



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

8 November 1994

FROM: HQ AMC/DOV (CMSgt Harris)

SUBJ: Boom Positions

TO: All Boom Operators

1. I was talking to one of the senior booms the other day, and he suggested I put together a letter to bring you up to date on what jobs are currently out there, and an idea of what might be coming open. Great idea, Mark Gentry. I'll try and do this occasionally. Remember, I'll get the letter out, but it's up to the Superintendents and Flight Supervisors to pass it on. Also, Equal Plus will keep you up to date.

- HQ AMC positions (see attached roster). I won't go into detail about these positions. If your interested in finding out more about the jobs, call me, Jake, or even the individual working in the slot.

Opening - System Support Office, replacing MSgt Wadsworth. Computer background required. **Reporting Jan 95.** See Equal Plus.

- HQ ACC is manned by CMSgt Steve Smith. One deep position taking care of all the functional issues for ACC as well as running the JA/ATT program.

- HQ AETC is manned by SMSgt Tom Minton. Tom works all boom operator initial training issues that are forwarded by the other MAJCOM's. The ultimate staff job.

HQ PACAF has two positions. SMSgt Roy Schufft is the senior boom and works in Stan/Eval. The second position is in the PACC. This is the AMC TACC counterpart. MSgt Bubba Cox currently fills this position.

Numbered Air Force - The NAF's are responsible for the actual evaluation phase of the aircrew standardization program. They are the one's who are "there to help" on the ASEV visits.

15th AF (AMC) - We have 3 booms in DOV at Travis. They are SMSgt's Mike Paynter, Mike Wetzal, and Jim Eden.

21th AF (AMC) - There are 2 booms in DOV at McGuire. They are SMSgt Denny Brown and MSgt Al Miller.

12th AF (ACC) - MSgt Mike Bauer is in DOV at Davis Monthan AFB, in Tucson, AZ.

19th AF (AETC) - SMSgt Ted Carrier is at Randolph AFB, TX.

3rd AF (USAFE) - MSgt Troy Sinclair is the Stan/Eval boom at Mildenhall.

- **Altus Instructor Duty.** We need approximately **4 volunteers.** Most important duty you can apply for. Looking for Staffs and Techs, but more interested in getting the right people even if the grade doesn't match. Good chance to get some stability in your life. POC at Altus is CMSgt Tim Powers at 866-6008 or 7940.

KC-10 Boom Operator positions. There are a limited number of positions available for cross flow into the -10. Most of the requirements exist at McGuire. Contact AMC/DOV for information.

- **Flight Test Center Duty.** Positions are at Tinker AFB, McClellan AFB, and Birmingham (2). **One position is open** at Birmingham reporting **ASAP.** Position is advertised in Equal Plus.

- **TALCE Duty** at Travis and McGuire (approximately 36 total positions). **Need 6 volunteers for Travis and 14 for McGuire.** The TALCE provides world-wide command and control for AMC deployed forces. Contact MSgt Burkhardt at 576-2038 for information. TALCE positions at Ramstein (3) Kadena (4 AMC, and 1 PACAF) and Dyess (1-ACC) are full.

- **Air Mobility Operations Squadron (AMOS)** at Travis and McGuire. The best description I can give is they are a deployable Tanker Task Force. We have 4 boom positions at each location. Senior guys are SMSgt Dan Deloy at Travis and SMSgt Lee Winters at McGuire.

- **Air Mobility Warfare Center** at McGuire. These are basically the Tactics Center slots that were at Ellsworth. There are 2 positions filled by SMSgt Craig Blessing and MSgt Jim Bullock. There is also one position in the 33 Flight Test Squadron (part of the AMWC) currently filled by MSgt John Page.

- **AMC Liason** to Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center. This position at Tinker is a HQ AMC Detachment. We transferred the position to Tinker from Wright Patterson. MSgt Bobby Skaggs is filling the position.

- **Det 1, HQ ACC** - This job is in Airspace Management and is located at Offutt AFB, NE, and is filled by TSgt Tom Weirauch.

- **STRATCOM Command Crew** at Offutt. Position is filled by SMSgt Sze Tom.

- **Red Flag Ops** at Beale AFB. This is a new ACC position currently filled by CMSgt Randy Faulk. Chief Faulk is retiring

next year so the position will be coming open. Contact CMSgt Smith at ACC for information.

- AMC Contract Administrator/Simulator Certification positions at Altus. These are HQ Detachment positions that transferred from Castle. They have been recently filled by MSgt's Tim Ablay and John Harris.

- AMC Quality Assurance for KC-10 Training program. This position is at CAE Link in Irving, TX and is filled by CMSgt Cary Hubbard.

- Flight Test at Edwards. There are 3 slots which are currently filled by MSgt Rick Kahler, and TSgt's Don Cash and Paul Pillar.

- Guard/Reserve advisors. We currently have 4 on the books, one each at Birmingham, Tinker, March, and Niagara. They will all be gone in the next year or so. There are several other Guard and Reserve unit possibilities. When they are announced there will be 1 MSgt position on a 2 year tour.

- Royal Netherland Air Force KDC-10 training boom operator. MSgt Steve Slobodnjak is about to embark on a 2 year tour to teach Dutch boom operators how to refuel. Hard luck tour.

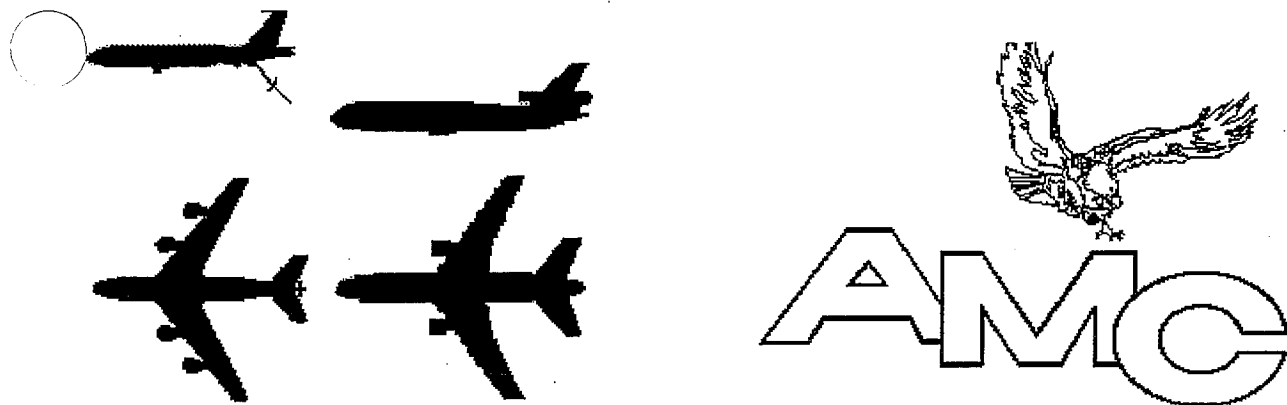
- There is a proposal to lease KC-135's to Turkey. There will most likely be a cadre of instructors, to include 1 boom operator, assigned to Turkey to conduct training. Details to follow.

2. Additionally, there are a wide variety of wing and squadron level positions to numerous to mention. Our manning looks good at most locations. We are projecting shortages at Malmstrom and Robins over the next 6-8 months. Our plan is to fill these locations with BMT's. The -135 core Wings at McConnell, Grand Forks, and Fairchild are in pretty good shape. Additionally, there are limited overseas opportunities available in the squadrons at Kadena and Mildenhall. Have your Squadron Superintendent or Wing Boom contact MSgt Bill Hineman at MPC if interested.

3. Well, I hope this brings you up to speed with some of the positions out there. Like I said, either me or Jake will try to do this on at least an infrequent basis. Thanks again Mark for the prodding.

Scott Harris

RAYMOND S. HARRIS, CMSgt, USAF
Command, Chief Boom Operator



Global Reach...Tanker Style **HQ AMC/DOVK**

HQ AMC BOOM OPERATOR DIRECTORY

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SMSgt Jake Benscoter	Stan/Eval	DOVK	5924/5	MDOVK10B
CMSgt Mike Mawhorr	Ops & Training	DOTK	6131	MDOTK5
SMSgt Brad Kolb	Systems Acquisition	XPQA	3167	MXPQA16
CMSgt Ted Whorley	Inspections	IGIO	5313	MIGIO21
MSgt Mike Perez	Inspections	IGIO	5313	MIGIO36
MSgt John Oglesby	IG Presentations	IGIT	7972	MIGIT4
SMSgt Les McPeak	AMOS	DOOM	3391	MDOOM10
MSgt Chris Burkhart	AMCS/TALCE	DOOM	2038	MDOOM8
MSgt Pat Wadsworth	Computer Systems	DOUO	3126	MDOUO4
SMSgt John Buckland	Contingency Ops	DOXPJ	4536	MDOXPJ1
MSgt Doug Hershey	Contingency Ops	DOXPJ	4536	MDOXPJ2
TSgt Roger Smith	Contingency Ops	DOXPJ	4536	MDOXPJ3
Msgt David Harrison	Conus Scheduling	TACC/XOOT	1940	TAXOOTQ6
MSgt Tina Wallace	Pacific Scheduling	TACC/XOOT	1963	TAXOOTP6
MSgt Mike Trace	Pacific Scheduling	TACC/XOOT	1963	TADOOTP5
MSgt Jeff Boutwell	European Scheduling	TACC/XOOT	7951	TAXOOTE2
SMSgt Chris Sadler	"Bubba" Airlift	TACC/XOOT	1940	TADOOTQ4
SMSgt Erskin Glast	Theater Augmentation	TACC/TASO	1943	TADOOZGL
MSgt Gene Hagge	Theater Augmentation	TACC/TASO	2410	TADOOZEH
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

15 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: HQ AMC/DOV

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

1. Another year has gone by and finally the changes are over and life is back to normal. Actually, when I wrote the input last year I was hoping that statement would be true. Unfortunately, it hasn't worked out that way. The draw down, rebasing, and the ever increasing Ops tempo has stretched us tighter than ever. It's been a tremendous hardship on everybody. Normally, this type of thing hits a small group - this time everybody, including the Guard and Reserve, has felt the crunch.

2. Probably the question we get asked most is "how is all of this going to affect us in the future?". Wish I knew the answer, but unfortunately I don't. After seeing what happened to the gunners, and now the -135 navigators, nothing is guaranteed. I will tell you this, we're a smaller career field, but a secure one. I would not expect any slow down in the pace. Our airplanes are the most reliable out there; I'm sure we'll be tasked accordingly.

3. There have been a lot of changes in the career field, and will probably be a lot more. We've got a lot of new career broadening jobs to move into as you progress in your career. I believe the new squadron structure is a big step forward for us. Having the flight supervisor in a position to be the first line supervisor will help all of us in the long run. We're now in a position to really take care of our own. Shouldn't be any complaining about EPR's and awards. Supervisors, you know who the good people are - TAKE CARE OF THEM! Supervisors, you know who the dirt bags are - TAKE CARE OF THEM ALSO!

4. On the job front, Jake and I have tried to be proactive in getting new jobs for boom operators. One perspective that we have tried to take is if a job requires a boom operator we do not try and stipulate KC-10 or KC-135. We're all boom operators. That philosophy pays dividends for everyone. An example is the KC-10 guys who volunteered for schoolhouse duty. They bring a unique experience back to initial boom operator training that we

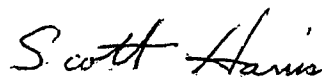
haven't seen. By the way, this would not have happened if we didn't have big picture Castle guys like Dean Bakken and Tim Powers. Speaking of CCTS, there are limited openings for instructor duty. If your interested, give us a call.

5. By the time you read this there should be a couple of new pieces of equipment in the inventory. The long awaited KC-135 roller system will begin deliveries in late August. This is a lot later than originally hoped for, but, the bottom line is we have it. The KC-10 guys should be carrying the generals around in their new Airstream trailer. It's called a command module - I would have gone with the Winnebago. On the weight and balance front, we've had some problems with the software, most have been worked out. Latest on the hardware is the command is looking at installing a laptop computer on each aircraft. It will be capable of a lot of different functions including weight and balance and takeoff data. There's advantages and disadvantages. Best part is it will be paid for by the command.

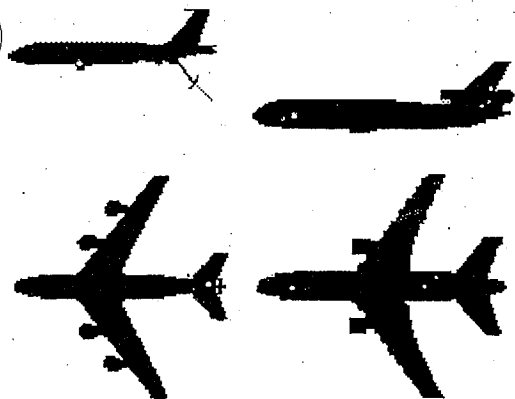
6. Well, I've tried to touch on a few things that have been going on from our perspective. The important thing is your perspective. Jake and I spend a lot of time on the phones talking to you. We are always available to do that. It keeps us up on what's going on, so don't hesitate to call. Until next time, fly safe and have fun.



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Command, KC-10 Boom Operator



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND (AMC)

29 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOVK (SMS Benscoter)

FROM: HQ AMC TACC/XOOT
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SUBJECT: TACC Boom Signal Inputs

1. HQ AMC Boomers just had a standard 1600L meeting at the Club and was told we were late in getting our signal inputs to the POC (Mr I should of had it yesterday) SMS Jake Benscoter. All eyes fell upon me to get you the updated word on Who's Who at the TACC Tanker Operations Division.

a. SMS Chris Sadler (KC-135)- Our current expert on CLT (not to be confused as cargo loading trainer) other wise known as "Bubba Airlines". His sentence has been commuted to Robins in February. Robins will never be late again turning in their tanker activity reports.

b. MSgt Sherry Davis (KC-10)- Been here a little over a year and has already PCSed (Permanent Civilian Status). Wanted to take the early retirement before Congress canceled another "promised benefit".

c. MSgt Dave Harrison (KC-135)- Arrived here from Beale. Job description stated "Knowledgeable with computers". Dave had visions of Pentium Based Computer Technology, however, was disappointed when he saw a slide rule sitting on his desk. Dave, you should have read the fine print.

d. MSgt Mike Trace (KC-10)- Tanker Express Guru. Yes, the one sending you out on those great shopping trips to the far east (Yokota, Kadena, Osan). He doesn't understand when he keeps getting calls asking for more ground time at Osan. He said he just wants to protect you from spending all your Per Diem at one place.

e. MSgt Tina Wallace (KC-10)- Just arrived from March. Always complaining about how she can't sell her house. Tina, you don't think its because of all the cracks in the walls from the last earthquake do you?

f. MSgt Jeff Boutwell (KC-135)- Sherry's replacement from Altus. We have him down at Pass and Id getting line badge. He don't know it yet, but he is scheduled to work tonight's grave-yard shift for Rwanda Operations. I bet he thought he would have a couple of weeks for in processing.

2. Well there you have it. The best the Boom Field has to offer Headquarters Air Mobility Command (God help us). Instructors beware, TACC boomers will be arriving at your base sometime in the near future. Wasn't there a lesson plan on "Staff Flyers".

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON DC

12 August 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR BOOM SIGNAL

FROM: HQ USAF/XOOT
1480 Air Force Pentagon
Washington, DC 20330-1480

SUBJECT: Message from Career Field Manager

Welcome conferees to a extremely important and hopefully very productive conference. Please accept my apology for not being able to attend. Since replacing Randy Guy here in April, I have been getting the "fire hose" treatment trying to get knowledgeable on issues that affect you all as crewmembers. Probably the most important action that I have taken to date was staffing the congressional initiative that seeked to eliminate HDIP for crewmembers over 20 years of service. Thankfully, the issue died.

As for my background, I came out of Air Combat Command, Battle Management Systems Division, as functional manager for the 1A4X1 Airborne Warning Command and Control (AWACS and ABCCC) AFSC for six and half years. I have been a crewmember since 1980 and enjoy being part of the air operations career field. Taking this assignment was my choice and not something that I was forced to do. I have 25 year service and while here, hope to enhance the pride and professionalism of the air operations career field. I also stand by to support the Major Commands in any endeavor that promotes a better quality of life and lifestyle for enlisted crewmembers regardless of AFSC.

Again, I am very sorry that I cannot this conference. However, many of you will get to meet me at Randolph AFB for the annual Enlisted Aircrew Management Conference in January or at other conferences that you will hopefully extend me an invitation.

Have a great conference and please ensure that issues that affect our Air Operations Career Field are upchannelled, so that they can be resolved.

FRANCIS R. MITCHELL, JR., CMSgt, USAF
Career Field Manager
Directorate of Operations, DCS P&O



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE MILITARY PERSONNEL CENTER
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

15 AUGUST 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOOM SIGNAL

FROM: HQ AFMPC/DPMRAD3
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SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL 1994

Hello from the "Warrior Travel Service." I want to express my sincere **THANKS** to all who have handled or been affected by the last 12 months of force structure changes. It's been a long road, and many of you have dealt with a lot of turmoil in your lives dealing with base closures and re-alignments. It's been a pleasure working with the most professional people in the **AIRCREW BUSINESS!** Your patience, hard work, and understanding have made my job easy. Hopefully, things will start to slow down so you can all get on with your lives and settle in at your new bases. Again, **THANK YOU!**

Force reduction programs are still alive and well. The VSI/SSB, 15-year retirement, and Palace Chase program applications keep coming in. The good news is that we've been able to allow Boom Operators to participate in these programs. Many of the other Aircrew AFSCs have been exempt, so we've been fortunate that the approvals have been liberal. So far, we let 23 Boomers take the VSI (20 in the KC-135 and 3 in the KC-10) and 19 took early retirement (14 in the KC-135 and 5 in the KC-10). The Air Force has had a lot of takers. As the numbers get closer to the 17,000 desired, the programs will probably go away. So if you're on the fence, make your decision soon!

Worldwide authorizations have continued to drop as we transferred aircraft to the Reserves, Air National Guard, and re-aligned to the three super tanker bases. When I arrived at MPC in Jul 92, we had 940 authorizations and just over 1,000 boomers assigned. Since then, we have dropped to 705 authorized and 752 assigned. We started accessing new Boom Operators out of basic training this year. We will bring in 20 both in FY 94 and 95. We anticipate the need for 120 in FY 96 and will probably retrain TSgts into the career field to fill the gap in the mid-grades.

"Responsive to the Mission - - Sensitive to the People"

We have started a new program to advertise special duty, Joint Departmental, short notice, Chiefs, and other one-deep/staff assignments. The program is "EQUAL PLUS." Your servicing MPF receives the list weekly. Ads are listed by grade and AFSC. Each ad will list the position, grade requirement, volunteer by date, report date, qualifications, application procedures, and points of contact. I would like all Program Managers to brief their troops on this program so we can use it to the maximum extent possible.

Contrary to popular belief, we are still making "NORMAL" assignments (other than base closures). We have a few rotational assignments for Kadena AB, Japan, and RAF Mildenhall, which will come open in the next year. With all the base closures, your DREAM SHEET will only have a few places to list. Please ensure it reflects where you want to go. You can update it through PC-III at anytime.

We have a new Career Field Manager at the Pentagon. Chief Mitchell arrived in April to assume duties from SMSgt Guy, who retired. He comes to us as a volunteer with lots of energy, and has already tackled some major issues for the Aircrew Operations Career Field. Chief Mitchell has tasked HQ AETC, and AFMPC to host the 1995 Enlisted Aircrew Management Conference at Randolph AFB, TX. We're planning for early January, and guarantee this will be the most productive conference ever. The message should hit the street soon with all the details.

Chief Sanders, Chief Harrison, and I had the opportunity to attend the Symposium back in March. We all had a great time and want to thank the folks at Castle for their hard work pulling it off. I sure hope the tradition will continue at another location, and would look forward to attending another. Also, I want to thank the Barksdale and Dyess crews who gave us a ride and worked us into their missions to ensure we were able to attend.

I hope to get additional TDY's next year so I can get out and meet more of you. Could also use a SORTIE! If you find yourself in the San Antonio area, give me a call. I always look for an excuse to tour the River Walk, and enjoy keeping up with the latest news from the field. If you need anything, give me a call at DSN: 487-5462. FAX DSN: 487-4315 or my E-Mail address is wheinema@emh3 mpc af mil FLY SAFE!

Bill Heineman

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Airman Assignments Division



Chief Harris:

10 August 1994

1. HOWDY, from your western NAF, 15AF, Travis. We've been here a whopping one year and it beats the car jackings, taggers, gangs, and **SMOG!**

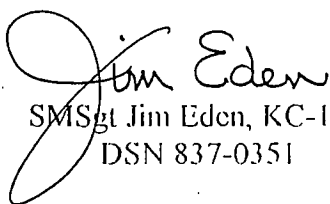
2. First, we need to say farewell to an old friend, MSgt Sven (Gus) Gustavson (KC-10). Gus decided to take his toys and go home (retire). He's now enjoying the good life, probably out sailing as we speak. Good Luck Gus, we all will miss you. The last we heard he and (CHIEF) Irene will soon PCS to Langley AFB, VA. Updates to follow...

3. As the re-org continues, we are seeing many good friends stow the boom. More will follow as our planes move about and units close. All will be sorely missed. Learn all you can from these "old heads" before they get away and give them a good farewell, as they and their predecessors built what we enjoy today. Keep up the good work.


4. Most of you are doing very well under the new re-org and DOV/ASEV way of doing business. Some have had the pleasure of our company in the past year, and the rest can expect us to knock on your door in the near future. Honest, we are only here to HELP!!! If there is anything we can do, or if you've heard some interesting news, pick up the phone and keep us in the loop. If you're in the area stop in and BS a bit. Gets kinda lonely out here in the west.

5. Speaking of the West, got to see some of you up at McChord AFB, WA, for RODEO '94. It was a learning experience for all. In some respects we learned how **NOT** to load cargo. Overall we kicked ass and took names. Tanker booms did us proud this year and helped to bring home some of the top awards. Two of the major areas we could improve on when it comes to cargo loading are: using the aerial port people to marshal the K-loader, or to tie the cargo down while we work the more important issues, and AFR 71-4 (the notes, subparagraphs, and charts are the biggies). Next year we will see a lot of HAZ MAT so get into those books. If you want to talk about the other areas of concern give us a call, we will gladly fill you in.

6. Well, time to close up shop and hit the road. Remember! If you have any questions/answers give us a call.


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SMSgt Mike Wetzel, KC-135
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ALOHA from sunny HAWAII!

This place has everything a person could want except bass boats and deer hunting. What's a redneck from Louisiana suppose to do? Okay, it's not for the majority of boom operators who are bass chasers but you can't beat the weather. How do you spell 85 degrees, day after day after day?

HQ PACAF offers a unique challenge and a diversity of job responsibilities. I perform functional manager duties for boom operators, enlisted weapons directors and AWACS enlisted flyers in the Pacific, work as an action officer for the PACAF Director of Operations on projects requiring inflight refueling expertise, serve as OPR for several PACAF regulations, manage stan/eval programs for the command (formal stan/eval visits starting the second quarter of 1995), augment the PACAF Inspector General and try to maintain some sort of currency by flying with the 909th at Kadena, 203rd here at the Hawaii ANG and the 168th at Eielson. The only draw back is being a heavy in a lawn dart community.

Here's a little information about our area of operation. PACAF encompasses somewhere in the neighborhood of 100 million square miles, running from the U.S. west coast to the east coast of Africa and from the Arctic circle to the south pole. CMSgt Dan Jones rules the roost at the 909th with 25 booms and 15 R models. Their mission tasking is some of the most varied in the tanker community. MSgt Steve Cid performs PM duties for the 203rd with a hand full of loyal booms and five R models. They expect four more aircraft by October 94. SMSgt Harry Allen leaves his job as 203rd Guard advisor for wonderful McConnell AFB, KS. He heard Dorothy and Toto owned a par 3 in the area. I'll bet the golf courses aren't as nice in Kansas, are they Harry? MSgt Bubba Cox (KC-10 guy) works here at Hickam in PACC trying to keep all the fighter drags going in the right direction. Last but not least is SMSgt Keith Bromley who leads the 168th's booms in their own version of northern exposure. The 168th has six E and four D model -135s. The D models have metal floors and dual air conditioning packs.

HQ PACAF/DOTV personnel authorizations:

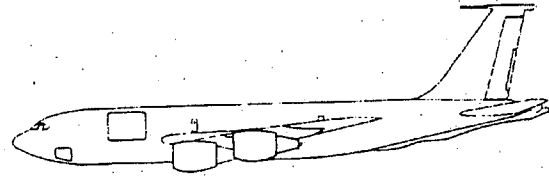
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1 - F-15E Pilot	1 - C-130 Pilot
1 - F-16 Pilot	1 - KC-135 Boom
1 - OA-10 Pilot	1 - C-130 Loadmaster
1 - H-60 Pilot	1 - PJ

This job is extremely gratifying and I recommend it to anyone who might get the chance to apply in the future. My number is DSN 315-449-5955 for those hard to answer PACAF questions.

Skippy, you and that no fish catching Dalton Pratt come on over and I'll show you where the big fish are at. Now where was that fish market??? Yeah, I have to buy it over here.



ROY W. SCHUFFT, SMSgt
Superintendent, Inflight Refueling Operations



MEMORANDUM FOR BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: HQ AETC/XOTA, 19AF/DOV
Randolph AFB TX

SUBJECT: 1994 Boom Signal Inputs

1. Greetings from Headquarters, Air Education and Training Command. Things are moving pretty fast here in AETC. In case your wondering why we have Boomers in AETC, all KC-135 training transferred to AETC summer 93. One of our biggest jobs here is to convince AETC that there is such a thing as ENLISTED AIRCREW. Our biggest challenge ahead is the transition of CCTS from Castle AFB, to Altus AFB, OK. The move will start in October 94 and should be complete in Mar 95. Many obstacles still need to be overcome and the burden of functioning during the build up at Altus will be on the CCTS personnel and the students passing thru CCTS. We ask for your patience during this year of transition.

2. On the training side of things Ted and I are extremely proud of how the tankers have been doing since the transfer to AETC. Every time a General Officer comes up with a new and better way of doing things we just grin and say, "That's the way the tankers have done it for years." Castle has been pursuing the initiative to fully qualify boom operators in all aspects of cargo loading training. They have developed a course which covers every thing from ATOC operations to roller system installation. We will test/validate this course when class 95004 graduates late Sept 94. We hope to begin this training summer 95 at Altus. The start date is predicated on the development of a full-scale KC-135 cargo loading trainer, which we are actively pursuing. If things go well we will conduct this training in an air conditioned building with actual cargo loads on a modified KC-135.

3. Ted and I are still seeking volunteers for Instructor duty at CCTS. We are looking for SSgt's and TSgt's to report to Altus 2nd quarter 95. We will be formalizing CCTS selection criteria and envision a quarterly selection based upon projected vacancies. We hope this type of selection process will keep the DP folks off our backs since aircrew are the only ones they don't control.

4. I would like thank the men and women of TEAM Castle for their **OUTSTANDING DEDICATION, MOTIVATION, AND PROFESSIONALISM,**

during this time of turmoil and transition for CCTS. During this time they coordinated, staffed, planned, and hosted the most **SUCCESSFUL AND INSPIRATIONAL** boom operators symposium ever held. Many people played important roles in this accomplishment and many more provided tremendous support to this effort. The key players for the 94 Boom Symposium were Jerry Swanson, President; Fran Nicholson, Vice President; Bobby Chambers, Secretary; Colon Miller, Treasurer; Tony Nicholson, Transportation--My thanks to each of you. Team Castle has also fielded one of the finest Rodeo teams in history. SSgt Rod Cline and SSgt Colon Miller were instrumental in Team Castle winning **BEST KC-135 AR CREW, BEST KC-135 CARGO LOADING TEAM, BEST KC-135 AIRCREW, BEST KC-135 WING, BEST AIR REFUELING TEAMS, and BEST TANKER WING.** These individuals all worked extremely hard and deserved these numerous awards.

GOOD LUCK AND FLY SAFE !!!!!

TOM MINTON, SMSGT, USAF
HQ AETC

TED CARRIER, MSGT, USAF
19th AIR FORCE

ALABAMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS, 117TH RECONNAISSANCE WING (ACC)
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August 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOV
ATTN: CMSgt Harris

FROM: 106 ARS/DOB
5401 East Lake Blvd
Birmingham, AL 35217-3595

SUBJECT: 1994 Boom Signal

Hello from the BAMA Booms at the 106 ARS, Birmingham, Alabama. Actually we're still the 106 Reconnaissance Squadron until October 94. In June of this year we delivered the last RF-4C to the AMARC facility at Tucson, Az. For some, this was not a happy occasion as the RF4's have been here for 20 years or more. For others it was the beginning of a new era.

We should have all 8 PAA with 1 BAI by the end of October. As of this printing, we have five on station. With the lack of flyable aircraft, training has been sparse at best. Our thanks to the help we have received from Meridian, Knoxville, Milwaukee and Rickenbacker. Their folks have done a tremendous job and we are forever in their debt.

After interviewing some 100 applicants, 14 were selected for boom school. All were members of various organizations in the 117th Wing. Needless to say, we have a broad cross section of skills coming into the boom field.

The BAMA BOOMS are:

TECHNICIANS:

SMSgt Nate Wilds, IRPM. As most of you know, Nate came to the Guard after 19 years on active duty. Nuff said.

SMSgt Dickie Drake, Dickie was in Base Ops and is now our DOV boom. He was in the guard 3 days before there was water.

TSgt Caroline Bearden, Caroline came from the PPIF (Photo Processing Interpretation Facility). If you need any instruction on jet skis or 4 wheelers, just ask Caroline.

TSgt Paul Turner, Pekinese Paul came to us from Egress. He has his eyes on everything.....at the same time.

SSgt Len Naugher, we picked Len up from the Flightline. He is our boom scheduler. Len won the Phil Collins look-a-like award. (Too bad he can't sing)

SSgt Paul Hudson, Paul was in the ECM shop. He still can't talk about what he did there. Some say he couldn't talk about it when he was there!

Our AGR members are:

MSgt Herschel "Biscuit" Young, Herschel worked with Dickie in Ops as a technician.

TSgt Rick "BOOTS" Dillard, Rick was in the Engine Shop. If you need anything from supply, Rick is your connection.

The Guard Bums are:

MSgt Mary Washburn, Mary was the Unit Mobility Officer and Training NCO.

TSgt Don Doyle, Don was a Load Master on active duty for six years prior to joining the Guard.

