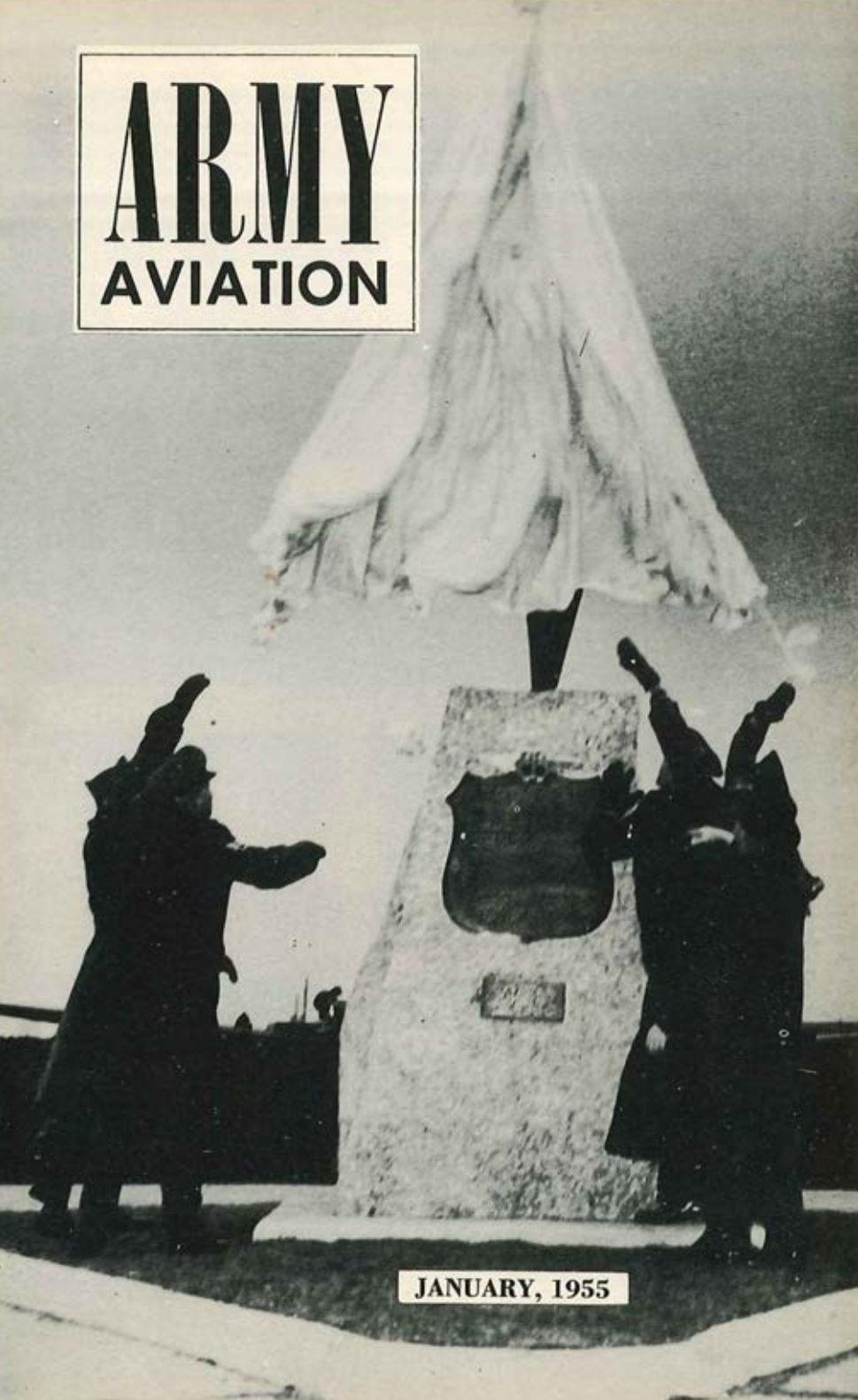
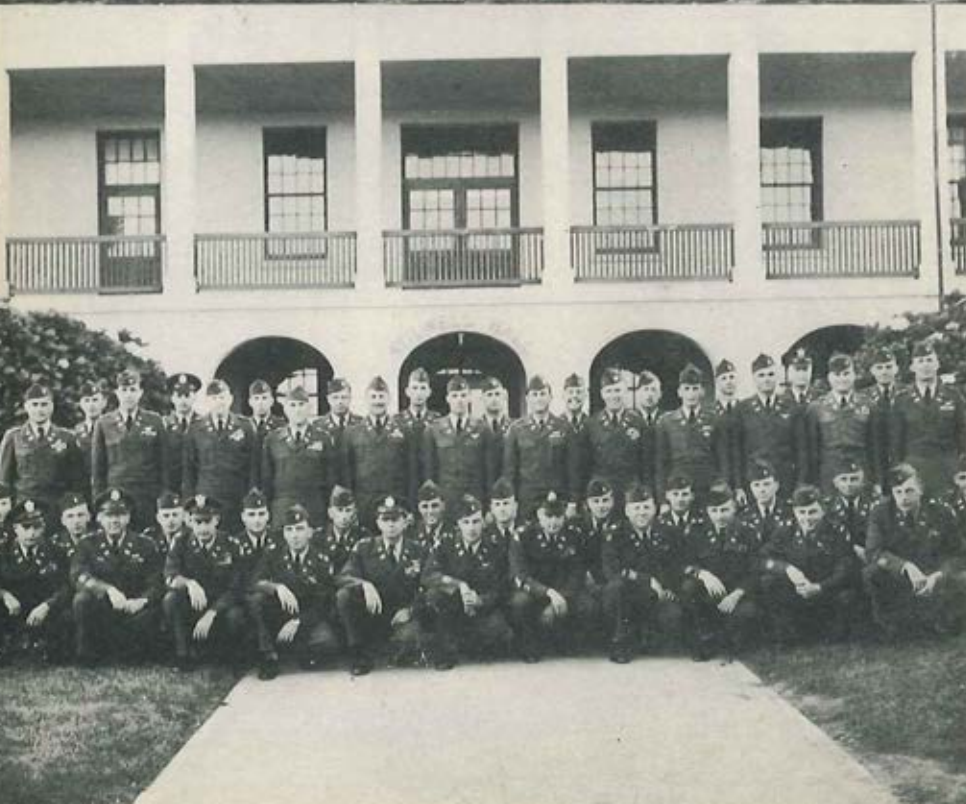


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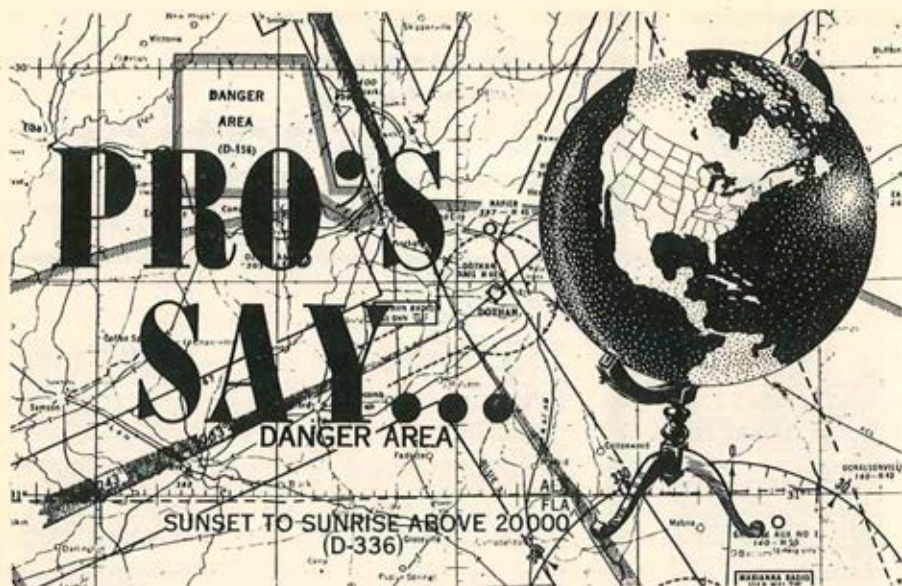
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Check your back cover. The month listed on the line over your name is your expiration issue.

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**FORT SILL, OKLAHOMA** — There is little news from Fort Sill where the remnants of the Army Aviation School are folding their tents and steaming away like Arabs. We're now down to less than 100 officers with more leaving every day. All fixed-wing training at Sill has now been completed (1 Dec) and all that is left are four classes in rotary-wing (one helicopter tactics and three cargo helicopter). As you know, the last helicopter class will graduate 26 February 1956. I'm sure that any AA who went thru the School here in the last year and a half or two years, and was amazed by the activity both on the ground and in the air, would now be equally amazed by the inactivity. To yours truly, who has ONLY seen Sill operating at its peak, this inactivity is just as amazing.

