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



REPLY TO: Mitch Malseed, CMSgt
ATTN. OF:

5-14-90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

TO: The Finest Career Field in the Air Force

I always wondered what it would feel like to write my final letter to all of you, now I'm finding out. In a way it feels real good, I'm looking forward to starting a new career path and proving to myself that I can learn something new and be productive in a completely different arena. But in a more important way it feels real bad. For the past 18 years I have lived for and thrived on the camaraderie that our close-knit field provides. I'm really going to miss it. The friendships that I have made are enduring and will last a lifetime.

There is no way to say thanks individually to all the Boom Operators past and present who have had an influence on, and helped me during my career. So I'll say **THANKS** collectively. You all know who you are and I mean it sincerely.

Speaking of help, there are some other folks who will soon be needing the same kind of help and understanding that I have enjoyed in the past. SMSgt Ted Whorley will be replacing me here at the headquarters. As you all know, Ted has a world of experience behind him in both aircraft, but it takes a while to feel comfortable in this environment and your support and understanding will make his transition easier. Also, as Rusty mentioned in his letter, CMSgt Benny Heald will be taking over as the Functional Manager. Benny has lots of headquarters experience but he will be picking up a lot of new responsibilities and will need your help and patience as well.

One of my main reasons for retiring is that Cheryl and I really like the Omaha area and have decided to stay here. But 6 years in the Headquarters is more than enough for anyone and the CINC won't put a KC-10 unit here, so retirement is my only option. One good thing about retiring in this area is that all of you at one time or another will pass through Offutt. When you do please give me a call. Maybe we can sneak in a game of golf, or at least a cold beer.

Until then, keep-em-flyin

Mitch
Mitch

Peace is our Profession



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The Boom Signal
% 8AF/DOTTR
Barksdale AFB, LA 71110

15 May 90

To All Boom Operators

One thing working in the headquarters will do...make the time go by very quickly. It seems like I just got last years Signal input mailed off (of course, I was late with that one too). Some things never change.

Our numbers here in the headquarters have grown significantly since I got here five years ago. At that time we had nine booms assigned; now we have thirteen. In addition to CMSgt Mitch Malseed and I in Tanker Training, we have: CMSgt Jack Patton in Air Vehicles (XRHV); SMSgt Dean Bakken in Tanker Plans (DONP); SMSgt Bob Leach, MSgt Don Casne, MSgt Paul Hodge and MSgt Tom Minton in Conventional Plans (DOOC); MSgt Frank Huckabee works Mission Planning (DOOM); MSgt John Randall in Air Operations (DONO); MSgt Mark Gentry and MSgt Chris Sadler in Scheduling and Analysis (DONA); and our latest arrival, MSgt Lou Timbrook in SIOP Plans (XOXO). These guys all do a great job and are excellent representatives of our field.

We have really enjoyed meeting many of you as you came to Offutt for First View or Proud Visitor. We try to get you with all of the boom operators in the headquarters and let them tell you a little about what they do. None of us will stay here forever, and the more you know about the jobs here the better prepared you will be to answer the call for volunteers.

We're going to lose some really good people this summer and I hate to see them all go. As you probably already know, Mitch Malseed will retire in September. Mitch has been the KC-10 Training and Functional Manager for almost six years, and has done a super job. His diversity has made him a real asset to this job and he'll be hard to replace. I couldn't have asked for a better person to work with, and I know I speak for the entire boom field when I wish him the best of luck.

Some of the other losses this year include CMSgt Benny Benson, CMSgt Chuck Harrison, CMSgt Bobbie Hennings, CMSgt Bill Mullis, SMSgt Tom Betrus, SMSgt Don Pressley, SMSgt Harvey Price, MSgt Jess Schloss and MSgt Steve Vaughn. That's quite a bit of talent and experience leaving us, and we'll miss them. I want to thank all of you for the support you gave me and the excellent job you each did. This career field wouldn't be what it is today without your contributions.

I've received numerous phone calls concerning a rumor that I may also be retiring this summer. Well, I'm not...but I am leaving this job. SMSgt Dean Bakken will depart for Castle later this year and I will move to Tanker Plans to replace him (not as easy as it sounds; he's done a great job there). CMSgt Benny Heald at Castle will take over as the Boom Operator Functional Manager in August.

I want to thank all of you for the help and support you gave me in managing our career field during the past five years, and ask that you give Benny the same. I didn't know quite what to expect when I got this assignment, but it turned out to be the best job I will probably ever have. That's due largely to you, the special people that make up this career field. I'll still be in the headquarters, so stop by and see me when you come to Offutt.

Best of luck and fly safe,

Austy

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

3909 SAES, A.K.A. 1CEVG, A.K.A. SAC STAN EVAL (MSgt Ken Campbell, AV 781-3781)
Boom Signal '90

8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)
All Boomers

1. Greetings from Coon-Ass Country. It's been a while since we've made an input to the Signal, and I'm the only one available, so here goes.

2. Since January 89, several personnel changes have taken place - I'll see if I can remember them all.

a. CMSgt Larry Bruno - retired to California, writing C-17 tech orders for McDonnell Douglas.

b. SMSgt Dick Maxwell - retired to Tulsa OK, pilots a Cessna for AT & T (?) checking fiber optics right-of-ways, I think.

c. SMSgt Jeff Toellner - retired, pilots an 18 wheeler. We believe he's based somewhere in Texas.

d. Don Pressley, P.D. Anglea, and Brad Kolb got themselves promoted out of a job and PCS'd to lesser things.

e. Cary Hubbard (KC-10 puke) made E-8 and is now a movie star for the 436th at Carswell. Check out the new Pax Briefing Tape.

3. Here's the current lineup of WTBF's:

a. CMSgt Jim Reese - Our new Boss. Can usually be found on the golf course. There's rumors that he is shooting in the 70's.

b. MSgt Benny Akers - too young to retire, too old to change.

c. MSgt Ken Campbell - yours truly, officially a two digit midget. I start terminal leave on 1 Aug. Bye Y'all, it's been real.

d. MSgt Rex Chilton - Finally found a job. Rex is on his way to Lake Charles. Should be there by August.

e. MSgt Omer Crafton - was Roger Bybee's butt-boy at McConnell. One of a kind, they broke the mold, etc, etc. All those old cliché's apply to Omer.

f. MSgt Tom VanZile - Our resident pro fisherman. Can usually be found at Bossier Marine. Zip has been having operations to correct his bow-leggedness, no longer flying, will probably retire around November.

g. MSgt Bronnie Tennyson (KC-10) - Bronnie had the pleasure of being #1 non-selectee on the last E-ate board. Now devotes his off-duty time to selling Phoenix cookies.

h. MSgt Gerald Treadwell (KC-10) - See 3b.

i. MSgt Denny Brown - FNG from Loring. Can be found with J.R. on the golf course.

j. MSgt Mark Graham - FNG from Castle. Nice guy ----- too damn nice! We've been trying to pull his Integrity Circuit Breaker but we can't even find it.

4. We would like to congratulate the Boom Operator field, as a whole, for doing an outstanding job. Since we've changed our evaluation format (i.e. hooked up with the I.G.), we strive to fly with approximately 35% of the crews. This affords us the opportunity to fly with many more younger and less experienced booms than before. Our career field is saturated with motivated, young talent. Keep up the excellent work.

5. Not everyone gets to read our periodic Stan/Eval News Bulletin. I want to take this opportunity to reiterate some good info from the last issue:

a. TCTO 1099J/K

(1) This is still an area of concern for boom operators and will probably continue to be for some time. The latest guidance we have is that the use of boom interphone on aircraft modified with TCTO 1099 J or K is PROHIBITED until further notice. Additionally, Tanker Manual Operation (TMO) will not be used on aircraft modified with TCTO 1099 J or K except under the provisions as outlined in SACR 51-135, paragraphs 6-5D and 6-5E. These paragraphs deal with "Air Refueling Without Tanker Disconnect Capability" and "Manual/Emergency Boom Latch Training". Of course, this restriction does not apply to operations using the Boom Drogue Adapter (BDA).

(2) Maintenance has been instructed to identify, in the aircraft AFTO Form 781, if an aircraft is equipped with TCTO 1099 J or K. If the aircraft forms are incorrect, write it up. This is important, as not all TCTO 1099 equipped aircraft have the J or K modification, and it's impossible to discern visually.

(3) Most squadron weight and balance/TCTO status boards now include 1099 information. This is an excellent idea.

b. Passenger Supervision

Ref: 1. HQ SAC MSG 072314Z Sep 89, KC-135 Safety Improvement Implementation.

2. HQ SAC MSG 202030Z Nov 89, Clarification of KC-135 Passenger Supervision Requirements.

(1) As all of us know, recent aircraft accidents have focused attention on areas needing improvement. The two referenced messages deal with these improvements and should be reviewed by every -135 Boom Operator.


(2) The changes dealing with aircraft performance and emergency equipment (if we ever get it) will be welcomed. But the item that catches our eye, as boom operators, is the requirement, under certain conditions, to sit in the cargo compartment for passenger supervision during takeoff and landing.

(3) We all have our own opinion as to the sensibility of removing a primary crew member from the cockpit during these critical phases of flight. We can state numerous reasons from NOT doing so. However, since this is HQ SAC directed, we must comply, so try to make the best of a bad situation.

(4) Reference 1 message states that "appropriate changes to boom operator duties in the applicable aircraft technical orders will be forthcoming". In fact a whole handful of 847's have been forwarded to Tinker AFB to be included in upcoming Dash One changes.

(5) Along these lines you may have noticed that the 24 Oct 89 edition of SACR 60-4, Vol II requires the boom operators to accomplish a passenger briefing as part of their annual flight check. 'Nuff said.

Since I was elected to write this, and since I'll soon be a Civilian, I'd like to add a personal note. Thanks to CMSgt (Ret) Ron "Killer" Cain, SMSgt (Ret) Joe Peters, and SMSgt O'Dean Bakken for their help and support. So long to all the guys here at CEVG, and especially to Erskin, John G., Radar, Donnie and Benny. And thanks to SSgt Scott Vann "Alias Mel Tillis" for typing this.


KEN CAMPBELL, MSgt, USAF
SAC STAN EVAL



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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF:

DOTTA (CMSgt Endrizzi, AV 947-4324)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTT (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from Southern California. Yes even with spring rains it is still California. I am not sure about this change in weather. Someone in Redlands told me it is normal to have overcast skies until mid May. He could have fooled me.

2. This will go down in the yearbooks as a landmark year for changes. I moved to the NAF in January as Bill moved on. Now the position has been eliminated with approximately 100 other NAF slots. They say I will be able to stay and represent you until attrition takes its toll. I have had a chance to talk with some of you and do what I can to carry your flag. I look forward to doing what I can for all of you when I can. Who knows what the next few years have in store for all of us, but as in the past we have found a way to make the best of it.

3. Every year we flag the hot item that should be addressed. This is the year for screening people for reassignment to higher responsibility. We have been working with MPC to assure we get quality people in initial training. This should provide the units with the best. We ask that the managers keep the commander advised about the status of people before they are sent to instructor school or reassigned to another unit. This should keep your fellow inflight refueling manager from inheriting someone else's problem children. In the coming years the contraction of force size will require that all units have the best people assigned.

4. Best of Luck to all of you.

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BOOM OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

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Reply to
Attn of: 168 AREFS Booms

Subj: Boom Signal

To: All Boomers

A very special hello to all the Boomers (Active, Guard and Reserve.

The 168th Air Refueling Squadron became a reality in October of 1986. We started out with a coffee pot in the corner of a dayroom which still housed dormitory folks. We've come a long way in 3 1/2 years.

The 168th has four KC-135E model aircraft. With those four aircraft we've done a lot of things. We refuel A-10's, F-15's, E3's and MAC aircraft going west. Passenger hauling is a very routine thing for us. There's usually always someone wanting to visit Alaska.

How many remember those nasty old "D" models that Grissom was so proud of? Well, we're doing them a great big favor and accepting them as part of our fleet. They are currently (all four aircraft) going through the re-engine line at Lake Charles. Even though they're being retrofitted with new engines, they will remain "D" models. We actually fought real hard for those airplanes. (Thanks Grissom!) All four aircraft are 63 models with approximately 8000 hours each (New birds). We take delivery of the first one in June and the remaining three will come in July. This will give us four E's and four D's. The reason we wanted these aircraft so bad was they're configured with dual air conditioning packs, meaning more heat. Especially nice in Alaska! From a maintenance standpoint, these aircraft can be tough with all the different items, however they have low mileage and are not worn out.

With more aircraft comes more people. We currently have six full time Boomers and one part timer. There are a few either in school or headed that way. Needless to say, we're still shopping for Booms. Anyone interested should give Ron Merbach (our chief Boom) a call at Autovon 317 377-3424.

The Last Frontier Boom Operators

A lot of you Boomers have been up here as part of the Alaska Tanker Task Force and are familiar with the area. For those who are not, I think you would like it. We're stationed at Eielson AFB which is 20 miles south of Fairbanks. The winters can get kind of cold, but it's so dry here, with virtually no wind, that it's not all that bad. Just bundle up and press on. The summers are absolutely beautiful! Long days and great times is what this place is all about. The hunting and fishing is just great. Anyone who has their flying ticket would like this place. If you want to get around, flying is the way to go. A lot of the guard folks have their own airplanes. This makes for some very interesting trips and outings in the summer. Lots of fun!

We do have a lot of fun up here but we also have experienced the sad! As most of you know, we lost a tanker here in September which exploded on the ground after returning from a mission. MSgt Bill Malico and MSgt Cheryl Helgerman were the two Boomers who were lost in the accident. Bill, a Washingtonian, kept us out of trouble up here. Those of you who knew him, knew that he was a big man and had even a bigger heart. Cheryl was a transplant from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and was an expert at coming up with some source of entertainment. Cheryl was one of the original 12 female Boomers. Bill & Cheryl both were with us since day one and put a lot of effort into building this organization. We will miss them a lot! Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the other units who have lost crewmembers.

Here's the rest of the bunch:

SMSgt Ron Merbach - Ron is our program manager. He came from the Spokane unit. Keeping all our boomers out of trouble is his full-time hobby.

MSgt Keith Bromley - Keith has been in the Stan/Eval shop since day #1. He's happily married and finally got his pilot's license. Having a great time in Alaska.

TSgt Dick Hardy - Dick came to us from Phoenix last fall and is doing a great job. He works in DONO - Poor man! We're getting ready to make this guy an instructor. MSgt soon!

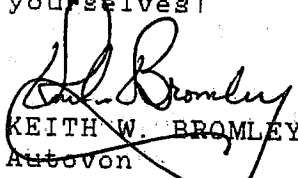
TSgt Bob Edgett - Most of you remember Bobby from Loring/Plattsburgh. Bob is our training Boom and big hunter. Just got remarried to a local sweetie.

TSgt Mark McGrath - Mark works in mission development and seems to be everyone's friend. He also heads up the women's softball team - Smart guy! Mark has his pilots license too! I think Bromley taught him how to fly.

TSgt Donna Re Horne - Donna is a home grown Boomer just recently back from CCTS. She used to be a Form 5 person. Donna really enjoys the job and is doing a great job in her training. Donna is currently a part-timer.

SSgt Bridget Tamburino - Bridget was just recently hired into a full-time slot. She was a requal from Altus after a 5 year break in the action. Doing a fine job handling all the publications. Bridget - She's a pilot too!

Well, better say see ya. If anyone finds themselves touching down up here, give us a call. We'll do something, even if it's wrong. Be smart, fly smart and enjoy yourselves!


KEITH W. BROMLEY, MSgt, AKANG
Autovon 317

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FROM: 340 AREFW/DOV (TSgt Tim Ablay, AV866-7567)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

I'd like to start out by saying goodbye and happy retirement to SMSgt Larry Thompson (RET). I guess he finally knows what it means to have the (RET) after his name. We all wish you a good one Larry!

The booms here at Altus wish to give their greetings to all of those not fortunate enough to be assigned here. As usual, the MAC people here 'still' don't know that there is a SAC unit stationed at their base. In one sense, it's better than being at a 'true' SAC base, unless it's your second time around here at Altus. Sometimes, we just don't have any choice right? But, things aren't really that bad. Our alert crews have a remodeled alert facility, single rooms, and even a built-in pool. Great way of life, isn't it?

Since March AFB lost all of their A Model's, we now have the commitment of flying the 15th AF Commander (Lt Gen Burpee) around the world. Since then, Lt Gen Burpee has retired. We all wish him a happy retirement. As you may know, he has been replaced by Lt Gen Beckel. Welcome! Anyway, some of these 'good flying deals' don't turn out to be all fun and games. Shortly after departing a Pacific base with the General, we had a crew entry hatch seal blow out just prior to reaching cruise altitude. Anyone who has had this happen to them can appreciate the situation. Especially if you're carrying a plane load of DV's like we were. The younger troops can greatly benefit from discussions concerning similar situations during your hangar flying sessions. Maybe I'll write the story for a future issue of Combat Crew, one of these days before I retire. It might be one of those 'There I Was' stories.

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

11 Air Refueling Squadron

SMSGT Dan Deloy - Program Manager/1st Sgt - is now an E-8. Recently returned from the Senior NCO Academy.

TSGT Tim Ablay - Stan/Eval S-101

SSGT Eddie Dean - Stan/Eval S-102. Still fishing and hunting every chance he gets. What a life!

A FLIGHT

SGT Steve Meloy - Flight Commander's boom. His since become one of our new instructors.

SGT Leon Limon - Leon is having fun with the married life, even quit smoking.

SRA Dom Peterson - Must have slowed down a little with the ladies since last time. Probably gone through them all in Altus already!

SGT Mike Conner - Another newly wed, is enjoying family life.

B FLIGHT

AMN Rob Henriksen - One of our youngest booms.

SGT Lou Graves - Another one of our newest instructors. Thanks, Mike Dunn, for the good job you guys did out there at CFIC or should I say CFIS now!

A1C Lou Fournier - Another new arrival from Castle. Doing great.

A1C Marc Stansfield - Catching up to Corey in TDY's.

C FLIGHT

AMN Dave (Don Juan) (Doogie Houser) Keller - This guy is a different stroke, found paradise at a local boom shindig....

AMN Ray Lewis - Ray is a former/present Altusian, we hope to see a lot from this guy... I guess, he can attest to Altus being a great place!

SRA Tex Austin - Tex is into S-10 chain saws, lets see what he can do with a boat...

SRA Kevin Beccard - A part-owner of Tex's boat.

306th Air Refueling Squadron

MSGT Keith Janssen - Program Manager, Resident farmer, former alert facility manager.

MSGT Fred Thomas - Tactics & Stan/Eval S-104. Looking for bigger and better things.

SSGT Lou Rushano - Stan/Eval S-103. Lou is still the resident mechanic. He left TDY last year as a CLT manager and came back to fill a position in Stan/Eval.

A FLIGHT

A1C Corey Brown - Corey is either TDY, on alert, or plain gone. Just can't get him to contribute to Stan/Eval's no-notice program. Trying to time him down is like wrestling one of Janssen's greased pigs...

SSGT Eric Meriweather - A new arrival from March AFB, California. Oklahoma's alot different than California isn't it Eric?

A1C Tex Edwards - Another "Tex". Thought we lost him for awhile, because of his eyes. I guess he finally saw the flight surgeon instead of the airmen that work there. He also has a bambano on the way....

SSGT Dave Passey - Dave moved from Training flight to a flight commander's crew. Working on a computerized cargo loading program.

B FLIGHT

A1C Mickey Murray - Mickey is doing real well, don't hear much about him, hopefully this is good...

SRA James Fisher - James is still going to school trying to get his degree. Look out, one day we might have to salute him...

SGT Rick Black - Another Altusian, headed to CFIS this summer.

A1C Chris Rieger - Chris, wake up!

C FLIGHT

A1C Frank Antonsen - An outstanding performer, according to the 3909th SAES. Also, the third and final part-owner of Tex and Kevin's boat. They're going to terrorize the lake this year!

A1C Dave Hart - Another one of our younger booms.

SGT Sal Iannucci - Almost made Staff. He'll make it next time!

A1C Grant Hortin - Into parachuting. Needs to use 'something' though when jumping off two story buildings! Bones do break!

TRAINING FLIGHT

TSGT Carmen Vallejo - You can find Carmen everywhere on any occasion (Except on alert), we think he's allergic to it...Used to be in scheduling. Didn't schedule himself for a bit of it!

TSGT Dan Repp - A brand new TSgt. Congratulations Dan. Dan was former S-103 Boom, found his calling in Training Flight. Looking for a job at Castle sometime in October.

SCHEDULING

TSGT Jeff Wright - Congratulations. Also, a new TSGT. I think Carmen trained him!

SGT Mark Miller - Came from the other squadron at Castle. Loves Altus.

ALERT FACILITY

MSGT Rick Hackett - Next time you see Rick, he'll probably have less hair. He keeps pulling it out for some reason!

LOSSES

A1C Tommy Zuniga - Took the early-out program and is now separated from the Air Force.

A1C Dave Wells - Another one for the early-out program. He's gone as well!

SGT Tom Unerfusser - Left for the cold country, "Loring".

SGT Durk French-- Had too much of this place and became one of the MAC boys. A flight engineer of all things. Good luck Durk!

GAINS

SSGT Jon Purdue - A cross-trainee from George AFB, CA.

A1C Dave Coleman - Will be the new Baby Boom. Straight from Castle.

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



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REPLY TO
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SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

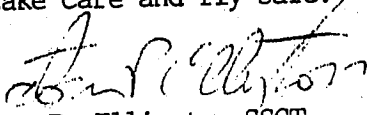
16 Apr 90

TO: ALL BOOMS

Greetings from the Copperheads. There has been a lot of movement within our unit in the past two years, we've hired on seven new booms and would like to thank the booms at Castle for the outstanding training. Now for our current list of Boom Operators:

CMSGT ROGER COMBS	Chief Boom	Technician
SMSGT RUSS FJELD	Stand/Eval	Technician
SMSGT JUAN MESQUITA.....	Crew Comm	Technician
MSGT BURNLEY BENBOW.....		Part timer
MSGT GARY DUNCAN.....	Cargo Mngr	Technician
MSGT JORGE ESCOBAR.....		Part timer
MSGT BOB HAUER.....		Part timer
MSGT JOE YOUNG.....		Part timer
TSGT SHARON ABRAHAM.....	Scheduling	Technician
TSGT DAVE HETRICK.....	Training	AGR
TSGT DON ROGERS.....		Part timer
TSGT CARLOS TRUJILLO.....		Part timer
TSGT TY WARREN.....	Mission Pln	AGR
SSGT BILL BRADY.....		Part timer
SSGT MIKE CULLUM.....		Part timer
SSGT TOM ELLINGTON.....	Cargo Trng	AGR
SSGT STEVE HANSON.....		Part timer
SSGT BUDDY WAITE.....		Part timer
SGT LARRY RAYMOND.....		Part timer
SRA CRAIG BELL.....		Part timer

By the end of the year we should be holding a second line of alert and will have recieved two more tankers bringing our total to ten. There is also talk of moving our base to make room for a third runway. And that's about it for this year, take care and fly safe.


Tom P. Ellington SSGT

2 AREFS/DOB (Sgt Corr)

26 Apr 90

1990 BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

8 AF/DOTTR (CMSGT Richardson)

Howdy Y'all from the Ark-La-Tex area of Shreveport/Bossier City, Louisiana! It's Holiday-in-Dixie time here at Barksdale. Our annual airshow draws over 300,000 spectators and proves to be a great time for all! We hope to see some of you here when bringing in TDY aircraft. Along with the many cultural festivals of the local area, we are also host to the SAC BOMB/NAV COMPETITION! If you have ever been here for the event, you know how much fun you can have! Be sure to stop in the squadron for a cold one! We have a brand new squadron building (along with our sister KC-10 squadron, the 32nd AREFS) to show off and we'd like to show you some excellent southern hospitality! The 2nd Air Refueling Squadron is now in it's second year of existence and still showing the world how capable we are! The boom operator force is as strong as ever and I'd like to introduce them now.

CMSGT JOE GALLUCCI is our Program Manager and First Sergeant. A New York Italian, he is an avid racquetball player.

MSGT GREG HEFFRON is presently our Senior Boom. He will be retiring from active duty this fall, after 20 years of service.

MSGT MIKE PEREZ is our Chief Boom of Stan/Eval.

MSGT VIVIAN (HUNT) MINTO is working at Wing Scheduling. She married husband Jeff and have a beautiful baby boy, Travis Matthew! (Who is also my Godson!)

MSGT MIKE PARSONS is working at Current Operations.

MSGT LEIGH TAYLOR is working in Training Flight, and will be retiring soon.

MSGT KEITH MITCHELL came to us from Castle and working the squadron scheduling.

TSGT CHARLIE MARRONE is working in our squadron Combat Crew Training Branch.

TSGT MIKE TRACE is working at Wing Scheduling.

TSGT BOB DOWNS is working at Stan/Evil (...oops... I mean Stan/Eval)

TSGT DENNIS FOX is also working at Stan/Eval.

TSGT MARV ALDRICH is our Wing Mobility NCO, where ever & what ever that is?

TSGT LEE ROGERS came to us from Beale quite comfortably in his Porsche!

TSGT RANDY LANE is finishing up his college degree to become a teacher.

TSGT DON CROUSE is planning our ANIMAL IN THE WOODS hog roast and picnic.

TSGT MARK HOFFMAN is our Executive NCO.

TSGT CLAY POTTER is still hoping to put on his Master stripe.

SSGT SCOTT KONIECZKA is working in Combat Crew Training Branch.

SSGT MIKE BARNES is working in training flight.

SSGT MIKE POST sports a new "Billy Idol" hair-do, but will the rebel yell?

SSGT JIM PROTZMAN came to us from the northern tier, and working Exec. NCO.

SSGT BENN WATTSON is just hanging out.

SSGT JON CALCOTE is just hanging out, too!

SSGT JEFF ABELL was our star pitcher for the Officer vs. Enlisted game.

SSGT JEFF SIDLES is our own 7 ft tall RAMBO.

SSGT "PLANET AL" LEATON is always working projects to drive someone up a wall.

SGT TODD CLEVELAND also caught the short hair cut bug going around.

SGT BILL "BABY BOOM" CORR is leaving the Air Force to pursue a career in the real world! I was on both 135's and 10's here at Barksdale without a PCS!!

TSGT CELESTE BARCELO came to us briefly before getting out on the ROLL BACK!

SSGT KARLA MATTSON got out, clicked her heels and WHAM!...back to Kansas!

Thaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaat's all folks!

You too could be added to this list of criminals some day! The KC-10 is a beautiful airplane and the mission is pretty cool! No hard alert, lots of TDY and plenty of heat and air conditioning!! Y'all take care and be the very best you can be! This letter is written in tribute to Miss Pudge (Arlowayne Wood) of the infamous Pudges Bar on Barksdale Blvd. The Lord took her at the beginning of the year to a bigger and better saloon up yonder! Many boom operators will never forget this very special woman, who will always hold a very special place in my heart forever. God Bless ya Pudge. You will always be remembered by every boom operator you've come in contact with!!

With best wishes and fond memories,

Bill Corr

WILLIAM J. "Bill" CORR, JR., SGT, USAF
KC-10 Boom Operator, 2 AREFS

P.S.

A special hello to Judy "POOTY" Burr at March, and Jill "KILLER" Miller at Castle. I will never forget the great times we've had together!

"BOOM STOWED!"



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



SUBJECT: The Boom Signal

TO: All Boom, Past, Present and Sometimes

Once again, greetings from the land of Crawdads and Alligators.
We, "The First Team", 71 AREFS are proud to announce our 1990 lineup.

SrA Eddie Elias - Got a good deal on a used car. Another sucker gettin hitched.

SrA Tom Morrison - Is known to be a master in the wearage of summer clothing. Sunglasses should be worn at all times when in contact with this individual.

Amn Bobby Culbertson - Our Don Juan of the squadron. We hear Bobby's got some good stories from England.

Amn Paul Burke - Still going to college. Maybe OTS is in his future?

SMSgt Roy Schufft - Our godlike First Shirt and Supreme boomer of the squadron. Gets his BA in May so he can make "Chief" by 2001.

SrA John Clauss - "Gods gift to Aviation." Need I say more? Sweetpea.

AlC Scott Mohrbacher - Scotty seems to have a natural talent for bowling. "Chuckel" has a style that's in a class by itself.

AlC Todd Hurd - Just got back from PTF with some very interesting pictures of that areas scenery.

TSgt Jerry Collins - Our alias "Stealth Boomer", now you see him, now you don't.

AlC Rod "Rowdy" Smith - We hear "Rowdys" a fine connesieure of Champagne at the local night clubs, but at 80 dollars a bottle.

SSgt "Alley Cat" Christensen - If it weren't for Chris, Juan Valdez and R.J. Reynolds would be out of business.

Amn Todd Cole - Just arrived here recently. Needs to lock the door at night, because you can't trust crewmembers. His bachelor days are numbered.

SSgt Bill Brown - It seems Bad Billy Brown spent more money on his new Harley, than most people spend buying a new home.

Amn Sean Sherrouse - Our newest Baby Boomer. Spends just a little too much time customizing a truck that doesn't even run.

SrA Wayne McCoy - Our most educated boom. His recruiter straightened his spine for him.

Amn Dalber Grim - We hear Dalber doesn't have a drinking problem, he drinks, gets drunk, falls down. No Problem!

Sgt Rick Powell - Professional DNIF Boom.

Sgt Pearl "Squirrel" Adams - Recently wed and soon to be father. This party animal days are numbered. Flight suits shrank after marriage.

TSgt Glenn Haywood - Ole Glenn slid his way into Stan/Eval. We're wondering if the lawyers have gotten in touch yet.

TSgt Reggie "Qual 3" Farrow - Better known as the hatchetman of Stan/Eval. Do I have to work again??

MSgt Shep Shepard - Preparing for the civilian life, this individual has a lucrative business already going.

SSgt Scott Weeks - Scott seems to set the example for the Boomers in the squadron. Hard work, dedication, and the love of cargo loading is what this man stands for. Tracks open!

MSgt Ed Phillips - Our hard working staff boomer that keeps things "tip top" in the squadron. Don't sit in his chair.

A/C Joseph Martinez - Please send me to the KC-10's. The only boom whose seen, done, and refueled more A/C than anyone in the boom field. How did he do in 2 years?

SSgt Kenneth Osburn - Making little ones out of big ones. Soon to be discharged.

SrA Christina Stone - Inbound from Luke AFB. Finally a female.

Jerry Collins
AUTHORS: TSgt Jerry Collins

John Clauss
AUTHORS: SrA John Clauss



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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF DOB (CMSgt Steve Reef)

SUBJECT Boom Signal

TO 8 AF/DOTTR

How ya'll are? From the 78th AREFS, Bust Your Ass Airlines, GREETINGS.
We've had a few changes since the last Boom Signal. These days we have a
cast of thousands...well, at least 33 and here they are.

OLD HEADS

TSgt Reb (Seldom Seen) Barton	SSgt Jeffrey (Jeff) Lacen
MSgt John (No problem dude) Beasely	SMSgt Joel (Piranha) Montgomery
SSgt Donna (Bubbett) Dobbins	SMSgt Chuck (I don't pay for it) Morlan
TSgt Norman (W.O.B.O. Jr.) Estep	SMSgt Don (Get that plane off my overrun) Murphy
TSgt David (Peacock) Fruge'	SrA Jeff (No name) Reed
TSgt Dwain (Tree tackler) Gerace	CMSgt Steve (Lighter than air) Reef
MSgt Gerald (Gomer) Gibbs	MSgt Randal (Randy) Rhodes
MSgt John (Hambone) Hamilton	MSgt Rodney (Dennis) Sanders
TSgt William (Bill for short) Hennigh	MSgt Dennis (Rodney) Smith
MSgt Rene' (Ray) Hernandez	MSgt Edmond (Ed) Stewart
TSgt Wayne (Slow leak) Hodgs	SSgt Daniel (Dano) Ursettie
SMSgt Ron (Action) Jackson	CMSgt Tom (Basketball Jones) Williams
SMSgt Gary (It's me) Jennings	MSgt Charles (Casanova) Younce
TSgt Jim (Hey Man) Knapp	

NEW B's

TSgt Luis Perez - comes to us from San Antonio. An ex-C5 loadmaster, says he
thrilled to be here.
Sgt James Lutton - An ex-141 loadmaster out of Charleston.
A1C Steven Reeves - a 135 boom rolled in from Offutt.
A1C James Miles - came in from Little Rock.



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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

349AREFS/MSgt Filmore
350AREFS/CMSgt Faulk

30 May 90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

1. Greetings from Northern California, where some of our booms are experiencing their greatest nightmares of all -- ALERT! But, when the shock wore off they realized that it isn't all that bad since: 1 - They only pull alert every 15 weeks, 2 - It's at Mather, in Sacramento, so they get an extra day of C2, 3 - They get \$117.00 for the week. With the loss of the SR-71 we lost our England and Kadena trips but picked up the ATTF and PTTF, along with some other unique classified missions.
2. "Mad Marvin" (Surber) and "Wild Will" (Galloway) made a Pier Queer run to Roosevelt Roads Puerto Rico. Both said they now know why the Navy sux.
3. Red Flag will be moving to Beale this coming October (only for one year), so this should be a busy place. Recommend that crews try to get a rental car because everything to see or do is a long walk or bike ride.
4. The construction of the new campus for the ATC Navigator Training move from Mather is on schedule. Planned move is set for sometime in 1993. There's plans for an additional runway, however, as always, money for it may not be available.
5. Well, enough about Beale (it's a great place). I'll run down the roster for both the 349th and the 350th but first we'll mention the departures for the past year.

