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TO: DOTTR CMSGT. RICHARDSON

SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL

FROM: 46TH ARS KISAWYER AFB, MI, (472-2792)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the boom operators who called, sent flowers, cards, and money with the unfortunate passing of one of our comrades - Dave Vickers. I guess that is what makes this career field so special. When one of our own is in need, the offers of help is endless. Thanks again to one and all.

BOOM STOWED-THE FINAL TIME

The knife cut deep when word came down that a KC-135A from KISawyer had crashed. Everyone was in shock, disbelief, and horrified that something like this could happen. We all were clinging to a thin thread of hope, and the grace of God, that somehow, someday, someone survived. But deep down I think we all knew what the out come would be. The final cut came- no survivors.

Why Dave Vickers? He was a dedicated boom operator, a loving father, and a devoted husband. Why Dave Vickers? That question is going to be asked more times than we can count, and there will never be an answer as to why loved ones are taken from us in a diaster such as this.

We have buried our dead, and now must go on. That is what Dave would have wanted. The next time you stow your boom, take a minute to think about what you can do to make this career field better. Remember Dave Vickers paid the ultimate price, his life, for what he believed in. We must stride forward and explore new horizons to keep the boom career field the best there is. By doing so Dave Vickers will never be forgotten. His memory will live on until the last boom is stowed.

Stephen Lonergan
MSGT. Stephen Lonergan
46TH Program Manager

OUR LINE UP IN THE 46TH.

PROG. MAN.

MSGT. LONERGAN

TRN. FLT.

SSGT. SMITH - on his way to Castle- also on crew S-110.

SCHEDULING.

SSGT. SHIMA- T.J. always seems to have a radio on his hip.

S-101

TSGT. EKDAHL- "B" doesn't like office time so he gives all checkrides.

S-102

SSGT. PROTZMANN- Jim loves flying so much he took it up by remote control.

S-110 SSGT. SMITH- Flt. commander crew.

R-111 ALC WESTEMEYER- saw the light-going to NCO PREP school.

R-112 AMN ANDREWS- new kid on the block.

E-113 SGT SWEET- snores so loud keeps himself awake on alert.

S-120 SSGT. OBANION-new cargo loading manager- Flt. Comrd. Crew

S-121 SSGT. MITCHAM-have PUBS will travel

S-122 AMN PILKINGTON- new kid on block

S-123 SSGT. MERRINER- if you need it Sherm can get from supply.

S-130 TSGT. KOVAR- Marty's so quiet most of the time you don't know he's
around. Flt. Comrd. Crew

E-131 AMN GILBERT- new kid on the block

R-132 SRA LONG- Joe's a mad man on a four wheeler

R-133 ALC GLOSSER- so much in love- got married and went TDY 2 days la

SPARES SRA FRENCH- recent NCO PREP school grad. Need a lesson plan call
Kyle.

INBOUNDS AMN DECKER- just got here

AMN MEINKEN- on the way or checks in the mail.

FROM: 307 AREFS/CCF (MSgt Takash)

24 April 1989

SUBJECT: Boom Signal 1989

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

1. Greetings from the "Home of the Superior Booms." This past year has been a busy one for the Booms of the 307 AREFS. But the events of the past year have all been overshadowed by the event that took place on 31 Jan 89 at Dyess AFB, Texas. On that day we boom operators lost one of our own. The following tribute was written by TSgt Greg Durand in memory of SSgt David A. Vickers:

From the first time we raised our right hand and swore to uphold the constitution of the United States, we began a journey that would take many of us to all corners of the world. During our travels we will meet many a comrade, who, in some small way, will touch our lives and for a moment in time become an extension of our family.

We fliers are a unique breed. We are the last link in sustaining freedom. Freedom cannot be bought, however, the ultimate cost of freedom has once again touched all of us.

On 31 January 1989, SSgt Dave (Wolf) Vickers left this world doing what he was most proud of; being a Boom Operator. Along with being a brother Boom, Dave was also an outstanding father for his daughter Holly, who recently celebrated her 6th birthday. As a husband, Dave was Andrea's best friend. And as a friend, Dave was always there.

There was no finer Boom Operator in this world. His devotion to this profession was impeccable; his skill was extraordinary, and his love for life was the essence of his being. Dave touched many of our hearts. His memory will live with us forever.

Your Fellow 307th Boom Operators

Dave, may you continue to soar with the eagles.

2. Here is the lineup in the 307th:

Programs Manager: MSgt Takash. Mike took over for Perry Smith last June and has done an outstanding job keeping us all straight.

Training Flight: SSgt Cermak. Ryan bought a house but needs to fix it up a little before he can move in. Another homesteader in the making.

S-151: TSgt Pankonien. Don't let Cliff sleep in your lawn chair during boom campouts. If you do, bring a spare. Cliff's favorite pastime is correcting LT's for 35-10 violations.

S-152: TSgt Durand. Author of this year's Boom Signal. Been busy preflighting the Rolling Condo for the May campout. He's still trying to get a successful landing with his remote controlled airplane.

S-160: TSgt Bowser. Tim had a flameout in his ultralight--still finding dirt behind his ears. Tim also manages the Cargo Loading Program for the 410 BMW.

R-161: TSgt Langner. Steve enjoys scaring little kids at the Boom Haunted House. He's high-time Boom on station--must like it up here.

R-162: Sgt Smith. J.C. wanted to crosstrain to ATC, but then he married Shari and bought a dog.

E-163: Amn Rupert. It seems like Mark is constantly gone TDY. Mark, wherever you are, the snow is gone and it's time to come home for the Boom Campout.

S-170: ALC Boettcher. Bob went to Detroit for the weekend and had his Camaro stolen. They found the car, but all of Bob's flying gear was gone.

R-171: Amn True. Jenny recently married Kelly, who is stationed in California. She was also one of the last Booms to visit Saudi.

E-172: Sgt Levato. Jerry introduced all of us to upside-down margaritas. He can B.S. his way out of anything. Right Debbie?

R-173: SSgt Reed. Clint is getting ready for PCS to McConnell--happy trails, partner.

R-181: Sgt Glover. Matt likes calling us married guys at 1 o'clock in the a.m. from his favorite stool at the Portside Inn, begging us to come out. Lookout Matt; paybacks are hell!

R-182: Amn Anderson. Within months after arrival, Rich married Cathy. Now they're expecting twins (maybe). Way to go Rich!

E-183: SrA Tongusi. John took his wife, Chris, to CFIC with him and brought her back pregnant. Way to go John!

N-184: SSgt Derringer. Rodney came to us from Kadena AB as a crosstraineer, enroute to the big schoolhouse. We almost had him qualified before he left for Castle. He's a burner, so look out!

Pad Dad: MSgt Phillips. Ed has the alert facility looking so good that crewmembers are standing in line at Scheduling begging to get in. It looks like Ed's on his way to Barksdale this summer. We wish him well.


MICHAEL J. TAKASH, MSgt, USAF
Programs Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 452D AIR REFUELING WING (AFRES)
MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 92518-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 336th AREFS (USAFR)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Publication

TO: CMSgt Richardson 8AF/DOTTR

We the booms of the Riverside Reserve Air Refueling and Transportation Squadron would like to extend to all the guys and gals in the boom world a warm hello. So much has happened since our last letter, that it sometimes feels like years have gone by.

All the boomers of the 336th would like to dedicate this letter to MSgt James Borland who was fatally injured in the performance of his duties in Nov 1988. The void Jim left behind is still felt by us all. Jim is still with us on the crew picture board and in some of his articles left in the office. Jim's desk will someday be filled with someone else and his picture replaced, but his name has been immortalized in the form of a street sign "BORLAND WAY" that will remain as long as the 336th and the 452nd exist. We would like to thank all the squadrons who offered their condolences to us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Presently we are in full preparation for our Mildenhall deployer. We're gearing up [chem included] to show people of U.S.A.F.E. how to do it right. Meanwhile the people staying behind are preparing for our O.R.I. coming in July.

The future is looking bright for us in the form of unit expansion with five more crews and two aircraft. Since the 22nd is disbanding, we would like to say a fond farewell to our friends in the 22nd. We wish them and all the booms out there good luck and best wishes.

If you ever find yourself here at March, just drop by the RRATS nest and have a cold one with us!

Frank De Jauregui

FRANK DE JAUREGUI, TSGT, USAFR
In Flight Refueling Instructor/ AV 947-2711

CMSGT NORMAN PERRY - The prominent Head Honcho of the RRATS nest who exemplifies the high standards we all try to obtain. An A number one guy with the ability of moving the unmoveable [officers], and getting things done.

SMSGT JOE PEREZ - Joe really is an "old head" now that he is looking at retirement. Joe being Joe, still hasn't made up his mind whether or not he wants to do this as a career! With less than a year to go, we at the RRATS nest would like to extend to Joe a fond farewell and a Bon Voyage in your future. You will be missed.

MSGT REGINALD NOLTE - "Bustem all, let God sortem out Reggie". Is our newest evaluator. If Rambo Reggie evaluates as good as he instructs, then we'll have one of the best evaluating teams in AFRES.

SMSGT BOB DUNNING - This brainy boom is educating himself into the annals of higher education by working on a computer degree. You can see him any time of the day glued to the GCA and key pad in the guise of wing evaluator. An outstanding guy.

MSGT BRIAN O'ROURKE - When he's not slaving over our TDY vouchers Brian is dreaming of flying his models. You can see Brian put his model airplane through its paces and say, "Bob Hoover, eat your heart out!".

MSGT STEVE WALTERS - Steve volunteered for instructor school at Carswell. Something about instructor pay may have something to do with it. But I don't think he knows that we get the same amount of money for Alert taxi pay as well. Steve works as a Defence Investigator in the upper desert near Edwards. A real great guy.

SMSGT CURT MASSEY - Yes he got promoted by demonstrating that anyone can E & E the Alert pad if you have the will....What?! He's on Alert? I guess miracles do happen! Curt is a real nice guy who still works in Los Angeles as a computer tech.

TSGT CARL WALTERS - Fishing has been so bad that he's thinking of letting the Guard guys use his boat for target practice. But don't worry about Carl and his many talents because he's now a contractor in the local area. He built our barbecue pit and charged us only 300 man days.

TSGT ZEN OLSON - This feral party person is our newest member of the instructor team. He will make your day whether you want it or not. His tutorial talents are already in great demand here and is a great asset to the unit.

TSGT TERESA RODOLF - Teresa De Rize found the man of her dreams and scarfed up a great guy by the name of Paul Rodolf. Teresa now has a flight attendant position with an airline. A great gal.

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TSGT TINA SKROPOS - This "Beaming Boom" is a piece of walking sunshine. Her smile warms up the coldest of hearts. When she's not at home taking care of her family she's here at the squadron flying or pulling Alert.

SSGT STEVE HAMER - Steve "Lowkey" Hamer is so low keyed and emotionally restrained that he's almost comatose. He laughs hysterically by cracking a smile. Steve really supports us here at the RRATS nest.

SSGT CHUCK ANDERSON - Chuck has been to the dentist so many times that he can name each tool. His bout with an absessed tooth is finally over and we hope to see him more often.

SRA CARLOS CEsENA - One of the new kids on the block comes from the 37 MAPS. Carlos just finished an all expenses payed vacation to Fairchild AFB! The back hills of Washington will always be a special place eched in Carlos's mind. When he's not trying to become mission ready he's selling real estate.

A1C TONY RATHSTONE - Our newest gain from the 22nd and is currently employed selling cars. He'll soon be on Alert showing off his reserve patches to his old buddies.

SSGT RANDY ROBSON - Randy is our operations clerk/boom to be. He saw how much fun we were having that he wants a piece of the fun. So the first place we're sending him to is Fairchild AFB! Yeeeeeees you too will receive an all expences payed vacation to sunny Washington!

MISS LISA RICKARD - In keeping with the traditions of the "FIRST AND FINEST" we the booms of the 336th RRATS would like to welcome the first non prior military boom operator in AFRES. Lisa is now at Lackland wondering what she has gotten herself into! We hope to have her mission ready by our next boom signal.



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

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31 MAY 89

WAY TO GO Rusty!



To All Boom Operators,

This is the first time since taking this job I can report that every unit is at least 100% manned and is expected to stay that way through the end of the year. You should all have a few spare booms by now to help ease the burden of unexpected groundings, DNIF/DNIAs, and the increased PME load due to the large number of BMTs taken into the field each year. So, take advantage of the "good times" while they last. We'll continue to do everything we can to keep the manning up.

The large number of BMTs mentioned is the real reason our manning is up right now. The NCOICs continually tell me you're doing a great job, which says a lot for the caliber of people we're getting into the boom field today. Mitch and I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you on your visits to Offutt and are impressed with your maturity and professionalism. Keep up the good work!

We get an unbelievable number of phone calls each day (the officers we work with complain about having to answer all of them). Many of these calls are from people with questions that could have (or should have) been answered by someone else....the squadron commander, NCOIC/first sergeant, stan/eval, CBPO, a priest or minister, a doctor, and so on. And let me make a pitch for your numbered air force (NAF) boom operator. Chief Richardson at 8th and Chief Mullis at 15th get very lonely, and on numerous occasions have called to tell us they feel left out and unloved by the rest of the boom field. How can you do this to such sweet guys? C'mon, give them a call when you have one of those burning questions or problems that no one else on your base could help you with. Seriously, if you need to call please do. But try to get an answer for your question or resolve the issue at the local level first.

Some of the most common questions we get are:

1. "Can I move to _____ AFB?" or "How long can I stay where I am?" We're still under a PCS freeze and probably will be for the next fiscal year. The only PCS moves we can make are for instructor duty at Castle, KC-10 boom operator openings, jobs in SAC headquarters and other commands, and openings overseas. We usually get a few conus-to-conus moves at the end of the FY, but use most of them to move the folks out of the north. As far as how long you can stay where you are, that depends on the manning at your base and needs at other locations.

2. "Do you still need instructors at Castle?" You bet! We're always looking for good instructors for the CCTS. If you're selected, we work out a report date based on the individual's desires and squadron manning. See your NCOIC for a list of the items required in the package.

3. "How do I get in the KC-10 program?" There won't be any more large KC-10 boards, but Mitch will continue to fill KC-10 vacancies as they occur. He's looking for good boom operators (SSgt and below) with a minimum of three years experience and at least three years time on station. See your NCOIC for details on applying.

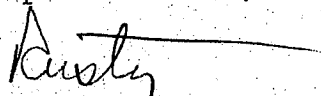
4. "I have a friend who wants to be a boom operator. Can you help him retrain into the boom field?" We don't really have anything to do with retraining into the boom field. It's all handled by the Retraining Group at AFMPC. The individual must meet all the requirements, complete all the required paperwork, and wait for an opening to appear in the Retraining Advisory before he or she can submit the retraining package. Your CBPO classification section maintains the advisory. We never really know when retraining openings will be posted, but I can tell you there will be more than twice as many SSgt openings next year.

By the time you read this the annual Boom Operators Conference will have been held at Mather. We will be discussing KC-135 passenger carrying equipment and safety, so your NCOIC should have some information for you in that area. We will also discuss manning and training.

Just as your NCOIC is our link to you, he is your link to us in the headquarters. We rely on him to keep us informed of the happenings in your unit and any problems we should be aware of. We should hear from each NCOIC once a week, so pass anything you have for us through him.

If you call and I'm not there, ask for Chief Malseed. Mitch and I work together on all boom operator issues, so he should be able to answer any question you may have. If you're stopping in at Offutt and would like to come into the headquarters please give us a call. We would be happy to see you.

Be professional, be safe!



GEORGE R. RUTZEBECK, CMSgt, USAF
SAC Inflight Refueling Functional Manager



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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF:

HQ SAC/DOOM (MSGT. HUCKABEE, 271-3861)

20 APR 1989

SUBJECT:

BOOM OPERATOR COMPUTER PROGRAMS

TO:

8 AF/DOTTR (CMS RICHARDSON)

1. In the past few years boom operators have become a very computer literate group. We have seen some impressive computer programs being written by Boom Operators at many different bases. We feel that it's time that we start some kind of an effort to compile a list of programs available at other Units that could be useful to you. With your help we will try to put a list of these programs together, keep it updated and send you an updated list about every six months. We will list a point of contact and a telephone number, along with a brief description for each program. Unfortunately, we will not be able to evaluate these programs or put a "SAC stamp of approval" on them, nor will we be able to send these programs to you (You will have to contact the person who wrote the program for a copy, we have no funds).
2. We ask that you send a copy of each program that you have (Please send these on disk or HP-41 cards), a brief description of the program, an example of what the program will do, and if possible the name of the person who wrote the program along with a telephone number.
3. The point of contact at Hq SAC will be MSgt. Frank Huckabee, Autovon: 271-6893, or 271-6057. Please feel free to call him you have any questions.

HQ SAC/DOOM
ATTN: MSGT. HUCKABEE
OFFUTT AFB, NE 68113

FRANK HUCKABEE, MSGT
ASST. CHIEF CONVENTIONAL ADP

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BOOM OPERATOR COMPUTER
PROGRAM SUBMITTAL SHEET

NAME:

DATE:

PROGRAMER'S NAME:
(IF KNOWN)

DATE WRITTEN:
(IF KNOWN)

PROGRAMER'S UNIT:
(IF KNOWN)

PROGRAMER'S TELEPHONE #
(IF KNOWN)

COMPUTER TYPE :

___ HP-41 ___ Z-248 ___ IBM COMPT. ___ OTHER _____
Specify

DISCRIPTION OF PROGRAM: (Please include the language and
version of the software used)

SEND TO: HQ SAC/DOOM
ATTEN: MSgt. FRANK HUCKABEE
OFFUTT AFB, NE 68113-5001

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FIFTEENTH AIR FORCE (SAC)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF

DOTTA (CMSgt Mullis, AV 947-4324)

SUBJECT

Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTT (CMSgt Richardson)

Hello to all of you from sunny but smoggy southern California. This has definitely been a culture shock after spending seven years in Arkansas. We are adjusting to the crowds and the fast pace but the freeway drivers are another matter!

Since I've been here I haven't had the opportunity to visit all the 15 AF units, but I have plans to get out and see you in action. It might have to be in the SAV (Staff Assistance Visit) cycle but hopefully sooner. I will try to come out on the General's visits if possible.

I'd like to send my thanks to the Castle Boomers for another great symposium. It takes a coordinated effort with lots of work and hard knocks to make this activity possible. We all need this time of camaraderie. Again, thanks to all of you for the hard work and participation.

On a more serious note. I need to get on the ole soap box a minute. Boomers, its time for all of you to take a long hard look at your profession or as some of you put it "job". It's time to reevaluate your participation in the cockpit. Survival is the key, apathy has no place here. Don't be a passive crewmember. Be involved in the entire mission. Question those things that make you feel uncomfortable. You have a responsibility to yourself, your aircraft commander and your crew. Help keep all of them and yourself honest. Do the best you can and expect no less from the rest. No one has to remind us that the aircraft commander is the boss, but its your charter to help him or her set the pace. Be active not passive! Just think about the past few years and I think you will understand my concern.

We in the Boom Operator Speciality have a few long roads ahead with many detours but we can persevere. Persistence, creditability and knowledge will get us through but all of us must do our part. Remember, be an active participant. Fly safe!

WILLIAM E. MULLIS, CMSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager
15 AF/DOTTA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 7TH AIR DIVISION (SAC)
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TO ALL BOOM OPERATORS,

28 APR 89

GREETINGS FROM THE LAND OF SCHNITZEL AND NO SPEED LIMIT ON THE FREEWAY! IT'S BEEN QUITE A WHILE SINCE I'VE SUBMITTED AN INPUT TO THE BOOM SIGNAL. CHIEF RICHARDSON DROPPED ME LINE TO REMIND ME A WHILE BACK AND HERE IT IS NEARLY DUE. WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

FOR ALL OF YOU WHO DON'T KNOW, I REPLACED CHIEF RON "KILLER" CAIN IN DECEMBER OF 1987. RON RETIRED AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS OF FLYING THE BOOM. HE LIVES IN NEARBY LANDSTHUL VILLIAGE AND IS GAINFULLY EMPLOYED AS A CREDIT UNION MANAGER. HE STOPS IN ONCE A WEEK TO HAVE COFFEE AND TALK A LITTLE SHOP. ANYBODY NEED A LOAN?

AS FOR ME, THINGS ARE EXTREMELY BUSY HERE AT 7 AD. I AM OFTEN ASKED THE QUESTION "JUST WHAT THE HELL DOES A BOOM OPERATOR DO AT RAMSTEIN?" LET ME DIGRESS. THE MAJORITY OF WORK HERE CONSISTS OF COORDINATING (SCHEDULING) ALL AIR REFUELING IN THE EUROPEAN THEATER. MOST OF THE AR IN EUROPE IS HIGHER HEADQUARTERS DIRECTED. THIS IS 180 DEGREES OUT FROM AR ACTIVITY IN THE CONUS AND INVOLVES UTILIZING THE ETTF ASSETS AT RAF'S MILDENHAL AND FAIRFORD IN THE U.K. AND ZARAGOZA AB IN SPAIN. THIS INCLUDES USAF AR TRAINING SUPPORT, FMS/FRG ACTIVITY, TAC UNIT MOVES, CORONETS, ETTF DE/REDEPLOYMENTS, KC-10 MAC CHANNEL, BUSINESS EFFORTS, AND ALL AFRES/ANG DEPLOYMENTS. I GO TDY DURING MAJOR EXERCISES AS PART OF THE SAC ADVON AND DO AN OCCASIONAL STAFF ASSISTANCE VISIT. OH YES, I STILL FLY, BUT NEVER ENOUGH TO SUIT ME. ANYWAY, THAT'S A SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF THE DUTIES HERE. PLEASE CALL IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED INFORMATION CONCERNING OPERATING IN THEATER.

HERE'S THE CURRENT ETTF BOOM OPERATOR LINEUP:

306 STRAT WING, RAF MILDENHALL (MOLDY-HOLE).

CHIEF BOOM - MSGT JOHN ALVAREZ. JOHN IS DOING A SUPER JOB FOR THE TDY BOOMS. I UNDERSTAND HE EVEN HAS TIME FOR A GAME OR TWO OF RACQUETBALL NOW AND THEN.

ASST CHIEF - TSGT NATE WILDS. I RECENTLY TALKED WITH NATE ABOUT HIS TRIP TO CAIRO FOR PROJECT HILL. SHOP TIL YOU DROP AND REFUEL THE EGYPTIANS.

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11 STRAT GROUP, RAF FAIRFORD (ON-THE-FARM).

CHIEF BOOM - SMSGT ERNIE SCOTT. ERNIE IS CONSIDERING RETIREMENT AND GOING INTO THE TEACHING PROFESSION. A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WILL DEPART WITH HIM. GOOD LUCK ERNIE.

ASST CHIEF - MSGT RUSS ADAMS. RUSS IS ON ASSIGNMENT TO THE 2 ACCS AT OFFUTT. SOME GUYS JUST CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF THE "GOOD LIFE." BEST OF LUCK TO YOU RUSS.

INBOUND - TSGT WILLIAMS FROM MARCH.

34 STRAT SQUADRON, ZARAGOZA AB (ZAB)


CHIEF BOOM - SMSGT GENE HARRIS. GENE WAS RECENTLY INTERVIEWED BY THE STARS AND STRIPES. A REAL CELEBRITY! "I WAS MIS-QUOTED!" GENE IS LEAVING THIS FALL TO MCCONNELL. HATE TO SEE YOU GO GUY, BEST OF LUCK.

INBOUND - MSGT FRED CAULKIN FROM PEASE.

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A PERSONAL INVITATION TO ALL BOOMS WHO COME THROUGH RAMSTEIN TO LOOK ME UP. I CAN PROVIDE YOU INFORMATION ON JUST ABOUT ANYTHING YOU MIGHT NEED. 7 AD IS LOCATED IN BUILDING 2118, 4TH FLOOR. TANKER OPS IS IN ROOM 417. AUTOVON IS (314) 480-6170/7114. COMMERCIAL IS 011-49-6371-47-6170/7114. YOU CAN WRITE TO ME AT P.O. BOX 218 APO NEW YORK 09009.

I TRY TO MEET AS MANY TANKER ARRIVALS INTO RAMSTEIN AS POSSIBLE. IT IS CROWDED HERE AND I TRY TO PROVIDE A LITTLE LOCAL INFORMATION AND ANSWER QUESTIONS. I'M TRYING TO BUY AN INEXPENSIVE VEHICLE FOR THE TDY BOOMS TO USE HERE. GOV'S ARE VIRTUALLY NON EXISTENT FOR TDY AIRCREWS HERE. BILLETING IS ADEQUATE AND MOST OF THE SERVICES ARE GOOD. THE LOCAL AREA OFFERS A LOT TO SEE. IF YOU COME TO GERMANY ON YOUR NEXT ETTF TOUR, PLEASE DROP BY FOR A VISIT. IF YOU NEED ANY HELP DURING YOUR STAY, PLEASE CALL ME AND LET ME KNOW - I DON'T MIND GETTING INVOLVED.

WELL, GUESS THAT'S IT UNTIL NEXT YEAR. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE NEXT BOOM REUNION AT CASTLE. REGARDS TO ALL -- THE BEST ENLISTED FLYERS IN THE WORLD -- BOOM OPERATORS.


SMSGT RANDY HAYLOR
CHIEF, TANKER SCHEDULING BRANCH
HQ 7 AD/DOKS (SAC)
RAMSTEIN AB, GE APO 09094-5000

FROM: 11 AREFS/CCF (SMSgt Daniel D. Deloy AV 866-7940)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: CMSgt E.G. Richardson

RECEIVED 15 JUN 89
EYN/SAF
SOME BODY HAD TO
BE LAST DAN.

Greetings from Altus America, where "R's" are the best! All the booms here love the R-model and can't imagine flying anything else.

As a tenant unit here at Altus AFB we're slightly off SAC's beaten path. We occasionally bump heads with the MAC folks here. It seems that they don't speak ALERT and have a hard time understanding that war is our profession. After being here almost three years I have to admit that the base and community really have quite a bit going for them. We are constantly receiving new facilities including our squadron building and alert facility which will be completed this fall.

Well enough about Altus, let me introduce the Boomers that make up the best and one of the youngest squadrons in the command:

SMSGT Dan Deloy - Program Manager/1st Sgt - New E-8!

MSGT Rick Hacket - Training Flight - Animals in the woods scout leader.

MSGT Keith Janssen - Alert Facility Manager - Building a new Alert Pad.

TSGT Carmen Vallejo - Flight/Ground Scheduler - Can't stop him now.

MSGT Fred Thomas - Stan/Eval 101 - Our Tactics Boomer.

TSGT Tim Ablay - Stan/Eval 102 - Welcome to Altus from Castle.

SSGT Lou Rushano - E-110/CLT Manager and Mr. Goodwrench.

SRA Leon Limon - R-111 - New Dad on the block.

AMN Dominic Peterson - E-112 - Can't keep the ladies away.

SGT Micheal Conner - R-113 - Happily adapting to married life.

SGT Eddie Dean - E-120 - Gone fishing.

SRA Lou Graves - E-121 - Gone fishing with Eddie.

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SGT Tom Unerfusser - R-122 - Loves to fly.

A1C Marc Stansfield - R123 - Speaks fluent Hawaiian.

SGT Steve Meloy - E130 - Brand new IBO.

A1C Tommy Zuniga - R131 - Spends more time in Austin than Altus.

A1C John Austin - R-132 - This guy can build anything.

A1C Kevin Beccard - E-133 - Looking for a good deal on a used car.

If you're ever out Oklahoma way on a Business Effort or just passin' through be sure to stop by and say HOWDY!



DANIEL D. DELÖY, SMSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 340TH AIR REFUELING WING HEAVY (SAC)
ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA 73523-6004

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 306 AREFS

01 May 89

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

1. I can't believe I'm writing this thing again so soon. This year has zoomed by us. Much has been learned about the aircraft limitations, our limitations, and the future of the enlisted aircrew member. The "Back to Basics" ideology recently reinstated by SAC is noteworthy, but it never should have been lost sight of in the first place. Good basic airmanship is the staple of the aircrew member's diet and is something we all need to practice constantly. Too many of our comrades have been lost due to stupidity or a breakdown of basic aircraft operating procedures. This must be curtailed and requires a concerted effort on our part as well as the others we fly with.

2. I get quite a few calls from guys around the field inquiring about different things and looking for various input. They range from simple opinion questions to in-depth research on complex subjects. I try to keep in touch with the guys at the 436th every now and then to stay informed of new up-and-coming programs. One good computer based training program that I have found useful is Proctor. Proctor is a turbo pascal program that runs on the Z-248 and is great for E.P. and aircraft knowledge tests. From a Training Flight standpoint, it works well in ensuring a solid foundation for future testing projects that your unit may have. It was originally written for Command Post controller training, but is easily applicable to our needs. Proctor is found in the 436th STS training program catalog. I have repeatedly found that if you make a program that is easy to use and beneficial to those who use it--they will. Unfortunately, you can lead a boom to water but you can't make him drink. That is unless that water is a cold beer.

3. Let me jump down from my soapbox and roll the credits. These guys are great at what they do, just ask them and they'll tell you so.

Program Manager--SMSgt Larry Thompson: Always in control, Larry keeps all of us in line. Unfortunately, that line's at the bar in the Enlisted Club.

Training Flight--SSgt Dave Passey: Horse, horsey, horsehead, geek; I've heard them all. Just don't call me Bo-Dave.

S-103--SSgt Dan Repp: Dan thinks he's a Carswell gunner. This is expected because Dan has always been a little different from the rest of us.

S-104--SSgt Jeff Wright: The quiet one, Jeff stays pretty active doing whatever it is that he does. I hear he does it darn good too.

R-150--A1C Dave Wells: Dave (or Biff as I know him), is the only person I know that owns a pair of Elvis Presley "Love Me Tender" earrings.

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R-151--Sgt Durk French: D.R. was recently traded from the 11th for a first round CCTS draft choice. He plans to go reserve Flight Engineer in October.

R-152--A1C James (don't call me Jim) Fisher: Currently doing a great job and plans to finish his school and get his commission. Press on.

R-153--A1C William Edwards: William, Tony, Tex, Jethro? We haven't figured just what to call this guy yet. Just don't call him late for the rodeo.

R-160--SSgt Dave Passey: Holy smokes here I am again. This is only a temporary assignment for me as we wait for some CCTS inbounds.

R-161--A1C Corey Brown: Corey was exposed to a few unusual operations early on and has progressed fine since then. Becoming an excellent boom.

R-162--A1C Frank Antonsen: Frank is just slightly different from the rest of us. We enjoy his success as a boom and his kinky brand of humor anyway.

R-163--Sgt Mark Miller: Mark was recently acquired from the 924th and has been a big plus for us ever since. Our only line crew instructor.

R-170--Sgt Sal Iannucci: Sal, a former S.P., has found that this field can be somewhat demanding of the home front. Is finally finding his niche in this unit.

R-171--A1C Chris Rieger: Currently his only claim to fame is an ice shield. I know he will use that as an reason to do better in the future.

R-171--Sgt Rick Black: Coasting through his tour here at Altus, Rick logs quite a bit of butt time at his favorite fishin' hole.

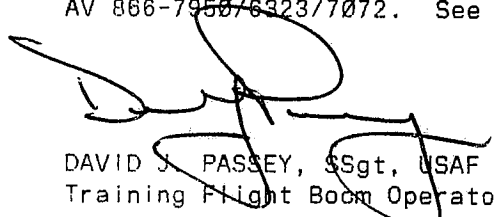
R-173--A1C Grant Hortin: Eddie Munster's stunt double recently recovered from a broken appendage. He has regrouped now and is progressing fine.

Spare--A1C Mike Seibert: Mike is an excellent boom and we look for better things for and from him in the future.

PCS--Sgt Don Simmons: I still can't believe this guy used to be a South Carolina State patrolman. He has left for the land of KC-10's and we wish him continued success with both his career and fatherhood.

Inbound--Amns Murray and Hark from CCTS. I have no idea what these guys are like, but if the recent trend continues for us, they are bound to be pretty good booms.

4. Well, that's it. Like I say every year at the end of these things, if you have any questions, comments, or just want to say hi--call. Our numbers are AV 866-7950/6323/7072. See ya...


DAVID J. PASSEY, SSgt, USAF
Training Flight Boom Operator

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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 2 AREFS/DOB (SGT CORR)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal '89

TO: HQ 8AF DOTTR (CMSGT RICHARDSON)

Dear Chief Rich and fellow boomers,

Howdy Y'all from the dirty thirty stationed here at Barksdale! We are the new breed of Gucci KC-10 boom operators who fill the ranks of the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron. Reactivated on 3 January 89, we separated from our sister KC-10 unit; the 32nd AREFS. With a new squadron comes new faces, as well as the old. All of us are proud to be enlisted flyers and the camaraderie we share as boom operators is unparalleled. From the Chief at the top to the Sergeant at the bottom, we work as a team and operate as the finest in the career field.