Lt. Col. CHARLES ERNEST commands the rear elements here at Sill and goes under the title of Executive Officer. The former Army Aviation School Command - which handled the administrative end of the School - is now designated Detachment # 3 (AAS Rear Detachment). Lt. Col. Edwin Harloff is the Director of Instruction. And of course, Lt. Col. "Doc" HARRISON is still here to see that we are fit and able. Maj. HARRY JENNINGS is acting as the Director of the Dept of Flight; Maj. HAROLD THOMAS is Director, Dept of Tactics & General Subjects, and Capt IVAN PELLER is acting Director, Dept of Aviation Maintenance. The operation of Post Field is being taken over by TAC on today's date (1 Dec) and Maj. BARNES is heading the operation. The Square Dance Team headed for Fort Eustis to put on their show, both for television and for some officials. H-13's for the Show were carried there by the Air Force in C-124's. Of course, we here at the School are always saddened to hear of any accident, especially a fatal accident. I personally was well acquainted with one of the occupants who was fatally injured in the H-25 crash near Fort Bragg. Both the Army and Army aviation in particular have lost one of their outstanding warrant officers. Your Correspondent, WOJG PAUL W. BASS

## ROUND 2

**FORT HUACHUCA, NEW MEXICO** — Seems like it was just the other afternoon that the November issues of THE BOOK arrived on the fast stage from Dodge City, so the whole group of us, just mere boys at heart, took time off to scan the latest word. All went swimmingly along, with shouts of: "Look at that Basser who made Major," and the like, until we laid eyes on that dastardly assassination written by a representative of a certain unit near Fort Monmouth..... We feel that a rebuttal is in order, since that article made implications that certainly should not be allowed to stand unchallenged. We had previously decided that things are better left unsaid - mouldering bones better left undisturbed - and all that sort of rot. But if this is the way THEY want to play - "Bare the naked blade and ride to the sound of the cannon." The feeble attempt at invective which was aimed at us will be answered blow for blow though we feel in our heart that they are not really foemen worthy of our steel. Remember our motto: "Les Boeufs ont leurs Queues pris dans la barriere et bougent." (Ed. Note: Hope this is "clean." We didn't check it.)

The following items, with REBUTTAL, are those to which we feel we must take rather violent exception. Always with the thought in mind that the truth must be brought to the attention of that great group of clear-thinking people, the Army Aviation man - those that subscribe, that is. Item #1: It was stated that the departure of SCAAC from THAT place left them a little short on pilots and planes. The truth of the matter is that when we departed we left behind some aircraft but all the AVIATORS went to Arizona. True, there were left behind some uniformed personnel but they'd been surreptitiously hired under the cover of darkness from various non-scheduled airlines in the area.

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keep up with the existing tight circle created in procuring Instrument Certificates. . . . "Blessed is he that goes in a circle - because he shall become known as a wheel." . . . The requirement that only an L-20 aircraft can be used for flight examination plus the fact that we have no examiner available have stopped us cold. Of thirteen existing CAA tickets, only two have been converted. . . . We're not anxious to pound rocks in the clouds with an L-19 (the emergency altitude is 16,500 feet in this area) but we would like to be able to utilize the pilots that are qualified for "over the top flights" in the L-19. 55% of the time during the winter we are closed, AI or "Over the top." We'd like to correspond with other units that have conquered the vicious circle. . . .

We are very fortunate in having SFC Raymond Biggs of Fort Sill and other points as our chief Link operator and repairman. Biggs has done wonders with two AT-18 trainers. Installed OMNI-ADF and extended XC. . . . His rounded experiences including Service Pilot certainly add to our Link training. His published book, "Wings of Memory," proves that he'd be a better correspondent than this one (and he'll probably wind up with the job.) SFC James C. Carter is holding down the Opns Sgt job. (We're trying to convert him from a crescent wrench to a typewriter.)

We've discussed the feasibility of getting an MOS for Link Operators with a D/A MOS team. We're subject to the loss of our trained Link Operators in that they carry a 1008 MOS. Nothing has developed yet. Anybody else experiencing the same trouble? Maybe enough requests to D/A would cause a change. . . . Maj. Tom Rankin finally lost his homestead at Sill and passed thru here on his way to the Far East, leaving behind the rumor that Wilbur Bruce, the Grand Daddy of all homesteaders is due thru here soon. I'd like to extend an invitation to ALL AA's departing thru this station to USE our facilities for meeting flight requirements. Form 122's are submitted to the Replacement Station for MPO. . . . That's it. . . . If I sound as if I've been crying in my beer - as they say out here in Washington - "It's the water that makes the difference." Maj. AARON G. ATKISSON

## BRIEFS

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM — In that I haven't written since my arrival in Brussels, it seems as though a note is in order at this time. . . . The Belgian Army is equipped with L-18C aircraft which is a modified version of the old L-4 Cub. . . . It therefore follows that my flying activities have been restricted to this type aircraft. . . . After having access to ALL types of the currently used Army aircraft, this is quite a come down. . . . Our activities here consist primarily of assistance in training and maintenance and I might add considerable "pencil pushing."

Best regards, Maj. DAVID A. HILL, MAAG, Belux, Brussels

CAMP RUCKER, ALABAMA — The Army Aviation School Newsletter has recently been discontinued. . . . At this time, I know of no official publication which will carry the personals, promotions, etc., that the Newsletter carried. . . . To obtain such information as you request as well as other School news stories, I suggest contact be made with Capt. Ollie B. Richie, PIO Officer, Camp Rucker, Alabama, stating the type information desired. With kindest personal regards, I am

WEYMAN S. CARVER, Capt, Arty

(Ed. We'd like to extend an invitation to correspondents in the various departments of the AAS to submit whatever news and personals they may have. Heretofore, their publication here would have been duplication.)

MORTON, PENNSYLVANIA — Enclosed is a glossy print of the Army H-21C "Work Horse" lifting a two-ton 105-mm howitzer. . . . This, I believe, is the heaviest payload ever carried by any helicopter in service. . . . This lifting capability of the H-21C provides a third dimension to the mobility of artillery units. . . . The displacement of artillery can be accomplished by this method with a rapidity not possible heretofore.

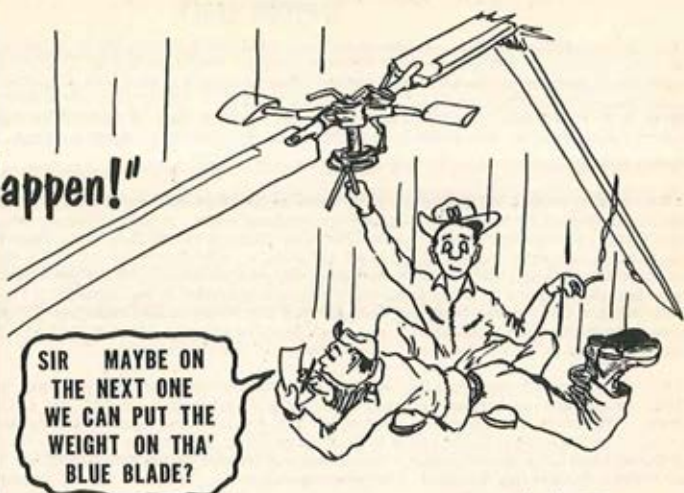
Sincerely, (Col.) FRANK K. MacMAHON, Piasecki Hcptr Corp.

PIASECKI  
ARMY H-21C  
"WORK HORSE"  
LIFTING A  
TWO-TON  
105-MM  
HOWITZER  
(Story Above)





# "It Could Happen!"



BY LT JOSEPH R GAYHART

## Field Test

### FREEZIN' SEASON

FORT RICHARDSON, ALASKA — Present weather is light wind, snow, visibility 1 mile, temperature 8 above zero. .Sort of stinking for us "contact" boys. .It has been 10 to 19 BELOW for the past several days. .Have been spending many hours lately on search and rescue missions in coordination with AF Rescue at Elmendorf. .The moose season's just over and some of the local boys clobbered on various mountains trying to fly their meat out. .The season is over until next year so business in that respect should slack off, we hope. .New arrival to the Air Section of the 53rd Inf is Capt. CHARLES J. LEWIS (which makes us 100%). .Capt. LEWIS is the new Eng Off & is now assisted by Lt. RAY CROSS. .Capt. DOWDEN (71st Div Hqs) and I recently attended the Arctic Survival School at Ladd AFB up north. .Also in attendance was Capt. HUBERT THOMPSON (AO of the 4th Inf) as well as pilots from the Navy, Coast Guard, Army, and Air Force. .Needless to say, we all survived. .If we're sure of two things after taking the course, they are (1) the parachute is a wonderful aid to survival in the Arctic and (2) you have had the Program if you ever go down in the Arctic sea-ice. .The instructors were excellent, and the students ATTENTIVE, to say the least. .

Hope the boys back at Fort Meade aren't sore at us but still say to them it could be much worse. .Lt Humes 'll probably remember me as being one class ahead of him thru Flight School. .Hope you fellows will take our jabs in jest. .Please change the address on all of us here to the 53rd Inf Regt. .We're now part of the 71st Inf Div with Hqs here at Fort Rich. .Still have TWO vacancies for the 607th AFA Bn. .(Pretty good deal as far as quarters are concerned and have an amiable bunch to work with. .Hope to hear from the gang in the 7th Division. .

