



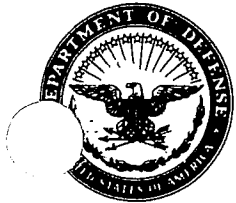
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

FROM: HQ AMC/XOVK

SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL INPUT

TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

1. Welcome from Headquarters, Air Mobility Command. The first year has been an exciting one - a lot more changes than anyone ever could have imagined. I wish I could tell you that they are almost over, but I'm afraid they're not. Through it all, you've proven to the people that didn't know about boom operator's before - **YOU'RE THE FINEST ENLISTED AVIATORS ANYWHERE.**


2. We've had our fair share of personnel changes here at the Headquarters. I'll try to bring you up to speed on them. First, Ted Whorley has moved from being the KC-10 Functional Manager. After doing that job for over two years at SAC and over a year up here, he finally was able to get himself a job that he felt was perfectly suited for him. He has taken up residence with the IG. Says the job requires extensive TDY and minimum office time. A match made in heaven. An added bonus was he's teamed up again with MSgt Mike Perez who has joined the Headquarters staff from Barksdale. Ted did a great job for all booms while sitting in a seat that wasn't always a fun place to sit. Ted's move caused a change reaction. SMSgt Jake Benscoter has moved into Ted's seat as the chief KC-10 boom operator. MSgt Chris Burkhart moved into Jake's old job working TALCE issues. MSgt Sherry Davis has joined us from March to take Chris' job in the TACC. MSgt Will Hillery has retired and MSgt Mike Trace from Barksdale has filled his slot in the TACC. Lastly, MSgt Gene Hagge is coming to us from Castle to fill a new position working with SMSgt Erskin Glast in the Mission Support Planning Office. There is a possibility that there will be a couple of other new positions opening up in the building. When we find out, we'll have MPC advertise.

3. I know everyone is feeling the heat from the amount of tasking that have been levied on the units. Everyone has heard about the problems that the command is having with the -141's and the C-17 program. We're being asked to pick up a lot of the pace that those boys were suppose to handle. The KC-10 community has been asked to do more than ever before. Same holds true for the -135's and Guard and Reserve world. Best advice I can give is to keep leaning forward, do the best you can, and be **SAFE!** Now I know that a lot of you are thinking that what you're being asked to do is not necessarily safe. We can't confuse safe from different. Because we're doing it different doesn't mean we are unsafe. There are times when things are being asked to be done under certain emergency or contingency operations that a certain risk factor in doing it that way is accepted. Again, do the best you can in these changing times.

4. I want to put in a plug for Instructor Duty at Castle. This job is still one of the most important jobs out there. Looks like we can work people into Castle through Jan 94. We'll also want people to start getting their names in the hat for the transition of the school to Altus. The bottom line is that the school will be 100 % manned. We've never had to move non volunteers to instruct - let's don't start now. Any Instructor Boom Operator interested in going to Castle or Altus should call CMSgt Bakken at DSN 347-2962. When I said any Instructor, obviously Castle will only hire quality individuals. You know if you fit that requirement.

4. At the Program Managers conference, questions came up about the status of several programs. I'll try to cover a few of them here. Realize that the status of some of these have changed since the conference, and in all likelihood will have changed again by the time you read this. First, as of 1 September, \$150,000 has been obligated for software development to replace the HP 41. The weight and balance programs for both the -10 and -135 will be funded with this money. Work will be handled by the Small Computer folks at Gunter AFB. We're lucky to have a -10 boom operator in the System Support Office up here that is working this program. If you see or talk to MSgt Pat Wadsworth, thank him for working this - I can't even spell computer, so the program would not have gotten where its at without him. It should be in the field next year. The other two programs are -135 projects. Money to install VHF radios at the boom stations are on track for FY 94. Seems they had to consolidate some upgrades for the radios currently being used by the Guard and Reserve with the project to put the system at the boom stations. The project will be done at base level should be starting sometime after October. The other project is the emergency lighting system. This has been approved by AMC and Tinker. We were able to make a change in the program to have the left side lights be the emergency lights. We felt this would work better with the new cargo roller system installed. This is another field level modification that should be ready to go sometime next year.

5. Well, that's about it from this end. I've included the roster of booms here at the headquarters. If you're ever in town, give us a call. Any of us will be glad to show you around.


RAYMOND S. HARRIS, CMSGT, USAF
KC-135 CHIEF BOOM


JACOB R. BENSCOTER, SMSGT, USAF
KC-10 CHIEF BOOM

Last minute update:

The new roller system for the -135 is projected for a contract award date of early November with expected deliveries of systems in March-April time frame. Since this timeline is later than we originally hoped for, a new proposal to build some more kits (approximately 30) using -141 and C-5 parts is being worked by the maintenance community.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

FROM: 917 AREFS/93 ARS

30 JULY 93

SUBJ: What a Year in ACC

TO: HQ ACC/DOYC (Chief Smith)

1. Chief Smith took time out from one of his many trips around the ACC world and called me about the boom conference with his "To Do" list for the 917th boomers. Right before he hung up he said, "Oh yea, write something up about being in ACC." Before I could poll him, the good Chief hung up. That's why he's a Chief. So here I sit at CCTS in AETC writing about ACC. I'm confused.

2. Right after SAC died (may it rest in peace), we were like a dog that's been on a leash for too long--we ran around like crazy without a lot of purpose. After things settled down, ACC found out that they had tankers at Dyess that were at their beck and call. We all thought that the TACC would tell us exactly what to do but that wasn't the case. TACC only told us what to do when they wanted us to do something no one else would do. So when ACC units called, we said, "Yes." Interestingly, when we called Eighth AF, they said, "You don't belong to us." When we called AMC, they said, "You belong to ACC." So we stopped calling. Instead, we called to inform them what we had decided to do. Still, most of our life at Dyess was B-1 CCTS and A-Model purgatory. We didn't get to play in all the reindeer (R-Model) games.

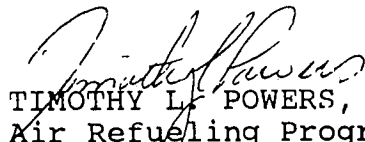
3. Even though we suffered from A-Model leprosy, Chief Smith kept us in the game. He rightly decided that mobility was the order-of-the-day and encouraged us to begin a dialogue with our ALCE at Dyess since we had C-130's down the street. Wise man. They were very happy to see our volunteer faces. They were amazed that we wanted to know their business and get trained. We sent several boomers to Fort Hood for ALCE training and ended up sending SSgt James Hill to Saudi during the "Somalia Thing" as an ALCE augmentee. He loaded C-5's mostly but brought back tons of knowledge. Good idea. I called some other bases but they were not interested in the ALCE business at all. The negativity was overwhelming. Better get your head out of the sand. SAC is dead. Used to be that KC-135 was really Kc-135. Not any more.

4. The Chief helped us visit "Assignment World" as well. We sent four people to KC-10, one (Phil Montgomery) to the AMOS at Travis, and three (so far) to CCTS. We always felt ACC took care of us in this regard.

5. And now we're going away. When the ACC commander was asked a tanker question and he said he didn't really know why ACC had tankers, I knew we were toast. Really, only Mt. Home makes sense as an ACC base. If ACC tankers are used like AMC tankers, then why not be AMC? That is, if there is no operational difference in employment (like there clearly is at Mt. Home), why be in two commands. The answer is there is no good reason and someone correctly put us where we belong; in AMC. Still, it's been a pretty fun year hanging out with the shooters. It was a pretty easy transition from SAC. Chief Harris says that it won't take AMC long to get us ACC boys back up to speed. Probably just in time for deactivation. I like it already.

6. Thanks Chief for leading us through all the changes. We could always count on you being TDY when we really wanted to talk to you. But you always returned our calls. Even when you had other things to do and were really too damn busy.

7. Finally, (since I have the floor) thanks to all the great folks at Dyess who made coming to work fun every day. I had so many good people around me that it was almost too easy. Glenn Faught, Jon Bibler, Todd Salzman, Vern Harvey, James Hill, Randy Zaiontz, Dave Robinson, Chris Powell, Brett Clark, and of course Phil Montgomery (and his alert force stories) made my time at Dyess some of the best in my life. I've spent five days here at CCTS and this squadron is full of people just like you; capable, motivated, and fun. I love it! Plus, I've got a new dad. Rod Perkins. Don't ask him anything unless you're ready for the bottom line, no-frills answer. You gotta love it. I do.


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REPLY TO
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1 Aug 1993

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All booms everywhere

Well, we just returned from Volk Field for chem defence training, what fun!! We will all be experts in a little while. But more importantly, here is the run down on the staff at Sky Harbor IAP, the Copperheads.

Super. Mex Juan M. Mesquita	SMSgt	Chief Boom
Russ "Curly" Fjeld	CMSgt	weekender soon to be retired
Burney B. "Animal" Benbow	SMSgt	weekender - cow herder
Professor Gary L. Duncan	MSgt	Stan-eval
Mighty Joe Young	MSgt	weekender - school teacher
"Compa pelon" Jorge Escobar	MSgt	weekender - cop
"Meatball" Dave Hetrick	MSgt	Cargo Loading Manager AGR
"Muchacha" Sharon L. Abraham	TSgt	Tactics - technician
"Down Town" Don Rogers	Tsgt	Scheduling - technician
Carlos "Cabezson" Trujillo	TSgt	Training - technician
"Slik sleez" Tyson Warren	TSgt	DOTO - AGR- Boat Salesmen
"Sgt Rock" Tom Ellington	TSgt	Cargo Loading - AGR
Bill "Brady Bunch" Brady	TSgt	weekender - student
Mike "Head of Stone" Cullum	Tsgt	DOKT - AGT - reb reenacter
"Ex-Sky Cop" Buddy Waite	TSgt	weekender - mail deliverer
"Mongo" Scott Johnson	SSgt	weekender - who knows
"Princes Val" Valerie Doyle	SSgt	weekender - pilot want-a-be
Craig Bell	SSgt	weekender - ?
Steve Hanson	SSgt	weekender - fire fighter
Lorena "Muchachita" Suladie	SSgt	weekender - house wife

That's all for now!

Juan M. Mesquita, SMSgt, AzANG
Chief Boom

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BOOM OPERATOR SIGNAL

HOWDY TO ONE AND ALL BOOM OPERATORS FROM THE LAND OF CRAWFISH, GATORS, AND GUMBO. THIS COULD QUITE POSSIBLY BE THE LAST BOOM SIGNAL FOR THE 71st AREFS. CONSTANT CHANGE AND TURMOIL ARE AMONG US ALL, SO WITH A LITTLE HOPE AND LUCK, MAYBE WE'LL BE AROUND NEXT YEAR TO DO IT AGAIN. DURING THE PAST YEAR, MANY HAVE ARRIVED AND LEFT US. THOSE WE HAVE LOST ARE: SSGT RICK POWELL(CASTLE AFB, CA), SGT CHRISSY STONE(TO KC-10's), SGT DEVAN DEBARR(TO KC-10's), SRA BOBBY CULBERTSON(TO KC-10's), A1C SEAN SHERROUSE(NOW A CIVILIAN). WELL, LETS GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!

SMSGT ROY SCHUFFT- CLAIMS HE'S THE GREATEST FISHERMAN IN NORTH LOUISIANA, BUT WE KNOW BETTER. WE WANT TO KNOW WHERE ALL THAT TIME IS SPENT WITH SKIPPY! IS IT REALLY FISHING?!? JUST GOT THE PACAF FUNCTIONAL MANAGER AT HICKAM.

MSGT ED PHILLIPS- WE DONT KNOW WHERE HE IS, WHAT HE DOES, OR WHY HE DOES IT. HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN ON ANY MILK CARTONS LATELY?

MSGT JERRY COLLINS- JERRY'S STILL WORKING HARD AS OUR WING STAN EVAL BOOM OPERATOR. I GUESS THAT MAKES US ALL JERRY'S KIDS. ROY'S MAIN SQUEEZE AT THE BOOM CAMPOUTS.

MSGT NATE WILDS- I'M GOING TO TAKE THIS SPACE TO PLEASE ASK SOMEONE TO HELP NATE ON HIS BOAT. NATE'S S-101 AND LIKES TO KEEP HIS AXE BLOODY. STILL WORKING ON "THIS OLD HOUSE".

MSGT MIKE HOPPER- "MAD DOG" IS CURRENTLY OUR CHIEF SCHEDULER. A MIND IS A TERRIBLE THING TO WASTE, YOU NEED A NEW JOB MIKE; AND THAT NEW JOB IS BUILDING CUSTODIAN. THERE'S A JOB!

MSGT DALTON "MUFFIN" PRATT- DALTON JUST CAME BACK FROM CFIC. HE'S CURRENTLY OUR RESIDENT FLIGHT SCHEDULER. IF HE'S NOT WORKING, YOU CAN BET HE'S OUT FISHING.

TSGT TERRY CAUSEY- SO MANY FISHING STORIES, SO LITTLE TIME. GIVES SKIPPY ADVICE ON HOW TO HOLD HIS FISHING POLE. WE DONT THINK SKIPPY'S EVER GOING TO LEARN.

TSGT JOEL PARKER- ANOTHER ONE OF OUR BOYS WHO JUST CAME BACK FROM CFIC. WERE SURE HE'S GOING TO DO GREAT ON HIS CHECKRIDE. ANOTHER "WANNABE FISHERMAN".

SSGT MAX RENTFROW- MAX IS LEAVING FOR CFIC VERY SOON. CURRENTLY, HE'S OUR "A" FLIGHT BOOM. ALWAYS FIDDLING WITH HIS HARLEY DAVIDSON. MAX RENTFROW, TODD SKIPPY COLE, COULD THESE TWO BE LONG LOST BROTHERS? MAYBE WE CAN TELL YOU NEXT YEAR!

SSGT WAYNE MCCOY- CURRENTLY WAYNE IS OUR S-102 BOOM. JUST BOUGHT HIM A NEW SKI BOAT. WONDER IF HE'S HIT ANY FAMOUS LOUISIANA STUMPS YET?

SSGT ALAN W. CHRISTENSEN- CARGO LOAD PROGRAM MANAGER, RETIRES EARLY 94. WHAT WOULD THE WORLD COME TO IF CAFFEINE AND NICOTINE WERE OUT LAWEED? OUR BET IS ANOTHER WACO, TEXAS INCIDENT. CHRIS IS ALSO THE FOUNDER OF THE "AIRMAN, I WAS A SSGT BEFORE YOU WERE BORN, AND STILL AM!" CLUB.

SSGT DAVE MONK- WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT, A LITTLE PRESSURE, AND OLD DAVE'S CROSS TRAINING AGAIN. HE'S WANTING TO GO GUCCI ON US. BY THE WAY, DAVE'S "RAINBOW PAINT AND BODY" IS STILL THRIVING. DAVE ALSO LIKES MIDGET WRESTLING AND DWARF TOSSING.

SSGT BOB YELVERTON- OUR LATEST TSGT SELECTEE. YEAH, OLE THUMPER SEEMS TO BE MOVING RIGHT ALONG. WONDER IF MASTER IS IN HIS NEAR FUTURE? NOT WITH THOSE GERBIL PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE CLOSET!

SSGT TIM KING- JUST ARRIVED FROM GRISSOM AND IMMEDIATELY WAS SENT DOWN TO "SKIPPYLAND" IN SCHEDULING. TIM SAYS HIS DAYS OF TURBO YAWNING AND PROJECTION VOMITING ARE OVER.

SSGT JOHN "FLAPS" CLAUSS- JOHNNY BELIEVES HE'S OUR MOST EXCELLENT RAINING FLIGHT BOOM OPERATOR. ASK HIM ABOUT "DANCES WITH WOLVES". HE'S NOT TALKING. THINKS HE'S THE NEXT "TENNESSEE ERNIE FORD". "TEXAS JOHNNY CLAUSS"?

SGT TOM MORRISON- TOM'S STILL WORKING IN FLIGHT SCHEDULING. WE HEARD HE BOUGHT A PAIR OF ELTON JOHN PLATFORM GLITTER BOOTS, BUT WE THINK THAT'S JUST A NASTY RUMOR.

SGT STEVE MASON- JUST ARRIVED FROM GREAT WHITE NORTH. ENROLLED IN BARKSDALE'S PIMP YOUR BUDDY PROGRAM, GAVE US THE DIRT ON SSGT KING. ALSO HAS A SUBSCRIPTION TO "NUN'S LIFE".

SRA RODNEY SMITH- ROWDY GOT MARRIED, TWO TATTOOS, AND THE SQUADRON "C FLIGHT BOOM". HAD BUTT SURGURY LAST YEAR. WE THINK HIS SPHINCTER HAS BEEN DOING OKAY LATELY!, AKA "SPHINCTER BOY". LET'S HIM BELIEVE HE'S AN INSTRUCTOR. HE STILL THINKS HE'S A HEAVY METAL ROCK STAR. GUITARS AND AMPS ARE STILL BEING COLLECTED.

SRA TODD "DON'T THROW ME AGAINST THE TREE" COLE-WANTED: TODD QUIGLEY COLE: AKA: SKIPPY, BIRDCAGE BOY, RAGDOLL, BULLETBOY, SWEET CHEEKS, COTTON TOP, LOVE MUFFIN, VENUS FLY TRAP, CHESTER, Q-TIP BOY, SOMALI GRAIN RECIPIENT, KLINGON, DINGLEBERRY, AINTREE COUNTY BOY, TWINKLES, PORK GRINDER, TOE JAM, POOPY FACE, POP TART, SYLVESTER, JASPER, PUDDLE JUMPER, POOKIE POKER, GERBIL KING, MASTER BAITER. TODD HAS A FEW HOBBIES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE WITH YOU. THESE WOULD INCLUDE: COW TIPPING, FROG LICKING, LISTENING TO MAC DADDY, CARESSING THE BUNNIES AT THE PET STORE, COLLECTING NEIL DIAMOND RECORDS. GROUND SCHEDULING IS MY LIFE.

SRA BRANT KRACZEK- MEMBER OF THE BARKSDALE COUNTRY CLUB(WON 10 WONDERFUL, FUNFILLED, RELAXING DAYS AT BARKSDALE'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS RESORT). WANTS TO PLAY BASEBALL FOR FLORIDA STATE.

SRA THOMAS MCCOY- DOES A RATHER CONVINCING IMPRESSION OF "KERMIT THE FROG". JUST HAD A BABY AND HE LOOKS JUST LIKE IT. GET RID OF THAT NAPPY HAIRCUT.

SRA BRIAN SATTERLEE- GETTING READY FOR CFIC. ASK HIM TO TAKE A MESSAGE. TOOK UP FISHING TO GO TO CFIC, WON'T GET A CHECKRIDE UNTIL HE GETS A BASS BOAT.

SRA MOSES MENCHACA- FINALLY! ANOTHER TEXAN IN THE SQUADRON. A FEW MORE, AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO RUN THIS PLACE RIGHT. MOSES IS GETTING READY TO GO TO CFIC SHORTLY. WAY TO GO MO!

SRA SHAWN WAGNER- JUST BOUGHT HIMSELF A NEW HOME AND IS TRYING TO FIX IT UP A LITTLE. WELL, MAYBE A LITTLE IS A SLIGHT UNDER-STATEMENT. AKA; PANTHER BOY.

SRA MICHAEL GRAHAM- "CANDY-GRAM" CAME FROM ECs AT ELLSWORTH. FINALLY KNOWS WHAT A REAL BOOM DOES! CAN'T KEEP HIS JEEP OUT OF THE MUD.

SRA BARRY MAYHEW- BARRY'S OUR SQUADRON POSTER BOY, AND NO WERE NOT TALKING ABOUT MENTAL RETARDATION. THIS SSGT SELECTEE IS SO SQUEEKY CLEAN, YOU CAN HEAR HIS BUTT CHEEKS RUBBING WHEN HE WALKS.

SRA CHARLES FERNANDEZ- INBOUND FROM LORING. A CLOSING WE WILL GO, WHERE WE STOP* NO ONE KNOWS.

AIC ABE BREN- MADE THE MISTAKE OF SAYING HE WAS LEFT OUT, NOTHING HAS CHANGED. MISSED THE SIGN AT THE AIRPORT, IF YOU CAN'T SPEAK THE LANGAUGE LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

AIC GRANTT GUILLORY- YEAH, OLE GRANTT IS ONE OF THOSE HOME GROWN LOUISIANA TYPES, AND YOU CAN TELL. WHEN GRANTT TALKS ABOUT WOMEN, ITS HARD TO TELL WHETHER ITS FAMILY RELATED OR NOT.

AIC TRAVIS WILLIAMS- 71st PROFESSIONAL SOCCER STAR. DORM RAT. WANTS TO GET OUT AND ATTEND COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, WITH A SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP. NEWEST BELOW THE BELT, SCRATCH BELT ADD ZONE, (SRA).

AIC JASON "DOWNLOCK" RYAN- ALMOST A BLACKBELT IN KARATE, SAYS HE'S GOING TO USE IT ON KRACZEK IF HE SETS HIM UP ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE GIRLS.

SRA ANDY STUTTS- HEY ANDY, WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU'VE BEEN JACKED UP BY GUN TOTING S.P.'s? ANDY'S ALSO KNOWN TO HAVE THE NICKNAME "FLOUNDER"! DOES A MEAN RADAR ALIGNMENT WITH THERMAL CURTIANS.

PLEASE FIND US A HOME;
JOHN CLAUSS, RODNEY SMITH AND GRANTT GUILLORY



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

FROM: 93 AREFS/DOTB (SMSgt Tim Powers)

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK

1. Greetings and Salutations from the Land of fruits and nuts and a few of the greatest boom operator's the world has known.
2. It's been a year of change, the most recent is moving to AETC, but we've as usual taken it in stride and still graduated a fine selection of active duty replacements i.e. Guard/Reservists a challenge in itself at times. We're still flying sixteen lines per class with small numbers of boom students per class. All in a day or two's work.
3. Bidding a fond farewell to CMSgt Ron Livingston, his is the most recent movers and shakers change with the Chief going to Robbins. We wish him and his family the best and thanks.
4. Taking over the reigns, hold your horses is CMSgt Dean Bakken a man we've all been proud to work for and are happy to see him staying around to take care of us.
5. SMSgt Powers has just arrived from Dyess to hang his shingle at the 93 AREFS and we're all looking forward to his Leadership and also let him try his hand at CCTS instruction. No problem!
6. Finally to all whom have read thus far if you're a CCTS instructor past or present God Bless and if you can handle a challenge and some work you should strongly consider CCTS duty. You'll never regret it. Castle/Altus CCTS is experience and comradeship that nothing could change or compare to. If you can think of a reason not to, it's probably an excuse.

93rd BOOMS

Durand, Gregory M. MSgt - Flight Super and burning up the carpet between the boom shop and Flight Commanders office.

Alger, Gerald E. TSgt/Mr. - Last student said "My Lord, God and mentor!" Jerry's retiring soon and is looking for some work or school books.

Gemshiem, Timothy S. SSgt - New arrival from Plattsburgh, not sure if he's ready to get a student or play sortie tag trying to complete FTC.

Paullet, David (Red) Sgt - One of our newest fire eaters, but trying to find a steady weekender.

Schlegel, Kevin M. (Sheik Schlegel) SSgt - Softball coach and Saudi instructor soon. Good luck with the language barrier.

Tobola, George F. (Toggles/Rasheed) SSgt - Poker George and KC-10's are non-compatible this year. Things aren't all bad he'll be a Saudi instructor also, one of two for the year.

Sletten, Mark (Stand up! No please sit down comedian) TSgt - Mark tries to be entertaining, but the jokes are worse each day. New Flight Super, way to go Mark.

Blaisse, Philip SSgt - Current Tactics guru and master of evasion.

Miller, Colon K. SSgt - Building a training flight and a primo video producer we think he may have a shady past. Something in Texas with a gal named Debbie.

Nicholson, Anthony J. (Nick) SSgt - Resident Dodge fan, some say Dog fan. Always seems to be a point of campout conversation.

Nicholson, Frances E. (Fran) Sgt - Castles entry to the Tour de France. 20 to 30 miles every day.

Recuero, Jaime C. Jr. SSgt - He's our master of all, great instructor but leads too quiet a life.

Thomas, Fredrick (Rick, no, Fred, no Rick?) MSgt - Thomas is so good you rarely see him around. Th O.F.O. on the duty board is always an eye catcher.

Sealey, David MSgt - PCSing to Birmingham. Daves Flight Super extraordinaire, smooth and easy. He's a heart breaker so watch out ya'll.

Alvarez, John C. MSgt - Yes He's back from his world famous world tour and believe it or not MARRIED July 93, go figure!

Moore William S. (WT) SSgt - Computer dude, his wife says at least she knows where he's at. Nice doo.

Moser, Alwin R. MSgt - Like a bad dream Al just lingers here playing part-time boom/farmer. 23 horses and can't ride even one.

Pillar, Paul TSgt - Latest STAN EVAL/motorcycle God/Boom operator extraordinaire. Marriage? Our instructor of the year.

Riener, Joseph D. SSgt - Joe is always busy with his studs graphs, briefs and handouts.

Swanson, Jerry (Swany) SSgt - Gods gift to something we're not sure what. Out with the boys driving the corn binder.

Zoller, Stephen A. (Fuzzy) TSgt Select - Have toys will travel and always with attitude. New Flight Super, hold on to your ____?

McCarthy, Kenneth (Cal Worthington) TSgt - Back from a vacation at K.I. only back for two months and has the most time on station. Cars and a big house, he's happy.

Thomas, Roger MSgt Select - Off to STAN EVAL and not a moment too soon for his liking. He says he has a debt to pay with some schedulers? I forgot about that extra Eval pay...

Adams, Michael S. SSgt - Mike spends his off time watering his yard to help appease the base inspector. Keep up the good work!

Malone, Fred J. (The Mustache) SSgt - Raising his kids and Jeep, but which one first. Also resident fireball distributor.

Miller, Mark W. SSgt - Had a Chief for a stud. He thought CFIC was kidding with that scenario. Keeps buying computer toys, says it's for his business. Sure Mark!

Robbins, Larry E. SSgt - Retiring finally in Aug 94 to pursue a career in pyramid schemes and lotto winnings.

Acosta, Frank Jr. SRA - One of our outstanding young whip crackers, no juicy stuff on him yet.

Lusk, Richard MSgt - As of this letter he has broken ankle...we heard he was going to the KC-10 so we delayed his departure, next we move to cement shoes.

McElroy, Thomas G. MSgt - Tom put on a pretty good salute to SAC party on short notice...any takers.

Chambers, Bobby G. Jr. Sgt - Another computer/softball/motorcycle dude, likes the job, hates the students?

Cline, Rod SSgt - The California state EPA has fined him 10 million for toxic fumes in the boom pod. S.B.D.

Goff, Garrett TSgt Select - We watch him close when out in the sun shortly after arrival on base the rays were not kind. Quick stick a fork in him he's done.

Kempfer, Rick TSgt - Ex Bandit revisited, anyone interested in WW collectibles he's your man. Weekend duty dude.

Myrick, Steven J. SSgt - Has his own extension at the hospital and knows everyone there by first name.

Willam, John R. SSgt - Very quiet guy, like most other serial killers.

Strobach, Ronald K. SRA - Another newbie, yuppi (young unmarried _____) pounding instructor).

Durbin, Robert L. MSgt - Chief of STAN EVAL, still a great white collared friend maker and dart champ.

Cole, Eddie J. TSgt - F.N.G. at STAN EVAL, statistics cruncher.

Gulzow, Kerry TSgt - Off to Nebraska to be a conversion dude, we're not sure if that California tan, hair and y know, voice fit in with grain fed folks. Good luck Kerry!

Siep, Randy TSgt - STAN EVAL, thorough and fair, what a motto!

Wilson, Jerry W. MSgt - On his way to the Air Capitol of the world, Wichita KS to be a BMAC tester. Good JW, WJ, JW.

Bakken, Dean H. CMSgt - The Big Cheese, Main Man, Head Honcho, visits us often from his big quiet office in the wing. His latest trick is to ask for help moving furniture to get someone to visit him. The greatest.

Perkins, Rodney D. MSgt - Has 20+ but likes to keep us on our toes. We haven't figured out if we stress him out or visa versa, but we'll keep him til that open road he keeps talking about becomes a better option.

Dugdale, Ron (Stumper) TSgt - Wing Safety man and squadron agitator.

Hagge, Gene (Hack Saw) MSgt - Gene is on his way to Scott and currently a quiet wing staffer and part time first sgt.

DOT

Handy, Jim TSgt - Scheduler God. Looking to move, any takers.

Hammonn, Brad SSgt - Never see him, but we check out his work every day (scheduler).

Placide, Larry MSgt - Recently back from a double secret TDY down South. Master STEP, we're all very proud.

Pratt, Dennis SSgt - Anything to get off the flight line, took him to scheduling and doing a great job.

Rushano, Louis P. (Lou Bob) SSgt - Every woman's dream and flyers headache, yes he rounds out our schedulers.

DOU

Gallegos, Chico SSgt - Silent retiree and working for the civilian boomers at Flight Safety.

Isaacson, Wayne MSgt - 20+ and a small business man, Waynos Anything Automotive. If you have money, time, patience, a pretty wife and a note from mom he can do it.

Pike, John (Papa John) MSgt - On his way to Robbins with the largest grin on his face!

Wilson, Don (Bubba Don) MSgt Select - Still the thorn in your side kind-a-guy, but still doesn't care.

Warren, Jay (Cliffy) TSgt - Courseware King and ready to move on.

Estes, Joel D. TSgt - On his way to Travis to be TALC DJ good luck. J.D.

