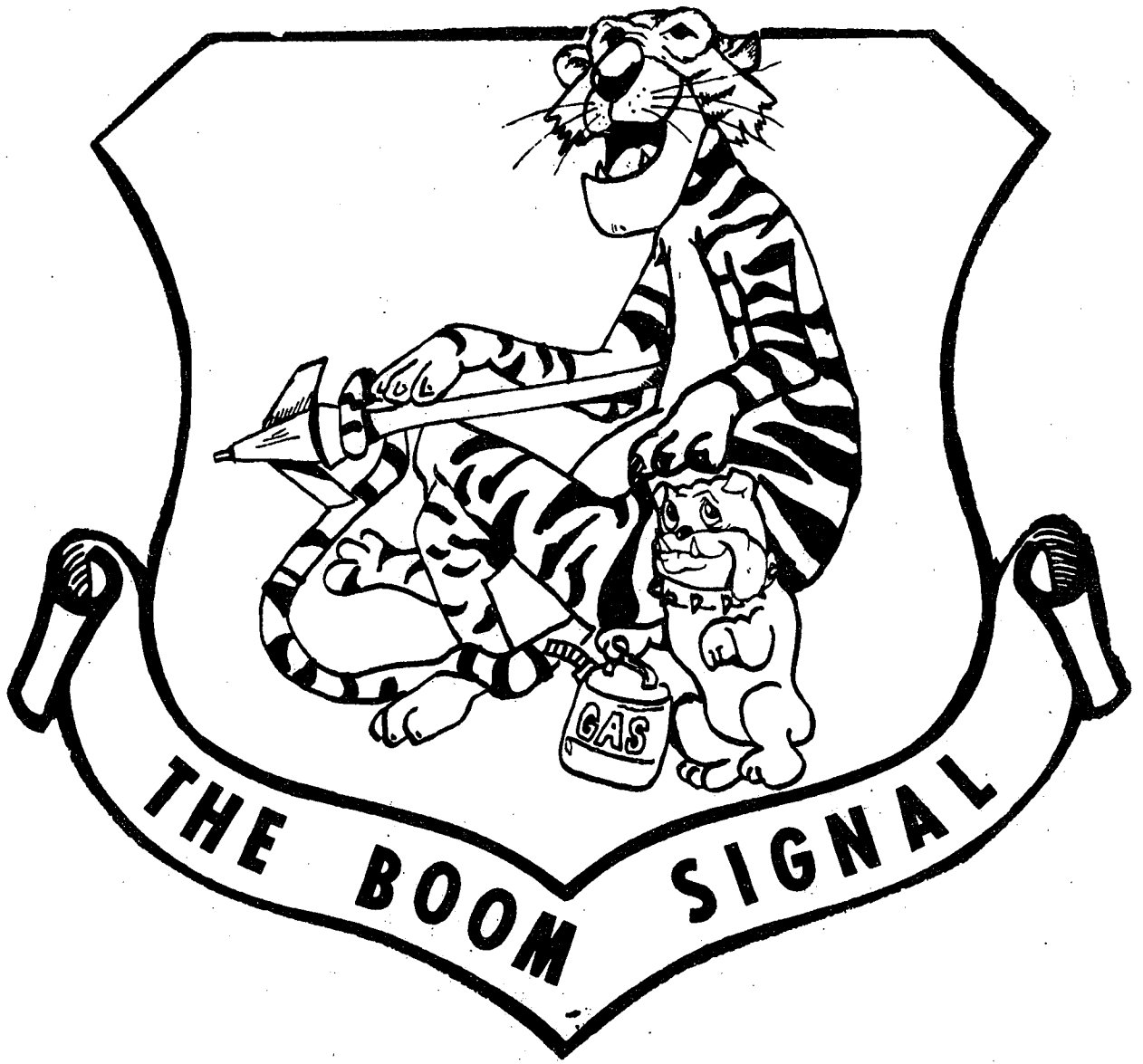


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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA 68113-5001

30 MAR 1992

REPLY TO: SAC Boomer
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: Farewell Letter

TO: All Boom Operators

1. This will be the last letter you will receive from "The SAC Boomer." As you can imagine, it's a very difficult and bittersweet letter to write.

2. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention all of my predecessors, CMSgt Rutzebeck, CMSgt Benson, CMSgt Mowl, CMSgt Akers, CMSgt Ringler, and SMSgt Helder. It's hard to believe there was only 7 SAC Boomers. We all owe them a lot.

3. The active duty career field will cut back considerably in the future, as the Guard and Reserve begin to assume more of the tanker mission. Presently, we are authorized 953 boomers. By Oct 95, that number shrinks to 496. In order to reduce the active duty force gradually and not force people out of the field that want to stay, we have taken the following actions:

a. Booms were added to Tier II of the VSI/SSB program. Remember, if you want to take advantage of this program, you have until 15 Apr 92.

b. Active duty boom operator training was halted for FY 92.

c. For FY 93 and 94, we will only train 10 personnel per year.

4. The quality of students trained by Castle is undoubtedly the finest ever. In my 2 years here, I have never received a complaint by a commander about a recent CCTS graduate. To me, Castle will always epitomize the boom field. It's very sad it's closing. My mind always goes back to a base Ops full of instructors and students waiting for the fog to lift, of watching a "scared stiff" student make his first contact, and seeing a CFIC candidate progress from an operator to an instructor and become a better NCO along the way.

5. Let's talk about SAC, "The Single Tanker Manager." It's difficult to believe the greatest command of all is going away. Let's talk about some of SAC's accomplishments.

a. Young Tiger: Anyone on active duty who flew a Young Tiger mission is either eligible to retire or very close. Regardless of histories analogy of the war, the fact remains the tanker was always where it was supposed to be when it was supposed to be there. We saved many receivers and fought our countries longest war as well as possible under the circumstances, often enduring personal and family hardships.

b. DESERT SHIELD/STORM: In my opinion, the most successful war fought in history. We deployed an enormous force over incredible distances flawlessly. The tankers accomplishments are legendary.


c. The Cold War: SAC won the cold war! Hundreds of boom operators spent thousands of days on alert to help make it happen. The end of the Cold War rivals the importance of WWII in significance and you helped win it.

6. There is one easily identifiable problem in the boom field today that I need to highlight. I feel strongly that we all need to put something back in a career field thats given us so much. This is particularly the case for Senior NCO's. The problem became readily apparent when we began looking for the new ACC and AMC head boom operators. In the -135 world, eight chief master sergeants agreed to go and do their best for the boomers. In the KC-10 world, only CMSgt Smith would go. SMSgt Whorley and I called every CMSgt and SMSgt in the KC-10 field and none would go. One even told me he wouldn't work if sent. Once again SMSgt Whorley bailed you folks out by volunteering. What's wrong here?

7. Things will never be the same, but when all this is sorted out they may be better in a lot of ways. The main reason for a lot of the changes is a greatly reduced threat. We've made the world a safer place to be. Our new functional managers will be CMSgt Steve Smith for ACC, CMSgt Scott Harris, KC-135 and SMSgt Ted Whorley, KC-10s at AMC. Please give them your support as you have me and my predecessors.

8. I'll be going PCS to Robins after SAC closes. I'm looking forward to getting back to an operational unit and out from behind a desk. Good luck to all of you, take care of each other. Stick together, and take care of our boom field.

Boom stowed, leaving position.


BENNY P. HEALD, CMSgt, USAF
The Last SAC Boomer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

FROM: HQ AMC/ XOVK
Scott AFB IL 62225-5000

SUBJ: Boom Signal Input

TO: EIGHTH AIR FORCE/ DOTT

1. Welcome from Headquarters Air Mobility Command. Yes, we are up and running at Scott AFB. Most everybody is in place now, and those that aren't will be soon. Things are pretty hectic, but the SAC people that came in early, and more importantly the MAC people that were here from the start, laid a really solid foundation for the stand up of the new command.
2. The key words in the first paragraph were new command. I have found out in the short time that I've been here that everyone looks at in those terms. There really is a feeling of cooperation and there is not any of the turf battles that could have happened when the commands merged.
3. With the new command, there will be some changes. Think of the changes as challenges and you'll be alright. There is a lot of talk here to increase the role of the 135 in the airlift community. This airplane has always had the ability to carry passengers and cargo - over the years we've proven we can handle that role. In the future, I foresee us doing it on a regular basis. Since we will be more active in this area, we'll as a group become more proficient at it. I think that the increase in airlift will be an exciting situation for most of you - should be some good trips to new places. The other side of this issue is our primary job. Air refueling always has been, and will continue to be, the most important thing we do. Rest assured, I will not lose sight of that.
4. My specific areas of responsibilities as the head boomer are still evolving. I'm fortunate to be working with a lot of functional managers from other career fields. The flight engineers and load masters have been a big help. My number one priority is taking care of boom operators. I'll do everything I can to do what's in the best interest of the career field while meeting mission and Air Force objectives. If at any time, any of you feel that there is a better or smarter way to do business, feel free to call and we'll discuss it. I'll always listen to you.
5. I've included a list of people that are here at the headquarters. I've included some of the phone numbers. We'll send out the rest as they become available. If any of us can be of any help just give us a call. Over the coming months, I'll be on the road visiting units to get in my flying. Hope we'll get together for a round and give all of you an opportunity to pass information to me first hand.

Raymond S. Harris

RAYMOND S. HARRIS, SMSgt, USAF
Functional Manager

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HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL

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SMSGT WHORLEY

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CMSGT PATTON XRSA 576-3167

SMSGT McPEAK TACC 576-7951
SMSGT KOLB
SMSGT GLAST
MSGT HILLERY
MSGT SADLER
MSGT BURKHART

SMSGT KING X00CM 576-2038

MSGT BUCKLAND XPXPJ 576-4133
MSGT OGLESBY
MSGT HERSHEY

People are being added almost daily. If you don't see someone on the list that you thought was here, it's probably because I haven't found them yet.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND (AMC)
SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

FROM: OL A, 15AF
41 Orville Wright Ave
Barksdale AFB, LA 71110 -5025

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

1. Hello from the ex "white scarved" and "only here to help" bunch from gator country. Before getting on with this signal here's our personnel lineup.

a. MSgt Benny Akers - retires in August; also looks good in his new Joe Peters hair cut. Wants to open own refreshment business.

b. MSgt Michael E. Bauer - arrived from beautiful Loring last year, but on his arrival found out we were moving and that Loring was looking for a few good men.

c. MSgt Dennis Brown - "It's Tee Time", or "My God the Stock Market did what!!" Dennis is looking for orders to March heard the fairways were greener.

d. MSgt Omer Crafton - retired in the McConnell area. We heard through the grape vine he's getting married (he's really sick). Lots of luck to a superb boom operator.

e. MSgt Michael Dunn - PCS to March whenever he get's his orders. He's looking for a new set of clubs for his ditty move, seems his old set was used as chocks.

f. MSgt Mark Graham - Our speckled (carp) trout boomer. Mark's looking for a good job out west, maybe a return to castle. It just doesn't matter as long as there's a shooting range.

g. CMSgt James Reese - The chief of Eval. Godfather of cargo evaluations. Since the last signal there's still rumors he's shooting in the 70's. (This may weigh heavily with the Chief's Group on his next assignment.)

h. MSgt Bobby Skaggs - Looking for an assignment. Doesn't really want to leave local area. Spends most of his time on the open road to Little Rock.

i. SMSgt Gerald Treadwell - Promoted out of a job. Looking for a promotable job at golf course. "I'll PCS when you PCS."

j. MSgt Bronnie Tennyson - PCA down the street. Seems if you ever move to Barksdale you don't want to leave.

k. MSgt Danny Turberville - Our newest golf pro. Follow's Gerald or leads Gerald to the golf course daily.

2. Many questions have risen concerning the new command and the administration of evaluations. We (AMC) were tasked by Air Staff to rewrite the standardization and evaluation guidelines for the command. This was a large order to fill since the rules were to condense all AMC aircraft into a single regulation and provide only basic generic guidance from the Headquarters. AMC Regulation 60-1 was written to give the unit level stan evals the flexibility to tailor their programs to the needs of the unit. After so many years of having "Mother SAC" provide guidance for every tiny detail that pertains to flying it is going to require some patience and extraordinary judgment to administer your unit Stan Eval programs. Boom Operators have consistently proven that they will rise to the top regardless of the situation and the new command has every confidence that they will continue to do so. Fly smart and stay safe!

THANKS
FOR THE
INFO
CMSGT
RL


BOBBY L. SKAGGS, MSgt, USAF

AFD: ZHD/BOOM

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
168TH AIR REFUELING GROUP (PACAF)
EIELSON AIR FORCE BASE, ALASKA 99702-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 168th AREFS Eielson AFB, Ak.

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: Elzey G. Richardson, CMSgt, USAF

1. Hello to all of you from the Farthest North Boom Operators of the 168th. AREFG. We have grown from a lowly 4 PAA squadron into a 9 and soon to be 10 aircraft Group. Rumor has it that we may soon become a Wing. Until the new tanker squadron in Hawaii comes on line we are the only Guard Tankers assigned to PACAF. We also will take delivery of a brand new C-26 (support aircraft) this summer. We are working on a way to hang a boom on it, but can't figure how to make it hold enough gas.
2. When we started this Unit in 1986 it was anybody's guess as to if it would make it, well we have and are continuing to grow. Every day new faces appear, mostly new Pilots and Navigators, because we are 100% manned in the boom section. The Booms were the first to reach the 100% mark, in fact today I talked to a young boom that is separating out of the Regular Air Force and if all goes well will pick him up in October.
3. We are in the midst of hiring two more full time AGR booms which will bring the total to 8 full time AGR's and 12 weekenders on board.
4. As you may know Cope Thunder has moved from Guam to Alaska and in June we started a 4 month cycle of fighters in and out of the State every 2 weeks. We will have 56+ F-16's and F-15's on the ramp for the summer. In addition to supporting these we will also work the KC-10's making the deployments and redeployments, along with our normal training sorties.
5. We are still pulling Alert in support of the Defense of Alaska, and will pickup some of what the 6th Strat Wing after they are gone the end of June. We have a few folks assigned to the Alaska Air Guard TTF, they are looking into what will happen when the 6SW goes away, and the possibility that we will be hosting a few TDY tankers.

6. We are still in our condemned building, but the new Squadron Operations building is at the 95% planning stage and should start construction later this summer. It will be nice to get into a new facility and know that you have made your last move. It will also be nice not to have to trip over the garbage cans placed around to collect the water leaking from the roof.

7. Here is a list of the booms assigned, and what they do:

SMSgt Ron Merbach...Inflight Program Manager, Boom Scheduler,
(AGR) Enlisted Advisory Panel (Senior Advisor).
(Tries to manage this rowdy bunch, takes all the good TDY's, and gives advice to junior enlisted members.)

SMSgt Keith Bromley...Assigned Alaska Air Guard TTF, President of
(AGR) the NCO Graduates Association.
(That's Councilman Bromley to you peones...Ah! voters, Keith got himself elected to the North Pole City Council. Rumor has it he won by a landslide, course he did not have an opponent.)

MSgt Bob Hauer...Squadron Boom Operator, Flight/Ground Training,
(SMSgt selectee) and Acting First Sergeant. (Runs the show for Ron,
(AGR) takes care of all the new and old booms training, does dumb things like volunteering for Winter Survival.)

MSgt Mark McGrath...Stand Eval Boom. (Hasn't busted anyone Yet,
(AGR) looking for a target of opportunity.)

MSgt Dick Hardy...Cargo Loading Trainer, Hazardous Cargo Trainer,
(AGR) Building Custodian, Vehicle Control NCOIC, "A" Flight Leader. (Gas it, Wash it, Wax it, he does it all, while still maintaining his Worldwide shopper and supper scrounge duties.)

TSgt Bob Edgett...DOTN/DOTO [Guru], Ground Safety, Ground Safety,
(MSgt Selectee) Weapons Training [Bang-Bang], Weight Control
(AGR) Monitor, Computer Facility Manager, Computer (LAN) system [Guru], "B" flight Leader.
(Complains about too many Duties, interferes with his annual hunting and fishing trips.)

TSgt Bridget Tamburino...Alert Facility Manager, Building Custodian
(AGR) [Alert Facility], Beer Machine Monitor.
(Does not make the beds, but keeps the crews supplied with clean bedding, and towels, performs the most important job in the squadron...she keeps beer in the machine stocked.)

SRA Tood Cook...Alaska Air Guard TTF, Weapons Training Alternate,
 (SSgt selectee Hazardous Cargo Alternate, DOTO/DOTN Alternate.
 (AGR) (Does all of Bromley's work in the TTF, does all of
 Edgett's work in Weapons Training, does all of
 Hardy's work on Hazardous Cargo, and last of all
 does all the work in DOTO/DOTN while Edgett is
 Hunting and Fishing.)

MSgt Donna Horne..."C" Flight Leader, Unit Career Advisor.
 (Weekender) (The Cat Woman, will go anywhere anytime just
 provide paydays, hoping for a AGR position.)

TSgt Fred Schumacher...Will complete CCTS in July.
 (Weekender) (Works for MAPCO making JP-4.)

SSgt Steve Forgue...Guard bum that takes everything offered and
 (Weekender) does a great job, Steve is hoping for a AGR
 position.

SSgt Lyle Kirgan...Will complete CCTS June, Lyle is a electronics
 (Weekender) expert that came to us form the "Cobra Ball".
 Only reason we took him was to keep his wife,
 Cindy, who runs the Fab shop.

SSgt Mike Carney...New guy waiting to go to CCTS hopefully this
 (Weekender) fall after Fred gets back, he works for MAPCO
 also making JP-4, got to keep one of the two at
 work or we won't have any gas to fly with.

SSgt Smantha Daul...Waiting for a CCTS date, works for the Alaska
 (Weekender) State Troupers, don't know if she can fix those
 speeding tickets yet?

SRA John Erickson...John is attending UAF studying criminal
 (Weekender) justice, maintaining a 4.0 average with 18 to
 21 credit each semester, he is a darn good boom
 also.

SRA Robby Groner...Another UAF student, honor roll student like
 (Weekender) John, but studying Mechanical Engineering. If
 you run into him ask about the missing Alert
 Parking Signs.

SRA Jimmy Simmons...Yet another UAF student, studying Biology.
 (Weekender) Don't loan him your cabin or any matches, don't
 ask you don't want to know.

SRA Foy Vondolteren...Another collage student but attends class on
 (Weekender) base, studying Business Management. It is a
 confirmed fact that he is buying his degree.

AMN Travis Clark...Will graduate CCTS in June and be back to us for
 (Weekender) Continuation training. Travis is the last of
 our Students and also is assistant manager of
 one the Fairbanks restaurants, won't give out a
 free meal though.

AMN Michelle Conner...Michelle was selected to become a Boom
(Weekender) Operator, she was awaiting a CCTS date, but
has decided to run off to Florida and get
married. Our loss is Florida's gain.

8. That's it for the gang in Alaska, we hope to see you around,
and if you get the chance, come on up to the Last Frontier and
visit us, if its in the summer don't forget your fishing pole,
and if it's in the winter, bring your bunny boots and
snowmobile.



FROM: 340 ARW (ARW)/ Altus OK. DSN 866-7960/7480

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

Howdy, from the 340th AREFW. Just to update all of you on our wing, we are currently undergoing massive changes, as are a lot of you. We are soon to be the 97th AMW. The change here is going about as expected, a basic GOAT ROPE. Now that we wear the AMC patch, we get to do a lot of things that we didn't as SAC Aircrew Warriors. Things like base details, wear spoons in our flight suits and pull SOF detail.

LATEST RUMOR: CCTS is moving to Altus in 93 and all 340th personnel are picking up and moving to Myrtle Beach. We'll see!!! Well, let me give you our batting order. Take care and fly safe!!!!

OLD FARTS:

MSGT Chuck Stewart: A new arrival and is presently sunning his buns in the garden spot of Saudi Arabia (literally). Has a problem sitting down.

MSGT Dan Deloy: 340 OSS 1st Sergeant. Married his TDY Sweet-heart.

MSGT Keith Janssen: Still resident pig farmer. Is in Saudi with the Chief, always has Aloe on his hands from taking care of the Chief.

MSGT Rick Hackett: Program Manager, AKA Powder Monkey, Sgt Maj Uncle Rickey, Hey You, Grand Pa, Boomer on the question mark, The one ALL the booms visit.

TRAINING FLT:

MSGT Jeff Boutwell: Little Bobby Boomer, thinks he's still at CFIC. Is the self appointed personal instructor to the White sisters.

TSGT Jeff Wright: One of the Jeff's in Training Flight. Can't come out and play, still awaiting kitchen pass from CINCWIFE.

STAN/EVAL:

MSGT Tim Ablay: AKA FireWalker. Enjoying the single life again; Sheep and Janssen's Pigs are worried.

TSGT Carmen Vallejo: Resident Chicken Caller; Hangs out in Bars and clucks at women across the room.

SGT Lou (RIP) Graves: Leaving us to pursue a career on the Bass Masters tour. Must have picture of boat and motor.

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SRA Mark Stansfield: Wife just had their first born. A beautiful baby girl. We'll miss him at all of the parties.

SRA Jerry Burns: New arrival from Carswell. Hasn't missed a party yet.

SGT Dom Peterson: New instructor in town. Playing house with his new love but still finds time to party with the boys.

SRA David (Doogie Howser) Keller: Married; With Children. Questions? Used to drink and play air guitar; now uses his AC's shoe for a latrine.

SSGT John Purdue: Got tired of the women here, so he goes TDY a lot.

AlC Rob Henricksen: The Grape Ape; Stealth Boom (not flying, not around).

AlC Dave Coleman: Somehow attracts gay men at Interstate rest areas. Looking for a KC-10 slot.

SRA Louis Fournier: Just had his second kid. There goes his paycheck.

SRA "Elvis" Presley Lewis: A.K.A. "JR." Picked up the nickname at Castle, and just can't seem to shake it. Still pissed at Coleman for killing his fish while TDY.

SGT Beccard: Going to Mildenhall in Oct. and getting married in Aug. A new instructor.

AlC Flint: Ran off to Texas to get married. Was the D.O.'s personal car washer in Riyadh.

Sgt. Austin: New instructor. Wants an assignment to Minot. Anybody want to swap?

AlC Lockette: One of our new boom's enjoying the desert with the Chief and Janssen.

SGT. Kennedy: Never here! Always TDY! When he's at home, he stays there.

SRA Quenga: Left Castle for Langley and spent 4 months there before they closed. We think it was his fault.

SRA Hart: Married and liking it. Dave is cross training to be a air traffic controller.

SSGT Sharpe: Just in from Eaker. President of our Boom Association.



SRA Rieger: Not chasing the women like he use to. Chris when are you getting married? New instructor.

SSGT Trolinger: The oldest looking staff sergeant we know. Cross trainee.

SRA Murray: Married and just had his second child. He is another one of our stealth booms.

A1C Wallin: A new baby boom who always seems to be sleeping!

SGT Antonsen: A new instructor who still awaits for his slot in England to open up. Hey Frank, How's your "Trans Am" running.

SRA Edwards: A stork just delivered another boy. Goes to CFIC in Aug. Good luck Gumby!!!!

SGT Iannucci: A new instructor. He got an O.P. on his initial instructor check. Guess he'll want Tim Ablay's job.

SRA King: Came from Eaker and has been TDY ever since.

SCHEDULING

Tsgt Little: Has all the toys everyone else wants. When he dies he wins. Larry gets drunk and falls out of chairs....."Larry, Let me help you up!"

Sgt Conner: Just had a baby boy(OPIE JR.); will pay big bucks to get out of scheduling.

LOSSES

Magt Thomas: Fred spent too much time here at Altus by the sea. Has gone on to bigger and better things at Castle. Good luck Fred.

SSgt Miller: Markie also left all "THE BOYS" for a tour at Castle. He yelled over his shoulder as he left, "Anytime you guys are out this way we'll go and party."

Sgt Limon: Leon went to the 10's down at Barksdale, seems to be enjoying himself. He was glad to get out of Altus.

Sra Hortin: Grant also went to the 10's, we wonder if he is still practicing his PLF's from their second story dorms at March.

Sgt Dean: Eddie M.F. Dean got out of the service a few months back, is currently going to school and probably trying to get on the BASS Masters fishing tour.

Sgt Black: Rick got out and is farming and enjoying life in Georgia. Doing some hunting and fishing when he has time.



Sra Brown: Corky, I mean Corey took the early out and moved back to his native Atlanta. Supposed to have gotten a job with the reserves at Seymour-Johnson on the 10's.

Sgt Fisher: James went to the 10's at Barksdale and is have a good ole time. Another one who couldn't wait to leave Altus.

GAINS

Tsgt Rip Adcock: Just arrived from Castle in time to party at all the summer bashes. Looking for good things from Rip, especially since he's in the running with Larry Little for the most toys. We finally got ourselves a GUNNER.

White sisters: Karen and Kelly are also new arrivals from baby boom school. They are always together, we never see them apart. They are in separate squadrons and they both share the same car to drive around. Can't seem to separate them. Guess one will be lost when the other goes TDY, we'll see.

BOOM OPERATOR SIGNAL

HELLO, FROM THE BIGGEST AND THE BEST "2nd WING" 71st AREFS!
SINCE THE LAST PUBLICATION, WE HAVE LOST A FEW AND GAINED "MANY"!!
LOST - TSGT FARROW, SRA HURD, SRA GRIM, SRA BURKE, SRA ELIAS,
SRA MOHRBACHER. NEW - MSGT WILDS, SSGT YELVERTON, A1C BREN,
SSGT RENTFROW, A1C RYAN, SGT DEBARR, SSGT MONK, MSGT PRATT.

CMSGT RICHARDSON - SAYS HE IS GOING TO RETIRE! WHO IS GOING TO
CONTINUE THE SIGNAL? WHO WILL STAND GUARD AT THE BX?

SMSGT SCHUFFT - CAN'T CONFIRM NOR DENY HIS WHEREABOUTS. I BET
HE'S OUT FISHING!

MSGT PHILLIPS - WORKS IN TANKER SCHEDULING. HE IS THE BEST HIDDEN
BOOM AT BARKSDALE, MAYBE THAT'S WHERE ALL THE BABIES ARE COMING
FROM.

MSGT COLLINS - STAN EVAL AT THE WING!! JUST MADE MASTER.
JERRY KNOWS EVERYONE ON THE BASE!

MSGT WILDS - JUST GOT HERE FROM MILDENHALL, UK. AND IS ALREADY IN
STAN EVAL, WILL LET YOU KNOW NEXT YEAR IF HE IS FAIR!!

MSGT HOPPER - TRAINING FLIGHT BOOM, CAME FROM 8TH AF.

MSGT PRATT - A FISHING WE WILL GO. 71st AREFS PRO BASS CONSULTANT.

TSGT CAUSEY - IS LEARNING HOW TO ORGANIZE BOOM PARTIES, NEXT TIME
NOT DURING THUNDERSTORMS!! ISN'T THAT A CAUTION??

TSGT PARKER - JUST MADE TECH. HE NEEDS TO STAY AWAY FROM
VOLCANO'S. HE HAD AN AIRCRAFT MALFUCTION, A-10 BROKE CABLE,
"TOLD HIM TO RAISE BOOM BEFORE LANDING"!!! THE BOOM IS NOT IN ONE
PIECE.

SSGT RENTFROW - MR. HARLEY-DAVIDSON OR REALLY A "WANT TO BE" RICE
BURNER RIDER.

SSGT MCCOY - THE OTHER STAN-EVAL BOOMER. JUST STEP PROMOTED TO
STAFF. HE HASN'T BANGED UP ANY OTHER ICESHIELDS RECENTLY!!

SSGT CHRISTENSEN - MR. CARGO LOADER!! ALSO THE "A" FLIGHT
COMMANDER BOOM. RUPUNZEL, RUPUNZEL, LET DOWN YOUR HAIR!!!!

SSGT MONK - "RAINBOW PAINT AND BODY". IF YOU NEED YOUR CAR PAINTED
HE IS "CHEAP" BUT NOT EASY!

SSGT YELVERTON - ONE OF OUR GUNNER CROSS TRAINEES. WE HEARD HE HAD
THE NICKNAME "THUMPER". THE ALERT MAID SAID HE WAS DOING
SOMETHING.

SGT POWELL - "NO" I DON'T DO GROUND SCHEDULING ANYMORE!!
NOW "B" FLIGHT COMMANDER BOOM.

SGT MORRISON- THE NEW GROUND SCHEDULER! THAT REMINDS ME OF THAT SAYING "THERE'S A SUCKER BORN EVERY MINUTE".

SGT CLAUSS - THE NEWEST INSTRUCTOR BOOM. ALSO THE "C" FLIGHT COMMANDER BOOM. "SUCK THAT GUT IN"!! THE SINGING COWBOY FROM SAN ANTOINE. HERE'S A QUARTER JOHN, DON'T SING AROUND HERE!!!

SGT STONE - WHO IS THAT?? TERMINAL TDY. HAVE TO FORCE HER BACK JUST TO DO HER GROUND TRAINING!!

SGT DEBARR -HE CAME FROM CASTLE, PLAY'S GOLF ALL THE TIME.

SRA SMITH - "HELP, IVE FALLEN AND CANT FIND MY RING" HOW MANY GUITARS DO YOU HAVE? WHY DOES MY APARTMENT LOOK LIKE A ROACH INFESTED GHETTO SLUM IN BANGLADESH.

SRA COLE - JUST GOT OUT OF AIRMAN LEADERSHIP SCHOOL. TODD IS OUR NEXT POTENTIAL INSTRUCTOR CANDIDATE.EEEEEEEEEKKKK! JERRY'S MAIN SQUEEZE ON BOOM CAMPOUTS.

SRA CULBERTON- ASK HIM ABOUT THE "AMERICAN GLADIATORS". I THINK THEY WON!

AIC SHERROUSE - ASK HOW THE MUSTANG IS GOING? I THINK IT'S BEEN A YEAR SINCE HE STARTED WORKING ON THE CAR.

AIC MCCOY, T. - JUST GOT HERE FROM ANOTHER BASE. I THINK HE IS TRYING TO GET MARRIED?

AIC SATTERLEE - TRY'S TO PLAY INSTRUCTOR, HE NEEDS TO WORK ON THAT A LITTLE BIT!

AIC BREN - I DONT THINK HE TRUSTS THE AREA, JUST GOT HERE AND GOT A CONCEALED WEAPONS LICENSE!

AIC WILLIAMS - GOT AN "OP" ON LAST CHECK RIDE. I HEAR HE WAS FLYING A LOT WITH THAT EVALUATOR PRIOR TO THE CHECK. "I WONDER"?

AIC STRACENER - GOT MARRIED TO A HOME TOWN GIRL! BRAD SURE LOOKS LIKE HIS FLIGHT SUITS ARE GETTING SMALLER SINCE HIS MARRIAGE. I HEAR THERE IS A LITTLE BRAD ON THE WAY!

AIC RYAN - HE DOESNT SAY MUCH BUT HE DOES A GOOD JOB! HE WANTS TO GO TDY, SO HE IS TRYING TO GET FIGHTER QUAL.

AIC KRACZEK - I HEAR HE IS LOOKING FOR A GOOD BODY MAN TO FIX HIS CAR. HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE KEEPING HIS CAR ON THE ROAD!

WRITTEN BY
SGT RICK POWELL ,SGT JOHN CLAUSS, SRA ROD SMITH



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



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

8 AF/DOTT (CMSgt Richardson)

Howdy, from the deep south. As usual nothing's changes around here except the command patch. I tried to tell the old guys around here that the only difference between AMC and MAC is the way they arrange the letters. On the bright side I think that things will improve for us enlisted boys. The guys with all the rank probably won't have all those fancy computers to play with but I bet we'll have funds to buy gloves and boots.

Da Chief informs me that this is the first year that we don't have to beg for booms. It seems that we've had a massive influx of loadmasters who were willing to do anything to fly on the Cadillac. People are now lining up at the door with all the cutbacks. Shoot, I'll tell you how bad it is, Lynn Stoddard is starting to hang around here again.

If your ever in town come on by and fill us in on all the gossip, since we don't fly anything except locals. Seriously our number is AV 781-4653. Call if you get a chance and let us know what's happening out in the real world.

ARTS

CMSgt Steve (Encino Man) Reeff- Program Manager. Spends so much time in the woods he's turning into big-foot. Getting married in July; nice girl. She must like hairy backs.

SMSgt Joel (Born to Ping) Montgomery- Evaluator/ Resident Pinger. Finally attended survival school at Fairchild, thinks he's suffering from post traumatic stress disorder. Now believes in Rambo.

MSgt Rene' (Ray) Hernandez- Evaluator/ Current Events Monitor. Other than that I haven't figured out what he does. Ray's latest thing is trying to convince everybody in the shop that he really did have four naked women in his hottub one weekend. Retiring Nov, 92

SMSgt Ron (Action) Jackson- Evaluator/ Full time Stan/Eval. Mr. Brisket; has finally ended his search for the perfect barbecue. I don't know if he ever found it but he has ended this undying quest.

MSgt John (Napoleon) Beasley- Paymaster/ Ground Training Czar. John actually told a staff sergeant to go and pick up cigarette butts. The funny thing was the guy actually did it. Amazing what sheer intimidation and terror will do for a troops moral.