SSgt Scott Naden, Scott is an Autocad computer operator. We found he has 2 speeds - off and slower!!

SSgt Elizabeth Manning, Liz is working for Federal Express. Prior to boom school, she was in the Egress Shop. I don't get it!!

SSgt Steven Hay, Steve was on the flightline with his Dad. The senior Hay is still there. What a concept!!

SSgt Aubrey Sharit, "A.J." is also a computer operator plus he is a fine artist. ("Sue" was already taken when he was named) A.J. is our resident fuels expert.

SRA Raymond Yoel, Ray come to the Guard just to learn to weld. I said to Ray "you don't have to be a rocket scientist to weld". He said "I am". Ray is an aerospace engineer for the Huntsville Space Center.

SSgt Phil Lee is joining us from active duty. He is completing an active duty assignment at Robins AFB Ga. Phil will be our 3rd AGR and comes on board in Aug of 94. He will be our NCOIC of training.


SRA Jerry Davis will be joining the team. Jerry is currently with the Kansas Air Guard. They were not excited about losing Jerry, but we offered him a deal he couldn't refuse. Their loss is our gain. "THANKS KANSAS" We will take good care of him.

At last but certainly not least is our augmentee IBO. MSgt John Beringer from McConnell AFB, Kansas. John will be with us "on loan" for two years or more.

That's the group. In closing, I'd like to say thanks to all who helped make this transition possible. The list is long and distinguished. A special thanks to Ed Mikell from Meridian and Jeff Dyar from the second best state, Tennessee. Also thanks to Rex and Gary from PEMCO for their help.

The BAMA Booms are ready to meet the challenge. Please feel free to call on us for anything. When you come to Birmingham call or stop by we'll do lunch.

"ROLL TIDE"


NATE WILDS, SMSgt, AL ANG
Chief Boom



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 161ARG/DOTR

16 Aug 1994

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: All booms everywhere

Greetings from the Copperheads. TQM, Channel Missions, and Deny Flight are the buzz words for this year, not to mention all the changes in our manning. Here is the run down of the Copperheads at Sky Harbor IAP.

Juan M. Mesquita	CMSgt	Chief Boom
Russ "Curly" Fjeld	CMSgt	Retired
Burney B. "Animal" Benbow	SMSgt	weekender - junkman
"Meatball" Dave Hetrick	SMSgt	Cargo Loading Manager, AGR
"Compa pelon" Jorge Escobar	MSgt	Retired
Mighty Joe Young	MSgt	weekender - teacher
Gary L. Duncan	MSgt	Stan-eval - air tech
Carlos "Cabezson" Trujillo	MSgt	Training - air tech
"Muchacha" Sharon L. Abraham	MSgt	Pilot Scheduler -air tech
"Down Town" Don Rogers	TSgt	Mission Dev - air tech
Tyson Warren	TSgt	DOKT - AGR
Mike "Head of Stone" Cullum	TSgt	Nav Scheduler - AGR
Tom Ellington	TSgt	Cargo Loading - AGR
Buddy Waite	TSgt	weekender
Bill "Brady Bunch" Brady	TSgt	weekender
Craig Bell	TSgt	Weekender
Steve Hanson	TSgt	weekender
"Mongo" Scott Johnson	TSgt	transferred
"Princes Val" Valerie Doyle	SSgt	weekender- pilot hopeful
Lorena "Muchachita" Suladie	SSgt	weekender

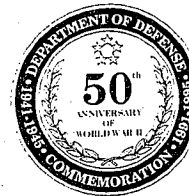
Thanks for a job well done to all the booms at Piza, TDY for Deny Flight. That's all for now!

JUAN M. MESQUITA, CMSgt, AzANG
Chief Boom *Juan M Mesquita*



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE RESERVE



24 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOVK

ATTENTION: CMSGT HARRIS

FROM: 78 ARS/DOB

75 Barksdale Blvd E., Rm 156A

Barksdale AFB, LA 71110-2665

SUBJECT: 1994 Boom Signal Input

Greetings from Louisiana Land. There are no miracles on the horizon, the Environmental Impact Statement is signed, and this will be the last Boom Signal input from the 78th at Barksdale. The 78th will continue to exist just in a foreign land, New Jersey. In a move most reserve units never endure, we are going to be uprooted from the South and sent to a place where people talk funny. They say things like "yuse guys" instead of the traditional "y'all".

It's been thirteen years since we began operations here at Barksdale. People come and go, and you get to expect a small turnover rate. The wholesale loss, however, of some of the finest boom operators I've ever worked with is to say the least, a sad occasion. I've taken this opportunity to list all the boom operators that have passed through the 78th during its tenure at Barksdale. I don't want to dwell on it though, so out with the old and in with the new. I'm looking for a few good boom operators who might want to fly KC-10s at McGuire. If you might be interested call 1-800-325-6732, Ext 3.

ARTS

CMSgt Steve Reeff: That's me! I'm the rumor clearing house. I probably get ten calls a day looking for the latest.

SMSgt Ron "Mr. Stan/Eval" Jackson: Went to the beach on his honeymoon. He broke his ankle playing in a football game. Who said football is for the young? We did when he got back. He never did answer, why was he out playing with the guys on his honeymoon.

MSgt Charles "Maurice" Younce: Charlie has solved the high cost of New Jersey housing by buying a 33 foot motor home to live in. He dates a lot of women that know each other; it's easy to see why he wants his home on wheels.

SSgt Paul Mozur: A recent addition to the ART force. Paul came into town as an unemployed Staff Sergeant reservist. He bought a house with a pool, a new car, and calls everyone from his cellular phone. It was enough to make me want to quit my job and take off four stripes. I had to give him a job to make him poor like the rest of us.

RESERVISTS

SSgt "Al" Alfredo "Don't Call Me Freddy" Alonso: Al is a postal worker. When he comes in to fly we make him clear his weapons at the door. Came from a disbanding 141 squadron at McGuire.

TSgt Dan Ciambrone: Dan is a C-5 loadmaster turned C-141 flight engineer, trying to turn KC-10 boom operator. He works for the federal prison at Fort Dix.

TSgt Doug Coney: A Little Rock Fireman. A former loadmaster from the Arkansas Guard, he is trying hard to go back. He doesn't like 130s, but he likes the idea of commuting to New Jersey even less.

TSgt Bobby Duckworth: Another Little Rock Fireman. Leaped into the KC-10 program from the Little Rock Guard when the rumors were hot that we were moving there. He finished qual training just in time to hear about McGuire. Still in a state of denial.

TSgt Monsa Dugger: Monsa will be staying with us for a little while longer. His wife just gave birth to number 7. We're encouraging him to go for a record.

SSgt Marty Johnson: We don't see as much of Marty as we used too. He moved to Memphis and is a single parent with three small children. Dabbles in medical waste for a living.

SSgt Glenn Kotch: Another mailman and former loadmaster. Everytime he comes to fly his boss tries to fire him.

SSgt Ken Maneely: Ken is a former loadmaster from McGuire. He was a student at Rutgers University until we put him on a six month active duty tour. He made enough money that they cut off his funding so he has to make himself poor again so he can get back in school.

SMSgt Joel "Piranha" Montgomery: Joel is punching out of the ART business. He is still going to New Jersey though, as one of the CAE LINK instructors. Best right hand man in the business.

TSgt Luis Perez: Luis is going to be our long haul commuter, traveling from San Antonio. He works in the C-5 rehab shop at Kelly and wants to be anywhere else as often as possible.

TSgt Lynn "I promise I'll move with the unit if you hire me" Stoddard: Lynn really will be moving to McGuire. He took a job with CAE LINK with a substantial raise in pay. I guess that means he's buying lunch. Got married in February, the jury is still out.

SSgt Andy Sylvain: Andy came to us from a soon to be defunct C-141 squadron at McGuire. He works part time for UPS. He went to train at Seymour, made an attempt to go through all the women in Goldsboro. He said he'd have made it but he had to go TDY a couple of times.

TSgt Dan Ursettie: Dan plans to commute from sunny Louisiana to McGuire for as long as he is able. His girlfriend heard the name McGuire once and permanently removed it from her vocabulary. If Dan isn't at work you can find him attached to a fishing pole.

TSgt Steve Weigert: Steve is working on becoming a boom operator. Another newlywed.

RETIREES:

CMSgt Tom Williams: Tom is retiring but will remain active with the KC-10 program as the CAE LINK Boom Operator Program Manager. As one of the initial cadre for the KC-10 program, his experience will be sorely missed in the squadron.

SMSgt Charles "Juan Nightstan" Morlan: Chuck will leave us on September 15th, after 32 and one-half years of service. He has almost a million flying hours, mostly on C-124s, brags he has more sorties than most people have hours. Chuck will free up more time on October 1st when he retires from his job as a Federal Police Officer.

MSgt Roger Gay: Roger had planned to stay with the unit but high blood pressure is going to force him into retirement. He is going to remain with the police department in North Little Rock. If you're ever that way he frequents the bar at the Sir Loin Inn.

MSgt Dwain "Pirogue" Gerace: Pirogue couldn't bear the thought of moving north of the Louisiana stateline. He left his ART job to stay in Louisiana to do a little heavy equipment operating.

MSgt Jerry "Pee Wee" Reinold: Pee Wee retired in December. He now lives in Greenbriar, Arkansas. He had hip replacement surgery recently and is thinking of competing with Bo Jackson for a spot on the roster. We miss Pee Wee, he kept life interesting.

MSgt Randy Rhodes: Randy is a police officer at the Dallas airport. He is getting ready to enter firefighter training in September. If you see him at the airport wave to him.

MSgt Rodney Sanders: Rodney doesn't want to go to Yankee land. He threatened to burn his Dash 1 rather than leave it for a Yankee. His career spans the US Navy, Arkansas Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve. If you are ever in Little Rock and need a fire put out just call him, the number is 911.

MSgt Dennis Smith: Dennis won't go to McGuire either. He feels it's too close to Bill Clinton, and it was hard enough to get him out of Arkansas. He's a fireman at Little Rock airport; it must be the safest airport in the world because Dennis can't remember what a fire looks like.

MSgt "Officer" Ed Stewart: Another of the "old" C-124 crowd from Kansas City. Ed is also a Federal Police Officer. He is going to retire from the federal cop business to be a small town cop. He says he'll work for what he can collect on tickets so be careful if you drive through Missouri.

TSgt David "The Peacock" Fruge: David will retire in September and continue to pursue his aviation career at Continental Airlines. He is currently the Manager of Research and Investigations in the Safety and Regulatory Compliance Division. The mirror in the hall will be terribly lonely without him.

TSgt Bill Hennigh: Bill is another of the ex C-124 crowd and a Federal Police Officer in Kansas City. He carries a little black bag with more things in it to hurt you than a street gang.

Past Retirees: CMSgt Don Murphy; SMSgt Frank Junge; SMSgt Gerald Gibbs; SMSgt Bruce Killion; SMSgt John Pittman; MSgt Rene Hernandez; MSgt Les White; MSgt John Hamilton; MSgt Greg Heffron; MSgt Terry O'Shea; TSgt Tony Britt; TSgt Dennis Fox; and our only honorary member MSgt Bud Wilson.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

SMSgt John Beasley: John took the Program Manager job at the newly converted 135 squadron at Tinker.

TSgt Jim Backworth: Another bailout to Tinker. Something about a steady paycheck.

TSgt Mike Langford: Mike has gone to the Air National Guard TALCE unit at Oklahoma City. His experience in C-130s and C-5s should help.

TSgt Louis Rodriguez: Louis is going back to a maintenance position at Carswell. It's close to home and lets his wife keep better track of him.

TSgt Robert "Circus" Bob Johnson: Bob moved north of the border, all the way to Vancouver, Canada. Plays catcher for the squadron ball team, who needs a backstop. Pretty good boom operator, great barber shop quartet singer.

TSgt Rod Johnson: Rod moved a little closer to home when he found an TALCE job at Dobbins AFB. He stills shows up to fly with us. Rod's been engaged to the same woman through his last six girlfriends, keeps slipping the big date.

SSgt "Whispering" Willie Coleman: Another loss to the Tinker unit. When he talks people not only listen they wonder why they need hearing aids.

SSgt Gilberto Chavez: Gil has gone to the C-5 unit at Kelly to try his hand at being a loadmaster. Along with him goes my computer expertise.

SSgt Louis Fournier: Another loss to the Tinker unit. Definitely their gain.

SSgt Jim Miles: I didn't fly with Jim much; from what I hear it's a credit to the people around him that they didn't wind up in jail for murder. Plenty of smarts, not a lot of tact.

SSgt Darren Montgomery: Darren bailed out of the sinking ship early to take a Public Affairs slot. He's now decided the non crew dog way of life isn't worth the effort. If you move to Shreveport and want a house built call him, you'll find him near his crew with a whip and a chair.

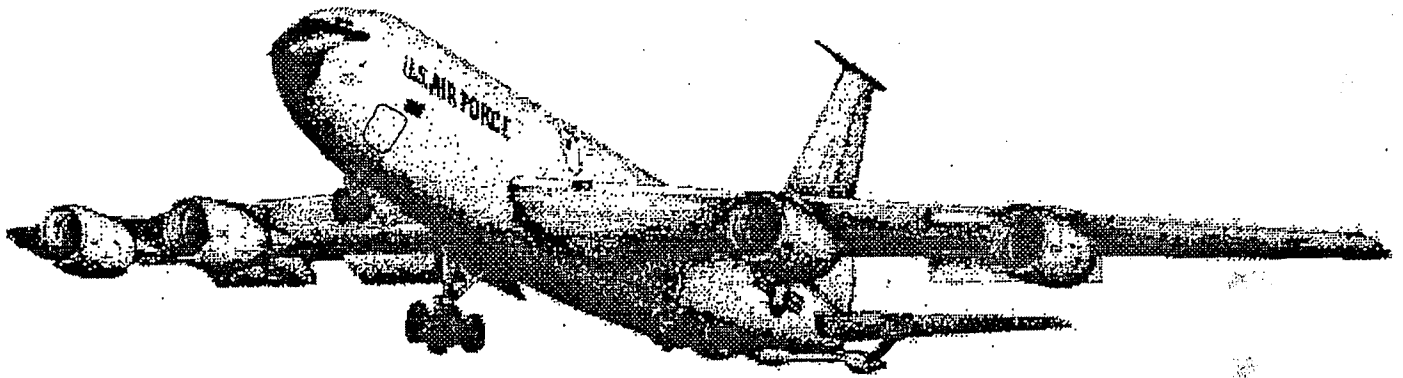
Long Gone But Not Forgotten: **TSgt Jim Knapp;** TSgt Norm Estep; TSgt Charles Montgomery; TSgt Reb Barton; TSgt Paul Connolly; TSgt Wayne Hodgs; SSgt Jeff Lacen; SSgt David Walker; **SSgt Keith Bloomer;** SSgt Jeff Reed; SrA Steve Reeves; SrA Jan Fuller.

Passed Through: Tim Holt; Virgil Anderson; Tom Pound; Aubrey Morgan; Donna Dobbins; Mike Wetzel; Rodney Bennet; and last but never least SMSgt Prue E. "Big Ern" Ernie Compton (Deceased).

STEVEN M. REEFF, CMSgt, USAFR
Inflt Refueling Program Manager

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Castle AFB, CA



1994 BOOM SIGNAL

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA 95342-5000

10 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOV (CMSGT HARRIS)

FROM: 398 OG/CCZ (CMSgt Bakken)

Bldg 1230

Castle AFB, Ca 95301

DSN: 347-2905

SUBJECT: 1994 Boom Signal

1. It is with some regret that this is the final Boom Signal input from Castle. Tanker operations are very near to closing here and transferring to Altus. Although our work hasn't slacked off, preparations to shut this place down is at a high tempo while the student load is even greater now than in the recent past.

2. I do not anticipate any change to the way we do business when CCTS starts up at Altus after the 1st of the year. The class size will decrease from 16 to 14 lines, but we anticipate qualifying all boom operators in floor and palletized cargo operations in conjunction with the move. The cargo course will extend the school by ten days, however, I believe you will be more than satisfied with the end result.


3. CMSgt Scott Harris (AMC), MSgt Bill Heinaman (AFMPC), SMSgt Tom Minton (AETC) and Msgt Ted Carrier (19AF) deserve our heartfelt gratitude for all their support prior to and during our closure. Virtually 100% of the instructor boom operators who are not moving with the mission to Altus got their first assignment choice. It is also important to add the CCTS boom operators have enjoyed considerable success in special duty assignments. Although there has been much discussion about "Blue Chip" (Special Preference) assignments for CCTS instructors finishing their tour of duty, I don't believe any formalized process could be any more successful than what we currently enjoy. This combined with the stability offered by CCTS duty, 100% AETC education funding and breadth of experience opportunities offered by CCTS should, in my view, make instructor duty at Altus a strong consideration for those who may be eligible. We will continue to devote a great deal of attention to taking care of our people to include assignments and jobs upon completion of CCTS duty.

4. Regardless of all the organizational changes the past couple of years one of the greatest things about boom operators is that they haven't let these administrative functions separate them in thought and purpose to any degree at all. This was certainly evidenced by the superb turn out at the 15th annual boom operators symposium hosted by Castle in March. This is something that

the 15th annual boom operators symposium hosted by Castle in March. This is something that should continue. In the near term Altus will not be able to host this event due to lack of ramp space and lodging. If anyone is interested in picking up the flag please let me know and I will put you in touch with the corporate memory, as well as those who will be able to forward mailing lists and materials which will assist in your planning. Don't wait to long. If you wish to continue with a March date, planning must begin NLT early November.

5. Last but not least, many thanks to those who were able to provide bodies to us for manning assistance the past few months. Chief Reese was not able to hang in to long but we enjoyed his company while he was here. Msgt C. Smith, SSgt Jim Deitz and Sgt Nick Burney are tremendous boomers who's help allowed us to send some people PCS and others to be devoted to building our cargo school.

6. I also want to express may deep appreciation to each and everyone of the KC-135 and KC-10 boomers that I have been associated with over the past many years. Your support and dedication has been second to none and I will miss you when I hang up the blue suit next year. Thanks especially to the CCTS boomers. I have never worked with a more professional group of people in my career. Please give Chief Powers the same level of support that I have enjoyed.


DEAN BAKKEN, CMSgt, USAF
Operations Manager

Program Manager

MSgt Bob Durbin--Now that Chief Powers has taken the helm at Altus, Bob is leading the way here at Castle. His vast CCTS experience is a welcome addition to the head office. Bob will be retiring when the base closes.

A-Flight:

Superintendent--MSgt John Alvarez: John (Ghost Rider) is the least visible IBO these days. This is his second time around at CCTS and it all seems to be old hat for him. John will be going PCS (Permanent Civilian Status) soon.

SSgt Ken Crowe--(Peeper) Recently found the technical love for computers and has begun to speak binary language. He seems to be involved in every project that comes down the pike. Ken will be making the move to Altus.

SSgt Doug Evans--Doug is a newlywed so we don't see much of him off duty. He did find time to sell his boat to some poor unsuspecting fool (Brett Clark). Doug is VSling at this time.

SSgt Mike Routheau--(Smiley) The man has a smile on his face always.....well not after a three hour ERCC with S-1 pilots. Mike is Altus bound.

SSgt George Tobola--(Toggles) George wants to know where in the regulation it says that once the offload is completed you still need the boom nozzle. Besides, we got it back from the KC-10 after they dug it out of their number two engine. George is also going to Altus.

SSgt Selectee David Pullet--(Red) Red had an unfortunate run in with first base.....The doctor at Travis says the bones should heal in about eight weeks. Red finally found a steady weekender. HUBBA, HUBBA! It looks there is some training flight duty at Altus in Red's future.

SSgt Jimmy Deitz--(New guy) He's currently flying as seat meat. He seems to like it, but a little DNIF has put him the squadron duty person seat a lot. Jimmy is TDY from Malmstrom.

SSgt Selectee Nick Burney--(New guy) Nick is TDY from McConnell, but we're going to keep him. Nick seems to have adjusted well to the California environment. He's working hard to find alternate ways to avoid the traffic pattern.

B-Flight

Superintendent--TSgt Todd Salzman: Todd was placed in charge of B flight before he completed his first student. Either he's real good, or he knows somebody. Hmmm, I wonder who else came from Dyess? Todd is going to Altus.

CMSgt Jim Reese--(Bailout, Bailout, Bailout) We recruited Jim as TDY help from Barksdale to help with our student load, and the day before S-4 he notified us that we had to find a replacement to fly because he was retiring. It was the fastest exodus I have seen since the gunners went away.

SSgt Fran Nicholson--(Local ERG monitor) We're real proud of Fran! She has won several on and off base awards for running, biking, and other sports. Fran is going to see if she can set records in Oklahoma. She doesn't have any trouble catching Tony!

SSgt Dave Robinson--(New guy) Dave is cranking out student number one with a little help from TSgt Zoller. Steve just likes to give Dave a warm fuzzy. Dave is TDY from Altus and will be seasoned by the time he returns home.

SSgt Joe Reed--(Wild Man) Joe is the local training flight guru and party animal. Many a beer has been drank and redeposited elsewhere in and around his house. Joe is going to Altus to reek havoc on the unsuspecting population.

SSgt John Clauss--(New guy) John came to us with a smooth and cool attitude towards flying here. He still has the same attitude. I think he may have been in the sun too long. John will be moving to Altus. I hear it can also get hot there.

C-Flight

Superintendent--MSgt Fred Thomas: Fred is also a bit aloof but when the booms in C-Flight need help he's there 110%! If you don't think that Fred can work miracles, then look at Rieners' last EPR. Fred is moving to Altus to take the 452 Det position.

TSgt Ken McCarthy--Ken appears to be somewhat distraught these days, but after all it is the cold and flu season. Ken is pushing students out faster than we can give them to him. Ken will be retiring here after a long and rewarding career. Good Luck Ken!

SSgt Steve Myrick--(Gimp) Steve is no longer DNIF and we rewarded him with a BMT student. He is Fairchild bound in the winter and appears to be real disappointed.....NOT!

SSgt Joe Riener--(Joe Bob) Joe is training student 13 and will soon be moving to scheduling. He usually has a hand in everything or on everything whether you want it or not. After 2000+ CCTS hours, Joe will also be moving north to Fairchild in January.

SSgt Gordon Ringler--(Gordo) Gordo has some huge shoes to fill, after hearing what Les Ringler (Gordos Dad) had to say at the Symposium. Gordo is well on his way! Gordo is going to push a few more students when he PCSs to Altus.

D-Flight

Superintendent--TSgt Steve Zoller: (Fuzzy) Steve will be returning to his home state of New York to take on the Air National Guard at Niagra Falls. His pickup is now jacked up just enough so he can back it right up to the cargo door.

MSgt Crosslin Smith--(Croz) Croz came to us TDY from Grissom. We keep him busy with various projects. Crosslin is a cornucopia of information.

TSgt Jay Lively--We had to have somebody here from CFIC and Jay had nothing better to do. Jay is assuming the leadership of D-Flight when Fuzzy leaves. Jay will be moving to Fairchild AFB, WA.

SSgt Mark Miller--(1101011) This man is more than a computer geek elite, he is a computer. It's a powerful man who can dump an entire squadron computer network for a whole week. Mark is going to Mildenhall....I wonder if they have a power converter for his computer?

SSgt Rick Powell--(?????) Anybody see where Rick went? Rick separated from the Air Force under the VSI program....I heard he collected a bundle!\$\$\$

SRA Frank Acosta--(Daddy) Frank and Gracie are expecting a new arrival on station soon. Better get used to those diapers buddy! Frank and Gracie will be rearing their young'un in Oklahoma.

SRA Steve Schlinkert--(Shlink) Steve is headed down the path to matrimony. Take it from those of us who are (or were) married, it's a peaceful fun time always. I also have some ocean front property in Arizona I'd like to sell you. Steve is moving to Altus, and we sure hope the MRS likes it. But then newlyweds usually don't get outside much!

SRA Rod Smith--(Not so new guy) Rod is becoming an old head ASAP. He's already trained three students and is looking for number four! Keep up the good work. Rod is going to Altus and we are looking forward to great things for him there.

E-Flight

Superintendent--MSgt Jeff Reuter--(Big Jeff) Jeff has been bogged down with EPRs lately. He's the one you can usually find when you need someone ASAP. No complaints from this guy. Jeff has volunteered his leadership in Oklahoma.

MSgt Al Moser: (Big Al, no relation to Big Jeff) Al found time to take up the slack for Chief Reese. Al is going to hang around to see if Castle has a going out of business sale, and then he is going to retire.

SSgt James Hill--(Chef Hill) Jim can cook the meanest tri-tip that California has ever tasted. Now if he could just keep himself off of the injured reserve list. Baseball has not been very good to him. We have to take James to Altus because someone has to know how to bar-b-cue.

SSgt John Williams--(FIGMO) See ya.....John has separated from the Air Force.

Sgt Ron Strobach--(Lady Killer) Ron is enjoying the single life to its fullest. He is also doing a super job with the students. Everything this guy does is a work of art...sort of. Ron is going to Altus.

TDY HELP--We will see all of these IBOs again at Altus.

MSgt Joe Surovy--(Gucci Boy) We requaled Joe from the KC-10s at March and he did such a fine job that we kept him on to fly as "seat meat". We appreciate his help and all of the TDY booms!

MSgt Dalton Pratt--(Guns) This is Daltons second assignment to CCTS but this time he doesn't have to wear a helmet or sit on an ejection seat. He does miss those times in the B-52 when he got to use the comode only 12 inches from the navigators!

TSgt Elmo Diaz--(Big Guy) Elmo just dumped a huge pile of cash into a super computer, but doesn't have a clue how to use it. Sounds like a job for W.T. Moore or Mark Miller.

SSgt Gary Elliot--Gary is a newlywed, and is tired of TDY, so he is Altus bound.

SSgt Charlie Weaver--Charlie is a real FNG around here, but handles the flying like an old head. Better get used to those long transition periods.

SSgt Brett Clark--(Pappa Brett) Brett came out here to teach students and brought Mama and the youngster with him. What a dedicated family man! He says he really misses MSgt Rick Ricker, his big buddy.

SSgt Chris Rieger--(Mamas Boy) Chris is currently living with his parents in Atwater and if all goes well he'll soon get his curfew extended to midnight! He does find the occasional opportunity to sneak over to Reed, Riener, and Paullets pleasure palace to kill a cold one.

SSgt Tim King--Tim is getting his feet wet here and seems to like the flying. For a new guy he has a super attitude and should go far!

SRA Tony Edwards--(TEX CRITTER) If Tony isn't getting body slammed by Joe Reed, then he's scamming a free meal from Paullet and Riener. He's definately Joe Reeds favorite son. I think they are siamese twins, joined at the nostril to buttock line.

STAN/EVAL

NCOIC--MSgt Greg Durand: (Durano) Greg is merging in nicely with the white throated buddy (well you know). Greg was the master strategist when it came to meeting our CCAF completion goals. Greg is making the move to Altus.

TSgt Eddie Cole--Eddie spent 54 months in Stan/Eval at Eaker and now he's been there for 20+ months at CCTS. Talk about sticking with what works! Eddie is going to Altus to see if he can break the 2000 evaluator hour mark.

SSgt Fred Malone--Fred has now given a few checkrides and we're all pretty comfortable with the results. CCTS made a wise choice sending Fred to Stan/Eval. Fred is going to Altus.

SSgt Jim Recuero--TSgt Select!!! Jim is the new kid on the block over at STAN/EVAL. He is also getting married soon and we wish him and especially Kim, GOOD LUCK! Jim is moving to Altus.

SSgt Rod Cline--Rodeo winner! Rod had the perseverance to endure C. Miller long enough to bring home the trophies for the 97th AMW. Rod is moving to Kaedena AB, Japan.

SSgt Jerry Swanson--(Tim Taylor) Don't call him Fuzzy. Jerry can give an EP test and rebuild a carburetor simultaneously. Swanny has done his CCTS duty and will move to Fairchild when Castle closes.

Tactics

SSgt Phil Blaisse--Now that there are no slides to flip, we're not really sure what Phil does over there. He says he could tell us but then he'd have to kill us. Phil is going to go to Altus and I don't think we'll know what he does there either.

DOU

MSgt Roger Thomas--Roger has left to take his own squadron at El Forko Grande! He left Jay Warren in charge as the Flight Safety Services Corporation contract watch dog.

TSgt Jay Warren--Jay has finally figured out all the technical stuff about using the DOU computers. It's a good thing because before he was always so testy. Jay will be moving to McConnell AFB, KS.

TSgt Rick Kempfer--The only man who can induce a wave at a squadron baseball game in a crowd of only a dozen fans and not lose any cool points. He's another of our walking wounded baseballers. Rick is going to Altus, so if you have any academic courseware questions, he's the man to call.

SSgt Bob Chambers--Resident TAPR guru. If it can be done with a machine, Bob will know how to do it. Bob is going to Altus to make sure Kempfer doesn't crash the computer system.

DOT-Scheduling

TSgt Brad Hamann--Brad is PCSing soon, as are we all, and we wish him the best of luck at Altus.

TSgt W.T. Moore--W.T. is another computer guru and being good with numbers doesn't hurt when working in scheduling. TSgt Moore is going to Altus.

SSgt Lou Rushano (Lou Bob)--Lou is so creative at getting out of work that he had the entire command section evacuated for nearly three hours one afternoon. Lou is going to continue scheduling, but it will be done at Fairchild AFB, WA.

SSgt Tony Nicholson--Tony will be moving soon to help set up shop at Altus. He's done super things here as well as being instructor of the month!

SSgt Kevin Schlegel (Shweegal)--Kevin is a power player on the field. Unfortunately he is playing for the OSS instead of the boom operators. You'd get the impression he prefers winning. Kevin is going to Ramstein AB, Germany.

Wing Safety

MSgt Tom McElroy (T-MAC)--Tom has filled the void left when Ron Dugdale retired from the safety position. Tom will be going to Fairchild. Good Luck!

Wing Manning

SSgt Colon Miller--AETC enlisted instructor of the year, Rodeo winner, 19th AF instructor of the year, Air Force safety award winner, and now has an OPG position that no one has ever heard of before. Colon will be moving to Fairchild AFB, WA.

DEPARTURES--We said goodbye to many super performers over the past year and we want take this opportunity to recognize and thank them for their years of dedication and support.

CMSgt Tim Powers--Chief Powers has assumed the position at the 97 OPG at Altus.

MSgt Wayne Issacson--Wayne will retire as the BOPTT watch dog.

MSgt George Murman--George is the chief boom for the 92nd AREFS at Fairchild.

MSgt Selectee Mark Sletten--Mark has gone to CFIC at Altus.