Presently we are renovating our building and look forward to it's completion. We will continue to live with the 32nd AREFS, but we are a separate and individual unit. Be sure to stop by and visit if you get to Shreveport or Bossier City, we would love to show off our new squadron and southern hospitality. We hope the past year has been a good one. Y'all take care, and we'll see ya on the road!

Here are the Gas-Passin', Cargo-Haulin', Gucci 3-holer boomers who prove we are "SECOND TO NONE":

CMSGT JOE GALLUCCI is our CHIEF ENLISTED AIRCREW MANAGER. Joe drives a Corvette, wears Halston cologne, and wins racquetball games for fun. He is our First Sergeant and leads the pack.

MSGT PAUL HODGE was next in line as our SENIOR BOOM, but he left us for HQ SAC at Offutt. We sure miss Paul's dancing skills(on bowling machines)at Pudge's.

MSGT GREG HEFFRON is our new SENIOR BOOM and former CHIEF of STAN/EVAL. Greg drives a new blue Ford pick-up truck similiar to an Alert vehicle, but definitely not on Alert!

MSGT MIKE PEREZ is our new CHIEF of STAN/EVAL. Mike is a sharp dresser and never has a problem with 35-10! Real nice guy. (I'm not busting a checkride)

MSGT MIKE PARSONS is our Current Ops rep and coordinates our cargo and refueling missions that keep us TDY all the time. He is the former D.O.R.C.!

MSGT LEIGH TAYLOR is part of our CONSOLIDATED TRAINING FLIGHT.

MSGT VIVIAN HUNT is our own squaw boomette. She loves to two-step and cruise around in her "Z". Affectionately called "CARGO COOTER", Viv has her own garden of mountain-fresh herbs.

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TSGT RANDY LANE works with Leigh in TRAINING FLIGHT. Randy loves cargo runs!

TSGT MIKE(with out a)TRACE is a crew-dog that loves TDY, and slinging chains!

TSGT DON CROUSE has become quite religious lately. He is often heard saying "Why me Lord?" and "Oh God, I swear it wasn't me!". Doesn't everyone have a Don Crouse TDY name tag?

TSGT DENNIS FOX is one of the "crusty old boomers" who helped start the KC-10 program. Foxy is in to guns and hunting.

TSGT MARV ALDRICH is the 2nd Bomb Wing Mobility NCO, and still blesses us with his presence around the squadron. This two-time grampa loves his new leather jacket.

TSGT BOB POWERS has more stories than Random House! He is giving up STAN/EVAL for KC-10 TACTICS up at Ellsworth. Great, a new face for Mt. Rushmore!

TSGT BRAD BAXTER literally "lost his shirt" at a recent boom party! Works D00!

TSGT BOB DOWNS is yet another STAN/EVAL boom that wears a wing patch.

TSGT MARK HOFFMAN was married last fall! YES, we have a married boom operator!

TSGT MIKE BARNES(a.k.a. JAATT RABBIT) loves haulin cargo with Cargo Cooter!

TSGT CHARLIE MARRONE hauls all the boomers around the lake with his ski boat!

TSGT KEITH MITCHELL came to us from Castle and currently in Cargo training.

TSGT CLAY POTTER came from the EC-135 at Offutt. Clay loves motorcycles!!

TSGT JEFF SEAVER got out and flys with the KC-10 Reserves across the street.

SSGT MIKE BOOZER did the same as Jeff, and also works for the FAA as a ATC!

SSGT JIM GOSSELIN is a crew dawg from North of the Mason-Dixon line.

SSGT SCOTT KONIECZKA loves the good times at Pudge's and Mr. Bill's saloons.

SSGT KARLA MATTSON is our Squadron EXECUTIVE NCO. When not working 9 to 5, Karla can be found making Margaritas at a local Mexican restaurant.

SSGT JON CALCOTE came to us from the 135's at March, and loves Barksdale!

SSGT MIKEY POST wears bright colored JAMS, and loves hunting and 3-wheelin!

SGT AL LEATON drove I-20E to get here from Carswell. It took him a whole 3 hours to PCS!

SGT JEFF SIDLES was recently promoted to present rank and going through cargo training at the time.

and last, but not least.....

SGT BILL CORR who wrote this letter! I came from the 135's here at Barksdale, and it looks like I'll never get out of here! I love this airplane and I love the TDY's. They still call me "Baby Boom", and probably always will!!!!

Well Chief, this is the "Dirty Thirty" of the 2nd Air Refueling Squadron! I apologize for going on to three pages, but I think we needed to give everyone here their well-deserved billing! We all hope to see you all real soon! Remember...keep your booms hanging low, and your heads up high because we have the best job in the U.S. Air Force.....we are the BOOM OPERATORS!!!!!!!!!!!!

BEST WISHES BOOMERS!!!

Bill Corr

BILL CORR, SGT, USAF
KC-10 Boom Operator, 2 AREFS

FROM: 32ND AREFS / DOB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal 1989

TO: 8AF / DOTTR

Hello again from the bayou state, the showplace of SAC, the 32ND AIR REFUELING SQUADRON, and Barksdale AFB, LOUISIANA. Well we did it again, another Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. This AFOUA is our fourth in a row. There have been a few changes since our last boom signal. The first of the year we split up our rather large squadron to make two exceptional smaller squadrons. A hearty welcome to the 2ND AREFS.

With spring just around the corner and winter cabin fever behind, a group of us are dusting off our boats and heading for the lakes for a little water skiing action. Barksdale is an attractive place during the boating season, and if you like to hunt and fish, the cooler months can be a pleasure as well. As for other things to do, Dallas, is just four hours away, New Orleans, is six hours away or just look around the S'PORT area. Like baseball? Well the SF Giants have their AA farm team, the Captains, located in S'PORT. Like to spend money? Louisiana Downs, horse racing, is just outside the city limits. Like to party and have a good time? There's always some kind of a festival going on from the annual chili cookoff / fiesta Mexicana to Mudbug Madness, Crawfish (Did he say suck the head??), to the yearly celebration of the areas local artist and craftsmen, the Red River Revel.

Enough PR I'd like to clear up some rather bad information, rumors of course, that have been brought to our attention. First off KC-10 crewmembers are on hard crews, but not hard leave. Second, the aircraft commander writes the booms APR and not the flight engineer, and guys, the relationship between the booms and engineers is excellent.

If you're interested in a job that can be both challenging and rewarding put in a package we're always looking for a few good Men and a bunch of good looking women. It also gives our long list of instructors something to do. Well that's the latest from the ARK-LA-TEX region and if your in the neighborhood why don't you drop by and give us, a look see.

ED WOLFKAMP, SSgt, USAF

32 AIR REFUELING SQUADRON BOOM OPERATORS

* Jim Pickel	CMSgt	CHIEF/1st SGT, M.A. Degree EMBRY RIDDLE
* Ted Whorley	MSgt	Chief of Tng Flt, SMSgt Selectee
* Randy Collins	MSgt	Chief of Scheduling
* Tim Richardson	MSgt	Looking for work in all the wrong places
* Mark Esty	TSgt	Stan/Eval, still just plain Mark
* Jim Kyne	TSgt	New Instructor, "The Baker"
* Rich Otis	TSgt	Left Stan/Eval, Had a better offer
* G.W. Loftin	TSgt	Takes a licking and keeps on ticking
* Mark Kline	TSgt	Out of DO-10, slight leg injury but back on line
Mike Cardina	TSgt	New wife and daughter
* Nick Nicholson	SSgt	Stan/Eval, Says he has TSgt in the bag
Mike McCoy	SSgt	Exec NCO, trying to trade stripes for 2Lt bars
* Ed Wolfkamp	SSgt	Boom Operator of the Quarter Oct 88-Dec 88
* Stew. Horton	SSgt	Working hard on and off duty, Still the Video King
* Judy Burr	SSgt	Keeps EM' smiling
Lynn Sloddard	SSgt	Back on active duty, Fed Ex part timer
Eric Thomas	Sgt	New Boom, working on cargo qualification
Bob Wolf	Sgt	We're still trying to figure him out
Jim Lockley	Sgt	New Boom, just call him "Mr Mom"

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* Dave Craig	MSgt	8AF, SMSgt selectee
* Eddie Smuda	TSgt	DO-26, has a new swimming pool for the "PAD"
* Don Hess	SSgt	DO-10, Happy to have a real job

"Newest of the New"

John Crawford	SSgt	Putting pubs together in Tng Flt, Oh! What fun
Jim Hackworth	SSgt	Took his first ride in a "10", comments, "Awesome"
John Reigelsberger	Sgt	Glad to be free of Alert, even with a new pool

"Inbounds"

Russ Hess	SSgt
Jeff Abell	SSgt
Todd Cleveland	SRA

Instructor



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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

71 AREFS/CC (MSgt Schufft/3810)

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

All Boom Operators

How ya'll are? Greetings from Mudbug Country. The proud new owners of the Omaha Trophy. A lot has changed since the last signal and I mean alot!

Here's a look at the sultan's of slime

MSgt Sheppard - Ol' Shep is still smilin, still bald, and still doin upholstery work. He moved though. Yep, down the street to S-101.

SSgt Robbins - Larry is doin lots of fishing and very little workin' S102.

MSgt Hitchcock - Looking forward to his new Guam assignment. Bout time ain't it Hitch? S-103.

TSgt Farrow - Just in from Castle. What's our tee time Reggie?

SSgt Christensen - Spending more time at the track. What did you say your fastest E.T. was Chris?

SSgt Brown - Wild Bill still rides his Harley and rarely if ever complains.

A1C Clauss - John.O.K. Sweet Pea, what's the real story on how you got that nickname.

A1C Hurd - Todd "Mr Professor" is the latest candidate for the motorcycle speed record.

TSgt Collins - A recent NCO Academy Graduate. Where's Jerry? Don't know, I just saw him 5 minutes ago.

A1C Elias - Ed "El Largo Guapo" is still trying to wear his dark sunglasses indoors. He still wants to know why he can't.

Sgt Powell - Rick was almost our permanent Duty Dog. Are you DNIF again?

Sgt Gibbs - Scott, our latest victim to fall to the throw's of the KC-10.

A1C McCoy - Wayne is prepping for his first TTF deployment to Guam. Lucky Dog.

Sgt Tucker - Still looking for an assignment. "What A Wanker", Right Tuck?

SSgt Weeks - Scott came back to active duty after flying those dreaded C-130s
Now running the CLT program

Sgt Adams - pearl has been seen lately trying to hold down 2 jobs. Being a Boom and a Scheduler.

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A1C Morrison - Tom's the greatest boom operator Tom ever saw.

A1C Smith - Rowdy Rod is another new face. Pick's his guitar and not his nose. Also works on his 64 Chevy.

Amn Mohrbacher - Fresh out of CCTS. Hurry up and get Scott in the next cert cycle.

A1C Ryno - Bombs away Razor is in a holding pattern. Dallas papers are only 35¢.

TSgt Haywood - Hey Glenn, another phone call for you! Our resident training flight expert.

MSgt Schufft - Daddy Roy moved here from CEVG. A very recent SMSgt Selectee, is now back to being just one the guys. We just wish he could back up those fishing stories.

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Chief Richardson still comes over to give us a welcome hand.

MSgt Hopper is just checking in. Looking forward to having his experience around.

The Greener Pastures:

SrA Perrotti - Luke wasn't a friend of Judge Wapner

SrA Reed - Neither was Jeff.

SMSgt McGee - Jerry is gone but almost forgotten. He retired.

CMSgt Cheek - We'll miss flying with the Chief. We'll miss his humor and his company - Blue skies Chief!

The Movers

Sgt Miller - Jill is now out at Castle terrorizing your boys. Watch out for those tatoo parlors.

Sgt Reigelsberger - Soul man John has moved down to the KC-10s.

Sgt Grimes - Buzz was down for the count. Look for him here at the Billeting Office.

Inbounds

Amn Culbertson

Amn Burke

SSgt Ken Osburn from Sheppard AFB, TX

MSgt Ed Phillips from K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI

Well, that's about it for now. Stop by and visit us sometime and we'll go have a cold one. Take care for now. Blue Skies.

AV 781-3770/3810

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

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOB

1 May 1989

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

Greetings ya'll from Mudbug Country. As usual, its been a busy year for the 78th AREFS. We're finally out of Rockin' Riyadh (they say for good), but we're also out of the Zaragoza TTF business too. Kind of wish that one had stayed with us a while longer. Still doing lots of cargo runs both stateside and abroad and with fighter drag season rapidly approaching, there are plenty of good deals to go around.

Like everyone else, we enjoy keeping in touch with our pardners around the world, so drop us a line from time to time and let us know what's happening (AV 781-4653). If you should get to Bossier City, come on in and have a cup. If we're not here we're there, and if we're not there we're most likely at DET 1, 78th AREFS/DOB (Pudges').

Steve says there is still room for a few good folks in the section, so if your thinking of flying the 10 and want to work with some easy going people then give us a call.

We've had quite a few changes since the B.S. so here's a run down on who's where:

ARTS

CMSgt Steve (Hollywood) Reeff - Program Manager. Keeps us on the right track. Ask him how he became an overnight celebrity.

SMSgt Joel (Piranha) Montgomery - Evaluator/Scheduler/Paymaster/Jack of All Trades. Stays 110mph all the time.

MSgt Rene' (Ray) Hernandez - Full time Stan/Eval type guy. Retired CEVG evaluator. They say he's easy. We'll see.

MSgt Ron (Action) Jackson - Evaluator/Scheduler/etc... Mr. Happy Feet. You should see him throw darts while dancin'. (Illegal in 37 states.)

MSgt Gerald (Gomer) Gibbs - Mission Developer/Smoke Break Monitor. Gerald says tell Killer "HELLO" wherever he is.

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MSgt John (DIP STICK) Beasley - Mission Developer. You give him a nickname if you want. I sure don't want him mad at me.

MSgt Charlie (Call Me Charles) Younce - Scheduler/Doer of Good Deeds. Desk looks like a flea market.

PART TIMERS

CMSgt Tom Williams - Still at the McDonnell Douglas schoolhouse. Runs Training Flight here at the squadron.

SMSgt Chuck Morlan - Federal Police Officer in Kansas City. Resident Prankster (ask Younce).

SMSgt Don Murphy - Airfield Manager at Richards Gebaur.

SMSgt John (W.O.B.O.) Pittman - Accused of being the Worlds' Oldest Boom Operator.

MSgt Roger Gay - North Little Rock Cop.

MSgt John (Hambone) Hamilton - Another ex-CEVGer. Still waiting on a "good deal."

MSgt Randy Rhodes - Full time Med Student.

MSgt Rodney Sanders - Airport Fireman in Little Rock.

MSgt Dennis Smith - Same as above. Siamese Twins.

MSgt Ed Stewart - Officer Ed. Going to Federal Police School. Can't wait to bust his first head.

TSgt "Reb" Barton - Loadmaster for Federal Express.

TSgt Monsa Dugger - East Texas Emergency Medical Technician.

TSgt Norman Estep - Works for AT&T in Kansas City.

TSgt David (Peacock) Fruge' - Living in Houston, working for Continental. Recent Papa.

TSgt Dwain (Pirogue) Gerace - Had a disagreement with a rather large tree. Pirogue 1/Tree 0.

TSgt Bill Hennigh - Another Federal Police Officer. Resident mercenary.

TSgt Wayne (Slow Leak) Hodgs - TDY to AFRES/HQ to work on computer stuff, A Wizard!

TSgt Jim Knapp - Corps of Engineers. Blame him if New Orleans disappears. Loves to kill fish.

SSgt Jeff Lacen - American Airlines in Ft. Worth. Anyone seen Jeff lately?

SSgt Dan Ursettie - Rumor has it he's bartending again.

FNG's

TSgt Jeff Seaver - Account Exec for a long distance company. C'mon Jeff, even Reservists get haircuts every now and then.

SSgt Mike Boozer - (Me) - Traffic Control School in May.

SSgt Donna Dobbins - Ex-141 Loadmaster. Just got her cargo check.

SSgt Gary Jennings - From 135's at Carswell. Quietest guy around, but SHARP!!

A1C Jeff Reed - May get his 500hr pin before he starts school in May.
Update: Also had a disagreement with a tree. Tree-1/Jeff-0, will now wait to start school after the healing process.

LONG GONES

MSgt John Marshall - Retired to take a job somewhere in Atlanta.

TSgt Charles Montgomery - Reassigned to inactive reserves.

SSgt Rodney Bennett - Returned to active duty at March.

SSgt Bryan Forsyth - Returned to active duty at March.

SSgt Charles Stoddard - Returned to active duty at Barksdale.

SSgt David Walker - Reassigned to inactive reserves.

JAMES M. BOOZER, SSgt, USAFR



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 9TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE WING (SAC)
BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 95903-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 349/350 AREFS

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: 8 AF/DOOTR

Greetings from the ladies and gentlemen here at Beale to our fellow boom operators. A lot of changes are currently going on here, some welcome and some not welcome. We welcomed 13 new booms from Castle this year and their welcome and all doing a fine job, also received 4 great booms from you guys out there. Thanks. We also lost a bunch this year, 10 people decided to either become civilians or take that great journey north.

They'll soon start breaking ground on our new alert facility so we can put an airplane on alert. Saw the plans and it looks more like the Holiday Inn to me, it should make for an interesting transition. Rumors are of course running rampant around here, everyone is anxious to see what happens. So far the mission has not changed, it's still TDY, TDY, TDY. We're all experts on how to fill out the missed meals form.

If your ever in the area come look us up we're always looking for an excuse to get the booms together and go water skiing.

LINE UP FOR THE 349th

STAN EVAL:

MSGT Robert Winston - Chief Boom of Stan Eval and is looking for a good job in the civilian world, so if anyone has one just give him a call.

TSGT David Harrison - Just bought a house and is looking for a few roommates, so PCS on out and help old Dave out.

TSGT Robert Battaglia - His motto is "I'M OK, YOUR Q-3".

"A" Flight

TSGT D.K. Smith - Finally got out of Stan Eval and is enjoying life as a line boom. P.S. Looking for an assignment to "Hooterville".

AlC Tim Herrod - Tim is still Mr. Quiet except when he listens to that new wave music, still waiting for him to dye his hair purple.

SRA Mike Bradley - Mike always has to look like he stepped off the pages of GQ, the only guy I know who spends \$200 for one sweater.

AlC Flint Stearns - When poor Flint got here he took a lot of kidding for his name, everyone kept calling him Fred and asking where Dino was.

AlC Greg Atkins - Certified 3 months ago and seems to be settling in nicely, he's already been on 3 TDY'S.

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"B" Flight

SSGT Jerry Head - Is leaving us to go to Castle at the end of May, Good Luck.
 AMN Wendy Wildman - On the move so much she doesn't stand still for trouble to find her even though it's looking.
 SSGT Craig Bolling - He's still having a wonderful time but hasn't found what he's looking for yet.
 ALC Valerie Doyle - Valerie always looks like she's lost but it's actually a well calculated plan so all the guys will leave her alone.
 SGT Jamie Recuero - All he wants to know is "Randy Crittendon where are my negatives".

"C" Flight

TSGT Edward "Stella" Stevens - Stella still chain smokes and fire alarms always seem to go off in whichever building he's in.
 SGT Mike Bell - Still the Cassanova of the squadron and has a girl in every port of the world.
 AMN David Sturm - Went to Europe once and now all he talks about are those European women and wants to know if you can order them from the J.C. Penney catalog.
 SGT Steve Cain - We all think Steve got lost somewhere and hasn't found his way back home yet, he's never around guess he just doesn't like us.

"D" Flight

SGT Mike McPhee - Is still waiting for them to put moving sidewalks on the airplane so he doesn't have to keep walking back and forth to the boom pod.
 SRA Dona E. Vandersloot - That's me, and all I'm doing is keeping out of the OPS Officers way. Spent 6 months TDY in the past year and just want a chance to unpack and spend some time with my husband.
 SGT Allen Kaczor - Allen has finally decided to tie the knot and by the time you read this will be a married man.
 SSGT Terry Stevenson - Just took charge of the pubs room and is going crazy trying to get things ready for CEVG.

SPARES

SSGT Cody Crowder - Arrived back with us a few months ago, decided he liked being a boom operator better than the civilian world, just not at Altus.
 SGT Joe Duarte - Arrived here recently from Loring used to be a 702 but decided to come live the easy life.
 TSGT Clive Fillmore - Hasn't even signed in yet so we don't know much about him except that he spent some time at Lackland as a T.I. but is now one of the good guys again.

TRAINING FLIGHT

TSGT John Lobenberg - Going PCS to Malstrom and taking his boat with him. Good Luck Bones.

NCOIC

MSGT David Gies - Just took over the reins of the 349th and is doing a fine job, at least until he retires in 1 Feb. 90. Says he's extremely happy to be back in SAC, and will miss the best job an enlisted person could have.

LOST

SSGT Tim Jones - Tim decided civilian life was for him and is now a California Highway Patrol Officer.
 SMSGT Ken Roberts - Retired and living the good life. Last time we saw him his hair was way out of 35-10.
 SSGT Maurice Walker - Also got out and is now a CHIPPEY.
 SGT Doug Parker - Got out and took his pharmacy with him.
 SSGT Connie Oslund - Left us about a year ago and last we heard was working with Federal Express.

LINE UP FOR THE 350th

STAN EVAL

TSGT Rich Sopkowiak - Still in charge of the world.
 SSGT Mark Sletten - Newest edition at Stan Eval and you can always catch him at his computer.
 SSGT Dean Fuller - Dean has higher ambitions in life than to be at Stan Eval so he always has his nose in a book and has a full college classload.

"A" Flight

SSGT Will Galloway - Just put in his paperwork for the KC-10.
 ALC Kerry Montgomery - When TDY he finds the philosophy of women.
 SSGT Marv Surber - Marv is hanging around until he retires on 1 Nov. 90, then he is going to loose his razor.
 SRA Rodney Cline - Just got back from CFIC and then decided to get married. So he's our newest instructor and newlywed.
 AMN John Clark - Just arrived from Castle and is finding out about EWO study.

"B" Flight

SSGT George Collins - He is learning to play the trumpet and is driving us all crazy, even Border Radar told him he needed lessons on a recent TDY.
 AMN Pete Manson - Always in Southern Cal. on his new Suzuki Katana. His favorite phrase is "Will you mission plan for me".
 ALC Curtis Harke - Says he loves life at Beale and wants to spend his life TDY, and here we thought his life was already TDY.
 SSGT Rick Kempher - Our brand new Cargo Load Instructor and loves being assigned to the Aggressor Squad.
 SGT Mike Routheau - Trying to devise a plan to buy a new motorcycle without the wife finding out.

"C" Flight

SSGT Dave Pelzer - "When am I gonna start seeing royalties from my book". Also likes being on the Aggressor Squad.
 SGT Scott Vandersloot - When hes not at the Squadron you can find him out at the Rodeo Club, I'm beginning to think he lives out there.
 AMN Chris Strickland - Newly assigned and went on his first TDY, got lucky and toured Europe at Uncle Sam's expense.
 SRA Bob Emerson - Bob is TDY so much we forgot what he looks like.

"D" Flight

TSGT Lee Rogers - Leaving us at the end of May to be a GUCCI BOY on the 10's at Barksdale.

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ALC Gary Hall - Thinks he finally found the right woman and is also assigned to the Aggressor Squad. He loves it because he gets to dress up in Russian Uniforms and put a chalk mark on peoples boot heal without them knowing about it.

ALC Jason Buckner - Has the strangest habit of jumping out of windows and getting crew cuts to show his love for the Wing Commanders daughter while TDY.

ALC Rick Juster - Only wants to go TDY where there are slot machines and he can wear his blue glasses.

ALC Mark Redden - Wants more missed meals and per diem, seems hes finding it very hard to live off base on an airman's pay.

TRAINING FLIGHT

MSGT Frank Perry - Arrived from Hickam a few months back, and on his first deployer wanted to know where all the cargo would go.

NCOIC

CMSGT Ken Ingle - Retiring 1 Feb. 90 after 30 years as a boom operator. We're gonna lose one of the best.

INCOMING

SMSGT Randy Faulk - Arriving in Aug from Kadena and is gonna take over the reins of the 350th when Chief leaves. He has some big footsteps to fill. Good Luck.

LOST

TSGT Red Skelton - Decided to trade Stan Eval for the flightline down at Castle. Hope everythings going well and hello from everyone here.

TSGT Ron Dugdale - Followed Red to Castle, that place should be filled up with Beale guys by now.

MSGT Dave Kaminski - Had enough of Cal. and wanted to see some snow so they sent him to Minot.

TSGT Phil Luttrell - Phil had just put a down payment down on a house so of course that means PCS, and that's just what happened it was off to merry Minot.

Well thats all from this end. Talk with you next year.

SRA DONA E. VANDERSLOOT



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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

CCF (AUTOVON 739-5398)

18 Apr 89

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8 AF/DOTTR (CMS Rich)

1. Howdy once again from cowtown, to all our friends around the world. Since the last boom signal only a few changes have occurred, the most important changes are to the major sports area, who knows what will happen to our new Jerry Jones Dallas Cowboys, since he fired Tom Landry, and our Texas Ranges, with George Bush Jr as part owner, they are thinking of moving them out of Arlington and not being budgeted for new baseballs. And the Dallas Mavericks. They are thinking of moving down to high school level. On a good note Billy Bob's has reopened, we have some good rodeos which are lots of fun and multitudes of other outstanding entertainment. Its never boring in the Metroplex.

2. On a more personal side, a few personnel changes in the area of who's new and who left. The only one lost since last year was our scheduler - MSgt Bill Hall to retirement. Best of luck to Bill.

a. Here are the new cow hands that came to us since last year.

B Flight Amn Jim Harris R-121
C Flight Amn Jim Thompson R-133
C Flight Amn Rob Tabor R-136
B Flight Amn Doug Templeton - R-124
Amn Eric Ball - our newest hand.

b. We also have SSgt Jon Hilyard, a cross trainee that came from Supply at Kadena. He stopped by to get the inside scoop and now is presently out in the school house. He should be a super troop.

c. O.K. Now for the cast of seasoned ranch hands.

(1) R-111* SSgt Larry Greenfield - over at Guam enjoying the sun and warm weather. But before we let Larry go to Guam, he had to sign for a Loring assignment when he returned.

(2) R-112 SSgt Ruben Mendoza - away at NCOLS.

(3) R-113 SGT Mike Adams - got married to a cute Texas filly. Our next candidate to CFIC in May. If you see Mike's car please give him a call, someone liked it better than he did. Also acting A Flt CC.

(4) R-114 A1C Chit Creely - just a dang good boom. Just got back from a TDY at Keywest. Fish didn't bite but he got lots of sun.

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(5) R-115* TSgt Winnie Burnett - A dang good boom. Going to try his hand at the scheduling position or maybe standboard.

(6) E-116 A1C Jerry Burns is our Amn of the Quarter. Jerry is another super good troop.

(7) E-121 Amn Jim Harris - another good boom from CCTS.

(8) R-122* SSgt Chico Gallegos - Chico B Flt CC. Our new cargo loading manager. He spends a lot of time working with the new booms. Applied for Castle duty, Castle you'll be getting an excellent instructor.

(9) R-123 A1C Wayne Atkins - Wayne is attending NCO Prep Course. Also, another one caught, married a pretty Texas filly.

(10) R-124* SSgt Clyde Hampton - Clyde hanging in there does a good job.

(11) E-125 A1C Phil Lee - a new proud father to a little girl.

(12) E-126 Sgt Tim McDermott - working hard on a college degree.

(13) R-131 SrA Dan Klemm - not Dan, another marriage to a cute Texas filly and also expecting to be a new father in August.

(14) E-132* TSgt Mike Matlock - C Flt CC. Just came back from Alaska. Waiting for the Master list to come out.

(15) E-133 A1C Jim Thompson - Another good troop from CCTS, likes to play his guitar and runs the Colonel's daughters.

(16) E-134 A1C Rocky Rollins - Mr top gun after his F-16 ride.

(17) R-135* C.D. Franklin - C.D. our newest instructor. Also there's a cold wind blowing for C.D. in Loring also.

(18) E-136 A1C Rob Tabor - just got back from Fairford. He's glad to be home, another good boom from CCTS.

d. That's the line up for the working cow hands. Here's the rest of the guys on a higher pay roll.

(1) Training Flight. TSgt Tom Huber - well winter has departed and the sale of firewood has dropped. Tom is looking for new employment. Tom does a good job.

(2) Honcho of our BIG RANCH house for alert - MSgt Al Adams. Al has done an excellent job fixing the place up.

(3) Scheduling. TSgt Chuck Meyer - for the short time Chuck has been up at scheduling he has done a great job, but Chuck is on his way to Kadena. Good luck Chuck.

(4) Our law and order and standardization keeper here are:

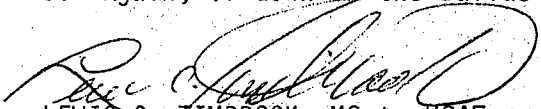
(a) S-101 MSgt Rudy Spence. Rudy does a great job and keeps our cow hands honest.

(b) S-102 SSgt Doug Schultz. Does a good job helping to keep Rudy honest. Hoping the TSgt list will be nice to him. Doug may have a interest in scheduling.

3. That completes the cowtown gang here. They're a great bunch of guys, this year we haven't as much as scratched any paint on a receiver, except for me writing my name on the Thunderbirds. Thanks to all the effort each and everyone has put forth to make this an accident free year. Again, my thanks goes out to CMS Rutzbeck, CMS Heald and CMS Harrison for supplying us with some exceptional AMN from Castle to fill our shortages.

4. This has been an interesting year, like the weather around here, wait a few minutes and it will change. As with this position there are very few dull moments. As for me, I also got married to a Texas filly and we are expecting in July. What a good life as Chief Boom.

5. Again, if down in the Dallas-Ft Worth area stop by.


LEWIS C. TIMBROOK, MSgt, USAF
Program Manager



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436TH STRATEGIC TRAINING SQUADRON (SAC)
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Boom Signal
8AF DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)
Barksdale AFB, LA 71110

11 Apr 89

All Boom Operators

Hello from all of us here at the 436 Strategic Training Squadron, Carswell AFB, TX. (Home of the recently reopened Billy Bob's Texas, Worlds largest night club.) Looking through the past Boom Signals I've noticed that we have been a little lax in our signal inputs over the past couple of years, so I'll start by filling you in on our personnel changes.

YES! CMSgt Walker again works in the KC-135 training department. He has been on an extended 6 year additional duty as the 436 STS first sergeant, but all of that has changed and he is ready, willing and eager to devote his full attention to the training at hand, as soon as he remembers how. The Chief can be reached by calling Autovon 739-5551 or 5488. Here are some of programs Chief Walker says he is currently working or will be starting in the coming year:

1. KC-135 Low Level Air Refueling.
2. KC-135 Systems for Boom Operators. (G231)
3. KC-135 Category "C" Receivers. (Q022)
4. KC-135 Fuel and Electrics for Boom Operators. (G230)

We in the KC-10 training world have changed our location in the past year. We were operating from a 436 STS Operating Location (OL) at the Barksdale AFB, KC-10 Training Center. As of 1 Oct 88 we dissolved the OL and moved our office (and myself). We maintain two offices now, one at our contractors (MDTSI) facility in Bedford, TX. This one is easy to reach by telephone, just dial 1-800-433-1614 extension 342. Our second office is located in Bld 1564 Rm 204 on Carswell AFB. Telephone number for this office is Autovon 739-5497/5551 or 5475.

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Jan 1 1989 the 436 STS/DOTK increased it's KC-10 positions. With this increase we gained another KC-10 boom operator training slot. We now have Senior Master Sergeant (Selectee) Cary Hubbard from 1CEVG working with us. Cary is learning the training business exceptionally well and is fitting in good. When you see Cary, remember he's given up his sharp CEVG pencil for a Zenith computer. If you have any training or contractor questions give Cary or myself a call. If you don't have any questions give us a call anyway we like hearing from everyone. Here are some of the KC-10 training programs we are currently developing or monitoring:

1. **Sac Aircrew Hazardous Cargo Training;** This will be a computer based training program to train and educate not just KC-10 types but all aircrew personnel in the proper procedures for carrying and documentation of hazardous cargo. Currently under development.

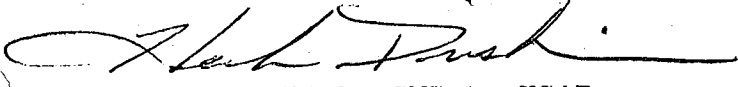
2. **KC-10 aircrew Egress and Passenger Evacuation Training for KC-10 Boom Operators;** I am currently working with American Airlines for a rough cost proposal to determine how much they would charge to train our crews in emergency egress and passenger evacuation supervision. With money being tight all over there is no guarantee this proposal will get any attention from our HQ SAC contracts people.