SMSgt Gerald (Gomer) Gibbs- Mission Developer. Gomer was relieved from his post as smoke break monitor in February after a heart-attack. Four weeks later he was back although he is now permanently disqualified as a smoker. Retiring in August.

MSgt Charles (Edgar Allen Poe Jr.) Younce- Scheduler. Charlie writes some of the most sickening poetry anywhere. The only thing worse is the fact that most of the women seem to fall for it.

PART TIMERS

CMSgt Tom Williams- Still holding down the fort at Link. Tom is spending most of his time trying to teach ex-loadmasters how to fly that boom thing. Currently building a new house.

SMSgt Chuck Morlan- Dates all the ugliest women in town so the rest of us don't have to. Still working for the Federal Police in Kansas City. Morlan was sent to L.A. during the riots but was sent home 24 hours later for looting. Anyway, if your ever in Kansas, stop by his house and see his new big screen TV and stereo.

SMSgt Don Murphy- Still working at the Airport at Richards-Gebaur. If you ever come to the 78th see Don for a locker. He and Morlan have some kind of permanent hold on the darn things.

SMSgt John (W.O.B.O.) Pittman- No longer accused of being the Worlds Oldest Boom Operator. Seems he won that award years ago. John joined the service on Feb 18, 1954. After 37 years of service he will retire later this year.

MSgt Roger Gay- North Little Rock cop. Never around but an expert on how things outa be done.

MSgt John (Hambone) Hamilton- Cleanest carpet in town, but that's not saying much. Although he does look important wearing that beeper on his flight suit.

MSgt Randy Rhodes- Used to work at a photo lab, then went to med school. He now works at a laboratory trying to discover a new medical testing rat.

MSgt Rodney Sanders- Waiting on a fire to start somewhere in Little Rock. Trying to figure out how to do a form F on a pocket calculator.

MSgt Dennis (If you tell anybody I'll kill ya) Smith- The new squadron First Sergeant. Waiting on the fire with Sanders. Dennis also got his gun license, he's trying to keep it secret but if you need a unregistered gun Dennis is your man.

MSgt Ed Stewart- Finally graduated and is now a Federal Police Officer. Don't know about you but I can't sleep at all at night. Sweet dreams...

TSgt Monsa Dugger- Heard the call "Go West Young Man," so he went. Thought he would be a 130 loadmaster till they gave him an incentive flight. He still gets sick just thinking about it.

TSgt David (Peacock) Fruge'- Still in Houston working for the other non-profit airline... Continental.

TSgt Dwain (Pirogue) Gerace- His last student broke him, just couldn't hang with his ex-130 loadmaster student. He actually decided to quit flying so much and get a real job.

TSgt Bill Hennigh- Another cop, Reads to many of those cop books in the grocery store. Thinks people are trying to get him.

TSgt Jim Knapp- Corps of Engineers; his fault all the problems in California. I got to fly with Knapp once, he had more advice than my instructor.

SSgt Jeff Lacen- Works for American Airlines in Ft. Worth. He loves to fly but it still doesn't show.

SSgt Dan Ursettie- Another broke down instructor. Dan only works about three days a month. Something about winning the lottery. He's got a system.

SSgt Jeff Reed- This guy thinks he's gonna be a pilot. Supposedly gonna graduate from college sometime this year.

TSgt Tony Britt- When he sits down to eat dinner he's got half of the US Congress and his lawyer sitting with him. Even so he still can't seem to make Master. Retiring July, 92.

TSgt Dennis Fox- New retiree, from across the street. Was in Stan/Evil but reportedly scared the fire out of Tom Williams in the BOT.

TSgt Luis Perez- Never without his gold bracelet. You know how when you talk to a girl on the phone and she sounds fine looking. Well, his secretary sounds good enough to weigh 200 pounds.

MSgt Jerry (Pee Wee) Reinold- Now it can be told. Pee Wee is the person that put the dead squirrel in the ops-officer's desk. The cool thing about it is that he seems to have made it through the whole ordeal unscathed.

SSgt James P. Lutton III- The reason I put this guys whole name is because it sounds like some kind of British Royalty or something. He's the only guy in the squadron that just can't grasp the concept of "show time".

SRA Jim (self proclaimed Boom Man) Miles- Jim is one of these guys that kinda, but never exactly knows what he's talking about. When will they learn that the statement "what does the book say", is a dead give-away that your clueless

SRA Darren (Muffin) Montgomery- I like to eat, what can I say. When Pirogue and I fly together we always put ourselves down as extra equipment. So I'm the only guy in the squadron who can quote the roach-coach menu by heart, who cares.

TSgt Rod (Romeo) Johnson- If Rod ever tries to show you pictures of his kids just look and don't try to figure out who's the mom of what, just smile and nod your head. This guy has been married more times than Ceaser, and doesn't mind telling anyone his philosophy on women.

SSgt Marty (did we land yet) Johnson- Marty was a good boom till he got this job for a medical company hauling used body parts. Now his psyche is kind of warped he's afraid to enter the boom pod after dark.

TSgt Mike (DOS 5.0) Langford- Mike has built up so many extra brownie points around here fooling with those computers that its a real crime.

MSgt Terry O'Shea- New squadron smoking monitor. Terry smokes so many cigarettes in a day he makes General Motors look like a flower factory.

MSgt Greg Heffron- Not much to say to the Heff, since I've never met him. But, He's retiring in September of this year.

The end of the cold war will hit home this year as many of our experienced booms are forced into retirement. I for one will miss Ray talking about his fantastic weekends although, I've never known him to have a bad one. Who will keep the security police in line now that Pittman's not here to complain? After 300 years on the 135 Tony Britt is finally retiring. Gerald Gibbs is gone this year and so is Greg Heffron, the majority of our experience will be lost. The 78th Boom shop would like to thank CMSgt Richardson for making the Boom Signal possible for all these years.

Oh well, maybe now I can make Staff.

Darren L. Montgomery

Darren L. Montgomery, SRA, USAFR



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 9TH WING (ACC)
BEALE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

FROM: 9 OPG/Chief Faulk

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All Booms Past and Present

"Hi" to all Booms from the land of the CADDO Indians and the Beale Bandits. Hope everyone has adjusted to the change in our command structure. My flight suit keeps rejecting the TAC--oops--ACC patch. I saw some Altus people down in Panama and they said they had an airplane that kept shedding the AMC sticker. But everyone at Beale is striving to adjust to the change and will eventually feel more comfortable.

I spent an interesting week at Tinker working with Mike Paynter and CMSgt Willke from HQ ACC on the new training plan that will soon be going Air Force wide. Known as Bright Flag, it is dedicated to quality training and education for all of our people--officer, enlisted, and civilian. Bright Flag seeks to look at each specialty and occupational series starting with what tasks are actually required to perform at a particular grade and skill level and, eventually, on a particular position. I was skeptical at first but after working on the program I could see its merits. I don't know when its going to reach the field but ACC has been tasked to develop the program. Any questions, give me a call DSN 368-9370 or call CMSgt Steve Smith at Langley, DSN 574-4620/2978.

Lots of changes taking place at Beale. MSgt Cleve Filmore departed for McConnell, we wish Cleve and Essie the best. Watch out for funnel clouds, Cleve.

TSgt (MSgt sel) Rich Sopkowiak (Soap) is on his way to the new unit at Mildenhall. TSgt "Mad" Marv Surber has retired and lives in Auburn, California. Has long hair, handlebar mustache and still rides his Harley. SMSgt Les McPeak our Det 6 Alert Force Manager at Mather is now at HQ AMC, Scott AFB, Illinois working in TACC. SSgt (TSgt Sel) Cody Crowder departed and is in KC-10 at Barksdale. Wanted to be close to his daughter in Dallas. SSgt Jaime Requero moved on to Castle as an instructor.

There are more assignments on the horizon due to the deactivation of the 349th Air Refueling Squadron. The 350th has merged with our maintenance organization and so far everything seems to be running smoothly. MSgt Jim Sigl is the Program Manager for the 350th. The following is a run down of the personnel assigned to the 350th and 9th Wing.

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S-101 MSgt "Smokey" Robinson - 2nd Air Force/ 9th Wing Senior Flight Examiner, Smokey's staying busy in this demanding job.

S-102 TSgt Dean Fuller - Finishing up his degree and dodging PCS gremlins.

S-103 TSgt Will Galloway - Will is taking the money and run, getting out in December 92.

R-111X Amn Swinney - Newly assigned, haven't heard anything to bad other than something about a real heavy foot while driving so I guess he's moving right along.

R-111Y Sgt Mike McPhee - Got to get this guy promoted to staff or we will have to say so long because of HYT.

R-112 ALC A.J. Verdi - A.J. had a memorable experience down at Dyess. Just ask him about it sometime.

R-113X ALC Chris Sellars - Umm - Chris is chugging right along--better ask Cleve Filmore at McConnell about him.

R-113Y SSgt Tyrell Stevenson - Another guy thats going to HYT if he doesn't hit the books.

R-114 TSgt Joe Gedman - Inherited him from Castle. Doing well.

R-121X SSgt Ralph Everling - Got him a KC-10 slot and he turns around and puts his papers in to get out. Oh! Well!

R-121Y SSgt Al Kaczor - Leaving us for the KC-10 at Seymour Johnson.

R-122 SrA Dave (Beeker) Sturm - Newly wed too his hometown sweetheart. Back on status after losing part of his thumb in a car accident.

R-123 SSgt Joe Duarte - Leaving for the KC-10 at March. Very sharp individual that we'll lose but the KC-10 will gain a very capable and professional individual.

R-124X SrA Joe Chavez - DOSing in August, moving down to the Bay Area.

R-124Y SrA Matt Willing - I still think this guy is to young to drink. Got a CFIS class date and will be re-enlisting.

R-131X ALC Mark Storrey - Doing fine and building up his time, looking forward to a CFIS slot in the future.

R-131Y Sgt Mike Routheau - He and Lori are expecting in July and will be departing for K.I. Sawyer in September. Good luck to all.

R-132X Amn Salisbury - No relation to the Wing CC at Altus. Doing fine and staying out of trouble.

R-132Y SSgt Bob Emerson - 5 year staff and recent Instructor upgrade. Ride's a beautiful Harley. Still likes to smoke cigars when drinking beer.

R-134 SSgt Derrick Cantre - Duarte's partner in crime. Excellent boom and person. This guy is going places.

R-141X SSgt Scott Anderson - Has a KC-10 assignment to Seymour-Johnson. Decided to take the 10 instead of VSI/SSB.

R-141Y SrA Mark Redden - New instructor and doing really well now that his life is back on track. Expect to see a lot in the future from Mark.

R-142 ALC Mike Lakin - Doing well and riding his new Rice Rocket, and will be leaving us in the November time period for that CIV world.

R-143X SrA Kerry Montgomery - Newly wed and on his way PCS to Mountain Home and the new composite wing.

R-143Y SrA Curtis Harke - Excellent Boom but his love life is causing him a bunch of headaches.

R-144X ALC James Webb - New boom, plugging right along. "O" if any of you need some drawing done this is the man to see.

R-144Y Sgt Jason Buckner - Excellent boom and new father. He's our new CLT manager once Sgt Hall makes up his mind where to go.

TRAINING FLIGHT

MSgt D.K. Smith - Looking for an assignment but tied to Julie's AFSC were assignments are very limited. Has a new pet named Sadie--a Vietnamese Pot-bellied Pig.

MSgt Frank Perry - Frank wants Hickem or Kadena. Went on a Secret mission--couldn't tell his wife he was going TDY to Nellis, Las Vegas.

Program Manager - MSgt Jim Sigl - Really busy now that maintenance has combined with OPS. Finding out what a real first sergeant goes through.

Scheduling

TSgt (MSgt sel) Dave Harrison - Dave's got a big smile on his face now that he has a line number.

Sgt Steve Meloy - Working, fishing and jumping on some pretty good TDY's.

Cargo Load Manager

Sgt Gary Hall - Newly wed and PCSing to Malstrom or Minot as soon as Dan decides.

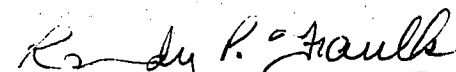
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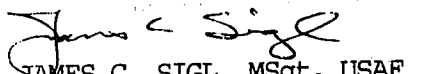
CMSgt Randy Faulk - 3 1/2 yrs to go for 30, they really pay me to do this (maybe I'll stay 40) job.

Well, keepum flying, put the pole in the hole etc..... Our new numbers are

350th DSN	368-4-8463
commercial prefix	634-8463/8465
Randy Faulk	368-9370/9369
Jim Sigl	368-8956
Training Flight	368-8965/9004

If you are out here for Red Flag or just passing through, give us a call and we'll go get a cold one.


RANDY P. FAULK, CMSgt, USAF
Wing Boom


JAMES C. SIGL, MSgt, USAF
Program Manager, 350 AREFS

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

Howdy from the great state of Texas. Well as you can see last year wasn't our last after all. Since making the base closure list the changes have come at steady pace. We are no longer SAC tanker whinnies, were the AMC tanker force. That makes the bomber guys MAD. We have all got our assignments and are waiting for departure dates, some of us have received our dates and have already departed. We've had some people come and go since we last checked in. Here's our base closing line-up with assignments.

MSGT Rudy Spence - Chief Boom. He's gotten a few more grey hairs and is retiring in May. Sorry for the hairs Rudy.

MSGT Ed Jackson - The old Pad Dad. He retired on 18 May, he's employed at DFW in air field management.

MSGT Al Adams - As reported last year he retired and lives in Sulphur Springs TX. Al's working at "E" Systems in Greenville Tx.

MSGT Jim Norris - He finally got to pin it on. He's on his way to Dyess AFB.

MSGT Tom Huber - Stan/Eval Chief Boom, free agent, pick up by Selfridge ANG, Detroit Mi. They have a unit opening up just for him.

TSGT Mark "Dream" Weaver - He's gotten a whole bunch of new toys (computers) in the squadron that he only knows how to work. Mark is going to work for Boeing, or is it the other way around.

SSGT Ruben Mendoza (TSGT Selectee) - Stan/Eval. "Mr Moments", can be found at the gym during normal duties hours. Going to Barksdale as one of the new KC-10 Gucci boys.

SSGT Doug Schultz - The "Grouch". He's on his way to Altus AFB. Got to through rocks at him to get him to fly.

SSGT Tim McDermott - Soon to be Gucci boy at Seymour-Johnson.

SSGT Willie Coleman - One of the tdy kids. Favorite saying "I'M outa here". DOS 1 Aug, going to be a weekend Gucci boy at Barksdale.

SSGT Jon "Jean-Claude" Hilyard (TSGT Selectee) - He's also got a slot for KC-10 at Seymour-Johnson. Ge, I really wanted to go to Minot, there's just no justice!!!!

SSGT Dan "The Colonel" Klemm - Is now Officer Klemm, he works for the Tarrant County sheriffs department. If you are planning a trip through Ft. Worth slow down, he was getting ticket happy before he got out the door.

SSGT Floyd "Sleepy Floyd" Atkins" - Stan/Eval. Either hard at work or hardly working. Gucci boy at Seymour-Johnson.

SGT Frankie "Rocky" Rollins - He has been doing a lot of instructing since getting on instructor status. Say's he is keeping the young booms in line all by himself. Rudy says, "he's like a well hit golf ball in a tile covered room". Rocky's going to Fairchild, wants to go tdy as soon as he gets there.

SSGT Mark Adame - Hey Altus he's an ex-gunner that learning real fast. If you young guys don't get in gear you may be working for him real soon.

SGT Rob Tabor - Well he found the squadron just in time to upgrade to instructor. Rob's the Boom Association Pres. Going to be a Gucci boy at March.

SRA Jerry Burns - Had a lot of fun hearing about his pre-cfic rides. He's just departed for Altus, "R models at last".

SRA Eric Ball - Wants to get out of Texas so his allergies can get better. Going to Mt. Home AFB.

SRA Doug "The Rat" Templeton - Just got back from CFIC. Can be heard walking around the squadron saying, Offutt? How in the hell did I get Offutt"?

SRA Leroy Robinson - Need a D.J. at your next party call Leroy. Going to Plattsburgh, thinking about getting hitched.

SGT Mark Weddleton - He came to us from Castle for a brief lay over on the way to Minot.

SRA James "Woody" Woodward - Quiet knowledge. Woody won the lottery for one of our last Pacific tdys. Just found out before he left that he was going to Minot. Wish I could take the news with such dignity.

SRA Brian New - "My parents had nothing to do with me getting Kadena"(A CMSgt and SMSgt). Well Kadena if you want to find him look for the NEW Surfer.

SRA Phillip "The Dimp" Dalrymple - He just loves being in heart of Texas, because no matter which direction he goes he is always leaving. He is married now (11 Aug '91), and has a new baby girl. He's going to Fairchild to keep Rocky in line.

A1C Christopher Hargett - "Who?" He took Tabor's place as the stealth boom. He's also going to Mt. Home.

A1C Mark Villacis - I think Rudy finally believes he didn't have the bike after all. Good fishing at Altus. See ya "Dude".

A1C Randy Schaub - He is "THEE NEW BOOM" and will be one of the last to leave. Watch out Minot AFB he learns quick. He's also our permanent designated driver for our dorm rats.

A1C Troy Singleton - He is just happy he is not the new kid on the block anymore, hell he's just happy. His usual question "What's Alert"? He'll be coming to Malstrom AFB.

AMN Rick Guttierrez - Couldn't take a joke at all. It was determined that civilian life was more to his and our liking.

Well that is the line-up. I know its lengthy but it's hard to say goodbye. Rudy say's he'll miss all this bull____, but when you got to go you got to go.

We at the 7 AREFS like to wish a special farewell to CMSgt Richardson. Adios Amigos. 7 AREFS 1958 to 1993 "Mission Accomplished."

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 398TH OPERATIONS GROUP
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 95342-5000**

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 398 OPG/CDZ

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

Greetings from Castle --where it all begins. Over the past year we have seen some changes that affect the way we do business. The 329th boom academics branch and the 330th CFIS squadron have been combined into one which is now the 330th Flying Training Squadron. Starting in January 1993, a civilian contractor will be responsible for teaching all initial qualification, and CFIC boom operator academics. The booms assigned to CFIC will still do the flying training. The 924th (tactical squadron) was disbanded in April. The majority of people went PCS but a couple moved over to the 93rd AREFS to be CCTS instructors.

As you probably aware, boom operator class sizes have been significantly reduced because of personnel draw downs. All BMT's and Cross Trainee's have been cancelled for the rest of FY92 and possibly for FY 93. The only students going through school now are ANG and AFRES. Class sizes are between three and seven students. For guard and reserve units: If you have people scheduled for school please insure they meet the prerequisites IAW AFR 50-5. We have had to send some students home because of no altitude chamber or incomplete physicals.

We finally have a new boom simulator. Much improved graphics. At first there was a problem with the clarity of the receivers as you looked through the sighting window. This was due to the curvature of the sighting window and the projection system. We now have a new GE camera system which corrected the problem. Currently we are in the process of developing training programs to catagory qualify initial qual boom operator's in probe and drogue and C-5 day air refueling using the BOPTT. We hope to start this program within the next couple of months.

Even though Castle is closing in 1995, we are still in need of instructors. As of now we are scheduled to move to Fairchild. However, that may change. To where we don't know. To change bases it has to go before the Base Closure Board again and be voted upon. If you're interested in a CCTS assignment, you need to send a volunteer package IAW AFR 39-11. Send two complete packages: one package goes to CMS Harris at AMC headquarters, the other package goes to: 398 OPG/CDZ Castle AFB, Ca. 95342. You can also FAX you're package to Castle by calling DSN 347-2260.

Here is a list of instructors currently assigned to Castle:

398 OPG/CDZ Wing Refueling Program Manager 347-2962

CMS Ron Livingston

398 OPG/XOV STAN EVAL 347-4471

MSG Bob Durbin - Section Head

MSG Greg Wheeler (Retire 1 Oct 92)

TSG Roger Smith

TSG Jay Warren

MSG Jerry Wilson

TSG Kerry Gulzow

TSG Steve Tuttle

TSG Don Weller

398 OSS/DOT (Scheduling) 347-2912

TSG Jim Handy

TSG Red Skeleton (PCS Mildenhall Nov 92)

SSG Dennis Pratt

TSG Larry Placide

SSG Brad Hamann

398 OSS/DOOJ (TACTICS) 347-2169

TSG Joel Estes

TSG Bart Elliott (VSI Oct 92)

398 OSS/DOU (ISD) 347-4417

MSG Gene Hagge

TSG Wayne Hillegeist

MSG John Pike

398 OSS/DODK (Boom Simulator) 347-4416

MSG Wayne Issacson

330 FTS

DOZ (CCTS Academics) 347-2388

MSG Ted Carrier Section Head

TSGRon Dugdale

TSG Glen Forward

TSG Lenny Beck (PCS MT Home Oct 92)

TSG John Gallagher (Retire Nov 92)

TSG Jerry Head

TSG Jay Lively

TSG Gary Davis

SSG Jerry Swanson

SSG Chico Gallegos

SSG Pat Stevens (PCS MT Home Oct 92)

SSG Rodney Cline

CFIC 347-2235

MSG Rich Lusk Section Head

TSG Greg Conrad

TSG Herb Hughes

TSG Terry Casey (PCS Mildenhall May 93)

TSG George Murman

TSG Dan Repp

SSG Merv Arthurton

93 AREFS/DOB 347-2491

CMS Dean Bakken Chief Boom

MSG Fred Thomas

TSG Don Wilson

TSG J. C. Coleman (PCS KC-10 APR 93)

TSG Gary Plain (VSI Sep 92)

TSG Gerry Alger

SSG Scott Hicking (PCS KC-10 Dec 92)

SSG Cris Youngblood (VSI Dec 92)

SSG Tom Axthlem (VSI Dec92)

SSG Lou Rushano

SSG Kevin Schlegel

SSG Bill Moore

SSG Quinn Janke

SGT Tony Nickolson

MSG Rod Perkins

MSG Tom McElroy

TSG John Harris

TSG Paul Pillar

TSG Bill Montgomery

SSG Steve Myrick

SSG Larry Robbins

SSG Frank Soto (VSI Dec 92)

SSG Phil Blaisse

SSG Mike Adams

SSG Jamie Recureo

SSG Joe Riener

SGT Bobby Chambers

SGT George Tobola

MSG Dave Sealy

MSG Al Moser

TSG Beef Katus

TSG Mark Sletten

TSG Roger Thomas

TSG Eddie Cole

SSG Scott Stern

SSG Colon Miller

SSG Fred Malone

SSG Steve Zoller

SSG Mark Miller

SSG John Williams

SGT Fran Nickolson

INBOUNDS

MSG John Alvarez (Mildenhall Jan 93)

SSG Garret Goff (Loring Nov 92)

SSG Timothy Gemsheim (Plattsburgh Oct 92)

TSG Richard Kempfer (Beale Oct 92)

One last note for CMSgt Elzey Richardson:

Rich, it's been great knowing you for over 24 years. You did a lot of good things for the boom career field when you were at 8th Air Force and CFIC at Carswell. All booms could learn from you about what being a boom operator is all about and leadership. Best of luck in the future. You'll be missed.

Ronald D. Livingston

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

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 398TH OPERATIONS GROUP (AMC)
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 95342-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 398 OPG/OPV

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

1. Greeting from the all new 398 OPG group Stan/Eval. Lot's of changes, but the job remains the same. Still testing and checking students (just not as many as before). We are all enjoying the slow down, but know it's only temporary.

2. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new booms from the Guard and Reserves. I can't really say young booms, cause some of these guys are older than dirt. Well they are old enough to make us feel young. You guys are starting on a career that, at times, will be the toughest, most challenging job you could have, but will always be the most rewarding and enjoyable job in the Air Force today. To all the booms old and new we extend an invitation to come by and share a cup of coffee and say hi if you are in the area.

3. Here is a quick rundown of the boom in Stan/Eval today and those who just left:

MSgt Greg Wheeler - NCOIC soon to be Mr. Wheeler-retiring so he can spend more time cleaning his car.

MSgt Jerry "Wayne" Wilson - New guy-best looking and most professional guy I know.

TSgt Jay Warren - Mister, "I'm only going to be on the computer a minute". Jay is on leave again-doing great and enjoying California.

TSgt Steve Tuttle - Steve is doing good, don't see him around the office much but I haven't heard anyone yelling at him lately so he must be doing good.

TSgt Don Weller - Mister, "I'm only the assistant duty crew". -trying to keep his plane flying and keeping a very low profile-wonder what he's up to.

TSgt Roger Smith - Wonder if that's his real name-with all of Roger's additional duties he says he feels like he is back in his admin career field. Any time of the day you can see him walking the halls, repeating to himself "I am a boom operator, I am a boom operator".

TSgt Kerry Gulzow - Newest kid on the block, just started today. Kerry is the type of guy who is always smiling, in a good mood and always eager to jump into any project. They used to have a name for a guy like him, but I can't think of it right now.

RECENT DEPARTURES

TSgt Gary Plain and SSgt Chris Youngblood - these guys decided to take the big bucks and beat feet into the civilian world. They are spending their last few days in the 93rd. These two guys did a super job and will be missed greatly. Best of luck guys.

Jerry Wilson

JERRY W. WILSON, MSgt, USAF
FTS Stan Eval IRO

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

398 OSS/D05

SUBJECT

Boom Signal

TO:

8 AF/DOTTR (CMSgt Richardson)

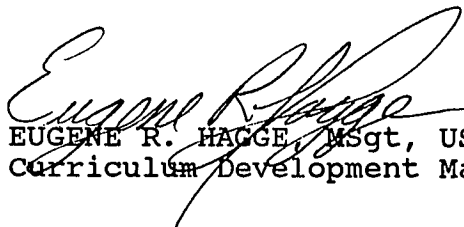
1. Hello from the mysterious world of ISD. For those of you who don't know what, or who we are, the courseware and trainers used here at CCTS originate in this division. This is, of course, with a great deal of coordination efforts from the many agencies that comprise CCTS training. The majority of the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

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

3. Our present manning calls for four boom operators. This increased from two after the loss of all gunner slots. The current roster includes: MSgt Eugene Hagge, MSgt John Pike, and TSgt Robert Hillegeist.

a. The current status of D05 and ISD is still unsure because of the reorganization and CCTS Academic Training being contracted out to civilians. We are all waiting on further direction from above.

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!



EUGENE R. HAGGE, MSgt, USAF
Curriculum Development Manager



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RTAO: 93 AREFS/DOTB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All boom operators

Hello again from the 93 AREFS where it all begins. The last year has brought about a great deal of changes. We saw SAC close its doors and the opening of a new command, the Air Mobility Command. The 93 AREFS is now apart of the 398 operations group and we are assigned to the 340 AREFW at Altus AFB OK. We have changed the patches on our flight suits but for the most part business is as usual. We still train booms in 8 to 9 sorties and then send them up for a check-ride.

It was great getting to see many of you at the 14th Annual Boom Symposium. This years turn out was outstanding and brought together many of the old and young booms alike. We are already starting to plan next years symposium. We hope this coming years turn out will be our best yet!

Our annual winter campout had a strong showing with only a few injuries occurring. Both Richard Lusk and Herb Hughes saw the emergency room thanks in part to Donny Weller's ATVs. Greg Wheller found out that if you touch a Coleman lantern it will burn. It was a good time for everyone who attended.

We would like to close by saluting everyone who has ever been a CCTS instructor. Contrary to some rumors there is no PCS freeze at Castle and assignments are still being made in and out of here. We are still looking for a few good men and women who would like to take on the challenge of one of the most rewarding jobs in the Air Force. We invite anyone who is looking for the opportunity to put in your paperwork for selection. The following is a list of who's who in the 93rd/AREFS.

John R Harris Jr.
John R Harris Jr
TSGT USAF

CMSGT Dean Bakken (program manager) He is the HMFIC and our staff doesn't question that. Pinned on chief this year after he had just figured out what he wanted to do when he retired.

MSGT Rod Perkins- (NCOIC) Our resident cycling expert. He is the chiefs right hand and has the job of making sure we all tote the company line.

A FLIGHT

TSGT Bill Montgomery (Minot) flight superintendent
TSGT Bev Katus (Malmstrom)
SSGT Scott Hicking (Grissom) KC-10 bound
SGT George Tobola (Wurtsmith)
SSGT Kevin Schlegal (Grissom)
TSGT Eddie Cole (Eaker)
SSGT JC Coleman (Robins) TSGT selectee, KC-10 bound
TSGT Jerry Alger (Loring)

B FLIGHT

SGT Rod Cline (Beale)
SGT Anthony Nicholson (Offutt)
SSGT Jaime Recuero (Beale)
SSGT Colon Miller (Robins)
SSGT Phil Blaisse (Plattsburg)
MSGT Fred Thomas (Altus)
SSGT Lou Rushano (Altus)
SGT Fran Nicholson (Offutt)

C FLIGHT

MSGT Dave Sealey (Loring) flight superintendent
SSGT Scott Stern (Dyess)
SSGT Stephen Zoller (Dyess)
MSGT Al Moser (924th Castle)
SSGT Frank Soto (Robins) resident expert 21 studs all Q-1
TSGT Paul (Maverick) Pillar (Grissom)
SSGT Joe Riener (Eaker)
SSGT Dennis Pratt (McConnell) scheduling bound

D FLIGHT

TSGT Randy Seip (Robins) flight superintendent
SSGT Mark Miller (Altus)
SSGT Fred Malone (Eaker)
SSGT Larry Robbins (Barksdale)
SSGT Mike Adams (Carswell)
TSGT Don Wilson (Plattsburg)
SSGT Thomas Axthelm (Minot)
SSGT Quinn Janke (Grand Forks)

EIGHT

MSGT Tom McElroy (Loring) flight superintendent
SSGT Merv Arthurton (Plattsburg)
TSGT John Harris (McConnell)
TSGT Mark Sletten (Beale)
TSGT Roger Thomas (Fairchild)
TSGT Gary Plain (Beale) civilian 6 Aug 92
SSGT John Williams (Grand Forks)
SSGT Steven Myrick (924th Castle)

SPARES

SSGT Chris Youngblood (Minot) civilian 1 Nov 92
TSGT Dave Estes (Pease)

NEW ARRIVALS

SSGT WT Moore (McConnell) FNG
SGT Bobby Chambers (McConnell) FNG

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 330 FTS/DOKB
SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOTT (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Greetings from CFIC, home of the whiff. This year finds our world a bit more peaceful and our military structure a bit unsettled. We're now part of Air Mobility Command, we now use the letters FTS along with the folks at CCTS, under the 398th Ops Group, attached to the 340 AREFW at Altus. Regardless of the confusion, our mission is unchanged; to produce the most highly trained qualified instructors possible.

2. Many candidates arriving at CFIC have the minimum three years, picking up the necessary hours in the desert. With the lower experience levels, training flights must ensure candidates are fully prepared. In most cases the preparation has been excellent. We've noticed that student prebriefings and critiques have been a weak area. Although it may not be the most enjoyable part of the preparation program, it is truly where an instructor earns his/her money. A well briefed, thoroughly critiqued mission can make any instructor stand out as one of the best. At present, student briefings and critiques are graded as a critical area. Are you placing the proper emphasis on them? Don't cut your candidates short, give them the proper preparation to put them ahead of the power curve at CFIC. Units, please, ensure the candidate arrives at CFIC with the required associated directives. We are maintaining only one working set of them and your candidate will be at a disadvantage without them.

3. Any ideas or questions you may want to discuss, don't hesitate to give us a call anytime. AV 347-4350/2235.

MSgt Rich Lusk
MSgt (select) Herb Hughes
MSgt (select) Jake Vogt

MSgt (select) Greg Conrad
TSgt George Murman
TSgt Dan Repp
TSgt Terry Casey

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ATTENTION
SSGT BECK!
DON'T WRITE ON
BOTH SIDES OF THE
DAMN PAPER.
THANKS,
CMSTG RICH

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 330 FTS/DOZ
SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTTR (CMsgt Richardson)

Greetings from the other guys in the 330th FTS (the schoolhouse). Lots of changes happening with the re-organization and people coming and going.

By the time you read this, the announcement should have been made as to which contractor has been awarded the ATS contract. However, as I'm writing this were still waiting anxiously to find out who's going to take over, putting us out of a job.

At present we are training only gaurd and reserve students with class sizes ranging from four to eight students, down from full classes of sixteen before. We've practically stopped taking active duty people. We'll only be training a total of 87 students in fiscal year 93 and only about one per class will be active duty BMT's. Unfortunately this was necessary to prevent losing people to future force reductions.

Of course we can't forget our last visit from our buddies at the SAC Inspector Generals office and once again our guys lived up to the high standards set for them by recieving an excellent rating.

Once again there's been a large turnover in the office with people moving on to bigger and better things. So without further delay here's the staff.

MSgt Ted Carrier - Formally the Program Manager at the 924th (closed), Alert Facility Manager (closed), and now our boss at the schoolhouse (going to contract), maybe someone's trying to tell him something.

TSgt Jerry Head - Ted's right hand man. If you ever see Jerry out and around ask him where his coffee cup is.

TSgt Glen Forward - Our scheduler, His hair's turning grey and we can't figure out why, must be his kids, we're sure it's not the job.

TSgt Ron Dugdale - Re-writing weight and balance courseware from the ground up has kept Ron on his toes. Need fire wood talk to Ron, he'll fix ya up. Recently he tried to get arrested selling fire wood in a national park.