CMSgt Ken Ingle - Retired in the local area after 30 years. Now helping "Smokey the Bear" (Forest Service) watch for smoke. Sitting on a mountain top 10 days on and 4 days off.

MSgt Dave Gies - Retired in local area with 26 years service. Last word was he's a security guard at Longs Drugs in Concord, CA.

Sgt Mark Lett - Cross-trained to be a flight engineer - Says it's not the same being a Boom Operator - wants back in the field - CMSgt Harrison told him maybe after he has 3 years on station at Keesler.

Sgt Mike Bradley - Out on his DOS - Back to school and possibly working for the Mather Reserves.

Sgt Steve Cain - Out on his DOS - We haven't heard from him.

Sgt Tim Herrod - DOS - Went back East.

MSgt Bob Winston - Terminal leave on 15 May 90. Going to Sacramento to learn how to drive an 18 wheeler. Look out all!

We have numerous retirees in the area - Sleeve Brown, JT Welby, Gordon Gilmer, Hubert Donohue, Art Krieger, Ken Roberts, Bill Worth, Billy York, Jesse Bailey and more.

6. Now for the 349th:

Program Manager - MSgt Cleve Filmore - 6'6" and still growing - It's no wonder the Air Force is short on flight suits - it took all their material to special make his four.

Training Flight - MSgt D.K. Smith - Wedding bells in the near future, that is, if he can get Julie's car repaired so they can make it to Indiana.

Stan/Eval - S-101/MSgt Bob Winston - Terminal leave 15 May - We'll never forget that laugh. S-102/TSgt Dave Harrison - Still trying to sell his mobile home. Teaches flying at the Aero club. S-103/TSgt Jim Sigl - In from Ellsworth - did such a good job we moved him to Stan/Eval.

R-111 - SSgt Dan Cersosimo - Import from Loring AFB - wants to return.

R-112 - TSgt Bob (Battlestar) Battaglia - Loves the SAES (CEVG) - Bob is still wondering how you can hit something that you cannot see.

R-113 - A1C Dawn Dowdy - Her dad is a Marine, so we are careful about "pot-shots" - SEMPER FI

R-114 - A1C Flint Stearns - "Hulk Hogan" made the Air Force Wrestling Team - Also selected for the Air Force Academy - will be a "sir" soon.

R-115 - SSgt "Cody" Crowder - bachelor again - has more classic cars than Cleve Filmore.

R-121 - A1C Greg Atkins - newlywed - is doing well.

R-122 - A1C Wendy Wildman - just left for a European TTF.

R-123 - A1C Matt Willing - puts milk on his face and lets a cat lick him for a shave. I thought he was someone's son.

R-124 - A1C Valerie Doyle - is trying to get a job with the Phoenix Guard. She plans on going to school.

R-125 - SSgt Jaime Recuero - Presently at CFIC - "Nipplehead's" Roommate.

R-131 - TSgt John Stevens - I hear he's been here 13 years - trying to beat George Lester's record, unless Rusty steps in.

R-132 - Sgt Mike "The Spike" Bell - Mike will be getting out on his DOS in October - excellent Boom, we'll miss him. Our resident ladies man, look out civilian world.

R-133 - A1C Dave "The Beaker" Sturm - loves a certain Senior NCO in his algebra class.

R-134 - SSgt Ralph Everling "Mr. Stealth" - never know he is around.

R-141 - Sgt Mike "Nipplehead" McPhee - World Wrestling Federation nut - Receuro's roommate.

R-142 - Sgt Joe Duarte - Excellent boom, never know he is around.

R-143 - SSgt Al Kaczor - I cannot believe he gave up a European TTF TDY. Henpecked!

R-144 - A1C Jo Chavez - Married; had a great time on his Pacific TTF tour.

R-145 - SSgt Tyrell Stevenson - Just returned from an Alaskan TTF. Plugging right along.

Spares - SrA Dona Vandersloot - just got rechecked after having a beautiful baby, but Vandy (her husband) got frisky and she's with child AGAIN! Amn Chris Sellers - another stealth boom - hey D.K. has he certified yet?

7. Well that's it for the 349th, so we'll proceed on to the 350th "Fighting Falcons":

Program Manager - CMSgt Randy Faulk - me - still losing my hair - resident "Old Fart", etc., etc. - I've been fishing with Frank Perry, Cleve Filmore, and some of my retired friends.

Training Flight - MSgt Frank "the Troutman" Perry - Frank has rented enough fishing boats from MWR to own one - on every Hickam trip that departs Beale - I'm going with him on the next one so we can visit the "Hubba Bubba" club on Hotel Street.

Stan/Eval - S-151/TSgt Rich "the Soap" Sopkowiak - remembers aircraft 094 and an inexperienced high lift driver. OP on his SAES eval. S-152/TSgt Mark Sletten - owns too many guns for me to say anything bad. S-153/TSgt Dean Fuller - Phi Beta Kappa Krappa Dappa or something along that line - completing his degree. Don't throw an aluminum can away in front of Dean - "Mr. Recycler."

E-160 - SSgt "Wild" Will Galloway - is very close friends with a certain lady dentist in Sacramento; he even has his own housekeys - no wonder Will has a perfect smile.

R-161 - A1C Kerry Montgomery - I hear wedding bells in the future - at the present time he is up in Alaska - Mush!

E-162 - Amn Mike Lakin - A good example that the Castle CCTS is working hard - Good Show Red. Mike bought a used Chevette 'diesel' - the only problem is that it is 20 miles from Beale to the nearest pump.

R-163 - Sgt Rodney (Lodney as they say in Japan) Cline - newly wed so we sent him off to the Pacific TTF.

R-164 - SrA Rich Juster - will take any TDY that comes around. DOS in December.

R-170 - SSgt 'Mad' Marv Surber - got married, buying a house, still riding a Harley, and wears a Ted Worley name tag - retires 1 Nov 90.

R-171 - SSgt 'Vandy' Vandersloot - made Staff and is going to be a dad again - needs more TDYs.

R-172 - ALC Curtis Harke - We quit going to England so Curtis married a Brit and brought her back to California.

R-173 - Sgt Bob Emerson - 'Mad' Marv has a nickname for Bob, but we cannot print it--Em-are-some_____! Resident gold pro.

R-174 - SSgt George Collins - he is learning how to play the trumpet - Ear plugs please.

R-180 - SSgt Dave Pelzer - had an article in the California Magazine, has more coals in the fire; I don't know how he has time for all he does.

R-181 - Sgt Mike Routheau - had a bad APU and found out that the fire extinguisher really does work - Great Job!

R-182 - Disbanded

R-183 - Sgt Scott Anderson - while over in England he discovered why you check the boom up and latched on the Descent and Before Landing Checklist.

R-184 - ALC Chris Strickland - Harke got married, so Chris had to find a place to stay--I hear he is living in Sacramento.

E-190 - SSgt Ric Kempfer - CLT manager and museum curretor.

R-191 - SrA Gary Hall - Likes to live out in the field as an aggressor - always available.

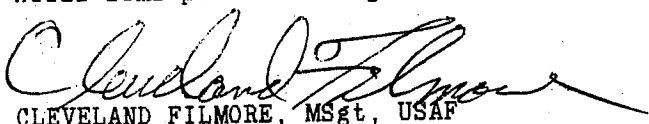
R-192 - ALC Jon Buckner - He just won the Mayberry 'Opie' look alike contest.

R-193 - ALC John Clark - burns up the road between Beale and L.A.; it seems he has met a little Spanish lady.

R-194 - ALC Mark Redden - is soon to be a father.

Spares - Amn "Rad" Radgosky - Since we don't go to England, we imported a Brit to be a Boom - receivers love his accent. Amn Mark Storrey - getting qualified and should certify soon.

8. Well, that's it for Beale, if you're passing through Beale, give us a yell. The numbers are: 349th (2359), 350th (2020), auto von 368-... Oops, I almost forgot our Det 6 Boom down at Mather--MSgt (SMSgt selectee) Les McPeak. The promotion board did not have his last MSM (5 points) plus board score, so after a thorough investigation, Les was informed that he did make the stripe. He needs some power working with ATC. Good Luck to all!


CLEVELAND FILMORE, MSgt, USAF
(With input from "Mad Marv")



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

DET 34, AF CONTRACT MGT DIV, AF PLANT REPRESENTATIVE OFC (AFSC)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: F0

20 Apr 90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

TO All Boom Operators

1. Greetings from the Air Force Plant Representative Office of Boeing Military Airplanes, Wichita, Kansas. We are a small detachment assigned to Air Force Systems Command. We have two boom operators assigned to our Flight Operations Division--TSgt Doug Hershey and myself, MSgt Roger Gossett. In the past year, we have gone from three programs, PDM, KC-135E conversion, and KC-135R conversion, down to the KC-135R conversion only. We in Flight Operations perform Functional Check Flights on all aircraft after conversion is complete and before delivery to the operational units.

2. I would like to clarify some information for you. At the Boeing facility in Wichita, modification work is performed on the aircraft, not PDM. PDM is presently being performed at Boeing Louisiana and Tinker AFB, OK. Only work specified in the "R" model contract and safety of flight items are worked at Boeing Wichita. The boom has no work performed on it during the conversion and is not checked during the Functional Check Flight. If the aircraft arrives for modification with a boom system malfunction, you will find it annotated in the 781A when you pick up the aircraft for delivery to your unit. This is due to the extreme cost of paying the contractor to work items that are not part of the contract. If you have a refueling scheduled on your flight home from this facility, please have your scheduling office coordinate to insure proper servicing of the boom. You may receive the 781 with several pages of open discrepancies in the 781A. All these discrepancies are noncontractual. You will also be given a discrepancy form and addressed envelope to annotate discrepancies discovered on your flight home. Please send this back to us; the feedback we receive from you allows us to do our job better.

3. Please share this information with all crew members in your squadrons. We would be glad to answer any questions you may have. The current boom directory has our correct Autovon and address. If you need any assistance while at this facility, our names and phone numbers can be found in the Boeing Delivery Center. Feel free to call at any time.

Roger Gossett

ROGER D. GOSSETT, MSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 7TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
CARSWELL AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 76127-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN OF

7BMW/DOF (AV 739-5216)

14 May 90

SUBJECT

Boom Signal '90

TO

8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Welcome from Central Flight Instructor Course East. Well despite all the rumors Carswell CFIC is still in full production and has had quite a productive year. The quality of candidates we receive from the various units remains high despite the reductions we are all forced to live with. Please to all units: When conducting Pre-CFIC training, take a close look at SACR 51-135 Chapter 5, and really work with the individual on the applicable instructor areas. We continually see TAPRs that read, "due to other duties the IBO was unable to attend mission planning with the candidate". What are we really accomplishing here when we skip one of the most important areas? We here at CFIC always teach, first impressions are lasting impressions, so please make sure the impression you are leaving on your future instructor is the one you want when they become IBOs in your squadron. OK, enough preaching. The following is the instructor line-up at present.

a. SMSgt Calvin T. Davis (C.T.). AH-AH-AH I'm not here to mess with you. Recently declared a free man by the Texas courts but already in hot pursuit of the ladies. His role as Louie Leak has aged many a candidate. We leave our messages for C.T. in the local paper's personals.

b. MSgt Odie R. Davidson, Jr. Soon to be a proud new papa again and if it's a boy the name is Harley. We're sure Peggy will understand. We might not have the BOPTT but we've got ODIE: His character SMSgt Ron Rock is alive and well and recently went "over twenty".

c. MSgt Ed Mikell. Watching the lake level at Eagle Mountain very closely after our recent rains to see if an Ark is in order. Still lowers his voice to answer the phone and turning gray gracefully. The official CFIC good will ambassador and takes care of all P.R. matters.

d. MSgt Larry Vickers. Newest addition from Castle. Got here a couple of months after Tom Minton left for Offutt, and boy was I ever set up. Every favorite additional duty you could want. Trying to get someone to leave so I can personally welcome their replacement to CFIC. Sold the mobile doghouse but may need to place an emergency order with Winnebago.

2. See attachment for recent candidate listing.

CANDIDATE LISTING

89-008

Sgt Della L. Griffin
Sgt Dana S. Hutchinson

Loring
RAF Mildenhall

89-009

SSgt Anthony J. Fiorilli
Sgt Michael S. Adams

Loring
Carswell

89-010

MSgt Steven L. Walters
TSgt Sharon L. Abraham
SSgt Brian S. Carpenter

March
Phoenix
McGhee Tyson

89-012

SSgt Dennis M. O'Grady

Plattsburgh

89-013

TSgt Jeff P. Henry
TSgt David R. Hétrick

Grissom
Sky Harbor

89-014

SSgt Stephen A. Zoller

Dyess

90-002

SSgt Ruben Mendoza

Carswell

90-004

Sgt Timothy P. McDermott

Carswell

90-005

Sgt James T. Anderson
Sgt Floyd W. Atkins
Sgt Brian R. Ennis

Grissom
Carswell
Robins

90-007

SSgt Kevin M. Schlegel
Sgt Jeffrey V. Kelly

Grissom
Robins

90-008

SSgt John T. Salzman
Sgt Daniel L. Klemm

Dyess
Carswell

3. Please if ever we here at Carswell CFIC can be of any assistance don't hesitate to give us a call and together we'll produce the best instructors in SAC,(AUTOVON 739-5216)

4. In closing the Stock Yards with Billy Bob's is still kicking and should be on every Boom Operators list of things to do a least once. Never knew a pair of Wranglers could look so good.

Larry Vickers

LARRY P. VICKERS, MSgt, USAF
CFIC

Attachment
Candidate Listing



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

7TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)

CARSWELL AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS 76127-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

MSgt Spence

SUBJECT:

Boom Operators From Carswell AFB

TO:

CMSgt Richardson

1. Howdy from Cowntown. There's been a few personnel changes since the last boom signal. Lew Timbrook departed for Offutt AFB and I took his place. We're both wondering if we made the right decision, but there's no question Lew will do a great job at HQ SAC. We all wish him and his family well.

2. The following is a list of the booms assigned and some who are gone on to greener pastures.

Departures:

TSgt Mike Matlock - Retired 1 Mar 90.

SSgt Greenfield - PCS to Loring.

SSgt C.D. Franklin - PCS to Loring.

SSgt David Gallegos - PCS to Castle.

AlC Jim Thompson - Civilian life.

New arrivals:

TSgt Mark Weaver - March AFB

AlC James Ewers - March AFB

AMN Brian New - CCTS

AMN Leroy Robinson - CCTS

AMN James Woodward - CCTS

AMN Phillip Dalrymple - CCTS

3. The crew force break down:

Chief Boom - MSgt Rudy Spence. I didn't know that I would have this much fun, {i.e. the headaches} when I took over this job. Thanks Lew.

Pad Dad - MSgt Al {Mad Dog} Adams. Al is also having a lot of fun, especially with all of the children of both of the Bomb Squadrons.

Training Flight - TSgt Mark {Dream} Weaver. Dream is upset that 8AF isn't all computerized like it was in 15AF. He's spending money as he always does.

Flight Scheduling - SSgt Doug Schultz. Doug is keeping us flying at all of the weird hours.

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S-101 - TSgt Winford Burnett. Trying to keep up with all the changes and answering all the questions.

S-102 - TSgt Tom Huber. Tom is our landscaping specialist, doing a great job.

S-103 - SSgt {selectee} Mike Adams. Went to Stan/Eval in Mar and is at NCOLS now. Winnie and Tom are assigning him all of the Stan/Eval duties in his absence.

R-111 - A1C Eric Ball. Eric has been under the weather for awhile, hoping to get back up on status soon.

R-112 - Amn Brian New. Brian is no longer the new boom on the block. He's itching to go TDY.

R-113 - SSgt Rueben Mendoza. Rueben just returned from ETTF. He's our Assistant Cargo Load Manager and the longest member of the gang.

R-114 - A1C Jerry Burns. Super boom! {Hey Tom Minton, why don't you write your little brother sometime}.

E-121 - A1C James Harris. Jim just got back from his first TDY {ETTF}, and says that he had a ball.

E-122 - SrA Phil Lee. Outstanding boom. He's in the Pacific having fun in the sun. I wonder how he gets two PTF's in a row. I know that I'm going to have to ask him his secret.

E-123 - SSgt Clyde Hampton. Clyde is our Cargo Load Manager.

R-124 - A1C Doug Templeton. Doug is one who stays hidden in the woodwork.

E-131 - SrA Dan Klemm. Dan is attending CFIC and will be graduating soon.

E-132 - SSgt {selectee} Tim McDermott. Tim is our newest instructor. He also won the Levitow Award while attending NC0 Prep Course. Good job Tim!

E-133 - Amn Leroy Robinson. A recent CCTS arrival, and he has already completed three alert tours.

E-134 - A1C Robert Tabor. Recently got married, went on his honeymoon, then deployed to ATTF. He's back home with the new bride now.

E-135 - SrA Frankie Rollins. Rockie is our Airman of the Quarter. He just graduated from the NC0 Prep Course, and is doing a great job.

R-141 - Sgt Floyd Atkins. Wayne just finished CFIC. We've been trying to get his oheck ride for the last month, but he's never around {TDY, LV}.

R-142 - SSgt Jon Hillyard. Jon came to the squadron as a CCTS Distinguished Graduate. He was immediately checked out and departed TDY on a ETTF. Jon was the Sq NC0 of the Quarter. This guy has a lot of energy!

R-143 - A1C Charles {Chit} Creely. Doing a great job. Favorite saying "Sgt Spence, I wonder if I could . . .".

R-144 - A1C James Ewers. Jim is a fine addition to the Sq Booms that comes to us from March. Their lost is our gain.

Spare - Amn Phil Dalrymple. Damn, I sure do hope that I spelled his name right this time. Phil is our newest arrival, and doing a great job.

Spare - Amn James Woodward. Jim is another good boom arrival from Castle.

4. We know that some of you will be coming down this way soon. We'll be in our new building within the next month, which is located in between CFIC and the B-52 simulator. Drop by and stick your head in the door and enjoy our Texas hospitality.

RUDOLPH C. SPENCE, MSgt, USAF
KC-135 Program Manager



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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 93 BMW/DO1KA

11 MAY 1990

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from Castle "Where It All Begins."

2. We continue to turn out boom operators at a near record rate. Most classes have 14 students and many are filled to capacity at 16. Our External Evaluation Program tells me that the quality of our graduates and CFIC candidates is the highest it has ever been. I'd like to take this opportunity to give credit to the section heads and their boomers responsible for our high ratings:

93 AREFS - CMSgt Ron Livingston has done an absolutely superb job turning out top quality boom operators and taking care of his IBOs. My job became easier the day Ron arrived. Ron will be my replacement and I'm leaving the job in very capable hands.

329 CCTS - SMSgt Mike Mawhorr has done such a good job he's been hired to go to the 436th at Carswell and be the new "Limeous." We'll miss him.

330 CFIS (CFIC to me) - MSgt Mike Cooley would rather fly than "almost" anything. He wrote the SKT last year so if you didn't make TSgt or MSgt it's his fault.

DOV - SMSgt (Select) Erskin Glast - Erskin is one of the best enlisted leaders I know. He's just been selected to replace Mike Mawhorr at the 329 CCTS.

924 AREFS - MSgt Rod Perkins has provided the leadership needed to motivate the boomers of one of the best tactical units around. Under his guidance, the professionalism of the boomers in the 924th has improved to an all time high.

D05 - MSgt Tom Hervey continues to keep me out of trouble by insuring we have the finest courseware available. I can always count on Tom when I need help.

D0D - TSgt Wayne Hillegeist continues to work hard on the new BOPTT. It will be computer generated images and even have fighter formation and drogue capability.

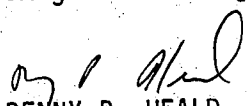
D026 - MSgt Greg Wheeler. Greg has done such an outstanding job, we're moving him over to be the new DOV chief.

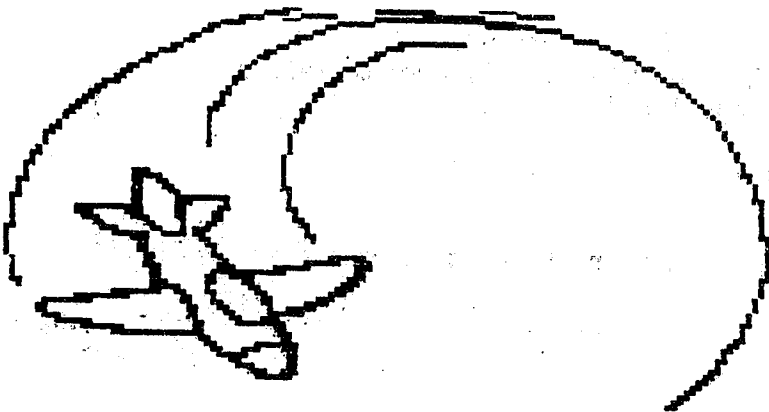
3. I just received my orders going back to HQ SAC so it's time to reflect a little. When I got to Castle 3 years ago I had 4 goals.

- Turn out the best quality boom operators and CFIC instructor candidates possible.
- Do the best job possible of enhancing the career of our good boom operators.
- Get the boom operators to be more cohesive, to pull together and to take care of our own problems.
- To fly and train safe.

Thanks to the outstanding leadership of the aforementioned section heads, their predecessors, the top quality of our instructors, and permanent party boom operators, at the time of this writing, I feel these goals have been attained. Castle boom operators as a group are more professional now than ever and I'm proud to have been their wing boomer.

4. If you have any questions or suggestions concerning our training or if you are interested in being a CCTS Instructor, please call me or my replacement CMSgt Ron Livingston at AV 347-2962.


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



93RD AREFS

CASTLE AFB, CA.

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1990-91

Greetings from the 93rd AREFS. The weather is beautiful and we're always busy. The CCTS Instructors are pushing full students now, so there's not much time to bask in the sun or go golfing. We are taking our students on generations for first hand cargo loading experience. Off station training flights to Alaska and Hawaii has improved student training, not to mention morale. A new passenger handling course has been introduced to the program and is taught by the 93rd instructors. We are pushing over 160 students a year. Whew! Finally, here's this years line-up of fine instructors.

CMSgt Ron Livingston- Our leader! Chief won't let anyone use his camping equipment. Chairs are landing in the fire.

MSgt(selectee)Terry Ross- Assistant NCOIC/Training Flight. It's a dirty job but someone's got to do it.

A Flight- GALLAGHER & HIS SLEDGE-O-MATICS

TSgt John Gallagher-Just finished the NCO Academy. We heard he plans to purchase Gummy's.

SSgt Terry Casey-he's making the home brew. a favorite at the Animals in the Woods.

SSgt Don Weller- Flying his own Aero-Space machine. Ya-Hoo!

SSgt Larry Stockton-"Daa ahh ahh dee" Lost the sheep farm at Offutt. Heard he's looking to get some more.

SSgt Scott Stern-"Snotty Scotty" Our super troop. Says he's not. Heard his wife is looking for some more cats!

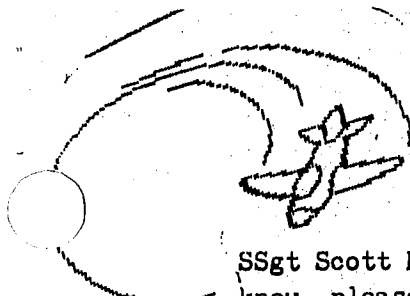
Sgt Jill Miller- Boomette & The Smooth Operators were a hit at the Boom Symposium! Going to the 329th academics.

SSgt J.C.Coleman- Mr. Golfer. Guess where he is on critique day!

SSgt Eddie Cole-"Fast Eddie" is the only dude I know that has mastered Duty Person.

B Flight- MURMAN MANIACS

TSgt George Murman- Been selected for CFIS, so he went out and bought a manly man truck.



SSgt Scott Hicking-"Gus" Where did he get this name? If you know, please give us a call!

TSgt Greg Conrad- Greg just wanted you guys to know that he is a single parent now. He's a true super troop!

SSgt Gary Davis- Couldn't make the spring camp-out, but told us he'd drop by on Sunday with the wife and kids.

SSgt Lenny Beck- He swears that generations are much more important than racing cars.

SSgt Cynthia King- I just saw her punch a guy for calling her Cindy...and that was just a warning!

C Flight- WARRENS WIMPY, WOMBLY, WAMBLY, Say, man you're easily amused flight

TSgt Jay Warren- Well, there's just not enough room to tell you what's going on with him.

TSgt Bill Montgomery- Our "STEALTH" Boom. He must be on leave. No one has seen him.

TSgt Herb Hughes- Two on the ramp and one in the hangar, without written approval!

TSgt Erik Hass- Soon to be the newest Flight Super. Just finished the Academy and much into Auto-Cross.

SSgt Wade Howard- Uh, where do you want to eat? Uh, I dunno where do you want to eat? At the Reserves, that's where!

SSgt Francisco Soto- The Saudi army wanted him back but his divers license was expired. The Mafia wants him, too.

SSgt Chico Gallegos- First student, first gray hair, first ulcer. Nice boots, dude.

D Flight- BULLOCKS' BULLYS

TSgt James Bullock- Jimi thinks he's the new Flight Super, but in reality he's just the PUD.(pick up donuts)

Sgt Jerry Swanson- Swansys' wife is having another baby. Soon he says he'll be like a Sunkist Orange: All juice, no seeds.

SSgt Ben Selvidge- Ben was voted the coolest boom at Castle.

SSgt Larry Robbins- He can be found at the NCO Club on Bingo night with the pitcher of diet pepsi.

SSgt Kerry Gulzow- I heard he's living with two wild women. He just bought a truck. OK, it's like a truck, but smaller.

TSgt Chuck Horne- Chuck still has his big foot truck. OK, he's like a truck, but smaller.

SSgt Tom Weirauch- Just finished his CCAF degree. Working on the private pilots license.

SSgt Roger Smith- "Wah-ger" is always golfing. Just bought a new set of clubs to improve his game.

SSgt Ron Dugdale- Mr. Greenjeans just bought a farm. Ye-Haw!

SSgt Glen Forward- Still working on his own squadron. Last time it was twins!

E Flight- THE MUTANT NINJA TUTTLE FLIGHT

TSgt Steve Tuttle- Sent to the Academy to prove that real NCO's can run three miles!

SSgt Merv Arthurton- De proud father of a little, cool one, mahn. (say this with the Caribbean accent, mahn)

TSgt Gene Brantley- 28 students & no one ever sees him!

SSgt Brad Hamann- Last time I saw him, he was running across the parking lot during "To The Colors".

SSgt Ken McCarthy- 10 years at Castle and just bought a nw house. Now he got orders back to K.I.Sawyer.

TSgt John Ogelsby- Grew a moustache, and got a real short haircut. He loves it here.

TSgt Jerry Wilson- Loved FTC! New kid on the block.

SSgt Jerry Head- Mr. Stressed. A Real SAC WORRIER!

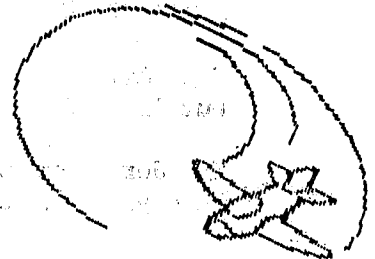
TSgt Bart Elliott- Part of the butterfinger group, dude.

RECENTLY RETIRED

Jonny Mize Tom Mahon Lanny Wayman Ed Sickenberger

SOON TO BE HERE

Stevens Estes Lively Slep





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



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 330 CFIS/DOKB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Inflight Refueling Operators

1. Hello from Castle CFIC, home of the whiff. This year we've had three or four candidates per class.
2. CFIC is striving to turn out fully trained, qualified instructors to the field. New developments create a need for better trained boom operators, which imposes a tremendous responsibility on the instructor force. The candidates arriving at CFIC are younger and have less experience, therefore, preparation for instructor duties should begin as soon as they become fully qualified boom operators. If we are to have highly qualified boom operators, we must have instructors who are also highly qualified. This responsibility begins at the unit level.
3. Training flights must develop a unit instructor upgrade training program with emphasis on checklist procedures/knowledge, associated directives knowledge and student briefings and critiques. Candidates will be selected based upon experience, judgement, flying skill, and technical knowledge. Don't select an individual just to fill the slot. Training flights must ensure the instructor candidate has the necessary associated directives to complete the pre-attendance workbook. The workbook should be quality controlled for unanswered and incomplete answers. One pre-attendance flight must be with the squadron/training flight boom operator. Two flights with the candidates acting in the role of the instructor. These flights should emphasize instructor positioning while observing the "student," note taking, and instructing vs evaluating. During air refueling, don't put the instructor candidate in the primary position. Their ability should have been proven already. Let them instruct from the IBO position, they need to recognize the design limitations in the boom pod. SACR 60-4 Vol II grades student briefings and critiques as Critical. What emphasis do you put on them in your training program? The bottom line is don't short change your people on quality training that will put them behind the power curve at CFIC.
4. If anyone has any ideas they want to discuss, give us a call. AV 347-2235/4350/4874.

MSgt Mike Cooley
MSgt Ted Carrier
MSgt Jeff Boutwell
MSgt Mike Dunn

MSgt Rich Lusk
TSgt George Murman
TSgt Jim Phelps
TSgt Larry Santine

Mike Cooley
MIKE COOLEY, MSgt, USAF
Air Refueling Program Manager

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HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOVT (AV: 347-4471)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the 93rd BMW CCTS Stan/Eval Boom Operators. We are finally 100% manned again. After flying over 144 initial checks, not including recurring instructor and no-notice checks, we needed a full office of booms. The results for the student booms were 125 - QL1, 2 - QL2, and 17 - QL3s. These are excellent results, considering how many training flights they get. Our thanks go out to the academic and flightline instructors for their hard work.

2. The ORI gave the 93rd a visit last February. The boom operators did an excellent job during the generation. The Boom Symposium was held right after the ORI and went off without any problems. Now, here is some news about the guys in the shop.

a. MSgt (SMSgt Selectee) Erskin Glast - Just turned FORTY YEARS OLD. Last year he was trying to find the key to holding a job. Well, now he is going to the 329th.

b. MSgt John Pike - Pappa John is having fun in Stan/Eval. Finishes his Bachelors degree this May.

c. TSgt Robert Durbin - Poor Bob suffered dart throwers wrist and elbow. So, he went to the golf course to try and work out the problem. The problem must still be bothering him, all he does is complain about his score.

d. TSgt Robin Hendrickson - Robin is still making his home brew. Taught a motor cycle safety course recently. Came into the office with a nice case of sunburn.

e. TSgt Gene (Chainsaw) Hagge - The 93rd Flightline supervisors gave him his nickname. He's working hard on trends and ground training evals. What a nice guy.

f. TSgt Wayne (Icepick) Isaacson - Finally got the spelling of his name right. His nickname seemed to follow him from Carswell. He hasn't lived up to it yet.

g. SSgt Chris Youngblood - The only bachelor in the office. He's trying to help out Bob, taking him golfing whenever possible.


h. MSgt Wheeler - Coming from the alert facility to replace Erskin. We'll have to break him from the daily horn check, it will be fun to watch

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him flinch when it goes off. Now he will be able to relax some, no yard work, no dining facility. All we have to do is teach him how to work the computer.

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


EUGENE R. HAGGE, 1st Lt, USAF
CCTS Stan Eval IRO



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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 329 CCTS/CTZ

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMS Richardson)

1. Hello to all you SAC warriors on the front line. Greetings and salutations fro all of us here at the 329th Combat Crew Training Squadron!
2. Well, another year has rolled by, and as usual, EAUC has kept us well-supplied with future boom operators to keep the ranks full. As mentioned last year, we have had a large turnover that is still in effect. But the wheels keep on turning and as these fine instructors leave us we import the same quality people fro the field to replace them.
3. The year 1990 started off with a wet Boom Symposium, but the rain didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended. Thanks to everyone who came. We recently extended a hearty welcome to Richard Dubant of the French Air Force, who is here at Castle learning how to boom refuel. Richard is equivalent in rank to a USAF SMSgt and is one of only 23 boom operators in the FAF.
4. Well, that's about all for now, everything else is just about the same as far as flying teaching students and keeping tabs on R-model difference pilots. We still are looking for people who want to go another level in the boom field; if you are, try the CCTS, "where it all begins."
5. Now, here's the rogues' gallery of the 329th:

SMSgt Mike Mawhorr -- Mike was selected to fill the position at the 436th STS at Carswell and will be leaving us in July. Goodbye, Mike, and thanks for everything.

MSgt J. E. "Pete" Peterson -- Still our resident Mr. Rogers, but does a good "Prince of Darkness" when the need arises.

TSgt Frank Tesser -- Frank was chosen to teach SMSgt Dubant the basics of boom A/R; to top that off he is getting married in September. Way to go, Frank!

TSgt Bobby Skaggs -- Mr. Laid Back. Bobby was the office scheduler but found out that you need hip boots to go to Pre-60-9 meetings.