3. **KC-10 Integral Onboard Loader;** This program is in full swing with the development and subsequent building of our new onboard loader system. As with all aircraft modifications there must be some sort of training program ready to hit the street as soon as the modification is released.

4. **KC-10 Wing Air Refueling Pods;** Cary Hubbard is currently working with MDTSI and Douglas Aircraft Corp in developing training for this new air refueling system. This program is on hold waiting successful flight tests.

Well that's about it from SAC's rodeo squadron. Call when you can and stop by and visit when your in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Congratulations to all of this years promotions, we'll be looking forward to seeing you, and helping you celebrate at this years managers conference. Here is our current manning:

CMSgt Limous Walker	KC-135 Training (Boom Operator)
SMSgt Herb Driskill	KC-10 Training (Boom Operator)
MSgt Cary Hubbard	KC-10 Training (Boom Operator)
MSgt Monty Stucky	KC-10 Training (Flight Engineer)
TSgt Larry Kimball	KC-10 Training (Flight Engineer)
Lt Col Dick Graham	KC-10 Training (Pilot)
Maj Martin	KC-135 Training (Navigator)


HERB DRISKILL, SMSgt, USAF
KC-10 Aircrew Training Manager



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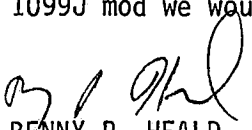
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18 April 1989

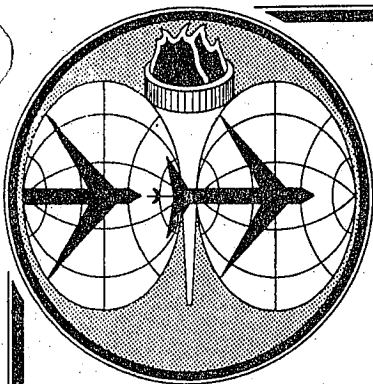
SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from Castle, "Where It All Begins." Things are going well here, although we're very busy.
2. In the last year we've turned out about 162 boom operators. Rusty tells me that we now have the boom field manned at over 100% authorized so, hopefully we've been doing some good.
3. All the words I've heard from the NCOICs (concerning the quality of our students) have been good. If you have any inputs, good or bad, please call me or drop me a line.
4. One request, when you fill out the CCTS graduate eval form for your Squadron Commander, please take a little time to carefully consider it. We try to mold our program around the responses but when we get inputs like "student not qualified in fighter A/R" or "student not qualified in cargo loading" we question the validity of that input.
5. We've had a really large turnover in our instructor force in the last year. Our outgoing instructors have been getting great assignments, and we've been getting some first rate new instructors in. If you want to come to Castle look at last years Boom Signal for application procedures or give me a call.
6. I want to thank Tom Hervry and all of you that made the "Symposium" a success this year. For a while it looked as if we might not be able to have it at Castle but thanks to the support of our D0 and Wing CC the event was an overwhelming success. I think we've preserved the future of this traditional event.
7. In closing, I'd like to thank Rusty for all the support he's given Castle in particular and the boom field in general over the past year. Unless you've been stationed at the "Ulcer Factory" it's impossible to realize how very difficult it is to make things happen. In the last year we've got the go ahead for the BOPTT upgrade, got manning up to a point that NCOICs don't have to pull alert, a better 51-135, great assignments for our outgoing instructors and some really good new ones in. If he could just get Dean Bakken off his duff and have him fix the 1099J mod we would all be perfectly content - well, almost.


BENNY P. HEALD, CMSgt, USAF
93 BMW Wing Boom Operator

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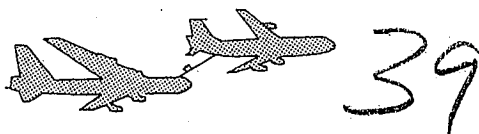
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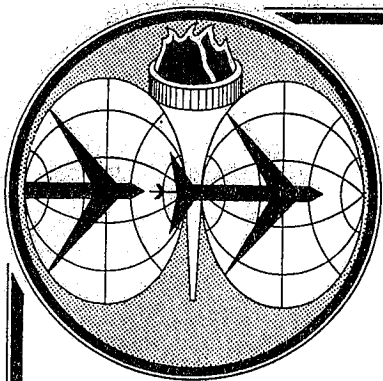
GREETINGS AGAIN FROM ALL THE BOOMS IN THE 93 AREFS. ANOTHER YEAR HAS GONE BY AND A LOT HAS HAPPENED SINCE OUR LAST ENTRY TO THE BOOM SIGNAL.

1. LIKE MOST BASES, SELF HELP IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO COULDN'T GET A CHANCE TO STOP BY DURING THE REUNION, WORK WAS FINALLY COMPLETED ON OUR NEW INSTRUCTOR LOUNGE (LOUNGE LIZARDS REJOICE!). ALSO IT SEEMS THAT WE STILL HAD SOME MONEY AND WARM BODIES LEFT TO COMPLETELY RENOVATE THE BOOM OFFICE. WITH CARPETING ON THE WALL, CEILING FAN, AND MOOD LIGHTING, I WOULD HAVE TO SAY THAT IT'S THE BEST IN SAC.

2. MOST OF YOU WOULD HAVE TO AGREE THAT CALIFORNIA IS A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT. THAT WOULD PROBABLY EXPLAIN WHY WE WERE RECENTLY VISITED BY THE ORI AND CEVG. WELL, NOT TO WORRY, SEEMS EVERYONE WATERED OUR HONORED GUEST'S EYES AND WITH SUMMER RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY!

3. OKAY, NOW FOR THE FOLKS WHO WORK HERE. TSGT JOHN GALLAGHER IS NOW "A" FLIGHT SUPER. HE REPLACES TSGT TED CARRIER WHO JOINED ~~THE~~ ~~CFIC~~ ALONG WITH TSGT LARRY SANTINE. MSGT GREG WHELLER (YES THE QUEEN FINALLY KICKED HIM OUT OF ENGLAND) IS NOW TAKING OVER THE ALERT FACILITY. TSGT TOM HERVEY ALSO FOUND A GOOD PLACE TO HIDE IN D05 (1SD) WHILE TSGTS CURT UMSTEAD, BILL SHIPPEY, BOBBY SKAGGS AND SSGT ERIC WIECHMANN ALL CLIMBED IN A VW AND NOW WORK IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE. TSGTS BOB DURBIN, ROB HENDRICKSON, AND RICH LUSK ARE NOW DOING TIME IN STAN EVAL. (QUESTION - WHAT DO YOU CALL A STAN EVAL TRAINEE? ANS. CADDY!!). FINALLY, SMSGT LANNY (I CAN JUMP START YOUR HEART!) WAYMAN AND MSGT ED (READ THIS SLOWLY) SICKENBURGER HAVE BOTH FOUND THE ULTIMATE JOB. SADLY THEY BOTH RETIRE THIS JUNE AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.





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WELL, LOOKS LIKE I JUST GOT FIRED, SO HERE ARE THE REST OF
THE BOOMS IN THE 93RD. (GAM)

A FLT

TSGT JOHN GALLAGHER
TSGT TERRY CASEY
MSGT DON WELLER
TSGT JIM COLEMAN
—MSGT TOM MAHON
TSGT VINCE SELVIDGE
TSGT JIM BULLOCK

B FLT

—TSGT RON DAUGHERTY
TSGT GEORGE MURMAN
SSGT TOM WEIRAUCH
—TSGT JOHN PIKE
SSGT LENNY BECK
TSGT DAVE SEALEY
—TSGT LARRY PLACIDE
—TSGT GARY PLAIN

C FLT

TSGT TERRY ROSS
—MSGT GREG WHEELER
SSGT ERIK HASS
—TSGT JIM CANNON
—MSGT AL MOSER
TSGT AL WARREN
—TSGT WAYNE HILLEGIST
SSGT FRANCIS SOTO

D FLT

—MSGT DAVE MINGUS
MSGT JOHNIE MIZE
—TSGT WAYNE ISAACSON
—SSGT JAKE VOGT
SSGT GLEN FORWARD
—SSGT JODI HARTEL
—SSGT CHRIS YOUNGBLOOD
SSGT RON DUGDALE

E FLT

—MSGT ED SICKENBERGER
—TSGT GENE HAGGE
TSGT KEN MCCARTHY
SSGT STEVE TUTTLE
—TSGT BOB SKELTON
TSGT GENE BRANTLEY
TSGT BOB HAMANN
TSGT BART ELLIOTT
SGT JILL MILLER

RETIRED

MIKE NOVOSSEL
BENNY KEPAA



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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 329 CCTS/CTZ

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8th AF/DOTTR, (CMSgt Richardson)

Greetings, one and all from the fightin' 329th! We haven't yet figured out who we're fightin' with, but what the heck...we have a B-24 in the hangar nearing roll-out; and when it's ready, look out world!

The past year has been extremely busy for the CCTS academic branch. Our major activity has been farewell parties -- by the first week of June, we will have experienced a 75% turnover of instructors in about a year. Some really fine folks have headed out our doors, but we've been fortunate to have some absolutely top-rate professionals join us in their place. No, this is not an attempt at a last-minute off-base APR indorsement; I just happen to believe that the best SAC has to offer has congregated in building 1015, room 121 at Castle. I'm proud of every one of the guys I've got. We came through the IG with an EXCELLENT, and every one scored 100% with ICEVG. We've pumped out over 160 new boom operators while maintaining a full 51-135 commitment and flying every aircraft swap, pickup and delivery for the wing. We've also carried our fair share of R-model difference sorties in the process.

Enough horn-blowing. I know that every unit in the command is staffed with hard-working, first-cabin professionals. It all begins at Castle, but SAC's primary mission takes place everywhere else; hats off to the guys & gals on the leading edge!

Incidentally, if you're looking for a new challenge, I think you'll find it at the CCTS. The climate and location are terrific and the duty is some of the best I've experienced. There's something about seeing a new boom operator go from "square one" to "Qual One" that really warms the cockles of my heart. Seriously, it's a great place to serve; if you want some of the most rewarding duty ever, consider Castle -- you won't regret it.

Now here is our line-up of folks:

SMSgt Mike Mawhorr - Came back from SNCOA and knows the Dallas - Ft. Worth auto shops very well. Manning drives him crazy.

MSgt Gary Hutchinson - Talk about crazy, he volunteered to go to Loring. Gary was in on the SKT re-write for next year.

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MSgt J.E. "Pete" Peterson - Still here and digging his heels into the California soil. Still Mr. Rogers to the studs.

TSgt Frank Tesser - "Send me to McConnell" One of our best. Again helped with the Boom Symposium.

TSgt Don Houchin - On his way to Offutt in June. CCTS will miss this quiet man.

TSgt Mike Prieskorn - Now one of the experienced guys. We all wish Mike would not mince his words and just say what he means. Our resident Don Rickles.

TSgt Bobby Skaggs - Our cargo loading expert and square dancer. Bobby just finished his first class and is a little fried.

TSgt Curt Umstead - Bumstead. Curt may not be a big guy but the studs know who is in charge.

TSgt Bill Shippey - Put through his first class with a 95+ class average. Bill is working on converting our sound on slides to VHS video.

SSgt Aric Wiechmann - Video and Golf expert. Aric also had a large time with his first class.

SSgt Vern Harvey - Newest guy to the boom shop. Vern is Don Houchin's replacement as our quiet guy. Vern can deliver his own "nukes".

SSgt Jake Vogt - Soon to be newest guy to the boom shop. Comes in PCA 26 May. "The Snake" just doesn't know what he's getting himself into...it'll be "BOPTT 'til you drop!"

In closing we are adding an article written by Pete concerning a few moment computations not found in the HP-41's programming. The purpose of this paper is to help you with moments and real time aircraft problems. Maybe some of you HP-41 programmers can write the rest of us a routine to be stored in the calculator so we don't have to exercise our brains quite so much -- it could be traumatic for some of us! Keep in touch. Beer is still served after hours and Castle is a good deal.


MIKE MAWHORR, SMSgt, USAF

CCTS IRO Academic Branch Program Manager, KC-135

MASTERING MOMENTS
(Or, 'Omigod, Where's My Slipstick?')

Many of us "Old Heads" in the KC-135 boom operator field were upset when we set aside our load adjusters and took up the HP-41. Boom Operators, and some pilots, did not trust the HP and talked about how the HP will not do what the old load adjuster would do. Two common problems were telling the pilot how much to burn out of the forward body tank to achieve a particular C.G. and Reverse Air Refueling. Well, as you will soon see, the HP can be used for these operations. To start on this trip into weight and balance you will need a -5, HP-41, and some patience.

Before moments conversion the boom could tell the crew how much fuel to burn to achieve a particular C.G. The HP-41 and the weight and balance chips are not programmed for this operation, so we will use the -5 to help the HP.

The basic formula for finding the amount of fuel to burn out of the fwd body is $LSW = \frac{AGW \times CGC}{LSA}$, where:

- LSW - LOAD SHIFT WEIGHT. The weight of an item to be moved (used here, the amount of fuel to be burned or unloaded).
- AGW - AIRCRAFT GROSS WEIGHT. The total weight of the airplane at a particular time.
- CGC - CENTER OF GRAVITY CHANGE. This is the distance, measured in inches, from the old or current CG to the new or desired CG. *
- LSA - LOAD SHIFT ARM. The distance, in inches, an item (in this case, the fuel) is to be shifted.

* NOTE: Centers of gravity are expressed in inches.

To demonstrate, let's try telling the pilot how much fuel to burn out of the forward body tank. Try this problem. You are coming into the high fix with the airplane and fuel panel configured as follows:

	<u>WT</u>	<u>MOM</u>			
1R -	2.7	2919	FUEL @6.3 LBS		
1M -	7.8	6924	OPERATING WEIGHT	110177	MOM 95706
2M -	8.8	7014	FUEL WEIGHT	49300	MOM 39313
3M -	9.0	7172			
4M -	8.1	7195			
4R -	2.8	3030			
FB -	10.1	5059			
CW -	0.0	0			
AB -	0.0	0			
UD -	0.0	0			

Use the HP-41 to find the total weight and moment. The next step is to convert the % of M.A.C. into a CGA. The HP-41 will give you a % of M.A.C. but not a CGA. The -5 has a **PERCENT OF MAC VERSUS ARM** chart to find a CGA. This is the end of the line for the HP-41 weight & balance program, but you can use it as a calculator.

Now comes the fun stuff. You know where your CG is now and the Pilot gives you the desired CG. You need to find the LSA and the CGC. LSA is computed by subtracting the average arm of the Forward Body from the desired CGA. The pilot wants 28.0% M.A.C. or 853.9 in., so subtract 490.3 (average arm of the forward body tank) from 853.9. This is the LSA, in this case 363.6 inches. Now find the CGC; with our problem we subtract the desired from the current: $846.7 - 853.9 = -7.2$ (notice that you will get a negative number). Now plug the numbers into the basic formula:

$$LSW = \frac{159477 \times -7.2}{363.6}$$

The answer is -3158 pounds or -3.2. We would tell the pilot to burn the forward body tank down to 6900 lbs. to achieve 28.0 % M.A.C.

FUN STUFF #2

Our next problem hopefully will never come up, but if it does you will be able to handle it with "No Sweat". Reverse Air Refueling is one other area that the HP will not do for you. The basic load shift formula is again used.

$$LSW = \frac{AGW \times CGC}{LSA}$$

This time some of the numbers are already done for you in the -5.

$$LSW = \frac{AGW \times (870.9 - CGA)}{222}$$

The LSA is 222 inches and is derived by subtracting the CGA of 35.0% M.A.C. (870.9 in.) from the average arm of the aft body tank (1092.9 in.). The REVIEW T/O function of the HP can be used to find a the current AGW and moment. Just remember to enter the current fuel configuration and any changes to the crew/pax/cargo load. Also, remember to add 210 moments to your aircraft total moment. This 210 moments moves the boom operator to the refuel position with no change in weight. And, when you use this function in the A-model, remember to take the water out if you used water. Multiply the total moment by 1000 (to un-simplify) and divide by the AGW to get the current CGA.

Another way is to use the REVIEW FLT function (after entering the changes mentioned above), but you must convert the % M.A.C. to CGA and multiply the CGA times the AGW and divide by 1000 (to simplify) to find the total moment for the AGW. Then add 210 moments (boom operator to the refuel position), multiply by 1000 (un-simplify the moment) and divide once again by the AGW to get the correct CGA. Obviously, it's simpler to use the REVIEW T/O function.

Try this out using the numbers from the first problem.

AGW = 159477

MOM = 135019

Add 210 moments (boom opr to refuel position) to 135019, multiply by 1000 and then divide the product by the AGW.

$$\begin{array}{r} 135019 \\ + \quad 210 \\ \hline 135229 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{135,229,000}{159477} = 848.0$$

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Now plug the numbers into the -5 formula.

$$\frac{159477 \times (870.9 - 848.0)}{222}$$

$$\frac{159477 \times 22.9}{222} = 16.5 \text{ onload}$$

Using the HP and the -5 together will make your calculations easier. Understanding how moments can work for you will give you the confidence we had with the load adjuster. Even the "Old Heads" can use these ways of making the HP-41 and the -5 work for us, not against. Do not be one of those folks who just punch the buttons and not understand why they are doing it. Finding how much fuel to burn out of the forward body tank and reverse air refueling are only a start of what we can do with the HP and the -5.

If you have questions give us a call at the school house, AV 347-4810 and have a good one.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CA 95342-6000

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: DOVT (AV: 347-4471)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOITR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the 93 BMW CCTS Stan Eval Boom Operator Section. Finally 100% manned and good thing too. During the past year we flew 168 initial qualification checks, and 87 permanent party checks. Results for students were 145-QL1, 3-QL2, and 20-QL3. Excellent results, considering only 8 flights. Thanks to the academic and flightline instructors for there hard work.

2. The ORI and CEVG have both come and gone, what a great way to start the summer. We received excellent results on both. All IBO's scored 100% on their EP test. Another great Boom Symposium was held in March with a good time had by all. We also held the semi-annual "Animals in the Woods" campout. We had one heck of a time and is another example of how traditions run deep here at Castle. And now some news about the guys in our shop.

a. MSgt Erskin Glast - The New BOSS. Making the rounds here at Castle. Flightline, CFIC, DO5, now Stan Eval. He's still trying to find the key to holding a job.

b. MSgt Jim Zarkos - The Ex-Boss. Jim's on his way to Fairchild. Thanks for all your hard work here at Castle.

c. MSgt Harry Allen. Our newest master. Has to get promoted to pay for his golf bets and the new baby that is on the way.

d. TSgt Mike Dunn. Mike is trading in his fishing poles for golf clubs (not entirely).

e. TSgt Rich Lusk. Mr Graphics and special projects. A very talented and hard worker. Rich and his wife are expecting their first child in July.

f. TSgt Bob Durbin - "Mr Coffee". If you see him inbound to your station, here's a heads up; Charge him \$20 a month for coffee dues.

g. TSgt Robin Hendrickson. Stan Eval's newest member, Robin is coming to us from an extended DNIF, to the 924th, to the flightline, to here. A choice well deserved.

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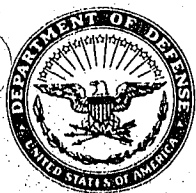
h. SSgt Mike Sage. Mike's still here and looking for that fifth strip, along with an assignment down the path. He's graduated from Garage Sales to Flea Markets.

3. Well that's it from Castle. Feel free to give us a call or stop by if your in the area.



ERSKIN GLAST, MSgt, USAF

Chief, CCPS KC-135 Stan Eval IRO



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

924TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CA 95342

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 924 AREFS (MSgt Vickers)

14 Apr 89

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the 924th AREFS, you know, the other guys. We like to think of ourselves as one of the last few West Coast "Tactical" Units. The squadron has had another outstanding year in 88-89 and just finished back-to-back ORI/CEVG inspections with excellent results, now who's on short final? The last year also saw quite a turnover on the boom side of the house but as usual the 93rd has furnished us with some "Excellent" booms. First to blast off was MSgt Sam Hunt to Robins, and he told me don't worry, the squadron runs its self, Right! Next was SSgt Clayton Fox to Grand Forks and I knew I was in trouble, the best damn CLT Manager around. Sgt Mark Miller was off to Altus and kept asking what Altus by the sea meant. Do you know yet Mark? TSgt Terry Barber got his line number for Master and blasted to Kadena while Sgt Greg Warren gave his wife Vicki just enough time to have twin boys and damn if he didn't become a three holer at March. Next SrA Morgan Gray won every award we had to offer, got educated and in the near future can be heard on Oakland Center freq. After all this we found one last instructor SSgt Ken M^CCarthy and he PCA'd to the 93rd here at Castle.

2. Well I must take my hat off to the Castle Boom Assoc. for another outstanding Boom Symposium. Lots of good cross-talk and of course B.S. The KC-10 folks put the icing on the cake. If you haven't had a chance to attend one yet put it on your calendar for the first weekend in March in '90 and come on out and share in the fun.

3. In closing it's really been great to have the opportunity to be the 924th Programs Manager this last year and thanks to all the fellow booms that I've had the chance to talk with and get some really excellent suggestions. Most of which I can't mention in this letter. To the last Senior board may the fleas of a thousand Saudi Camels infest your fruit-of-the-looms. Please read on for the 924th Boom line-up.

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4. THE PLAYERS

MSgt Larry Vickers-Program Manager, former 93rd type. Getting a little gun shy when Chief Heald comes to visit from the wing. Can't figure out why I feel like the Santa Fe train hit me at the close of most days.

MSgt Rod Perkins-Training Flight. Got another OP from CEVG and still putting the miles on his bikes. Likes to look mean and growl. Really a pussy cat but don't tell him I told you.

MSgt Mark Graham-S-101. Another fellow 93rd comrade. I'm worried about Mark though he talks to invisible friends all the time. Don't think he wants to go to the Pacific again.

SSgt Jeff Sargent-S102. I know, I know we don't believe it either. Finally gave out an OP, must have got a case of the guilts. I'm getting afraid to answer the phone any more when Jeff's not on leave.

ALC Lance Quenga-S-103. Resident low-rider and keeps the hair mousse fresh on the BX shelves. Wore out his truck driving to Beale all the time. Doesn't like the Travis 141 folks.

SSgt Carl Brasby-R-104. I think Rod has broke him from calling me Sgt Vick anymore. Kinda quiet but I just think he doesn't want MPC to know he's here. Just back from Alaska.

ALC Davette Bates-R-105. Called me and Rod Old Farts. Fresh out of boom school and recently fighter qualified. Thought she might try K I until she talked to Steve Myrick.

Sgt Scott Holden-E-106. Ducks under a table when you say CFIC. I don't know who's the bad influence on who when he hangs around with Tim Green. Newly wed and came to us from Mather.

SSgt Steve Yavornitzki-E-107. We call him Y+10. The Vette? It's a loaner. The Condo, I'm watching it for a friend. Likes Citizens and financial planning sessions on alert.

Sgt Jacky Lemons-E-108. Thanks to Jack all Castle Booms get discounts at the local jewelry shops. Doing a good job and presently in Alaska. One of the young booms claim they saw him wearing a rug down town the other day.

ALC Jeff Russell-R-109. Another fresh delivery from the 93rd. Fighter Quals and had CEVG along, another QL-1. A Good boom.

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TSgt Joe Gedman-E-110. Known around these parts as Smokin-Joe. Freshly back from a Pacific tour. Down from Ellsworth and having fun in the steam jet.

Amn Ed Caldwell-E-111. Another excellent product from the 93rd. A southern California boy but you'd never know it. Got in the squadron about the same time as CEVG.

SSgt Steve Myrick-E-112. Alright K I we owe you one for this. We showed Steve how fast we can get a person mission ready and in the Combat Condo. Would have brought his boat but he couldn't dig it out of the snow in Michigan.

ALC Abel Saenz-R-113. Took a chance and sent him to Red Flag this year, could have lost him to the border patrol. Trying to break all the AF rules just once. Known affectionally as the "Little round mound of sound".

SSgt Pat Stevens-R-114. Newest Staff in the squadron and comes in every week with a new hair-do. I think him and Scott Holden went through CFIC on a package deal.

ALC Eric Saathoff-R-115. I'll take a squadron of his type. I keep hoping he will rub off on Tim Green and not vice versa. Seems happier since he got BAQ and out of the animal house.

SrA Tim Green-R-116. Wouldn't you know the AF would reinstitute the re-up bonus when Tim was near his DOS. Might have to keep him, We'll see. Likes Coors party balls.

SrA James Thomas-R-117. Little big man and rock and roll. Claims he'll write me on his world tour. An excellent boom but he has plans.

ALC Brent Mathews-R-118. New nick name is B.R. (Baby Rambo) Keeps getting in Sargents face so I don't know how long he'll last. Dares the CST instructor to make it hard on him.

To the best damn career field in the AF

Larry P. Vickers
LARRY VICKERS

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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 BMW/DO5

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

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

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

3. Our present manning calls for two boom operators in this office. The current roster is as follows:

a. MSgt Don Hale: Don is soon to be a part of the northern frontier at Minot. Why not? Don has been in this office since October, 1987. He is taking a great deal of knowledge with him, and will be sorely missed. A word of warning to those of you at Minot - wear ear protectors if playing racquetball with Don. His new nickname is Rocket Ball.

b. TSgt Tom Hervey: Tom is our new arrival having been in ISD a grand total of two weeks as of this writing. The 93rd got tired of him and sent him our way. Tom is known as the man with the in-baskets. Plus, we can't keep him away from the computer. It's his new found toy. Tom is making an excellent addition to the Division.

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

THOMAS K. HERVEY, TSgt, USAF
Curriculum Development Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
330TH COMBAT FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR SQUADRON (SAC)
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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: DOKB

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR

1. Well it's that time of year again to say hi to everyone and find out whats happening. We get to talk to a lot of you over the telephone - some business and some B.S. - but for those we don't keep in touch with very often, here's the latest.

2. Radar left us last December to become the NCOIC at the 28 AREFS, Ellsworth. If they don't know it yet, they got more than they bargained for - they're going to learn a lot. MSgt Ed Mazzini has finally taught his last systems class and instructed his last candidate. Ed has just retired after 20 years, 11 days, - but whose counting? There goes an enormous amount of knowledge, but we can handle it. That covers our recent losses.

3. Now for their replacements. Mike Cooley took the challenge of replacing Radar as NCOIC and he's doing a mighty fine job, we keep him up on his toes. He's still not too sure about this First Sgt. stuff - he's a flyer at heart. Dan Mongeon filled Ed's job as specialty chief. At least he says he has. There's no sign of it going to his head, but if it does, we'll knock him back down. Dan will do a good job.

4. The rest of us low-lives are doing just what we want - teaching candidates and flying. They say it doesn't get any better!

5. Now for the business. The class sizes are getting bigger, about five candidates per class. (We like that, it keeps us out of trouble). The candidates for the most part are doing a good job even though it seems they're getting younger, or am I getting older? Nah. For you instructors in the field, don't short change them when you hand them their pre-CFIC rides, it would sure make our job a lot easier to concentrate on the reason they came here - to become instructors. Also send their training folders with them, it helps when deciding what areas they need work on.

6. We are always looking forward to seeing you guys in the field or just talking to you. We get a lot of good input that way, give us a call. AV 347-2235/4350/4874.

MSgt Mike Cooley
MSgt (Selectee) Dan Mongeon
TSgt Jeff Boutwell
MSgt (Selectee) Ted Carrier
TSgt Chuck Horne
TSgt Jim Phelps
SSgt Larry Santine

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IN REPLY
REFER TO

DCASR DAL-RBDF

30 Mar 89

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

TO: USAF/DOTTR/CMS Richardson

1. Greetings from the land of crawfish, boudin, and Boeing. Well, this will be the last Boom Signal input penned by yours truly due to the ogre known as "Top Cap". My last duty day here will be 31 May 89, and I become an unemployed civilian on 1 Jul 89. To all you guys out there who I have had the pleasure to meet and/or bend an elbow with in the last 28 years, I wish you the best. A very special "so long" to the guys in 1CEVG--Larry, Zip, Benny, Jeff, Dick, and all the B.O.s and A.G.s. We had some great times on the road and off.

2. My able compadre, Wayne Ellis, is presently undergoing the rigors of the Senior Academy at Gunter AFS. (Gee, I didn't even know he owned a blue uniform.) He should be back around 13 May 89 just in time to sign a hand receipt on ALL this junk so I can beat hasty retreat to Beaudreaux's Boudin Emporium, Oyster Bar, and Beer Joint to uncap a bottle of pop with foam on top.

3. Coming in to fill the vacancy will be MSgt John Rytkenen. This will probably be a shock to his system coming from a base which has no summer (Eielson) to a place which has no winter. He comes to us highly qualified and recommended, and we are glad to welcome him on board. Now, we have to make sure he gets a money clip, a bass boat, and a pickup with a gun rack and west coast mirrors.

4. On the professional side, we are still plugging along in the ACF/FCF business. The contractors growing pains are still evident in the airplanes, but the overall product is improving at a pretty good clip and everybody is reasonably happy except the New Jersey Air Guard.

5. Nuff said! A final farewell to all. FLY SAFE.

HANK LANE
SMSgt, USAF

P.S. Jaggs and porsches just won't hack it--all I want is my leather jacket!

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

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOH

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR

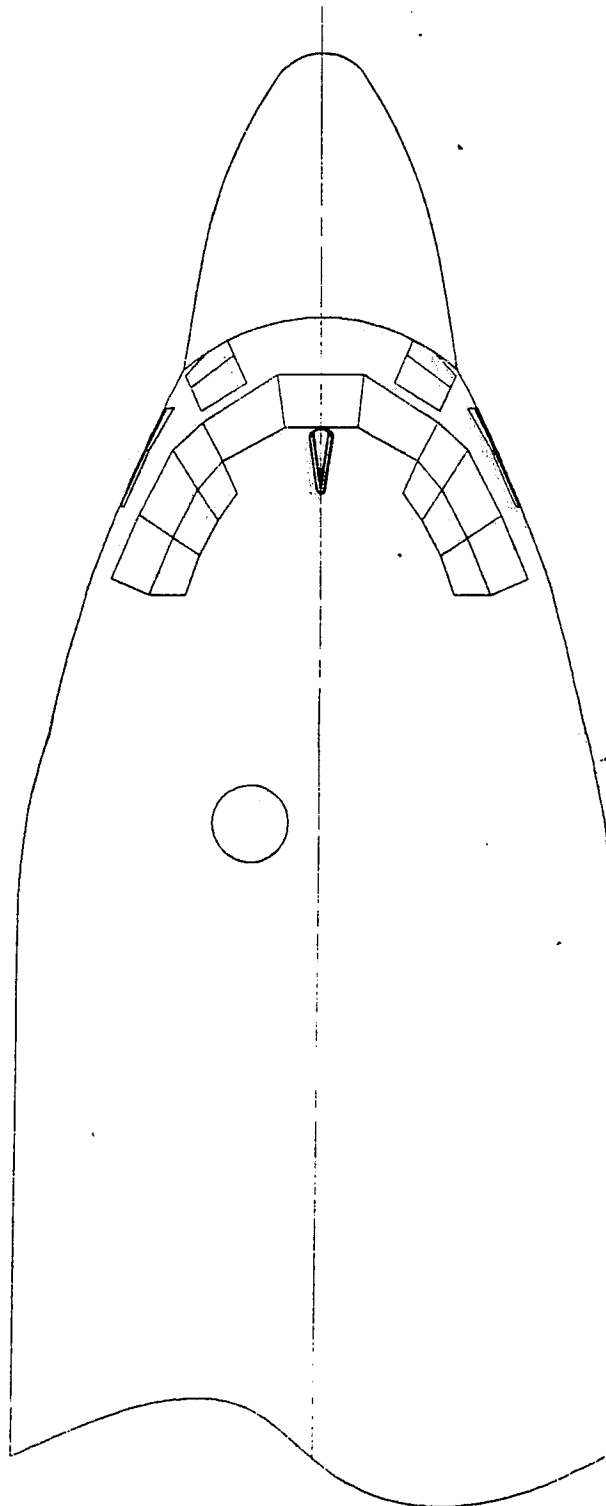
1. This past year seems to have flown by. We've had no personnel changes since the last Signal, Rick Kahler, Jim Parrish, and Kevin Doyle are still here. But, Kevin says he's retiring this fall.
2. We managed to do a little (I mean LITTLE) work this past year. You may recall the foreign carrier 737 with CFM-56 engines that flamed out both sides and had to land on a levy in Louisiana. Well, GE brought one of those engines to Mojave and mounted it on 707. We then cleared them to precontact and sprayed A LOT of water down the inlet. The program lasted for about 7 months, flying 6 days a week. We sprayed roughly a total of 560,000 gallons of water down several of their engines. GE must have got some good data from all of this but, they didn't share it with us.
3. We also looked at the MC-130 Combat Talon aircraft. Although the receptacle hasn't changed any, there is a new antenna just over the windows on center line. This doesn't look like your run-of-the-mill antenna. It resembles a Top Hat. If you're not used to getting the nozzle close to the upper part of the windows, this antenna won't be in your way.
4. Well, Business Effort to Edwards is still going strong. It's been nice to see other boom operators around. And, from what I hear, their getting a lot of fighter contacts while enjoying a week in the desert. SAC should spread these trips to all units.
5. Ya'll stop by and visit when your are down, we're in Test Ops (Bldg 1407) boom room AV 527-3410.