TSgt Gary Davis - One of our recent arrivals, he hasn't quite got the hang of BOPPT till you drop, but were breaking him in. Doing a great job helping Pat on the training videos.

SSgt Lenny Beck - (TSgt select) Resident computer guru. Heading for Mt. Home and can't wait to get the h___ out of California. 4X4, More RPM.

SSgt Jay Lively - (TSgt select) Just over from the 93rd, trying to give Glen a hand with the schedule. If you ever find a Bronco stuck in the hills check it out, Jay might need a tow.

SSgt Chico Gallegos - Just finished his first full class, all passed with flying colors. C\> Chico's the name, computers the game, Wants to know where he can get a 486 real cheap.

SSgt Gerry Swanson - Doing a great job, loves teaching loadmasters cargo loading. Swany's motto is "if it ain't lifted, it aint S___". Catch Swany, Beck, and Lively on top of the mountain, if you can.

SSgt Pat Stevens - Pat came over recently and immediately took over video production. Pat's another one of our resident computer nuts, and also heading for Mountain Home.

SSgt Rod Cline - The latest addition to the office, Rod hasn't even officially reported in yet and he's already got his desk set up. Glad to have him aboard but, by the time we get him all checked out he will be out of a job.

And now for those who have recently departed, with thanks for all there fine work.

MSgt Tom Hervey - To Langley via Offutt

MSgt Frank Tesser - After seven years in the 329th finally got to Kansas.

MSgt Robin Hendrickson - Fairchild bound, as fast as possible.


TSgt Tom Weirauch - Decided to give Offut a try.

TSgt Vern Harvey - Back to Texas and happy about it.

TSgt Red Skelton - Wing scheduling. uugh!!! going PCS to U. K.

SSgt Jill Miller - Pittsburgh. Last we heard she was in Germany someplace.

Well that's it from the school house, its been fun while it lasted. We are sure that the contractors will do a fine job to carry on the reputation that the former 4017th, and 329th CCTS and the 330th FTS have always been known by and will always be proud of.


Leonard T Beck, SSgt, USAF
IRO Academic Instructor



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 96TH OPERATIONS GROUP (ACC)
DYESS AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

FROM: 917 AREFS/DOE (SMSgt Tim Powers)

9 Jul 92

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: 8th AF/DOTT

1. Greetings from Dyess AFB, the 917th Air Refueling Squadron and THE Air Combat Command. This has been a super year for us with many people coming and going. But before I get into the requisite boomer listing, I'd like to share some of the things we do at Dyess that most folks don't do. Perhaps some bright instructor will call and express disbelief and a better way. All feedback accepted.

2. Dyessism's

A. BIG BOX = TMO...NOT - Right or wrong, stan/eval and I decided to make life easy on our boomers. Since 1099(A thru X) may never go away, we do not allow TMO operations when the boom interphone box is installed. Many believe this could cause us problems with poor TMO ability, but this hasn't been a problem yet and we've had the policy for two years. Plus, no boomer is confused or worried about the type of 1099 aboard. Simple rule.

B. TMO and FUEL LEVELS - MSgt Glenn Faught and I read a message about a crew who accidentally turned on an A/R pump. Even though the circuit breaker was pulled, the pump ran. We got the Dash One out and looked through the schematic. Then we enlisted our friendly KC-135 electrician who got out his schematics. Together, we learned that the system is designed that way. For EWO we guessed. In any case, because a pump will run with the CB'S pulled, we insure at least 5500 lbs in each body tank before conducting TMO. And we make sure the system is in normal at all other times (like post A/R). Sure, its overkill but we keep our minds focused on the potential hazard and so far, we've all lived.

C. CIRCUIT BREAKERS - CHECK - At Dyess, I instructed our boomers to make a pencil note in their checklist when they come to this item. It says, "FUEL LEVEL, AFT BODY." This reminds the boom to check the aft body fuel level and pull A/R CB's if appropriate at that time. Good crew coordination item. Of course, we believe the boom would review this with his or her crew during mission planing but we all know how things change after the mission is planned. So just in case....

D. CLT IS FUN - SAES rolled thought last November and our CLT was

rated 'OUTSTANDING'. SSgt James Hill and Sgt Randy Zaiontz put together a most awesome KC-135 program complete with computer generated exams, data based training schedules, reports, TAPR's and letters, continuity books, sample loads (with complete paperwork), sample problems and solutions, restraint reaching techniques based on rudimentary geometry, HP-41 techniques that give restraint and more. This program, tested at other bases, is free for the asking. I got the Ops Officer to commit three full-time CLT instructors to it; a CLM, a pax and cargo planner (who handles actual loads in and out of Dyess) and a CLI. Excellent.

3. Promotions -

To SSgt - James Hill

Jaws Bautista Trent Apodaca Dan Jorgensen

To TSgt - Todd Salzman Via STEPS

4. Departure list - Long Gone

A. SSgt Steve Zoller - Steve is now terrorizing students at CCTS. A good and faithful member of the 917th, we were sorry to see him, his wife Suzie, and his boat leave.

B. Sgt Rick Marshall - Skippy went from training flight to the KC-10 at Seymour. He was a SAES OP dude and made quite a good name for himself. We know he and Julie will do well.

C. Sgt Bonzai Thatcher - Lynn is a KC-10 boomer at March. That is, if he's not

- in jail

- dead

- grounded for being HIV positive.

Bonzai liked women of all shapes, sizes, colors and ages. Nose rings are optional. Good luck California.

D. SrA Roman Munoz - Another KC-10 boomer to March. Roman is doing his cargo check out and he's traveling all over the Pacific. We miss Roman at Dyess. So do most Abilene retirement homes.

5. Departure List - Orders in Hand

A. Sgt Troy Doane - Doan 'E' is headed for the Idaho desert of Mountain Home. He volunteered for Loring, Minot, Grand Forks, etc. and finally moved. Troy's been in ground scheduling for about a year and

he's ready to move on. Good Luck.

B. SSgt Trent Apodaca - Trent's one of our newest instructors and he's headed for Kadena. He begged me to help him get an assignment so I called Dan Morgan in his behalf. Of course, eight years on station helped. Then he begged for a CFIC slot. I told him if he made SSgt, I would. He did. I did.

C. SrA Dave Arendse - This young Airman of the Century is also going to the KC-10 at March. He's a San Diego boy and Abilene by-the-sea never really suited him. Then, one day (after the orders came) he fell madly in love. And now...confusion. He's going to March. Period.

D. Sgt Stephanie McArthur - Steph is going to the KC-10 at Seymour next May. The word just came down. We moved quite a few people to the 10 this year.

6. New Arrivals - Already in Hand

- A. SrA Duane Barr - 92.4 Squadron, Castle
- B. SrA (A.M.) Amy Moore - Wirtsmith
- C. SrA E.J. Freeman - Ellsworth cross-trainee from Missile Maintenance
- D. AlC Joe Corder - BMT
- E. AlC Bart Schumacher - BMT
- F. Sgt Kevin Taha - Eaker
- G. MSgt Rick Riker - Wirtsmith
- H. TSgt Wally Morita - Kelly cross-trainee from Comm Maintenance

7. New Arrivals - Expected Soon

- A. TSgt Wayne Hilegist - Castle CCTS - Jan 1993
- B. MSgt Jim Norris - Carswell - July 92 (any day)
- C. MSgt Jon Bibler - Wirtsmith - Aug 92

8. Complete Listing of Dyess Boomers

Z-201 - MSgt Phil Montgomery - Phil works Operations Group Stan/Eval. He's responsible for most of the things we do right. His training program and 'happy folders' made our SAES/IG success possible. We're not sure what he's supposed to do at the group level but we keep doing more until someone says to stop.

S-101 - SSgt Charlie Weaver - Charlie is in the Training and Evaluation Branch now and I'm glad he's back in the squadron. He's

racine cars, farming and bush hogging lots in his spare time.

S-102 - Sgt Stephanie McArthur - What a super boomer she is. We hate to lose her.

R-110 - SSgt Dan Jorgensen - Danielsan is the resident buddy care and -135 electrics teacher. He's good. He fathered Dane, son of Dan earlier this year. A very proud father. Dan also earned his Black Belt this year. Excellent. He was also one of our four SSgt selectee's. Super job!

R-111 - AlC Jay Hermosillo - Smooth Jay. He's always coming to my boom parties with a different woman. A different gorgeous woman. Seriously, Jay is a hard worker and a good boom.

R-112 - SrA Duane Barr - Duane just returned from ETTF. He's one of our new guys from the 92.4 Squadron at Castle.

R-113 - SSgt Jaws Bautista - Jaws made SSgt this year also. We found out the other day that Bautista is Spanish for 'Baptist.' So now he's called 'Jaws the Baptist!' I think he preaches to all the lonely West Texas women. Still the Hazardous Cargo Dude.

R-114A - AlC Bart Schumacher - Bart is a baby boom from CCTS. He's been on the MP-FLY-MP-FLY-MP-FLY-MP-FLY schedule for the last six weeks since he lost so many A/R's at Castle. I found him wandering around in the hallways one day...he wasn't sure if he was supposed to meet a bus, mission plan, or go home. We gave him some time off. He drives/babies a Grand National.

R-114B - SrA Amy Moore - A.M. is an import from Wirtsmith. She took CFIC in route and is busy trying to finish up. She thinks we're too serious. She's right. We're damn serious.

R-115 - Sgt Mark Yandell - Mark is the resident phone expert. During the re-org, he was an important guy around here. He was Mr. Mom while his spouse was in Saudi Arabia. I haven't seen him around here much since his babe-of-a-wife returned. Smart man.

R-120 - AlC David Padilla - David is the Airman of the Month/Quarter/Year. Mr. O'Everything. He's a super boom operator. Had a great time at Red Flag. Kept wondering, "Where are all these aircraft coming from?"

R-121 - Sgt Chili Delorenzo - Robin's another Red Flag vet. Her

first operations TDY and she really did well.

R-122A - A1C Joe Corder - Joe's got good hands. He knows it too. So does everyone else. Wears a canoe for a flight cap. We're glad he's here.

R-122B - Sgt Randy Zaiontz - Randy is Joe Corder's boom dad. Randy is coming off crew on 1 Aug. He really works in the CLT as the inbound/outbound cargo and pax manager. Plans and schedules all our big loads. Great worker and instructor.

R-123 - SrA John King - John lifts cars as a hobby. We're glad he's on our side. During the re-org moving, John picked up a double-wide refrigerator, put it on his back and carried it down the hall to another room. We keep him happy.

R-124 - SrA E.J. Freeman - E.J. came to us via Ellsworth from the missile maintenance career field. He was R-model qualified at Castle but was diverted to Dyess. He is thrilled to ride in the water wagon. E.J., you shouldn't have laughed at the steam jet while you were at Castle. Remember, if it weren't for "A's" there wouldn't be "R's."

R-130 - TSgt Wally Morita - Wally came to us from Kelly where he was in comm maintenance. Wally is getting ready for an ETTF and he's pretty nervous/excited. Wally is good buddies with Rick Riker.

R-131 - Sgt Kevin Taha - This dude is already a legend at Dyess. He's going to CFIC in August (after 12 pre-CFIC sorties). Then, he's going to scheduling. He's a favorite son of the Ops Officer. I like guys who get things done. Dyess Awards and Decs office wouldn't accept our Kuwaiti Liberation Medal request because we were in Turkey. Kevin called MPC, then walked in to the Wing Commanders Office with the good news. He did not have an appointment, he just walked in and said, "Sir, sign this. Your name is at the top of the list." The Wg/CC said that he hadn't been able to get the medals approved and Kevin told him, "I know sir, but now I'm here. If you want something done, and you can't get it done from the Wing Commander position, call me." A few days later, I asked him to get computer cables. He did. Next, we asked him to produce computers. They are ordered. We're crazy about this dude. He said the boys at Eaker didn't like him much because he wouldn't play in the Eaker reindeer games. Too bad. What a great resource.

R-132 - SrA Marc Silvia - Marc is gone to ETTF. He's famous for his male stripper act at the squadron Halloween party. He was a big hit.

He was Big. Red Flag warrior. Wants to go the the Guard. Latest Airman of the Quarter for the Wing.

R-133 - SrA Dave Arendse - Dave is going to the KC-10 at March in December. He's pretty excited.

R-134 - SrA Lee Wood - Woodie is the current Wing Airman of the Month. He's a proud papa with another on the way. He's going to school too. Staying busy. Good boomer.

TRAINING AND EVALUATION DIVISION

Training Flight - MSgt Glenn Faught - Glenn came back from the pad when Monty when to Wing Stan/Eval. He's about done getting Rick Riker lined out on the pad. His big project is getting us F-117 qualified. He's been Chief Boom before so he really helps out.

CLT

Cargo Load Manager - SSgt James Hill - James made SSgt this year too. His CLT program is the best I've ever seen. SAES agreed. He's moving to become the Unit Small Computer Manager this August.

Cargo Loading Instructor - SSgt Chris Powell - Chris liked the crew dog life but he had too much ability to stay there. He headed up the painting of our aircraft in the Linear Air Park Museum. It's the best looking one out there now. Chris is recently married and we just learned his wife is with child. Excellent. He'll be taking over the CLT when James Hill leaves.

SCHEDULING

TSgt Todd Salzman - Todd was a STEPS promotee last December. He deserved it. The boy replaced the O's we had in scheduling and proved to the heavies that we didn't need O's any more. He's a stud.

TSgt Duane Littleton - Duane took long range from a Captain. Boom operators are taking over. Wants to go to Tinker.

TSgt Vern Harvey - The quiet one has a perfect demeanor for scheduling. Can't be ruffled. Vern bought a house 30 miles away from Dyess. No B-1 noise.

Sgt Dave Robinson - Dave volunteered to be a bomber flight scheduler since they are (a) short-handed, (b) minimally competent, (c) unable to

understand the barter process, (d) severely lacking in boom operator common sense. He's a big hit. Very married.

SPARE

SSgt Trent Apodaca (see departures)
Sgt Troy Doane (see departures)

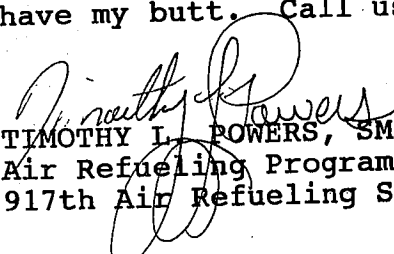
PAD DAD

TSgt Rick Riker - Rick is assigned to the 338th CCTS. A bomb squadron. A B-1 bomb squadron. CCTS move into the old pad but we still need the capability to bring it back to life. Rick makes sure we can do that. He hates bomber guys more than ever.

CHIEF BOOM

SMS Tim Powers - Working on an M.B.A. Still trying to keep my arms around this operation. Work for the Ops Officer now instead of the commander. No more 1st Sgt duties. (Yea!) Being in ACC has made this a very fun job.

9. I'd better wrap this thing up or it will be late and the Chief will have my butt. Call us. Or Visit. DSN 461-4130.


TIMOTHY L. POWERS, SMSgt, USAF
Air Refueling Program Manager
917th Air Refueling Squadron

TIMOTHY,
THIS LETTER IS DATED
9 JULY 92 HOWEVER
IT ARRIVED 23 JULY 92
WHO ARE YOU TRYING
TO FOOL?

P.S.
NICE INPUT
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 6510TH TEST WING (AFMC)
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 6512 Test Ops/DOH

SUBJECT Boom Signal

9 Jul 92

*THANKS FOR THE
TECHNICAL INFO
MSGT
RL*

10 8 AF/DOTT
Barksdale AFB LA 71110-5002

1. Greetings from the High Desert boys! Here is an update of what's been going on since I got stationed here.

2. Obviously, the B-2 is still flying. If booms come out here, it is dependent on the B-2 schedule whether TDY booms get to refuel it or not. So far, we have gotten about 30 booms signed off for day air refueling. On the night of 2 Jul 92, MSgt Rick Kahler and I did a night evaluation on the B-2 for lighting and hook ups. Further updates as they happen. Some rules to know regarding the B-2:

a. No pictures are allowed unless approved by the B-2 DO or authorized personnel.

b. No passengers allowed on board unless approved by B-2 DO or authorized personnel.

3. Moving on, the C-17 was refueled by the test booms twice, and we had our hands full both times. Debriefing and instrumentation/tape review indicated flight control logic problems for this phase of flight on the C-17. Evaluation and adjustments are being made as of this writing.

We got the YF-22 versus the YF-23 planes refueled on schedule to meet the congressional mandate, and the YF-22 won out.

Before Desert Storm, we made a special trip to Florida and got the E-8 certified for AR behind the KC-10 and KC-135.

During Desert Storm, we were up refueling F-15s and F-16s in all kinds of bomb and missile configurations. They were trying to troubleshoot problems here so as to prevent accidents/mishaps during the war.

We also went to Boeing at Wichita, Kansas, and got the President's new plane certified air refuelable (VC-25A).

Other work has included the STOL F-15, new AC-130U gumship, E-6, KC-10 wing drogue pods. The KC-135 wing drogue pods are still being worked on.

Our "icing" 135 is back in operation. We use it for icing down cruise missiles and military and civilian planes. An independent disconnect system is being tested on a new boom nozzle for KC-135s. Unfortunately, the results are marginal. Updates as they happen. We also picked up refuelings on the SR-71 and F-18s for NASA.

4. For all TDY booms to Edwards AFB:

- a. MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR HP-41 AND PRINTERS! WE DO NOT HAVE ANY
 - b. Be flexible: That's the whole secret to flying here.
 - c. Tell your crew not to call ahead of time to find out what you will be doing. Our schedule is based on a day-to-day need as requested by the customer, so we don't know that information. (Even if we did, it would change by the time that week came.)
- ~~_____~~

5. Here are our Test Booms at Edwards:

SMSgt Jim Parrish
MSgt Rick Kahler
MSgt Wally Poplett

6. Take care and fly safe.

Wally Poplett

WALLY POPLLETT, MSgt, USAF
6512 Test Ops

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ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57706-5000

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SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTT (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Hello from the other Boom section at Ellsworth, the AMC Tanker Tactics Center. Under the new reorganization we work for HQ AMC/XO but are still in the same building with the same phone numbers for the time being. The building, and everyone else in it, are assigned to ACC so we don't quite know yet how the relationship will work out.

2. We are pressing forward with the tanker tactics program as if there has been no change. In the past year we have seen some of the KC-10's re-painted gray with 135's coming soon, we have accomplished Infra Red seeker tests on the "R" model, and Quick Flow A/R procedures should be in the books any time now. Tactics School will continue for the instructors. Our flying training program, the USAF Fighter Weapons School Mission Employment (ME) phase at Nellis AFB NV, is going strong twice a year. Mostly good comments from the crews that have had the opportunity to fly during this exercise. We put the crews through a rigorous mission plan, briefing, flying, and debriefing routine with the fighter guys planning and flying the strikes. There have been a few tankers "shot down" during ME but the beauty of this program is that we can all have a beer after the mission and learn from our mistakes, be it the tanker crew goofed or the fighter guy "capping" the tanker goofed. We are getting ready to play in the first ME of 92 with Ellsworth, Malmstrom, Grand Forks, and Seymour Johnson tankers participating. For the bases that have not had the chance to play yet, hang tough, we are "spreading the wealth" and will get to each unit as soon as we can. We are looking into other flying exercises to get the tankers involved in other than a "convenient gas station" role.

3. One of the questions asked the most from the booms out there is "What tactics pertain to a boom operator?". Our answer to this question is that at least 85% of ALL tactics start on the ground before you fly the mission. Having some knowledge of your aircraft's, your receiver's, the CAP fighter's, AWACS/GCI's, friendly air defense capabilities and limitations, and enemy fighter/ground based threats that can reach out and touch you could be most useful in a radio saturated combat environment. Being able to pass this info on to the pilots or nav when they are busy flying or plotting Bullseye calls can shorten the decision making time required by the pilot to safely and timely get your aircraft, with

you on it, to a safer piece of airspace to fly in. There are several sources out there to get this information but probably the easiest way is to ask your intel people.

They are the people that go to school to learn where this information is located and they would be more than happy to share this with you or get you to the proper sources to gather the information you request.

4. We currently have four enlisted flyers assigned to the TTC. They are:

a. SMSgt Dave Crowder - KC-135 IB - Dave came from Conventional Plans at HQ SAC and has been here since the Tactics Center opened in Jul 89. DSN 675-6434


b. MSgt Lee Deibert - KC-135 IB - Lee arrived in Oct 91 from Fairchild and spent about a week and a half here before we had him on the road. DSN 675-6477

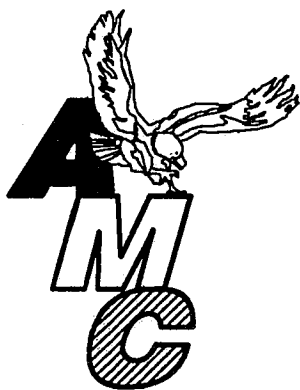
c. MSgt Bob Powers - KC-10 IB - I arrived from Barksdale in Jul 89 and it seems I have been on the road ever since trying to do BOTS and checkrides and stuff. DSN 675-6476

d. TSgt Gib Minor - KC-10 IF - Gib arrived in Jul 89 from Seymour Johnson and he is gone as much as I am due to the same reasons. DSN 675-6475

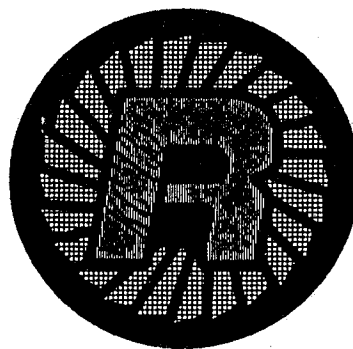
You may ask why I include a Flight Engineer in this Boomer publication, well, we work as a team up here in the Tactics Center and Gib is an integral part of that team. If you have a boomer type tactics question and none of the booms are here, Gib can help answer, or get you an answer, to your question.

5. Better go now. Feel free to call, or if you are in the area stop by, Gib, being the token engineer, will be happy to fetch coffee or beer and we can talk tactics or any other subject that may arise. NKAWTG.....NOBODY.


ROBERT L. POWERS JR., MSgt, USAF
Command KC-10 Tactics Program Manager

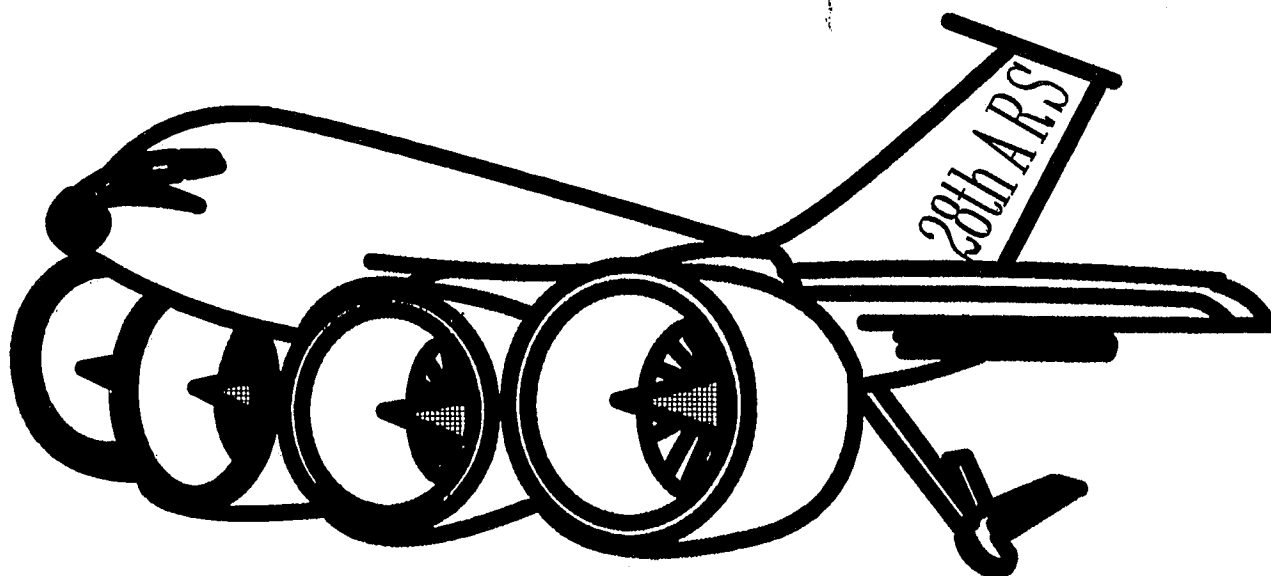


28TH



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Greetings from the Black Hills Boomers (28th ARS). Well, alert is gone as well as SAC, CCP, EWO study and gunners. Our world has had a lot of changes in the past year and it's not over yet. The old heads say "Oh I have seen this before...", not so. Nobody has seen this type of change, ever. The 28th AREFS, "OOPS" 28th ARS, almost took the big dive. We still don't know how long we will survive. We have been told everything from "NOT" to you will be gone by March of 93. It does look like we will be here for several more years. Our brothers across the street weren't so lucky, the 4th ACCS is all but gone. It doesn't matter what the changes are, we still have the best job in the USAF for an enlisted person. Here is our line up:



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CHIEF BOOM SMSGT TIM WICAL

Soon to be a new daddy, we didn't think he had it in him.

TRNG FLT MSGT GUY (RADAR) RAYNOR

Still has the best war stories for what ever war you want one from. If you have a computer with windows, Radar has made up some 83b's with all types of cargo, which look real great, you can change, add or make up your own. Just give him a call to get a copy.

CLT SGT JOHN CURRY

If you want to hunt or fish in the Black Hills, John is the guide for you. He also can load a 135 on a good day. Will soon be a W.T.B.F.(stan/eval)

S-101 TSGT CHUCK MILLER

Chuck is off to the composit wing at Mountain Home (Minot west).
"WHAT THE HELL"

S-102 SSGT STEVEN (OPIE) FLAX

Opie is off to Mountain Home to keep track of Chuck. "I didn't know they would give me the last choice"

R-110 SRA TODD COREY

He seems to well trained comming from Castle, but we never see him long enough to know for sure.

R-111 AIC SCOTT WALKER

So kool, Scott has possibilities of taking Radar's place in a few years. He does good impersonations, in fact we're not sure we have ever met the real Scott Walker.

R-112 TSGT DAN GILSON

Dan will hang up his HP-41 in August, "Thanks for your years of dedication".

R-113 SGT DAN WHETZEL

Dan is off for Dyess in March of 93
Dan would do real good if he just wouldn't piss everone off. If you want something done just ask Dan.

R-114 AIC MIKE DUNLAP

Mike works well under pressure. Just got back from sand land, loved every minute

R-120 SRA(BTZ) BRIAN QUAM

BTZ? What the heck. We who know Brian are still scratching our heads over that one. He sure can play the fiddle, maybe that is how he got that stripe.

R-121 SRA MARVIN PEARSON

Mr. neat and clean, he makes everyone else look bad. Marv will upgrade in the fall.

R-122 MSGT PAT PRUETT

Well Pat is Pat. If you need help, call Pat.

R-123	SRA STEVE SCHLINKERT	A cast off from the 4th ACCS. Upgraded and ready to become a real boomer.
R-124	SRA ALLAN BICE	If we can get him to run his 1 1/2 miles he might make it. He is only 6'1", 130lb person who can't run worth a shit. Allan will go to CFIC in July.
R-130	SSGT LYLE TOLSMA	Poor Lyle, everyone thinks he is an instructor, he will be one as soon as he can find the boom pod.
R-131	TSGT MAC MCELROY	Back on a crew after a short stay out at the alert facilities.
R-132	SSGT ALTON LUNDIN	The old 135 just isn't nice enough for Alton so he will be going to the "10" in Jan.
R-133	AIC ALBERT ASHBY	Next time you go TDY, have your phone unhooked. \$244.00 phone bill and while TDY to sand land, nice guy to let friends use your phone.
R-134	TSGT JEFFERY HAVERLY	Another 4th ACCS castaway. He got to watch first hand how a B-1 can dump your forward body fuel in 4.3 seconds. Hey boom what you got for a CG ?
DONO	TSGT GARY THOMAS	Couldn't take the pressure, is taking the money and running. Gone by December.
SCHEDULING	SSGT BRUCE ZAHN	Off to Moldy Hole in October.
SCHEDULING	SGT PAUL (RED) EMLER	Red wants to go to the guard but no one wants him. Don't worry we will take care of him.
	MSGT RON WHITMYRE	Retired after saying he was going to retire for three years. Moved to Washington State.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 44TH MISSILE WING (SAC)
ELLSWORTH AIR FORCE BASE, SOUTH DAKOTA 57706-5000

4 ACCS/DOFT (TSgt Keister)

1 Jul 92

Boom Signal

8 AF/DOFT (CMSgt Richardson)

Greetings from the soon to be extinct 4 ACCS, home of the dinosaur EC-135's. By the time you read this, we will be just a memory (pleasant or unpleasant, a matter of opinion). No more alert, (we did continue to pull alert after the tankers quit), no more flying ten hour missions, basically, no more anything. The official word came down and our doors will close 1 October. The booms are pretty upset about having to go to a unit where they will fly and refuel something other than an EC-135....NOT! They can't seem to grasp the idea that they will get fighter contacts more often than once a year. That must be why, when the Commander said people could start to leave, ten booms wanted to leave the first month. The other ten are trying to find ways to stay here. They say "it just don't get no better than this". I say they've got to get out more often.

Things have been pretty hectic around here. It's very stressful taking aircraft to the boneyard and having three or four days off a week. We said "see ya" to several booms the end of last year. Jay (Squiggy) Paulson joined his wife at Grissom. We miss Squiggy, you could always count on him to question everything you told him. However; I did tell him that's how you learn. I imagine by now he ought to be a rocket scientist. Roger Berte left to go back to the farm. Jeff Haverly jumped ship and went across the street to the 28 ARS. He took Lyle Tolsma with him. Lyle seems to be a much happier person now. I think he said he got rid of his answering machine.....

Here's a list of who's left, and who's going where, and who's on first:

MSgt John (COME SEE ME) Buckland: Packed up his Harley's and headed to Scott AFB to be a computer geek. I'm curious to see how his pocket protector looks with his chaps. We're not sure what his new job is, but he tells us it's very, very important! We think he just wants a new audience to tell his hunting stories to. I have to admit, if you ever need anything done (legal or otherwise), John can do it. A special thanks to him for getting all the booms here their first choice of assignment.

MSgt Sam (I AM) Ballante: Currently the alert facility manager? Anything to stay here at Ellsworth a little longer... like 14+ years isn't enough. Sam can usually be found out riding. He sees nothing wrong with owning seven motorcycles, the latest one costing over half a years salary. Sam will be staying here and flying with the 28 ARS.

MSgt Duane (DID I TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME I KILLED TWO DEER WITH ONE ARROW?) Hillman: Made MSgt and decided the grass was greener on the other side of the fence. He's going to take the money and run; traded his flight suits for overalls and a straw hat. You can now refer to him as "Farmer Duane". He's heading back to Minnesota to get the respect he never got here. He plans on open rank inspections with the cattle. A heck of a lot of experience leaves with him.

SSgt Jeff (GENERAL) BIXLER: Long range scheduling will never be the same. He's going for the "take the money and run" also. We think he's getting out because he doesn't have anybody to go to the Club with, now that John Buckland is gone. Business at the Club should start picking up.

TSgt Ricky (IF THESE LANES WEREN'T SCREWED UP, I'D BREAK 200 EVERY GAME) Geiger: Stepped down from his S-101 slot to PCS. The booms are no longer checking to see what he's doing before they go fly. Ricky apparently thought he was going to get something extra in his paycheck for making the most trips to the boneyard. Seriously Ricky, you were the only person available. He's heading to Malmstrom, says the hunting should be better.

SSgt Spud (OH, I WAS AT THE GYM) Micklich: Took over the S-101 slot and can't understand why that means he has to start coming to work. You know he's somewhere in the building when his can of pineapple and tuna fish are on his desk. Spud's packing up his new rugby shirt and his two dogs, and going to Fairchild.

A1C Greg (HEY, YOU GOT SOMETHING I CAN USE FOR MY DIP?) Carron: Don't try to talk to Greg before he's had his morning dip, it's not a very pleasant experience. He's the only one of the new booms who hasn't gotten married. I think it might have something to do with talking while he's leaning over spitting/drooling in the trash can. Maybe the girls at McConnell won't mind.

SrA Al (I AM SO IMPORTANT, JUST ASK ME) McNamee: Can be found at Barksdale with the KC-10's. I'm not sure if it was due to being tied up and left in the woods, or what, but Al turned out to be a pretty decent guy before he left.

A1C Andy (OK, ALRIGHT, I WILL) Graham: The only A1C I know who has owned six different vehicles in a year. His latest came complete with a wife. This guy never complains about anything. (Who trained him?). The KC-135's at Barksdale are getting a good boom.

A1C Matt (ARLO) Arevalo: Matt came here, tried to run the squadron, got married and soon realized he was capable of running nothing. Constantly talks about his instructor at Castle, and spouts words like cornucopia and polithera. Who is this Herb guy? Matt's going to Griffiss.

SrA Mike (I JUST WANT OUT) Weimer: Changed his mind 1500 times about getting out. Deciding factor was when he was asked, then told he was going to fly during a Skid Row concert. He says instructor hours aren't needed in the music world, and what's wrong with logging 6 instructor hours in a year and a half? I was worried that if he got any less motivated, we'd have to hire someone to breathe for him. Best of luck to Mike in the head banger world.

