapore, Darwin and Amberly, Australia. With all these exercises and typhoon evacs it keeps our guys busy with cargo and passengers. We have just wound up the TEAM SPIRIT exercise but are now getting ready for our "friendly" guys from the land of crawdads and gumbo. Yes, 1 CEVG. But, we will give them our usual "welcome to Kadena" party and keep them plastered the whole week they're here. Hope they don't bring any tea-totalers. Just joking of course.

SSgt Chris Hocter (along with info from Barksdale) worked a package to obtain BAQ for our single people to reside offbase. This was approved on the 25th of February '88. At the present time only two SSgts remain in the dorm but should be moving out when they return from leave/TDY. But Lou and Riz said: "Sure when hell freezes over, you couldn't blast these two termites out with dynamite!!"

SSgt Paul Mozur and his crew won Crew of the Quarter for Jan-Mar 88. So they get the 8-day air show trip in May to Don Muang Airport Bangkok, Thailand. I think I'll have to go along to supervise Paul. He doesn't understand the workings of the Thai railroad. Chai-Mai Cup!!

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We've had a few departures this past year:

TSGT JOHN BUCKLAND - John and Joy are enjoying their new home at Ellsworth, South Dakota. I really miss John and his expertise. John got the Axe, oops, that is John went to the ACCS.

TSGT JEFF REUTER - KC-10 at Seymour-Johnson. Hey Jeff, remember the FLYING MACHINE. "Udder ridiculous!"

SSGT CHRIS HOCTOR - KC-10 at Seymour-Johnson. Chris all the single guys really appreciate all the hard work to get them BAQ. Lou says, "Gee, I sure do miss those late night rock concerts and the sound of the Navy CENSORED moaning in the projects (dorm) pure - I better censor the rest, my pencil is melting.

SRA PAUL NUTTER - Discharged in March. Does anyone have a sharpening stone?

SGT JACK NORRIS - Leaving the 3rd of May for KC-10s at Seymour-Johnson.

SSGT ANDY LACASSE - Serge will be leaving in June, July, August, etc., when he can work an assignment with Chief Harrison. How does a SSgt afford a new SAAB? Does he know Ollie North?

The following is a list of Booms assigned along with some pun from Lou Drummond and "Rizz" Risselada. They thought I'd never get to this part, threatened to break my pencil.

S-101 - SMSGT MIKE KNAPKE - Mike keeps all of us honest. Even gave Randy a no-notice. Is that called a Brother-in-Law check? Victim #2 of the no-notice program. How did Randy (that is SMSgt Faulk) get an OP?

S-102 - TSGT CLYDE "PANPAC" SOUMAS - PANPAC's car can drive itself to "Temps" in Naha. This guy has a slow leak, I smelled it during Mikey D's checkride. Ya might want to get that fixed before CEVG arrives.

E-110 - A1C GARY ELLIOTT - Gary just arrived from Grand Forks. Is their wedding bells in the near future?

R-111 - A1C GERRY SLUSHER - Slushman is our resident "Wolverine" booster. Arrived from Minot and broke his leg, then returned from Korea with a broke CENSORED!!

R-112 - SSGT MIKE DENSMORE - Just completed CFIC. Mike is the proud papa of a set of twin girls. By the way Mike, great bar in the crew lounge. If anyone is in our part of the world ya gotta stop and have a cold one. Mike, whose stupid idea was it to put coins under the glass?

R-113 - SSGT HARRY WHITACRE - Known in the Philippines as Mr. Harry-Mr. Harry. Harry has had more hours on the island school buses than he does flying time.

R-120 - SSGT GARY "COSMOS" FREDERICK - Cosmos is presently on a pilgrimage to Australia, seems he met someone down under on his last leave (and got a standing ovation). Currently perfecting a system to cook turkeys with lazer beams. ZAP-ZAP.

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R-121 - SGT JACK NORRIS - KC-10s at Seymour-Johnson. Bought a new Mus-horse that he'll be driving cross-country. Hope he doesn't decide to spit into the wind. A betting man, bet on the Sooners and Lost! I guess he'll cheer for Miami next year.

R-122 - SSGT JIM MORMAN - Came to us from Hooterville, joint spouse with his wife who was remote to Osan, Korea. REMOTE!! Now has a little one in the hangar, must be the water on Okinawa.

E-123 - SSGT PAUL MOZUR - New paint on his RX-7, sitting still it looks like it's going fast. FLASH - We have found the owner of Pee Wee Hermans Pea Green Leisure Suit!! Guess who? Has to be seen to believe.

E-130 - SGT "RIZ" RISSELADA - Loves his new apartment. I'll have to give him a no-notice to see what's going on there. I heard there was a Japanese preschool close to Riz and Lou's apartment. Hey Riz, I heard David Lettermen is looking for a co-host.

R-131 - SSGT JEFF HARP - Has six rides in an F-15. Just ask him about it, you'll get the details along with sound effects. AIRWOLF FREAK!! In the process of changing his name to Stringfellow Harp. Harp says Clyde Soumas has a round butt. Hmm!

R-132 - TSGT LONNIE LEWIS - Moving to Training Flight in June. Lonnie brought a wealth of moments knowledge from Altus along with a s___ load of kids.

R-133 - SSGT LARRY HUDNUT - KC-10 at March, if they don't close the base by the time he leaves Okinawa. Lou heard he wants to go to Barksdale.

E-140 - SSGT VICTOR "ARSWELLGUY" ARZUAGA - Our resident ladies man (along with Panpac). In one week he has more miles on his car between Temps (a night club in Naha) and his apartment than I put on mine in a year. President of the Boom Association. Kinda funny that all the kids recently born in the squadron look like him.

R-141 - SGT LOU DRUMMOND - Mr. TDY, in one year he's been more places than most people go in five. Went COPE THUNDER, was given Non-A downtown but stayed in the dorm (female) the whole time.

R-142 - SSGT MIKE "AND S___" DAVIS - Proud new dad of a fine boy. Mike said he lost 2 pounds when he had him circumcised. Mike just upgraded to instructor.

Some inbounds that we really don't know much about but we'll talk about them anyway:

Sgt Steve Smith - 924th at Castle, just great, another Smith, now we have 4 of them.

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Sgt Richard Brack - Carswell - He will be the only Dick in the squadron.

NOTE: Almost forgot the other two booms here. TANKER TASK FORCE - MSgt Bobby Cochran - Bobby is still wondering where to put all those moth balls. Will be looking for another job in October when the Det closes.

ALERT FACILITY - MSgt Mike "Pad Dad" Runyan - We're really proud of Mikey, just got his degree in Psychology. Can tell some good tales about "Ole One Eye." Leaving in January of '89, trying to get the East Coast.

NCOIC OF 909 AREFS - SMSgt Randy Faulk - How does he manage to be the staff boom on all the COPE THUNDERS TO Clark? Claims he has relatives there! Sure Randy!

Well we hope we didn't bore, insult, shame, or omit anyone, but if we did, what the heck it was all done in fun. So long from the Booms of the 909th.

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NO MORE ALERT AT KADENA!!

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 410TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
K I SAWYER AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN 49843-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 46 AREFS

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOOTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the north country.
2. Its been very busy around here since you've last heard from us. Our unit has been to Alaska, Whiteman for a runway closure, Clinton Sherman, and Puerto Rico. A lot of good practical cargo loading experience there. We also had an ORI in January. We really impressed the heck out of them, especially considering it was during a bad winter storm with extreme cold and high winds. Our wing also received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.
3. Looking ahead, we're expecting a visit from CEVG (the ones giving checkrides) in the near future. This August, we'll be deploying to Kirtland AFB. NM. We've heard that we'll be living in tents. It sounds like an interesting time since this is in the middle of the summer.
4. That's it for now. Here's the line-up for the our squadron:

Program Manager-MSgt Steve Lonergan

Steve's the man to talk to about hunting and fishing. If the fish are biting, Steve's there. If its hunting season, he can be found in the woods. Same old Steve.

Alert Facility Manager-MSgt Ed Phillips

Ed's doing a great job running the alert pad. He's made the facility a lot better of a place to live in. You wouldn't recognize the place now.

Training Flight-TSgt Rick Hackett

Rick's been wearing many hats these days. In addition to Training Flight, he on a regular crew as the "C" Flight Commander Boom. He also controls the squadrons purse strings and is the Assistant Program Manager.

Scheduling-SSgt T.J. Shima

T.J. Just went over to scheduling and is already pulling his hair out. I bet he's looking forward to going back on a crew.

S101-MSgt Mike Takash

Mike recently turned down a chance to go to Malmstrom. I guess he couldn't bear to part with us.

S102-SSgt Steve Myrick

Steve is still the squadron Crusader. If something's controversial, he's in the middle of it.

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S110-SSgt Roger Smith

"B" Flight Commander Boom. Roger always seems to be TDY on a "Business Effort". He's probably forgotten where the squadron is.

R111-AlC Kurt Westemeyer

Kurt is another that's always TDY. He has been on two TTFs in the last five months in addition to numerous "Business Efforts". He's also gained some notoriety for keeping a "dangerous weapon" (a letter opener) in his barracks room.

R112-Kyle French

Kyle's a real sharp troop. He's been the squadron "Pride Airman" for three months running and was the "Wing Pride Airman" for the month of April.

R113-Sgt Bill "Chainsaw" Sweet

People still draw straws to see who has to room with him on alert. His snoring is world famous.

S120-TSgt Rick Hackett

"C" Flight Commander Boom

E121-SSgt Eric Mitcham

It took Eric three trips to the gun range before he could hit the target with the 38. He claims its only because he wants to shoot more than once a year.

R122-SSgt Chuck O'Banion

Our latest CFIC graduate. Chuck watered their eyes over there and has done so here too.

R124-SSgt Sherm Merriner

Sherm has been real busy lately. He's on our latest crew of the quarter, is the assistant resource manager, and is getting a well deserved trip to CFIC later this summer.

S130-TSgt Marty Kovar

"D" Flight Commander Boom. Marty has just come out of scheduling. He'd forgotten how much fun alert was.

R131-Sgt Jim Protzmann

Jim is still moonlighting at the commissary. He also has a new camper and was last seen heading for the woods. That was a month ago.

R132-AlC Joe Long

Joe naturally hates barracks life. He always has a creative scheme to get his BAQ and move off base.

R133-Sgt Mike Evans

Our newest boom. He's getting one of our rare PTTF trips.

FROM: 307 AREFS/CCF (MSgt Smith)

26 May 88

SUBJECT: Boom Signal 1988

TO: 8AF/DOTTR

All Boom Operators

1. Greetings from the land of the "Jack-Pine Savages." We are really having fun up here. Have to go TDY to the south-west but the wing has "no TDY funds" so they are going to build a "tent-city." Real great, practice bleeding anyone? They treated us better at U-Tapao than tent city. Here is the line up in the 307th.

--Training Flight/R-171: TSgt Ekdahl - "B" is wearing two hats now. In training flight and on crew 171. Ran out of Boom Operators so "B" got the nod. Should be back off a crew in August, Rusty has promised me 3 booms by then. Check's in the mail.

--S-151: TSgt Casne - Don has orders to the big puzzle palace and will be leaving in October. Good Luck Don.

--S-152: TSgt Pankonien - "Pine-Cone" will get the nod to be the senior boom in Stan/Eval when Don Casne leaves. Take lots of aspirin Cliff.

--S-160: TSgt Bowser - Tim has been doing a great job as the Flt boom operator so I gave him a new job; Cargo Loading Manager. He thanked me a lot; or at least I suppose that is what he is saying under his breath whenever he sees me.

--R-161: SrA Smith, J.C.: "J.C." can't make up his mind whether he wants to stay in or jump out and get his feet wet. Make a decision J.C.!

--R-162: SSgt Vickers: Dave went to England so he could play golf in March. He left a golf ball on my desk with a note attached and hoped I could use it before he returned. How do you play golf on Alert Dave?

--R-163: SSgt Langner: Steve is our computer expert, if you can program it, it is in his HP.

--S-170: SSgt Cermak: Ryan is our newest Flt boom. He has a hard task to perform, he has Ekdahl in his Flt.

--R-171: TSgt Ekdahl: (see Training Flight line).

--R-172: SrA Levato: Jerry made SrA below the zone and we haven't been able to get him off of cloud 9 or have a helmet big enough.

--R-173: SSgt Reed: Clint does his job well. The "Moto Man"; (master of the obvious) is a good "youpper" "by golly."

--E-180: TSgt Durand: Greg is President of the Superior Chapter of the B.O.A. Working hard keeping all the booms going in one direction and tries to keep his flight in line.

--R-181: SrA Glover: Matt is out at CFIC. Very sharp young boom, will be a shot in the arm for the instructor force here. Sold his old snowmobile and got one that goes 100+ mph. Always looks scared!


--R-182: SSgt Klementz: Terry up-graded in February and I was just breaking him in and Lt Col Guenther from Malmstrom STOLE him from me. I will get even! We'll miss him.

--R-183: ALC Tongusi: John got hitched a few months ago. Walks around with a smile on his face all the time.

PAD DAD: MSgt Phillips: Ed has the Pad looking like a Ramada Inn. It is almost pleasant to go on alert. He has done a great job.

--Programs Manager: MSgt Smith: Well gang this is the final time I hit the Boom Signal coil test button. My final disconnect and boom stowed will be 1 Oct. I know CFIC will breathe a sigh of relief but not for long, Lonergan is going to pick up the ball. It has been a good 27 years but it is time to move on to other endeavors. When they start sending crews TDY, make them sleep in tents, and then take their BAS away from them, it's time to retire. Now they want to give us a STS!!! Be real. It is an honor to join the ranks of all the great retired boom operators that I have known. I am going to stay in Marquette for a year, April 89, so my wife can graduate from college. After that I will be heading West to Spokane. The coffee pot will be on and beer in the "fridge" when I get there. To all of you old time boomers I leave you with this challenge - Don't let outside unknowing influences ruin the absolute best career field in the Air Force. Enough said.