TSgt Curt Umstead (Bumstead) -- For some reason he can't get K.I. Sawyer off his mind. Curt and his wife Mary are expecting their second child in November. Congratulations, Curt!

TSgt Bill Shippey -- Bill just keeps turning out good boom operators. He has a faraway look in his eyes 'cause he just came back from 'the promised land'--the Buckeye State!

TSgt Gary Plain -- Gary is our video expert, in charge of audio-visual productions (and doing a superb job, too!). He also keeps the latest hair fashion a la Marine Corps.

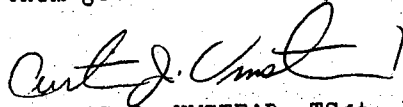
TSgt Jake Vogt -- Yes, Jake is a TSgt now, so he gets to go fishing more often; and if you're wondering, he does teach students and does a great job of it.

TSgt Robert 'Red' Skelton -- Red just arrived from the 93d AREFS and is getting his dollar tour of the operation. We're still molding him into a 'BOPTT 'till you drop' mode.

SSgt Vern Harvey -- Vern is no longer the new man on the block, and he found the secret to turning out some of the best students ever (if we can just get him to tell us how he does it...). Since his arrival he has made his presence felt both here and in Jake's fishing boat.

SSgt Jodi Hartel -- Jodi got married since the last edition of the Signal; I think Frank recently used her coffee cup (get it?). Her husband has an assignment to Germany this fall, so she's looking for a way to get over there and stay on active duty; Randy, can you use an assistant?

That's the lineup from the academic world. Remember, the coffee pot is always on, and if you get here early enough we even have donuts (the studs don't let them get stale). If you're on the fog patch, stop by and say hello!


CURTISS J. UMSTEAD, TSgt, USAF
CCTS Academic IRO Instructor



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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF:

93 BMW/D05

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

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

2. Well, that's what ISD is in a rather large nut shell. If anyone would like to call and talk to us about the training we 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 Thomas K. Hervey: Tom pinned on Master Sergeant Stripes 1 May 1990. Tom has made many accomplishments this past year. He was selected Enlisted Aircrew of the Quarter, Enlisted Aircrew of the Year, and for SKT rewrite. We are very proud to have him working for us.

b. TSgt Laroche Placide: Larry is our new arrival having been in ISD for nine months as of this writing. The 93rd got tired of him and sent him our way. Larry spent a great deal of time TDY at Carswell and Sheppard learning ISD. He is now putting his new found knowledge and his computer background to work for us. Larry is known as the "computer man" for 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.

L. Placide
LAROCHÉ, PLACIDE, TSgt, USAF
Curriculum Development Manager



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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DODKB (TSgt Hillegeist)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

Hello from the Boom Operator Part Task Trainer and TSgt Hillegeist. I replaced MSgt Clyce last October and am almost settled in to the new position. Thanks for the excellent advice about this great job Tom.

Tom went PCS to Grand Forks and is rumored to be doing very well. Enjoy the snow Tom. I don't miss it one bit!

The BOPTT will be undergoing some changes this coming year. Computer Generated Imaging will upgrade our devices into modern day trainers. These improvements will allow the instructors here at Castle to continue sending units the best trained Boom operator possible.


ROBERT W. HILLEGEIST, TSgt, USAF
NCOIC, BOPTT



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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CCF

7 May 90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the 924 AREFS, Castle's only tactical squadron. Once again the squadron has enjoyed a very good year. We have just finished up Phase I of our ORI (under the new rules) and did an "Outstanding" job. I'm especially proud of the booms who live in the barracks. We were one of only two units to receive an "Outstanding" rating, and one boom was noted as having "The best room on base".

2. I don't know about the rest of you booms out there around the command, but for AFMPC not having any money, we here at the 924th sure have seen a lot of turnover in boom operators. First off they send SSgt's Jeff Sergeant and Steve Yavornitzki to Minot, where I understand Sergeant is raising havoc in scheduling and Yavornitzki won't take his vette out of the garage for fear someone will hit it. Sgt Jack Lemons put in for the KC-10 and almost three years to the day was accepted, Jack is a welcome asset to any squadron "Good Luck". SrA James Thomas did his tour and opted to get out and go on the Rock & Roll road to stardom, hope he remembers the little people when he becomes famous. Sgt Tim Green elected to apply for the early release and was accepted just 2 months after reenlisting and with orders to KI Sawyer in hand. SSgt Patrick Stevens has just departed for CCTS duty with the 93rd, Pat will be missed by all those people that like gadgets. Last MSgt Mark Graham our S-101 boom decided Barksdale was the place to be, so he went CEVG. I miss not having anyone to dance with in the hallway. So with all these people leaving what do we have in the way of replacements. To start with TSgt James Handy is here hailing from Offutt where he had almost every job the 55th had to offer. He replaced Pat Stevens in Training Flight. Next is SSgt Randy Smith from Plattsburgh, he just went to spare status and is running the cargo loading program. MSgt Al Moser has come over from the 93rd to be our S101 boom (Lions 2 - Christians 1). Sgt Jon Tucker from Barksdale, what can you say about someone that owns a "Studebaker". From the crosstraining quota we have Sgts Chris Edmonds (ex-POL) and Keith Van Camp (ex-personnel specialist). Last but not least the BMT's (Baby Booms) Amn Todd Corey, Amn Brain Brumbaugh, and Dwayne Barr, welcome additions all.

3. Before I get to the boom lineup I would like to thank the 93rd BMW Boom Association for another outstanding Boom Symposium. The 93rd BMW Academic, CCTS Instructors and Evaluators for the outstanding caliber of boom operators they have given me to work with and last to the boom operators of the Fight'en 924th AREFS "Home of the Nitro Flyers" who make my job easy. Well enough of that, now on with the lineup.

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MSgt Rod Perkins - Program Manager, even a blind squirrel finds a nut every now and then.

TSgt James Handy - Training Flight, in at 7 home at 5 with a direct order. A real hard worker.

MSgt Al Moser - S-101, a tough fair evaluator. One of the M&M brothers.

SSgt Steve Myrick - S102, every Castle needs a court jester. The other half of the M&M twins.

A1C Lance Quenga - R-103, has went full circle, from low rider to 4 wheel drive.

A1C Abel Saenz - R-104, Recent graduate of NCO Preparatory Course, it didn't help.

Amn Dwayne Barr - R-105, I teamed him up with my favorite AC. Boy is Dwayne going to be surprised.

Sgt Chris Edmonds - R-106, Don't see him much, always out chasing the lady's with his four wheel drive.

A1C Davette Bates - R-107, A product of my favorite AC, and one of the best. She calls me the "Beast".

Sgt Jon Tucker - R-108, Our resident music expert.

A1C Jeff Russell - R-109, I think he was on the debating team in college.

TSgt Joe Gedman - E-110, If you need Joe, he has a daily tee time with our chief of admin.

Sgt Keith Van Camp - E-111, for an ex-personnel troop, could use some lessons in leave processing.

SSgt Carl Brasby - E-112, Damn good boom operator, just has all his clocks set about 15 minutes slow.

Amn Todd Corey - E-113, One of our young married airmen, just got back from his first TDY, haven't seen him for 3 days.

A1C Eric Saathoff - R-114, Might be able to do something with him, if I could get him away from his roommates, just kidding Eric.

A1C Brent Mathews - R-115, have yet to find something Brent hasn't done, I am still trying.

Amn Brian Brumbaugh - R-116, Still so new he's trying to figure out what happened.

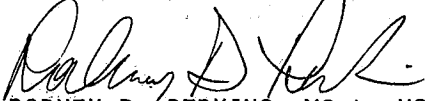
A1C Ed Caldwell - E-117, They don't call him "Fast Eddy" for nothing.

Sgt Scott Holden - R-118, Recent land owner and restorer of old volkwagens.

SSgt Randy Smith - Spare, Everything you ever wanted to know about cargo loading and somethings you don't want to know.

4. Well as you can see, we are a young squadron with not to much experience, but that's OK because "DAMN WE'RE GOOD".

To all of you, from all of us,



RODNEY D. PERKINS, MSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager KC-135



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REPLY
TO

DCMR-DAL/RBDF

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: Fellow Boom Operators

Hello from Cajun Country! The Chennault Industrial Airpark (the former Chennault AFB) in Lake Charles, LA is home to Boeing Louisiana. Boeing does the P.D.M on KC-135-A/E/Q/R along with a new contract to re-engine several tankers with JT3D engines.

USAF manning consists of four Pilots, two Navigators, and two Boom Operators, the Maintenance Superintendent, and the Commander. Our main job is to do a Functional Check Flight (FCF) on each aircraft as the contractor prepares to "sell" them back to the Air Force. We fly for about an hour making sure that every normal and back-up system works according to the flight manual. Our charter is to provide you with the most reliable product within the limits of the contract.

SMSgt Wayne Ellis is scheduled for PCS this summer. The receiver pilots better watch out, for Wayne hasn't made a contact in several years! In all seriousness, Wayne will be taking with him many, many years of FCF experience, and his knowledge and wisdom will be missed. MSgt Rex Chilton will take Wayne's place. We welcome his vast experience; it will be put to good use. There is a lot of turmoil involved with moves this summer because of funding and start up of the KC-135 P.D.M. at the PEMCO facility at Birmingham.

Mr. Hank Lane is enjoying retirement in the local area. Hank lives in a beautiful home and recently bought another boat to add to his collection. His black racing boat is running superbly; it's just little above idle at 50 MPH! He has a very appropriate sticker on his boat that says, "Faster you fool!"

If anyone has questions about an assignment here, or maybe want to talk about the condition of an aircraft returning home, or just to hangar fly, please call us. We would appreciate hearing from you. AV 940-1448 or 318-493-4895


JOHN RYTKONEN, MSgt, USAF
FCF Boom Operator

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FROM: 97 AREFS, Eaker AFB, AR

23 APR 90

SUBJECT: 1990 BOOM SIGNAL

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR
Attn CMSgt Richardson

1. **CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES.** That for the most part summarizes the personnel line up for us here at Hooterville. We should probably start by telling you that we have retired a boom who without a doubt is a legend in his own mind. TSgt Tony Britt has joined the ranks of the civilian community after 23 years of service. Good luck and Best Wishes! We have eight boom operators with less than 500 hours and needless to say, they have kept our instructors and Stan/Eval busy.
2. The past year has been a busy one for us. We deployed to Roswell, NM, Biggs AAF, TX, and Guam. Each trip brought back a new pool of experience and some great stories. We learned that the best place for a lieutenant in charge of transportation, is locked in the port-a-potty. At Biggs AAF, Joe Halenka learned that there is such a thing as FIVE FINGER tequila and after a night of seeing pink donkeys (the Mexican version of pink elephants), he added a new meaning to the phrase, "Make a run for the border". While at Guam, Troy Keach demonstrated the principals of physics by showing us what happens when a soft head impacts a solid knee. He also taught us that a TDY can be extended by multiple facial fractures.
3. The starting line up for the Razorbacks:

SMSgt Dan Jones--CCF--A philosopher at heart. He was once quoted saying, "I golf; therefore, I am." His office is big enough to house a B-52. The echo in it has been most impressive during some MINOR counselling sessions.

SMSgt P. D. Anglea--Scheduling--At last report P. D. had purchased a set of throwing knives, and was carving aircraft commanders' names on the handles.

SMSgt select Hiram Bonner--Pad Dad--Who says the alert facility isn't a promotable position? Wants to be a pool shark when he grows up.

SMSgt select Larry (B.T.) Burrus--Tng Flt--Has his hands full with all the new booms. Has an answer for every question.

TSgt Bobby Mayeaux--E 160--Resident ragin' cajun. Had his 20th ETTF turned into a 60 day European vacation. He's been at Eaker since 1982 and has wanted to go to Barksdale for the last eight years. You figure it out!

SSgt Mike Sage--S 151--Came to our Stan/Eval from Castle. He went to the BX barber to get a trim, and the Arkansas barber couldn't understand his California accent, so he shaved Mike's head. The resulting trauma caused his mustache to fall off.

SSgt Fred Malone--Cargo Loading--Fred has his work cut out for him. He has to rebuild the cargo loading program from scratch. Seems to be going TDY to Florida a lot lately. He says it's good for his complexion.

Sgt Joe Riener--S 152--Been here since May of 85. Dreams of Castle and Fairchild. Married a tall, blue eyed, red haired girl back in August, and he is still coming to work tired!

Sgt Dan Rhodenbaugh--Scheduling--Working with P.D. in scheduling. He has had his Loring assignment delayed twice. That just goes to show that Eaker is harder to man than Loring.

Sgt Kevin (TACAN) Taha--E 162--A cross trainee with 150 hours and claims to be the best boom in SAC. The MASTER BULL ---- award for Eaker goes to TACAN Taha! He says, "F-16's don't fly TACAN approaches anyway."

Sgt Randy Sharpe--E 170--He is a cross trainee who married a load master's daughter and left Hawaii to come here. Currently the HMFIC of B-Flt and doing a super job. He is in constant competition with TACAN Taha for the MASTER BULL ---- award.

Sgt Joe Halenka--E 172--Wants to be a boom operator when he grows up. He has been knocking out about three classes per semester towards his degree! Joe has some form of biological experiment growing in his refrigerator.

Sgt Shaun Lewis--E 180--Gone to CFIC. He has been doing very well as the flight boom for C-Flight! He couldn't tell me what a yoke and trunion was, but I imagine the CFIC instructors will help him out!

SRA Jeff Heiby--E 164--He is a below the zone SRA. Nice work! Just bought a new T.V., stereo and computer but his car won't get him from the dorm to the BX. Sounds like a good priority system to me.

SRA Troy Keach--R 163--Selected to be the first student guest speaker at Eaker's NCO PME graduation! He also earned an OP on his annual check ride! Need I say more?

A1C Dave Wittman--R 173--Keeps hanging out with college girls from ASU. Way to go Dave!

A1C Todd Cook--R 174--TDY to Europe right now. Has visions of the Eielson guard. Hope he doesn't mind freezing his n--s off.

A1C Randy Bishop--R 181--Proud new father of a baby boomer. They named him Randall Scott Bishop Jr. At least they're calling him Scott.

A1C Kevin Stevener--R 182--You would expect someone to be very talkative about their first TDY but when Kevin got back from England, we asked him how his trip went. He said, "fine". Thanks for all the details.

A1C Tim Harrel--R 183--As the Nebraska State Patrol pointed out, you can't get from Omaha to Blytheville in four hours.

A1C Dave Benson--R 184--The only boom in history to have Stan/Eval on the airplane for a no-notice and have a complete failure of a generator before take off.....three times.

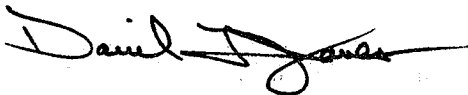
Amn Tom (Ralph) McCoy--R 171--Tom has his own vocabulary as follows; Sergeant Dude refers to a Master Sergeant; however, this was only used ONCE! WAY COOL means satisfactory or I agree.

AB Brian Satterlee--R 161--Had so much fun with the airman ranks that he decided to try them again.

4. Well that wraps it for another year. There is currently an environmental impact study being done to determine if Eaker has a reason to survive. So next year the Arkansas Booms may not be around. However, B.T. Burrus who has been here forever says that this base has been targeted for closure since it was built. Who knows? Take care and FLY SAFE!!



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REPLY TO
ATTN OF D00 (MSgt Hillery, 7-3162)

14 May 90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

to All Boom Operators

1. Greetings from the "EXTREMES", the "Top of the World", the Alaskan Tanker Task Force. You must admit that once you've been here its one TDY you won't forget in a lifetime. It's as though you have been to a place where everyone and everything in the world will never go the way you want. From the very cold weather during the winter to the very nice summer mosquitoes, so big they'll carry you off for just standing in one place too long. And lets not forget the Wing Boomer that met you at the plane with a big smile as the 60 below cold first came rushing through your cargo door. That's when you really wonder if you've landed at the right place, but as every one knows, who have been here, it's a great place to come to.

2. Now lets talk a little about planes and things. It could make your stay here a lot easier to live with if you're willing to take the time to listen.

a. Cargo Bins. As far as I've found out, it's always a hot subject in our job. The crew chiefs see one base build them one way, and everyone is all of a sudden experts in the art of cargo restraint. Well, as you and I know, that's not always right. Lets get back into the books, maybe there's a way to curve the trend we are showing in BIN construction. SACR 400-4 gives you a great guide to go by. Well, so the straps are in the way, but if CEVG gets on board your plane and they're not right, your day could really be on the down side. And until there's a formal change to the way they should be built, it's the safest way to go and you'll never have to worry.

b. Yes, we still make the old rock run, and that's the only time the "A" models get to shine here. We need all three bins of space, so not loading the drogue in the last bin will save you a lot of time and trouble when you arrive. Remember, we only use "A" Models to make the runs, so when you think of coming here think of how you might want your aircraft to be loaded and it will put you ahead of the game.

3. Well that's it for now. If by chance you find yourself headed this way, feel free to give us a call. We'll probably need something from your way. On station here is SSgt Ray C. Frey, 377-2467, and MSgt Willis (Will) J. Hillery, 377-3162. Also, just remember one thing if any, "YOU WILL ENJOY IT HERE". Take care and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: MSgt Raynor

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: CMSgt Richardson

1. Hello from the Black Hills Boomers. Its been a busy year for us supporting all four Tanker Task Forces, Red Flag and other stuff. Most of our time (90%) we spend on our B-1s. Our new name is the 28 AREFS and B-1B Rescue and Recovery Squadron. The Bone's (B-one) are picking up where the "SR" left off, requiring specialized equipment and maintenance people when ever they go some where.

2. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Task Forces and bases that supported us this past year. In keeping with supporting with each other, give us a call if you are in town and we'll show you around. The upcoming events are compouts in the spring (1, 2, & 3 June) and fall (TBA).

3. Chief Boom--Radar Raynor
Training Flight--Danny Gilson
Alert Pad--Tim Wical
White Throated B.F.--Chuck Miller
White Throated B.F.--Pat Pruett
"Ronbo" Whitmire
Pet Mueller
Gary Thomas
"Mac" McElroy
IKE Eichler
Red Emler
Opie Flax
Bruce Zahn
John Curry
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 4 ACCS/CCF (MSgt Buckland, 675-4999)

9 May 90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMS Richardson)

1. Greetings again from the Black Hills of South Dakota and home of the 4th Airborne Command & Control Squadron. As I write this letter, our unit along with the 28th ARS are preparing for our annual Midwest Boomer Animals in the Woods, to be held from 1 - 3 Jun 90 at Sheridan Lake. Not only will we have booms there but also with the Strategic Training Center we will have all the enlisted flyers on Ellsworth attending. It should be a great time. Another event coming up in the Black Hills that I know several out of state booms will be attending is the 50th Anniversary of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally 6 - 12 Aug 90. If anyone comes into the area, stop in for a cool one. Also let us know if we can help out with your arrangements.

2. As always happens, we had to say good-bye to several booms who have moved on to other interests. Tom Hayes left the active service and is now working full time (booming) with the ANG at Rickenbacker. Jay Adams left us in April to attend OTS and will later go to Nav school for -135's. We are going to miss them both. We have also moved a couple of people around in the unit. Jeff Bixler is now our long range scheduler and doing a great job for the booms. Duane Hillman is now the Training Flight Boom and is finding out how good he had it in Stan/Eval. Rick Geiger moved up to S-101 and Doug "Spud" Micklich is now S-102. Everyone is doing a great job.

3. We have also had several additions to our ranks. Sue Keister came to us from Dyess and Della Griffin from Loring. Both are outstanding instructors with plenty of talent to help us out. Dan Trainer, Roger Berte and Mike Graham arrived from Castle and are doing a fine job.

4. Now for the whole Boom line up:

MSgt John Buckland -Chief Boom- New owner of a 1990 1200cc Harley Sportster

TSgt Duane Hillman -Training Flight IBO- Learning to be computer friendly

TSgt Ricky Geiger- S-101 - Got his first deer

Sgt Doug "Spud" Micklich- S-102 - doing great as new evaluator

A1C Steve Schlinker- R-103 - Enjoys visiting the local constables office at Grissom

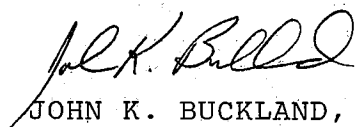
A1C Roger Berte - E-104 - Has cousin in unit

MSgt Sam Ballante - E-105 - Looking to retire in Jun

A1C Al McNamee - R-106 - Still trying to keep a roommate

SRA Bob Janczewski - R-107 - Found great girlfriend "Chris", married
in a year I think
A1C Dan Trainer - R-108 - Have Jeep will Roll
Sgt Jay Adams - R-109 - OTS bound, will be -135 Nav
SSgt Howard Pearl - R-110 - New instructor, doing great
SRA Mike Weimer - R-111 - Skateboard King
SRA Ed Berte - R-112 - Below the Zone promotion winner
SRA Mark Bearden - E-114 - BTZ winner, was to get into ROTC in Texas
SRA Dan Rogan - R-115 - PCA to 28 ARS in Jun
TSgt Steve Johnson - R-116 - Volunteer local policeman & referee
SSgt Sue Keister - R-117 - Outstanding instructor in from Dyess
Sgt Della Griffin - R-118 - New instructor in from Loring, new boat
owner
SSgt Jeff Bixler - Long Range Scheduler
SSgt Jeff Haverly - Bomber Pad Dad

Please give us a call if your coming in to visit. Until next year.


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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 43 AREFS/CCF

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input - 1990.

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

GET A DRINK, AND GAB A SEAT,
CAUSE I'LL TELL YA A STORY ABOUT BROAD-ASS LIL' AND YUKON PETE.
NOW LIL' WAS A VILLAGE QUEEN,
THE -----,

Wait a minute, wait a minute, wrong story, right crowd though.

Greetings and salutations once again from all the boom operators residing in the Greater Northwest, more specifically, the Inland Empire - - - Spokane, Washington, somewhere east of Seattle and west of Idaho. If you need directions, just call, and we will send a map. The rest of you need to grab a beer, get a seat, and keep on reading.

Again all of us wish the best for all past, all present, and all future boom operators. May we again enjoy another year of safe flying and hard partying. We hold the best job in the Air Force, and oversee the training of future Delta and United pilots. I think that the airlines should send free passes to all of us, but that is only a personal opinion. We do a great job training them to the higher calling of the Dollar. Remember, fly safe, and just enjoy life out there.

Another year blasted across the calendar. Where does time fly off to? Somehow, somewhere, 365 days flew past, and it just doesn't seem like an entire year came and went. Must be living in paradise, and lack the time to notice it.

Another year of construction for the alert forces here. They are building an alert dining facility/recreation center/partial gymnasium between the bomber facility and the tanker facility. This is great. We finally shed the need for exchange badges, cause we have no need to go to the bomber facility. Food was the only motivational reasons for entering the bomber zone. Since the distillery of heart-burn was moved to a different building, no more rubbing elbows with the Bomb-galoids in their alert palace. There is an alert God that smiles on tanker drivers.

Our wheels-in-the-well alert training continues, and I still miss the old full-stop, post mission beer, or two. Combat-Naps and the SAC Rack-Attacks are just memories to us old farts. I wonder what crazy changes lurk just over the horizon. CCRR low-level air refueling seems closer as the days pass.

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Our young boom operators here continue their outstanding effort. During the recent IG visit, the boom operator dormitory received its second consecutive "OUTSTANDING." They have started their own version of "This Old House," but call it "This Old Dorm." They are installing shelving units, mood lighting, and other features to create a more livable atmosphere. The Senior Staff still hasn't checked our barracks since the last IG. Just goes to prove, 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 crew force increases of both squadrons. It creates real problems, because we are entering the R-model conversion time. The Senior Staff keep volunteering us for exercise after exercise. This will be a very interesting summer of mass confusion and borderline hysteria. Hopefully the BX and Commissary will stock up on Tums, Roloids, Mylanta, and other needed medications. The Flight Doc agreed to send massive amounts of aspirin and Tylenol. Oh what a glorious summer awaits.

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

STAFF MEMBERS

- MSgt Kaminski - (IFPM) Mark joined the exercise and health nuts. He is presently aimed at the Coeur D' Alene Marathon. Look for him to finish following a cute set of spandex tights. Lunch is dedicated to playing with the iron at the base gym. Again, his eyes are getting the harder workout. Three times this year he has forced himself to accept TDY's to Hickham. Life is hard at the top.
- MSgt Montgomery - (DO-26) A.K.A. "Monty." Phil still holds the reigns on the alert facility here. He presently honchos the construction of the new alert dining facility/recreation center/partial gymnasium. Don't dare ask him about alert truck fleet or its drivers - - - 4 trucks down in the last few months.
- MSgt Deibert - (TF) Lee put MSgt on, and decided to obtain some college education. If this wasn't enough, he bought a new, super-deluxe, hard-drive, IBM compatible, desk-top model computer. Just what the world needed, another boom operator hacking programs on a computer keyboard. I feel safer at night.
- TSgt Mc Donald - (S-101) Derek is alive and well leading the 92 BMW Stan Eval section -- to exactly where, we all wonder. He stopped muttering "Harsh and Unfair" six months ago. Now all he chants "Bust Da' Fool, Take 'Em out." Really, Stan Eval Santa is a fitting Title. He makes the other Stan Eval booms do the dirty work. I believe the extra paperwork involved with a Q3 is the real motivational factor involved.
- SSgt Oulela - (S-102) Dean doesn't like the Title "Stan Eval Hammer." He lost it to S-103 this year. He stopped twirling pencils on his fingers, picked up his clubs, and now holds a 1 or 2 handicap. He either lead or followed the Deibert to the education center, seeking higher knowledge, and becoming a CCAF graduate. Edumactions must be catching on.

SSgt Pickering - A.K.A. "Pick." Dean put SSgt on, and leapt into training flight. He also joined the Deibert seeking college edmacations. He loves to mumble at computers, but it doesn't sound much like programming. He took up golf, and now acts like he lives in Guam - "Hafa Adai." But is it half-a-day at work, or half-a-day at playing golf.

CREW MEMBERS

A-FLIGHT

SSgt Keeton - A.K.A. "Snoopy." Our resident SCuM (Spare Crewmember) was assigned to a crew, and swiftly blasted off to Europe. The crew returned from the ETTF, but we still haven't seen Jeff anywhere. If found, please foward the the 43 AREFS Boom Section. Rumor has it that he is out peddling his butt somewhere. And I thought it was illegal in the state of Washington.

A1C West - Travis is a recent arrival, and became our "Baby Boom." We got another sharp boom from CCTS - - great job Castle flightline instructors. Sorry, we have no poop on him yet, but next year will be a different story.

SSgt J.L. Smith - A.K.A. "The Mouth of the South." J.L. has quieted down alot since last summer. He still holds his own at gossip conventions. He is perfecting his "Con Act." If you want something cheap, or for free, send in J.L. to negotiate. J.L. could be the first black emcee of "Let's Make A Deal." Monty Hall better watch his step.

A1C S. Smith - Scott took up a hobby here -- "Customized Dorm Interiors." Walls removed, doors created, windows installed, or interior renovations, call Scott, AV 657-5454. Scott tries to keep a low profile, but always seems to stand where the dog went. He is still young, and will learn. Lee, Dean, put the sledge hammer away!

B-FLIGHT

SSgt Mackey - A.K.A. "TDY Bum." Believe it or not, Jay is here right now, recently returned from Merry-Ole-England. We sent him to NCO Leadership School last fall - and he graduated "TOP DOG" - the John L. Levitow Award winner. He wanted to go back and teach at PME, but opted for upgrade and instructorship. Watch out Castle, another CFIS bound canidate.

SSgt Mc Guire - A.K.A. "Crackers." Marleen still has both feet firmly planted here at Fairchild. She keeps dodging them PCS orders. She is also trying to grace the gates of Castle CFIS - - Instructorship and Knowledge as her goal.

A1C Applewhaite - A.K.A. "The Apps," or "Jamaica Man." Kenneth was our "Baby Boom." He is a Virgin Island native of Saint Croix. If anyone possesses the Language, Dialect or Decode manuals, please forward to the 43 AREFS. We sent him to Hawaii on a Business Effort, and this fish stayed in the water the entire time. Just call him CINC Body Surfer/Girl Watcher.

A1C Richardson - Jeph joined us and also joined the Wed-Locked bunch. He claims that being married is cheaper than commuting to-n-from Seattle to see his woman, and tying up Ma Bell's phone lines calling everyday. No wonder U.S. West Communications stock fell last fall. Now all we need to teach him is to read the ground and flight schedules.

C-FLIGHT

SSgt Sugden - Jim arrived from the great white northies - - Minot AFB, ND. We needed a good instructor, and got Minot's Best. He bought a house, sunk an anchor, installed a fence, and painted a Homesteading sign in his front yard. I don't believe he wishes to depart soon. He is our resident speed freak. I had to obtain the local Drag Strip number and list it as an alternate for Jim.

A1C Overton - A.K.A "Myk." Mike is doing great. He put all his marbles in one sack, and, just parties away. He is somewhere over in Guam or the Pacific arena, probably terrorizing all women who stray across his path or within his sight. Talking to Goofy in Disneyland helped last year. Can we get Goofy as the Boom Operator Counsellor. He is another one bound for the Castle CFIS. Just what I need, another good instructor.

A1C Frank - Phil will soon hang up them partying days. By the time this hits print, he will be only a former Bachelor. He joins the Wed-Locked bunch, and soon learns the meaning of "Kitchen Pass." Soon to be the occasional weekend golfer only. He is another CFIS Candidate. Last year I couldn't buy an instructor, now it is an epidemic. How I love extremes.

FOND FARWELLS

A1C Burnett - Matt, our permanent A1C, finally departed from the military. He swiftly headed for WA-ZOO - Washington State University. I know that Matt arrived safely, cause their first Home Game this past football season, the student section started tearing sections of the bleachers loose, and passing them around the stadium. The free clinic has one less frequent customer.

SSgt Mc Donald - A.K.A. "MAC." Bob departed from active military service. We occasionally see him at various fishing holes near here. He is leading the good life - cold beer, camping, and fishing. We wish him the best in retirement. Enjoy the final PCS - Permanent Civilian Status.

SrA Rodriguez - Rich departed from active military service for the higher calling of education. Presently, he resides in the local area, but may soon depart for college in California. With Matt and Rich gone, I sleep through the night regularly. The base security police have time now to start issuing parking tickets again. Rich says beware, cause his gun is loaded. May-be he should load the head first.

SrA Sikes - Russell got himself married, and the hammer fell - No more alert, No more TDY, No more fun. Get a normal job! We saw him frequent the Base Career Advisor's office, and all too soon - Russ is off headed into a new Air Force Career, cross-training into ATC (Air Traffic Control). We thought we heard the last from him, but he returned to Fairchild Control Tower. Now he clutters the tower frequency with his Ah-hum's and Ahh's. Russ, just shutup!

SrA Thayer - A.K.A. "Trigger." Brian was dragged kicking and screaming out the front gate. Brian, we know that you are a Sgt now, but we last saw you as a SrA. Brian PCS'd to the great white northies of Grand Forks. Our loss is definitely Grand Fork's gain. Brian will do good wherever he is sent. Brian, we will keep a room open for you here.

Back to the more serious sides of things.

Fairchild's "Strato-Haulers" are frequently overworked. Higher Headquarters Exercises and Taskings are driving us into the ground. We are constantly dragging the B-52's all around the world, and these clowns cannot keep the same requirements for any two locations. The 4' X 4' pallets work great. We are constantly sending pallets back to maintenance and airfreight for reloading. When we sell them a 48" limit, we are forcing them to live within these dimensions.

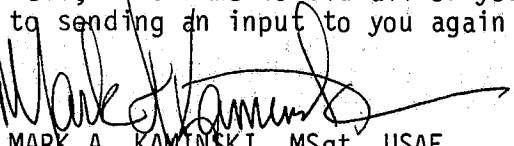
Deployments go so much smoother when we leave the Buff's here at home. Our last deployment to RIMPAC at Hickham was the last straw. The Bomber crews wanted us to haul their personal luggage, golf clubs, bikes, beach chairs, and assorted other idiotic items. We gave them the choice of sending one B-4 suitcase or A-3 mobility bag only. We didn't drag a single thing for them.

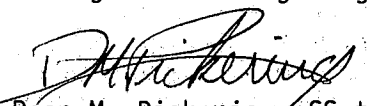
If you wish to see Fairchild's "Strato-Haulers" in action this summer, Head for the great white northernness of Alaska, or go Island hopping across the Pacific while the Mighty Arm of SAC gets flexed. The mighty backs of our booms will be sagging from overwork and under-appreciation. We know we are good, but first team gets all the glory. The benefits of second team show in the lack of local missions at deployed locations. The Bomber crews fly every-day, and the Tanker crews frequent the beaches. Second team doesn't possess the glory, but it's where we all want to stay --- on the beach!

Have another safe year of flying. Hopefully these old KC-135's will get some good fixes from the experiences of the past few years. Remember those that have gone before. We miss all of them dearly.