Your key pounder,

Captain BILL MARSH

### NEW

The first issue of an Army-wide publication, "Aviation Digest of the Army," is scheduled to be published on Feb. 1, 1955. Responsibility for editing the new monthly magazine has been delegated to the Army Aviation School at Camp Rucker, Alabama, by the Department of the Army.

The mission of the publication is to disseminate to military personnel concerned with Army Aviation "information of an operational or functional nature, concerning Army aviation safety and aircraft accident, training, maintenance, operations, research and development, aviation medicine, and other related data." Correspondence pertaining to the magazine should be addressed to: Editor-in-Chief, Aviation Digest of the Army, Army Aviation School, Camp Rucker, Alabama. Direct communications have been authorized by the Department of the Army. (PIO release.)

### WANTED: ONE ACE

KOREA — We all get a big kick out of reading "AA" and I have heard several of the fellows say they are going to subscribe but they just don't seem to get around to it. .Maybe I can help them to get around to it. .I'm here with the I Corps Consolidated Air Section with about 20 other AA's. .Here are the names in case someone besides the Editor is looking for them: Maj. Paul V. Jackson, Jr. (AO); Capt. Robert B. Parsons; 1st Lts Harry G. Fox, Harold M. Bailey, Anthony F. Bocchini, Robert B. Jones, Thad M. Keenan, Russell L. Meek, Robert C. Robinson, RAYMOND E. MOORE, Carl J. Turner, Hubert L. Starcher (Alde-de-Camp to Brig. Gen. Lucas), & William N. Robinson; and 2nd Lts. Benjamin P. Sibley, Roger D. Andrews, and William Crowell. .P.S. Left out 1/Lt Bob J. Starnes.

Your Correspondent,

Lt. DAVID R. GUEST

(Ed. Note: Correspondent also left out Lt. Col. CLAUDE L. SHEPARD, JR., Bn Comdr of the 96th FA Bn, a man to whom one of the "unknowing lieutenants" better not give a rough ride. .Any potential Aces in the crowd?)



## STARTING EARLY

FORT McPHERSON, GEORGIA — Some news from Third Army. First, the Instrument Examining Board (President Capt. NEELY R. BROWN, assisted by Capt. John A. Murray, and Capt. HARRY J. LANGLEY) have started the FY 55 instrument examinations, and the "shop" is humming with activity, giving the written examinations and the link time and flight checks. . . Aviators successfully completing the check thus far have been Capt. J. C. SMITH, R. J. DYER, and J. C. MATLOCK from Fort Benning; Maj. M. RAWLINGS and Capt. M. V. McINERNEY from Ft Bragg; Capt. R. BALDWIN from Ft Campbell; Lt. Col. H. J. BUSH and Capt. E. O. Basham from Cp Rucker; and Maj. L. B. BOTTS from Headquarters Third Army. . .

As the readers know, a big recruiting drive is on for aviators, and we here in Third Army are leaving no stone unturned to contact all eligible lieutenants by recruiting teams, personal letters, etc., to get them interested in aviation. . . I would appreciate hearing from other Army areas on their ideas concerning the recruiting business. . . Capt. Shepherd and Lt. MULLIGAN are doing a "bang-up" job at the Third Army Ft Det during these months of low ceilings, bad visibility, and generally poor weather. . . ONLY three flights have had to be cancelled due to bad weather; and on those days, everything was grounded (Coml and AF). . . Lt. Col. ANDERSON, Third Army Aviation Officer, has been very busy the past few weeks on National Guard inspections and the USAR program. . . Incidentally, any USAR aviator who is not familiar with the Third Army USAR Aviation Flight Training Program should drop us a line and we'll give them full details promptly. . .

An H-21 has been delivered to AFF Board # 5 at Camp Rucker for testing purposes, but according to Lt. Col. BUSH, not enough time has been put on it for a complete evaluation. Should have a full report on it in the near future. . . Hurricane HAZEL played havoc in the Third Army area, especially the Myrtle Beach and Wilmington areas. . . The Flight Detachment put in several hours flying Engineer personnel to the devastated areas, surveying damage and offering assistance. . . Fort Bragg was situated in the path of HAZEL, but pulled through in excellent shape — NO aircraft damaged. Your correspondent, Captain DALE R. WEES, Inf.

## CALORIE COUNTER

STUTTGART, GERMANY — Reporting time. . . Aviation-wise. . . ARMYSEVEN. . . All Seventh Army Aviators have successfully completed the Annual Written Examinations. . . The tests caused many of us to do considerable preparation and study. . . We learned a lot and also recalled a great deal of knowledge that had grown rusty from lack of use. . . All of which makes for better qualified and more proficient aviators. . . The weather is with us here again in Europe as in many other parts of the world. . . Marginal conditions. . . and they'll be the rule for a while. . . Let's hope that everyone takes the time and the trouble to check and RESPECT that route weather prior to takeoff. . .

Have YOU had your physical lately? . . It's time to turn down second helpings and Dinkenlacker Pilsener. . . AR 40-110 and SR 40-110-1. . . Qualified for flying duty, Class II. . . Capt "Blue" BARRON has arrived. . . WOW. . . Asg'd Seventh Army, Avn Section, Hq Company. . . Lt. Col. Robert Hamilton, formerly Commandant, Army Aviation School, now commands an Armd Inf Bn (2nd Armd Div) here. . . Lt. PAUL FRANCE has recently joined our 1402nd Engr Bn. Welcome. . . ADD Lt. Col. MURPHY, RAYMOND H. ) to the "CONGRATULATIONS" Column. . . He is all smiles with shining new oak leaves. . . Think I'll try to sell him another subscription. Shape up, boy. . . I done tole you TWICE that Maj. ROBERT L. HOFFMAN on your 6,464 MOST WANTED LIST is assigned to Headquarters Seventh Army, Trans Sec, APO 46. . . In closing, may we at Seventh Army take this opportunity to extend our best holiday wishes to all Army Aviation personnel wherever they may be. . .

Your correspondent,

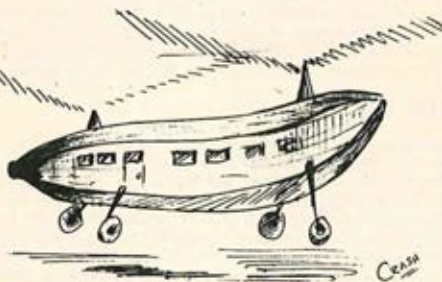
Maj. JAMES O. TOWNSEND

## THE "FEARLESS FLYERS"

FORT BENNING, GEORGIA — Speaking of AA's, we got 'em too. . . Too numerous to list even, but here's a quick rundown. . . 3rd Infantry Division leads the field with FIFTY-SEVEN (Combat Aviation Company, Provisional). . . recently redesignated from the 47th Division. . . headed by Lt. Col. SHIVELEY; the 506th Transportation Company (Helicopter) has TWENTY-TWO, with Maj. HOWELL as their chief honcho; we have FIFTEEN pilots in the TIC Section, and there are THIRTEEN in the School. . . In addition, there are 3 assigned elsewhere on the Post and we have three or four more on TDY with Exercise "FOLLOW ME." So that's a grand total of 110 AA's and this should stack up pretty well. How does this compare with elsewhere? . . . No new additions to our Section, but just lost one to that "other way" of life and multi dress, Lt. JAMES COOK. . . Guess I'd better run along now. . .

Representing the "Fearless Flyers" on the Chattahoochee,

Capt. O. G. MULLINS



"RED LEADER, DID YOU SAY PEEL OFF?"

STUTTGART, GERMANY — Enclosed is an uncaptioned "doodle." Do NOT reduce it to a blip if you use it; I can hardly read the print now. . . Forcing my memory WAY back, I recall the Taylorcrafts as L-2's and the L-3's as Aerocas (Re: "Strip Tease," Nov. issue). Nickname "Crash" was hard-earned through an episode on winter maneuvers in Tennessee w/L-2's in '43. I've crept away from it since I've been married as IT was the only name I was known by the gals down South. The man who used it in his article MUST have traveled in the same circles.

Sincerely, Maj. LLOYD O. BORDEN

(Ed. Don't sweat, CRASH. . . The print is so small the wife can't read it anyway.)



## TOWERS ABOVE ALL

FT KNOX, KENTUCKY — At the present time we have 17 pilots in The Armored Center Aviation Section, one with AFF Board #2, two with the 70th TAART and eight in cer, Capt ARVIL B. QUINN, Assistant AO, and Capt. NICK YEONOPOLUS is Opns Officer with the remainder of us having jobs in Supply, Safety, Training, Recruiting, & Engineering. We sport a huge brick hangar with a fine built-in tower, a weather station, classroom, office space, supply room, and snack bar. The tower is operated by Army personnel and transmits on 126.3 and 126.18. It receives both plus 121.5 We think that it is one of the best operated towers in the business. The weather station is AF-operated and very capably so. They have all the latest and best equipment. So come on down & we'll show you a sharp Army Aviation Section. . .