SrA Mike (TALLY HO) McHugh: This guy is just "having a wonderful day". In the time he's been here, I've never seen him down, except the time he was asked to fly and he said, "I'd really rather not, I kind of wanted to go play tennis". Mike just got married and he and his new wife are living with her parents. He says that's how you save money; I say that's how you get to divorce court.

Sgt Della (NO, I HAVEN'T SEEN IT) Griffen: Went to scheduling and saw no reason why our EC-135 should give gas to a B-1 that was declaring an emergency. Said she was trying to save hours. OK. Della's heading to Seymour Johnson and the KC-10. Her husband Steve gives her something to talk about.

Sgt Jim (I DON'T _____ CARE) Eustis: Jim Bob will be sorely missed. There's nobody else who can provide us with the kind of entertainment he can. "Here, take the wheel (while driving down the interstate), while I hook these two wires together and you can see what it smells like when the radio burns up". However; I'd rather smell burning wires than listen to him sing the Archies. I hope the guys at Griffiss appreciate you.

TSgt Steve (RICOCHET) Johnson: Can be found in Ground Scheduling, hunched over the computer, wondering what all the keys are for. Thank goodness there's not much on our schedules anymore. He's due to retire in April and will do the rest of his time with the 28 ARS.

TSgt Sue (CAN I GO TO THE 28 ARS YET?) Keister: Took over the Chief Boom job from John Buckland. Those are some pretty big Harley boots to fill. Most often heard phrase is, "sorry, but I don't know HOW John did that". The guys finally talked me into going hunting with them. I'm happy to report that fifteen minutes into hunting, I shot the biggest deer of them all. Did you know you can actually see an ego deflate? I currently have no assignment.

So, that's our line-up, not too pretty, but we have a good time. Give the guys a break when they get to your units; don't make too much fun of them for the first few flights when they ask where the muxes and blowers are. Or, they seem confused when there's only one checklist to use. Old habits die hard. Gotta go, there's some guys here with tape measures and clip boards, asking if there's any furniture I don't need!.

M. Sue Keister

M. SUE KEISTER, TSGT
CHIEF BOOM

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

905th Air Refueling Squadron (AMC)

FROM: Tigers of the North

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

TO: All Booms

Hello from Grand Forks AFB and beautiful North Dakota. For those of you who have never been this far north, I can best describe it by saying, it's the only place I know of where on the 4th of July we're still waiting for summer. Anyway, the mighty 905th is still going to Riyadh, and Cairo, and becoming very familiar with both of these places. As most of us out there are. The only thing good about it is the software. Most of us are now AMC, for us in the 905th that means were a tenant unit on an ACC base, attached to Grissom. Which also means nobody wants us, we get no money, and were still required to fly the same amount of hours against an ACC B-1B that has more bugs in it than a virus riddled computer from San Francisco. On the lighter side, for those who don't know it, we were the proud winner of this years Meyers trophy at SAC's last Bomb Comp. We recently took part in a joint B-1B, KC-135 deployment to Roswell New Mexico. Flew refueling missions in support of the 46th Bomb Squadron in their time to climb efforts, which won them several new time to climb records. Seven of the eight former records were held by the KC-135R. They couldn't have done it without our support (check out page 44 of airmen magazine, may 92 issue). In the april issue of Combat Crew two of our crews made it on the SAC Safety Screen, R-134 TSgt William Williams, and S-101 TSgt Clayton Fox. And the years not over yet, we're proud of what we do and of what every one else does in support of this great nation. As always if your in town or need a question answered give us a call (DSN 362-5800).

The Current List

SMSgt Tom Clyce: (Senior boom) Still keeping us straight, and thinking about staying up here after he retires. Maybe after a few more Ice Driving lessons.

SMSgt Nick Tomaszewski: (Scheduling) Senior NCO Academy Grad with a 94% average, and the first boom to ever pull SOF duty, watch out guys this could be a trend.

SMSgt (Sel) Jim Eden: (Training flight boom) He made it this time, and god knows what will happen now. Training flight will never be the same. He was recently accused of building a Boom Empire in the squadron. Hail Caesar.

MSgt Bob Bergquist: (Pad Dad, fuels expert) With no more alert, bob had nothing to do, so they made him the wing fuels expert but when the VSI was offered he took it. He's looking forward to being a full time pig farmer now.

MSgt Don Frol: (New fuels expert) Wearing an ACC patch MSgt Frol is hoping to make it to retirement here. See you at lunch don. 11:30 right?

TSgt Clay Fox: (Silver Fox, 101) Called MPC and asked for orders to the new squadron at Mildenhall. To everyone's surprise he got it.

TSgt Bill Williams: Base housing wasn't big enough so he had to move out to the country. They must not know about birth control where bill comes from.

TSgt Chris Hatley: (Scheduling) Still runs everyday. Where does the gas come from? You can see him driving an ammonia truck down highway 2 on the weekends.

SSgt Mike Casey: (S102) Snake? We still wonder about this one.

SSgt Mike Frovarp: Recent grad of the NCO academy, they got him to cut down on the smokes, but I hear he's started up again when he got back here.

SSgt Brian Thayer: Our one and only B-2 qualified boom, got lucky in the high desert that day, some people have all the luck.

SSgt Harvey Schneider: Still waiting for his instructor certificate.

SSgt Greg "Smitty" Smith: He and his bird are reunited now and our flying mission can continue. Whats that brown stuff on that birds beak?

SSgt Gil Chavez: Finally off DNIF just in time to separate.

SSgt Dave Cox: A real outdoors man, wanted to be outdoors so much, he forgot his tent poles on our last camping trip.

Sgt Larry Sauber: Larry has decided that girls and school are better than the Air Force any day so is getting out. Good luck.

Sgt Mike Welter: Still DNIF, and has decided to turn the CLT program over to Sgt Wallace and become our new assistant IBU. Hail Little Caesar.

Sgt Paul Wallace: The new CLT manager and treasure of our local boom association works hard at every thing he does.

SRA Ron Strobach: In training for the North Dakota Prairie Rose Games. I hope the other guys wearing body armor.

SRA Mike Weir: Getting Out.

A1C Clay Willoughby: Keeps to himself and is said to spend more time in the saddle than in the pod, and never lets the dog out of his room.

A1C Cher Dellinger: Qual 1 on her last check ride and doing fine. Ask anybody on base, anybody.

A1C Doug Delbaugh: Graduated from Brad's scamming class with honors. Working on his Masters.

A1C Stephanie Myers: Went to the desert this past may and came back buff, don't mess with steph.

A1C Daniel Riedmatter: Ask him about the nose gear ground down lock and where it should be after takeoff.

A1C Jack Gates: If you saw the PBS special on Base Closures the contact with the F-15 was made by jack. The Form 8 for the disconnect is waiting to be signed. Chia-pet?

A1C Mike Brown: That's Shane. I know, I know. Got married this spring to another boom, her name is stacy, formerly stacy dewulf.

A1C Stacy Brown: She and mike came up here in love and Grand Forks scared them so badly the got married.

A1C Patrick Torres: Was all set to become a gunner when they closed the program on him. We think he set a record for staying at Castle in student status.

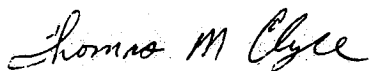
SRA Flint Stearns: Our boom flint is a suitable replacement for another boom we once had. Elvis is that you.

SRA Brad Bachand: PCS'ed and crossed trained to C-130's.

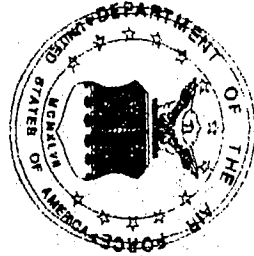
SRA Donnie Reid: PCS'ed out of the boom field, and won't say where he's going.

Booms no longer in the service since last year:

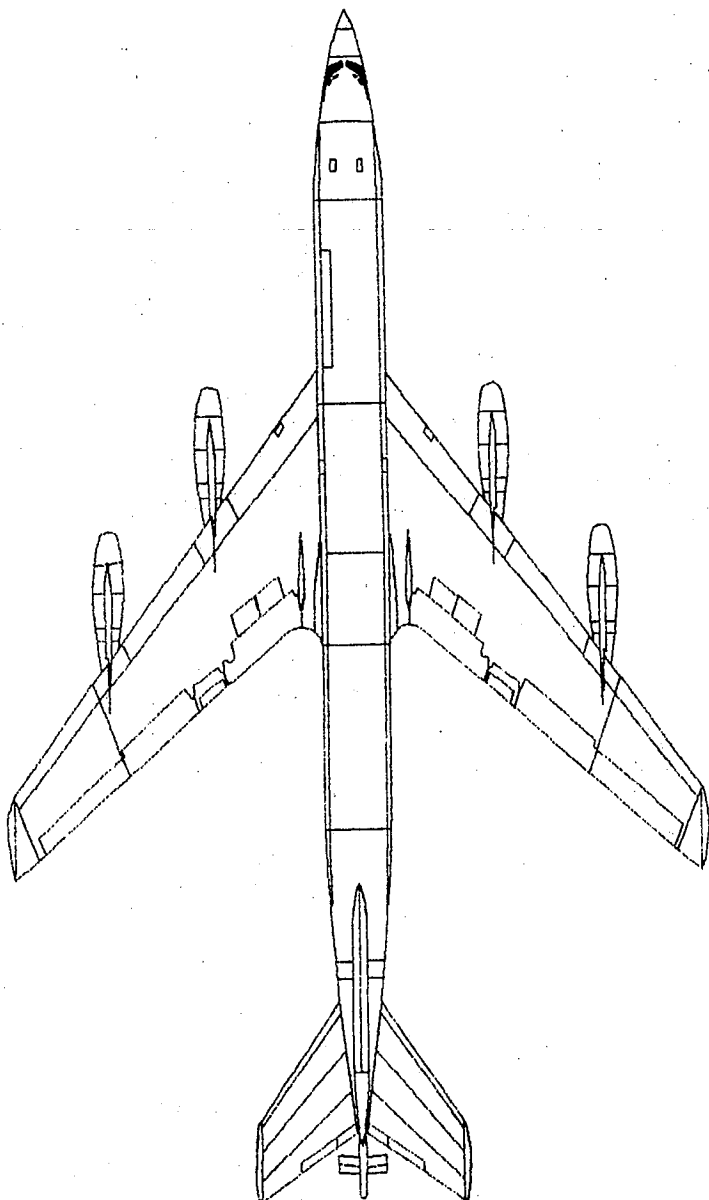
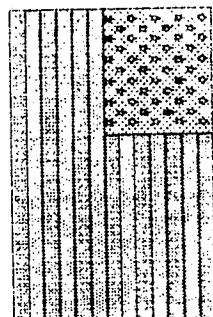
SRA Chad Goonough, SRA Sean LaFave, SRA Darby Twardowski,
SRA Jeff Lancaster.



Thomas Clyce, SMSgt, USAF
Tigers of the North



509 AREFS GRIFFISS AFB NY



1992
BOOM SIGNAL



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 380TH AIR REFUELING WING

From: 41/509 AREFS Boom Operators

14 July 92

Subject: Boom Signal Input

To: All Boom Operators

Greetings from the Griff! Things are just beginning to settle down a bit here after the war, the ops/maintenance integration, and the change from SAC to AMC. It has been a busy year for everyone, and everyone has done a super job. Several of our booms have taken KC-10 assignments, a few have elected to separate, and one (Tom Peck) has retired. With all those losses, we still have close to 50 boom operators assigned, of which 24 are instructors. The present plan is to combine both squadrons into the 509th, and deactivate the 41st. That will leave one very huge "Tenant" tanker squadron, which is assigned to Plattsburg. The following is a list of those currently assigned here. If you are ever in the area, please stop by and say hello.

THE STAFF

SMSgt Paul Christensen, Wing Boom Operator. An immigrant from Pease. May not be the oldest boom operator, but he drives the oldest car. You should see the art gallery in his office. Spends most of his time as referee between Craig Blessing and John Yager and trying to uncover the latest scam. Aka; "Alfred E. Newman" Still being sought by Mad Magazine to be their spokesman.

SMSgt Craig Blessing, Program Manager. Avid fisherman, but likes to wash airplanes in his spare time. Fishes enough to have his own TV show. Recent arrival from Wurtsmith. Aka; "LAND SHARK".

MSgt John Yager, Program Manager. John has spent his last six months at the Griff rearranging his office furniture. John will be stowing the boom for good this fall, after 24 years of faithful service and over 6000 flying hours in the tanker. His expertise will surely be missed. Best of Luck John.

MSgt Steve Dixon, Alert Facility Manager. Looking for a real job. The only ACC boom operator on base, but has helped the squadrons a lot with the short TDY trips.

MSgt Bill Karasko, Wing Safety NCO. Bill has held down all the

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jobs at one time or another, plus he established himself as the first boom operator to be NCOIC of a wing safety office. PCS to Kadena in June. Good luck Bill. Hey Bill, hope you take plenty of plastic wrap its pretty damp over there and take care of those green frogs.

MSgt Larry Marks, NCOIC of Training Flight. "EASY" . Larry volunteered to leave scheduling and come back to the squadron after alert went away. His vast experience has been a very big help to our training program. TDY HOUND, NOT, NOT!!!

MSgt Mark Aalderink, S-101. Our senior stan/eval boom, can be found in department stores during the holidays handing out candy. Tell-tale reindeer droppings in his parking space. What a guy.

TSgt Joe Thomas, Flight Scheduler. He recently left stan/eval because his reindeer died, plus he was tired of working with elves. But now he has to work with Pat Daugustino. I don't know, you tell me.

TSgt Randy Smith, Tactics NCOIC. A recent arrival from wing tactics at Castle. Drives a car almost as old as the wing boom's. Randy had so much fun at Roswell N.M. he wants to PCS there or England he can't decide

TSgt Tim Bowser, Current Operations. Tim is our computer expert. He can make a computer do anything except make coffee. They can really use his talents at current ops.

SSgt Pete Abrales, Training Flight. Utica land developer. Goes on the road to collect fine art. Pete is a lot of fun to work with, especially when he is TDY. Squadron scammer.

SSgt Dick Furman, Training Flight. "Tricky Dick". Messy eater when he goes TDY. Known in Vegas as Maverick. NCOIC of the snack bar. Squadron scammer.

SSgt Shawn Lamb, Stan/Eval. Another hardnose evaluator. Has a shaving waiver for his white beard.

SSgt Randy Crittendon, Stan/Eval. Recently went to stan/eval from his position as cargo loading manager. Trying to grow a beard.

SSgt Al Smick, Ground Training Scheduler. "Dexter", finishing his Masters, in charge of ground training. Al has a cute little tattoo, if you see Al, ask him to show you, he won't mind.

Sgt Pat Daugustino, Flight Scheduler. Pat left Langley voluntarily, WHY. Still carry's his soap box to shoot cell.

SSgt Guy King, Aka;" SKY", Ground Training Scheduler. New addition to instructor force. Works in ground training.

Sgt Paul Frownfelter, Cargo Loading Manager. Otherwise known as "Tweedle Dee", of "Frowny", lives to teach phase 1 & 2.

SrA Wayne Davis, Cargo Loading Manager. Aka;" BUBBA", otherwise known as "Tweedle Dumb". Tweedle Dumb is still recovering from fishing. Bubba is a stock holder at the Matts brewery.

SSgt Kenneth Rothrock, Stan/Eval. Aka;"Barney"/ "Rock & Roll". Barney is due to be a new daddy very shortly, Another implant from Pease. Barney can be seen on America's Most Wanted.

THE LINE BOOMS

CMSgt Dave Sharpe, R-163. Our highest ranking boom operator, a recent cross-trainee from the gunner career field. He says he likes flying tankers better than the BUFF, which really suprised us,,,NOT!

MSgt Select Steve Ingerick, E130. Another gunner who saw the light. Steve just arrived from Acts. We are looking forward to flying with him.

MSgt Select Gerry Juniper, E-150 . Another one who traded his gun in for a nozzle. A welcome addition to our association.

TSgt Ric Hollins, E-110. Ric was originally projected to be a boom operator 17 years ago, but was moved into the gunnery field because of an overage of booms at that time. Well, he finally wound up where he was supposed to go. Welcome aboard Ric.

TSgt Larry Hopkins, R-114." T. Cole" look alike, Larry is doing well in the boom field. Larry is also a recent cross trainer from the radio shop at Edwards N.M.

TSgt Bill Vail, R-144. Spends more time coaching little league baseball than he does in the squadron. Another cross trainer from supply at Dover M.R.

SSgt Tony Fiorilli, E-140. Tony is a recent bootstrap graduate, Tony is gradually loosing his hearing and hair from riding his bike.

SSgt Dan Goewey, E-120. Dan has just recently rejoined the active duty force. Dan is almost complete with his requal training.

SSgt Dan Smith, E-122. New instructor and newly married. Dan would rather play hockey than just about anything, just ask his wife.

Sgt Dave Shead, R-152. Aka; "Ninja" Dave is a old head at the Griff, knows all the fishing spots, and won't tell where.

Sgt Joe Wilkins, R-143. Self appointed nickname, " HOUND DOG", we haven't figured out why but we stock milk bones in the snack bar.

Sgt Jim Amrich, R-121. Fairly new instructor, been doing a good job and also hides extremely well.

Sgt Kevin Cantrell, E-110. Going PCS to England, we'll see if Kevin pings over there too.

SrA Lucy Molina, R-153. Party animal, has aspirations of becoming a " gucci girl".

SrA Bill Taylor, R-151. He's a quite kind of guy, watch out, very good worker.

A1C Jim Rush, R-161. Always trolling for women, about to be wed, must have used the wrong bait. Hangs out at the local sports bar, nobody has had a visual sighting of his supposed lady.

A1C Kris Kuck, E-133. Getting ready to wed and to separate the Air Force. Looking to go to the Ohio guard or McDonalds, whichever pays better.

A1C Donna Lutman(Sutton), R123. Just Married, still on cloud nine, looking to separate, the Air Force that is, DOS Sep 92.

A1C Ted Built, R-164. AKA; "BUNDY", Party Monger, just bought a new Harley, the tattoo was free, but Ted doesn't know who "Juicy" is.

A1C Margie Fish, R122. Aka;"IFE CRASH", Margie did more damage to tankers than the Iraqis. Party animal II.

A1C Jesus Cruz, R-133. Aka;" Cruiser"/"JC". Doesn't walk on water but his barracks room is immaculate. Featured in this month's "Better Barracks and Gardens".

A1C Sean Swieringa, R-141. Aka;" Popeye"/"Boy Hero", swears he

had two confirmed Mig kills. Statue being built in Jersey.

A1C Darell Macomber, E160. Just arrived from Eaker, another base closer victim. Darell also just lost his nice grand am to a rice burner in Utica.

A1C Fred Ramey, R-111. Also from Eaker, also another closure victim. Unpacked his bags and left for Riyadh.

A1C Matt Shaffer, E-131. Permanent 791 monitor. Matt likes to fish but hates boats in two foot swells. Aka; "THE PUKER", have to give Matt credit though, he chums well.

A1C Danna Polk, R-142. Resident cajun cook, likes to add a spice to life. Excellent young boom.

A1C Robert Polk, Second half of the Polk twins another uprooted cajun. Will DOS in Sept, planning to go to school. Blessing's largest catch to date, weighing in at 198lbs.

A1C Raymond Fitzpatrick, R-162. Aka, SCRATCH. Our resident giant needs another half inch to shoot cell without the stool. Still looking for the hole in his hands he developed during football season.

A1C Chris Gritz, R-123. Chris likes to go TDY, just not with S-101, if you see Chris ask him about the Galaxy Club.

A1C David Hand, R-113. One of our two latest additions, another native New Yorker, Dave has applied to the state of New York for frequent driver discount rates for the throughway, checks in the mail.

A1C Jeff Porn, R132. Our other latest addition to the Griff, Aka; "STAR", very disappointed that Jeff was not female.

RECENT DEPARTURES

Sgt Angie Owen/Blackwel/Hull/???. Angie crosstrained from the boom field to Air Traffic Control, Guess she'd rather watch than fly.

Mr. Michael Hernandez, DOSed to pursue a career as president of his company "YJE", stayed in local area, looking for a place to live call Mike.

Mr. Robert Sharkey, Opted for career change. Will be detained in local area through Oct 92. Another keeper for Blessing.

Mr. Steve Ayers, Outstanding boom operator, Sorry to see Steve go, living in Binghamton, N.Y., seeking degree. Anyone need a house?

The Griff lost numerous boom operators to the "Gucci" Core:

SSgt Timothy Smith, Aka;" Stimrod", went to Seymour, should be able to lower his handicap by at least 5 strokes, Hey Stimrod there are less trees at Seymour, you should be able to find your 8 iron.

SSgt John Brannen, John also went to Seymour, did some very nice CLT work at the Griff, another quite one, watch out Seymour, don't feed him after midnight.

SrA Stu Decou, Aka:" Little Eagle"/"BIG RED", Stu's idea of a night out trolling at the clubs, a 2 at 9 is a 2, and a 2 at 2 is a 9. Stu is not fussy.

SrA David Foster, Aka;" BONES", Dave is a good old boy should feel right at home at Seymour, Hey Bones, did you ever receive your helmet. He'll be a great asset to the Seymour football team, as long as he doesn't fight, no drinking after 8AM.

The Scammers

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

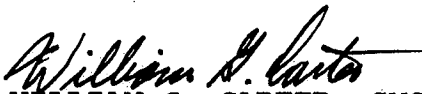
FROM: 434 OSS/DOTB

15 June 1992

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: Hq 8AF/DOTT and all Boom Operators

1. First thing off I would like to say that I had nothing to do with the list of Boom Operators in this letter. About everyone had something to say about their "buddies".
2. A lot of things have been happening in the whole Air Force, almost to the point where we are not even sure what all the new abbreviations for units are. The 434th is the first Reserve unit to become a composite wing. We are still trying to find out how a tanker wing that is gained by AMC is doing with A-10s assigned us and gained by ACC. Maybe they are also gained by AMC, who knows.
3. We "enjoyed" a visit from the 3909th SAES in May. As usual, we were sweating, cussing, and getting real crabby while we were waiting for them to get here. But once they were here we realized that they were here to help.
4. We start shipping out our "E" models in July, but don't get our first "R" model to fly until about October. Things are changing fast.



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

Here is a list of Boom Operators assigned to the 434 OPG, 434 OSS and the 72 ARS.

SMSgt Bill Carter - Inflight Refueling Program Manager. Goes to the same greenskeeper as Sra Ley to get his haircut. (see Sra Ley below)

CMSgt Mel Wiemer - Stan/Eval Boom. Just made Chief in time to have his empire disintegrate.

MSgt Larry Bartel - 72ARS First Sgt. "Uncle Larry". Good morning First Sgt. He does more to himself before nine A.M. than most people do all day.

MSgt Tony Fansler - NCOIC Boom Section. Looking for "Joe" at the Stop-n-Go. (See "Orange" below)

SMSgt Kim Ayers - Tactics Boom. Rumor has it that she's having nightmares about Kym Orange. She has been having all the fun this year. She has gotten to fly Bomb Comp and the Airlift Rodeo. Maybe next year she will share some of the good deals.

MSgt Paul "Doogie" Houser - Taught Sra Robinson all he knows about cargo loading and set the standard for our recent 3909 SAES emergency procedures testing.

TSgt Jim "Soui" Seidle - Won the Gold Medal in the 72ARS "coal chucking" event. Still a volunteer for any trip, anywhere.

TSgt Larry Page - We've all thought long and hard about Larry and... Larry spends a lot of his time at base supply. He says he is ordering "stuff", but we all know that his wife works there.

TSgt Jeff Henry - Congratulations to Jeff, he's the proud father of a two pound appendix. Father and appendix are doing fine.

TSgt Jerry Schumacher - Newly divorced, and out riding the "Hogs." (That's Harley Davidson, not the local women...that's his story and he's sticking to it.)

"H" FLIGHT

MSgt Ron Johnston - Flight Commander. Still banned from using any power tools.

MSgt Jerry Hostetler - Squadron "Bob Vila." Needs a tablesaw, anybody got one for sale? Ask him to show you his tool sometime, it's world renown.

TSgt Roger Drumm - Just bought his first pair of "butt-crack" pants, well on his way to becoming a \$30 an hour air conditioning repairman.

TSgt Jeff "Remo" Williams - After a suspension of firetruck driving privileges, for one wreck, they finally let him drive again and he immediately got it stuck in the mud.

SSgt Steve Saur - On the 10 year plan at Purdue, two down, eight to go. Steve will get his AA this summer. That's Associate of Applied Science, not Alcoholics Anonymous.

SSgt Scott Ward - Get that ping rag ready when you fly with Scott. Newest Baby Boom and doing a good job. Sends his travel vouchers to Finance already computed.

Sra John Ley - War hero. Newly transferred from our farm club, the 305ARW. Lets his hair grow a bit long in the relaxed atmosphere of the Reserves.

"I" FLIGHT

MSgt Kym "Joe" Orange (aka Homey) - Flight Commander. He's at the Stop-n-Go and needs a "Bambulance." Runs the Initiation program for the new guys.

MSgt Michael Murphy - Recent Purdue grad, showed that a boom with an education can get a real job. Murph's fulfilled a lifelong dream, he's working in a "Cat" house.

TSgt Chris Hughes - Our resident nurse.

SSgt Shad Culp - Ran into his old pal "Ralph" in Venezuela and had to buy a new pair of shoes.

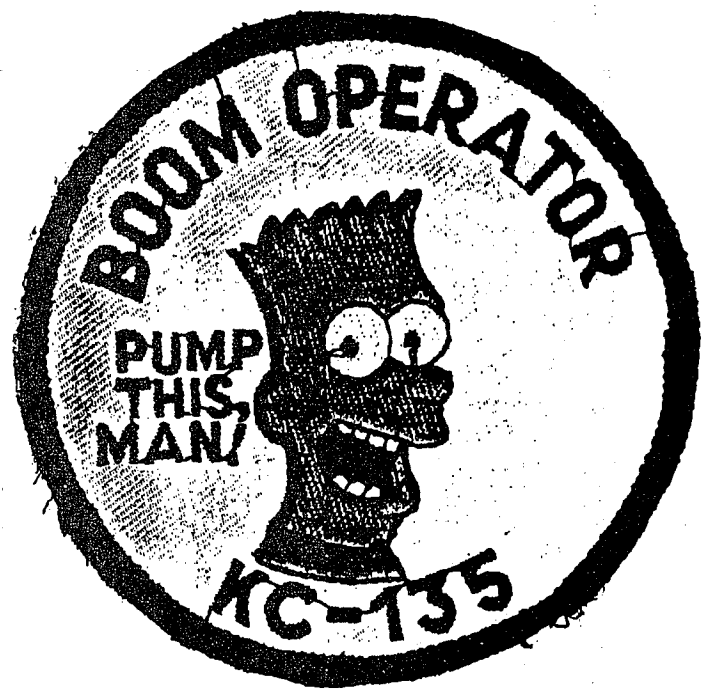
SSgt Jeff Maier - It seems that poor Jeff got charged for two rooms by Castle billeting, his room and the room he woke up in.

SSgt Scott "Flaps" Roberts - Flaps was seen "hanging out" at the Indy 500 this year... literally. Tried to qualify a U-Haul and got lost between turns one and two.

Sra Steve "Breakaway Biff" Robinson - On one of his first sorties in the majors after being called up from our farm club, Biff called a breakaway for the lead aircraft in a two ship cell. The only problem... he was in the number two aircraft.

Only one loss this past year.

TSgt David H. Hallock - Dave was given a medical discharge. We wish Dave a lot of luck in the future.



ILLINOIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD
108th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON
O'HARE AIR RESERVE FORCES FACILITY, IL 60666-0486

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 108 ARS

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: CMSGT Richardson

Fellow Booms,

Greetings from the City of the ~~Repeata~~**BULLS**. Well to start off, we all know that we have the greatest job in the Air Force, I'm sure there are a few ex-gunners that can attest to that! Looking back on past Chicago inputs to the Boom Signal, it was decided that a change in authors was needed. So this year we have a new look.

On SAC alert one day, getting 3 for 1, and the next thing we know we're in MAC, oops AMC, looking for a purpose. Over the past year, we've been doing lots of airlifts, business efforts, and a tour at Green Flag out at Beale. Randy Palumbo is still waiting for his Cold War Victory Medal!

Just after the activation of AMC, a KC-10 stole one of our nozzles. Lesson learned; Be extra alert during receiver qualification training, especially if they give you a heads up that they are doing it. Better a Boom nozzle though than airplanes and crews.

For the future, we're hanging on tooth and nail here as Richie Daley tries to move us out of O'Hare and out to Rockford. We're all hoping he falls into the next hole in the river. Wait 'til those Cheeseheads from Wisconsin attack, then he'll be sorry that he kicked us out!

In closing, good luck to all the active duty guys affected by the early out. We hope you can find a better job in the Guard.

If you're ever in town, stop by or give us a call at DSN 930-6975.


TSGT J. T. Weber
Training Flight Boom


GS-9 Joe Long
Team Player

Here is the 1992 lineup of the Chicago Booms.....

CMSGT Jerry Malik-(Air Tech) Have I got a deal for you! Jerry occupies the Boom Scheduler's seat, "How do you get this thing to flush?"

SMSGT Spero Melonides-(Part Timer) Wheel him back to the boom pod and change his drool bucket every hour and he's good for another 30+ years. Sorry New Jersey. Spero will retire after December of this year.

MSGT John Kurzeja-(Part Timer) John's a full time Cook County cop, after the war they put him back on the f___ing street, now he's really fighting a war.

MSGT Roy Balsamo-(Part Timer) Roy can't get enough of refueling aircraft, so he does it full time for Northwest across the street.

MSGT Tim Dunbar-(Guard Bum) You betcha, Tim is always reliving those glorious days of yesteryear in the KC-97L; ie "four turning two burning." Yesssss.

MSGT Rory Ohse-(Part Timer) Rory is a Chicago cop. What can you say about Rory that social actions hasn't said a thousand times.

MSGT Joe Garcher-(Air Tech) Alias "Joe Boom", Joe is our cargo loading manager, and also the local union steward. He aspires to follow in the footsteps of Jimmy Hoffa. Joe's got another kid on the way.

TSGT Joe Shell-(Air Tech) Lucky for Joe, he's in Stan/Eval and not in Safety...watch your head, Joe!

TSGT Randy Palumbo-(Air Tech) Alias "Rambo" our pretend First Sgt., Rambo has more ribbons than General Schwarzkopf. Randy is on his way to CFIC, look out Carswell.

TSGT Pete Lagioia-(AGR) Alias "The Laminator" the hardest working guy around. Pete does the Pubs, the Flips, the 791s, he also types his 781 and is working on a way to type the 76.

TSGT John Weber-(AGR) Alias "Stealth Boom" John has two jobs, Training Flight and Chamber Scheduler, but we never see him doing either one. He says he does work here though! John's got three kids, so we know what he's been up to.

TSGT Keith Wagner-(Part Timer) Alias "Scruffy" Keith is our 35-10 monitor. Keith's 35-10 vigil is a never ending task, but who's watching Keith?

TSGT Jeff Groch-(Part Timer) Jeff works maintenance for United, and just had his second kid. That must have hurt! Just kidding Jeff.

TSGT Faruza Kalaba-(Part Timer) (Air Tech) (Part Timer) (Air Tech) (Part Timer) It's a woman's prerogative to change her mind.

TSGT Jim Miranda-(Part Timer) Alias "Rock"/"Noz", Jim says he's a financial analyst for the Chicago Tribune, but we know he's actually the HEAD Paperboy. Also the winner of the first AMC KC-10 jousting competition. ANG 1 Active Duty 0.

TSGT Dom Guerrieri-(AGR) Alias "Dice", Dom is trying to get on with a local police force. All he needs is a badge, a gun, and a doughnut shop. Two out of three ain't bad. He's also soon to be married, sorry ladies!

SSGT Sammy Gerros-(Air Tech) recent graduate of CFIC. Hard worker, loving father, dog handler, occasional hemorrhoid sufferer. Just kidding Sam.

SSGT Joe Long-(Air Tech) Alias "Opie", Joe is taking private pilot lessons. If anyone is interested in buying fresh corn just give Joe a call and he'll pick you up some the next time he lands in a cornfield. Call for details!

SSGT Pat Quaid-(Part Timer) Alias "Lonewolf", Pat is a Chicago cop and misses working for the REAL Mayor Daley. Pat is a former First Sgt who gave it up to crosstrain. He lets Randy Palumbo touch his diamond device on occasion.

SSGT Rick Spejewski (Baby Boom) Alias "Spoooge", Will attend Castle in Jul 92. Rick is the new Boy Wonder. Boy, do we wonder!



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES



From: 909 AREFS/DOB

Sub: Boom Signal

To: 8AF/DOTT (CMSGT Richardson)

KONICHIWA. From the only active duty PACAF tanker unit in the Air Force, the land of the rising yen and the falling dollar.

Seems like with all the changes happening these days we can't keep up with what is going on in our career field, much less with each other. We, like everyone, have gone through some drastic changes. Our biggest problem seems to be getting the fighter jocks mentality to understand that boom operators are crew members too! We are having to start the education process all over again, much like we had to many years ago in SAC. However, we can and will do it if we all stick together as a group. I have heard of even worse stories from other units in the states. Let's not get pulled apart in the best enlisted job in the Air Force folks!