Conus-to-Conus PCS's may be declining, but remember to frequent the CBPO office, and insure your Airmen Assignment Preference Sheets (Dream Sheets) are in good order. Also, while your there check your records, cause they might not be overly accurate. Twice this year our booms have missed awards because the records failed to reflect current educational levels. It is our responsibility to insure that the most current information is available for WAP's and any awards we could be nominated for. The lack of this information is one serious disadvantage for the nominee.

Well, it's time to bid all of you a fond farwell for the year. I look foward to sending an input to you again next year. Hope to see you in the skies.


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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 92 ARS/CMS

16 May 90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Booms

Hello again from the Pacific NW. Having been TDY for the last seven weeks, I am still trying to get in step. We've been very busy here and have completed our ORI and several deployments with many more to come, as we all do. Fairchild is in the process of getting our new hot rod "R" models and should have the conversion complete by Mar 91. We can't wait.

As with any draw down we boom operators will miss some valuable people that will leave us for the civilian world specifically a couple of good guys, CMSgt Chuck Harrison at MPC and CMSgt Mitch Malseed at SAC. Good luck guys and thanks for your support and help. We'll miss you. Good luck.

For the rest of us, the next few years will be very unstable and at the same time interesting. Patients and pulling together as a team will keep the boom operator strong and close. We must help each other get thru the potential tough times ahead. If you ever get to Fairchild look us up, and enjoy.

Here is our current list of our operators:

CHIEF ZAMAGNE - CHIEF HAS JUST RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A TDY TO HELP REWRITE THE PME TEST. IF THE PRICE IS RIGHT MAYBE WE WILL ALL ACE THE TEST.

MSGT SPRAGUE - WELL, THE "FACE MAN" STILL HAS THE FACE, IS STILL IN TRAINING FLIGHT AND IS STILL COMPLAINING. HE'S NOT SO BAD ANYMORE NOW THAT HE FINALLY GOT HIS LONG AWAITED FOR TRIP TO HAWAII.

MSGT ZARKOS - ZARKOS HAS RECENTLY TAKEN OVER IN SCHEDULING AND IS LOVING EVERY MINUTE OF IT. HA! HA! IS THAT A BALD SPOT WE SEE FORMING.

MSGT MONTGOMERY - PHIL IS STILL THE "PAD DAD" OUT HERE AND IS STILL LISTENING TO THE CREW DOGS (ESPECIALLY THE BONGOLLOYDS) COMPLAIN ALL DAY. HIS BIGGEST PROBLEM NOW IS TRYING TO KEEP THE WRAPPERS OFF THE VC (VISITATION CENTER) FLOOR.

TSGT THOMAS - TSGT THOMAS HAS TAKEN OVER FOR SSGT LIVELY IN STAN EVAL AFTER HIS TWO BRUTE FORCE DISCONNECTS IN A ROW HE IS PLANNING ON MAKING A BRUTE FORCE PART OF OUR ANNUAL CHECKRIDE. SEVERAL OF US HAVE ALREADY PASSED.

TSGT PRAUSA - SGT HAPPY HASN'T BEEN SEEN BY ANYONE EXCEPT THE FLIGHT DOC FOR THE PAST MONTH. LOOKS LIKE A BONE CHIP IN HIS HEEL IS THE BAD NEWS. OR, IS IT GOOD? BEING DNIA IS DEFINITELY A PLUS.

SSGT LIVELY - SSGT LIVELY, THE EX SANTA CLAUSE OF STAN EVAL, IS ON HIS WAY TO CASTLE TO BE AN INSTRUCTOR. LOOK OUT CALIFORNIA! GOOD LUCK, JAY, FROM ALL US BOOMS.

SSGT BETH - WHO IS THIS GUY? HE'S NEVER SEEN BY US EXCEPT FOR WHEN HE'S ON ALERT (EVERY THIRD WEEK). OUR DAYS ARE MADE BRIGHTER EVERY TIME WE SEE HIS SMILING FACE.

SSGT STROIK - ANNE IS OUT FOR THE SERVICE BUT IS REMAINING IN THE LOCAL AREA. WHY? SHE WAS RECENTLY MARRIED TO A TANKER CREW CHIEF. CONGRATS ANNE!

SGT MCGUIRE - WELL, TOM IS STILL HERE AND STILL HAS PLANS FOR A NEW JOB. WHAT WILL IT BE THIS WEEK...BRAIN SURGEON OR TRUCK DRIVER? WILL HE DECIDE OR WILL HE BE A BOOMER FOREVER?

SGT WARD - LATELY URSULA HAS BEEN THE TDY QUEEN. SHE HAS BEEN EVERYWHERE. WHEN SHE IS AROUND THE HOMESTEAD SHE SPENDS HER TIME AT THE GYM AND EXPLAINING TO EVERYONE THAT NO, SHE AND A1C PAPLHAM ARE NOT TWINS, OR SISTERS, OR RELATED.

SGT CRAIG - THE STEALTH BOOMER. ONE DAY HE'S SINGLE THE NEXT DAY HE'S MARRIED. YES, HE'S TRADED IN HIS COMPUTOR FOR A NEW WIFE. CONGRATS ERIC!

SGT BRACHT - EX COP TURNED BOOM OPERATOR. JOSH IS KNOWN AS THE "BOB VILLA" OF THIS OLD DORM. HE CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND WITH HIS RECHARGEABLE SCREW - DRIVER IN HAND. SAY HEY, JOSH, YOU'RE A BOOM OPERATOR NOT A CARPENTER.

SGT SWANSON - AFTER BEING MARRIED A YEAR SWANIE AND HIS WIFE ARE EXPECTING THEIR FIRST BABY. CONGRATULATIONS SWANIE!

SRA BERMODES - EVERY COUPLE OF MONTHS "SPIFFY" COMES IN THE SQUADRON WHITE AS A GHOST FEARING A BABY IS ON THE WAY. HIS WIFE WANTS ONE BUT SO FAR HE HAS DODGED THE BULLET BY PRACTICALLY RESIDING IN GUAM. THIS GUY HAS MORE TRIPS THERE.

A1C ROBISON - DON'S NEW SAYING IS "A TATOO A DAY KEEPS THE FLIGHT SURGEON AWAY". SOON HE WILL BE A WALKING TATOO. DON HAS JUST RETURNED FROM ALASKA AND IS FREQUENTING THE NCO CLUB WHERE HIS GIRLFRIEND IS A BARTENDER.

A1C EYRE - NOT ONLY DOES CRAIG SPEAK A LANGUAGE NO ONE ELSE CAN UNDERSTAND (CRAIGENESE) BUT HE IS ALSO OUR DORM VAMPIRE. HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO SLEEPS DURING THE DAY AND IS UP ROAMING ALL NIGHT.

A1C MILLER - LISA RECENTLY PERFORMED IN OUR AIRSHOW DOING A FLY BY REFUELING WITH A F-16. WAY TO GO LISA! BY THE WAY, WHAT IS THAT PERFUME YOU'RE WEARING?

A1C PAPLHAM - SHERI MANAGED TO SPEND MOST OF LAST YEAR SEEING THE WORLD. SHE TOOK EVERY TRIP AVAILABLE. WE EVEN CONSIDERED MAKING UP A BLANKET TRAVEL VOUCHER FOR HER. WELL, FOR THIS YEAR IT IS THE YEAR OF ALERT, YOU COULD JUST MOVE ON IN!

Phillip A. Zamagne
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Chief Boom

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116TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (H) (ANG)
FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON 99011-6434

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

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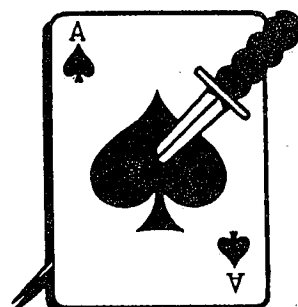
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SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

All Boom Operators



116th Air Refueling Sq
WASHINGTON ANG

15 May 1990

The past year has been great for the ANG here at the 116 AREFS in Washington State.

Some of our Commanders have moved up into new rolls from the top all the way down to our Scheduling Shop. The morale here is very high.

The 111 ASOC will be moving to McChord AFB, Washington in the near future. The ANG has received 55 acres of land with excellent facilities there for the A-10 detachment.

We also expect our fleet of KC-135E aircraft to expand by two by late this fall. The bottom line in Washington is. . . the ANG continues to grow.

141 AREFW BOSS CMSgt Gary G. Polser (EB)
141 AREFW STAN-EVAL SMSgt Richard L. Weatherly (EB)
116 AREFS SR. BOOM SMSgt Richard R. Wunderlich (EB)
116 AREFS CHIEF BOOM MSgt Glenn S. Nelson (EB)

"A" FLIGHT

Flight Leader MSgt James M. Harper (IB)
TSgt Jeffery H. Dill
TSgt Diane C. Harder
SSgt Richard G. Visintainer

"B" FLIGHT

Flight Leader MSgt Raymond D. King (EB)
TSgt Daniel J. Moriarty (EB)
TSgt Bruce A. Olson (EB)
SSgt Christopher J. Nordlund
SSgt Dane A. Porter

"C" FLIGHT

Flight Leader MSgt James A. Cleveland
TSgt Andrew C. Isaacson Jr. (EB)
TSgt Samuel J. Via
SSgt Theo Theodor (retired to active duty NAV)
SSgt Donald F. Roberson
Sgt Lance Dahl (baby boom)



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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 905th AREFS/DOTV (SSgt Fox, AV 362-5722)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boomers Everywhere

1. Greetings once again from the frozen north. This has been one heck of a year, we at the 905th has been kept so busy that we don't have time to think about the cold. If any of you booms out there want to do some real work, this is the place to be. This past year we've sent booms all over this country, to Puerto Rico, and even a small central american country (for xmas).

2. Which brings us to the subject of cargo loading. This past year we have seen more cargo hauled in the 135 than ever before. Quick Force placed upon us the task of moving our entire operation to another location. FLEETEX, down at Puerto Rico, task us to do the same. We carried everything we could, even our small Safety truck, (and we didn't use plastic bags or hydraulic fluid). Setting up an operation is no small task, tearing it all down can be just as hard. I would hope that we are all aware that these kinds of missions will become the standard. That as the War on drugs starts to heat up, we will be there. I don't know of too many units that get issued winter flying boot, regular flying boots and a pair of jungle boots. During these kinds of operations, when the pressure is on to, get it all down there, we have to remember that no matter who said what, if you feel that any cargo loading situation is going from bending to all out breaking of the rules, don't do it. Nothing can be more important than the safety of the crew, the passengers, the cargo, and the airplane. Always think safety. If a plan isn't working, then you may need a new plan. Let the staff know, that's what their there for.

3. As always, if any of you booms out there needs any information, help with a problem, or advice, please feel free to call or stop by any time. If there's no one in the office, we always have someone on Alert. Until next year, we wish the best to every boom out there.

ALAN R. BEKKERUS, SMSgt, USAF
Inflight Programs Manager, 905th AREFS

905TH AREFS BOOM ROSTER
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA

SMSgt Al Bekkerus - Our program manager. If there's a CDV trip going somewhere, you know who the extra boom will be.

MSgt Thomas Clyde - New here from Castle. Is now our training flight boom. Wants to know why he needs jungle boots.

MSgt William King - Had to give up his job as pad dad. Is now the number two man in training flight and looking for a new job.

MSgt James Eden - Made the move from training flight to the Alert pad. Is a daddy again and proud of it. He now has two boys.

TSgt Bob Bergquist - Our scheduler. The one man you don't want to piss off. Ask him if he knows where Lloyd is.

S-101 MSgt Nick Tomaszewski - Still the head hammer of Stan/eval. Keeps remarking that, "someone has to make the call".

S-102 SSgt Clayton Fox - A new addition to the Select family. Made TSgt last June and still waiting for that line number. By the time you read this, he'll have it on.

S-103 SSgt Chris Hatley - When someone has to make the call, we call Chris. Still working hard on his home and business.

R-111 A1C Michael Weir - New to the forks, tries to stay TDY as much as possible.

R-112 A1C Sean Lafave - Words cannot describe how different a person can be.

R-113 Sgt Quinn Janke - Our new CLT manager. Has taken the job by the horns and doing a great job.

R-114 (This Space is Reserved for Your Name).

R-115 SSgt Lloyd Rand - Was thought to have drown down at Roosevelt roads, had every SP and Frogman out looking for him.

R-116 SRA Lawrence Sauber - Soon to be a Sgt. How time flies.

R-117 A1C Robert Vandenbos - He has the most coolness points in the squadron.

R-121 A1C Darby Twardoski - Recently received and OP on his check ride. Still won't say how much he paid SSgt Fox.

R-122 A1C Ronald Strobach - Our tactics boom, and love's it.

R-123 A1C Chad Goodnough - If you need a special BASIC program, this is the man to see.

R-124 SRA Paul Wallace - Every crew chief love's this boom. Paul points out things to them they normally overlook.

R-125 TSgt Don Frol - Retired from Stan/Eval, don likes to fly his missions then go home. Maybe he still is in Stan/Eval.

R-126 Sgt Brian Thayer - I never heard so much about fairchild in my life. That Squadron must have some real problems.

R-127 AMN Brad Bachand - You can say it anyway you want, it still looks like Backhand. New to the unit, and doing fine.

R-131 A1C Donnie Reid - Is having one heck of a year. Don't believe everything you hear.

R-132 A1C Jeffery Lancaster - Another new boom. Will be getting married later this year.

R-133 SRA Michael Welter - Needed a seeing eye boom earlier this year. Has fully recovered from that TDY, and is back flying again.

R-134 A1C Steven Hawn - Recently married. Trying to put it all together.

R-135 SSgt John Williams - A resent grad form leadership school, impressed the staff, and got a slot at CFIC. He will be a good instructor.

R-136 Sgt Gregory (Smitty) Smith - Hates being called Smith, but other than that, is enjoying the good life of a boom.

Honoraries:

MSgt Allaway Huckabee - Some staff boom down at Offutt. Likes coming up here for his checks.

CAPT Frank Gorhau - This former boom works for the Missile Wing now, but use to belong to the 71st down at Barksdale.

That's it for the 905th, see you next year.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 416TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H) (SAC)
GRIFFISS AIR FORCE BASE, NEW YORK 13441-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 41 AREFS

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: ALL BOOMS

1. It is that time again to summit to the Boom Signal, where does all the time go, it seems that it was only yesterday the last one was turned in.
2. It has been a banner year for all of us here at the 41 AREFS, as we were awarded the Golden Tanker Award for 8AF, which makes us the best in 8th. As for the rest of the year we have been quite busy with three deployments, one down to that garden spot of Biggs AAF, Texas, the others were to Hunter AAF, Ga. we had to move out of Hunter a week sooner then expected, as Mr. HUGO would have blown us out other wise. As the words are typed onto this letter we are at this moment deployed to Moron Spain, in support of Dragon Hammer, great flying was had by all as well as the night life. The rest of the year we keep busy with all the business efforts scheduling seems to keep getting, wouldn't be so bad if there could fine some that had bankers hours. As for the TTF's everyone wants to go, as they get away from alert for 45 days, and get some shopping in. The biggest thing going on here at the Griff is are conversion over to the R-Model, we hope to have all planes on base by the end of the year, and we will have to say good-bye to the old Steam Jet.
3. I am sure all of you know that the 509th will be moving from Pease AFB down to the Griff. How they are going to put two squadrons in this one buliding is another mystery to all of us here. We are looking foward to the 509th coming and welcome them, by the time this hits the street they should just about be moved in, that is if CE gets on the move and starts the re-modeling where Comm Crew use to be as they were moved out a month ago. If the remodeling is not complete by the time the 509th reactivates here we can always borrow some tents from the Army, have lots of yard out front by the parking lot.
4. The cast of characters, young and old here at the 41 AREFS.
 - MSgt Stephen L. Dixon - Still the program manager, as I have not been fired. Are local Beaner.
 - MSgt Bill Karasko - The Pad Dad, has his hands full with keeping the bomber troops in line (what animals).
 - MSgt Marc Aalderink - S-101, doing a great job.
 - MSgt Larry Marks - The wizard of scheduling, he seems to be the only one knowing whats going on.

TSgt	Joe Thomas	- S-102, Joe just put on TSgt in April finds it hard getting his head through the door.
TSgt	Tom Peck	- A replant from March, on B Flight Commanders Crew
SSgt	Al Smick	- Are cargo expert, we keep him busy with all the deployments.
SSgt	Tony Fiorilli	- He want to move south from Loring so he showed up on the door step.
SSgt	John Brannen	- One of are new cross trainees, doing good.
Sgt	Tim Smith	- Outstanding Boom, keeps training flight up to speed
SSgt	Mike Hernandez	- Keeps busy with all his real estate dealings.
Sgt	Dan Smith	- No relation to Tim, Dan does a great job when not at the gym pumping iron.
Sgt	Dave Shead	- Known as Ninja, wish he would grow some as it is hard finding him.
Sgt	Guy King	- He sets the example for others, Great Boom.
SrA	Angie Blackwell	- Sorry to say she got married this past year, does a great job in all she tackles.
SrA	Rob Sharkey	- He can't make up his mind as where to live, on or off base.
SrA	David Foster	- Also known as "Bones" is in Europe having a good time.
SrA	James Amrich	- Another top performer, came out of PME as a D.G.
SrA	Paul Frownfelter	- Just had the stork come for a visit.
SrA	Kevin Cantrell	- A new cross trainee, at Castle learning the ropes.
AlC	Lucy Molina	- Doing the sights in jolly old England.
AlC	Wayne Davis	- Another one that tied the knot, going TDY to Spain
AlC	Richard Geffken	- Came to us from March, showed up married.
AlC	David Decou	- We just call him Stu, just got back from leave what a haircut he came back with.
AlC	Steven Ayers	- Want a job done, call Steve.

A1C Donna Sutton - Another bright face to light up the squadron, now if we can get her night fighters all would be great, does a great job all around.

This completes the list of characters in the 41st AREFS, you couldn't ask for a better bunch of gals and guys who I am glad to call fellow Boom Operators. As always we did have some that have departed the Griffiss Fix and moved on to other challenges, they are;

MSgt Albin King - Moved on to Grissom to become the Alert Manager.
Sgt Miles Caton - He DOS'ed in Dec. wanted to go to school full time
A1C Tony Dettore - Wanted to see what the Far East was like, now at Kadena.

5. I would like to say that any time you are in the local area please stop in and say Hi, we will always have a cold one waiting.

Stephen L Dixon
STEPHEN L. DIXON, MSgt
IRO Program Manager
Griffiss AFB, NY



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 305TH AIR REFUELING WING (H) (SAC)
GRISSOM AIR FORCE BASE, INDIANA 46971-5000



REPLY TO: 70 AREFS (MSgt Vaughn)
ATTN. OF:

23 Apr 90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMS Richardson)

1. A hearty Hoosier to ya from the booms of the 70th! You can smell it's spring in Indiana, the hogs are thick and the corn's being planted. If any of ya'll are watering at the mouth just thinking about bein down on the farm, give the "Big Chief" a call, we'd love to have ya.

2. Well, just like everyone else, we screwed up and passed the new and improved IG. Nothing like showing them you can do something with nothing, 'cept they come to expect it now-a-days. We've opened up the Carribean Tanker Task Force for you other "R" model guys to enjoy when it's cold at home. Just don't get caught skinny-dippin by the Navy MPs, they'll make you enlist in the Navy Seals.

3. Here's a list of our booms, my name has been left off because my replacement will be here by the time this hits the shelf:

NCOIC MSgt Phil Rogers - Due in in August '90.

TRAINING FLIGHT - TSgt Rob Morgan - Breeds horses, and all that entails.

TANKER STAN/EVAL - TSgt Chuck "Fig" Newton.

TANKER STAN/EVAL - SSgt Gerry Schumacher.

PACCS STAN/EVAL - SSgt Mike Stillings.

"A" Flight Booms

MSgt Bob Hatchett - FLT IBO

AlC John Ley - SrA BTZ

AlC Tricia Jones or Lehman, she's undecided.

SSgt Dan South - has a DOS in Jun '90.

AlC Roger Horton - our newest boom - going to be a real good one - thanks Castle.

"B" Flight Booms

SSgt David Thomas - FLT IBO

Amn Chris Hermon - currently basking in the sun in Puerto Rico.

AlC Joey Uhl - was in PACCS for a while, loves to go TDY.

AlC Scott Roberts - FLAPS

AlC Doug Preece

"C" Flight Booms

SSgt Duane Slusher - FLT IBO
Amn Mark McIntosh
A1C Mike Trompeter
SSgt Jim Snyder - a new IBO
SrA Pete Billis

PACCS Flight Booms

Sgt Tim Stibbe - FLT IBO
A1C Pat Brown
Sgt Jim Anderson - volunteered to run the mile and a hlf for the IG (24 hours after
his vasectomy).
A1C Jeff Sterling - June Bride (groom).
Amn PAM Ruegsegger - SPAM
A1C Charles Mix - a new Papa, and recent grad of NCO Prep.
SSgt Brian Barker - going pcs to Fairchild, don't know what I did or said, but
he's paying his own way!

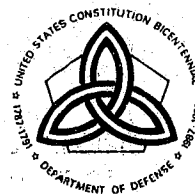
4. So long for now, I'll be seeing you in the retirement world.

Steven W. Vaughn

STEVEN W. VAUGHN, MSGT
70th Inflight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 434TH AIR REFUELING WING (H) (AFRES)
GRISSOM AIR FORCE BASE, INDIANA 46971-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 72 AREFS

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

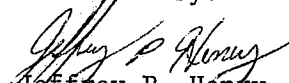
TO: CMSgt Richardson, and all boom operators.


Hello from the 72nd AREFS in "Cornfield county, USA" a.k.a., Grissom AFB, IN. It's a busy time in the squadron as well as the 434 AREFW. We recently completed our ORI and recieved an overall excellent. The squadron earned an outstanding in aircrew testing (a good intel network never hurts!). The main news as far as day-to-day operations is that we are in the middle of "robusting" the unit from 8 to 10 aircraft. The first aircraft arrived in May and the second airplane is due in June. This means a second line of alert, more cross countries, and naturally hiring more people to cover both areas. We have people out at Castle now, are making some more selections that will be heading for CCTS, and continue the interviewing process to fill our remaining positions. The instructor force will finally have some "fresh meat" to work with and earn their instructor pay. So as you can see, it is an exciting time to be in the Reserve unit here at Grissom.

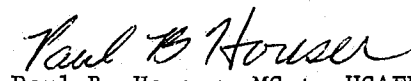
If you're ever in the area, stop by for a warm beer and a vehicle with an empty gas tank... after all there's no place to go so what's the hurry.

On the following pages is the current line up of 72nd AREFS boom operators.

Submitted by:


Jeffrey P. Henry, TSgt, USAFR


Stephen J Saur, SSgt, USAFR


Paul B. Houser, MSgt, USAFR


James S. Seidle, TSgt, USAFR

MSgt Bartel, Lawrence P. (RES) "Uncle Larry" is a respiratory Therapist in Indianapolis at Methodist Hospital. Sometimes we wonder if Larry is breathing more than just oxygen. Now that Larry has become our most recent senior NCO, we expect him not to need so much adult supervision.

TSgt Bingham, Steven G. (RES) - "Mister Outdoors" is an instructor for Outward Bound in North Carolina where people pay to go through "survival school". Rumor has it Steve will be giving up his wings for a life perserver with the Coast Guard Reserve. We wish him luck.

SMSgt Carter, William G. (ART) - "BC" is the section NCOIC, Boom scheduler, OJT manager, and Building custodian. As you can see Billy is the force that holds us all together.

SSgt Drumm, Roger A. (RES) - Roger is at Castle right now and I do not know much about him except that he must be pretty smart, because he gave up being a gunner to become a boom.

Sgt Ellison, Roger C. (RES) - "Ex bugger" He was a de-bugger for awhile and it did not have anything to do with computers. Its a long story and unfortunately we do not have the space to get into it right now.

MSgt Esbenshade, Kim E. (ART) - "Thumper," which has something to do with a tap dance she does occasionally in the boom pod. Kim is our boom on loan to Wing scheduling.

MSgt Fansler, Tony L. (ART) - "Fans" is our Tactics boom. Of course we still do not know what that is, but we think that it has something to do with supply. Two empires at once, how lucky can you get.

TSgt Hallock, David H. III (RES) - "Baby boom" but he will not be holding this title very long. Roger Drumm is due back the first of June. Dave will make a vary fine boom once we can get him "de-SACcumsized".

TSgt Henry, Jeffery P. (ART) - "Buck" is the newest technician and pay czar. That's me, and fortunately since I am writing this I do not have to tell a story on myself.

TSgt Hostetler, Jerry W. (RES) - "Handyman" Jerry is our resident Bob Vila. No job is too big for Jerry to handle. Rumor has it he sleeps in rental cars.

MSgt Houser, Paul B. (RES) - "Doogie" has finally gotten his sheepskin from Purdue, in aviation technology. The slash, (No explanation needed) is currently looking for a job with a major airlines so he can find a place to lay his tool box.

TSgt Hughes, Blenda C. (RES) - Chris, as she likes to be called, is a transfer from the Mather Reserve unit. Their loss, our gain. Chris is a surgical nurse for a doctor in Kokomo.

MSgt Johnston, Ronald L. (RES) - "Shark" is one of our two State Policemen, and our unit donut inspector. We felt Ron was highly qualified for this job because of his background with the State Police.

TSgt Murphy, Michael J. (RES) - "Murph" is one of our Purdue students, trying to learn more about electronics than just changing the batteries in his HP. Mike has decided to take the summer off from school because he would like to spend two wonderful weeks in Mildenhall on our annual deployment.

MSgt Orange, Kym (NMI) (RES) - "Agent" is another one of our donut inspectors, which also means he is another one of our Indiana State Policemen. Kym keeps telling us that he has big feet, and you know what that means... BIG SHOES.

SSgt Saur, Stephen J. (RES) - "Crash," an ADP nickname that had something to do with his driving habits, is attending Purdue full time. In addition, he is known to be working part-time for the local Reserve A-10 unit as an inflight nose artist. **SCRATCH! BANG! BOOM! "CONTACT"**

TSgt Seidle, James S. (ART) - "Soul" is into collecting used cars. He says that he will buy any car for \$500 or less. Jim has since given up pay, going on to bigger and better things such as cargo loading manager.

CMSgt Snyder Gerald R. (ART) - "The Chief" as we respectfully call him, is hoping to go on to bigger (not necessarily better for us) things in the form of the KC-10 at Seymour-Johnson. We would like to think he is leaving for a longer boating season, and not to get away from us. All joking aside, we wish the Chief and his family the best of luck!

SMSgt Wiemer Melvin R. (ART) - "Worm" as we disrespectfully call him is still hammering away at his Stan/Eval duties. Mel has been refining his no-notice technique, and extending his computer empire within the Wing.

TSgt Williams Jeffrey L. (RES) - "Remo" has a burning desire to become a fireman with an Indianapolis fire department. Last we heard, Remo was stuck atop the highest hook and ladder afraid to come down. A little old lady has offered to send her cat up to rescue Remo.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 305TH AIR REFUELING WING (H) (SAC)
GRISSOM AIR FORCE BASE, INDIANA 46971-5000



REPLY TO: 305 AREFS/CCF (MSgt Mongeon)

9 May 90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input, 1990

TO: HQ 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Howdy from the heart of corn country, home of the 305th AREFs, SAC's finest air refueling squadron. The past year has been a time of change, as usual, for our booms. Flying the "R" model and the versatile RT, we have experienced some of the most unusual missions and TDY's you could ask for. Personnel changes have brought some welcome additions, and the departure of some old friends. Ah, Air Force life!

2. The "Pacesetters" of the 305 AREFW continue to lead the way in several new programs. We are currently involved in continued LAAR training and with the RT aircraft our Special Ops crews are ready "Around the World, Around the Clock." Testing on the new boom nozzle light is complete and when used properly, can really enhance night A/R. Hopefully we'll see this improvement on all aircraft.

3. The current crew force structure has the old and the new, the fat and the skinny, the good, the bad, and the ugly. Our phones have changed, if you would like to contact us call COMM. (317) 688-2900/ AV 928-2900, or drop in and see us. Just look for the quiet jets out in the middle of the cornfield.

STAFF:

CMSgt Dale Grundmeyer - "Chief" Wing boom and scheduler par excellence. Works directly for the D.O. and regularly kicks his ass in racquetball. The Chief just continues on, providing the example for all our young booms.

MSgt Dan Mongeon - "The Big Maguna"; arrived in Sep from CFIC and took immediate iron-fisted control of the 305th as first shirt and program manager. Made his fortune in California and now trying to corner the market on Peru, Indiana slums.

MSgt Albin King - "Albin?" Al just arrived, took over the pad and is looking to get fully qualified in our mission.

TSgt Larry Page - Scheduling, scheduling, scheduling! Larry is due to go to the Reserves here at Grissom soon.

TSgt Frank Forster - "Ken"; Frank is our Tactics expert, and soon will attend formal training. Frank thought he was going to have to take a second mortgage on the Family Visitation Center, he practically lived there.

STAN/EVAL:

MSgt Jack Studer - 'Jack'; During Just Cause, Jack was billeted at the Venus Mons, knew every girl on a first name basis and had his own chair with his name on it. Florida will never be the same.

TSgt Donald Baughman - 'Donny' Donny is about to have a roofing bee down on the south forty, just farming along. He's just itching to go to the NCO Academy in residence. A true professional.

Sgt Mike Barnes - 'Mikey' Mikey moved to STAN/EVAL a few months ago and is having a hell of a time. During the ORI Mikey's room was chosen best in barracks (must be they missed the bra under the bed).

'A'- FLIGHT

110 A1C Tom Brock - Tom arrived in May 89 and was finally fully qualified in April 90. Fine young boom and a Cleveland boy (Why?). Dogs all the Way!

111 Sgt Steve Custis 'Smooth' Steve's a recent daddy and a former FAC, finds the sheets are softer than the weeds. Soon to take some time off for Bootstrap.

112 A1C Steve Robinson - 'Robbie' Blow the Zone to SrA in June 90. Robbie maintains excellent control of his crew as any good boom operator should. Chosen by life support troop as most popular boom operator.

113 A1C Dennis Jewell - Dennis is on first name basis and is the close personal advisor to CMSgt Grundmeyer on all matters including sex. Married life keeps Dennis happy, or maybe it's all that TDY.

114 Amn Heather Cascarano - Heather was one of the 'Italian Twins' that came to us from one Castle class in Oct 89. Eager to learn and doing an excellent job. Probably the best looking boom at Grissom not including Paul Pillar.

115 SSgt Larry Barry - Larrys leaving for New Jersey in July. Seems his wife is going to be making more than the President. Larry is a new dad too, so things are pretty exiting. He finds it tough to drive 60 miles from Muncie for duty crew though.

'B'-Flight

120 Amn Garrick Towles 'Gary' Gary is the shy retiring type - until he's at the club, then 'Busta Move'! Cant seem to keep him off the floor. Get a shave Gary!

121 SSgt Russ Snitker 'Father Time'. Which came first, the Air Force or Russ? Russ can often be found out in the cornfield country cruising on his Beemer. There are no stereo wars in the barracks, Russ is hands down winner.

122 A1C Steve Moser "Skippy" Like father - like son. Skippy is the continuation of a boom operating family. Skippy is one half of the shortest nav team in SAC history. Back on his cycle and a member of the dormitory riding club.

123 TSgt Ricky Dayton - Ricky is just cruising along enjoying the flying. Brought his wife and kids back from the Far East as a Christmas present to himself. Wanted to send them back as a New Years present.

124 SSgt Kevin Schlegel - Kevin just finished CFIC at Carswell. Nice job there guys. By the time this is read he'll be our newest instructor and we can use him! Just got back and already he wants to go out to Castle. We'll see!

125 A1C Jeff Withrow - "Jeffrow" keeps a loaded gun by his bed and scares the hell out of the guy who lives upstairs. Resident martial arts aficionado. Good thing too, takes a good boom to ride herd on "Bull" Beller.

126 SSgt Paul Pillar - "Maverick" Mini-Tom Cruise. Now finishing his CFIC class. Won the "Hairy Legs" contest at the last squadron party and now the officer's wives won't stop calling.

"C"-Flight

130 A1C Susan Luciani - "Lucky" - the other half of the Italian twins duo. Susan worked hard to get qualified just so she could go TDY - now we never see her! The boys in the dorm were happy when the twins showed up.

131 A1C Scott Lewis - D.G. from Castle, Amn of the Quarter and co-winner of best room in the barracks. They definitely did not see the underwear hanging off the wall. Leads a charmed life. Now trying to become a member of the dorm motorcycle club.

132 Sgt Tim King - Tim's been gone so much he can't remember if he's married. That new baby will remind him. A recent CFIC grad, Tim got back and immediately wrote a new lesson plan, then passed his checkride. Keep em busy, they can't get in trouble.

133 SSgt Harvey Schneider - "Punkinhead" Harvey has more toys than Santa Claus. Soon to attend CFIC, he's getting his shot. Harvey is always ready for a Hip Hugger run, he especially likes the blond with the boa constrictor.

134 Amn Bob Ura "Bob-O" Drives a mean machine and is a ranking member of the motorcycle club. Loves night B-1 refueling. One way or another, he stays out of trouble.