Your correspondent,  
Capt. JESSE L. WILKINSON

## ADD PERSONALS

FT. KNOX, KENTUCKY (Added) — Fort Knox, Home of Armor, is proud to announce the graduation of its fourth aerial observers' class. . . Personal data on the Knox Section are as follows: ARRIVALS: Lt Colonel MAYNARD B. BOOTH (AO), Capt. ARVIL B. QUINN (Asst AO & AO, 11th Armd Cav Regt), Capt CHARLES O. REESE, and Capt. Donald J. Vernon. Lt. Cleatus Crain departed for ETO via Hepr School and Capt. NICK YEONOPOLUS returned from TDY in Alaska. . . DEPARTURES: Captain MATTHEW P. MONTEE, to Hepr & Twin-E Sch prior to USAREUR; Capt. HARVEY D. HAWLEY, TDY to Hepr Sch; Lt. JAMES W. FOSTER to civilian life; and Lt JAMES SCUDDER to 3rd Infantry Division. . . New ratings were picked up by Capt Paul E. Porter (1066), Capt Alder P. Betti (1066), Lt Col BOOTH (Sr AA), and Capt HUBERT W. OGILVY (Sr AA). . . Taking on CO-PILOTS were Lt JAMES FOSTER (prior to discharge) and LT WILLIAM R. KOCH, also a newly-married man. Please remove Capt QUINN's "profile" from the Post Office BB. . . He's here and no longer a TEN MOST WANTED. . . Your correspondent, Lt. EDWARD L. JOHNSON, Armor

## "NATURE BOYS"

FORT CARSON, COLORADO — We here at the Mile High Post are still operating from our "Nature-type" hangar. . . At the same time the Engineers are working on a more permanent set-up for us. . . They have already completed one T-type hangar (capable of holding 10 L-19's) and are working on a second one. . . That and the new pilots reporting in are the only new things happening here. . . Seems that all we get done now is introductions. . . These men were "introduced" since our last report in "AA" - From Europe, Capts DRUMMOND, BUCKWALTER, and DuPONT (Take the last from the 10MW) and from Sill Lieutenants Calta, Grix, Thompson, O'Brien, Jordon, Johnston, Evans, Curry, Comer, Wichman, French, Frazer, and Mortvedt. . .

AW QUIT FOOLIN'  
AROUND, ED,  
GO TO SLEEP!

## A Small Alaskan MosquiToe!



BY LT JOSEPH GAYHART



Capt Morud and Lt Burton are both TDY to San Marcos for Hcptr Training and Capt Koons is TDY to UCLA (get that UCLA!) for a Flying Safety Course. Capt. PHILLIPS has been transferred to Ft Benning and Lt. LOLLAR has been transferred to Fort Hood, Texas. Lt LEROY CHAPMAN (TEN MW) is here with the Ft Carson Post Avn Section. . . . Your Correspondent, Lt. EUGENE K. PROSSER

## IT PAYS OFF!

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY — Just a short note from this sector. We now have all of the pilots in this theatre qualified under the Army Aviator Exams (a little late since the study materials were not available until late October). . . . On Instrument Program is progressing very satisfactorily although we can make improvements. . . . Seventh Army has something of which we are very proud in its "Pilots' Standardization Program." This School standardizes Instructor Pilots for units (Divisions, Regiments, and Corps) and the Instructor Pilots carry on a similar program in their units. . . . The results have been exceptionally good. . . . In '53 we had nine fatalities and to date in '54 we have only one fatality. . . . The number of accidents have decreased appreciably as well as the cost of losses. Damage has correspondingly decreased about 40%. I am sure that USAREUR has flown as much or more Instrument time than any major command in the Army. . . .

Sincerely, Col. HARRY K. BAYLESS, USAREUR

# IT!

The big news this month is that something's coming your way and it certainly will be welcomed. The release date of the advance draft was January 6th and just as soon as we have the initial comments of this draft from the field we'll pass them on to you.

We've all waited a long time for this and there's little doubt that the project will be generally accepted by Army aviation personnel in every corner of the globe. . .

It represents the combined effort and thought of many and although the interpretations and acceptance of the project will be varied, the basic thought behind the undertaking is sound. It should have a profound effect upon AA in general.

We're certain that you will not be disappointed. We consider it a high honor that we have been designated as the first to bring it to you. The advance draft is already in the field and the reports on the draft will be carried in the February issue.

## WINTER SCENE

SALZBURG, AUSTRIA — The winter months have set in and with them the bad weather, which Austria has the year around, but even more so in the winter. We have had some snow; the mountains are cloaked in a beautiful velvety white, which changes them from ugly, grey, dirty monsters into a beautiful glimmering castle. . . . I can honestly say that I have never seen anything as inspiring as this picturesque view that can be seen from the airfield here in Salzburg. . . . It's really a shame that there are so few days where one can catch a glimpse of all this beauty. . . . Enough of this dreaming. . . . let's get down to facts that concern Army aviation and its personnel. . .

We've had several newcomers since they moved the American personnel out of Trieste. . . . Among those we rec'd were three pilots and several crewmen: Maj. Ballard, Capt Swilley, and Capt. McDermott. We also lost some of our personnel and still others to follow in January and February. . . . Lt. LEO VELLA (departed for the ZI and civilian life), and Sgt. ROBINSON and Pfc BONNER, both of whom having ZI'd. . . . February, we are losing Capt. Hayes and GILLESPIE. . . . Now to get back to the more enjoyable things in life, we've had several promotions. . . . Lts SMAWLEY and FINLEY have added another silver bar and now sport "Tracks." (Ed. Note: The December '54 issue has 1st Lt. THOMAS O. FINLEY being promoted to "MAJOR," quite a feat and quite a "ROCK.") . . . Lt. CUMMINS has changed from gold to silver, and Pfc's VAUGHN, DRUMMOND, GAY, and LAW have all added another STRIPE. Sgt SLATER has added another rocker to his arm and "Ol' Ich" has added another title (Supo) and several THOUSAND worries along with it. . . . Sure glad to see someone pull a "LUCKY FIN" out of the hat for us over here. . . . a photo of Maj. BLACK and Cpl GAY (Fin # 888) is enclosed. . . .

Your correspondent,

Captain ROBERT (Bob) LESSARD

(Ed. Note: From the way BOB describes "typical" Austrian weather, he should make good use of that Barometer he won in the "90 Day Plunder" Contest - that is - if the Postal Authorities obey all of our labels. . . . Fin # 888 certainly brought a "rise" - this is the THIRD photo we've received with the SAME number. )

## NEWCOMERS

GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN — Surprised? Well, don't be. We birds in Michigan, although heretofore unheard of, will we trust be appearing in "Army Aviation frequently in the future. . . . This being our first article it may be well to get acquainted. . . . Here's the Scoop. . . . The major mortion of the 46th Infantry Division ("Iron Fist") is located in Grand Ledge, approximately 10 miles west of Lansing. The Section is under the able guidance of Maj. CLAIR R. BURPEE, an oldtimer who during World War II was the jockey of one of the smaller type aircraft, known as the B-29. Maj. BURPEE is not the only 46th Division Aviator who once flew for the Air Force or the Navy. In checking their form 759's one can almost find a pilot for EACH type of aircraft utilized in WW II. . . . Say, why not meet some of The Boys who were once a member of our Allies, the Air Force (and for the benefit of Jerry Wilton, our seagoing friend, the Navy). They are: Captains John W. Frielink, Russell D. Hilding, Ernest W. Krause,



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Howard G. Brunette, JOHN V. DAVISON, ROBERT F. SCOTT, John Dianich, William P. Maslak, Raymond Knight, and Lyle W. Sweet who will attend Heli-pilot School in Jan '55. . . Our unit strength is considerably augmented by Lieutenants Richard P. Hibbard, John J. Brandenburg, Leland R. Crum, John O. French, George Cedburn, John P. Middleton, DeWayne P. Gearhart, Jerry B. Wilton, John P. Moynahan, George H. Goodfellow, David Wakefield, Carlton VanMeter, Donald L. Shannon, Walter E. Matelsky, and Wilber C. Keeler. . .

Our equipment consists of sixteen (16) L-19's, two (2) L-17's, and two (2) H-23's. . . Pilots for the Whirly-Birds include Maj. BURPEE, Capt Frielink, and Capt. SCOTT. The boys that "keep 'em flying" in Michigan extend a welcome to ALL Army Aviators to drop in - they're proud of their Aviation Section and justly so. . . Your correspondent, Captain DENVER SIZEMORE, Advisor for Army Aviation, Mich-NG (PS: Noted in somebody's Nov. issue that I was Ten Mize. . . glad to turn myself in.)