Kadena still remains one of the choice assignment locations in the world. This can be verified by checking the long waiting list at MPC to come over here. The base has excellent relations with the Japanese people. During the Kadena Carnival over the fourth of July week, around one million Japanese passed through Kadena. Of course the boom operators capitalized on this by running their own booth of games and picture sales which netted us a "healthy" sum for the association. Boom Operators here are a tight knit group who work hard and play hard -- bragging I guess, but true. Everyone gets their share of TDY's although the premier place, the PI, is no longer. We still have routine trips to Korea, Singapore, mainland Japan, Thailand and occasionally Australia. Then there's the numerous typhoon evacuations to Guam each year. Enough of this, let's get to the fun stuff with the current 909th line-up.

-SMSGT Dan Jones- That's me. Holding down the Chief boom job until I get fired for making too many waves.

-MSGT Terry Barber- Runs training flight and doing a fine job. (if he could get his equipment account straight)

-TSGT Jim Bullock- S101- Came to us from Castle. Plays good golf and softball. Oh yeah, good boom operator too.

-TSGT Dean Oulela- Just arrived from Fairchild. Spent his first week working in the Kadena Carnival booth.

- SSGT Russ Snitker- Cargo Loading Manager. Won't tell us what "Father Time" means.
- SSGT Gerry (I want to be Japanese) (Slush puppy) Slusher- S102- Been poured into a taxi on more than one occasion.
- SSGT Rick Brack- Wing Scheduling- Resident Harley Man. Has a hard time hearing his beeper over the loud pipes.
- SSGT Vic Arzuaga- Wing DONO- This man can sing, especially for beers, then top it off with a trip to Denny's. So Vic, what did happen in the van. Pictures anyone?
- SSGT Gary "COSMO" Frederick- Spends \$1000.00 on camera equipment and still forgets to buy the batteries. Cosmo is trekking to Mildenhall PCS.
- SSGT Lloyd Rand- "Don't call 911"- During a typhoon evac to Guam, he found that the hot sauce in a Thai restaurant was indeed HOT!
- SSGT Mike "Gator" Cordell- Recently arrived from Langley. Jumps out of perfectly good airplanes and teaches others how to make the same mistake.
- SSGT Mike "Tazmanian Devil" Rollins- Is still looking for a good can of Vienna sausage.
- SSGT Shaun "Shadow" Lewis- Recently arrived from Eaker after being jacked around and the last one to get an assignment out of there. Still hasn't told us what "Shadow" means.
- SSGT Mike Davis- Just returned to us from Hawaii. Only been gone from here about 10 months when he went COT to Hickam.
- SGT Shaun Hughes- Island power lifting champion. Loves to brief fighter jocks on correct air refueling procedures. PCS'ing to Mt. Home AFB soon.
- SGT Tom McGuire- Tom (hey man are you going to eat that) and his wife are both pregnant.
- SGT Tony Dettore- Went TDY so many times this past year he hardly had time to file his travel voucher. PCS'ing to Mt. Home also in a couple of months.

- SGT Erik Turner- President of the Boom Operator's Association. Stays busy with school, wife, TDY's,
- SGT Troy Keach- Also an ex-Eaker boomer. Wants to stay TDY until he can start driving on the island and base.
- SRA Harold Wenner- The only one I know that can go TDY to the Alaskan TTF and get a trip to Thailand. Also earned him a trip to the flight surgeon.
- SRA Bryan Sellman- Just arrived from Minot. Also got to spend his first week here working in the Kadena Carnival booth.
- SGT Jay Jackson- Sqaudron Scheduling- You don't know what he's gonna be drinking next. Boone's Farm, Tangeray, MD 20-20. PCS to KC-10 @ March soon.

RECENT DEPARTURES

- MSGT Bobby Cochran- PCS to McConnell
- TSGT Lonnie Lewis- Retired to Oklahoma
- TSGT Chuck Meyer- PCS to Fairchild
- SSGT J R Gibbs- Took SSB- Civilian in Arkansas
- SSGT Steve Smith- Took SSB- Dependent Spouse, still in Okinawa.
- SSGT Mike Densmore- PCS to Malstrom

INBOUNDS

- MSGT Bill Karasko from Griffis
- TSGT(Sel) McGuire from Fairchild
- SSGT Gensheim from Plattsburgh
- SGT Patricia Lehman from Grissom
- SGT Trenton Apodaca from Dyess

-SGT Curry from Ellsworth

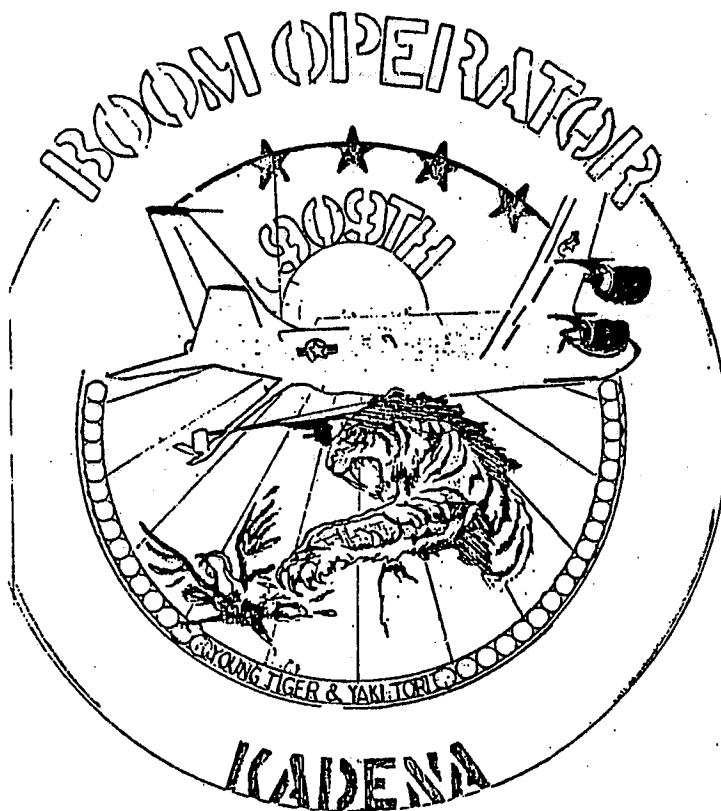
-SGT New from Carswell

-SGT Eyre from Fairchild

That's about it for the Kadena Booms. Please stop in and see us whenever you're over here. FLY SAFE!



Dan Jones, SMSGT
In-Flight Refueling Program Manager



MAINE AIR NATIONAL GUARD

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

REPLY TO

ATTN OF: DOB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: CMSgt. Richardson
HQ Eighth Air Force

1. Hello fellow Boom Operators!! There is not much to report from Bangor, Me this year except a few changes in our line-up.

And here it is;

Carla Cyr
Jay Ellingsen
Bruce Geroux
Joe Gifford
Chuck Halsted
Scott Hesseltine
Stan Hunter
Tom Jones
Pete Lerette
Robert Phair
Glenn Prewitt
Mike Purcell
Sonny Reynolds
Andy Shuman
Arthur Stevens
Ed St.Heart
Jim Winchester



Almost Boom Operators;

Mike Stevens
Rick Thompson
Wayne Vincent

(Baby Booms I guess)

ROBERT A. PHAIR, TSG, MeANG
Inflight Refueling Technician

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS, 43D AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)

FROM: 91 AREFS/DOT

30 JUN 92

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: 8 AF/DOTT (Chief Richardson)

Greetings from the 91 AREFS, the Great White North and all of the Big Sky Boomers. Its nice to be home, after three years on the road, things are finally settling down to a dull roar around here. We're growing everyday and at one time in your travels we'll expect you to pass through our doors, come in sit, have a cup of coffee and enjoy the view. If there are any of you old goats out there that remember the "PRIDE" hanger, it's history, we should have a new three bay by spring and lots of jets to go with it.

SMSgt John Randall: (Our new "COACH", senior boom) New guy on the block, he's really looking forward to his family showing up after close to three months of "batching" it, between CRM, TQM, and the rest of those Ms he's one busy Boom.

SMSgt Thomas Cole: (Scheduling) Alive and well, living in the land of plan A, plan B, plan C etc. Some day he'll get his cargo load completed.

MSgt Kent Jenkins: (Training flight), (Grumpy) Bought a horse, lives out in the middle of nowhere, thinks he wants to be a Cowboy when he grows up.

MSgt Douglas Jess: (Cargo Loading Manager), (Crusty) Not really sure were he works, but he spends a lot of time at MWR giving scantily clothed girls white water rafting trips.

MSgt Scott Swilling: (OSS First Shirt), (Swill) Another Pad Dad looking for a job, went out a couple of months ago and got himself the MT. version of "Big Foot", Nancy says he can drive it next year.

MSgt Douglas Simmons: (Scheduling) Owner of a shiny new Chevy 4X4, needs it for those long fishing trips to Canada, still trying to increase the local population.

TSgt John Lobenberg: (43 OPG/DOV) (Bones) I'm not sure what he does now, something about "checking the checkers" seems I've heard that one before, got married this year, must be the long long winters.

TSgt Timothy Sawyers: (R-143) (Guns II) As his name implies he's our second Gunner, going to make one hell of a Boom in very short time, won't be a gopher left in Montana by the time he's done.

SSgt Terry Klementz: (S-101) (Smurf) At the NCOA in L.A., he should enjoy that, I hear it's open season on any thing that moves down there, but then again he's into "catch and release", soon to be a TSgt.

SSgt Daniel Wells: (S-102) Our old CLM, had to get a new job so he'd have more time for fly fishing, thinks he would like to be a "Trout Bum" in his next life.

SSgt Robert Henson: (S-103) You ever seen a Jeep with four foot of ground clearance?, well that's what Robs will have when he's done with it.

SSgt Matthew Karnauskas: (R-110/Scheduling) (Krash) Had enough of the "Crew Dog" life style wants something with normal hours so that he can play with his power tools, boy is he in for a surprise.

SSgt Robert Grovhoug: (R-111) (Boomer Bud) Ought to be a great fight the first time someone tells Bud he has to give up the nickname on his name tag.

SSgt Steven Olson: (R-124) (Oly) Back on a crew and loving it, Krash you need to talk to this guy.

SSgt Allan Wesemann: (R-130) Allan's short for this Air Force, going to retire in a couple of months, if your ever in Oregon look for the old fart zipping around in a little white Ford, Best of luck to you Al.

SSgt Paul Greene: (R-141) (Guns I) When Paul first got here we thought that all the ex gunners we were supposed to get were going to be like him, stock in Colt jumped 200%, good guy should have been a Marine.

Sgt Gary Elliott: (Spare) Soon to replace Krash on R-110, another new guy fresh in from Langley, the flight surgeon keeps telling him that there is no Lyme disease in MT.

Sgt Jeffrey Magee: (R-112) Another new guy, if you see Jeff around ask him about the time he got tasked to pick up his wife when she came in unannounced from Hickam, good laugh.

Sgt James Deitz: (R-134) Still playing with his stock cars, if you need a good used car don't see Jimmy he must go through a dozen a year.

SRA Emile Chabrouillaud: (R-114) (Chab) Another sufferer of the long Montana winters, got himself married a few months ago, real nice girl, I have no idea what she sees in Chab, love really is blind and deaf.

SRA Michael Jennen: (R-120) This one wants to get married too, whatever happened to the days when the young ones got the urge you sent them to Thailand?, will be one of our newest instructors, checks next week.

SRA Phillip Money: (R-131) (Eddie) And still another new instructor, Phil is glad to be back on a crew after a brief tour of ground scheduling.

SRA Jay Heimann: (R-135) (Buster) Same old story, soon to be IBO, is engaged, a new car, etc.

SRA Richard Anton: (R-142) Not to sure about Rick, always quiet, shows up on time, never a bad word about anyone, passes his EPs and checks, this kid is up to something, got married last year, SRA below the zone.

SRA Jason Swandal: (R-144) You guessed it, engaged, new instructor, one of Deitz's old trucks, sent him to Castle and then straight to Leadership school and he thanked me, another one to watch out for.

AlC Thomas Jeter: (R-113) Wife is finally moving up here after many many months, watch out for small earth quakes or tremors in the very near future.

AlC Jonathan Webb: (R-121) Not to much I can say about this guy, nobody has seen him in about a year, the Air Forces new secret weapon a stealth boom, going to be a dad real soon.

A1C Mitchell Burnett: (R-122) (Mickey) Watch out all of you good looking girls Mickey is on the prowl, for all of you with daughters he's small and a 20 gage should do it.

A1C Leroy Blue: (R-123) (Bad) As the name implies Leroy came to us from Castle with pictures, gave every one an ulcer for the first two months, and after a long "talk" with the then Chief Boom has settled down to be one hell of a good operator, something about "the fear of god".

A1C Michael Stukel: (R-132) (Stuk) Mr. Hunter, this year he plans to bag an Elk, a Moose, a Deer, a Sheep, etc., word of warning don't go walking in the woods around hunting season, sharp young boom.

A1C Shawn Branstetter: (R-133) (Bran) Carbon copy of the rest, Mr. Stealth, sharp young Boom, Presently TDY to a very hot and sandy place.

A1C Nicole Mills: (R-140) Our first Boomette, good hands, sharp boom, found herself a Loadmaster, must be love, doesn't slow that 65 Mustang down she'll be paying for a new court house in Great Falls.

RETIREES

SMSgt George Campbell: (Old Chief Boom) (Bill) After 26 years Bill finally called it quits, living in Great Falls, shooting gophers, building lawn furniture and waiting for that perfect job at Sears selling paint, spent his last three months in the desert.

MSgt Thomas Dewitt: Haven't heard a word from Tom since he retired and I've no idea what he's doing now but then again I never knew what he was doing when he was on active duty, also spent his last three months in the desert.

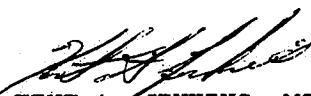
TSgt Mahlon Marr: The Capt. didn't know what rank to wear at the retirement ceremony so he didn't show up, if your ever in Georgia you can find Mahlon at a rail road yard watching the trains go by.

GOT OUT

Sgt Dale McCutcheon: (Chip) Dale had enough of the Air Force just before it had enough of him, he's still in Great Falls and if you happen to be in town and happen to stop by Sears you can see him in the Hardware section.

SRA Brian Lee: Brian is living in Idaho and in a very short time hopes to be on the receiving end of our booms.

Well, it's time to close for another year. We hope that your still around this time next year, it looks like Malmstrom and the Big Sky Booms will be here for a long time to come. Keep your booms straight.


KENT A. JENKINS, MSgt, USAF
91 AREFS Training/Program Manager



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

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 336 ARS Boomers (Home of the "RRATS")

SUBJECT: 1992 Boom Signal

TO: Everyone



On behalf of the men and women of the 336 Air Refueling Squadron, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our fellow newcomers to MAC.... err.. I mean Air Mobility Command.

Los Angeles riots, earthquakes, the loss of the Strategic Air Command and our illustrious alert lines, and maybe a war or two - the Boomers of Southern California can handle anything. Our men - stallions. Our women - iron maidens. Our squadron therapist assures us of this!

Two years have past since our last input to the Signal. People have left us. People have joined us. Our crusty cadre of instructors have some new members. Let me elaborate.

CMSgt Norm Perry - (AKA) The Silver Fox, Norm keeps the sky HOT traversing the world in his dual role Boom position. When he is home, he spends most of his time out at his Colton ranch. Last year, Norm raised turkeys, pigs, chickens and an occasional goose. However, this year Norm is raising a young lamb named "Ginger", she seems most affectionate.

SMSgt Bob Dunning - "Groom Boom" - Good news for all you single guys out there, your women are safe once again. Bob has decided to take the Big Walk in August. We have been having intensive "bachelor party training exercises", so we'll be good and ready for the real thing.

SMSgt Curt Massey - "Computer Man" - Curt spends most of his time "talking" to his computer terminal. This might explain his uncanny luck at Black Jack and Solitaire. He's been banned from Las Vegas.

SMSgt Steve Walters - "Investigataboom" - Steve has just gone over 20 years of service and has decided to stow the boom for the last time in September. He's been with us since 1981 and will be greatly missed. He will continue his Defense Investigative Service career in Lancaster California. Rumor has it he's buying up large desert land tracts counting on the recent earthquakes to soon provide prime beach front property.

MSgt Reggie Nolte - "War Criminal" - Yesterday we received word of what seemed impossible, Reggie will be leaving the RRATS in August. He has decided to trade in his surf board for a snowmobile. Some where in his mind a little voice said "go north old man". He will be Chief Boom at the newly converted tanker unit at Selfridge MI. Reg has been with the unit since its inception to the tanker mission in 1976. He assures us this had nothing to do with the new restrictive machine gun laws the state has imposed. Reggie and Carol will be greatly missed around the old RRATS nest. The folks at Selfridge are getting a great guy to lead them.

MSgt Zen Olson - Son of Elvern, husband of Holly, rider of Harley. In case there may be someone left in the contiguous U.S. who hasn't heard the good news, Zen is the proud owner of a brand new Harley Davidson "Heritage Softail Classic". Holly really loves the bike but insists it stay in the garage and not the bedroom.

MSgt Frank DeJauregui - "Teacher" - D.J. has given up his ART job and has moved on to bigger and better things within the corporate fast paced, mover and shaker world, that means you have to wear a tie and socks that match. We hope D.J. can manage to continue sport flying with us.

MSgt Maggie Evans - "Sister Margaret Mary (the Snoot)" - It seems like only a few short months ago that Maggie was a "Baby Boom", come to think of it, it was only a few short months ago. Now, the time has come that we instructors try not to dwell on, that magic transformation from "wondrous student" to "crusty old head". Hard to believe but Maggie will be off to CFIS in August. It's all I can do to hold back the tears.

TSgt Steve Hamer - "Pot Hole Engineer" - With any luck Steve should be MSgt in the very near future. He is the only boom in history to learn the Course VI material through osmosis. He recently completed his instructor check and has been shown the secret handshake and everything.

TSgt Tina Skropos - "Mama Boom" - Since the last BS, that's Boom Signal, Tina has been quite busy expanding her family. She added yet another prospective baby boom, this time a girl. She's always available for a trip to England, just say "Cuba Libra" and she comes running.

TSgt Deb McGuane - "Piranha Mama" Deb has recently completed instructor upgrade and is presently molding her very first student in her image. Which of course requires a lot of styling mouse, intensive weight training, and hours of aerobics.

TSgt Phil Stidham - "Philamelda, Philadendrum, Phillapino, Studman, Stinkham," and any other name we can think of at the time. Phil is out world traveler - more specifically - our "TDY PIG". He has progressed upward in the Boomer food chain to our squadron training flight. Building his empire brick by brick, day by day, without a plan, or any method to his madness. None the less he produces a super product and delivers it well.

TSgt Maurice Walker - "Maurice the Police" - It's always a pleasure to see this guy around the squadron, as opposed to seeing him in ones' rear view mirror. If you've never met Maurice, just drive on I-215 at an excessive speed and he'll introduce himself properly.

TSgt John Everette - "Casanovaboom" - John was considering a career as a policeman. He was devastated to find out that police officers actually pay for the doughnuts they eat. He is now an instructor and role model for the up and coming generation of young booms... NOT!

TSgt Rick Morrow - "Stinkaboom" - In all fairness, Rick owns and operates his very own roofing company. Sometimes flight show time is a bit too close to quitting time. We have yet to find a girl that Rick doesn't like. He's quickly becoming a TDY legend.

TSgt Ron Newbold - "New Boom" - Ron is one the RRATS new additions since the last writing. It took a forklift just to get his resume in the building. Can wear a headset all day and not mess up his hair.

TSgt Tony Wright - "The Screw" - Tony, yet another new hire, works for the California Dept. of Corrections as prison guard in a women's facility. Talk about the fox guarding the chicken coop!

Sgt John Irish - "Deputy Boom" - We just got John back from CCTS, he's so new he's still has the "remove before flight" Castle ideas in his head.

SrA Nicky Canada - "VaVaVaBoom" - Nicky is fitting in nicely around the RRATS nest. We keep her out on the road quite a bit. So far she has managed to break hearts every where she goes, but as yet, no TACAN antennas.

MSgt B.J. O'Rourke - "The Beakman" - We thought it only fitting to include B.J. in this writing, even though he is now passing gas for the Mather Militia in Sacramento. He decided to move to a place where he didn't have to chew the air before breathing it. He's been a fixture around here since 1978. We will continue to remember B.J.'s wit and deviant humor. Good-Bye B.J.

Sadly, we must say good-bye to one of the finest pilot's we've had the pleasure of working with. The untimely passing of Lt Col Larry Cummings came as a great shock to us all. His expertise and camaraderie will be greatly missed.

Recently, it was TSgt Phil Stidham's turn in the barrel, he had the privilege of installing the nose gear pin in flight. I'll let him tell you about it.

I can remember my old Castle instructor's voice now, "Just slide the pin in the hole and secure it with the safety lock... piece of cake!" Evidently he never had the pleasure of doing it for real with minimum fuel remaining. I soon discovered that the pinning procedure is much easier to perform on the ground with no wind. The wind proved to be a

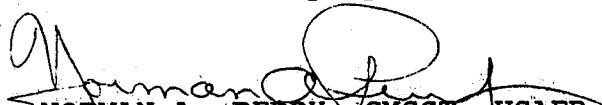
major hindrance to the successful pinning of the gear. With one hand I held the end of the "remove before flight banner", to keep from losing the pin. Inserting the pin was relatively easy, even though I had to rely solely on my sense of feel. The banner, when exposed to the wheel well air flow, caused the pin to turn rapidly back and forth in the hole, not allowing the pin to stay still long enough for me to insert the safety lock. Fortunately, the navigator happened to bring along a roll of scotch tape. I wrapped enough tape around the pin to allow a snug fit in the hole. After that, the insertion of the safety lock was possible.

I never really expected to become a member of the nose gear club, but after my recent initiation, I feel qualified to make a few recommendations. The first being a new self-locking style pin. The current style pin could have the safety locking hole enlarged to better enable one handed insertion. At the very least, keep a roll of tape handy!

Here's some items we would like to see in the future:

- Better enforcement of dress code for space A passengers
- A new PA system for inflight announcements
- Emergency cargo bay and floor lighting
- New cargo bay lighting
- New insulation and sound proofing
- Useful toilet facilities
- Moving the bunks to the boom pod area
- New checklist for full stop taxi backs
- New checklist for reverse refueling
- Collar the flash blindness goggles CB's until used

As you can see the Riverside Boom section is getting a lot of new blood. We always have a cold beer and a new War story on hand, so be sure to stop by the RRATS nest when your in the neighborhood.


NORMAN A. PERRY, CMSGT, USAFR
Inflight Refueling Program Manager, 336 ARS

P.S. - Thanks to Phil and Deb for writing this years' Signal.

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ARTICLE. THIS IS WHAT
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TECHNICAL INFO TO BE
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 22D AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)

6 AREFS/DOB (MSgt McGirt)

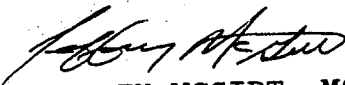
KC-10A Boom Signal Inputs

CMSgt Richardson

1. To all boom operators around the world, active and retired. These few pages contain the names of our profession's finest! It goes without saying that times they are-a-changin, to the point it's difficult to keep up with old friends. Lots of you have retired, and with this goes years of memories, experience, and "war stories" that the new guys/gals won't have the pleasure of experiencing.

2. With all the changes and uncertainties in today's Air Force, it's easy to lose touch with each other - it's our job to keep this from happening. So regardless of what tomorrow brings, let's keep up the great tradition of the past "30 something years."

3. Remember, when in Southern California, don't forget to stop in and say hello, or phone us at AV 947-3659.


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6 Air Refueling Squadron

6TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON

- MSgt Jeff "Z-Man" McGirt - Chief boom, full time leader of the gang and part time deputy sheriff. Overheard talking to "Scooter" at HQ AMC (TALCE) about 10's moving from Seymour to Charleston?
- MSgt Perry "Let me borrow your Z" Sauro - Squadron CCTS training guru. Volunteered to do anything to get out of training. Spends most off duty (and a lot of on duty) time racing in the desert.
- MSgt Ed "Mr Bomb Comp" Mang - Chief of all Stan/Eval forces worldwide, or wants a slot at 15th AF whichever comes first. Reportedly given a blank check by the General after winning "Best KC-10 Crew" at SAC's last bomb comp, and "Best KC-10 Load Team" during AMC's Airlift Rodeo 92'.
- MSgt Bob "Bobo" Friesen - Drafted from the 9th during a major reorganization recently. Thinking he was a first round draft, we couldn't bare to tell him he came in on the 13th round. Senior flight commander/scheduling guru when on duty.
- MSgt (Sel) Roger "Low-Ride" Dumaine - Chief assistant to Bobo in the scheduling department. Since he finally made E-7, we have to find him a real job instead of squadron mo-cycle monitor with L.B.
- TSgt (Sel) Dave "Blood & Guts" Pileski - Our newest Stan/Eval head-hunter. I promised Dave if he made Tech this cycle that he could finally get his beloved white-scarf. Watch out world!
- TSgt (Sel) Billie "B-Square" Black - I have to say TSgt sel with a caveat; B2 has to wait for a commendation medal to get the 2.13 points he missed tech by, however the close-out was in time. Time to get a real job Bill. The lowest ranking boom in KC-10 Stan/Eval, and working on having the longest tenure.
- SSgt Rodney "Mr Enable" Bennett - Ex Stan/Eval computer prodigy. New training flight computer prodigy. The only person with more Stan/Eval years than B2. Welcome back Rodney.
- TSgt Jay "Cool Breeze" Davis - B Flight Commander Boom. Just got married, just graduated from the NCO Academy. This guy is so sharp he was selected as the Air Force Poster Child for recruiting and retention (or so he says). When he walks in the squadron the commander snaps to attention. Can pretty much name the job he wants.
- TSgt Joe "Chow-Hound" Surovy - Living proof that if you lift enough weights, you can eat as much as you want. Has dominated the supply business so long that he has his own contracting business with the AF.

- TSgt Rick "Almost-outa-here" Shipman - Rick starts terminal leave in early 93. Some say he started in early 92, but we know better don't we Rick. Good luck!

- TSgt Steve "Thought he was outa here" Kleman - Promoted this guy to flight commander but after one week in the office, everyone else quit. Just bought a house, and still a newlywed, so VSI/SSB wasn't an option. Swears that 8 more years to retire is child's play.

- TSgt Ricky "KC-10, C-141, KC-10" Harris - Ex KC-10 boom, ex C-141 flight engineer, new KC-10 boom. Bragged so much about the KC-10 to his 141 counterparts, they politely invited him to return. Nice to have you back where you belong Rick.

- SSgt Jack "Newlywed" Lemons - Finally found a lady that could slow him down between Pacific trips. A solid boom operator that can write his own ticket.

- SSgt Randy "Dial Tone" Johnson - Finally conned the FCC into licensing his own phone company. Last seen installing phones in the boom shop while interviewing operators. Forgets that AT&T and autovon aren't part of the same company.

- SSgt Jack "Who is he" Fortner - We know this boom works here because his pay statements still arrive. Another newlywed!

- SSgt Greg "Mongo" Warren - Another line boom with a solid reputation. Thinks he's ready for instructor upgrade, but I won't know til his next Mildenhall ETTF is complete.

- SSgt Jeffrey "I do have a brother" Harp - A hard working boom operator that get's the job done. Public affairs hates to see Jeff go TDY because he averages about 3 aircraft tours a week. Keep up the good work!

- Sgt Dan "Bambam" Elam - Another stealth KC-10 part time boom. Comes around the squadron selling T-shirts so we think he's gainfully employed still.

- SRA Able "Bowling Ball" Saenz - Able learned real quick how to say STEALTH BOOM, TDY, and TRAVEL VOUCHER. A program managers dream that never whines, and gets the job done.

- SSgt James "OB" O'Brien - Havn't seen Jim for the last six months. I think he is still a 10 boom but Probably works downtown.

- SSgt Ralph J. Snyder - (FNG) from Grissom. Still a captive audience at CAE Link.

- Sgt Lynn A. Thatcher - (FNG) from Dyess. A bird told me that Lynn still thinks tipping is something you do to waitresses?

- SRA Roman "Mouse" Munoz- (FNG) also from Dyess. Last seen heading to the jet for his first cargo mission - Good Luck!

SIGNIFICANT OTHERS AROUND THE WING

- CMSgt Ken "Mr 15AF" Endrizzi - Quickly became a point-paper expert on matters concerning KC-10 Hose/Droque system. When not working on drogue A/R problems, he heads the Tanker NAF training section.

- SMSgt Larry "Systems Guru" Strong - Tired of wearing two hats (135/10) at Wright Pat, so he decided to do the 10 thing full time. Reportedly has an eye on the wing boom position, but we'll have to teach him how to spell KARGO first. Should be here in early Aug. and will be an asset to any organization.

- MSgt Jake "The Snake" Benscoter - En route to AMC HQ at Scott to command all Tanker Airlift Control Element (TALCE) forces. Jake don't forget Charleston!!! It's about time Jake-10 years at March.

- MSgt Ted "Ex Pad Dad" Glick - Following the reorganization Ted became the OSS acting first shirt until he was told there really is a diamond school - to which he quickly said 'no thanks'. Coming back to the squadron soon and will probably take my job as CH/DOB. Would probably be STEP'd to E-8 if there were such an animal.

- MSgt Keith "Send me back East" Mitchell - Use to have a job at 15th with Tina Wallace until AMC came along. He now hopes congress will waive the one year time on station rule for PCS.

- MSgt (Sel) Sherry "Down Under" Bryan - I'm not about to touch that one. Will marry her Aussie friend this Sept during a gala Hollywood style wedding (I mean this is Southern California - YA NO). Still owns the wing scheduling section.

- TSgt Larry "Give me a job-any job" Hudnut - A fast burner that will leave most behind. Volunteered for a recent wing scheduling position, but that's only a stepping stone for Larry.

- SSgt Tony "Had an Attitude" Ceraolo - Decided the 10 business wasn't so bad after all and reenlisted. Currently employed by wing current operations (DONO).

RETIRED BOOMS IN THE AREA

Bob Akers	John Bond	Al (Doug) Burger	Don "Shaky" Crawford
Lee Evans	Jim Gaddy	Buddy Gross	Curly Jordon

Russ Marshall Billy Meeks
Joe Perez Gerry Sacre
Pete Bubier Gene Cowles
Richard "Tricky" Filkins
George Hawkins
Guy Lowry
Sandy McLendon
Lee Merriweather
Robert "Bob" Moquin
Stan Nosik
Ralph Rogers
David Telles
Gene Thomason

Cory Miller
Jim Webb
Kevin Doyle

Bill Mullis
Bob Benamati
Mark Fleege

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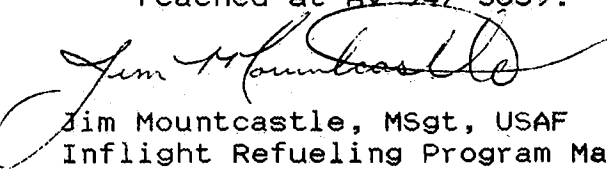
DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 22D AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)

9th AREFS/DOB (MSgt Mountcastle)

KC-10A Boom Signal Inputs

CMSgt Richardson

1. Greetings from sunny, earth-movin' Sothern California, to all boom operators everywhere. The 9th AREFS has gone through many changes in the past year with more to come in the future. One of the biggest changes is the loss of a legend, Russ Marshall. Russ has retired effective 1 July and is presently kicking back to enjoying his civilian status.
2. The onset of AMC has not changed our TDY's much, but there is rumor of changes to come, once they figure out what to do with us. Same scam different year.
3. When you are in the area stop in and say hello, we can always be reached at AV 947-3659.


Jim Mountcastle, MSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager
9th Air Refueling Squadron

The following are the boom operators assigned to the 9th AREFS. These people travel all over the world proving that the KC-10 boom operators are among the most professional flyers in the Air Force.

MSMgt Russ Marshall EB

Russ is retiring this summer after a few years in the ARO station. We will miss him. His smiling face and "Russ Marshall damn glad to meet you." Now he will have to stay home more.

MSMgt Chris Burkhardt IB

Chris is on his way to Scott AFB shortly following a tour at 15th AF. Chris always looked for a way to stay away from the squadron life, but this is a bit far.

MSMgt Tommy Degen IB

Tom and Brad are going to be running the squadron sooner or later, it's inevitable. He was last seen running a 4x4 Toyota in the desert.

MSMgt Bob Friesen IB

Bob's been in the 9th all along but, only recently transferred to the 6th. Don't exactly know why, he still has the same position -- none. He does have a new position at home though -- Daddy.

MSMgt Gus Gustavson EB

Gus just went to the new 15th DOV/CEVG. Maybe now Russ is gone, and the wife returns from her short tour, we will see him more.

MSMgt Brad Madison IB

One of the only original old timers left. He has already run the gamut, full time instructor to full time fly fisherman. Life is better now.

MSMgt Jim "Jimbo" Mountcastle IB

Jim's the out-going chief boom retiring early '93. He married a pretty young thing and is ready for civilian life at home in New England. Good luck to you, Jim.