136 A1C Eric McHugh - "Guido" Eric was a recent D.G. from NCO prep school plus a volunteer for pubs monitor. Whats wrong with this guy, bucking for CMSgt in 14 years? Seriously, Guido is a good boom and a hell of a party animal.

137 A1C Troy Warner - Troy just married one good looking lady, going to settle down and raise some young-un's. After a skiing accident a year ago, he's back on status and raring to go. I think his new wife is finding that out too.

LOSSES:

MSgt Chuck Held: Retired, living in Kokomo.

Sgt Roger Ellison: Reserves

Sgt Steve Saur: Reserves

SSgt Eddie Friel: Medically retired, living and working in Bunker Hill.

Our guys make up SAC's finest boom operator cadre. We work and play hard. See you at the Symposium!


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REPLY TO: Chief Boom
 ATTN OF:

20 April 1990

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOITR

IN CHICAGO OUR BUSINESS IS BOOMIN

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.....	108th Sq Manager	MB
TSgt Pete Lagioia.....	AGR (Type 1 Alert)	MB
TSgt Jim Miranda.....	Fit & Wt Control Monitor	MB
TSgt Randy Palumbo.....	Alert Facility Manager	MB
TSgt Joe Shell.....	Sq Stan/Eval	EB
TSgt Keith Wagner.....	Public Aff NCO	MB
TSgt John Weber.....	Senior AGR (Type 1 Alert)	MB
SSgt Sam Gerros.....	Veh Cont & Equip Cust	MB
SSgt Dominic Guerrieri.....	AGR (Type 1 Alert)	MB
SSgt Joe Kolb.....	Alt Fit & Wt Cont. Monitor	MB
Sgt Joe Long.....	Brand New	MB

An update of our personnel is as follows: TSgt Ken Phillips traded his AGR boom position for a ground career in the Flight Management Section, and a promotion to E-7. With Ken's loss, we hired Sgt Joe Long from K.I. Sawyer, he comes highly recommended. No other changes other than the usual promotions here at O'Hare.

Recently we had a boom injure his head on the cargo door (dumb I know) but let me explain: The pax stairs were in place and the crew was going out early, before the passengers. It was a dismal, rainy day, and at the time of the accident it was near a downpour. The boom had his hands full, carrying two water jugs up the stairs with his head down to prevent water going down his neck, and keeping his eyes on the slippery steps. Earlier the crew chief lowered the cargo door halfway to keep the rain out of the aircraft. You guessed right; the injured sustained four stitches on the top of his head, plus a severe headache. Incidentally, he maintained consciousness through it all and never dropped a jug ----"what a boom". If this could happen to us, it can happen to you. The panacea is: open/close door fully and be extremely watchful.

We would like to exchange this interphone information with you: The interphone ties all communications facilities together on a common channel. Now you ask, what can be said about a simple system like the interphone system. First of all you are right, it is a simple setup, however, lets look at the possibilities of improper position of switches, malfunctions, and accidents. On our aircraft we have many interphone stations throughout the airplane, inside and outside. The forward external interphone receptacle is connected to the booms forward station, thats why we have to turn our volume way up during noisy engine start, so the crew chief can hear. The mid-compartment station is hooked up to the outside wheel well, and the panel at the rear hatch to the outside aft receptacle. Because of the in/out side parallel, it is best to keep the volume knob at all stations at the mid positions to overcome the ambient outside noise during pre-flight, (whether tube or transistor equipped).

When making your interphone check in the main compartment (midway and the aft station) avoid a quick click on the call button and mike switch, reason being the pilot right about this time is asking the crew chief if "the wheel well doors are clear" yourtwo quick clicks could mis-inform the pilot as a "yes" signal from the crew chief.

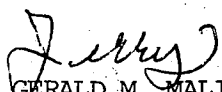
In the boom compartment, do a thorough interphone check, using your headset, all mixer switches properly positioned, volume where you like it, and also check the normal-aux listen switch for proper position with breakaway wire in tack. Every once in awhile this switch gets bumped out of position (wire breaks) etc. This is not difficult to do, because we are always dragging our equipment in and out of the boom compartment, plus passengers could easily disturb the switch if allowed there.

Speaking of passengers, in the past, still on some airplanes, we use to screw on the cover cap over the call button on the interphone panel, to keep pax from pushing or accidentally bumping the button. Don't do this, some replacement buttons are longer than others and the cap will press the call button in, thus knocking out the interphone system. Incidentally, watch what you say on the interphone with passengers on board. There are a few of our airplanes that will leak your comments through the loud speakers in the main compartment even with the cockpit control switch in the off position.

Some units, like ours utilize the VHF radio in our aircraft, however there is no VHF capability in the boom pod. When making our report "boom stowed, leaving position" we will probably step on the pilot whose talking to center, i.e., coordinating the (receivers EAR request, aircraft descents, etc). If no response from pilot, continue on. Discuss this at mission planning. So until installation of the VHF in the boom compartment this will continue to be a problem.

Lastly, TCTO 1099 (Boom Interphone) check the remarks on the status board before you use it. During aircraft preflight keep the control box switch in the off position. Again, do a thorough interphone check and keep up your professional work.

Enough is enough, like last year, all of here want to wish all you out there the best. Well, will make our disconnect now, see ya around Base Ops.


GERALD M. MALIK, CMSgt, ILANG
I.F.R. Program Manager
(Autovon: 930-6971/72/73)



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
909TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96239

REPLY TO: SMSgt Knapke
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: 1990 Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

Greetings to all past and present boom operators from the Pacific Pumpers. We have had an excellent year here at Kadena and the coming year holds even more promises. The rumors are flying hot and heavy about what will happen to the 65th in Guam. As we understand it they will fall under our wing this July although the task force will still operate out of Anderson.

The takeoff restrictions and body tank limitations on the A model have hurt us quite a bit. We have been doing a lot of min-turns and double tanker missions. We need the R model bad!

The situation in the Philippines has put a crimp in one of our best TDY locations. Two young airmen from Kunsan were shot in the head as they were waiting for a taxi outside of their hotel near Clark. Those kids never hurt anyone. They were murdered just to disrupt the negotiations to extend the lease on the military bases. Sad to say that it is no longer safe to walk the streets down there anymore.

On a lighter note we had an outstanding visit from Sac Stan/Eval with the booms leading the way in both testing and in-flight performance. Our instructor upgrade program was very successful this year with five CFIC graduates. Our unit is about 75% instructors now. We may have to start accepting some baby booms right out of Castle to put them to work.

The following are several departures that occurred during the year and a list of the current crew line up:

SSGT PAUL MOZUR - Wanted Beale and got Minot. Got what he asked for as far as I'm concerned. Paul, we'd sure like our printer back!

SSGT KEN RISELADA - Riz just left for a KC-10 assignment at March. We're going to miss him a lot! We expect to see him over here soon on his cargo check. The truth is Riz couldn't stand being away from a certain other Kadena boom now stationed at March.

Peace 82 Our Profession

S-101 - MSGT BOBBY COCHRAN - Our resident expert on everything. Loves to no-notice guys right after they get off leave. I've heard that Bobby uses his spit shined boots to look up women's dresses.

2 - SSGT J. R. GIBBS - This has been a good year for J.R. He made SSgt, was assigned to stan/eval and has a new baby on the way. Now he is finding out how much fun it is being the Wing Manuals Control NCO.

E-110 - SGT GARY ELLIOTT - Getting ready for his instructor check after returning from CFIC. Gary has his sights set on being a Castle CCTS instructor. I think that he would be a good one, Benny.

E-111 - SGT GERRY SLUSHER - Just upgraded to IB. His Japanese girl friend finally arrived from Tokyo and we don't see as much of Gerry as before. Wedding bells may be in the future. Still loves to play softball.

E-112 - SSGT MIKE DENSMORE - Mike has the distinction of being the high time boom in the squadron. Wants to stick it out till Beale opens up. His twin girls are the darlings of the squadron. Mike is planning another self-help project to build a picnic area behind the squadron.

R-113 - SSGT HARRY WHITACRE - A good boom operator, but a first sergeants nightmare. Harry just can't seem to stay out of trouble. I heard a report that he got caught for keeping a little pussy in his dorm room while he was away at ATTF. Harry may soon be Mr. Harry if he doesn't get his act together.

R-114 - TSGT CHUCK MEYERS - Chuck and his family are fairly new to Okinawa, having come from Carswell. He is enjoying the life of a crew dog with no alert and no responsibilities. We're going to have to put him to work one of these days. His wife, Margie bounces at the NCO club. (drunks of course)

120 - SSGT GARY FREDERICK - Another recent CFIC graduate. Gary spends all of his leave time in Australia. I wonder if all of that time down under has affected his "hard" ware. Gary is an electronics wiz. He made an air refueling tape that is the next best thing to being there.

R-121 - SSGT STEVE SMITH - Steve has had an "Outstanding" year. He got an OP on his initial instructor check and then followed it up with another one from SAC stan/eval. Steve is planning a trip to Bangkok this summer, only problem is that he's bringing his mommy with him.

R-122 - SRA JAY JACKSON - Hoping for a CFIC slot this fall if he can stay off DNIF. Finished prep school and will sew on Sgt next month. Jay is another sports freak. Wants to start a squadron fitness program.

E-123 - AIC TONY DETTORE - A new arrival from Griffiss. Wanted to get married but she didn't. Tony is finding out that single life over here isn't bad at all. He always seems to be around just when we have to load cargo or I need a volunteer for some project.

R-124 - SSGT MIKE DAVIS - Mike is another high time boom over here. Got to spend December at ATTF. I don't think that he's warmed up yet. Says that he wants to be a CCTS instructor but keeps changing his mind.

R-130 - TSGT CLYDE SOUMAS - Clyde is back on a crew for awhile since the SR has retired and our TK shut down. Still has the alert facility/fitness center chain around his neck. Our resident supply expert, he actually understands how the system works! The best part of my day is taking phone messages from all of his sexy girl friends.

R-131 - SRA SHAWN HUGHES - Huey is our newest boom in from March. Just got back from getting married and we can't wipe the smile off his face. We wish Shawn and Lisa only the best!

E-132 - SSGT RICK BRACK - Our CLT Manager and Harley hero. Rick's "good deal" this year was a January ATTF trip. I've been trying to make it up to him but he won't speak to me.

R-133 - SRA DAVE KIELHORN - Another of our March refugees. (We got some good ones!) Super Dave is looking forward to going to CFIC soon. Wants to be a fireman when he grows up.

E-134 - SSGT VIC ARZUAGA - Vic is enjoying married life now that he has been accepted by his father-in-law who is a local mafia chief. He is learning Okinawan karate while Rika is getting her degree as an instructor in Japanese flower arranging (worth big bucks!).

DONO - MSGT TERRY BARBER - We finally got the DONO slot that we have been fighting for and T-bear is doing a super job at it. Also our Wing Cargo Loading Manager. Terry was another of our "Outstanding Performers" with SAC stan/eval.

SCHED - SSGT JIM MORMAN - Out of stan/eval and into the fire at scheduling. A tough job considering all of the last minute changes around here. Jim now works for the "dragon lady" (our chief scheduler). Doesn't seem to smile much anymore.

TF - TSGT LONNIE LEWIS - Lonnie is happy as a clam in training flight as long as he gets a PI trip now and then. He's a braver man than I. Most people go down there to get layed, but I hear that Lonnie spends all his time at the bowling alley.

IRPM - SMSGT MIKE KNAPKE - This will be my last boom signal as I will retire this Sep in lieu of a PCS to Loring. (I've already been north Chuck!) I just want to say that it has been a honor and a privilege to have served with you guys in the best damn career field in the air force. You can be sure that I will never forget you or our proud boom operator heritage. Remember, be professional and understand that to get respect you have to work for it! Fly safe and I hope to see you at one of the reunions. Randy, thanks for the big bottle of aspirin. I guess it goes with the job.

Mike Knapke

Mike Knapke, SMSgt
Program Manager
Kadena AB, Japan



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 410TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 307 AREFS

14 May 90

SUBJECT: 1990 Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMSGT RICHARDSON)

This was a loooooonnnnggg winter for the Superior Booms as we survived -20 to -40 degree temps and "some" snow through mid-May. Some Booms are still polishing off whats left of Bambi as they get their secret fish finders tuned for the big one! By the time you read this years copy of the coveted "Boom Signal" the Boom Operators of the 307th will have closed up shop and have merged with the 46th AREFS; our beloved sister squadron. From the time of our activation (Oct 85) to our final fly-by (Aug 90) the 307th has been home to some of the finest Boom Operators this career field has ever had. Most of these young men and women had started out as baby booms and grew along with the squadron to become top notch instructors and NCO's. For a lot of us it will be hard to feel the same about another squadron as we did about the 307th, as our brother and sister Booms that have departed in the past can probably attest to.

The Superior Boom Operator's Association is as strong as ever and has recently received a new shipment of patches. If any one is intrested in purchasing this fine piece of art just give us a call, our number is in the SAC Yellow Pages. Well, I guess it's time for the final 307th line-up, but first I would like to say "It's been an honor and a privilege to have shared the same stick with a lot of you, your the finest".

SMSGT SCOTT HARRIS (Wing Boom) - Scott is one of SAC's finest NCO's and has given new meaning to the word "Boom Operator". Thanks for the inspiration. Too bad your jeep blew up trying to pull the wing gunner out of the ditch. Luke still admits "It couldn't have happend to a nicer guy".

MSGT HARRY ALLEN (Program Manager) - Well I survived my first northern tier winter. It only snowed once this year and finally stopped yesterday. Yes, we did get 21 inches of snow on 11 May. What's a RCR check?

MSGT MIKE TAKASH (Alert Facility Manager) - Mike continues to keep his alert Booms happy. His Alert Visitation Center was voted best in SAC! Good Show Mike.

MSGT CLIFF PANKONIEN (Tanker Scheduling) - Cliff has been known to set the world altitude record for R/C gliders (with two motors and external fuel tanks anything is possible). Look out for that tanker's jet wash.

MSGT GREG DURAND (Training Flight) - I'm still in shock after receiving a step promotion, other than that life is good.

TSGT TIM BOWSER (Wing Cargo Loader #1) - Tim should be moving south soon! How does Griffiss, NY sound? Having to room with Tim on alert is like living in Silicon Valley; how many mega bites is that system? Tim will be able to say he saw the activation and deactivation of the 307th.

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SSGT TED JOHNSON - Should have a new addition to the Johnson clan soon, congrats! Ted has a saying for everything and continues to make us laugh through the seventh day of those long alert tours. Keep it up Ted!

SSGT T. J. SHIMA (Stan Eval) - "Hiro Shima is recovering from a two month DNIF/DNIA for a broken foot. Cause of injury has yet to be determined. Should almost have his two months of alert duty paid by the time he reads this. Also had an addition to the family.

SSGT RYAN CERMAK - Another original 307th Boom. I think we finally found the right crew combination for Ryan - Three (XX) and of course Ryan is the (XY). Ryan also joined the U.P. land owners association about a year ago.

SSGT RODNEY DERRINGER - OP'd his first CEVG check ride with less than a year on station, and Vice President of the Boom Association. This cross-trainee is going places! Another proud Papa of a future Boom.

SGT MATT GLOVER - The newest hammer in Stan Eval. A wheel of fortune fanatic and local chapter president of the Bart Simpson Fan Club. Matt, Ted told us to write that.

SGT J. C. SMITH - J.C. plans on retiring his wings around July to become a civilian air traffic controller. One day J.C. was forced (by the SP's to land his R/C plane when he was on alert and flying by the alert facility visitation center, which had been approved by the CV. Did they search it too.

SRA JENNY HARGRAVE - Jenny was awarded a BTZ Promotion and is the only surviving female Boom stationed at K.I. Jenny is the president of the Boom Association, however, when the dining out came to town Jenny chose to sit with the Gunners so she could be close to her pet chock, She did go to the bowl for that one.

A1C MARK RUPERT - "The Deer Hunter" Hey Mark, have you got your bow, doe, rifle, Musket, and bonus deer stamp yet? Really, Mark is a super troop and was nominated by the squadron to compete for "Airman of the Year".

A1C BOB BOETTCHER - Bob is the association treasurer and is presently vacationing the the south of France. Just kidding Bob. Really, Bob has done an outstanding job for us and to show our appreciation we awarded him with his first TTF - Alaska; Enjoy those alpha longs and Shimia runs.

A1C RICH ANDERSON - Rich is the Nintendo King of the Sawyer alert pad. Can be found any time of the day with his super duper turbo cotroller in hand ready for action. Anytime anyplace is his motto. Rich is also experiencing fatherhood.

Recent Departures:

SGT JOHN TONGUSI - Early Release Program
SGT STEVE LANGER - Early Release Program
SGT JERRY LEVATO - DOS Pittsburg ANG (Get a hair cut!)
AMN JENNIFER SLATTERY - Other

Good-bye from the 307th Booms



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO 46 AREFS
ATTN. OF:

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR

Well, another year has gone by and it's been pretty slow around here - so slow that you can hear the snow fall as it is setting records all the way through MAY! SAES and the IG are on short final again. Weren't they just here 11 months ago?

We've been cut a bit short on Booms due to the Early Out, but that won't be a problem come 1 August, as we assimilate some Booms from our sister squadron, the 307th, when they deactivate. Everyone, from the Wing Boom on down, is on a crew until then. Talk about doing more with less!! It'll be strange seeing everyone wearing the same scarf.

Speaking of August, we'll be flying Red Flag out of March for about five weeks, so if anyone wants to drop in and say hello, we'll keep a few cold ones iced up for you. Most of the guys have never flown Red Flag; the force seems to get younger all the time. Us veterans will have to show them all the hot spots - like "Sally's Alley!"

If anyone's interested in trying a "cooler" assignment, we could always use some good instructors up here. Until next year, fly safe, and hope to see more of you around the command.

The current Roll Call from the Pod:

MSGT STEVE LONERGAN - Program Manager. Steve's been around since the "KC-Jenny." Didn't that scarf get tangled up in the hose?

SSGT CHUCK O'BANION - Training Flight Boom. Finally got a REAL car - washed and waxed by the Squadron CC, too. Trying to get to the KC-10. Good Luck!

TSGT BERND EKDAHL - S101. B's a native Yooper, eh - aren't you tired of this place yet?

SSGT SHERMAN MERRINER - Stan Eval. Carries around an autographed picture of Chief Binnicker! "Mr. Vice" is still searching for that perfect honey-ho.

SSGT MATT DAVIS - Just came in from Loring. How does a single SSgt accumulate 10,000# of household goods?

MSGT BRAD ARNSPARGER - Brad came back to active duty after flying in the KC-10 with the Reserves out West. He has a wealth of information to pass on to the new troops, but Brad, this is NOT a KC-10!

A1C JEFF GILBERT - Jeff's a super sharp Boom Operator and one to keep your eye on. Next thing you know he'll be doing your job!

SSGT ERIC MITCHAM - The "Bat Mooch" - he sleeps all day on Alert and roams the halls at night.

A1C ERRIKK DECKER - Our resident fishing expert. Babe Winkelmann move on over!

TSGT MARTY KOVAR - Marty's our Cargo Loading Manager. He's still hoping someone will buy a Four Wheeler so he'll have someone to ride with.

A1C JOHN PILKINGTON - "Pilkman's" another one to keep your eye on.

A1C TOM GLOSSER - "Woody" - if you watch Cheer's.... Tom, there's more to life than just cars! Just had a new baby.

A1C CHRIS MEINKEN - The Three Stooge's biggest fan! Chris keeps trying to get deer the hard way - with his car.

Departures:

SGT MIKE EVANS - Went back to Oklahoma City last summer.

A1C LYNETTE ANDREWS (WASHINGTON) - Decided to raise a family.

SSGT JIM PROTZMANN - Down at Barksdale flying the big One-Oh and loving every minute of it!

SRA KURT WESTEMEYER - Went back to school.

SRA KYLE FRENCH - Also went back to school.

SRA JOE LONG - Last we heard he's with the Guard in Chicago(?)

SSGT BILL SWEET - Headed back South to home.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
6TH AIRBORNE COMMAND AND CONTROL SQUADRON (TAC)
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE VA 23685-5536

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

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SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from the 6th Airborne Command and Control Squadron at Langley AFB. Va. We're still working for Admiral Kelso of the Atlantic Command and Fleet. It's nice to be in TAC and currently dream sheets are the only legal way to get here.

2. We are still working on converting our planes to Pacer Link Mods. So far we're 50% converted. We are trying to work out all the bugs but so far the bugs are winning.

3. Our starting players are:

MSgt Chet "Cheddar" Westman - Chief Boom, still favors the country attire and music. AS Chief Boom he keeps busy but does find time to take a five minute break.

MSgt Pat "Hank" Ryan - Our new 1st Shirt. Here a 1st Sgt. does everything that all the other booms do plus whatever else a 1st Sgt. does. He keeps busy thinking about KC-10's.

MSgt Pete "Action Jackson" Jackson - Our new Stan Eval boss. He is working so hard he's taking off the month of July.

TSgt Steve "Corky" Cordell - Training Flt. Corky works hard on the new Pacer Link mod. Basically this entails making a simple aircraft that works into an expensive one that doesn't. However, he's trying hard to correct that.

TSgt Mike "Dick" Diotte - Master Programmer. Works hard at obtaining all the appropriate flights from various agencies only to have to canx later so as to maintain our proficiency in cancellations!

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SSgt Mike "Gator" Cordell - Master Scheduler. Working once again as President of the All Forces Parachute Team to display his aerial expertise in the upcoming Community Appreciation Day this July.

SSgt Pat "Doggie" D'Augustino - Asst. Stan Eval. Kept looking at the schedule and the clock for the long awaited moment for the storks delivery but at last a cute little girl. CONGRATS!!

4. If you're near Langley , or simply wish to call, our auto. is 574-2109/2111.



MICHAEL V. CORDELL SSgt, USAF



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 42D BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
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REPLY TO 42 AREFS
ATTN. OF:

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR

It is with mixed emotions that I pen my last entry to the Boom Signal. Although my reasons for retiring are simply personal, I will miss what I am doing now. On the brighter side, I will be joining a great list of retired booms in Spokane. Charlie Flint, Blackie Bryant, Leroy Reed, Joe Hays, Roy Rebstock, Jim Logue, Frank Davis, Leo Erickson, Woddy Underwood, Perry Smith and Dick Spencer, just to mention a few.

We are finally R Mod complete and really like the new jet with the exception of the occasional smoke and fumes and increased pattern time because there's always too much gas left over. It's also much quieter, now if we could only get rid of the BUFF's, this would be a great assignment. Well, almost.

Now for those who in the 42d Air Refueling Squadron :

MSgt Mike Bauer: Dad and doing a great job! Ex-bachelor and eager to take his new bride to Nebraska. If anyone at SAC is listening, this guy deserves a break.

MSgt Paul Lowe: Scheduling and getting grayer. Although he's good at the job, you better buy him a beer and get comfortable before you ask him "how's it going?"

TSgt Roger Page: D080 and proud owner of a new plantation. I guess he and Rosie are planning to stay for awhile. Most of his neighbors plant potatoes, he plants empty beer cans.

TSgt Brian Towle: D080, I wanna go to Griffiss, no I wanna go to Castle, no I wanna go to Griffiss, no I wanna go to ----, well he'll go somewhere.

TSgt Tom McElroy: Training Flight and our very own snowmobile racing champion. Got his plumbing fixed and soon to be a dad. What a man!

TSgt Jim Norris: Stan/Eval and on his way to Carswell this summer, unless he makes Master. Talk about mixed emotions. Doing well as our senior Stan/Eval boom, but obviously never heard the phrase "spare the rod and spoil the child."

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Peace is our Profession

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SSgt Shawn Lamb: Stan/Eval and without a doubt, going to Griffiss. The only time he's been happier is the day he married Geri and Russ Carlson came back.

SrA Lonny Hall: A Flt Boom/CLT Manager and way ahead of his time. As a boom operator, he's terrific, but don't ask him to load a keg in your car.

A1C Barb Breland: 110. Her husband Barry finally came back from a remote assignment. She smiles alot more lately.

SSgt Will Rappaport: 111. New guy on the block and darn happy to be a boom operator. You would be too if you came from CE.

Amn Lloyd Keast: 112. A Maine-ard and amazed that there's more to life than a field full of potatoes. Give him a taco and he's happy.

Amn Audry Swan: 113. Really quiet for a boom, but we're working on it. Since she and her running partner Erica arrived, New Brunswick hasn't been the same.

Sgt "Roggy" Kennedy: 114. He's a dad now, so there's goes the last of his kitchen passes. I can here him teaching Austin to walk --"come along little doggie."

SSgt Larry Greenfield: B Flt Boom. This guy's got more girlfriends than he can handle, but they're not up here. These long distance romances keep him in the poor house and me going nuts juggling out of cycle leave to keep his white count down.

A1C Tom Campbell: 121. While I was inspecting his room in the barracks, I noticed eye shadow by the sink and panties under his pillow. I thought he was either strange or a good boom operator. He's a darn good boom!

Amn Geof Potter: 122. Stealth Boom #1.

TSgt Don Cash: 123. Quaz is alive and doing well. Just wish he would let his hair down once in awhile, he's always so serious. I guess from the looks of it, maybe he's let his hair down a few too many times. Don-why so red?

Sgt Tom Unerfusser: 124. Fast burner, hope he doesn't run out of JP-4. If I'd let him fly whenever he wants to, nobody else would get any hours.

SrA Steve Hines: C Flt Boom/130. The "Rooster" is back! You've heard of wine women and song, well for Steve it's beer, girls and Nintendo.

SSgt Garrett Goff: 131. It's beyond me how he got the name Smurf. Super boom with a great future.

Amn Tim Arsenault: 132. Another lady killer, but he's the one with the nail marks. Let these boys out of Maine and they're never the same.

A1C Sam Blackwell: 133. 200 lb + club, what a man! Well done Sammy!

Amn Mike Craig: 134. Stealth Boom #2.

Sgt Russ Carlson: Missed being a boom and glad to be back. Shawn's beer bill has gone up and so has Geri's blood pressure.

I may have taken a few shots at these folks, but I can do that. It's been an absolute pleasure to serve with them and I'm proud to be a part of the Boom Association. I have met many great people, made a few friends along the way and have enough stories to last a few Saturday nights at the VFW Club.

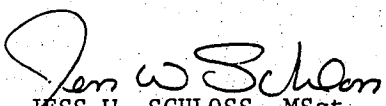
Darol Rang, Mike Cardina and I married the Connolly Sisters - - Donna, Kari and Vickie. Darol retired last year, I'm stowing it this year and our baby boom has a few to go. We still accept him, even though he is in the KC-10. I love ya Michael!!

I could fill up this boom signal from cover to cover with farewells, but there are some special people - Jim & Boo Boo, Mickey & Tori, Perry & Karen, Kelly & Dixie, Tim & Ann, John & Sandy, Jim & Marta, Tom & Nin, Shawn & Geri, Roger & Rosie, Frank & Jane and my pals from the fighting 135th.

I didn't mean to turn this in to a personal letter, but I hope you youngsters can read between the lines. This is the best damn job around. The rewards are not only priceless but eternal. If I have any parting words, be proud of your heritage and yourselves. Managers- take care of your troops. If there's something wrong, help them fix it - if they deserve praise, give it - if they need to be kick started, have strong legs.

If you ever find yourselves in the Spokane area, my boom pod is always open. I'll be listed in the phone book or at Post 1474, Hillyard VFW Club.

Finally, thanks Mom and Dad for your daughter and darling, thanks for hanging in there. I couldn't have done it without you and the troops know you gave them your heart.


JESS W. SCHLOSS, MSgt
Program Manager
Boom Stowed, 1990



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LORING AIR FORCE BASE, MAINE 04751-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 407 AREFS/CCF

6 May 90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators past and present

1. Greetings from Loring and the "Great White North". The boss asked me if I could pass along a word or two about our experiences over the past year.

2. This will be the final boom signal input from the 407th AREFS. We will close/consolidate with the 42nd AREFS in Oct of this year.

3. What a year it's been for us. We've had some great times and some bad times that we didn't know if we'd make it through. With the spring, (April and May), plans of parties, fishing trips, and another annual outing begin. The friends we've made in the past year and the good times we've had won't be forgotten.

4. Here's a list of characters and roles they're starring in:

SMSgt Don Pressley - Unfortunately this will be the final signal in which Don will appear. This summer he will retire and move back to the Barksdale area. There's not a boom here that won't regret it when Don drives out the gate in civilian attire.

TSgt Gary Hunt - When you think of Loring, Gary's name comes to mind. He's been stationed here for 15 years, minus a small break in service. He just moved out of scheduling and seems to be enjoying life on alert. Gary will replace Don as our NCOIC.

TSgt Derek Suficiencia - Suff is currently in training flight, but enroute to stan eval. He's trying to get over the lack of snow necessary for snowmobiling. All of the snow disappeared while he was attending the NCO Academy.

SSgt Gerry Alger - At present in stan eval, but should be coming back to the squadron and to the regular alert cycle. Gerry's another with plans of leaving us. He's awaiting orders to "Cali", Castle that is.

SSgt Joe Ekroos - Just enjoying "peace of mind" in stan eval. Of the foursome currently in stan eval, come summer, Joe will be the only holdover.

SRA Joe "Hound" Wilkins - Where the "Hound" comes from we don't know. Joe's the newest instructor to the squadron and recently took over as A-Flight boom. Joe's another of the veterans looking to be traded. He's going to Griffiss.

Sgt Paul Muschell - Paul's the newest NCO in the 407th. He's counting the days until he's promoted to civilian status. He should be leaving around the Aug-Sep time frame. He's filled with dreams of college and babes. We're not buying his finacée story.

AlC Joel Salley - Joel continues on his quest to break as many hearts as possible. He spent most of April at Macdill, laying on the beach.

Amn James Dickson - Arrived last month from Castle. He's hailed as a golfer and trying to get on the Air Force golf team. Although golf season only last 3 months up here, he's out swinging every chance he has.

TSgt Rick Taylor - Acquired from Plattsburgh this past year. He's soon to leave the stability of alert every 3 weeks for stan eval. After brushing up on his aircraft systems, he's more than adequately qualified for the job.

SRA Jim Clifford - Since I'm the author of this scandal sheet I guess I can write whatever I want. I'm currently in PME being re-programmed with Air Force propaganda. I'm envisioning a better and more fruitful life of college - 15 months until ejection.

Sgt Mike Cahill - Cross trainee from supply, enjoying life as a boom. He offered to help write this, but has vanished. He's rumored to be the missing link which scientists have been searching for. The NCO club is Mike's 2nd home.

AlC Erica Almgren - Arrived in Feb and immediately began whineing for TDY's. Lois, as she prefers, has turned into a real party "machine".

AlC Royce Thomas - Royce is probably leaving us for Fairchild this summer. He's also scheduled for a Pacific TTF this summer, if I don't break his leg and take it.

SSgt C. D. Franklin - Arrived last year from Carswell and immediately became part of the basketball team. You can hear more of C. D. in our signal input in years to come, because he'll probably still be here.

Amn Tom Krug - Another new arrival this year. He wanted to be a cop, but was forced to be a boom. Hopefully he'll get over it. He's looking to settle down with one of the many "spud queens" of Northern Maine.

Sgt Mike Stout - Better known as alpha boom. He was interrigrated by the cops for sitting in his "mobile command post" of a recreational vehicle while on alert.

AlC Dave Stadnicki - Still one of the ghosts of the squadron. Everytime you talk to Dave his wife's having another kid.

SSgt J. Phil Deal - Recently back from another European TTF. He plans to cross train to the KC-10 to become a loadmaster.

Sgt Nathan Peachy - Just arrived at Loring and already in cert class.

MSgt Mike Bauer - Still running the alert facility, but looking for PCS orders.

MSgt Paul Lowe - Chief of schedueling. Paul has two Capt's working for him.


5. As most of you know there's one name missing from this list. 4 Oct 89, is a date that I and many others will not forget. That was the day we lost four brothers, one of which was A1C Jack D. Cupp. Jack was a close friend of mine as well as countless others. Those he so tragically left behind will not soon forget him, or the dreams and ambitions he was filled with. Words to describe my feelings are difficult to express. Lord knows I've tried to capture my thoughts into words countless times. We at Loring will miss Jack and I'm sure you will too.

6. That's the news from your favorite northern outpost.

James Clifford, SRA
Spec Asst to Don Pressley
407 AREFS

P.S. I couldn't let this get out without adding a note. Thanks to all of you who called or sent cards after our loss last Oct. I'd also like to thank CMSgt Bobbie Hennings, CMSgt Ron Livingston, CMSgt Joe Phillipone, CMSgt Gene Estampa, SMSgt Gene Harris, SMSgt Danny Jones, SMSgt Chuck Stewart, SMSgt Billy Lindsey, MSgt Benny Akers, and MSgt Ken Campbell for making these past few years the best years of my life. Most of all I'd like to thank CMSgt (Ret) Dick Sanders for making it possible for me to become a BOOM OPERATOR.....