I.G.'s (Friendly New Guys)

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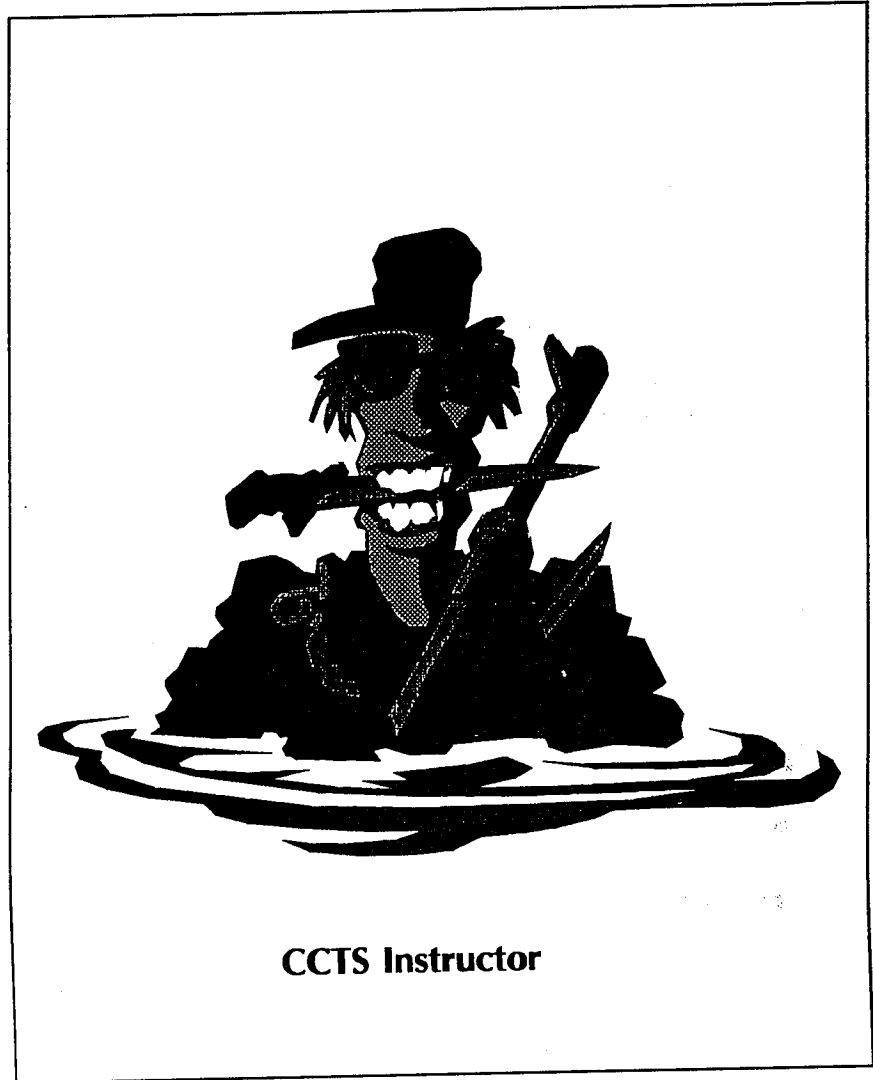
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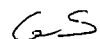
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

FROM: 330 FTS/DOFB

1 Aug 93

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK (CMSgt Harris)

1. Greetings from CFIC! The last few months have continued to bring about changes. We are still a part of the 398th Operations Group, and attached to the 97th Air Mobility Wing at Altus AFB, Ok. However, we have now moved to our third command in the last 13 months. CFIC and CCTS are now a part of the Air Force's newest command, Air Education and Training Command. In addition, CFIC Boom Operator academics are now taught by FlightSafety. CFIC continues to work our move to Altus, which should be completed sometime in the early spring of 1994.
2. Most candidates arriving at CFIC have the minimum of three years in the career field, having accumulated the necessary hours during Desert Storm and increased taskings throughout the world. With the lower experience levels, we ask all training flights to continue to ensure that their selected candidate is prepared, prior to attending. We have noticed that student prebriefings and critiques have become an area of interest. A well briefed and thoroughly critiqued mission is essential, which will in-turn enhance the student's learning experience. They can make an instructor stand-out as one of the best in our business. With numerous changes to the associated directives, we ask each unit to ensure their candidate arrives at CFIC with a current set of the required associated directives.
3. During the last year, we have had quite a few personnel changes in the office. We have bid good-bye to some of the finest instructors in the Air Force.

MSgt Rich Lusk	(PCA as the First Sergeant of the 330 FTS)
	(PCS'ing in October to March AFB, to join the KC-10 program)
MSgt Herb Hughes	(PCS to Barksdale AFB, KC-10 program)
MSgt Jake Vogt	(PCS to Malstrom AFB)
TSgt Terry Casey	(PCS to Mildenhall)

4. Here is the list of current instructors at CFIC:

MSgt Greg Conrad	(Program Manager)	TSgt Jay Lively
TSgt George Murman	(MSgt Selectee, PCS'ing to Fairchild in October)	TSgt Beve Katus
		SSgt Merv Arthurton (TSgt Selectee)
TSgt Dan Repp	(MSgt Selectee)	SSgt Scott Stern (TSgt Selectee)
TSgt John Harris	(MSgt Selectee)	SSgt Quinn Janke

5. For those of you who have not been to CFIC, prepare well, and for those who have, stay on top of today's changing Air Force. Any ideas or questions you may want to discuss, give us a call anytime.
DSN 347-4188/2235.

GREG CONRAD, MSgt, USAF
330 FTS Air Refueling Program Manager

Texas Booms

917th AREFS

Greetings from the Abilene Refueling Company. This past year has been a year of many strange and new experiences for the 917th Boomers. I'm sure the next year will hold some even newer and stranger experiences. Unfortunately for us booms still flying on the steam jet, we get to fly a lot of around the flag pole missions with B-1 air refuelings. We have become experts at loading B-1 support equipment and the occasional B-1 engine. Boomers in the squadron scramble for cover when the call comes to load an engine or a jammer. Joking aside, some great cargo load training is accomplished when we have to load their equipment. We are available for any Business Efforts you guys don't want to fill.

We are joining the rest of our Tanker brethren in AMC in October, as of now we will be a GSU of Malmstrom. No complaints here, we are looking forward to working with the folks up there. That move raises a lot of questions in itself but I'm sure that we will get plenty of direction the closer to October we get. Chief Smith has been great to work with. He was always watching out for us. Thanks for being there Chief! Talk about how lonely the Maytag repairman is, no wonder the Chief is always TDY from Langley.

We have also been told we are going to deactivate. Time line is still unknown for the ones who really need to know. Possible around the third quarter of 1995. Which still leaves alot of time. So we will be here to write again for the next Boom Signal. See ya'll around. Fly safe and if you are ever in Abilene you've got friends so stop by:.....

MSgt Jon Bibler, Chief Boom

Technical Information

Recently we had the pleasure of sharpening our cargo loading capabilities by being tasked to airlift a B-1 "Jammer" (bomb loader) to Nellis AFB and back here to Dyess. This is an extremely challenging piece of equipment, weighing in at close to 7000 lbs. One axle weighed 5000 lbs which meant that bridge shoring was required. When is the last time that a KC-135 Boom Operator constructed bridge shoring? Dash 21 did not understand what bridge shoring meant. The kept bringing us pallets. After acquiring the right material we stood there scratching our heads, in deep discussion, trying to conclude the proper way to build the bridge. Now, if you have never set up bridge shoring before, we highly recommend that you try it sometime. Easier said than done! First, you have to decide what station that the cargo will be placed at. Then you have to know which way the beams run (crosswise or lengthwise) in the cargo floor at the station that you have selected. Make sure that the bridges that you use are short enough to lay crosswise on the floor if need be. We learned the hard way. The only place that we could lay the lumber lengthwise and be perpendicular to the floor beams was between stations 810 and 960, because they were too long to lay crosswise. We suggest that you saw off or use shorter lumber because rolling a 7000 lb "Jammer" onto bridge shoring running lengthwise in the aircraft without it falling through the floor is not easy. We also decided to drive the "Jammer" off of the K-loader and on to the tanker because the "Jammer" has absolutely no steering or brakes without the engine running. Two 4' x 8' pieces of shoring were used to cover the gap between the K-loader and the tanker. Due to the extreme weight of the cargo, the plastic bag method of sliding cargo did not work at all. Instead, the "Jammer" operator used the hydraulic loader of the "Jammer" to lift and maneuver the front end through the cargo door. This worked extremely well! MSgt Faught instructed us on the best way to build bridge shoring. By laying the lumber crosswise, just inside the cargo door and placing the plywood shoring on top of that, will save a lot of time and headaches. In the event 4' x 4' lumber is not available, 2' x 6' lumber works equally as well. Also, a DD FM 1387-2 is required for the "Jammer" because of the battery and fuel, which cannot be more than one half full. Be sure you think about how "the old farts" loaded cargo before we got a quality Dash 9, some of their old tricks still work well and safely.

The Booms

TSgt Vern Harvey - Z-201 - Vern came to us from the CCTS at Castle with more time in the pattern than most of us have in the airplane. He was conned into being a ground scheduler. Now he is taking over for Phil Montgomery as the Wing Stan/Eval boom where he should be able to use his vast CCTS experience to help us out.

SSgt Chris Powell - S-101 - Came to Stan/Eval at the first of the year. Participated in the Rodeo and had a really good time, he even got to walk across the stage once. After getting word about the deactivation, he decided that he did not want to go up to North Dakota so with the help of SMS he put in a KC-10 package and is leaving in November for March/Travis. He has also become a father this year.

SSgt Dave Robinson - S-102 - Dave is a former scheduler who recently moved to Stan/Eval. Confused about which regs to use for check rides (ACC 60-2, SACR 60-4, AMC 60-1); hoping someone will decide soon whether Dyess will be ACC or AMC. Dave can't decide what type of assignment to put in for so he is going to apply for everything.

SrA Jay Hermosillo - R-111 - Don't see much of Jay and the only time we do is when Bautista is in the squadron.

SrA Duane Barr - R-112 - He is continuing to do a good job for us. He's the only boom in the squadron who can tell you how many days, hours, and minutes until he is a civilian.

SSgt Jimmy Bautista - R-113 - Jimmy has the 2nd most time on station for a boom operator and for that matter the 2nd most time on station for anyone in the 917th. Jimmy's not sure whether he wants to be a loadmaster, flight engineer, or boom operator; looks like he is going to try to cross-train to be an F.E. so that he can stay at Dyess another seven years. Jimmy is getting married and I think that has a lot to do with him wanting to stay in Abilene.

TSgt Wally Morita - R-114 - Wally is our latest promotee, he recently got a line number for MSgt. He is our regulations man, he knows "exactly" what the regs say. On his first TTF he pointed out that 400-4 says that you are supposed to have a lid and a floor on the baggage bins, he did it too. Very sharp individual.

Sgt Dan Whetzel - R-115 - Dan came to us from Ellsworth just in time to find out he was going to have to move again when the squadron deactivates. We don't know that much about him other than the fact that he likes to fish. He is a welcome addition to the squadron.

A1C Raul Padilla - R-120 - He's a former Del Rio boy who used to get pretty wild before he got married. (He liked to eat the worm). Now days his wife drives him every where he goes. He just got back from an ETTF and we heard that he got a little wild. Good boom.

Sgt Robin Delorenzo - R-121 - After Robin's many days of being DNIF, she has decided to enter the nursing profession. Between her classes and lab work she finds time to be a pretty good boom operator.

A1C Scott Schumacher - R-122 - Picture this: a six foot, 99 lbs (wet), Bart Simpson haircut, boom operator. He is finally fully qualified. Scott is still babying his Grand National but he has got it up for sale at a price so high that you could buy a B-1 and save some money.

SrA John King - R-123 - This has been his only assignment and he knows all of the base grounds very well. Charter member of the BAT team. Seriously, John is a good boom when we can get him in an airplane.

Sgt Kevin Taha - R-124 - Kevin is another one of those guys lucky enough to come from a base closure to a squadron deactivation. If you need something, Kevin is the man to tell. Since he has been here he has gotten scheduling three new computers, a cellular phone, four autovon lines, and a SOCS line. He also flies as a boom in his spare time.

SSgt Charlie Weaver - R-125 - "Lone Boom" (not really sure how he got the nickname) It might have something to do with the fact that the only time he is seen is when he shows up to fly. This is going to change shortly; because he is going to become the newest ground scheduler in the squadron. He is our wheeler dealer, he has owned more cars, horses, motorcycles, airplanes, houses, tractors than anybody else on base.

SrA Amy Moore - R-130 - We don't see too much of Amy around the squadron. She has gotten into raising rabbits and the only time that she does come in if she is not flying is when she is trying to get rid of some more rabbits.

A1C Joe Corder - R-131 - Monkey hand man. He has the smallest hands in the A.F. He's a real good guy, he'll do anything you ask of him, except shut-up!!

SrA Marc Silvia - R-132 - He's a good boom, just ask him. Mark's getting married this fall so all the other girls in Abilene don't have to worry about getting hit on. Mark's favorite pick-up line is "let me tell you about myself".

SrA James Freeman - R-133 - E.J. has been doing a good job for us, however; he seems to think that a crew change is a requirement on the MAR's. He also made the comment that he was not being challenged enough as a boom so he has been receiving every good deal since. NOT!

SrA Lee Wood - R-134 - He is very sharp. Lee is our next CFIC candidate, he stays very busy with school, airman of the month, and trying to keep his wife from getting pregnant, again, and again.

TSgt Todd Salzman - Training Flight/Alert Facility Manager - Todd is going to CCTS at Castle/Altus. He has put in for more assignments to get out of Dyess than anyone else here. Said that he wants to go to the school house so that he can concentrate on only one job. He has been the guy who gets every additional duty assignment in the squadron. Going to be a big loss for us.

MSgt Jim Norris - Mobility - This is his second tour at Dyess, and he's got a few more strips now than we he left. Jim is really doing a good job for us

MSgt Eric Riker - CLT Manager - Alert facility manager, training flight boom and finally CLT manager. We can't figure out where we want to use him. I will say this, if you want it, he can find it.

MSgt Glenn Faught - Chief Scheduler - Glenn has the most time on station for anyone in the squadron. He was in scheduling from 1986 - 89 and decided he liked it so much that he went back in May of this year. He has decided that he wants to go for the most time on station here at Dyess. Glenn has already scheduled himself to fly the last Dyess tanker to the Boneyard.

Sgt Randy Zaiontz - Ground Scheduler - Randy has recently moved to scheduling, he was not too excited about it but he is doing an excellent job. Another big change in his life is his decision to get married. He is going to San Antonio to marry his A-Forms sweetheart.

Sgt Brett Clark - Flight Scheduler - This has been a pretty good year for Brett, he is going to be a Dad and he hasn't shot anybody. Brett is the loudest and most boisterous boom in the squadron. He can say anything to anybody (including the Wing King) and get away with it. He likes to move in his spare time, he has lived in five different houses in four years.

TSgt Dewayne Littleton - L.R. Scheduler - Dewayne came to us from Fairchild in the spring of 1989 and helped us do well in Bomb Comp. He moved to Long Range Scheduling shortly after that where he has made a successful career as a professional scheduler and part time Boom. Dewayne is going to retire early so that he can go back to school.

MSgt Jon Bibler - Chief Boom - Jon camped out at Wurtsmith until the only way they could get him to move was to close the base, kinda like Glenn Faught. He made a mistake when he first got here and told the Ops O that he was a scheduler at Wurtsmith. He became the Chief Scheduler for a while. Finally taken out of scheduling he is now the Chief Boom.

MSgt Phil Montgomery - Departing - Phil has been with us since the spring of 1991. Most of us met him for the first time when he greeted us at the airplane when we returned from "The mother of all wars". We heard about him before we met him; he had a small problem with a new boom trying to use the ice shield to make a contact with an F-111 at night. Phil was our wing Stan/Eval boom where he did us proud. Phil is out the door on his way to Travis to be a member at the AMOS, nobody is sure what that stands for.

SMSgt Tim Powers - Departing - Tim came to us as an unqualified MSgt Boom Operator from the Senior NCO Academy at March. He was in Training Flight for a period, made Senior and became our Boom leader. He then did the Bootstrap thing at HSU and got his Masters. Tim did an excellent job for us here at Dyess and helped a lot of folks work their assignments. He is now on his way out to Castle and then to Altus to be the leader of the CCTS bunch. We are really going to miss him.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 412TH TEST WING (AFMC)
EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA



FROM: 445 TS/DOH
95 Flight Line Road
Edwards AFB CA 93524-6020

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK

The boys from the "High Desert" extend a special "Howdy" to all the Booms from AMC to ACC. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome TSgt Don "Quaz" Cash and his family to Edwards. He and his family came from Loring AFB, ME. No more shoveling snow for Quaz.

We would also, like to wish MSgt John "Wally" Poplett and his wife good luck in their new careers. The Boom field will certainly miss Wally who has retired back East.

The High Desert has room for another Test Boom so get those resumes going. Points of contact are SMSgt Parrish and MSgt Kahler, the two old heads around here. They have been here so long that Chuck Yeager calls them by their first name.

Some of the projects we are involved with are the B-2 which will soon be operational, the Navy's V-22 Osprey project which is still in its infancy, and of course all the support for the C-17, Globemaster III.

I have attached a side profile of the V-22 in simulated "Contact" position. Note the size of those big props and the distance to the drogue. This could prove interesting.

So, please stop by (maybe on the business effort flights) and visit sometime.

DONALD R. CASH, TSgt, USAF
Experimental Inflight Air refueling Technician

1 Atch
V-22 Aircraft

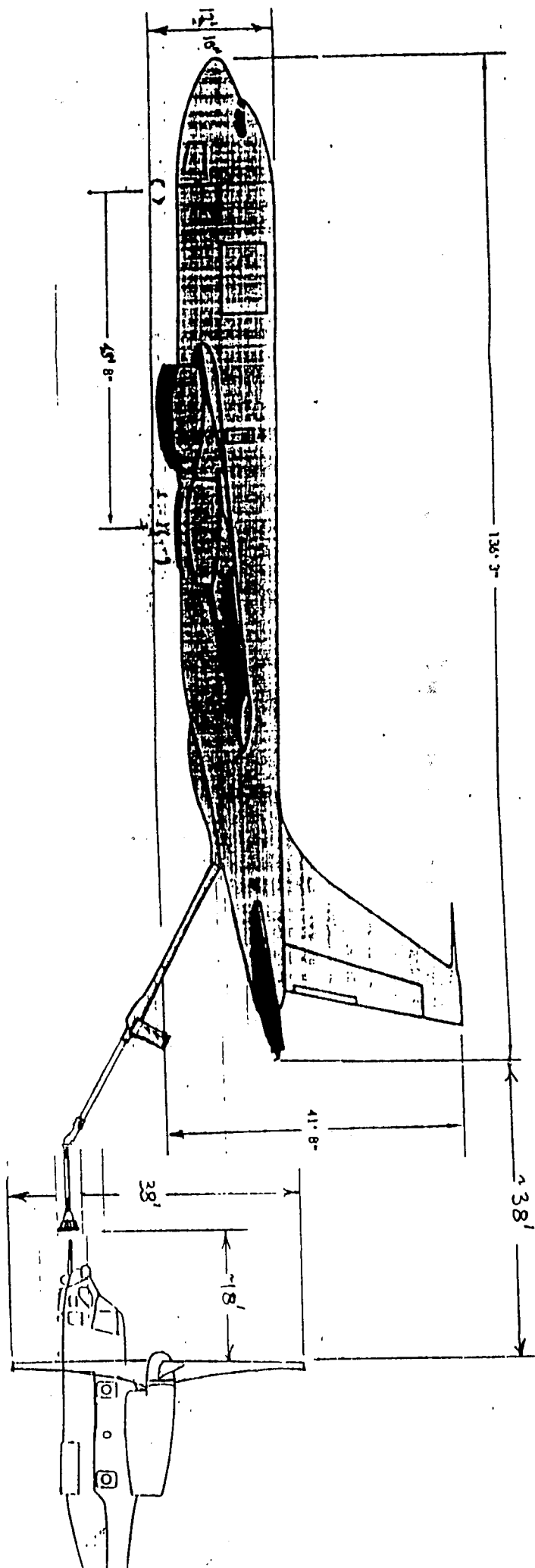


Figure 2. NYC-135A w/ V-22 IN SIMULATED CONTACT POSITION



**28th AREFS
ELLSWORTH AFB SOUTH DAKOTA
Home of the Black Hills Boom Operators**

Another year has blown by and we are still here. We were told that we would be gone by March of 1993. Many of you have or are experiencing the same thing. There isn't anyone in the good old USAF that has seen anything like the past three years as far as change goes. It is a big unknown and that is what is hard.

Here is our line up as of this week.

1. Chief Boom - SMSgt Tim Wical - It will be my last boom signal as I will have the big 26 in next year. It has been a good time and I would do it again if I had the chance. I always went where I wanted to go and did the things that I wanted to do. Many thanks to the Chiefs at MPC and HQ, who over the years have taken such good care of us.

2. Scheduling - MSgt Pat Pruett - Pat is a wild man as usual, he gets the job done and does it with only making a few enemies. If the 28th leaves this could also be Pats last signal.

3. ACC Puke - MSgt Sam Ballante - Sam is the left over alert facility man. ACC has him doing ground scheduling for the B1B turds. He flies with us and is proud of it. This will be Sams last signal, he will have 24 in next year. Thanks Sam for your 10000 orbits in the EC-135.

4. Training Flight - TSgt Roger Smith - Roger came to us from Castle a couple months ago, so far we like him. Well he does smoke but we are working on that.

5. S-101 - TSgt Jeff Haverly - Jeff will do any thing to stay at Ellsworth, he is considering a sex change because they are looking for some lady B1B crew chiefs.

6. R-113 - TSgt Sue Keister - On a crew and proud of it. Had a little boy this spring and the crew life for a while will make looking after the little one easier.

7. R-131 - TSgt (MAC) McElroy - Put in for early retirement and this is his last signal. Lots of that going around.

8. Training Flight - SSgt Lyle Tolsma - Lyle wants to stay here when the squadron closes but he is going to see if Miss Haverly gets hired before he goes to that extreme.

S-102 - SSgt John Curry - SSgt, hay it can happen to anybody.

10. Scheduling - SSgt Richard Brack - Rick came to us from Kadena says he wants to go on a crew. Maybe if you get one more Tattoo.

11. R110 - SrA Todd C. Corey - Todd has been working the CLT in his spare time and has a good program going. OK Tolsma helped a little.

12. R-111 - A1C Scott Walker - Got married, got a boat, got a car he is on a roll.

13. R112 - A1C Mike Dunlap - Mike was going to cross train into the GI Joe AFSC but it was more work than any good Boom could except so he will stay with us.

14. R-120 - SrA Brian Quam - TDY TDY I never see the guy. We will upgrade him when the school house settles down at Altis.

15. R-121 - SrA Marvin Person - Smooth Marv is looking at the KC-10 program, he thinks he will be home more with the 10s, NOT.

16. R-122 - A1C (AJ) Ashby - AJ is looking at the Reserves or maybe school or something, he don't know what he wants.

17. R-123 - SrA Dan Trainer - Dan is quiet, everyone forgot he was there. We hope to have him upgraded before he is a SSgt. Dan, sometimes it pays to blow your whistle so we know you are there. This is not a problem with Quam, AJ, Smooth Marv, Scott W, or Dunlap they all toot real loud.

18. R-123 - SrA Al Bice - Al does good work, when he does it and if I can find him.

19. New Guy - Sgt Rich McKenna - Rich will be going on a crew soon. He just got here and now is looking at getting out to work in the woods in Texas.

Retired - TSgt Dan Gillson

That's it for this year. We had a good year and there is no reason the next won't be just as good. See ya at the symposium!

God Bless You All
The Black Hills Booms



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

FROM : 453 OPG (CMSgt Phil Zamagne)

SUBJ : Boom Signal

TO : Everyone

1. Hello from the future home of the Largest Tanker Base in the world. We've sure been busy with the channel and really look forward to having more boom operators arrive. We just had the program managers conference. Believe be the boom leadership is trying very hard to save as many jobs as possible. We must stick together and work for the future.

2. Having said that, our cargo loading future looks bright. We must all now get smart fast and become experts in cargo loading. The new roller system will really improve life for the cargo loading on the 135. See you in the channel.

Phil Zamagne

PHIL ZAMAGNE, CMSgt, USAF
Chief Inflight Refueling Manager

1. Greetings from Fairchild. It was great to see all the old and new faces at the Program Managers Conference at Wright-Patterson. Tom Minton, you did a great job of setting it up, but next time work harder at getting the dancers.
2. Well, the times they are changing.....again. Just the time we spent at the conference will have a profound effect on our jobs. We must all keep focused on the future and stay flexible, or someone else will step in and make changes that we as a career field can't live with.
3. We had a little bit of a scare this spring when the BRAC came up with the brilliant idea to put Fairchild on the closure list, but instead we will become one of the core air refueling bases in AMC. So everyone update your dream sheets.
4. We're quite busy here. TDYs for all. ETTFs, SWA, Business Efforts, and the channel abound. Speaking of the channel, it's really not as bad as some think it is. The worst you could do is mix some Class 1 and Class 7 together with some HR and end up with another Frankenstein.
5. The boom field is losing a great one to retirement. CMSgt Rusty Rutzebeck is hanging it up this year. My personal thanks to him for getting me where I'm at. Now if I could only get promoted!!! Good Luck Rusty. If you are in the Spokane area stop by for a beer. The invitation also holds for the rest of the Booms. FLY SAFE!

Jim Zarkos (92 AREFS Program Manager) and the 92 AREFS Booms

Here is a listing of booms currently avoiding the unemployment line in the 92d:

MSgt Jim Zarkos- Four jobs in four years. Training Flight to scheduling to Alert Facility to Program Manager. Is that career broadening or what?

MSgt Chuck Meyer- Retires in November, until then spending a voluntary two tours in Saudi. We'll have the white coat and rubber room ready for him when he gets back.

MSgt John Bein- Our token cross-train gunner, getting the hang of booming, and learning more tricks to do with a puppy.

TSgt Erik Hass- Training Flight- Resident 35-10 expert, "What's up with that?"

SSgt "Spud" Micklich- Training Flight- Finally getting to go TDY, but six channel runs in under two months??

SSgt Brian Barker- STAN/EVAL- Recent newlywed. Resident specialist on house remodeling.

SSgt Charles Cole- The quiet one.

SSgt Josh Bracht- Departing this month for the KC-10 at March or is it Travis? Put a NOTAM out for the young ladies in Southern Calif.

Sgt Paul Swanson- STAN/EVAL- The first check's just gotta be a Q3.

Sgt Eric Craig- We talked to his wife the other day. Yes, he is still alive.

Sgt Chris "Rocky" Parrish- Last years "Mr. Bomb Comp", but the Rodeo, no way!

Sgt Troy Jessee- Proud father of a beautiful new daughter, baby-sitter extraordinair.

SrA Sheri Paplham- "Giggles"- Did an outstanding job on her initial instructor qual. OP!

SrA Lisa Miller- Another new instructor in the squadron.

A1C Allen Smith- Trying out with the circus as the "tattooed man". A TDY mongrel, but when he is home is an "item" with Miller.

SrA Tina Hart- Soon to be a mommy. Helping out a lot in admin. and at STAN/EVAL. Can't wait to get back to flying.

SrA Randy Politte- Recent Leadership school grad on short notice, otherwise another quiet one.

SrA Chris Brown- Volleyball maniac, when not TDY. Will separate next spring.

SrA Jody Sutton- Completed Mountain Dew rehab. Moves so fast we don't know if he was really here. Will also separate next spring.

SrA Bryan Adams- A good family man. Working hard on college and trying for a job with Army flying helicopters.

SrA James Dickson- Recent draft choice from Loring. Engaged to be married. You should see the ring!

The following are assigned to the 453 OSS:

TSgt Glen Forward- He is Baaack! Diverted from the squadron to scheduling. Sorry about that Glen.

SSgt Jim Anderson- Also diverted to scheduling. Angry is doing a good job assimilating all that scheduling stuff.

SSgt Jay Mackey- Soon to be outbound from scheduling. Going to be a C-130 flight engineer in Germany. Boy is his wife Happy!

MSgt Robin Hendrickson- Our lead scheduler. Been at it for about two years. Are you ready for the funny farm yet Robin?

MSgt Jack "Face" Sprague- Lead dog in DOV. He makes policy and sets the standards. Heaven help us.

SMSgt Gary Raney- The running man. Working as Group Resource Advisor. Will be the Wing/Group cargo loading manager in Oct. Retires next fall (94).

And finally but no less important.....

CMSgt Phil Zamagne- Our Wing/Group boom, DOV, used to be Senior Enlisted Advisor, you name it, he wrote it, tested it, flew it.

Hope to see you all at the Boom Symposium in March.

43 AREFS BOOMS

ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, THIS IS A CURRENT LIST OF BOOM OPERATORS ASSIGNED TO THE 43rd AREFS. THE LIST CANNOT BE CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME DUE TO THE NUMEROUS DEPLOYMENTS AND TDY'S (i.e. WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN!!!).

PROGRAM MANAGER

MSgt Chuck Horne (extended TDY to Italy)

STAN/EVAL

MSgt Derek McDonald

TSgt (sel) James Sugden

CREW FORCE

TSgt Eric Choker (x-gunner)

SrA Travis West (new instructor)

A1C Ben Davis

SrA Scott Smith (new instructor)

SSgt Ken Anderson (at CFIC)

SrA Charles Mix

SrA Jeph Richardson (new instructor)

SrA Kraig Witt

SrA Michael McHugh

A1C Christy Kilmer

SrA Scott Lovelady

A1C Charles Dalton

SrA Ricky Fried

SrA Chris Wilkens

SrA Phil Dalrymple (new instructor)

TRAINING FLIGHT

MSgt Mike Cooley

SSgt (sel) Rocky Rollins

CARGO LOADING MANAGER

SSgt Jeff Keeton

RESOURCE MANAGER

SMSgt Gary Ranney

453 DOV

CMSgt Phil Zamagne

MSgt Jack "Face" Sprague

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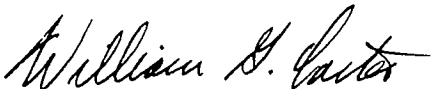
FROM: 434 OSS/DOTB

15 August 1993

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK and all Boom Operators

1. It doesn't seem like a year has past and it is time for another Boom Signal. The past year has been a fast and furious year for the 434th Wing.
2. We have built a second squadron, traded our "E" models for "R" models, the QAFE team has been here, moved both squadrons from one side of the base to the other, watched our active duty counterparts dwindle in numbers, and watched their last airplane depart Grissom. The next year is going to be even bigger (not necessarily better) changes. The base will become a reserve base in October 1994. The Commissary will go away, the BX will shrink to almost nothing and the base itself will shrink to about postage stamp size. I guess we will just have to go off base to Berties Tavern for lunch every day because there won't be any snack bars either.
3. As you can see from the attached lists of Boom Operators we have a lot of new faces around here. Yes, all the slots are full, at least until we get lucky and some new slots are added. We sent one person to CCTS, sent some to CFIC, and took some from the 305th.