RICKEY KAHLER

JIMMY PARRISH

KEVIN DOYLE

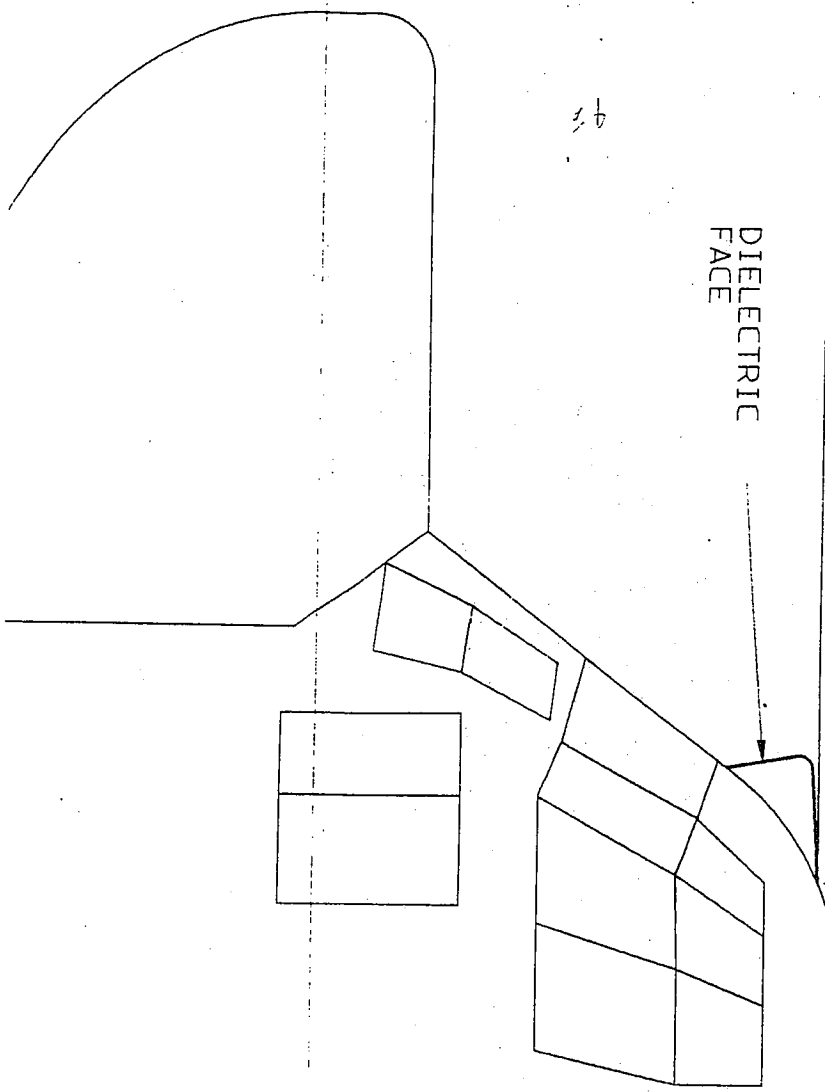
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 97TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
EAKER AIR FORCE BASE, ARKANSAS 72317-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 97 AREFS BOOMS

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Sooiie from Green Eakers! With the IG and CEVG visits behind us, it looks like we're about checked out and ready for the lake. This has been a great year with numerous super accomplishments and we're looking forward to many more. The Eaker Boom Operators Association is alive and well. This past Christmas we fed 15 needy families in the local area and gave away toys to about 80 children. The guys get a lot of satisfaction from these projects, and it earns them some well deserved recognition. Speaking of recognition, the boom association entered the traditional Eaker AFB chili cook-off again this year. After winning numerous past titles the judges decided to only award us second place this year. No doubt in our minds that it was fixed--we had the best chili. Our chief cook, Boom Association President, and pepper eater did manage to bring home a first this year, though. Sgt J.R. Gibbs managed to eat 21 peppers in one minute, winning the jalapeno pepper eating contest. Needless to say, he had the red a for a few days.

2. We would like to thank the folks at Castle for putting out some quality baby booms these days. Whatever you are doing to screen these people is working--keep up he good work. Also, a big thanks to Chief Bob Hennings, MSgt Sam Hunt, TSgt John Bodenhamer, and all the good folks at Robins for stopping in and picking up our booms that went to the symposium. They had a great time and appreciated the hospitality. So much for being nice; lets see who left and who came to Hooterville since the last signal.

DEPARTURES:

Chief "Mr Bill" Mullis and Betty (Honorary Boom Operator) -- Off to ramrod 15th Booms.

TSgt Jay Warren -- Went to the schoolhouse at Castle.

SSgt Peppy Glaze -- Also went to March, but doing KC-10 duties.

Sgt Frank Renko -- Traded in his ruddevator stick for a computer at the Comm Center.

SrA Brad Poppe and SrA Mike Northup -- PCS (Permanent Civilian Status).

ARRIVALS:

SMSgt Dan Jones -- From 99 AREFS Program Manager at Robins.

SMSgt (Sel) P.D. Anglea -- From CEVG at Barksdale.

Peace is our Profession

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MSgt Larry (B.T.) Burrus -- From the Alert Facility at Loring.

A1C Brian Morgan -- CCTS, Castle.

Amn Kevin Stevener -- CCTS, Castle.

The current boom line-up (subject to change without notice) is:

SMSgt Dan Jones: Chief Boom, NCOIC, Program Manager, Head Bottle Washer -----
etc. Has his hands full; read on and you'll see why.

SMSgt (Sel) P.D. Anglea: Chief Flight Scheduler. Fresh out of CEVG. Still wants to be a First Sergeant.

MSgt B.T. Burrus: Training Flight/R-174. B.T. has been to three bases in as many years; Blytheville, Loring, and Eaker. Really great to have him home.

MSgt Hiram D. Bonner: Pad Dad. Loves the alert facility. "Just don't move me, I'm happy right where I am." Ok, Fine.

TSgt Bobby "Rajun Cajun" Mayeaux: 'A' Flight NCOIC. Still trying to figure out how he can tow his fishing boat with his Honda.

TSgt Tony Britt: 'B' Flight NCOIC. Tony has more medals than Idi Amin. Getting married again soon.

TSgt Eric "Rick" Riker: 'C' Flight NCOIC. Been getting all the good deals. Went to Guam with a 10 day layover in Hickham, back for two weeks leave, then on a business effort after leave. Going PCS to Wurtsmith in July.

SSgt Eddie Cole: S151 Boom. Don't think an earthquake could move him. High time boom on station. Seen many people come and go.

SSgt B.B. Wiggs: S152 Boom. Trading in his 135 wings for the KC-10. B.B. has now been a gunner on the B-52, boomer on the 135 and 10, and going to the C-141 next--wants to set a record.

Sgt J.R. Gibbs: The lowest ranking chief of scheduling in the Air Force. Has relinquished command to P.D. He and Elwood (Ex-boom) just had a baby girl, Judith Elane. Just received notification of assignment to Kadena.

Sgt Fred Malone: R-182. Going to CFIC to become our newest instructor as soon as he learns to spell CFIC.

Sgt Joe Riener: E-162. Works his bunnys off. Fixing to get married this summer. Guess he won't work his bunnys off anymore--at least in the squadron.

Sgt Shaun Lewis: R-173. Mr low profile, or at least likes to make people think he is.

SrA Dan Rhodenbaugh: R-184. Just had a little girl and upgraded to instructor, not necessarily in that order.

SrA Joe Halenka: E-172. Our resident athlete, bruise brother, and animal.
Doing a great job.

AIC Brian Morgan: R-171. A big man on base; just ask him. Also doing a great job.

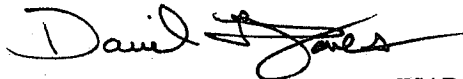
AIC Troy Keach: R-163. Just got married to one of our admin troops. They have a baby in the pod.

AIC Jeff Heiby: R-164. Can't bowl or play ball but don't tell him that. Still a good troop.

AIC Todd Cook: R-183. He can bowl and play ball. Also has a baby in the pod. Must be in the water around here.

Amn Kevin "Crash" Stevener: R-181. Just certified and glad of it--he thinks. Will be glad when some new airmen comes in so he'll have someone to order around.

Well, that wraps it up for another boom signal. If you ever have any reason to be in or around Eaker stop by and see us. Our number is AV 721-7603. From the Arkansas Booms -- Fly Safe. Boom Stowed.



DANIEL L. JONES, SMSgt, USAF
In-Flight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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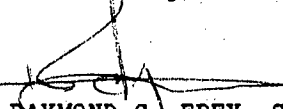
SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO All Boom Operators

1. Greetings from the great white north. This winter we really lived up to our motto: **'PERFORMANCE IN EXTREMES'**. If any of you were following the weather earlier this year, Alaska hit an all new time low of -60 (that's without any wind chill) in January. It got so bad here with the ice fog that even if you could have gotten off the ground, the first jet would've closed the field for the rest of the day, and with the new minimums you had better have planned on returning to your alternate. So we closed up shop here at Eielson and headed for warmer weather to the south at Elmendorf. A special thanks goes out to those crews that were here during that period.
2. Our mission hasn't changed here much at all, we still get alot of MAC traffic to and from points unknown, our numerous RC missions, but we do get our share of the fighter refuelings also, and lets not forget our glorious Rock runs to Shemya every week. We were lucky last year with TDYs twice to that garden spot of the orient Kadena (with only 13 hours on the ground I still managed to spend over \$200 and that's without buying any stereo equipment), special thanks to Mike Runyan and Mike Densmore for the help with the cargo when we arrived the second time, I still haven't figured out why I was sent along since you guys met the jet then loaded and secured everything, I almost forgot just how humid it is over there. I mustn't forget one of our poor crews that spent that terrible time in Hawaii (Lloyd where's my pineapples).
3. The airplanes arriving here overall have looked pretty good with only about a half a dozen or so arriving without the required SAC Form 83b present. If you don't have one before you leave your home station insist that QA do there job before you do leave. For A-model aircrafts, booms to make things easier on your crew chiefs, don't put the droque kit in one of the bins, great place for it is between sta. 1120-1140. We need all the baggage bin space available for bags and coolers when an A-model goes to Sheyma, and it still leaves more than enough room forward of the droque for your three bins.
4. Well, John has gotten his orders and will be gone to the depot at Lake Charles LA by the time this is published and MPC has picked Will Hillery from Altus for his replacement, although I've been told he may be hard to find during fishing season. I wonder who's going to be in the office during that time. The last Boom Signal, D.J. said some parting words thinking that he was going to be leaving Alaska, well unfortunately he was permanently grounded he's now got a job with MAL passing gas with the best of the Loggies.

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5. The following pages are a list of booms that were here during last year. They're a bunch of good young booms and a few that have been around a while. Come up and see us sometime. For the guys at Dyess that thought I was crazy for wanting this assignment, boy were you wrong. This place is great!


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MAR 88

SSgt Carl Seaberry	March
SSgt Joe Gedman	Castle
TSgt Lee Diebert	Fairchild
Sgt Dave Bablo	Minot
SSgt Bill Brown	Barksdale
AlC Randy Zaiontz	Dyess
AlC Lynn Thatcher	Dyess
AlC Troy Keach	Eaker
AlC Carol Sharp	Minot

MAY 88

AlC Greg Warner	Minot
SrA Tim Smith	Griffiss
SrA Ursula Ward	Fairchild
SMSgt Tom Cole	Pease
SrA Dave Curtis	Grand Forks
Amn Eric Saathoff	Castle

JUL 88

SSgt J.L. Smith	Fairchild
SSgt Anne Stroik	Fairchild
SSgt Glen Forward	Fairchild
AlC Joe Yost	Wurtsmith
SSgt Mac McDonald	Fairchild
AlC Tony Rathstone	Eaker
SSgt Clint Reed	KI Sawyer
AlC Dave Francey	Plattsburg

SEP 88

Amn Ron Strobach	Grand Forks
SSgt Clayton Fox	Fairchild
Amn Erik Saathoff	Castle
AlC Paul Swanson	Fairchild
AlC Rich Marshall	Dyess
Sgt Mike Steinkrans	Pease

NOV 88

Sgt Scott Holden	Castle
Sgt Robert Henson	Altus
Sgt Opie Flax	Ellsworth
AlC Lynn Thatcher	Dyess
AlC Phil Frank	Fairchild
SrA Beth Tyc	Pease
AlC Richard Geffken	March

APR 88

SSgt Larry Barry	Grissom
AlC Conway Keller	Minot
SSgt Dan Gilson	Ellsworth
(Dan John misses you)	
AlC George Photopolus	Fairchild
Sgt Greg Nott	Grand Forks
AlC Kurt Westmeyer	KI Sawyer
AlC Mike Ickes	Ellsworth
SSgt Steve Klinkhammer	Minot

JUN 88

Amn Hassle Snyder	Grand Forks
AlC Paul Muschell	Loring
Sgt Dan Elam	Grand Forks
SSgt Lloyd Rand	Grand Forks
Sgt Scott Stern	Dyess
AlC Mike Overton	Fairchild
Amn Tony Taylor	March
MSgt Mike Runyan	Kadena
(SAV visit)	

AUG 88

SrA Joe Reiner	Eaker
Amn Chad Goodnough	Grand Forks
SSgt James Sugden	Minot
AlC Randy Zaiontz	Dyess
AlC David Kielhorn	March
SSgt Joe Thomas	Griffiss
AlC Bruce Zahn	Ellsworth

OCT 88

Amn Charles Creely	Carswell
SrA Paul Elmer	Ellsworth
SrA Luke Perrotti	Barksdale
SrA Steven Meloy	Altus
SSgt George Naylor	March
Sgt Richard Zak	Minot
Sgt Shaun Lewis	Eaker
SSgt Marleen McGuire	Fairchild

DEC 88

AlC George Tobola	Dyess
SrA Mike Conner	Altus
SrA Dan Rhodenbaugh	Eaker
SSgt Carl Brasby	Castle
Sgt Walter Eichler	Ellsworth
SrA Greg Warner	Minot

JAN 89

AlC	Andrea Dimaria	March
Sgt	Tim McDermott	Carswell
SSgt	Robert Beth	Fairchild
SSgt	William Brown	Barksdale
AlC	David Wells	Altus
AlC	Tom Zuniga	Altus
AlC	Troy Doane	Dyess

FEB 89

SrA	James Deitz	Fairchild
AlC	Brent Mathews	Castle
AlC	Paul Frownfelter	Griffiss
AlC	Jeff Murphy	Minot
TSgt	Mike Matlock	Carswell
Sgt	Steve Flax	Ellsworth

MAR 89

AlC	Donald Robison	Fairchild
TSgt	Tim Ablay	Altus
SSgt	Steve Zoller	Dyess
Sgt	Tony Fiorilli	Loring
SrA	Stephanie McArthur	Minot
Sgt	Jack Lemons	Castle
MSgt	Ron Whitmire	Ellsworth
SrA	Kraig Coates	Plattsburg



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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 4 ACCS (MSgt Buckland, 675-4992)

20 Apr 89

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR

Greetings from the Black Hills of South Dakota and home of the 4th Airborne Command and Control Squadron. As with last year, we have seen quite a few changes in both personnel and type of aircraft assigned. As of this letter, our aeronautical orders look like the complete alphabet. KC-135 A/D/E/Q/R and EC-135 A/C/G/L with PACER LINK and DAISS modifications to some of the EC's. With the DAISS communication system, our original headsets will not work, so each boom must carry two headsets. Additionally, no helmets are required. Quick Don assemblies are prepositioned at each crew position and a special harness assembly is provided for checking hatches. So no parachutes are on board. So as you can see, we are now working with some very unique equipment. We have greatly increased our air refueling commitment. On all sorties, other than Higher Headquarters Comm exercises, we put the pole in the hole. And to dispel rumors, we refuel all types of receivers. We also have a very active off station training program that allows crews to take two aircraft, support each other and go just about anywhere in the CONUS they desire for the weekend. With the arrival of so many young booms from Castle, we are looking for some experience. So if this looks like your cup of tea, give SAC a call and volunteer to join us. Now for what our Booms are doing.

MSgt Darol Rang is retiring after over twenty years of dedicated service. He will be moving to Montana to go into business with his brother. Darol has provided this squadron with outstanding leadership and support. He will be sorely missed. TSgt Jim Sigl will be heading out West to join up with the Beale Bandits in August. He is being replaced on S-102 by TSgt Rick Geiger. SSgt Russ Hess is leaving us and joining the Gucci Boys at Barksdale on 1 May. SSgt Jeff Bixler has taken over as Training Flight IBO and is doing an outstanding job fixing all my mistakes.

The 4 ACCS and 28 ARS are currently planning a Northwest "Animals in the Woods". Dates and times are not set but we are looking at sometime in Jul or Aug 89. We will be camping on a large lake in the area with plenty of water skiing, fishing and fun. Final plans will be finalized by the time of the Program Managers Conference and information packages will be available then. We are doing this for the individuals who can not make it out to Castle's function. If you plan to attend, please give us a call so we can better prepare the festivities. Here is a list of all Booms assigned:

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BOOM POD MEMBERS

MSgt John Buckland - New IFR Program Manager - going gray fast
SSgt Jeff Bixler - Training Flight IBO - always wants to go TDY to Pease and Grissom
SSgt Jeff Haverly - Bomber Alert Manager - still trying to get overseas
TSgt Duane Hillman - S-101 - made a great impression during the 10th Boom Symposium
TSgt Jim Sigl - S-102 - changing from a Black Hills Bandit to a Beale Bandit
MSgt Sam Ballante - E-103 - applying for a position with the local Highway Patrol.
TSgt Ricky Geiger - E-105 - moving to S-102 and becoming a "Bad Guy"
Amn Allen "Mc" McNamee - E-106 - New young Boom, always in trouble with the ladies
SrA Jay Adams - R-109 - SRA BTZ, applying to OTS
A1C Dan Rogan - R-115 - our resident musician, upsets alot of neighbors and moves often
Amn Dan Trainer - R-108 - our newest young Boom, hurt his back while "DANCING", Sure Dan
Amn Mike Welmer - R-111 - tried to fight city hall for skateboarder rights
TSgt Steve Johnson - R-116 - "Ricochet", still plugging along with his degree
Sgt Tom Hayes - E-117 - soon to be new "Daddy" in May, also great Goose & Deer Hunter
Sgt Doug Micklich - R-118 - Newlywed last Dec, wife's a BARTENDER, aren't we lucky
A1C Bob "Feeler Gauge" Janczewski - his best notable quote " What Attitude Problem"
SSgt Howard Pearl - E-110 - New Dad and also New SSgt
A1C Ed "OP" Berte - R-112 - got an OP on his first No-Notice, still riding rice rocket
A1C Mark Bearden - R-114 - did a good job representing us at SAC Training Conference
Amn Steve "Tweety" Schlinkert - E-108 - Another new boom, 6'4" tall, doing a great job

Well that about wraps up our group. If anybody is planning on coming into town, please give us a heads up and we'll try and make your visit a great time. Our autovon is 675-4992 and local 605-385-4992. Additionally, if you call after duty hours, my home phone is (605)343-3782. Don't hesitate to call.


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IFR Program Manager, 4 ACCS



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 43D AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 43 AREFS/CCF

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input - 1989.

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

Greetings and salutations from all the boom operators living in the Inland Empire - - - Spokane, Washington for those of you who choose ignorance or illiteracy as a hobby. Go back to your stack of dirty books and read some more pictures. The rest of you need to grab a beer, get a seat, and keep on reading.

Seriously, we wish all the boom operators (past, present, and future) another safe year of flying the friendly skies and drinking just one more beer. These beers can be consumed at Home Plate, TDY location, or retirement position of your choice. Just enjoy life out there.

Another blissful year seems to have slipped by again. Where does this time fly to? DON'T BOTHER ANSWERING THAT!!

The remodelling of the Bomber Alert Facility was finally completed. They were forced back into their underground hotel, and vacate the Tanker Facility. We are finally back to some form of normalcy in that department. There are no more complaints of the boom operators sneaking off to other dormitories for unknown reasons. Where do 20 year old guys and 19 year old girls run off to? I think I have a good idea.

I don't know how the rest of you feel about our wheels-in-the-well alert training, but what happened to the old full-stop, post mission beer, or two, or so? This is setting bad precedence. The sacredness of Combat-Naps and the SAC Rack-Attacks are regularly violated. Next we will be flying on CCRR or some other unthinkable stunt. I forgot about low-level air refueling.

Our young boom operators here set a new record. During the IG visit, the boom operator dormitory received an "OUTSTANDING." Not just an "OUTSTANDING," but the best dormitory on base. Let's hear a big round of applause for these fine troops. It sure keeps the Senior Staff off our backs and out of the barracks. Illusion helps! Hope this lasts for a few years.

There have been some massive upheavals, personnel changes, crew shake-ups, and realignment due to the personnel draw-down of both squadrons. I am sure there will be growing pains and similar mix-ups when we come back to full strength in the future. SSgt Dwayne Littleton packed up his computer and PCS'd to Dyess AFB, TX. Dyess gained one fine troop, even though he only speaks FORTRAN. SSgt Allan Wesemann loaded up his personal supply of erotic and

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pornographic tidbits (and whatever else fitted in the truck), and headed on over to Malmstrom AFB, MT. We firmly beleive that the "Doctor Dirt" competition with his aircraft commander was a major factor. Malmstrom's gain is definitely our loss. And lastly, SSgt "BUD" Grovhoug had his long tenure as the original homesteader of Fairchild come to an end. There is a set of long, black healmarks leading through the front gate. (These are parallelling the set that Jess Schloss left here just over a year ago.) Bud is now flying them "R" models at Malmstrom AFB with Allan. We will miss all of them.

Grab another cold one, next item of interest is the 43d AREFS line-up.

STAFF MEMBERS

MSgt Kaminski - Mark finally found a solution to all the parking tickets and (IFPM) other forms of paperwork that clutter his desk. He now possesses the "Empire In-basket" stacked to five stories now, but soon to grow higher. He keeps begging for a long TDY to Guam or England, but nobody wants to babysit his "Paperwork Skyscraper." He is looking for matches!

MSgt Montgomery - Phil is the new "Pad Dad" here. He tightened up the crew (DO-26) members real quick with just a few words, "Shut up, and quit your bitchin." He thought having 6 kids at home was fun. Now he has 79 crying crew dogs all day. Poor Pad Dad looks foward to going home.

TSgt Deibert - Lee is still located in training flight, but he's off a (TF) crew! Now he complains of regular hours - 9 to 5. Just proves, no matter where you put a boom operator, he bitches.

TSgt Mc Donald - Derek is CINC Stan Eval Boom. He isn't the hammer over (S-101) there, but Santa Claus doesn't fit him either. He keeps muttering "Harsh and Unfair." Is this the new Stan Eval motto or his personal motto?

SSgt Oulela - Dean is the "Hammer" of Stan Eval section. He still hates (S-102) debriefing check-rides though. He practices twirling pencils on his fingers, searching for a future job with the circus. We haven't had any takers yet.

SSgt Keeton - A.K.A. "Snoopy." Jeff is finally off a crew. The resident (TF) SCuM (Spare Crew Member) subs alert and flies alot. We still don't see him much. Does he work here? I doubt it.

CREW MEMBERS

A-FLIGHT

Sgt Pickering - Marriage hasn't destroyed Dean yet. He's off to CFIC in (S-110) search of "knowledge and instructorship." He keeps giving up long TDY's for schooling, last fall a trip to Europe for NCOLS, and now a trip to the Pacific for CFIC. His wife still blames me.

- A1C Burnett - (R-111) Matt is off to Europe again, renewing his permanent party status there. He never ceases to be walking the thin fine line. I try to keep an eye on him, but he just won't slow down. Does anybody possess a hobble I could borrow?
- SrA Thayer - (R-112) A.K.A. "Trigger." Brian is now 21, and frequently seen in local bars. Could we have a Jeckyll/Hyde syndrome brewing? Don't ask him about animals-in-the-woods. The dreaded No-notice check hasn't caught him yet, but he's still looking.
- SSgt Mc Donald - (R-113) A.K.A. "MAC." Bob is finally giving up the jet-jammies and heading into retirement -- the final PCS (Permanent Civilian Status). Now his only worries are fishing and which club to patronize on retiree's night. There goes an institution.

B-FLIGHT

- SSgt Mackey - (S-120) A.K.A. "TDY Bum." Jay has taken three long TDY's this past year. Right now we think you could find him somewhere in the Pacific. He blames the chief boom for all these TDY's to his wife. I refuse to open anything that ticks.
- SSgt Mc Guire - (R-121) A.K.A. "Crackers." Marleen still entertains us during horns. To see her dangling from the Crew Entry Door Release handle outside the aircraft during a response will make you laugh.
- SrA Sikes - (R-122) Russell, a below-the-zone promotee to SrA, is shedding his bachelor ways and joining the wed-locked bunch. I think his wedding song is "Another One Bites The Dust." This will be a party!! Russ, can you spell "Kitchen-Pass?"
- A1C Rodriguez - (R-123) A.K.A. "Party Animal." Rich recently returned from Europe and drastically changed his hairstyle to a Marine high-n-tight for untold reasons. Rumors have self-inflicted abuse as the cause. I don't think the Marines are seriously considering him. I don't think anyone considers him seriously.

C-FLIGHT

- SSgt J.L. Smith - (S-130) A.K.A. "The Mouth of the South." Our Milwaukee native is known for just a few traits around here; Talking, snoring, Talking, belching, Talking, farting, and Talking. Rumor has it that J.L. can hold his own at a Gossip Convention.
- A1C Overton - (R-131) A.K.A "Myk." Mike continues his life saga. Just returned from the Pacific, tight lipped about the trip, and newly engaged. Now he's off on leave in Disneyland. Hopefully, talking to Mickey helped. Knowing Mike, he off with Goofy.
- A1C Frank - (R-132) Phil still continues to party, but has quieted down alot due to a certain young lady. He knocked our socks off recently, he is our second below-the-zone promotee to Senoir Airman. Now he's on probation til the promotion date. What's next? Who knows, but I sometimes wonder?

NEW BOOM OPERATOR ON THE BLOCK


A1C Scott Smith - Scott is a new troop in from Castle. He was a our minimal-notice, PCS inbound. He found out on a Thursday that he was PCS'ing up here, and arrived on the following Wednesday. He became our "Baby Boom." Phil is happy.

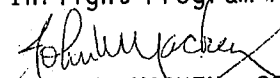
Back to the more serious side of things.

We experianced many cargo loading problems these past two years due to the increased emphasis placed on the organic and in-organic cargo capabilities of the KC-135 "Strato-Hauler." I always thought it was "Strato-Tanker." The Rapid Shot and Quick Force deployments have helped hone a sharp edge on this capacity and capibility. We have Air Freight load most of the deploying cargo in roll-away bins or on 4 X 4 pallets. They weigh and label each pallet or bin. Loading and unloading using a pallet jack takes only 20 to 30 minutes maximum. You spend most of the time tying equipment down or cleaning up after you unload. It also saves wear and tear on the back. Rolling things in and out makes it a breeze. Form F's are easily adjusted in the aircraft using actual weights on the palletized items. Now our biggest problems come from maintenance, because they cannot decide what is needed or necessary for each deployment.

I hope the above helps with your next deployment, just remember to bring a pallet jack. Carrying an eight hundred or more pound pallet does strain the back (just ask "Billy Boom" of our sister squadron). Doesn't matter where you go, there is never a pallet jack available. Any questions concerning this, just give us a call.

Again, have another save year of aviating the friendly skies of SAC airways. If you're ever at Fairchild, look us up. And remember, it is not the job, just the "fuster-cluck" involved.


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PS. To all active duty boom operators, just a quick warning concerning the Airmen Assignment Preference Sheet, more commonly called "Dream Sheet." Fairchild boom operators just got their second no-notice assignment to the Great White Northy bases. SrA Brian W. Thayer will all too soon depart for Grand Forks AFB, SD. Reason why - - - number 1 selection on his assignment preference sheet. Who said that SAC doesn't look at them. Guess Brian will be teaching "Billy Boom" Baker to survive the frosty cold winters of El Grande Forks. You will be getting one great boom in September!



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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF:

92 AREFS/CCF

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal/Input 1989

TO:

8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)
All Boom Operators

On behalf of CMSgt Zamagne and the rest of the booms, greeting from Fairchild AFB, WA. We've been busy with the usual TDY's and Business Efforts. The Line-up is as follows;

Chief

Just completed tactics school and is recovering from a trauma-tizing arm injury. He broke it while exiting the alert chow hall! Yeah right, he probably did it while lowering his white count!

Sprague

Yes, the Face Man has cometh! He was the alert facility manager until he became a training flight boom. I guess the bitching, moaning, and ass chewing really got to the old man. He still has his hair though (and his face) and is doing fine!

Prausa

Sgt Base-X! Wants to be a recruiter. I think he'll get it, he's got the type of face and personality that a person can trust. Just make sure it's in writing.

Thomas

Sgt Whaaaaaaaaaat! Still working at scheduling and as pleasant as ever, just don't ask him any questions. He says it's the job that's making him irritable and thinning his hair but, I think it's all that coffee he drinks.

Baker

Going to be a Grand Forks kind of boom operator. Billy Boom is still kicking around at the CLT and is terrorizing young booms and butter bars to death. Just got a baby girl, that's all his thinning hair needs!

Beth

Smiling Bob is doing fine and loves alert! Really, just ask him. Bob seems to be grumpy all the time but, under all that skin is a smile waiting to get out. We're still waiting.

Stroik

Anne is keeping herself busy with her car, it seems to go tango-uniform? all the time (no pun intended). Oh well, she's keeping her squadron face time to a minimum (which is good for all of us!) and is doing fine.

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Howard

Just recently left to be a 93d instructor. So, be on the look out for any Wade-clones. You know the type, coke bottle glass with a smoke in one hand and a diet pepsi in the other. Good luck, Wade!

Lively

Still a white scarfer and wins the Worst Gas Award. It's got to be bad when the smell goes through a brick wall. He must be feeling his age because he's always calling younger booms Sonny! I guess he'll start wearing Depends Under Garments next!

McGuire

Just completed CFIC and is waiting to get checked out. Took some leave and went back east to Daytona Beach Fl. You might have seen him on MTV, he's the one who wanted to get a facial enema!

Craig

Mr Personality! The video game master is now a NCO and a fine example to all young booms! Well, lets say he tries. Anyway, he's here and that's as creative as I can get.

Ward

The big "U" is doing fine and is another instructor candidate waiting to get checked out. Her hair is getting shorter and is trying to set a new trend. What it is we do not know but, we'll be sure to tell you all when we find out! (If we ever)

Deitz

Jimmy is going to Malmstrom to be an "R" model boom. Just came back form Alaska and is loaded with money. So, if you're a little short, just call him and he'll be more than happy to share! Recently won Airman of the Quarter at the squadron.

Swanson

Just got married and from the looks of things, not whipped yet. He's our self-aid and buddy care instructor and just put on SrA. He's going to need all that first aid training when he tries to explain why alert is a way of life to his new wife!

Robison

Just added another tatto to his body and hopes to someday be President of the Hells Angels local 123! Just kidding, he and his crew did really well at Bomb/Comp. The only boom on base that will kiss an ugly fat chic for a drink. Now that's balls!

Photopulos

The hatch man is now a civilian. He's probably down in Southern California picking up on surfer chics and getting some rays. We'll miss ya George!

Eyre

The new kid on the block is doing fine and adjusting real well, except when it comes to rolling up the car window. He still leaves his head out! Pretty lame, I know but, at least he's learning!

Bermodes

As for myself, what can I say I'am still short and have bags under my eyes and I would like to extend my appreciation to the adjutants office and the orderly room for typing this for me. Because if it was left for me to do it would never get off the ground. See ya soon unless you see me first

I would also like to say hi to Steve, Ed, Bruce, Bobby, Garret, and the rest of the fellas I went to Castle with.