MSMgt Steve "Ooty" Oothoudt IB

Ooty's held almost every position in the wing or squadron, and would have held the rest, if he could decide what he wants out of life! Recently became pad dad to some F-16's on alert.

MSMgt "Uncle John" Page IB

Recently moved from training flight to Wing boom. Southern California is not his favorite spot, but where there's a job.....

MSMgt Tina Wallace IB

Still at 15th plugging along. Another hard worker who would rather fly a desk. Has a full time job at home also, being a new mother.

MSMgt (SEL) Darnell Butler MB

A recent promotee, and glad of it. Darnell is in DONO also, but he needs to stay home. Every time he returns from a TDY, and addition to the family comes around.

MSMgt (SEL) "Easy" Davis IB

Easy thinks he is going to camp out at DONO for the remainder of his career. He's actually in hiding until his line number comes up. Still has too much fun on TDY's.

TSgt Mike Aldapa EB

This guy has been at March so long, all his relatives have moved to the area too. That's part of the reason lake Perris is so full on weekends. We all use him as a thermometer; when he gets hot for an assignment, the rest of us will start worrying.

TSgt Larry Bussen IB

Another DONO closet boom. Larry's trying to decide whether he wants to be a crew dog or deputy dog. Rumors are that the VSI/SSB may help him decide.

TSgt Marco Defelice IB

This guy loves to stay TDY. Marco knows the per diem system extremely well. He always has a room for rent, unless Jim is in town.

TSgt Barry Hayes MB

What can you say about Barry. We know one of these days he's going to cut loose and just be a maniac.

TSgt Ken Holman IB

You can't send Ken TDY enough. We can't figure out if its the girl at home or the girls everywhere else.

TSgt Jerry Oien IB

One of our fine squadron instructors, Jerry takes patience with a lot of our new people. He's just starting to do the squadron scheduling so he can control his life and the life of those who use to control his.

TSgt Karl Smith IB

A brand new instructor, Karl will keep his hands full for awhile. A part-time law enforcer, we don't see him much. Always willing to help out.

TSgt (SEL) Judy Burr IB

This is the person that has to eat a lot of grief in the training office. She does a fine job keeping Pileski and Sauro in line.

SSgt Lou Drummond MB

Finally got his wife moved to March. Lou and Rizz broke up just in time to get over it before she arrived. An outstanding boom operator, it must be in his genes.

SSgt Grant Hortin UB

Getting checked out as we speak, and re-checked.

SSgt Way "I thought the red sign meant yield" Keller IB

Way treats the California traffic laws like he does Vegas, play the odds! He has seen the "big picture" a long time ago, if only he could film it and play it for some of the other guys.

SSgt Ike McMillan MB

This man still has this thing for Hickam, but don't we all. Ike keeps as many of the local ladies entertained as he can, that smooth voice does the trick.

SSgt Danny Mendonsa MB

Danny is already thinking about retirement. Beginning to look at areas he might want to live. Just recently ruled out Seattle, took a good look though.

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SSgt Dean Pickering UB

A newly assigned boom, we are expecting great thing from Dean.

SSgt Ken Risselada MB

Rizz is another guy that would rather meet you on the road than at home. Always at the front of the line during the squadron "fun" run, but not a real runner on the road.

SSgt Bonzie Wherry MB

Bonzie seems to attract men wherever she goes, and usually knows them all from somewhere anyway. She lives so far from the base, and changes her hair so often, it's always like meeting a new person.

SSgt Dave York IB

Dave's always been a solid performer. If you ever need anything, anytime just ask Dave. Except to borrow his vehicles. Dave is a recent addition to our Stan-Eval team.

SRA Greg Atkins MB

One of only two flying airmen in the squadron, Greg breezed all the way through his training with ease. Now settled in, he'd rather his wife not get used to him being around all that much, as it was with Beale TDY's. Enthusiastic and eager, the squadron is glad to have him.

SRA Ed Caldwell MB

Ed runs the ladies hard, and is not all that particular. If his girl is out of town when he is home, he'll take her roommate. Recently charmed the PME class out of the Military Studies award. Both our airmen are outstanding.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF 314 ARS/DOB

SUBJECT Boom Signal

TO 8 AF/DOTTR

Hi! Hard to believe another year has passed. For the 314th it has been a year of tremendous change. Five of our nine ART's of a year ago are no longer ART's, alert is gone, a lot more TDY, we're now feeling like MAC (spelled AMC) and getting ready for a move to McClellan next year. In between we also went to RAF Cottesmore for annual tour and war games and certified the F-3 Tornado for refueling with the KC-135. Had a blast in England, the weather was lousy and the Brits are still a bit formal. We got checked out on refueling the F-117 in April - an interesting airplane. The biggest news was the retirement of Chief Gene Estampa. He started back in '57 and was well known to many. Seems to be happy with golf and fishing but he will be missed. Here's a breakdown on the rest of us:

Bob Allen will retire from the Reserves in September and keep teaching school for 2-3 years.
Mike Bell (Spike) became an ART last September and upgraded to instructor in February.
Dave Comstock is also a new ART. CFIC in August.
Ron DiLorenzo is still waiting for retirement. Two years and eight months to go!
Wayne Ebner can't decide whether to accept a transfer with ATC to Randolph. Stand by.
Roy Gould was recalled for Desert Storm after retiring from the Reserves earlier. He will retire from the Highway Patrol in July and just "trough" for awhile. He might move to South Carolina.
Julie Green has been accepted to law school. We need more lawyers!
Jack Hansen is still moshing to speed metal and guarding prisoners at Folsom.
Tom Killian is still looking for a job that's as much fun as "troughing".
Mike Mecum - no change, still a sheriff.
Aaron Miller has left the Reserves and does video editing with computers in Southern California.
Dave Myrick is still climbing the management ladder at UPS.
Larry Naso is also at UPS and working hard.
Ray Parker is still working at McClellan.
Dan Quasius is about to finish his degree in physical therapy.
Still not married but we're working on him!
Bob Renn is now Stan/Eval and has a beautiful daughter.

Todd Ruth is our baby boomer (20 years old is young for a group of Reservists). He's doing great.
Janie Smith (C.J.) is our newest boomette (married to former boom turned officer, Bill Dwyer).
Frans Stenken (the Flying Dutchman) is now an instructor. He says "If it ain't Dutch. It ain't much." Ha!
Ron Thomas left the ART program last August after getting his degree in accounting. He's a new father and still looking for a "challenging" job (i.e. more money).
Ann Walters still receives plenty of teasing but takes it in stride.
Jim Welborn is our new chief who comes here from KC-10's at March. Loves Northern California and bought a fancy house and boat to prove it! (The floating Elvis boat show).
Aric Wiechmann has left the Reserves for Federal Express.
Ed Wolfkamp is now the chief terror of Stan/Eval. Look out!

Hope everyone continues to fly safe. All the best!

DAVE COMSTOCK, TSgt, USAFR
Boom Operator



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
384TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (H) (SAC)
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REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: CMSGT Richardson

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: ALL BOOMS

Hello from all the Boom Operators at McConnell. As always, it has been a very busy year for us at the 384th AREFS. In a years time we have gone from 26 Boom Operators to 36, and there is still more coming. McConnell was given the "LAST" SAES inspection in April; Overall we rated "Outstanding", as always. Currently we are trying to figure out all the changes associated with changing from SAC to AMC, "but who isn't?" We have had an outbreak of born again single booms, enough that they have formed a "Divorced Booms Club" (A good excuse to get together and complain about their EX's and party.) Two things that Boom Operators have proven to be good at.

SMSgt Kenneth W. Schmelzle

Finally got rid of the alert facility and is now the chief boom at McConnell. Now it is an everyday search to find his coffee cup. (I guess that's what happens when you get old.)

MSgt Stanley N. Sears

On his way to England. Was our training flight boom, it's going to be hard to fill his shoes.

MSgt Cleveland "Cleve" Filmore

Just in from Beale AFB, an Ex TI and they are putting him into STAN/EVAL (talk about intimidating!)

MSgt Frank Tesser

Just in from Castle AFB, so naturally they put him into training flight.

MSgt Fred Calkin, "ROAD NCO"

Just in from Zaragoza Spain, helping out in the cargo program, and waiting to retire, (in 1994).

MSGT Bobby C. Cochran

Incoming from Kadena.

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TSGT Ray D. Willis

The new alert facility manager, instead of hosting alert crews in the facility now he is hosting TDY guests. Ray puts on MSGT sometime in August.

TSGT Michael E. Sage

New at McConnell from Eaker just moved into STAN/EVAL. Shortly after getting stationed here he received an O.P. from SAES.

TSGT Jack Martin Jr.

New boom just cross trained from vehicle maintenance. If you need your car fixed just call Jack.

TSGT Michael Nietzke

Incoming cross trainee.

TSGT John Beringer

Incoming from Hickam.

SSGT William S. Moore "Homey" "W.T."

Just came out of STAN/EVAL headed for Castle. Ask W.T. about triathlon turkey hunting.

SSGT Cynthia Tesser

Back from three years at Castle, good to have her back. Now they are sending her to training flight with Frank (I guess it takes two to fill Stan's shoes).

SSGT Clinton E. Reed "Crint"

Presently at the NCO academy, and when he gets back he is going to STAN/EVAL. He is the leader of all the newly divorced booms.

SSGT Eric A. Nimke "Nimrod"

Still thinks he is fighting a war, trying to spot missiles through the sighting door, during MITO takeoffs.

SSGT Thomas A. Hess "Wholesome Tom"

New cross trainee, "Mr. Question", he has a question for everything.

SSGT Mark D. Batties

Happily married, two kids, cross trained from life support. Overall nice guy (NOT!!)

SSGT Michelle Hauge

She has been at McConnell one year from Offutt. After being separated from her husband who has been stationed here.

SSGT Anthony D. Panganiban "P+9"

New cross trainee, now if we could figure out how to say his name.

SSGT Melton F. Brewer "Big Daddy"

New cross trainee, God's gift to women, just ask him he will tell you. (age no problem) Grounded for six months finally back on status.

SSGT Raymond C. Frey

Incoming from Eilson.

SGT Lonny A. Hall "Lawn Dart"

Working in ground scheduling for now in route to the cargo loading program. Anytime you want to go hunting, fishing, or camping just ask Lonny. Lonny will put SSGT on sometime this year.

SGT Bobby G. Chambers Jr.

Headed for Castle (Just can't keep him and W.T. apart.) New dad of a baby boy on May 26 "Alan".

SGT Lisa D. Weeks

Getting out in July, she is going on to finish her education and become a nurse, or physical therapist. She has been an excellent boom and we will miss her.

SGT Nicholas J. Burney

Mr. Auto Body man, and part time drag racer.

SGT Joseph P. Barry

Pretty wild and crazy guy and he thinks he is getting married.

SGT Byron Larson

New cross trainee, who has an opinion about everything. Another very active member of the divorced booms club.

SRA Russell E. Gordon "Flash"

He's short, and looking forward to going back to Colorado and going to school.

SRA Bart A. Jordan

Been married about a year now, and just became an instructor.

SRA Daniel L. Purdy

Just upgraded to instructor taking Clint's place as the cargo loading manager. Had 3.3 instructor hours before Benny Eakers gave him a no-notice instructor check. Also an active member of the divorced booms club.

SRA Claire Moyes

New in from Wurtsmith with her son "Michael." Her first month here and her car was hit by one of Kansas's famous hail storms.

SRA John A. Tucker "Tuck"

Just got married, probably one of the best bachelor parties of the decade.

SRA Loren H. Will

Finally got back on flying status after seven months hiatus. During the seven months he was the alert facility controller.

ALC Roger A. Koppes

Still the youngest member of the VFW and can't have a drink "YET."

ALC Derek T. Staden

Still trying to grow the perfect eyebrows after shaving them off twice.

ALC Anthony Aparicio

Still in search of the perfect roommate, so now he is living by himself.

ALC Alexander Smith Jr. "Junior" (At least that's what the girls call him)
Been here about a year and likes to go TDY. Ask him and Stan Sears
about their trip to the flight surgeon after his initial fighter Qual
"almost" flight.

ALC Dennis A. Struve
Just got back from England, and is getting married to his high school
sweet heart.

ALC Greg Carron
New in from Ellsworth. Back to the land of "OZ" living with his par
ents.

ALC John S. Wanner "The Duke" "Wanner's World"
New boom he performs pretty good "most of the time." Likes to play
twenty questions. Has problems with starting his car, but it would
help if he would put it in park.

ALC Brian J. Bender "Fender Bender"
New boom still trying to get his phone hooked up. Now if we could just
get him to show up for work. He has been here for six months and has
been through two cars so far, next time he wants to start out with a new
one.

Booms No Longer Here:

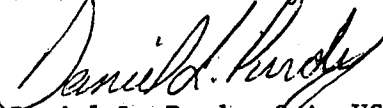
SMSGT Steve Miller
Retired and is now in the Robins area.


Sgt Kevin Langholz
Driving a bus down in Barksdale.

SRA Douglas Altimari
Got out and is working for Beechcraft here in Wichita making windcreens

SRA Bradley Harden
Got out and went back home to continue his education.

Well that's all for this year. Hopefully we are still alive and kicking
at McConnell next year.


Daniel L. Purdy, SRA, USAF
BO Extordinare


Kenneth W. Schmelzle, SMSgt, USAF
Program Manager

THANKS
FOR THE TECHNICAL
INFO. I WISH EVERY UNIT
WOULD SHARE THEIR IDEAS.
WE WOULD ALL BENEFIT.
CMSgt
RL

From: 906 ARS, MSgt Rundle
Subject: Boom Signal
To: 8th Air Force DOTT, CMSgt Richardson

1. Greetings from the land of Not (Minot) also known as the 906 ARS. After being here for awhile we found out why the Missouri river runs south, the wind always blows here.
 2. CMSgt Richardson thank you for all the time and effort you have taken to make the boom signal the most read publication after the dash one. We wish you the best in retired life as you stow the boom for the last time.
 3. Tech data says to use a cargo door sill protector when loading cargo; ever seen one! Plywood has been used to span the gap between the aircraft and the K-loader or high lift truck. The plywood did not always work the best as it would either move around or bend as the cargo was moved across it. We had the metal shop make several steel plates for us which work very well. They have hand holds for ease of moving and angle iron welded on the under side to prevent the plates from moving on the K-loaders rollers. We have included an attachment to our input to the signal which may be used as a guide.
 4. Also Congrats to SMSgt (Sel) Eden at Grand Forks AFB.
 5. Here is our list of distinguished folk who all volunteered for Minot, because if you didn't volunteer you wouldn't be here right. Please give us a call or stop in if you are ever in the area DSN 453, Comm 723 - 2376 or 2211. As we close for another year we're glad to be members of the best career field in the Air Force and look forward to hearing from friends new and old.
- AlC Anderson, Chad - Just arrived from Castle. His idea of living off base is Watertown SD.
- SrA Aselton, John - Counting the day's till he's a civilian. I think Dave Babio and him have a package deal as load masters with the national guard.
- SMSgt (Gunney) Bekkerus, Al - Moved here from Grand Forks now running the alert facility. I think was a cost over run with the 135 and will be around for awhile.
- TSgt Bowerman, Ken - Working in ground scheduling, also moonlights as a stock broker, his theory is buy high and sell low.
- SrA Dolan, Steve - Another one who is looking forward to getting out. Steve is our barracks lawyer and known around here as Mr. Boeing.
- AlC Gaston, Jeff - Another arrival from Castle.

A1C Hale, Alecia - Having fun going TDY and taking a wood working class to make a booster chair to reach the sextant. Don't let her borrow your car unless you want to have a rent-a-wreck.

MSgt Hale, Don - Retiring in Dec. is now out of the alert facility and on a line crew. Got his handicap down to his last EPR a 2.

Sgt Hardison, John - A cross trainee from Shady J loves being a boomer, can't figure out how to get chains and studded snow tires on his Harley for the winter.

Amn Isbel, Garry - Another baby boom from Castle. His idea of going north is Tennessee

SSgt Klinkhammer, Steve - 152 Stan Eval, just made TSgt. Now he will take any boom job as long as it is not at Minot. Something about wanting to have more than 3 months of warm weather each year.

Sgt Lawson, Troy - A transplant gunner, finely has a real job. Troy and Gunney are in the process of rewriting the -9.

A1C Lord, Jennifer - Just arrived from Castle. For awhile thought she was going to change her name. Now scrambling for orders to Kadena.

MSgt Miller, Mickey (Mouse) - Retired on active duty. Has a trucking bussiness lined up. Heading to Washington to audition (for "Mov'en On II").

A1C Morenski, Joe - Joe, I love the land of not Morenski the only boom I know that enlisted to come home to North Dakota.

SSgt Mozur, Paul ("Napoleon") - For awhile was running for mayor of Minot, but elected to be the Sam Malone/Tom Jones of our local version of Cheers. Hey out there before Paul gets out send a copy of your -3, so you can remember the Paul Mozur F-16 "Caution and Warnings".

Sgt Murphy, Jeff - Married the Squadron adjutant. Having a baby but can't decide weather it will wear bar's or stripes.

SrA Nast, Howie "Blast" - Howie came a long way from being a naive teenager to a seasoned crusty boomer. Wants to change 35-10 so you can wear civilian clothes when you mission plan. Howie remember Mexico.

A1C Recaido, Ricky - Still scratching his head trying to figure out how he got up here. Ricky is our resident male nurse.

MSgt Reuter, Jeff - First (and smartest) part of the Rudder brothers. Full left is the big cheese on 151 Stan Eval.

SSgt Reuter, Mark - Second part of the rudder brothers. Full right is currently in cargo loading. Also is the big daddy in the dorms.

SSgt Rhoden, Tony - Tony just arrived here from Eaker. Walks around like someone moved his food bowl. I think he didn't know where North Dakota was.

Sgt Riggs, Jody "Don Trump" - Just recently married has a new baby, a new Lincoln, and a new speed boat. Didn't know Sgt's got paid that well.

MSgt Rundle, Don (Daddy) - Chief boom, liked running the alert pad so much went down town and run's a hotel. Rumor has it that he gets advice from Leona Helmsley from her prison cell.

TSgt Sargent, Jeff - After 2 1/2 years Jeff is finally out of scheduling. Jeff is the base rumor control NCOIC. His sources are a direct hot line with public affairs.

SSgt Seaberry, Carl - The "Don Perdome" of Minot. Taking the \$ VSI to start his barbecue sauce. Good Luck Carl!

Sgt Sidoli, Chris - Just recently married. Broke a lot of young girls heart's in Minot. At our annual chille cook off Chris auctioned off his black book to "Ken B" for \$1000.

Sgt Stallard, Glenn - Another bull dog transplant. When Steve Dolan leaves I think he will be the new Mr. Boeing.

AIC Watson, Caroline - Didn't want anything said (906 ARS Ghost Boom)

TSgt Watton, Kevin "Col Flagg" - A.K.A. The Funeral Director. Kevin has been know to disappear right in front of you. I think there was a mix up at MPC, he should be flying on a C-130 with Southern Air (Air America).

TSgt Yavornitzki, Steve "Y+10" - Still in stan eval. Traded in the senior Citizen for a more current model.

SrA Yanni, Frank - "The John Gottie" of the 906. Looking forward to getting out this August. Going to flight school to become a professional pilot. Lot's of luck Frank!

TSgt Diaz, Elmo - Ex recruiter, new boom from Castle. More to follow.

Folks who have departed the land of Not:

SSgt Townsend, Larry - Retired, Larry left here in Apr and lives in the St Louis area. Now just call him at Townsend Construction.

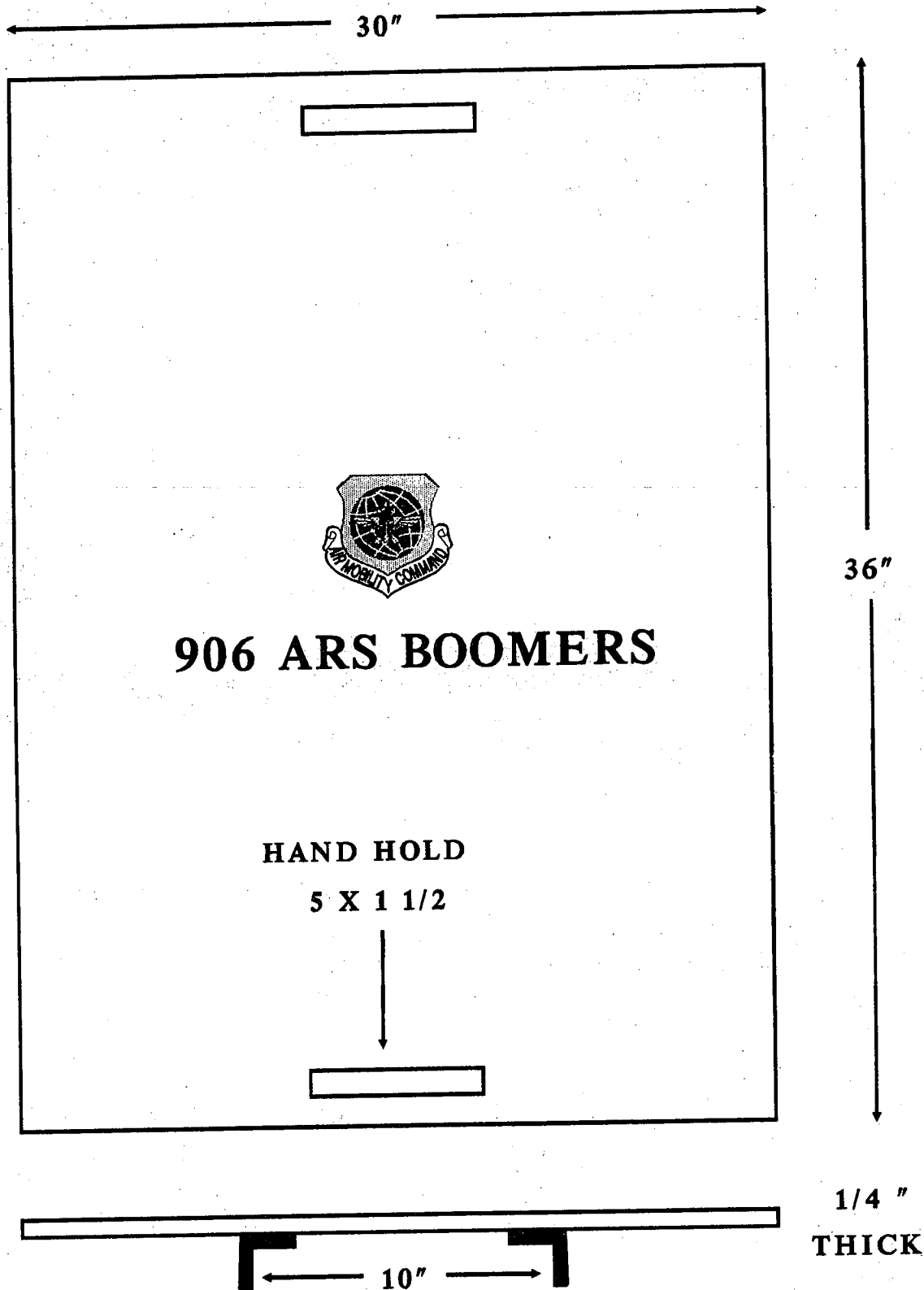
SrA McElhany, Tyler - Lives in Watertown SD. Going to school and flipping burgers.

SrA Graff, Jason - DOS and going to school.

SrA Stegmaier, Kriston - DOS and going to school in northern CA.

That's all from the land of only the best come north and the lucky get to leave.

Many
Interesting
Neanderthal's
&
Occasional
Tourist



ANGLE IRON WELDED UNDER STEEL
TO PREVENT STEEL PLATING
FROM MOVING

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14 Jul 92

Chief Rich and fellow boomers,

*SORRY LEW BUT I HAVE
TO MAKE SURE ITS RIGHT! CMS RL*

Hello from the famous potato patch in the great northwest! Home of the first Intervention Wing and the resurrected 22d AFRES.

I called Chief Rich for some friendly advice; he informed me the boom signal inputs are due. So here they are.....

I know you are asking "Where is Mountain Home Air Force Base?" Well I too asked that question. My initial thought: Must be close to Beautiful mountains. NOT!!! On top of the exit sign sat a vulture, the sign read: Mountain Home AFB 12 miles.

The only things I noticed driving into the desert plain was tumbleweeds, dust, rattlesnakes and scorpions. I thought to myself, this ain't like any mountains I ever seen. Who ever named this place Mountain Home had to be in a delirious state of mind.

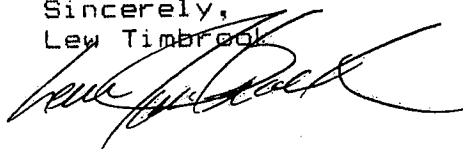
Okay, enough bad publicity cause Lord Help I don't want to scare anyone off. Yes, the base itself sets in the desert plains. But there are beautiful mountains all around within a short driving time, you can see snowcapped peaks from the base. Travel a little ways from the base and you are in the most beautiful scenery you could ever see anywhere. If you are a person who enjoys the outdoors, this place is a paradise and that's the truth.

The squadron is still in its' embryo stage. There are no planes, commander, pilots or navs. But, Ah!, one each boom operator. Imagine that!, Lord help the 22d AREFS. I do have a few maintenance folks here, one special individual Capt (ex-boom) Beasley has been a great plus as our maintenance officer. They tell me more help is on the way, hopefully in August some flyer will show up. Also, in August we should receive the first of six R-models.

Most importantly, I sincerely thank everyone that I have talked with in these last few weeks for your support, advice, ideas, and the time you took out of your busy schedule to do things for me in getting the 22d AREFS started in the right direction. Again from the bottom of my heart thank you. P.S. come on guys when you get a call from me don't say I gave at the office and hang up (just Joking).

Lastly, I'm really excited about being here and looking forward to the challenge of starting up a new unit. I have a good feeling that this could be one of the most rewarding Air Refueling Squadrons in the Air Force. If I can be of any assistance or if you have any questions please call (BR549) "NOT" DSN: 857-4347.

Sincerely,
Lew Timbrook



Com 208-828-2104
FAX 208-828-6854



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 55TH OPERATIONS GROUP (ACC)
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA 68113-3130

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 2ACCS/DOFB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

14 Jul 92

TO: All Boom Operators

Hello to all from the last bastion of active duty alert...the 2d ACCS! When they told me I was being reassigned to a distinctive unit, I didn't realize they meant that distinctive.

Actually, this is one of the most diverse units you will find anywhere. As we retire the old EC-135s, we're picking up the new Pacer Link version, so we are basically flying two distinctly different ECs. Then there is our trusty trainer, the KC-135E model. In addition, the booms here also fly cargo/pax missions on two TC-135s and the recently acquired WC-135.

A significant change over recent months is our TDY schedule. Those of you familiar with ECs know that TDY was not part of the charter...at least, it wasn't in the past. We still have our regular Saudi run and have also picked up some new trips to Hickam and Mildenhall.

Following is a rundown of all the booms at Offutt:

MSgt Russ Adams - Cargo Loading Manager/"A" Flight IBO
MSgt Dave Ballard - Inflight Refueling Program Manager
MSgt Tom Hervey - Det 1, HQ ACC
MSgt Glenn Murdaugh - Alert Facility Manager
MSgt Terry Ross - Training Flight
MSgt Sze Tom - Command Crew Boom Operator
TSgt George Collins - Command Support Aircraft (CSA)
TSgt Andy Lacasse - Scheduling
TSgt Dave Pelzer - S-103 (departing the Air Force soon)
TSgt Tom Weirauch - S-101
SSgt Don Anderson - Command Support Aircraft (CSA)
SSgt Bryan Barthlow - Command Support Aircraft (CSA)
SSgt Tom Hewitt - R-106
SSgt Rod Targos - R-111
SSgt Steve Winston - S-102
SSgt Debbie Worth - "B" Flight IBO
Sgt Robert Jepson - Command Support Aircraft (CSA)
Sgt John Knight - R-105
Sgt Jerry Schmidt - R-112
Sgt Tim Treinen - E-109
SrA Greg Wilson - R-108
A1C Tony Harland - R-107
A1C Wayne Keiser - E-110

All of us at Offutt would like to pass on a special "Thanks for a great job" to CMSgt Richardson, who will be retiring later this year. Here's wishing you the best, Rich.

If any of you find yourself at Offutt sometime feel free to give us a call at 4-5513. We would be glad to have you visit with us, and we might even buy you a cup of coffee.


GEORGE R. RUTZEBECK, CMSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Superintendent

TO: All Boomers Worldwide

FM: Strat Comm Command Crew
55 OSS/CCK
Offutt AFB, NE 68113
DSN 271 3195/ 3335
On base 4-3195/ 3335

WOW! What a shock. NO MORE SAC. General LeMay must be turning over and over in his grave. I am kind of twisting myself. So who do I belong to NOW? The crew will belong to ACC, but we will continue to fly General Butler. For the people who haven't seen us, we wear a special blue utility uniform instead of the flight suit. So we will now have the ACC patch on the left pocket, and Strat Comm Command Crew patch on the right. We have been mistaken for "NAVY PERSONNEL", "TRANSIENT MAINTENANCE" and "MISSILE CREWMEMBER" (among other speciality) long before all these changes came about. Regardless of whom I fly for, I AM A BOOM.

Since we won't be visiting too many "SAC" bases any more (probably more naval facilities), please stop by and see me after you drop by 2nd ACCS. We are generally busy, but if we are not pulling our hair out at the moment, I'll be more than glad to show you the airplane and say hello. Untill then.

Sze Tom
"Z MAN"



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 55TH WING (SAC)
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA 68113-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 550SS D023 (CSA)

SUBJECT Boom Signal

TO All Boom Operators

1. Hello and greetings from the CSA booms. (all four of them).

2. What in the world is CSA you ask?!

Well it stands for Combat Support Aircraft. We are currently using four aircraft. Two are C-135A's and two are C-135B's. In a nutshell we are a commercial airline for the Air Force and Dignitaries. The planes seat between 43-74 with a big baggage compartment up front on the A models and for the B models their located front and rear. The B models are the plush ones with a DV compartment. They have their own beds, table and closet in a private compartment. All planes have overhead compartments, overhead lighting, and carpeting. Neither have booms attached.

3. So what does a boom do in CSA?

Besides the obvious (weight and balance, hatches, ect.), we mostly act as a flight engineer and radio operator. (Theres a lot of paperwork in this job). We also run the fuel pannel for ground refueling- which is most every stop.

4. Our missions are normally 2-4 day TDY'S, with an average of three stops each day. How much were TDY fluctuates greatly- with four booms for four planes we have the potential to be extreemly busy.

5. The booms here are:

SGT. ROBERT JEBSON- Our newext member and most junior in rank in all CSA history! He's pleased as punch to be here and on a day off you'll find fishing the nearest pond. Thanks again for fixing my brakes Robert).

SSGT BRIAN BARTHLOW- Our training flight guy who loves to work hard and volunteers for all the extra duties before the rest of us even hear of them. He plans on going to be a T.I. in about a year. Sounds like fun?

SSGT DON ANDERSON- Our Stan-Eval man who also happens to be our "comic relief" around here. He loves his Harley and loves to fly. (Ha ha)

TSGT GEORGE COLLINS- I'm the head boom here- at least officialy. Brian and Don are still helping me learn the ropes. My loves are 1. THE LORD 2. My new wife and kids 3. Being in CSA 4. Fireworks

6. Retired booms- DON HOUCHIN (now lives by castle A.F.B.) and MIKE SHELLERER- (still in local area).

George E. Collins
GEORGE E. COLLINS, TSGT, USAF
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OHIO AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 160TH AIR REFUELING GROUP
RICKENBACKER AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, OHIO 43217-5006



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOTB

2 July 1992

SUBJECT: Our Input to the Boom Signal (May it live on)
TO: CMS Richardson

Hello from the Ohio Valley and the 160th ARG. We use to be known for our pretty E model aircraft. Now we are known for very pretty R model aircraft! We never dreamed we would see this happen!

Anyway, now that we are in AMC (the patch still smells of MAC), nothing should really change, right? NOT!

All of us here in the Buckeye State are waiting for the word to pack our bag and move down the road to Wright-Patterson AFB.

...and now a list of our current Boomers on board...

CMS Tom Foster.....Inflight Refueling Program Manager
SMS D.J. Harris....NCOIC (loves the new hazardous cargo program)
SMS Terry Kerr.....New Stan/Eval Boom and still our hero
MSG John Collins.....World's longest flying Boomer
MSG Dick Grein.....Boom Flying Scheduler
MSG Chris Neitzelt..Start's crying when he hears the word ALERT.
MSG Bill McIver.....New daddy (1 year old)
MSG Pete Fentress....Our new Stock Broker...got a minute?
TSg Allen Berg.....Stan/Eval Boomer with a serious HAMMER!
TSg Daron Bloom.New TSg His favorite wine (I want to be a pilot)
TSg TAB Bursk.....Newlywed with a new house and (?)
TSg Tim Caudill..Current Ops Boom, 1 on the ramp and 1 in hanger
TSg Matt Foster.....Grocery Manager, "looking for Waldo"
TSg Mark Hamilton..Newlywed, new home, quit job, back to school!
TSg Lonnie McLaughlin..Our token Airline Pilot
TSg Bob Reffitt.....New TSg, new home, new SGT on Columbus PD.
TSg Ed Smith.....PCS to Utah to be a linguist-how cunning
TSg Dan Thomas.....Danc'n Dan, our Aircrew Service Desk person!
SSg Shawn Carr.....BARTMAN has a new apartment with room service
SSg Kevin Black.....Still at Castle AFB...he likes it!
SRA Scott Keller.New GS something at DCSC and will be daddy soon
SRA Jason LeMaitre...F.N.G. from Wurtsmith, late the first day!