TSgt Paul Pillar--Paul has moved into the test world at Edwards AFB, CA.

TSgt Selectee Mike Adams--Mike has also joined the ranks of CFIC at Altus.

TSgt Larry Placede--Larry has fenaggled a job at HQ AMC at Scott AFB, IL.

TSgt Randy Seip--Randy has moved up and on to McGuire AFB, NJ.

Well that's it for another year from CCTS. Next year we'll be sporting some flashy new colors under the banner of the 55th AREFS and the proud tradition of the 93rd will move to Fairchild to replace the 43rd. Please give us a call to let us know how all of you are getting along. Our DSN is 347-2491, 2341, 2342. I will be moving to Faichild, but I am sure there will allways be somebody to answer your call at CCTS.

JOSEPH D. RIENER, SSgt, USAF
CCTS Instructor Boom Operator

THE END

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
97th TRAINING SQUADRON (AETC)
1049 ALERT ACCESS ROAD
ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA 73523-5206

15 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR AMC/XOVK (CMSgt Harris)

FROM: 97 TRS (CFIC)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Inputs


1. Greetings from Altus CFIC! Well, we made our transition from Castle to Altus and have set up in the old alert facility. The accommodations are quite nice and we're far enough from the main base that we don't get too many visitors. I would like to thank SMSgt's Tommy Minton and Ted Carrier for helping us get integrated into AETC and making our move as painless as possible.

2. Since we started teaching CFIC at Altus the first classes had a few rough edges, however, we've smoothed those out. As you can imagine, we are starting to see a lot of Guard and Reserve candidates coming through. With the experience level declining, I would like to offer a "Pre-CFIC Preparation" guide to all interested units. This guide, we feel, will help units augment their current Pre-CFIC program.

3. Lastly, our current faculty is as follows:

MSgt Greg Conrad
MSgt Dan Repp
MSgt John Harris
TSgt (MSgt Sel.) Mark Sletten
TSgt "Beve" Katus

TSgt Scott Stern
TSgt Merv Arthurton
TSgt Mike Adams
SSgt Quinn Janke
Rocky Racoma (Flight Safety)
Roger Gossett (Flight Safety)


GREGORY C. CONRAD, MSgt, USAF
CFIC Operations Superintendent

CFIC PREPARATION
by "The CFIC Booms"
Chief editor SSgt Quinn Janke

We realize that units are now busier than ever, with additional taskings, Desert deployments/rotation, and of course the Roller Runs. This presents a problem for the Pre CFIC folks to receive the proper training, due to instructor availability, mission cancellations, and mission restrictions. The following information is provided to assist the unit and candidate in better preparing for CFIC. Your result will be a better instructor for the unit.

START

Start preparation **about 6 months before** arrival at CFIC. The unit should know who is next in line to upgrade. Begin picking the brains of CFIC graduates and other instructors in your unit or other units at your base.

PUBS

Arrive with all pubs required by MCR 51-1 Vol. 6 and any other pubs that your unit can spare. A suggestion to the unit is to have one or two sets that can be used by the candidate to take to CFIC. Have the candidate update and maintain them, this is good training and allows the Candidate to be on top of all current changes.

STUDENT BRIEFS/CRITIQUES

Build a student briefing guide/checklist for a basic knowledge individual. It should cover all items from introduction to completion of the critique. Items that do not apply to other individuals may be omitted from your checklist. This way your guide will cover any situation and always leave room for improvements and modifications. Use your experiences, what did your CCTS instructor do, what do the instructors you look up to do. Gather all available information, use your knowledge and experience to build on. Then start digging for more information and references. Don't shoot from the hip, always use written references.

CFIC will conform to your local policies and letters (for your briefing/critiques) if you bring them, brief them as you would at your home unit. We operate under AETC rules which you are not responsible to know. Your CFIC instructor will be responsible to inform you.

AFM 50-62

Review AFM 50-62 and read chapters 6, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20 and 23 (pg. 23-6 to 23-8). Stan/Eval should have a copy of this manual.

MCR 51-1 Vol. 1 and 6

Review MCR 51-1 Vol. 1 and 6. Concentrate your efforts on Mission Qualification, Requalification, Continuation Training, and Upgrade Training. Review **TAPRs** from past sorties (yours and others), and MCR 51-1 Vol. 1 and 6 to familiarize yourself with grading criteria and training folders.

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FROM: FlightSafety Services Corporation

26 Aug 94

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK

First off I would like to thank Chief Scott Harris for extending an invitation to the Instructor Boom Operators from FlightSafety Services Corporation to provide an input to this great annual publication that we all, both retired and active duty, look forward to. So here goes, "Thank You" Scott.

We have been in the business of training initial qualification booms and CFIC instructor boom candidates for 19 months. It seems like we just started last week. For those of you booms out there that are not aware of, we at FlightSafety assumed the responsibility of providing all ground training, including BOPTT's/ CFIC and FTC, here at Castle January 11, 1993. The "Blue Suitors" here were just "Outstanding" during the transition. Again let me say to those who were so involved during this period, my sincere thanks for all the super help. The end result, the "student training" continued. It just shows again what a dynamic group of people we have in the Boom field.

Like our fellow booms here at Castle, who conduct the "Flying Training", we to are looking down the road to the move to Altus. The time table has changed a couple of times but current plans call for us to complete our last academic class here at Castle November 15, 1994. Our first initial qualification class starts March 3, 1995 at Altus.

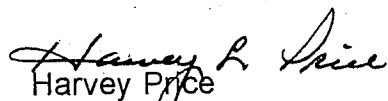
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the Instructor Boom Operators currently on staff with FlightSafety both here at Castle and Altus.

HQ AMC/XOVK

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Mr Bill Baker	Former active duty
Mr Terry Daffern	Retired MSgt
Mr George Dion	Retired MSgt
Mr Chico Gallegos	Retired SSgt
Mr Roger Gossett(Altus)	Retired MSgt
Mr Dave McMullen	Retired TSgt
Mr Jim Parrish(Sep94)	Retired SMSgt
Mr Rocky Racoma(Altus)	Retired MSgt
Mr Rick Raprager	Retired TSgt
Mr Marty Sabourin	Retired MSgt
Mr Gene Thomason	Retired MSgt
Mr Greg Wheeler	Retired MSgt
Mr Sam Wilson	Retired MSgt
Mr Chris Youngblood	Former active duty
Mr Harvey Price	Retired SMSgt

Chief, I'm sure I have worn out our invitation on this go around. But in closing please accept our invitation to "ALL" booms out there to stop by the school house "Boom Shop", either here at Castle or Altus and say "Hi". The coffee is always on with all these old folks working here. I can say without hesitation that all of us here at FlightSafety are proud to be a "Team Member" of that great fraternity we call "Boomers". Fly safe. The retiree in the back of the tanker maybe one of us old guys.



Harvey Price

Chief Boom Operator

FlightSafety Services Corporation

August 12, 1994

FROM: DET 1, 458 OG/DOU (CMSGT HUBBARD, 7195)

SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL

TO: ALL BOOMS

It's been a while since I sent in an input to the Signal. First, let me tell you who I am, and why I'm here. I used to be part of the 436 STS at Carswell, remember the outfit near CFIC, with Limous Walker, Herb Driskill, Mike Mahorr, and me? I'm all that's left.

Limous and Herb both retired, Mike is up at HQ/AMC, most of the rest of the 436 moved out to Dyess. We brought the KC-10 training programs out here with us, and the -135 programs went up to Castle. Since one of our jobs was to monitor the KC-10 Training contract, (formerly with McDonnell Douglas Training, now with CAE-Link) the Air Force decided to move us into permanent offices at Link's Dallas Operations.

We're located near the northeast corner of DFW Airport. We have two KC-10 Pilots, two Flight Engineers, one Boom Operator, (me) a courseware expert, and three civilian simulator experts.

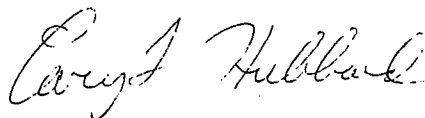
We review all the courseware Link produces, and go to each training site twice a year to certify the Simulator, BOT, CPT, check Training Site management, and evaluate new purchases and modifications to the contract. Kind of like Stan/Eval for the Contractor.

I'm the only Active Boom Operator here. Bud Wilson, Link's Boom Operator at Dallas retired the end of June. He was replaced by Tom Williams, one of Link's instructors at Barksdale, and a Reservist in the 78th AREFS. He'll be retiring from the Reserves soon.

I still talk to Limous Walker, Rudy Spence, C.T. Davis, and other retired booms in the area, but it gets lonely without a base around. And, with the KC-10's moving from Barksdale, it'll be a long trip to go fly.

So, if you have any problems with the KC-10 Contractor Training program, let me know. I'm at 1-800-733-1275, ext 7195. It's worth calling just to hear the announcement message on the VoiceMail system, but I will look forward to any legitimate concern.

See you in the next Boom Signal.



CARY L. HUBBARD, CMSGT, USAF
KC-10 Boom Operator QAR

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 92D AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)
FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON



15 August 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR BOOM SIGNAL

FROM: 92 OG/OGV

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Article

1. Hello from the new 92nd ARW at Fairchild AFB WA. The wing was activated on 1 July 1994. We have five tanker squadrons assigned that fly three different models of the KC-135. Currently only two squadrons are fully up and running, but the others will be ready soon.

43rd AREFS (soon to be 93rd AREFS), "R-model", program manager, SMSgt Jim Zarkos

92d AREFS; "R-model", program manager, MSgt Don Rundle

96th AREFS, "T-model", program manager, SMSgt Dave Crowder

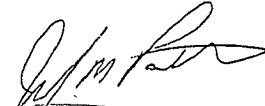
97th AREFS, "R-model", program manager, SMSgt Steve Bacon

98th AREFS, "Q-model", program manager, MSgt Jon Bible

2. The "Q's" will be converting to "T's" in the near future. All the boom operators will be both R and Q qualified.

3. Assigned to the OG Stan/Eval with me is MSgt Jack Sprague. Jack is here to keep me in line.

4. Attached are articles from a couple of the squadrons. We hope to include articles from each squadron in the next edition of the Signal.


JACK M. PATTON, CMSgt, USAF
Chief Boom Operator, Stan/Eval

Hello from the 43rd ARS, home of the proud puppy. Unfortunately not for too much longer. The dear puppy patch will be retired when the 93rd at Castle closes down and a new 93rd will emerge from the ashes. Along the way we'll be trading in the puppy for a white flying horse. So when you see the new patch remember the puppy and the proud heritage he symbolized.

The squadron seems to be surviving all the recent changes and disasters a Fairchild. Just the usual snivel and whines, but you'll have that. I am currently covering the 1st Sergeant desk until our new shirt arrives. I hope it's real soon! After that I'll take the reins as Inflight Superintendent.

I had Rocky Rollins put together the list of booms here in the 43rd, so I am disavowing any knowledge of what the comments mean. If you are ever in the area and are looking for someone to go have a cold one with come on by. But call first...we may be TDY.

See ya.
Jim Zarkos

SMSgt Jim Zarkos - Can't differentiate between being a boom operator or an acting first sergeant. Soon to be the program manager. Finally bought a boat.

MSgt (or is that Mr.) Chuck Horne - Retiring (early) in Aug/94. Current plans are to move to Florida. He has a pretty new boat and rumor is he will be for hire. Florida, boat, wife, and two girls...High maintenance!!

MSgt Mike Cooley - Still a boating monster. Keeping all the skiers happy and current. Hey Mike, how about that half-tan you got on your back? (Everybody wonders about why your tournament boat says "family" on the back)

A Flight

TSgt Eric Choker- Flight supervisor. Former gunner getting ready to upgrade. He really thinks that we won't burn down his new house if he doesn't give us 5s on our EPRs.

SSgt Rocky Rollins - Still thinks he is the boom operator "dorm daddy". Though is somewhat better than the "mother of all boom operators" who goes by the name of Spud. Rocky recently pinned on Staff.

SrA Sam Blackwell - Working on going to the Guard at Pease. Currently trying to sell his Harley...but who would want a Sportster?!

SrA Ben Davis - Recently married and is expecting his first child sometime in October. Then his wife will have to take care of two kids.

SrA Travis West - Thinking about going into C-130s but can't figure out where they hid the boom. If you happen to see this person, the phrase of the year is "I thought it was bigger than that?!"

SrA Scott "Scooter" Smith - Has kept his neck in one piece lately. No major injuries.

B Flight

TSgt Jim Sugden - Evaluator Boom God. Recently pinned on Tech. He's been in Stan/Eval since I've known him. The only boom in the world who would request a check ride while in Turkey. He even got an OP out of it. Go figure.

SSgt Jeff Keeton - Still here. Cargo Loading Instructor.

Sgt Charles Mix - Still a bad attitude. Wants to be a boom god, but we won't even let him try.

SrA Kristy Kilmer - Was cross-training to be a flight engineer on helicopters...but the infinite wisdom of our brass and elected officials scrubbed women in combat rotaries. Sorry Kristy, you would have done well. Lighter side...Her hair has finally grown longer to the "chia pet" thing is losing its luster. Now it's "what about old yeller?"

SrA Mike McHugh - Leaving the Air Force and moving to Florida (is there something we need to know about the rest of the country?) Going to school to learn how to fly.

SrA Jeph Richardson - Doing great, something snapped in his head and he's become a different person. He's my hero!!

SrA Bob Boettcher - Can't get over his hernia surgery. Bob you need to stay away from the overly friendly girls on East Sprague.

C Flight

MSGT Robin Hendrickson - Stan/Eval big weany. Also C flight supervisor. Does well, looks well, is well. He's just a well sort of person.

SrA Phil Dalrymple - He's single again. That is a hint to all the single females, stay clear. Tries to go TDY all the time.

SrA Ricky Fried - Who?! Can anybody pick him out of a lineup? He's not around much.

SrA Chris Wilkens - Upgrading to instructor. Where's Mikey????!!

SrA Charles Dalton - Can't keep a girlfriend for more than a couple of months, though he keeps trying. Really into his dirt bike. Going to get hurt if he doesn't stop jumping off big mountains.

SrA Mike "Bruce Lee" Chan - Current Capstone King. Rumor is he's trying to outdo Rocky on how many generals he can carry on any one given flight.

Attached for flying from the 615 AMCS at Travis.

~~SMSgt Dan Deloy~~ - Was once the professional student. Now trying to be a Loggie.

TSgt Joel (Dave/JD) Estes - Just showed up one day and said he was going to fly with us. Who is he? Does he have a real job?

SSgt Mike (Opey) Conner - ?? Never have met him.

~~SSgt Steve Meloy~~ - Mr. Bowler extroidinare...or so he thinks.

Retirements

~~SMSgt Gary Ranney~~ - Still in the local area. Going to school and trying to find a job that pays him more than he's worth.

MSgt Derrik McDonald - He left and didn't look back. You really don't want to know what he said on the way out the door.

~~CMSgt Phil Zamagne~~ - Threw in the towel. Had enough leave, permissive TDY time, and retirement days that his last day was early in November, but retirement date was in March. Tried managing a Circle K convenience store, but found out he had to work for a living, so he quit and is going to go to school till he figures what he wants to be when he grows up.



1. Welcome from the 98th AREFS. We're slowly getting the squadron set up and boomers are starting to come in about one a week. Looking at the projected inbounds, and those who have already arrived we are going to have a squadron full of sharp boomers. Which means we do not feel threatened and have already heard all the jokes and smart remarks about our distinctive patch. We are proud to wear it and hope to honorably add to it's distinguished heritage. Everyone through-out the command, in the coming years is going recognize it and will associate it with the best boomers in the AMC.

2. Setting up a new squadron has some very unique obstacles and problems. Getting furniture and divvying up offices, to setting up new training programs and folders is time consuming and sometimes frustrating but everyone has been working their butts off. We are flying at least one sortie a day and most every one is happy, despite the hard work. For those of you who won't be arriving until Sept./Oct. time-frame, we will save you some work. We should be getting our first "T" model in November. We are really looking forward to joining the rest of the boomer brethren in the heavy world.

3. Thanks go out to CMSgt. Harris, MSgt. Heinemann and the AMC assignment folks for working hard trying to get us assignments where we wanted to go, and for being honest and up front if the first choice wasn't always possible. We want you to know the extra hours and hard work is appreciated and we are lucky to have leaders like you watching out for us. All you boomers that are PCS'ing please drive safely to your new assignments. If any boomers are ever in town come by and see us, you got a friend here and a cold beer waiting on you. Fly Safe Boom stowed.....NKAWTG... NOBODY.

Jon M. Bibler

JON M. BIBLER, MSgt, USAF
Chief Boom Operator, 98 AREFS
DSN # 247- 2484



BOOM OPERATORS ASSIGNED / PROJECTED IN

MSgt Jon Bibler
MSgt Frank Perry
TSgt Mike Crews
TSgt Vern Harvey
SSgt Ricky Bateman
SSgt Rod Dinges
SSgt Durk French
SSgt Mike Mc Phee
SSgt Louis Rushano
SSgt Randy Crittendon
Sgt Dan Whetzel
Sgt Robin Delorenzo
Sgt Duane Reid
Sra Geoffrey Potter
Sra Dave Padilla
Sra Ted Buit
Sra Lee Robinson
Sra Chris Sellars
AIC Kevin Locasio

BOLD INDICATES ON STATION

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
905th Air Refueling Squadron (AMC)
Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota 58205-6621

9 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 905 AREFS

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

1. Hello to all boom operators worldwide from the "Tigers of the North" in the 905th at Grand Forks AFB. As we have just completed another historical year in this changing and challenging Air Force, we all have undoubtedly sat around trying to figure out how we are going to solve our newfound problems. Our heavy TDY commitment, coupled with our runway being closed for repair, created some problems which we in the 905th have not experienced in the past. Completing inflight evaluations and accomplishing quality upgrade training, while providing a quality service to our customers worldwide, were a few of the larger hurdles we faced. Being an old "SAC" guy at heart, I always felt that checkrides should be against a B-52 during the day, and pre and post-CFIC training should be accomplished aboard a dedicated sortie for that type training. However, I quickly found out that the "SAC way" of doing business would not allow me to accomplish my objectives under the new AMC order. Talking with my instructors, we decided by accomplishing inflight evaluations and upgrade training at our Forward Operating Bases, we could meet our objectives. In order to successfully accomplish these tasks, it took an extra effort on everyones part. Additional coordination with scheduling, prior coordination with receiver units, and sacrificing TDY off time enabled us to attain our objectives. I'm told that "MAC" had been doing this for years since their mission was to go TDY. Evidently it worked for them, and it worked for us due to the extra effort and professionalism displayed by all parties involved. I'm still not a big proponent for this type of activity, but I'm convinced when the job needs to be done, the integrity and professionalism of the people who work for you will produce exceptional results time and again... I know mine did. Thank you for the GREAT effort team!

2. The following is a list of the 905th's "Tigers of the North":


A Flight
MSgt Pat Pruett - Flt. Super.
TSgt Ted Johnson - IB
SSgt Russ Carlson - IB
SrA Brian Satterlee - IB
SrA Jack Gates - MB
A1C Jeff Hy - MB

B Flight
TSgt Mike Frovarp - Flt. Super.
SSgt Dan Smith - IB
SSgt Greg Smith - IB
SSgt Dave Cox - IB
SrA Russ Gardner - MB
SrA Jay Paulson - MB

C Flight
MSgt Don Frol - Flt. Super.
TSgt Bill Williams - CFIC
SSgt Brian Thayer - EB
SrA Clay Willoughby - IB
SrA Pat Torres - MB

MSgt Jim Haskell works in Wing Scheduling and TSgt Dwayne Woitas works in Wing Tactics.
SrA Stephanie Myers and SrA Doug Delbaugh separated from the Air Force in August.

3. If you're ever up this way or you just want to exchange ideas, you can reach me at DSN 362-5755. Until then--fly safe.


Nick Tomaszewski, SMSgt, USAF
905 AREFS Program Manager

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

911TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON (AMC)
GRAND FORKS AIR FORCE BASE, NORTH DAKOTA 58205-6620



15 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 911 ARS

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Input

1. Greeting's from the Boom's of the Red Eagle Squadron. We're a one of the four tanker squadrons comprising the 319 ARW "Warriors of the North". And no! we're not flying KC-10's. History has again repeated itself, the 911th is back to flying the 135 airframe. Since our initial conception at the Fork's, a dramatic influx of the masses culminated within the pass two months. All boom slots are filled and we're pressing forward getting everyone mission qual'd and leaping over the hurtles posed by the runway closer - sending booms TDY for currencies. Its just the beginning, we're fresh out of the gate and chargin' on!

2. Introducing our boom's:

MSgt Don Wilson - OPS SUP

A-FLT

MSgt Wally Morita - Flt Sup
SSgt George Hewitt - IB
SSgt Mike Casey - IB
SrA Mike Dunlap - IB
SSgt (sel) J. Buster Heimann


B-FLT

SSgt Jeff Murphy - Flt Sup
SSgt (sel) Mike Stukel - IB
SrA Brian Quam - IB
SrA Dan Trainer - IB
SrA Mike Murry - MB

C-FLT

~~TSgt~~ TSgt Jeff Potter - Flt Sup
SSgt Kevin Taha - IB
SrA Jason Swandel - IB
SrA Joe Corder - MB
A1C Jim Woodward - IB

3. Until we cross paths again or if anything comes up give us a call, DSN 362-6952.


WALLACE D. MORITA, MSgt, USAF
Actin' Super



GRAND FORKS AFB NORTH DAKOTA

Greetings from the newest Air Refueling Squadron in Air Mobility Command! We currently have about 30% of our assigned Boom Operators on station. We are by no means settled in, most of us are still waiting household goods, or unpacking what we've received while at the same time building a new squadron in an old B-1 engine cell area. But that is all exciting and challenging! It's an opportunity for us to build a squadron the way it should be and the way we want it, our Commander, Lt Col Bill Baxley is a super guy who wants us to have the best squadron in AMC and is leading us in that direction. The entire squadron shares the building; maintenance, ops, admin, life support, A-forms, everybody, so it's a great opportunity to work daily with the people who keep the jets flying. It's a new experience for me and a lot of the other 912th folks and we're really enjoying it! Well enough rambling, let me just give you an idea of who's here now, and who we show coming to the 912th:

SMSgt Al King

Squadron Superintendent; arrived at the end of July, not only was I Chief Boom of the 912th, I was the only boom! Really glad to be here, always remembering that even a bad day at Grand Forks is better than a good day at Scott!

MSgt Roger Thomas

Flight Supervisor; arrived Aug 9th, quickly jumped into the fray establishing a Stan Eval program, "training flight" folders and programs, and generally making himself indispensable. Somewhere in there he managed to move into base housing and get (most) of his household goods delivered (of course the movers were lost, late, and generally inefficient), but he and his family are mostly settled in.

TSgt Gary Davis

Flight Supervisor; arrived Aug 23rd or so, has a house on base (he insisted on a "single" unit, since at Plattsburgh he was stuck in the middle of a 4-plex with neighbors that loved loud music)! He has jumped into the cargo loading/roller system program and is running (hopefully in the right direction) with that.

SSgt Mark Adame

Cargo Loading Program Manager; Mark arrived from Altus sometime around Aug 8th and has grabbed the Cargo Loading Program by the horns! He has researched all the requirements, established what we need and is proceeding to make it happen.

SrA Darrell
Macomber

Darrell doesn't have a job title, he has done some graphics work on "Paintbrush" that we're using, so we've put him to work on a squadron history requiring some graphics, it looks like he may be elected the squadron graphic/artist.


SrA Jeff Porn

Jeff just arrived about a week ago, he's building our mission planning folders from scratch (of course the 905th has been a big help as we borrow a lot of local info from them). Jeff is pretty much settled in base housing, he did a DITY move and had everything he needed from day one.

INCOMING BOOMS:

Russ Snitker	Kadena	Stacey Tansits	Plattsburgh
Joe Wilkens	Griffiss	Corey Grape	Plattsburgh
<u>Gerry Slusher</u>	Kadena	Matt Aravelo	Plattsburgh
Gaylord (Guy) King	Griffiss	Scott Wilson	CCTS
<u>Jeff Wright</u>	Altus	James Ludwigs	CCTS
<u>Robert Henriksen</u>	Altus	Elizabeth Puetz	CCTS

If you count, the total is 18, since we only have 16 slots some of these folks may be spread out to the other three squadrons. It's hard telling until people walk in the door if they are really coming here or going somewhere else. It's also hard telling if I spelled your name right! If not please don't take offense, this is the best info we have right now! So that's where we are here at the 912th, having a great time, looking forward to channels in Oct/Nov/Dec, Mildenhall in Dec/Jan, and Saudi in Mar/Apr. If you're on your way here give me a call, we'll make sure you're set up with a place to stay and directions to our hanger! Y'all take care, we'll see you somewhere around the globe sometime soon!



ALBIN R. KING, SMSgt, USAF
912th ARS Boom Superintendent

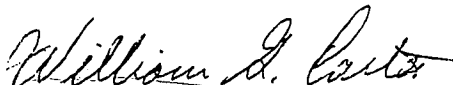
MEMORANDUM FOR: HQ AMC/XOVK and all Boom Operators

FROM: 434 OSF/DOTB Grissom AFB, In

1 August 1994

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

1. The time is rapidly approaching that Grissom AFB changes it's name again. Effective 1 Oct 94 the base will officially be called Grissom Air Reserve Base. That is the date that the Reserves take command of the base. It has been real sad to see everything close, the theater, service station, BX, commissary, base housing, and watch the active duty leave. We have even lost our Reserve A-10 squadron.
2. We are staying pretty busy here, airplanes and crews all over the world and right now we are sending crews and staff to France for Deny Flight. As you can see by the list of Boom Operators we have picked up a couple of Baby Booms and even sent a couple to CFIC. From the reports we are getting from our CFIC grads it doesn't look as if they will be bugging us for cross country flights to Altus.
3. One of our Booms jumped ship and ran over to the officer side this year. TSgt Steve Saur was commissioned a 2Lt and is now at UPT earning another set of wings. We wish him a lot of luck and hope he learns a lot while there.
4. If you are in the area, or for some reason are coming to this area and are interested in the Reserve Program give me a call. DSN 928-3941 or (317) 688-3941


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

72ND AIR REFUELING SQ.



GRISSOM AFB, INDIANA

DSN 928-3091

CMSgt Mel Wiemer likes to run a tight shop. We're not exactly sure what he means by that. He recently took up scuba diving and has had problems with water on the brain lately.

SMSgt Larry Bartel is no longer our First Shirt. He was doing more to himself by 0800 than most people do to themselves in a life time! Larry may be going back to school to become a physician's assistant. Good Luck.

SMSgt Bill Carter.. OK! OK! No, Bill did not fly with Jimmy Stewart! That's his story and he's sticking to it. Billy is in charge of hiring if you're looking for a job. (Hey! He hired Scott Ward. He'll hire anyone!)

MSgt Ron Johnston is our resident State Trooper / drug dog. Only problem is, with the size of his nose, there's never much evidence left. Ron recently moved closer to the base and is now working at the State Police Post nearby. We all sleep a lot better at night now... NOT!!!

MSgt Jeff (Buck) Henry recently took up Indy car racing. He is a stunt double for Roberto Guiero. He has done several adds and rumor has it that he has hired Uncle Larry (Bartel) as his chief mechanic! (I guess he had to be there.)

MSgt Jerry (Shoe) Schumacher has stopped drinking, got married, settled down, bought a house and a station wagon. Of course, if you know Jerry, you know by now that these are all LIES. Jerry is still working the weekly work / flying schedule... and whatever else Mel dictates to him.

MSgt James (Soui) Seidle will still buy any car for \$500.00, will still go TDY any where any time. His recent plans are to buy a Cadillac for \$500.00 and become a traveling evangelist / faith healer.

MSgt Jeff (Remo) Williams is still fighting fires, got some OJT the other day on heart monitors (What a shock! patient D.O.A.) He's running out of patients fast.

MSgt Roger Drumm recently became an IBO, was selected NCO of the Quarter and got promoted. We think all of this had to do with Mel and his desire to have a tight ship.

TSgt Shad Culp our newest instructor, a real trooper, even did the long course at Altus, OK (or was that hell). He just got back and is gone again. This time to China in an attempt to stop the communist movement. Mel is really getting his monies worth out of Shad.

72ND AIR REFUELING SQ.



GRISSOM AFB, INDIANA

DSN 928-3091

TSgt Scott Ward, yes that is his picture on the bullitin board in the post office. If you see this man, do not approach him. He is extremely dangerous ...to himself.

TSgt Chris Hermon is still plugging along at college working on a 4-year degree. Just how long does it take!?! He was last seen water skiing in the Boom Shop.

SSgt Jeff Withrow recently went on vacation to Tennessee and went to a tent revival with his family. He said it was great fun until Grandma got bit! This man is not right.

74 ARS (AFRES)
Grissom AFB, IN 46971-5000
DSN 928-3886

CURRENT LINE-UP:

SMSgt Kim Ayers (Chief Boom/ART) : Kim (*I need more availability!!*) is keeping extremely busy while trying to keep the rest of the booms in line. Kim spends a tremendous amount of time sorting through the projects on her desk (that's if you can find her desk).

TSgt Jenny Carmichael: Jenny (I can't believe they gave me a gun) was just put in charge of the civilian DOD Security Police on base. She has had a lot of cargo loading opportunities this year and has come up with some non-conventional ways to tie down equipment that seems to be on the cutting edge of technology. Maybe we can actually learn something from her.

SMSgt Tony Fansler (Wing Stan-Eval/ART): Tony (Mr. Deny Flight) is busy putting together the Wing's Deny Flight operation. When he is not doing that he continues to find time for checkrides. He has also started giving the new cargo loading evaluations. We swear he is going to make us load masters yet.

MSgt Jerry Hostetler: Jerry loves to work with wood and automobiles and has his own contracting business. He has restored some very interesting cars this year. Jerry helps the squadron by pulling more alert than anyone can ask for.

MSgt Paul "Doogie" Houser (IBO/ART): Doogie (You want what?!) spends a lot of time juggling the schedule. He tries his hardest to give you as many days of pay as you can handle. We owe a lot to him for putting food on our tables (or better yet , in his desk).

TSgt Chris "Barney" Hughes: Chris (I don't have time for sleep) is a Surgical Nurse while attending school. When she is not spending time in the Operating Room or in classes she finds time for the unit. Chris just came over to the 74th from the 72nd. Welcome aboard!

TSgt John "Cool J/Monkey Boy" Ley: John is attending his last year of college, majoring in English. Yuk! He has graciously given up his summer classes to attend CFIC. We are sure he will make a great instructor. Look to see Mr. and Mrs. Ley in the paper soon.