## BATTLE CRY

FORT SCOTT, CALIFORNIA — Let's have a little light on the subject. . . First of all, I would like to contradict that "WELLER Feller" down at Hood and say that we, the 30th Engineer Gp, claim the LARGEST Air Section in Army Aviation today with SEVENTY, I said 70, pilots and not combined, provisional, consolidated, or what have you. . . We are all "ENGYNEERS." Nice try though, FRED. . .

We are all working like mad trying to get our aircraft back into shape after flying the skids off them in the Far North. . . By the way, 60 aircraft, with seven H-19's and SEVEN Otters due here in March. . . Our winter operation to Southern California will be taking place soon so we're looking forward to some pleasant R & R at Palm Springs. . . We also claim to have the LARGEST number of Chopper pilots in one unit. . . All of the

boys except six new grads from Sill are 1981/1066's. . . There isn't a lot of gossip in our present static situation and all of the pilots say that they would like to hear from their old buddies who read this column. . . yours truly included. . . I hope Bill Templeton enjoys Bangkok. . . Enclosed is a picture of 46 of our boys. . . There are just too many of 'em to try to assemble at one time (Ed. Note: Mob Job appears on Page 2). . . So that Capt. WELLER will know his competition I'd just like to say that I'm the new correspondent (substituting for Lt. FAIRCHILD who left us and reduced our strength somewhat). . . I'll try my level best to keep the AA's (not Alcoholics Anonymous - though sometimes, I wonder) informed of this "Migrating Air Force."

Lt. BROOKS HOMAN

(Ed. Note: Looks as if the lance has been thrown and we've got another war here. . . A word of caution to anyone who "tangles" with 'em. . . they're loaded. . . most outfits have their full share of Chiefs and Indians, this tribe's got Braves too. . . In addition they've got a professional tomahawk in PAUL HOPKINS who isn't the least bit handicapped by his Hollywood custom of wearing two left moccasins. . . The Crusher in their Wigwam is JOE GAYHART whose monthly cartoons have torn apart other things thus far. . . They've got an impressive array so if you'll take the word of this ol' Roman: "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em. . ."

## GROUP PHOTO

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS — Photo (below) is one that just missed the last issue. . . It's not a current class in that the Group pictured has since gone on to AHATC and returned to their units. . . It was submitted by Capt JOHN R BROWN and for once shows a "smiling" group of AA's: Left to right (kneeling): Capt John R Brown, Lt Dick E Roach, Lt Thomas F Hare, & Capt Robert G Culbertson. 1ST ROW (Standing): Lt William F Gurley, Capt Allen S. Mou, Capt Peter K Herring and Donald R Hauck, Lt Col Walter D Bowden, Capt Levon G Baxter, Majors Charles F Woody and Jack W Duffy & Capt Raul E Figueroa. 2ND ROW (Standing): Lt William D Smith, Capts. James R Barkley and Clifford E Johnson, Lts Ben S Skinner, Jr, Jerry W Robinson, and Harold L Burr, Capt. Stanley R Davis, and Lts Eldon F Sampson and Raymond C Balwierczak. Behind Group: "THE THING." (Official Photo, USAF, Gary AFB).







# COLLECTIVE PITCH

BY  
MAJ. ROBERT K. MOORE

Although the word "IRAN" immediately brings a certain Asian country to mind, it also is widely used in Army aviation maintenance circles. IRAN is short for "Inspect and Repair as Necessary" when referring to aircraft. It is through IRAN that the Air Force performs time-phased depot level maintenance and modification of Army aircraft. The primary purpose of the IRAN program is to insure that aircraft are safe and are capable of performing assigned missions.

IRAN includes routing all active Army aircraft through depot level maintenance shops on time-phased schedules, where they are inspected, repaired, and modified as necessary. Field maintenance activities, as well as units to which the aircraft are subsequently assigned, are responsible for keeping the aircraft in a serviceable condition until the next IRAN cycle.

Until a year ago the Air Force, in accordance with its responsibility for depot maintenance, called this inspection and repair program DIR (Depot Inspection and Repair). This program differed from the present IRAN concept in that DIR meant a complete teardown of the aircraft and replacement of all of its components. This procedure was to produce a "new" aircraft. All components were replaced after they had been in service for a certain period - no attention was given to condition or operating hours. Since the DIR program was too expensive and time-consuming for the value received it was replaced by the present IRAN program.

The IRAN program was planned and put into effect to insure maximum economy of manpower and parts, reduce maintenance down-time, provide a constant workload of aircraft into and out of depot repair and provide a directed modernization and modification program. Presently, time-replacement components are replaced during IRAN on an "as required" basis. Test cases indicate 33 1/3% to 50% overall savings through the IRAN program.

Only maintenance actually necessary, plus required modifications, is performed at IRAN. This policy permits all aircraft to be processed during a specific period of time regardless of age or date of last depot maintenance. Work on new or nearly new aircraft is primarily modification, during which the latest production changes are incorporated. Work on older aircraft, after production runs have been completed and most modification accomplished, is primarily maintenance to correct usage defects.

The current policy is such that only those modifications required to insure safety of flight or to meet operational requirements are performed outside of IRAN or component overhaul. Generally, these modifications which are desired but which do not warrant the expense of distributing kits are approved for IRAN only. Modifications which require either depot level skills or require considerable aircraft down-time are also deferred until IRAN.

Inclusion of the two foregoing categories of modification in the IRAN program explains why most modifications performed at this time are at the extreme of simplicity on one hand and the extreme of complexity on the other. Most so-called "middle of the road" modifications are performed outside of IRAN.

Damaged aircraft cannot be accepted into depots on IRAN schedules because of the supply and production problems which they produce. Such aircraft are reported to the applicable Air Force area support depot for handling. This procedure is followed because in most cases IRAN is performed under contract and provisions have not been made in these contracts for the additional parts and manpower required to repair damaged aircraft. If the damaged aircraft is nearing or is due for IRAN, a project may be established to have IRAN accomplished at the time of depot repair. In this event the aircraft will be removed from established IRAN schedules.

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(ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Major ROBERT K. MOORE is the current Chief of the Maintenance Division at the Transportation Corps Army Aviation Field Service Office in St. Louis, Missouri. Currently in TC, Major MOORE is an old-time aviator having graduated as a liaison pilot from the Pittsburg, Kansas Primary School in 1943. Among other ratings he holds a Senior Army Aviator's rating and a Helicopter rating.)



Each major command is responsible for establishing, in accordance with established schedules, time-phased maintenance and modification programs for aircraft assigned to it. In most cases, approximately one-third of the total aircraft of each type will be processed through depot facilities each year. In order to provide a control point for coordination between the Air Force and the Army, the Transportation Corps Army Aviation Field Service Office, 420 Locust Street, St. Louis 2, Missouri, has been designated as the agency responsible for processing IRAN schedules and providing the major commands with depot input schedules.

Time-phased maintenance work specifications are prepared by the prime Air Force depot for each type of aircraft and are coordinated and approved by TCAAFSO for each fiscal year's program. These specifications contain a detailed breakdown of the maintenance and modifications to be accomplished by the depots during IRAN. In the past, discrepancies which fell into the category of organizational or field maintenance were not corrected during IRAN. However, the Air Force has agreed to return Army aircraft in a completely serviceable condition in the future. The Air Force has also agreed to repaint all Army aircraft when inspection of the paint indicates that it will not withstand another period of service equal to the IRAN cycle.

Although the IRAN concept of maintenance is still in the development stage, it is the consensus at TCAAFSO that the results obtained to date justify continuation of the program. Every effort is being made to correct difficulties so that the future programs will be more satisfactory to everyone. Comments or recommendations for improvement in the IRAN program will be welcomed by TCAAFSO.

100%

To date, no AO has stepped up to claim a 100% AWARD CERTIFICATE for his unit... Many have written saying their "working on it" but as yet we're to make the FIRST award... Here are the particulars again: A three-color AWARD CERTIFICATE (more in the form of a king-size Diploma) to those units whose commissioned rated personnel are 100% subscribers.... The unit may be ANY size unit that has five or more rated personnel... Fancy script on the eleven by fourteen Certificate in the name of the unit and the Scroll to be sent to the unit through the AO in a mailing tube.... In those instances where 100% of the rated personnel and additional NCO and Enlist-

ted subscribers are equal to or more than 36 persons, we'll laminate the Certificate on a mahogany-grain solid oak plaque ready for wall-mounting....

With a larger issue we've got space to burn on the Masthead Page (Page 3) and we intend to carry the names of the 100% units there... The new T/O mentioned on Page 30 should make it a lot easier talking turkey to some of the strays... the bigger issue may help too...

We guarantee that if your unit is awarded one of these Diplomas it won't hang in the Binjo...we intend to shoot the works this year and if need be go down flailing...We're putting "It" to you - how about claiming "It?"