2. That's a run-down and the low-down on the fightin' 307th. Thanks Chief for doing a great job, this publication is a tribute to the best career field in the Air Force, to the boom operators past, present and future. So long gang it has been fun. Keep 'em flying and safely.


PERRY W. SMITH, MSgt, USAF
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 42D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
LORING AIR FORCE BASE, MAINE 04751-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 42d AREFS/AV 920-6282

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOT

1. Greetings from Aroostook County, home of the famous 42d, Moosehead Beer and Potatoe Queen. They finally persuaded me to depart Fairchild and I can honestly say that I'm having a grand time up here. The people are what make this a fun assignment and I'd like to introduce to some darn fine Booms.

A Flight

TSgt Jim Norris- IBO, Mr. Bomb Comp sub, two step/cotton eye joe dance instructor and wishes he owned stock in Jim Beam Corp.

A1C Lonny "Blue Cyclone" Hall-Holder of the worlds shortest ATTF record. Has since drawn a straight line right in to the excellence of airmanship.

Sgt Tom "TC" Polk-IBO, future "Gucci" Boom, leaves us in Aug for the 10 at Seymour. Thanks for a job well done, we'll miss him and Donna, but not the parking tickets.

SSgt John "the brick" Wood-IBO, resident computer and electronics expert. Still living out his memories of Clinton-Sherman. John, will you ever run out of MRE's. John volunteered for this assignment, but only if they let him stay for 5 years. That explains a lot.

A1C "Roggy" Kennedy-Texas transplant, leaving his bestus buddy Ern to fend for hissef. First ever Klondike Grand Marshal, you had to be there!

B Flight

TSgt Roger Page-IBO, Mr. Phazer Snowmobiler, a good reason they should install seatbelts on snow machines. He takes a lickin and keeps on tickin.

A1C Debbie Worth-Every cloudy day has a ray of sunshine and Deb is ours. When she's not TDY, she's taking care of her sister, two dogs and two cats. She's a busy gal. Must be, we hardly see her.

Sgt Ken "weak ankles" Wader-Future IBO, heading out to Castle in June if he can keep his many girlfriends from finding out about each other and immobilizing him first.

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SrA Tyler "wants to be a Ranger" Van Ert-He's one of the new Daddy's in the squadron, five month old Courtney Lee. He also has a year left and we've been trying to convince him to stay. Tyler, how many ways can you say no?

SSgt Dan "SOS" Cersosimo-Our newest IBO, just back from CFIC. Instructor pay must have gone up because he went out and bought a new Camaro. Now he's trying to find a 4-wheel drive conversion kit for it so he can drive it more than 3 months out of the year.

C Flight

Sgt Shawn Lamb-IBO,, married to Geri and "Geri had a little Lamb", Madison Marie. He's smiling alot more now that he has a baby girl and his wife's back in commission.

A1C Steve Hines-If he were smart, he'd settle down with one girl and cut up his telephone charge card. Presently ETTF and must be doing OK, I haven't had any calls from the overseas embassy.

A1C John Pichette-Looking for love in all kinds of places, including the alert facility, a real ladies man.

Sgt Matt "Krash" Karnauskus-IBO, rapidly becomming part of the furniture as one of the high time booms on station. But you know how that goes, as the furniture gets older, you have to consider it unserviceable due to fair wear and tear. Time to turn it in a order new stuff.

A1C Dave Craig-What do you get when you cross Dave with a Jeep? -- Broken windows. Two OP's in a row and one of our AIP winners.

Stan/Eval

TSgt Tom "I like it here" McElroy-Wants to know if there's a SAC base where it snows year round. Just bought another snow mobile cause his other one would only do 100 mph. Only knows two speed, idle and at the tavern already.

SSgt Brian "Cookie Man" Towle-Solid boom, almost too serious for Loring, but he's learning. Another on that likes the snow, bought a Nordic X-Country machine so he doesn't get bored in the summer.

Scheduling

TSgt Gary Hunt-I guess he plans to grow roots here right along with the potatoes, he bought a farm.

Training Flight

TSgt Greg "Leroy" Conrad-Another one of those dare devil snow mobilers. He's our resident associated directives expert and all around work-aholic. As soon as I'm through abusing him him, he'll make a great addition to the Castle Corp., but not until 1990.

Alert Facility

MSgt B.T. Burrus-The only thing he thinks would be better than running the Alert Facility at Loring is wrestling cotton mouths at Blytheville. Doing one heck of a job, maybe too good.

2. Jim Reese from the 407th an I are always looking for a few good, fun loving booms, so update your dream-sheets. I wouldn't wait too long because the money's short and the waiting list is long. If you've never seen a bunch of boom operators going 80 mph on snow mobiles trying to get to the next watering hole, you're in for a real treat. When you pass through here on your way to someplace else, be sure to stop in, there's always somebody hanging around our new boom pod just looking for an excuse to have a good time. P.S.-bring a current news paper!

Jess W. Schloss
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Inflight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
407TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)
LORING AIR FORCE BASE, MAINE 04751

REPLY TO 407 AREFS
ATTN OF:

25 May 1988

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR

1. Greetings from "Moose Country." The snow has finally left; for a while, I hope. Most of us are dragging out our golf clubs to see if they still work.

2. The flying is still exciting with all the Volant Booms, Redeploys, Deploys, Coronets and of course the ever popular "BEAR CHASING." Well, in the last year we have lost a few booms. Some have received PCS orders - some have gone to different airframes, some have just gotten out. The following are the people we have on our block!!

SMSGT JIM REESE - Still the Chief Boom, Bottle Washer and Golfer. Boo-Boo has become a golf widow.

MSGT DENNIS BROWN - "Denny" working DONO now! I think he would like to be on any "R" crew. Oh, one other thing, he likes to give up money during golf matches.

MSGT LARRY BURRUS - "B.T." is running our Alert Pad. He has done a great job but wants to go and do something different.

MSGT PAUL LOWE - "Paul" comes to us from Fairchild. He is now running our stan/eval shop and is a little closer to his wife who lives in Scotland.

TSGT ROBERT CLUDINSKI - Ski is back home (an "S" crew) in the squadron living in Ashland and still a wild and crazy guy.

TSGT MIKE BAUER - "Mikie" is wearing a training flight hat, 1st Sgt hat when Reese is gone and any other hat that the squadron needs. He still likes warm weather.

TSGT DAVID SEALEY - "Dave" is our wing expert on Volant Boom. You can find him at Base Ops anytime of the day or night.

SSGT DEREK SUFICIENCIA - "Suf" came to us from March AFB. He traded his "Jet Ski" for a "Ski Doo". Also Suf is our squadron cameraman.

SSGT MATTHEW DAVIS - "Matt" finally bought a new car - He's about to find out what it's like to live off base.

SSGT GERALD ALGER - "Jerry" - another new kid on the block. He comes to us from Beale. His TDY to the Alert Building is not the same as the TDY he's had before.

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SSGT TERRY CASEY - "Terry" - Wedding bells did ring for him. Stan/Eval now has our wilderness guide.

SSGT JON PHILLIP DEAL - "Phil" is a cross-trainee from finance. He has a good pair of hands so that's why he gets to do all the carpentry work around the squadron.

SGT MICHAEL STOUT - "Mike" is another of our very good cross trainees. Boom life is much better than missile life as he tells us.

SGT ANTHONY FIORILLI - "Tony" is still riding "go fast" motorcycles. He too is about to find out what living off base is like.

SRA DELLA GRIFFIN - "Della" is going with the flow. Married life seems to agree with her.

SRA SHANNON MOERKE - "Mork" just came back from CFIC and now is a real instructor. I think he fell in love with Texas.

A1C PAUL MUSCHELL - "Paul" is a new boom from Castle. He was selected as Outstanding Performer during our ORI.

A1C JOSEPH WILKINS - "Joe" - well this is almost home for him. His TDY home is just down the road in Dexter. Been TDY already and wants to go again--now!

A1C JAMES WAGNER - "Wags" is getting ready to become a civilian. He's heading home.

AMN JAMES CLIFFORD - "Jim" just got here from Castle. Right now he is going through the Alert Certification Mode.

3. Now for the sad news--the guys who have left us up here.

TSGT ROGER THOMAS - PCS to Fairchild

TSGT ALLAWAY HUCKABEE - PCS to Offutt

TSGT DAVID WILLIAMS - PCS to March

TSGT KENNETH ACOSTA - PCS to Seymour

SSGT JERRY HOWE - PCS to Seymour

SSGT ALVA MEDBERY - PCS to Seymour

SSGT COLTON CROWDER - Civilian

SRA RICHARD GANO - Civilian

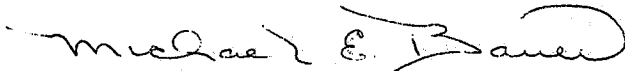
A1C SPENCER MACDONALD - Civilian

For the new guys who are about to show up, WELCOME!

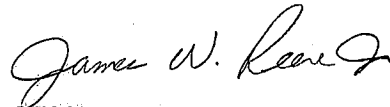
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 301ST AIR REFUELING WING (SAC)
MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE, MONTANA 59402-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: CCF

18 May 1988

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boomers

1. Greeting from the Big Sky Country, Malmstrom AFB, Montana the new and improved home of the 91 AREFS.
2. Most of you probably know that the 301 AREFW was officially established here in January and things are going full bore to become fully operational in the near future. It's a real thrill to start from scratch in building a new wing and squadron, I mean from paper clips to airplanes.
3. The 91st is still flying the "R" and expect to receive our first jet in October, but untill then we get a loaner now and then to maintain our currency. This is my first experience in the "R" and the only word that comes to mind that will describe it is "WOW" !!!!!
4. Right now we just have the staff booms here and we're up to our ruddevators in paper work and getting very little flying time.
5. I know there's bound to be a few of you who like to hunt and fish. Well, Montana is the "PRIMO" state for the big game hunter (I mean the elk out number the population). Anyway, you've got a point of contact, just give us a ring. We have a couple of resident field and stream experts who can help in getting you the info you need for hunting and fishing here in Montana.
5. Just about everyone assigned here is a volunteer, so that should cut down on complaints about being in the great white north. However, I arrived in Montana May 1 in a snow storm, but I'm not complaining. They say it does get warm, eventually !! but when.????
6. In closing, it would be great to hear from ya'll so give us a call at AV 632-3014 and let us know what's going on around the command or just to shoot the breeze. We'll see ya at the Boom Conference in 89.

Bill Campbell

SMSGT BILL CAMPBELL
Program Manager

P.S.

See attached Duty Roster

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91st AREFS on station:

SMSgt Bill Campbell - Chief Boom/ First Sergeant - in from Langley in May.
(finally got a real job)

MSgt Jerry Rhodes - Alert Facility Manager - in from Hooterville after 10 years.
(Say's thanks to Chief Rusty, checks in the mail.)

MSgt Scot Swilling - Stan/ Eval Chief - in from Altus by- the - sea
(looking for someone to be the example)

MSgt Doug Jess - Scheduling - moved here after 15 years at Minot.
(Dain Bramaged)

MSgt Kent Jenkins - Training Flight - Ten years at the school house.
(looked relieved when he signed in)

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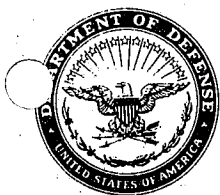
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SSgt Mahlon Marr - Robins

TSgt Doug Simmons Ellsworth

SSgt Steve Olson - Grand Forks

Tsgt Tom Dewitt - Castle



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

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

Boom Signal

SUBJECT:

What's Been Happening With/To The Boomers Of The 9 AREFS

TO:

All Boom Operators

Greetings

Since the last Boom Signal it's been an extremely busy time here at March for the "GUCCI" boys and girls. In addition to our normal MAC Channels, dual role deployments, JA/ATTs, PTF's and Coronets, we had a number of no notice deployments which taxed not only our manpower but the ingenuity of our schedulers. Passed an ORI, CEVG visit and got through the Christmas holidays. We've lost some people but we're keeping our heads above water, thanks to Chief Mitch Malseed and you too Rusty! Word on the street is not many people want to come to the "10". Well who can blame them, no alert, approx 60-70 days TDY a year to places like Hickam, Japan, Guam, Korea, P.I., Europe and all around the United States. Oh well we'll do our best to tough it out. Special thanks to the Castle Boom's for another great "Boom Party". Another thanks to Randy Faulk and his boys at Kadena, they also throw some mean parties. Now to the good stuff, the players here in the 9th, what they've been doing and what they're up to now -----

MSgt Jim Mountcastle - Out of DONO back to the SQ - just sold his Condo--wasn't enough room for all those school teachers. Jim makes them stay after school or wherever he can.

SSgt James O'Brien - "OB" finally passed his cargo check ride - found out that \$50.00 was a bit much for a steak. Take a cab next time "OB".

SSgt Jerry Oien - "Quiet Man" another Beale Bandit retread. Just had a new addition to the family--Jerry Keeps a low profile, but he's always ready for a Kadena run.

SSgt Mark Schumann - "The Big Guy" just finished his cargo check--watered Stan Eval's eyes. But what ATOC person is going to argue with him!! New SSgt--doing well.

SSgt Rick Shipman - Has part time windshield repair business, now we know why he carries that sling shot everywhere with him.

MSgt Dave Kirkland - Running DONO now. Likes going to all thoes JA/ATT conferences. Last time we saw Dave he was lost somewhere between Osan and Clark.