TSgt Jeff "Heffe" Maier: Jeff (Trougher Extraordinaire) has been on strike from his meat packing job for a year now. Returning to work is not looking good (no more free bacon for the unit). Jeff spends a lot of time on the road. If we need someone to work he is always there for us. Any more, with our increasing commitments, we really could use more people like him. Heffe's new hobby is gun buying; we don't know if we should be afraid or not.

SMSgt Mike Murphy (IBO): Mike works as an Electrical Engineer for Caterpillar. He puts in an enormous amount of time at his job and the only time we ever see him anymore is during the UTA weekends. If you see Mike on the road be sure and congratulate him on his engagement (yeah we said the same thing, MIKE getting hitched?!).

MSgt Kym "Homey"/Agent" Orange: Kym is an 18 year veteran of the Indiana State Police. He spends a lot of time on the road, both for the state police and the unit. If you ever get into a jam with the ISP you know you got an ace in the hole (to bad the police have a Royal Flush).

HAWAII AIR NATIONAL GUARD
203RD AIR REFUELING SQUADRON

15 AUG 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/XOVK

FROM: 203 ARS/DOTB
290 Engine Test Road
Hickam AFB, HI 96853-5109

TO: All Booms Past & Present

SUBJECT: Hawaii's Contribution to the Boom Signal

ALOHA, from the land of paradise, where the bikini's and shorts hang around the shores all year round.

Two years of existence and still growing. Presently, we have five KC-135R's and were getting four more before the end of the year. Getting to this point took a lot of help from a lot of people. We'd be ungrateful if we didn't thank our active duty advisors. They've layed the foundation upon which our crews have grown to be experienced pilots, navs and booms.. They're superb. Unfortunately, their time is running out. They'll be shipping out pretty soon.

In fact, SMSgt Harry L. Allen just departed the area, Aug 3. Went to McConnell AFB, KS, to be the Chief Boom. He was in such a rush, he forgot to cancel all his T-time for the rest of the year. I guess he can't wait to use his whip. We're gonna miss him a lot. A great guy.

Though we're not officially operational yet, it feels were already in the big league. We have been participating in numerous exercises worldwide. We should be in fully operational in September of 95. We'll be watching our radar for the ORI.

Our Staff:

MSgt Steve Cid

- Program Manager. Didn't realized that being in the guard meant, you have to work twice as much as active duty. Not to mention drill weekends. But ooh the money!

MSgt Bill Montgomery

- Stan-Eval. Man, his peripheral vision is as good as ever, he doesn't miss a thing on checkrides. He still has those "Castle eyes".

KANSAS AIR NATIONAL GUARD
190TH AIR REFUELING GROUP
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12 Aug 94

I was asked by Chief Pierson to write an article for the "Boom Signal", this is my first attempt at this so please bear with me. I'll start things off with a joke I heard the other day:

What's the difference between a B-1, B-2, and a B-52?

You bomber booms may enjoy this one, if you haven't guessed the punch line by now read on, I'll have the answer for you later.

I'm writing this just a month before our unit's ORI so it's going to be short, maybe next year I can concentrate on a better product.

Our cast of booms:

MSG Dave "Blaze" Bowen - Some of you guard guys may know Dave, he is our resident ANGRC boom in DC. Hey Dave, no matter where you go --- there you are.

MSG Tom "Fonzie" Cox - Don't ask me where the Fonzie comes from, since I've known Tom he's had to comb more and more hair down to cover a rising forehead. Tom's due to retire in a couple months, he plans a few space "A" trips and a lot more golf. Good luck Tom.

SRA Jerry "Gator" Davis - He's new but won't be here much longer. After his civilian employer transferred him south, he was able to convince the booms down in Birmingham they needed him, could it be that he talks the talk and walks the walk. Good luck Jerry.

TSG Harvey "Silver Fox" DeWeese - Still with the Fire Department here in Topeka. Harv does not have nice things to say about his last Volk experience, of course a lot of us don't!

TSG Keith "Revenuer" Fulton - That's me. Changing diapers will consume a lot of my time for the next couple years. I work in Current Operations planning trips.

SMS Ken "Griff" Griffin - If you want to know something just ask Griff, "Don't ja know?". Griff is reliving his childhood "again" playing with his grandsons. He is our tactics and training boom.

TSG Parker "Skipper" Groves - Recently transferred to an Army Reserve unit in Lawrence. Parker wanted to dedicate more of his time to his family and new job. See you at the lake Parker, good luck.

TSG Chuck "Kojak" Hanna - Still the same old Chuck, our PR man. Was last seen at the Democratic Headquarters party after the polls closed last week. Chuck works in our scheduling office.

TSG Marvin "Yo Dude" Hittle - Marv is still a student, must be a profession for him.

SRA Liz "Lizard" Lincks - Since she has come aboard we keep seeing these cat drawings everywhere.

MSG Ron "Boom from Hell" May - His passenger briefings are short, sweet, and to the point, it really WOW's the pax (believe me, I've tried it). Ron recently returned from instructor school, one of the first classes at Altus AFB. Ron is our mobility NCO.

TSG Mark "Spuds" Mertel - Mark is our resident trip HOG (Heavily on the go). The last short notice trip was to Greece, nice pictures Mark!! He is our "space A" expert.

MSG Lee "Red" Perry - Another Altus instructor graduate, even in the same class as Ron. Is there something you're not telling us guys? Lee is our roller derby expert. He has put in a lot of time so we can keep the Lajes commissary well stocked. Lee works in the training section.

CMS Mike "Shogun" Pierson - Our boss. Mike's spare time is still consumed with tinkering on machines and motorcycle riding across the countryside.

MSG John "Sparky" Roth - JR for short. Not many booms now-a-days can say they refueled an F-86, but JR can. Some of our new booms will never see an F-4!

TSG Jim "Chewy" Spurlock - Some of us still call him "Sunshine II". Jim is our new technician, and a recent graduate of McGhee Ty High. All the charm at school could not cover the Sunshine.

SMS Steve "Crash" Stucky - Our Stan Eval Boom. Steve always has a humorous story to tell about his son.

TSG Mark "Casanova" Sweeney - SWBYP's (South Western Bell Yellow Page's) man on the go. Specializes in "in-home" installations.

SSG Mac Torrez - Fresh from boom school, but we haven't seen him since he left for survival school, surely he survived!

Here is our list of some of the known retired booms some of you will remember.

Lowell Seymour - Got a real job fixing airplanes at Billard Airport. He still has a desk here for his frequent visits.

Gus Parsel - He's now a real "go getter", when his wife calls he goes to get her.

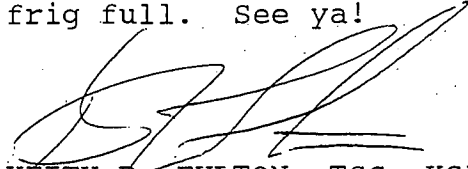
Joe Breedlove - Still with the Post Office here in Topeka. He keeps us updated on all the annual boom parties.

Ben Hollingsworth - Yes Ben has two lawn mowers, just ask him.

Now I've got to try to end this. First, here's the punch line to the joke:

The first two are BINGO numbers and the other drops real bombs.

OK, so its not that good, it's a bomber joke. I'm sure we will have a few visitors here, especially after our ORI. If you are in the area please stop by, Ron and Griff keeps the frig full. See ya!



KEITH R. FULTON, TSG, KSANG
117ARS

p.s. John Young, if you read this, I still have your VW Bug, it's rat and weed infested but I have a buyer for it if you want to sell it.



GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE MAINEiacs, EVERYONE HERE IS LAID BACK ENJOYING WHAT IS LEFT OF THE SUMMER AFTER COMPLETING OUR ORI THE MIDDLE OF JUNE IN GEORGIA. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE BOOM CONFERENCE AND SEEING OLD FRIENDS. SEE YA IN BOISE. CMS GLENN PREWITT

CMS GLENN M. PREWITT "CHIEF". THE CHIEF BOOM TECHNICIAN. STILL BUSY KEEPING US AND OUR PAPERWORK STRAIGHT. RECENTLY WENT WHALE WATCHING FOR THREE DAYS ON HIS SAILBOAT. WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER JUST TO DO ANOTHER C-5 A/R ?

CMS JAMES L. WINCHESTER. "WINCH". OUR MOST SENIOR BOOM. STILL EASING INTO RETIREMENT. JUST SOLD HIS HOUSE AND IS BUILDING A NEW ONE IN FLORIDA. DISCOVERED A BONANZA. SINCE HE BOUGHT EVERYTHING USED 40 YEARS AGO AND NEVER REPLACED IT, EVERYTHING HE OWNS IS NOW A VALUABLE ANTIQUE !!! SAYS THOSE ACTIVE DUTY DAYS (POINTS) EASE THE DEPRESSION OF NOT COMING TO WORK AS A TECHNICIAN.

SMS MYRON E. REYNOLDS "SONNY". STAN EVAL BOOM TECHNICIAN. A COMPUTER WHIZ WHO KEEPS ALL OUR OPS COMPUTERS COMPUTING AND FIXES ALL THE PROBLEMS WE CREATE. SOMEHOW HE ALSO FINDS TIME TO OPERATE HIS GOLF SCHOOL AND DRIVING RANGE. CAN STILL BEAT MOST OF THE OPS GOLFERS USING ONLY 2 CLUBS AND OLD BALLS. GOLF, THAT IS.

SMS STANTON W. HUNTER "STAN". THE TRAINING FLIGHT BOOM TECHNICIAN. BUSILY DEVELOPING MORE "LOADS FROM HELL" FOR THE CLT. THE OTHER SAILING BOOM OPERATOR. SAYS HE HAS TO SAVE ALL HIS MONEY TO PREPARE HIS BOAT TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD. HE APPEARS CHEAP TO US.

MSG ARTHUR M. STEVENS "ART". GAVE A DEMONSTRATION OF THERMODYNAMICS AND THERMESTHESIA DURING THE DEPLOYED ORI. UNFORTUNATELY THE IG TEAM FAILED TO RECOGNIZE IT FOR WHAT IT WAS AND MISTAKENLY BELIEVED THEY HAD SEEN A PHOBIA DEMONSTRATION.

MSG JOSEPH F. GIFFORD "JOE-FRED". STILL EVERYTHING HE EVER WAS AND PROBABLY IS. DID TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLE IMPRESSIONS FOR THE ORI TEAM. DID NOT GET A LETTER FROM ANYBODY FOR HIS PERFORMANCE.

MSG CHARLES F. HALSTED "CHUCKLES". STILL PRODUCING TV SHOWS FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING. SOMETIMES HE FORGETS WHERE HE IS AND SAYS THINGS LIKE "CLEARED TO THE CONTACT POSITION, TAKE 4" AND " AS THE SUN SETS SLOWLY IN THE WEST DEFINING THE END OF THIS DAY..... BREAKAWAY-BREAKAWAY-BREAKAWAY !!!!!

MSG EDWARD J. ST HEART "STREET HEART". EVALUATOR BOOM. INSPIRED THE BOOK "WINNING THROUGH INTIMIDATION". HIS COMMENTS ARE USUALLY RIGHT ON TARGET AND HE HAS A VERY LONG TARGET LIST. STILL HAS NEVER BEEN CAUGHT AT A LOSS FOR WORDS.

TSG THOMAS M. JONES "BEACON". AGR EVALUATOR BOOM. VERY BUSY IN CURRENT OPS AS WE PREPARE TO STAND UP OUR HALF OF THE NORTHEAST TANKER TASK FORCE. STILL TRYING TO GET THE MILITARY PAY FOLKS AT DENVER TO ACCEPT HIS YEARS AS A CADET AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY. APPARENTLY THEY CAN'T READ NAVY PAPERWORK.

TSG PETER LERETTE "PETE". OUR MARINE AND RETIRED STATE TROOPER. THE GUY TO BE BEHIND IN THE BAR WHEN THE BAD "DO-DO" STARTS. IF HE CAN'T SETTLE IT HE CAN MAKE HIS OWN WAY OUT THROUGH ANY SUBSTANCE KNOWN TO MAN. PETE IS WORKING FOR HIS SON'S LANDSCAPING BUSINESS AND GETS AN ALLOWANCE. ENJOYS GIVING PEOPLE'S LAWNS MARINE HAIRCUTS.

TSG ROBERT A. PHAIR "SLICK". TECHNICIAN INSTRUCTOR BOOM. HAS FINISHED BUILDING HIS NEW HOUSE AND HAS STARTED MAKING IT TOO SMALL BY POPULATING IT WITH LITTLE SLICKS. THE OLD SLICK IS STILL IN THERE. HE FOUND A HARLEY BAR DURING A RECENT STOP AT OSAN AB. (IT LOOKED AND SMELLED MORE LIKE A JUNKYARD TO US). HAD REAL HARLEY SEATS ON THE STOOLS AND HANDLE BARS MOUNTED ON THE BAR IN FRONT OF EACH SEAT. SLICK CHOSE THE ONE WITH "APE-HANGERS". WE HAD TO BUY THE T-SHIRT TO LURE HIM OUT.

TSG JAMES M. PURCELL "MIKE". AGR BOOM WORKING IN SCHEDULING. GETS TO CHECK ALL OF OUR PAPERWORK IN MISSION REVIEW. NOW IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO HAVE THE RIGHT NUMBER OF DOTS FILLED IN, THEY HAVE TO BE THE RIGHT ONES. HE ALSO GETS TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHO WE REALLY OFFLOADED FUEL TO.

TSG CARLA L. CYR "CARLA". SET A NEW RECORD FOR LOW LEVEL AILERON ROLLS IN HER PICKUP TRUCK AFTER BEING HIT BY AN OUT OF CONTROL VEHICLE. UNFORTUNATELY SUFFERED SOME DAMAGE TO HER BACK MUSCLES AND IS DNIF. THE OUTLOOK FOR RECOVERY IS OPTIMISTIC. MEANWHILE SHE IS TRYING DESPERATELY TO FIND A WAY TO LOG AFTP'S IN HER CESSNA 140.

TSG BRUCE GEROUX "BRUCE". TECHNICIAN BOOM PRESENTLY AT CFIC. AGREED TO WORK IN OUR NON-EXISTENT INTEL SHOP AS WE PREPARED FOR THE ORI. DID A SUPERB JOB PLUGGING A BIG HOLE IN THE DIKE. BOOM'S REALLY CAN DO IT ALL. JUST LIKE IN REAL LIFE, HE RELIED ON OUTSIDE SOURCES FOR HIS INTELLIGENCE INPUTS.

TSG JAY E. ELLINGSEN "JAY". AGR INSTRUCTOR BOOM WORKING IN CURRENT OPS. ANOTHER OF OUR BOOMS WHO WAS FARMED OUT TO SAVE THE DAY FOR THE ORI. VOLUNTEERED TO WORK IN TACTICS AS WE PREPARED FOR AND DURING THE ORI. ANOTHER SUPERB PERFORMANCE BY A BOOM. RECEIVED A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM THE IG TEAM CHIEF AND A CERTIFICATE FROM GENERAL FOGELMAN RECOGNIZING HIS PERFORMANCE. HARD TO BELIEVE WE EVER QUESTIONED JAY'S TACTICS.

TSG SCOTT M. HESSELTINE "HYDRO". STILL WORKING FOR THE LOCAL POWER COMPANY SPECIALIZING IN HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES. WE LIKE TO FLY WITH HIM AT NIGHT BECAUSE HE GLOWS AND MAKES IT EASY TO READ YOUR WATCH IN THE DARK.

SSG RICHARD M. THOMPSON "RICK". PROUD FATHER OF A NEW SON. EXPERIENCING A NEW CONCEPT OF FATIGUE FROM STAYING UP ALL NIGHT. THOUGH DISAPPOINTING, IT CAME AS NO SURPRISE TO US WHEN THE GOODIES HIS WIFE USED TO PACK IN HIS LUNCH BOX DWINDLED AND THEN DISAPPEARED COMPLETELY. RECENTLY SELECTED FOR PILOT TRAINING. CONGRATULATIONS, RICK !!!

SSG MICHAEL A. STEVENS "MIKE". RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE AND LOOKING FOR A JOB. HASN'T DONE ANYTHING SPECTACULAR IN THE LAST YEAR. A GOOD QUALITY IN NEW BOOMS.

SSG WAYNE T. VINCENT "BANJO BOOM". HAS A SMALL FARM. HAS HORSES WHICH ATTRACT HORSE FLIES WHICH HE IS ALLERGIC TO. TELLS PEOPLE HE HAS A PUPPY WHICH IS REALLY A HORSE SIZE DOG WITH NO APPARENT INTELLIGENCE JUDGING FROM THE STORIES WE HEAR. SOCIALLY VERY ACTIVE. NONE OF THOSE TALES WILL APPEAR HERE, BUT KEEP YOUR EYE ON "HARD COPY".

TRANSITIONS

SSG/2ND LT ANDY SHUMAN HAS COMPLETED UPT AND IS NEARLY THROUGH CCTS AT CASTLE AFB.

SRA EDWARD J. SEYMOUR IS OUR NEWEST ADDITION. CAME TO US FROM MAINTENANCE WITH A CREW CHIEF BACKGROUND. PRESENTLY AT CCTS AT CASTLE. WELCOME ABOARD, ED !!!!.





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26 AUG 94

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/DOV (CMS Raymond S. Harris)

FROM: 163 AREFG/DOB (CMS Norman A. Perry)

SUBJ: Boom Signal Input

1. Attached is an update on our boom shop as input for Boom Signal. Our Booms are Trained and we are on our way.
2. If you have any question on the attached information, please, do not hesitate to contact me.



NORMAN A. PERRY, CMS, CA ANG
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

This year, the 163 Air Refueling Group, CA ANG, (The Grizzlies) completed its conversion from tactical RECCEE, flying the RF-4C over a small piece of turf, to expanding its vision to Global Reach and Air Refueling, flying the KC 135E. During this year, 16 of our boomers completed their IQT and MQT. Our operations also saw the conversion from training/qualification mission to Global operations, participating in Deny Flight, Support Hope, Tanker Task Force, and Channel Runs. The tremendous accomplishment of the our Unit this year are a reflection on the leadership and instruction given by our Chief Boom, CMSgt Norman Perry, and our Air Force Advisor, MSgt Michael Dunn.

Our boomers are a combination of seasoned veterans, full timer and traditional guard members.

Chief Norm Perry is our Chief Boom. Transferred to our Guard Unit from the "RRATS" here at March AFB. Neither time nor paper allow for an elaboration of Chief Perry's experience and exploits as a Boom Operator. Suffice it to say "he's been there and done that".

MSgt Michael "Uncle Mikey" Dunn is our Air Force Advisor. Whatever Chief Perry doesn't have advise on, Uncle Mikey does! Like Chief Perry, MSgt Dunn has been there and done that -- TWICE!! (Returning to Crete to finish toasting his buns.)

MSgt David "El Coqui" Vasquez is one of our "old Timers" having graduated from Castle in January 93. As one of our full time boomers, Dave is quickly catching up with the Chief on the "BEEN THERE" - - we don't know about the "DONE THAT".

TSgt Julie "Jewels" Bellinger, in the same class at Castle with Dave, is our second Old Timer. Believing in the Guard philosophy of "see one, do one, teach one", Julie is in Stand/Eval trying to keep a day and a step ahead of the rest of us.

SSgt Jamie "McFly" McMath is another full timer. Cross-trained from accounting and finance, Jamie works vooconomics on all our travel vouchers.

MSgt John "JP-4" Walund transferred from our fuels shop thinking this was the best way to keep him the fumes. TQM at its finest.

TSgt Jim "Jimbo" Blucher worked in the egress shop prior to our conversion to KC-135. Ever since his assignment to scheduling, he keeps looking for the eject handles on his chair.

Sgt Gary "Duck" Howard cross trained from avionics. He, along with Jim, is lost in the abyss of the scheduling office. He use to be a nice guy.

MSgt Tami "Indiana" James was in bioenviromental before becoming a boomer. When not flying, Tami works in Plans, preparing the Unit for our August ORI, as well as conducting air sampling of the flying environment in order to keep us informed of air quality (there's a reason why there is a seal on the honey bucket).

Our traditional Guard Booms come from an assortment of backgrounds and occupations.

MSgt David "CHIP" Navarro is a Sgt. with the California Highway Patrol. Air Refueling came naturally to Dave, as a CHIP he's use to being up-close and personal.

MSgt James "Psycho" West is our other cop. As an Officer with the Los Angeles Police Department, his nickname says it all. Don't piss him off.

TSgt Keith "Lineman" Lequire works for one of the largest phone companies in the U.S. and he still gets his wires crossed.

TSgt John "Huckleberry" Bradbury is an engineer by training, an ex-marine by choice, and a Jamaican by birth - - I life just doesn't get better than that!

TSgt Wayne "Nara" Kunz is a former C-130 crewmember, than he saw the light and is now doing it right.

SSgt Pam "Scammy" Deliz. What more can be said - - Pam is Pam.

MSgt Bruce "Riddler" Garcia is a Guard Bum (a time honored and revered term) extraordinaire. He keeps the rest of us in line (usually parabola - $y = x^2$).

TSgt Aaron "Bear" Scott is taking lesson from Bruce and is assistant Guard Bum extraordinaire.

SRA Justin "Sammy" Ciasullo is the real Guard Bum extraordinaire - - Sammy, Sammy, he's our man, if he can't do it no one can.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 336 AREFS/DOB
1351 Graeber St., Suite 1A
March AFB, CA 92518-1723

SUBJ: 1994 Boom Signal

1. Hi from the RRATS! It's been a heck of a year! We past the ORI at Roswell, fed Somalia, disarmed Mogadishu, toured Iceland, did Cobra Gold, journeyed across the world on the Channel Mission and sucked air through a hose at Vandenberg, Volk Field, Minot, Roswell and good old March. Yes, we spent most of the year in chem gear. Who said sucking air through a tube couldn't be fun? Well, heres the latest on the troops...

Almgren, Erica SSgt: Working on her degree, pulling alert, traveling around the world, partying her brains out and blow drying her hair seems to take up most of her time. Now if we can just get her to quit looking for a few good men long enough to take her cargo test, life will be good.

Canada, Nicole SSgt: Another busy book worm working toward that much cherished degree. Nicole has been hanging out with all sorts of unsavory charecters in and around the base library. Affectionately known as "Spunky", Nitro could also be her name! Never before has so much TNT been wrapped in a petite package! We usually try not to piss her off.

Dunning, Robert CMSgt: The Chief's been a little busy lately. Between baseball games with the boys (Jeremy, Jon, James), putting out fires lit by the upper echelon and riding herd over the RRATS booms. He's barely found time for flying! However, word has it he's presently involved in a plot to increase the party count at March. Barbecues and dart games are on the increase and beer consumption is at an all time high! Party on Dudes!

Evans, Margaret MSgt: Maggie is incredible! A go getter by nature, if she's close to a project she takes charge and don't get in her way! How she finds time to raise kids, a husband, and the boom shop too we'll never know? She flies more, works harder, shoots straighter and yells louder than anyone you can imagine. You don't mess with this lady. If you come across her path just smile, say hi and get out of her way!

Everette, John TSgt: John is becoming a jack of all trades. Supply, pay, plumbing, cargo, instructor and master of all sorts of unspeakable deeds. John does it all. "Just ask and ye shall receive" is his motto. We know what you're thinking. Don't ask!!

Hamer, Steven MSgt: The quiet man has once again managed to pull off an entire year in the stealth mode. How does he manage to keep a low profile? We asked the quiet man this question during a rare and unusual personal appearance, and his reply has been misplaced, now the truth may never be made available for public dissemination. Party on -- quietly! More news at eleven.

Irish, John SSgt: This wayward sheriff spends most of his nights flying around in a helicopter peering into windows, looking for bad guys and girls (he's a JAFO now). For this he gets paid? Oh well... we all have our crosses to bear. John is working on his pilots liscense and will soon be added to the list of flying booms here at March. Go for it John!

Johnson, Brent SSgt: This buffed out boom is having the time of his life or so he says. When asked how he feels about flying with the 336th he responded "I can't believe they pay us to do this!". Brent's years of booming are increasing and he has come a long way baby. With his permanent "designated driver" title Brent is a joy to go TDY with. We're expecting great things from this guy.

Massey, Curtis SMSgt: This lean, mean, fighting machine has taken on a whole new life style as Chief of Stan/Eval. Working out every day has become a way of life for Curt. The rest of us are starting to look a little portly by comparison. One thing hasn't changed though, golf is still a high priority in his life and partying hard holds a close second. Wait for me Curt!

McGuane, Deborah MSgt: Speaking of working out, this young lady has muscles showing up all over her body (as far as we know). And speaking of muscles you should see the new Chevy truck this gal drives. Deb has traded in her little, itty, bitty, teenie, weenie, Suzuki Samurai for a big honkin', no batteries required, new, blue Chevy Pick-up Monster Truck. This thing can go from zero to a gazillion in two seconds, carrying a herd of elephants.

Olson, Zendal SMSgt: Let's see... it has been reported that he is the "Son of Elvern - Husband of Holly - Rider of Harley" and of course "Boom Operator Extraordinaire!" But, there is one more thing. None of us could quite put our finger on what it was that made Zen a little different. This year, however, with all the extraordinary activity in space, like the comets hitting Jupiter and the anniversary of man walking on the Moon, Zen's astrological balance was just a bit off keel, and the Boomers of the 336th finally figured it out! Zen is from another planet. He was concerned for the Mother Planet. This was our answer! We love him anyhow! This man has a heart of gold and will do anything for you. If you need something bought, pilfered, someone killed or just maimed, Zen is your man. To him, Boom's blood is always thicker than water. Hey Zen, the mother ship called, pick up your sister on Mars on the way home tonight.

Quasius, Dan TSgt: Doctor Dan to his friends. If you've got an ache, pain or injury call Dr. Dan, he's your man, if he can't fix it no one can. This "would be" boom operator/physical therapist was having a rough time getting all his studying done, so he broke up with the three young ladies he was living with in order to put more energy into his studies. Now Dan comes into work with renewed vitality and his grades have skyrocketed. When asked about it, however, Dan replies "I don't know if it was worth it?"

Skropos, Tina MSgt: Tina had been spending more time at home and less time in the boom pod. However, a renewed interest in departing the pooppy diaper scene has been noted as the avialability sheets are becoming more and more ladened with "fly me" markings from top to bottom. And speaking of cars (which I wasn't) Tina has acquired a speed mobile more commonly known as the Z-28 git-up-and-go mobile. Her hair is usually pointed straight back when she arrives at work, but she won't say how fast she drives.

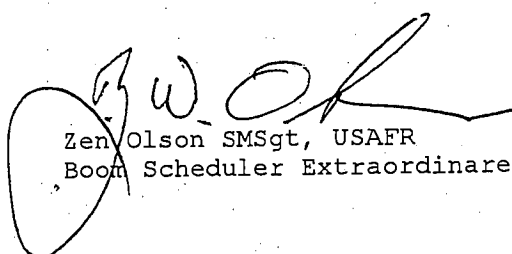
Stidham, Phillip TSgt: This manly man has added a new dimension to his life experiences. Once thought of as the Prince of Party, the Guru of the single man's life and the answer to every single woman's fantasy. Phil is now married and heading toward his third Lamaze class. (Phil, stop that heavy breathing!) The weird, wonderful world of automobile inconveniences is another challenge in Phil's life. This Tennessee raised back woods man has acquired a vintage, cherry red Porsche that has turned into a rock magnet, a hit-and-run magnet and, not to mention, catching the blown rod and flat tire syndrome.

Walker, Maurice MSgt: (Alias Batman) This hard working officer-of-the-law has been busy righting the wrong, pumping the iron, flying the boom and riding his bike. Affectionately known as Moe. Make no mistake, it's best to be on this bad boys good side.

Witt, Robert SRA: The newest addition to the 336th Boom Shop. Bob, a former crew chief right here at March, has made the transition to boomagator. His school dates are in so he'll be on the road to fame and fortune as the 336th moves on.

Wright, Glenn TSgt: More commonly known as Tony to his friends. Tony is now a proud Papa. Between school and changing civilian jobs we don't get to see as much of Tony as we would prefer, but who cares! This master of jazz has the most extensive collection of answering machine messages in the world. We never know what to expect when we call him, but we do know it will be entertaining.

That's it, we're history, more to come next year! Till then, Fly Safe and be good to yourself!!


Zen Olson SMSgt, USAFR
Boom Scheduler Extraordinaire



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 722D AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)



12 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/XOVK & ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 6 AREFS/DOB

SUBJECT: 1994 Boom Signal Input - INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

1. It's been a very busy year for us here at March and it looks as though it'll get tougher before it gets better. We're just about a year away from our move to Travis and our Barksdale and Seymour counterparts are busily moving and resettling during the coming months, so we're trying to take up the slack as best we can. My hat's off to all our booms for doing everything effectively, safely, and professionally, all while working harder and longer than we ever have before.

2. Some of the highlights of the last year...

a. Lots of organizational restructuring which significantly affected enlisted supervisory positions (...who's writing my EPR???). Lots of new job titles and job descriptions out there--a little chaotic at first and there were some hard choices about who should be selected to lead, but we're adapting.

b. We worked our butts off, planning, practicing, preparing, and executing for an overall "Satisfactory" rating for our ORI last September, but we're not bitter! Tactics, ATSO, and chemical defense are all very important for everyone!

c. Short notice deployment to Cairo where we staged for Mogadishu runs in our triple IAK configuration. About 150 pax, 10 pallets (big ones) of baggage, and the sea-skimming tactical arrival into Mogadishu! Pretty exciting stuff, but minimal guidance and some lack of standardization for this configuration brought to light some potential safety problems. We got through it and learned from it, but most of us would not like to do it again.

d. We got one of our jets modified with the Wing Air Refueling Pod (WARP) system. It works sometimes. Maintenance is trying to work out the bugs.

e. Currently deployed to the UAE again (we'll have people there almost up until we move) and prepping for a 15 AF ASEV visit--another opportunity to excel!

3. Moving right along, here's our current lineup:

Superintendent

MSgt Ted Glick--New title, same job. Been a tough year, don't want to talk about it.

CCTS

TSgt Rick Harris--Training program Manager. Don't really have a training flight anymore, now it's CCTS. Rick (Mr Versatility) flies two or three times a week with students, puts in about 30 hours a week on the computer account and network stuff, and still finds time to cut his own hair.

A Flight

MSgt Roger Dumaine--Flight Examiner. Rides a Harley, worships Howard Stern, wants to go to Jersey. Nuff said.