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

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CMSGT MELVIN WIEMER - Sq Chief Boom - (Bone Head) - Currently awaiting arrival of a new library from Amsterdam.

SMSGT BILL CARTER - Wing Chief Boom - Did not fly the KC-97 (but did fly with Jimmy Stewart). [Editor's note: I did NOT].

MSGT LARRY BARTEL - Is still doing more to himself by 0800 than most people do all day.

MSGT RON JOHNSTON - Tried to manually lower flaps but his nose got in the way.

MSGT "REMO" WILLIAMS - Got voted most stupid fireman for setting his own van on fire!

MSGT JEFF HENRY - Wants to go to an airshow, no!! Wants to go to Australia, no!! Wants to go to??? (last seen under the Chief's desk).

MSGT JERRY SCHUMACHER - Going to be a new daddy; sure wish he would marry one of these women!

MSGT JIM SEIDLE - Wanted (SWFC) (single white fat chick).

TSGT SHAD CULP - Has given up hogs and is looking for a new profession (thinking about quitting drinking on TDYs).

TSGT ROGER DRUMM - Roger is our newest instructor and is anxiously awaiting the next trip to Guam.

TSGT CHRIS HUGHES - Still a nurse, new grandmother, - first name is still Blenda.

TSGT SCOTT WARD - Beavis and Butthead look alike (that rocks).

SSGT CHRIS HERMON - New dog, new woman, still same life! (NONE)

SRA JEFF WITHROW - Token airman and spanking boy. "It wasn't my idea - I just did what I was told to do".

74 ARS

SMSGT KIM AYERS - Sq Chief Boom - It's her turn in the barrel and she is outta control (squared). This is her third position in the past year so we are confident that she is only temporary.

SMSGT TONY FANSLER - Wing Stan/Eval - Carmichael is avoiding him at all costs. Has years of training ahead of him to achieve the same intimidating ways CMS Wiemer had.

"F" FLIGHT

SMSGT MIKE MURPHY - Flight Commander - Recently promoted, got a "real" job and bought a new house with a pool (we're still waiting on the pool party).

MSGT KYM "AGENT" ORANGE - Is he still assigned to us? No one seems to know where he is.

MSGT PAUL "DOOGIE" HOUSER - Acquired two new financial burdens during the past year, Has yet to decide which is more costly, the house or the baby.

TSGT STEVE SAUR - Our latest "See iF I Care" School attendee. Our life long student will never graduate from Purdue unless he sees the light at the end of the corn field.

SSGT STEVE "BIFF" ROBINSON - Rumor has it he can't drive a go-cart (or alert vehicle) without getting tossed off the track. Oh well, he says he has been "ejected from better places" or was that "lower places"?). Also needs to work on his bartending techniques. Viva Las Vegas.

SSGT TIM STIBBE - The baby ART of the squadron. Brought over from the 305th Farm Club. Only problem is, they didn't send the cattle prod with him.

SSGT DON TEMPLETON - Another one of our 305th Farm Club members. Got tired of holding the "will work for food" sign for 7 months. Also trying his hand at being a semi-professional student.

"G" FLIGHT (Choir Boys & Girl)

MSGT JERRY HOSTETLER - Flight Commander - Finally made it to "older than dirt". Working harder than ever despite his age, or is it because of his age he's working harder? We forget which. So does he!

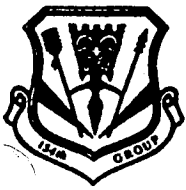
MSGT LARRY PAGE - In resident TQ GURU. Still working in Tactics even though no one seems to know where his office is, including Larry!

TSGT JENNY CARMICHAEL - What can we say? She is perfect in every way. She hasn't been left alone long enough to mess up, and with good reason. A real TDY animal despite being our "Baby Boom".

TSGT JEFF MAIER - The pork supplier of the unit. Must be the only person we have ever met with a dying Grandmother at every TDY location in the world.

TSGT SCOTT "FLAPS" ROBERTS - Recently promoted (we all make mistakes). Can't seem to tell the difference between Cheerios and Meow Mix, despite recently graduating from Purdue.

SSGT JOHN "MONKEY BOY" LEY - The Marine version of 35-10. Never gets to go cross country without adult supervision.



HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 154TH GROUP

FROM: 203 ARS/DOTB

31 Aug 93

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

The Boom Operators of the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron would like to greet everyone with ***ALOHA***. Greetings from the land where **all year round** the palm trees sway, the sun shines bright, where the water kisses the shore and beautiful women are plentiful but enough about our office space.... Seriously though, we are very excited in joining other units in this current issue (OUR FIRST!!) of the BOOM SIGNAL!

As the COLD WAR appears to have ended, we find ourselves, here in Hawaii, in the fortunate position of being part of an expanding AIR NATIONAL GUARD unit. We currently have 5 aircraft with another 3 on the way by Jan 94 and hope to have a total of 10 aircraft by summer of 94. We currently have 3 Full-time and 5 Part-time boom operators to do a myriad of local sorties and TDY's. Its really exciting to start-up a unit from scratch, we don't inherit anyones programs or problems. Its a lot of work but really satisfying!

We have a bunch of SUPER guys here making this unit fun and successful. You may even know a few of these guys:

MSgt Harry Allen

SMSgt select Harry is our Active Duty Advisor who came to us from K.I. Sawyer. Harrys doing a great job keeping us on the straight and narrow, when you can find him. He spends most of his time on the golf course trying to improve his game.

TSgt Steve Cid

Our Program Manager! Steve came to us from the 9th ACCS. He's our Full-time Technician. We fondly call him "KING". Its nice being King!

TSgt Tony Fortney

Our Training Flight boom! Tony also came to us from the 9th ACCS. He's our Full-time AGR (Active Guard Reserve). Tony makes sure that the flight schedule is right and also schedules our UTA weekends. If theres anything you need done, Tony's the person to see....just don't ask him how he got it done.

SSgt Greg Genenbacher

Greg's one of our Part-timers. He used to be active duty a long time ago and is our only requal boom. Ask him to tell you his story of doing a split S over Michigan in the -135.

Sgt Chris Killion

An ex-gunner!?! What can I say? Doesn't everyone have a token gunner in their unit? Chris was active duty a while back as a gunner at Minot AFB. Like all gunners he knows everything....thats why we knick named him "Chris Claven".

TSgt Gary Mau

Gary came to us from the maintenance side of the house. He gave up a Full-time maintenance slot to be a Part-time boom operator. Gary looks like he'll be our cargo loading expert before long.

TSgt Bill Montgomery

Another AGR, Bill came to us from the 93AREFS CCTS at Castle AFB. He's the Full-time hammer at STAN/EVAL. He hasn't given a checkride yet, but he says he takes VISA, MASTERCARD, DISCOVERY, DINERS CLUB, but not AMERICAN EXPRESS!!

SSgt Jeff Pohaku

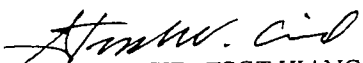
Another Part-timer who came to us from Security Police. He got tired of eating donuts while in uniform and decided to get a real job! His real job is working for the Honolulu Police Department"Book him Danno". Jeff recently was in a bad car accident and he's slowly recovering. We wish him a speedy recovery.

SSgt Frank Santos

Our resident ex-marine, "HOOYAH", who came to us from Civil Engineering. Another Part-timer who can party all night and run the 1.5 aerobics run in under 10 minutes! What do they feed those marines? When he's not working with us, he works for the state as a heavy equipment operator.

Well, thats our line-up. We got a bunch of motivated, dedicated, experienced and highly qualified guys!

We invite everyone to come out and see us! Now that theres another tanker unit in the Pacific (besides Kadena and Eielson) there may not be as many trips to Hawaii. But don't worry, there still are missions out here to do that we can't support. Our maintenance hasn't caught up with operations yet. But when you get to Hawaii, please stop in and share a cool one with us.


STEPHEN V. CID, TSGT, HIANG
Inflight Program Manager, 203 ARS

ILLINOIS AIR NATIONAL GUARD
108TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DOTT

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

To: CMSgt Harris

Greetings! From the city of wind, and the home of the **THREE TIME WORLD CHAMPION CHICAGO BULLS!!!**...and so on.

Besides battling the mighty Mississippi, the Base closure committee and the temporary mayor of Chicago, we managed to participate in Operation Restore Hope back in December/January. We had the distinction of being the **first** tanker unit to have a conventional ORI. Along with our beer buddies from the 128th in Milwaukee, (Ya hey dere!), we deployed to a forward and hostile location, Gulfport Ms. Them rebs were really gunnin for us damn yankees!

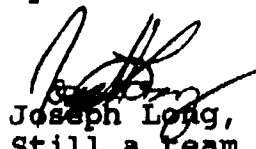
Other significant events for DA BOOMS was an unusual TDY to Beijing, China back in May. (We'll fight those commies wherever we can find them!) We also have had several Guard airlifts, and were the host unit for the NATO AWACS support mission in Geilenkirchen, Germany. (Sorry about leaving Gordy there. But, better you having him than us.) We are awaiting the start up of the AMC channel missions rumored for October. We'd like to hear all of the dirt about the new roller floors from any of you who have them already.

Well, that's about it for now. The water is receding and the Cold war has definitely thawed. So, now we are in search of another purpose. Hopefully it will be somewhere in Europe or the south Pacific. **SEE YA THERE!!!**

If you're ever in town give us a call or stop by. Hopefully we'll still be here or we'll leave a forwarding address.
Ph. (312) 825-6975 or DSN (that's AV to you old heads) 930-6975.



John T. Weber, TSgt, ILANG
Training Flight



Joseph Long, GS-9, ILANG
Still a team player



KENNETH R. PHILLIPS, MSgt, ILANG
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

MSGT Ken Phillips-(AGR) Here's a name you have not seen in a while. Way back when he was a gunner on Tall Tails then he saw the light and became a Boom. Then he saw another light and that led him to Flight Records. I know what your saying (what a Bozo). Well, he finally regained his senses and he is back in the Boom field. After reading Mein Kampf, Ken became our new Program Manager.

SMSGT John Kurzeja-(Part Timer) John got himself another stripe, and he is thinking of retiring after this year, or so he is told.

SMSGT Roy Balsamo-(Part Timer) Roy also got another stripe, and still pumpin' gas at Nort West. He is our only part time evaluator so we can't let him go.

MSGT Rory Ohse-(Part Timer) Rory is a full time Chicago Cop, he came through for us again, and went to Restore Hope. He felt the pain of the starving masses, so he had to do something. Rory was last seen doling out some of that same compassion on the west side.

MSGT Joe Garcher-(Air Tech) Joe is cargo loading manager "The Lord of Load" and a new Evaluator. Joe really came through for us during the ORI with all the load plans and coordination in the terminal control unit. (cargo staging area) But we haven't seen him since.

MSGT Peter Lagioia-(AGR) Pete is our latest Master Sgt. Congrats to Pete. Pete does such a great job, he is working in flight records, scheduling, and still laminating whatever needs it.

MSGT Randy Palumbo-(Air Tech) After a nasty typing accident, it was decided that Randy will be going to the Cargo Loading section.

TSGT Joe Shell-(Part Timer) Joe left the air tech force for a job on the railroad. He is on a leave of absence for training, and he is missed.

TSGT James Miranda-(Part Timer) "Rock" is the most controversial Boom alive. He usually shows up to drill with a police escort. Not bad for a guy who just got his MBA.

TSGT Keith Wagner-(Part Timer) "Scruffy" is keeping the "Hair in a Can" company in business. No Keith we can't tell. But between us he looks like a Chia Pet.

TSGT Jeff Groch-(Part Timer) "Grocher" may be our next instructor, if we can get him out to Castle before it closes.

TSGT Faruza Kalaba-(Part Timer) Faruza is still a part timer. She's been going on lots of trips, we are not sure whether it's as a crewmember or passenger.

TSGT Sam Gerros-(Air Tech) Sam is our new Stan-Eval (Stand-Evil) Boom, he has a nice shiny hammer on back order, watch out.

TSGT John Weber-(AGR) "JT" was severely reprimanded for last year's Boom Signal in put. So this year we are doing it on the QT.

TSGT Dom Guerrieri-(AGR) Dom got married last year, he is buying a house and generally doing what he is told to do. He was last seen hiding behind his new modular furniture.

SSGT Joe Long-(Air Tech) Joe was also severely reprimanded for last year's Boom Signal in put, but being a team player, Joe has gone under ground with "JT" for this year.

SSGT Pat Quaid-(Part Timer) "Lone Wolf" or "SGT. Sunshine", or "Officer Friendly" is also a Chicago Cop. He was the only cop without a helmet for this years Bulls celebration. He really didn't need one.

SSGT Rick Spejewski-(Part Timer) "Spoooge" is still our boy wonder, and we are still wondering. "Spoooge" is a bartender, but has his eye on an air tech slot. Don't worry "Spoooge" that F-16 got vectors all the way home. "What TACAN antenna?"

"Losses"

CMSGT Jerry Malik- Jerry retired years ago, but he quit showing up this past July. Good luck Jerry.

SMSGT Spero Melonides- Spero retired in December. His son is a pilot in the "Hide a Pilot" program here. We had to take him, he was a legacy.

MSGT Tim Dunbar- Timmy left the Boom field for a weekender slot in the comode post. Watch for Tim on "Top Cops" he's the one in the Nehru Jacket and Paisley Pants. He is working with the DEA as an AGR augmentee. "Yessssssssss"

FROM: 909 AREFS/DOB

19 AUG. 93

SUBJ.: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK (CMSGT Harris)

Busy, busy, busy describes life for boom operators here at Kadena, or the 18th Imperial Wing as we are sometimes not so affectionately called. With the elimination of the Pacific Tanker Task Force our work load seems to have doubled. But, everyone got what asked for--more TDY's. In fact, folks here are gone more than they are home. Our area of operations cover the entire Western Pacific stretching from Alaska to Australia and Hawaii to Diego Garcia. Some of the more common TDY locations are: Eielson, Misawa, Yokota, Osan, Kwang-Ju, U-Taphao, Karat, Singapore, and Darwin with a few others thrown in here and there. Our two primary typhoon evacuation locations are Osan and Guam.

Since we are an objective wing we get to deploy as such with F-15's, Tankers, and AWACS. This gives us the opportunities (or burden) to carry a variety of cargo and personnel--over 1,000,000 pounds and 2,500 duty pax, plus space A, all in the past year. May not sound like much to the cargo haulers with rollers, but considering we floor loaded mostly without support from anyone else with 13-15 PAA; you figure it out. By the way, one of the most unique pieces of cargo we can now haul in the KC-135 is the F-15 engine. It took a lot of research, coordinating and experimenting, but we have it down to a simple task. If anyone would like information on the procedures to load the F-100 engine call or write us and we will be glad to send it to you.

Being on the other side of the world, we are always happy to have the TDY folks drop in or give us a call when you are over here (634-8060). We always have a hot pot of coffee or a cold beer for our fellow boom operators; besides, we always like to hear what's going on back in the states. We will say Sayonara for now and follow with the current 18th Wing boom master.

- CMSGT Dan Jones- (Shogun) Our good buddy that holds the hammer. His motto is "speak softly and don't let 'em see it coming". He is usually too busy explaining to his wife why the squadron is "making him" go to Australia to exercise this hammer.

- MSGT Bill Karasko- (Shogun II) The cargo loading guy; He calls meetings to discuss further meetings on the same subject. It's a good idea to have a sharp salute and mirrored boots to enter this mans office.

- MSGT Terry Barber- (T-Bear)-S101- A good man who knows how to get things done. He always seems manages to find the airman best qualified to take his 3 hr. pattern ride so that he may tend to his SNCO duties. He'll even come off leave early to go TDY (as long as it's to the right place)

- MSGT (SEL) Jimmy Bullock-(Wizard) This man is chief of Boom Training Flight. This has to be printed because he is never on Island to prove it. It must be said he left a very good impression in Guam. His face will not be forgotten soon.

- TSgt Jerry Head("that's not me, it's my cousin")-TNG FLT-Been here a couple of months. Nobody knows if he's OSI or actually a Boom. He seems to know a lot about everything, including the jet. Suspensions first arose when his initial sortie here was a TDY to Osan.

- TSgt Dean Oulela (Butt head)-S102-This man will do anything for you between school terms, otherwise he will "Just Say No". He brought his jet skis over from his last base, but for some reason or another, they haven't been seen much at our local USAF beaches.

- TSgt Jim Morman (PA-BELL) (I can sing)-18th OSS planner- Just got married to a great family. Rumor has it, the Pre-Nuptial agreements stipulates he would only sing in the shower. He's a hard worker who'll give you the shirt off his back after a 3-mile run. Heard his DEROS is coming up ; hate to see him go.

- TSGT (SEL) Mike X. Davis (Angela's brother) (Sinclair)-Hasn't seen much of the inside of the jet lately, but a lot of the scheduling office instead. I have never seen so many sorties canceled or personnel lost as in the weeks he was in scheduling.

- TSGT (SEL) Russ Snitker (Father Time) (Pops)-18th OSS scheduler- This guy works so hard that he only has time to put a bowl over his head when he's when getting a haircut. Don't let this mans passive attitude fool ya. He's as tense as a trap. Wanna see him go off? Just schedule him for a manned spare, 0 dark 30, Sunday morning. He's being sent back to the squadron soon. We're going to find him a job title and put him back to work!

- SSgt Mike Cordell (Ninja)-Second in charge of arranging cargo loading meetings. It slices, it dices, is says "Hai!" Stays to himself so much he'll jump out of an airplane to avoid a crowd.

- SSgt Gerry Slusher (Mr. Baseball I)-Stay out of this man's way when it comes to retrieving a baseball at the game. It's been reported by local nationals (up to the age of 70) that "A crazy man carrying a beer, body slammed me and stole my ball." He's even more aggressive when he's playing.

- SSGT Vic Arzuaga (Trust me)-Wing DONO- Scuba diving, partying, going TDY and partying, are this guys specialties. He'll do you right and do it twice for a heads up to a festive gathering. Don't go out with this man, you won't get home until sunrise. Of course this is the land of the rising sun, and Vic lives the tradition. There's too much to say about this guy, but most of it can't go in print. Retires soon, he'll be missed.

- SSGT Lloyd Rand-(Sleepy)- Big man on campus. When this man decides to sleep, Stand back, because he's down then and there. The worst part about this is he takes up the whole tub and four people are not enough to pull him out. He'll go TDY and stay there if you let him. Lloyd can be found in the alleys of Osan looking for love in all the wrong places.

- SSGT Mike Rollins (Taz Ninja) Our squadron technician, He'll tear that ice machine apart and tell you it's broke and where you can find the people to fix it. Rumor has it, he swallowed a few springs on his last mechanical excursion. This would explain why he's constantly wound up and ready to strike at any one, any time. How did those divets get in the fuselage after the pilots decided to do more transition?

- SGT. Tom McGuire (Marlene's brother)-18 OSS Scheduling- To re-inform the world, Tom is a dad. The poor kid has a mustache, glasses and a bad attitude, but we're still not sure who the father is. Tom does wonders on that schedule that he builds, it's done fast but the mistakes aren't his, just ask him. We're kidding....NOT!!

- SGT. Erick Turner(E.T.)(Smiley) A recent addition to the 909th Instructor force. Erick is a topic that would baffle most Psychological analysts. We can't figure out why he wants to use the scrotum of a kangaroo for a tobacco pouch. This along with that cigar clipper is enough to make the average man cringe and double over. If you come here TDY, he'll take you to the O'Club for dinner, his wife told him he could. ,

- SGT. Troy Keach (Homeless I)(Yukon Cornelius) Keach has been to Alaska so often this year, he qualifies for the state rebates. Rumor has it, he's a gold card member of Reflections. Troy still curses out women (he's a ladies man). Haven't seen him all summer and nobody misses him. We are planning on shipping his household goods to him.

- SRA Harold Wenner (Homeless II) Kick him, beat him, put him on a 5 hr pattern ride, he won't care. You can do all you can to ruffle this boom's feathers, but he'll find a Squee-gee to smooth things out. Listen to him long enough and he'll have you convinced he actually needs 45 days of leave over the holidays. If you can't take it, just stick some orders in his hands and put him on the next outbound -135.

- SrA Bryan Sellman (Surfer) Ladies and gentlemen, Elvis is a Boom. Priscilla should be joining the union soon, what will the 909th do? Give this guy a pool cue and he'll save the free world from being overrun. He's being primed for CFIS (Merv, take care of him). He still insists that the -135 doesn't fly above the clouds, "it surfs".

- TSgt Dave Pileski (Beavis) (Cargo Dude) Yes! He's back. Dave has once again been sent to Castle to become -135 qualified. He was sorely disappointed when he found out that it still didn't include comic books and a lounge chair (but the 10's did) He wants the booms to go to the jet 4 Hs early to load the cargo. Just tell them if there's cargo, you'll meet them at the door. It's time for him to get off his butt and do it the right way.

- SRA Trish Lehman (I run this place) Trish will soon deliver our squadron mascot. We have started buying baby gifts for our little baby boom, i.e. coffee cups, beer, boom patches. She was our traffic pattern queen for a while, she now works in the cargo loading empire or is that Jurassic park?

- SSgt Trent Apodaca (Hungry-Man) Squadron dietitian; Trents back on flying status after months of searching for booms to go to the chowhall with him. We don't know how much longer that flight suit zipper can hold, it's pushing maximum density. Aba-Daba-doo.

- TSgt Marlene McGuire (Tom's sister) (Earth child) They said Marlene came from Fairchild. We know better, she was beamed down from the Enterprise. Always willing to help out, she really loves this place. She's the only boom that wears blues without being in trouble. She's in the NCO academy, we expect at least the speech award.

- SRA (SEL) Dan Philips (Pukie) Not a well known person around the squadron. This could be because he's TDY so much or because after they get past the initial eye level glance, there's a glare. He doesn't have a car yet, but he sits at his new computer and says "VROOM VROOM", alot. He is no longer a virgin, that explains the earthquake on Guam. True story.

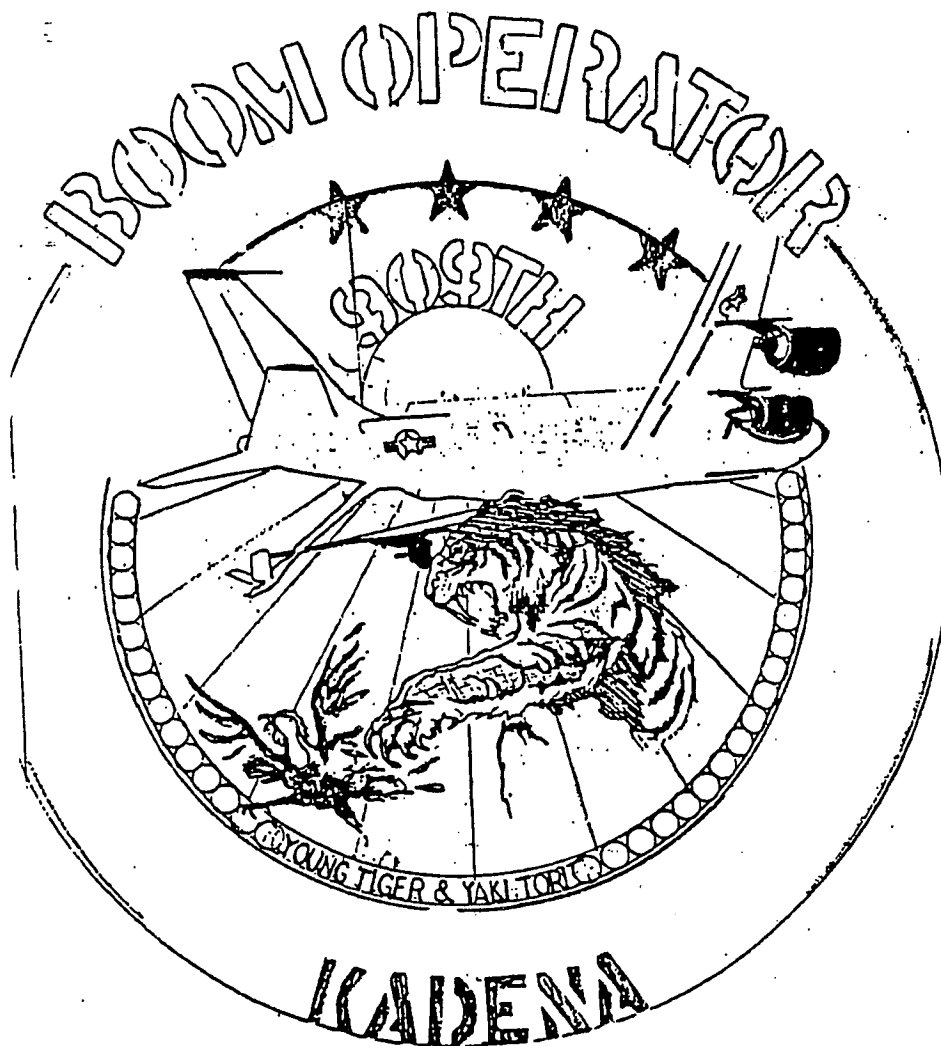
- SSGT (SEL) Phil Frank (Mr. Baseball II)-So ya wanna go TDY, huh? A first round draft pick from Fairchild. He has given his wife the island tour of all the softball fields. Mr. Baseball I has been recruited him to be his replacement.

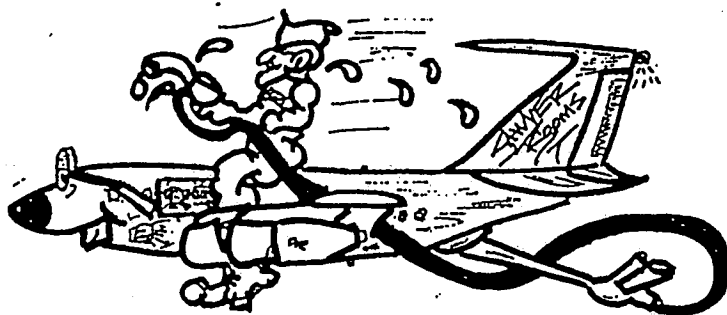
- SRA Craig Eyre (ERIK)-Crew Scheduler- We don't know why he's called Erik. If anyone knows, give us a call. Erik, I mean Craig, has three officers working for him and that's not when he's flying. We call him "Squeaky" clean that is, or is he just slippery?

- SSGT Shaun "Shadow" Lewis (I can keep a secret, NOT!) Shaun secretly runs his own squadron. He keeps the SHOGUN informed of everybody's performance. He never gets to go TDY, but he's never here. His "Mug" can't help but be in the middle of things when they happen around here, seems kind of suspicious to us, but he denies ever instigating trouble. We all know better, but keep it a secret.

- SGT. Edward Smith- (Cat Man) We haven't seen him in months. We're considering filing a missing person report. We haven't seen any accident reports, so I guess he's a good boom. Word of caution to all of you. If you have Feline Frisbee jokes, keep them to yourself or you'll be stroking Ed the wrong way. This is a special guy with an appreciation for the critters.

Well that's it for this year's signal. If you're ever in the area just give us a call.





FROM: The 46th Air Refueling Squadron Boom Operators

30 Jul 1993

SUBJ: 1993 Boom Signal Input....."The final chapter from the crowd at K. I. Sawyer"

TO: All Boomers

GREETINGS! DAMN, time flies when you're having fun - already time for the Boom Signal input again. As some or most of you out there are aware, the tanker community here at Sawyer is in its final days. We were identified as a closure unit about two years ago and are now rapidly approaching our "get outta town date" of 7 October. This is a date that many of us are not looking forward to as lots of us enjoy most everything about this assignment. Like many assignments, it's the people that make it good, and that is unquestionably the case here at the 46th Air Refueling Squadron. Below you will find a listing of the heavy hitters we have on board here and the destination that they are next forecasted to join.

Squadron Staff:

MSgt Brad Arnsparger - Program Manager

I proudly claim responsibility for this whole gang; looking forward to Mountain Home AFB, Idaho

MSgt Steve Lonerhan - Training Flight

Steve will be staying here and retiring in another year; take care of Sawyer for us Dad!

MSgt Curt Umstead - Training Flight

Gets here from Wurtsmith as they closed, now closes Sawyer too???? Grand Forks AFB, ND

MSgt Marty Kovar - Flight Scheduling

Looking forward to being a civilian 1 Feb 94; will remain in the local area...

SSgt Ryan Cermak - Ground Scheduling

Another old timer here, done good in ground scheduling; Malmstrom AFB, MT

TSgt Ted Johnson - Alert Facility

Ted is our resident ACC Boomer in charge of hotel management; Grand Forks AFB, ND

TSgt Rodney Derringer - Stan Eval S-101

Mightie Mouse is our lead head hunter, done a super job! Seymour Johnson AFB, SC

SSgt Mike Routheau - Stan Eval S-102

Sawyer was a quick stop for "Herman Munster", CCTS bound; Castle AFB, CA

SRA Errikk Decker - Stan Eval S-103

Eddie Munster is joined at the hip with Derringer...??? Seymour Johnson AFB, SC

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Crewdog line-up:

SRA Bob Boettcher -

Big Boberdoo is joining the bunch at Fairchild AFB, WA

SRA Brian Brumbaugh -

Brian is Fairchild AFB bound...