That's all we got to say and if you're ever in the area, call first (we appreciate the warning). A cold one is waiting for anyone who is willing to drop by.

(we got some lawns to be cut!) Fly safe and keep current on your wet contacts.

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KC-135 Boom Operator

Clifford F. Bermodes



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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 905th AREFS/DO (SSgt Johnson, AV 362-5800)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boomers Everywhere

1. Greetings from the frozen far north here at KRDR! Everyone have a great time during the "Year of the SAC Alert Force?" Now in the midst of the "Year of the SAC Warrior" we are seeing more and more of the non-flying types wearing flight suits on the job, which doesn't seem to bother some and irritates the hell out of others, by the looks of the complaints column in our local base paper. Guess we'll have to see where things go with the leather jackets...
2. I'm sure everyone of you out there has been bombarded with ideas and programs to help prevent flight mishaps and I hope some actual good will come of it. The increased emphasis in a timely "go-around" call is long overdue and I hope some of us will get that aircraft "save" at sometime or another to emphasize what a moment's lack of attention can get us. By the time this goes to press we at Grand Forks will already have incorporated Boom Operators into the SOF (now called Ops Super) Program. The issue of us being videocamera operators is still unresolved, but I can imagine the eventual result. Videotaping takeoffs and landings and hoping they don't become evidence in an accident investigation board.
3. One of the more interesting accomplishments of the 905th AREFS was our participation in FLEETEX 89-2, down at Roosevelt Roads NAS, Puerto Rico. I don't know how often the other tanker units get down there, but it was our first and I suspect it had something to do with us becoming an 8th AF unit during the recent realignment. For those who haven't experienced it—a word to the wise: Be wary of Navy receivers during wargames and Navy billeting during any conditions. We experienced numerous drogue incidents during A/R and some home videos that gas-passers' nightmares are made of. Another of our major difficulties during the joint-service exercise was that the USAF and the Navy just plain DO NOT SPEAK THE SAME LANGUAGE. That is, when the Navy speaks at all. Needless to say, it was a crash-course for all of us in patience, resourcefulness and all-around pull-it-out-of-your-behind "candoriveness." As far as the Navy's idea of adequate enlisted billeting... well, I'm not supposed to use that kind of language on company letterhead. The bottom line: have a working knowledge of AFR 90-9 & SAC supplements thereto concerning aircrew billeting. Also using an AF Form 2282, and having some officer-type backing when you finally decide to throw in the towel.
4. Finally, as always, we extend an open invitation to all of you out there to stop in and visit to see how one sharp R-model operation works. Put us in on the top of your divert list and we'll be happy to show you around. Keep it safe, guys!

Alan R. Bekkerus

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BOOM ROSTER
FROM
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA

SMSgt Al Bekkerus- Head boom and long-term landowner. Sprung for a new car and finally unloaded the antique he'd been driving since LeMay STEPS prom +ed him.

MSgt Bill King- Alert "Pad Dad" hotel manager and crew-dog baby sitter. He seems to enjoy the "prison yard" effect of the concrete security wall surrounding our pad.

MSgt Jim Eden-CINC Training Flight and tasked with overseeing the training of all our newcomers. Also on the prowl for cheap Ford Bronco parts.

S-101 MSgt Nick Tomaszewski- Nick just bought himself (and family) a house downtown which should mean a guaranteed PCS for the Santa of Stan/Eval. We sure hope not.

S-102 TSgt Don Frol- The happy go lucky "spark plug" of Stan/Eval with the thick Iron Range accent still proves Boyle's Law...after every meal. Also notorious alert configuration checker.

S-103 SSgt Chris Hatley- When he's not waving the "axe", he's constantly sinking time and money into his house. There's soon to be a statue of him in front of Menard's Lumber downtown.

SCHEDULING TSgt Bob Bergquist- Bob is our inside agent within the DO complex. Bob put a new basement in his house HIMSELF! A seasoned lobster-spearer in Puerto Rico and advisor to Minnesota's Bear Management Board and Mayor of McCanna, N.D.

R-110 ALC Robert Vandenbos- The "Boss" has been his usual cool self and was a natural to play Santa last Christmas at the Alert Visitation Center.

R-111 This space for rent.

R-112 ALC Sean LaFave- Our squadron hair care rep. Took an uncharacteristic fashion risk by sporting a flattop in Puerto Rico...complete with racing stripes.

E-113 Sgt Quinn Janke- Quinn is the right-hand man in training flight and our goodwill ambassador to the North Dakota centennial celebration.

R-114 Sgt Shannon Moerke- New arrival from Loring AFB and proud new father.

R-115 SSgt Lloyd Rand- TDY expert to the U.K. and part-time Dominoe's pizza driver. Can be frequently seen in his vintage Ford pickup full of potatoes, manure, etc

R-116 ALC Larry Sauber- The quiet, smilin' guy who disappears home to Minnesota on frequent C-squares.

R-120 ALC James Melby- Just back from his first TDY and trying to get category qualified. Wife Lisa is swinging into summer softball.

R-121 Amn Darby Twardoski- This strappin' young boom is a barracks-rat ball 'o fire. A good ruddervator man and occasional late-night off-base brawler.

E-122 TSgt John Oglesby- When John's not being cheated out of his next leave, he also holds a seat in the Wing Tactics Branch. He's confident he'll be leaving us soon. Wonder if Rusty knows about this?

R-123 ALC Chad Goodnough- Chad successfully converted a drogue into a trailing wire antenna down in Puerto Rico and returned with an A-6 stenciled on his plane.

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E-124 A1C Paul Wallace- Currently missing in action... gone off to Europe on his first Tanker Task Force deployment.

R-125 SrA Todd Cleveland- Another soon-to-be loss to the allmighty KC-10 program. Todd and his wife Lisa got a joint-spouse to Barksdale and they'll be sorely missed around these parts for some time to come. Another tragic loss.

R-126 A1C Ron Strobach- Another quiet new guy on the block who accells at everything he lays his mitts on.

E-130 SSgt John Williams- A new guy to the squadron after a break in service. John has the right attitude for alert with C Flight and is Deputy Commander for Barbeque Operations.

R-131 A1C Donnie Reid- The "Snake" has come of age and is current and qualified in everything... if he can only get a vehicle up here from Arizona...

E-132 Amn Jeff Lancaster- A genuine local resident of Grand Forks and handy in the cargo load dept.

R-133 A1C Mike Welter- Mike was sent home medi-vac from his 1st Tanker Task Force. Bad luck on the racquetball court in Iceland cost him the use of his right eye. We're hoping he'll be back on status and pulling alert with the rest of us soon.

E-134 SSgt Ted Johnson- Finally married with kids. Just found out of an impending assignment to K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI. after nearly EIGHT years on station.

R-135 SSgt Clay Fox- Our resident refugee from Castle AFB and new Cargo Loading Manager. Clay's survived the agri-culture shock pretty well.

R-136 A1C Steve Hawn- Another native Nodak who still manages to run on home often... authorized or not. Steve made a small fortune on his recent trip to the pacific.

Sgt Greg Smith- Our absolute newest arrival is currently at Castle going through CCTS. Greg is a former helicopter mechanic in from the U.K.

Amn Retha "Hassey" Snyder- Hassey Stefano, as she is now called, married one of our crew chiefs, and is now a civilian. She is expecting her first child soon.

Chris Russ- (Boomer retired) Chris has been out of the business for many years now, but remains in the area and works in C.E. as a housing inspector.

And finally, Frank Jirik and Matt Schaberg are still in the local area, attending the University of North Dakota & working in their civilian jobs. They still keep in touch with their old buds.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
41ST AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (H) (SAC)
GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK 13441



From: MSGT Stephen L. Dixon 41 AREFS/CCF 587-4028

To: CMSGT Elzey Richardson 8 AF/DOTTR

Subj: Boom Signal

1. A beautiful GRIFF Day from all of us here at the Griffiss AFB, NY. This pass year has been an learning experience for me after stepping into the shoes of program manager, I took over from J.D. Hill who has retired and is back in the land of fruits and nuts, (somewhere in the San Joaquin Valley) the best to J.D. in his retirement.

2. Here at the Griff all is going just great, we have been keeping busy with all are TDY's, and off station training flights not to mention the bare base deployments. This past year found us in the midwest at that garden spot Salina, Ks. fun was had by all (especially the chiggers), the local folks were just great as they came out every night and watched the launches. We should be back from Biggs down El Paso way by the time this letter hits the news stand, sounds like another fun trip. March the month we had to battle the ORI monster, needless to say all pitched in and we attained an excellent rating, great job! A big thank you goes out to CMSGT Rusty for the talented booms he has sent to the 41st. Kudo's to the instructors out at the school house for the excellent product they are cranking out.

3. The cast of characters, young & old (mainly young) here at the 41st:

MSgt Stephen Dixon - the local beaner of the unit also known as Cholo # 2, would like to say Hi to Cholo # 1.

MSgt Billy Karasko- the Pad Dad, we still claim him even if his office is in the bomber alert facility.

MSgt Albin King- are local gas passer (and I mean gas passer), he holds the position of training flight boom.

MSgt Larry Marks- gave up his position on S-101 and went to a real puzzle palace, scheduling. Doing a great job.

TSgt Mark Aalderink- just moved up to S-101, seems to enjoy it as all you can get out of him when asked a ? is What.

SSgt Joe Thomas- new kid on the block at stan eval, gave up his tinker toys.

SSgt Al Smick- another new kid at stan eval. Has a pet rabbit as big as a guard dog, is his guard dog!

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SSgt Scott Hicking- took the tinker toys away from cargo loading manager, has done a great job, leaving for Castle.

SSgt Mike Hernandez- "The Latin Lover" keeps a low profile, soon to be going to Castle to upgrade.

Sgt David Shead- "Ninja" still the shorest Boom in SAC, presently at leadership school.

Sgt. Tim Smith- Outstanding Boom- came out of PME as a D.G. out at Castle upgrading.

SRA Steve Fields- still love his bed not to mention his sleeping.

SRA Miles Caton- in jolly old England enjoying the sights, he'll want leave as soon as he gets back.

SRA Dan Smith- just arrived from Castle, crossed tranined from the jet shop.

AlC Tony Dettore- does great work, was known as "cheeks" but lost some weight, (30 lbs).

AlC Angela Owens- the big sister to all the booms, if they get out of line she slaps them, excellent worker.

AlC Guy King- Mr. Shy guy, he may be shy but does an outstanding job, an example for others.

AlC Paul Frownfelter- going to be a father again, just back from ATTF.

AlC Jim Amrich- a bright star in the making, very competent boom.

AlC Rob Sharkey- Air Force took chritmas & his birthday away, for more details call Sharkey.

AlC David Decou- the Ragin Cajun, just out of the school house.

Amn David Foster- known as "Bones" only boom that can hide behind a telephone pole and not be seen.

Amn Ed Mariotti- just in from Castle, must be the only boom with a car more expensive then my house.

Amn Wayne Davis- soon to join the ranks of the blissfully wed. Does great work if you can get him out of bed.

Amn Steven Ayers- looking to get married in the summer, thinks that Alert is boring, welcome to the club!

Amn Lucy Molina-

newest boom on the block, will be in next week,
has a sweet voice.

This completes the cast of characters in the 41st AREFS, all are a great bunch of Boom Operators, makes my work easier when you have talent like this to work with.

Losses in the pass year:

SSgt Bart Elliott-

has joined the ranks of the Instructor force at the school house, best of luck Bart.

SRA Michele Harvey-

she finally got her wish and is now a civilian, if in Washington state look her up.

A1C Ed Morse-

"Big Ed" Outstanding Boom and great friend, was forced out due to medical problems, still in local area.

Breakaway!

Breakway!

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Its time to say bye, hope to hear from you all in the near future, if you happen to stop in give us a visit, as we will have a cold one waiting.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF:

305 AREFS/CCF (CMSgt Grundmeyer)

APR 28 1989

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal Input, 1989

TO:

HQ 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the world's largest (and best) air refueling squadron! It's been another great (although cold) year in northern Indiana. Our R-model conversion is complete and we agree that the only way to make flying this airplane more fun would be to keep it out of the traffic pattern. We are no longer qualified in six different airframes (KC-135 A, D, ART; EC-135 L, G; and the R & RT), which makes it a lot easier to study EP's!
2. As the air refueling 'Pacesetters' we are looking forward to another challenging and exciting year. Several programs are either in the works or are currently active at Grissom. We've been leading the LAAR charge and soon we'll be testing proposals for a new boom nozzle light.
3. The list (which is long and distinguished) of 305th booms follows below. Please give us a call/or stop in and see us if you're in the area. Our phone number is: COMM (317) 689-2900/AV 928-2900. As we close for another year, we're glad to be members of the best career field in the Air Force and look forward to hearing from friends (old and new) soon!

STAFF:

CMSgt Grundmeyer- The wing program manager and our first sergeant. Probably the largest boom operator in the Air Force. A real fighter, he takes care of his booms and is responsible for putting together the best squadron building in SAC. Claims the bald spot on top is a solar panel for a love machine.

MSgt Held- ('Chuckles or Dad') Chuck is now the alert facility manager. No one knows how, but Chuck keeps making a fantastic facility even better.

TSgt Dayton- Ricky is our training flight boom. He's always busy pulling the few hairs he has left out of his head.

SPARES/INBOUNDS:

SSgt Barry- ('The Terminator') Larry is currently on a Bootstrap TDY to Ball State University. He'll be finishing his degree soon and is looking forward to joining a Guard unit later this year.

A1C Warner- ('Gimp') Our resident ski expert is currently DNIF/DNIA. He hopes to be flying by the end of April, next April that is! Good luck in surgery, Troy!

Amn Brock- CCTS grad in May.

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MSgt Studer- ("Jack") Jack is our head STAN/EVAL boom. "Santa" has been her so long they may name the base after him. Dodged a Forks assignment last year.

TSgt Sampayan- ("Sonny") Sonny is a fast burner. He was selected for a STEP promotion to TSgt last year. Currently recovering from a short TDY to Puerto Rico. Yes, Sonny, I still have Melissa's address!

TSgt Baughman- ("Chainsaw") Our resident backwoodsman and the host of several of our "Animals-in-the-Woods" parties. Brand new to DOV and going ATTF already.

"A" FLIGHT

110 SSgt Schneider- ("Punkin' head") Harv is a recent gain from McConnell. Their loss, our gain; also a recent promotee to SSgt. Couldn't decide whether or not to buy a car or truck so he bought them both!

111 SrA Saur- ("Crash") Steve is one of our resident private pilots. Currently attending classes at Ball State University. Would someday like to fly for the big guys.

112 A1C Robinson- ("Weasel") Steve is a recent gain from Castle. Somehow manages to get his helmet inspected in his Dorm room. A good guy (even if he does grease his hair into spikes).

113 Sgt Barnes- ("Mikey B or GAPMAN") Mike just upgraded to instructor status. Placed third in his weight class in a base body building contest. Mike's car was recently rear-ended and totaled. We feel sorry for the other driver!

114 SSgt Custis- ("Smooth") Smooth is a recent retrainee from the FAC career field. Says he'd rather pull a week of alert than spend a week in the weeds with the grunts.

115 Amn Lewis- Another live one from Castle due this week.

116 A1C Dinges- ("Ninjes") Rod is our resident Elvis impersonator and all around animal. Currently TDY somewhere (at least we think so--we haven't seen him for months!) Can always be found raking the leaves off Mama's grave, dusting off his velvet Elvis painting, or just enjoying a deep-fried peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

"B" FLIGHT

120 SSgt Pillar- ("Maverick") Grissom's psuedo Tom Cruise look alike is single again. Wishing he was back in Puerto Rico or Spain. Bought a new Mustang he probably cant' afford. Somehow has dental cleanings scheduled twice a month.

121 SSgt Snitker- ("Father Time") Russ is probably our oldest dorm resident. Owner of a 'killer' Carver stereo system. A great instructor and a good guy to talk to.

122 A1C Moser- ('Skippy') Our young bush kangaroo is back on flying status after a six month break. Still hasn't ridden a motorcycle since missing an 'S' curve. Steve owns three piranha and is reportedly missing a portion of one of his fingers. Still looking for someone named Joy.

123 Amn Withrow- ('Jeffro') A new addition to the squadron. Working hard on his new crew.

124 SSgt Schlegel- ('Sledgehammer') Sledge is still around somewhere. Hasn't been seen for months, must be a TDY. Brand new SSgt.

125 SSgt Friel- ('Iceman') Eddie recently came back to us from CFIC and was promptly put to work by training flight as an instructor. Recently earned on OP on a checkride. Eddie just bought a new van that has become known as the "mobile sin bin."

126 A1C Glover- ('Windex') Theo is contemplating marriage. Just returned from an OSTF to Bermuda. Looking to be an Army helicopter pilot. We wish him our best! Good luck, Theo.

'C' FLIGHT

130 TSgt Page- ('Larry') Larry is one of our Tactics instructors. Recently back to the squadron from DOV; on his way to scheduling.

131 SrA Ellison- ('Slide') Roger was recently seen harassing ROTC cadets on an orientation flight. Another solid performer who never causes problems and wins his share of boards.

132 SrA King- ('Howdy-Doody') Tim's been doing his usual great job, winning boards and awards and quietly plugging away on the job. Just moved to a receiver crew.


133 SSgt Williams- ('Remo') Remo is reportedly going to be a new member of the local reservist boom cadre. Once again, our loss, their gain. He will be taking an extra crew member with him, a new baby born April Fool's Day.

134 TSgt Forster- ('Ken') Ken's been taken away by guys in white uniforms. We believe it has something to do with his additional duty as pubs monitor.

136 A1C McHugh- ('Guido') Eric recently returned from a ETTF. Probably looking to go back.

137 A1C Jewell- ('Baby') Also getting married . . . can anyone talk sense into these youngsters? Another of our resident private pilots.

That's our line-up! 'BOOM STOWED, LEAVING POSITION WITH OXYGEN.'


PAUL PILLAR, SSgt, USAF
In-flight Refueling Operator
305 Air Refueling Squadron



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CCF (449-5804)

28 Apr 1989

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

TO: 8AF/DOTTR, Chief Richardson

Aloha, the 9ACCS sends their best wishes to all of you out there in Boom Land. Lots of changes in the works for us here in Hawaii, likewise in our sister ACCS units. All of our EC-135's are being extensively modified with the "Pacer Link" communications package. This system completely changes the entire interior of each EC-135 from nose to tail. The left side of the boom pod acquires two large oxygen converters, moving the IBO position to the right side of the pod. Access to controls and visibility for the IBO becomes greatly restricted. By the time you read this we will have our first modified aircraft.

Now for our current list of Boom Operators:

SSgt "Ike" McMillan Former Heavy Equipment operator with CE, now a heavy equipment Boom Operator with us. Still gets a gleam in his eyes when you mention: "back-hoe, duece-and-a-half, road grader, and bulldozer!"

SSgt "Tony" Fortney See Tony at Nicholas, Nicholas. He'll get you a great seat. Try the Shore Bird on Sundays... Tony frequents a certain hurricane, issue one, Honda!

SSgt "Lonnie" Lisser Has he really given up his bike for a computer? Nametag maker extra-ordinaire. Mr. Pleasant!

SSgt "Steve" Cid "Instructor Trip Boom." Why is this guy still smiling? Does he know something none of us don't?

TSgt "Rick" or "Rap" Raprager Loves "T" sorties with a passion. NEVER complains, NEVER smiles, ALWAYS has the kindest of words for our pilots!

MSgt "Gary" Ranney Mr "Money" and probably the world's fastest Boom Operator on his feet. Instructor, Evaluator, finishing up his degree, getting smarts real good!

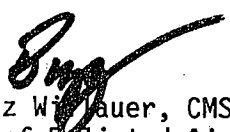
MSgt "Marty" Sabourin Keeps looking over the Hickam-Honolulu IAP fence. Known to sneak off for a job interview at Honolulu I.A.P. Do the airlines hire Boom Operators?

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CMSgt "Buzz" Willauer That's me. NCOIC, First Shirt, and all that stuff. Sold my Harley, but thinking about a new FLHS. If you're passing through Hickam give us a call, we'll show you around the "Blue Eagle". Till then....

Mango 01, Breakaway! Breakaway! Breakaway!

Aloha and Mahalo!


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REPLY TO Chief Boom
 ATTN OF:

3 Apr 1989

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR

Whos Who Here,

CMSGT	Jerry Malik.....	Chief Boom	EB
SMSGT	Spero Melonides...	Senior Flt Leader	IB
MSGT	Roy Balsamo.....	Wing Stan/Eval	EB
MSGT	Tim Dunbar.....	Flt Leader	MB
MSGT	John Kurzeja.....	Flt Leader	MB
MSGT	Rory Ohse.....	Grn Trn NCO	MB
MSGT	Les Struck.....	CLT Manager	IB
TSGT	Joe Garcher.....	Tanker Scheduler	IB
TSGT	Jeff Groch.....	Alt Unit Safety	MB
TSGT	Faruza Kalaba.....	Sq Security Manager	MB
TSGT	Randy Palumbo.....	Alert Facility Manager	MB
TSGT	Ken Phillips.....	Senior AGR (type 1 alert)	IB
TSGT	Joe Shell.....	Sq Stan/Eval	EB
SSGT	Sam Gerros.....	Veh Cont & Bld Cust	MB
SSGT	Dominic Guerrier..	Tech School (Castle)	MB
SSGT	Joe Klob.....	AGR, Temp (type 1 alert)	MB
SSGT	Jim Miranda.....	Fit & Wt Control Monitor	MB
SSGT	Pete Lagoiai.....	Tech School (Castle)	MB
SSGT	Keith Wagner.....	Public Aff NCO	MB
SSGT	John Weber.....	AGR (type 1 alert)	MB

We now have two lines of alert and a total of 20 Booms, 10 years ago we had a total of 16 Booms, 10 of them are now retired, etc. Heres the blow by blow info. Bowers retired last December. Fleck retired on a medical. Gene Kapustka just up and went (nobody knows where). Dick Sieple transfered over as an alert crew chief. Bob Thibault is flying with the March, Ca. KC-10 unit, least he was. Karl Tromp swiped his last pie out of the dining hall, while picking up flight lunches, is now retired. Dave Crowder went back to active duty A.F. Jim Koncar, now retired, slips in and out of the BX according to the cashier, however none of us have ever seen him; then again we never seen him when he worked here full time.

Lets see whats a good deal we can share. Like Pease we are in the process of moving our oxygen bottle off the floor to the back of the boom seat. One of the biggest fears a boom can encounter is when his/her Wt & Bal computer takes a lunch break, especially so on a check ride. Unless you have a spare its "Manual Moments Time" What we have and carry in our flight bag is a blank form, that you fill in the spaces with your information, also on the form is the formula to compute the C.G. manually. Yes a calulator would come in handy. The age old problem of where to stow the down locks is ever prevalent. The bottom of the galley isnt the answer, hanging brackets on the aft side of the galley isnt either. For a while we had a long wooden box, bolted to the floor, which always seemed in the way, wasnt ideal. At present we are looking at the latrine area possibility, ie remove the sink (anybody use theirs), then install a down lock container.

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in the vacant space. This modification/ configuration would take an act of God, plus all those others, for approval. Call us if you have any suggestions till then, under the ladder with the down locks.

All of us here want to wish all you out there the best. Well, will make our disconnect now, see ya around Base Ops.

Jerky

Gerald M. Malik, CMSGT, ILANG
Chief Boom, Autovon 930-6971/72/73





DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
909TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: IRPM (SMSgt Knapke, 634-0845)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

Greetings from the 1988 Spaatz Trophy Winners, the land of the rising yen and falling dollar.

Things are about the same here, regular shuttles to the P.I., Korea, Japan, Australia, and occasionally to Thailand. (Have to keep the Thai railroad running). P.I. bar fines are 300 pesos (20 peso's to the dollar, you figure it out).

We're hoping for an early Typhoon season. The island is on water rationing, 24 hours on, 24 hours off. Sending two planes a weekend to the Philippines to get washed. Difficult job, but someone has to do it.

Still no Alert. SAC says we've got too much free time on our hands so they're going to send us to ATTF. Brrrrrrr. Hope they issue winter gear soon.

We have had some departures this past year and also some coming up in the near future. The following is a list of names and where they went:

MSGT MIKE RUNYAN: Plattsburgh -- They closed the Alert Facility and made it into a Fitness Center so Mike decided he did not want to run a gym and departed. Mike, does "Ole One Eye" miss the P.I.?

SSGT JEFFREY HARP: The "Harpmonster" left for a KC-10 at March. The Orion Club and B.C. Street have run into financial trouble since the Harpster left.

SGT LOU DRUMMOND: Also got a KC-10 to March. Returned to the states via the Philippines. Didn't take his boxing gloves, hope he doesn't need them.

SSGT LARRY HUDNUT: Departs in June, another KC-10 to March.

SMSGT RANDY FAULK: Departs in July for Beale, turned the reins over to Mike Knapke. Had a ball at the Senior Academy, 40 miles from home.

The following is a breakdown of all the booms presently assigned to the 909th:

S-101 - MSGT BOBBY COCHRAN: Out of Tanker Task Force into the fire of Stan/Eval. Randy and Mike are keeping him straight.

S-102 - SSGT JIM MORMAN: The biggest Michigan fan in the Pacific (with the exception of GERRY SLUSHER). His house doubles as the local Michigan shrine.

E-110 - SRA GARY ELLIOT: Proud new Papa of a baby boy. By the way Gary, Rock Hudson did die of AIDS!

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R-111 - SRA GERRY SLUSHER - Slushman is presently in the NCO Preparatory Course. Accident free this year. Never maxed out his alcohol limit. Spent \$80.00 to learn Japanese but still can't meet a Giesha girl.

E-112 - SSGT MIKE DENSMORE - Bought ten cases of beer for his twin's baptism, any reason will do for a Boom Party. Looking to go to Beale.

R-113 - SSGT HARRY WHITACRE - Still can't believe the Video Shops were closed down by the Japanese Police. Suffering from withdrawal symptoms. Typical message for "Mr. Harry:" Call the Bus Monitor, Call Foster Video (They want their tapes)!

E-120 - SSGT GARY "COSMOS" FREDERICK - Wants to go to England, unless a slot in the promised land opens up (Australia). Still trying to perfect his laser cooker.

R-121 - SSGT STEVE SMITH - Finally made "STAFF," just finished Charm School, wants a KC-10 and an American girlfriend, not necessarily in that order.

E-122 - A1C JAY JACKSON - New guy from Grissom. Only drinks "Yak" and Schlitz Malt Liquor. Newlywed before arriving but still loves the Philippines.

R-123 - SSGT PAUL MOZUR - Sold his RX-7 to pay for the "Dirtbaggers Ball." Still the man with the plan. Finally got a DEROS, wants to go to Beale.

E-130 - SGT KEN "RIZ" RISSELADA - Has a line number for Staff. Heading to Charm School. Finally got to the P.I., 2nd trip in 2 years. Just back from CFIC. Newest Instructor.

R-131 - MSGT TERRY BARBER - Just arrived from the 924th at Castle. Sewed on MASTER 1 March. Just back from COPE THUNDER, had a good orientation on what a wood bird is.

R-132 - SSGT RICK BRACK - Next for CFIC, in training now. Our resident Harley man, T-shirt, jeans, big belt buckle, skull ring, boots, smokes and drinks, and also has a crescent wrench key ring.

R-133 - SSGT LARRY HUDNUT - KC-10 bound. Has more rides in the 10 than most students.

R-140 - SSGT VIC ARZUAGA - Recently wed the very beautiful daughter of the local MAFIA boss on Okinawa. Vic, we hope you keep all your appendages.

E-141 - SMSGT RANDY FAULK - Returned from the Senior Academy with a big smile on his face. On a crew for a couple of months before PCSing to Beale. Thanks Lou for leaving, also had a ball on a recent COPE THUNDER. After two tours of Okinawa for a total of 13 years and 3 months will head to Beale to join his brothers "Sleeve" Brown, J.T. Welby, and Gordy Gilmer.

R-142 - SSGT MIKE DAVIS - Mikey went to bartending school, got a job at the Italian Restaurant but hates it, "Everybody orders beer!"

SPARES --

TSGT CLYDE SOUMAS - Tanker Task Force, Fitness Center Monitor. Will have to train his new car to find the right way home from "Temps" in Naha.

TSGT LONNIE LEWIS - Training Flight, Man of a thousand vans and cars. Hardship TDY to Tactics School at Nellis. Also just returned with Randy from COPE THUNDER. Ever since the video stores closed, spends all his money on computer material.

SMSGT MIKE KNAPKE - Took over from Randy and found out what a real headache is all about. Still manages to sneak on a TDY. Mike has come to despise tobacco brown and antique lemon paint.

Well it's been a good year for the 909th, Spaatz Trophy winner, Best Air Refueling Squadron in 15th Air Force, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, hope to continue with more this coming year. That about wraps it up for now. From all the Booms of the 909th, we salute all the Booms in the field and wish all of you well. If you're ever in our area please stop by and say "hello." Our phone numbers are Autovon 634-0845 or 634-3126.

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

CCT (MAY, 4669)

17 March 1988

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

All Booms

1. Greetings to all from the land of Oz. FY 88 brought more changes out here than I've seen for quite some time, so, I'll try to hit just the high spots in this intro.
2. The most depressing news for Kansas as we see it: The dog died, Dorothy is pregnant, and the Wizard has skipped the city!
3. Meanwhile, back at the base, we just got three new booms. Mark Sweeney, Jim Spurlock, and Jarrod Frantz have all made the transition back to the Guard with apparent ease (save for Jarrod's "hot" foot). Ken Griffin has just started his six week beauty school at McGhee Tyson. We wish him well and hope his new found knowledge doesn't degrade the morale character of the section!!
4. On a sadder note, we at Forbes, just missed our 10th straight Boom Symposium. We are simply too valuable to the game plan, and as the first weekend in March is our UTA THEY say we stay. Should that date change, we are hoping the Castle booms save us a place.

Now comes the list of players:

- CMSgt Gus Parsel - Technician - The Boss (his motto - E Pluribus Flatus)
- SMSgt Mike Pierson - Technician - Stan/Eval (Santa Clause)
- SMSgt Steve Stucky - Technician - Inflt Rfg Soop (hard worker, loyal husband, all around nice guy)
- MSgt Tom Cox - weekender (note lower case) - PMEL Lab (it's true, his mail box has been relocated to the front of Suki's)
- MSgt Ken Griffin - Technician - Ops Plans/EWO expert (trying to break-in as Joke Writer for Johnny Carson - The Bahgwan just won't release him)
- MSgt Ben Hollingsworth - Guard Bum - OJT Mgr - building worlds largest V-8
- MSgt John Roth - Weekender (oops! Traditional Guardsman) Office Supply Cust (Our Silver Tongue Devil)
- MSgt Lowell Seymour - Technican - Flt Pubs/Pax POC (rebuilding C-131 in back-yard)

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TSgt Keith Fulton - Technician - Go ahead, make his day by screwing up a 458!

TSgt Harvey Deweese - Weekender - Firefighter - Flight Management says he's been flying, but has anyone seen him?

TSgt Parker Groves - Weekender - Procurer of High Explosives (wanted by PLO)

TSgt Charles Hanna - AGR Alert - Scheduling - Miss Clairol's Man of the Year

TSgt Ron May - AGR (ed. note) looking for a way to get 6 Alert tours per mo. and 60 AFTPs

TSgt Lee Perry - Weekender - Construction Foreman (Thinks Tankers should be made of steel)

SSgt Dave Bowen - Guard Bum - Security - Izod's Man of the Golf Course

Sgt Jarrod Frantz - Weekender - College Kid - learning to walk so he can run

Sgt Marvin Hittle - College Kid - Says he's NOT getting married (right Marv)

Sgt Mark Mertel - AGR Alert - OPSEC/COMSEC - Permanent Fixture at Head Shed

Sgt Jim Spurlock - Weekender - College Kid (anxious to refuel F-16 students)

Sgt Mark Sweeney - Weekender - between jobs (loves F-16 students)

CMSgt Joe Breedlove (ret) - Our Mentor (The Ghost of Ops)

Ron May, TSgt, KSANG (with a little help from all his friends - both of 'em)
Inflight Refueling Technician



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

6TH AIRBORNE COMMAND AND CONTROL SQUADRON (TAC)
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE VA 23665-5536

REPLY TO: DOV
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the newly found squadron at Langley. The word is out about Langley, because hardly a week goes by that we don't have two or three calls about getting assigned here. Especially calls from Pease AFB, since they will be closing down the active duty squadron here shortly. Once again, update your Dream Sheet and I'm sure Chief Harrison could use some extra cash!!! Sorry we can't help but keep on calling, its good to hear from you.