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MSgt Ed Mang--Line Instructor. Until recently, joined at the head with Jeff Harp. Since they were separated, we don't see much of Ed anymore.

TSgt Steve Kleman--Former supply guru, now unemployed; a victim of restructuring. Will be looking for work if he ever comes home from the UAE.

SSgt Rodney Bennett--TSgt Select. Works the computer stuff for us. Bought a house, has retirement orders in hand and a smile on his face.

SSgt Jeff Harp--Ed's Siamese twin. If Jeff's not around, he's on a JAATT with Ed. Seriously though, Jeff was credited with lifesaving first aid for a stabbing victim last year. You might've caught his photo and story in Airman Magazine. I think the work "Hero" was mentioned.

SSgt Joe Duarte--Soon to be squadron scheduler. He smiles way too much so we decided he should be a scheduler. Already counting the money his wife will make when she graduates from school.

SSgt Steve "Jay" Jackson--Mr Happy. Keeps busy with the squadron weapons account. Learned his stealth technique from Ed.

SrA Roman Muñoz--Ladies Man. Old ladies, that is. Chicks dig him; the question is, why? Hangs out with Arendse, and they answer to Beavis or Butthead. Recently the victim of a deranged barber.

B Flight

MSgt Bob Morales--New guy. Just got here and still in school.

TSgt Jim Snyder--IBO wannabe/gonnabe. Starts upgrade school next month. Squadron NCO of the Year. A dedicated, ambitious guy, who's already stepped up to fill the leadership roles so many of his peers work to avoid. Too bad he's got orders to McGuire. A volunteer! And I thought he had good judgment.

SSgt Lou Drummond--Flight Examiner. Mr Horticulture. Tries to give a hundred checks a month.

SSgt Jack Horner--Scheduler. California hater. Looking for a change of scenery. Somewhere besides the dentist's office, that is.

SSgt Dan Elam--Pigpen. A nice way to say it is, Dan's a little eccentric. If you don't believe me, look at the KC-10/B-52 shirt he designed. Someday, Dan's going to be a responsible adult, and I'll be a happy camper.

SSgt Josh Bracht--Scheduler. Fairly new, from Fairchild. Everybody's pal. He wants everybody to just calm down and take it easy. Thinks the drogue works with magnets. Plays rugby so he can't be too smart.

SrA Abel Saenz--SSgt Select. Does a little bit of everything (except talking--does lots of that); works the weapons account, does Self Aid/Buddy Care, coaches the women's softball team. Likes to debate (argue) everything/anything. Says Tonya Harding and O.J. are both innocent.

SrA A. J. Ashby--New guy. Just got out of school and currently doing a fine job in A/R training.

Sgt 1st Class Johan DeKeijzer--A member of the Royal Netherlands Air Force, in training for future work with the Dutch KDC-10.

C Flight

MSgt Rich Link--Flight Supervisor. The only boom supervisor, the other two are engineers! New guy, came to us from CFIC at Castle. Likes the 10, wonders why he didn't come sooner. He might have enough hours to upgrade soon.

TSgt Jay Davis--CCTS Helper. AMC Instructor Boom of the Year! Someday, Jay's going to jump up and take the reins, then watch out! He's going to make things happen, in a cool sort of way.

SSgt Jack Lemons--Flight Examiner. New dad. Did a great job for us as our Airlift Rodeo boom. Always smiling but you gotta wonder what he's thinking.

SSgt Greg Warren--Scheduler. New instructor. Will be leaving us next month for a DONO job. Thinking about starting his own fishing show.

Sgt Lynn "Banzai" Thatcher--Scheduler and part-time bouncer. Likes his music (noise) loud. A natural scheduler; loves to hand out the valve jobs and squadron cleanup.

SrA Dave Arendse--SSgt Select. Recent ALS graduate and Squadron Airman of the Quarter. These credentials, however, did not impress the guy who stole his truck. Dave's now driving a Honda, with Roman, presumably, doing the backseat driving.

SrA Jeff Tait--SSgt Select. Demolition man. Needs the new stripe to pay damages after his two year-old son drove his station wagon into the house across the street. Nobody hurt, so we can laugh (a lot).

SrA Jay Hermosillo--Mr Fitness. Another ladies man. Currently on the road lots, trying to finish his cargo training. Doing very well (with both cargo and the ladies) for a new guy.

Attached

MSgt Larry Strong--Ops Group DOV. Loves to make metrics slides for all those high-level meetings he's always going to. Don't call him; he'll put you on that damn speaker-phone!

MSgt Bob "Bo Bo" Friesen--Alert Facility Manager. Yeah, I know alert's gone. We do have a couple of ANG F-16's on interceptor alert here, so Bo Bo is babysitting them 'till he retires. He then plans to be king of vending machines for Southern California. A dad again (a boy).

SSgt Tony Ceraolo--Current Ops. Mr Attitude has orders to Germany for an ALCS job. Designated POC for beer in the UAE.

SSgt Dean Pickering--Wing Scheduling. Has apparently, like Surovy, taken leave of his senses, and is returning to the -135. Wait, it gets better--they're both going to be CCTS instructors at Altus! Looking for a good fini-trip.

SSgt Randy Zaiontz--Here TDY enroute to Travis. Trying to get most of his training done. Lives in a motel room--sounds like fun.

Departures

MSgt Joe Surovy--Altus bound to be a CCTS Instructor. Currently at Castle, brushing up on -135 stuff.

SSgt Randy Johnson--ALCS weenie. Went to Kadena. At least now we can use the phone.

AB James O'Brien--Convicted felon. Did drugs, now doing time. Any questions?

4. That's about it, I hope I didn't forget anybody. Feel free to drop by if you're ever in the neighborhood. If you'd like to call us, our numbers are DSN 947-3040/3650/2646. Fly safe!

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In-Flight Refueling Superintendent

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

8 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOMS

FROM: 43 ARG/DOV

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

Greetings from the 43 ARG, the Great White North and the best of the Big Sky Boomers. Its was nice to be home but like everyone else out there 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. If at one time in your travels pass through our doors, come in sit, have a cup of coffee and enjoy the view. We live in building 300 and the 91st has moved over to the three bay.

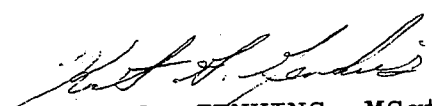
SMSgt John Randall: (Senior boom, DOV) Between the two horses, new truck, and a horse trailer that's the size of a mobile home he's still a busy camper. Over in England now, should be home in about a month. Wonder how the fly fishing is over there?

SMSgt Thomas Cole: (CVI) Ineligible to test for CMSgt, TOPCAP, and I am outta here. Back to college for 2-1/2 years for my masters in education.

MSgt Kent Jenkins: (DOV) (Gramps) Got 2 horses now, still live out in the middle of nowhere, gave up on the Cowboy idea, to many sad songs, three grand kids. I retire the first part of next year, you'll find me out on Belt Creek fishing, stop by, the fishing is fair the beers cold and whiskeys warm.

MSgt Douglas Jess: (OSX) Doug was supposed to write this but he's nowhere to be found, I checked on the Missouri, I searched on the Clark and I looked on the Smith. Not to worry Doug normally winters here at Malmstrom. Looks like I'll just have to get my rod and fish, (I mean look), on the Belt.

SSgt Matthew Karnauskas: (OSTK) (Krash) A very proud new father. Will be getting out of the Air Force about the middle of next year, look for the biggest computer sales company in Great Falls when you want to find him.


KENT A. JENKINS, MSgt, USAF
43 ARG Program Manager

91st AREFS Malmstrom AFB MT

"Big Sky Booms"

Now part of the 43rd Air Refueling Group. Our numbers have dwindled considerably in the last year. The 97th moved to Fairchild AFB WA. and took some good booms with it. Most of the diehard Montana's are still here. Some are planning to retire soon and others are hoping to enjoy Montana as long as possible. KC-135 guard unit maybe? Rumors continue to fly. Here's the latest line up of the booms still at Malmstrom:

MSgt Doug Simmons: ("Chief Boom" Operations Superintendent) Still trying to figure out what his job title is and what he's suppose to be doing. Enjoying every minute of it.

MSgt Jacob Vogt III (Flight Supervisor) Never wrote a EPR in his life, do we still get 9's? Wants to be NCOIC at the gym.

MSgt John Lobenberg: (Flight Supervisor) Retire when? Did you say you wanted a Quarter pounder with cheese or a Big Mac? Doing a great job in his flight. Loves those awards and dec's.

TSgt Ricky Geiger: (Flight Supervisor) Hopefully soon to be MSgt. Waiting on a supplemental board. Want-a-be professional squadron golfer. That's if his wife will let him.

TSgt Robert Hillegeist: (CLT Manager) 80 acre rancher, farmer extraordinaire. His wife got a full-time job so he says its time to quit and take care of the farm.

TSgt Timothy Sawyers: (Stan Eval) Just completed NCO academy with honors. Still has flashbacks of being a Gunner and we wonder why the deer population here has gone down.

TSgt Terry Klementz: (Chief Scheduler) Montana's Best Military Fly Fisherman. If you can't name the top thirty dry fly's and tie them yourself, you ain't s--t.

TSgt Dan Wells: (Chief Training) Currently at Barksdale AFB LA(NCO Academy) learning how to be a better professional NCO. Married now with a family of four(wife,three dogs).

TSgt Kevin Holmgren: Recent DG(did graduate) at the NCO academy. Kids softball coach downtown. One of the last single booms left.

SSgt Thomas Unerfesser: (Stan Eval) Was Mr. scheduling during Saudi deployment. Who said you need a nav to do this.

SSgt Jimmy Deitz: On loan to CCTS at Castle, been gone for four months. Wants to get into dirt track racing if the commander will let him.

SSgt Steven Hines: Works in scheduling . He may someday become a regular boom again. Doing great keeping everyone flying.

SSgt Ryan Cermak: He has a problem with steps. While his ankle heeled he learned about the mobility part of AMC.

SSgt Gary Hall: KC-10 bound in December. Sorry to lose him to the 10's. They're getting a good boom.

SRA Phil (eddie) Money: SSgt select, has been DNIF for six months. Hope to get him back up to speed soon. Definitely a jack-of-all-trades in the squadron.

SRA Timothy Arsenault: SSgt select, one of our brightest young instructors. Always willing to learn more. We expect great things from this young man.

SRA Jonathan Webb: He is the tall one in his flight. Gave up his instructor slot to finish college "imagine that". Palace Chasing it. Good Luck!

SRA Mitchell Burnett: Did not like all the TDY's. Cross training into Civil Engineering. Top notch performer we're going to miss.

SRA Chris Ochoa: "Snoozy Boy" will be upgrading pretty soon, if we can keep him awake that long. Super kid.

SRA Nicole Moats: Preg-go to the max. First boom baby at Malmstrom. Helping in ground scheduling until the magic moment.



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06 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR All Booms Everywhere in the World

FROM: 314 ARS/DOB
5435 Price Ave.
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SUBJECT: 1994 Boom Signal

Hil Greetings from the Sacramento River Rats!! Hard to believe another year has passed. For the 314th it has been another year of tremendous change. To start off, we made our move from the now closed Mather AFB to our new temporary home across the street at McClellan AFB. We are now waiting/ wondering when we will move to Beale AFB. On top of all the moves, we are still getting ready for our ORI which has been pushed back to Aug. 95'. In between all this we have been participating in Restore Hope, Dynamic Impact, Cobra Gold and Deny Flight, but we are still waiting for our first Channel Mission. Here's what's happen' to the crew.

1. CMS Jim "Elvis" Welborn - Can be found most weekends escaping to the river on his boat. Still does gigs around Sacramento and continues to ride herd on his river rats.
2. SMS Ron "D" DiLorenzo - Still hanging on with 12,000 hours! Can't wait to retire and go fishing down at the river. What will the schedule be like without him?
3. MSgt Bob Renn - Playing Santa Claus in Stan Eval. WE LOVE HIM! Just bought a new home in Roseville in anticipation of our move to Beale.
4. MSgt Dave Myrick - Always ready to cut out for a beer! Waiting for him to get a fancy red sports car, mid-life crisis or what?! Still with UPS and still climbing. Frisky, frisky, frisky!!!
5. MSgt Ray Parker - Went to Thailand and relived lots of old memories. Tired of flying the heavy iron and ready to retire to his project planes. We think he is building a B-52 in his garage, Renee doesn't mind.
6. MSgt Ron Thomas - An ART again. Ron's wife got a job in Ohio, so he'll be movin in 1995. Anybody need a used boom?
7. MSgt Ann Walters - Still here and still Ann. Unfortunately she doesn't talk much due to her top secret job at McClellan - but we still don't know what that job is...Mr. Right is around the corner!
8. TSgt Michael "Spike" Bell - Hanging out on the river with his new boat and (hopefully) a fresh stogie in his mouth! If he is not at home you can find him at the Virgin Sturgeon, or just call any local virgin, if it's not too late! Recently he was promoted to training flight- we wish him luck!
9. TSgt Frans "Flying Dutchman" Stenken - Still an expert at passing gas to the aircraft as well as the aircrew! I hear there is a herring shortage in Sweden. Always a beloved ART.

10. TSgt Julie (Juls) Green - Ready to enter her third year of law school but can still hold her own at the bar! Recently carried out of Fanny Ann's by two very large bouncers, screaming, "All I want is a hug and everyone to love each other!" The token flower child of the Squadron.

11. TSgt Mike Mecum - Still a sheriff. If he misses his window of opportunity in the morning with the boys room, he's hell to be around on the UTA. He never misses a free meal at the chowhall?

12. TSgt Janie "Chickaboom" Smith - Chickaboom is on the road a lot, but hasn't got to Fairchild for survival training. We're still waiting for her to become a "real boom." They'll catch up to her one day! She brought her horse down from Oregon and is doing a lot of riding.

13. SSgt Todd Ruth - Is he 21 yet? Where you see Spike, you see Todd; everyone seems to think the relationship is getting serious. Our little trougher wants an ART job... why? Mucho mucho mandays! Will he ever finish his degree?

14. SSgt Jenny "Munchkin" Wieland - Her husband is leaving for PJ training. By the time Rob comes back from training, Jenny will have her bachelor's degree! Watch out corporate America! Jenny can't seem to stay out of trouble with Julie around.

15. Sra John "Wally" Wahleithner - The youngest of our booms, but at least looks older than Todd. Still using the old "I'm John F. Kennedy's younger cousin" as a sure-fire pick up line. He is looking at going to Medical School - maybe he'll find a cure for his projectile vomiting problem.

Breakaways -

MSgt Bob Allen - Retired in 1992 when we were still at Mather. Loves teaching and retirement!

MSgt Roy Gould - Couldn't fly without Buddy Bob, so he joined the retirement list, again!

MSgt Wayne Ebner - Ended up transferring to Randolph, we are very sorry to see him go.

MSgt Dave Comstock - Transferred to be Chief in the Command Post.

MSgt Brian (B.J.) O'Rourke - Freezing his A*s off at Selfridge, He's begging to come back.

MSgt Ed Wolfkamp - Went to the East Coast to work with his brother. Hope he's happy.

TSgt Jack "Jurassic Jack" Hansen - Loves his Harley and still looking for the perfect biker chick.

TSgt Dan Quasius - Went down south to develop his "physical therapy" skills and with the 336th.

SSgt Tom "Butthead" Killian - Went for a better life down with the Gucci boys at Riverside.

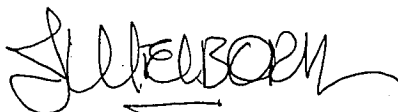
SSgt Larry Naso - Quickly followed Tom to Riverside to fly the 10. Do we here wedding bells?

Contacts -

Johnny Pullen - Our future Iron man.

If you're ever in town dropping a jet off at depot, using our simulator, or just TDY look us up and we'll have a cold one with you!

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JIM WELBORN, CMS, USAFR
Air Refueling Program Manager

344th Air Refueling Squadron Booms MCCONNELL AFB Kansas

Greetings from Kansas. We're not in ~~—Your State Here—~~ Anymore!!! Who would-a-thunk it? Last year at this time we were all wondering what was going to happen, now we're all wondering what happened! The 344th has been in operation at McConnell since the 29th of April and we have been running full speed ever since. Nine days after the squadron activated we went to the Big Sandbox to deliver U-2 parts and people. Five weeks later we sent two airplanes and crews to Mildenhall, we have made three stateside JOPES airlift missions, and another run to the Desert. We even put a set of rollers on the Q-Model to go pick up some cargo. Not bad for a squadron operating at 50% manning. Meanwhile we have been trying to get up to speed on everything else a squadron does for a living. Those of you in new squadrons at the super wings know exactly what I'm talking about. It has been an interesting time and it's not over yet. We are working hard to get everyone settled in. It is a real eye opening experience to have 90% of the squadron trying to settle in to a new base at the same time. The Wing has been a big help. Chief Sharpe, SMS Hall and SMS Swilling have been very helpful in pointing us in the right direction and giving up people to help us get going.

We are in the process of converting from the "Q" to the "T" model. We have one T assigned to the squadron now, but no pilots qualified to fly it! We are working on that problem now and expect to start flying it frequently very soon. Since most of us came from Q model bases, we are looking to our R-Model guys to get us qualified as quickly as possible. They tell us that we should be fully converted by Jan 95; also that our check is in the mail.

As interesting as it has been, life still goes on and new problems and challenges arise all the time for us to deal with. With the "new" role of the KC-135, receiver unit requirements are being covered by fewer active duty tankers. This means longer times on track and the potential for more incidents. Chapter 17 of MCR 51-135 addresses boom operator fatigue. We need to make sure that we are not overextending ourselves when we have three to four hours on track. Getting tired after extended refueling is not an assault on your boom operator abilities, but a fact of life. Don't be afraid to tell the receiver that you need a break and he will have to wait while you take one. We are trying to put two boom operators on any refueling that is three hours or more. Sometimes this is not possible. Remember that if you are tired and have an accident, there are more people than just yourself that could get hurt.

On a final note, thanks to Chief Harris and MSgt Heineman on making all the assignments. They had to make some tough choices and we appreciate their efforts. I know everyone didn't get their first choice, but I think that most people did. We can say absolutely that everyone got one of their first three choices!

Here's our current lineup:

MSgt Glenn Faught: Chief Boom and official head scratcher. I have learned how to say "I don't know" often and well. After spending so much time at Dyess, I forgot that there are other bases and other ways to do things.

MSgt Paul Lowe: A-Flight Supervisor and TDY Hog. Retires in just under a year and says his goal is to spend less than 30 days on McConnell.

~~MSgt Jim Norris~~: B-Flight Supervisor. Every time he goes to a squadron, they close it! I wonder how long we can expect to keep this squadron open.

TSgt Bob "Blob" Yelverton: Mobility NCO and ex-gunner. He talks a lot but doesn't say much. Maybe we can keep beating him until all of the gunner is gone.

TSgt (Sel) Joe Halenka: "Elmer Fudd" Joe just got a line number for Tech. Just returned from ETTF. "Kill the Wabbit". Sprained his ankle acting like "Hare Jordan"

SSgt Dan Rhodenbaugh: "Hoss" Stan/Eval boomer. Still has light rime icing around his toes from Loring. We expect him to finally thaw out next year about the time he gets out.

SSgt Rick Brack: Came from Ellsworth, rides a Harley, even has the big chain that hangs from his belt when he rides. I never understood why Harley keys were so big.

~~SSgt Jimmy Bautista~~: Plays golf with his wife's clubs, he says it's easy to hit the ball with them, but his bra keeps creeping up into his armpits on tee shots. To his credit, he looks really good in that little skirt though.

Sgt Tom Morrison: (Ssgt Selectee) Self help guru. Still wanting to get his Staff stripe. Has a good attitude though, "At least I'm not a SrA"

Sra John King: Finally got his act together and the dog ate it! Still likes to complain. "I wish I was at least a Sergeant".

Sra Travis Williams: I assume that he is assigned to the squadron. I've caught glimpses of him twice already.

A1C Randy Kay: Just signed in from Altus. I asked him what he thought about TDY's. He said that it was the only way of life he knew! Maybe we can give him a break long enough to recognize his wife two out of three times.

SrA Dennis Struve: Ground Scheduler. He has never flown a Q Model but he is so big I'm afraid to ask him to qualify.

We are still waiting for people to arrive and bring us up to full manning so we can take up more room in the Boom Signal. Meanwhile, we will be seeing you in the world as soon as Roller Runs start again (if we get the big engines).

349th Air Refueling Squadron Booms

McConnell A.F.B. Kansas

Greetings from the southern tier and the land of affordable and abundant housing. We've all been very busy since the last signal came out, moving and setting up a new squadron. The 349th was the first new squadron to stand up on 29 Feb. The day we stood up we instantly had 10 booms who were PCA'd from the 384th. Most of them though were deployed to Sig, France, and Kenya. The rest of our guys have trickled in from the Burg, the Land of Not, Barksdale, and Malmstrom. Things started out rather slowly at first with most of our guys and gals deployed, but since their return, we've made great strides setting up a boom shop. Things are looking pretty good now with most of our major programs up and running. Our flying taskings have been extremely heavy lately. Lots of double tracks and even some triple tracks. (4.5 hrs of chin-on-the ball time) We try to put two booms on them, but often don't have the luxury. Hopefully, things will smooth out some when the 344th and 350th get all their people. Having three different types of tankers in the squadron (R's, T's, and R/T's) have provided us with some very unique challenges as you can well imagine. We get our first sets of rollers this month. We're all looking forward to getting back into the channel business. We're not holding our breath though. I'll believe it when I'm sitting at the "La Hacienda" in Yokota eating a #3 and slurping a margarita. Well that's about all from the 349th. Until next year - see ya around the channel.(maybe!)

The line up:

SMSgt Scott (Swil) Swilling (Chief Boom) Always thought Hooterville was a fictitious town on Green Acres then bought a house there. Is rumored that he is running for mayor, justice of the peace or city dog catcher.

A-Flt

TSgt (MSgt select) John (J.B.) Beringer (A-Flt Chief). Packs a loaded 9mm in his helmet bag. Finally got his wish and is leaving McConnell. Got a conversion team job at Birmingham. Has so many guns and so much ammo, he's starting a chain of stores called Guns "R" Us - or WWII.

SrA Bart (I got a job to do) Jordan. Bart is our resident computer guru, has more degrees than a thermometer. Bart will be heading up our training flt.

SrA Rick (Slick Rick) Clark. After his frontal lobotomy, returned from leave and volunteered for scheduling. Our condolences.

SrA Claire (Moyes) Larson. Came to us from the 384th leaving hubby Byron behind. Now there's another Larson on the way. Trying to figure out what squadron he or she will go to.

SSgt Tony (P+9) Panganiban. In between a generous TDY schedule and getting ready for CFIC, Tony's trying to build a house.

SSgt Barry (I write the song's) Mayhew. Our newest CFIC candidate, He not only writes the songs he thinks he wrote the book. Also known as "Mr. Boeing". Barry can be seen on pg. 56 of your Sears catalog modeling mens underwear.

SrA Moses (The Big Kahuna) Menchaca. Moses holds the record for the most double and triple A/R tracks back to back in the 349th. (Thanks Ray) The squadron is some what concerned because Moses is wondering where the Beringer gun store is located.

SrA Glen (Bronco Billy) Stallard. At the local rodeo arena has taken first three times in a row. Does barrel racing against little girls. Also won the squadron challenge "Meet me or Beat me" hair cut contest.

B-Flt

TSgt Steve (Babes-R-Us) Yavornitzki (B-Flt Chief). Likes it so much here he bought his own bachelor pad and is shopping for a hot tub. Drives Mr. Vett around with the top down and the AC on because he can and it impresses the babes. He's also been riding the local girl scout rodeo circuit with Bronco Billy.

SrA Fred (Fast Fred) Ramey. Fred is known for how fast he can mission plan, fly, debrief and get home.

SrA John (Do you know I once killed a possum with a stick) Wanner. He and Alex Smith are sharing an apartment. Together they have more women than a Tupperware convention.

SrA Alex (T.C. (Two chocks)) Smith. Your typical Air Force poster child, breaking women's hearts daily. To the local women, the Wanner/ Smith apartment is known as "The Pleasure Palace".

Sgt Steve (Private Pyle) Huggins. Full Metal Jacket not Gomer. Pyle is our resident T.O. monitor and softball coach. He also oversees the black market concession Mafia on base. He also just bowled a 300 game and is considering going pro. So watch for him on ESPN.

Retirees

MSgt Frank (Mr. IBM) Tesser After 22 years Frank stows the boom for the last time. Can't tell how many little Frank Tessers are out there. The boom field will miss you.

MSgt Fred (Forrest Gump) Calkin Fred is the most decorated NCO on McConnell AFB. After 24 yrs the shrapnel wound in his aft hatch finally healed so the Air force didn't want him any more.

MSgt Bobby (When I was S101 boom at Kadena-n-stuff) Cochran Wanted the Golden Knights to post the colors at his retirement ceremony, but they were tied up with air shows. He did go out with a very dignified ceremony though. There were many in attendance each of whom signed up on a 1522 which was conveniently placed by the punch bowl.

Attached

TSgt Ray (What do you mean you can't do 4 1/2 hours of A/R by yourself) Frey. Still in scheduling with no plans to leave. The only time we see Ray is when he wants to get recurrent.

TSgt Mike (Secret Squirrel) Sage Our resident special ops guru. Speaks softly and carries a big boom.

SSgt Michelle (Call me butter bar) Eastridge has given up the boom field to become a maintenance officer. Good luck Michelle. Ma'am

SrA Loren (Have you asked your Ops officer) Will. The only enlisted chief of scheduling in the command. Is currently working on a step promotion to captain. Also giving advice to Boeing therefore doesn't think he has to take a Q model EP test.

Inbounds (Subject to change)

SSgt Linscott-Mildenhall
Sgt Frownfelter-Griffis
SrA MacIntosh-Plattsburgh
SrA Estagin-Plattsburgh
SrA Milligan-Altus
A1C Resler-New Meat

22 ARW / 350 ARS



Just a note from the fourth and final squadron here at McConnell. The 350 opened its doors for business on 30 June at McConnell. There is alot of work to be done but with only 2 A/C there is plenty of time to get it done. SMSgt Allen has ended his Hardship tour at Hickman and will be cracking the whip here at the 350 ARS. We are currently deployed to the alert facility but will be gaining our new home in October. A has been B-1 building, that is very nice. Don't have any good phone numbers for the new building yet so contact one of the secondary Air Refueling Squadrons or the 349 ARS here at McConnell, and always remember to save the best for last!!

350 BOOM ROSTER

SMSGT HARRY ALLEN- Just arrived on station , trying to gain his geographical awareness isn't sure why he gave the waves up for "Amber Waves Of Grain."

MSGT CLYDE SOUMAS- Held down the fort until the recent arrival of the "GRAND POOBAH", is extremely happy that his Northern Tier Tour was held to under 1 year.

MSGT SUB KEISTER- Signed in from Ellsworth, and is now a " Lost Wingman."

TSGT LARRY HOPKINS- Will be attending CFIC in September , Arrived from Griffis and is looking to tackle the world.

TSGT STEVE KUNKHAMMER Also known as "Klinkinhammerschintzelstien", little well unknown fact; Klink was the author, producer, and director of GRUMPY OLD MEN and is currently pursuing a sequel .

SSGT TROY LAWSON- After 6 years at Minot has finally escaped the Perma Frost and Man Eating Mosquitos. Remains to be the quiet, timid, docile creature that he has always been. He currently has a little one in the holdin pattern.

SGT RICK MCKENA- After three assignments in the past 12 months is looking for a place to call home. Lets hope he doesn't have the same affect on McConnell AFB as he did on Grissom and Ellsworth. (i.e. Closed)

SRA BILL FARRIS - New arrival from the land of Ted Turner and Jane Fonda (Malmstrom), He also just tied the knot with a Hoosier he met during his Grissom days, Congrats!

The following individuals are projected to the 350 ARS but are holding out until after the tornado season !!

MSGT BOWSER

SGT LANKES

SRA HORTON

SRA SMITH

SRA STEINER

SRA AUSTIN

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOMS

12 August 1994

FROM: 384 th ARS, "TEAM McCONNELL"

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

Greetings from the LAND of OZ! Don't you just love Kansas. Under the 22 ARW, the 384 ARS has broken up to make the 344 ARS, the 349 ARS and the 350 ARS. All this and TDYs too! This past year the 384th has exchanged money in Africa, Italy, Turkey, Japan, Korea and Panama, just to name a few. In the new year, the 384th will be in Saudi Arabia and Panama. If fun in the sun is your thing, there is still time to put in your PCS orders before the Christmas rush. We are currently remodeling the Squadron as well as our tankers. What's next? The wing is growing rapidly, so if you are around this part of the world, just ignore the construction. Below are the survivors of the split-up:

SSgt Joe Barry-Made Staff Sergeant and became an instructor. He is also one of the few people you'll meet who volunteered for scheduling.

SSgt Mark Batties-He also became an instructor. Can't seem to keep his weave trimmed. Greatest contribution to the squadron is coffee management.

SSgt Melton Brewer-One of the last of the bachelors and plans to keep it that way. Is also a self help instructor and with time will be self help evaluator.

~~SSgt Nick Burney~~ Just made Staff selectee today (11 Aug 94). Took the risk of painting the OPS Officer's Porsche. Opted to trade his Ford Mustang for a Chevy Camaro for reason's unknown. Bound for Beautiful Altus, OK.

SrA Greg Carron-Not only is he a boom, but also squadron legal advisor and home improvement manager. He freed himself from the ball and chain. Now, he spends more time in court and hanging drywall than flying.

SrA Matt Courtney-Arrived in Jan. from Loring AFB. Will be getting married in England this summer. Fertility.....NOT A PROBLEM. Just found out he will be father of twins. Thinks he'll still have time to fish. Often gets lost when work is needed in the squadron.

SrA Pat Denson-New from K.I. Sawyer. No kids, no women, no life but he seems to have a close relationship with himself. Of all the booms, he's the only DORMRAT. Learned his lesson about civilian clothes and cameras in restricted areas at Osan.

TSgt Larry Greenfield- Our A Flight Boom. He would spend more time on the lake if his boat wasn't in the shop. When he isn't hitting rocks in the lake he's pulling it through McDonald's DRIVE THRU signs. Needs to make MSgt to keep up with cost of repairs.

~~SMSgt Gary Hall~~ Has Lost numerous amounts of hair over the last year and is not only Hair Club member but a majority stock holder. Purchased a Shop Smith a year ago with no intention to use it.. If interested in a Shop Smith or know how to assemble it his DSN is 743-3366.