ALC Dan Cavanaugh -

I hope that G.Q. Magazine delivers to the Fairchild AFB area...

ALC Chi Nung Chan -

("REAL MEN" go with roses Mike...)

This guy lives, sleeps, and eats volleyball!!! Fairchild AFB is getting this one too...

ALC Rick Clark -

Old George Jetson... Is headed to McConnell AFB, KS

ALC Chel Courtney -

Will be separating to the lower Michigan area

ALC Pat Denson -

Pat is joining Dorihey and Toto at McConnell AFB, KS

Sgt Chris Edmonds - INSTRUCTOR

KC-10 bound to the Seymour Johnson Gang...

SSgt Lloyd Fairchild -

Lloyd almost "foot bailed" on us thinking he wanted to be a Flt. Eng.; now headed to Robbins AFB, GA

ALC Russ Gardner -

See ya Gunner... Russ is going up to Grand Forks to see if he can strap a 50 cal. on a tank?

SRA Corey Grape -

Below the zone to E-4... Sharp dude heading towards Plattsburg Airplane patch, NY

Sgt Jeff Harwood -

Another die-hard gunner...would do the B52 thing again in a second; Plattsburg AFB, NY

SRA Chris Meinken - INSTRUCTOR

An Upper Peninsula Michigan local boy; all set to now explore the south at Robbins AFB, GA

ALC Cody Pope -

The "Popesier" wants dry heat and dust...ask and you shall receive - Altus AFB, OK

SRA Jeff Tait -

Will join the ranks of the KC-10 folks at March AFB, CA; wear your body armor Jeff!

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SRA BRIAN VALADEZ -

HEY BARKSDALE AFB...THIS MIDGET BEARS MUCH WATCHING! THE KC-10 IS ACQUIRING HOOTCHIE-COO!!!!

THAT'S IT FOR THE CREWDOG TYPES -

MOST RECENTLY WE LOST TSgt Bud Naylor from our Flight Scheduling ARENA, HE GRABBED THE JOB AT THE TINKER AFB DEPO. Additionally, TSgt Ken McCarthy flew the coop from Training Flight and now makes his home at the CCTS, CASTLE AFB. SRA Tom Glosser also departed our ranks for the 3-holer at Seymour Johnson AFB, NC. SEE YA AROUND WOODROW! MSgt "B" Ekdaht jumped ship this past May for the good-life of retirement; will remain in the local AREA.

AS A NOTE TO ALL OF THE BOOM'S HERE AT K. I. SAWYER, I WANT TO TAKE A SHORT SPACE AND SAY THIS TO EACH OF YOU.

DURING THE THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF, IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR TO HAVE WORKED WITH EACH OF YOU AS I MADE MY WAY DOWN THE ROAD AS THE PROGRAM MANAGER HERE AT THE 46TH. My predecessor in this job gave me a bit of advice as he departed for the HEADQUARTERS; HE TOLD ME, YOUR BIGGEST JOB HERE IS TO SIMPLY *TAKE CARE OF THE BOOM OPERATORS, EVERYTHING ELSE WILL FALL INTO PLACE.* I REALIZE NOW THAT THIS ONE-LINER SAYS IT ALL.

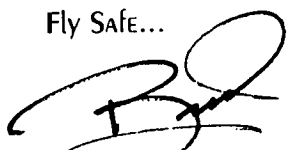
WE'VE HAD GOOD TIMES HERE TOGETHER! I HOPE THAT AS EACH OF YOU LOOK BACK ON YOUR EXPERIENCES HERE AT SAWYER, IT WILL BRING BACK SOME GOOD MEMORIES. THROUGH ORI'S, 15 AF VISITS, THE SOMALIAN RELIEF EFFORT, AND DAY TO DAY FLYING AROUND THE WORLD... EACH OF YOU DID IT AS GOOD AS ANYBODY COULD EVER WANT IT DONE.

I'VE HAD SOME GOOD ASSIGNMENTS AND WORKED WITH SOME FOLKS THAT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST IN OUR BUSINESS. BUT, I'VE NEVER BEEN AS PROUD OF AN AFFILIATION WITH ANY ONE GROUP OF FOLKS, AS I AM HAVING BEEN HERE AT THE 46TH WITH EACH OF YOU. IT HAS BEEN A COMPLETE PLEASURE "*TAKING CARE OF YOU GUYS AND HAVING EVERYTHING ELSE FALL INTO PLACE*"...

THE VERY BEST - Brad

ON BEHALF OF EACH OF THE BOOM OPERATORS HERE AT THE 46TH, WE WISH MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS TO THE FINEST ENLISTED CAREER FIELD IN TODAY'S AIR FORCE - SO LONG TO ALL OF YOU FROM K. I. SAWYER AND UPPER MICHIGAN!

Fly Safe...



BRADFORD T. ARNSPARGER, MSgt, USAF
PROGRAM MANAGER

**MAINE AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS, 101st AIR REFUELING WING(AMC)
BANGOR, MAINE 04401**

Greetings From MAINEiacs Land,

I had a lot of fun at the Boom Conference, learned a lot, and enjoyed meeting with many old friends. I am looking forward to the next one. Not much new happening here other than us getting ready for our ORI next summer. Stan Hunter has asked to contribute to this letter so I will turn it over to him. Hope to see you all soon.

Glenn Prewitt

CMS GLENN M. PREWITT "SPIDER". THE TECHNICIAN AND REAL CHIEF BOOM. GLENN IS BUSY SAILING HIS 33 FOOT SAILBOAT, "2nd JOB" AND TALKING ON HIS AMATUER RADIO STATION, N1LXM. THE NAME SPIDER CAME WITH HIM YEARS AGO AND NOBODY KNOWS WHAT IT MEANS. THAT'S GOOD BECAUSE NO ONE IN HIS RIGHT MIND MAKES SMART REMARKS ABOUT CHIEF BOOMS.

CMS JAMES L. WINCHESTER "WINCH". THE FORMER TECHNICIAN CHIEF BOOM. WINCH IS EASING INTO RETIREMENT AND REDUCED INCOME BY STAYING ON MILITARILY FOR A WHILE. HIS LOVE OF INCOME IS GREATER THAN HIS LOVE OF GOLF OR ANYTHING ELSE FOR THAT MATTER.

SMS MYRON E. REYNOLDS, JR. "SONNY". THE NEW STAN EVAL BOOM TECHNICIAN. SONNY HAS WRITTEN MANY COMPUTER PROGRAMS FOR US AND THE -135 COMMUNITY. HE IS A PROFESSIONAL GOLFER AND OWNS HIS OWN DRIVING RANGE AND GOLF SCHOOL. IF YOU HOOK OR SHANK THE BALL YOU GET A QL-2. WHEN YOU GRADUATE YOU GET A FORM 8.

SMS STANTON W. HUNTER "STAN". THE TRAINING FLIGHT BOOM TECHNICIAN. HE NO LONGER WEARS HIS "C. DON" XC NAME TAG AND HAS TOTALLY CALMED DOWN. WAS ALWAYS INTERESTED IN A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD BUT NOW WANTS TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE HIS SAILBOAT. HE SAYS HE HAS TO SAVE HIS ENERGY FOR HIS NEW, YOUNG WIFE. WE SAY HE IS GETTING OLD.

MSG ARTHUR M. STEVENS "ART". HE OWNS A BUSINESS WHICH REHABILITATES DISABLED WORKERS AND CATCHES ABLE "DISABLED" WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION PEOPLE. WE DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES THIS BUT IT MUST BE PROFITABLE SINCE HE DRIVES A CADILLAC.

MSG JOSEPH F. GIFFORD "JOE-FRED". HE IS A REGISTERED MAINE GUIDE, WHITE WATER CANOEIST, PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER, AND A FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR. HE IS TEACHING OUR TWO WANNABE-A-PILOT BOOMS TO FLY. JOE-FRED IS 5' 3" TALL UNTIL THE BAR OPENS.

MSG EDWARD J. ST HEART "STREET HEART". EVALUATOR BOOM. CAME FROM OUR ELECTRICAL SHOP AND HE OWNS HIS OWN ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING BUSINESS. HE KEEPS US FROM BURNING DOWN OUR HOUSES DURING HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. ONE OF OUR MOST COLORFUL CHARACTERS. HE HAS NEVER BEEN WITHOUT AN OPINION. IF YOU LOOK UP "OUTSPOKEN" IN WEBSTER'S YOU'LL FIND HIS PICTURE.

MSG CHARLES F. HALSTED "CHUCKLES". HE IS A WRITER, PRODUCER AND DIRECTOR FOR OUR STATE PUBLIC TELEVISION STATION. HE ADJUSTS THE TRACKING CONTROL ON OUR VCR WHEN WE CAN'T SEE THE PAX VIDEO. HE HAS A GREAT VOICE AND COMMANDS AN EXTENSIVE VOCABULARY. HIS WORST DAY WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF EMCON.

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TSG THOMAS M. JONES "BEACON". HE IS AN AGR EVALUATOR BOOM WHO WORKS IN CURRENT OPS. EARNED HIS NICKNAME DURING HIS INITIAL FIGHTER QUAL YEARS AGO. TOLD THE RECEIVER HIS BEACON WAS OFF. RECEIVER SAID "ROGER BOOM. I'LL TURN IT BACK ON AFTER THE AR." WRONG!! HE HAS STOPPED MARRYING THE SAME WOMAN OVER AGAIN AND IS NOW VERY HAPPY WITH HIS NEW, NEW WIFE, DONNA.

TSG PETER A. LERETTE "PETE". A RETIRED STATE TROOPER WHO GOT THREE SPEEDING TICKETS WHILE DRIVING HIS OWN CRUISER. THE THEORY INVOLVED COVERING MORE TERRITORY IN LESS TIME. HE NOW UNDERSTANDS THE OLD ADAGE "THEORY DOESN'T WORK IN THE FIELD". PETE IS A FORMER MARINE. HE IS QUICK TO TELL US "I'M NOT A FORMER MARINE. ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE". WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE.

TSG JAMES M. PURCELL "MIKE". AN AGR WHO HAS ADOPTED THE SAFETY OFFICE AND IS BEGINNING HIS NEW EMPIRE THERE. HE WAS A B-52 CREW CHIEF, RAILROAD CONDUCTOR AND OWNED A "BIG RIG" INTERSTATE TRUCKING COMPANY.

TSG CARLA L. CYR "Ms BOOM". THAT'S WHAT HER LICENSE PLATE SAYS BUT WE JUST CALL HER CARLA. MAY BE THE ONLY FEMALE BOOM TO TAKE SEXTANT SHOTS WITHOUT THE STOOL. (STANDING ON THE FLOOR) CARLA WORKS FOR THE STATE OF MAINE'S HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. WITH ALL THE STATE SHUT-DOWN DAYS SHE IS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE MORE AT THE GUARD. WE THINK HER JOB INVOLVES PASSING OUT MONEY TO THE CASES ART DOESN'T HANDLE.

TSG BRUCE J. GEROUX "BRUCE". OUR NEWEST TECHNICIAN BOOM. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY A FULLTIME FIRE FIGHTER IN A NEARBY TOWN. HE WAS ASSIGNED TO OUR AIR GUARD FIRE DEPARTMENT BEFORE BECOMING A BOOM. WITH ALL THAT EXPERIENCE WITH HOSES WE INTEND TO MAKE HIM OUR PROBE AND DROGUE SPECIALIST. BRUCE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING STUPID ENOUGH TO GET A COLORFUL NICKNAME, YET.

TSG JAY E. ELLINGSEN "JAY". AN AGR INSTRUCTOR WHO WORKS IN CURRENT OPS, HE IS OUR MOST RECENT INSTRUCTOR UPGRADE. LIKES GUNS, MOTORCYCLES AND IS A SKI INSTRUCTOR. WENT DOWN INTERSTATE 95 AT 65 MPH WITHOUT HIS MOTORCYCLE WHICH HAD STOPPED AFTER THE COLLISION WITH THE DEER. IF IT INVOLVES HIS HOBBIES OR ADDS TO THE GO FAST LOOK AND IS EXPENSIVE, JAY PROBABLY HAS ONE. THE ONLY BOOM TO LOOK UP TO JOE-FRED.

TSG ROBERT A. PHAIR "SLICK". A TECHNICIAN INSTRUCTOR BOOM. SLICK IS A PERSONAL FRIEND OF LECH WALESA. THERE ARE MANY, MANY OTHER SLICK STORIES. THE NFL WOULD CALL HIM AN IMPACT PLAYER. HE HAS BEEN MARRIED TO STEPHANIE FOR OVER A YEAR NOW. SHE HAS "GENTLED" HIM ENOUGH THAT SOME CALL HIM "BORN AGAIN BOB". HE STILL GETS THAT STRANGE LOOK WHEN HE HEARS THE EXHAUST OF A HARLEY OR THE SONG "BORN TO BE WILD". HE WILL ALWAYS BE SLICK TO US.

TSG SCOTT M. HESSELTINE "HYDRO". WORKS FOR THE BANGOR HYDRO ELECTRIC COMPANY. HE SPECIALIZES IN HIGH VOLTAGE WORK. WAS THE BOOM ON THE AMC TANKER WORLD SERIES OF BOMBING WINNING CREW. HE EVEN GOT A MEDAL. WE'LL REMEMBER THE FLIGHTS WITH THE SHORT CIRCUITS.

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SSG RICHARD M. THOMPSON "RICK". ONE OF OUR THREE NEW BABY BOOMS (THE THREE MUSKETEERS) AND ONE OF THE TWO WHO WANNABE A PILOT. HE JUST GOT MARRIED TO A GIRL WE'VE NEVER MET. WE HOPE SHE STILL SENDS ALL THOSE GOODIES IN HIS LUNCH. RICK NEVER PASSES UP A CHANCE TO KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT. WE REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM.

SRA MICHAEL A. STEVENS "MIKE". ANOTHER OF THE THREE MUSKETEERS AND THE OTHER WANNABE. HAS A GIRLFRIEND WE'VE NEVER MET AND HAS BEEN ASKING LOTS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW TO BUY A HOUSE. APPEARS TO BE TRYING TO KEEP UP WITH RICK. REQUIRES LOTS OF INSTRUCTION TO UNDERSTAND LOW PROFILE AND HOW TO BLEND IN. HE IS ART'S SON BUT IS NOT ALLOWED TO TOUCH THE CADILLAC.

SRA WAYNE T. VINCENT "TEX, BANJO BOOM, HAT TRICK, THE DOVER ROVER, ETC." THE OTHER OF THE THREE MUSKETEERS. STARTED HIS CAREER IN THE ARMY THEN CAME TO OUR SECURITY POLICE. HE FELT STIFLED AND UNABLE TO EXPRESS HIMSELF SO HE BECAME A BOOM. WE HAVE GIVEN HIM WORLD-WIDE CAPABILITY FOR EXPRESSION AND HE HAS RESPONDED MAGNIFICENTLY. WOULD FIT RIGHT IN WITH THE BOOMS OF "YESTERYEAR". APPEARS TO HAVE A LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN HIS ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE SINCE HE FINISHES MOST SENTENCES WITH "YA KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?".

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MSG ROGER MACLEOD. ROGER HAD A MEDICAL PROBLEM DURING THE DESERT STORM ACTIVATION. HE WAS DETERMINED TO BE QUALIFIED FOR WORLD WIDE DUTY BUT NOT FLIGHT DUTY. HE IS STILL IN THE UNIT AND IS ASSIGNED TO THE SAFETY OFFICE. ROGER LEFT AN EMPTY PAIR OF SHOES THAT NO ONE CAN FILL.

SSG/2LT TIM MARQUIS. TIM LEFT THE BOOM RANKS TO BECOME ONE OF OUR NAVIGATORS. HE HAS JUST RETURNED TO THE SQUADRON FROM CASTLE. A NAV WHO KNOWS HOW TO TIE DOWN CARGO WILL COME IN HANDY IN THE DAYS AHEAD. GOOD LUCK TIM!

SSG/2LT ANDY SHUMAN. THE "SHUMANATOR" IS ANOTHER SOCIAL CLIMBER HAVING LEFT US FOR PILOT TRAINING. HE IS PRESENTLY IN T-38'S. FROM THE BACK TO THE FRONT OF THE JET. WE'RE ROOTING FOR YOU, ANDY!



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

23 AUG 93

FROM: 91 AREFS/DOT

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK (Chief Harris)

Greetings from the 91 AREFS, the Great White North and all of the Big Sky Boomers. Things are pretty hectic around the Big Sky Country with our Tanker Express commitment as well as our other various taskings. There aren't many of us booms around at any one time. We're not sure how long our doors will be open up here but as long as they are, if you're passing through, feel free to drop in for a cup of our fine "bean". Summer finally hit a couple of weeks ago so it's really beautiful now.

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 Scott Swilling: Finally kicked out of the alert facility. Flies more channel missions than anyone, might get it right someday. Waiting to put on senior.

MSgt Douglas Jess: (Training Flight), Nicknamed "Crusty" because of his cheerful disposition. A semiprofessional guide/outfitter; spends a lot of free time in rafts with girls in wet swim suits.

MSgt Jake Vogt: (Training Flight), Still looks like a cop. Has taken up fly fishing in his spare time. Recently discovered that the bigger and heavier the fly, the better the odds of hitting a fish with it. Still recovering from his Code Blue.

TSgt Wayne Hillegeist: (R-121), Came to us from the school house and wasted no time getting into the Montana thing. Bought him an 80 acre ranch. We heard he's raising sheep. Needs to learn a few western things. (1) You only sing cows to sleep, (2) Sheep don't wear nylons.

TSgt Kevin Holmgren: (R-111), Claims to be coming an outdoorsman. Tried doing some white water rafting this year but he got wet and decided he didn't like it. He says he is good at snow skiing but he gets wet from that too.

TSgt Terry Klementz: (S-101), (Smurf) A fly fishing god. Takes his fly fishing philosophies into Stan/Eval - catch and release.

SSgt Stephen Olson: (Spare), (Oly) Getting shorter by the day and hiding out in a classified location. He retires in January.

SSgt Jeff Magee: (R-133) Loves going TDY but would be willing to give it up for an assignment to Castle.

SSgt (sel) Steve Hines: (Scheduling) Somehow managed to worm his way into a scheduling position and just loves it. Can't quite figure out why others don't.

SSgt (sel) Mike Jennen: (R-110/CLT) Got married and is gonna become a daddy real soon. Wants to go to Grand Forks real bad. Anybody want to work a swap? Mike will give up his first born.

SSgt (sel) Jason Swandal: (S-102) Married a Montana girl this year. Seems to be happy in Stan/Eval, Recently took out a whole crew on check-ride. Watch your fuel panel and oxygen. But he feels bad about it.

SrA Emile Chabrouillaud: (R-113) (Pronounced Chab) Became a new dad and our newest instructor a couple of months ago. Chab has learned a lot in the last nine months.

SrA Jonathan Webb: (R-120) We finally figured out why no one ever sees John. Since last signal, he's become a dad and is expecting again. Jon and Becky are very happy with the long winter nights.

SrA Tim Arsenault: (R-110) New IBO from Loring. During this years "Animals in the woods", he took his salmon rod to catch brook trout. They don't fight that much and when he'd hook one they ended up in the trees. Made the racoons happy!

SrA Phil Money: (R-122/CLT) (Eddie) (Gimpy) (Chester) (Hop-a-long) A computer guru assigned to our CLT. Since his lengthy DNIF, He's been doing some overtime in Training Flight, we've installed a Midol dispenser in the mens room.

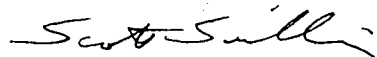
SrA Mickey Burnett: (R-130) Expecting his first child in November and still thinks there is no limit on antelope in Montana. Can't wait to get his hands into a fresh gut pile next month.

SrA Tom Jeter: (R-132) Diligently working on his private pilots license. Fired over 100 rounds during hunting season and crippled a single antelope. He somehow startled a large herd and one ran into one of his bullets. Mickey and Tom did manage to eat their first raw liver this year.

SrA (sel) Chris Ochoa: (R-112) Promoted below the zone to SrA and can use the raise since his 2nd child (a daughter) was born. We have him scheduled for a vasectomy next Tuesday.

AlC Leroy Blue: (R-123) (MR 2 U) Leroy is our Foreign Relations expert. Recently nominated for a position as United States Ambassador to Italy. When you absolutely, positively, have to get out of the country overnight, see Leroy for travel instructions.

AlC Troy Singleton: (separated) Got out in July with a part time guard job in southern Cal. and plans to go back to school full time.



SCOTT SWILLING, MSgt, USAF
91 AREFS Program Manager

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

FROM: 97 AREFS/IFPM

10 AUG 93

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK (CMSGT Harris)

Greetings from the 97 AREFS, the Great White North and the best half of the Big Sky Boomers. Its was nice to be home but now it looks like its back on the road again, what with the Channel, Tanker Express, Green Flag, Red Flag, ETTF, RTTF, Purple Penny, etc. there aren't to many of us booms here at any one time. We're still growing everyday, at one time in your travels we'll expect you to pass through our doors, not sure anymore how long they'll be open but while they are, 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 have a new three bay.

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SMSgt John Randall: (Senior boom, 43 OPG/DOV) Between the two horses, new truck, and a horse trailer that's the size of a mobile home he's a busy camper. Shelled out the transmission on the truck the first time he tried to tow the trailer, when will those flat-landers ever learn.

MSgt John Lobenberg: (43 OPG/DOV) (Bones) Our newest MSgt, still checking the checkers and loving every minute of it.

SSgt Matthew Karnauskas: (Scheduling) (Krash) After a year in the job he is still happy, seems to be getting just a little bit on the grumpy side.

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MSgt Kent Jenkins: (Program Manager) (Gramps) Got 3 horses now, still lives out in the middle of nowhere, gave up on the Cowboy idea, to many sad songs, two new grand kids.

MSgt Douglas Simmons: (Training flight) To go with his shiny new Chevy 4X4, he just got a nice new boat for those long fishing trips to Canada, must think he's in the Navy, this is boat number three.

TSgt Robert Battaglia: (CLT Manager) (Batman) Soon to be a MSgt, only CLT tapes in the world that have a "dog" and pony show in them.

SSgt Robert Henson: (S-151) Leaves in a couple of weeks, going to the ATOC at McCord, all of our jets will be loaded to perfection.

SSgt James Deitz: (S-151) Will be replacing Rob in Stan eval, just finished a long stint in scheduling, still racing his cars and going through a dozen POVs a year.

SSgt Daniel Wells: (S-152) Just got married to a sweet girl who has a thing for trout bums, bought a house, looks like he could just be settling down, will be a TSgt as soon as the list says "all remaining".

SSgt Paul Greene: (R-160) (Guns I) Just got back from CFIC, has turned into a great boom, may be just a little bit too intense but we'll change that.

SRA Michael Stukel: (R-161) (Stuk) Offered him a CFIC slot said he'd think about it after hunting season, wants to bag one of everything.

SRA Shawn Branstetter: (R-162) (Bran) Not to much to say about the Bran, seems like he's always on the road, SRA below the zone.

Sgt Gary Elliott: (R-163) (Montana Deer Mercenary) The name fits, all he has to do is remember to shoot the right deer in the right place this year, soon to be a SSgt.

SRA Jay Heimann: (R-170) (Buster) This kid defiantly knows how to make the time go by in sand land, ask him about it some day.

SSgt Gerald Hall: (R-171) (Gary) With hair like Gary's it's always a bad hair day, was a Staff for three months before he got any name tags to say so.

TSgt Timothy Sawyers: (R-172) (Guns II) Our second gunner, at CFIC now and will come home to us an instructor, this guy is so laid back he should have been a boom from the start.

SSgt Michael Densmore: (R-173) Our "Tanker Express" boom, bought a used 4X4 and needs the TDYs to keep it running, guess he figures if he's not home to drive it it won't break.

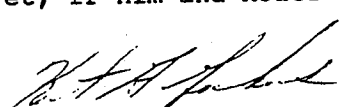
TSgt Ricky Geiger: (R-180) Mr. stealth, bought a new bow for hunting season and neglected to get the safety course, oh well there's always next year.

SRA Richard Anton: (R-181) Not too 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, will be a SSgt next year, wants to go to the tens.

A1C Nicole Moats: (R-182) Our only Boomette, good hands, sharp boom, another ter wanna-bee, doesn't slow that 65 Mustang down she'll be paying for a new court house in Great Falls.

SRA William Farris: (Spare) New guy, just got back from CFIC, not to much to say about this guy except that he'd better keep his room clean.

SRA Steven Moser: (Spare) (Skip) Another new guy, hasn't died on his bike yet, if him and Moats ever meet on 10th So. I'll be looking for a new boom.


KENT A. JENKINS, MSgt, USAF
97 AREFS Program Manager



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



FROM: 6 AREFS/DOB

9 Aug 93

SUBJ: '93 Boom Signal Input

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK & All Boom Operators

1. Hi from March AFB and Southern California, "The Golden State". Those of us who live here know better, but as we face a unit move up to Travis AFB for the sake of realignment, many are just now realizing how much they like it here. The rest of us sane ones are ready to go, and some don't think Northern California is far enough away! Anyway, it's been another very busy year. Many of us have spent a great deal of time in the desert a half a world away under austere conditions (NOT!). Now that everybody's finally home for the first time this year, we can concentrate on smoothing out the kinks in our new flight system and preparing for and suffering through our first ORI in three years. We've got a good crew so I think we'll do alright. Here's our current lineup:

Program Manager

MSgt Ted Glick--Trying to keep my big bald head above water. Not always entirely successful. Somebody, throw me a line! Never more than 50 feet from a computer.

Training Flight

TSgt Jay Davis--Sweet Daddy. Primarily our phase 1B IBO, but manages to get his share of the TDY's anyway. Just bought a house. Good timing Jay!

A Flight

MSgt Bob "Bo Bo" Friesen (Flight Chief)--Quit smoking with the aid of hypnosis, which explains his demeanor and possibly his unnatural attraction to Rush Limbaugh. Recently updated his ticket and can now be regularly spotted bug-smashing through the local skies. Watch out!

MSgt Roger Dumaine (Evaluator)--Our newest addition to Stan/Eval, and has yet to establish his reputation as a hammer or a Santa Claus. Physically more resembles Santa.

SSgt Rodney Bennett (Scheduler)--Lost his cushy training flight job when we went to flights. Now must work for a living. Another computer geek.

MSgt Ed Mang--Recently departed Stan/Eval. Took up residence as our most experienced (oldest) IBO.

TSgt Steve Kleman--New squadron supply guru. Hey Steve, can I have a new flight suit? How about some new gloves? Newlywed, working on the procreation thing.

SSgt Jeff Harp--Has always worked his hiney off for us and we appreciate it. Jeff will soon be leaving us for greener pastures and we wish him the best.

Sgt (SSgt Sel) Steve "Jay" Jackson--Came from Kadena, working hard to get enough TDY to get cargo qualified. Don't have anything bad to say about Jay except that he's one of those loud, obnoxious dominoes players. Learned it from the FE's I think.

SrA Roman Munoz--Quiet Moon-headed boy. Done very well for us. Our shirt liked him so much, he made him go to leadership school again.

SSgt Duarte--Just got here. I've met him but I'm bad with names so I don't remember his first name. Joe I think. Don't have anything bad to say about him yet. Starts school tomorrow.

B Flight

TSgt (MSgt Sel) Joe Surovy (Flight Chief)--Joe surprised many of us by a) making master, and b) getting married, all in his customary quiet fashion. He'll probably have a kid in high school before any of us know about it.

TSgt Billy "B2" Black (Evaluator)--No it's not a typo, he really is a Tech, finally. The 6th's half of the '93 Airlift Rodeo Cargo Loading Championship team. Says he can't wait for next year.

SSgt Jack Fortner (Scheduler)--We can't get him to stop making babies. He's got two now, though they're both girls. Keep trying Jack! Our newest IBO.

SSgt James O'Brien--IBO wannabe. If we could keep him out of the commander's and shirt's offices for any length of time we could probably make it happen.

SSgt (TSgt Sel) Snyder--Our supreme emperor of supply. Super-boom, will go far quickly. If he's not in the squadron, he's cutting his grass. Has the largest yard in all of base housing.

SSgt Dan Elam--Sewed on Staff at 9 years, 51 weeks. We're all just trying hard to live up to Dan's high professional standards.

SrA Abel Saenz--Never here. Haven't seen him in forever but I remember he looks like Lou Costello. Hey Abbot!

C Flight

TSgt Rick Harris (Flight Chief)--Computer network guru. Former FE. Can often be found with Bo Bo burning up the skies in his Piper. He took me flying once. We lost the alternator somewhere along the way. Diverted, drove home. Fun (NOT!).

SSgt Jack Lemons (Evaluator)--New evaluator. Either playing ball or on the road. Gives about a hundred checks a month.

SSgt Greg Warren (Scheduler)--Recently moved up to the scheduling spot. Another IBO wannabe. Recently tired of the good housekeeping inspectors so he moved off base. I've heard it said that Greg is to neatness/cleanliness what professional wrestling is to fine acting.

SSgt Randy Johnson--AKA Dial Tone. Went to UAE, applied for citizenship. Can't wait to go back. C Flight resident instructor.

Sgt Lynn "Banzai" Thatcher--Hello, M^cFly!!! Anybody home? We expect Banzai to get the hang of things any day now. Maybe it's too much after-shave.

SrA Dave Arendse--Another super-boom. If I had a few more like him, I could fire the rest of these clowns and work half-days.

Attached

SMSgt Larry Strong (OPG/DOV)--Always got his finger in something over there. Tries to have his way with maintenance.