2. We here at the 6ACCS (TAC) as the Airborne Command Post for the Navy Commander Admiral Kelso of the Atlantic Command and Fleet. Our planes are "E" models with the big engines; it's nice to have all that horsepower unlike the steamjet. We finally got in our first Pacer Link modified EC-135 here in January 1989. Nice looking plane but still has a few bugs to work out. However, the plane sometimes gets off the ground with a little luck.

3. We had to miss the Boom Reunion this year due to mission requirements, maybe next year. We lost SMSgt Bill Campbell last year to Malmstrom AFB. He is currently the Program Manager/First Sergeant and doing a great job. Bill, thanks for the Christmas card. MSgt Chet Westman came in from Ellsworth AFB to take Bill's place as Chief Boom. The job is tough, but someone has to do it. Now for our duty roster:

MSgt Chet "Cheddar" Westman - Chief Boom, Still wearing his cowboy hat and boots. We keep telling him this is bathing suit country.

TSgt Steve "Corky" Cordell - Training Flight/Mr. Pacer Link, He is our Pacer Link expert and doing a good job in keeping us informed. Goes TDY alot to keep the program going but rumor has it Pacer Link is really the code name for his new girl friend.

TSgt Pat "Hank" Ryan - Stan Eval, Just got married last September 88. New wife is a Veterinary. If you need any sick animal advice, its only \$20.00 per phone call. Also, survived acoupdetal attempt by the Ass't Stan Eval and Boom Scheduler.

TSgt Pete "Action Jackson" Jackson - Ass't Stan Eval, Lost alot of weight (Retired) because of his failed coupdetal attempt for Primary Stan Eval position. (He started a rumor that the Primary Stan Eval had an assignment). Also, always hurting his knee from playing basketball with younger airmen.

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TSgt Mike "Dick" Diotte - Boom Scheduler, Doing a great job! However, was Ass't Stan Eval accomplice in the failed coup d'etat attempt for the Primary Stan Eval position.

SSgt Mike "Gator" Cordell - Weight and Balance Monitor, Likes flying the EC-135 alot except he always trying to jump out the Aft hatch on each flight.

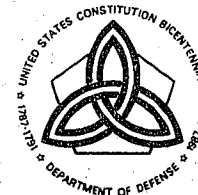
SSgt Pat "Dog Master" D'Augustino - Vehicle Control Officer, "TAKE THAT JOB AND SHOVE IT!" No relation to the "Beast Master." Doing a great job in teaching the old heads in moments. However, he keeps crying about not having enough time for golf.

4. If you're at Langley AFB, stop in and check us out. Or give us a call at Autovon 574-2111/2109. Until then, FLY SAFE!!!!


PATRICK J. RYAN TSgt, USAF
Stan Eval



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 42D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
LORING AIR FORCE BASE, MAINE 04751-5000



REPLY TO: 42 AREFS
ATTN. OF:

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR

1. Greetings once again from Aroostook County. It's been another banner year where the term "more with less" has become the norm. In fact, if a boom goes two weeks between alert tours and two days between flights, we send out a hometown news release. So, for those of you who are tired of golfing, beaches and hectic nightlife, dial AV 271-2260 to get where the action is. Short of war, this is where it's at!!

2. Now that I've told you what's good about Loring, let me say what's great, the booms. There's just a handfull of us oldies and a whole bunch of young ones, but they grow up fast here. By the time these troops are eligible to upgrade, they're seasoned vets. I'm like a father with bragging rights about his kids, proud of each one.

3. Now for who's who. First we would like to say a fond farewell to Dave Craig and Tyler Van Ert. They're civilians now but deep down, will always be boom operators. Matt Karnauskas is at Malmstrom now, he and Rana are really missed. Col Ekwall, if you read this, don't let up on him.

MSgt Mike Bauer-Alert Facility Manager: Doing a great job, hasn't had a complaint since he took over. He really keeps the troops in line. In fact he's so hard on them, the bomber's quit pulling alert.

TSgt Gary Hunt-Scheduling: Coming back to the squadron and if you ask him, "not soon enough." He really did enjoy the job, but being the nice guy that he is, he wants someone else to have some fun too. He must be enjoying himself here, he's been here 10 years and just had his VSBAP approved.

TSgt Greg Conrad-Tng Flt: Leaving us for Castle in October. His wife was so excited, she left in May. Super boom, CCTS is getting the better of the deal, but we'll all benefit.

A Flight

S-110 TSgt Jim Norris: Has over 2 1/2 years here in the "Great White North." Still needs to buy Marta another snowmobile. Jim must enjoy pushing a crew because we can't seem to interest him in anything else. Jim's hobbies are teaching country and western dancing, working with the little league, school, yard decorating (ask Jess) and deer hunting with "Rambi."

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R-111 ALC Lonny (Blue Cyclone) Hall: Over 2 years of booming under his belt and still holds the record for the shortest ATTF. (Long story, ask him sometime) Lonny's hobbies are drinking beer, country dancing, drinking beer, getting firewood by conoe, then dumping the conoe, drinking beer, chasing women (when in season) and did I mention having an occasional beer?

R-112 SrA John Pichette: 3 years here and doing great. Since he moved off-base we don't see him alot. John says he's PCS (permanent civilian status) bound. We hope he will change his mind and the boom field can sure use him. John's hobbies are C2, phoning Dave Craig and trying to guess when the next roll-back will be.

R-113 SSgt John Wood: Going on 2 years. Medically grounded right now and awaiting the verdict. If it's not favorable, we'll be losing a valuable asset. He's also on the 5-year plan. John continues to amaze us, particularly Jim, on how to own, snowmobiles, boats, new TV's, new computers, and state of the art scanners, all on SSgt's pay. We can't wait to see what's next when he makes Tech. John's hobbies include snowmobiling, programming NORAD computers, anything cold-wet and alcoholic, informing alpha of the next horn and moose hunting with Jim.

R-114 (Roggy) Kennedy: Over 2 years and doing extremely well. He's cooled his spurs and got hitched last October. We haven't heard too many Ern stories (see Boom Signal 88) since he's been married. Selected for SrA BTZ and deserved it. Roggy's hobbies are country dancing, shoveling out his driveway, C2, TDY and pretending that he wears the pants in his family.

S-120 SSgt Dan Cersosimo: "If I can't get Beale. I'll," so he got it and is leaving us in September. Super troop, we'll miss him. Dan, who's cooking tonight?

E-121 Sgt Debbie Worth: She's had a busy year. Moved into a new house to accomodate her sister, books, 3 dogs, 2 cats and a few gold fish. Currently at CFIC and departing for Offutt in August.

R-122 Amn Tom Campbell: One of our new booms and is fitting right in. If he gets rid of his mustang, he'll get off the 1st Shirts S__t list. Going TDY to Alaska soon, a great place to go after a winter at Loring.

R-123 (He quit):

R-124 ALC Steve "Rooster" Hines: A newly wed. That's right, MARRIED!! All those hens out there are finally safe from the "Rooster," and who did he marry? Roggy Kennedy's sister, Selena. If that weren't enough, they just had kittens.

S-130 TSgt Tom McElroy: "I still like it here!" Finally out of that "great deal," Stan/Evil. He and Nin are planning a family and he feels with a little more practice he's bound to get it right.

R-131 Amn "Barb" Breland: Newly wed, waiting for Barry to come home. Loring's own "Poker Alice."

R-132 Sgt Bob Boswell: Back from the civilian world. Said the soup lines were too long, but we think he just missed being a boom. Welcome back.

R-133 Amn "Win" Bynum: Another new one and getting better all the time. Hey Win, let's go have a beer - you drive!

R-134 Amn Samuel "Sammy" Blackwell: "I still don't like to fly, but it's better than being a Grunt." TDY again. Wants to find a girl and settle down, that's why we keep him on the road.

We almost forgot one - TSgt Roger Page, DONO and CLT Manager. It's not that we don't see much of him, but since we're so short on Booms and need the staff guys to help out with the alert schedule, Roger's been helping out in the Tactics arena with his stealth technology. Doing a great job for us in the CLT area. I suggest if anyone needs a good program to follow, give him a call at AV 920-2421.

4. That's all for this year. On a personal note, Vickie and I said a fond farewell to our only link to sanity. Jim and Boo Boo Reese, as you all know, are at Barksdale now. With Jim as the Chief at CEVG, we can expect those action items to be taken care of. Hey Jim, where are we drinking tonight? Look out Bossier City.

Jess W. Schloss
JESS W. SCHLOSS, MSGT, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager
42nd Air Refueling Squadron

FROM: Loring AFB, ME.

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: CMSgt E.G. Richardson

Greeting from northern Maine; the land of freezing temperatures, Moose, SNOW, bear, ice, W.A.S.P.'s, and special stores with special sections for tall, thin, people.

We'd like to start off by saying good-bye to CMSgt (sel) James Reese. We like to call Jim "Mr Integrity" -- most of the time, that is. If Jim tells you it is so or he says he will take care of it -- watch for the evil, jestful smile.... in ten seconds you'll know.

Then there is TSgt Derek Suficiencia, "SUFF" -- Suff has taken command of training flight boom position or should I say vice versa? Point still in debate.

Hello again to TSgt Don Cash -- returning from Castle where he was an academics instructor. Don is filling in as (1) NCOIC, (2) First Sgt, (3) Only instructor available, (4) Can you teach this "R" model class? and by the way we are out of beer. Doing an outstanding job --

Also a big to SSgt Joe Ekroos, He has moved to Stan/Eval and doin a fine job.

SSgt Matt Davis, our most recent returnee from CFIC. A word of warning..... the words "where does it say that?" triggers a psychopathic reaction.

SSgt Gerry Alger our other Stan/Eval boom and a great outdoorsman. The man would drop a fishing line in a mud puddle.

SSgt J. Phil Deal -- if you have anything or anyone to be carried anywhere ask Phil. We call him Mr.FedEX,

SSgt Tony Fiorilli -- He has a soundeffect and/or facial expression for every occasion.

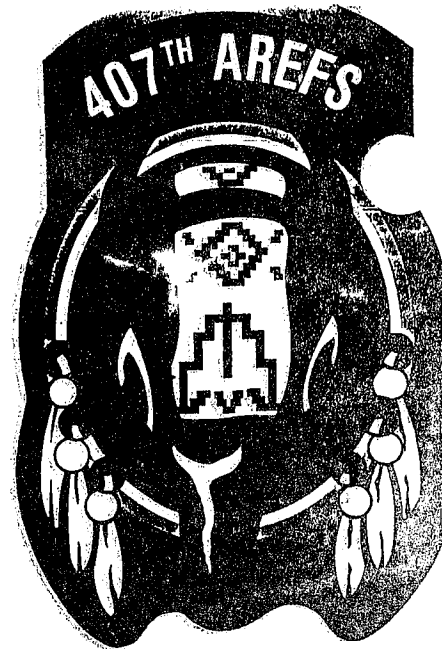
Sgt Della Griffin -- the prime example of pride and professionalism in the boom operator career field.

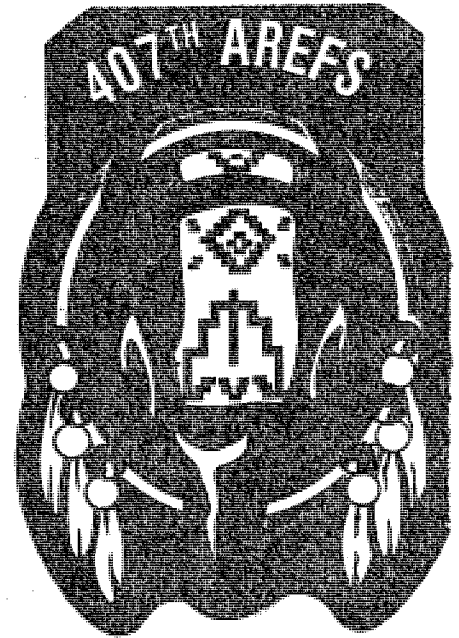
SRA Paul Muschell is lovin' it here in Limestone, the jewel in the crown of Maine.

ALC Royce Thomas -- gotta a question concerning the tanker or anything in general.... ask Royce he's got an answer.

ALC Joe Wilkins (Baby Joe) -- A Rick Asterly look-alike. Does him a lot of good.

ALC Jim Clifford (Cliffy Claven) -- Super troop. He can be found cruising for women in his Vette -- (Chevette).





AIC Kevin Thomas -- keeps the NCO Club rappin' at his second job as DJ.

AIC Jack Cupp -- an outstanding performer.... did exceptionally well at this years bomb competition.

AMN Dave Stadnicki -- kind of a ghost around the squadron but doin' a pretty good job.

Last but not least, the Bobsy Twins~~or~~, the Dynamic Duo, or the Gold Dust Twins -- yes; I mean AMN Joel Salley and AMN Carl Davenport. These were names affectionately given to them by Jim.... why? nobody knows. Both are doin' an excellent job.

Speaking of good jobs --- MSgt Paul Lowe is working in scheduling with Gary Hunt.

MSgt Dennis Brown is downstairs handling our current ops branch.

Well, that's about all we have for this year... it's the end of April and it's finally in the high 40's, so I think I'll go enjoy the day. As always we are happy to hear from you ... or just to hear from anyone; so give us a call, Autovon 920-2323. See YA!

Matt Davis and Don "Quaz" Cash



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HEADQUARTERS, 101ST AIR REFUELING WING (SAC)
BANGOR ANG BASE, MAINE 04401-3099

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

8thAF/DO1:TR

SUBJECT:

BOOM SIGNAL

TO:

CMSgt. Richardson



Greetings fellow fliers! Its been quite sometime since the World has heard from the Maineacs here in the North Woods of Maine! So here is a run down of who has recently joined us and who is still around!

- SSGT.Carla Cyr (Miss BOOM)
- SSGT.Jay Ellingsen (Tattoo)
- SSGT.Bruce Geroux (Psycho)
- TSGT.Joe Gifford (Joe Fred)
- TSGT.Charles Halsted (Chuck)
- SSGT.Scott Hesseltine (Hydro)
- * MSGT.Stanton Hunter (C Don)
- TSGT.Tom Jones (Beacon)
- TSGT.Peter Lerette (Tacan Pete)
- TSGT.Kymton Lovley (Kym)
- MSGT.Roger Macleod (Jaws)
- TSGT.Robert Phair (Slick)
- * CMSGT.Joseph Philippon (Good Time Charlie)
- * MSGT,Glenn Prewitt (Spider)
- TSGT.Mike Purcell (Big Rig)
- * MSGT.Myron Reynolds (Sonny)
- MSGT.Ed St.Heart (Street Heart)
- MSGT.Arthur Stevens (Art)
- * SMSGT.James Winchester (Winch)
- * SMSGT.James Wood (J.R.)

* denotes Technicians

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Phair

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IN-FLIGHT AIR REFUELING TECHNICIAN



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



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 91 AREFS/CCF

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL "89"

TO: All Boom Operators

Greetings from the "BIG SKY BOOMERS". Once again another year has slipped by without any warning. I guess when you're working your tail off time has a tendency to really fly by. Here at Malmstrom the past year has been hectic to say the least!!!

Crews and jets have been flowing in on a regular basis and that has kept us busy as one armed paper hanger. Try and imagine a solid year of mission qualifications, difference training and just for fun throw in six baby booms!!! Think about what the task would be if you had to re-qualify your whole squadron. Mind boggling isn't it.

Kent Jenkins is our Training Flight Boom and deserves an AT-A-BOY. He has developed most of training programs and has been flying at least twice a week for the last several months. He's starting to look a little ragged around the edges, but the end is in sight.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave us a helping hand, from the basic stuff like batteries for our HPs to advice and suggestions. Your help was a factor in us surviving our first 15th AF SAV.

You guys at the School House deserve a pat on the back too. All the baby booms have come to us very well trained and with a "can do" attitude. There's not a bad one in the bunch!!! Keep up the good work.

Thanks to Paul Rogers at 15th AF and the schedulers here at Malmstrom and Fairchild, with their hard work we were able to send a few guys to the symposium.

There's a rumor floating around that a second squadron might be assigned at Malmstrom. If you're interested I suggest you up-date your dream sheet and let the people with the power know your desires. Should you have any questions about the area or the base give us a call (AV 632-6657).

Well that's all the trash from "BIG SKY COUNTRY". Take a look at the attached roster for one of the best group of Boomers you'll ever see.

Bill Campbell
SMSgt BILL CAMPBELL
Program Manager

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91 AREFS Boom Roster

SMSgt Bill Campbell - Chief Boom

MSgt Kent Jenkins - Training Flight

MSgt Scott Swilling - Chief Stan/Eval

TSgt Doug Simmons - Stan/Eval

MSgt Jerry Rhodes - Alert Facility Manager

MSgt Doug Jess - Scheduler

TSgt Mahlon Marr - A Flight IBO

TSgt Tom Dewitt - B Flight IBO

TSgt Bones Lobenberg - C Flight IBO

SSGT Oly Olson - IBO CLT Manager

SSgt Rob Henson - IBO

SSGT Terry Klementz - IBO

SSgt Beve Katus - IBO CLT Manager

SSgt Bud Grovehoug

SSgt Allan Weseman - IBO

Sgt Krash Karnauskas - IBO

Sgt Danny Wells - CFIC Candidate

Sgt Chuck Barr

SrA Jimmy Deitz

A1C Buster Heimann

AMN Phil Money

AMN E.T. Chabrouillaud

AMN Brian Lee

AMN Mike Jennen

AMN J. P. Swandal

SrA Chip McCutcheon



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



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 9 AREFS MARCH AFB, CA

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR

Greetings from all of us GUCCI-BOYS here at March. This has been a busy but rewarding year for us. We're training them as fast as MDTSI can put them out and we have extra cargo loading classes available for those in need (BARKSDALE/SEYMOUR). We encourage all of those coming out for RED FLAG to drop by and chat for a while or you can just drop us a line at 947-3659.

Senior Boom

SMSgt Russ Marshall- Russ has been working hard on his annual areobics run and says he,s got the mile and a half down to half a pack. Russ is a recent SNCOA graduate. Go get 'em gimp.

Training Flight

MSgt Bob Moquin- Bob, a one-time member of the BLOW-PIG club, is really trimming down. he swears it has nothing to do with AIDS.

MSgt Charles (Gene) Thomason- Founder of the BLOW-PIG club, Gene is working hard to uphold his image. P.S. Gene, your wife wants to know when your coming home.

DONO Guys

MSgt Steve Oothoudt- When Steve's not out buying more JA/ATTs he is on the road with his DEAD-BUG TOUR 89.

TSgt Bob Friessen- We haven't seen to much of Bob since he moved over to DONO. Keep on cloggin' Bob.

Line Pukes

SSgt Mike Aldapa- Mike is a recent draft pick from the 22 AREFS across the hall and is fitting in nicely.

TSgt Celeste Barcelo- Celeste is on her way to Barksdale with racquet in hand. Good luck Barksdale, I mean Celeste.

SSgt Rodney Bennett- How do you make this guy happy?

SSgt Billie Black- Bill's been busy with BOMB/COMP and upgrade lately but still finds time for carpet checks.

MSgt Chris Burkhardt- Chris says he's happy to be a GUCCI-BOY again. Chris when are you going to get an H.P.

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SSgt Larry (RAMBO) Bussen- Rambo hasn't quit grinning since they told him he's going to get to carry a loaded weapon on the plane.

SSgt Mike Chmiel- Mike's on his way to seymour this summer. Best of luck to ya Mike.

Sgt Anthony (TACO) Cleaver- Taco have you read your -5 lately?

SSgt Gary Czenkus- Gary's our corn-fed BLOW-PIG. Gary, how's the old heart?

TSgt Richard (EASY) Davis- Easy says just because you can't carry tanks on KC-10's, doesn't mean he can't drive one.

TSgt Brad Madison- Brad's the proud new father of a baby girl. Seems to be spending alot of time in the squadron lately.

TSgt Ed Mang- Ed, don't you know you're supposed to curb check the car before you buy it.

TSgt Leo Marin- Leo's been busy with upgrade lately but still finds time to show the ladies what he's got. Go get 'em LITTLE Leo.

TSgt Jerry Oien- Jerry's been his usual loud and outspoken self.

TSgt Perry Sauro- Otherwise know as the 9th supply guy, Perry's been busy teaching RC airplanes to say OUCH!

TSgt Steve Slobodnjak- Steve says Hickam not as much fun anymore but he'll still go.

SSgt Karl (KOOL-BREEZE) Smith- Karl can spell C A R G O 9 out of 10 times now, but is still not sure what it means.

Sgt Dave York- Dave has been spending alot of time on the road lately. We think he may be on the FBI's most wanted list.

SSgt Ken Holman- The B-2 has nothing on Ken, the stealth, Holman. MPC says he's definitely on station, somewhere.

NEW GUYS ON THE BLOCK

SSgt Barry Hayes

Sgt Way Keller

SSgt Danny Mendonza



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



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 6 AREFS/DOB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR
Barksdale, AFB LA

1. Greetings from sunny (smoggy) Southern California. Where the bikinis are small, the heels are tall, and she says she likes the ocean, but we know that it's the jacuzzi they love.

2. Well, everything is swell and fine since we split from our counterparts of the 9th AREFS. We at the 6th AREFS are proud to be here, and invite all to stop by and say hello when at RED FLAG. From the best of the 6th/9th, Lickety-Split Team. Best Wished to All!

Kenneth J. Endrizzi

KENNETH J. ENDRIZZI, SMSgt, USAF
Enlisted Aircrew Program Manager

NCOIC:

CMSgt Ken Endrizzi - Ken finally made Chief, of what we are not really sure. Something to do with the self help projects in the building.

Chief Boom:

SMSgt Dave Telles (Julio) - Dave has finally gotten a job that he can be proud of. You can find him in the office when he is not dumping tequila in the back yard, or selling you a 16,000 dollar truck for 19,900 dollars.

MSgt Jim Mountcastle (Jimbo) - Jim's Chief of Scheduling for the 6th, which means he can schedule guys to work in the scheduling office. We see him around the squadron but you would see him more if you patrol the road between Salinas and Riverside. "Anybody got a good truck for sale?"

TSgt Sven Gustavson (Gus) - Chief of Stan/Eval always trying to give route checks to Sweden. The trouble is he can never keep Yates and Degen in the office long enough so he can go out.

SSgt Randy Johnson (Dial Tone) - Randy is still investing in the AUTOVON system. However, he is seriously thinking about investing in fiberglass after his "Cap'n Crunch" incident. "Plug-Em Home Boy."

TSgt Del Coggin (Chi-Chi) - Del's out of here on 1 June. We are sorry to see him go! We are sure the retired officers at the golf course can't wait to have him leave, so they can finally keep their money.

SSgt Jim O'Brien (O-B) - Wants to be an instructor but he still can't seem to find the cargo door.

SSgt Chet Robbins (Solar Baby) - He's off to Barksdale on 1 June. You guys will soon learn that when the sun goes down, so does he. "Out For The Count."

SSgt James P. Davis Jr. (DEF-1) - "KC-10 Boom Operator Extraordinaire", what that means we don't really know. Always helping out.

TSgt Tom Degen (Dego) - Where's Tom, somewhere between his garage, the cop shop, and the Pacific. No one ever really seems to know and that's the way he likes it.

TSgt Mike Yates (Hoto) - Mike's the proud father of a little Hoto, which we find hard to believe. He is still acting crazy and jumping out of perfectly good airplanes.

Sgt Tony Ceralo (TNYS Pony) - Tony's one of those guys, you touch his car he'll kill you. Always TDY.

SSgt Mark Schumann (Little Guy) - Take Mark TDY and when you get in trouble ask him to stand-up. When the trouble goes away ask him to sit down.

TSgt Rick Shipman - Rick is always TDY or somewhere in the county fixing windshields.

SSgt Brian Forsyth (Ninja) - Always going to school or kicking bags.

SSgt Dave Pileski (Rambo II) - Came from Seymour and is still in a daze, since he found out that the KC-10 really does go TDY outside the Conus. (Dave we really do have cargo checks.)

TSgt Marco Defelice (Marco) - Single man once again. He is always TDY or giving Telles a hard time.

TSgt Joe Surovy - New guy and not seen very much. Either TDY or at the gym.

SSgt Bob Christopher (Chicken-Head) - Bob was part of the "Cap'n Crunch" incident, they say his voice tapes well on a recorder. Spends alot of time in the 6 AREFS Admin Office. Chris say hello to Lisa for us!

TSgt Sherry Bryan - Takes care of all the supply needs for the 6th AREFS.

Sgt Jack Fortner - Just out of Minot, still in cargo training and can't believe So Cal, has so many girls.

TSgt Jeff McGirt - He is the 6th AREFS input in the dual training flight, but truly the best and our bet for MSgt selectee.

TSgt Pat Wadsworth - Still working staff jobs, probably always will.

TSgt Tina Wallace - The local expert to our current operations branch.

MSgt Paul Rogers - Works tanker operations at 15th AF, when he is not in the P.I.

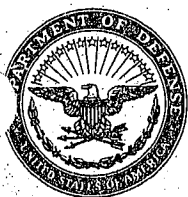
TSgt Jim Staup - Leaving us for Seymour. We still can't figure out why!

SSgt Peppy Glaze (Ragin Cajun) - Changed the whole ground training program and did a great job. We still can't figure out if Peppy is Mexican or French.

New Folks still in training:

TSgt Ted Glick
TSgt Steve Kleman
Sgt Greg Warren
Sgt Dan Elam

"California Freestyle"



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 940TH AIR REFUELING GROUP (AFRES)
MATHER AIR FORCE BASE CA 95655-5000

REPLY TO: 940 AREFG/BOOM SECTION (CMSgt Estampa, 674-4737)
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: THE BOOM SIGNAL

TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

GREETINGS FROM SACRAMENTO: Here is a brief overview on what's new.

1. INFLIGHT REFUELING/FLIGHT ENGINEER MANAGER'S CONFERENCE
Being held this year at Sacramento, we welcome your inputs, we will see you here. (BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR ORDERS CUT TO SACRAMENTO!!!)

2. We just got through with CEVG, overall we did real well, out of four flights we got two outstanding, and two satisfactory's.

3. Right before CEVG we got hit with a UEI, that also went good, for the 314 AREFS, we got a excellent, our overall grade for the group was satisfactory.

4. As of right now we have 2 reservists we hope to cross train into the boom field. Matt Montague has a class date of May 5 so you may see him down at Castle going to boom school. Dave Comstock doesn't have a class date yet but we hope to have him down at Castle soon, and if any one remembers Wayne Ebner he is making a comeback to the boom field. Wayne got out a few years ago and has the itch to fly again. But, I think it's metal shavings from working at the metal shop on base. Shake out your shorts Wayne. Even with the new booms coming in we still have a shortage of booms. With all the bases closing we here at Mather have a robust going on. As it stands right now we will receive two more air planes and five more booms (two ART's and three reservists.) That will give us an additional line of alert so we will have two crews on alert - what fun.

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CMSgt Gene Estampa (Chief) A.K.A "ARNOLD PALMER" Our neww. + grandpa, but he probably won't admit it. If you need to find the chief, look on the back nine.

SMSgt Ron Diloranzo (Scheduling) "D" is the only Italian I know that doesn't like garlic and onions, but when it comes to "FISH" well you know!!!!

SMSgt Ron Thomas (Stan Eval) During the recent CEVG visit Ron was seen consuming mass quantities of tequila, something about crying in his drink because he didn't get an O.P.

MSgt Aaron Miller (Computers) When it comes to Aaron, if it doesn't have a hard drive he doesn't want to hear it. His girlfriend keeps saying something about a 3.5 floppy.

TSgt Bob Renn (Training) The proud new daddy of a beautiful little girl - Megan.

TSgt Tony Van Hecke (Supply) Our newest ART. Also our newest instructor, although no one listens to him.

THE RESERVE FORCE

MSGT Bob Allen (Grandpa) Bob is one of our most experienced booms, he was flying in the KC-97 for goodness sakes.

MSGT Mike Gouweloos (Mikey) Mike is the only auditor I know that will leave a ART job for a downgrade.

MSGT Dave Myrick - Another proud daddy of a beautiful little girl - Samantha.

MSGT Ray Parker Ray has been with us for a long time. He has been at Mather for something like 18 years, some of you might remember him from the 904th days.

MSGT Ann Walters Ann is starting to come in to her own. At first all the guys were calling her Helen Keller, but she's showing them I think.

TSgt Dan Quasius (Q) Dan is the only guy I know that doesn't need a boom to get the gas off.

SSgt Blenda Hughes (Kris) Kris is one of our troffer's. When she's not going to school, she's pulling alert.

SSgt Mike Mecum (Da Fuzz) Mike is a county sheriff in his civilian occupation, he's always warning the pilots their going too fast.

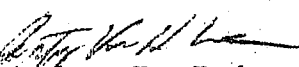
Newcomer:

SSgt Eric Wiechmann Is not with us yet but gets off active duty soon and hopes to become a ART.

Losses:

TSgt Julie Cassard (Sister MIJI) Julie left us to become a flight engineer at Travis, don't drink the water GOOD LUCK!!!!

MSGT Jeff Bush (Mr. WARMTH) Jeff finally got a job with GENERAL MOTORS. GOOD LUCK JEFF!!!


Anthony Van Hecke, TSgt, USAFR
314 AREFS/ ART BOOM



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



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: IBU

26 April 1989

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

1. Greeting from DO-DA land A.K.A. land of Ahs. The 384th AREFS has just completed 18 months of fun doing self help. Everything has been re-done. The red brick exterior is not "Earth-tone" and the interior has been completely remodeled. This was a squadron project but as always the enlisted did the majority of the work. Following are the best carpenters, painters, wallpaper hangers and boomers in SAC:

Arrivals:

Amn Doug Altimari "Sleepy D" - Our squadron trend setter. At least he doesn't have green hair or an earring...yet.

A1C Rick Boettinger - Finally getting him to roll his sleeves down, now if he could only keep up with his line badge.

Amn Brad Harden - It's not necessary to shave your head after basic training, Brad.

A1C Lisa Jankovsky - Still waiting to get a crew and getting to fly all the time...until we get her certified.

AB Kirk Mayer - See departures.

Amn Russell Gordon - Our newest baby boom from Castle.

Old Timers:

MSgt Jesse Bailey - Our "Pad Dad" will be retiring in December. Doing his best to keep our newly remodeled alert facility in good condition.

CMSgt Roger Bybee - Bidding Chief farewell in December. Thinks after 30 years in the Air Force that sleeping late and fishing don't sound too bad.

A1C Bobby Chambers - Spending most of his spare time with his sweetheart. Any plans we should know about?

Sgt Rich Clayton - Had orders to Loring, decided the Air Force was not for him.

Sgt Thomas "Otis" Day - Has a class date in December for Air Traffic Control. Will be stationed back in the Land of Oz.

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SSgt John Harris - Stan/Eval boom who studies so much for TSgt that they should give it to him just for the amount of studying he does...or says he does. But how do you study and fish at the same time?

Sgt Cynthia King - Became an instructor this year and has managed to go a whole year without filling out a safety report.

Sgt Kevin Langholz - The pinball wizard on alert. Just remember that when you do a silent breakaway that you are allowed to tell your crew.

SSgt Mack McElroy - The proud father of a baby boy. Just got orders to Ellsworth.

SSgt W.T. Moore - Can tell you all about how to stow and latch the boom when the latch handle breaks off.

Sgt Dennis Pratt - Our newest instructor and soon to be a Dad, again. We never see him but think he's still here.

SSgt Mike Rollins - Going to England so often that he's actually learning to speak English.

MSgt Ken Schmelzle - Our cargo loading manager is finally going on an extended TDY. Too bad we couldn't arrange for him to carry all the things he puts on our cargo loads.

MSgt Stan Sears - S101 boom, still drives his beat-up truck. It caught on fire and did several hundred dollars worth of improvement.

Sgt Jerry Swanson - Has hopes of going to Castle in the future. Actually seems to enjoy self-help, so we'll keep him until he's had enough "fun".

TSgt Ray Templeton - Mr. Submarine claims he's not interested in doing Bomb Comp this year; probably afraid it will interfere with fishing.

Sgt Tim Treinen - Selected for Air Traffic Control and will be leaving shortly behind Otis. Will be stationed at Little Rock. Looking forward to NCO pay.

TSgt Ray Willis - Our self-help leader is about to put down his whip now that the squadron is almost complete.

Departures:

SSgt Yvonne "Bonzie" Wherry - Received orders for Ellsworth, said Rapid City is too small so she may be a civilian in June.

Sgt Mike Block - Gone to the KC-10 at Seymour Johnson. Keeps calling us to tell us how great it is.

SSgt Bill Brown - Civilian and working for Continental Airlines.

MSgt Omer Crafton - Gone to Barksdale for CEVG. Already came back to "visit" us. He's still a Santa Claus.