See you at next years boom symposium,


Don Pressley

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOB

9 May 1990

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8th AF/DOTTR
Barksdale AFB, LA 71110-5000

1. Greetings once again fellow aviators from Maine! We have not experienced many changes to date, however, there are a few.
2. CMSgt Joe Philippon's medical condition has improved dramatically! The "Chief" should be returned to flying status soon. Good Luck Joe!
3. SMSgt James R. Wood retired December 31, 1989. JR is still in the flying business as the local Aero Club President. He is enjoying his retirement here in Bangor.
4. SMSgt Glenn Prewitt is our new Stan/Eval Boom (The Hammer).
5. Here is the Line up:

SSG CARLA CYR
TSG JAY ELLINGSEN
TSG BRUCE GEROUX
TSG JOE GIFFORD
MSG CHUCK HALSTED
SSG SCOTT HESSELTINE
*MSG STAN HUNTER
TSG TOM JONES
TSG PETE LERETTE
TSG KYMPTON LOVLEY
MSG ROGER MACLEOD
TSG ROBERT PHAIR
*CMS JOE PHILIPPON
*SMS GLENN PREWITT
TSG MIKE PURCELL
*MSG SONNY REYNOLDS
SRA ANDY SHUMAN (Andy is now "The Baby Boom")
MSG ED ST. HEART
MSG ART STEVENS
*SMS JIM WINCHESTER

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Aerial Refueling Technician





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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: IBU

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

Greetings from the "BIG SKY BOOMERS;"

Once again the year has flown by and the boys here at Malmstrom have had an exciting (busy) twelve months, "to say the least." Thanks to Chief Richardson at 8th for reminding us for inputs to the SIGNAL.


As I write this letter the IG has just sucked-up the gear and is headed back to the corn fields of Nebraska. However; they left us with a "warm fuzzy"---A big blue dot---yes, the very first ORI of the 301st AREFW was an unqualified "EXCELLENT." We can thank the hard work of the crew dogs who performed flawlessly and did it under a lot of pressure. It's hard to believe that eighteen months ago, there were no jets on the ramp!!! We've come along way, in a very short time.

I'd like to take a brief moment to thank SMSgt Gene Harris and crew at McConnell for their hospitality and help during our deployment to Kansas.---Thanks Gene!!!

During our 4 month stay at McConnell we had the chance to participate in Operation Just Cause. It felt pretty good to do some "real world" flying and fighting. It also proved they couldn't "kick Ass without "R" Gas."

The past year also bought us some bragging rights; we won the HOLLOWAY TROPHY at Bomb Comp, and we were selected as the best Air Refueling Squadron in 15th AF, not bad for the new kid on the block!!!and it couldn't have been done without the "CAN DO" booms here at Malmstrom.

Well, I've ran on enough about what been happening here in Big Sky Country, so I'll close by extending a welcome to any boomer who drops into Malmstrom to stop by the Boom Shop and say "hello" and have a cool one on us!!


GEORGE W. CAMPBELL, SMSgt, USAF
Program Manager

SQUADRON BOOM'S

SSgt George W. Campbell (Wild Bill) - NCOIC - His personal taxi service from the NCO club is flourishing.

MSgt Kent A. Jenkins (Old Man) - Training Flight Guru and stan board harasser.

MSgt Douglas A. Jess (White Water) - Exscheduler and now professional line boom. You'll find him on the Missouri river, if you need him.

MSgt Scott H. Swilling - (Swill Dog) - Our new pad dad. It's one of them there things ya got to do to make Senior.

MSgt Thomas S. Dewitt (Tomcat) - On the line serving time.

MSgt Douglas D. Simmons (White Throated) - S-101 boom, busy dodging MSgt Jenkins and calling wild bill for a ride.

TSgt Mahlon L. Marr (Short) - Killing time for retirement.

TSgt John M. Lobenberg (Bones) - Assistant to Training Flight. Trying to find time to go water skiing.

SSgt Allan R. Wesemann (Speedy) - Driving his land yacht and trying to find a good woman.

SSgt Steven J. Olson (Oly) - Scheduler and maybe some day a TSgt.

SSgt Robert D. Grovhoug (1st Class) - Future instructor. He doesn't believe he's small enough to fit into coach so its first class or nothing.

SSgt Terry J. Klementz (Smerf) - S-102 - Brewing beer or fly fishing is what its all about.

SSgt Harold E. Katus (Beve) - S-103 - Just made TSgt so it's get Bills number and last one to the club buys the first shot.

SSgt Robert D.J. Henson (Rosie) - Got himself a woman. Who knows whats going to happen next.

SSgt Matthew J. Karnauskas (Krash) - Just bought a house and what a house warming party that was!

Sgt Charles T. Barr (Chuck) - Who? He's in our squadron.

Sgt Daniel O. Wells (Boone) - New instructor. Does a lot of fishing in the mountains and running from all the women.

Sgt James C. Dietz (Spike) - Doing the tuff TDY's to Alaska.

Sgt Dale A. McCutcheon (Broke) - Had his first kid.

Sgt Donald L. Johnston (Sunny) - Newest boom, just came in from Japan.

AlC Jay F. Heimann (Buster) - Trying to become a pilot. He might just make it, if he scores a 100% on his flight physical.

AlC Jason P. Swandal (J.P.) - All the young girls like his innocent face.

AlC Phillip G. Money (Eddie) - Learning how to be a professional C-141 killer.

AlC Emile T. Chabrouillaud (Chab) - Just another young up and coming boom.

AlC Brian F. Lee (General) - Just married. Told the barber he was a marine. Nice flat top general!

AlC Michael J. Jennen (Mikie) - He'll eat anything, just ask his roommate.

FROM: 9TH AREFS, MARCH AFB CA.

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: 8TH AF/DOTTR (CMS RICHARDSON)

As usual the Boomers of the 9th have had a very busy year since the last publication of the "Signal". The dedication and outstanding performance of the "GUCCI" boys & girls enabled us to win the SAC Bomb/Nav Comp and participate in our sister squadron, the 6th AREFS winning of the "Albert L. Evans" memorial trophy. We of the 9th are looking forward to competing again this year for both awards.

If you haven't read the last input by MSgt Steve Lonergan, 46th AREFS NCOIC at K.I. Sawyer AFB please take time to do so. In memory of DAVE VICKERS, Thanks Steve!

FIRST SERGEANT- Russ Marshall- Still beating down the piss ants and stomping out the fires.

NCOIC- Jake the (SNAKE) Benscoter - Got to watch the snake on those long passenger leg's with EML's.

SPARE - Gene Thomason - With retirement orders in hand soon to be in the silk screening business. Just send your T-shirt orders to Gene.

SPARE - Perry Sauro - Supply GURU; Last seen at finance trying to get a million out of the Pentagon Budget for FY-91.

SPARE - Tom Degan - Just arrived from the 6th, still beating cargo into the boom force.

SCHEDULER - Sven Gustavson - Sending Boom's all over the world with all the headaches to go with them.

TRAINING FLIGHT - Bob Mouquin - CINC reserve Sheriff, just ask him about "Butt Floss" and his weekend in Palm Springs.

- Brad Madison - Moving to training flight from scheduling. He's going to love it.

Sterling (WAY) Keller - Knows the real meaning of STEALTH.

Ed Mang - Stan/Eval - Plays more golf than he does work just ask Jessica.

Leo Marin - "Please don't make me go" Poor Leo just doesn't want to go anywhere.

Danny Mendonsa - Danny just has a rough time now and then needs a trip to Zaragoza soon.

Jerry Oien -DONO - Jerry's so quiet you never know when he's around.

Steve Oothoudt - DONO - Steve runs the DONO shop. Love's teaching that 10 day load planning course at Hickam AFB HI.

Paul Rogers - Still works up at 15th AF putting together KC-10 trips/deployments. Still goes to Clark "alot".

Steve Slobodnjak - Stan/Eval- Slow paced evaluations are steve's way to give a checkride.

Karl Smith - Reserve Sheriff soon better known as (Kool Breeze) Has been known to name big cowboy looking jerkwads at Travis AFB "HOSS".

Dave York - Just keeps on Keeping on.

Mike Aldapa - If you are heading this way PCS give Mike a call he will sell you a house.

Chris Burkhart - Works with Paul Rogers up at 15th.

Larry Bussen - Recently took on a wife, and is the local flight instuctor at the Areo Club.

Darnell Butler - Completed Cargo and now ready to test the Pacific system.

Taco Cleaver - I don't know why he calls himself Taco, he dosen't look mexican ? .

Gary Czenkus - Just departed the AF for marriage and a job in

computers.

Richard Davis - He calls himself "EASY" we still don't understand that.

Luis Drummond - Never seen a more dedicated boom opeator KC-10 School was a breeze. Lou stays out in the Pacific. Soon to be married.

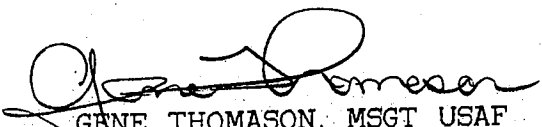
Barry Hayes - Just came off a trip with Thomason and Madison he was named "RAFAEL" after a teenage mutant ninja turtle. A great Trip.

Ken Holman - Doing great chaseing his girlfriend and staying TDY.

Judy Burr - Arrived from Barksdale AFB and loves it here. Judy takes more abuse and dishes it out than other boomette I know.

P.S.- If you happen to be town stop in and see DAVE KIRKLAND, he owns the GOLF USA store in the Canyaon Springs Plaza. I'm sure he would be glad to see some old friends.

P.S.- CMSgt "Mitch" Malseed you are going to be missed buddy!! Thanks for all you've done for the booms at the 9th. All the best in your retirement. You've been one of the OUR BEST.


GENE THOMASON, MSGT USAF
9TH AREFS

THE BOOM SIGNAL

TO: All Boomers

Hello from March (KC-10) AFB and the 6th AREFS, home of the Gucci Boys!

Another busy year has passed and we are still here despite all the cut-backs and talk of closing, and with that in mind we didn't set back on our backsides. We worked hard and won the SMSgt Albert L. Evans trophy, and the Bomb Comp Ellis trophy. It wasn't easy, being the new kids on the block, maybe its that "California freestyle" attitude. From refueling the first B-2 to the mission "Just Cause". "Nobody Kicks Ass Without '10' Gas, Nobody"!!! When any of you booms are in town, come by and say Hi, we always have beer in the fridge.

The following is a list from Team Stealth:

SMSgt David (hoto) Telles - Chief Boom - Went to Vegas and lost all of his money.
CMSgt Kenneth (boy chief) Endrizzi IBO - 15th AF Chief Boom. Has a job that's not on the books.
MSgt Paul Rogers MB - 15AF Tanker current OPS. If it goes to Clark, so does Paul.

Wing Scheduling.

TSgt Rick Shipman MB - Keeps our 10's flying.
SSgt Peppy (Rajan cajan) Glaze IBO - Only boom who seriously thinks that cargo currency is also 45 days.

Current Operations

TSgt Tina (Love My Firetruck) Wallace IBO - Plans all of our real world missions, and we do alot of them. She works her a-- off.

Stan Eval - MSgt Jim Mountcastle - Chief "Head Hunter", keeps us honest.
S-001 - TSgt Mike Yates EB - Still jumps from perfectly good airplanes.
S-002 - SSgt Rodney Bennett EB - likes playing golf courses after dark.
S-003 - SSgt Bill Black EB - Thinks he's in the Marines, he likes hanging around barber shops.

Training Flight

MSgt Jeff McGirt Chief IBO - The Boom pipeline is starting to dry we'll be seeing him TDY much more real soon.

Squadron Scheduling

R-010 - MSgt Ted Glick, Chief Squadron Scheduler (Bone Head) Want a good deal trip, go see him, VISA accepted. Wants to be the first 10 boom as a "pad dad".
R-020 - TSgt Sherry Bryan - Sq Scheduler (New IBO) - got her initial instructor check on the road by 3909 SAES MSgt Bronnie (Cookie Monster) Tennyson, did great.
R-030 - TSgt Bob Christopher IBO/Sq Scheduler (Chicken Head) - Don't bring the problem, bring the solution.

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Line Crew dogs/ TDY Hogs

- E-011 - SSgt Tony (Mr. Attitude) Ceralo MB - make his day.
- R-012 - Sgt Greg (Mr. Baseball) Warren - does anybody want to buy his twins.
- R-013 - Sgt Dan (Bam Bam) Elam MB - Nuff said.
- R-015 - SSgt Randy (dial tone) Johnson MB - Always TDY or on the Autovon; now I know why its always busy. Wants to be the only boom to retire without being an instructor. No problem.
- R-021 - SSgt James (OB) O'Brien MB - Three beer drunk, drink one, spill one, give one away.
- R-022 - TSgt Steve (Carrot Top) Kleman MB - wrote the boom signal this year. Can you tell.
- R-023 - TSgt Roger (Muther) Dumaine MB - Just bought a \$12,000 Harley.
- R-024 - TSgt Joe (I'm Hungry) Surovy MB - When he's not eating, he's pumping iron at the Gym.
- R-032 - SSgt Jeff (No Respect) Harp MB - In from Kadena, loves the TDYs, likes going back to Kadena and visit the boys.
- R-033 - SSgt Larry Hudnut MB - Also in from Kadena, today he and his wife take delivery of a new baby boy or girl we don't know yet (P.S. she's a girl).
- R-034 - SSgt Jack (Pretty Boy) Fortner MB - TDY or out looking for a hardbodys. Thinks he has found one. Wants to find the SOB that stole his truck.

Spare (not on a crew) booms

- TSgt Tom (Stealth Boom) Degen IBO - Tom can be found at his garage or the local jail house. Going to 9th AREFS.
- TSgt Marco (I wanta go TDY) Defelice IBO - Father's keep your daughters locked up, when Marco's in town.
- SSgt Jay (why is he always going TDY ?) Davis - IBO
- SSgt David (I wanta get out) Pileski IBO - Headed up the pig roast, no beer please.
- SSgt Mark (To tall) Schumann - IBO When Mark speaks, everyone listens.
- MSgt Pat Wadsworth - Bootstrap - Made MSgt the same day he lost his flight pay. What a deal.

Farewell to CMSgt Marshall (Mitch) Malseed - We'll miss seeing your happy face around here, your welcome anytime.

David Telles

SMSgt David Telles
6th AREFS, DOB
Inflight Refueling Program Manager, KC-10
Autovon 947-3659

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MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 92518-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 336 AREFS/Boomers

SUBJECT: Boom Signal - 1990

TO: CMSgt Richardson 8AF/DOTTR

Here's a warm hello to all the booms out there from the RRATS! It's been a very short year since I'm the one who has to write this letter again to you on short notice. So now I will try to tell you what has happened since my last letter to you.

The Squadron has received a bit of a face lift in the form of new people coming into the squadron. I was told that back in the good old days the Reserves never changed. The same people flew the Wright Flyer back in 03 are flying the old crates of today! All that has changed in the recent years. Now that our active duty friends are being forced to wind down we in the reserves are being wound up. Since my last letter to you many people have come and not so many have gone. The squadron is now composed of people scattered throughout the range of experience. The "old heads" are now faced with people fresh out of CCTS. The grey haired crews are fast becoming a minority. This is forcing guys like me in training flight to blow the dust off the training manuals and get to work. In Civil Service this is know as getting a job! Seriously speaking now, the Air Reserve Technicians have been working a lot now that we have to do more with less. Sound familiar? At any rate here is the years activities.

Our annual deployment to RAF Mildenhall is coming up in July. We will be ready to display the latest fashions in chem apparel. Thanks to the girls we'll be sporting lavender chem tape with teal helmets. Uhhhhhh, Chief Perry said, "ova my dead body!" Sorry girls. (thanks Chief!) Well, now that we survived the "Fem Chem Fashion Line" we can move on to the next item.

The big item is of course CEVG. We here at the RRATS nest are ready to take on any CEVG evaluation, in or out of the bar not withstanding. You can always tell when CEVG is getting close because standboard starts to act weird. They start to sharpen their sickles and wear hooded cowls talking with raspy voices. Well, that's about it for my flowing punic pen. I would like to give Sergeant Mc Guane a chance at the "RRATS ROSTER".

If you are ever at the March patch, stop on in and we'll drink a cold one.

Frank De Jauregui

Frank De Jauregui, MSgt, USAFR
336th AREFS Training Section, AV/947-2153

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SMSgt Norman Perry - The big cheese, the main man, the Godfather, Stormin' Norman. He recently yielded (more like buckled under) to the "distinguished look" and let his hair turn to its' natural color - silver - to match his tongue of course. Now that Ron Reagan lives in Southern California, he gets top priority for the gallon jugs of the Grecian Formula - sorry Chief.

SMSgt Curt Massey - To save what little hair he had left, Curt decided to quit the good life of commuting two hours to Los Angeles with the gridlock, the smog, and the drive-by freeway shootings to become one of the proud few, an Air Reserve Technician. With all his extra time, he can partake in the "Dad stuff" like attending his daughters dance recitals, and sreamathons with the other dads at his sons's little league games.

SMSgt Bob Dunning - Our Stan/Eval boomer extraordinaire. Bob is getting closer and closer to that computer science degree. But you can tell he has been hangin' around those computer freaks too long because his eyeglasses are thickening, there is an excessive amount of pens and pencils in his sweaty T-shirt pocket, a calculator on his watch, and his daily showers have turned to weekly ones (whether he needs one or not).

MSgt Reg "Rambo" Nolte - Recently granted a license to revel. Lords & Ladies please pay your respects to Sir Reginald - Earl of Brew. He can be seen stumbling around the local Renaissance Pleasure Faire adding to his arsenal with suits of armor and weighty sabers. Fill and raise your cup, give hearty to toast to his majesty ART, Sir Reg and all ARTs who would parade.

MSgt Frank "What'd He Say?" DeJauregui - Another ART, King of grandiloquence, master of magniloquence. This former crew chief is going to teach the rest of us 336th boomers (whether we want to know or not) that the boom on the KC-135 is actually an organized integrated whole made up of diverse but interrelated and interdependent parts. Say What? Recently tendered a Master Sergeant, this gentleman is our resident tutor. We'd be lost without him. By the way, according to his new wife, you can teach an old dog new tricks.

MSgt Zen Olson - The man oblivious to public opinion and could care less what you thought of him anyhow. A TDY with Zendal, the party animal, will wear you out to the point of having to partake in a different type of recuperation commonly referred to as "Z Square." Chief Perry says, "Zen reminds me of Paul Revere's ride - a little light in the belfry."

MSgt Steve Walters - Steve is our latest evaluator. He is also a defense investigator for the civilian world. What a combination! Rumor has it he recently Q2ed a waitress on a TDY for serving cold coffee. Needless to say her Form 8 didn't amount to much. He is trying to talk her into pleading guilty to a lesser charge of serving commi-coffee. Just kiddin' Stevie.

MSgt Brian J. O'Rourke - Do you want to talk about brute strength? Do you want to talk about sheer muscle? Do you want to talk about the Olympian Ideal? Then you don't want to talk about BJ O'Rourke. This guy is our lean, not-so-mean, flvin' machine. BJ quit his ART job and when he is not flying the heavies here with us, he is flying his model airplanes, or taking a time out with his family.

MSgt Carl "Hide-away" Walters - Still a fisherman working the San Diego seashore - he complains that the morning fog is just ruining his hairdo. Our mountain man CW now has his house built up in Big Bear. He spends his time commuting to the coast, or surfing Big Bear Lake with his wife and son.

TSgt Tina "Tiny" Skropos - Cheerful, beaming, lighthearted - always willing to lend a hand to friends in need. Tina has established herself as our ray of sunshine. But... the seemingly harmless combination of Mildenhall in the summer, Rum & Cokes, and carrier landings with the wing staff, turns her into Typhoon Tina.

TSgt Maggie Evans - That's right folks, the better half of the Barry & Maggie Evans Team, is, as we speak, showin' them how it's done at Castle's Boom School. Our little Maggie will be mission ready in no time! Remember all those TDYs Lee? Well.... you know what they say about payback.

TSgt Maurice Walker - Is that Mr. CHIPS behind those Ray-Bans? Lookout Eric Estrada, there's a new kid in town. This coooool character patrols the Los Angeles freeways as one of California's finest CHPs by day and flies with the RRATS at night. Says he would never give one of his fellow boomers a traffic ticket - yeah right! Hey Maurice, how do you like my tinted windows?

TSgt Steve Hamer - Hey Steve - relax will ya? Mild-mannered, even-keeled, you'd never suspect he was a dog like the rest of us. Somehow, little Stevie gets all the TDYs to Hawaii. You can find him blending in with the locals at the Shorebird or hobnobbing with the golf pros.

TSgt Deb "Yes Sir" McGuane - Our newest ART. This highly polished and professional NCO came to us from the 22 AREFW Base Career Advisor Office. When she's not flying or drilling the squadron in her T.I. Hat, and spiked high heels, she is our civil service timekeeper. A hardworker and a great asset. Welcome aboard Deb. P.S. - beleive it or not she did not write this about herself. *70g*

SSgt Carlos Cesena - This high powered real estate broker, owns a condo in San Diego, totes a cellular telephone, and is recently married to a lovely girl. How does that go Carlos...? First comes love then comes marriage, then comeswhat!? Carlos strolls in here on a weekly basis in his \$500.00 Gucci suits and Italian leather shoes with his flight suit draped over his shoulder. Want to buy a house? Just leave your number and his people will call your people. *108*

SSgt John Everette - Another acquisition from the local 22 AREFW. John had his ducks lined up when the 22 AREFS was inactivated. He went from active duty to Air Reserve Technician so fast the velcro on his flight suit patches are still smokin'. As another one of our ARTS (how many ART boomers does the 336th have?), John is in charge of all the 336th reserve pay. Needless to say he is everyone's buddy.

Sgt Phil Stidham - Able-bodied and agile-minded. In his vintage 1974 Delta 88 he fondly calls "La Bamba" - this guy was quickly transformed from small town boy to "Studman Stidham." Hey Phil, where' ya going?! This is Southern California not Southern Tennessee - the bathroom is inside the building. Another of our ARTs, Phil is indispensable since he will go TDY anywhere anytime - camera in hand. We love having him and.... he loves being had.

SrA Lisa "Rickey" Rickerd - One of our newest and youngest boomers. Miss Lisa was comfortably transformed from a carefree, innocent, pure, civilian to a full-fledged, obnoxious, mission-ready, gas passer. Now she swears, spits, and tells raunchy stories with the best of them. Just kidding. Actually, Lisa has somehow maintained her composure and femininity and....most of her innocence and purity inspite of some of the efforts of the less than refined 336th crewdogs. An F-16 jock has recently snapped her up and there are wedding plans in the making. Sorry guys.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 940TH AIR REFUELING GROUP (AFRES)
MATHER AFB CA 95655-5000

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: ARIC J. WIECHMANN

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: CMSGT ELZEY RICHARDSON

1. GREETINGS TO ALL BOOMERS. IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR HERE AT THE MATHER RESERVES.

2. IN AUGUST, WE ARE SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE TWO NEW AIRPLANES AND ALONG WITH THAT WE ARE EXPERIENCING SOME GROWING PAINS.

3. WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING A DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY WITH THE BASE SLATED FOR CLOSURE. THE WORDS WE HAVE NOW IS THAT WE WILL BE STAYING AT MATHER AS A SEPARATE CANTONMENT AREA EVEN AFTER THE BASE CLOSES.

4. OUR ANNUAL DEPLOYMENT THIS YEAR TOOK US TO RAF COTTESMORE U.K. WE WERE CONDUCTING DROGUE REFUELINGS WITH RAF F-4'S IN SUPPORT OF EXERCISE ELDER FOREST, DEFENSE OF THE U.K..

5. HERE'S A LIST OF OUR BOOMERS:

MSGT BOB ALLEN: STILL TRYING TO TEACH THOSE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS SOMETHING.

SSGT DAVE COMSTOCK: WORKING ON CATEGORY QUALS, AN ACCOUNTANT IN REAL LIFE.

SMSGT RON DILORENZO: OUR BOOM SHOP SCHEDULER. DOING A FINE JOB. (ART)

TSGT WAYNE EBNER: GOT RIFFED FROM THE BASE MACHINE SHOP, COMING TO WORK FOR US FULL TIME.

CMSGT GENE ESTAMPA: THE BOSS. (ART)

SRA TOM (HANS) KILLIAN: AT CCTS RIGHT NOW. JUST CAME TO US.

TSGT MIKE MECUM: HAS NEW BABY. WORKING AS A PLACER COUNTY DEPUTY

MSGT AARON MILLER: SAYS HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT COMPUTERS. (ART)

MSGT DAVE MYRICK: A SUPERVISOR FOR UPS. WORKS AS FAST AS A UPS TRUCK.

MSGT RAY PARRER: STILL WORKS AFLC AT MCCLELLAN. TRYING TO BUILD OWN AIRPLANE.

TSGT DAN QUASIUS: STUDENT. WORKING ON DEGREE IN PHYS ED.

MSGT BOB RENN: MARRIED. HAS NEW HOUSE. ALL THE FUN THINGS IN LIFE. (ART)

SSGT FRANS STENKEN: NEW KID ON THE BLOCK. EXPERIENCING THE JOYS OF CASTLE.

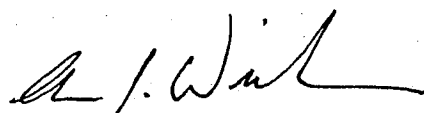
SMSGT RON THOMAS: STAN-EVAL. WORKING ON DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING. KNOWS WHAT A CRIMPED DROGUE LOOKS LIKE. (ART)

TSGT TONY VAN HECKE: COPS WON'T LET HIM ON BASE WITHOUT A FRONT BUMPER. (ART)

MSGT ANN WALTERS: WORKS PROCUREMENT AT MCCLELLAN. (SHHH)

TSGT ARIC WIECHMANN: JUST BOUGHT AN OLD HOUSE. BRUSHING UP ON HIS HANDYMAN SKILLS. (ART)

6. THAT DOES IT FOR THE BOOMERS HERE AT MATHER. IF YOUR IN TOWN FOR ANY REASON LOOK US UP. TAKE CARE.



ARIC J. WIECHMANN. TSGT/GS-9, USAFR
AIR RESERVE TECHNICIAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
10TH AIRBORNE COMMAND CONTROL SQUADRON (USAFE)
RAF MILDENHALL, APO NEW YORK 09127-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

10TH ACCS (TSgt Joe Long, 238-2164)

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal Input

TO:

BAF/DOTTR (CMSgt Elzey Richardson)

Greetings from the land of "Real Ale". We are the USAFE assigned Boom Operators in England. On occasion we get a chance to meet many of you, thanks to our good friends in the 306TH (MSgt John Alvarez and MSgt Nate Wilds). They allow us to keep current and qualified on the KC-135A/Q/R. Normally we fly EC-135H's, and this past year we also started logging time on a WC-135B. Needless to say, it is our main pattern bird, but we occasionally get a real mission out of it.

If you need anything while you are over here visiting, give us a call. Normally at least one or two of us are in the squadron and not airborne. Be more than glad to run you between the bases or downtown or to a few of the local sights. Would like to pass on special thanks to SMSgt Davis at Carswell, and to all the fine people at Mather, especially CMSgt Gene Estampa, for the fine work at the Program Managers Conference last year.

Our current list of Super Booms are:

MSgt Paul Steal - Our Main Stan Eval man at the Wing Level. Paul just returned from a honeymoon in the states, recently married a very nice English Girl. May be a possibility of coming off that Indef and heading for the states (Ellsworth?)

TSgt Mike Shogren - Here is our resident Young Tiger. Mike celebrated blowing by 5000hrs this year. He is our squadron Stan Eval, building manager and general Jack of All Trades. Still at Toad Hall and single. Does an excellent job teaching History in NCO Prep Courses.

TSgt Joe Long - I am still holding down Training Flight, and beefing up those flying hours. Now if I can only learn to mellow out more with the Silk Purse. Really enjoyed meeting everyone at the conference last year.

SSgt Craig Crane - Craig has been catching up on his flying time and getting his solo with the Aero Club. Future plans, could find him in the Pilot seat of one of the Airlines. Craig is currently working Squadron scheduling. Did a really nice job last year on the Squadron Sub.

Right People. Right Mission. Right Now.

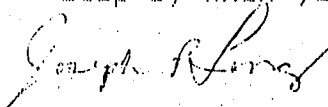
SSgt Larry "Diesel" Westwood - Larry is currently down with another knee operation. None of us want be in his shoes. While on down time though, he is lending a much needed hand to the boys in scheduling. As our resident sport nut, there is no doubt that by fall he will be found on the soccer fields of his village.

Ssgt Rick Bateman - Our main man in Pubs. Ricky has to keep up with all the updates and changes for the varied aircraft we fly. He is our resident flyer at SAC and the one you will most likely meet. Ricky also passes on his knowledge with the folks at the NCO Prep course.

Sgt Dana Hutchinson- Hatchman completed CFIC last year. He is our resident playboy and full time student. Spends his alert days completing college courses. The future could find him in a KC-10.

We currently have 7 booms assigned and 6 slots authorized. We may lose one this winter, but the next losses will not be for another 2 years. We appreciate the calls from all the KC135 and KC10 folks who want to come over, but we can't hire you. Put your inputs on your Dream Sheets and talk with MPC.

Stop by when you can and "FLY SAFE"


TSgt Joe Long
10TH ACCS/DOTB



FROM: 133 AREFS, NHANG

15 May 90

SUBJECT: Boom Signal 1990

TO: All Boom Operators

Greetings to all Boom Operators from all of us in the New Hampshire Air National Guard. The closing of Pease AFB has forced the 157 AREFG to prepare for a lot of changes in our future. As most expected, we will remain here at Pease in a "stand alone" status. The name of our base will be titled, "Pease Air National Guard Base at Newington." We will continue to pull alert in the active duty alert facility until the construction of our new facility is complete. Although most of the unit will be expanding to bring us up to a stand alone capacity, we don't anticipate any Boom Operator openings as a result of our stand alone status. Any vacancy we have will be filled by personnel who cross train from within the Group. This means that if you want to be a Boomer in the NHANG, you will have to join the Group under another AFSC, then compete with other Guardsmen for the position.

Our roster is as follows:

Technicians

CMS Maurice D. Doucet - Duke has been in the unit since 1960 and been the Chief Boom since 1984. Duke plans on retiring in 1992. Flying Hrs. total - 14,309.

SMS Raymond C. Richardson - Ray has been in the unit since 1960 and has been in Stand/Eval since 1989. Ray is an avid golfer and organizes most of our social events. Flying Hrs. total - 11,742.

SMS David Frohlich - Dave has been in the unit since 1968 and is in charge of Boom operator Training. If Dave is not out getting a hair cut, he is usually TDY. Dave's experience in cargo loading and weights and balance is quite an asset to the unit. Dave was recently promoted to SMS. Flying Hrs. total - 8,330.

MSGT Robert J. Lougee - Bob has been in the unit since 1961 and works in our scheduling office. Bob also plans on retiring in 1991. Flying Hrs. total - 7,529.

MSGT Stephen S. Morgan - Steve has been in the unit since 1975 and also works in scheduling. Congratulations are in order for Steve as he was a recent graduate of the USAF Senior NCO Academy. Flying Hrs. total - 4,043.

MSGT Carl B. Snlerson - Carl has been in the unit since 1974 and works in training office. Congratulations are also in order for Carl as he recently finished his Bachelor's degree. Carl was recently promoted to MSGT. Flying Hrs. total - 4,017.

AGRs

TSGT Michael J. Blandina - Mike has been in the unit since 1976 and works in the vault as our unit tactics expert. Mike is trying to call every Boom in SAC to sell them a home security system. Flying Hrs. Total - 3,189.

TSGT Denis J. Boucher - Denis has been in the unit since 1983 and is the unit property custodian. Denis is also working on his Bachelor's degree and hopes to finish soon. Flying Hrs. total - 1,663.

TSGT Kelly R. Philbrick - Kelly has been in the unit since 1986 and is the unit publications monitor. When Kelly is not on alert he is usually out scuba diving. Flying hrs. total - 2,410.

Part-timers

MSGT Richard F. Ellis - Dick has been in the unit since 1966 and is one of the finest architects in the area. You will see Dick on just about all of our trips to Florida. Flying Hrs. total - 5,708.

MSGT Philip B. Weiss - Phil has been in the unit since 1976 and works at the University of New Hampshire. Phil is to be congratulated for his recent marriage. Flying Hrs. total - 3,505.

MSGT Robert G. Gagne - Bob has been in the unit since 1973 and is a postal carrier. Bob is also to be congratulated for recently recieving his bachelors degree. Bob was recently promoted to Msgt. Flying Hrs. total - 3,549.

TSGT John E. Lennon Jr. - John has been in the unit since 1983 and is either driving a truck, checking gas meters, working as a paramedic, or running his convenience store. Quite a busy guy! Flying Hrs. total - 1,230.

TSGT Daryl R. Pettis - Daryl has been in the unit since 1987 and is this year's author of the Boom Signal. Daryl graduated with honors from NCO Academy last August. He and his wife are expecting their third child this August. Flying Hrs. total - 2,328.

TSGT Marc P. G. St Cyr - Marc has been in the unit since 1985 and works for the Public Service Company of New Hampshire as a machinist. Marc did a fine job writing the Boom Signal during the last couple of years. Flying Hrs. total - 836.

TSGT Glenn R. Senechal - Glenn has been in the unit since 1987 and works for the U.S Post Office as a postal carrier. Glenn can always be called upon to take those long trips to Europe. We think he likes the beer. Glenn has recently been promoted to Tsgt. Flying Hrs. total - 793.