MSgt Sherry Davis (Wing Scheduling)--Formerly Sherry Byran. Married a RAAF Warrant Officer. Heading to Scott AFB this month to serve out the remainder of her sentence.

SSgt Larry Hudnut (Wing Scheduling)--Will be coming back to the squadron soon to look for bigger and better conquests.

SSgt Tony Ceraolo (Current Ops)--Seems to have found a home over there. Don't hear much from him.

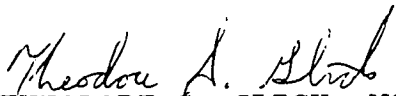
Departures

MSgt Jeff McGirt--Former Chief Boom. Retired, now a member of the Atlanta PD.

TSgt Rick Shipman--Retired. Somewhere in Northern California.

SSgt Dave Pileski--Got roped back into -135's. Long story, complicated joint-spouse thing. Now a resident of Kadena AB.

2. That's it. If you're ever in the area, feel free to stop by. Our DSN is 947-3659.


THEODORE S. GLICK, MSgt, USAF
In-Flight Refueling Program Manager



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



FROM: 9 AREFS/DOB (MSgt Slobodnjak)
SUBJ: '93 Boom Signal Input
TO: HQ AMC/XOVK & All Boom Operators

1 Aug 93

1. Here's the 9th's current lineup:

Program Manager

NEW: MSgt Steve Slobodnjak--Chief Boom and the 9th's half of the Airlift Rodeo Cargo Load Championship team...again. Thank goodness it's the last time!

OLD: MSgt John Page--Recently short notice PCS'ed to Charleston AFB. Stop in and see him if you get by that way.

EVEN OLDER: MSgt Jim Mountcastle--Retired, stayed in the local area.

Training Flight

TSgt Judy Burr--Cargo winch (CW). CCTS Guru.

A Flight

MSgt Tom Degen (Flight Chief)--Who??? If you see him, have him call the squadron.

TSgt Jerry Oien (Evaluator)--The new hammer in Stan/Eval!

TSgt Barry Hayes (Scheduler)--Looking for that upgrade slot.

MSgt Brad Madison--What can I say?

TSgt Mike Aldapa--Leaving soon for Dover ALCE. "Hey Jake, what's this backpack for?"

SSgt Lou Drummond--New instructor, just had a baby boy. Spends spare time working on Karman Ghias.

Sgt Rob Tabor--AKA Big Foot. If you're anywhere next to him, be alert or he'll hurt you (clumsy).

Sgt Grant Hortin--AKA Eddie Munster. Decided to change his address to the Middle East.

SrA J.D. Harston--He's OK even though he's related to a flight engineer.

B Flight

TSgt Ken Holman (Flight Chief)--Looking for a ride back to Djibouti (N. Africa).

SSgt Mark Schumann (Evaluator)--Never believe anything he says.

SSgt Yvonne Wherry (Scheduler)--Doing fine depending on whether or not she's having a good hair day!

SSgt Ken "Riz" Risselada--Brand new instructor and homeowner. Ask him about his cat. Trying to stay cool.

SrA Ed Caldwell (Scheduler)--Loves to download cargo in chem gear.

SrA Greg Atkins--Has more medals than a general.

SrA (SSgt Sel) Myk Overton--Having fun in cargo training.

C Flight

TSgt (MSgt Sel) Marco Defelice (Flight Chief)--Only 30 more days to be good and he may sew master on. If not, he can make it a third time.

TSgt Karl Smith--Currently at Current Ops, trying to lay low.

SSgt Dave York (Evaluator)--Still as quiet as ever. With him, Schumann, and Oien in Stan/Eval, you know there's a lot of conversation going on over there!

SSgt Way Keller (Scheduler)--If you're in Las Vegas, stop by Ceasar's Palace sports bar, he'll be there.

SSgt (TSgt Sel) Issac McMillan (Scheduler)--Finally made Tech. Trying to stay out of trouble in that hot red Firebird.

SSgt Dean Pickering--Quiet, but a hard worker. Also looking for that special someone.

SSgt Dan Mendonsa--Will try to finish upgrade if another fly-by doesn't get in the way again.

SrA Lucy Molina--Stay away from her. She'll kill ya on a cargo run. Almost ready for a cargo check.


Attached

MSgt "Double O" Oothoudt--Alert facility manager???

MSgt "Easy" Davis--Say goodbye. PCS to ALCE at McCord AFB.

MSgt Tina Wallace--Getting prepared to download for a second time.

2. If you're ever in So Cal, stop by and see us. DSN is 947-3036.


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In-Flight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 163RD AIR REFUELING GROUP
MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CA 92518-5000



FROM: 196 ARS BOOMERS - "HOME OF THE GRIZZLYS"
1651 GRAEBER STREET STE 28
MARCH AFB, CA 92518-1630

SUBJECT: 1993 Boom Signal

TO: Everyone

Hello from the GRIZZLY Booms, 196th ARS March AFB, CA. This is our first attempt at the BOOM SIGNAL, so be gentle with us. This year promises to be full of learning experiences for all of us, but we are looking forward to each challenge. Thanks for all the support you've bestowed upon us thus far. Now for the cast of new characters!

CMSGT Norm Perry (AKA) The Silver Fox - This year Norm is raising 17 new baby booms in the Grizzly den. That's right Chief Perry is now an Air Guard Technician.

TSGT David "El Coqui" Vasquez - From a maintenance DOG to a boom DOG arf ! arf!

TSGT Tamela "T J" James - Recently completed initial training at Castle. TJ crossed trained from Bioenvironmental Engineering to move "UP" in the world. (Boomer was easier to spell).

TSGT Wayne "De Judge" Kunz - An old C-130 Medivac, but he's getting better. (awaiting CCTS).

SSGT Julie "Jewels" Bellinger - "You gotta love it", "Just do it".

SSGT James "Jimbo" Blucher - Crossed trained from one boom shop (EGRESS) to another.

SSGT Gary "Duck" Howard - CINC body scheduler and head chef!

SSGT Andre "Crash³" Boyd - Cross trained from the deepest depths of Avionics hell to the shining heights of Chief Perry's realm.

SrA Jamie "McFly" McMath - Kicked out of finance, he couldn't add or subtract, so they made him a boomer!

MSGT David "Chips" Navarro - The California Highway Patrols finest. He still watches CHIP's reruns, and gets a little misty.

MSGT Bruce "Riddler" Garcia - A new boomer fresh from Castle, about to become a dad for the first time, LIFE IS GOOD !!!

MSGT John "Wally" Walund - Crossed trained from aircraft fuel systems, he just can't seem to get rid of that gas.

TSGT Keith "Frenchie" LeQuire - Oui! Oui!, he's at Castle (CCTS).


TSGT John " " Bradbury - (fill in the blank) John who? (currently attending CCTS).

TSGT James "Wild Wild" West - LAPD's finest, currently patrolling Castle AFB (CCTS).

SSGT Pamela "Mom" DeLiz - She's not looking for Mr. Right, She's looking for Mr. Right NOW!! (awaiting CCTS).

SSGT Aaron "Mr. Smooth" Scott - You've seen him in GQ, in the don't column. (currently attending CCTS).

SrA Justin "Ciao" Ciasullo -Queen of the Atwater Almond Festival! (attending CCTS).



Norman A. Perry, CMSGT, CA ANG
Inflight Refueling Program Manager, 163 ARG

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR FORCE RESERVE

FROM: 336 ARS Boomers (Home of the RRATS)

SUBJ: 1993 Boom Signal



TO: Fellow Booms

To booms everywhere - Greetings! The 336 ARS booms have undergone a great many changes this past year. Our hearts as well as our heads have endured the transformation from SAC to AMC. Cargo loading - UGGHH! Rollers! Rollers! Our shoring kingdom for rollers!

In this year we have lost and gained some fantastic people. A fond farewell to those who have left us and a hearty welcome to our new faces.

CMSgt Norm Perry - The Silver Fox has moved on to the California ANG here at March AFB. He is their new Chief Boom as they are undergoing a conversion from F-4s to KC-135Es. We were all sad to say good-bye to him - but it was a great excuse to have a blow-out of a party. Chief Perry will be missed by all.

CMSgt Bobby Dunning - A new Chief and our new Chief Boom. Welcome Bobby!

SMSgt Curt Massey - Mr Stan Eval. Now the rest of us wish would have been nicer to him!

SMSgt Zen Olson - Son of Elvern, husband of Holly, rider of Harley. Zen is our section scheduler and expert scrounger.

MSgt Maggie Evans - Matriarch of the 336 ARS female boomers. We all love her! (It's a girl thing!)

MSgt Steve Hamer - A new Master Sergeant! I guess that is how he affords that new house and private plane.

MSgt Tina Skropos - In between her busy schedule of providing for her two cute kids - Miss Tina finished her NCO Academy and pinned on that sixth stripe!

MSgt Maurice Walker - Not only is he a zipper-suited son-god but also a California Black & White. Also one of our new promotees.

MSgt Deb McGuane - OH GOD! Deb - a Master Sergeant? Top Three? What a world! What a world!

TSgt John Everette - A newly and happily married young man. We wish him the best with his lovely wife.

TSgt Dan Quasius - New to us but old to the field. He gr us with his presence early this year coming from our sister unit Mather AFB. Always busy at Cadaver Cutting School.

TSgt Phil Stidham - Our cargo loading guru. He has made or transition from SAC warriors to AMC loadmasters considerably more palatable. Give him any item of cargo and he can hook it, strap it, and crank it down - with proper G-restraint- before you can say CGU1/B tiedown device. Just ask his girlfriend!

TSgt Tony Wright - Finally finished his BS in Public Administration. Yippee! Maybe he could drag himself away now to do some sport flying with us.

TSgt Ken Horner - Brand new! Just finished boom school in July and our two newest instructors - Tina and Maggie are chompin' at the bit to get at em'. Welcome Ken.

TSgt Rick Morrow - He's the Rick from "Rick's Roofing". Always willing to fly with us and leave on last minute TDYs. We are happy to have his smilin' face at the 336 ARS.

SSgt John Irish - Our other zipper-suited son-god, badge wearin', red-nec...nevermind! One of our most well-liked dudes and a good friend to have in the Riverside PD.


SSgt Brent Johnson - From the Halls of Montezuma to the smog of Southern Cal, we welcome Brent from the US Marines to our league of a few good men and women. Brent is six foot, eight inches of rock hard muscle and we are happy to have him around. Especially to do our dirty work like shakin' up the Navs and Pilots to pay their squadron dues. Hey Brent - hand me that piano!

SSgt Erica Almgren - Erica comes to us from Loring AFB. Burrrrr! Since she has thawed out - she has attended PME and put on Staff Sergeant. Welcome Erica.

SSgt Nicole Canada - Also a brand new Staff Sergeant. Nicole juggles her time between us, school, and her plethora of male companions.

This year we have said good-bye to MSgt Reg Nolte who is now the Chief Boom at Selfridge AFB Michigan. MSgt Frank DeJauregui moved on to be a corporate executive in San Diego. MSgt Brian O'Rourke flies with the Mather AFB crowd. Finally TSgt Ron Newbold has given up the flying stuff at least temporarily to concentrate on his civilian career. We wish all of them the best of luck!

If you are ever in this area, be sure to stop in and say hi. We still have beer and always have lots of stories to tell. I want to thank Deb for putting this signal all together on such short notice. Thanks Deb!


ROBERT DUNNING, CMSGT, USAFR
Inflight Refueling Program Manager



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 19TH AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)

From: 384 AREFS, McConnell AFB, KS

Subject: Boom Signal

To: CMSgt Harris

Greetings from to the land of Oz. We've had a very busy year with people going ETTF, CENTAF, and now the channel run to the Pacific. Upon becoming AMC, we were forced to move out of our nice building, in which there was put a lot of blood sweat and self-help, into another building that was in great need of the same. Many of the booms have already put in some long hours accomplishing this task. We are a tenant unit on an ACC base, our parent unit is the 19th ARW at Robins AFB, GA. Rumor has it that all of this will change soon and the tankers will rule McConnell.

SMSgt Kenneth W. Schmelzle

Air Refueling Program Manager and resident self-help expert, performed absolute magic on our present squadron building. He also recently went out and bought a rocking chair and has a porch to put it on. He will be retiring in the very near future. Thanks Ken for all the hard work keeping the booms at McConnell in line, and thanks for the beautiful work you did to the squadron building.

MSgt Fred Calkin

Fast Freddy, on a crew with a goal of setting the TDY record, and waiting for 1994.

MSgt Bobby C. Cochran

Recently moved to Training Flight, from Scheduling, to learn that job, bought a house in Alabama and is expecting a new addition to his family in August. Refuses to bring his corvette to Kansas.

MSgt Cleveland Filmore

S-101 will never be the same, just returned from ETTF and loved every minute of being on the road "Again".

MSgt Frank Tesser

Training Flight Manager. Frank is our channel run expert, he's trained on the roller system and has the responsibility of training all the booms. He has been TDY quite a bit lately. Presently filling in for Schmelzle as program manager.

MSgt Ray D. Willis

Alert Facility Manager, without an alert commitment, he spends his weekends camping and skiing on the lake in his new motor home and new ski boat.

TSgt John Beringer

DONO, was very surprised to see his garage burning on the news while he was at work. Trying anything, and anyway to get out of McConnell. Want's to cross train to Flight Engineer. Has more guns than the ayatolla.

TSgt Michael E. Sage

S-102 Boom operator. Lawn Mower Man, if you need a lawn mower fixed or you just want to buy one, Mike is the man to see.

TSgt Jack B. Martin Jr.

We call him the Schwinn Doctor. Have bicycle will travel.

SSgt Raymond C. Frey

NCOIC of Ground Scheduling. When he's not at work he spends all of his time in his new house under the air-conditioning mumbling "Summers in Eielson are much better".

SSgt Clinton E. Reed

S-103 Boom Operator. Soon to be wed. "We tried to warn him".

SSgt Cynthia H. Tesser

Training Flight. Looking forward to becoming a civilian in May 1994, or going to Stanboard.

SSgt Thomas A. Hess

We are still trying to figure out what he is doing.

SSgt Mark D. Batties

Always gets his monies worth whenever he gets a hair cut.

SSgt Michelle Hauge

One of our newest instructors and presently on the road enjoying sunny Saudi. Going to work in Cargo Loading.

SSgt Anthony D. Panganiban

P + 9 Panganiban if you can't say PAN-GA-NI BAN, then just call him Tony.

SSgt Melton F. Brewer

Most eligible bachelor boom operator at McConnell, always in search of the perfect date.

SSgt Lonny A. Hall

Engaged to be married Jan 8, 1994. Everyone is invited, should be a good time. Working as long range flight scheduler.

Sgt Nicholas J. Burney

Resident auto body repairman, presently in search of a shop.

Sgt Joseph P. Barry

Just back from CFIC, working on becoming an instructor.

SRA Bart A. Jordan

Cargo Loading Manager, has his third AS degree, and is now working on his BS degree.

SRA Claire L. Moyes

A favorite among the Saudi men population. Finally hooked a fellow boom!

SRA Loreen H. Will

One of the new Instructors. Recently finished the NCOLS as a Distinguished Graduate.

SRA Dennis A. Struve

Going to instructor school in September. Could possibly be one of the best instructors in the squadron. Couldn't pick better airman for the job. (He wrote that himself).

SRA Gregory S. Carron

The authority on "Eddie Murphy Stand Up", but couldn't find ol Mill Creek Road! Getting married soon.

AIC Anthony L. Aparicio

Proud new father, spends his spare time working on his house and shooting guns.

AIC Alexander Smith Jr.

The only boom I know that can show christmas colors in May, when he's in the woods and hills.

AIC John S. Wanner

Still trying to convince us he killed a Possum with a stick.

INCOMING

SMSgt Gary Hall - From Kadena

TSgt Larry Greenfield - From Loring, looking forward to his expertise and experience.

SSgt Chris Zahre - Coming from Loring with an outstanding recommendation from his former commander for CFIC.

DEPARTURES

SSgt Eric A Nimke - Got married and went to Seymour Johnson to join the KC-10 program. (That's two strikes)

SRA Daniel Purdy - Gone to the KC-10 program at Barksdale, at least no plans to get married yet.

SRA John Tucker - Got out, and went back to Arkansas.

SRA Roger Koppes - Going to be a civilian, and a cop.

AIC Derek T Staden - Got out, he is trying to swing a singing career.

AIC Brain J. Bender - Got out, not by choice, and is now enjoying life as a married man and a father.

SRA Russell E. Gordon - (Flash) got out, and went back to Denver.

Sgt Lisa D weeks - Got out, and is going to school.

Sgt Bobby G. Chambers - Went to castle, to follow W. T. as his shadow.

SSgt William S More - Went to castle, as an instructor, and leading Bobby all the way.

Well that's all from the land of Oz "SEE YA".

**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE**

FROM: 351 ARS/DOOB (MSgt SEARS)
UNIT 8955
APO AE 09459-5410

SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: CMSGT HARRIS/HQ AMC/XOVK

It's that time of year again for the annual input to the Boom Signal. We've had a busy time over here the last year. We've deployed our PCS crews all over the European Theater at one time or another. Most of these have been short notice taskings. Currently things have settled down a little bit but, it can heat up again in a heartbeat! If your scheduled to deploy to the ETTF be sure to read the section after our roll call. There is some valuable information that will make you TDY here more enjoyable. Now, here is the lineup from the 351ARS at R.A.F. Mildenhall, UK:

MSgt Stan Sears - Chief Boom, tired of all the TDY's. Thought that Europe consisted of just England and Turkey.

MSgt Troy Sinclair - Training Flight - Trains by intimidation when he is not TDY.

MSgt Mark "Biff" Gentry - Scheduling - Mark has a line number for Senior and is trying to decide what job he wants now.

MSgt Dave Williams - Wing Stan/Eval - Dave, what is your real job when your not TDY to Turkey?

MSgt Rich Sopkowiak - Sq Stan/Eval (S-101) - "I never get to go TDY."

TSgt "Papa" Joe Long - ETTF - Left over from the 10th ACCS. Joe has decided that it's time to say so long and become a civilian effective 1 May 94. We will miss you Joe!

TSgt Terry Casey - ETTF - Trying to figure out how Papa Joe kept track of all the TDY crews. Their driving him nuts!

TSgt Clayton Fox - ETTF - Trying to figure out how Terry keeps track of all the TDY crews. Terry's driving him nuts!

TSgt Red Skelton - Scheduling - Red is waiting for his first BABY. His wife is due in September.

SSgt Dennis O'Grady - Line number for Tech. Pumps iron in Turkey since he spends a lot of time there TDY. Soon to join Training flight and supplement the ETTF. Dennis, you get promoted and you get more responsibility!

SSgt Gary "Cosmo" Frederick - Cosmo BEAMED over from Kadena. A true Treky if there ever was one! Also our resident movie maker. Has a film of every air refueling he ever did.

SSgt Jerry Linscott - Man of a thousand questions! He usually waits until Sears or Sinclair are busy to ask them though.

SSgt Bruce Zahn - Bruce seems to always be TDY. No wonder Sop never gets to go anywhere, Bruce is always taking the trips.

SSgt Shawn Miller - Just in from Grissom - Took 30 days of leave en route and wanted more when he got here. Some people!

Sgt Cliff Bermodes - S-102 and a line number for Staff! Way to go Cliff. Maybe as a Staff his contacts will improve when he challenges Sears to a contact competition. He is 0-3-3!

Sgt Shawn Lane - Another one with a line number for Staff! Way to go Shawn. Hangs out a lot in scheduling. Watch out Biff, I think he wants your job!

Sgt Kevin Beccard - MR. CLT! If your annual load is not done on time he sends you and RBI! "MSgt Sears, your annual cargo load is overdue...."

Sgt Pete King - TDY a lot, Troy are you sure he didn't PCS?

A1C Tim Blackburn - Another one in from Grissom - Our only airman! Found out the hard way about driving in the UK without insurance.

WELCOME TO THE ETTF

2. Let me bring you up to date so you will know what to expect when you come over to the ETTF. Bring your personal bags, chem gear, jugs etc. off the jet. We "pool" the jets, so the chance of you seeing your jet again before you leave is somewhere between slim and none! Insure you bring the adjusted weight and moment in with you. We will update our weight and balance books with this information. Now your wondering what we're going to do with you, well:

"R" models deploy to either Italy or Turkey
"A/Q"'s go to Germany if your lucky

The flying environment here requires you to always be aware of what is going on. Since we refuel different countries you have to remember that ENGLISH is probably a second language to them. It takes time for them to translate what you say into their language and then react. Stay ahead of the game and **THINK AHEAD!** Almost all of our missions over here are "Operational" in one form or another. When the receiver is on the boom is not the time to try and figure out what you can and can't do. If you have questions about your mission ASK someone!

CARGO/PAX - Since we have 3 deployment locations we haul a lot of floor loaded cargo.

MAIN POINTS:

1. It is your responsibility to load and unload the cargo. When ATOC delivers the cargo, they will help you tie it down. All you have to do is tell them where you want it and how it's tied down. Remember to adjust your show time if your scheduled to have cargo.

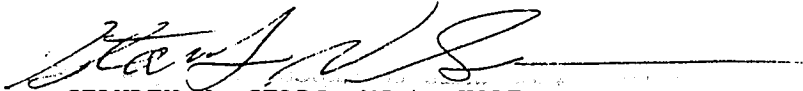
2. Do not accept cargo that is unmanifested! The ATOC folks will not unload any cargo for you if it is not manifested.

3. You can expect to carry 10 passengers (either Space A or duty) when you go to or return from one of the deployment locations. We do not count the crew chiefs as part of the 10 Pax.

We want you to enjoy your TDY here but we also expect you to do the job required of you. However, don't enjoy it to the point of having an alcohol related incident! If you do, you will be sent home on the first available aircraft.

Sorry to make this sound like it's all work and no play but the way situations change over here, we can not afford to "Babysit" anyone.

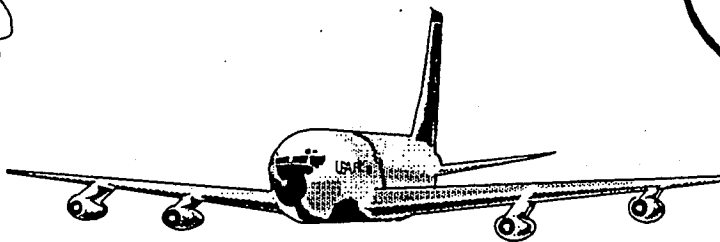
THINK AHEAD AND FLY SAFE!



STANLEY N. SEARS, MSgt, USAF
In-Flight Refueling Program Manager

157th ARG

New Hampshire Air National Guard



FROM: 157 th ARG

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL 1993

TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

Hello!

It's been a couple of years since you've heard from us. Things were changing alot back in 91, and the Boom Signal was just one of the many things that slipped thru the cracks. Well I'm here to tell you that things are still changing! We are in the midst of R-Model conversion. We've had a few losses, and a few gains. We're anxiously awaiting our new cargo roller system and all the new missions we will be called upon to participate in.

Business has been booming as usual, supporting NATO exercises in Geilenkirchen GM, hosting several TTF operations, Christmas in Moron for Operation Restore Hope, we even had a trip to Papau, New Guinea with the Army Band. We went all over Eastern Europe with the War College, a trip to Crete, to Norway, and a unit deployment to Aviano IT, where they put us up in a ski lodge in Piancavilla. We all got to test our driving skills along the winding mountain roads. One of our Italian booms even got to look up a cousin down in Sigonella Sicily.

Business is not the only thing that has been booming around here, we've had quite a baby boom over the last year and a half. Seven new additions to be exact! I keep telling these guys that there is a cure for this, I don't know why they keep whincing.

We have lost four of our most knowledgeable booms in 92. Retirees included Maurice Doucet, who stops by every other week for a haircut and a 1/4 keg. You can find Duke cruising the lake on any sunny day enjoying a few cold ones on his 19' Four Winns. Bob Lougee, he's pushing sick people around at an area hospital, still picking on people weaker than himself! When he's not EMT - ing he's off somewhere in his fifth wheel. We said good-bye to Bob Gagne, he also retired from his postal position and can be found on the golf course, whether it's here in the summer or Florida in the winter. Carl "How's that course six coming" Sneirson didn't retire but left training for a job with Ground Safety and a step up the GS ladder. Best of luck to them all!

We have just qualified 2 baby booms, Glen Starkweather and Tony Casella. Glen works for the state and just had his second child, Tony works for his Dad and is one of the few booms that can communicate with a computer. We also have a new kid going thru Castle, Jim Doyle, he has his own carpentry business. Welcome!

Along with all the happy stories there is always a serious although not tragic one. Earlier this year Phil Weiss was diagnosed with cancer on his aorta. He is under the care of "THE" best Doctor in the country and has undergone some extremely radical chemo and radiation therapy. He was operated on the end of July, removing his left lung and scraping his aorta. Within four days the guy was out of intensive care, eating, and the nurses told him they were going to tranquilize him if he didn't stay in bed! The Doctors are amazed with his drive and his progress. Phil's a real fighter. Please keep him and his wife Monica in your thoughts and prayers.

Here's the rest of our line - up:

TECHNICIANS:

CMS RAY RICHARDSON - Our new chief, very quiet, very fair, doesn't even mind when I ask question after question and get his nose stuck in the Reg's for half the day.

SMS DAVE FROHLICH - "Passenger Boy" Ask David any question on Passenger rules and regs and he will have the answer for you. He tries to be hard nosed and tells every one that rules are rules but we all know he's an old softy.

SMS STEVE MORGAN - "Stevie B", Holding up Stan/Eval. Just had a new addition to his family...Mollie Sue...a bouncing 15 lb Dobie, he has a "pet" name for her, "P.H." wink, wink.

TSGT ELAINA D'ORTO - "E.D.", Jumped the sinking Shipyard and joined the technician ranks Dec 92. Just came back from CFIC at Castle. You'll find her behind stacks of Dash 1's, Checklists, and Changes. She's the Pubs NCO.

AGR'S

MSGT KELLY PHILBRICK - Another contributor to the baby boom, when he's not tearing his hair out in Scheduling you'll find him riding his bike toting his baby, Ericka, along behind him.

MSGT DENIS BOUCHER - Had his first child last year and what do you know there's another one on the way. You'll find Denis at the boatyards dreaming of what it would be like to the owner of one of those beauties instead of the papa of two Beauties. Another 93 grad of CFIC.

TSGT MIKE BLANDINA - Child number 3 was born last year, congratulations to you too! An - other recent graduate of Castle CFIC, Mike heads our Training section.

PART - TIMERS (THE REAL GUARD!)

MSGT DICK ELLIS - Dickie's been around so long he's contributing grand kids. He had two Grandbabies last year. He moonlights as a Limo driver, Oh the stories he can tell you.

TSGT JOHN LENNON - Still our ghost boomer, still a work-aholic. And he still hasn't had time for that big bash he's going to throw for us.

TSGT MARC ST. CYR - A lineman for the power company works more hours in three days than most of us work in a week. Can't figure where he found the time but he had his first baby this year.

TSGT DARYL PETTIS - Still expecting after all these years. Number five just a few months ago. We don't know if he'll stop with a basketball squad or go for a football team! He says they are a lot of fun.

TSGT GLENN SENECHAL - He's been on vacation for the summer, (you know how these mailcarriers get if they're tooo stressed) Hope the weather's fine, wish you were here.

SSGT MARK GIOVANNETTONE - Got his first real job, he's working for the postal service. (For all his creditors we'll give you his new address call any time)

TSGT JOHN GIBB - Obtained his Bachelors Degree in Sports Medicine and he's back in school again. A career student we think.

TSGT DAVE LA JOIE - Has laid down his paint brushes. He's had no luck in his search for a rich woman to support his many habits, so he took a full time job with NIKE, testing tennis shoes. It's only a temporary spot just in case there is any woman out there that hasn't had time to respond to his inquiries.

SSGT GLEN STARKWEATHER - New Guy

TSGT ANTHONY CASELLA - New Guy

SSGT JAMES DOYLE - Real New Guy

That's everyone, stop in for a visit if you're in the Seacoast area.

The Sicilian, --- editor - at - large



141st ARS

CHARLES BLVD. McGuire AFB, NJ



30 July 93

Hi there from the new kids on the Block. We've only been in the tanker business for two years and are still trying to learn the ropes, straps, chains, angles, and all that other stuff. This is our first appearance in the Boom Signal. Most of us are ex-maintenance/weapons types from our prior lives with the F-4. We all enjoy this a lot more and hope to see a lot of you out on the road. Our autovon is 440-6863. If you are in the area give us a shout.

DA BOOMS:

Smsgt. Marv Nichols. Ex-Weapons new E-VAL-U-ATOR. Stan Evil type person. Has a devastating evaluator mug on for check rides. I can still make him laugh.

Smsgt. Rich "Bones" Emely. Also known as Embolism. Tall, Skinny, Noisy. Just bought a new jeep. Leaves the top home when it rains. Ex-Weapons.

Msqt. Mark Kaminski. Our RAFSOB advisor. Formally of Fairchild and Pease. Trying to Guradize him but he's set in his ways as any of you who know him are well aware of. He has been a tremendous help to us.

Tsgt. John Connors. Our cargo loading expert and -21's worst nightmare. Cuts grass for cash when he isn't terrorizing the - 21 people. Ex-Weapons

Tsgt "Beans" Baxter. Leaves the top to his jeep home too. Trip Hog, works in current ops. Ex Avionics Fire Control.

Tsgt Brian Kilpatrick. Our other trip hog also works in current ops. Ex Engine shop person.

Msqt. Steve "Grump" Gonzalez. Don't spell his name with an s. Our training monitor Ex-Weapons.

Msqt. Paul Matlack. Ex-Weapons, QA. One of our scheduling team, Sortie Hog.

Ssgt. Joe "Lambchop" Lamantia. O.P.D. (Officially Pronounced Dead) on 24 July 1993 at approximately 1130 hrs. Married a nice Italian girl at about that time. Still married after a week. Tired all of the time. Can't get enough (sleep) at night. That won't last long.