SSgt Mike "Squiggy" Lambert - Out of the boom field but still at McConnell working in Base Ops.

SSgt Hank Wayne - Out of service and living around St. Louis. Put in a great deal of self help time before we let him out though.

AB Kirk J. Mayer - Was in the squadron 42 days before becoming a civilian.

Inbounds:

SSgt Clinton Reed - Coming from KI Sawyer.

SMSgt Henry Harris - Inbound from Zaragoza to replace the chief.

2. On 1 Jan 90 I will stow the boom for the final time. It has been a fast 30 years. Over the years I have met and worked with some great Boom Operators. I hope to see you all at future boom reunions. Good Luck to all Boomers, past, present and future.



ROGER J. BYBEE, CMSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

MCDONNELL DOUGLAS

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Training Systems Inc.

25 Apr 89

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMS Richardson)
FROM: MDTSI Boom Instructors
SUBJECT: Boom Signal

Greetings from the McDonnell Douglas Training Systems Inc to all past and present boom operators. As some of you know we operate from three KC-10 Training Centers, Barksdale, March and Seymour Johnson, with our headquarters being located in Bedford, Texas. We currently have six boom instructors located at each of the training centers in addition to the headquarters people.

We conduct training for the ex-135 booms (KC-10-3), the MAC Loadmaster going to the reserves (KC-10-3A), quarterly refresher training (KC-10-7A/B) and any requalification (KC-10-13). In addition, the KC-10-18 course is available for those upgrading to instructors. As the ole saying goes, "we've come a long way baby" since we first opened our training doors at Barksdale in 1981. At that time we had two boom instructors in the company conducting KC-10 training. Of course, at that time we were American Airlines Training Corp and the entire instructor force was only six instructors.

Let me take this time to introduce you to the current MDTSI boom instructor teams and their locations of operation.

Barksdale AFB, LA: Frank Junge
Jim Polinski
Jim Loftis
Gary Jenkins
Tom Williams
John Synove

March AFB, CA: Cory Miller
Jim Gaddy
Ralph Rogers
George Hawkins
Sandy McLendon
Mike Wetzal

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC: Andy Miller
Leroy Sweeney
Vince Bobrowski
Tim Holt
Bobby Watts
Ricky Helt

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March AFB is the only site that has had a change in personnel. John Akers has moved on to the Long Beach plant of our company where he has a new position. Cory Miller assumed the duties of check airman and Mike Wetzell joined the California Freestyle when John departed.

Bud Wilson and Charlie Cade continue to give us great support from our Training Resource branch in Bedford.

Herb Driskill has picked up a helper on the Air Force side of the house with the addition of Cary Hubbard coming from KC-10 CEVG. Both are at Carswell AFB with the 436th STS but maintain an office in our Bedford headquarters working closely with Bud Wilson.

We all welcome the opportunity to show off our working places to you so drop by anytime you might be in town. With best wishes and God speed to all. Keep'um Flying!

Frank Junge
MDTSI Flt Ck Airman
Barksdale AFB, LA

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
10TH AIRBORNE COMMAND CONTROL SQUADRON (USAFE)
RAF MILDENHALL, APO NEW YORK 09127

Reply To Att Of:10 ACCS SSgt Larry Westwood

Subject:Boom Signal

To:CMSgt Richardson

Greetings from Her Majesties Kingdom,

The boys on the European side of the Atlantic are alive and well. The EC-135 mission plods ever onwards. We here at Mildenhall were beginning to feel left out of the fun and games in the moleholes back in the world so we've just completed and are now living in our own windowless artificially lit version of a facility. It's located at our forward operating resort, Lajes AFB. Of course with in residence dining our fun money for the trip has been cut back to the bone. Here at Mildenhall we are now residing in a newly refurbished squadron bldg. Its complete with the pub look lounge for crewdogs and co. So if your in the area stop in and have a game of darts and a beer. Or stop by the wing bldg. and visit MSgt Red Steahl our very own StanEval representative. Our current roster of working booms runs like this;

MSgt Red Steahl:

Between StanEval and playing with his Amiga 2000 Red is pretty busy. Reds on indefinite DEROS over here and to celebrate he just bought a new car. But don't worry about him forgetting how to drive from the left side, its American specifications.(?) Hey Red, Don't forget to close the sunroof!

TSgt Mike Shogren:

Mikey's been overseas for so long that he has to journey back to the land of the big BX once a year just to renew his US citizenship. He's still driving the oldest black mini in all of the UK. Speaking of driving he just drove off with the Wings Boom of the Half award. Congrats!

TSgt Joe Long:

Papa Joe is busy in DOT these days taking care of all of us booms like we were his very own. Joe works hard but take a minute to admire his hard earned physique and you'll know he finds time for a pint now and again and again and again and again.....

SSgt Craig Crane:

Craig has only just joined us who are on flying status. He's so happy to be back in the saddle again after an extended DNIF that he's not even complaining about being TDY, not yet anyway. Craig spells relief, qualified to perform flying duties.

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SSgt Larry Westwood:

I work hard for Joe in DOT. I even had to come in this week to do this letter. My spare time is spent playing football, thats soccer for you yanks, for a local club. I'm here for four more years so I've been putting some time into making the house that I bought comfortable. I also bought a new car to replace the one that I tried to park under a tractor. I spell relief, no serious injuries.

SSgt Ricky Bateman:

Ricky's a full family unit now complete with a little girl. He walked off with the John Levitow award from Leadership School so if he isn't doing it the right way at least he's doing it the AF way.

SRA Dana Hutchinson:

The youngest partying member of our team is still that, younger and partying at every chance. And in between that and work he finds time to be chasing skirts all over the UK. Hutch should be at CFIC out at Carswell when this goes to print. Carswell beware!

Well boys and girls, thats us. Enjoy yourselves and have a thought for those of us living our very own EUROPEAN VACATION.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 306TH STRATEGIC WING (SAC)
APO NEW YORK 09127-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: MSgt Alvarez (AV238-2561)

11 Apr 89

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: DOTTR

Greetings from Abroad,

We are back into full swing in the land of fish and chips. The runway had been closed from June through November. Our operations had moved to Fairford for the duration. It proved both challenging and entertaining. I think Scotty and Russ miss us. Cheers!

Now that we are open for business give us a ring. R models are the mainstay of Mildenhall's Tanker Task Force. All the A models are left in the capable hands of Fairford's Tanker Task Force. Mildenhall still has its DET at Keflavik. Keflavik is still in Iceland for anyone that may be unfamiliar with that neck of the woods. We keep our crews busy in interesting areas such as Bodo AB, Norway and Lajes AB, Azores. There is also the possibility of operating out of Moron AB, Spain. Yours truly just recently returned from sunny Spain. Seville is only a short bus ride away from Moron AB. The sangria sneaks up on you!

We routinely operate out of Spangdahlem, Ramstein and Hahn Air Bases in Germany. Cant't say enough good things about Germany.

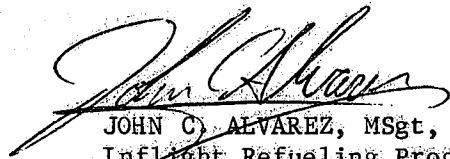
When you are notified to pack your TDY bags for the trip to the Mildenhall Tanker Task Force anticipate a busy TDY. Take advantage of your resources. Ask those crews that were here ahead of you about the trip to Mildenhall. Friendly reminders from us, would include; ensure your unit sends out your predeployment message; proper aircraft configuration for ETTF as outlined in SACR 400-4; familiarization with passenger and cargo compliance as outlined in SACR 76-1; have your H.M. Customs completed on landing, USAFE Form 261; and don't let the weather in England confuse you.

Our busiest time of the year is between May and September. Our slow period is between November and January. We are visited by our friends in the reserves and guard between April and July. They always make things interesting each time they visit us. Hello to yall in the guard units and reserve units. I heard McGee-Tyson was in the UK last spring. Marty, Jim and gang drop me a line in advance next time you head this way. Our friends in the reserves are preparing for their deployment. Larry Bartel, the Fish and Chips shops are asking for you. Chris Nordland, there are more pheasants in this country than you can shake a stick at. Thought I saw you once. Cheers! Randy P. Faulk, greetings. Hey Randy remember those schoolhouse days? I miss OKI: Chief Harrison, when are you coming to England for a staff visit?

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Speaking of visits, our neighbors at the 10 ACCS visit us routinely. They're a great crew of fellow flyers. Mick, Paul, Joe, Craig, Larry, Dana and Rick. They come over to fly with us and we appreciate their help. They aren't SAC Warriors either. Maybe I'll order seven patches.

I want to extend an open invitation to come see us sometime! I'll be keeping an eye out for your predeployment message. Just as soon as it comes in you can bet I'll be making your reservations with billeting. Nathan Wilds and I will always look forward to seeing you. Cheers!



JOHN C. ALVAREZ, MSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

Greetings from the 906TH Booms, where the sun never sets and the wind constantly blows. Only the best come North. What they forgot to tell us or the flip side is Only lucky get to leave. Don't let the rumors fool you, its not that bad, good mission, great people. A lot of improvements either have been made or are in the process of becoming reality for us booms here. Lets run down the list of Booms.

MSgt Ray "Mickey" Miller - Our inflight refueling program manager. Rumor has it in the squadron he mentioned one day "Yea its just one of those things you can see but just can't get to". Yo "Mickey", we will hope you get to whatever it is and it keeps you on the same track you are on. Been with us for a year and a half we want to keep you.

MSgt Gary Lemmonds - Former "Pad Dad", now in Training Flight. He's adjusting to crew dawg life and will get better with time. Don't worry, he's not getting older, just better. Ask any NODAK Woman.

MSgt Dave "SKI" Kaminski - Training flight. Arrived here with a Ski Boat and California plates, still waiting for summer to happen. Calls his house the cave. Women have been known to disappear and never return. Has a \$10.00 bet with "Mickey" that he's not going to scheduling.

TSgt Milt Barnwell - "Uncle Milt" is our senior Boom in Stan Eval. Wants to go back to Georgia but has been there so much in the last six months we don't know why. When not at work Milt can be found roaming the base for a home cooked meal.

TSgt Don Rundle - NCOIC Tanker Scheduling Branch. Don does a great job in scheduling, just ask "Mickey" who's on alert as we write. Just kidding Don! Don has been known to show shock and disbelief at parties but never leaves early.

TSgt Phil Luttrell - Phil says, if you want to see Minot from the base, look south, if you want to see Bismarck stand on your tip toes and look South. Sent his family to Florida and will still be married when he gets his next set of orders.

SSgt Dave Lisenby - Dave caught an assignment to Seymour Johnson in the KC-10. We're going to miss your barbecues Dave. Dave and Donna (VERN) never miss a party, we're going to miss you Good Luck.

SSgt Bill Montgomery - Bill is an excellent evaluator but an even better instructor. Castle will soon know. The Boom field will undoubtedly improve if he is involved.

SSgt Jim Sugden - Our newest Instructor, Jim can't help but look down on everyone (he's 6 FT plus). His newborn son is currently on the 1989 draft list of the NFL. Currently awaiting orders to Fairchild, its good to see good guys get what they want.

SSgt Steve Klinkhammer - Doesn't say much which makes us wonder just what he is thinking. Still trying to adjust to life in NODAK land.

SSgt Larry Townsend - Larry hosted the last Boom Halloween Party, he started early, but unfortunately he also finished early. Larry always tells it like it is even as the CLT Manager.

SSgt Tom Axthelm - "Ax Man" found out the hard way that a Chevy Blazer is not a snow Plow. "Ax Man" has been TDY so much we now call him "Absent Man". Gary and "Absent Man" have been seen leaving Daves Cave with Women.

Sgt Dave Bablo - Recently returned from CFIC, working on becoming a real instructor. Isn't sure where to start.

Sgt Daron Bloom - "Sta-Puff" decided to give up the Air Force for college. Going to the Reserves in Ohio.

SRA Stephanie Mc Arthur - Waiting for orders to Dyess to join her husband. We sure are going to miss her personality and touch at Minot. Good Luck STEPH.

SRA Felicia Anderson - Hoping for orders to the west coast, to maintain close proximity to a certain "Deadhead". The phone bills are killers.

SRA Jeff Murphy - Just an all around good kid. Keeps the older Booms out of trouble, two in particular.

SRA Carol Sharp - Carol has decided to separate, also now we can get a word in edge wise. Good Luck NOTSO ! our loss.

SRA Cris Emick - Rock and Roll animal, Cheap entertainment at parties and a good Boom Operator too. Great Guitar.

A1C Jason Graff - To young for adult joints while TDY to Texas. How old do you have to be Jason? Getting experience and getting cocky.

A1C Jody Riggs - "Bobcat Goldwaithe" or Elvis impressions, just ask. Jody never misses a party and we are glad. Darn its fun here.

A1C Brian Sellman - Well what can we say, Brian is our ticket point monitor for the squadron. Appears at parties and sometimes work. Good Boom.

A1C Sean Martin - Mr. Martin puts CMSGT's to shame. This guy is good. Will go somewhere, hope he remembers when he was just a Boom Operator.

AMN Heather Loudon - Heather's our newest Lady Boom. Currently working out in the gym with weights. If she would just learn to stop dropping them on her toes. Always adds cheer to the Squadron.

AMN Kriston Stegmaier - If Kris isn't in the squadron or on alert you can find him roaming with no direction thru the club with a pitcher of beer glued to his right hand and a smile on his face. What's he thinking folks.

A1C Tylor McElhany - "MAC", our Tom Cruise look alike is being turned loose on the PTF this month. I'm sure there will be more to follow.

***** LOSSES *****

Greg Warner - Departed the Air Force on the last roll back and last words has landed a job making \$ 9.00 an hour. He is happy.

Rich Zak - Cancelled his KC-10 assignment to get out and fly for the OHIO ANG but when he knocked on there door they did not open it.

Sterling Keller - Wanted to get out of Minot so bad, he accepted an assignment to the 3 holer in Riverside. "WAY" keep those California post cards coming.

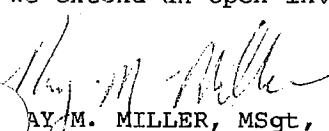
Eric Lomoscolo - Has returned to school and is flying at Seymour in the KC-10, possibly to return as a pilot.

***** GAINS *****

Mark Reuter - New arrival from Pease, Mark is happy to be here and we are glad to have him.

If you like fresh air, wide open spaces and uncrowded highways, all this can be yours at Minot. They say - 60 wind chill keeps out the riff-raff.

We extend an open invitation to all booms, if you ever in the area stop in and say HI.


RAY M. MILLER, MSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager
Minot AFB, ND 58705



A gracious greeting from the Granite Staters!

Although quite a bit has gone on since the last time we wrote, I'll try to cover as much as possible. For starters, we've enlarged our fleet with two more 135's and hired three full time crews. We have also picked up an extra line of alert.

Our roster has changed somewhat. We've had two men retire, possibly a few more will retire this December. We lost one Boom to the New Jersey unit.

Our roster is as follows:

CMS Maurice "Have I got a plum for you" Doucet also answers to the nickname "Duke". Duke's been running our section for four years and is doing a good job at it. Duke has 14,101 flying hours 3,585 tanker.

SMS Dick "Two Dogs" Berthiaume has been around for a long time and is retiring in June of this year. If there is anyone with more flying hours than him, we'd like to hear from you. Dick has 14,625 flying hours 4,104 tanker.

SMS Ray Richardson is the new Stan Eval Boom. He has taken SMS Berthiaume's place. He's our resident sports analyst. Ray has 11,447 flying hours 4,083 tanker.

MSGT Dave "I'm gone for a hair cut" Frolich should be a nav. He plots more courses than they do. Dave is also one of our line instructors. Dave has 7,939 flying hours 4,401 tanker.

MSGT Gus Dowling - Retired. Lucky guy. Good luck, Gus!

MSGT Phil Weiss works at the University of New Hampshire. Phil has both feet in the water and is a certified diver. Phil has 3,355 flying hours 3,555 tanker.

MSGT John Watson, a man of many talents, has retired - another lucky guy. But we hope to see him around. Good luck. John has 7,615 flying hours 3,759 tanker.

MSGT Robert Lougee is always treated nicely. He takes care of our pay checks. Bob has 7,232 flying hours 3,717 tanker. Bob may possibly be thinking of retirement some time in the near future.

MSGT Richard Ellis is an excellent architect in the area. He has his own sea plane. Dick has 5,347 flying hours 3,494 tanker.

TSGT Robert Gagne is one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet. Bob has received his Bachelor's Degree in the hopes of being a teacher. Bob has 3,297 flying hours 2,980 tanker.

TSGT Carl Sneirson is one of our sharp instructors. Carl has his seat all picked out in Stan Eval - some day. Carl has 3,653 flying hours 3,287 tanker.

MSGT Steve Morgan is another sharp instructor. He now takes care of the scheduling department. Steve has 3,755 flying hours 3,720 tanker.

TSGT Denis Boucher is one of our AGR crew dogs. He's sitting alert and making the most out of it. He's going to school and exercising. Denis has 1,441 flying hours 1,441 tanker.

TSGT Mike "Have I got a deal for you" Blandina is our tactics rep. Mike is also installing our building alarm system. He's also an AGR Boom. Mike has 3,990 flying hours 2,944 tanker.

TSGT Kelly Philbrick is our third AGR Boom. Kelly takes care of our pubs. Lucky guy! Kelly has 2,291 flying hours 2,291 tanker.

TSGT John Lennon is our swinging bachelor. He is one of our part-timers. John has been certified as an EMT and hopes to join the Boston Fire Department. John has 1,095 flying hours 1,095 tanker.

SSGT Scott Brown left our unit. He has joined the New Jersey Air Guard and works for the New Jersey Public Works Dept. Good luck, Scott.

SSGT Glen Senechal - now here's a happy camper. Glen is happily married and lives in Stratham. Glen works as a postal carrier for the U.S. Post office. Glen has 577 flying hours 577 tanker.

SSGT Daryl Pettis is a 509th transplant. Not only did he join the guard, but his wife joined our clinic. Daryl has been with us for about a year and a half. He works as a guard bum and is planning to go to the NCO Academy. Daryl has 2,122 flying hours 2,122 tanker.

SGT Mark Giovannettone we call T-Tone for short. He's our baby boom, but not for long. Mark has 484 flying hours 484 tanker.

Next we have our real baby booms. They are the ones who have just gotten back. They are:

John Gibb is currently employed at Wentworth by the Sea golf course and has just come back from school. John has 85 flying hours 85 tanker.

David Lajoy was a technician in our supply section. David, like John Gibb, has also just returned from school. David has 85 flying hours 85 tanker.

Elain Derota will be our first Boomette. She's a machinist at the Portsmouth Navy yard and will be attending Boom school some time in June.

Well, last but not least, SSGT Marc St. Cyr. Not much has changed for me. I'm happily married and employed at Public Service Company of New Hampshire. I have 634 flying hours 634 tanker.

As always, anyone interested in openings or, if you are in the area, please call.

Comm (603) 430-2452 Boom pod
(603) 430-2459 OPS

Autovon 852-2452 Boom pod
852-2459 OPS

Till next time!

Very truly yours,

Marc P. St. Cyr

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P.S. - Fly safe!



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 55TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA 68113-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DO23

28 Mar 89

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: CMSgt Elzey G. Richardson

Hi, from Offutts (CSA) Boomers. We would like to wish all Boom operators well and hope that it is a good year for everyone.

I moved over here from the 2 ACCS in December after 2½ years. I feel I did a good job there. I brought in 10 babybooms, built a training program, got them flying category qualified and even put one through instructor school before I left. I hope they all stay with the program and move up the ladder.

CSA is a different ballgame. We fly C-135 and NKC-135 aircraft. These aircraft have been fitted with TWA interiors and carry 76 Pax. We have no boom on our aircraft so we fly 514 to stay current. The boom runs the same checklist with a few differences. On Engine Start the boom operator runs the over head panel and makes departure radio calls. On Refueling Stop the boom does the refueling then pre-flight the cockpit for Engine Start. We fly in and out of military and civilian airports carrying everything from Space A Pax to congressmen. It is an interesting job and adds a different aspect to flying, we welcome anyone on board if we are in your area.

Hi and goodbye to CMSgt Larry Bruno, a long time friend. Good luck in your future. Good luck to all boomers making the break to civilian life. I hope the transition is a smooth one.

We have had a few bad years as far as 135 accidents are considered, we have lost many good men and it should be sobering to everyone, "Don't be afraid to speak up if you see something wrong," don't let someone lead you down the path of no return. Know your job, know your aircraft and let it be known that "you are part of the crew".

I know there are many changes occurring in the field, one of the biggest is lack of flying also a boom force that keeps getting younger. Over the next few years things probably won't improve a great deal with all the cuts in the military. If it seems like you can't see any light at the end of the tunnel remember in a few years it will all turn around (it always does). Don't become discouraged things will improve.

Goodluck to everyone and keep on flying. We can be reached at Offutt at 294-2616, give us a call when you are in town. We like to hear how things are going.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



SEPTEMBER 18, 1947

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Our Line up:

SMSgt Tyler M. Davis	27 years and still flying
MSgt Jackie Park	9,000 hrs, can't be all bad
MSgt Dennis Thornburg	"hooters look out"
TSgt Michael Schellerer	you're going where! "I'll take it"
SSgt Ted Gunhus	The plans are in the mail

Tyler M. Davis

TYLER M. DAVIS, SMSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

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FROM: 160 AREFG

SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: ALL BOOMS

GREETING AND SALUTATIONS. WE ARE PRESENTLY TRYING TO WADE THRU A VERY WET AND DREARY SPRING IT'S BEEN RAINING FOR THE SIX MONTHS AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY WILL CONTINUE UNTIL MID MAY, OUR TWO SEASONS RAINY & SUMMER. WE ARE STANDING BY AWAITING OUR ROBUST AIRPLANES AND SECOND LINE OF ALERT THIS WILL ADD THREE AGR CREWS AND MORE SCHEDULING FUN! MAY UTA THE BOOM SECTION IS GOING ON A SURVIVAL TRAINING CAMP HE WHO DRINKS AND EATS THE MOST WINS. SURPRISING AS IT MAY SEEM BUT THERE IS INTEREST FROM THE OTHER SECTIONS OF NOTORIETY BUDMAN (NAV) PRIOR ENLISTED MAN AND THE NAME PROVES IT! WE DON'T MIND BEING SEEN WITH HIM, BUT THE OTHERS?

OUR LINE UP RETIRED

FART MSGT AL MOGE - AFTER ONLY 38 YEARS AND 8000 HRS AND GOD ONLY NOW HOW MANY ALERT TOURS THE BOOMS STOWED FEB 89 THE OLDEST BOOM ON CONTINUES FLIGHT STATUS. NOW RESIDES NEAR PATRICK AFB FL. SURE ARE ALLOT OF TRIPS TO THAT AREA.

FOX CMSGT TOM FOSTER - THE BOSS AND STILL SECRETARY OF THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION.

DJ SMSGT DON HARRIS - THE BLACK HAT GUY RECENTLY DIVORCED BUT IS DOING MUCH BETTER NOW!

ICE TSGT ALLEN BERG - BOOM SCHEDULER AND STILL ONLY HAS TWO KIDS A WIFE A DOG A CAT AND DRIVING A BEAT UP OLD TRUCK WITH NO GAS. THIS PROBLEM WAS SOLVED WHEN HE MADE TSGT 1st OF THE YEAR.

FALCON TSGT DICK GREIN - WORKS UP AT DOX. NEVER HAVE YOU SEEN A BIG MAN MOVE SO FAST AND DO SO MUCH!

PIG PEN MSGT BILL MCIVER - HAD A NICE TRUCK WHEN HE GOT HERE BUT HE DID THE UNTHINKABLE HE LET HIS GIRL FRIEND DRIVE IT NO SHE DIDN'T WRECK IT ITS WORSE THAN THAT NOW HE DRIVES AN OLD OMNI THAT SOME TIMES RUNS. SHE DRIVES HIS TRUCK. WE EXPECT HE BUYS ANOTHER CAR WITH ALL THAT MSGT PAY.

TIMBO SSGT TIM CAUDILL - HASN'T BEEN ON ENOUGH TRIPS YET HIS WIFE ISN'T DUE YET LAWN SURE LOOKS GOOD THOUGH. KEEPS UP ON HIS P.E. BOWLING AND SOFTBALL KEEP THIS MAN BUSY.

PART TIMERS.

REAL 'T' MAN **SSGT GARY BANNER** - RECENTLY SELECTED TO GO TO PILOT TRAINING (1 OF 2)

TAB **SSGT TOM BURSK** - WORKS AT WKRP IN OXFORD STILL GOING TO SCHOOL SMARTEST OF ALL THE YOUNG GUYS DOESN'T WANT TO BE A PILOT OR A NAV LIKES BEING A BOOM AND HAS THE HANDS TO BE A GOOD ONE.

IRISH **MSGT JOHN COLLINS** - SAYS IT'S GETTING EASIER TO RECOVER FROM SAINT PATRICKS DAY COULD BE THE AGE A CREEPING ?

PETE **MSGT PETE FENTRESS** - DOESN'T COMPLAIN ENOUGH CAUSE WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TO SAY ABOUT HIM. DOES A GOOD JOB.

LATE **TSGT MATT FOSTER** - WIFE JUST DON LOADED ANOTHER BOY THE OTHER DAY. AKA FOXII

HOLLYWOOD **SSGT BOB GARVIN** - I DO BELIEVE HIS WIFE IS TAMING THE BEAST ALSO PILOT SELECTEE #2 GOING TO FLY A SINGLE ENGINE BOMBER AT SPRINGFIELD OH. A-7 SHOULD GRADUATE FROM OSU THIS SPRING.

SNOOKIM **SRA PAUL HUGHES** - WHEN HE TALKS THE WOMEN LISTEN. WE THINK HE WILL GO FOR A TRY AT A PILOT SLOT IN THE FUTURE. NOW ATTENDING OSU.

T.K. **SMSGT TERRY KERR** - THE NEW SECTION HEAD WITH HIS NEW **SMGT** WE HAD TO CHANGE HIS HANDLE FROM STINKER CAUSE WITH ALL THE FLACK HE'S GOIN TO CATCH HE WILL REALLY SMELL LIKE A ROSE. BY THE WAY WERE'S MATT.

LUNIE **TSGT LONNIE MCLAUGHLIN** - CURRENTLY FLYING FOR EJA HOPES TO GET A JOB AS A PILOT WITH THE AIRLINES SOON.

HOSEBUCKET **MSGT CHRIS NEITZELT** - REALLY LIKES THE NICE SUNNY DAYS WE RARELY HAVE HE'S THREATENED MY LIVELY HOOD IF THEY DON'T QUIT FALLING ON THE DAY'S HE'S ON ALERT. JUST PLANT THE COWS IN THE RAIN.

EASY **TSGT ED SMITH** - UNFORTUNATELY IN LITIGATION WITH HIS WIFE. JUST RETIRED FROM A T&T AND LOOKING TO FILL THE SCHEDULE. DON'T YOU TALK PATCHES WITH THIS ONE, OR YOU'LL BE LATE TO.

DANCIN **TSGT DAN THOMAS** - CURRENTLY LOOKING TOWARDS THE 1990 OPLIMICS VOLLEY BALL BEEN GOOD TO ME.

UNFORTUNATELY WE CAN NO LONGER FILL THESE PAGES WITH LIES DREAMS AND TRUTHS WE HAVE NO MORE PEOPLES. SO WE SHALL PART.

TANKER TAILS TO YOU UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.



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PEASE AFB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

FROM: 509 AREFS

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All BOOMS



Greetings from the 509th Booms. Our base is on the closure list, but it will be business as usual for a year or so. This is one good deal that won't be available any more, sorry. The weather was pretty mild to us this year. As the nice weather approaches all of us are getting ready for the O.R.I. and CEVG and other significant events. Since the election, President Bush gets more attention when he arrives, and it always makes life interesting for everyone on the flight line.

This has been a busy year for all of us here at Pease. The big topic is where everyone will be going in a year or so. We had a few BOOMS move on to other places this year, TODD (aka EARL) WEAVER retired and is doing fine at home in Pennsylvania. BETH TYC (our frequent flier) took advantage of the roll back and entered the civilian life, she couldn't leave the BOOM field totally, she will hopefully be terrorizing the Milwaukee Air Guard soon. SRA DANNY WELLS left us for Malstrom AFB MT, he wanted to be around more wilderness, and small furry animals. Our program manager MSGT PAUL CHRISTENSEN is a SMSGT selectee and it won't help, he will still have to substitute alert tours. We received four new BOOMS this year, two babies, one cross trainee and one pcs. AIC CHRIS PARRISH came to us from Dyess AFB TX. We had to brush some of the glass from the B-1B windscreen off his flight suit when he arrived. AMN RANDY POLITE arrived from CCTS and still smells new, we had to confiscate his oujia (weegee) board when he arrived. AMN TOM MARCOTTE is also fresh from CCTS and has a phobia against pulling alert, often injuring himself to avoid pulling a tour. In most cases we don't give much credit to the Security Police for being very bright, but SGT DON TEMPLETON got smart, applied for cross-training and is now at the school house in California.

This year the annual BOOM BEACH PARTY was a great success and a good time was had by all. TSGT AL BOOTHBY is available for crowd control at any social event, or if you ever run into the NEBRASKA STATE football defensive unit in a parking lot.

From MIGHTY WARRIOR to RED FLAG it has been a successful year and a lot of good training accomplished this year. TSGT AL BOOTHBY, BOOM Training NCOIC has implemented many new programs to get the BOOMS more involved in many areas and to broaden their involvement in the crew awareness areas. They involve systems tests, associated directive study, better crew coordination and rewriting every lesson plan for boom operators ground training requirements.

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We would like to hear from other units on their programs, or if you have any questions on ours, please give us a call AUTOVON 852-3391, lets share those ideas.

Let me now introduce some of SACs finest WARRIORS (who all have very low cholesterol)

STAFF

SMSGT TOM COLE - Resident manager of the alert facility, keeping busy by maxing all the scores on the video games.

MSGT PAUL CHRISTENSEN - SMSGT selectee is currently the Program Manager and is our resident photo journalist.

MSGT ED JACKSON - Breath of death is still our scheduler and just recently certified to pull alert - but will never schedule himself for it.

TSGT AL BOOTHBY - AL is currently our training NCOIC, AL spends a lot of time TDY hooked up to an I.V. or spending time rapping with the front line of some NCAA football team.

TSGT ED DUNHAM - FAST EDDIE has moved to Happy Valley Rest Home down at the end of the Squadron (PEASE TANKER TASK FORCE) if you go through be sure to talk loud so they can hear you. BEWARE OF THE HOT TUB!

STAN/EVAL

S-101 MSGT PHIL ROGERS - This year PHIL has two Trans Ams and is looking for another girlfriend and for his health he requested not to go to MIGHTY WARRIOR with AL BOOTHBY.

S-102 SSGT PETE ABRALDES - At RED FLAG Pete was almost unable to return back into the states when he went to Tijuana. Was unable to bring the velvet Elvis portrait across the border.

S-103 SSGT JOHN DONOHUE - Alias The Land Shark - will be departing the service for the civilian world. His son is currently serving time for pulling the alarm at the NCO club.

A FLIGHT

S-110 MSGT FRED CALKIN - FRED is back on a crew and eagerly awaiting his new assignment in SPAIN, they will be amazed at the size of his head.

R-111 AMN RANDY POLITE - RANDY has had his ouija board confiscated due to suspected satanic rituals done on past checkrides. Often referred to as CHAUCHIE.

E-112 AMN DOUG BLOOM - DOUG has done well but isn't happy with the dorms and can be found trying to decorate them. He really gets along with the maintenance troops (really gets along).

R-113 SGT MICHAEL STEINKRAUS - GREAT GUY, BRILLIANT PERFORMER. The man of many nick names - Sky Nazi - Huntz "The U boat commander", Abdule and on and on. Great fun in the hot tub showing all the girls how his submarine works. (also the guy writing this)

R-114 SGT RICHARD FURMAN - BIG DICK just returned from CFIC at Castle and hasn't injured anybody YET, but anything is possible.

B-FLIGHT

S-120 TSGT JOHN YAGER - (Resident Inspector General) Still on a crew, JOHN goes on TDYs and is still able to cause trouble because he wants to see if the system works.

R-121 AIC CHRIS PARRISH - (STEALTH BOOM) We heard a rumor he is in our squadron but we do not see much of him.

E-122 SGT JAMES BIGGS - (CHIEF BIGGS AND CINC DORM) JIM seems to like native forms of dancing and breaking glass to songs from Pink Floyd. Likes to get physically involved with the natives. 2ND in command in training flight (wants to be #1 soooooo bad).