That covers this unit. The fighter guys next door are getting their tankers next January. Remember, you can reach us at DSN 950-4663 or commercial (614) 492-4663. When in the area, please stop in for a cold one.

Our annual Boomer Reunion will be the 25th of July.

Tom Foster

THOMAS F. FOSTER
Inflight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE

FROM: DOMK (MSgt Sampayan, DSN 480-6170)

21 Jul 92

SUBJ: 1992 Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOT (CMSgt Richardson)

1. Guten tag and willkommen from HQ USAFE/DOMK, (Tanker Division) Ramstein AB Germany. On 31 Jan 92, HQ 7th Air Division (SAC), Ramstein AB and the 306SW, RAF Mildenhall UK were deactivated as part of the major DOD reorganization. On 1 Feb 92, HQ USAFE/DOM was established within USAFE and the 100 ARW and 351 AREFS, RAF Mildenhall UK were activated. USAFE will now possess nine KC-135Rs and 11 permanent crews. The rotational active duty KC-135A/Rs, KC-10s, and ANG/AFRES will continue to support the European Tanker Task Force.

2. On behalf of the HQ USAFE/DOM staff, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the boom operators assigned to the 100 ARW and the 351 AREFS. Below is a listing of all the boom operators:

MSgt Stan Sears, Senior Boom; arrived from McConnell AFB
MSgt Troy Sinclair, Chief Trng Flt; arrived from Dyess AFB
MSgt John Alvarez, Trng Flt; PCSing to the land of earthquakes in Dec 92; John was the first boom to deploy to SWA for Desert Shield/Storm
MSgt Dave Williams, Chief Group Stan Eval; Best of the best
MSgt Mark Gentry, TTF; Mark is enjoys being back in the UK
TSgt (MSgt select) Rich Sopkowiak, arrived from Beale AFB
TSgt "Papa" Joe Long, PCA from 10 ACCS. ~~Vmm~~! Thanks for the RB sandwich
TSgt Mike "Mikey" Schogren, PCA from 10 ACCS. Mikey will stow the boom on 1 Aug 92. Good luck and enjoy.
TSgt Clayton Fox, waiting for your arrival
SSgt Dennis O'Gray, arrived from Plattsburgh AFB
SSgt Rick Bateman, PCA from 10 ACCS; John Levitow Award recipient
Sgt Cliff Bermodes, arrived from Fairchild AFB
Sgt Pete King, arrived from Wurtsmith AFB
Sgt Shawn Lane, arrived from Wurtsmith AFB
SrA Jordan Bart, waiting for your arrival


3. As the only boom operator assigned to HQ USAFE my job involves the planning, directing, and the execution of tanker support for JCS, NATO, USAFE, and USN directed exercises. I stay current by flying on Business Effort tanker throughout Germany or fly to RAF Mildenhall. So far I've flown with crews from 151 AREFG (TSgt Doug Kline and SrA Brian Jensen; ~~seems~~ like Brian is here every week), 101 AREFW (SMSgt Stan Hunter--thanks for the little criters), and 157 AREFG (flew with Dick Ellis who didn't let me get a contact until he confirmed that I was a qualified boom). We also have had crews from the 452 AFRES, 434 AFRES, 7 AREFS, 42 BMW, 380 BMW, 92 BMW, 305 AREFS, and 19 AREFW who had the special privilege to fly with General Robert C. Oaks, CINCUSAFE, on his KC-135R orientation ride. I look forward to flying with everyone who flies round robin mission from Ramstein AB.

THANKS
FOR
THE
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4. Currently, we have commitments at Incirlik AB Turkey and Souda Bay Greece for KC-135Rs and NAS Keflavik for KkC-135As. Permanent and TDY crews find themselves supporting USAFE training missions, Coronet Easts, Volant Booms, Presidential Support, Foreign Military Sales (FMS), JCS, USN, and NATO directed exercises. If you're crew is at the right place at the right time you may find yourself in some of the exotic countries in Europe, such as: Italy, Spain, Portugal, Iceland, Denmark, Germany, France, Greece, Turkey, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, or former East bloc countries. Last month, for the first time ever, a KC-135A deployed to Czechoslovakia in support of USAFE fighters and to participate in the air show events at Prague. As mentioned earlier, crews may refuel FMS receivers while TDY to Europe, please ensure that the FMS case code is annotated in the remarks section of the AF Form 791. An example of an FMS case code looks like "GY-D-NKY". It will vary according to a government's account. This will expedite the process of billing FMS receivers. The current cost of JP-8 is \$.70 per gallon. Also, as a friendly reminder to everyone, please ensure that your aircraft is "400-4" configured when you deploy to Europe. Our job will be much easier if the aircraft configuration is standardized.

5. Before closing I would like to extend greetings to some of the best boom operators. MSgt Dan Mongeon (great boom to work with), MSgt (SMSgt select) Jim Eden (best instructor I've ever know; congrats!), SMSgt (CMSgt select) Dean Backen (congrats on a well deserved promotion), CMSgt Dale Grundmeyer (thanks for taking good care of the young booms and with great tact and diplomacy, reminded crew chiefs that the aircraft will be configured to "400-4" and not how maintenance wants it done). A special thanks to CSgt Elzey Richardson who will finally stow the boom this summer. Thanks for your time and efforts in publishing the best tabloid--The Boom Signal. We now have two boom retirees residing in Germany. CMSgt Ron "Killer" Cain and SMSgt Randy Haylor, who finally stowed the boom after 20 years and two months. Both Ron and Randy finds Germany to be relaxing and expensive (except for ~~the~~ German beer).

6. In closing, I would like to remind everyone who flies into Ramstein AB to give me a call the day before you arrive so I can meet you at the aircraft with a cold German beir. Until we meet, Auf Wiedersehen and always N.K.A.W.T.G...Nobody!


R. SONNY CAMPAYAN, MSgt, USAF
NCOIC, Plans & Exercises/
HQ USAFE Enlisted Aircrew Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 19TH AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)

FROM: 99/912 AREFS (Boom Operators)

10 Jul 92

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All Boomers

1. Greetings and salutations from all the Booms Down South, this has definitely been the year for weird and mysterious happenings. Here at Robins we have been right in the thick of things with our new mobility commitment and responsibilities. The hot topic in our camp is CARGO LOADING, yes we've done it for years but its amazing how things can be done more expeditious and effective. Here we have learned how to load it and unload it, and again load it correctly. As SAC has left and AMC has opened its welcoming arms to us we have had to make some adjustments (Each Boom must gain twenty pounds and wear a "spoon" in their pockets). The adjustments have been many but we must persevere, ... over come and adapt. The ability to move from one base to another in minimal time is an exciting challenge and one that has enhanced our cargo loading program and cargo loading knowledge. TDY's are still a big player and it always a good learning experience for our new troops (And we are up to our arm pits with them). The future looks bright and exciting and everyone here at Robins is ready to meet the challenge!!

2. INBOUNDS:

CMSgt Benny Heald - Offutt, AFB
TSgt (MSgt Sel) Jake Vogt - Castle, AFB
SGT Philip Lee - Carswell, AFB
AlC Eric Graham - A surprise addition from CCTS.

3. OUTBOUNDS:

SSgt Tim Qualls - Presently molding the minds of our new Airman at Lackland AFB (Thats a scary thought).

SRA Steve Nalbandian - Steve still lives in the area and should finish his flying lessons soon. Should be putting his application in with United or more likely Air America.

SRA Brad Ragan - Brad is getting out and is in search of the American dream (Via the Postal Service).

AMC - Global Reach for America

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4. Retirees in the area:

R. L. Anderson	Chuck Heath	Jack Parsons
Bibb Bailey	Bobbie Hennings	Ron Pennington
Tex Brantley	Bill Jackson	Allen Powell
Bill Brown	Eugene James	Ernie Pubanz
Hubert Cooper	Clarence King	John Realmutto
Hollis Dewberry	Jim Krienast	Ron Rodgers
Ross Eaton	Billy Manders	Jack Scott
Doug Forbis	Jorge Mangual	Bobbie Sikes
Ed Gaines	James Marshall	Gil Switzer
Gene Gannon	Bill McDonald	Julian Thompson
Royce Gee	Jim Miller	Richard Turner
David Gibson	Marvin Miller	Bob Wingate
Bob Haag	Jim Niswender	Houser White
Don Hanes	Russell Newman	Bob Wyatt
Harry Harris	Don Odom	Al Krueger

912th lineup:

SMSgt Sam Hunt - (The big Kahuna) - Presently at Senior NCO Academy, who knows what neat things he'll teach us.

100 - MSgt Angel Ronriguez - Wing DOV

101 - MSgt Tony Compton - Brand new E7, very upset that he can't no-notice anymore, but was relieved when he found out he could still Q-3 people.

102 - SSgt Eric Hudnall - Brand new to stan eval but was highly upset when he had to go in when he wasn't flying, has resorted to bungy jumping and sky diving to avoid the stress.

110 - SRA Greg Clark - Greg is separating and we wish him good luck.

111 - Amn William Kaczor - (aka Duck) Still thinks he is low level in the Buff, still looking for the ejection system in the tanker.

112 - SRA Jim Dudgeon - Enjoys going TDY and slamming his door.

113 - SRA Randy Bishop - A member of the Eaker evacuees, devoted family man (We think that because we never see him).

114 - SRA Erik Murray - Presently over in his favorite place (Saudi) We don't know why he keeps volunteering.

120 - SSgt Gary Cook - (aka Cookie) We have no idea where he lives lately, but sometimes its better not to ask questions.

121 - A1C Chris Whatley - Had his first TDY to England, wasn't sure where it was but enjoyed it anyway.

122 - A1C Kim Robinson - Learnin the "straps" of bein a boom operator... off to England.

123 - Sgt Leo Brown - When he's not wounding Navy pilots he's usually sharing his vast knowledge with the wing, should be upgraded immediately to instructor (just ask him).

124 - TSgt James Bradshaw - A new E-6, enjoys hunting and fishing while not getting his hands dirty.

130 - SRA Joe Reed - You can always find Joe having a quiet evening in the dorm. He enjoys flying the friendly skies.

131 - SRA Tom Rice - When he's not picking up young girls in video stores, he's usually refinancing his truck.

132 - Sgt Chris Hague - Our newest instructor and the one to get the job done (what job we don't know).

133 - SRA Kris Kosik (aka Cowboy, CTBC) - Kris is heading out to catch the ultimate wave and if it doesn't interfere an Education in N.C.

134 - A1C Damon Nelson - The resident Mystic Minnies, when he's not roller blading in and out of high schools he can be found in the parking lots of our local malls.

Here's the 99th:

SMSgt Larry Burrus - Our most recent Eaker evacuee, also the new program manager. He already has us running P.T and formal in ranks inspections, stay tuned.

MSgt Milt Barnwell - Our resident pork perfectionist, if there's work to be done there's plenty of younger booms to do it, likes to refer to all of his troops as "mutton heads"

151 - MSgt Kevin Metz - (aka Spike) Kevin just put on MSgt and still acts like a TSgt. Hasn't been able to give a check ride because they cant find him.

152 - SSgt (TSgt sel) Jeff Potter - Jeff is so close to his family, that if one person gets chicken pocks, the whole family gets them. A true example to the nuclear family.

160 - A1C Jeff Poe - Another Wurtsmuth boom inquiring when ice fishing season starts.

161 - A1C Brad Boland - Another addition to the Mystic Minnies, Brad moved back into the dorm so he could afford to eat.

162 - SRA Kevin Stevener - We still don't know what Kevin is like because he doesn't say much (CFIC bound).

163 - Sgt Michael Steinkraus - (SUBA) Always getting the good TDY's ... NOT.

164 - SRA Michelle Pape - Brand new Mama, also bound for CFIC.

170 - ALC Joe Gellis - Just returned from Riyadh, the only member of his crew to return more pale then when he left.

171 - ALC John Reed - Recent migrant from Wurtsmith AFB, wants to buy a bigger air conditioner so he feels at home.

172 - ALC Dicky Hunt - (It's a family affair) Has a rotation policy in his dorm room, hours are flexible.

173 - SSgt Steve Johnson - Another one of our new instructors, the only boom in the Air Force to have every malfunction possible in the tanker. (Never got the stealth)

174 - SRA John Biggs - Busy getting his masters and playing on his computer.

181 - SRA Dustin McMillian - (aka D-Mac) Hopes to get a waiver to remained in the service and coach in the major leagues, if they won't approve that he wants to be a Gucci Boy.

182 - ALC Jose Cervantes - A member of the wing with a relative in every location we go off station to.

183 - ALC John Ketcham - John just moved on base and won't cut his grass, instead he wants to buy a goat.

184 - SRA Reggie Hammond - Reggie as been lured into the glamorous world of the KC-10.

190 - SSgt Doug Evans (aka Jug dish) - In the preparations of getting married, already bought another car and is keeping his hygiene up.

191 - Sgt David Paullet (aka Red) - Its been a rough year for Red, starting with the Contessa to numerous other mentally unbalanced admirers, but don't fret because love is in the air.

TRAINING FLIGHT:

MSgt John Pettis (aka The Pope) - Currently John has devised over fifty TAPR's. (Something about job security while he teaches people how to use them).

MSgt Al Boothby - Always known for a positive attitude and a smile (gaaag). Now if we could just keep him away from ski slopes and weight benches...

SSgt Dale Martin - Our newest oldest man, just likes to wander the halls, we're still triin to figure out why he smiles so much.

SSgt Brian Ennis - Brand new Staff and another one in the hanger. Enjoys intimidating judges at car shows.

CARGO LOADING MANAGERS:

TSgt Nick Price - Nick enjoys the many changes to the cargo loads we get every time we have an exercise, if you want a hug and a kind word, Nicks office is the place to go.

Sgt Ken Crowe - Determined to compete with all load masters and create a wing of cargo loading maniacs.

SCHEDULER:

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

TSgt Jim Garland - Just sits there staring at his computer.

SSgt Mike Brannan - Our newest schedulers.

SSgt Jesus Lopez - One of newest schedulers, highly upset there is no video equipment in scheduling.

ALERT FACILITY MANAGER:

MSgt Rick Reed - (Former Pad Dad) Has been renting out the alert facility to different agencies on base. (Oh how we miss the assumption of alert briefs)

SPARES:

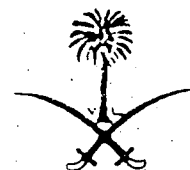
AlC Charles Hunter - He's our newest boom and already has gotten all of his requirements accomplished (If more like him show up, we won't need a training flight).

SRA Steve Trypuc - Our latest "giant" migrant from Wurtsmith AFB.

Amn Derrick Grant - Our latest from CCTS.



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1 July 1992

REPLY TO: MSgt John G. Basso
ATTN OF:
SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: 8AF/DOT
Barksdale AFB, LA 71110

Ahsaalama Alaykum! Greetings from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I believe this is the first input for the Boom Signal from the Saudi Arabian Boom Operators.

While most folks were packing to leave the Kingdom at the end of 1991, Dalila and I were starting our adventure eastward to replace MSgt Mark Gentry (Mildenhall AB, UK). Mark did a bang-up job fighting the War with the help of the Saudi booms. Before Mark, MSgt Lee Winters (Loring AFB, ME) survived four years with the help of Boeing Aircraft Company instructors in establishing the tanker program in Kingdom. In-flight refueling became part of the AWACS Technical Assistance Field Team (TAFT) Peace Sentinel Program advising the Royal Saudi Air Force (RSAF). This is one of many Foreign Military Sales cases falling under the United States Military Training Mission.

Our TAFT is composed of 16 active U.S.A.F. instructors (7 enlisted, 9 officers) who provide advisory and technical support to the RSAF in the development, implementation and operation of the RSAF in-country E/KE-3A AWACS equipment and technology. We are part of the 71st Flying Training Squadron and assist in the development/update of procedures pertaining to E/KE-3A flight training operations and standardization and evaluation, and in the administration and evaluation of Kingdom-wide exercises. We evaluate the effectiveness of RSAF E/KE-3A conversion and continuation training programs.

The KE-3A is a four engine (CFM56-2A-2 with thrust reversers), long range jet transport/tanker. The design is based on the commercial Boeing 707-320C and the E-3, with modifications and special equipment for its basic missions of air refueling and cargo (palletized) transport. The air refueling equipment includes a boom, two removable wingtip pods for probe and drogue refueling, and a receiver receptacle. Airplane maximum gross weight is around 340,000 pounds. Minimum crew is two pilots, one flight engineer, a navigator and boom operator/drogue observer/cargo load master. Aircraft equipment includes an airline type galley with two refrigerator/freezers, an eight seat first class section FWD of the cargo door and a C-5B APU in the forward lobe area for aircraft electrical power and engine start bleed air. No chutes but we do have quick dons for all positions.

The first meaningful accomplishment since my arrival was overhauling the stan/eval testing program. This helped bring the Saudi boomer's currency up to standards. Speaking of standards, I discovered the STS was out of date--1985-86

time frame. So my work was cut out for me and I set out to update the STS that will be utilized by the second class of boom operators that will be going through Castle AFB in FY 93 (8 each). Challenges continued as I detected a need for and developed a syllabus to be used in academics and flight training for initial qualification training. Lesson plans will follow later this year. As is evident, this is mostly an ongoing training operation.

All of this was timely as I welcomed my first local instructor upgrade (my mini-CFIC). Well, surprises never cease, I didn't have a syllabus or lesson plans to do this with. Three weeks later.....we were ready to go. My first upgraded Saudi instructor is now ready for a check ride.*

All is not work here though. After getting over the initial culture shock of arriving (16 hours and a world away) you have to get accustomed to your new surroundings. The scenery around town leaves a lot to desire. It kind of reminds you of the movie Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome. Their sand has a largely clay composition and it just looks like mud flats everywhere. We get dust storms quite often and jogging in this heat resembles hyperventilating in a sauna. But other than that, life here is good. Westerners live in compounds that resemble vacation resorts, and everything is provided here for our comfort. The villas are spacious and come equipped with a team of gardeners and house boy (optional). The biggest adjustments though, are getting used to the Muslim (ultra-conservative) way of life and expressing your english simply enough to be understood.

The 18th Flying Squadron is composed of the following boom operators:

CWO Jammaz, IBO
CWO Sherhri, Z., IBO
*CWO Amri, A., IBO
CWO Harbi, F., BO
CWO Ghareeb, BO
WO Yaqoot, BO
WO Salmi, BO
WO Moosa, BO
WO Wathiani, BO
WO Habishi, BO
WO Bishi, M., BO

Potential Baby Booms still belonging to the 6th Flying Wing until completion of difference training:

WO Garni, A., BO
WO Zahrani, K., BO
WO Shehri, M., BO
WO Otaibi, K., BO
WO Ghamdi, A., BO
WO Saadi, M., BO
WO Shehri, R.S., BO
WO Muwaina, R., BO

A special thanks for the reality checks and friendly visits (in order of appearance) from MSgt Glen Murdaugh (Offutt AFB, NE), CMSgt Phil Zamagne and MSgt Jim Zarkos (Fairchild AFB, WA), and CMSgt Chuck Stewart and MSgt Keith Janssen (Altus AFB, OK). I'd like to encourage anyone who wants to write with specific questions about the area, assignment or aircraft; especially if you are considering this as one of your career choices. Also, if anyone has new or relative technical support information/manuals to share, they are welcome to correspond with us. Dalila and I may be reached at: PSC 1203, Box 1195, APO AE 09803-1195; commercial 966-1-241-2800, Ext 1302. If your travels bring you to the Kingdom, give us a call!

Ma Salaama,


MSgt John G. Basso

Aerial Refueling Training Program Advisor

77 AREFS/DOB

To: 8 AF/Dott, Barksdale AFB LA 71110-5002
Attn: CMS Richardson

From: 77 AREFS/DOB
SSG Sean Martin

Date: July 15, 1992

Subject: Boom Signal input for 1992

Enclosed in this package is the input for the 1992 Boom Signal, I hope it has all the information you need

If there is any further information needed for the Signal, please feel free to contact myself or any other members of the boom shop for information at AV 488-6683


Sean P. Martin SSG USAFR

Greetings from the best KC-10 unit in the Air Force, your friendly reservists from Goldsboro, R.F.D. There has been a war and a bomb comp since the last boom signal we've submitted. It's always fun to hear what's going on around the tanker community.

This has been a very exciting year for the members of the 77 AREFS, Our move from SAC to TAC was very interesting for the members of the boom shop because now instead of being a Reserve SAC unit flying active duty airplanes using SAC regulations and referencing MAC regulations, we are now a Reserve unit flying for ACC using AMC regulations. The guys are also proud of the fact that we were the ELLIS TROPHY winners (best KC-10 unit) as well as the GROVER LOEING TROPHY (best squadron in the Air Force Reserve), not a bad job for the only Reserve Tanker squadron in ACC. Maybe now ACC knows what a tanker is!

The boom shop is manned /womaned by a well rounded group with diverse backgrounds. Well here they are , the team that brought home the trophies!

CMS Jerry (Spider) Snyder: Keeping control of this mangy group. Hasn't bought a "Vette" in over a year, must be time. Proud owner of a brand new poison ivy spreader.

SMS Virgil (Andy) Anderson: Just moved from Stan Eval to DONO. Still has a bigger knife or gun than anyone else, or he'll get himself one.

SMS Randy Rinehart: A true reservist, still commuting from "Hotlanta", who earned himself a D.F.C. for his job in the war, claims he's still just an average guy.

SMS John (Benny Hill) Young: Still alive and still the squadron historian due to his age. Finally made Senior (not senior citizen) this past July.

SMS Ronnie (Most hours in the KC-10) Wade: Held together with tape and string , but still flying .

SMS Bobby (Crusty) Drinnen: The epitome of the trougher, still putting together the Boom Toons and is an important person, just ask him.

SMS Tim Holt: Still teaching us how this airplane really works at LINK. Just an all around nice guy.

MSG Don (Farmer) Askren: Moved from DONO to Stan Eval and is really cracking that whip, Was heard to say " there is a new sheriff in town".

MSG Selden (Paul) Jorden: Made the big move to Florida; Still flying with us, but looking forward to retirement (again).

MSG Dale Willner: He is not a trougher, he is a professional reservist. Still spending his summers in the south and his winters in the north, or something like that.

MSG Randy (Uncle) Norris: A college grad, still looking for a job. He's really trying, so if you know of any give him a call.

MSG Brad (You the man!) Baxter: Troughing and trying to find a job. If you know of two jobs, Brad would love to hear from you also.

TSG Gregory (Boom Fund) Keeter: Proud owner of a new home, so you seldom see him around. He is still the "Fuhrer" of body scheduling.

TSG Kerry (Chick's Dig Me) Vanausdall: Still a Dobbins shuttle guy. on the Friday night before the UTA. Working for Lockheed in Atlanta and is glad to be back from Chicago.

TSG Mike Boozer: Finally made it! Got married, became an ART and bought a house. Always has his hand in something.

TSG Ricky Helt: Still teaching us at LINK and flying for currency.

TSG Betty Matthews: She's a happy camper. Found a job in Florence SC., so she doesn't have to trough anymore. I bet she is truly happy, and we're happy for her.

TSG Dave Brock: Someday he'll be a KC-10 boom again. Just waiting on a security clearance. Gets to fly from Dobbins to beautiful Goldsboro (Mayberry) R.F.D. on the UTA shuttle.

TSG Rand (Crash) Sanders: Probably has the worst luck in the world. Crashed an airplane and walked away from it! (his second one) Then he was captured at gun point from his shower, all in one six month period.!

TSG James (Jamie) Ward: The proud father of a beautiful baby girl (Christina) as well as six or eight puppies. We kind of lost count.

TSG William (Bill) Norris: No relation to Randy and they are both happy. Recently finished Re-Qual. He's glad to be back.

TSG Mike (Miguel Sancho Panza) Block: Graduates from ECU in December. Looks like he might get a pilot training slot. We'll keep our fingers crossed.

TSG Jeffrey (Jeff) Garland: Jeff had a VERY good year. Got a good job, got married, finished college, ETC. Doesn't it make you sick, Just Kidding!!!!

TSG Donna (Little Brother I Love To Drive) Dobbins: She's our resident truck driver, Living in Charleston and enjoying life.

SSG Jeffrey (Jeffro) Carter: Still troughing and going to school. Happy owner of a great Black Lab "GEORGE". If you see him ask him about it!

SSG Felicia Anderson: Troughing and living at Carolina Beach. Needless to say, you don't see her much during the summer. Don't ask her about "George"!

SSG Sean P Martin: ("P" Stands for whipped) Troughing and going to school. Playing Rugby on the weekends. Has black eyes and broken bones on Mondays. .

SSG Paul Dube: NOT a trougher but commuting from Raleigh an awful lot. Proud father of a beautiful baby girl "Breana".

SSG Anthony (TACO) Cleaver: Did he say he was IN prison or WORKING in a prison?

SRA Corey Brown: Just finished checkout. Finally he's a qualified boom. Currently attending Fayetteville State.

SRA Jim (Jimbo) Harris: Current youngster of the squadron. Lives at the beach too but goes to school here in goldsboro. Go figure!.

The 77th also had some members ,who in the last year, decided to move on. We miss them and wish them well. They are SMS John Powell (Retired in the area), TSG Phil Crain (Separated from the unit, living in Slowsboro NC), SSG John Rion (Who knows?), SSG Bonzie (Stew Babe) Wherry (March AFB active duty), TSG Larry (Lightnin) Brown (Living in Goldsboro).

That's it ,hope to see you all on the road around the world, Just keep looking for the TOTIN TIGERS and we'll be TOTIN the load!

From: 911th ARS/DOB

9 Jul 92

Subj: 911th ARS, Boom Signal Inputs

To: CMSgt Richardson, 8th AF/DOTTK

Greetings to all boomers from the 911th ARS RED EAGLES. Seymour Johnson is still a great place to be. We're keeping busy flying MAC channels, Pacific trips, Desert channels, JA/ATTs and the ever popular Valve Jobs (local, receiver A/R only flight).

Several changes have been made in the last year. First of all, SMSgt Teddy Davis became our new head boom as we said farewell to SMSgt Chuck Gurkin to retirement. Our planes are currently being painted "Ghost Gray" instead of the old camouflaged paint scheme and we became the only KC-10 base in the Air Combat Command.

Seymour Johnson has been testing the wing pod air refueling system and it is coming along just fine. We've just finished up the flight tests with the Navy (day and night qualifications), and every test phase went off with flying colors. The wing pod air refueling system has two independent control boxes (left and right) which controls each system. The hose can only be jettisoned while fully extended. We can only do two receivers at a time due to wing tip clearance. If you have further questions concerning this system please contact TSgt Dover, the Wing Pod director for SJAFB, NC AV 488-6736.

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This is our current line up of Boom Operators:

SMSgt Teddy Davis- Head Boom! Likes going TDY to Spain. Sangria time.

Wing Booms:

TSgt Terry Dover - Wing Training Boom, loves hammering initial qual students on cargo.

TSgt Ken Acosta - Lost somewhere in the current operations world.

SSgt Chris Hocter - The Wing Scheduling Guru, proud father to a new baby boy.

Stan Eval:

TSgt Don Cox - Better known as "BUBBA", wants a desert trip bad.

TSgt Steve Roche - The "Hammer", never turns down a TDY or free beer.

Training Flight:

TSgt Van Gibbs - Thinks he never goes TDY, but is always gone.

A Flight:

MSgt Mike Davis - Flight Chief, still able to get around even on a bad knee and crutches.

MSgt Pete Jackson - Just in from Langley AFB, started academics at Link and thinks its the greatest thing that ever happen to him.

TSgt Ron Combs - Soon to transfer to Wing Current Operations and become the resident JA/ATT expert.

Tsgt Dave Lisenby - Another new proud father, recent NCO academy resident.

SSgt Tim Pates - The Squadron's resident golf pro, doesn't go anywhere without his clubs.

SSgt Floyd Atkins - Our newest scheduled arrival from Dyess, welcome aboard Floyd.

Sgt Eric Moyer - Came from Robbins the first of the year, loves loading them humvees.

SRA Jeff Russell - Just checked out and loves going TDY anytime and anywhere.

"B" Flight

Tsgt (MSgt Selectee) Dave Hankins - Flight Chief, Can't wait to try his hand at body scheduling and writing EPR's.

Tsgt Larry King - Enjoys riding his Harley during his time off, plans to retire in Feb 93.

Tsgt Larry Roberts - Loves to play poker. Lets gamble boys.

SSgt Gilbertson - New daddy, just put on SSgt. He tries to play golf but needs more practice.

SSgt Mike Fausnaught - Resident farmer, has all kinds of animals at his place. Things that make you go hmmm!!!

SSgt Tom Polk - Suspected of having cold feet. 'Nough said.

SSgt Don Simmons - Brand new instructor, doing just fine. Love doing C-Check runs ???

SRA Carl Davenport - Wants a Harley real bad so he can be somebody.

"C" Flight:

Msgt Mo Elliott - Flight Chief, came out of Wing Scheduling and just loves writing EPR's.

Tsgt Steve Metts - All set to cruise the streets with his regulation haircut and new pickup.

Tsgt Jim McGuckin - Just out of Wing Scheduling and says he looking for a new job. Really Jim, you expect us to believe that?

SSgt "Dawg" Adkins - Another Harley man, riding high on his two-wheeler.

SSgt Doug Garrett - The squadron's computer hack and Hazardous cargo expert.

SSgt Tim Smith - Nicknamed "Bones", in cargo training and loving it.

SSgt Jim Wood - Another one of those guys who can't do without his Harley. Must be a motorcycle club around here.

Sgt Tim Fowler - Just checked out in the airplane and looking for more Pacific trips.

Teddy C. Davis

Teddy C. Davis, SMSgt, USAF
Inflt Refueling Program Mgr

Kenneth E. Gilbertson

Kenneth E. Gilbertson, SSgt, USAF
KC-10 Boom Operator



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 4TH WING (ACC)
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE NC

REPLY TO: 344 ARS/DOB (MSG SWEET)

AUTOVON: 488-5493

SUBJECT : BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

TO : HQ 8 AF/DOFF (CMSgt Richardson)

Greetings from all the 344 ARS Boom Operators from Goldsboro, N.C. If you weren't aware of it, we were the "guinea pigs" to be the first consolidated wing in the Air Force. It turns out that nobody seems to want us. We were the 68th ARS SAC "Tenant Unit", then we were part of the 4th WG TAC. Now we are the 4th WG ACC with rumors we will be going to the AMC in October.

Now that we are a consolidated wing, the main difference is that we work for an enlisted person. The flight chiefs now write out EPR's and it seems to be working out just fine. Don't worry, only a boom operator will write our EPR's.

Below are a list of the outgoing personnel and the crew dogs and what jobs they are holding.

Outgoing Booms

Chief "Sluffy" Steve Smith - He went PCS to Langley to be the ACC Functional Manager.

Msg Rick Newman - He retired earlier this year and is living just outside the gates of Robins AFB.

Msg Pat Kennedy - He went on terminal leave 1 Jul. He will finally have to move out of Seymour's base housing which he has resided for 17 years.

Tsg Larry King - PCA'd down the hall to the 911th.

Tsg Dave Lisenby - He also went down the hall to the 911th.

Ssg "Country" Michael Maines - "Country" opted for the early out and plans on opening a bar in Goldsboro. Good luck "Country".

Sra Davette Bates - She unfortunately has been permanently grounded and at this time, we are not sure what her status is.

CREW DOGS -

Msg Steve Sweet - Program Manager - He has been the head boom since 1 Jun and is still getting his feet wet.

"A" Flt Chief - Msg Will Crews

Tsg Kurt Perry - Squadron Scheduler

Ssg Ken Strother

Ssg Tom Ecker

Sgt Rick Marshall - He came to us from Dyess AFB and has had his A/R check. He will have no problems with the cargo portion of his training.

Sra Rich Anderson - He came to us from K.I. Sawyer AFB and is now mission ready.

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HEADQUARTERS 4TH WING (ACC)
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE, NC

"B" Flt Chief - Msg Jay Howell
Tsg Jerry Howe
Ssg Mel Potter
Ssg Jack Norris - Squadron Scheduler
Ssg Tim McDermott - He came to us from Carswell AFB.
Sra Dave Foster - He came to us from Griffis AFB and
has completed his A/R check. He also will have no problem
during the cargo portion of his training.

"C" Flt Chief - Msg Tim Malloy - Tim is probably going to have
back surgery due to two ruptured disk. Best wishes from
all the booms.
Tsg Ken Karsteter
Ssg Jeff Whited
Ssg Mike Mucklow - Squadron Scheduler
Ssg Carl Slusher
Ssg Scott Dawe
Ssg John Brannen - He came to us from Griffis AFB.