Tsgt. Bob Buccino. A real boom (our only one.) goin to college when he isn't bummin. Ex-Boom

Tsgt. Les Jones. Ex-Crew chief, and medic. Full time Newark NJ Cop. very part time boom operator.

Ssgt. Rob Long. Full time ? very, very part time boom. Gets lost a lot. Ex- Maintenance Control.

Tsgt. Ed Leary. Ex-Supply guy. works for the government full and part time.

Tsgt. Tom "Nose" Miller. A Big Bundle of laughs. Ex-Avionics Fire Control Person.

Tsgt. Jose Rodriguez. Ex-Weapons, can't keep him off the Puerto Rico trips.

Msgt. Ken Schultz. Ex-Crew Chief. Has a great boat he never uses.

Msgt. Joe Yanotka Flys a lot but he's awful quiet.

Ssgt. Frank McCarthy. Doesn't work full time. Only bids for trips and somehow gets most of them. The Ultimate Trip Hog. Ex Crew Chief.

Smsgt. Jim Monaco. Me the Referee. Ex Inertial Navigation type. Like the job and the people. Wish I was in it a long time ago.

Looking forward to meeting as many of you as we can. We're easy to spot. Just look for the tanker with a pile of bombs and missiles next to it. Just can't seem to break these Weapons guys of their old habits.

Jim Monaco



FROM: 150AREFS

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL FOR 1993

TO: ALL BOOMS

Greetings from the garden state. Well it was inevitable. Due to cutbacks and the consolidation of collocated units with like aircraft, after 37 years and 128,000 mishap free flying hours (I dare anyone to compare to that record) the 170 AREFS flag is being retired. The 150 AREFS will remain but will now fall under the 108 AREFW here at McGuire. With the base closure list out we are sure our future will be here on McGuire. We are staying, but we will be consolidated to the 108 side of the base.

The following is a list of who I consider to be the best damn bunch of boom operators in the Air National Guard, I am proud to have been associated with them for the last seven years.

Line up for the 150 AREFS, McGuire ANGB NJ

CMSgt George Fusco "The Big Kahuna"(PT). Retired as a Technician a while ago. Now the highest paid guard bum we have. Looking to extend to max out on age.

SMSgt Dave Baugner "Booger"(PT) Guardsman supervisor, Moving to Virginia and retiring in the near future. as soon as he can get a job with the electric company down there.

MSgt George Grand (Tech) Stan Eval Boom. Will be happy as soon as AMC makes up there mind on a 17 or 12 month cycle. If you have any questions about stereo systems give him a call, he knows all.

MSgt Colin Hibberd "APC (all purpose colin)" (AGR) Refueling Supervisor. Took over as full time supervisor in Jan. The gray hair is coming in fast and the ulcer should kick in any time. Keeps everyone's cars running like tops around here.

MSgt Brian O'Donnell (Tech) New happy home owner. Moved in in May. In debt up to his eyes for the next thirty years. its great to be an American Takes care of the units day and squadron func. Now we know how he can afford that new house.

MSgt Scott Brown "Down Town Brown" (Tech) New technician, produce was the pits. Baby girl born 26 Jul 93, already hanging out with a hog rider. Have photos to prove it!

TSgt Steve DeSanto "Stinkey" (PT) Got married. One of our three disgruntled postal workers. Has to go thru a metal detector before entering the building.

TSgt Rob Edelschein "Stem" (PT) Married again, Dad again, Lost count! Number two postal worker. TDY Slug, always on the road. Has to support the football team somehow. Recent graduate of MAC East.

TSgt Glen Houthuysen "Hoot" (PT) Long distance marathon runner. I could run long distance to if I only weighed 90 lbs soaking wet.

TSgt Lawrence Barry "Sticks" (AGR) Training boom, Local golf pro, came in from Grissom. Goes to the driving range every morning before work, lunch, and on his way home. Only goes TDY to bases with 18 hole golf courses.

TSgt Ray Petersen "Otto" (PT) Can roast a pig so it melts in your mouth. Number two born in Jun. Master of the Catskill Holler, where's the crank.

TSgt John Donohue (PT) Makes an occasional appearance. On the road allot with his civilian job, sells wine and sticking to that story.

TSgt Francesca Kalinski (PT) "Mom" Takes anything that pays mandays. Usually on the road to somewhere. Looking for a teaching job this fall.

SSgt Jerry Cannata (PT) Our final postal worker. Left his brief case in the boom room when he went flying, we had the bomb squad check it out just in case. Just came back from survival school, doesn't seem to be the same.

SSgt Jim Amrich "Garth" (Tech) Came in with Wayne as a set of matching book ends from Grissom/Griffis the one in NY. Unit Hazardous Cargo manager and VCC. Was here for two weeks and got out of green flag, said he had a cold. As soon as we told Wayne he had to stay out in Cal for another week he miraculously got better.

SSgt Wayne Davis "Bubba" (Tech) The other half of the deadly duo. Cargo loading manager at base X, guess what he does here. Went TDY to Germany overnight and bought a Harley thru AFEES. Should be delivered as soon as he can beg, borrow or steel the down payment. Wayne and Jim always want to go TDY together, what happened to them in NY over the winter?

Sra Brian McBride "PITA" (PT) Guard Bum and our baby boom. Looking to go to school full time this fall. Wants a UPT slot.

Some changes in the section are:

SSgt/2Lt Chris Houseworth graduated college and went to AMS, came back and got married, then left with her to UPT. Should be back in about a year as a pilot.

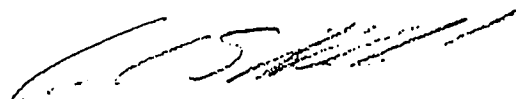
MSgt Bruce Turnbull (AGR) Got hired into the 108 ARW/Det2

TSgt Dennis Ziegler (AGR) 108 ARW/Det2

Sra Howie Nast (AGR) 108 ARW/Det2

If you are ever in the area stop in and say Hi! Don't forget to bring lots of money to support our state. Atlantic City is just 45 min down the road.

Until Next Year.



Colin S. Hibberd, MSgt, NJANG
Inflight Refueling Supervisor



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 55TH OPERATIONS GROUP (ACC)
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA

FROM: 2 ACCS/DOB (SSgt LaTour)

28 Jul 93

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

Well, it's that time of the year again. That's right, it's boom signal time. The 2nd ACCS Trailing Wire Antenna Booms bid everyone a hearty hello. Being an ACC EC-135 unit means the 2nd ACCS booms have a more diversified and distinguished mission than ever before.....(NOT!). Hey there's nothing wrong with a little humor is there.

Things are changing slowly but surely around here, and rumor's are as plentiful as the rain. One thing that hasn't changed is alert, it's still here and it's still the same. Eventually the U. S. Navy will be taking over our Looking Glass mission...let's see them do it better than us. We'll begin losing EC-135s in October or November, but we'll also gain a few WC-135s. The Command Support Aircraft Squadron has lost 2 out of 3 aircraft to date, and when the third leaves, CSA will be no more. What a good deal that was.

The TDYs are definitely a mood breaker. Were still doing the Saudi runs, Shemeya (oop's, I mean Erickson Field), Mildenhall, Hickam, and even a Pacific run here and there.

Well, enough small talk...now for the important stuff. The following list includes some of the most experienced Boom Operators in the business. You'll probably see these names again, like maybe on a post office wanted poster:

CMSgt Rusty Rutzebeck - Inflight Refueling Superintendent - IBO
SMSgt Sze Tom - Command Crew BO - IBO
MSgt Dave Ballard - Inflight Refueling Program Manager - EBO
MSgt Terry Ross - Training Flight - IBO
MSgt Glenn Murdaugh - Alert Facility Manager - IBO
MSgt Russ Adams - A Flight Top Boom - E103 - IBO
MSgt Peter Hiracheta - R105 - ex-Gunner - Soon to be IBO
TSgt Tom Weirauch - Wing Stan/Eval - EBO - the "Hammer"
TSgt Andy Lacasse - SQ Stan/Eval - S101 - EBO - the "Reaper"
TSgt George Collins - CSA Stan/Eval - EBO
SSgt Brian Barthlow - Scheduling - EBO - Soon to be a Gucci boy
SSgt Steve Winston - Scheduling - IBO
SSgt Debbie Worth - SQ Stan/Eval - S102 - EBO - No OPs here
SSgt Ray LaTour - R106 - IBO - F. N. G.
SSgt Tony Rhoden - E108 - Soon to be TSgt - IBO - F. N. G.
SSgt Tom Hewitt - E108 - BO

Global Power for America

SSgt Rod "Hobbes" Targos - R110 - Soon to be IBO
SSgt Don Anderson - CSA NCOIC - Who's in charge - IBO
Sgt Tim Treinen - CLT Manager - IBO
Sgt John Knight - R104 - IBO
Sgt Jerry "Canuk" Schmidt - R111 - BO
Sgt Robert Jepson - CSA - BO
SrA Greg Wilson - E107 - Soon to be IBO
SrA Doug "the Rat" Templeton - R109 - IBO - F. N. G.
SrA Wayne "Gangster" Keiser - R109 - BO
A1C Tony "Stoner" Harland - R106 - BO

That's the short of it. Pretty well staffed aren't we. Well the more the merrier. See you soon, from the TWA Boomers of the 2nd ACCS.

Georgie

GEORGE RUTZBECK, CMSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Superintendent

"Greetings" from the from the North Country!

We finally got rid of winter about the end of April and while the summer weather has been much better than last year, it is going by much too quick. Everyone is going full throttle here, with 2 Channel missions per week (1 East, 1 West), Saudi and TTF deployments, JRTs, and the usual Business Efforts. And to top it all off, the Quality Inspection folks and the ASEV team are due the last week of August. Its tough to get more than 5 booms together for a meeting or a beer, but then I'm sure all of the -135s are having the same amount of fun.

Our present line-up is as follows (we just got a whole boat load of Grissom guys in and are looking forward to the Loring people starting to come in around October; too bad they'll all have to pack up and move again so soon):

Wing Boom - SMSgt Steve Bacon (doesn't like paying automobile sales tax in two different states)

310 ARS

380 ARS

MSgt Phil Rogers ----- Program Managers ----- MSgt Mike Hammond

TSgt Rich Kozak ----- Training Flight ----- TSgt Wally Tennyson

TSgt Jim Phelps ----- Stan/Eval ----- MSgt Bill Shippey
Sgt (SSgt select) Terri Santoro TSgt Steve Tuttle

160	SrA Kathy Steiner		110	Sgt Mark Anderson
161	MSgt Bob Prody		111	SrA Bryan Smith
162	SSgt Tim Ballentine -----	A Flt -----	112	SSgt Tim Clark
163	A1C Jason Patton		113	A1C Darin Coash
164	Sgt (SSgt select) Keith Vancamp		114	A1C Kevin Mathews

170	SrA Clayton Izumi		120	SrA Eric Prince
171	A1C Matt Cooper		121	SrA Stacy Tansits
172	SrA Lee Robinson -----	B Flt -----	122	SrA Matt Arevelo
173	SrA Mark McIntosh		123	SrA Ed Estagin
174	SrA Mike Mendoza		124	SSgt Jim Eustis

180	SrA Tom Brock		130	SrA Scott Lewis
181	SrA Todd Mcpeak		131	SrA Doug Preece
182	SrA Dave Steiner -----	C Flt -----	132	SSgt Durk French
183	SrA Jason Beauchamp		133	SrA Darren Horton
184	SrA Joel Salley		134	Sgt Steve Huggins

Spares ----- TSgt Gary Davis
TSgt Bob Johnson

Staff

Scheduling - MSgt Paul Steahl
SSgt Joe Halenka
SSgt Dave Thomas
Sgt (SSgt select) Rod Dinges

Alert Facility Manager - SMSgt Jim Hammaker

Marker Task Force - SMSgt Vince Ruck
MSgt Mike Preiskorn

Mobility Plans - MSgt Joe Baka
MSgt Robert Morales



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE RESERVE



FROM: 63 Air Refueling Squadron
29661 George Ave
Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045-5337

23 August 1993

SUBJ: Boom Signal

TO: Fellow Booms

WELCOME FROM MOTOWN! We've just put a year behind us in our conversion from the C-130E to the KC-135E. It's been a bit slow with weather delays, etc., but all the booms are now back from OCTS. Well over half of our 17 booms are fully qualified. By next year everyone should be fully qualified. Most of our booms (ex-loadmasters and engineers) are pretty happy about the change. We still have a few that are in the denial stage, but I think once they get a few hundred hours under their belts, that will change.

TSGT Bozzo: A reservist who's full time job is with the Post Office. He's fully qualified now. Motto: "Don't mess with me, I work at the Post Office".

MSGT Dickenson: Police helicopter pilot and ex-C-130 flight engineer. Always avoiding weigh in with excuses "I don't have the time."

TSG Dobes: A reservist who just got out of OCTS. Hasn't been in the building since!

TSGT Goettscher: Freddy G., a reservist with a library of good alert films. Freddy needs night fighters to be complete. Now if it will ever get dark early enough around here.

TSGT Hayward: Just back from Castle, Rick has a saying "Marriage is not a word, it's a sentence." An ex-loadmaster who is trying to adjust to staying awake while flying.

MSGT Huber: Our active duty advisor from Carswell, made it out just in time. Tom's with us for two years and has his hands full with all these "baby" boomers. He rides them hard and gives no slack. He's the reason everyone's gotten checked out so thoroughly.

SMSGT Labutte: Drives a gas truck in civilian life. Known as "Wheathead," Frank excels in the single life style.

SSGT B. Lance: Known as "the spike" Bennie is our bum. A TDY Pig. Never says no. Our only boom to loose an HP-41, but says doing it longhand is good practice.

MSGT Iescamela: Another bum. Nick name "Terminator." He has some early run-ins with F-16 antenna's and the like. He's doing fine now.

MSGT Lyon: Terminator II, definitely leads the pack for antenna's. Rays a private pilot and instructor for the AERO Club. Now if he could fly the boom as well as.....

SMSGT Marshall: Works for the Auto Club on computers. With his limited availability he's doing fine.

MSGT Nolte: When not flying, which is almost everyday, rides his Harley. Just moved into a new home and is finally getting used to the digs.

TSGT L. Pruett: Ex C-130 Flight Engineer still in denial phase. Loves to fly as long as it's in civilian status and not on weekends. Lance is looking for an airline job.

TSGT Ringel: No bar too far. Our cargo loading expert. Greg is body scheduler and always gets the flights filled with booms. High time ART for TDY's. When not flying he's working on his house or fishing.

MSGT Rooding: Comes to us from rescue choppers. Jeff is our college bum as well as TDY pig. Jeff is fully qualified and fully current. Return to home station long enough to file vouchers.

SMSGT Shaw: Stan/Eval Boom. Loves to fly, just can't find the time. He's been rebuilding his kitchen. Now that that's over we got him on a trip only to have him go DNIF. Oh well, soon he'll have over 300 hours in the Jet and can slow down.

MSGT Wyland: Larry works in mission development and seems to be the only one up there that knows what he's doing. He just spent two lovely weeks in Guam and can't wait to go back.

MSGT Zachery: Also known as "pay master." Niki keeps everyone happy with the great job he does, it's always interesting to see officers grovel before enlisted folks. As soon as the school gets up and running Niki will be one of our first instructors

Reginald D. Nolte
REGINALD D. NOLTE, MSGT, USAFR
In-flight Refueling Supervisor



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 4TH WING (ACC)
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE NC

FROM: 344th AREFS/DO4

SUBJ: Boom Signal Inputs

TO: CMSgt Scott Harris, HQ AMC/DODK

Greetings and salutation from the great state of North Carolina. Home of the 344th AREFS, vinegar sauce barbecue, water skiing, white sandy beaches and "dead center" of horse country.

With cut backs, roll backs, VSI, SSB, early (15 year) retirements and impending base closure/realignment, here is a list of boom operators (this week) in the squadron.

MSgt Steve Sweet - (Program Manager) Claims his gray hair doesn't make him look old, just distinguished. Finally seen the light and has stopped spending his money on cars and toys, now it's just horses.

WING BOOMS:

SMSgt "Mikey" Paynter - (Chief of Wing Dov) Moved down the street to DOV and we never see him anymore. Just got married, again. Mike, you still alive?

TSgt Ed Wright - (Current Ops planner) Ed should be selected for MSgt on the supplemental board. Way to go Ed.

TSgt B.B. Wiggs - (Current Ops planner) B.B. was looking for a challenging and fulfilling job, so we sent him to Current Ops and then to the desert.

TSgt Jackie Hale - (Wing Scheduling) She has almost completed her time at scheduling and is already asking for another job. Jackie makes the best Mexican bean dip anywhere, if you haven't tried it, you're really missing out.

TRAINING FLIGHT:

MSgt Al Miller - Currently looking for a job anywhere but NC. Al was presented the prestigious TAC Enlisted Aircrew Instructor of the Year award for 1991.

TSgt Mike Chmiel - New guy to replace Al, Mike wants to know if "ya got a job for my bud Al".

B FLIGHT:

TSgt Bill Medberry - (Flight Chief) - PCS to Travis for the new TALCE program. Said he needed to do that mid-life change thing.

TSgt Jerry "Ghost" Howe - "Mr. School" is on his last course for a MBA. Said he wants to teach grade school kids. We're curious as to what he wants to teach them.

TSgt John Hilyard - John made the mistake of telling someone he used to be a supply troop before his boomer days started. Now we refer to John as "Mr. Supply". Recently married, don't know why he felt he had to go to Mexico for the ceremony.

SSgt Mike "BOO BOO" Mucklow - Looking for orders somewhere that has a nice green golf course.

SrA Dave "JC" Foster - Currently in Instructor upgrade training. Didn't he just complete initial Qual? Has his first bambino on the way. (Due April 1)

Sgt Jason Bucker - New guy in from Beale and is "smokin the program". Welcome aboard Jason.

C FLIGHT:

MSgt Will Crews - (Flight Chief) "I don't want anything written about me". Just became eligible to join the ranks of a "good crewmember".

SSgt Ken "Mr. Ergometry" Strother - Ken is all around boom. If there's a job needs completed, who you gonna call; KENNY.

Sgt Rick Marshall - Another youngin that has been smokin our program. Has an instructor upgrade class as well. Made good use of his time while at Dyess Tx by allowing his wife to learn how to "two step". Rick, how did you know I have been waiting to learn that dance?

SrA Rich Anderson - Didn't get to play much during operation Restore Hope due to a broken thumb. Rich, for one last time, how did you do that?

SrA Dennis Jewell - Fellow booms want to nickname him "family" but I don't think so. Dennis sports the newest haircut style. Keeps getting his hair cut at Camp Lejune, or should I say "shaved".

SSgt Stephanie McArthur - Latest Dyess recruit and is now checked out in air refueling. Spends considerable off-duty time at the Gym, we think she's training for the Miss Universe title.

STAN EVAL:

TSgt Jim Staup - Tells me he's looking for a job where he doesn't have to work but 4 days a week and gets to fly a lot, and the 4 days a week are not optional !!!

TSgt Ken Karsteter - Ken is short for this man's Air Force. Retirement happens in December and Ken says he's already looking for a better job for his wife. Good man Kenny!!

SSgt Carl Slusher - New guy in Stan Eval and is doing a super job. We selected Carl for our Rodeo competition this year. We came in 2nd; Carl I forgot to tell you what I think of 2nd.

SO SCHEDULING:

SSgt Tom Ecker - Took 18 stitches in his leg after being "Mr. Nice Guy" to a fellow boomer. Something about being on a roof. Also a proud father to a "little peanut" named Natalie.

SSgt Jack Norris - Keeps taking leave to fix his house up for resale when we all leave here!!

SSgt Jeff Whited - Jeff has a new "boomer" on the way. Actually his wife does, due in Mar. Congrats Jeff.

A FLIGHT:

MSgt Tim (Roy Boy) Malloy - (Flight Chief) Tim loves the A.F. so much that he opted for the early retirement and is getting remarried. Tim says he was feeling guilty about having so much fun being single.

SSgt Scott "Cutter" Dawe - Just upgraded to instructor and is looking forward to his first student to mold in "his own image".

SSgt John Brannen - John says he's doing fine. Purchased a new house and has been known to push poor, defenseless boom operators off his roof. Come on John, he was only trying to help. By the way, is your homeowner's paid up?

SSgt Al Kaczor - Leader of the invasion of "Beale Bandits" into the eastern U.S. Al's fully qualified and is doing a great job on the road.

SrA Mark Redden - Another Beale guy and fully qualified now. O.K. Mark, let me explain what TDY's are.

SSgt Steve Custis - Just completed Link training and starting to have some "serious" fun now flying the jet. Welcome aboard Steve.

D FLIGHT:

MSgt Jay Howell - (Flight Chief) - Drives a neat new Ford P/U which can be seen at local shows, understand it's a tax write off for his wax business.

TSgt Kurt Perry - Kurt completed a volunteer 45 day IDY to Somalia, living in a tent, and then PCS'd to McChord to be a member of the TALCE. Kurt was our resident "self help" expert and had remodeled a lot of our squadron. He will be missed.

SSgt Melanie Potter - Still riding horses and staying TDY. Heard something about likes to sleep on beaches. What was that all about Mel?

SSgt Tim "Let's Dance" McDermott - Quietest man I've ever met, until he reaches the dance floor.

SSgt Scott Anderson - Just loves the single life here in Goldsboro. We're keeping the all women's college for nurses a secret until Scott's moral improves.

SSgt Dan Jorgenson - Newest arrival in the squadron and feels like a sponge. We just hope he doesn't turn into a mushroom.

RETIREES:

MSgt Mitchell - Still living in the area.

MSgt Kennedy - Lives in the local area.

SSgt Country Maines - Opted to take the money and run. Lives in the local area.

Steve Sweet

STEVE A. SWEET, MSgt, USAF
INFLIGHT REFUELING PROGRAM MANAGER



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 4TH WING (ACC)
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE NC

FROM: 911th AREFS/D04

SUBJ: Boom Signal Inputs

TO: CMSgt Scott Harris, HQ AMC/DOVK

Greetings from the Tar Heel state, land of the NCAA champions, University of North Carolina. Another year has come and gone and we've said goodbye to a few dear friends as well as said hello to new ones.

The rumor mill is up and running at full speed concerning where we're going and when. As quickly as a new one starts another one takes its place. If any of you "who are in the know" have any info, please pass it along.

Here's a current list of boom operators in the squadron.

SMSgt Teddy "18 Wheeler" Davis - (Program Manager) Gets a new gray hair everyday. Afraid to go TDY and leave the kids by themselves. Looking forward to retiring and driving the Big Rigs.

WING BOOMS:

TSgt Ron "Long, Long Branch" Combs - (Current Operations planner) New MSgt selectee. Two-stepping pro at the Long Branch Saloon.

TSgt Steve "Tim Allen" Metts - (Current Operations planner) Our resident Mr. Home Improvement and U-Fixit guy. Owns stock in Lowe's.

SSgt Chris "Long Range" Hootor - (Wing Scheduling) Professional student seeking a degree in something.

TRAINING FLIGHT:

TSgt Don "Bubba" Cox - (Initial Qualification) New MSgt selectee. Forever seeking a trip to the Desert or Pacific for him and his students.

TSgt Terry "Turkey Man" Dover - (Continuation Training) Recently married. Tried to talk him out of it, but wouldn't listen. Not in today, gone fishing.

STAN/EVAL:

TSgt Steve "The Hammer" Roche - (Squadron Chief Evaluator) New MSgt selectee. Never wrong. His way is the only way to do it.

TSgt Van "Doc" Gibbs - Doing a good job in Stan/Eval. Likes to take all of his leave in August and September. Come on Doc. Moyer's tutor.

TSgt Dave "The Lizzard" Lisenby - The calming influence in Stan/Eval. Resident Pig Roaster.

OTHER STAFF:

MSgt Bart "Flying Dutchman" Rotteveel - Royal Netherland Dutch Air Force exchange boomer. First selected to fly on the new KDC-10. Settling in well with the southern culture. No worries, we'll train him well.

A FLIGHT:

MSgt Maurice "Mo Better" Elliott - (Flight Chief) Almost lost a finger (whew), mostly likely though to lose his hair.

TSgt James "J.C." Coleman - New arrival from Castle AFB. Successfully breezed through his academics and A/R training. On his first cargo loading trip out in the Pacific.

SSgt James "Dresser Jim" Wood - (Instructor) New TSgt selectee. Mr calm, cool and collective. Desperately seeking a job in training flight or Stan/Eval.

SSgt Don "Mr C-Check" Simmons - (Instructor) Squadron body scheduler. Praying for the KC-10s to go to Robins AFB.

SSgt Eric Nimke - New arrival from McConnell AFB. Just started academics at CAE Link.

Sgt Eric "EQ" Moyer - (Mr EQ - Extra Quick with the women) Trying to make GQ magazine with his purple pants and gold shirt.

SRA Jeff "Nine Ton" Russell - Doesn't think much about using the nine ton truck to load cargo.

B FLIGHT:

MSgt Dave "Super Dave" Hankins - (Flight Chief) Spends a lot of time and money trying to get the HDRA No.1 plate on his Harley. A firm believer in the AF whole man concept.

TSgt Larry "Mr Shady J" Roberts - (Instructor) Squadron body scheduler. Longest member of the Seymour Johnson Welcoming committee (12 years). Rumored he's running for mayor of Goldsboro.

SSgt Tom "T.C." Polk - (Ground Training Scheduler) Into water sports (hmmm!). We mean he likes fishing and skiing.

SSgt Ken "Wilbur" Gilbertson - New Instructor selectee. Always TDY, can't play golf and love mingling with the locals in NC.

SSgt Tim "The Shark" Pates - (Instructor) Just finished instructor upgrade and loves teaching the Emergency Egress class. Best dressed golfer and boomer.

SRA Carl "The Deerhunter" Davenport - Trying to get approval to carry a deer stand on the jet during his TDYs. I don't know about the kid. Wants to be a guest cameo on Home Improvement show.

SRA Mike "Reggie" Hammond - New arrival from Robins AFB. Just about ready to finish up his cargo loading training. Come on Reggie, smile.

C Flight:

MSgt Pete "Top Drawer" Jackson - Just doesn't know about this cargo loading business. Hey Pete, keep your "eye" on the ball. Future upgrade candidate.

TSgt Jim "The Banana" McGuckin - Rumor has it, he likes to go to Kadena and munch on bananas. Things that make you go HMMM!!

SSgt Paul "Big Dawg" Adkins - IBO/ Sqdn body scheduler. Looking for someone to invent Cool Boots. Can't seem to keep his shoes on. Only Harley driver to wear leather chaps and flip-flops.

SSgt Tim "Low Profile" Fowler - Resident boat expert. An occasional visitor to the squadron. Active duty boomer with a reserve schedule. If he's around we'll upgrade him.

SSgt Scott "Flat Top" Hicking - New TSgt Selectee. Did well in training. Starting to slow down after being caught speeding several times. Nine ton truck Part II.

SSgt Mark Yandell - New arrival from Dyess AFB. Just about to finish academics at CAE Link and start A/R training. "Mark we'll let you know when you can go TDY, okay."

D FLIGHT:

TSgt Ken Acosta - (Flight Chief) Ultralite pilot. Just bought a new trailer off the runway final approach. Quiet living I guess.

SSgt Doug "Mr Computer" Garrett - (Instructor) Most abused instructor, you name it he's done it. Just started playing golf and has already cracked 100.

SSgt Mike "The Farmer" Fausnaught - (Instructor) Mike enjoys his country living. He raises his own chickens, ducks, turkeys, goats, veggies and etc. A true independent man.

SSgt Tim "Bones" Smith - Working hard to stay above Doug on his golf game. Says he never goes TDY, but stays gone all the time.

SSgt Wayne "Puppy Dawg" Atkins - Wayne, Where's your loadplan?
Loves going TDY but hates hauling passengers.

SSgt Della Griffin - Different style and length of hair every week. Loves to travel and volunteers for any TDY.

SRA Tom Glosser - New arrival from K.I. Sawyer AFB. Did a fine job in academics over at CAE link. If we can ever get any night fighterst, he can check out in A/R.

RETIREES:

MSgt Del Coggin - 1 Jul 92 near Greensboro, NC area

MSgt Mike Davis - 1 Apr 93 in Portsmouth, Va

TSgt Larry King - 1 Apr 93 somewhere in southern California

Teddy Davis

TEDDY C. DAVIS, SMSGT, USAF
INFLIGHT REFUELING PROGRAM MANAGER

77 ARS (DOUBLE LUCKY) Seymour Johnson AFB N.C.

Greetings from the "Totin Tigers", your friendly reservists from Goldsboro N.C. As always it is interesting to hear from the tanker community. The rumor mill has been hard at work at Seymour Johnson AFB, just everywhere else. But as luck would have it we're still writing from the coastal plains of N.C. If we have our way, we'll be here for quite some time.

The 77th Air Refueling Squadron has been quite busy this past year; from the home front to Somalia and everywhere in between. We participated in the relief effort in Somalia creating a great deal of job satisfaction. On the way home from a relief run in January, one of our crews played tanker long enough to help kick Saddams butt one more time. After winning the "Ellis Trophy - Best KC-10 Unit" last year, we got an "education" while participating in "Airlift Rodeo 93." We were fortunate enough to be selected the "Best flying unit in the Air Force Reserve", receiving the "Charles E. Lonnene Award". Proof that "Total Force" is alive and well, we, along with our 4th Wing counter parts, are maintaining a vigil over South West Asia (Southern Watch). We continue to provide our receptacle to the eastern USA's tanker community on a regular basis. Real nice contacts, but do EMCON procedures ever stink!

It has been a busy training year as well, upgrading several to instructor and checking out some new booms in the KC-10A. We are gaining several booms and loadmasters from active duty. We could use a few more, so if being a citizen soldier interests you, give us a call. Unfortunately, we said good-bye to a few booms as well. Here are the best KC-10A booms of 1993 !