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SMSgt Bruce Lawson - Will be Mr. Lawson by the time you read this - made SMSgt and the Air Force said you don't have to stay those two years so he's out of here. Best of luck Bruce.

TSgt Madison - Another of our DONO troops. Say's he's ready to come out and be a fine slug again. No one believes him--still trying to find a lake that has real fish in it.

TSgt Jeff McGirt - Replaced Jerry Broussard in training. Our SQ photo bug, likes to take video movies on the road. Not movies you want to show your love ones.

MSgt Bob "Smoke" Moquin - "The Beast Master" Chief of Training. Still working the cop shop in Riverside. Say's he's going to arrest all Booms for begging. Begging for what Bob??? Also known as "Lick 3", Bob how did you, Gus, and Russ get on the same TDY? Has been in mourning since Riverside Raceway's last race.

TSgt Sven "Gus" Gustavson - "Lick 2" Goes nowhere without Lick 1 or 3, diplomatic relations in Pago-Pago and Australia will never be the same. Gus isn't worried he's got dual citizenship - said he can always retire in Sweden. Still in Stan-Eval.

SMSgt Russ Marshall - Our SQ First Sergeant -- "Lick 1" Went on a 4 day TDY, returned 15 days later. Say's he was coordinating cargo and lunches for the troops. They do have an inflight kitchen at the Kadena NCO Club don't they? Can't decide who gives him the most problems Booms or Engineers. Our money is on the oilers!!!

SSgt Randy Johnson - "Dial Tone" has more cousins, brothers, sisters than any man alive. Knows every autovon operator by their first name. Refuses to take billeting room unless it has a phone.

Sgt Jim Hebert - "Hobart" our resident video man, if it's on tape he has it. Still can't keep Endrizzi off his back or his hands out of the M&M's. Loves them flight lunches.

SMSgt Dave Telles - Chief of Stan-Eval. The "hit" of every party. First question always asked at any party "has Telles puked yet?". Last seen standing in immigration line to renew his "green card".

SSgt Celeste Barcelo - Took 1st place at the SAC raquetball tournament and 2nd at Air Force. Not bad for a little short person. She say's it's not raquetball she likes, it's all the little fat guys she gets to meet!!

MSgt Jake Benscoter - "Scooter" Still trying to get his guest shot on Sesame Street. Till then takes good care of us at 15 AF telling MAC we do carry cargo on this jet.

Sgt Billie Black - Our resident carpet fiber inspector - Billie we didn't know you could get your face that close to the carpet. Guam billeting thanks you!! Recently passed his cargo check.

TSgt Jerry Broussard - Jerry's code 10-98. Will be leaving in Aug for the Riverside Sherriffs Dept. Says he loves baby oil, pizza, champagne, and strip searches. Who's going to tell a 6'3" Black guy with a gun he can't do what he wants to. Good Luck Gerry!!

TSgt Sherry Bryan - U.S. Customs loves Sherry - they make more money on her road trips than ten Booms combined. American Express wants her for their next commercial.

SSgt Larry "Rambo" Bussen - Our newest private pilot. Just what we need, another crazy in Southern Calif dodging KC-10's in the traffic pattern. Haven't seen Larry lately must be TDY or have a new girlfriend.

TSgt Marco Defelice - Still getting check out in cargo - went out into the system for the first time - but no one told him you have to eat when you're TDY.

TSgt Tommy Degen - "Tazmanian Devil" power shopping king of Osan. Tom don't you think 200 pairs of tennis is a little excessive? Says he is going to send the Barksdale boys a Reebok/Polo shirt care package. Still working Riverside cop shop.

MSgt Lee Evans - Retiring in Aug - going back to Cleveland, thats somewhere east of the Mississippi. Nine years in the smog was enough--can't wait to shovel that white stuff. Cooks great cookies!! ALL the best Lee!!!!

TSgt Bob Friesen - Left Stan-Eval, over at DONO now. Just took the plunge, married cute lady from somewhere in the mountains--lives up there too. Has indoor plumbing he claims.

SSgt Mike Chimiel - "Mai-Tai Mikey" loves to go on the Mini-MAC runs runs to Hickam. Has his own barstool at the Seafood Broiler in Honolulu. Newest addition to Stan-Eval.

SSgt Bob Christopher - "Chicken Head" has the ugliest legs in the SQ. Has enough time in Diego Garcia to get credit for a short tour. Now negotiating to buy some beach front property.

TSgt Del Coggin - "Arnold Palmer Jr." base golf champ--set new record at Andersen golf course--44 holes in one day. Won't go TDY unless a course is within taxi distance. Has been heard counseling new aircraft commanders and old ones too.

SSgt R. "Easy" Davis - First time in Mildenhall thought "Baby Jane" was recent high school grad. Will somebody please check the lenses on his glasses. Keeps saying "she looks good to me".

SMSgt Ken Endrizzi - Top Dog - Head Cheese - Chief Boom. Can't figure out how to get a PHD thru CCAF. Still can't figure out how he lost control. It's easy, he never had it!!

TSgt Perry Sauro - Let him run amuck in the P.I. - had a world class gymnast try and teach him how to do handstands, cartwheels and backbends. Likes to crash radio controlled airplanes. Still trying to be somebody.

TSgt Steve Slobodnjak - "Sloppy Jack" getting ready to go to the NCO Academy for an attitude readjustment. Always begging for trips--usually gets them too.

SSgt Jim Staup - Just finished the new instructor course at McDonnell Douglas. Wife is expecting soon--hoping it's a girl. Loves the TDY's - has 90 days this year.

MSgt Gene Thomason - "Round Mound of Sound" every billeting officer's worst nightmare! Works training flt. Has been heard to say "I'm not a f_____ baby-sitter. Has a lawyer on permanent retainer. Backs Ken Endrizzi up.

TSgt Pat Wadsworth - "Whinesworth" - Sent to flt surgeon to have his fingers surgically removed from the computer keyboard. Putting Czenkus and he together is a critical mass.

TSgt Tina Wallace - Changed her name so everyone could pronounce it. Getting ready to upgrade. Says her husband Dave made her buy that new Bronco.

TSgt Mike Yates - Still jumping out of perfectly good airplanes--has his pilots license now also. Last seen changing sheets over at a friends house....

Sgt Dave York - No this isn't "Bill". Dave's gone so much we have to in process him about every 6 months just to keep track of him.

MSgt Paul Rogers - Working KC-10/135 projects at 15 AF, maintains a part time residence in the P.I. New home owner.

CMSgt Gerry Sacre - "The Chief" 15 AF Boom Operator, still wonders why he gets paid every two weeks. Last seen trying to ACM to the P.I. with a flack jacket.

SrA Anthony Cleaver - New guy, still in air refueling training. Says to call him "Taco" ok Anthony. Seems to know a lot about everything, we'll see. Soon to be a Sgt.

Welcome to the new arrivals

SSgt Ken Holman - Beale
SSgt Karl Smith - Fairchild
SSgt Jay Davis - Altus
TSgt Leo Marin - Reserve Retrained

Last but not least a message to our Barksdale buddies in the 32nd. If you're contract at Kadena you're making money!! Couldn't resist that Joe...

Everyone have a great year, Fly Safe and don't let those forward scanners do anything stupid!!!



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
336TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (AFRES)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 336th AREFS (USAFR)
SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL PUBLICATION "88
TO: CMSGT RICHARDSON 8AF/DOTTR

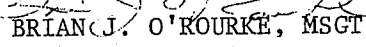
17 MAY 88

A warm hello from Southern California, land of the fruits and nuts. To all the gals and guys out there in the Boom field, I want to let you know that everything is truly wonderful here at the RRATS nest (River-side Reserve Air Refueling Transport Squadron). We are again keeping our title of the "First and Finest" reserve unit.

There has been plenty of excitement besides bottled water sales and 400 hundred year old major earthquake predictions for May of this year. We've again deployed and redeployed half our planes and people successfully from RAF Mildenhall for 2 weeks this year. Earlier (around February) we all had a great time cleaning the building and painting the lawn green for our UEI.

All our birds are reengined now with the 16050 lb. thrust TF-33 engine. The thrust reversers provide much shorter landing distances, just like a commercial airplane. We also recieved our first ugly gray/black KC-135 from Lake Charles depot. Thermal probes are to be installed in the crewmembers to measure thermal stress on those 107⁰ fun days in the traffic pattern.

If you're at March AFB, stop in and check us out. We look forward to seeing you.


BRIAN J. O'ROURKE, MSGT, USAFR
Inflight Refueling Instructor
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CMSGT NORMAN PERRY- The Monarch. This Italian Stallion is the emperor of the Boom Shop. Whether you need a house constructed or a Mig refueled, this guy has the know-how.

SMSGT JOE PEREZ- The former monarch. Rumor has it he is running an illegal lettuce field in California's Imperial Valley. We are still wondering why a 50+ year old man drives around in a beautiful van with a designer bedroom. A steady revervist and a nice person.

MSGT REGINALD NOLTE- "Reggie", the German descendant, will probably crash through the hallowed halls of the 336th in a Focke Wulf 190 someday. As Boom scheduler, he perches behind his desk, clad in a leather flight jacket, ready to send us on our war-time mission.

MSGT JAMES BORLAND- "YODA" actually has pointed ears and gray straggly hair. On a recent night flight with some not-so-hot fighters, one of the receiver pilots asked who the Boom was. After the reply "my name is Jim Borland, but they call me Yoda", the receiver pilot snapped back "Well I hope the Force is with you because I'm having a rough time tonight. Yoda's major drawback is that he trips off line when he's not umbilically attached to his computers.

SMSGT BOB DUNNING- Even as this letter is being printed, Bob is celebrating his promotion to senior. This guy has it all- a hot red racy sports car, the stan-eval Boom position, and is single. Humm . . . Maybe the guy below should check out his credentials with a little investigation.

MSGT STEVEN WALTERS- "Secret Agent Man". Steve works out in the field as a Defense Investigator. He finally has a job he enjoys and that challenges his many years of college. Need I say more?

MSGT CURTIS MASSEY- This Bald-headed chicken ?!***??er is our flight commander. In civilian life he is a computer programmer. Curt is 100% complete on Wednesday night flights and trips to Michigan. One helluva guy.

TSGT CARL WALTERS- Unfortunately Carl doesn't smell of fish because of the reason some people wouldn't mind smelling of fish. When he is not flying or pulling alert, you'll find him harvesting the blue-green waters of the Pacific Ocean as a fisherman.

TSGT ZEN OLSON- alias "animal". When you least expect an unordinary remark to be made at the worst possible moment, this guy will say it! A new ART, soon to be on his way to instructor school.

TSGT FRANK DEJAUREGUI- Mr. "Bet-you-can't-pronounce-my-name" is our newest full time hire. Anyone who would move from beautiful San Diego to smoggy March AFB for a job should be the subject of a psychogenic study. One of our better Boom instructors and a neat guy.

SSGT STEVE HAMER- A classic American gentleman. We have so few taboos on him, something shady must haunt him! Steve's all checked out now and assists us on our many mission requests with a smile.

SSGT TERESA DERIZE- This Ms. has more irons in the fire than Bethlehem Steel Corporation. Teresa is pursuing her private pilot's license when she is not cooking, partying, dating, driving her black jeep or hanging posters of partially clad men in the squadron relief facilities.

SSGT TINA SKROPOS- A real steal from the ANG unit down the street, this part time Mexican cutie has been molded into a reserve Boomer from a 702AFSC. This charming and intelligent person is a housewife in her full-time job. Tina is a future candidate for the Woman's Uphill skiing competition in the next Olympics.

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SOON TO BE NEW BOOMS-

SSGT CHUCK ANDERSON- Chuckie excels as a school teacher in the local education system. Finally, fate and time have pulled him from the ravishes of his former A F careers.

AIC CARLOS CESENA- When Carlos was suddenly swept up from tropical Hickam to balmy Minot in the middle of winter as a Med Tech, the revelation that it can snow in places other than the mountains suddenly occurred to this native San Diegan. Consequently he is now a driver for UPS. (U poor suckers).

AND OF COURSE-

SSGT RANDY ROBSON- Our operations clerk and admin person. World famous for his drinking habits and intimate relationships from North America to Europe.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 940TH AIR REFUELING GROUP (AFRES)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 940 AREFG/BOOM SECTION (CMSgt Estampa, 828-3413)

10 Jun 88

SUBJECT: THE BOOM SIGNAL

TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

Greetings from the capital of California. This past year has not brought many changes, only rumors of change. If only a tenth of the rumors floating around come true, life as we know it at Mather will never be the same. For awhile the Units conversion to B-52s was the leading rumor, and Boom Operators were threatening to walk into a prop. rather than become gunners. Currently the B-52 rumor is fading and a C-141 conversion rumor has been gaining prominence. Actually with all the rumors floating around the only one that has not been circulated is the "things will remain the same" rumor, so that's probably what will happen. We will be here flying KC-135Es forever. For those concerned we have been given approval from our Group Commander to host the next Boom Operators Conference here at Mather AFB. If you have any information that you think we will need to make the conference better please give us a call. The only personal change in the Boom Operator section has been Roy Gould who retired last year. He is still the "bear in the air" for the California Highway Patrol, and the only slowing down that he is doing is the freeway traffic. Once again here is the current Boom Operator line up:

Air Reserve Technicians

CMS Eugene Estampa: (Manager of the Team) and Chief Boom. Much like Billy Martin, he is always running around, stirring the pot, kicking dirt on officers (just for principal), and can be occasionally found in a topless night club. But more than anything else he is always doing what ever it takes to make life better for his Boom Operator Team.

SMSgt Ronald Dilorenzo: (First Base). "D" is the team scheduler and no one gets into the line-up without his say so, or a payment to the Ron Dilorenzo Hall of Fame Fund.