**CLOB JOB**

**FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI** — Last month we had our 3-year aircraft safety record broken by a crash of a T-6 from the Springfield, Illinois, Air National Guard... The aircraft "augered in" on takeoff in a manner so as to completely demolish the plane... Fortunately, the pilots came out of the mishap without any serious injuries... The wheels of progress continue to grind in our little air section... Our Link Trainer is operating full time now that we have an ex-Fort Sill operator, Cpl R. STOMMEL... he has the idiot box working in fine shape and it is being used daily for ILS, GCA, and Low Freak by our junior Birdmen... Said gadget is located in an abandoned church across the road from the strip making it both easily accessible and giving the training sort of a hallowed air... Our Opns Bldg has taken on a new appearance; we now have an impressive set of new VHF transceivers; they have multitudes of lights, whistles, bells, and an automatic coffee-maker hookup for the CQ... This equipment replaced our old 1/2-watt transceiver... We're still waiting for our ARC-27 and this little gem, when it comes, will replace our obsolete ARC-12 that was borrowed from the Navy for use in bombing and strafing missions by both the AF and the Navy on the range here.....

Two NEW pilots (all of our pilots except "Pete" PAULEY and "Shorty" COFFMAN are NEW pilots)... They are Lts. GEORGE DOWDY and PAUL DAVIDSON (thier two lbs. of flesh enclosed)...they'll be assistants to assistants temporarily... Seriously, they're working very hard with "Sourdough" TYRELL and "Shorty" in setting up an NCO and Officer Observers Course on which we'll have more to report next month... Due to the large number of personnel assigned we now have in effect FOUR terrific volleyball teams... The enlisted professionals (JOHNSON, CANTY, WOMMACK, SCHILLING, FITZSIMMONS, McGRATH, and REBSON) take particular delight in regularly swamping the pilots... Unfortunately, two of our old topnotch mechanics are leaving shortly, namely Cpl JOE REBSON and Cpl David Bentley. We'd like to voice a word of praise for these two versatile individuals; they've done a fine job and we wish them success... Our new Line Chief is Cpl Richard Houghton who'll replace Cpl Bentley...

ALL of the personnel here could not help but note the recent remarks about "hot" Air Sections in the November Issue... We were quite abashed to read some of the fantastic remarks about the "best" sections, the "best" installation, etc. We were certain that everyone had heard the word - Forney Flying Service - You Call, We Haul... Best in the West and Better than the Rest... Anyone who has been to Fort Leonard Wood knows that SIMULATED field conditions are non-existent here... This IS the field!... We don't have to SIMULATE anything and we invite all Doubting Thomas's to drop in for a visit and see for themselves....

Your correspondents, Lt DEAN R. PAQUETTE and Pvt GARY SCHILLING



## AN OMELETTE IN EVERY TOOLKIT

FORT HUACHUCA, ARIZONA — There's many more people aviating and meteorizing around here than has been reported in previous issues... The Avn & Met Det at the Army Electronic Proving Grounds may get the lineage but we crowd them in the traffic pattern... Here's a little news from the 303rd Signal Battalion (ex of Ft. Hood) BUEHMAN is his name, a captain no less... hava lotta aircraft, no... hava lotta promises, yes... COMMANDER of the 303rd Air Section... Also a darn good LAWYER along with his five assistants... We're lawyers all... Graduates from that School of Knowl edge, Judge Staff Advocate, no less... A pat on the back should go to Capt BUEHMAN who got his I-Ticket the hard way, right on this field... Following in his tracks is Lt VINCENT OTERSEN whose familiar saying, "Heck, I could have done better," is well known here... Following in the chain of K'man is yours truly who is Ops Officer and Chief Assistant to everyone (and we do have some charming girls with whom to work, such as Lt. JUGEL, our supply bookworm...) He's doing a splendid job keeping the dust from getting over 6-iches thick in the supply tent... Arizona, you know... Lt. BUXTON, our fixed-wing maint O is acting as an infantry soldier now... Lt DeLOACH chickened out on us and went to Rucker to see if they had a spare 1066 to give away... (Ed. We hear they're not exactly "given" away.)

As of this writing we're preparing to move into Buehman's Bustling Bordello (A renovated chicken-house no less) for which we can give much credit to our thirty (30) mechanics... They're under the supervision of SFC BRISSETTE and they've really made those chickens move over... The chickens may have been "clobbered" but not the following... they really want the Book each month... Lts WALLACE E SORESENSEN, CHARLES L SIEGERT, and WILLIAM A JUGEL; Sfc's RICHARD J BRISSETTE and WALTER I SHERMER; Sgts CLIFF D'AMICO, RICHARD L PAWLING, and RICHARD E MILLER; Pfc's MAX C WHITMAN and JOHN E HYLEMAN, and Pylts JOHN W CLEMENS, JACK O DUTTER, JAMES L WANOUS, and RICHARD C O'BOYLE... Heading for a quick discharge is RUDOLPH RASMUSSEN but he signed up too... Your correspondent, Lt JAMES A. BOYER



### BASE PAY

FECOM — The Junior Army Aviator I mentioned as being "on the way" is now here & by George, he IS a Junior! After my sticking my neck out that it was up to my wife to produce, produce she did!... Have not officially changed my address but still get mail at the 7th Avn Co, APO 7... Last month, I came over to the KMAG Detachment on an indefinite basis to fly a chopper for the 3-star ROK general and his American advisor. Lt. Robert E. Chavez flies the fixed-wing missions and acts as aviation advisor to the Corps units... Lt. Billie Williams joined us recently to learn the same job... We hang out at A-150 and if transients don't care for our chow, we can easily arrange a kimchee feed across the gully at the ROK's mess... Sincerely, Lt. THOMAS M STEDMAN

### ...AND OVERTIME

FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA — Have just about wound up Class #8 of the "82d Abn Div Aer Obs Crs" and when that is out of the way, we will have turned out roughly 100 "Peek and Tell" boys for the Division... The School was highly successful in all ways — not only did the Division gain some trained observer personnel, but AA got a big boost in the arm directly and indirectly. We had about ten of the people apply for the AA Primary Course, besides awakening a great many of the subordinate unit commanders to the fact that they have AA and it can help them in many ways... Hope I'm not too late with the Who's Who Questionnaire... I wanted to hold out if possible, until our "family" status is complete but it seems as though Shirley won't cooperate with us on that score and come through with the little Bambino... just like a woman... If Mama comes through in the next 24 hrs I'll airmail an addendum to my questionnaire... Sincerely, (Lt.) CHARLES A. LICA  
(Ed. Note: Some 48 hours later, Mama cooperated... The added line in the "Who's Who" reads: Barbara Ellen, born December 2nd... Papa wasn't too flustered... We got the Airmail TWELVE days later...)

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FORT RILEY, KANSAS — Pilots training with the 93rd Helicopter Company at Ft Riley, Kansas, have plenty on their minds while making training flights out of Marshall Field but one machine assigned to the Company gives them an added problem. It is not that the machine is hard to fly but it is the number it bears that confuses operators... The Hiller H-23B has been assigned the number 116222 and in some cases a pilot has to think twice while requesting permission to land or take-off at Marshall Field to be sure that he gave the tower operator enough or not too many "twos" for the ship's number. Proper identification is an important part of the report to a tower operator, especially when flying from one field to another... Three numbers alike in sequence on flying equipment on one field is a rare thing as emphasized by looking over the 93rd's complement of thirteen H-23B's, 7 Plasecki H-25A's, and 3 H-21 machines and finding only one set of triple numbers — the triple duple Hiller. A survey of approximately 50 other ships parked at Marshall Field one day this week, none with three numbers alike in sequence, added emphasis to the fact that triple numbers in a series on Army aircraft are mighty rare. (PIO Release, PIO, Fort Riley, Kansas).

(Ed. Note: This release accompanied a photograph last month and indicates the versatility of the average PIO. You have to be versatile to "blow up" three mere numbers on a tail fin into a story, so don't ever belittle your PIO.)

### RECOMMENDED READING

Please list under RECOMMENDED READING the only book written on AA. It is JEEPS IN THE SKY, The Story of the Light Plane, by Lt. Col. Andrew Ten Eyck. It was published in 1946 by Commonwealth Books, Inc. Over half of this book is devoted to the story of Artillery Observation flying during World War II. The remainder of the book deals with Army Air Corps Liaison Squadrons and Civil Air Patrol Activities.

Sincerely,

DARIO POLITELLA

CORRECTION: In the December 1954 issue correspondent credit for an article from the 3rd Infantry Division Combat Aviation Company at Fort Benning, Georgia, was erroneously given to Capt. CHARLES FOURNIER... Capt. FOURNIER still is or was at Camp Devens, Massachusetts... Capt. FRANK BARBOUR wrote the article and the similarity in names confused us.