~~SSgt Leanny Hall~~ Has left us for greener pastures in Altus, OK. Had to go to the one base with less trees than McConnell. A newlywed, instead of spending his money on hunting, he bought a house in Altus and new furniture for it. The honeymoon ended abruptly when he was sent to France as the staff boom.

SSgt Tom Hess- One of our two newest instructors. Awarded the glamorous job of Cargo Load Manager. Could possibly be the nicest guy in the Air Force. Ask him to show you his intricate model of the outboard flap assembly. He's very proud of it. Finally realized nice guys finish last, if at all.

SrA Hannah Kahahawai (formerly Watson)-Try to say that 3 times real fast. Came from Minot. Just got married and is expecting a baby in Feb. Our star softball player but unfortunately mistakes her face for the glove.

Sgt Byron Larsen-Got married to Claire Moyes, a 349th Boom. While they were TDY to Kenya. He also has a baby on the way. Has recently been upgraded to Pubs. Monitor.

TSgt Bricker Martin-The second of our two newest instructors. He's also the B Flight boom. We haven't figured out if he's training for the Tour de France or he just likes the cute little outfit.

~~SSgt Clint Reed~~ Stan Eval to scheduling and back to the squadron as assistant to the assistant cargo load manager. If he keeps this up he'll be a simple crew dog before long. Recently remarried and looking to retire in 1995.

SrA Jason Ryan-Recently from Barksdale AFB. Can't say no to his woman. Loves to look at himself in the mirror. When he sees this we could all be in trouble because he's a Black Belt in Karate. Going for the James Dean look on his new motorcycle.

~~CMSgt David Sharpe~~ Cross trained from Gunner to Boom and came to us from Griffiss AFB as our Wing Stan Eval. Takes pride in his Harley Davidson. A real sharpe guy, he bears a strong resemblance to Sam Malone.

SrA Dennis Struve-Out of squadron into scheduling. Schedules himself for good TDY's (ie Bermuda). Spent all TDY money on a 94 Cougar XR7 fully loaded.

~~SSgt Cynthia Tesser~~ Took a gamble on another four years of service or a payment to get out. Her gamble paid off. She's going to take the money and run. She and Frank will most likely spend it scuba diving.

SSgt Chris Zaher-Is being sent to Stan Eval to evaluate the best booms in AMC. An all around good guy who loves TDY's. Has to shut off car alarm every time a B-1 is in the area.

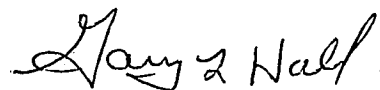
SrA Tony Aparicio-Whenever he's TDY he has the family in tow. When he's not TDY you'll find him at home or tooling around on his motorcycle. Definitely the stealthiest boom in the squadron.

~~MSgt Cleveland Moore~~ Now works in the secret world of DONO. Can be found restoring his cars or fishing the beautiful lakes and streams of Kansas.

SrA Sean Swieringa-Came here from Griffiss AFB. Had his truck broken into twice and hail damage all in the first couple of months. Likes to wear his blues for awards and mess dress if available. Talk to him sometime and you'll understand why they call him Popeye.

This information is for *public humility* use only.

Pat Denson, SrA
Hannah Kahahawai, SrA
Sean Swieringa, SrA
Matt Courtney, SrA
Boomers ?



Gary L. Hall, SMSgt
Senior Boom



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS, 186TH AIR REFUELING GROUP (AMC)
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/XOVK
ALL BOOMERS

FROM: 186TH ARG/DOTB (MSgt Ed Mikell)

SUBJECT: Boom Signal - INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

Greetings from the new Magnolia Militia! For the last two years we have been pressing forward with establishing ourselves as a partner in the tanker community. Our boomers checked out quickly and we have now established a strong instructor force. Our conversion was completed one year ahead of schedule. This was nothing short of a miracle, since our runway was closed for 19 months and we operated out of Columbus AFB. The 21st Air Force ASEV inspectors are departing our unit as I write this letter. To quote Lt General Armstrong's closing remarks, "This is the best report on a unit to date, active or reserve." These good old "boys" have that one winning quality that always insures success, "positive attitudes." Also, a special thanks to Knoxville, Phoenix, and Milwaukee for their assistance during our conversion. Mississippi is one of the most beautiful places on earth. In addition to mother natures contributions, there are now dozens of casinos scattered throughout the state. Lots of fun and everyone is welcome. Drop in and help us smell the sweet magnolias. You will find our southern hospitality outstanding. The Boom office DSN is 778-9473.


EDWARD L. MIKELL, MSgt, MS ANG
Air Refueling Program Manager

186th BOOM LINE UP

GLENN HANCOCK - I know I'm strong enough to open this crew entry door. Hey! What the Hell hit me and why am I bleeding?! Look, there's Elvis and little stars.....

RICK ROBINSON - Don't drink andrun? Young Mothers Against Runners constantly picket his house.

LEE MARTIN - Don't worry boom, that F-16 got vectors from Houston Center, he'll make it home.....somehow.

GERALD HARPER - I may sweat and turn pink, but I've got personality. Hazardous cargo expert.

TOM STAMPER - Hit with a recent paternity suit. He's so old he was named as the child's grandfather.

CHUCK SMITH - I swear it was a really hard shot! The tree was tall and the bear only ate the sole of my boot.

NED MCCORMICK - Mr. Public Relations! I bet you I can take a pilot's E.P. test and pass it! Excuse me, does anyone have some spare change for lunch? I am really hungry.

ROBBIE KNIGHT - That Thunderbird pilot is lying, his paint still looks good enough for an airshow!

JR BENSON - Doopey, sleepy, or droopey, they all fit. Why are you called Pee-Wee?

RONNIE BLACKWELL - If its an animal, he's killed it. If it swims, he's caught it. If it foams, he's drank it Hmmm.

SONNY MCCARRA - Pilot, I need power now if I'm going to complete my preflight. What? Yes, I guess it would help if I started the APU with a generator. Hmmm, so that's why I am always running behind.

JOHN MASSEY - Stump breaks animals for a living. Do cows look better in pantyhose or silk stockings?

LANE MEADOWS - The postman without a gun. Looks like a prune with legs.

MIKE POWELL - Women always feel sorry for him. Lay your little red head on my bosom you poor baby.

BLAKE STANLEY - Only three payments left on my new neck. Crusin' timber and watching the antelope play. Life's great!

AL RIGDON - Brain surgeon. Could be the world's greatest Liberal Arts major in the world.

TONY BOYKIN - Wake up Tony, your plane is leaving. Swears women love Fire Fighters.

STEVE LEWIS - I don't care if it is midnight, the Commander will be glad to hear from me! . . .Sir, I don't remember why I woke you up.



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HEADQUARTERS 157TH AIR REFUELING GROUP
PEASE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, NEW HAMPSHIRE



From: 157 ARG/DOTB (TSgt Dave Lajoie)
Subject: 1994 Boom Signal
To: Boom Operators

Hello again from all the Booms in New Hampshire!

We've faced another extremely busy and ambitious schedule, and as with all of you, we'll probably find the same next year.

The big news...hot off the press...what was once the northeast's Pease Tanker Task Force, then the Plattsburgh TTF, has now become the Northeast Pease/Bangor TTF. (We get the heavies, Bangor gets the fighters.) We're looking forward to the added refueling sorties, as our schedule has been filled with Cargo/Troop hauling missions. So if your here TDY, we're ready to show you a good time!

We're still in the process of getting our booms proficient with the Channel Missions. Most feel the roller system works extremely smooth, though a few important issues need to be addressed, such as carrying pax with less than desirable/required aisle space. Our missions so far have been 3 days, Pease to McGuire, to Lajes and back. Some of us are anxious to experience the "real Channel"...the 5 + day missions.

We've completed our E to R model conversion, and have assisted in training new booms from units transitioning from fighter to tanker aircraft. To all you new Booms out there, welcome to the tanker community and call us if you need a hand.

At this time we're getting our daily taskings of Rwanda "Support Hope" missions. As luck would have it, just as the relief effort began, we were also committed to 1 week at Volk Field.

Conventional tasking...it's a whole new ball game folks! CWDE, ATSO, Condition Red, duck and dive...as much fun as Survival School! Seriously though, we learned a lot, with a commendable effort from everyone. We'll be back in April 95.

Other than that we may have crossed paths pulling alert in Iceland, or in Istres France, during Deny Flight. Judging from all the smiles and stories, Istres must be one of those "rare good deals".

Here's our current list of Boomers, with more to come in the near future:

FULL TIME SUPPORT

CMSgt Ray Richardson - Chief Boom
SMSgt Steve Morgan - Stan Eval
SMSgt Dave Frohlich - retiring CLT
MSgt Kelly Philbrick - Scheduler
MSgt Denis Boucher - CLT
TSgt Mike Blandina - Training
TSgt Elaine D'Orto - Pubs
TSgt Dave Lajoie - Crew Comm

PROFESSIONAL GUARDSMEN

MSgt Dick Ellis - rent-a-boom
TSgt Mark St. Cyr - machinist
TSgt John Lennon - take your pick
TSgt Glenn Senechal - postman
~~TSgt Daryll Pettis - DEA~~
TSgt John Gibb - searching medical professional
SSgt Mark Giovannettone - coffee entrepreneur
TSgt Tony Casella - computer programmer/machinist
SSgt Glenn Starkweather - landscaper
SSgt Jim Doyle - builder/contractor

Finally its time to say good-by to SMSgt Dave Frohlichchch. He's been with the unit since 1968. Needless to say his experience and professionalism will be missed. He'll continue making the big bucks with his wife in the concession business. Take care Dave and all the best!

As an added note, for those of you who know Phil Weiss, he's been battling cancer and still fighting like a champ...feel free to send a card.

**NEW YORK AIR NATIONAL GUARD
107TH AIR REFUELING GROUP
NIAGARA FALLS, IAP N.Y. 14304**

**FROM: 107TH ARG, BOOMERS
SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL
TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS**

Greetings from all the baby Boomers at one of the newest KC-135R units. For those of you who don't know us, we've been on the other end of the boom for the last 46 years (most recently with F-16'S). Well that's enough about our past, let's talk about the present. Our present Boomers are:

SMSGT Jack Tuchols (Air Tech) - Former Marine, and our fearless leader. His Instructor from Castle is now our AF Advisor, you figure it out!

SMSGT Harold Clark (Air Tech) - Alias "The Senator". known for his political clout. Dead Ringer for Paul Newman.

TSGT Dave Hess (Part Timer) - AKA "Field Marshall Von Hess", Guinness book record holder for the largest helmet size. Ego XXL.

TSGT Jim "Budha" Cichocki (Air Tech) - From PATCO to ACT. Went from pumping tin to pumping gas with a stop at PMEL.

TSGT Dave Wohleben (AGR) - AKA "The Smoozer", most politicians kiss babies, Dave kisses A__!

TSGT Jim Sievert (AGR) - Scheduler. No wonder he has the most sorties flown, and gets all the good trips.

TSGT Jay Hopper (Air Tech) - AKA "Floyd The Barber". Mayberry was never quite like this.

TSGT Sam Davies (Air Tech) - AKA "The Parrot", Right side hydraulics have failed, flaps 50.

TSGT Bob Major(Air Tech) - Ex EOD. Don't sneak up on Bob and yell BOOM-er or he'll defuse you.

~~TSGT Steve "FUZZY" Zoller~~ - Air Force augmentee. Whoops, should have said advisor. Don't let the name fool you, this Zoller won't win any U.S. Opens.

SSGT Ken Isgrigg (Part Timer) - Ex Thunderbird Crew Chief. He still spit shines his boots and makes us all look bad.

SSGT Tony Fiorilli (Part Timer) - (IBO) Fresh from Griffiss AFB. Hobbies include collecting probes from F-18's. Did the Storm and still talks about it.

SSGT Gary Henning (Air Tech) - Hobbies include collecting wives from every country (except U.S.) . Alias "The Professor".

SSGT Jim Pohle (Part Timer) - AKA "Cooly Pohle". Ex base photographer. Still holds the negatives for job security.

SSGT Dale Franklin (Part Timer) - Has not been to Castle yet, waits any longer it will be Altus instead. Ask Dale about his '69 Corvette.

SSGT Terri Santoro (Part Timer) - (IBO) Plattsburgh refugee. Works in Stan-eval. Takes cash, checks and all major credit cards. AKA "Mother Theresa".

SSGT Lori Raught (Part Timer) - Ex F-111 Crew Chief , still at Castle, news at eleven.

SRA Tom Obrochta (Part Timer) - "The Ice Man", we'll let him tell you the rest of the story.

SRA J.C. (Part Timer) - (IBO) "America has been berry, berry good to me". Just call him Mr. TDY.

SRA Ray Fitzpatrick (Part Timer) - (IBO) AKA "Ace Ventura, Pet Detective". Ray escaped from Griffiss. Famous last words " I'll take you down".



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

15 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 7 ACCS/DOFB

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

Hello from the 7 ACCS. No that's not a misprint. We are now the 7 ACCS. We deactivated the 2 ACCS on the 20th of July and reactivated the 7 ACCS. I guess 29 years of continuous airborne alert was not significant enough to keep the 2 ACCS activated.

Chief Rutzebeck retired in December. He was great in running interference for us. We really miss him!

Things have really been changing around here, like the Nebraska weather. We were supposed to have started retiring the EC-135C in 1996 as the navy, E-6A started taking over the Looking Glass mission. However, that program has been scrapped. As a matter of fact, our PAA has just increased and we have gone from 150% to 75% manning. So if there is anybody out there that's interested in trying something different (IE: ground alert, airborne alert, and short TDY'S) feel free to give me a call.

Here is the 7 ACCS lineup:

~~MSgt Sze Tom~~ - Command Crew - In remedial stair truck driver training.

~~MSgt Dave Ballard~~ - Program Manager again.

~~MSgt Terry Ross~~ - Ground Scheduling Superintendent - Looking forward to the new headquarters job at USSTRATCOM (Det 1/HQ ACC) MASMS.

~~MSgt Pete Hirachela~~ - Det 10/HQ ACC, 4444 OS - Ex-Gunner - Mr. Self Help.

~~TSgt Tom Weirauch~~ - Alert Facility Manager - Taking care of his new baby (We have a new Alert Pad).

TSgt Tony Rhoden - Wing Stan/Eval - It's good to be King.

TSgt Andy Lacasse - S-101 - Our full-time student.

TSgt George Collins - R-103 - New owner of the money pit. Soon to be retiring.

SSgt Donnie Anderson - Flight Scheduling - Soon to be retiring.

SSgt Brian Barthlow - Scheduling - No one knows what he really does (does he)?

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SSgt Ray Latour - Scheduling - Hey Ray, when's the schedule coming out.

SSgt Debbie Worth - S-102 - Over worked and under paid.

Sgt John Knight - R-104 - Always TDY, don't remember what he looks like.

Sgt Robert Jepson - R-105 - Soon to be SSgt.

Sgt Jerry Schmidt - R-110 - Looking at the VSI/SSB really hard.

SrA Doug Templeton - R-107 - New addition to his family, a bouncing baby girl.

SrA Greg Wilson - R-106 - Voted most likely to shoot someone.

SrA Wayne Keiser - R-109 - "Hey Wayne" I need a Bus drivers license.

Our Dearly Departed:

~~CM~~Sgt Rusty Rutzbeck - Retired - Lost in America in search of ice storms in his travel trailer.

~~CM~~Sgt Russ Adams - Retired - and proud to be an Idiot Out Wandering Around (IOWA resident).

~~MSgt Glenn Mindaugh~~ "The Sheriff" - Early retiree - Liven in the hills of Tennessee.

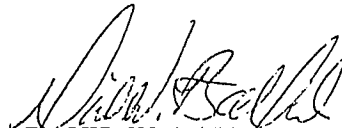
~~SSgt Steve Winston~~ - Early retiree - In search of an occupation that will keep his wife happy and his Visa card maxed.

SSgt Rod Targos - PCS Kadena - Listened to all of Harold Wenners lies about Kadena.

SSgt Tom Hewitt - PCS Grand Forks - 8 years at Offutt was enough. Escaped with only minor dain bramage.

~~SSgt Tim Tremon~~ "MOPAR MAN" - VSI/SSB - Off to the Kansas ANG, Still looking for a winning KSU Football Team.

SrA Tony Harland - Did his four and now he's out - Hourly wage going way down, but the view of the female student body at UNH is all worth it.


DAVID W. BALLARD
Inflight Refueling Superintendent



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 19TH AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)

MEMORANDUM FOR 99/712 AREFS/DO

13 August 1994

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

TO: HQ AMC/XOVK

ATTN: CMSgt Scott Harris

1. **HELLO** from the men and women of the 19th Air Refueling Wing and the land of the Georgia Peach. During this past year, the 19th ARW responded to just about everything to include short notice deployments, channel missions, humanitarian relief efforts and even survived a devastating flood in the middle Georgia region. Through all that happened this past year, the "**BLACK KNIGHT**" spirit kept on shining. Once again, our young boom operators distinguished themselves as professionals and commended for another outstanding year. Here's the latest happening at Robins.

2. INBOUND:

SMSgt Chris Sadler inbound from HQ/AMC (we guess). Come on down Chris and enjoy Robins.

3. OUTBOUND:

MSgt Tony Compton retiring 1 Dec 94. Good luck Tony and God speed. Tony will remain in the local area. Thanks for the good times!!

MSgt John Pettis retired 1 July 94. Good Luck John. John resides in the local area.

TSgt Nick Price retiring 1 Jan 95. Nick will also stay in the local area. See you around Nick. Thanks for the support and outstanding job over the years!!

TSgt Michael Steinkraus will PCS to Kadena NLT 31 Oct 94. Said something about working at a TALCE. We will miss you Mike and thanks for your outstanding contributions here at Robins.

SSgt Michael Brannan retiring 1 Feb 95. Thanks Mike for the years of contributions and outstanding performance. Mike will also remain in the local area.

SSgt Lloyd Fairchild separating in Sep 94. Going to Green Bay, Wisconsin to be a trucker. Good luck LLOYD and don't let the sound of your own wheels drive you crazy.

SSgt Phil Lee separating in Sep 94 and heading to the Birmingham Guard. Good Luck Phil.

SrA Jose Cervantes separating in Mar 95. Thanks a lot Jose. Hope you are successful in your hunt for more education and a better life..

SrA Damon Nelson separating in Sep 94 looking to better himself through education. Good luck Damon.

SrA Kimberly Robinson separating in Feb 95. No plans as of yet. Good Luck Kimberly and thanks.

4. RETIREES IN THE AREA.

R..L. Anderson
Bibb Bailey
Marland Beck
Walter Bowes
Tex Brantley
Bill Brown
Rick Clark
Hubert Cooper
~~Gregg Corns~~
Hollis Dewberry
~~Reynold Dizon~~
Albert Krueger
Ross Eaton
Bill Fink
~~Doug Forbis~~
Ed Gaines
~~Gene Gannon~~
Royce Gee
David Gibson
Bob Haag
~~Bob Matthews~~
Phil Hampton
Richard Turner
~~John Gallager~~

Chuck Heath
~~Bobbie Hennings~~
Jim Hubbs
James Niswender
Bill Jackson
Eugene James
Wayne Stoliby
~~Jimmy Justice~~
Clearance King
George King
Jim Krienast
Billy Manders
Jorge Mangual
~~Sam Hunt~~
James Marshall
Phil McKee
Jim Miller
Jim Whitman
~~Ron Meadows~~
Marvin Miller
Edward Moncrie
Don Odom
Robert Wyatt

Jack Parsons
~~Ron Pennington~~
Johnny Powel
Jim Simmons
Allen Powell
Ernie Pubanz
~~Jack Thomas~~
John Realmutto
Ron Rodgers
Charles Weatherford
Jack Scott
~~Bobbie Sikes~~
Gil Switzer
Jack Whisnant
Julian Thompson
Bill McDonald
~~Bob Wugan~~
David Gibson
Steve Miller
Houser White
Ed Mammett
Bob Matthews
Rick Newman

This is a list of known retirees in the local area. If anyone was missed, it was certainly not intentional.

5. 19th Operations Group Senior Boom Operato -

~~CM SGT Ron Livingston~~ No slot. What job? "nuff said". Nacell lights? Half way around the world? Ask Curt Umstead.

6. Here's the current line up for the 99th Air Refueling Squadron (RAMRODS):

SM Sgt Larry Burris (aka BT) - Flight Superintendent. Old grumpy himself. Does the same job as a Program Manager did before, whatever that was. Very fluent at butt chewing. Retiring October 95.

MSgt Barnwell (aka Uncle Milt) - Still in DONO Monitoring cloak and dagger operations and doing a super job for the Wing.

MSgt John Basso (aka KNUCKLE HEAD) - "B" Flight Sergeant. Either John is the coolest boom operator there ever was or he is completely oblivious of what's going on around him. Briefed VIPs on bailout procedures. Corrected by Wq/CC. I rest my case.

MSgt Tony Compton (aka P.E. BOX) - "A" Flight Sergeant. I really don't like a quitter. Tony is an Appraiser by trade and part time boom operator. It's about time we got that dead wood off the pay roll. Just kidding Tony.

MSgt Kevin Metz (aka DOO DOO Brown) - Said he was drunk again. Watch out for those California bushes. Has a history of messing in his pants. Don't call him a S__t A_s, he's trying to quit.

MSgt John Pike (aka PAPA JOHN) - "Ops Group Stan Eval". Does what Chief Livingston don't want to. John walks around and mumbles. Looks confused.

MSgt Angel Rodríguez - "S" Flight Sergeant. Stays on the road with USCENTCOM. I really don't know what he does except draw a pay check. It must be nice.

TSgt Mike Barnes (aka MIKEY) - "Ground Scheduling". Our resident minister. Real nice guy. Enough said.

TSgt Bodenhamer - "Alert Facility". Still running the alert facility. Says he's busy, so I will not question his integrity.

TSgt Paul Giles (aka BUNKEY) - "SQ Stan Eval". A real smooth boom operator. Loves to stick it to you when you're not looking.

MSgt Nick Price - "Logistics". Mr unemployed and grounded. That's all we need is more dead wood laying around. Loves to work on old automobiles. At least he's productive somewhere.

TSgt Michael Steinkraus - "USCENTCOM". Mike, when are you going to stop using the good Steinkraus name and make your own way? Be a man, and eke out a measly existence like the rest of us.

TSgt Don Weller - "Cargo Loading". Hammers out load plans with the greatest of ease. Don't try to give him any inputs. He may think you're trying to take over the cargo loading program. (he he) .

SSgt Michael Brannan - Mister TDY. Mike has a girl in every port. Showed me some pictures of what I thought was a horse or some form of beast.

SSgt Pat D'Augustino - Came to us from Griffis. Starts every sentence with "AT MY LAST BASE".

SSgt Brian Ennis - "SQ Stan Eval". Rather buy parts for his show trucks than buy food for his family. Just kidding Brian. Real good boomer doing a very fine job.

SSgt Steve Johnson - "Scheduling". Steve went to scheduling with a full head of hair and his chin up. After catching a couple of left hooks on that chin, he now looks like a neanderthal man, and just about as much fun. Loves his boss and his go-cart.

SrA Jose Cervantes - "Party Animal". Spends most of his time in Atlanta, wearing a red and white dotted head scarf. Could he be "Banging".

SrA Joe Gellis - A new father and new husband. Not necessarily in that order. His wife doesn't like him very much. Thinks he's an a__ hole. I tend to agree.

SrA Eric Graham - Gods gift to the boom operators. Real fast burner, promoted BLTZ to SMSgt. He's a legend in his own mind. You'll read more about this guy as he conquers the world.

SPA Dickie Hunt - The other half of the "Party Animal" team. Getting ready to go to CFIS. Altus will never be the same after his departure.

SrA John Ketcham - Another new father. Must be something in the water around here at Robins. John also likes to party. His wife usually gets him pointed in the right direction with a few choice words of encouragement, reinforced with a head butt.

SrA Chris Meinken - As big a round as he is tall. Keep it up Chris and you'll be doing your shopping at Goodyear. Likes them beers.

SrA John Reed - Newly Wed. Says hes really in love.

SrA Keven Stevener - "MR PERSONALITY". Kevin was told two times to get a haircut before he had an unplanned encounter with the Wing King. It was ugly. Kevin is a sharp troop NOW!!

SrA Derrick Grant - Newly Wed. Got one in the oven. He's come a long way since the days of the Alabama Inch Worm.

7. Here's the current lineup for the 712th Air Refueling Squadron:

MSgt Al Boothby - "aka SCOTTY PIPEN". We call him this because he don't show up for the forth quarter when the game is on the line. Need to stop throwing darts in those back woods bars. Says he won the fight. I'm glad I didn't get to see the loser.

TSgt Scott Bradshaw - "B" Flight sergeant. New instructor and doing a good job. Those new instructors are like diapers, they're always on your butt and usually full of crap. Finally talked someone into giving him an office. I don't know why, he's never in there. Takes lessons from Boothby.

TSgt Jim Garland - "SQ Stan Eval and "A" Flight Sergeant". Jim, a technique is like a butt hole, everybody has one, and they all stink!!! Congratulations on being selected for promotion.

SSgt Gary Cook - "Training Flight". Snagged him a co-pilot and is living good. Said he was going to get a raise in fly pay one way or another.

SSgt Phil Lee - "SQ Stan Eval". Real sharp boom operator. Really going to miss him as he heads off to a better life, he hopes.

SSgt Jesus Lopez - A great lover of per diem. He stays gone as much as he can.

Sgt Leo Brown - A recent selectee to SSgt. Congratulations on your promotion Leo. If you're going to party, you might want to let someone else do the driving this time.

SrA Randall Bishop "Scheduling" - New inductee into the scheduling process. He was a volunteer for scheduling. Dumb a__!!!

SrA Daniel Hunter - When Hunter is in the boom pod his feet are at the aft hatch. I mean I'm talking tall. When we want a weather briefing, we all gather around Dan. Just kidding. Good solid boom operator. Likes to wear them cowboy hats.

SrA Bill Kaczor (aka DUCK) - Recently married. Hey girls, this heart breaker is no longer available. Well, maybe on TDY's in excess of 45 days. He's still human you know.

SrA Eric Murray - Is it Eric or memorex. Talking to this guy can lower your I.Q. Nuff said.

SrA Damon Nelson (aka DIESEL) - Still trying to figure out why a gas engine will not run on diesel. In the mean time he snagged him a co-pilot and is living good. Also increased his flight pay and standard of living.


SrA Tom Rice "Training Flight and Cargo Loading" - Recently selected for promotion to SSgt. Another one of those new instructors. Likes to hang out with John Ketcham so he can see the fire works fly when he brings John home.

SrA Kimberly Robinson - Going to miss you Kim as you head out to do whatever.

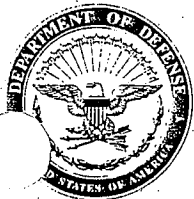
SrA Steve Trypuc - Couldn't get a copilot, so he snagged a ground pounding officer. Raised his standard of living and possibly his I.Q.

SrA Chris Whatley - Quiet boomer doing a great job until he ran into Jim Garland on his initial instructor check. It was brutal and then some.

8. That's all for now. To all the boom operators in and out of the command "*GOOD LUCK*" in the coming year.



Larry B. Burrus, SMSgt, USAF
99th AREFS Flight Superintendent



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

AIR FORCE RESERVE



2 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR FELLOW BOOMS

FROM: 63 Air Refueling Squadron
29661 George Ave.
Selfridge ANGB, MI 48045-5337

SUBJECT: Boom Signal

1. It's been two full years now since we converted from C130's to KC135's and I think we've turned the corner and are well on our way.
2. We've lost some of our original bunch as the Guard converted from F16's to C130's. MSgt Scott Dickinson, TSgt Rich Hayward, and TSgt Lance Pruett went back to props. MSgt Tom Huber retired and now lives in Florida. MSgt Terry Lescamela is now a full time student.
3. TSgt Rick Morrow and MSgt Brian O'Rourke left sunny California for northern duty up here and we're glad to have them. MSgt Louis DeMartino is now an ART with us, having converted from pararescue. From Grand Forks, we have SRA Mike Weir. After being out a year, he had to get back in the saddle. Welcome aboard!

Technicians: MSgt Reginald D. Nolte
SMSgt Bill Shaw
MSgt Brian O'Rourke
MSgt Ray Lyon
MSgt Niki Zachary
MSgt Louis DeMartino
MSgt Larry Wyland
TSgt Greg Ringel

Reservists: SMSgt Maurice Marshall
SMSgt Frank LaButte
MSgt Jeffrey Rooding
TSgt Jim Dobes
TSgt Fred Goettsche
TSgt Rick Morrow
TSgt Joe Bozzo
SSgt Bennie Lance
SRA Mike Weir

Reginald D. Nolte

REGINALD D. NOLTE, MSGT, USAFR
Inflight Refueling Supervisor

15 AUG 1994

FROM: 711 AREFS

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL 1994

TO: ALL BOOM OPERATORS

Hello fellow Boomers worldwide. (Retired, Active or otherwise). We here at the Shady "J" are in a serious ball of confusion. We're moving, but it ain't smooth. For those of you who don't know, the 911th has been deactivated as a KC-10 squadron and reactivated as a KC-135 squadron in Grand Forks, N.D. We are now the 711th AREFS, soon to be no more. So, we've gone from the "emergency" squadron to "open all night!!" After the Travis and McGuire "nonvolunteers" leave, those of us left here will merge into the 744th AREFS with Steve Sweet and the boys, and the Fighter boys will take over our end of the hall. (OUCH!!!) As for how I got this job as Program Manager, well, I walked into the office one day and Teddy Davis said, "Hey Mo!" Sit in this chair for a minute." Then he ran out laughing and clicking his heels singing something about one borne every minute. Thanks Teddy.

And now, the rest of the story.

Teddy Davis - Went across the street to be the Chief of Wing Stan Eval. He's designing his life after retirement eighteen wheeler and still laughing at my a--. He's a super troop and filling his shoes is no easy task.

Dave Lisenby - Left Squadron Stan Eval to be Chief of Training Flight. Taking the early retirement to punch a time clock.

"Big Dawg" Adkins - Works for Dave Lisenby. Brought a travel trailer to take to McGuire to rent by the hour. Mobile Motel, maybe?

Doc Gibbs - Chief of Squadron Stan Eval, having entirely too much fun and not meeting his Q-3 quota. His punishment. McGuire!

Doug Garrett - Works for Doc Gibbs and hacking everybodys computers, then telling them that their software is no good and for a slight fee, he'll gladly take it off their hands. Won the Rodeo by modem.