SMSgt Mickael Gouweloos: (Umpire) and Stan/Eval. He rarely throws anyone out of the game, but give him a chance to umpire, he loves to be in the middle of every play.

MSgt Ronald Thomas: (Bat Boy) Ron is newly married and aspiring to be team manager. But his credibility as a manager has been wanning since it appears that his new wife controls his game.

TSgt Aaron Miller: (Trainer) Aaron's girl friend has taken him out of the field and benched him. He would like us to think that he is a free agent, but we know who owns his contract.

TSgt Robert Renn: (Left Field) and head of training. Once again a bachelor he is good at playing the field, but he can't seem to get to first base.

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Air Reservists

MSgt Robert Allen: (Catcher) Bob is still teaching high school kids, and catching for us on the side. At his age catcher is a good position for him. He's in the middle of the game, yet he doesn't have to run-around much. Actually, he has been in the game so long he is going into extra innings.

MSgt Raymond Parker: (All Around Player) Ray works the depo at McClellan and than he's a stalwartly player for the team. When ever a player can't make a game Ray is always ready to fill in. He enjoys the flying part of the game so much, he's building a home built plane in his garage. We are wondering how he expects to get his airplane with a 24 ft wingspan out of the dugout when the opening is only 22 ft.

MSgt Jeffery Bush: (Pinch Hitter) Jeff left the Technician field to become a free agent, unfortunately no-one has picked up his contract. Even though his batting average is down we still let him in the line-up.

TSgt David Myrick: (Second Base) David is delivering for UPS and for us on the side. Although he doesn't play a lot, when he does he always scores.

TSgt Julie Cassard: (Short Stop) We are not sure what Julie is doing, all we know is that she shows-up to play with us at times. We don't know if the list in her hand is the line-up or a shopping list.

TSgt Ann Walters: (Center Field) Ann works for civil service and plays the field for us. We are not sure how she does it, but she seems to be in the middle of every play.

SSgt Anthony Van Hecke: (Third Base) Tony is part time with us, but he has been talking to Gene about a full time position on the team. Tony is a great player and we are sure its because of the coaching from his wife.

SSgt Daniel Quasius: (Pitcher) Dan is working full time with us and going to school. As pitcher he can throw out so much bull that you never know when your getting a straight pitch.

SSgt Blenda Hughes: (Right Field) She is the rookie on the team, so the chief has allowed her more playing time. Even with all the coaching she still needs to be led to the plate.

SSgt Richard (Mike) Mecum: (Short Stop) If he's not making a play for us, he's making one as the sheriff in Placer County. Mike always has a view of how the game should be played, and he even issues tickets for illegal procedures by other team players.

We know that the HP-41 calculator didn't start out as a big hit with any Boom Operator, especially with us. But as time has passed and we have become more familiar with the HP-41, we are actually starting to like it. I have talked with several Boom Operators from other bases about the math functions that can be used while running the program, and many of them were unaware of this feature and asked that I write about it in the Boom Signal. The main areas where the math function is most useful is during initial fuel programing and corrections to the form F at the aircraft. For example during initial programing when the prompt asks how much NO. 1 MAIN WT? for fuel and you know the OUTBOARDS will require 27M of fuel.

Type in 27 ENTER - 27.0 will be displayed.

Type 2 \div (divide) - 13.5 will be displayed.

At this point if no taxi fuel is to be subtracted press CONTINUE and 13.5 will be entered into the NO. 1 MAIN and NO. 2 MAIN WT? will be in the display. If taxi fuel is to be subtracted (for example we subtract 1000 lbs total for taxi, or 250 lbs from each main tank) follow the next steps.

Type .25 -(minis) - 13.25 will be displayed.

Type CONTINUE and 13.25 will be entered in NO. 1 MAIN. - NO. 2 MAIN WT? will be displayed. To continue on with the INBOARDS loading 29.2M of fuel.

Type 29.2 ENTER - 29.2 will be displayed.

Type 2 \div (divide) - 14.6 will be displayed.

Type .25 -(minis) - 14.35 will be displayed.

Type CONTINUE and 14.35 will be entered into the NO. 2 MAIN tank.

At the aircraft corrections can be accomplished easier. I know that most units have the copilot subtract taxi fuel to make it easier on the Boom Operator, but using the math function during fuel corrections it is easier for the Boom Operator to subtract the taxi fuel. Here is an example where the copilot lists 26.4 OUTBOARDS and 28.7 INBOARDS starting with the corrections to he OUTBOARDS:

Type 26.4 ENTER

Type 2 \div (divide)

Type .25 -(minis) - for 250 lbs taxi fuel from each main tank. At this point 13.0 will be in the display instead of 12.95 because of calculator rounding.

Type ADJUST 1M - notice that 12.95 is in the display and was entered in the NO. 1 MAIN instead of the rounded 13.0 reading.

Type ADJUST 4M - now the outboards are adjusted.

FOR THE INBOARDS

Type 28.7 ENTER

Type 2 \div (divide)

Type .25 -(minis)

ADJUST 2M

ADJUST 3M - all the main tanks are now adjusted with ease.

If you use the preprinted printed Form F, and fill-out the corrections block, the math function can be very helpful to find the differences or changes in weights and moments. Here is an example to find the changes between planned and actual fuel weights and moments.

After all the fuel corrections have been made and the HP-41 is displaying the total fuel (for example 68.7) Type ENTER. This will enter 68.7 for use in the math function. If your planned fuel load was 70M Type 70 -(minus) and the display will show the difference between 68.7 and 70 which is 1,300 lbs. Enter this weight in the corrections block of the Form F, and Type CONTINUE to display the corrected moments. Following the same procedure as before Type ENTER so the moments can be used in the math function. Then Type in the Planned Moments obtained from your Form F and Type -(minus) you now have the differences in moments for the corrections block. This same procedure can be used when programing cargo weights. If several items are located in one compartment and must be added, use the same procedure when the HP-41 asks for a weight. Another feature that we like is when planning passengers in a compartment, and the passenger capacity is not known the calculator can tell you. To find out the capacity, when the HP-41 asks for the number of Passengers Type CONTINUE and the computer will tell you the passenger capacity and you won't even have to look at a Form 83. On evaluations with the HP-41 its hard to make addition errors, so that's one less area to worry about. All in all, the HP-41 may not be the best computer around, but when you get to know all the functions its right up there with the slipstick. If you have any questions or information about the HP-41 call any of our Boom Operators or me (Mickael Gouweloos AV. 828-3396).



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NCOIC Standardization/Evaluation

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 384 AREFS/Boom Operators

15 April 1988

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

1. Hi again from the Land of Ahs. The 384th is now a Bomb Wing and the 91st AREFS has moved to Malsmstrom AFB. Those of us still at McConnell have been through a year of parades to change from tanker to bomber people in key positions and to redesignated the AREFW to the 384th BMW. After 1 October, when the 91st shut down, we began a period of self help, we changed the red brick squadron building into a brown brick building, and are now about half way through changing the entire inside of the brown brick building. We have done all of this while we joyously waited for and then received 17 brand new B-1Bs. Following are the newly overjoyed CAT "H" qualified 384 AREFS boomers.

Amn Bobby Chambers - Latest arrived from CCTS.

SrA Tim Treinen - As of this date has 4 days in grade.

SrA Rich Clayton - EOD got a "Bang" out of the locked box he forgot on the aircraft.

SrA Kevin Langholz - Presently some where in the European TTF.

SrA Mike Block - Wanted out during the rollback but we had to keep him for a while.

SrA Dennis Pratt - Looking forward to both Sgt and a Pacific TTF in July.

Sgt Jerry Swanson - Just returned from CFIC and is looking forward to his 1st paycheck with instructor pay in it.

Sgt Cynthia King - Heading back for her 3rd TDY to England where she wants to find that reporter who kept calling her "Cindy".

Sgt Hank Wayne - Looking forward to getting back on status.

Sgt W.T. Moore - Enjoyed Florida during Ocean Venture 88.

SSgt Mike Rollins - Loves to self critique.

SSgt Bill Brown - Aircraft configuration is perfect when the chief replaces Bill on alert.

SSgt Mack McElroy - Looking forward to spending a week in a tent in Bangor.

SSgt Yvonne Wherry - Presently TDY to England.

SSgt John Harris - S-102 survived CEVG.

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TSgt Ray Templeton - Just put on TSgt and is trying to keep it.

TSgt Ray Willis - Foreman-in-charge of self help.

MSgt Jesse Bailey - Pad Dad.

MSgt Omer Crafton - Brand new MSgt and assistant NCOIC.

MSgt Stan Sears - CEVG just left and Stan is still in standboard?

MSgt Ken Schmelzle - NCOIC - Due to rollback had to go on a crew.

CMSgt Roger Bybee - Program Manager (came close to going on a crew).

2. Due to the rollback we lost SrA Mike Perry and SrA James Ward. Mike is going to school and Jamie has a class date with the Reserve KC-10s at Seymour-Johnson.

3. Here is a little info we would like to pass on concerning the Wt & Bal calculator. We have had a rash of calculators with static lockup. In a conversation with some Castle instructors, during the March Symposium, we learned that placing the WBC on or near the black boxes next to the boom's fwd position may cause statis lockup and/or dump the Wt and Bal chips.

4. Good Luck to all Boomers, present and past. And REMEMBER;



Roger J. Bybee

ROGER J. BYBEE, CMSgt, USAF
Program Manager

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RAF MILDENHALL, U.K.

TO: All Boomers

April 88

FROM: RAF Mildenhall, U.K.

BOOM SIGNAL:

Greetings from the USAFE assigned Boom Operators here in jolly old England. We fly the white-top EC-135H, Airborne Command Post, in support of USCINCEUR.

Since our last "contact" we've gained a new wing commander and a new D.O. Improvements in both areas. We're no longer restricted from "receivers of opportunity". We don't get a lot of unscheduled receivers but any additional tanker time is appreciated.

By the time this hits the street TSgt Paul Steahl will have sewn on new Master Sergeant stripes. Larry Westwood has already sewn on new Staff Sergeant stripes, so Congratulations to both Paul and Larry.

The squadron renovation is complete and the whole place looks much better and is slightly larger. We'd be glad to show you around the place. 1st beer "on the house". Just call and/or stop by on your next TDY over this area. We're always interested in talking to other boomers to learn whats going on in the real boom world.

Within a few months we should be moving into our new facility at Lajes Air Base, The Azores. You'll recognize the plane at the opposite end of the ramp from where you'll be parked. Our new building is close by.

END A/R - MSgt Mike Hassler decided to join the civilian student/work force and left our company last August. Retirement date, 1 October 87. He's now somewhere in Hoosierland enjoying his new status at last report.

TSgt (MSgt selectee) Steve Dixon, (Congratulations Steve) compleated his European tour and left us for a more southern climate. He is now doing well at Griffis AFB, New York.

Next to depart PCS will be MSgt Dave Gies, (me). Looking forward to an interesting assignment at Beale AFB, Ca. Reporting NLT 30 Jun 88. Guess I'll be back here from time to time.

BEGINNING A/R - SSgt Craig Crane arrived from Minot AFB, N.D. and A1C Dana Hutchinson joined us from Barksdale AFB, La. Both are super individuals. Another new arrival, yet to join us, is TSgt Joe Long from Plattsburgh AFB, N.Y. Joe should make the rendezvous point "any day now".

So..... for your own PCS planning information, the 10th ACCS will be full strength for at least the next 18 months, possibly longer. -- Personal opinion only.

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The 10th ACCS line-up:

MSgt Dave Gies - Departing sometime during the last 10 days of May for SAC and Beale AFB, California. Good people at the 349th. They sent my sponsor TDY over here to meet me. Nice touch.

TSgt Mike Shogren - Mike very capably stepped forward to assume the duties of squadron boom operator and is doing a great job.

TSgt (MSgt selectee) Paul "Red" Steahl - Paul will be picking up the "bad guy" label when he assumes the Stan/Eval duties from yours truly. Paul is the only guy I know with a B.F. Goodrich press to his flight suits. His new luggage passed the baggage handlers test but not the bus drivers test.

TSgt Joe Long - Incoming

SSgt Craig Crane - Craig and family came North from Minot AFB. Says it's warmer here. His wife Julie is assigned to nearby RAF Lakenheath.

SSgt Larry Westwood - Larry likes it here and is very active with British Soccer.

Sgt Ricky Bateman - Instructor upgrade. New Daddy last December.

A1C Dana Hutchinson - Dana arrived here last October and is doing a super job for us.

FLY SAFE. Boom Off Interphone.



R. David Gies, MSgt, USAF

The 505th Booms would like to say hello to all you other booms out there. Wouldn't ya'll just love an assignment to join our happy family? We would like ya'll to come, so we can get out of here.

Several changes have occurred since last year. Minot is no longer a life time sentence. Doug Jess has been paroled after 25 years. We let him out early for "good behavior".

STAFF

MSgt "J.D." Hartel, our head boom, will be retiring come July. Or will he pull his retirement papers AGAIN!!? We will miss him when he goes.

MSgt Gary "Lollipop Man" Lemmonds is our local "Pad Dad". Gary decided he did not like pulling alert once every third week, so we moved him there permanently. He is still looking for a real job.

SSgt Rick "Cooter" Cohoon - Yes the old "coot" is still with us. Rick is the current "ogre" working in scheduling. Rick is like Little Bo Peep without her sheep since the Hooterville bar burnt down. Against his better judgement, Rick has reenlisted for another four years, hope ya like Minot. Rick is also our expert gymnast on the softball field.

TGst Milt "the Mechanic" Barnwell is still waiting to join the wife and kids back in Georgia. Ya'll know how these southern boys are, they see a little snow and faint. Milt is the head hammer across the hall in Stan Eval.