SSgt Felicia (Geek Magnet) Anderson: Got tired of the fun and sun (and rednecks) at Carolina Beach so she moved to Raleigh to meet normal people. Yea Right! Felicia has been busy taking care of the squadron supply duties. Doing a great job acquiring everyone a proper name tag which is a full time task since we changed from SAC to TAC to ACC to who knows what next. You might say she is heavy into leather, or is it cloth this week?

SMSgt Virgil (Andy) Anderson: Guess what? Andy still has the biggest gun and knife on the block and isn't bashful about showing you. The boom shop really enjoyed those pool parties while Andy was on vacation! Busy working in DONO these days and attending JA/ATT conferences at "Fay-et-nam".

MSgt Don (Farmer) Askren: Winner "Ellis Trophy - 92". Still setting the standard in Stan Eval. Putting his wife through nursing school so he has the money when he decides to buy that farm.

MSgt Brad Baxter: The new "Fuhrer" in body scheduling. It gets better, he is now an ART ! The good news is that he is still the same old Brad.

2LT (TSgt) Mike Block: Graduated from ECU in Dec 92 and is now in pilot training at Vance AFB. He is now a "Zero" and will return in June 94 to the 77th as a KC10 pilot!!! Finally completed the marriage paperwork in June by signing the license. Quite a year for Mike. Congratulations ! Does it get any better than this!?

MSgt Mike Boozer: Project NCOIC for winners of the "Ellis Trophy - 92". " Training Boss". Doing a fine job keeping up with the changes. How do these ART'S afford those Vette's and Jaguar's?

TSgt Dave Brock: Livin' large in Atlanta. Takes vacations to Seymour when we need something built in the squadron. Hey Dave, can we stay at your house during the Olympics?

SSgt Corey (Corky) Brown: "Big Man on Campus" at Fayetteville State. Now has a current N.C. Inspection Sticker and current license plates on his BMW. Didn't think the cops would catch him. He claims he just forgot. How do those reservists afford BMW's!?

TSgt Jon (Coyote) Calcote: A very welcomed addition from Barksdale (took the money and ran). Jon's a Goldsboro resident enjoying the easy life at "Shady J". Just loves the on-board loader.

TSgt Jeff (Jeffro) Carter: The boom shop said good-bye to Jeff this year. He is currently working with the emergency 911 response team in Statesville, NC. Still keeps in touch with the 77th. He has a different job every time we talk to him.

SSgt Anthony (TACO) Cleaver: Recently invested a large amount in Honda (he is the proud owner of a brand new Prelude with a five year payment plan), in addition to his full-time job feeding prisoners. We don't know on which side of the bars he is on. The rest of his time and money is spent on the underprivileged (ladies at the "Doll House").

TSgt Donna Dobbins: Newest instructor. Now Troughing and living in Goldsboro with all her cats. Learned how to use the squadron PA at truck driving school. Helps Bad Brad in body scheduling when she's not flying. Always needs help moving.

SSgt Steve Dolan: From active duty SRA, barracks lawyer, and Mr. Boeing, to reserve SSgt, NC State student, and now Mr. McDonnell Douglas. Really enjoys nature. Yelled at the top of voice, "BIG, BIG, f__ing snake" while evading recently, giving away his position. Got captured. So, training is deciding whether or not he has to go through the survival course again. My! Aren't some people just more fun to write about than others!?

SMSgt Bobby (Crusty) Drinnen: Has the inside scoop on trips; works in mission development. Known also as "Father Time". Had a couple of pet snakes. Let them run loose while cleaning their cage one morning. They succumbed to the heat of the day - or were they scared to death by that yell from Dolan? Those snakes weren't that big!

TSgt Paul Dube: Winner "Ellis Trophy - 92". Recently graduated from the NCO academy. They wanted to sent him home because of "his attitude". We can't understand that, because his attitude has never changed. Expecting his second child in November.

TSgt Jeff Garland: Making a fortune as a "computer lizard" in Atlanta (or at least we like to think he is). Still a newlywed, building a new home, driving a nice car. Guess that time spent going to college paid off! Could have gone the same route as Mike Block (pilot slot), but, would rather be a boom operator. Probably will be able to buy his own airplane soon!

SSgt Jim (Channel Surfer) Harris: No longer the youngster of the section. Graduating from Emery Riddle in the near future. Jim keeps busy as the "Boom Fund" accountant, always after another buck. H-m-m-m. He's driving a nice car too.

TSgt Ricky Helt: Instructor extraordinaire at CAE Link. Unfortunately for the boom shop, Ricky will finish his reserve commitment with a different AFSC. Another casualty of the flight surgeons office. Rick will always be a boom though, and our friend.

SMSgt Tim Holt: Still showing us how it's really done at CAE Link. Can't teach technique - just the facts! Won the "Nice Guy of The Year" award. Tim is our group Stan/Eval boom when he's not out fishing. How can you win the "Nice Guy of the Year Award" and be in Stan/Eval? Tim has figured it out!

MSgt Seldon(Paul) Jorden: Paul "BOOM STOWED...LEAVING POSITION" for the last time in June. After flying everything in the Air Force inventory on active duty and retiring, Paul also served with the reserve until High Year of Tenure got him. Our program at Seymour could not have been successful without help from our retirees! Currently walking/stalking the nude beaches in southern Florida. No tan lines here! Best wishes Paul.

TSgt Greg Keeter: Greg was another casualty of the annual physical. He fought hard to remain with us, but, "rules are rules". He is going to school full time and we know he will do well at where ever higher education leads him. He always talked over our heads anyway! Best of luck in the future and stay in touch.

SSgt Sean P. (as in whipped) Martin: Participant "Airlift Rodeo - 93". We consider him married; just has to finish the paperwork. He can be seen in the upcoming Flintstone's movie as Barney Rubble. When not out flying he helps the guys out in mission development.

TSgt Betty (Boom) Matthews: We're not sure if she lives in Florence S.C. or Goldsboro, N.C. (we do know where her heart is at). She spends as many hours on the road getting back and forth as she does flying. Betty symbolizes what the reserve program is all about. Betty's co-workers in Florence have to be proud. She's one of the fortunate booms that got "double the pleasure, double the fun": a relief run to Somalia, and let's stop by on the way home and help kick "Saddams" butt!

GOTTA LOVE THIS KC-10!!!

MSgt Randy (Uncle) Norris: Winner "Ellis Trophy - 92". Randy realized the meaning of "home is where the heart is" and returned to the land of "OZ" (KANSAS). After leading one of the two winning teams of the "Ellis Trophy - '92" to victory, we guess he figured he'd done it all! We wish you and your family well. We also know the Kansas Guard has the best damn plumber in the business!

TSgt William (Bill) Norris: A true reservist. Bill left the program for a while, could not live without it, and came back. Did I leave out the part about getting the wife's permission!? Bill does a super job! Obviously the reserve program has some of the best people. His employer can't live without him either!

SMSgt Randall (Rhino) Rinehart: Part of the Atlanta connection. Prior Air Reserve Technician that made good: Delta ground instructor. Yeah there is a life out here! How does this guy stay as sharp as he does just satisfying the requirements of the regs? Another one to call if you are visiting Atlanta. His phone number is 1-800-FAT-CHANCE if you need a place to stay during the Olympics.

TSgt Rand (Crash) Sanders: No class A, B, or C mishaps this year! We had some real interesting stories about Rand that the Chief said we needed his permission before going to print. We will have to settle for this. Rand continues to pursue breaking into the "A" (or B, or C or ...) scale Airline Pilot Association the hard way. Currently flying with Mesa Airlines somewhere in the southwest. As a boom operator Rand flies with our fellow reservists at Barksdale and March. Has anybody seen Rand lately!?

SSgt Carl (Commander) Sisco: Newest addition to the unit. Another C-130 loadmaster. This guy is sharp! Soon to be qualified and set loose in the tanker community. Look out, this guy's also a former "Jarhead". If you see him Still swears by the C130, ask him!

SSgt Alfred (Duane) Slusher: Duane is no stranger to the professionals within the "Boom Operator Association". Duane started training (completed the air refueling phase), with us, then was forced into involuntary "circling" over the home drone in Ohio because of a medical problem. This guy was "gung ho"; burning up the course. We can't hate our medical professionals, rather, we pray for Duane's quick return to us.

CMSgt Jerry (Spider) Snyder: Debbie said if he bought one more Vette, she was going to leave him. The Chief sure is going to miss her! The Chief also decided it was time to sell his boat after putting it on "Static Display" in/on the Neuse river last year! Tide? What tide? Look for video footage on "America's Funniest Home Video".

MSgt Kerry (Van-odd-ball) Vanausdall: Also a part of the Atlanta connection. Kerry (and wife) recently had there second child. His little girl already has more hair than he does. Kerry writes technical orders for Lockheed (hiss, hiss) in Atlanta. He is another one, with a 40 plus hour a week job, that maintains mission ready requirements!

SMSgt Ronnie Wade: Ronnie is another one of our main stays to bite the medical bullet. Ron is the only guy we know that has maintained two packed bags (go anywhere, anytime), at all times. One is for cold climate, one for warm. Upon opening the bag pre-positioned for warm (sealed for 20 years), the most unusual bell-bottomed leisure suits were discovered! Tailor made! Looking good, Ron. Ron will continue to support the unit mission as an ART within an other 916 ARG squadron.

TSgt James Ward: Winner "Ellis Trophy -92" and participant "Airlift Rodeo - 93". Newest addition to the ART community. Still likes that baseball team in St. Louis - what's their name? Jamie stays busy helping out mission development and training flight.

MSgt Dale O Willner: Dale is also retiring this year (30 Sep). From Minnesota, Dale will continue to work as a "constuctionaire". We will miss that stubby (missing fingers), strong, handshake, and smile. Now that gas is going up at least 4.3 cents per gallon, we know he will never leave home without a five... gallon can in his trunk! Best wishes!

SMSgt John (Benny Hill) Young: Only person ever to have a car declared a disaster area and never has to worry about it getting stolen. John got a job and is going back to Kansas City, Kansas, John still thinks/knows Kansas City is in Missouri. John has had many jobs in his life, but, dedicated the best to the Air Force. With less than a year remaining before retirement, John got a job in a bank. Having John working in a bank, after witnessing management of his personal travel vouchers and pay paperwork, is an assuring feeling. He obviously does not need the money!

We expect to gain the following proven professionals in the near future:

Garrick Towels: 305 ARS, Grissom AFB, IN. Following KC-10 initial qualification plans to continue his education.

John Mercer: Also from the 305 ARS at Grissom. Likewise, he plans to continue his education.

Barry Bradley: Loadmaster from Pope AFB, NC. Has a business opportunity close by; wanted to fly the C-17, will be delighted with the KC-10.

This wraps up our submission for this year. If you are in the area give us a call at 736-6683. If not in the area call (919) 736-6683 or DSN 488-6683 or 1-800-SHAMU 10. Remember, ACC, AFRES, AMC, ANG...WE ARE ALL BOOM OPERATORS. DOES IT GET BETTER THAN THIS!?

FROM: 99/912 AREFS (Boom Operators)

30 July 1993

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All Boom Operators

1. **HELLO** from the land of the Georgia Peach. The past year has really been busy for us here in middle Georgia. Starting July 92 with the assumption of lead unit responsibilities in Saudi Arabia, through Operations "SOUTHERN WATCH, RESTORE HOPE, PROVIDE COMFORT and DENY FLIGHT". These operations were in addition to our normal Tanker Task Force requirements. Although difficult and at times very demanding (especially during Christmas), our young war hardened veterans were up for the challenge. Hats off to them for an outstanding year. Here's what's happening at Robins.

2. **INBOUNDS:**

CMSGT RON LIVINGSTON - CASTLE

MSGT JOHN PIKE - CASTLE

TSGT MIKE BARNES - GRISSOM

TSGT DON CASH - LORING

TSGT DON WELLER - CASTLE

SSGT LLOYD FAIRCHILD - K.I. SAWYER

SRA DAVE STADNICKI - LORING

Welcome to Robins guys. We're glad to have you!!!

3. **OUTBOUNDS:**

SMSGT SAM HUNT - Retired and "goofing off". Not really looking for work yet. The boom operator community will really miss Sam and Betty. Their mailing address is 109 Lenox Dr, Bonaire, GA 31005. Phone number is 912-929-2851.

MSGT RICK REED - Heading to Charlston in Aug (TALCE). No need to unpack Rick. Good luck and God speed.

SSGT DOUG EVANS - Headed to Castle the first of July. Good luck Doug.

SSGT JOE REED - Also headed to the school house the first of July. Good luck Joe.

SSGT KEN (PEEPER) CROWE - Mr. cargo loading. Will be heading to the school house in August. Good luck Ken.

SRA JIM DUDGEON - KC-10 bound in January 94.

SRA JEFF POE - Separated in June. Off to pursue some civilian education. Nothing wrong with that. Good luck Jeff.

4. RETIREES IN THE AREA:

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

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

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

This is a list of known retirees in the local area. If anyone was missed, it was certainly not intentional.

5. Here's the current line up for the 99th Air Refueling Squadron (RAMRODS):

SMSGT LARRY B. BURRUS (aka B.T.) - 99th Air Refueling Superintendent. Can't really figure out just what he does, and neither does he.

STAFF BOOMS

MSGT MILT BARNWELL (aka Uncle Milt) - Currently assigned to DONO in charge of cloak and dagger operations. Don't ask Milt a question, not unless you've got a couple of hours.

MSGT RICK REED - Says he stays busy running the Alert Facility. Well I guess someone has to keep the spider webbs and grass from over running the place. Rick will be off the Charleston in August.

MSGT JOHN PETTIS - Doing a fine job in Training Flight. John will be going to Long Rang Scheduling when he returns from Saudi Arabia in October.

TSGT JOHN BODENHAMER - On his way to the Alert Facility. To do what, I don't know. I'm sure he'll do a fine job managing the alert crews (ha ha).

TSGT JEFF POTTER - Pulling his hair out in Scheduling. Generally a nice guy, but sometimes he can be a "BUTT". Doing a good job.

SSGT MICHAEL STEINKRAUS (aka SUBA) - Has a desk in Scheduling. Works special projects for the Wing Commander as his Public Affairs NCO. He doesn't do much scheduling and is loved very much by the other schedulers.

CREW BOOMERS

S151 - MSGT KEVIN METZ (aka Spike). Doing a great job in Stan Eval. Really made a mess in his pants in Spain. He's now called the "MORON MUDDER". Said he was drunk at the time.

S152 - SSGT BRIAN ENNIS. Recently assigned to Stan Eval. There's already talk about him being a hammer. I guess it doesn't take long to forget where you came from. Got a nice truck though.

S160 - SRA JOHN KETCHAM. New daddy as of 28 Jul. Don't get to see John much, except when I go to town to buy auto parts. That new baby girl will also keep him busy and up at night.

161 - SRA KEVIN STEVENER. Pronounces his last name two different ways. I guess it depends on which personality he's in at the time. Recently a new IBO and doing a fine job.

162 - A1C BRAD BOLAND. Trying to get into the Air Guard somewhere. Wants to pursue his education. Really a good solid boomie. Although we'll hate to lose him, we hope he gets accepted.

163 - A1C DICKY HUNT. That's right. Sam Hunt's kid. A much better Boom Operator than his Dad. Just kidding. Doing a good solid job.

164 - TSGT PAUL GILES (aka BUNKIE). Paul arrived in May from Grissom. A fairly quiet person. Just keeps on doing a real good job.

166 - SSGT STEVE JOHNSON. On his way to the Training Flight. Steve is going to school to become a "NURSE", or was that a "NERD". Good luck in your new career Steve.

170 - SRA JOE GELLIS. Our little rich kid. Gets money from a computer chip or something his grandfather invented. Some consider Joe a real space cadet. Doing a good job though.

171 - SRA JOHN REED. Good solid boomie doing a real good job. Leaves his car with fellow booms while TDY. He will soon learn that there are two things you can't leave with a boom operator; your car or your girlfriend.

172 - A1C JOSE CERVANTES. Always begging for a TDY. Doing a good job. Stays in Atlanta quite a bit.

173 - A1C ERIC GRAHAM. Promoted to Senior Airman Below the Zone. A real sharpe troop. Currently pursuing a degree in a whole bunch of things.

174 - SRA MICHELLE PAPE. Recently returned from STTF. While she was TDY the hoist cable broke and her flight gear was stolen. Now I see why she doesn't go TDY much. The 99th can't afford to send her. Just kidding Michelle. Keep up the good work.

175 - A1C DERRICK GRANT (aka Alabama Inch Worm). The only woman safe around him is an ugly nine year old. Better hope she doesn't have a ten year old body. Just kidding. Doing a fine job.

176 - SSGT MIKE BRANNAN. Recently released from Scheduling. Really enjoying crew life again and doing a fine job.

190 - TSGT NICK PRICE. Recent graduate of the Command NCO Academy. Still trying to figure out how he can incorporate that knowledge into building car engines. Doing a good job, on and off duty.

191 - SSGT DALE MARTIN. Need to make TSgt Soon. Doing a great job at USCENTCOM.

6. Here's the current line up for the 912th Air Refueling Squadron:

MSGT AL BOOTHBY - 912th Air Refueling Squadron Superintendent. Took over from a retiring Sam Hunt. Can't see much difference. Both ugly!!

STAFF BOOMS

MSGT ANGEL RODRIGUEZ - Assigned as the Wing DOV. We see Angel every now and then. Just what he does is still a mystery. Very knowledgeable in the procedures and techniques associated with moving a mobile home. In DOV doing a fine job.

TSGT JIM GARLAND - The other half of the cargo loading team. Arguing a point with Jim is like talking to a brick. You'll get the same results. The conversation is much more intelligent if you talk to the brick. Keep up the good work Jim.

SSGT GARY COOK (aka Cookie Monster) - Been in scheduling for two weeks. Has already turned into the biggest "BUTT" in there. Gary you have to be careful for what you ask for, you just might get it.

SSGT KEN CROWE (aka PEEPER) - Doing a great job in cargo loading. On his way to Castle in August. Need to stay out of the women's latrine. Some women get real pushy when your're in their latrine.

SGT CHRIS HAGUE - Chumping at the bit to get out of scheduling. Says he needs an improvement in personality. I got news for you pal, you don't need improvement, you need a transplant.

SRA RANDY BISHOP - Newly assigned to the Training Flight. Doing a really good job. Got a lot of new ideas. I wish he would keep them to himself. Some of those things could be dangerous.

CREW BOOMS

S101 - MSGT TONY COMPTON. Doing a great job in Stan Eval. Don't get along very well with P.E. boxes though.

S102 - SSGT PHIL LEE. Recently assigned to Stan Eval as the result of implementing the ASEV Stan Eval Removal Plan. Currently in the Desert.

110 - A1C CHARLES HUNTER. Good solid boom operator. Doing a fine job.

111 - SGT LEO BROWN. Was burning the course up, until he was trampled by a pink elephant. Having to eat a little Kibbles and Bits (in the dog house). You can recover Leo. Want a beer? A recent bike enthusiast.

112 - SSGT JESUS LOPEZ. Finally got out of Scheduling and back on a crew. Sounds like a good candidate for the desert.

113 - SRA ERIK MURRAY. Good boom operator. Doing a fine job.

114 - SRA CHRIS WHATLEY. Mr. TDY.

115 - SSGT ERIC HUDNALL. Back on a line crew as the result of implementing the ASEV Stan Eval Removal Plan. Still don't know what hit him.

120 - A1C KIMBERLY ROBINSON. Really knows how to work a boom. Has logged over 1000 hours at the squadron duty desk.

121 - A1C BILL KACZOR (aka DUCK). Good boom operator.

122 - TSGT SCOTTY BRADSHAW. Thinks he's a good golfer. Well, I must admit, he's better at golf than boom operating. Good boom doing a good job.

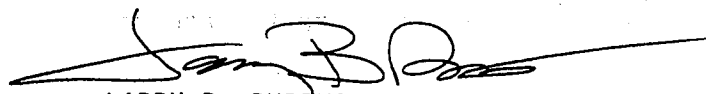
123 - SRA DAMON NELSON (aka DIESEL).

124 - SRA TOM RICE. Recently upgraded to IB0.

125 - SRA JIM DUDGEON. Good solid boom operator.

126 - SRA STEVE TRYPUC. NUFF said.

7. That's all for now. Good luck in the coming year.



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912th Air Refueling Squadron



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433-6503

10 SEP 93

FROM: SMSGT TOM MINTON

SUBJ: 1993 BOOM SIGNAL

TO: BOOMERS EVERYWHERE

1. Here are some of the programs that we are currently working here at beautiful Wright-Patterson AFB. The new nozzle for the 135 is scheduled to be tested again by the contractor the week of 22 Sep. If all goes well, it will be tested in-flight at Edward's in Nov 93. The 135 cargo roller system is alive and doing very well. Oklahoma City is working this program and expects the first production unit by Nov/Dec 93. The use of the current roller system greatly improves our cargo carrying capability, but this new system will improve that by 100%. For those who haven't had the opportunity to go on a Roller Derby mission it is different to say the least. Power shopping at Osan is an art form that I think we as BOOMERS will raise to new heights.
2. KC-10 programs are rapidly winding down. The last On-board loader is being delivered this week. The SPO has done an outstanding job with this program. Mr. Larry Reed is the key player in this SPO and is responsible for many of the good things on the KC-10. If you get a chance please give him a call and tell him how much you appreciate his efforts (DSN 785-4599). The wing pods are in their last phase and completion of the buy will be done by Nov 93, for a total of 15 pod sets.
3. New things on the way are the replacement of the C-141 fleet. HQ AMC is looking at several alternatives some of which are 767, 747, C-5b, and the DC-10, just to name a few. If we do purchase something off the shelf, this place will have a lot of impact on the cargo and tanker requirements for any new buy. AMC HQ has just gotten funding for the new weight and balance program. Pat Wadsworth has done a lot of work in this area and will be asking for help in the future with this program. Keep in mind we need a program that is useful and user friendly, and the more bells and whistles you put on it, the more it costs.
4. Now for the late news. The KC-135 wing pods and receptacles have been canceled, yes canceled. They were zeroed out in the budget on 14 Sept 93. Things don't look good in this area.
5. Well that's all for this year. Looking forward to working for you guys when I get to AETC at Randolph, I should be in place by mid Nov 93. Good luck and see you guys and gals at the next conference.

Tom Minton

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

FROM: HQ AMC/XPQA

29 Sep 93

SUBJ: Boom Signal Input

TO: Boom Operators

1. Hello from the world of systems acquisition. According to the office duty statement my office is responsible for new aircraft acquisition programs and major aircraft modifications. There are three tanker people in this office. Maj Mike Ebert, pilot; Maj Cathy Youngsma, navigator; and myself, CMSgt Jack Patton, boom operator. The following is the status of the tanker modification programs currently in work that directly effect the boom operator.

KC-135

Palletized Cargo Capability: Program to enhance the cargo carrying capability of the KC-135 by the procurement of a 463L compatible cargo handling system. This will give the aircraft the ability to handle 108x88 inch cargo pallets. The requirement is for the kit to handle 6 pallets of weights up to 6,000 lbs each, loaded to the right side of the fuselage. The kit will be able to be installed by one person in less than 1.5 hours. The kit will include a door sill protector. Some cargo compartment configuration changes will be necessary (galley and bunk locations) but no modification of the aircraft or cargo floor will be necessary. We anticipate kit deliveries beginning in April of 1994. We do not intend to buy a kit for each aircraft. The current requirement is for 150 kits. A basing plan is being coordinated on and is not available at this time.

Wing Mounted Drogue Refueling Pods: Program terminated. Funding being used for other DoD programs.

Receiver Receptacle Installation: Program terminated. Funding being used for other DoD programs.


KC-10

Wing Mounted Drogue Refueling Pods: Program ongoing. Aircraft 84-0124, Seymour Johnson AFB, will complete operational testing in October 1993 (atch 1). The second aircraft, 79-1951, March AFB, began modification on 25 Sep 93. Three more aircraft will be modified in FY94. A total of 20 aircraft will be modified by mid-1996.

Onboard Cargo Loader: All 30 loaders delivered (atch 2). The electrically operated loader is capable of handling one, 6,500 lb pallet at a time. The loader is designed for use at forward

operating locations that do not have loaders for wide-bodied aircraft. The loader is carried on two pallets (atch 3), unloaded in bundles using a winch, and assembled by 4 personnel in 4 hours (atch 4). The loader is in response of an urgent request from ACC/CC for the KC-10 to be self-sufficient in cargo operations. The ACC requirement was for the loader to handle 80 percent of a typical TAF wings deployment package.

2. For further information on these programs or other tanker modification programs, please feel free to call me at DSN 576-3167 or 2715.


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

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1. KC-10 Wing Pods
 2. KC-10 Loader List
 3. KC-10 Loader Deploy Config
 4. KC-10 Loader



ATCH 1

KC-10A ONBOARD LOADER (OBL) DELIVERY SCHEDULE

<u>LOADER NUMBER</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EST DATE</u>
1	Seymour Johnson AFB (ACC)	Delivered (AF)
2	Barksdale AFB (AMC)	Delivered (AF)
3	March AFB (AMC)	Delivered (AF)
4	March AFB (AMC)	Delivered (AF)
5	Seymour Johnson AFB (ACC)	Delivered (AF)
6	Nellis AFB (ACC)	Delivered (D)
7	Langley AFB (ACC)	Delivered (E)
8	Holloman AFB (ACC)	Delivered (E)
9	Cannon AFB (ACC)	Delivered (D)
10	Luke AFB (ACC)	Delivered (D)
11	Davis Monthan AFB (ACC)	Delivered (E)
12	Moody AFB (ACC)	Delivered (D)
13	Hill AFB (ACC)	Delivered (E)
14	Eglin AFB (ACC)	Delivered (D)
15	Shaw AFB (ACC)	Delivered (E)
16	Pope AFB (ACC)	Delivered (E)
17	Tyndall AFB (ACC)	Delivered (E)
18	Charleston AFB (AMC)	Delivered (D)
19	Seymour Johnson AFB (ACC)	Delivered (D)
20	Seymour Johnson AFB (ACC)	Delivered (E)
21	Travis AFB (AMC)	Delivered (E)
22	Barksdale AFB (AMC)	Delivered (E)
23	Barksdale AFB (AMC)	Delivered (E)
24	Barksdale AFB (AMC)	Delivered (E)
25	March AFB (AMC)	Delivered (D)
26	March AFB (AMC)	Delivered (D)
27	Mountain Home AFB (ACC)	Delivered (D)
28	McChord AFB (AMC)	Delivered (D)
29	McGuire AFB (AMC)	Delivered (D)
30	Dover AFB (AMC)	Delivered (D)

Basing supplied by HQ ACC/LGT and HQ AMC/XOR

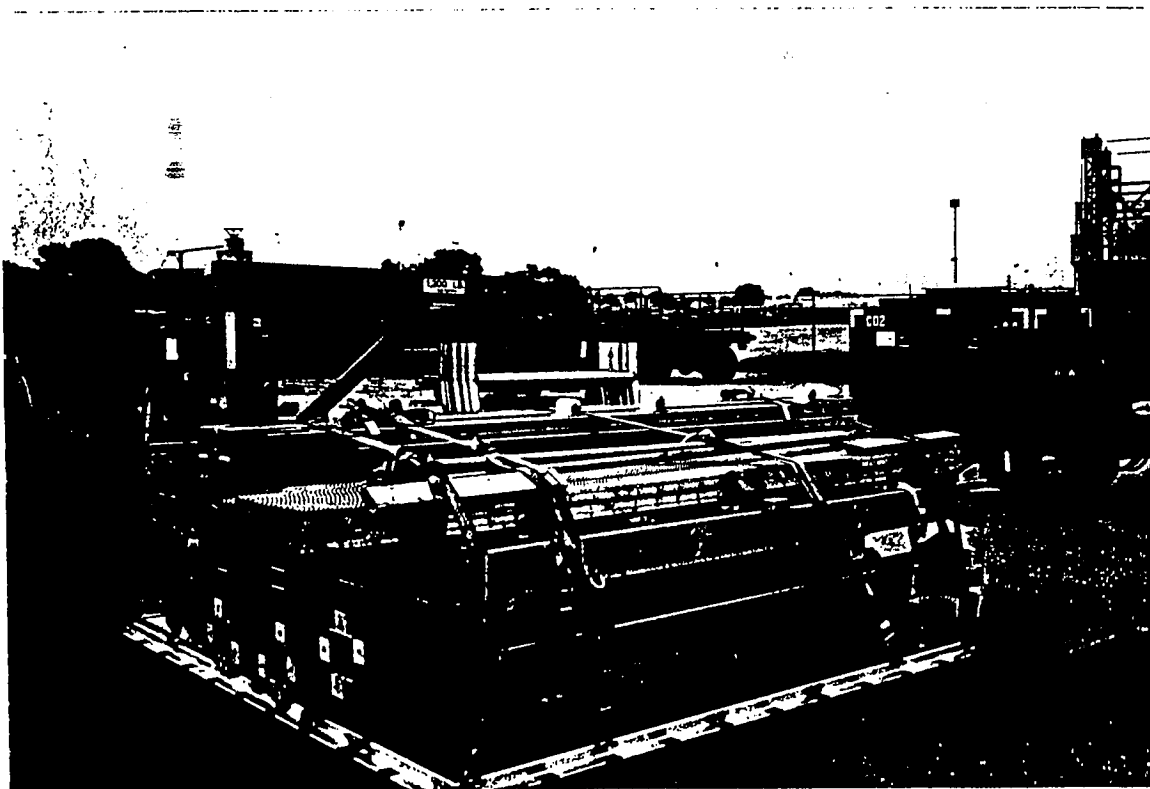
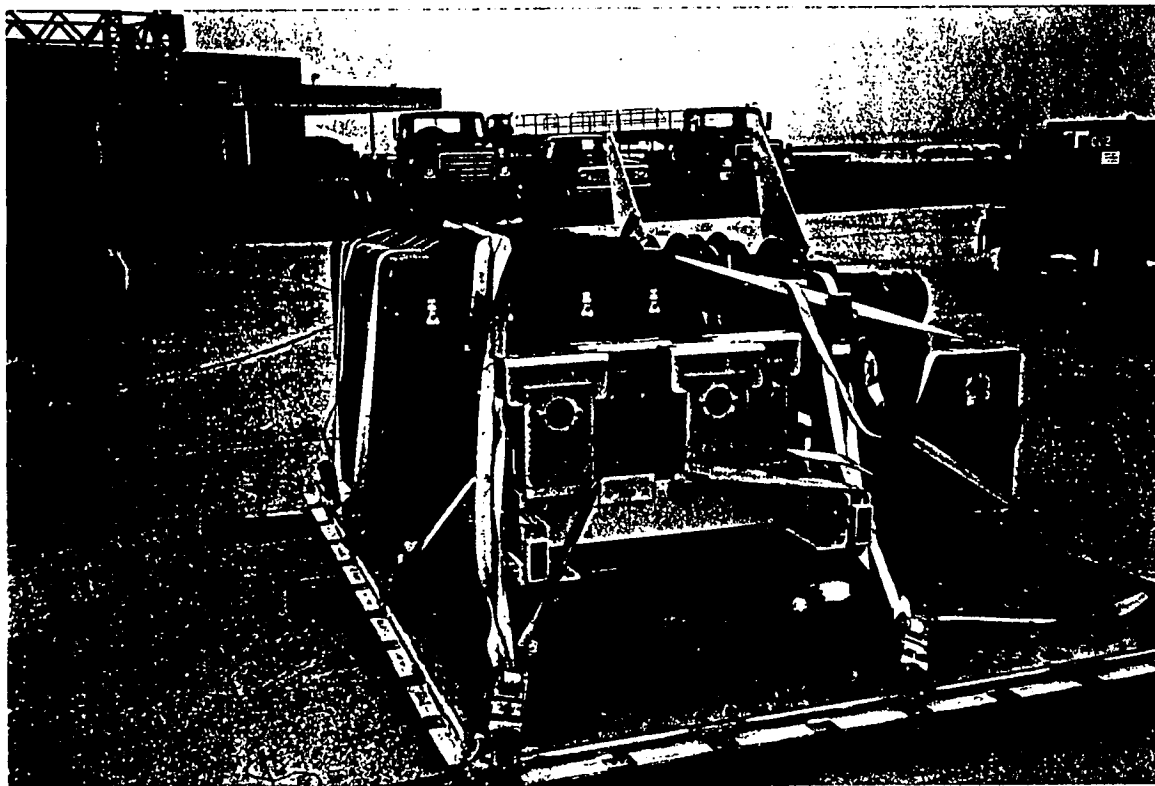
Barksdale OBLs attached to KC-10s, manning supplied by ACC