R-123 AIC TOM RAU - TOM still hasn't grown much. Keeps track of the boom fund. Has always got a lot of cash available and could be the reason all boom operators are about to be indicted by the GAO.

R-124 SSGT MIKE CASEY - (SNAKE) MIKE recently recieved his leather jacket and to date, has not taken it off. Do you think the CINC would mind a few studs here or there. How about some long dangley frill down the sleeve, or better yet a very large painting of a PHANTOM KNIGHT on the back.

C-FLIGHT

E-130 SSGT JOEL ESTES - Our resident DeeJay. Has a hot stack of was, oldies but goodies, Top 40, C&W - oh excuse me I was thinking of another DJ. Also still refuses to fly with his pet stuffed snake.

E-130 (2nd String - B Team, etc) AMN TOM MARCOTTE - (CRASH) was extremely impressive until his 1st alert tour where he ended up on the injured reserve list. (Pretty weak)

R-131 SGT BRIAN BARTHLOW - "I'am going to Barksdale to fly KC-10s, my wife has her assignment and I'am going join spouse." Overheard on alert 8 months ago. Still here.

E-132 KEN ROTHROCK - Sometimes him and Al Boothby see eye to eye (if Al stoops down) sometimes they don't see eye to eye and Al has to do some serious talking.

R-133 SRA STEVE MASON - Sloth, Pepsi Poster Child, Precious. This has been a very busy time for Steve, NCO prep school TDYs, and a pending wedding. Don't ask any of the other booms how he found a girl to marry.

R-134 SSGT KEN BOWERMAN - He has the gypsy in his soul. Does a lot of moving around. Presently in the dorm - a very temporary location - wants to know if they allow jet skis on the ocean in beautiful Minot, North Dakota. A special note to the 906th Booms - call the flight surgeons office and make a standing appointment for Ken, he gets sick a lot.



Reply to 310th/380th AREFS

Subject Boom Signal

To 8th AF/DOTTK (CMS Richardson)

It does not seem possible that a year has passed and it is time for another Boom Signal. We, here at Plattsburgh, have been very busy, so I will get right into what has been happening.

Last year, our booms were tasked with many interesting and demanding missions. Two such missions were the Mighty Sword and Mighty Warrior exercises. Both of these exercises put the cargo loading knowledge of our boom operators to a difficult test. We were tasked to airlift numerous pieces of equipment that we had never seen before. The boom operators had some minor problems with placement and shoring of the cargo. Msgr Vince Ruck, 380th BMW Cargo Loading Manager, revised the Cargo Loading Training Program to include these pieces of equipment and make our boom operators more proficient in loading all types of cargo.

The next problem we have is with air refueling track time. Here, at Plattsburgh, the bombers build their low level time so they must depart the A/R track early. If anyone else in the command is having this problem, I would like to hear your solution.

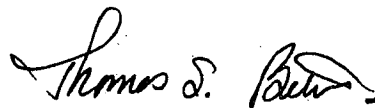
We were also paid a visit by the folks from CEVG Tactics. They flew with numerous crews and also checked out our training programs. Although the results were not graded, they were pleased with what they saw.

To sum up, things here at the Burgh are going very well. We have a fine group of booms, who are up to any challenge and are looking forward to another good year.

If anyone of our fellow air refuelers happens to stop by Plattsburgh, please stop by the boom shop. We would be more than happy to show you what Plattsburgh has to offer.



Msgr Steve Burkush



SMS Tom Betrus

Boom Operators at Plattsburgh

380th Booms

S-101 Msgt Steve Bacon, Chief Stan/Eval Boom
S-102 Tsgt Pete Tripi
S-110 Tsgt Don Fischer, Flight Commander Boom
R-111 Sgt Merv Arthurton, IBO, selected for CCTS duty at Castle.
R-112 A1C Elouise Davis
R-113 A1C Vicki Bowman
R-114 A1C Pat Hopping
S-120 SSgt Ranyy Smith, Flight Commander Boom
E-121 SSgt Dennis O'Grady/AMN Brian Hughes
E-122 A1C Gordy Ringler
R-123 A1C John Keiningham
R-124 Sgt Jeff Magee, IBO. PCS to Hickam in November.
R-125 Sgt Phil Blaisse
S-130 Tsgt Roger Barrett, Flight Commander Boom
R-131 Tsgt Crosslin Smith, IBO
R-133 SRA Kraig Coates
R-133 SSgt George Samataro
R-134 A1C Eric Prince
Training Flight MSGT Vince Ruck

310th Booms

S-151 Tsgt Joe Baka
S-152 Tsgt Rich Taylor, PCS to Loring in September
S-160 SSgt Rich Kozak, Flight Commander Boom
R-161 A1C John Pullen
R-162 Sgt Tim Gensheim
R-163 Sgt Terri Johnson, IBO
R-164 A1C Roy Whittaker
E-165 A1C Dave Francey
S-170 SSgt Bob Johnson, Flight Commander Boom
E-171 A1C Dan Urban
R-172 A1C Mat Paris
R-173 A1C Dave Nicholas
R-174 Sra Todd Thomas
S-180 Tsgt Don Wilson, Flight Commander Boom
R-181 SRA Erick Turner
R-182 A1C Dave Zahn
R-183 A1C James Brown
R-184 SSgt Jody Charland, IBO
Training Flight Tsgt Wally Poplett
Alert Facility Manager Msgt Jim Hammaker
Scheduling Msgt Mike Runyan, Mike was grounded for an eye problem. He will be becoming a First Sergeant in one of the squadrons on the base. We will really miss him.

FROM: 912/99 AREFS/Boom Operators

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All Boomers

1. Hello to ALL BOOM OPERATORS from the land of Georgia Peaches (some with legs). The weather sure has been great for flying. It's April and we're already getting 80° temps.

2. Our new boomers aren't bored with air refueling yet. We have had a variety of exercises, special missions, etc. with every receiver imaginable this last year. We hope Eighth will give us a break soon so we can have a weekend off.

3. In the last four months we've experienced an ORI and CEVG. Needless to say we did excellent on both.

4. 912th lineup:

CMSgt Bobbie Hennings - Still here, still "The Hook", will he ever retire? 912th/Wing Boom.

TSgt Kevin Metz - Training Flight. Keeping busy with new meat.

MSgt Sze Tom - S-101 boom. Gainfully employed at the China Palace restaruant.

TSgt John R. Bodenhamer - S-102 boom. Just came over from Scheduling.

A1C Joe Reed - Next time you go to a concert, bring your ticket!

Sgt Eric Hudnall - Ready to fly, go TDY or party anytime, anywhere.

A1C David Pullet - "Red" His 1st TDY ever was to Guam. Break'em in right.

Sgt Jesus Lopez - A-FLT boom. "Mr Teasers."

TSgt John Beringer - NRA fanatic. Assigned to CENTCOM and trying to see the world.

A1C Michael Johnson - Tentative orders to Loring. Probably gonna punch out and go back to Philly. A.K.A. "Spanky."

A1C Ken Crowe - "Peeper" A1C means Airman In Charge.

SSgt Colon Miller - "Killer Miller." Enjoying his 81' Trans Am, T-tops and all.

Sgt Jeff Kelly - Former McConnell boy. Says he likes Robins 100 x's better. What can we say?

MSgt George Miller - Alert Facility Manager. "Pad Dad"

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TSgt Jim Garland - Another former McConnell boy. He also says he likes Robins 100 x's better. CLT manager.

A1C Bob Buccino - Schooling it. "One phone call."

A1C Chris Hague - "The Haguester." Likes the high school girls.

A1C Heidi Tilschner - She likes crew chiefs. Nuff sed.

SrA Richard Dodd - Computer wizard. Honor grad NCO Prep Course.
SRA BTZ, AMN of the day, AMN of the month, AMN of the quarter,
AMN of the year, etc.... This guy is amazing!

TSgt Tony Compton - "Tony Jo." Having fun in scheduling.

AMN Erik Murray - Has a problem with gator bites on his neck.

AMN Greg Clark - Our newest. Currently in the vault, all 5'1" of him.

99th lineup:

MSgt Sam Hunt - Gone fishin' 99th boom. Came from Castle and is enjoying it here.

TSgt Randy Seip - S-151 boom. Flew on the record setting "Time to climb." Take off to 49,900 feet in 8 minutes 15.2 seconds, but who's countin'.

TSgt Angel Rodriguez - S-152 boom. Last seen south of the border.

SSgt Nick Price - A-FLT boom. Mr Goodwrench the 2nd.

A1C Dan Henion - From Michigan. "DANDEE" is having trouble adjusting to the hot August nights.

SSgt Steve Johnson - Super nice guy. Low profile.

A1C Michele Seals - Latest she-boom. Went on her first TDY ever, to Offutt in December. Forgot her coat.

Sgt Jeff Whited - Goin' to KC-10's in August. Seymour is gonna love this guy.

SRA Brian Ennis - B-FLT boom. Last seen in a VW junkyard and drinkin' "The Bull."

A1C Steve Nalbandian - From Hollywood CA and thinks he can fish, "Perch Jerker."

A1C Michael Hammond - "There's a new sheriff in town, and his name is Reggie Hammond."

A1C Shane Sanders - Florida boy. Spends more time there than here.

SSgt Jeff Potter - C-FLT boom. He dabbles in basketball.

A1C Tim Stein - "The tidyboat man."

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A1C Eric Moyer - "Yo baby, I was just thinkin' 'bout you." Yeah right.

A1C Dustin McMillan - Big Mac. From Charleston, S.C. claims he's homesick.

AMN Brad Ragan - Baby boom. Certified Friday and on alert Saturday. Welcome!

5. Inbounds - Qualls.

Outbounds - The following individuals are on permanent civilian status (PCS): Dean Wilkerson, Germanine Meyers, and Mike Coleman. Jim Niswender retired. Mike Hopper is going to 8th Air Force scheduling.

6. Retirees in the area:

R.L. Alderson
Bibb Bailey
Bill Brown
Herbert Cooper
Doug Forbis
Ed Gaines
Gene Gannon
Royce Gee
David Gibson
Bob Haag

Chuck Heath
Bill Jackson
Jim Krinast
Billy Manders
Jorge Mangual
Bill McDonald
Jim Miller
Marvin Miller
Jim Niswender

Don Odom
Jack Parsons
Ernie Pubanz
Roy Rogers
Jack Scott
Gis Switzer
Julian Thompson
Bob Wingate
Houser White
Bob Wyatt

Bobbie J. Hennings
BOBBIE J. HENNINGS, CM Sgt, USAF
Senior Boom
912th Air Refueling Squadron

Samuel Hunt
SAM HUNT, MSgt, USAF
Senior Boom
99th Air Refueling Squadron



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REPLY TO

ATTN OF: AWACS TAFT

24 Apr 89

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

TO: All Boom Operators

1. Greetings once again from Saudi Arabia. As we enter the third year of the assignment, my wife and I are enjoying it more than ever. One of the things we enjoy most are our vacations. Each year you are in Saudi Arabia, the Saudi Government provides airfare for a vacation to any destination we choose as long as it does not cost more than round trip fare from here to New York. Last year we went to Seoul, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Phuket. This year we are going on a safari to Kenya and then on to Mauritius, an island off the coast of Madagascar. Patty's full time job here is with a US Army outfit that assists the Saudi National Guard. She makes all their official and environmental leave travel arrangements. This has made her the travel expert in the family and she decides where we are going to vacation. So far, I have no complaints.

2. The RSAF boom operators are doing a commendable job. They tested and wrote air refueling procedures for refueling their probe equipped receivers with the wing-tip stores they received with the KE-3A. I flew with them on a drogue mission for the first time this month and was impressed. The procedures they developed were not only safe, but efficient. As a result of their work, we now refuel all RSAF receiver equipped aircraft on a regular basis. We are also working toward fully utilizing the cargo carrying capability of the KE-3A. It can carry about 70,000 pounds of cargo in eight palletized positions.

3. The other side of the airfield seems empty with the departure of ELF ONE. The scope of the operation has earned a place in history right next to the Berlin Airlift. With the help of KC-135A's and KC-10's, E-3A AWACS were able to maintain a 24 hour a day airborne watch of the Arabian Gulf for more than eight years. Impressive in anyone's book. I'll miss the company of some good friends. If you do fly into Riyadh, be sure to look me up by calling me at 241-2800 x1118.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, NC 27531 - 6004

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 344 AREFS/DOB

21 Apr 89

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: DOTTR/CMSgt Richardson

Greetings to one and all from the sunny southlands and Seymour Johnson. There have been some changes here since our last input to the 'Signal' and we'll try to fill you in on them.

For all you world travelers, you'll surely remember Steve Smith from ZAB. He is the Program Manager here. But we're talking the all new and improved Steve Smith - the nonsmoker, the racquetball king, etc. He still waves his arms and rants 'n raves, but if he quit all that stuff who'd recognize him? The bottom line is morale has done a 180 degree change with Steve in the seat.

Below is a listing of personnel by position as of this writing.

SMSgt Steve Smith - Program Manager, cheerleader, defender of the faith.
MSgt Mike Paynter - Training Flight, lawyer for the defenseless, awaiting E-9.
MSgt John Mehall - Training Flight, cunning, evasive, fun, awaiting 20.
MSgt Pat Kennedy - Squadron Scheduler, holds the masses at bay with his pen.
MSgt Jay Howell - Wing Scheduler, getting us into the computer age quick.
MSgt Bill Mithchell - Tactics, DOV, resident Mardi Gras expert.
MSgt John Page - S-101, Training Flt shortly, smiled once this year (6 Aug 88).
MSgt Will Crews - S-103, in college for nurse's degree, makes pulses quicken.
SSgt Jerry Howe - E-110, DJ work off-duty (and in the jet) [Hand me the mike!].
TSgt Rick Newman - E-111, equipment monitor, THE leather jacket connection.
Sgt Jack Norris - E-112, road hog, recently married a dental tech, say ahh.
TSgt Bill Medberry - E-113, was seen in the halls this spring, must be tdy.
SSgt Carl Slusher - E-114, one of the bikers, one of the boys.
TSgt Larry King - E-120, new homeowner, needs gun rack in his truck to fit in.
SSgt Country Maines - E-121, recently checked out, has 24 tatoos now.
TSgt Ed Wright - E-122, IB recently, Stan/Eval soon, wants March (Dreamer).
Sgt Ken Strother - E-123, recent checkout, makes good decisions (no future).
SSgt Melanie Potter - E-130, recent promotee, getting the hang of it.
TSgt Tim Malloy - E-131, likes this job and has #3 child enroute.
SSgt Jackie Hale - E-132, recent IB, job hunting.
TSgt Ken Karsteter - E-133, crew dog with flair, retirement in CA in the making

Spare Status- SSgt Kurt Perry, AR check, looking for cargo (likes chains).
TSgt Al Miller, prefers 10s to Loring but liked Limestone a lot.
Sgt Mike Mucklow, AR check yesterday, enjoys the flying.
SSgt Jim Woods, at school, too new to get some dirt on.
Sgt Mike Fausnaught, at school, ditto the dirt.

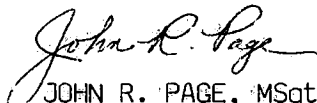
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We're having a lot better luck with the new drogue system check than the original one. Now it's back to the drawing boards with the triple drogue system due here in a couple of months; now we can be camera operators as well as booms/loads/flight attendants.

For those of you that haven't gotten the scoop on the triple drogue system, because of the way our aircraft is designed, we cannot physically see the wing tips from the ARO station; we have relied on mirrors to check on receivers in the observation position(s). Now with drogue assemblies on both wings we will have a camera that has about a 300 degree sweep to monitor the drogue refuelings. When this isn't being used in a refueling capacity, we can use the camera to check the main landing gear distance from the edge of the taxiways. We'd rather not put jets into the dirt anymore, thank you, so perhaps this will keep us on the road.

Time to close for now. Keep in touch and let us know how things are going from your part of the world. Call us at AV488-5539, we'd love to hear from you.



JOHN R. PAGE, MSgt, USAF
Pseudonym for Steve Smith
(Smoke, we've always done his work)



HEADQUARTERS
134TH AIR REFUELING GROUP
TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF

DOB

18 April 1989

SUBJECT:

The Boom Signal

TO:

8AF/DOTTR

1. Greetings from the Smokey Mountains. This has been an interesting year for us here. We have had a lot of overseas deployments, hosted an open house, trained some new faces, lost some old faces and learned the meaning of "documentation".

2. Present roll call:

CMSgt Wes Beaver	IFR Program Manager
SMSgt Jerry Roberts	NCOIC Stan/Board
SMSgt Billy Lindsay	Senior Sq Boom and Cargo Load Mgr
MSgt Bob Brown	Instructor/Evaluator
MSgt Jerry Everett	Instructor/Evaluator
MSgt John Miller	Instructor/Evaluator
MSgt Jimmy Harris	
TSgt Jeff Dyer	Instructor
TSgt Joel Lewis	Instructor
TSgt James Quagliana	Instructor
TSgt Denny Buchanan	
TSgt Bill Witt	
TSgt Nancy Guilotte	
SSgt Mike Buckner	
SSgt Randy Keener	
SSgt Edward Hatton	
SSgt Brian Carpenter	
Sgt Todd Derrick	
Sgt Karen Bryson	

3. This last year we lost MSgt Ralph Chambers to a medical and MSgt Clinton Haley retired on December 31, 1988. Our cornerstone in Stan/Eval, SMSgt Jerry Roberts, is retiring in July this year. New Booms gained this year are TSgt Jeff Dyer who left the Command Post and returned to flying, Sgt Karen Bryson, home station checkout, Sgt Freddie Sunderland, Sgt Mark Allen, and AIC Ronnie Dixon are going to Castle.

4. For the "E" model types, we found out the -1 picture of the switched DC bus is not accurate, so we have included one that is more "typical" especially for the 56 and 57 models. As you know, there is a difference between the 56 and 57.

5. As always, if you are in the East Tenn area, give us a call, Av 697-8387/8388 or commercial 615-970-8387/8388.

Wes
WESLEY C. BEAVER, CMSgt, TN ANG
IFR Program Manager

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THE SWITCHED DC BUS PANEL IN T.O. 1C-135(K)E-1 IS INACCURATE. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO STANDARD LOCATION OF CIRCUIT BREAKERS. NOTICE THE LOCATION OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUIT BREAKERS IN COMPARISON TO THE -1 DIAGRAM.

- a. AIRCONDITIONING VALVES
- b. RUDDER
- c. LANDING GEAR POS & WARN

56 MODELS:

AIRCONDITIONING VALVES

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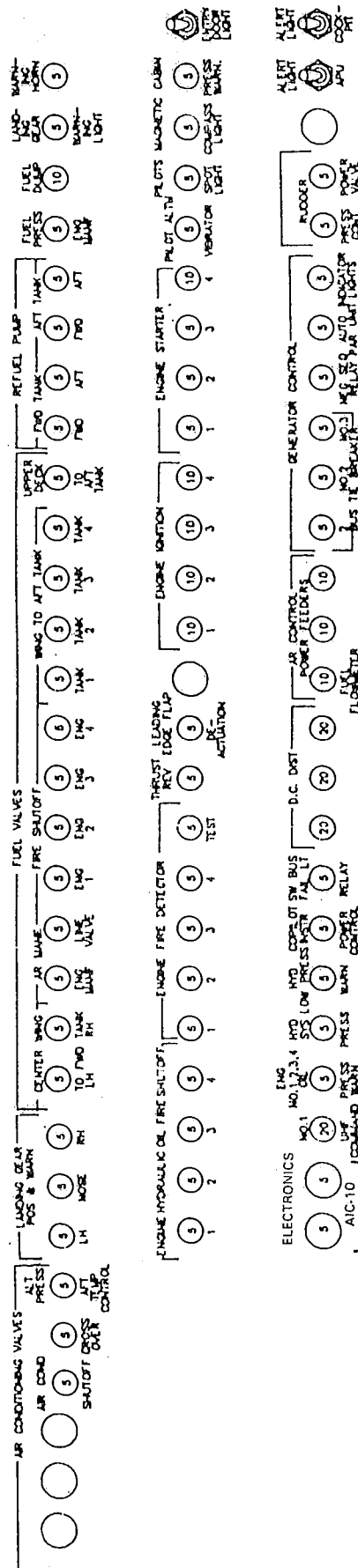
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AIC-10 INTERPHONE CB LOCATED ON P-14 BATTERY SHIELD IN LATRINE.

SWITCHED DC BUS

WARNING

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO SERVICE CIRCUIT BREAKER PANEL WHILE IN POWER. PRECAUTION OF SHORT CIRCUIT POWER IN CIRCUITRY TO AIRPLANE. DANGEROUS FRICTION OR SERIOUS PERSONNEL INJURY MAY RESULT.



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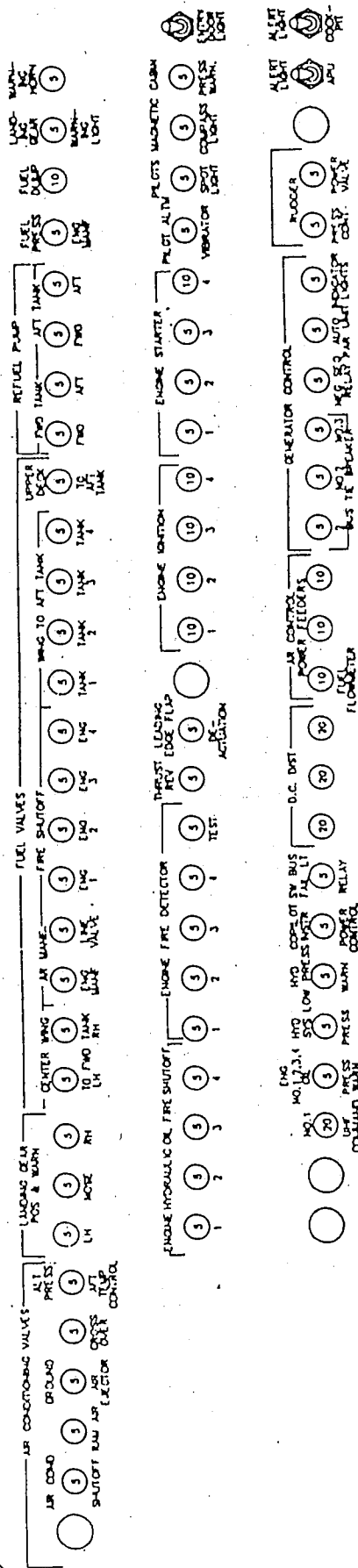
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SWITCHED DC BUS

WARNING

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KC-135E
57 MODEL

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WISCONSIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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GENERAL MITCHELL IAP 1919 E GRANGE AVE MILWAUKEE WI 53207-6199

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 126 AREFS/128 AREFG

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR

Greetings from Milwaukee to all the Boomers who don't have the privilege of living in the great state of Wisconsin. The snowmobiles and snow skis are now put away with the thought of softball and golf right around the corner.

Another year has passed and Milwaukee has passed its share of fuel as well. In 1988, the 128th Air Refueling Group traveled to Stavanger, Norway for its unit deployment. This years unit deployment is on its way to Moron, Spain at the end of April. Being Guard members, we are afforded the opportunity to participate in such excellent training deployments. Places that we've seen besides our deployments are many. May through December 88' saw Wisconsin tankers in Yokota and Masawa, Japan, Puerto Rico, and Osan, Korea. So far in 89' we've dropped in for Cope Thunder in the Philippines, Team Spirit in Korea, and a National Guard Bureau airlift support through Europe which included Germany and Norway. These places were fun to visit, but I haven't even mentioned the real exciting trips we've been to. I better not mention those, everyone will want to join the Guard.

On the home front at Gen. Mitchell ANG Base, our expansion anticipations are keeping us busy. Base wide plans for construction of buildings, taxiways, and a new alert facility are being drawn up as you read. All of us here in Milwaukee are anxiously awaiting the possibility of more planes, people, and growth of our organization.

Retiring this year from the Boom section is SMSgt Ray Bazen. Since 1970 Ray has flown over four thousand hours in support of this units mission. As Squadron chief boom operator he has set a standard of leadership and airmanship that we all should follow. With 36 years of military service, Ray is now going to become a true civilian. For those of us that know him, we wish all the very best and happiness in the years to come.

If you ever feel the need to see Milwaukee or want to see how the Guard operates its boom, give us a call. Autovon 580-8498.

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Here's a running checklist of booms that make the 128th Air Refueling Group and the 126th Air Refueling Squadron one of the best organizations in the KC-135 field.

CMSgt Floyd Polzin - Floyd's still running the show in the Boom section. Retirement points are adding up quite nicely.

SMSgt Lee Cornell - Stan/Eval section just isn't the same when Lee's not around. Is it Friday afternoon yet?

SMSgt Ray Bazen - Ray wants to leave us for the good life of retirement. Good luck and continued success.

MSgt Herb Kieferndorf - Herb is now our short timer and the light is getting brighter at the end of the tunnel.

MSgt Dick Harvey - Dick is not only busy with being an Air Technician, but as father and teacher to the new boomer, Don.

MSgt John Famularo - A new instructor with the 126th AREFS. Now all he needs is someone to instruct.

MSgt Ray Fassett - Ray hasn't changed at all. See you on alert during the drill weekend!

MSgt Ron Puzia - Hailed as our section's leader with the "gift of gab."

MSgt Roger Steckhan - Owning his own business is time consuming, but Roger makes time to have fun with the rest of us.

MSgt Gerry Nelson - I don't know why, but Gerry seems to be just a little bit happier whenever the stock market goes up. Go figure?

MSgt Cliff Klingbeil - Don't ever overspeed the boom when flying with Cliff; Trooper Klingbeil will write you a ticket.

MSgt Robert Kowalski - Bob's just another cop sometimes disguised as a boom operator.

MSgt Terry Sands - Terry's been in scheduling so long, he's developed quite a rapport with the rest of the world.

TSgt George Snamiske - A recent vacation to Hawaii has George wandering where all the hot weather is in Wisconsin.

TSgt Dean Dachenbach - When Dean's not flying as a Captain with Midwest Express, you'll find him at the Guard doing an excellent job with us.

TSgt Dave Eddy - Dave's our squadron outdoorsman and cold weather expert.

SSgt Robert Derrick - Life in the Guard can't get much better; can it?

SSgt Mark Lipinski - Wisconsin's Gucci boom. How's the Porsche running, Mark?

SSgt Steve Schweiss - Now that Steve's dad is gone, Steve will have to start his own rumors of his TDY's.

Sgt Don Harvey - Our newest and youngest boom. If Don needs any help, he'll just ask his dad. Welcome aboard!



Robert W. Derrick, SSgt
126th AREFS



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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF:

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: 8AF/(CMSgt Richardson)

Greetings from all the booms at the 920th AREFS, Wurtsmith AFB, Mi.!

We at Wurtsmith like to think that we had a successful year up here in the great white north. We started out the year of 1988 with a bare-base deployment to Clinton Sherman AFB, Oklahoma. For 14 days the "Booms" of the 920th AREFS flew sorties matched against 379th Bombardment Wing bombers involved in RED FLAG operations. Other exercises included MIGHTY WARRIOR, BUSY BREWER, and PALMINEX which required tanker support to deploy three 379th BMW bombers to Moron AB, Spain for seven days with the result of a 100 percent mission effectiveness. Also during the past year we sent four booms to NCO Leadership School at Grissom AFB, Indiana. All four booms returned with honors which included three Academic Awards and a Distinguished Graduate Award. Along with these graduates we also had two NCO's graduate from the NCO Academy. During the Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI), mission effectiveness was rated "Excellent" for the second year in a row with and "Outstanding" rating in Emergency War Order (EWO) knowledge testing.

But enough of the serious stuff, now to the people who make this place what it is.

Inflt. Program Manager - MSgt Eddie Masten. We took Eddie out of training flight and made him the first shirt. Oh well, someones gotta do the job. Actually Eddie's a great guy, and during his off time you'll find him and his wife out jamming on the dance floor at the Greenbush Tavern and telling people how great Texas really is....

Alert Facility Manager - MSgt Craig Blessing. Craig is our pad dad of our newly refurbished alert facility. He allows no walking on the walls and he's now thinking about making us use dribble plates with our coffee cups.

Scheduling - TSgt Jon "Bibs" Bibler. Bibs moved into scheduling a while back, and now when he complains, we at the squadron believe he has something actually to complain about.

Training Flight - TSgt Jerry Wilson. It seems that Pottsy was working him to hard in Stan Eval so Jerry decided he wanted to try his hand at training flight and so far he's doing a great job.

Stan/Eval - S-101 MSgt Bob "Pottsy" Potts. Pottsy just put on MSgt last month and all of us here hope that it won't go to his head. Were also hoping that the next time Stan Eval tries to no-notice someone, the flight won't be cancelled and their not the only ones that show up at base ops!!

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S-102 - SSgt Dale Martin. Dale is the other half of the no-notice brothers who just went over to Stan Eval to work with Pottsy. The strange part of it is, he seems to be enjoying it!!

"A FLIGHT"

S-130 IBO SSgt Gary Davis. Gary went and is back from CFIC and now wants to go back to California again to be an instructor there. Plans aren't set yet but he's still debating the idea.

S-131 IBO SRA Doug Evans. Doug visited California also and is back. He's still hanging out at the "boom pod" ph. # SEX ACCT , and is still trying to get hold of some good TDY's.

R-132 A1C Pete King. If Pete doesn't have to be in the squadron, he's not around, could it be that he recently got married??

R-133 IBO SSgt Todd Wellman. Todd is planning on leaving us in July to become a civilian again and to finish his college education. Good luck!!

R-134 A1C D.J. McBride. This past year D.J. has been trying to find a barber that won't slice a part in the side of his forehead. So far he hasn't found one. The search still goes on.

R-135 A1C Steve Crissinger. "Thumper" just recently moved into the "boom pod" with Doug Evans and is enjoying the partying life as every good boom should. We haven't seen much of Steve lately though, he was just out to Guam for two weeks and now just left for the ETTF.

"B FLIGHT"

S-140 IBO SSgt Rick Cohoon. Rick just recently came here from Minot not too long ago and is now getting ready for fishing season to open.

R-141 IBO Sgt Tim Pates. Tim just added a new addition on to his family not too long ago. A healthy little baby boy named Jake. Have fun daddy.

R-142 IBO Sgt John Felisky. Felisky has just gotten back from the ETTF a couple days ago and is now getting reacquainted with his wife.

R-143 SRA Patricia Lopez. Patty spends her time lifting weights and hanging out with the hubby. Patty has also decided to become a civilian again and is getting out in November to get a medical degree. Good luck to her also!!

E-144 Amn Amy Virnig. One of the newest booms here, she spends her time on alert complaining and off alert complaining. She also enjoys hanging out with the guys for the boom pod.

R-145 Sgt Randy Crittendon. As far as we know, he's still driving around his Mustang.

"C FLIGHT"

S-150 SSgt Wally Tennyson. According to Wally "I'm here and I wanna go to Plattsburgh" quote, unquote.

E-152 A1C Mark Anderson. Mark lately has become TDY king- but when he's around here we stick him on alert to make up for lost time. In his off time he likes to work on his model airplanes and dream about going to Europe again this coming May.

E-153 SRA Joe "Toast" Yost. Joe has also become one of the notorious "boom pod" members. Just like Doug, Joe is also trying to get a hold of some good TDY's. Much luck to him.

R-154 A1C Randy Slagh. The newest boom to add to the clan, Randy hasn't decided if he likes it here or not. Oh well, if he get's bored, he knows where the "boom pod" is.

E-155 IBO SSgt Milt Bowman. "Uncle Miltie" just likes to hang around playing pool- and he gets paid for it. Still trying to win it big in the lotto.

R-156 A1C Devin Thiel. What can you say about a guy who is constantly getting into trouble?? Right now Kevin holds the record for the longest time for a nap on alert. A mere 15 hours. Sounds more like hibernation to me!!

DEPARTURES

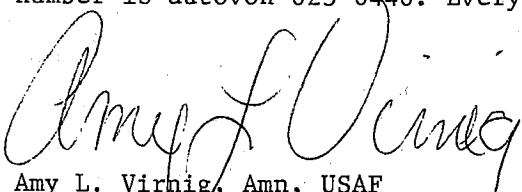
This past year we said good-bye to:

A1C Dave Breon- PCS to Sheppard AFB to become a Med-tech.

MSgt Roger Gossett- PCS to McConnell/ Boeing's new creations tester.

Also we said good-bye to A1C Robert Parham who departed this world in the 11 Oct 88 crash. Bob is sorely missed. God rest his soul.

And thats all we have for you this year. If your up this way sometime, stop in and say hi, grab a beer, or two, or just give us a call if you want. The number is autovon 623-6446. Everyone take care now.



Amy L. Virnig, Amn, USAF
Boom Operator