SSgt Bill Montgomery is the number two man in Stan Eval. Bill is included in the "New Daddy Club" here at Minot. Being a native Hawaiian does not mean one knows Hawaii. Bill, can you find Diamond Head? We can!

SSgt David Lisenby is the new arrival to Stan Eval. No one talks to Dave much anymore. We cannot decide whether it is because he now wears the black scarf, or because he is trying to cross train to be an OSI agent.

"B" Flight

MSgt Ray "Mickey" Miller is currently our flight boom, but will become our new boss. At least we will let him think that. All Mickey has to say is "Even a blind squirrel finds a nut from time to time."

SRA Daron "Sta-puf" Bloom - If you ever want to find Daron, just follow your nose. The trail starts in the womens' perfume department.

SRA Carol "LORAC" Sharp - If Carol is not in ear range, don't bother, she is TDY somewhere, AGAIN! And now that she finally has her license, she is gone even when she is here.

AIC Chris Emick - Our cool headed Chris does not lose his head, just his wallet. Chris is our resident artist (we have a project for you), comic, and softball coach. Now that the legal age on base is 18, Chris does not have to worry about under age drinking.

Sgt Eric Lomascolo is the latest CFIC graduate here. But don't ask him how many instructor hours he has. Eric will be departing us for the civilian world in December.

TSgt Don Rundle is the "boy" friday to the new boss, which means Don is the training flight boom. Give the man a little power... Don has yet to face the harsh reality that he will be finishing his career here at Minot.

"C" Flight

Sgt Tom "AX" Axthelm - Don't let the nickname fool ya. Ax is no more a stranger than the next person. We can't help it if he likes walking hotel halls in his BVDs.

SSgt Larry "Mid-Air" Townsend - One can only guess what Larry does with his spare time. It has been rumored he has been using a blow dryer to help the rivers melt so he can go fishing. The man says "Hi!" to any who appreciate that last statment and that he has been enjoying the warm weather, all two days.

Sgt Mark Ackerman is another member of the "New Daddy Club". Mark will soon be leaving us for the civilian world.

AMN. Felicia Anderson is fresh from Castle. Will the squadron ever be the same? Felicia is the third female to "takeover".

Sgt David "Babs" Bablo has transferred to us from Mc"Cone"II. Dave sure does miss them "R" models being the "Mr. Quiet" he is. Okay Dave, it was McConnell.

SRA Rich Zak is currently on our DNIF list. We told him not to take the training wheels off his ten speed. There have been a lot of "Welcome back Zak" parties, now if we can figure out where he went.

SRA Chris Sloan - It is sad to say, but Chris will be leaving us too. Daddy is getting him a job with General Dynamics. We'll miss ya.

"D" Flight

A1C Jeff "Murph" Murphy, a.k.a. "Antenna Kid". We cannot call Murph "Junior" no more, he has finally passed on the Baby Boom Bear. Jeff is under training, attempting to reach the goal of "Project Murph". The plan is to have Murph bench 200 lbs., so he can do some pushing around of his own.

A1C Greg Warner is our outstanding performer during the ORI. Greg has recently moved downtown, he claims, for more privacy. But he already revealed his true nature at the Halloween party.

SRA Conway "Way" Keller - The original Dead Head. Dark hair, green eyes, single white male, age 24; interests: basketball, Grateful Dead, old movies; has deep yearning to become a GUCCI boy. Interested parties please reply within.

A1C Stephanie McArthur is still married to that gunner, but "enjoying" it. Steph is one of the lucky ones, she will be going TDY to Europe this year.

SSgt Steve Klinkhammer, otherwise known as "Col. Klink" is our Cargo Load Manager. Steve is another refugee from McConnell.

SSgt Jim Sugden - Yet, another member of the "New Daddy Club". As an aspiring instructor-to-be, Jim is "rewriting" the -9.

Sgt Marvin Shockey - Congratulations Marvin!! Marvin will be leaving us in September, he is cross training to be a flight engineer.

SPARES

AMN Sean Martin just arrived and is already breaking girls' hearts. Sean is now the proud owner of the Baby Boom Bear, much to Murph's relief. If you ever need coached for sliding into home plate, Sean will teach you his star techniques.

DEPARTURES

MSgt Doug Jess, with fond memories of an ORI, left Minot to find less work than he left. Doug has just experienced his first PCS, and more than likely is not looking forward to his next one after the farewell we gave him. Doug, hope you enjoy Malmstrom.

MSgt Lee "Stretch" Diebert has found his happy hunting ground at Fairchild. Now if he can just manage to stay out of scheduling.

TSgt John "Tats" Stanford has gone PCA to CVI after having suffered a heart attack. John will retire in August, but he can still be found wearing diapers.

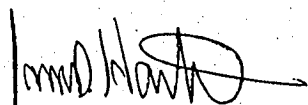
TSgt Mike "Hammer" Kramer - The name has nothing to do with the TV show, honest. Mike has separated and has become a GUCCI boy in the reserves at Seymour Johnson.

SSgt Craig Crane, after seven years at Minot, was able to work out a joint-assignment. Craig went to Mildenhall and his wife went to Lakenheath. At least it was in the same country.

SSgt Todd "Primate" Pryby has become a warrant officer in the Army as a rotorhead. We wish you the best of luck.

A1C "Dweez" Slusher is enjoying the night life of Kadana and surrounding areas. By now, everybody there knows how to "Slam-it!" Hey Dweez, we'd still like to know how you lost your watch in Korea.

That's about it for the 906th. We will be looking forward to seeing ya'll TDY. Keep your eyes peeled for the "Madmen from Minot" 'cause we teach our guys and gals how to party it right. And a welcome to all the new booms everywhere, "How soon before you pull alert?" On a final note, we would like to say goodbye and good luck to those that are leaving the career field. One last time, "BOOM STOWED, LEAVING POSITION", from the guys and gals of the 906th.



James D. Hartel, SMSgt, USAF
Air Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA 68113-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF:

2 ACCS/DOFB (A1C Nicholson)

19 May 1988

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8 AF/DOTTR

Hello to all boomers from Nebraska's "Good Life!"

Since we last got together there's been a lot of changes so here's whats been happening this past year.

PACER LINK II our first modified EC finally showed up the 1st of April. Nice looking plane but still has a few bugs to work out. Hope to see it flying the line by the end of summer.

We now have a total of 9 "Baby Booms" since I arrived back in Sep 86. We all are doing well and adjusting to EC-135s. We fly sic to ten Looking Glass Sorties a month, two to four trainers a month and pull two or three days of alert a month. All of the baby booms just can't wait for the seven day alerts and all that TDY? Oh well, that will come soon enough. We're picking up lots of receivers on our training flights including: A-7, A-10, B-1, B-52, C-5, C-141, E-4, F-4, FB-111, KC-10, and EC/RC/KC-135s. HQ SAC Boom Operators fly with us regularly. They usually fly on our receptical equipped KC-135E you R model guys can eat your hearts out. If you are an instructor, have time on station, and are looking for something different let CMSgt Rutbeck know your wishes.

Here is the starting line up for 88:

- S-101: MSgt Dave Ballard - Promoted to master this year, became Chief of Stan/Eval last June and now works the PACER LINK program watch over the "Baby Booms!"
- S-102: SSgt Larry Stockton - New Stealth Stan Board boom operator in April. The squadron still doesn't know what he looks like. Would Grissom please send a picture.
- S-103: SSgt Don Anderson - Says he wants to go back to Grissom tired of pulling 4 two-day alerts every year.
- E-104: Amn John Knight (All Night Disco John) - Has only been here 8 months and already has 500 flying hours.
- E-105: SSgt Ted Gunhus - Ted wants to be a civilian, Mr. Low Profile. "The Air Force set of rules interferes with my private way of life."



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R-106: ALC Kurt Sheldon (Flat Top) - Doing a good job, still looking for a car. Resident video game expert.

R-107: SSGt Phil Hall (Phildo) - Went to CFIC in Jan, still working hard on the computers. (Hey Boom)

E-108: ALC Anthony Nicholson (Homeslice) - 1st of the baby booms, Squadron Airmen of the Year for 87 and Airmen of Quarter for July - Sept 87 and competing for BTZ in June. Has a new "Diggin Dodge" 4 by . Looking for Wurtsmith soon. (You know what I'm saying Shelb)

R-109: ALC Terry Wilson (Jimmy's smaller brother) - Looking for a college to pick him up to play football.

R-110: Amn Steve Reeves - Newest of the baby booms. Is doing a fine job in the little time he has been here.

R-111: SSgt Tony Rhoden (The Rhodent) - Usually found pumping iron at the gym.

E-112: Sgt Scotty Dawe (Hoser) - Instructor boom with one in the hanger due to roll out in Oct and wants to be traded to an Eastern Agency. Can't buy a weekend (you know what I'm saying Shelb). Someone beam me up.

E-113: ALC John Jeffers (Mr. Shy) - Are you old enough to drink that? Where's his birth certificate.

E-114: ALC Francis Gray (Fran) - Squadron Airman of the Quarter for Jan - Mar of 88. Our only female boom and doing a fine job.

E-115: ALC Ken Gilbertson (Chuck) - When looking for Chuck check the bike traile and bring a tow rope (you know what I'm saying Chuck).

R-116: ALC Jimmy Collier - Major share holder in Domino's. (Hello Dominos this is Jim...)

Training flight/program manager SMSgt Tyler Davis (DAD)- Still keeping the fighters coming every week, still fighting for the troops, can't win 'em all but wins most of the time and is the cargo loading manager.

Alert facility (D026) - MSgt Phil Prezcewski - Full time Hot Rodder part time Pad Dad, CSA flyer, and 2 ACCS flyer.

ISD Division (D05) - TSgt Clayton Potter - PCS to Castle or Barksdale in October. Rides the fastest two wheelers that lots, and lots of money can buy.

Scheduling (DOTTG) - SSgt Jim Handy - Full time scheduling, part time CSA

TSgt Jimmy Justice - Retired in October, working for Boeing making replacement booms. Must be those A-frames that are bending em up again.

TSgt Mike Schellerer (Shelb) - The one and only Shelb. Loving 20 days a month TDY with CSA. He used to be stationed somewhere else he just can't remember where? You know what we're say'in Shelb!!!

TSgt Dennis Thornburg (Cheeseburg) - Money, CSA TDYs, Softball, Harleys, Women in that order. Oh almost forgot BEER put that 2nd.

MSgt Jackie Park - Chief of CSA, can never find Schelb.

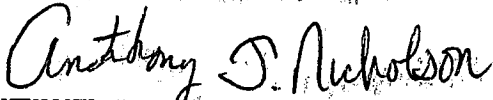
Sgt Mick Rathbun: Out of the service in March, also working for airlines in Omaha, one in the hangar too!

SMSgt Jack Drap: Retires in August.

SSgt Andrew Lacasse from Kadena due in in August.

That covers it for this year. If you're ever in town stop in and see us, we have always got the coffee on or Shelb will take ya to Dennys for coffee. AV 271-2201/2462.

Have fun and fly safe.


ANTHONY J. NICHOLSON, A1C, USAF
Cargo Loading Instructor

PEASE AFB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FROM: 509 AREFS

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All BOOMS

Greetings from the 509th Booms. We've just about got everything thawed out after a long cold winter; at least what we consider a cold winter.

To celebrate we held the first annual BOOM OPERATORS SPRING BREAK GET TOGETHER. All went well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

A few changes have occurred in our personnel roster since the last time we spoke. SMSgt Thomas J. Quarles (TJ) departed for the civilian world last May and continues to reside in the local area. TJ makes his presence known by stopping by and making sure we stay out of trouble. You're always welcome TJ.

We've had several gains and losses this past year, SMSgt Tom Cole migrated south from Loring to become the new program manager. To accompany him on his trip down he brought with him Sgt's Rick Furman and Bryon Barthlow. We were also fortunate to receive four new baby booms in the first round draft pick. They are ALC's Tom Rau, Doug Bloom, Ken Rothrock and Sgt Mike Steinkraus. Mike is a recent cross-trainee from the Presidential Honor Guard in D.C. He's trying to teach us proper military bearing, so far he hasn't had any luck. After spending a few years at McConnell, Joel Estes is back with us for his second tour at Pease. We welcome Joel and his wife back East.

Departing from the fix this year will be SrA Dave Fortier and Sgt Ken Strother. Dave went back to the civilian world and is currently living up in Washington state. We can thank the ROLLBACK for this great loss. We were all sorry to see Dave go. And again, another great draft by the Three Holers. Ken decided he would rather switch than fight. Their gain is our loss.

On the sadder side, we had a fellow boom, SrA Todd Weaver diagnosed as having Leukemia. We feel confident that Todd will beat this and return to the flying business. He is currently TDY down in Boston doing battle with this unwelcome FOE. The outlook is good, so give him hell Todd. We sure would appreciate if all you booms would send Todd a get well card. Mail them to SrA Todd Weaver, PCS Box 2872, Pease AFB NH 03803-5000.

On the technical side, we have implemented a lot of new training programs here at Pease. One of these programs is the Boom Operator ATD. This is where we spend approximately 2 hrs in the 135 ATD running through and operating various systems. We have a series of 5 different senerios that we use for training. We have observed a void in the total crew concept, and with the help of these training periods are confident we can get the Booms more involved and

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interested in working with the rest of the crew.

Also starting in the near future, will be a Boom Operators TERP program. We're not trying to create instrument rated pilots, just get the guy's familiar with airspace and airdrome procedures.

We have other ideas to get the Booms more involved, but our primary goal is to make the training enjoyable and self fulfilling.

We would like to hear from other units on their programs, or if you would like more INFO on ours, pick up the phone and give us a call. AUTOVON# 852-4421 Let's share those ideas.