Terry Dover - MSgt Selectee, "A" Flight Chief, married with children and has claw marks all the way to McGuire.

Don Simmons - Burning up the Education System, flying again and McGuire bound.

Eric Moyer - "E-Man" is the ultimate roadhog, blaming it on being an instructor and has more "cousins" than Van Camps has pork and beans! Ground training scheduleer extraordinaire.

Jeff Russell - SSgt Selectee, Recent Levitow recipient and is in Instructor upgrade even as we speak. Got his head on straight and is going places. (Travis)

Dave Hankins - "B" Flight Chief, upcoming recipient of the Tunner Award for turning a KC-10 into a Med Evac Jet and saving some lives. Taking the early retirement, because its too hard digging up all of those roots. Now if we could just get him to read those Jet Ski instructions.

T.C. Polk - Hamming it up in his new hobby. Short waves radios. In the air on the ground, in his sleep.. Taking the VSI/SSB. Good Luck! T.C.

Carl Davenport - Crew cut; SSgt Selectee, Instructor upgrade candidate and McGuire bound. Armed and Extremely Dangerous. Knows all the Regs about living in the dorms and upsetting a lot of higher ups with that knowledge. They didn't know the regs!

Tim Pates - Greg Norman in a flight suit. A.K.A. hole in one. Won the Rodeo by knowing exactly how many clicks of a tie down strap to properly restrain a set of golf clubs. Won't commit to assignment or early out. I think he wants to be a cook!

Reggie Hammond - Quiet as a mouse and wants to go TDY. He also gets to stay here with yours truly.

Pete Jackson - "C" Flight Commander, Assistant Program Manager and our only 9-Level in instructor upgrade with "real" cousins all over the world. Travis bound with smile minus a gas grill. Thanks Pete.

Big Jim McGuckin - New Car, New Look, and still a swingin' dude with a new attitude. Travis bound. Can find Pure Platinums all over the world without the yellow pages. Go Jim.

Scott Hicking - Also of the crew cut society, long range scheduler and still making babies. Travis bound with a smile.

Tim Fowler - New instructor. Knows everything. Thinking about being permanent snacko. Heading to McGuire.

Chris Gritz - New Kid on the block with golden hands. Now in "D" Level training and on his way to Singapore. Leave the spray paint at home Chris.

Ken Acosta - MSgt Selectee who was "D" Flight commander. Came to work one day and his flight was gone! Now he spends a lot of time in his ultra lite lookin' for 'em. Retiring to New Mexico. Also a recipient of the Tunner Award. He just happened to be with Dave Hankins!

"Puppy Dawg" Floyd Atkins - Couldn't decide whether to PCS to McGuire or take the VSI/SSB. One Business Effort to McGuire and Boom! VSI/SSB!

Tom Glosser - Another crew cut brethern with ground training expertise. A sharp youngster who gets to stay here with me. Now if I could just get him to lose that worm dirt...

J. C. Coleman - Long Range Scheduler who always tries to get me fighters for my "D" level guys. Builds 'em in his back yard when he can't buy any. Thanks J.C. Ya Know I'm keeping him.

Bart Rotteveel - Dutch Boom/Instructor upgrade/ comedian and magnet. Needless to say I take him on a lot of TDY's. Headed back to Holland to teach fellow booms how to boom on the KDC-10. We'll miss you Bart. Good Luck and keep in touch.

Larry Roberts - What? PCS? Are you NUTS?! Training Flight honcho who PCA'd to Steve Sweet to beat the rush. Taking the early retirement.

Mark Yandell - SSgt selectee who tried to PCS to Travis without orders. Seems as though somebody forgot to sign the peace treaty. I think he's gone now. Looks kinda Spiffy in a mess dress.

Chris Hctor - Left wing scheduling at Shady "J" to open the scheduling shop at Travis on a week's notice. That was excellent because I got his gas grill too and all of his liquor. And they said MSgts didn't have any pull. Thanks Chris.

~~Ron Combs~~ - Wanted to go to Travis sooooo bad, he completed three check rides in one week. Guess he'll have to come back to fix that Q-4 ...

Eric Nimke - See Mark Yandell.

Della Griffin - Part time boom, full time college co-ed. Currently being boot strapped and lovin' it! Can you say Lt. Griffin?

Ken Gilbertson - Took one ride on a C-130 and was immediatly hooked. Cross-trained to be a Flight Engineer. He's really mesmerized by props and honey buckets. Better him than me!

Jim Wood - See Ken Gilbertson

Tim Smith - See Jim Wood

Steve Metts - Left a high paying job in DONO to zip out to Travis and play house in his Winnebago. He'll probably be the only one there with someplace to live. Smart man.

Last but not least,
Mike Fausnaught - Not a good year for Mikee. Went to a Navy hospital (which shall remain nameless) to get some vertebrae fixed and received some drugs that didn't mix well and Mikee took a walk towards the bright light(no joke). When St. Peter discovered that he was a Boom Operator, they sent him back! Well, Mikee is alive and well, thank GOD, but he has to go back (to the hospital, that is) and try it again. Hope he gets an anesthesiologist who graduated in the top half of the class this time!!!

And so goes the history of the 911th...er 711th AREFS, the last of a dying breed and a damn good one at that! But if you know like I know, they'll be back. Why?, you ask. Well, McGuire will be iced in and Travis will be fogged in and I'll have some rental cars and spare rooms and cousins and ...

But truly and sincerely, it will be a very sad day when the 711th AREFS comes to an end as some of the finest boomers ever produced in the KC-10 world came from the Shady "J". We salute all the boomers all over the world and hope to cross paths again as we go our separate ways to start new squadrons and new lives. So long, and until the next time.



MO ELLIOTT, MSgt
Program Manager, 711th AREFS, SJAFB, NC



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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

FROM: 744TH AREFS/DO4

SUBJ: Boom Signal Inputs

TO: CMSgt Scott Harris, HQ AMC/DODK

Hey ya'll. That's southern for greetings and salutations from the 744th AREFS, Seymour Johnson AFB in the great state of North Carolina.

Following is a list of booms and the position they hold. As you know with the recent realignment of KC-10 bases we at Seymour have had to say goodbye, and still are, to a lot of our folks. Hopefully this will get you reacquainted with old friends.

SMSgt Teddy Davis is once again our senior wing evaluator. Rumor has it that he has been reading a lot of material lately on long distance cargo movements. (i.e. 18 wheel transportation.)

MSgt Steve Sweet is still the boom program manager. Has submitted his papers to retire next summer. Will close out his career with only 14 years and 10 months on station. You can occasionally hear him say, "Sweet Air Force Base, has a nice ring to it don't you think?"

MSgt (sel) Mike Chmiel is now running our training flight and will soon move to a flight chief position. Hopes the 10 will stay around S.J. long enough for him to retire.

TSgt Larry Roberts is our 2nd training flight guy and has an approved retirement date of next summer also.

SSgt Carl Slusher is running our stan eval office and has orders for McGuire.

SSgt Jack Norris works in stan eval and has an approved VSI date of next spring.

SSgt Jeff Whited is our third boom in stan eval and has a new baby in his household and will be staying at SJ until the last 10 leaves.

TSgt Jerry Howe is working in body scheduling and has finished his master's degree. Jerry will also stay until the last 10 leaves.

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SSgt Scott Dawe does body scheduling also and recently got married. He has orders for McGuire.

SSgt Tom Ecker another body scheduler. Has orders for McGuire.

MSgt Mike Frieskorn is our A Flight Chief and is working hard to learn the 10. Just went out on his second cargo run to Moody AFB with me and did a great job.

TSgt (sel) John Brannen gave all of us a scare a while ago. Went TDY to Vegas and got sick. Found out he got bit by a tick during CST. Doing fine now, and he has orders to McGuire. We're trying to do away with CST.

TSgt (sel) Al Kaczor just finished Link instructor school and another one staying here till the end.

SSgt Steve Custis always hard at work on something. Another hold out to the end of the 10.

SSgt Chris Edmonds and Sweet I think are working together because every time you see them there talking about horses. Also a hold out to the end of the 10.

SrA Joel Salley got here in time for the moves, but is staying here till the end. Just completed Link and is waiting on his initial check.

Sgt Jason Buckner decided he had enough and is getting out. Said something about becoming an NC State Trooper. (Has Degan and some of those boys been here). Getting out in FEB 95.

MSgt Will Crews is our C Flight Chief now, but is going to Training Flight. Put in his retirement papers for a year from now and is also staying here.

TSgt Jackie Hale came back to squadron from Wing Scheduling and is moving to McGuire.

SSgt Rich Anderson kept him busy around here being the alternate on Rodeo. Moving to McGuire.

SSgt Stephanie McArthur been busy going to school and running the squadron bike tests. Staying here till the end.

~~SSgt Keith Van Camp~~ just got in finished school and will be here a while.

SSgt (sel) Dennis Jewell another hard worker also on his way to McGuire.

MSgt Jay Howell is our D Flight Chief got his retirement set for next spring and staying here till then.

~~TSgt (sel) Tim McDermott~~ did a great job in solving our 791 problems so that receiver units now get the bill. Leaving for McGuire. In addition to all this, he recently got married. CONGRATS

SSgt Scott Anderson on his way soon also to McGuire.

SSgt Dan Jorgensen tried to go the FE route but got shot down. So he's on his way to McGuire for a while?

SSgt Rick Marshall is in Wing Scheduling working hard to keep us in the ball game. He's also staying here till the end of the 10.

Gone but not forgotten are the rest of the great people that have moved on to other places and things.

SSgt Mel Potter opted to take the money and run. Good Luck.

MSgt Al Miller HQ/Stan Eval McGuire.

SSgt Ken Strother TALCE at McGuire.

SSgt Dave Foster PCS McGuire. Thanks for all the hard work during Rodeo!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SrA Jimmie Rush PCS McGuire.

~~SSgt Mike Paynter~~ HQ/Stan Eval Travis

MSgt Ed Wright PCS Travis.

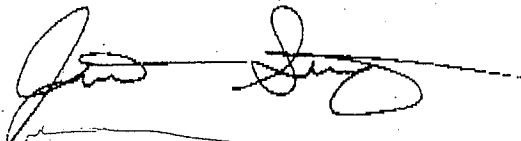
TSgt B.B. Wiggs PCS Travis.

TSgt Jon Hilyard PCS Travis. Remember Jon Flt Control switch then HYD.

SSgt (sel) Mark Redden PCS Travis

SSgt Mike Mucklow new FE in 130's at Tucson AZ.

Last of all the editor, hey that's me. TSgt Jim Staup I'm the B Flight Chief and also get to stay here. It's been a pleasure to work with a lot of great people, but the end is near. My 20 is only a year away and it's time to stow the old boom. Got a lot of good memories and some bad, but folks the "FUN" is gone, and it's time to move on. When I close this place it's back to Michigan, find a job, and retire again. My best to all and fly safe. The light at the end of this tunnel is not an on coming train



Jim Staup, TSgt, USAF
744 AREFS/Flight Chief

77 ARS (DOUBLE LUCKY)

Seymour Johnson AFB N.C.

Greetings from the "TOTIN' TIGERS", your friendly reservists in Goldsboro, North Carolina. The 77th ARS is approaching its 10th birthday in the midst of trying times while the KC-10s depart for a permanent change of station. We will continue to support the mission until the decision is made where the last six of the 4 WG KC-10s are moving to. Our hopes of becoming the first reserve unit equipped with KC-10s looks slim, so unfortunately, for most of us, this could be our last year flying the KC-10s. On 1 Oct 95, we are planned to become unit equipped with KC-135 "R" models. For those of us making the conversion to the -135, we'll miss the KC-10 and its mission, but having our own airplanes and remaining in North Carolina is a great alternative if one does not care to relocate to New Jersey or California. It's been interesting flying tankers as a reservist, in ACC. Hopefully, we'll get to see the KC-10s behind our KC-135s as frequently as our Guard friends from Wright Patterson and McGhee Tyson have seen our KC-10s behind them. We definitely will not miss the dreaded "valve jobs". Hello nav legs! YUCK!

During the past year, we have stayed very busy training initial qual students of our own, and a few from March, Travis, Barksdale, and McGuire. So you know they'll be the best crop of new KC-10 boom operators in the inventory! We also participated in the Somalia relief effort, 3 boom operators volunteered to help Barksdale active duty man the Rwanda relief effort, and supported the 2 1/2 week long Singapore sling several times. We also participated in (Jamie says "dominated") RODEO 94 in the KC-10 flying events. Our crew won the "BEST KC-10 LOAD CREW", "BEST KC-10 AIR REFUELING CREW", and the overall "BEST KC-10 AIRCREW" trophies. Congratulations to our fellow ACC friends across the road, for their winning of the "Ellis Trophy". Thanks AMC, for sponsoring a fine opportunity, for us within ACC, to show we "are worthy"! Thanks McGee-Tyson, for bringing the "Jack Daniels"!

Here they are, the best KC-10 booms in the Air Force. We've said good-bye to a few and will say good-bye to many more in the months to come.

TSgt Felicia Anderson: Felicia left us earlier this year for March hoping to land an ART position. We sure do miss her smile, thoughtfulness, and Mexican food. Good luck!

SMSgt Virgil (Andy) Anderson: His motto is "God, Guts, & Guns" (but the first two don't count). He hopes to influence young minds one of these days. Still works in Current Ops.

SMSgt Don (Farmer) Askren: NCOIC of the Boom shop. He still can't get those windy Kansas wheat fields out of his head, and hopes to head to the McConnell associate unit when it starts up. Made SMSgt the hard way earlier this year. Congratulations!

MSgt Brad Baxter: Boom scheduler. "Is that all the availability you are gonna give us?". Hopes his vehicles will make it just a little longer.

MSgt Mike Boozey: Boom training manager. '94 Rodeo Stud #1. [We put up our two most humble boom operators!] "Climb on board with the team and go for the big win." Mike, will that old Harley ever be rode again?

SSgt Barry Bradley: Ex-loadmaster from Pope AFB. Likes to fly between water skiing binges in "Fay-et-nam", as he calls it. Was one of the volunteers to help out the Barksdale guys in Rwanda.

MSgt Dave Brock: Another recent promotee from our boom shop. You can always count on Dave for a depraved joke. Can score 100% taking the complete EP test bank without cracking a book. Still one of our Atlanta shuttle boys.

TSgt Corey (Montel) Brown: Yes that's TSGT BROWN now. Will be graduating from Embry-Riddle soon. You can't recognize him out of the squadron in his BMW, with bandanna, and earring. At least he wears it in the right ear (which means left). Is there a right (correct) ear to wear one in?

TSgt Jon (Coyote) Calcote: Deputy "jailer" Calcote. Recent hire of Wayne County's finest. "Cut his hair, and got a real job"! Is that the Safety Officer Tommy, wondering why John missed another meeting? Tommy, "Get a haircut, and get a real job", and leave our booms alone!

TSgt Anthony (Taco) Cleaver: Another "jailer". Taco plans to grace McGuire AFB with his presence. The burlesque bar industry will be booming; buy stock now! Taco was also promoted this past year.

TSgt Donna Dobbins: Working with the Charleston ALCE. Flies with us whenever she can get away. Donna, this is your third move in as many years. Do you know where your cats are?

SSgt Steve Dolan: A NC State college student and up and coming CEO. Can't figure out why Air Reserve Technicians are paid so much. Right! To keep up with guys like you Steve!

SMSgt Bobby (Crusty) Drinnen: The "trougher king". Loves to go to Air Refueling conferences to attend PTs. Bob is still trying to get Carolina Power Company to pay for his "fried" computer.

TSgt Paul Dube: Paul got tired of troughing, moved to Florida around Miami. Got a job with UPS and had his second child (another girl), last November. Congratulations and Good Luck!!

TSgt Jeff Garland: Another extremely sharp boom we said good bye to the past year. Still living in Atlanta playing with computers, inventing stuff that makes computers work, and making the big bucks. "If I win the lottery, I'll continue as a reservist". Good Luck Jeff!

TSgt Jim Harris: Now that he's an Embry-Riddle grad, he'd sell his soul for a pilot slot (or at least give up a finger). Jim can be seen either riding his mountain bike, running, or watching the family feud.

TSgt Rick Helt: Unfortunately for us, good for Rick, he retired in May. We still see a lot of him at CAE-LINK. One of our favorite instructors from

across the street. Good luck Rick!, You're "hands on" instruction and smile will be missed in the boom shop.

SMSGt Tim Holt: Tim still "shapes young (and not so young!) minds" at CAE-LINK KC-10 training. When he's not doing that, he's in the squadron ruling Boom Stan-EVAL with an iron fist. "When in doubt, take'em out!" You know Tim!

TSgt Sean P. Martin: Keeps things going our way in Mission Development. "No Sean, we can't land early so you can play golf." Sean is an ART wanna be and looks like he hasn't eaten in a month - lost 50 lbs. Finally went to the justice of the peace and finished the marriage paper work. Congratulations Sean. You gave that girl a last name we can pronounce!

TSgt Betty (Boom) Matthews: 'Oh Sweet Betty'. Still keeping the "young hormones" in the squadron in line. Runs the "Grand Prix" race back and forth from Florence, South Carolina.

SRA John (Elvis) Mercer: "John, does that hair ever move?" "No John, you can't be an instructor, you've only been qualified for three months." Living in Cincinnati, looking for the "Y" in the road.

TSgt William (Bill) Norris: That annoying tooth is still there! Bill thinks that he'll be a guest on 'Home Improvement' one day. Still doesn't know if Bill is Kerrys brother or Kerry is Bills brother.

TSgt Tony Parris: The next NRA chairman. "Sorry Tony, you can't bring your guns TDY." Ask him about Canadian airshows. Also previous loadmaster. Another one of our recent promotees.

SMSGt Randy (Rhino) Rinehart: In Randys civilian job, he gets to turn the tables and terrorize the pilots. He is a pilot flight simulator instructor with Delta and one of our Atlanta shuttle members.

TSgt Scott (Flaps) Roberts: Scott's preparing to carry his "Will fly for food" sign to McGuire. Another ART wanna be. Apparently his Poly-Sci degree contained a course in brown nosing. Recent Rwanda returnee.

MSGt Rand (Crash) Sanders: Don't know how he got promoted or if he even knows it. Haven't seen him in months but he apparently hasn't had any mishaps with the airlines lately! Now working with Cessna as a flight instructor. Hopes to get on with the McConnell unit in the future.

TSgt Carl (Commander) Sisco: The Sisco kid. "Carl, let your hair grow. We won't make fun of the gray - we promise!" We all worry about Carl getting laryngitis! Just kidding Carl! Speaks Rwandan fluently. Yet another promotee.

Jerry (BTC-Big Tall Chief) Snyder: The "BTC" can be seen blasting classic rock and roll in his '66 Vette. If you don't own a Chevy - need not apply! Just kidding!

SSgt Andrew Sylvain: Andy was just in town long enough to get trained, go on a few trips, and try to educate us in soccer. Prior loadmaster at McGuire, is on his way back as a boom. Good luck Andy.

SSgt (Select) Gary Towles: Brother Gary. Recently seen doing strange dances in the boom shop. Another trouger. Gary aspires to be a US Senator and set things "right", or left. We don't know yet.

MSgt Kerry (Van-odd-ball) Vanausdall: Still a part of the Atlanta connection. A Lockheed employee, Kerry hopes the Air Force buys more C-5s. Dog-gone Kerry, you got rich off of the batch!

SMSgt Ronnie Wade: The old head at the 77th boom shop. Ron's still here looking to get back on flying status. He's still sporting those bell-bottomed leisure suits telling boom operator stories from WW-I.

TSgt James Ward: The young ART on the block and '94 Rodeo Stud #2. Jamie just bought a house in the ART part of town. We usually only see him when the Cardinals win, and he makes his way to the squadron from mission development. Have not seen him much!

SMSgt John (Benny Hill) Young: John retired last month after over 34 years in the Air Force. He was one of the last active booms to fly the C-97, KC-97, -135, -10. John is still in Kansas City working for an investment firm. He will certainly be missed. Good luck John.

This concludes our submission for this year. Hopefully, we'll be writing from the same place next year, even if we are on a different weapons system. If you are ever in the area, give a call at 736-6683. If you're not in the area, you can reach us at (919) 736-6683, DSN 488-6683, or 1-800-SHAMU-10. FLY SAFE!!

MEMORANDUM TO ALL OUR FELLOW BOOM OPERATORS!

FROM: 507 ARG "THE OKIES"

SUBJECT: 1994 BOOM SIGNAL

HOWDY YOU ALL!!!

Greetings and salutations from the Reserves' newest Tanker Unit. This will be the first of what we hope to be many of our inputs into the Boom Signal, I only hope it makes it in time!! And time has moved pretty fast for us! This unit was notified it would convert from Vipers (that's F-16 to the non-fighter types) to the KC-135R in November of 1993, and flew our first air refueling on 6 May 1994!! We are small unit and very much like the new mission we have. The people here have made this a successful conversion and we can not say enough about the assistance we have received from guys like CMSgt Scott Harris and all the other activeduty types! Thanks Chief Bakken for your help too! Well here is the line up for the 1994 "OKIES":

SSgt John Beasley: John is our Chief and leader of the pack! John has been banned from any physical sports for fear of not completing anything due to injury!! How can your car just happen to breakdown outside of Las Vegas?

MSgt Jim Hackworth: I came here from Barksdale, like John, out of the KC-10. If he ask me "Hack, do you miss the 10?" my answer "Only between Preflight and After Takeoff!!".

MSgt Terry Barber: Came from Kadena and is our professional advisor. he's still trying to figure out why we get two days pay for a straight 8. Only real difference between us and Kadena? Tornadoes are just real small typhoons!

TSgt Steve "Biff" Robinson: Transfer from Stalag Grissom, shouldn't take more than a few months before the nightmares subside. Biff is the big cheese Boom in the scheduling business.

SSgt Lou Fournier: Has graduated and has moved up to be with the KC-135 again, also part of the "Barksdale Mafia".

SSgt Willie Coleman: "Whispering Willie" has also moved up here and is still going to UT. Hay Willie, is that Hack in the tower??!! P.S. also Barksdale Mafia member!

SSgt Lee Wood: Lee comes to us from Dyess! His wife has the "real" job, so he can trough! Cargo Loading is his life!

TSgt Page Lynn: Came up from the maintenance side and has been known to drive his instructors to drink!!

SSgt Dan Chandler: Dan is very special to us here at Tinker, partly due to being the "first" OKIE boom and also the reason these guys will be doing manual form F's till they grow old and die!!

SSgt Gary Byrd: Gary is our designated driver since TSgt Lynn has turned all of our instructors into alchies!!

TSgt Ricky Erwin: Up "SIMBA" up ,this is all you have to say and Ricky is on the navigators stool.

Ssgt Phillip Brand: Phillip is our "OKIE" schizophrenic ,one minute he is Bevis or Butthead .

SSgt Gary Bristol: "Well Gary, if you reach out much more to get a contact, we can terminate MARSA with him also!!".

The rest of these guys are at Castle, so I have nothing more to say about them, yet!!!

TSgt Marty Lochman
SSgt John Wilson
TSgt Max Staats

SSgt Steve Switzer
TSgt Lee Lytle
SRA Carl Conrad

So if your here for a Depot In/Out or any other reason stop in and see us!!

Jim Hackworth, Msgt, USAFR
507 ARW, the "OKIES"

1994



CHANGE 1



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND

28 Oct 94

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: HQ AMC/DOVK
402 Scott Drive Unit 3A1
Scott AFB IL 62225-5302

SUBJECT: Change 1 to 1994 Boom Signal

1. When I got back from the Program Managers Conference I started to help Chief Harris put the Boom Signal together. I carried over 70 pounds of paper back to Scott with me. Somewhere between Boise and the printer "I" misplaced the attached inputs. My deepest apologies to those units that were omitted. The Alaska guard unit was in fact the first unit to put their inputs in our collection box at the registration table.
2. Next year we will be putting the Boom Signal together at the conference. Be warned we will not carry them home and publish them like we did this year. So get someone identified early and bring 100 copies of your input to the conference.
3. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the conference next year.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jacob R. Benscoter, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

JACOB R. BENSCOTER, JR. SMSgt, USAF
Command KC-10 Boom Operator

11 AUGUST 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOMERS

FROM: 128TH ARG
GEN MITCHELL IAP (ANG)
MILWAUKEE, WI 53207

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL

1. HELLO FROM THE BOOMS FROM WISCONSIN. IT HAS NOT BEEN A QUIET YEAR. WE'RE NOT WHINEING, BUT OUR PLATE IS GETTING FULL. WITH SMSGT LEE CORNELL (STAN EVAL) RETIRING AND SMSGT (NOW CMSGT) RON PUZIA TRANSFERING TO STATE HEADQUARTERS, WE ARE NOW AT OUR DRAW DOWN STRENGTH OF 18 BOOMERS. AS WE PICK UP MORE AND MORE PAX/CARGO MISSIONS THAT REQUIRE TWO BOOMS, WE FIND OUR HOME TIME DWINDLING DOWN TO PRECIOUS FEW DAYS. WE REALIZE THAT WE ARE NOT UNIQUE IN THIS RESPECT AND CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH THE UNITS THAT MAY BE MORE HEAVILY TAXED OR UNDER STRENGTH. LETS ALL PUSH FOR A HIGHER CREW RATIO.

2. IN THE PAST YEAR THE 128TH HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH 'COPE NORTH' (YOKOYA), 'DENY FLIGHT' (ISTRES, FRANCE), 'SUPPORT HOPE' (SOUDA BAY, CRETE), NATO AWAC SUPPORT (GEILENKIRCHEN, GER), ICELAND STRIP ALERT (OVER CHRISTMAS). NEXT, A DOD PAX HAUL TO THE ORIENT, INCLUDING THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HONG KONG, KOREA AND JAPAN. FIGHTER DRAGS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC AND THE CARIBBEAN, DOWN TO SOUTH AMERICA AND BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE CONTINENT. NUMEROUS PAX/CARGO RUNS AND EVEN A FEW CHANNEL MISSIONS. IN ADDITION, WE'VE SENT OUR INSTRUCTORS TO, AND HAVE HOSTED BOOMERS FROM THE NEW GUYS ON THE BLOCK, LINCOLN, NE., BIRMINGHAM, ALA. AND NIAGARA FALLS, NY. I'M SURE I'VE MISSED SOME ACTIVITIES, BUT WHY BORE YOU, YOU ALL KNOW WHERE WE'ER COMING FROM. SPECIAL MENTION; WE RECEIVED AN EXCELLENT OVERALL ON THE FIRST EVER, AMC DUAL TANKER AIR GUARD ORI, WHICH WE SHARED WITH THE 126TH ARW FROM CHICAGO, IL.

3. THIS IS THE CURRENT LINE UP AT MILWAUKEE.

CMSGT RICHARD HARVEY, AIR TECH, PROGRAM MANAGER

SMSGT JOHN FAMULARO, AIR TECH, NCOIC TRAINING

SMSGT ROGER STECKHAN, GUARDSMAN, CHIEF STAN/EVAL BOOM
CIVILIAN, MANUFACTURER'S REP.

MSGT TERRY SANDS, AIR TECH, NCOIC A FLIGHT, SCHEDULER, INSTRUCTOR

MSGT RAY FASSETT, GUARDSMAN, NCOIC B FLIGHT
CIVILIAN, WHOLESALE FOOD DISTRIBUTOR, HUNT-WESSON FOODS

MSGT CLIFF KLINGBEIL, GUARDSMAN, NCOIC C FLIGHT, INSTRUCTOR
CIVILIAN, DEP'T OF TRANSPORTATION INSPECTOR

MSGT ROBERT DERRICK, AIR TECH, STAN EVAL BOOM

TSGT GEORGE SNAMISKE, AGR, INSTRUCTOR, BASE OPS

TSGT STEVE SCHWEISS, AGR, STAN EVAL, CURRENT OPS

TSGT JEROME SCHIESSL, AGR, NCOIC ATSO TRAINING

TSGT DEAN DACHENBACH, GUARDSMAN,
CIVILIAN, PILOT, MIDWEST EXPRESS

TSGT DAVE EDDY, GUARDSMAN,
CIVILIAN, MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT, FRITO LAY FOODS

TSGT MARK LIPINSKI, GUARDSMAN
CIVILIAN, FIRE FIGHTER, CITY OF MILWAUKEE

TSGT TECKLA THORN, GUARDSMAN
CIVILIAN, FIRE FIGHTER, GEN MITCHELL FLD, ANG BASE

TSGT DON HARVEY, GUARDSMAN, INSTRUCTOR
CIVILIAN, ELECTRICIAN APPRENTICE

SSGT JOHN MAGNUS, AIR TECH, INSTRUCTOR, BASE OPS

SSGT DAN SCHMIDT, GUARDSMAN,
CIVILIAN, MATERIALS ENGINEER. ABBOTT LABORATORIES

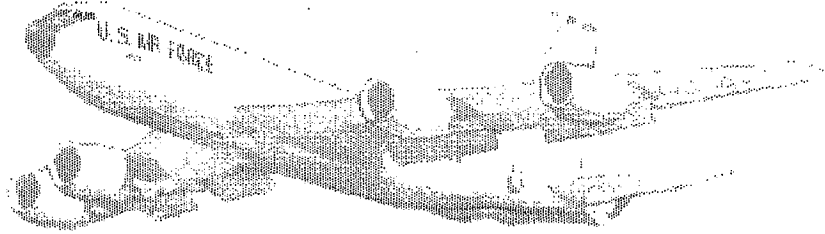
SSGT BRIAN BALTZ, AIR TECH, QUALITY INSTRUCTOR

4. EVERY ONE A PROFESSIONAL

SINCERLY

RICHARD H. HARVEY, CMSGT, WIANG
INFLIGHT REFUELING PROGRAM MANAGER

310/380 ARS



As they slowly lower the casket of the 690th into the ground we would like to enclose our departing reflections. The following pages contain the final memories of our comrades as we embark on journeys to our new homes.

SMSgt Steve Bacon: PCS to Fairchild. Went west in search of chief stripe.

SMSgt Vince Ruck: Tanker Task Force guy. Plans to retire.

MSgt Phil Rogers: Mary says he has to retire. Runs the crisis center hotline from the boom shop.

MSgt Mike Hammond: PCS to Fairchild. This man can put the fear of God into any desk he meets. He supports the entire German empire by buying Porsche parts.

MSgt Joe Baka: Will be Mr. Baka soon. Says he will miss flying in the Silver Pig.

MSgt Bob Morales: (a.k.a. Speedy) Got a KC-10 to March. Gone but forgotten. So long Bobby.

MSgt Jim Hammaker: Retired DEC 93.