SSGT Mark A. Giovannettone - Mark has been in the unit since 1987 and is our full time/part time Boom Operator otherwise known as a "Guard Bum". Mark was a recent graduate of NCO Leadership School and was also recently promoted to Ssgt. Flying Hrs. total - 882.

SSGT John J. Gibb - John has been in the unit since 1988 and is a full time student at the University of New Hampshire majoring in Physical Therapy. John was recently promoted to Ssgt. Flying Hrs. total - 425.

SSGT David J. Lajole - Dave has been in the unit since 1988 and is a professional artist. Dave was recently promoted to Ssgt. Flying Hrs. total - 533.

SSGT Elaine M. D'Orto - Elaine has been in the unit since 1989 and is our Baby Boomer. Elaine works as a tool machinist at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Elaine was recently promoted to Ssgt. Flying Hrs. total - 207.

If any boomers plan to be in the Seacoast area, feel free to stop in and see us. Our office number is AV 852-2452.

FROM ALL OF US IN THE NHANG

OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS, 160TH AIR REFUELING GROUP
RICKENBACKER AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, OHIO 43217

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: Chief Boom

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: Boomer World

15 May 1990

GREETINGS from the Buckeye State, home of the 145th AREFS.
First an update on Who's-Who.

Group people consist of CMS Tom "THE FOX" Foster, our fearless leader. Then SMS Donald "D.J." Harris, Stan/Eval boomer, our policeman, soon to be retired, I hope.

Squadron people, down in the trenches, is SMS Terry "STINKY" Kerr, stay around long enough and ya make rank, our Squadron Supervisor. MSG Chris "HOSE BUCKET" Neitzelt, don't know how he ever got that name, full time alert sitter and farmer. MSG John "JP" Collins, Irish clean through, "If its not green, PAINT IT", according to JP. MSG Robert "PETE" Fentress, starting to bring his family into the unit. Must be getting old. MSG Bill "DRIVER" McIver, single again and loving it. TSG Ed "EASY GOING" Smith, with a new Green I.D. card and his camera. LOVE THAT ALERT! TSG Dick "FALCON" Grein, his son starts at the AF Academy this fall. TSG Al "ICE" Berg, still running for his life. TSG Matt "NO SHOW" Foster, building his own home and moving up in management in the food business. TSG Dan "DANCIN" Thomas, new wife, new car, still sitting alert. SSG "TAB" Bursk, got out of college, soon to be married. His Dad bought him a company for graduation. TSG Lonnie "LUNI" McLaughlin, just hired by American Air Lines, as a PILOT. SSG Tim "TIMBO" Caudill, going to be a Daddy around the July time frame. SGT Paul "HUGS" Hughes, carrying a green ID, soon to be married and soon to be leaving for PILOT training. SGT Daron "WHERE'S THE BUCK" Bloom, green ID, is pulling alert, in school, looking for a pilot slot. SSG Bob "SWAT" Reffitt, just out of boom school and ready to fly! SSG Mark "UNKNOWN" Hamilton is due out of the school house in June. SGT Shawn "UNKNOWN" Carr is due out of the school house in July.

I want to thank the "Chief" for letting me write the letter to the Boom Signal this issue, as it will be my last. I'll be "STOWING THE BOOM" in the next couple of months. I wanted to say how I appreciate being one of you for the last 29 years but I hav a lot of good memories to hang on to and have made friends I'll never be able to forget. Just remember, boomers have the best flying job in the Air Force. If you're ever in Lancaster Ohio, look up DJ Harris as there is always a cold one in the refrigerator.

D.J. has said it all. He is a glowing highlight of this unit. His friendly and helpful attitude has always brought smiles to the faces of worried individuals. He filled the shoes of predecessor, Seth Giust, and has kept this unit safe from itself. Thank you Donald J. Harris, SMIGIT.

Tom Foster

THOMAS F. FOSTER, CMSgt, Ohio ANG
Inflight Refueling Program Manager





From: 509 AREFS/IRM SMSgt Christensen
Subject: Boom Signal
To: 8AF/DOTTR CMSgt Richardson

Greetings from lobster land. This will probably be the last signal input from the active duty at Pease, as we should all be out of the area by the end of the year. The historic 509 AREFS (oldest air refueling squadron in the AF) is planned to reactivate with the 416 BMW, so if you are ever at Griffiss AFB, you will probably see our glowing "Mobile" sign so please stop by. We would like to thank Chief Rutzebeck, Chief Harrison, and Sgt Lenny Engle for the super job they did getting us our assignments and working closure problems. The big question around here is "what to do with the base when we leave?" The answer is still unknown, but could be anything from a petting zoo to a regional airport. The Air National Guard is planning to continue tanker operations after we leave, so we wish them "lots of luck". Although the winters are rough and the summers are hot and humid, the beauty of this area has made up for it all; this will be a difficult place to leave. I have been very fortunate to be in charge of the finest group of boom operators I have ever come in contact with. Many of the units out there will be getting some real talent when this place closes. If you get a chance, plan an off-station trainer here this summer. The lobster prices are low now, lower than last year. In closing, here is a current, final listing of our boom operators and their projected assignments.

WING STAFF

SMSgt Tom Cole. Alert Facility Manager. Orders to Malmstrom AFB.
Our inn keeper for the Combat Condo. Has more radios than Radio Shack.

SSgt Pete Abrales. Scheduling NCOIC. Orders to Griffiss AFB.
Fastest scheduler in the East. Pete could schedule you for a back-to-back alert tour and make you think you're getting a good deal.

TSgt Ed Dunham. Tanker Task Force. PCS Hampton donut shop.
When the task force left, Ed retired--officially. Residing in the local area.

SQUADRON

SMSgt Paul Christensen. Program Manager. Orders to Griffiss AFB.
Don't expect me to write anything nasty about myself.

MSgt Al Boothby. Training Flight NCOIC. Orders to Robbins AFB.
Jet Ski Junky, Dart Dynamo. Voted most photogenic at MIGHTY WARRIOR '89.

MSgt Phil Rogers. S-101. Orders to Grissom AFB.
Newlywed x 3. Phil needs to install roll bars in his Trans Am.

Sgt Bryan Barthlow. S-102. Orders to Offutt AFB.
Nomex Ninja, (ex-marine). Proved the theory that you can't go to the KC-10 without putting in a package.



TSgt Dave Estes. E-110. Orders to Castle AFB.
When Roger Bybee retired, Dave got promoted.

AlC Randy Politte. E-111. Orders to Fairchild AFB.
"Chauchie." Randy demonstrated his demolition derby skills recently
when he backed his alert vehicle into the commander's POV. Oh well.

SrA Doug Bloom. R-112. Orders to Barksdale, KC-10.
Doug has a peculiar way with women. They like to let the air out of
his tires. He is the only guy I know that has to carry four spare
tires in his trunk.

Sgt Mike Steinkraus. R-113. Orders to Fairchild.... no wait, separating,
wait...back to Fairchild. Rusty's buddy. Mike's a super boom operator.
What he can't get done, his dad can. It pays to have stars in the family.

SSgt Dick Furman. R-114. CLT Manager. Orders to Griffiss AFB.
Dick is the one to ask about the pitfalls of owning a mobile home on a
base that's closing. Hopefully, everything will work out for Dick.

MSgt Ed Jackson. E-120. Orders to Carswell AFB.
Ed loves jet engine noise. You fly right over his house if you shoot a
TACAN approach to runway 16.

AlC Chris Parrish. R-121. Orders to Fairchild.
Stealth Boom. Chris uses a nerf nozzle when he refuels B-1s.

Sra Tom Rau. R-122. PCS to PCS (Permanent Civilian Status).
We are losing a great boom here. Has to stand on his nav's shoulders
to shoot the sextant.

Sgt Jim Biggs. E-123. PCS to ANG
"Chief Biggs" decided to punch out after he saw the brochure on Malmstrom.
Doesn't like to hunt or fish. Another superb boom operator. Our loss is the
guard's gain.

SSgt Mike Casey. E-124. Orders to Grand Forks AFB.
"The Snake." Looks like Mike will be trading his Harley in for a Snow Mobile,
Snow Blower, or Snow Cone, or maybe a dog sled. Good Luck.

MSgt John Yager. E-130, Assistant Program Manager. Orders to Griffiss AFB.
Last year at MIGHTY WARRIOR, Crew E-124 tried to throw John in the river.
Crew E-124 went in the river instead.

Amn Jason Lemaitre. R-131. Orders to Wurtsmith AFB.
Jason is our newest boom, fully checked out, and TDY to the ETTF.
Tried to sign up for an ACE flight when he first got here, but knows
his way around now. Looks like Tom Cruise, only shorter.

Sra Ken Rothrock. R-132. Orders to Griffiss AFB.
"Barney" "Rock&Roll", is also a newlywed. He is currently attending CFIC.



Sgt Steve Mason. R-133. Orders to Beale, wait...maybe Wurtsmith or Barksdale. 'Pepsi Poster Child.' In order to monitor Steve's progress, we have to use Time-Lapse Photography. Actually, Steve does a very good job in between trips to Indiana.

SSgt Don Templeton. R-134. Orders to Grissom AFB. Don is a super boom operator, plus he can play several musical instruments. A future feature on Ed McMahon's Star Search.

*** Thats All Folks! ***

Paul H Christ

Paul H. Christensen SMSgt, USAF
In-flight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 310/380 AREFS/OT (SrA Matt Paris, 7172)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOT (CMSgt Richardson)

Warm salutations from Plattsburgh, where fun is always in season. Spring is in the air, and the North Country finally shed its winter blanket. Change seems the only constant here, as the boom world turns. SAC Stan/Eval made a cameo appearance in January. Base personnel were ready for the challenge though, hanging tough for an overall "excellent" rating. TTF relocated from Pease, began operations at the 'Burgh in February. Warriors ready for an earful are encouraged to drop by the Boom Shop. Once again, the Federal tax dollar is on static display. Alert crews are presently enjoying a newly renovated facility, bidding adieu to the dilapidated cinder brick of old. Crews are still flying fat, proud, and sassy in preparation for Mighty Force and Bomb Comp. Rumor control has declassified the following information, names have not been changed to protect the innocent:

MSgt Joe "bag of doughnuts" Baka - Ringleader at Stan/Eval; the "college" of knowledge! NCO Academy graduate.

MSgt Vince Ruck - If you see him without a smile dial 911. Putting it on the line at TTF.

MSgt Jim Hammaker - NCOIC. Soon to be the BMOC of both squadrons. Often found fighting fires in Peru.

MSgt Steve Bacon - Misses Stan/Eval, but doing a great job as "pad dad", alert marches on!

MSgt Steven Burkush - "Weebles" is loving life at scheduling, now his official sport.

TSgt Pete "the ball buster" Tripi - Paisano of pubs at Stan/Eval, cholesterol kid completed NCO Academy.

TSgt Crosslin Smith - Graduated the NCO Academy. Living proof that if you push hard enough, you still may not get your way in SAC!

TSgt Roger "the rabbit" Barrett - Full Metal Instructor, no cargo load is too big!

TSgt Don Fischer - "Fish" is the "can do easy" in training flight. Chewing cigars is standard operating procedure.

TSgt Robert Morales - New addition from March AFB. An instructor equal, the only boom capable of using emcon Espanol!

Peace is our Profession

TSgt Don "the whip" Wilson - "Oh boy, Castle here I come!"
Leaving training flight for the good life.

TSgt Mike Prieskorn - New arrival from Castle AFB. Golden boy at the TTF.

SSgt Bob Johnson - Second rounder at Stan/Eval, he recently lost ten pounds the hard way - appendicitis!

SSgt Dennis "the nice guy" O'Grady - Graduated the NCO Leadership School, new IBO. The Boston beaner is walking tall as Flight Commander boom.

SSgt Jody Charland - "Airwolf" is a short-timer, as he'll soon be training to fly Army whopper choppers!

SSgt Phil "blazing saddles" Blaisse - Congrats on making Staff. Flying with Phil is like flying with an instructor.

SSgt Rich "killer" Kozak - A Stan/Eval regular, he routinely critiques on the ski slopes!

Sgt Terry Santoro - Turning things around in training flight, her boomette is due in May!

Sgt Erick "Can I use your phone?" Turner - Recently cross-trained from admin.

Sgt Tim Gemsheim - "TDY" can be found on Lake Champlain.

Sgt Todd Thomas - Mr. FAA leaves the royal order of boom in August. Blow dries his hair in prop wash.

SrA Matt Paris - For an autographed copy of "Airman" just call!

SrA Dan Urban - Danimal even has fun on alert. Departs the fix in June!

SrA Jim "Doc" Brown - CFIC won't teach him there's the engagement ring, wedding ring, and the suffering!

SrA Dave Nicholas - "St. Nick" made BTZ. Occasionally, his dog can be seen taking him on walks.

SrA Dave Francey - Official USAF poster boy, he's enroute to the Gucci League!

SrA Gordon Ringler - Always active in the 380th. Sales rep for Skoal, just a pinch'll do!

SrA Dave Zahn - "The Right Stuff" is heading for CFIC in May. His wife is dining room supervisor at the alert facility.

SrA Roy Whittaker - Dial 1-800-PARTY CENTRAL!

SrA Vicky Stoflinsky - The "Stof" is behind the wheel again. Pedestrians are advised to remain clear of sidewalks.

ALC John Pullen - Training for the Iron Man competition in Hawaii, wants to retrain into Pararescue -- stud!

ALC Frank Acosta - Frank found a new friend in Joe, much to his wife's chagrin!

ALC Elouise Davis - Did someone say Futon?

ALC Brian Hughes - "Maddog" is in Europe again!!!

ALC Erik "the dark" Prince - Now playing at your local theatre!

ALC Natasha Bamberger - Another March AFB relocatee. What a cutie!

Amn Katherine "Hey I'm getting married" Steiner - California's the place you oughtta be!

Amn Stacey Black - Blondes have more fun!

Amn Eddie Schneider - The boom who loved women!

Other recent Castle Inductees include:

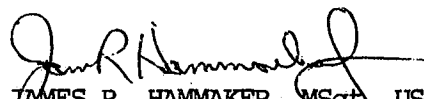
Amn Dan "Iroc" Teachey
Amn Bryan Smith
Amn J.D. "Jack Daniels" Harston
Amn Tim Estep
Amn John Wygmans
Amn Clayton Izumi


In the ebb and flow of life, it is only appropriate to remember the dearly departed:

SSgt Randy Smith - Devised a technique for preflighting the liferaft. (Ssss)
SSgt George Samatoro - Driving a brown truck for UPS.
SSgt Merv Arthurton - Now a Castle demagogue.
SSgt Rick Taylor - Drinking "Moosehead" at Loring. Can you say RUMP RANGER?!
Sgt Jeff McGee - Sleeping on EC's at Hickam.
Sgt Kraig "Bam-Bam" Coates - Attending school in Idaho!
SrA Pat Hopping - College bound in Ohio.
SrA John Keiningham - Toasting Margueritas in sunny California.

The Boom Operators of the 310th AREFS would like to dedicate this issue to SMSgt Tom "The Juice" Betrus, who, after a long, illustrious AF career, is being ostracized for having too much fun as our NCOIC. The Juicester wishes to render a final sentiment to his collegeas.

"MAY YOU ALWAYS LAND GEAR FIRST, AND YOUR BOOM BE UP AND STOWED!"


JAMES R. HAMAKER, MSgt, USAF
Program Manager, 380 AREFS


THOMAS S. BETRUS, SMSgt, USAF
Program Manager, 310 AREFS

FROM: CMSgt Bobbie Hennings

SUBJECT: Pending Retirement

TO: All Boom Operators

Yes, I'm hangin up the hook. Going on leave 1 Jul with a retirement date of 1 Sep 90. This is my last opportunity to say farewell to all and wish each of you the best. I plan on remaining in Warner Robins, pursuing my hobbies of building, flying, and maintaining airplanes. I haven't sent any resume's yet and don't plan to until 1 Sep 1990. I have had the good fortune to travel a good deal during my career and have met many of you. Flying has been special for me over the years but being a boom operator and associating with all of you has really made it all worth while and I thank you for it. That is what I will miss, but am confident that I will see you from time to time, at a reunion or other function.

We've been through many changes in the last thirty years but you are going to see many more in the next few years. I hope the tradition of once a boom operator always a boom operator continues and that the boomers union stays as strong as it is today.

If you ever find your way down here in the southeast give me a call or stop by. The fridge in the workshop is always full of beer.... and pop for the teetotalers..

I'm retiring but ...

I'm not really hanging up

the "HOOK"

Bobbie J Hennings

P.S. we all know who the
real perch jerkers are
around here

FROM: 99/912 AREFS/Boom Operators

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All Boomers

1. Hello to all boom operators from the land of the Georgia Peach. The weather is great for flying. It's April and we're already getting temps in the 80s!!

2. In the past months we've had the ORI visiting and we were rated excellent overall. The two Air Refueling Squadrons were both rated "Outstanding"!!! Keepin busy with Just Cause, Quick Force, Mighty Force, CTTF, ATTF, ETTF, PTTF and CORONETS all keep us hopping!!!

3. INBOUNDS: Amn Mathew Lang, CCTS
MSgt Milt Barnwell, Down from Minot
MSgt (Sel) Al Boothby, comin outta Pease

KEEP EM COMIN MPCccceee!!!!

4. OUTBOUNDS: CMSgt Bobbie Hennings, Retiring
Sgt Rich Dodd, Separating ???
TSgt Randy Seip, PCS to Castle AFB
TSgt John Beringer, PCS to Hickam AFB
AIC Heidi Tilschner, Separated 1 Mar 90
SrA Michael Johnson, Separated 15 Mar 90
Sra Dan Henion, Separated 30 Mar 90

5. RETIREES IN THE AREA:

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

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

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

99th Lineup:

SMSgt Sam Hunt - "Yoda" Just pinned on E-8 and ready to climb new heights.
MSgt Steve Miller - "Pad Dad" Just made E-8.
TSgt John Pettis - Training Flight, Doing a great job!
SSgt Colon Miller - "Killer Miller" Stan Eval Santa Claus.
Sgt Doug Evans - CENTCOM Can't beleive summer lasts 10 months in Georgia.
TSgt Randy Seip - Stan Eval on his way to Castle.
SSgt Nick Price - Give him a beer and he'll paint anything.
SSgt Mike Brannan - TDY to Robins right now.
A1C John Biggs - Still recovering from his first alert tour.
SSgt Steve Johnson - "Hey man I got a KC-10 last night.."
A1C Brad Ragan - Stealth Boom.
Sgt Tim Fowler - Working on his film debut..."DIE HARD".
A1C Michelle Seals/Pape - Haven't seen her since she got hitched.
MSgt Rick Reed - Just pinned on Master "This Guy is Good".
A1C Steve Nalbandian - "Hollywood" Best in SAC, just ask him.
A1C Mike Hammond - "Reggie" No sleep since the kid arrived.
A1C Shane Sanders - "Deer Hunter" Has a Toyota MR-2, 4-sale-excellent condition.
SSgt Jeff Potter - It took a TDY to Guam to get him out of school.
Sra Tim Stein - Newly wed almost done with school.
Sra Eric Moyer - Looking at a PCS to Hardee's. He's out to win you over.
A1C Dustin Mcmillan - "D-MAC" How many times can a guy watch Rainman?

912th Lineup:

CMSgt Bobbie Hennings - DOS in Aug. Still a perch jerker we'll miss him.

TSgt Jim Garland - Training Flight

TSgt John Bodenhamer - Back in scheduling, will he get enough?

TSgt Kevin Metz - "Poopy Butt" From the NCO Academy to Scheduling, how did happen.

TSgt John Beringer - CENTCOM NRA fanatic owns more guns than Ayatollah. PCS out to Hickam.

TSgt Angel Rodriguez - Stan Eval "The Angel of Death."

TSgt Tony Compton - "Tony Jo" Back in Stan Eval.

SrA Dave Pullet - "Red" Andrew Dice Clay Jr., Still thinks he belongs to a fraternity.

SSgt Eric Hudnall - "Lover" Can you believe he settled down and got married?

A1C Greg Clark - Has anyone seen him?

SSgt Jesus Lopez - Going into the film business.

Sgt Ken Crowe - "Peeper" Our newest IBO self proclaimed SAC's finest.

A1C Dwight Lucas - Takes a good punch and keeps on coming.

A1C Eric Murray - Keeps AT&T in business.

SSgt Tim Qualls - "TLQ (Tender Loving Qualls)" It finally passed. Quall Stones.

A1C Tim Rice - "Curl" Lady's man, just ask him.

Sgt Jeff Kelly - Out at CFIC, Can't believe the buffalo's and the Bronco lost.

A1C Joe Reed - VP of the Boomer's ASS. Has one on the ramp and one in the hanger

A1C Chris Kasic - Baby Boom "KOS" New meat with a preppy flair.

SrA Chris Hague - Enjoying his new family.

Sgt Richard Dodd - "Way Cool" Due to DOS soon still Mr Fix it.

Sgt Gary Cook - Just in from Castle, soon to be on alert.

SrA Bob Buccino - "Vinnie" working on his PHD. One phone call and he'll have it.



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5 May 1990

REPLY TO

ATTN OF : AWACS TAFT (MSgt Lee Winter)

SUBJECT : Boom Signal

TO : All Boom Operators,

Greetings from Riyadh. The RSAF boom operators are getting better every day. This year, we in the TAFT developed a continuation training program. Each of the 17 specialties have a variety of systems and other courses to attend each six month period. The RSAF IBO's and I wrote lesson plans on electrics, hydraulics, and fuel systems, along with A/R procedures, EPs, tactics, intel threat, and of all things, adverse weather procedures. (Five years at Minot came in handy) We are teaching systems classes once a week. It is encouraging to see most of the guys attend the same class more than once. Their knowledge of systems has greatly improved.

When the Boeing contract expired, I filled in as flight records manager. At that time, they were recording only flight time. There was no tracking of currency or training events. From this starting point, I conceptualized the current system which tracks flying time, currency and training events, simulators, and altitude chamber and physical due dates. I came up with the idea, but, without the DBASE programming genius of a computer display maintenance technician from Tinker, it would not have become a reality. Thanks to this recording and retrieval system, we have training and operational information available to us instantly.


Things tend to happen slow here. In early 1987, the CWO in charge of the booms asked me to develop some distinctive wings for his new specialty. I did, and forgot about them until this past January, when they started wearing them. They tell me the one I copied for you has my name on it, but I couldn't swear to it.

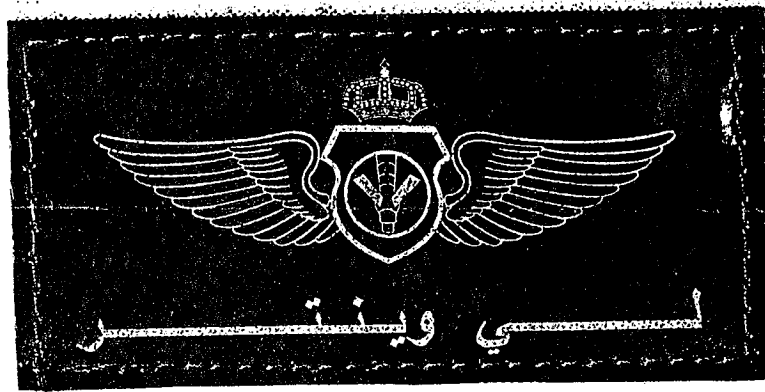
MSgt Steve Dixon from Griffiss was selected as the follow-on to the TAFT, but, the assignment was cancelled due to a lack of man months on the current FMS case. Since then, the Wing Commander has requested that all positions be replaced. Of course this has to get through the RSAF money people, but I believe a formal request will follow with a report time frame of late next spring. A word of warning if you are selected; Don't sell the house and car too soon. One from Tinker did, and paid a thousand dollars more from his buddy to get his car back. Hang in there Steve.

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Patty and I will be leaving Riyadh in November of this year. After talking with CMSgt Rutzebeck last night, we have a good feeling for where we are going. We already have our four wheel drive picked out, and are dusting off our fishing poles. I am grateful to those who selected me for this assignment, and the support I received. It has been a unique working and living opportunity (especially the vacations), but we are truly looking forward to getting back to the familiar surroundings a USAF Air Refueling Squadron.

Best Regards.


OLIVER M. WINTER JR, MSgt, USAF
Superintendent, AWACS/TAFT





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77TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (HEAVY)(ASSOCIATE) (SAC)

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE NC 27531-6006

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOB

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: 8AF/DOTTR (CMSGT RICHARDSON)

Greetings from your friendly reservists in Goldsboro, R.F.D. It's been a couple of years since our last input, and a lot of changes have taken place.

The 77th AREFS is approaching its fifth birthday, and the growing pains are starting to subside. Training initial students has become the exception instead of the rule, and recently we passed our first evaluation inspection since becoming more of an operational unit.

Despite the building phase the unit is going through, the boom section has lost many people. TSgts Mike Kramer and James Dean were put on the NARS list after their decisions to pursue other interests. Tsgt Don Gwinn (one of our instructors) went back on active duty as a recruiter. Msgt Ed McGowan had his wings clipped after a battle with the big "C". Ed is recovering on a fishing boat somewhere in Florida.

The most significant change that has occurred in the boom section was the loss of our leader, CMSgt Steve Fromm. The Chief had a career change forced on him after his annual visit to the flight surgeon (better known around here as the USAF grounding school). However, when you loose a quality boom such as Steve, a ripple is felt throughout the entire boom field.

A Tribute to a Leader

In 1985 Steve left the 79th Chief Boom position at March to assist in the development of the 77th AREFS. Under his leadership the section went through an extensive training program, and matured into a fully operational boom-shop.

Concurrent with this training period, the unit had the added responsibility of carrying out many HHD missions. The booms not only contributed to these successful missions, but they have done so as well (if not better) than most boom sections. In the last two years the 77th has been a strong contender for the Albert L. Evans award. We've met all inspections with a passing evaluation and recently received an outstanding rating by the 3909th (CEVG).

Although the section's accomplishments were the result of a team effort, it took a strong manager to set and maintain high standards; this was one trait of Steve's leadership style. His push was for getting a job done right, and he frowned on shortcuts and excuses.

The Chief was also a "people person". He realized the importance of an individual's personal life, and had the ability to balance this need with the requirements of the mission. As a manager, Steve was liked by most of his people and disliked by a few; but he never let the popularity factor delegate his policies. As an individual, he was liked by all who knew him.

The Chief hasn't gone far, though! He's an instructor with McDonnell Douglas, located across the street from the squadron. Like any good manager, Steve has left his personal stamp on the 77th boom section, and the most important point- he will always be a Boom Operator!

Now- what you've all been waiting for- the cast of players:

SMSgt Virgil Anderson

Temporarily put away knives and guns, and relied on skill to manage the boom-shop in Steve's absence. Better get the guns and knives back out to handle this bunch. First official duty- stick me with writing the Boom Signal.

MSgt Don (farmer) Askren

Known as "ax-wren" around stan-eval. Don's been coming to work in a better mood now that the baby is older. Wants to win a lottery and farm until the money is gone. (DONO)

TSgt Bradley Baxter

Expected input from Barksdale.

SSgt Mike Block

Meets all requirements for marriage, but like any good boom hasn't completed the paperwork yet. One of our college students, enrolled full-time at East Carolina University.

TSgt Mike Boozer

Takes time out from flying to pursue a part time job; scouting for waitresses at Det. 1 (Donnie's). Has to go TDY to find a date.

TSgt Larry (lightnin) Brown

Assisted in next-door neighbor's barber OJT program. Found out drinking and cutting hair don't mix, and that lightning bolt head art is not within 35-10. Now sporting the skin-head look.

SSgt Jeff Carter (bambi)

Nickname came from previous base. Don't know what it means, but we had fun guessing. Soon starts training for Highway Patrol.

TSgt Phil (let's go burn one) Crain

Has permanent letter of resignation on file. Phil's suggestion for the cutback in military forces is to kick out all non-smokers. (Training Flt.)

MSgt Bobby Drinnen (father time)

Posed for poster of "crusty-old-master-sergeant". Founder and editor of the Boom-toons. (Training Flt.)

SSgt Paul Dube (UB-Dube-doo)

Latest input from the loadmaster world. Had 500 hr pin before starting McDonnell Douglas.

SSgt Jeff Garland (slug)

Next Air Force test-pilot. Scored one of the highest scores ever on the AFOQT. Currently enrolled in his last semester and looking for a pilots slot with the unit.

TSgt Rick Helt

One of our instructors at Mickey D's. Known around the section as Mr. Thursday. Doesn't care what type of mission is scheduled as long as it's Thursday night.

SMSgt Tim Holt

The other half of our Douglas Duo. Shows up at the squadron to help us interpret what Diane really means! Still playing basketball on a 9-ft goal.

MSgt Paul Jorden (bud-man)

Doesn't leave home without it! When not flying you can find him at Det. 1.

TSgt Greg Keeter

Squadron hacker. Will do anything he is programmed to do. Lately, been in a loop over deciding whether to work full-time or go to school. (Scheduling)

SSgt Eric Lomascolo (slow-mo)

We think he still works here. Eric is one of our full time students attending school in Virginia.

TSgt Betty Mathews (Betty-boomer)

Faster than a speeding HP. Betty has given up the trouger's life and is making an honest living in South Carolina.

TSgt Randy Norris

Recent graduate from East Carolina University. Now just an ejukated troffer.

SMSgt John Powell

Unofficial squadron photographer. Spends time off assaulting the Neuse river with Boozer. (Scheduling)

MSgt Randy Rinehart (rhino)

Lives and works in HOT-lanta. Not a real Delta guy. Dude turned southerner.

TSgt Rand Sanders

Pilot trapped in a boom's body. Likes to land in the water-amphibious or not. Just completed instructor school at McDonnell Douglas.

TSgt Craig Shackelford

Set new record for longest vacation in the reserves. Tired of picking oranges- back to fly! Recently brought under control by a good women. (Does she have a job cut out for her!)

TSgt Kerry Vanausdall (van-odd-ball)

Recent Lockheed casualty. Now- firstest with the mostest availability. Should be seeing more of Kerry. Another member of the Dobbins shuttle group.

SMSgt Ronnie Wade

Master of the two-finger gesture. Newest computer expert in scheduling. Closing on the coveted 5000 hr pin. (Scheduling)

SSgt James Ward (JW)

"Player to watch." Jamie has three things on his mind at all times: sports, sports, and sports. If you want to know the latest score of any

game, in any sport- or who in the squadron screwed up and what they did (usually made public)-
JW is your man.

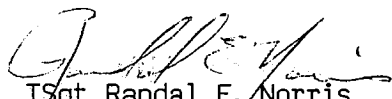
MSgt Dale Willner

Wants to be called a "professional reservists" instead of a trouger.
Spends his winters here in the South.

MSgt John Young (Benny Hill)

Likes to think of himself as a "Missouri Roughian", but we believe he is really a harmless "Jayhawk". Selected to be the section's historian (not because of his knowledge, but due to the fact that he's been alive through history).

Late Breaking News!!!! It was announced at the time of this writing that CMSgt Jerry Snyder from Grissom will be filling the 77th Chief boom position. We want to take this opportunity to welcome him and his family aboard, and we look forward to their arrival.


TSGT Randal E. Norris
77th AREFS





If California has freestylers, and Louisiana has mudbuggers, we must be the ones that are looking for something to plow. Just think of the connotations.

The 344th AREFS at Seymour Johnson sends greetings to all the booms everywhere. We and the 911th (the Emergency squadron) just finished a SACSET/IG visit and we did extremely well. Steve Smith, resident judge and jury, promised a fair and speedy execution for underperformers. So, I stepped into the test room and promptly mismarked 1 question and drew a blank on another. Guess that's why I'm in Training Flight. The real bad part is that I shared the lowest score with Steve Metts.

We continue to guard the skies over eastern Carolina. We are committed to the task of projecting force as much as 100 miles in any direction (with 24 hours' notice, of course). We train the way we would fight...within calling distance of Command Post.

We have completed our 3½ year buildup of our crew force. All the booms are in place and somewhat trained. Now to figure out what to do with them.

The airshow season will be here soon. We look forward to seeing many of you out there. I had the opportunity of getting on a Glossy Eagle -135 last summer; a very nice jet. Hopefully, the budget cuts won't kill that program, because it is a good one and it makes the airplane look as good as it flies.

I have attached a list of our personnel at this time in space. Some you know, others you can't avoid, but hey, that's life. Our patch has a raven on it - sort of a nice way of saying a crow/scavenger. The endearing names attached to individuals are all approved; well, some of them are.

SMSgt (Chief selectee) Steve Smith - Program manager [Micro] A/K/A Walking Small.

MSgt (Senior selectee) Mike Paynter - Worst Shirt. Has the Hi Pro Glow. Get a hat.

MSgt Pat Kennedy - Scheduling. "Gramps" expects his first grandchild this fall. Give him a ring and let him tell you about his grandchild.

MSgt John Page - Training. Mr. Clean, thinks professional gear is Windex and a rag.

MSgt Rick Newman - SAC Contrail Monitor(!). Mutant Ninja Turtlehead is holding down an unfunded slot.

MSgt Bill Mitchell - DOV Cookie Monster. Says eating 4 of his diet cookies with a Diet Coke will help cut out snacks. Great technique.