Now for some important information for all the treasures of your squadron "Boom Fund". Last year at the Pease AFB Open House, 250,000 guest came to see the USAF Thunderbirds. This year we are having a two day Open House starring the US Navy Blue Angles. The squadron set up a booth to sell hamburgers, nachos, etc. The booms set up a booth to sell Tee Shirts. Now hold on, we didn't have to fork out a lot a bucks for the shirts, there is a company that will send you all the shirts you want on consignment. That is, you only pay for what you sell, and send back the rest. Our boom fund has never been better off. If any of you would like more info, call Al Boothby at AUTOVON 852-4422. This is a real money maker.

Let me now introduce you to the Air Force's Finest

STAFF

SMSgt Tom Cole - Program Manager, said he missed the great weather at Loring, so we sent him TDY to Alaska. PCA to the Alert Pad when he returns.

MSgt Ed Jackson - Scheduling, "Action Jackson" Ed couldn't function with out his red pen.

MSgt Paul Christensen - Current manager of the Hotel New Hampshire. Coming back to the squadron to be the Program Manager.

MSgt Fred Calkin - Tanker Fast Force, "Big Head Fred" Slow down Fred, Ya move to fast, ya gotta make the Glen Livet last, feeling groovy!

TSgt Don Fisher - Scheduling, Don has finally found his place, and doing a great job, when he's not in a cast.

TSgt Al Boothby - Training Flight, Sgt "Business Effort" has trained more boom operators in Florida and Texas than here at Pease. Has a mail forwarding service from Carswell, Eglin, Dyess, Homestead.

STAN/EVAL

S-101 MSgt Phil Rogers - Bought another Trans-Am, which girl friend gets this one Phil?

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S-102 TSgt Ed Dunham - "Fast Eddie", just celebrated his 27th wedding anniversary - talk about an old fart.

S-103 SSgt Pete Abrales - Just returned from Plattsburgh - NCO Leadership School. The Mayor of Plattsburgh never wants to see him in his town again.

A FLIGHT

S-110 Sgt Ken Strother - Also returned from NCOLS. Has orders to the "GUCCI" bird at Saddle J. We'll all miss General Kenny.

E-111 SrA Mark Reuter - We all know he's in the squadron - but if you see him, will you please have him call Al Boothby.

R-112 SSgt John Donohue - Working on his masters degree, says he's going to get a real job someday. Handles are raised - just waiting to squeeze the triggers.

R-113 Sgt Mike "Abdul" "Mohammad" Steinkraus - The newest boom - cross trained from the Presidential Honor Guard. Was once in Law Enforcement (Sky Nazi), now thinks Marines are dumb and should be dealt with harshly. This was reported by the Airman's Club manager.

R-114 A1C Beth Tyc - Frequent Flyer Boom. Commutes between here and Milwaukee to stay current.

R-115 Doug Bloom - New boom, started taking college courses as soon as he got here. Oxygen bottle servicing classes are next.

B FLIGHT

S-120 TSgt John "Chuck" Yager - Flight Commanders Boom - CLT Manager. Took the worst program in SAC and turned it around, was commended by the IG for the improvement in the program. Now his head is really growing thru his hair. Another notch on the dome.

R-121 Richard "Dickie" Furman (Furball) - Flies with Don Carr - enough said.

E-122 Sgt Jim "THE CHIEF" Biggs - Wants Tng Flt (Boothby's job). Will probably get it when the "LIZARD" infection wears off.

R-123 A1C Tom Rau - The shortest person with the shortest name, but his wife thinks he's a giant among men.

R-124 SSgt Mike "The Snake" Casey - Still working on that junk heap he calls a car. That thing has more switches than the tanker.

R-125 SRA Dan Wells - TDY Dan, CFIC in the near future, if we can keep him home long enough.

C FLIGHT

E-130 SSgt Joel Estes - C Flight Boom. Must really like Pease, has just returned for his second tour.

R-131 Sgt Bryon Barthlow - Currently at CFIC. Another one on the boys from Loring that like it here in New England.

E-132 SrA Todd Weaver - We mentioned him earlier, see first page.

R-133 A1C Steve Mason - When Steve leaves the military, he's going to be the Pepsi poster child.

R-134 SSgt Ken "DNIF" Bowerman - If we could keep him off the sick call roster maybe we could fly him. His ROTC assignment went away so he's going on his seventh year on the seacoast.

R-135 A1C Ken "Barney" "Rock & Roll" Rothrock - Says he's from Blackstone, Massachusetts. Get this - BARNEY RothROCK, from BlackSTONE, where's Fred. Ya Ba Da Ba Do.

FROM: 310/380 AREFS/OTB

12 Jun 88

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. I would like to thank all of the individuals who made the Air Refueling Conference a great success. A very special thanks to the folks at the Tennessee ANG for putting it all together.

2. For all of you who did not attend this year's conference, you missed a great one. The topics that were debated in a very spirited manner. With money the way it is, and different conferences being cancelled, it is imperative that this important conference continue to be held. Some unit commanders feel that the air refueling conference is nothing more than a three day party, and for that reason are reluctant to fund the trip. Nothing could be further from the truth. The conference provides a forum for topics that not only effect boom operators and flight engineers, but the command itself. Perhaps one way to insure that the conference is continued is for all the participants forward a comprehensive trip report to their supervisors. This action could go a long way in insuring future conferences.

3. We, here at Plattsburgh, have just received a message from General Chain establishing CCTS Instructor Duty as a stepping stone for officer crewmember progression in SAC. I was just wondering if this applies to the enlisted crew force also? Two of the perceived notions of CCTS duty is diminished promotion potential and assignment choice after completion of this assignment. This makes CCTS duty a difficult choice for some of our most talented enlisted fliers. Maybe Rusty could help us out on this one.

4. In closing the boom operators of the 310th and 380th would like to extend an invitation to any of our comrades coming through Plattsburgh to give us a call. If you have any problems or are just looking for someone to have a cold one with, give us a call. We will do whatever it takes to make your stay a pleasant one.

STEVE BURKUSH, MSgt, USAF
Program Manager, 380 AREFS

TOM BETRUS, SMSgt, USAF
Program Manager, 310 AREFS

310/380 PAFB BOOM LISTING

S-101 MSgt Steve Bacon
S-102 TSgt Pete Tripi
S-110 TSgt Jim Bullock
R-111 Sgt Merv Arthurton
R-112 SSgt (TSgt select) Don Wilson
R-113 AlC Vicki Bowman
R-114 AlC Pat Hopping
S-120 SSgt Randy Smith
E-121 SSgt Dennis O'Grady
E-122 Sgt Jeff Magee
R-123 AlC John Keiningham
R-124 SrA Mac McDonald
R-125 Sgt Phil Blaisse
S-130 TSgt Roger Barrett
R-131 TSgt Crosslin Smith
R-132 AlC Kraig Coates
R-133 SSgt George Samataro
R-135 SSgt Ben Watson

TRAINING FLIGHT

MSgt Vince Ruck

ALERT FACILITY

MSgt Jim Hammaker

S-151 TSgt Joe Baka
S-152 SSgt (TSgt select) Rick Taylor
S-160 SSgt Rich Kozak
R-161 Amn John Pullen
R-162 SrA John Navarro*
R-163 SrA Terri Johnson
R-164 AlC Roy Whittaker
E-165 AlC Dave Francey
S-170 SSgt Bob Johnson
E-171 AlC Dan Urban
R-172 SrA Neal Oeschger
R-173 AlC John Cushing
R-174 AlC Todd Thomas
S-180 SSgt Bruce Crawford
R-181 TSgt Wally Poplett
R-182 AlC Dave Zahn
R-183 AlC Jim Brown
R-184 SSgt Jody Charland

TRAINING FLIGHT

TSgt Wally Poplett

SPARE

SrA Tim Gemsheim

*John Navarro - DOS 18 Jun 88



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13 April 1988

CMSgt Richardson
HQ 8AF/DOIT
Barksdale AFB, LA 71110-5002

CMSgt Richardson and all Boom Operators,

Greetings from Saudi Arabia. Thus far, this has been the most frustrating and enjoyable assignment I've had. You would have to spend some time here to understand that statement. In any case, I've asked to stay for another two years. The job is OK, but the main factor encouraging us to stay is the high quality of life my family and I enjoy. My wife is very happy here and it is time I did something for her.

Patty and I had the better part of four crews out to the house for Christmas dinner. We received some nice thank you cards. Let me now thank each of them for making our Christmas day more enjoyable. (Broken water pipes and all.) It is always nice to be among friends. We plan on doing the same this summer and again at Christmas.

The RSAF boom operators are all refueling qualified. This task took from May to December 1987, flying with two students each flight. Kind of like being a Castle instructor, only twice as hard. The next job at hand is loadmaster training. I have written a course for them, after which they will fly some more training flights with cargo. With Ramadan upon us, this training will probably not begin until June.

The most often asked questions I get from TDY crews is "When will they take over the refueling requirements and let the KC-135's and KC-10's go home?" I wish I could tell you. There are so many factors that you and I are not aware of and the decision rest somewhere up the chain. Believe it when you see it.

If your in the neighborhood, be sure to look me up.
Home 241-2800 x1118/Work 476-3444 x2236
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Ma'asalamma.

Lee Winter

LEE WINTER, TSgt
AWACS TAFT

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

344TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, NC 27531-8004

REPLY TO 344 AREFS/DOB (CMSgt Glenister)
ATTN OF:

Spring 88

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

A great big "HEY" from all of us at Mayberry AFB NC. For those of you who haven't been here before you don't say Hello or Howdy, you say HEY! It can stand for a multitude of things that we're just now figuring out. As you can imagine life here is progressing onward at a furious pace (YAWN). We don't have 100% membership at the club but we are pushing 90% at the Golf Course. (Going for style points)
The current players are;

* CMSgt (Civ Selectee) Tom (OSLO) Glenister - Tom says he left his wallet in Norway and that's why he has to keep going back.

* SMSgt Steve (WHAT!) Smith - For those of you who don't know Sluffy, he's a ray of sunshine in our otherwise drab existence. Those of you who do know him know that I'm lying.

* MSgt Gerald (FORE!) Treadwell - I could have played an extra nine holes if I didn't have to write this.

* MSgt Will (Whittle) Crews - Carved the biggest wooden KC-10 model I've ever seen for the squadrons. Too bad we'll have to tear down his garage to get it out.

* SSgt Terry (Five Wood) Dover - He even putts with the thing.

* Sgt Melanie (Gear Up) Potter - Thinks we're wasting tires by putting the gear down for all landings.

* SSgt Jackie (Stealth) Hale - Jackies doing a real good job, we think, isn't she? Has anybody seen her?

* TSgt Ken (Cut Em Down) Karsteter - Hates pine trees. Giggles like a maniac while they're falling down.

* MSgt Pat (Putt Putt) Kennedy - Imagine our surprise when the additional duties list came out and Pat was listed as a Boom Operator. Turns out he really works full time at the Golf Course.

* TSgt Larry (Poker Face) King - Giggles and bets five dollars everytime he gets a good hand. Can't figure out why everyone drops out.

*TSgt Tim (Mimosa Park) Malloy - Lives in the same sub-division as all the O's. Wants to be featured on "Lifestyles of the Rich and Shameless."

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*TSgt Bill (Night Vision) Medberry - Carries a BIG flashlight for supplemental lighting on night A/R's.

* TSgt Ric (Nuke Em) Newman - Scares Marines, wants to be like Tommy Deagen when he grows up.

* TSgt Ken (Heartbeat) Nichols - The Flight Surgeon found that Ken had a couple of extra heartbeats and grounded him for a while. None of the tests or medication worked until we took all of his porno away. Should be flying again real soon.

* MSgt Mike (TEE BOX) Paynter - Hits excellent drives, we just have to get him to do it off the tee and not the greens.

* SSgt Dave (Rambo) Pileski - If it moves, shoot it. As long as there's an abundance of small furry woodland creatures we feel relatively safe.

* TSgt Doug (Fingers) Wiley - Decided that typing was more fun than flying. Currently looking for a job more fun than typing.

* TSgt Ed (Valve Job) Wright - Ed flew this airplane for six months before he found out it could also be used as a Tanker.

* TSgt John (Mumbles) Page - Put him in Stan/Eval and found out he does have a sense of humor. You're laughing with us, right John?

* MSgt John JJ (Farmer) Mehall - Raises pigs, dresses them in the current fashions and cries when they get slaughtered. It's OK John.

* MSgt Jay (Have I got a deal for you) Howell - Went to Wing Scheduling and haven't seen him since. Wears flowered shirts and shorts when stateside.

* MSgt Bill (Turkey Shoot) Mitchell - Still has ten turkeys in the freezer. We figured out they cost \$30.00 a pound after we added all the expenses up. Still bucking for a major sponsorship from Budwiser.

* Sgt Carl (Run Em Hard) Slusher - If his legs were just a little bit longer maybe he could catch one. Has Bob Seay's address book.

* SSgt Jerry (I Don't Know) Howe - New guy, can't figure out why we do so many three engine approaches.

* Denotes personnel promoted well beyond present or future potential.

911 AREFS BOOM SIGNAL

HELLO FROM MAYBERRY AFB, NC.

ANDY IS OUT PATROLING AND AUNT BEE IS IN BED WITH A CASE OF GOUT, SO I GET TO WRITE THIS HERE INPUT.

THINGS HAVE BEEN REAL HECTIC OUT THIS WAY THE LAST FEW MONTHS. SEEMS WE GOT THIS TEAM COMING HERE FROM NEBRASKA TO CHECK OUR SIX. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE WE BEEN PREPARING REAL HARD. HECK, WE CAN EVEN LOAD AN AIRCRAFT OR TWO.