STAFF JOBS -

SMSgt Mike Paynter - Head of wing Stan-eval
Msg Bill Mitchell - Tactics Instructor
Msg Al Miller - Head of Trng Flt.
Tsg B.B. Wiggs - Trng Flt Boom
Tsg Bill Medbery - DONO
Tsg Ed Wright - DONO
Tsg Jackie Hale - Wing Scheduler
Tsg Mike Chmiel - 101 stan-eval boom
Tsg Jim Staup - 102 stan-eval boom

Hope to see you all TDY

Ken Strother

Ken Strother, SSg, USAF
Line Slug

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HEADQUARTERS
134TH AIR REFUELING GROUP
TENNESSEE AIR NATIONAL GUARD
MCGHEE TYSON AIRPORT
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE 37950-5000

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT:

TO:

1. As we say here in the Great Smokey Mountains, "How ya'll doin!" This has certainly been an interesting year for us at McGhee Tyson. With all the changes going on we've learned the real meaning of "STANDBY".

2. Our Present Roll Call:

CMSGT Billy "Don't You Mess With My Boom Operator" Lindsay-The Chief will be retiring in Dec. 92. He has done alot to help us and will be missed greatly.

SMSGT John "I Did It My Way" Miller-John will be retiring sometime in 93. He is a weekender who did it all.

SMSGT Jimmy "Flash" Harris-Flash will be retiring in Mar 93. He ought to move to Germany and become a Wine Country tour guide.

SMSGT Bob "Sleepy" Brown-Bob is an instructor who works in scheduling. He usually has one of two signs on his desk: GONE FISHIN' OR GONE.

MSGT Jerry "I'm In Charge Now" Everett-Better known as Marty, he is our Stan/Eval man. He developed the Al Haig syndrome shortly after moving into DOV.

MSGT Jeff "The Diplomat" Dyer-An instructor/evaluator, Jeff is in charge of training. The man has more silk on his tongue than Frederick's of Hollywood.]

MSGT Jim "I'm Not Too Serious" Quagliana-Another of our instructor/evaluator, Jim works in current ops. He's also known as "The Kung Fu Godfather."

MSGT Joel "The Owl" Lewis-Joel is an instructor/evaluator, who takes care of our night flyers.

MSGT Bill "May I Be Excused" Witt-Bill is our local entrepreneur. He does a good job when we can get him here.

TSGT Denny "Promote Me" Buchanan-Denny is a weekender who works as a fireman. He also dreams of being a T.I.

TSGT Ed "Speedy" Hatton-Ed is a weekender who works for the railroad. He's also a closet musician, and we hope he stays that way.

TSGT Freddie "Stealth Boom" Sunderland-Freddie, better known as Bo, says he works here, but we can't ever find him.

TSGT Mike "The Perfectionist" Buckner-Mike is an instructor who works in DOV. He's so organized that even his skid marks are 1"x 2".

TSGT Nancy "That's Not Fair" Guillotte-Nancy works in current ops.

TSGT Randy "What A Nice Guy" Keener- Randy is an instructor and works in training as the Cargo Load Manager. Why am I a nice guy? Because I wrote this letter.

TSGT Todd "The Fireman" Derrick- Todd is a weekender who tends to start more fires than he can put out.

TSGT Karen "Ms. Zippy" Bryson- Karen is a weekender who works for the Post Office. Like the mail, she shows up when she wants to.

TSGT Mark "The Grocer" Allen- Mark is a weekender who works at a local grocery store. Be careful, he may be watching you!

SSGT J.J. "I Ain't Quite Retired" Mehall- J.J. came to us from Seymour Johnson AFB. Being an ex-KC 10 man, we had to teach him how "REAL MEN" refuel again.

SSGT Greg "Shallow" Waters- Greg is a weekender who wants to become a doctor. Greg, base operations isn't a surgical procedure, it's where we would like you to show up for work.

SSGT Denest "I'm Too Good" England- Denest is our newest boom operator. No ego here!

SSGT Ron "Crash" Dixon- Ronnie works in base ops. When he grows up he'd like to become an instructor.

3. We here in Knoxville would like to wish good luck to all our fellow units with their transition to the new commands. As usual, if your ever in our area stop by for a visit, or if there is anything we can do to help out, give us a call.

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UTAH AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 151st AIR REFUELING GROUP
UTAH ANG BASE, 765 NORTH 2200 WEST
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84116-2999

15 JULY 1992

Greetings from behind the Zion Curtain! Our Chief and the "boyz" of SLARCO tribe send smoke and blessings to all the booms in the land.

The year is a busy one for all of us here at Camp Excalibur. We scramble hard to find ways to replace our alert pay. Still gotta pay for those BMWs you know.

In the last 12 months we've brought on four new people and lost one of our "good ole boys". Thats right; it took four story tellers to replace the one and only Dallas L. Stevens. Before he left though, he got the chance to go over to Edwards and work with the YF-22 (we all heard how that turned out!). Dallas actually claims that his uncle invented the YF-22 and also the KCs 97 and 135 A/R booms. We accused him of a Soju experience; he mouthed a revelation directly from Boeing; he speaks in tongues.

In January we organized the first Annual Boomers Raquetball Tournament to raise funds for the our Unit's "Young Heros". This is a program where we publically recognize and honor those children of our community who are coping with life threatening diseases. They receive, among other things, a day at the base and a medal and citation in Commanders Call. Its been very rewarding not only for the families involved, but for the entire unit. We had great participation in the tournament and were able to liberate quite a bit of cash from many of our pilots, navs and security police.

Later in the spring we volunteered for the State's "Adopt A Highway" initiative. We were assigned a two mile stretch of I-80 about 50 miles west of Salt Lake City. Now that's quite a sight to see: a bunch of booms all decked out in fluorescent orange picking up garbage and looking like a prison work release group! I guess they figured we couldn't get in too much trouble out in the desert. But as you know, boom operators will create fun in the worst places in the world. After cleaning both the east and west bound lanes of the freeway, we head on out to Wendover, Nev. for a weekend of thirst quenching, gambling, gambolling and all that other stuff that boom operators do.

The highlight of our summer activities was our house boat trip to Lake Powell. This was the second annual SLARCO Lake Powell Regatta. And boy did we have fun! Just imagine all those hard bodies in bikinis in the hot sun. Some of us took our wives though. We spent four days on the boat. There really isn't much to do at Lake Powell except water ski and drink so you know what we did. Oh yeah and that one other thang. We only had one all nighter but you'll have to contact Ben Williams for more info on that. Marv Boase got the biggest carp award!

We have one more party to go before the summer is over. Its our annual pool party at Steve Stevens place. The highlight of this one is the Chiefs better brats in beer. Its a grilled delight!

We even put an entry in the Levi's 501 advertisement so watch for us on TV in the future.

And now we'd like you to meet the "Boyz"

CMSGT DENNIS DANIELS This is the first year that we've had an article in the signal, mainly due to the fact that The Chief didn't want any of you people to know where he was.

SMS MARVIN BOASE Marv is our spiritual as well as military leader. He's had us all in for interviews at least once. He even raised 50 frogs from pups this year.

SMS "OLE" RAY MADSEN Ole is retired as a technician now and is in the real estate business. Tough working for a living huh Ole?

MSGT DALLAS STEVENS Dallas recently retired. We miss him already. He's writing a book now on self medication and how to successfully B.S. an entire squadron.

MSGT KEN HADLEY Ken is the one of our flight leaders, and the best comedian we have. He brings new meaning to passing gas at 30,000 feet.

MSGT DENNIS GREEN Dennis is working at the railroad still and keeping the tracks safe. I think he secretly wants to be a technician.

MSGT VAL PETERSEN Val returned from CFIC in March and has two new heroes, Mike Cooley and Odie Davidson.

MSGT MARTY NIELSEN Marty is the new Stan Eval boom. His motto is; "Know ye the truth and the truth shall make you free."

TSGT DOUG CLINE Doug is building another mansion in the mountains this year. We'll see if it survives a SLARCO party.

TSGT JIM ZAELIT Jim is our resident Camel Jockey. He had a great time in Saudi visiting all his relatives.

TSGT JOE MACE Thats me. I also went to CFIC this year and had a blast. (Once I learned to appreciate short, balding Texans!) Sorry Odie, couldn't resist.

TSGT MIKE SNIEDER Mike is really enjoying the AGR life. Gives him plenty of time to work on his memoirs.

TSGT JAMES MORRISON Jim likes being a boom operator alot better than playing with the DOORS. He looks alot different with a crew cut though.

TSGT JARVIS BROWN Jarvis will be going to CFIC in the near future. He spends most of his time lately falling in and out of love.

TSGT SUZETTE KEMP Suzette is having a great time being a boomer. She recently broke her foot going down some air stairs so hopefully she'll be back flying soon.

SSGT BRIAN STEENBLIK

Brian is our other AGR. He really likes it too. Now if we could just get him to give us the phone number at the boat dock.

SSGT BRIAN K. JENSEN

Brian is one of our guard bums but he's thinking about becoming a fireman. He likes flying around on the end of the hose, he tried it out while filling his pool this summer.

SSGT BEN WILLIAMS

Ben and his wife had a real good time at Lake Powell this summer. We just hope Robin doesn't still hate him.

SSGT LORIN PRATT

Lorin wanted to say hi to his instructors back at Castle. He's trying to convince us that man evolved from fish.

SSGT ROBERT BEAN

Robert is at Castle right now just beginning the flying portion of his training. He'll be a great addition to SLARCO.

SRA BRIAN JENSEN

Brian is the lover boy of the section. He's a guard bum now and says he likes it because it gives him a chance to meet lots of "interesting people."





DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 141ST AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)
FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON

FROM: DOTT

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

Hello fellow Booms from us up here in the Washington Air Guard. We thought we'd had about as an exciting time as you could last year with the war and everything, but this year has turned into something else with the cutbacks and being part of AMC.

The big topic of conversation up here is that we found out a few months ago that we have been considered as the first ANG B-52 unit. You can imagine how excited all of us Booms are about it. The last time we looked down the ramp, those Buffs didn't look like they had grafted a boom pod on the back. The good news is that we won't be gunners, but the bad news is that we won't be flying either.

The guys with the chickens and stars on their shoulders keep telling us that we'll find out about the bomber thing in a couple of weeks or so, (They say that every couple of weeks). I guess we'll just have to sit back and see what happens. Hopefully our unit will be in the "Boom Signal" next year and not on the "Bomb Signal"!

Besides the B-52 dilemma, everything else is pretty much normal. (You know, flying hour cut-backs, no good trips, no O&M money) We had a few personnel changes since last year. We're losing MSgt Mike Harper on a medical. The Iraqis didn't get him during the war, but those boom pod grates can be hell when they fall on your neck. We'll be losing a good boom and a great guy with Mike leaving.

We added two new "baby" booms this year. The first one is TSgt Tim Flock who became fully qualified earlier this year. The second "new guy" is SSgt Tim Downing who is just getting ready to graduate from CCTS and then on to a tour of the great outdoors with Survival School. We think we've got it bad up here with the Buff dilemma, but poor Downing really gets it down at Castle with the tanker guys wondering why we are waisting money sending him down there and the bomber guys wondering where they can pick up a job application!

Well that's about all the big news up here. Take care and we hope we'll be writing a letter next year. Here's our boom line-up. Take care and I hope we're here next year.

CHIEF BOOM - CMSGT GARY POLSER (EB)
STAN EVAL - SMSGT RICH WEATHERLY (EB)
SR BOOM - SMSGT DICK WUNDERLICH (EB)

"A" FLIGHT
FLIGHT LEADER - MSGT "IKE" ISAACSON (EB)
TSgt JEFF DILL
TSgt RICH VISINTAINER
SSgt TIM DOWNING

"B" FLIGHT

FLIGHT LEADER - MSGT RAY KING (EB)
TSGT DAN MORIARTY (EB)
TSGT BRUCE OLSON (EB)
TSGT DANE PORTER (IB)

"C" FLIGHT
FLIGHT LEADER - MSGT JIM CLEVELAND
TSGT SAM (PAUNCH) VIA
TSGT DON ROBERSON
SSGT LANCE DAHL

"D" FLIGHT
FLIGHT LEADER - MSGT GLENN NELSON (EB)
TSGT TIM FLOCK
SSGT CHRIS NORDLUND



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS AERONAUTICAL SYSTEMS CENTER (AFMC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

DET 4 HQ AMC, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, (MSgt Tom Minton)

Input to 92 Boom Signal

BOOMERS EVERYWHERE

1. Hats off to Chief Richardson for once again putting together this publication. I look forward each year to reading about what is going on with our career field. Many changes have occurred since our last Boom Signal; but one change that is coming soon is the retirement of CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT Rich Richardson. I have never been stationed with Rich but I consider him a friend. Not because he is a Boomer, but because he was always willing to help the booms throughout the command. Those of you who have met him know the type of person he is; and will agree that his shoes will be hard to fill and he will be missed. Rich, Good Luck with your retirement and remember, the bull calves have things hanging between their legs.

2. Now for the latest from Wright-Patterson. For those who are not familiar with why we have a detachment here I will try to explain. The job here is responsible for providing the user (AMC/TANKERS) inputs and expertise to the KC-135/10 System Project Office (SPO). Some of the programs being worked here at the KC-10 SPO is the on-board loader and wing mounted air refueling pods. Both of these programs are in their final stages and winding down. The on-board loader gives the KC-10 the capability to carry a loader with it to FOL's and takes about 4 hours to set up. The wing pods incorporate a longer hose than originally contracted for and we are still looking for a total of 15 sets.

3. The 135 SPO is moving into high gear with the new wing pod program. This program calls for 100 sets of wing mounted air refueling pods for the 135 and has a clause for receptacles for 100 R models. We are scheduled to accomplish proximity testing between a R model and naval aircraft in Aug 92. This test will give us the data we need to determine the optimum hose length for the wing pod system. The air refueling receptacles are most likely going to come from B-52 G's at D.M.. Another program for the 135 is the improved nozzle. The biggest advantage to us as booms will be the Independent Disconnect System (IDS). IDS will get us out of those tight spots when we are unable to get a disconnect. The new nozzle has undergone ground testing and is scheduled for more ground and flight testing in Sept 92.

4. I'm sure a lot of you are wondering when will we get a replacement for the HP-41 and what is it. Chief Harris and SMSgt Whorley, our 135/10 program managers, want to accomplish this task quickly but not at the expense of the booms in the field. And I agree. We are having a meeting in the later part of July 92 to discuss this issue, I am sure this is the first of many. For this project to be a success we need the inputs of you the user. If you have any suggestions or ideas for this program please give me a call at DSN 255-3344. I would appreciate your help.

5. PCS announcement. Larry Strong is leaving W.P. AFB, in August 92 for his new home at March AFB. Larry has been here for over 7 years and is the corporate knowledge around this place and has done an outstanding job representing us. Good Luck Larry.

6. Well this is long and my fingers aren't made for typing so I'll close by saying "If your ever near this place stop by and shoot the breeze." Call if you have any questions or suggestions for any program we have going.

Thomas E. Minton

TOM,
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RICH RICHARDSON

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IT'S TIME TO STOW THE BOOM FOR THE
LAST TIME AND I MUST SAY THAT I'M
NOT VERY HAPPY ABOUT IT.. I LOVE THE AIR
FORCE, THE BOOM FIELD AND MOST OF ALL - YOU -
THE GREAT PEOPLE WHO MAKE THE FIELD WHAT
IT IS TODAY. YOU GUYS AND GALS HAVE BEEN
PART OF MY LIFE FOR 30 YEARS AND 15 DAYS
AND I WILL TRULY MISS EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

PLEASE GIVE SMSGT HARRIS AND ALL THE OTHERS
AT THE HQ YOUR SUPPORT. HE HAS A LOT OF
RESPONSIBILITY AND YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY
APPRECIATED. REMEMBER, YOU ONLY HAVE YOURSELF
AND UNIT TO TAKE CARE OF --- HE HAS THE
WHOLE COMMAND.

BE PATIENCE WITH ALL THE CHANGES AND GROWING
PAINS. I FEEL THE BOOM FIELD WILL BE BETTER
THAN BEFORE --- WHEN THE DUST SETTLES.

I DO NOT LIKE FAREWELLS - SO I'LL JUST SAY -
SEE YOU LATER.

79thARS RESERVE
MARCH AFB, CA.

Greetings from Tanker Town U.S.A. and the wide-body boys of the 79 ARS. We are making a smooth conversion to AMC. We all had patches and plastic spoons issued and are on the weight-gain program. All of us managed to escape the multiple earthquakes unscathed, but we are still rockin' and rollin'.

Not being ones to shy away from a party, we have scheduled some big events. Namely, the 452 ARW Military Ball (oh boy!). This will occur on 8 AUG 92 at the Riverside Convention Center. Last year's event was a ripping good time and we all looked too cool. The 79th will have it's annual Christmas Party at the Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Course Club House, (the name is longer than the street it's located on). Should you find yourself in the area, the party is scheduled for our DEC UTA, so let us show you how to eat, drink, and be merry.

Now for the important stuff. A couple of our booms have graduated to the big leagues. Marty Cote finally completed UPT at Williams AFB, AZ. He is now one of our fledging copilots and wondering why we don't have a dual qualification program. Then we have Joe Parage, known world-wide as the Pillar of Spain. He graduated from OTS and is now a missile weenie somewhere in Wyoming. Guess we should have promoted him, who thought it would drive him underground.

We have a number of retired Boomers in the local area. Some are former Freestylers, others are not. But, in case you have lost touch with someone you know, here they are:

Bob Benamati - Former Freestyler who decided it was better to stay in complete retirement. Bob works for Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, presently doing time at Edwards AFB, he's helping DAC keep the C-17 program down to a reasonable price tag? And if you are longing for Guy Lowry, ask Bob, he works for Guy.

Larry Bruno - Also works for DAC in Long Beach, he is currently the KC-10 publications coordinator, (now you know who to blame).

Fay Jordan and Kevin Doyle are other retired booms working for DAC. So give them all a call, they would love to hear from you. Of course CAE-Link has thier share of retirees and they plan to submit a letter of thier own.

Now, let's continue by giving you the latest haps' on all the Booms of the fightin' 79th.

TSgt Danny Able - Danny keeps the local populace in line as a San Bernardino County sherrif's duty, he lives in Redland, CA. Danny came to us from our active duty brethren, he's married has a couple boys and deputy dog to help chase down the bad guys.

MSgt Ray Aguayo - Ray is one our last active duty retirees. Keep your eye on "The Snake", he's part of a vanishing breed. He is a land baron living in San Diego. Ray just returned from Operation Deep Freeze in New Zealand and he is still smiling.

SSgt Bill Baker - Billy Boom is one our newest. He hails from Fairchild (refuses to acknowledge he spent time in North Dakota). He recently completed his cargo checkride and is now useful. Bill is now looking for full time employment, call today!

TSgt Celeste Barcelo - Presently earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems from UA at Tucson. As the only "she", she keeps the rest of us honest. Also known throughout South America for her excellent riding skills.

MSgt John Bond - John "Bond Jovi" is the current Chief Boom replacing James Welborn. John is an ART of course and also retired from active duty. And now, the bad news. John will be stepping down because the reserve command has decided that all prior retirees should stay retired. He will be sadly missed by all.

MSgt Gerald Broussard - Another lawman, employed by Riverside P.D. Frequently arrives on base in a limo....very stylish. Former ADP from across the hall. Married.....Are you kidding!

SRA John Clark - Former Beale Bandit. The "Pillar of Inglewood". Airman ribbons fought in the "Big One", finished the school house recently, completed his A/R check and is now entrenched in cargo.

SSgt James Collier - Jim came to us from the trailing wire antenna squadron at Offutt. Still drives the lemon colored Fiat with the permanent crease down on side. Has enrolled in college and hopes to graduate prior to his retirement.

TSgt Steve Cooper - The "Trougher's Trougher". Lives in Buena Park when not on the road. Steve has logged more hours in the last three months than most people do all year.

TSgt Joe Cupido - Joe is our flying photographer, just added the F-14 Tomcat to an lengthy list of aircraft flown in/photographed. His work is good enough to support a family and a mercedes.

MSgt Roland "SHAKESPEARE" Griffin - A brother like no other. He works as a sheriff's deputy in the bay area. Former 135 guy at Travis and liked the area so much, he did a stint in 141's before coming to the 10's.

TSgt Steve Hampton - Gifted contributor to this years Boom Signal. Lives right here in Moron Valley, works for who else.....Douglas Aircraft. Says he there to make the KC-10 a better aircraft. Former Bandit and is the most photogenic person in any bathroom.

MSgt Robert Jensen - Former Army guy, fought in "Nam". Did time in C-5's, "Mr Pacific" is still in mourning over the closure of Clark AFB.

TSgt Michael Kibler - Mike is a 79th retread. Mike is an ART and lives in Moreno Valley. He is back after an absence that took him to Seymour Johnson, Elko NV, Dallas TX. He is one stripe poorer, but a lot smarter. We are happy to have him back.

SSgt Dave Kielhorn - New arrival from "The Funky Cold" Kadena. Just completed training at link (Seymour Johnsons). Hired on the brother-in-law program (Mark Skvarna).

TSgt Michael Kramer - Did a recent "touch and go" with the 79th. Former Castle guy, former Seymour Johnson guy and now works for ...who else? Douglas Aircraft. He has left his mark on all of us.

TSgt Mark Lager - Squadron Nomad i.e. wandering vagrant; keeper of the sheep. Resides in Scottsdale, AZ....very cosmopolitan. Drives a Cady, thinks AMC is most excellent.

TSgt Joe Lambertus - Joe is making a full scale assault on the 79th flight time record. It was decided that anyone with that much experience must be evaluator material. Joe's motto is "So much Bud and so little time". Way to go "Bud Man".

MSgt Russell Martin - Russ is an ART and new evaluator. Was a former 130 load from down the street. Can tell 135 stories like a pro, recently purchased his second home here. Thank goodness his wife has a descent job.

TSgt Terry "HUE" Monges - Recently remarried. Mrs Monges is a Robo-Babe. Has had many jobs here in the Southland; came to us from Plattsburgh. Sometimes we still think he is sending his twin brother out to fly for him.

BMSgt Dirk Olsen - Mr DOV - "Let me take a look at your pubs". Keeps us all razor sharp. One of the original 79th booms. Dirk is an ART and lives in the area.

MSgt Richard Olshefski - We are taking up a collection to buy Rich a cellular phone that will attach to his golf bag. Then, we can always reach the scheduler. Rich is an ART and has a new home in the area.

MSgt Sam Owens - Sam is on the "Karen Carpenter" diet and is only a shadow of his former self. A former 130 load from down the street and guess where he works? That's right, Douglas Aircraft (C-17).

SSgt Richard Rodriguez - Came to us from down the street (336th). Recently graduated from link (Seymour Johnson) with Kielhorn. He is making a smooth transition to the wide-body world.

TSgt Thomas Sila - Tom will be leaving us the 26th of July for Travis AFB. He has a slot to be a C-5 flight engineer. Is this Deja Vu or what?

BMSgt Mark Skvarna - Mark is leaving us to take an IMA slot at 15th AF. Chuck Steak might make chief out of this yet!

MSgt Jeff Spence - "Sluggo" is the squadron lawyer. Actually he works at where else? Douglas Aircraft. But if you do want to argue! Starts pre-flight briefing with two questions:

1. Have you guys seen Dirk?
2. Does anybody have current pubs?

MSgt Michael Wetzel - ART...Mr DOT. New house, new dog, new yard, a happy man. Squadron marathon man. Wants to conquer the globe by running in every country. As Mike puts it, "everyday is a good run".

SSgt Richard Zak - Recovery from his most recent knee surgery. Works for America West in Las Vegas, Ellsworth, Minot, Grand Forks? Somewhere up there.

So this concludes the cast of Boomers from the Fightin' 79th ARS. Anytime you folks are in the area do drop by for a visit.

I would like to take this time to say goodbye to all you fellow "Boom Operators". I'll be moving on to something new in '93. I will certainly miss all of you and hope to visit at some boom party along the way. My hat is off to each of you for what you do and represent. I'm proud to have been a part of it.

FAX TRANSMISSION

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FROM: 42ARS

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

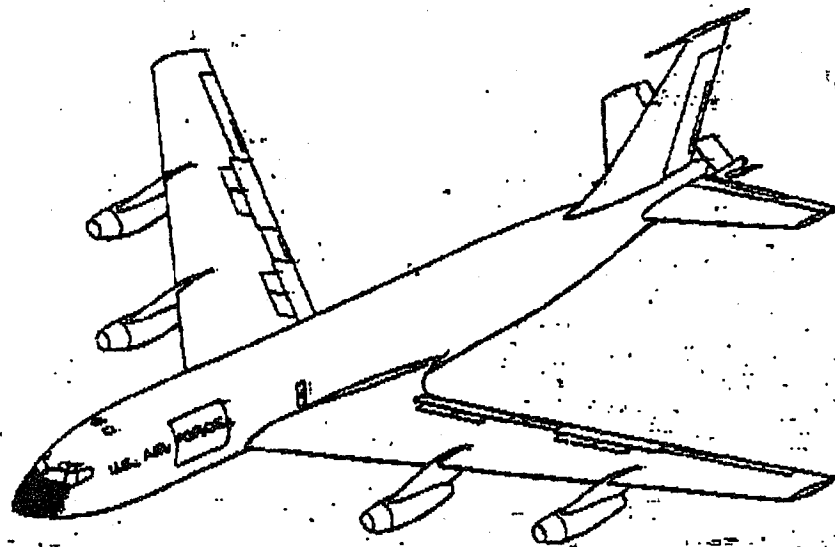
TO: CMSGT RON LIVINGSTON 930RG/DOKA

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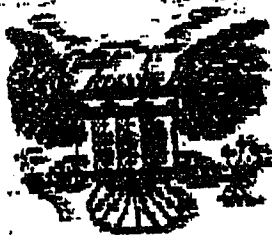
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Mike C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

LORING AIR FORCE BASE, MAINE 04751-3000

REPLY TO 42 ARS
ATTN: GP

SUBJECT: 1992 Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators past and present

1. Greetings from Loring and the "Great White North". Yes! Were still here, but for how long? We'll go under the assumption that this will be the last Boom Signal from Loring.

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

MSgt Lea Winter: Head Boom, Resource Advisor and Equipment Custodian. Always on the go with his new duties. Can't wait till it snows so he can go snowmobile.

MSgt Paul Lowe: (Scheduling) Got back from leave not to long ago. If and when he retires he's Scotland bound. Would like to go to Mildenhall from here.

TSgt Derek Suficiencia "SUFF": (Scheduling) New guy in the shop, and just got over a hernia operation. Think maybe the Doctors' left a scalpel or something else inside him. Because he's still in considerable pain and won't lift a thing. Suff misses Stan/Eval...."NOT".

TSgt Gary Hunt: (Training Flight) "The Banana Man" "Hey, they only cost \$2.00 for the whole crate. Having the annual bonfire at his place, in October. Will be the one to hopefully put the lock on the front gate, when the base closes.

TSgt Brian Towle: (DONO) Still waiting in the wings to return to flying status.

TSgt Don "Quaz" Cash: (Alert Pad) I believe he's the care-taker of the facility. Will never bet his wife a \$100.00 that he won't davert, because that's what happened. Don and his wife Michelle (\$\$) are proud parents of baby boy named Michael, born this Summer.

TSgt (Select) Larry Greenfield: (Operations NCOIC) Is currently at ^{the} NCO Academy for 6 wks. Sold his 1yr old golden retriever, and misses him. "NOT" Would like to get stationed at MCCONNELL!!! Barbecues year round with Mike C. and Kevin S.

SSgt Joe Ekroos: (DONO) Just returned not to long ago from the Academy. Worked hard and partied hard down there.

SSgt "CD" Franklin: (Scheduling) Moved up from training flight. When not found hard at work, is usually out fishing. Or riding his motorcycle.

SSgt (Select) Russ Carlson: (Cargo Load Manager) Upgraded to instructor this year. Has been keeping very busy. "He really did use the term spleen correctly". Keeper of the fire at all Boom outdoor gatherings.

SSgt Garret "BK" Goff: Moved into Stan Eval last year. And is leaving for Castle in November. Garret and his wife Vickie are proud parents of a baby boy named

STAN "EVIL" EVAL

TSgt Rick "Ranger Rick" Taylor: Flew in Bomb Comp. Graduated from the Academy this Summer. Still looking for an assignment to Plattsburgh.

SSgt (Select) Dan Rhodenbaugh: Moved into Stan Eval this Summer, misses being the Cargo Load Manager. "NOT" Bought a new Motorcycle, and I need say no more.

SSgt Tom Unerfusser: Upgraded to instructor since last Boom Signal, just moved into Stan Eval. Just got married last week to a beautiful bride named Cindy. Who helps Tom with any questions he might have on his travel voucher. (Cindy works in Travel Pay)

"A" FLIGHT

SSgt Nathan "Peach-Man" Peachey: (E-110) Returned from an ETTF this Summer. And is over in Saudi (Camel 1) right now. Looking to upgrade to instructor in the near future.

AIC Bonnie Buckelaw: (R-111) Woooo...Bonnie. Arrived from Castle this past Spring. Has been TDY to Florida alot. Engaged to a "Gucci Boy" Tom C. And she really would like an assignment down to Barksdale, to join her fiance. **MPC** hint..hint!

SrA Lloyd "Russ" Keast: (R-112) Went PTTF this Summer and had alot of fun. Looking foward to civilian life, as a Game Warden. Will miss the AF. "NOT"

AIC Jeff "Hi" Hy: Another new Boom from Castle. Just recently purchased a car, but flunked his driving test the first time. Jeff! How hard could the test be? The sign with the Moose on it means "look out"! ** Just got his license a few weeks ago. (R-113)

SrA Sam Blackwell: (R-114) Still awaiting word on going into the Army. Why! Sam? Soon to be Roto (Helicopter)Head w/the rank of Warrant Officer. Will we really have to salute this guy?

SrA James "Ringer" Dickson: (R-115) Gary Hunts partner in golf tourney, and we all know what kind of golfer Gary is, huh. Took care of a dog named "YAZ" and loved every minute of it. "NOT"

"B" FLIGHT

TSgt Mike Crews: (E-120) Put on TSgt since last Boom Signal. Had alot of fun at this years Air Show. Almost jumped with the Golden Knights. Or did he? The Stealth Boom of the Squadron.

SrA Tim "Cricket" Arsenault: (R-121) Upgraded to instructor this Summer. Currently TDY ETTF. Tim's wife Diane is expecting, and Tim better hurry back soon.

A1C Matt "Joker" Courtney: (R-121) Another recent Boom to arrive from Castle.

SSgt Mike Cahill: (R-122) Got back from a TDY to Saudi this Summer. Got dumped by a girl from Supply, and says "I won't go out with anymore Supply girls". (give him another month). PCSing to Barksdale in Dec. another Gucci Boy!! KC-10's here comes Cahill U.S. Marshall. Will miss going over to Larry G. for dinner all the time.

A1C Chuck Fernandez: (R-123) Loved being over in Saudi so much, he stayed 3 months. The "Mayor" wants to go back again. The heat must have had some effect on him, next time drink more water.

SrA Erica "FLYGR1" Almgren: (R-124) Just got back from Saudi. And is working on getting out and going into the reserves at March AFB.

A1C Mike Webster: (R-125) Another..new Boom from Castle. Just purchased a car, but he already had his license. Not like Jeff Hy. haha

"C" FLIGHT

SSgt Chris Zaher: (E-130) Arrived the beginning of this year from Eaker. Had alot of fun on an ETTF (Norway, Greece, Turkey, and England).

SrA Geoffrey "Jeff" Potter: (R-131) Just graduated from Airman Leadership School. A real mechanic, thought he blew up his engine. Had the dealership fix it, only needed a cap and rotor.

A1C Christy "Gilligan" Milligan: (R-132) Arrived from Castle this past Spring. Is currently TDY to Saudi. Survived Survival School over the Summer. Always Says "Sir or Ma'am" Christy, this isn't Basic Training. Always cleaning her room or car. A sharpe Boom.

SrA Kevin Salsbery: (R-133) Arrived from Castle this past Spring. A cross trainee out of F-15s. Enjoyed his 1st TDY to Altus with 3 hrs on track with C-141s. "N#7" Looking forward to using his new snowmobile this Winter.

SrA Dave Stadnicki: (R-134) Dave and his wife Tracey are proud parents of a new baby boy, born this Summer. (that makes 3 boys now). Graduated from Airman Leadership School a few months back.

SrA Joel Salley: (R-135) Upgraded to instructor over the Summer. Also graduated from Airman Leadership School. Spends time riding his motorcycle.

A1C Jeff Cathey: (R-135) Last of the new Booms to arrive from Castle. Kind of quiet.

Recent Departures:

SMSgt Hirsman Bonner.....Came up from Eaker, Pad Dad, retired.

TSgt Roger Paige.....retired and moved out to California.

SSgt Wil Rappaport.....PCS to Barksdale "KC-10s".

SrA Carl "Crunch" Davenport.....PCS to Seymour-Johnson "KC-10s".

SrA Tom "Stick Man" Cambell.....PCS to Barksdale "KC-10s". *And engaged to Bonnie!*

SrA Mike "A1C" Craig.....Civilian to Washington State.

SrA Tom Krug.....Civilian, never liked going TDY.

****BOOMS**** When drinking alcohol, please have a designated driver. Lookout for each other!!!!!! So the next time there's a party, we all can be there to enjoy it.

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