## LA BELLE FRANCE

ORLEANS, FRANCE — Time to establish contact with other AA's while informing them of the peeples here in our lash-up (USAREUR, Com-Z). Col. E. P. FLEMING is now longer associated with us except once or twice a month when he comes out to get in his time. He's now "flying a desk" in Hq while awaiting his rotation to the States and C & GS School. The Section is now commanded by Lt. Col. R. R. EVERS, a recent arrival from Hq Fourth Army. Others in the Section are: Capt. Brockmyer (Exec) who's only claim to fame is his witty repartee and ability with pencil and crayon; Capt. H. N. Reed (Whispering Smith), our Opns Off, because of whom we are all beginning to think we need a hearing aid as we never can hear him (except when he's talking about France, then he gets voluble! ... Then, Capt. Daniel O'Hara is our able Eng Off and Capt. RAY FOX, our AIO, attempts to get various projects accomplished around the field. . .

The Lieutenants present are - J. A. Graham (who claims this weather just ain't sanitary), and Eugene Gardner who hopes people will eventually stop calling him Graham Gardner cause it gives him the "Big Head." Then ... there's yours truly who recently transferred down from Germany and the "Gung Ho" 6th A/C Regiment (They'll love me when they see that). And in spite of what they say about France, I like it, I like it. . . In the Section we have two 23's, two 20's, two 17's and two 19's which are ably supported and kept flying by our versatile E. M. even though we are four men short at present and will lose four more come January (and no replacements are in sight.) We're waiting for the: "Attention, all officers, drag out the fat-i-gues and bone up on maintenance. . .

Your correspondent, Lt. WILLIAM C. LULL  
P.S. Found out while writing this that Col. EVERS is not at present a member of "AA" so allow me to initiate him into the clan. Who knows? I might make ACE yet. His address is the same as mine. Natch - he runs the joint. Almost forgot. Maj. L. L. McCULLOUGH recently departed from our presence. Poor Rucker? What did THEY do to deserve this fate? . . Only kidding, of course, we lost a fine officer. . . .

## "AA'S IN TWEEDS"

LOU HARTWIG, First Lieutenant, Arty-USAR, flew as an Army aviator with the 304th FA Battalion, 77th Infantry Division, accompanying this unit in the initial assault on Guam, in the Philippines, Okinawa, and completed the war in Japan (Hokkaido). Lou flew approximately 700 combat hours and was awarded the Air Medal with 4 clusters. Entering Pilots' Course #9 at Ft. Hays, Kansas and continuing in Flying Course #23 at Ft. Sill, Lou completed his pilot training in April, '43 as a Staff Sergeant. He was appointed a 2nd Lieutenant in June, '44 while training in Hawaii.

Returning to the States in December, '45, on his release from AD, he took helicopter training at the Metropolitan Helicopter School at Teterboro, N.J. where he gained his helicopter and commercial instructors' ratings. After graduation, he flew Bell 47-D's, crop dusting in the middle west, and a Hiller 360, prior to joining Rick Helicopters in Los Angeles. One experience with Rick related by Lou concerned a forest fire mission in which he landed atop a lookout mountain which became surrounded by fire. In a matter of minutes, the gas drums blew up and the glass from the lookout observation tower melted. It was necessary to abandon the machine and leave by the leeward side of the mountain. Returning later, he salvaged the helicopter which despite the tremendous heat received only minor damage.

Lou joined American Helicopter in November, '51, as a Tooling Inspector and was assigned to his present position as Experimental Test Pilot in June, '52. He has flown the XA-5 and XH-26 pulse-jet-powered helicopters in flight test activities. His enthusiasm for fixed-wing flying continues unabated and he flies weekends at the Torrance Airport. Submitted by (Lt. Col.) CHARLES W. LEFEVER (Photo appears on Page 31)

## COMIN' AND GOIN

CAMP GORDON, GEORGIA — Greetings again. . . Comin' and goin'. . . that's us. . . A hearty welcome to Captain Clifford Shaffer who joined us recently following a tour in Europe. . . Lt. GEORGE STUMPF departed for 120 days TDY at Ft. Benning with Exercise "FOLLOW ME." - Lts JACK BOMAN and OLEY OLSON left us rather hurriedly for 45 days at White Sands (and that isn't a beach resort). . . They were alerted one day and left the next. . . They'll probably return with their pockets loaded with loot from the Las Vegas tables. . . As a final social note, Captain LOU GALAMBOS just returned from a few days' "oyster picking" on Chesapeake Bay. That's about all. . . A Happy New Year to all of you readers from all of us here at Camp Gordon. . .

Your correspondent, Lt. KENNETH R. NIEDERBRACH

## WRIT BY HAND

GERMANY — You'll find enclosed a "Who's Who" Form for Capt. ROD ANDERSON. I intended to get all of this in before now, but things have changed since I left National Guard Advisor duty. I don't have a typewriter at my elbow any more, and can't hop right to one when the urge to write hits me. . . By the time I get to one the URGE has usually left. . . Writing by hand is not one of my strong points and my resemblance to L'il Abner is amazing in this respect. . .

News from this sector is MEDIOCRE. The weather is ATROCIOUS. Lots of RAIN and restricted visibility in FOG and HAZE, especially around eight to nine in the morning. We've struggled through annual exams (and they weren't as bad as we thought they were going to be, thank the Lord), so we know now that we are being troubled by RADIATION fog. That's right out of the book! Our flying hours have decreased nearly to the vanishing point, but we are going to start an Observer Course in the Battalion to build it back up again. We plan to give each officer in the battalion two hours in both plane and helicopter on orientation, reconnaissance, and ground handling. It's a good program. There's no need for aerial adjustment as we aren't equipped with guns. Sgt. GEORGE D. DRIVER and Sgt. S. B. Jeffreys pass along their regards to their friends Stateside. . . .

Your correspondent, Capt. CLARENCE E. PREBLE, 529th FA Bn (Obsr)



# news briefs



**FORT RILEY, KANSAS** — Fort Riley or rather Marshall Field is in the market for a RAMP EXPANDER since the arrival of the H-25's and more recently the H-21's. Lt. Col. G.H. SHEA, the area commander, has just about gotten to the point where he will have to stack aircraft like poker chips... My "Lucky Fin #222" is enclosed. I don't know if I qualify in that the chopper is asgd to the 93rd Hcptr Co. If I do please send the complimentary to someone whom you might think would benefit the AA program, possibly someone in Washington who might give the program some boost if they knew a little more about it... In the last few weeks we have been moving around like a bunch of ants into and out of offices and when everything settled down just about everyone had a NEW home and Marshall Field was the proud Poppa of a new Opns Office constructed by some 1008 "saw and hatchet men" from the 10th Inf Div Flight Detachment. They did an excellent job!... Thanks to the article some time ago in "AA" about TA 20 the Tower now has a badly-needed light gun and due outs on several other items necessary for the safe operation of a congested airfield... If we could just get a new lighting system (to replace the present one that goes haywire everytime it rains), we'd be in Tall Cotton. If anyone has a few thousand spare dollars, we could use it to light up the runways, taxiways, et al.... Capt. GLENN M EBAUGH (Ed. Note: Sending "comps" to someone down in Washington is now somewhat belated... From what the grapevine tells us, those who can do something about it are now readily aware of the field of Army aviation and its many problems.)



**KOREA** — No startling news from this sector... We're still repairing aircraft like mad and under the able direction of Lt. Col. DAVID E CONDON, are doing a mighty fine job... Have a big turnover in officers, most of them recent graduates of flight and maintenance school... Have our share of problems, but as the saying goes: "No sweat." — One piece of news of probable interest to First Army... have a Capt Robert L. Hodges leaving us soon on "BIG R" with his next assignment as First Army... He spent several months TDY in Indo China as Acft Maint Advisor to the French and should have some interesting tales to tell... Found some new "blood," Maj JOHN F DENHART, heretofore a non-subscriber... he's holding down the Bn Hq Operations Officer's job... keep 'em coming..... Sincerely, Major KENNEDY G. WARD, Exec, 40th Trans Bn (AAM)

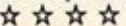


**CAMP HANFORD, WASHINGTON** — You can now place Camp Hanford on the map as having AA... Admittedly, we're a rather small unit, equipment-wise at this time and we're somewhat handicapped in some respects by T RHODES ("Rocky" to you) just jerned our Club... Inspired by his example, some of the boys have taken to model building in their spare time, and Pfc Guess is working on a model of an H-23B which will be powered by one of those fifty-dollar 4-cylinder engines... he's working from scratch, and already has it in the "dreaming stage." The best thing that I can say about our Maintenance Crew is that I've never flown a helicopter as perfectly rigged as the one that I fly here... Was very glad to note that the one and only Sfc C.C. GREEN, our old Opns Sgt at AFPE Ft Det, is now a subscriber and STILL in the flying business... I only wish that I were asgd to a unit large enough to utilize his talents... I also wish — and this has been one of my long-time ambitions — that I could just get to fly one of Uncle Sam's aircraft EAST of the Mississippi.....