MSgt Bill Shippey: Went to the Talce team at Kadena. Bill is coming out with a new book "How To Speak Italian...Si Si Si, German...Ya Ya Ya, French...Oui Oui Oui".

MSgt Bob Prody: Retired in Clinton NY. Lives in a log cabin and talks to animals.

MSgt Paul Steahl: Retired. If you see this man call 1-800-FIND-RED immediately to collect a reward.

Mike Preiskhorn: Got a KC-10 to Seymour. Went from the Tanker Task Force to the Gucci Task Force.

TSgt Gary Davis: Our Special Ops Guru. Don't tell anyone, but he is going to Grand Forks.

TSgt Bob Johnson: Retired DEC 93. Maybe someday he will stop by the boom shop and pick up his plaque.

TSgt Wally Tennyson: Bound for Fairchild. Tanker Task Force guy here. (a.k.a. Howard)

TSgt Steve Tuttle: It's back to the schoolhouse for King Tut. He went to Altus to share his wisdom with the baby booms.

TSgt Rich Kozak: Headed to Fairchild after he gets married. Currently our Training Flight representative.

TSgt Jim Phelps: KC-10 to Travis.
SSgt Mark Anderson: Going to instruct at Altus.
SSgt Tim Ballentine: Going west to Fairchild. Planned on getting married, changed his mind. One of our newest instructors.
SSgt Keith VanCamp: KC-10 to Seymour. Another baby on the way.
SSgt Tim Clark: Fairchild bound. If you need to find him check the dentist's office.
SSgt Jim Eustis: Another guy that went to Altus to do some instructing.
SSgt Joe Halenka: PCS to McConnell. He didn't mind working as long as it didn't interfere with his studying.
SSgt Rod Dinges: Getting out and staying here. Works down in the scheduling office. At least he shows up down there once in a while.
SSgt Dave Thomas: DOS August 94. Was a flight scheduler while he was here. (a.k.a. Davey Mikey)
SSgt Durk French: Humanitarian assignment to Pope. What do you think he will be when he grows up?
SSgt Terri Santoro: Went to the Niagra Guard. (a.k.a. Stinky).
Sgt Steve Huggins: Went to McConnell to be the permanent softball tournament organizer.
Sgt Paul Lankes: (SSgt selectee) Gonig to McConnell. New instructor.
SrA Jason Patton: DOS Feb. 94. Left here with OSI agents in trail.
SrA Clayton Izumi: (SSgt selectee)Went to instruct at Altus.
SrA Kathy Steiner: PCS to McConnell. (a.k.a. The Platinum Princess).
SrA Mike Mendoza: DOS May 94. Got out and went back to El Paso.
SrA Matt Cooper: DOS May 94. Got out and went back to Missouri.
SrA Lee Robinson: (SSgt selectee) Going to Fairchild. He was recently married. New instructor.
SrA Mark McIntosh: PCS to McConnell. Proud fether of a new baby girl, the poor thing looks just like Mark!
SrA Cory Grape: This guy is actually looking forward to getting Grand Forks. He ain't right.
SrA Joel Salley: Got a KC-10 to Seymour.
SrA Tom Brock: (SSgt selectee) Undecided on Fairchild or getting out. Lock up the women, he's single again!
SrA Todd Mcpeak: PCS to Fairchild. (a.k.a. Flounder) Got married just before he left. New instructor.
SrA Dave Steiner: On his way to Fairchild after a stop at Altus to attend CFIC.
SrA Jason Beauchamp: Going to Fairchild. Newly married with a baby due real soon.
SrA Erik Prince: Another one on his way to Fairchild. (a.k.a. The Dark Prince).
SrA Bryan Smith: Heading to McConnell.
SrA Darin Coash: DOS JUL 94. Planning to go to college at University of Kansas.
SrA Kevin Mathews: Packed up his ten gallon hat and went to Grand Forks.
SrA Scott Lewis: Getting out in NOV 94.
SrA Stacey Tansits: Going to Grand Forks. It's a long story. Ask her about Pisa.
SrA Matt Arevalo: One of the unlucky ones who ended up with Grand Forks. New instructor.

SrA Ed Estagin: Getting excited about all the grade school girls in the McConnell area.

New instructor. (a.k.a. Jill)

SrA Darren Horton: The Dawg will be going to McConnell. (a.k.a Roger)

SrA Doug Preece: Getting out NOV 94. Plans to work at UPS or FED EX. Married recently. Going back to Muncie to be with his girlfriend Bobo.



BOOM OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

168th Air Refueling Squadron

Alaska Air National Guard

Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska 99702-5000



Greetings to all Boomers:

15 August 1994

Everything is great in the North Country. We at the 168th ARS hope all of you are doing well.

For the sake of you who don't know who we are...The 168th was formed in 1986 as a permanent tanker squadron replacement for the well known Eielson Alaskan Tanker Task Force. U.S. Senior Senator Ted Stevens felt that a permanent Air National Guard Tanker unit would be cheaper and naturally put more money into the local community. He was right. Of course with Senator Ted in the Senate Arms Appropriation Committee this wasn't all that big of a task.

Since 1986 we have been growing with more people and more resources. We just recently moved into our new squadron operations facility and are enjoying it immensely. It is great to finally have a new building and it was definitely worth the wait.

We are currently flying the KC-135E and D model tankers. Six E's and four D's. Many of you remember the D's from Grissam. For those who don't they are formally RC-135A aircraft that belonged to the military airlift command and were used for the purpose of mapping. The D models had booms hung on them in the latter part of the seventies and were stationed at Grissam. Nice aircraft, they have dual airconditioning packs plus six different radios. Unfortunately it looks like we will lose them when we convert to the R model. As you can imagine we really hate to lose the thrust reverser kit, it is very handy for those short fields in Alaska.

Our mission at Eielson involves refueling A-10's, F-15's, F-16's, RC-135, and the E3. Additionally, we refuel anything that flies that passes through the area. We just recently refueled the Thunderbirds on their way to Japan. Those jocks weren't quite as bad as their reputation. As usual the further we got over the water the more friendly they were!! We are also home of one of the largest fighter exercises in the PACAF theater, Cope Thunder. We look forward to seeing you if you come up to participate in Cope.

The Last Frontier Boom Operators



BOOM OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

168th Air Refueling Squadron

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If anyone comes through Eielson for whatever please give us a call. Hopefully we can fix you up with a vehicle and point you to the closest fishing hole. Here is our Boomer lineup and a few good numbers of where we can be reached:

Chief Boom 377-3424
Boom Office 377-3426
Stan Eval 377-3427
Training 377-1262
Scheduling 377-1073
OCC (24 HR) 377-1620

SMSgt Keith Bromley, Chief Boom
SMSgt Bob Hauer, ASST. Chief Boom
MSgt Dick Hardy, Element Leader
MSgt Donna Horne, Element Leader
TSgt Lyle Kirgan, Traditional
SSgt Samantha Dahl, Traditional
SSgt Jim Simmons, Traditional
Sgt Michael Carney, Traditional
SRA Travis Clark, Traditional

SMSgt Ron Merbach, Scheduler
MSgt Mark McGrath, Stan/Eval
MSgt Bob Edgett, Training
TSgt Bridgett Tamburino, AGR
TSgt Steve Fergie, Traditional
SSgt Todd Cook, AGR
SSgt Mario McGee, Traditional
SRA Foy Vondolteren, Traditional

Recent Loss

TSgt Fred Schumacher, Traditional

Recent Gains

SSgt Dale Forrey, Traditional
SSgt Butch Stein, Traditional
SSgt Paul Nunneman, Traditional

Take care and please fly safe.

The Last Frontier Boomers

The Last Frontier Boom Operators



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 722D AIR REFUELING WING (AMC)



15 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR HQ AMC/XOVK & All Boom Operators

FROM: 9 AREFS/DOB (MSgt Slobodnjak)

SUBJECT: '94 Boom Signal Input

1. Greetings from the 9 AREFS soon to be the 709 AREFS. Here's the 9th's current lineup:

A FLIGHT

TSgt KEN HOLMAN--(Assistant Flight Chief)--One of the first to volunteer for McGuire.

TSgt BARRY HAYES--Squadron computer network guru, still number one for upgrade this Oct.

MSgt BRAD MADISON--Terminal leave in Feb. 95, presently teaching school off base; only flying on weekends or after 5:00pm.

SSgt GREG ATKINS--(Sq Scheduler)--Recently put on SSgt, Greg is also recently divorced looking for a girlfriend.

SrA JIM DUDGEON--New SSgt select, completed A/R training in only 15 rides, should be complete with cargo by Christmas!

Sgt ROB TABOR--The last Sgt in the Air Force, SSgt select. He's the hardest working boom in the business.

SrA J.D. HARSTON--He is the son of a KC-10 engineer, but we won't hold that against him; a volunteer for McGuire.

SrA CURTIS HARKE--New arrival from Beale, he plans to play golf on every course in southern California.

B FLIGHT

MSgt MARCO DEFELICE--(Flt Chief)--Awaiting opening for chief boom slot, praying Steve's assignment doesn't canx.

SSgt RIZ RISSELADA--(Sq Scheduler)--Another computer guru, busy with many additional duties; second hardest working boom in the business

SSgt YVONNE WHERRY--Next instructor slot, TDY about 200 days in the past year

SrA ED CALDWELL--(Sq Scheduler)--Ed started studying for promotion testing on 12 Aug 94 for SSgt. He's scheduled for his Instructor Upgrade checkride.

SSgt MYK OVERTON--Leaving March early; he has join spouse assignment to Travis Feb 95.

SrA GRANT HORTIN--Now that he's back from the Middle East we still can't find him!

SrA MARK STORREY--He completed his initial qualification despite numerous DNIF days.

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C FLIGHT

MSgt TOM DEGEN--(Assistant Flight Chief)--Thought he went PCS. Highest paid MSgt in the AF for the amount of days he works.

SSgt WAY KELLER--(Sq Scheduler)--Confuses Squadron Scheduling for self scheduling. If he's not on the desk, he's TDY!!

SSgt DAVE YORK--He's so quiet, you wouldn't think he's in the sq --come to think of it, have you seen him! Keeps Texas Looney's in business.

TSgt IKE MCMILLIAN--Working sq supply, and keeping a low profile.

SSgt DANNY MENDONSA--One of our newest instructors, still hoping to go to Altus.

TSgt (Select)CHRIS POWELL--New addition to scheduling; take charge!

SrA LUCY MOLINA--No longer driving a pickup, now she has a VW bug.

SSgt RICK ANTON--Completed A/R training, and very close to getting cargo checked.

Sgt FIRST CLASS DIETER THOMASSEN--Our Flying Dutch Man, he'll be with us for 1 year.

STAN/EVAL

MSgt(Select)JERRY OIEN--Senior evaluator, not looking forward to becoming flight chief.

TSgt (Select)LARRY HUDNUT--(newest addition to Stan/Eval)--If you're ever at the Moreno Valley Mall be sure to say HI to Security Guard Larry.

TSgt JUDY(CW)BURR--Left training flight to evaluate. Went from a three-bedroom house to a one bedroom apartment.

TRAINING FLIGHT

TSgt BILLIE BLACK--Left Stan/Eval after 4 yrs of faithful service, now he's teaching the young ones how to refuel.

DONO

TSgt KARL SMITH--Always non-current, never mind those CC events. If in trouble with the law see Karl.

DOT

SSgt MARK SCHUMANN--Quit training flight after one month to work in wing scheduling. One month later has orders for McGuire.

ALERT MANAGER

MSgt "OO"STEVE OTHOUDT--Retired 1 Aug 94--Started working 2 Aug at C.A. E. LINK--Good luck, we'll miss you

TALCE

MSgt(Select)MIKE ALDAPA--Ever since he PCS'd he's been around the sq more than ever.
NO WE CANT FAX THE TRIP LIST!

MSgt EASY DAVIS--Jack of all trades master of none. Put in for retirement, best wishes.

CHIEF BOOM

MSgt STEVE SLOBODNJAK--Steve's been working his assignment to the Netherlands for exactly one year, finally he's going! Reports in Feb. 95. Good Luck, we'll see you during your BOTT refreshers



MARCO DEFELICE, MSgt, USAF
Flight Superintendent



STEPHEN J. SLOBODNJAK, MSgt, USAF
Inflight Refueling Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM FOR: CMSgt Harris (BOOM SIGNAL EDITOR)

15 Aug 1994

FROM: MSgt Phillips (IRPM) 126th ARW O'HARE IAP ARS CHICAGO IL

SUBJECT: Annual Boom Signal Input

1. Another year has past and boomers everywhere are gathering in Boise ID for the latest and greatest information affecting the boom career field. As I look at the closures and consolidations in the active duty community, I can only wonder what the future has in store for all air refueling units. The Chicago Air Guard still hasn't received word on it's fate as of this writing. I'm sure most of the air refueling community has heard that the Mayor of Chicago is very interested in the property that we occupy. Many towns throughout Illinois are vying to make the 126th ARW a permanent fixture in their community. All kinds of rumors and innuendos are flying, but the truth is that we still have no idea as to when a decision will be made. We in Chicago have just decided to concentrate on the business at hand and not dwell on the gossip.

2. Speaking of business, ours seems to be booming. This unit has been many places from Thailand to Crete in the past year. Our trip board has never been so full. Our guard bums have been checking in at Chicago just long enough to pay their bills, then it's off on another TDY. We picked up a couple of outstanding prior active duty booms this past year in the form of Susan Luciani (EX Grissom boom) and Bob Rizzo (Ex Minot boom, last minute Guard convert). Incidentally, I'd like to formally thank Chief Harris and MPC for working with Chicago to get Rizzo here and cancel his assignment to Kadena. Riz really likes it here, but he groaned when the Chief called the other day and told him he was on the SSgt list. No matter, when he finishes his PME he will be promoted in a very short time. We've properly motivated him to study.

3. ASEV visited us this past spring and validated what we already knew. We know what we're doing when it comes to flying airplanes. I'm sure many Stan Eval offices had their hands full keeping up with all the regulation and AFI changes. Sam Gerros, our Stan Eval Boomer, did an excellent job keeping the unit on the right track. He even had enough sense to let the ASEV boom beat him in a round of golf. Our Quality Air Force Assessment is just around the corner, but we'll tell you about that next time.

4. Well, thats about all I have time for today. We hope to bump into a few of our fellow booms on the various TDY's we get. If you ever happen to be passing through Chicago, stop in and have a cold one on me. That offer still goes even if we should move to wherever.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Phillips
KENNETH R. PHILLIPS, MSgt, IL ANG
Inflight Refueling Program Manager

Here is the line up for the Chicago Booms for 1994.

SMSGT ROY BALSALMO- Part timer EBO, working at Northwest airlines full time.

MSGT JOE GARCHER- Technician EBO, Joe and his wife just had their fourth kid. Keep that thing in your pants Joe.

TSGT SAMMY GERROS- Technician EBO, Sammy is running our Stan/Eval shop water ASEV's eyes with an OP.

TSGT JEFF GROCH- Part timer, works full time for United as a mechanic. Jeff just graduated from CFIC down at Altus. As soon as he gets back from Hawaii he might finish his check ride.

TSGT DOM GUERRIERI- Former AGR, Dom went part time after graduated college. He is now available for an job in corporate America. Please send for references.

TSGT FARUZA KALABA- Faruza is still a part timer, she was our Rodeo Boom with Pat Quaid.

SMSGT JOHN KURZEJA- Part Timer, John was saved from the clutches of the retention board by an unknown friend down state. Welcome back John.

MSGT PETE LAGIOIA- AGR Pete was moved out of scheduling to fix up our DOX shop. Pete is on his way to Pissa for the next 5 weeks.

TSGT JOE LONG- Technician IBO, Joe is working in the squadron office counting beans and such.

SRA SUSAN LUCIANI- Part timer, Susan came to us after a short break from active duty. She was going to work for us full time but.....(see Rizzo)

TSGT JAMES MIRANDA- Part timer, "ROCK" is still our most controversial boom, but we still love him. It's the new air force so we can say that.

MSGT RORY OHSE- Part timer, Rory was laid up earlier in the year. On his way out to fly somebody rear ended him, (In his car). Rory will be retiring after this year, good luck!

MSGT RANDY PALUMBO- Technician IBO, Randy is looking to broaden his horizons, but until then he is our cargo loading manager.

MSGT KEN PHILLIPS- AGR, Ken is our program manager, when he is not pissing off the crew chiefs, he is helping the rest of us sort out the problems of our piddely little lives.

TSGT PAT QUAID- Part timer, Pat went to Rodeo with Faruza and had a great time. He's looking forward to the Democratic convention in a couple of years, just like the old days.

SRA BOB RIZZO- AGR, Rizzo is a refugee off of active duty. He came to us and stole Susan's full time job. He just bought a stove and he is going to give the box to Susan, apartments are so expensive.

SSGT RICK SPEJEWSKI- Technician, Spooze is our prettiest boom. In the event that he can not perform his duties as the prettiest boom Susan will fill in.

TSGT KEITH WAGNER- Part timer, Scruffy is getting ready for CFIC. He is already buying hair in a can for the trip.

TSGT JOHN WEBER- AGR, John is our training flight boom. He is looking into a fifteen year retirement. He might go sixteen so he can save up for a rocking chair.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCES IN EUROPE

12 Aug 94

MEMORANDUM FOR INFORMATION

FROM: 351 ARS/DOOB

SUBJ: BOOM SIGNAL

Greetings and salutations from all the Boom Operators at RAF Mildenhall. The past year has been a very active one indeed. We've Supported Provide Comfort, Support Hope, Deny Flight, Provide Promise and **provide what's it's name**, not to mention, the on going unexpected short notice tasking. We've restructured, reorganized and created a quality focus for mission objectives. All in all a very interesting year. It should be noted that AMC **PROVIDES** most of the support in the AOR. We thank you. Should one find oneself traveling space-A or returning from a Channel Mission, we extend a warm welcome to our home. DSN 238-3787.

SMSgt Mark Gentry - Chief Boom, Mr Motivator, the big daddy rabbit, the overseer.

MSgt Troy Sinclair - 3rd AF DOV. Spends most of his time (when not in the gym) interfacing with USAFE, trying to get us rollers.

MSgt Stan Sears - Wing Stan/Eval. Enjoys managing the Group computer program. Doesn't seem to give many checks. Known as Santa.

MSgt Dave Williams - B Flight Chief Boom, torn between chasing his guys & being TDY.

MSgt Richard Sopkowiak - A Flight Chief Boom, Stan Sears computer devotee, seems to know a thing or two about MAN.

TSgt Red Skelton - (MSgt Sel) Chief Boom in OOS Scheduling. Oh no, not another TDY. Proud father - baby daughter.

TSgt Terry Casey - A Flight trainer. Terry's settled down since the birth of his daughter, can be found at local Biker Pubs.

TSgt Clayton Fox - Recently left EFFT Flight. Now works/lives in the OSS scheduling office. Enjoys all the free time - NOT

TSgt Dennis O'Grady - Went from being the cargo manager to the ETTF flight Boom. Dennis is hard to find at times, he's always working on something.

TSgt Gary Frederick - The love of his life, must be his camera? Gary is the resident Cargo/Mobility guru.

SSgt Jerry Linscott - Still asking questions. Upgraded to instructor. He now looks up the answers before he ask. Took a bride and PCS'ed to Mc Connell. Good Luck Spanky.

SSgt Shawn Miller - Presently in instructor upgrade. Hey Shawn, remember the way of the SPIKE leads to the barber.

SSgt Larry Westwood - A flight scheduler. Larry recently took a bride.

SSgt Cliff Bermodes - A flight Stan/\Eval. All around nice guy except when giving checks. He's king of the one liner. Proud father - baby girl.

SSgt Shawn Lane - Recent instructor upgrade. B flight scheduler, Enjoys Bravo alert.

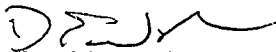
SSgt Bruce Zahn - Volunteers for Bravo Alert. Work's in ETTF flight. spends alot of time on the road.

Sgt Kevin Cantrell - Still single and loving it. Instructor in cargo Loading, don't try to get anything past him.

Sgt Kevin Beccard - A flight Stan/Eval. Mr. TDY, I'll go, send me please.

Sgt Pete King - A flight trainer. Member of the creative anachronism society, Pete's our resident sword fighting foot soldier.

SrA Tim Blackburn - Has insurance on his vehicle now. Loves going TDY. Would like to get base housing.


David E Williams
B Flight Boom

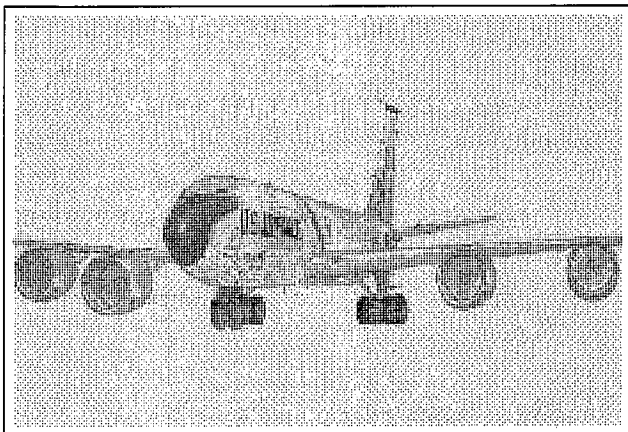
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Issue One

Boom Signal

August, 1994

To our fellow Boom Operators all over the world; past, present, and future...Greetings! In a fast changing world and career field, it seems that this forum is about the only way we can communicate with each other these days. Things are happening fast and furious over here in the land of the



rising sun and falling dollar (96 yen to the green-back). With our 15 permanent party aircraft we come home occasionally to change clothes, then it's back on the road again. The folks don't complain about *not* going TDY anymore, it's more like the other way around. We miss seeing many of you now that the AMC tankers are not doing the roller run anymore. We always looked forward to getting a call from one of our buddies when you came through here. As always, the invitation is open to anyone transiting through who may want to stop by and chat, have a hot cup of coffee, eat some Japanese food or whatever tickles your fancy. We are going through a pretty big turnover this summer with many people leaving and a few coming in. For those of you who want to come over here PCS keep your dream sheet updated. Many times our requirements come up short notice where we need to get a few more booms quickly and MSgt Heineman goes directly to the most eligible list. Don't miss your opportunity to

get over here if this is an assignment you have been waiting for.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express thanks to CMSgt Scott Harris for the outstanding job he is doing for our career field. Being a PACAF troop I don't get to see it all, but what I see I like. He definitely has the boom operator in mind when conducting business for this career field, just like many of our earlier pioneers who paved the way for the opportunities we have today. He's fair. That means a lot in these days of shrinking numbers. While I'm handing out kudos, we are happy to have SMSgt Roy Schufft as an addition to HQ PACAF/DOVT. Roy is full of thrust on a true heading, making things happen for us. In less than a year he has made strides that we thought wouldn't happen in this command. Good on ya Roy...Keep up the good work. Two of us got to attend the Boom Symposium this past March and I must say it was a command performance. If you attended this one and didn't come



away being proud to be a boom operator then we obviously weren't at the same reunion. Hats off to the Castle Booms that made this final Castle symposium one to remember. Since it's easier to say good things about people than bad, I'll end this in this way. We Kadena Boom Operators stand proud of our heritage and can boldly say that

PACAF knows who we are, what we stand for, and we'll match our aviation professionalism against anyone, anywhere, and at anytime. One last note. We have the capability of getting the Boom Operator coins in Osan, Korea. If anyone wants to get them, give us a call and we'll pick them up for you. Until then...Be proud. Be safe.



DAN JONES, CMSGT, USAF
Chief, Inflight Refueling Program
Kadena Air Base, Japan

The Players:

CMSgt Dan Jones: A prince among men. Never misses a beat in watching out for not only the boom operators assigned to the wing but those that transition through as well. Wouldn't trade him for two TDY's to Thailand. Okay, one TDY to Thailand but we get to pick the hotel. Sorry Dan.

SMSgt Billy "Bonzai" Karasko: Our resident expert on cargo operations. He's just like E.F. Hutton... when he speaks the pointy heads listen. Actually left cargo on the ramp one time because they didn't play by the rules. Currently employed as the squadron First Sergeant. I don't think he can get anymore starch in those BDU's.

MSgt Terry "T-Bear" Barber: Terry is now stationed as an ANG advisor at Tinker AFB. I saw him on a recent PDM and he appeared to be very busy. At present, he is responsible for all boom operator training. He truly has his work cut out considering the unit must be mission ready by next summer. Good Luck Terry!

MSgt Jimmy Bullock: On his way to McGuire AFB as an instructor at the tactics school. His PCS left a huge gap in our force. He will be sorely missed. Jimmy, we wish you well!

MSgt (select) Jerry Head: His promotion selection was no surprise. Intelligent and motivated, with strong people skills... a good leader. Jerry is currently in Stan/Eval and a recent participant in the Rodeo. We expect even greater things from him in the future.

MSgt (select) Dean Oulela: Another promotion that was expected. Deano is presently working in the OSS as a planner and doing a super job.

MSgt (select) Jim Morman: Had quite a scare when the MSgt list was released...seems he wasn't on it. AFMPC inadvertently left him off the list. He got that rectified pretty quickly. Jim is going PCS to McConnell AFB in the very near future. He is currently assigned to the OSS as a planner.

TSgt Dave Pileski: Our #1 man in training flight. Has a true penchant for keeping on top of the requirements for our booms. Doing a great job!

TSgt Mike Davis: The other half of our Stan/Eval team. Mike is healthy and active again after a back injury and subsequent surgery.

TSgt Russ Snitker: Russ is on his way to Grand Forks AFB. He did a super job for us in scheduling and Stan/Eval and he will be missed. Good Luck Russ!

TSgt (select) Mike "Gator" Cordell: Mike is our CLT manager. He is totally immersed in Japanese culture and can be found conducting a tea ceremony for the Governor of Okinawa Prefecture.

SSgt Lloyd Rand: Lloyd has been with us for three years now and never wants to leave. He is going to the PACAF TALC job on the other side of the base in the near future. When he's not TDY, you can find him at the Okuma Recreation Center camping.

SSgt Gerry Slusher: Gerry is leaving us in the near future for the KC-10 at Travis AFB. He is

our softball expert as well as the boom operator's Japanese affairs virtuoso.

SSgt Mike "Taz" Rollins: Mike is the B flight boom and does a fine job of keeping all his people in line. He's a great guy who needs more work because right now he's all thrust and no vector. He finally fixed the squadron ice machine but he won't explain why it's sitting unplugged next to a new one. What's the story Mike?

SSgt Shawn "Shadow" Lewis: Shadow is currently working in the OSS as a wing scheduler. Shawn is our resident scuba diving expert and is always looking for a dive partner.

SSgt Erick "ET" Turner: E.T. is presently working in the squadron scheduling office after a stint in the cargo operations section. Looking to stay at Kadena an additional couple of years.

SSgt Phil Frank: Our #2 man in training flight. Phil is the hardest working person you've ever seen. Came to us from Fairchild...their loss our gain. Wife just had a baby with everybody doing fine.

SSgt Trent Apodaca: Trent is currently experiencing a medical problem that prevents him from flying. Currently employed in the scheduling shop when he's not at the hospital. We wish him well.

SSgt Targos: No data available at this time. Still awaiting his arrival. Anybody have any words?

SSgt (select) Troy Keach: He too is leaving us for the warm California sun and an assignment to the KC-10 at Travis. He can be found on the golf course most of the time or accompanying Harold Wenner to the Philippines. If ever there was a true "Gucci Boy"...

SSgt (select) Harold Wenner: Another KC-10 candidate also moving to Travis AFB. We don't see old Harold too often because he is *ALWAYS* TDY or on leave to the Philippines. Angeles City is alive and well...just ask Harold.

SSgt (select) Craig "Call Sign Pending"

Eyre: Craig was our squadron and operations group Airman of the Year for '93. To reward him for this, the DO took him out of scheduling, issued him a lawn chair and sunglasses, and put him on a crew. We hear he wants another staff job, but we can never track him down to confirm this. If he is not TDY, he's probably in church or looking for a CD by some obscure country western star.

SSgt (select) Tom McGuire: Tom is working in wing scheduling with plans for returning to the squadron in the near future. Tom is a regular computer geek who bought the thing to play games but if you need any help with your system...he's your man.

SSgt (select) Ed "Sped" Smith: Ed was unbelievably relieved to hear he had made SSgt. Something about realizing a dream or something. Constantly improving his technique and still desperately seeking Susan, the girl with the "well rounded" personality...among other attributes.

SrA Bryan "Elvis" Sellman: Haven't seen an awful lot of Bryan since the baby was born. Yes, his wife Jennifer did him proud with a beautiful baby girl. We haven't seen the whole family as of yet but Pricilla and Lisa Marie are bound to make a showing sometime soon. Bryan says he's studying for CFIS, but he must not be studying hard enough cause he has yet to earn his first Kitchen Pass. Keep in touch, will ya' Bryan?

SrA Jennifer Sellman: Came to us from Minot AFB almost a year ago and has since given birth to our newest baby boomer. She lives off base on a palatial estate with her husband Bryan and is expected to be back flying very soon. The person most responsible for Bryan's new and improved realistic view of life.

SrA Patricia Lehman: Trish is the mother of a beautiful baby boy who just a few days ago got his first tooth. She has been medically grounded for sometime and is currently looking at the prospect of retraining should the grounding become

permanent. Trish has been the one person most responsible for the new forms and handouts the squadron is using because of her ability to use that computer magic.

SrA Dan "The Man" Phillips: Dan is our newest CFIS candidate and is in school as we write this. Possesses a great deal of talent and poise but has a real problem holding on to things that most booms hold most dear...his Dash-3. Must have lost it 5 times!

SrA Tom "Phantom" Roetzler: This guy showed up on our doorstep one day having already processed through the Military Personnel Flight! Seems the base Intro Office let this one slip by. Went for his theater orientation ride to Misawa AB, Japan in support of the Thunderbirds. Of course, Chief Jones was along to supervise...It's great to be King!

A1C Mike "Max" Webster: Mike joins us after a stint at Loring AFB and seems to have taken quite well to the change of climate. Anyone wanting to buy him an early Christmas present should check out the alarm clock section of the local department store. Get the *BIG* one!

It is quite apparent to all that the present Air Force is nothing like the service many of us joined a number of years ago. It is getting smaller, doing more with fewer and fewer resources. It is therefore incumbent on each and every one of us to take care and look out for each other. If anyone ever needs assistance, in any arena, *do not* hesitate to ask. The 909th Boom Operators can be reached at DSN 634-8060. As our motto pledges...

Always There!