MSgt Steve Sweet - Current Ops. Gets this funny look on his face whenever chains, slave pallets and floor loads are mentioned.

MSgt Jay Howell - Wing Scheduler. Wing electron/CRT wizard. Thinks a good stroke is one that doesn't jam a keyboard.

MSgt Will Crews - DOV. Built wooden KC-10 for the squadron entrance that looks just like ship #60...full of cracks. Equates Stan/Eval with his nursing courses in that he can stick it to someone and smile.

MSgt Tim Malloy - Line dog, Dairy Fairy. Milk trucker full time, occasionally passes gas, and it ain't the milk. Heard any good Holstein jokes?

TSgt Larry King - Line Dog. Pig Pen has promised to do anything if Smitty would put him in Stan/Eval. Watch for the crew change letter.

This list does go on, but it doesn't get any better.

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Speaking of Stan/Eval...

TSgt Ed Wright - DOV. Rona Barret's successor. Knows everybody's business.

TSgt Jackie Hale - DOV. Mona Lisa. Her husband, on a remote assignment, just spent 3 weeks' leave with Jackie. Would you please stop smiling?

TSgt Bill Medberry - Line Dog. Pyro. Recently had an 'unexpected' house fire. Met insurance adjuster the next day with an all new floor plan he had picked out. You may be quiet, but you're always thinking, Bill.

TSgt Al Miller - Line Dog. Fag Bag Monitor. Loves handing out clothes to folks as account custodian. But does he have to watch us change, too?

TSgt Jim Staup - DNIF slot. Still assigned to March, we think. Every sentence begins with, "When I was at March,..."

TSgt Mike Chmiel - Line Dog. Recent trade in from March. Hang Dog just doesn't smile much anymore. Mike, you can't always pick your relatives.

TSgt Ken Karsteter - Line Dog. Euell Gibbons longs to retire to Northern California and live the natural life... drinking Natural Lights.

SSgt Melanie Potter - Schedulerette. Bruiser Larue. I think this stems from her adventures on a horse.

SSgt Country Maines - Line Dog. Mange and several others heard a regular haircut equated to the establishment. Nice crewcut. Hand me those sheep shears.

SSgt Ken Strother - Line Dog. The Mule walks around innocently smiling. But he has his own agenda...there are ways of medically treating gas, Ken.

SSgt Jerry Howe - Line Dog. The Broker. As in the more he spends on real estate schools, the broker he gets.

SSgt Mike Mucklow - Line Dog. Boo Boo is recognized for his contributions to the squadron. What were they again?

SSgt Kurt Perry - Line Dog. Has a new tree brake to stop falling trees for his business; we call it his face.

SSgt Carl Slusher - Line Dog. Slush Puppy is hospitalized for a back problem that may require a disc removal. You're not overweight anymore, just undertall.

SSgt Dave Lisenby - Line Dog. Lizard came here PCS, went to school, got checked out, and disappeared to Snow Hill. Does anyone have his mailing address?

SSgt Jack Norris - Line Dog. Mumbles was scheduled for speech therapy until his wife made him cut down on his using Skoal. Speaks much better, still drools alot, though.

SSgt Bob Wiggs - Line Dog. Skinhead. No relation to Maines, just identical above the ears.

SSgt Tom Ecker - Line Dog. Speedball has taken a 3 month training program out to a full 10 months now. Not his fault, but he looks so easy to abuse.

Sgt Jeff Whited - Line Dog. The Thing. Mitters about R models, alert, and all these friends he says he has. Seen driving alone quite often.

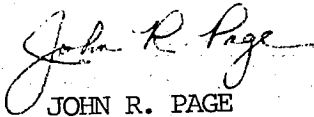
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That is what our squadron looks like from the 112X0 field. No one was asked if I could use their names with nicknames attached. I don't have to, I'm leaving here in just a few more weeks. I'm being assigned to a flying squadron at March. Besides, when this hits the stands I'll already be gone. Just remember, most of this was in fun.

If you have ever had a SUDDEN LOSS OF JUDGMENT, call us for an interview. Maybe we can get you in here. Most of the guys are retiring soon, anyway. At least they certainly have given me that impression.

See you around. My 6 years at Seymour are just about up. BUT... did anybody there wonder where J.J. Mehall went to? Mr. Mehall to you. He got out at the 18 year mark and is at Knoxville, TN, as a newly promoted SSgt. Hey, it was a free will move and he was smiling a bunch just before he left. We love ya, JJ, see you up on AR 202.

Submitted in a most irreverent manner,


JOHN R. PAGE



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

911TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (SAC)
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, NC 27531-6004

GREETINGS FROM THE 911 AREFS BOOM OPERATORS IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN GOLDSBORO, NC. AS I'M SURE EVERYONE KNOWS WE ARE THE TOUCH AND GO CAPITAL OF THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.

THIS PAST YEAR HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY (TEDIOUS) ONE FOR US. WE STARTED PREPARING FOR SACSET AND THE UEI WAY BACK IN JULY OF 89, AS THEY WERE ON " FINAL ". THEN WE PANICKED IN NOV BECAUSE THEY WERE ON " FINAL " AGAIN. " FINALLY " WE NITPICKED THROUGH FEB AND MAR DUE TO ANOTHER " FINAL " OBSERVATION. THEY DID VISIT US IN APRIL AND I CAN SAY WITHOUT A DOUBT THAT " FINALLY " IT IS OVER. WE RECIEVED AN " EXCELLENT " RATING AS A SQUADRON AND AS A WING. WE WERE HOPING TO " FINALLY " RELAX AND ENJOY THE SUMMER, BUT THE ANNUAL BOMB COMP IS COMING UP AND WE CAN'T WAIT TO FINISH ~~SECOND AGAIN THIS YEAR. ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID.~~ *FIRST.*

SPEAKING OF THE SUMMER, WE ARE HOLDING OUR FIRST " SLUGS IN THE SWAMP " FESTIVAL THIS MAY. THE PLAN IS TO GET ALL THE ENLISTED UP TO THE ONLY LAKE IN THESE PARTS AND STAY FOR A WEEKEND. TO FIND OUT IF WE MAKE IT, WATCH " AMERICA'S MOST WANTED " AND " RESCUE 911 ". IF ANY OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND NEXT YEAR'S FESTIVAL GET IN TOUCH WITH MSGT PAT KENNEDY AT AV 488-5494.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO RETURNING TO ZAB THIS SUMMER. SANGRIA, GOLF, COOKOUTS AND AS LITTLE FLYING AS POSSIBLE MAKES FOR A GREAT TDY.

WE RECENTLY RECIEVED SHIP 60 FROM THE MANUFACTURER, THIS COMPLETES THE KC-10 BUY. THE PLANE WAS TO HAVE BEEN OUTFITTED WITH THE WING AIR REFUELING POD (WARP) SYSTEM, BUT DUE TO UNACCEPTABLE TEST RESULTS WITH THE NAVY IT WAS DELIVERED AS CARGO NOT AS AN OPERATING SYSTEM. AFTER SOME FURTHER MODIFACATIONS WE WILL TEST THE REWORKED SYSTEM SOMETIME THIS YEAR. ANY BETS ? THE ORIGINAL PODS HAD A HOSE LENTGH OF 47 FEET WHICH PUT THE DROUGE ADJACENT TO AND SLIGHTLY BELOW THE HORIZONTAL STAB. NEEDLESSLY TO SAY, THE NAVY FOUND THIS SLIGHTLY DISCOMFORTING WHEN REFUELING, ESPECIALLY WITH THE LARGER RECIEVERS. DISTANCES BETWEEN THE RECIEVERS WING SURFACES AND THE STAB WERE 10 TO 15 FEET IN SOME CASES. THE FIX IS TO PUT A LONGER HOSE ON THE PODS. THE SYSTEM ALSO HAD AT ONE TIME A TV MONITOR SYSTEM, THIS WAS SCRAPPED AS NOT NEEDED BECAUSE THE LOWER MIRRORS WOULD SUFFICE. NOW WITH A LONGER HOSE WE ARE NOT SURE THE MIRRORS WILL ALLOW THE VISION NEEDED TO DO THE JOB. HEY WHO NEEDS TO SEE THE GUYS ANYWAY? I SAY PUT THE CONTROLS UP FRONT AND LET THE RECIEVER FLAIL AWAY. WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE CAN'T HURT YOU.

"FINALLY", I WOULD LIKE TO WISH CMSGT MALSEED A HAPPY AND PRODUCTIVE RETIREMENT. MITCH HAS DONE ONE HELL OF A JOB OVER THE YEARS FOR US IN THE -10 PROGRAM. HE TAUGHT ALL OF US HOW TO BE THROWN OUT OF THE POPE AFB BASE OPS CAFETERIA. HE HAS ALSO TAUGHT US HOW TO DRIVE 85 MILES IN 58 MINUTES. THERE WAS ONE OTHER LESSON THAT INVOLVED A HOT TUB IN BOSSIER CITY BUT I DON'T REMEMBER ALL THE DETAILS. SERIOUSLY, WE ARE GONNA MISS YOU MITCH.

HERE'S THE CURRENT LINEUP IN THE 911 (ALL JOBS BUT TWO ARE SUBJECT CHANGE):

SMSGT GURKIN - MAY BE RETIRING SOON. CHIEF BOOM (TED THIS COULD BE YOURS)

MSGT TURBERVILLE - CAN'T RETIRE YET BUT PLAYS GOLF DAILY JUST IN CASE. FUTURE CHIEF SPARE.

MSGT COGGIN - CAN'T RETIRE YET EITHER, BEEN OBSERVED HANGING OUT WITH TURBERVILLE. CTS TRAINING MANAGER

MSGT SANCHEZ - IS RETIRING IN AUG.

MSGT DAVIS, T. - DOESN'T WANT TO RETIRE, REWARDED WITH DOV JOB.

MSGT ELLIOT - BEEN RETIRED FOR YEARS, WORKS IN SCHEDULING.

MSGT ROBINSON - CAN'T RETIRE BUT WANTS TO GO TO BEALE (KLAXON, KLAXON, KLAXON)

MSGT BARCLAY - STEPPED TO GRADE, FORBIDDEN FROM RETIRING. TAKING MY JOB AS SQUADRON TRAINING FLIGHT.

CMS DARLING - WON'T RETIRE. WORKS FOR THE DO

WHAT A LINEUP OF SENIOR NCO'S! ENVY IS A TERRIBLE THING, BUT PITY IS TRULY CRUEL.

THE FOLLOWING GUYS ARE THE ONES WHO DO ALL THE WORK AROUND HERE:

TSGT DAVIS, M - DOING A GREAT JOB IN WING SCHEDULING.

TSGT REUTER - MR. DONO. RETURNING TO MINOT AND THE 135 SOMETIME THIS YEAR, I THINK.

TSGT LITTLE - WANTS OUT OF STAN EVAL BADDDD!

TSGT COMBS - WANTS TO BE AN INSTRUCTOR. CASTLE BOY WHAT CAN I SAY ?

TSGT ACOSTA - CREW DOG LOVES IT.

TSGT McGUICKIN - SQUADRON SCHEDULING GETS LOTS OF TRIPS. LEARNED FROM CHARLIE SANCHEZ HOW TO SCREW ROCHE THROUGH THE CIELING.

TSGT ROCHE - TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO A ONCE PROMISING CARREER

TSGT SKIPPER - RETIRES IN AUG.

TSGT HANKINS - OWNS TWO HARLEYS. HAS MORE TERM INSURANCE POLICIES ON HIM THAN ANYONE. BOOM FUND HAS THREE!

SSGT DOVER - THE REASON LITTLE WANTS OUT OF STAN EVAL.

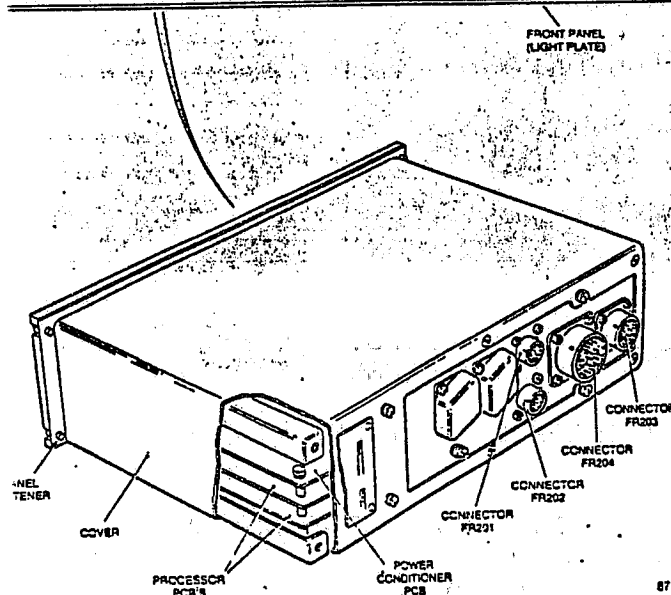
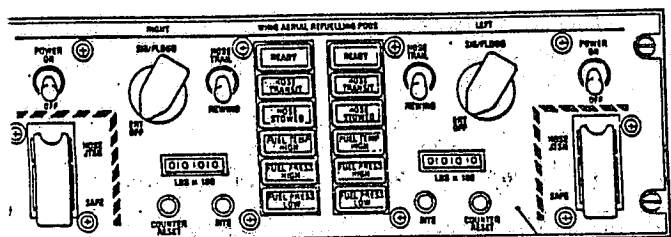
SSGT GIBBS - JUST STARTED IN SQUADRON SCHEDULING AND ALREADY HAS BROKEN HIS FOOT.

SSGT COX - INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATE IN SCHOOL AT PRESENT.

SSGT FUZZNUTS (FAUSNAUGHT) - TRAINED BY COGGIN BEEN MISSING FOR DAYS NOW.

SSGT ROBERTS - KEEPS ON TRUCKING, MAINLY TO THE BEACH AND DONNIE'S BAR.

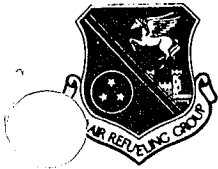
SSGT HOCTOR - CREW DOG , DOESN'T LOVE IT.
 SSGT METTS - SUPPLY MAN, STUDENT INSTRUCTOR, DNIF (OF COURSE)
 SSGT ADKINS - BIG DOG , RECIEVED AN OP FROM SACSET. HOW?
 SSGT WOOD - DRESSER , SHARP KID , EX-GUNNER.
 SSGT PETERSEN - SQUADRON ADMIN WHY ON EXTENDED DNIF. COFFEE POT
 MONITOR. GET THE PHONE SCOTT.
 SGT SIMMONS - AT LAST QUALIFIED IN THE PROGRAM, LAST OFFICIAL JOB
 FOR TURBERVILLE. FOUND OUT THERE ARE TWENTY
 OUTRIGGER HOTELS IN HONOLULU. NEXT TIME LEAVE A
 TRAIL OF BREAD CRUMBS.
 SGT GARRETT - JOE COMPUTER, WORKING ON THE HAZARDOUS CARGO
 PROGRAM FOR SAC.
 SGT POLK - DAY IN DAY OUT ONE OF THE BEST WE HAVE HERE.



ARCCP, General View
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Control or Indicator	Function
Power 'on/off' switch - S3 (S10).	Causes the pod control system (refer to Chap 28-89-10) to become operational.
Hose 'trail/rewind' switch - S6 (S7).	Initiates the 'active trail' and 'rewind' modes of operation.
Sig/flood 'brt/off' switch - S2 (S11).	Controls the intensity at which the pod 'amber' and 'green' signal lights, and the hose floodlights, are lit.
BITE switch - S5 (S8).	Initiates the BITE check, also, progresses the BITE check sequence, when BITE check is stopped for manual intervention or a fault occurs.
Hose jettison 'safe/jettison' switch - S5 (S12).	Initiates the operation of the hose jettison function, when the hose is at full trail.
Ready indicator - DS1 (DS7).	The indicator is lit when the hose reaches full trail and when the hose within 5 ft of full trail, after full trail is reached and rewind is not selected. The indicator 'flashes' when less than 25ft of hose is deployed, after full trail is reached and rewind is not selected.
Hose transit indicator - DS2 (DS8).	The indicator 'flashes' each time the hose length changes by 2 ft.
Hose stowed indicator - DS3 (DS9).	The indicator is lit when the hose is stowed.
Hose temp. 'high' - DS4 (DS10).	The indicator is lit, if the fuel pump temperature rises in excess of 120 deg C.
Fuel press. 'high' indicator - DS5 (DS11).	The indicator is lit, if the fuel outlet pressure rises in excess of 125 lbf/in ² , during fuel transfer (all other modes of operation 160 lbf/in ²).
Fuel press. 'low' indicator - DS6 (DS12).	The indicator is lit, if the fuel inlet pressure falls below 6 lbf/in ² .
LBS x 100, four-digit display (left-hand, right-hand).	The display registers the fue quantity off-loaded in units of 100 lbs; 'FAIL' if the pod control system fails and the LRU item number during the BITE check, refer to Chap 28-89-10.
Counter reset switch -	Resets the fuel off-load (LBS x



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134TH AIR REFUELING GROUP
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOB

27 April 1990

SUBJECT: The Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTR

1. Greetings once more from the Smoky Mountains. This past year has been a busy and productive one. We are extremely proud of the Golden Tanker Award we received this year and our seventh Outstanding Unit Award which we believe is a record. We cannot find any unit that has received this number or more. The "robust" rumor was alive all year and looks like we will receive the additional aircraft within the year.....or next.

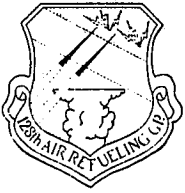
2. Present roll call:

CMS Wes Beaver - IFR Program Manager
SMS Bill Lindsay - NCOIC Stan Board
SMS John Miller - Instructor
MSG Bob Brown - Evaluator/Scheduling
MSGt Marty Everett - Evaluator/Stan Board
MSG Joel Lewis - Evaluator
MSG Jimmy Harris
TSG Jeff Dyer - Evaluator/Training
TSG Jimmy Quagliana - Instructor/Current Ops
TSG Denny Buchanan
TSG Bill Witt
TSG Nancy Guilotte
TSG Ed Hatton
SSG Mike Buckner
SSG Randy Keener
SSG Brian Carpenter - Instructor
SSG Todd Derrick
SGT Karen Bryson
SGT Freddie Sunderland
SGT Mark Allen
SGT Ronnie Dixon

3. This past year, we lost SMS Jerry Roberts to retirement. He adjusted to hunting and golf real quick. We have in training basic boom Sgt Greg Waters and instructor upgrade SSgt Randy Keener.

4. As always, if you are in the East Tenn area, give us a call at autovon 697-8387 or 8388, commercial 615-970-8387, 8388.

Wes
WESLEY C. BEAVER, CMSgt, TN ANG
IFR Program Manager



WISCONSIN AIR NATIONAL GUARD

HEADQUARTERS 128TH AIR REFUELING GROUP (ANG)
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

126 AREFS

15 MAY 1990

SUBJECT:

Boom Signal

TO:

8AF/DOTTR.

1. Once again, the time of year is upon us when the grass turns green, the flowers bloom, and the Badger State Boomers look for new lands to plunder and riches to be taken. While the action lulls for a moment, I'm able to relate what's been happening in Milwaukee.

2. The 128th AREFGP continues to make it's presense known worldwide. Even as I write, we are deployed to Upper Heyford, U.K., but this is only one of the many places around the globe to which we've traveled and passed thousands of pounds of fuel. This past year, we've participated in exercises such as Team Spirit, Cope Thunder, Red Flag, Sentry Independence, and that ever so popular Guard Airlift program. In fact, we recently returned from a TDY which took us way south of the border to Chilie, South America.

3. Participation in the airlift program has caused us to become more aware of the necessities involved in the business of passenger and cargo hauling. Although, the KC-135 was designed to haul troops and cargo as well as offload fuel, it's capabilities are somewhat limited when doing this on a regular basis. We are continuously experimenting with different configurations of the aircraft which allow us to maximize the cargo and pax capacities and improve overall safety factors. One recent addition to our unit aircraft in the area of safety and comfort seems to have had some benefits. A cabin VVI (vertical velocity indicator) at the Nav's station allows the boom operator and navigator the ability to visually cross check the rate at which cabin pressurization is occuring. This not only helps us control the rate of change in order to maintain passenger comfort, but also gives us an immediate ready reference and warning so that we can back up the pilots in cases of pressurization emergencies.

4. In the area of training, we have begun to experiment with overnight training sorties to wonderful Thule, Greenland. This is definitely not the ideal vacation spot, but we hope to gain some extensive and important training from the trip. The navigators and boomers are given the chance to fly some real polar grid navigation where the accuracy of celestial observations plays a very important role, and the pilots get a chance to land on a runway which is unlike others in several respects. Also, the boom operators not only receive the standard air refueling training, but they also become an active participant in the servicing and turning of their aircraft while on the ground at Thule.

5. Here's our current boomer line-up:

CMS Floyd Polzin - "Methuselah Boom" and the Chief

SMS Lee Cornell - Give him a boat, a brew, and some fish bait...Presto, happy Stan-Eval guy.

SMS Herb Kieferndorf - Sort of like the Shell Answer Man; if you've got a problem, Herbie has the answer.

MSG Dick Harvey - His face can be seen on Wanted Posters in many foreign countries.

MSG Gerry Nelson - Alert scheduling mastermind and the Chief's gambling buddy.

MSG John Famularo - resident scrounger.

MSG Ray Fassett - Mr. Laid Back. Does anything bother this guy other than not pulling alert on a UTA.

MSG Ron Puzia - This guy is the real "Great Communicator".

MSG Robert Kowalski - Future CEO of the 128th AREFGP Yacht Club.

MSG Roger Steckhan - Currently heading up our anti-smoking campaign.

MSG Terry Sands - Top-Notch Scheduler.

MSG Cliff Klingbeil - Firm supporter of the ERA.

TSG George Snamiske - Thinks he's found AGR heaven.

TSG Dave Eddy - Ideal TDY partner, but thinks Bon Jovi is a type of liquid soap.

TSG Dean Dachenbach - For some reason, flies a boom like it's a DC-9.

TSG Robert Derrick - New Breed Instructor. Teaches the abstract boom flying method; "you must be one with the boom in your mind."

SSG Steve Schweiss - Proud to be an integral part of the Total Force Concept.

SSG Mark Lipinski - Suave, sophisticated. Your average GQ Boom.

SSG Don Harvey - Subscribes to the ten-year plan, which means, he hopes to have the Chief's job in ten years.

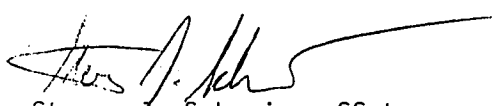
SSG Jerry Schiessl - Out of the Command Post and into the pod...definitely not your typical "baby-boom".

INCOMING: The following individuals leave for Castle at the end of May, both are formerly of the Engine Shop, and both were selected as booms on the same day.....Could they possibly be "Siamese Twins" who were separated at birth?

SGT Daniel Schmidt - Could definitely help in reducing the average age of our boom section.

A1C John Magnus - We're set if we ever need an offensive tackle/boomer.

6. Stop in and experience Milwaukee, or give us a call. AV580-8472.


Steven J. Schweiss, SSgt
126th AREFS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 379TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
WURTSMITH AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN 48753-5000



REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: 920 AREFS/CCF (MSgt Masten)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTTF

Greetings from the great white north and the "Sunrise" side of Michigan. I can't believe that its that time once again to dig up the real garbage on those fellow booms whom we know and admire (SIC) and share it with the rest of the command. It has been an intersting year for us here at Wurtsmtih. We've seen some good folks come and go. Some changes in the way we do things, and we've all shared in the grief of our comrades and their families at other bases. We just completed our Phase II inspection from the folks at 3909 SAES, flying GLOBAL SHIELD missions and very, very much looking forward to summer. We had a deployment to Hunter Army Air Field last fall that taught us alot, and one to Biggs Army Air Field last summer that many will never forget. Who knows what the future brings?

Here's a look at our line up and what some of our guys are up to (or stooping down to.)

SMS Brad Kolb - DOTK - Brad arrived here from CEVG and spent alot of time wandering around looking for a job before finally settling into a cushy job in the DO's office. He's a resident computer nut and will help anyone setup their software programs.

MSgt Craig Blessing - DO26 - Craig is our pad dad at the Wurtsmith Hilton. Don't expect to walk into his office without hearing his latest fishing exploits. Craig, we don't need to look at the pictures. Sure, we believe you landed those monsters all by yourself on two pound test, during the middle of a storm while simultaneously steering the boat in 50 knot winds. Sure we do.

SSgt Rick "Cooter" Cohoon - Scheduling - MR." Nobody gets any good deals" Keeps one hand on the computer, a pencil in the other and an ear in the phone. He wishes he could keep video games off "His" computer and the crews off "His" scheduling board.

MSgt Eddie Masten - Air Refueling Program Manager - Can be found two step'in almost any friday night at the local honky tonk with his wife. His most famous quote "Cowabunga". He can be found once a week at the hospital picking up a case of condoms and the rest of the time preaching to the guys about practicing safe sex and handing the condoms out in his office. Its a shame not all of them listened. Second most famous quote "It's not a water balloon."

SSgt Milt "Uncle Milt" Bowman - Training Flight - Most famous quote "I need you to teach a class, you're the only instructor available." During his last ETTF he kept complaining about having to keep the rest of the crew out of trouble. He kept calling them "Young Kids". Well Milt, thats not the way we heard it.

Peace is our Profession

MSgt Bob "Pottsy" Potts - S-101 - The only thing Pottsy will agree to, is to disagree. He stays busy on his computer, yet still manages to keep his eyes on the rest of us.

SSgt Dale Martin - S-102 - Dale enjoys his job, but enjoys bowling more. He was tasked to deploy for 10 days as crowd control on an ETTF. Most guys take their golf clubs with them, Dale on the other hand takes not one but both of his custom bowling balls.

SSgt John "Barney Rubble" Felsiky - R-130 - Couldn't get his joint spouse and go to the KC-10. So his wife is getting out and he'll become a gucci boy at Barksdale in September. Flew Bomb Comp last fall.

Sgt George Tobola - R-131 - Up from Dyess. Got back from ATTF a month ago and we havn't seen much of him since. I think his wife Kellie has something to do with it. He's our next CFIC candidate.

AlC Robert "Pete" King - R-132 - Mr. "Pete Who" is hard to find in the squadron. Between going to school and watching the kid's, Pete's just about invisible.

SrA Joseph A. Taylor - R-133 - "Tony the tiger" Just finished the NCO Prep course. He can't stand the weather here and wishes he were back at March. Tony recently relearned cargo loading.

AlC Daniel "D.J." McBride - R-134 - He's still trying to come up with a reasonable explanation of how his bedpost punched holes in the wall at the Stirling house at Fairford. Come'on D.J. give up. We're not stupid.

AlC Steve "Thumper" Crissinger - R-135 - Mr. TDY is off once again to the ETTF just in time. The guys in the barracks got instruction from him on the proper way to clean their shower stalls after he impressed Eddie during an inspection. Steve don't call us, we'll call you and let you know when its safe to come home. Flew Bomb Comp last year.

TSgt Jon Bibler "The Bibs" - R-140 - Is still trying to adjust to this teenage daughter thing. They drove him nuts while his wife was TDY to the Academy. Okay Jon, that's a valid complaint, but why do you have to moan and groan about everything else?

Sgt Tim Pates - R-141 - Most famous quote "What attitude problem." Recently graduated from NCOLS. Assistant CLT manager.

AlC Robert "Freddie" Kruger - R-142 - Counting down the days till his 21st. Gets real wound up when he's pimped. Mr. Gullible.

SSgt George "Bud" Naylor - R-143 - A walking encyclopedia of quips and one liners. He's so arrogant you can't help but laugh. Always looking for good deals on anything, especially used car parts.

AlC Amy Virnig - R-144 - The TDY queen is off to the ATTF. This is her second deployment in six months. Something's not right though, she's seeing a gunner.

TSgt Eric "Rick" Riker - R-145 - Proved that you don't have to be young to pull stupid stuff. While slamming down whatever drinks were placed in front of him on his birthday party. He felt the need to get some "fresh air." It was bad enough he didn't make it beyond the dance floor, but he showed us his agility by slipping and rolling in it as well. Flew Bomb Comp last year.

SSgt Wally Tennyson - R-150 - Wally brought back enough stuff from his last ETTF to open an import store specializing in liquor and wine. He's also CLT manager. Will move to Stan/Eval soon.

AlC Mark Anderson - R-152 - Mark stayed busy last fall with Bomb Comp and making wedding plans. He got hitched in January and has one in the oven now. No wonder we didn't see him around for awhile.

AlC Claire Moyes - R-153 - Just let one out of the hanger in April. She ought to be back up to speed by the end of June.

TSgt Kevin "Gucci Boy" Holmgren - R-154 - Kevin joined us from the Reserves and came back to the KC-135 from the KC-10. He's chas'in the women and flying for the CAP.

Amn Jeff Poe - R-155 - Jeff's our latest arrival from the Castle and must know something we don't. He's always got a big grin on his face.

AlC Steve Trypuc - R-156 - "The Puck" is chasing the women hard. You can't miss him if he's around. Just look for the tallest person in the place.

We said goodbye to several folks and wish them well.

Patty Lopez - DOS to go to Medical School

Doug Evans - PCS to Robbins

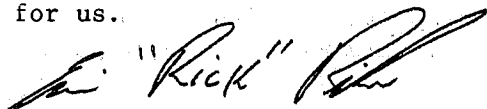
Kevin Thiel - Separated

Randy Slaugh - DOS (Early Out)

Joe "Toast" Yost - DOS to become whatever

Jerry Wilson - PCS to pattern ride heaven at Castle

Well that's about it for us here. If any of ya get around to these parts, stop in and have a beer or just a chat. In the mean time fly safe and have one for us.



ERIC E. J. RIKER, TSgt, USAF

12 MAR 1990

DEAR RICH,

Inclosed is a couple lists that I'm trying to compile and display at the Boom Operators reunion. I have only a partial list of the people that have either died after retirement and the ones that have died in AIRCRAFT CRASHES.

Rusty told me of your job and suggested that I write to you. If you can publish these list and ask the bases to add to them and mail to me, I'll try to correlate them and present them at the next Boom reunion. And if you can send me a copy of the BOOM SIGNAL, I would appreciate it. Thanks.



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*Give Brenda my love & let me know if you
can do this for me*

ATTENTION Boomers!

PLS HELP GENE GANNON compile
THIS LIST. WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN
MAKE it COMPLETE.

THANKS,
Rich

NAME	ASSIGNED BASE	ACCIDENT LOCATION	DATE
GARBARD	WESTOVER	WESTOVER	
		BERGSTROM	31 MAR 59
		COLUMBUS	15 OCT 59
SHORT, G.W. SSGT	WALKER	WALKER	3 FEB 60
ADAMS, WALLACE		LORING	9 MAY 62
DUNCAN, JOHN	ELLSWORTH	MT. KIT CARSON	10 SEP 62
QUINN	"	"	"
CAMERON, DANNY, TSGT	CASTLE	EIELSON	27 FEB 63
DONAHUE, DAN F. MSGT	WESTOVER	WESTOVER	21 JUN 63
FISH, RAY L. TSGT	HOMESTEAD	ATLANTIC OCEAN	28 AUG 63
BURRIS, 'DADDY;	"	BERMUDA TRIANGLE	"
		LORING	4 JAN 65
	MCCONNELL	CLINTON-SHERMAN	16 JAN 65
	DOW	BROKEN BELT AR AREA	26 FEB 65
ALSOP, LESTER M. TSGT	WALKER	WALKER	3 JUN 65
		SPAIN	17 JAN 66
ALEXANDER, HARRY	AMARILLO	AMARILLO	17 MAY 66
STUART, CHARLES T.		KADENA	19 MAY 66
MONTGOMERY, ORVILLE	FAIRCHILD	FAIRCHILD	19 JAN 67
CHAPLIN CHAS. C. TSGT	MARCH	MINOT	17 JAN 68
PRIDDY, HURCHEL D SSGT	CASTLE	LASSEN PEAK, CA.	30 JUL 68
OLVIS, CHARLES A. JR, SSGT	" (STUDENT)	"	"
ESTEP, EARL B. TSGT		U-TAPAO RTAB	2 OCT 68
BENGE, HOWARD B. SMSGT	COLUMBUS	CCK TAIWAN	22 OCT 68
BINFORD, HOWARD B. SMSGT	MCCOY	CCK TAIWAN	19 DEC 69
ROUSHER, RICHARD D. SSGT	PEASE	TORREJON AB SPAIN	3 JUN 71
KLAVERCAMP, BRUCE J. AIC	CARSWELL	CARSWELL	13 MAR 72
WANDEL, DAVID M SGT	ELLSWORTH	EIELSON	7 DEC 75
BAKER, LLOYD D. SSGT	PEASE	TORREJON AB, SPAIN	6 FEB 76
CARLSON, GARY L. TSGT	K.I. SAWYER	ALPENA, MI	26 SEP 76
TOWNSEND WILLIAM	TEHRAN, IRAN	BARRANJAS INT'L	APR
		MADRID, SP	