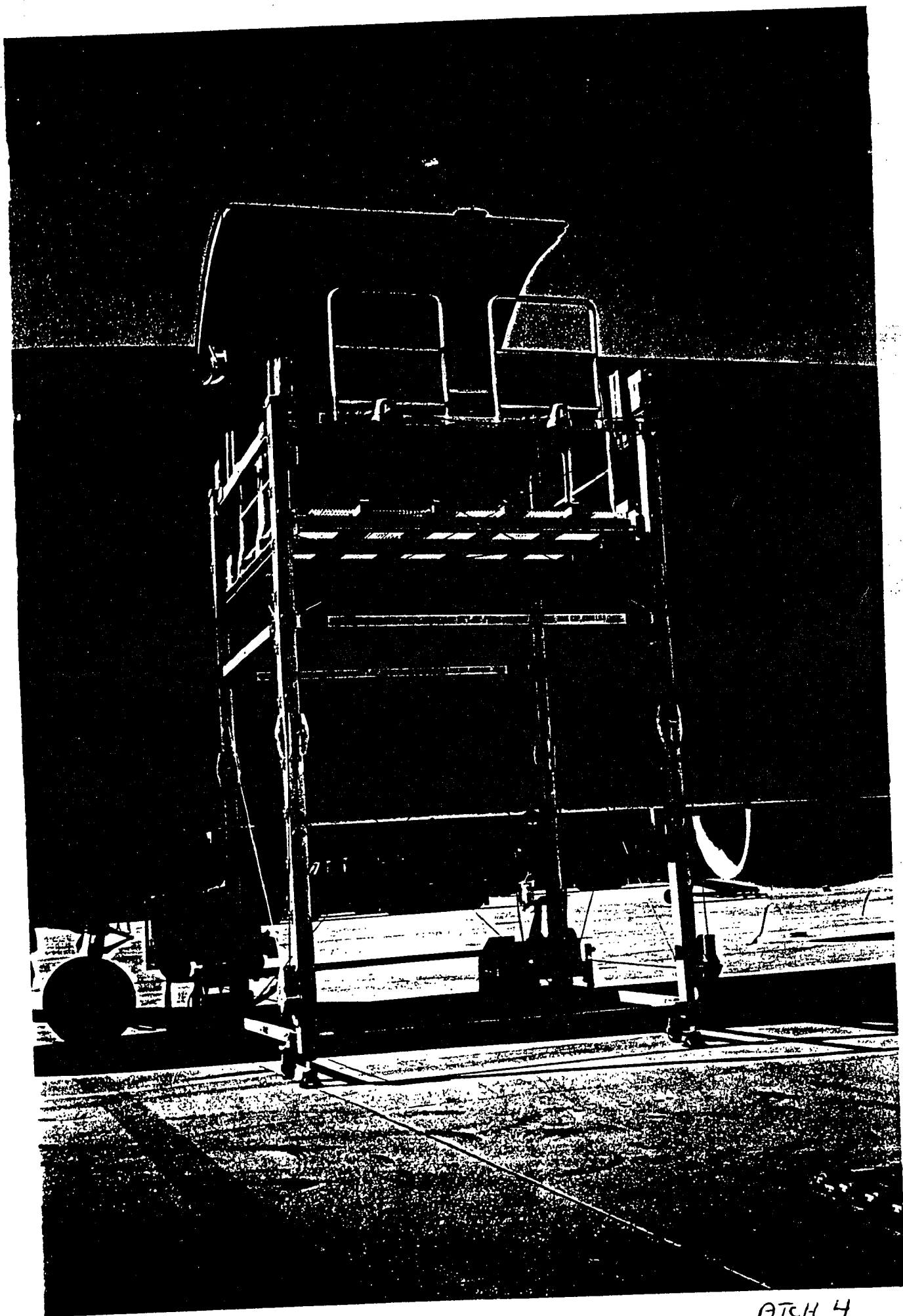
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(E) Enginetics

ACTION OFFICE: HQ AMC/XPQA/CMSgt Patton/63167/23 Sep 93





ATCH 4

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

905th Air Refueling Squadron (AMC)
Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota 58203-6621

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 905 AREFS (SMSgt Tomaszewski)

1 Oct 93

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK (CMSgt Harris)

Hello to all Boom Operators everywhere, from the Tigers of the North at Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota.

In this day and age where change is the norm and "adjustments are the key to Air Power," the 905th takes on a new look every passing day. Some days we tend to look like a squadron from Grissom AFB, and other days we look more like a K.I. Sawyer unit--it all depends on who in-processes that particular day. Yes my fellow boom operators, the 905th is growing by leaps and bounds--soon to split into 2, 3, and 4, squadrons of tankers. The "BONES" are leaving, the "CONES" are staying, and as of today we became the 319th Air Refueling Wing!

With the current trend of downsizing, base closures, realignment, restructuring, instability, etc..., Grand Forks AFB will eventually become one of the few "super tanker wings" in the active duty Air Force. What does that mean to all you booms currently stationed at bases selected for closure...well let me tell ya. If you stay on active duty long enough, chances are you may be selected for a PCS to North Dakota. The base near Canada where the winters are cold but the people are warm, where the mosquitoes are big--but also slow, where the education system is excellent and the crime rate low, where the maintainers are best, and the leadership is second to none.

If you want to be part of our growing community, if you want a challenge, if you want to be one of the elite, the "best of the best," then give me a call and we'll get your career moving upward again. Come join us, and become a member of the Tiger Team!

THE TIGERS OF THE NORTH

SMSgt Tom Clyce - Training Flight (retiring)

MSgt Don Frol - Training Flight

MSgt Curt Umstead - Training Flight

MSgt Jim Haskell - Flight Scheduling

TSgt Mike Frovarp - Cargo Loading Manager

TSgt Ted Johnson - Instructor Boom

TSgt Bill Williams - Mission Boom

TSgt Duane Woitas - Instructor Boom

SSgt Harvey Schneider - Instructor Boom

SSgt Mike Casey - Flight Scheduling

SSgt Greg Smith - Instructor Boom

SSgt Brian Thayer - Stan Eval

SSgt Dave Cox - Mission Boom

SSgt (Sel) Paul Wallace - Stan Eval

SrA Stephanie Myers - Mission Boom

SrA Clay Willoughby - Mission Boom

SrA Stacy Brown - Mission Boom

SrA Pat Torres - Mission Boom

SrA Jay Paulson - Mission Boom

SrA Doug Delbaugh - Mission Boom

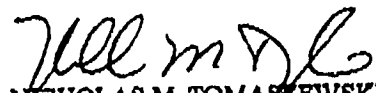
SrA Dan Riedmatter - Ground Scheduling

A1C Russell Gardner - Mission Boom

A1C Shane Brown - Mission Boom

A1C Jack Gates - Mission Boom

We recently wished a fond farewell to a very special person and boom operator-- Sgt Mike Walter. Mike's enlistment was up and he decided to pursue interests in civilian life. Mike was medically disqualified from flying and had worked in training flight for the past couple of years. He always gave 100% percent effort no matter how difficult the situation might be. The Air Force lost when Sgt Walter left--because he's a "winner." Good luck Mike!


NICHOLAS M. TOMASZEWSKI, SMSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

From: 509 AREFS Boom Operators

Subj: Boom Signal Input

To: All Boom Operators

Greetings from the 509 AREFS and soon-to-be closed (realigned) Griffiss AFB. We have been a busy bunch of fellows over the past year, and are looking forward to one more very good year here before the mass exodus. We put to rest the 41 AREFS almost a year ago and expanded the 509th into a mega refueling squadron. We have been participating heavily in the channel mission business and have learned a lot about our new role with rollers. We work the eastern channel most of the time, but have done the western one as well. We have most of the bugs worked out and welcome anyone to give us a call to exchange notes or ideas on how to improve this operation. Like most of you, we can't wait to get the new system with the lock in restraint. The following is a list of everyone still here. If you are in the area, stop by and say hello.

CMSgt Sharpe, David - If you can't find the chief at the squadron, go to the golf course. Expected to do numerous TDY's during the winter months to keep his handicap down.

SMSgt Christensen, Paul - Paul still drives a car older than he is, does his own repairs too. Favorite hobby is walking down the beach at Rota in Aug carrying his telephoto lens.

SMSgt Blessing, Craig - Craig still likes to fish a lot, rest of the booms in the squadron praying for fair winds and sunshine. King of Pop Warner Football. Program manager for sale cheap.

MSgt Marks, Larry "EZ" - Larry is getting ready to retire very soon, he's already holding down a second job working at the Indian Casino dealing black jack, we're hoping Larry deals cards as badly as he refuels.

TSgt Bowser, Tim - Tim is our resident computer god, he is also the largest TREKY in the squadron. We wouldn't be surprised to see SPOK in the boom pod one day.

TSgt Thomas, Joe - Joe has tried everything to get out of scheduling, he's finally done it. Joe has a class date to go to the C-130's. Joe hasn't gone on a long TDY in over two years. Does this move make sense.

TSgt Smick, Al - He's our newest TSgt, we haven't seen a promotion party yet, must be Al's afraid of overindulgeing and showing off his tattoo. Presently working in scheduling.

TSgt Smith, Randy - Randy is our tactics expert, fly's to maintain currency. He's only seen in the squadron from 0800-0900 Mon thru Fri the rest of the time he can be reached on a pager, our leave your message after the beep.

SSgt Abrales, Pete - Pete is restricted from going to Red Flag, he had to much fun last year, famous art collector and margaretta maker. Pete has left training flight and gone to TQM... What a contradiction in terms.

SSgt Furman, Dick - Also restricted from the state of California same reasons as above. Dick likes to go fishing and has excellent office hours. Member of squadron championship golfers.

SSgt Fiorilli, Tony - Tony has just recently married. Looking for a guard slot. Presently in scheduling. Tony has finished the boot strap program and is now flying for currency only.

SSgt Goewey, Dan - Runs the Alert Facility, its a real tough job but someone has to do it. Dan is still looking for his first TDY to the sand box, other squadron booms feel he must have not played well with others in school.

SSgt King, Guy - "SKY KING" Guy and his wife just had a baby so he isn't getting much sleep at night, so he makes up for it at work in scheduling. Starting to get gray hair, wonder why.

SSgt Daugustino, Pat - Pat works in scheduling. TDY king of the office he's been on one long TDY. Pat was on the squadron tennis team that won the championship, he has a great lob, its his only shot as he's shorter than the net.

MSgt Aalderink, Marc - Marc is getting ready to go bootstrap. Drives a car that is almost as old as he is. Marc is the oldest boom in the squadron and it is starting to show, he has numerous gray hairs and is developing a round belly, could he be looking for a guard slot|

SSgt Lamb, Shawn - "COAT" Left stan eval for the crew force, goes TDY a lot, Shawn is only going to see one week of deer season this year, this is affecting his temper, although the other hunters in New York state should feel safer.

SSgt Crittendon, Randy - "CRITTER" Randy is going TDY for 90 days to the sand box with the OPS Officer, going to be fun to see what Randy looks like upon his return. Resident HAMMER.

SSgt Rothrock, Ken - "BARNEY" Just had second baby girl. Barney is in Stan Eval. Member of squadron golf team. Barney needs a nose job badly, when he sneezes walls come down.

TSgt Hollins, Rick - Ricky has just gone to CFIC. Ricky looking to build a house here in New York after he retires. Ricky likes the base fire department visiting his woodshop in his basement.

SrA Ramey, Fred - Fred likes to rent metal detectors after boom parties, his wife lost her wedding band. Fred is going TDY a lot trying to raise money to buy her a new one.

SrA Shaffer, Matt - Matt likes going on channel missions with the senior staff. Lives with two other boom operators, used to like to have parties at their house, now Matt has a girlfriend and the parties no longer happen, rumor has wedding bells in the future.

AIC Hand, David - Our resident expert in oldies music, should go on name that tune. Dave has a lot of experience in the sand box and dealing with fog. Dave needs a new car, his is almost as old as SMSgt Christensens, however, his girlfriend likes it.

TSgt Hopkins, Larry - Larry is our squadron ghost, does numerous TDY's and thats the only way we know where he is. Tom Cole look alike, acts like him too. Larry does extremely well on channel missions.

SSgt Shead, David - Newest SSgt in squadron, nickname NINJA. Looking for a job. Dave knows all the hot spots around Rome to go fishing, some of these spots are deep in the woods, you should see his truck.

Sgt Wilkins, Joe - "ROUND" Joe owns the only truck in the squadron that you need a ladder to get in. Joe dosen't like going TDY with S101 or going TDY over the holidays. Recent graduate of NCOLS.

TSgt Vail, Willaim - Bill is also a member of the squadron golf team. Only time bill can be seen is when he's flying or getting ready to go TDY. Bill also coaches little league.

SrA Sweiringa, Sean - "POPPEYE" Sean needs three alarm clocks to wake up in the morning. Sean bought a new car just to get the limited edition suit that came with it. Sean needs a soap box to shoot cell. Doing well though looking to go the KC-10.

SSgt Smith, Dan - Dan is our newest instructor in training flight doing very well. Dan likes to play hockey, if he keeps lifting weights he won't need to wear pads. Everyone else has a picture of their wife, Dan has a picture of his dogs.

SrA Buit, Ted - "BUNNY" Ted likes to ride his Harley in the fall, squadron ready to take it away if Ted keeps going DNIF. Ted still likes to go TDY, he sure does like to travel.

SrA Cruz, Jesus - "JC" Lives in the dorm, room has been submitted to better homes and barracks on several occasions. JC hates base paint details and dorm duties. JC is undecided on what to do, we'd like to send him to CFIC, very strong boom.

SrA Fitzpatrick, Raymond - "STRETCH-BIG RED" Squadron giant six foot seven inches, dosen't need the sextant stool. Likes to play squadron basketball, only problem is he thinks he's a guard. Ray is a huge comboy fan.

Sgt Frownfelter, Paul - "FROWNY" Newest addition to stan eval, squadron sports member, excellent golfer, better than Chief Sharpe. New squadron leave policy implemented after Frowny took 30 days consecutively.

SrA Gritz, Christopher - Chris is moonlighting nights as a bartender at a local club, Chris thinks it better serving booze than chumming up on the pilot of S101, maybe Chris is more suited for the job./

AIC Porn, Jeffrey - Jeff is one of our newest booms. Jeff's favorite pastime is handling young crew chiefs on their first TDY. Jeff cleans airplanes extremely well.

TSgt Ingerick, Steve - Steve has recently attended CFIC, we haven't seen him around the squadron much due to TDY's and white square days, Steve has a nack for the white square so we made him a flight boom, we think we'll see him more often.

MSgt Juniper, Mike - Mike has also recently returned from CFIC, his new job is going to be in training flight, we're sure he'll be an excellent asset. Mike's nickname should be squeaky clean.

SrA Macomber, Darrell - Likes wrecking Grand Ams so he can go buy new ones. Darrell does extremely well in the squadron when we can find him. Darrell has a nack for getting time off.

In the last year we have lost numerous boom operators. Some have opted for the civilian world, others for the KC-10 or the guard.

Margie Fish - Civilian
Jimmie Rush - KC-10 Seymour
Bill Taylor - KC-10 Marksdale
Robert Polk - Civilian
Donna Polk - Civilian
Wayne Davis - Guard New Jersey
James Amrich - Guard New Jersey

Best of Luck To You All,,, Keep 'em Flying

The 509 AREFS Booms.

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

FROM: 906 AREFS/Chief Boom

SUBJ: The Boom Signal

TO: Chief Harris
HQ AMC Scott AFB IL

Greetings from the "NOT". This looks like it will be the last Boom Signal from the 906th at Minot. We had all been looking for a unit move to Grand Forks. We finally got the word, it will be a unit closure. Sorry to see such a fine organization close but it's a new Air Force.

To the units that will gain the boom operators from the 906th you will be getting the BEST! All that is left to say is UFFDA.

Heres the lineup.

S-151 - MSgt Jeff Reuter (Thick Reuter) After trying for 6 different jobs finally got one as a CCTS instructor PCS in Dec 93

S-152 - Sgt Jeff Murphy Staff Select Wants to be the 1st one out of Minot to go to Grand Forks and set up Stan Eval. Sorry Clyde your out of a job again.

S-153 - SSgt Mark Reuter (Thin Reuter) Our resident channel expert. Wants out of North Dakota at any cost. Looking for work, will take chopper FE, loadmaster, etc just please don't send me to Grand Forks

R-161 - SRA Jennifer (Lord) Sellman PCS to Kadena in Oct 93. Bryan tried to out run her but she was quick enough to catch him.

R-162 - SRA Ricky Recaido Married a ready made family, now just wanders around the squadron asking where's Lucy.

E-163 - A1C Carlos Perez 906's resident playboy. Told her husband the cop I swear we were just sleeping.

R-164 - SSgt John Hardison Our resident Peter Fonda. After 2 years has finally got the Harley painted. Got to go to Sturgis and actually came home alive.

R-165 - A1C Joe Morenski Went TDY to the ETTF while the crew was sighting in London they went to see Windsor Castle. Joe could be heard saying its just another house, I miss North Dakota

E-166 - Sgt Troy Lawson SSgt select, our newest instructor keeping up the Gunny Bekkerus tradition "you just can't do that"

R-171 - A1C Randy Schaub - Came through CFIC with flying colors. Tells everybody the blue smoke coming out of his new mustang is normal.

R-172 - SrA Robert Rizzo enjoys going PCS so much, came from Grissom so he can move again in a year.

R-173 - SrA Jody Riggs working for Service Master must pay well driving a new \$24000 van. He and Jeff Murphy are racing to see who gets to Grand Forks first?

R-174 - A1C Ivan Scarberry, part 2 of the Grissom connection has been given a remedial class in schedule reading, now knows the difference between bus time and T/O time.

R-175 - SrA Gary Isbell, Mr. Dinners Club. Now knows when you take money out of an ATM it has to be paid back.

R-176 - SrA Hannah Watson, just now learning the Air Force. Rank structure is only 2 tier, officer and enlisted, found out boom operator is not a separate rank.

R-181 - SrA Glen Stallard recently divorced now the dorm daddy, will go TDY at the drop of a hat.

R-182 - TSgt Elmo Diaz has been there done that and has the T-shirt. The 906 has all kinds of equipment from closing bases because Elmo is the Chief Pilot for Air Peterbuilt.

R-183 - SrA Alecia Judd recently married. Currently on an all expense paid honeymoon to the ETRF.

R-184 - SrA Chad Anderson just made SrA Below - the - Zone not thanks to CMSgt Senn. But the cream always rises. His Firebird was last seen heading for South Dakota with a sweet young thing next to him. Minot isn't so bad afterall.

R-185 - A1C Jim Woodward (Woody) yes, Ken your shoes were filled by an A1C Woody, he is doing a great job as the ground scheduler.

R-186 - Sgt Chris Sidoli - Going to be a Gucci boy to Barksdale and parts unknown. Chief get him out of here I'm tired of listening to him.

SCHEDULING

TSgt Steve Yavornitzki (Y + 10) Thanks to Steve all Minot Booms get a discount at the local jewelry stores. Married into a ready made family. Trade his black scarf for a scheduling computer.

TSgt Steve Klinkhammer, can't wait for 906th to close, wants to be McConnell bound. He and Yavornitzki on a package deal, but Klink says its a big base.

TRAINING FLIGHT

TSgt Kevin Watton (Col Flagg) If you have 6 or 8 hours to spend, will be happy to do a debrief with you. As people are looking for assignments, the Chief Boom keeps asking why Air America keeps calling for Kevin.

CHIEF BOOM

MSgt Don Rundle - When the unit closes he will have 7 years on station, still hanging on to Chief Rutzebeck's promise "3 years at Minot and you can go where you want". So he wants to go to Fairchild.

LOSSES

SMSgt Al Bekkerus, retired to Grand Forks now raising cows!

TSgt Jeff Sargent - MSgt select does prove a strip can be bought. Went to Charleston to a TALCE job. Promised Bowerman if he applied for a TALCE job that they would go to the same base. Lied again, next job recruiting.

TSgt Ken Bowerman - PCS to TALCE at McGuire. Recently got married. His wife is a strong supporter of the SPCA. Felt sorry for Ken and took him like a stray dog. Denise thought Ken had mange so she bought him a toupee.

GAINS

MSgt Soumas - Just arrived from Guam. Looking for a job after 14 years in the Pacific and found out all that's available at Minot is a crew dog.

REMEMBER -- ONLY THE BEST COMES NORTH, AND GUESS WHAT WE GOT LUCKY WE'RE LEAVING!!

MSGT DON RUNDLE & TSGT STEVE YAVORNITZKI



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR COMBAT COMMAND
LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, VIRGINIA

FROM: HQ/ACC (CHIEF SMITH)
LANGLEY AFB, VA.

SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL


TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

1. WELL, I'M NOT SURE TO START AS A GREETING OR A FAREWELL. A LOT HAS HAPPEN SINCE AIR COMBAT COMMAND BECAME A REALITY LAST JUNE. WE BEGAN WITH 3 KC135 AIR REFUELING SQUADRONS, 2 KC10 AIR REFUELING SQUADRONS, A COMPOSITE WING, AND OUR FRIENDS AT OFFUTT WITH THE EC135'S. ALONG WITH THE ALERT FORCE MANAGEMENT POSITIONS, WE HAD 200+ BOOM OPERATORS WITHIN THE COMMAND. ALAS, 1 OCT 1993 THIS ALL CHANGES; ALL OUR KC135'S RETURN TO AIR MOBILITY COMMAND. ACC WILL RETAIN A COMPOSITE WING (6 KC135'S), ALERT FORCE MANAGEMENT (UNTIL SLOTS ARE DELETED), EC135'S (SCHEDULED TO PHASE OUT BY 97), AND THE KC10'S AT SEYMOUR-JOHNSON. THE KC10'S WILL ALSO PROBABLY TRANSFER TO AMC, BUT I DON'T SEE THIS HAPPENING FOR AT LEAST A YEAR, MAYBE TWO. I ALSO THINK 6 KC10'S WILL EITHER SUPPLEMENT OR REPLACE THE KC135'S IN THE COMPOSITE WING AT MT.HOME SOMETIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SO, AS FAR AS NUMBERS GO, OUR CURRENT MANNING OF 200+ BOOM OPERATORS WILL PROBABLY DWINDLE DOWN TO 20 BOOMS BETWEEN NOW AND 1996/1997 TIME FRAME. I'LL REMAIN HERE AT LANGLEY AS THE FUNCTIONAL MANAGER TILL I RETIRE IN 1996 AND THE POSITION WILL PROBABLY JUST GO AWAY.

2. WITH THE DEACTIVATION OF SAC, AND THE ACTIVATION OF VARIOUS COMMANDS HAVING OWNERSHIP OF TANKERS CAME THE TASK OF TRYING TO GET EVERYONE TO AGREE TO TALK THE SAME LANGUAGE. ON THE TRAINING SIDE OF THE HOUSE, MULTI-COMMAND REGULATIONS WERE DEVELOPED AND AGREED UPON BY ALL PARTIES. ON THE EVALUATION SIDE HOWEVER, NEVER THE TWO SHALL MEET. ACC, USAF, AND PACAF ELECTED TO FOLLOW 60-2 AND AMC IS OUT IN LEFT FIELD USING 60-1 (TO KEEP IN LINE WITH OTHER AIR MOBILITY COMMAND WEAPON SYSTEMS.) THERE ARE SOME THAT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THIS, BUT I PERSONALLY FEEL ITS IRRELEVANT WHICH PROGRAM IS USED OR IF EVERYONE FOLLOWS THE SAME SYSTEM. IF EVERYONE TRAINS TO THE SAME SHEET OF MUSIC, IT DOESN'T MAKE A HILL OF BEANS HOW THAT TRAINING IS EVALUATED.

3. A FEW WORDS ON EQUITABLY THROUGH-OUT THE COMMANDS ON ASSIGNMENTS, SPECIAL DUTY SELECTIONS, AND GOOD/BAD DEAL TDY'S. ITS EQUITABLE!! CHIEF HARRIS (amc), CHIEF FLANNERY (PACAF), MSGT HINEMAN (MPC) AND MYSELF WORK CLOSELY TO ASSURE THE RIGHT PERSON IS SELECTED/ASSIGNED REGARDLESS OF COMMAND OF OWNERSHIP. SPECIAL TDY'S ARE SHARED JOINTLY BY AMC AND ACC PERSONNEL.

4. I'LL KEEP THIS SHORT AND FIT IT ALL ON ONE PAGE. I WASN'T TICKLED PINK TO TAKE THIS ASSIGNMENT TO HQ/ACC, BUT, AFTER WORKING WITH SCOTT HARRIS, TED WHORLEY, JAKE BENSICOOTER, AND THE REST OF THE 21 BOOM OPERATORS ASSIGNED TO HQ/ACC, I'M STILL NOT TICKLED PINK TO BE HERE. THE AREA IS OUTSTANDING AND IF ANYONE IS IN TOWN, STOP IN OR GIVE ME A CALL. I'M A HOOTERS FREAK (FOR HOT WINGS) AND WILL DROP ANYTHING TO TAKE ANYONE TO DINNER/LUNCH OR BREAKFAST. CHEERS!!


STEPHEN SMITH, CMSGT, USAF
FUNCTIONAL MANAGER

Global Power For America



Global Reach... Tanker Style

HQ AMC/XOVK

HQ AMC BOOM OPERATOR DIRECTORY

NAME	JOB	SYMBOL	DSN 576-	eMAIL note
CMSgt Scott Harris	Stan/Eval	XOVK	5924/25	MXOVK10
SMSgt Jake Benscoter	Stan/Eval	XOVK	5924/5	MXOVK13
CMSgt Mike Mawhorr	Training	XOTK	5553	MXOTK5
CMSgt Jack Patton-	Systems Acquisition	XPQA	3167	MXPQA10
CMSgt Ted Whorley	Inspections	IGIO	5313	
MSgt Mike Perez	Inspections	IGIO	5313	MIGIO36
SMSgt Al King	AMOS	XOOCM	3391	MXOOCM7
MSgt Chris Burkhardt	ALCS	XOOCM	2038	MXOOCM8
MSgt Pat Wadsworth	Computer Systems	XOSO	3126	MXOSO4
MSgt John Buckland	Contingency Ops	XOZPJ	4536	MXOZPJ1
MSgt John Oglesby	Contingency Ops	XOZPJ	4536	MXOZPJ1
MSgt Doug Hershey	Contingency Ops	XOZPJ	4536	MXOZPJ1
SMSgt Les McPeak	Conus Scheduling	TACC/DOOT	1617	TADOOTK3
SMSgt Brad Kolb	Horse Blanket	TACC/DOOT	1617	TADOOTQ3
SMSgt Chris Sadler	Flying Time	TACC/DOOT	1617	TADOOTQ4
MSgt Sherry Davis	Pacific Scheduling	TACC/DOOT	7951	TADOOTE7
TSgt Mike Trace	European Scheduling	TACC/DOOT	1617	
SMSgt Erskin Glast	Theater Augmentation	TACC/TASO	3570	TADOOGL
MSgt Gene Hagge	Theater Augmentation	TACC/TASO	3570	

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