OTHER THAN THAT, THINGS HAVE BEEN PRETTY QUIET HERE. WE DID START TO PICK UP SOME JAPAN RUNS. BOY, YOU MARCH GUYS GOT IT GOOD. WE REALLY ENJOY THOSE TRIPS WHERE YOU GET THOSE GREAT DEALS! (AT 124 YEN TO THE DOLLAR) IN FACT WE USUALLY PUT HALF THE WING ON THE JET, SO EVERONE CAN GET A GOOD DEAL.

WELL, WE ALMOST GOT 18 AIR MACHINES NOW. ALONG WITH OUR 16 CREWS, WE FIGURE WE ARE A REAL SQUADRON NOW. WE BEEN GETTING NEW BOOMS RIGHT AND LEFT. IT SURE IS FUN TO WATCH THEM TRY TO PUT THEIR PUBS TOGETHER. WE TELL THEM NOT TO WORRY BOUT THEM AS THEY WILL MOST LIKELY CHANGE BEFORE THEY GET IT RIGHT. SPEAKING OF NEW GUYS, YOU KNOW THEY COME HERE ALL EXCITED BOUT THE NEW JOB, BUT WE IN TRAINING FLIGHT SOON TAKE CARE OF THAT. NOTHING IS TOO CRUEL IF IT'S FUNNY ENOUGH! RIGHT CARY?

MOST EVERYONE HERE HAS BOUGHT HOUSES OR FARMS OR SUCH. BEEN SPENDING SO MUCH TIME FISHING, HUNTING, AND PLAYING GOLF THAT FLYING SEEMS LIKE A HOBBY. NOW YA'LL THAT ARE READING THIS; YA'LL DON'T VOLUNTEER FOR HERE SO WE CAN KEEP THE SECRET A SECRET, OK.

WELL, DAD JUST PULLED THE CRUISER UP IN THE DRIVEWAY, IF HE CATCHES ME ON THIS MACHINE HE'LL BLISTER MY BACKSIDE BUT GOOD! IF YOU EVER GET TO THIS PART OF THE U.S. LOOK US UP, IN FACT LOOK OUT THE BACKDOOR OF TRAINING FLIGHT YOU'LL SEE TRAINING FLIGHT ON THE #15 FAIRWAY. WE WILL BE THE GUYS IN THE CARTS WITH ALL THE BEER AND FINGER FOODS. (JEEZ, WE GET PAID FOR THIS ?)

HERE'S THE LIST OF WHO'S HERE:

- * SMS(CMS SELECTEE) EARL A. DARLING - GOLFING NOVICE, HATES THE NAME EARL
- ^ TSGT GLENN BARCLAY - PERPETUAL NCO OF THE QUARTER, STAN EVAL, WEARS BDU'S
- ^ TSGT MIKE DAVIS - WHO IS THIS GUY? E&E INSTRUCTOR, MR. CLUTCH IN B-BALL, LOBBYING FOR 75MPH SPEED LIMIT
- ^ TSGT MAURICE ELLIOT - WE FIGURED OUT WHY HE'S CALLED "SLO MO", HE LEFT FOR WORK LAST WEEK, WE EXPECT HIM SOMETIME NEXT WEEK
- ^ TSGT KELLY HANKINS - NEW DADDY, " RAY DAVE " TO US, AT THE NCO ACADEMY IN KNOXVILLE, DID HE TAKE HIS KAYAK?
- ^ SSGT VAN GIBBS - #2 IN E&E, BASE SLAM DUNK CHAMPION, EARL'S COUNSELEE
- ^ 2LT(SELECTEE) JEFFREY LAPOINT - ACTUALLY SHOWS UP AT THE SQUADRON, OTS BOUND

- ^ TSGT LARRY LITTLE - TRYING TO MAKE HIS PART OF NC INTO OKLAHOMA, THROWS A MEAN HORSESHOE, GOT GROUNDED FOR 6 WEEKS FOR SEEING THE DENTIST
- ^ SSGT JAMES McGUICKIN (TSGT SELECTEE) - HAS A REAL GOOD HAIRCUT, SOON TO BE CARGO QUALIFIED
- * SSGT STEVE METTS - SINGLE HANDEDLY TRYING TO KILL EVERY CRITTER IN WAYNE COUNTY
- * SSGT SCOTT PETERSEN - NEWLYWED, TRYING TO FIGURE WHERE HIS MONEY IS GOING, 42AD NCO OF QUARTER (WATCH IT GLENN)
- ^ TSGT JEFF REUTER - JUST RECENTLY CHECKED OUT, GREAT HAIRCUTS (STAY AWAY FROM CAMP LEJUNE BARBER)
- * MSGT JAMES "SMOKEY" ROBINSON - THANKS FOR THIS GUY BEALE! SQUADRON SCHEDULER, VOLUNTEER'S FOR ANYTHING
- * SSGT STEVE "FACE" ROCHE - TSGT SELECTEE, I HERE THAT GRIFFISS IS A MUCH BETTER PLACE NOW THAT HE IS GONE, BIG ON CHAIN LINK FENCES
- * TSGT CHARLIE SANCHEZ - GOLFER BY TRADE BOOMER BY NECESSITY, BUT WHY DOES HE WEAR THAT HAT
- ^ TSGT RAND SANDERS - MR. TDY, NEW DADDY. ALSO, STILL HAS A LOT OF QUESTIONS
- ^ TSGT JIM SKIPPER - ABSOLUTELY THE MOST DECORATED BOOM IN THE SERVICE, HAS THIS FUNNY TATTOO THAT SAYS "USMC"
- ^ SSGT LARRY ROBERTS - MR STAN EVAL, MR KNOWLEDGE, ASK HIM ANYTHING, ALWAYS LATE FOR PARTIES BUT BRINGS THE BREW
- ^ SMSGT CHUCK GURKIN - WORN OUT IN DON'T KNOW (DONO), RUMOR HAS IT HIS LINE # WAS 4
- ^ MSGT TEDDY DAVIS - WORKS IN DON'T KNOW ALSO, EXCELLENT POKER PLAYER, USUALLY CAN BE FOUND AT DONNIES
- ^ TSGT KEN ACOSTA - ALMOST AR QUALIFIED, CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE DON'T KNOW COMPUTER LANGUAGE
- ^ SSGT DONALD COX - (BUBBA) ANOTHER IN THE WARNER ROBINS CONNECTION, LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO SHOOT
- * MSGT DANNY TURBERVILLE - #1 RABBLE ROUSER, GOLFER EXTRODINAIRE (\$20 LESSONS), LOUSY POKER PLAYER, ALMOST GOT A JOB

- * GOLFERS
- ^ WANTABE GOLFERS

D. Turberville

DANNY TURBERVILLE
RABBLE ROUSER, TRAINING FLT

PS. FOR BARKSDALE AND MARCH: BEWARE OF THE SPLIT

COMING ARRATIONS TO THE TENS: HELMETS AND EWO CERTS!!!!!!



HEADQUARTERS
134TH AIR REFUELING GROUP
TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD
MCGHEE TYSON AIRPORT
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37950-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOB

17 May 1988

SUBJECT: The Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR

1. The dogwoods have come and gone, but most of us are still here. This past year has been a good one. A lot of good TDYs. By the time you read this, the 1988 Inflight Refuelers/Flight Engineers Program Managers Conference scheduled at Knoxville will be over. I hope you all had a good time. If any of you are asked to host the conference next year, go for it, it was fun and not a whole lot of work.

2. Roll call this year:

CMSgt Wes Beaver - IFR Program Manager
SMSgt Jerry Roberts - NCOIC Stan Board
SMSgt Billy C. Lindsay - Senior Sqd Boom and Cargo Load
MSgt Clint Haley - Retires 1st of the year
MSgt Jim Harris
MSgt Ralph Chambers
MSgt John Miller - Stan/Board
TSgt Bob Brown
TSgt Marty Everett - Instructor
TSgt Joel Lewis - Instructor
TSgt Jim Quagliana
TSgt Denny Buchanan
TSgt Bill Witt
SSgt Mike Buckner
SSgt Nancy Guilotte
SSgt Ed Hatton
SSgt Brian Carpenter
Sgt Todd Derrick
Sgt Randy Keener

Losses:

Ted Wright - Retired
Mac MacFeggan - Transferred to NGB

3. As always, if you are in the area, give us a call at 970-8387/8388.

Wesley C. Beaver
WESLEY C. BEAVER, CMSgt, TN ANG
IFR Program Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON 99011-6434

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 116 AREFS/DOTTR

9 June 1988

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: DOTTR

1. It's that time of year again for the Annual Weigh-In and Run/Walk physical fitness evaluation for the booms. There is more stress on the ground than there is in the air.

2. The ANG provides one-third of the total Air Force structure for less than four percent of the Air Force budget. So to date, the Washington Air National Guard is ready to increase its dedication to National Defense by supporting a new A-10 unit in the state of Washington. We're keeping our fingers crossed.

3. All of us in the 116 AREFS are confused-why do we have to conform to SAC and MAC way of doing things when the aircraft weight and balance slipstick and the index method of computation has worked for years with our "E" model. Oh well, back to keeping your 365-4 accurate at all times - your computer could fail at anytime. (EWO?) This unit is going "cold turkey" tomorrow. I'M SURE WHEN WE SEE THE BIG PICTURE IT WILL BE IN FOCUS. I do have to commend MAC for their simple way of determining restraint for cargo tie downs in their - 9 compared to our confused charts and estimated angles in our -9. It is very simple and very accurate when using actual numbers with simple math to solve the problem. We all have our own ideas, so I guess that's why all ANG units need to be standardized.

If any of you are up our way drop in, we've got lots of coffee, powdered milk, and cookies.

BOSS 141 AREFW
STAN-EVAL
NCOIC 116 AREFS

CMSgt Gary G. Polser
SMSgt Richard L. Weatherly
SMSgt Richard R. Wunderlich

"A" Flight

MSgt James M. Harper
MSgt Raymond D. King
TSgt Jeffery H. Dill
TSgt Diane C. Harder
SSgt Richard G. Visintainer

"B" Flight

MSgt Glenn S. Nelson
TSgt Daniel J. Moriarty
TSgt Bruce A. Olson
SSgt Christopher J. Nordlund
SSgt Dane A. Porter

"C" Flight

MSgt James A. Cleveland
TSgt Andrew C. Isaacson Jr.
TSgt Smauel J. Via
SSgt Theo Theodor
SSgt Danald F. Roberson

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WISCONSIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 126 AREFS

15 MAY 1988

SUBJECT: The Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR

1. Greetings from Milwaukee and the Badger Boomers. The new boss asked me if I could let our fellow Booms worldwide know what's been happening in this small but significant corner of the globe.
2. Recently, the 128th AREFGP experienced a change in leadership which included the Boom Section. In May 1987, Floyd Polzin was promoted to the rank of CMSGT and assumed the role of "head honcho" from CMSGT Ralph Ellis. As a supervisor, Floyd has proven himself extremely capable and qualified to handle a unit undergoing many major changes. Even the unruly AGRs can not deter him from getting the job at hand complete.
3. One might say that the 128th has been in full gear and running hard for the past year. This assessment would be quite true and could be described in one word....ROBUST. On 1 JAN 88, this unit became one of several in the northern tier guard tanker units tasked with increasing its alert commitment and number of operational aircraft as part of the Robust Program. The preparations leading up to this endeavor tested the resilience of the entire unit, and the added complication of an ORI in October '87 and a CEVG visit two months later did not exactly help. Yet, as always, the Milwaukee Air Guard proved it's mettle by scoring an excellent overall in the ORI. The units aircrews blew away the IG with an overall outstanding rating. Two months later, CEVG was dealt the same stunning blow when once again the aircrews of the 126th ARS scored outstanding on check rides and testing. Remember, these feats were accomplished at the same time we were involved in a base expansion program, flying more sorties than ever, and going TDY all over the world. The KC-135E tail bearing the Wisconsin emblem was seen in such places as Norway, Japan, Germany, Spain, Italy, England, Iceland, the entire CONUS and finally over the polar icecap. We even surprised them behind the "Iron Curtain" when for the first time in history a guard tanker landed in West Berlin.
4. As mentioned before, the unit added a second line of alert and along with it some active duty type troops. Actually, their official title is AGR (active guard reserve), and they were hired directly from our guard ranks with the purpose of bolstering the manpower on that second line. Three aircrew members from each flight position now enjoy all the benefits of active duty while staying at home; that is, if you consider home the alert hut.
5. The good feelings produced by all this activity are put in check as we salute those who have given us so many good productive years. The following individuals have stowed the boom for the last time, yet the contributions and impressions each one has left will be immeasurably noticed long into the future.

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MSGT Charles (Charlie) Schweiss was forced to retire as a crew member due to surgery performed in November 1986 for removal of a brain tumor. If it's true that a son thinks like his father, then I can truly understand why this guy fought all the odds right until the end to remain a boom operator. Although in excellent health now, SAC decided last April that Charlie should keep his feet on the ground. He'll remain a guard member until his mandatory retirement, possibly returning to Civil Engineering. After 31 plus years of active and guard service, 20 of which were spent as a boomer on both the KC-97 and -135, MSGT Schweiss has left me with some big shoes to fill.

6. Two other losses that will be sorely felt are SMSGT Earl Gauerke and SSGT Thomas Sroka. After finally insuring his place in the history of the unit, Earl retired as a guardsman last April. This was the second time we've had to pry his fingers from the ruddevator control stick. Just last year, Earl retired as an air technician. We can only hope that he will continue to visit us and enlighten "youngsters" like myself with his many years of knowledge and experience. In the same breath, Tom Sroka may have only been with us for a short three years, but in that time, he became one of the most outstanding booms in the business. Due to changes in his life including the addition of a real "baby boom", Tom was forced to return to his first profession. He now serves the unit as a full-time KC-135 Crew Chief. As a close friend, I know that I look forward, as do all the other boomers, to working with Tom in the future. His efforts in the squadron, especially in the field of cargo loading, have proven invaluable.

7. Here's an updated list of boom operators in the unit waiting for leather jackets:

CMS Floyd Polzin - Don't let him fool you. Floyd really isn't in this for the money, rather his reward is the self satisfaction he derives.

SMS Lee Cornell - STAN EVAL tough guy with a license to bust, his only redeeming quality is that he likes AGRs.

SMS Raymond Bazen - The economy of Japan continues to flourish since Ray's recent TDY there.

MSG Herbert Kieferndorf - Probably thought I'd spell his last name wrong again. Right, Hurby.

MSG Richard Harvey - Last seen proclaiming himself new emperor of Japan on top of Mount Fuji.

MSG John Famularo - As new alert facility monitor John has been outstanding. Now, if he can only provide us with waterbeds.

MSG Ray Fassett - Ray has begun to hold family reunions on UTA weekends prompting the Commander to change the base name to Fassettville.

MSG Ronald Puzia - Claims he was incapacitated by a rampaging vending machine.

MSG Charles Schweiss - While awaiting transfer, we are using Charlie as a static display.

MSG Roger Steckhan - As a brand new evaluator, Roger would now like to be known as "The Destroyer".

MSG Gerald Nelson - Jerry does not spell relief I-R-S.

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MSG Clifford Klingbeil - Congratulations Cliff.

MSG Robert Kowalski - Congratulations Bob.

MSG John T. Sands - Congratulations Terry.

*Note - The above individuals have been informed that the rank of MSGT is a Senate conferred rank, and a ten to fifteen year time period for debate is not unusual. We request that you please don't burst their bubble.....

TSG George Snamiske - George is suffering from the legendary "Japanese Sake Jet Lag Syndrome".

TSG Dean Dachenbach - Dean no longer requires the assistance of an interpreter for refueling Dutch F-16s.

SSG Robert Derrick - Before he would become an AGR, Robert wanted it made clear that he would not have to return to K. I. Sawyer.

SSG Mark Lipinski - Mark recently became a local television celebrity while flying with the news media; can underwear commercials be next.

SSG David Eddy - Due to number of TDYs to Hawaii, Dave is suspected of secretly owning his own pineapple plantation.

SSG Steven Schweiss - They told me that after three more years of writing our Boom Signal letter I might make TSGT.

8. Finally, if you're ever flying overhead and looking for a great time, pop a few well placed circuit breakers and drop on in. Otherwise, give us a call, AV580-8498 or commercial 414-747-4498. Until then, farewell.



Steven J. Schweiss, SSgt
126 AREFS/AGR Boom

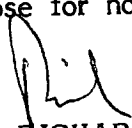
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FROM: 8 AF/DOIT

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All Boomers

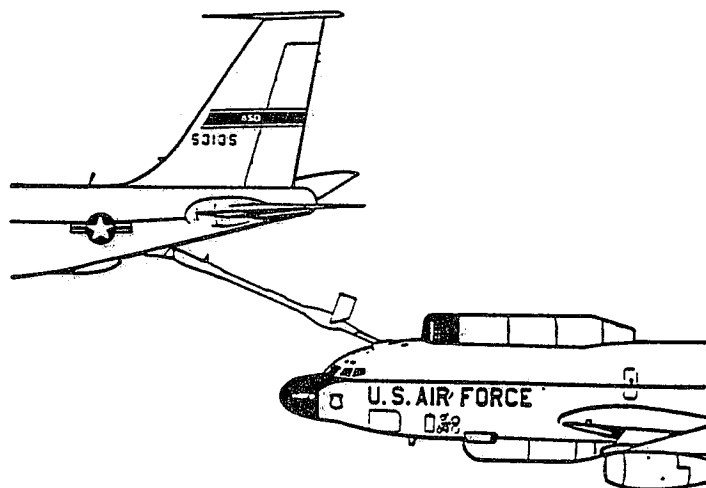
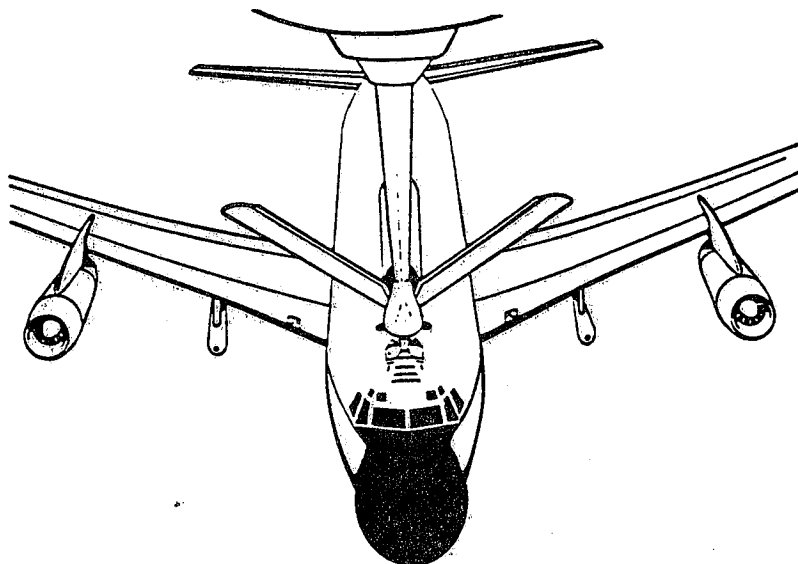
1. I haven't received an input to the boom signal since last week so I'm going to close out the signal.
2. Remember good people, Boom signal inputs are due 1 May of each year. Please strive to be on time.
3. Welcome to 8 AF, Grand Forks Boomers! I'm just a phone call away so please call if you have a problem--After you give your boss a chance!
4. Good bye Altus--I'm going to miss all you.
5. I'll close for now--see you later.


ELZEY G. RICHARDSON, CMSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager
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MSGT
FROM Jim PARRISH
EDWARDS AFB

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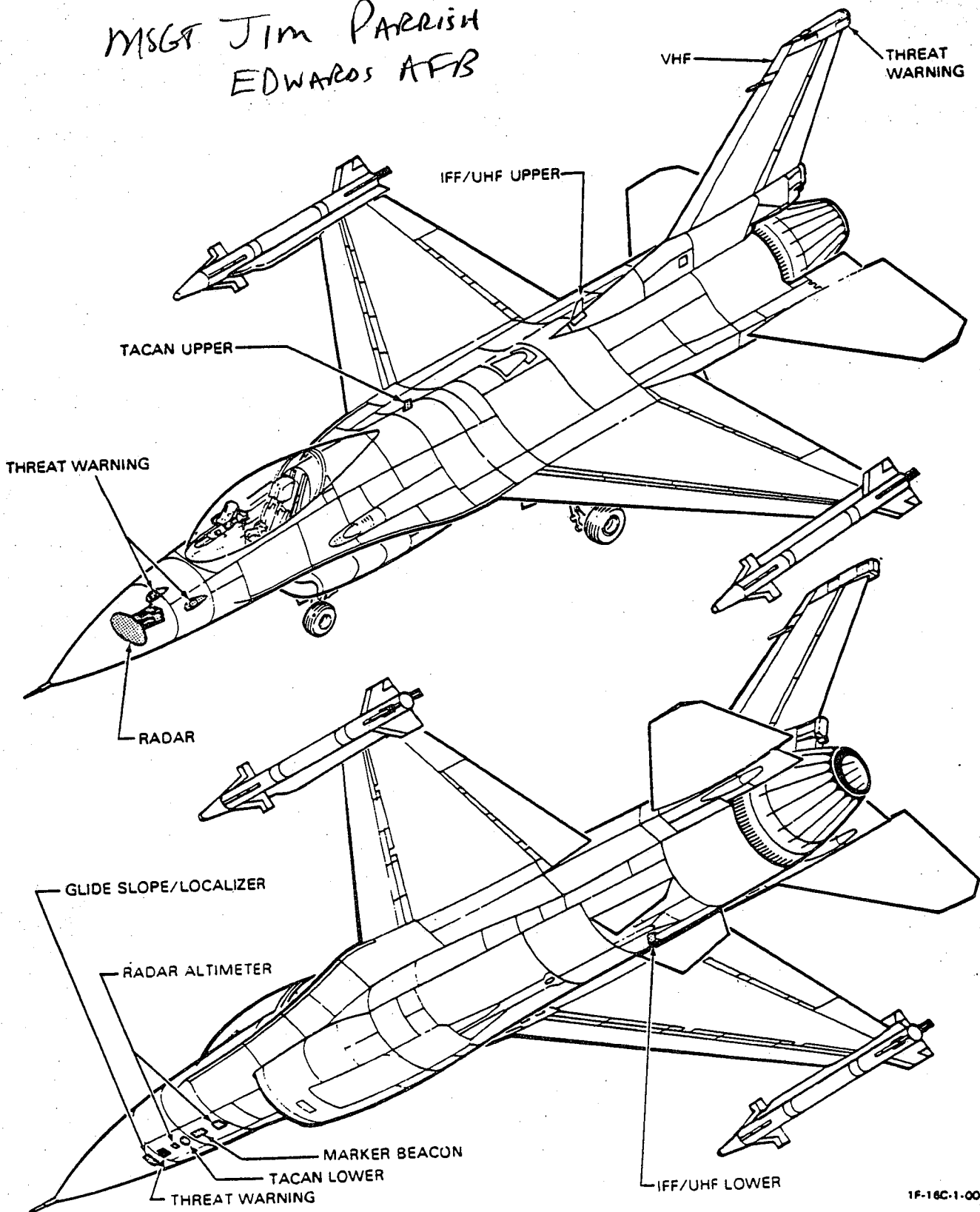
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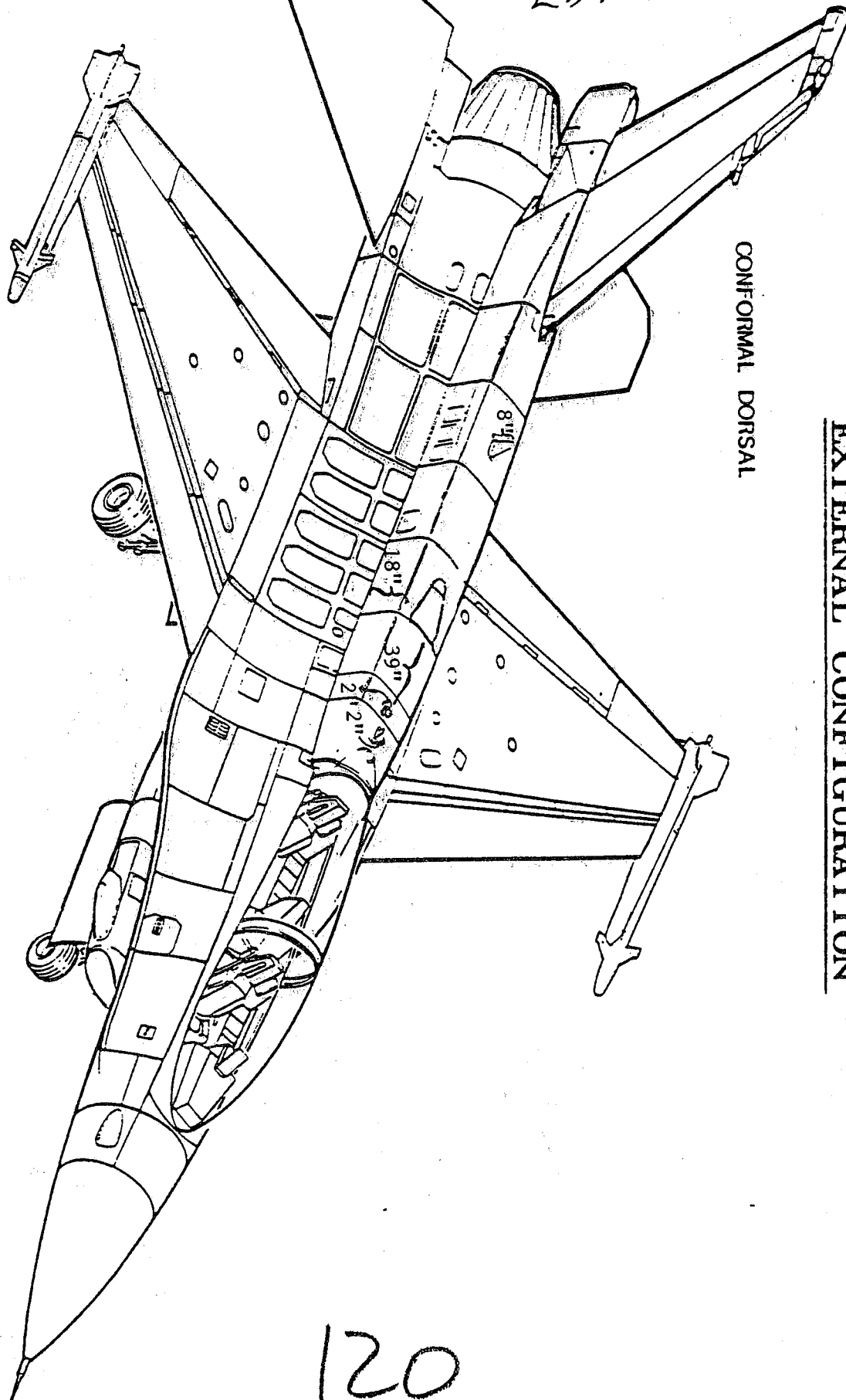
MSGT Jim Parrish
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MSGT Jim PATRICK
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