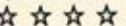
Sincerely, Capt. RAYMOND C. ("Johnie") KERNS



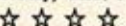
**VII CORPS, EUCOM** — We're going under a new TO&E here at Corps in the very near future which will considerably increase our Section, both in personnel and equipment... I now have the Hq Co Avn Section, replacing Maj RANDOLPH M. PALMER who rotated... Col. SWINK is still VII Corps AO and that Section has recently been reorganized as a Special Staff Section... As soon as we get properly "organized" we'll select one of our group to serve as correspondent for VII Corps... And we will conduct a "100% membership" drive at the same time... In that connection you are hereby alerted to the fact that Mrs. O. P. Watson (Mille), wife of Capt O. P. WATSON, our Maintenance Officer, bids fair to become "The First" of the distaff side to attain "ACE" status as some of the new talent in the units falls under her spell... Sincerely, Captain A. T. PUMPHREY



**FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA** — OK — I give up... I've left the barren plains of Texas and am now in hiding in the TALL timbers of Virginia so remove me from the WANTED list... Find myself reading the Post Office circulars and I don't relish being lumped in with those "front and side" profiles... Seems once you get into this field of Army aviation you can't escape it... Departed the Engineering Dept of Bell Acft last August and accepted a position in the Army Aviation Division, Transportation Research and Development Command as a consultant... Am presently Chief of the Aircraft Maintainability Section... don't let that choke you... it spells "hard work." Will give you a clue on another "escapee." Maj HAROLD GROSSMAN, who's in hiding here in the Trans Sch... Read the November editorial with misgivings... will check my car pool for non-subscribers... sincerely hope it can weather the storm... (Capt.) RAYMOND L. CHANEY



**CAMP RUCKER, ALABAMA** — Mrs. Jeanne Matheny, wife of Lt. Col. CHARLES MATHENY, and I have written an Army Aviation song entitled "ABOVE THE BEST." The Judge Advocate's office has helped us secure a copyright on it making it legal... And on New Year's Eve we are going to present it for the first time to the officers of the Army Aviation School here at Camp Rucker... Naturally, I'm prejudiced and like it but know that it's just what's needed to get the "ball rolling" and stir up the interest for any other song or songs... Will send you a copy as soon as they are lithographed... Sincerely, Mrs. JULES GONSETH, JR.



**FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA** — Noticed my husband's name on the Ten Most Wanted List but we really aren't missing... just moved into our own home in town, and missed out by forgetting to send a Change of Address card and not getting the last few copies of A. A. (Army Aviation, not Alcoholic Anonymous)... So — to



avoid all confusion in the future, I guess I'd better let the Old Man get AA at the Company and then beg, bribe, and threaten him to bring it home so I can read it... Our new address is the 580th Helicopter Co, Ft. Bragg...

Captain and MRS. WILLIAM E. BLACK

(Ed. Note: Wondering who the subscriber is here... MRS. BLACK (note the caps) signed the checks, remitted the original subscription, the renewal, changed the address, scratched her husband from the Ten MW, and apparently reads the publication with more gusto than Capt. Black (note the lower case)... with that energy, we'd like to spring her loose on the 580th... they've got a lot of "riders.")



**FORT WORTH, TEXAS** — My weekend activity of glider flying takes me to the airport at Grand Prairie, Texas, where our new neighbors are the Air Section of the 49th Armored Division (Texas-NG)... I have met and talked with several of their members and they have an excellent set-up... Their equipment appears to consist of two H-23's, one L-17, and a goodly number of L-19's... These are kept in an impressive hangar which contains a shop and a supply area in addition to office space... Plan to get over during one of their drill periods and see how many I can round up for you know what... Guess they'll take care of their own reporting... Two of my previous "victims" have left this area to go to work at Ft. Eustis, Va... One of these is Capt. R. L. CHANEY... Other is Lt. James P. Whitman (he's the one that had the readers wondering how we did things in Texas since he reversed the usual trend in that he was an AA FIRST prior to switching back to the AF to tool F-80's and such... Both of these fine gentlemen are now at TRADCOM as civilian engineers... Even though "Bud" CHANEY has departed the Bell Aircraft Corporation, I would like to say that his invitation to visit Bell's Helicopter Division here is still in force and I will be happy to show any AA transients our plant... Send me an extra "comp" for I've got Gen. Kerr of the 49th Arm'd DivArty "on the line." Since I started this report last week I need but raise my right hand at the proper place and time and the gold bars turn silver. I have complied.

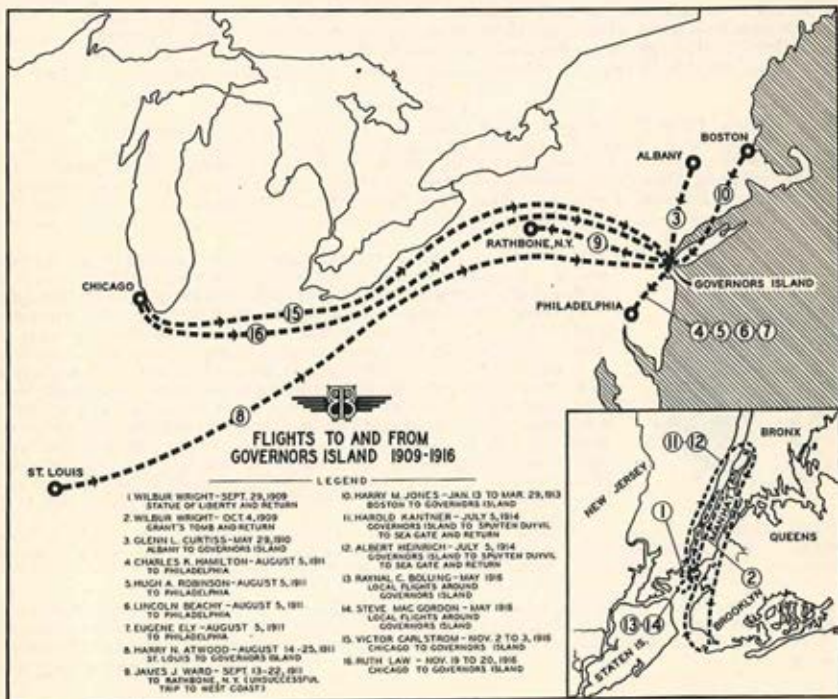
Your correspondent, MARSHALL CLAYBOURN



**GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK** — A unique unveiling ceremony at Governors Island was witnessed by high-ranking officers of the Army, Navy and Air Force on December 17th when Fort Jay was host to the Early Birds — an organization of those who flew solo before December 17, 1916. Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey, U. S. Navy (Retired), was master of ceremonies for the Dedication Ceremony.

A large granite monument dedicated to the early pioneers of modern aviation was unveiled by a helicopter. Mr. Clarence A. DeGiers, President of the Early Birds, connected the parachute covering the monument to a 25-ft. cable from a U.S. Army helicopter hovering over the site. Piloted by Capt. JOHN R. BELER of the 1201st Ft Detachment, Ft. Jay, the whirlybird flew off on a signal from below, unveiling the monument (cover picture).

The monument was accepted by Lt. Gen. Thomas W. Herren, Commanding General of First Army. Inscribed on the bronze plaque were the names of some of the Early Birds who made flights to and from Governors Island, such as Wilbur Wright, Glenn Curtiss, Charles K. Hamilton, and Ruth B. Law. (PIO, Fort Jay, N. Y.) (U.S. Army photo on cover depicts 10 stars and up assisting in the removal of a persistent parachute.)





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 First Lieutenant Robert H. Keyes, Hinkley, Illinois.....  
 First Lieutenant Thomas W. Downes, Jr., 1st Combat Aviation Company, 1st Armored Division, Ft Hood, Tex  
 First Lieutenant Thomas O. Finley, Headquarters Company, 4th Armd Cavalry Regiment, APO 174, N.Y., NY  
 First Lieutenant William K. Toothill, Headquarters Company, 4th Armd Cavalry Regt, APO 174, N.Y., N.Y..  
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 First Lieutenant Harold L. Howell, Aviation Command, 30th Engineer Group (Topo Survey), Fort Scott, Calif..  
 First Lieutenant George A. Dalusky, 7th Aviation Company (Provisional), APO 7, San Francisco, California..  
 First Lieutenant Jesse L. Wilkinson, 153-B Pritchard Place, Fort Knox, Kentucky.....  
 First Lieutenant Billie D. Marsh, Air Section, 53rd Infantry Regiment, APO 949, Seattle Washington.....  
 First Lieutenant R. P. Swann, G-3 Section, The Infantry Center (Aviation), Fort Benning, Georgia.....

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2nd Lieutenant Olaf C. Anderson, Jr., TAAM Co (Heavy), 8178th AU, APO 971, San Francisco(See note below).  
 2nd Lieutenant H. Marshall Claybourn, 2618 Elm Park, Fort Worth 11, Texas (Texas-USAR).....  
 2nd Lieutenant Earl H. Simmons, Headquarters Company, 60th Infantry Regiment, APO 176, New York, N.Y...

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 Captain William D. Mathias, 341st FA Bn (Colo-USAR); 640 Downing Street, Denver, Colorado.....  
 Major William C. Hale, 336 Farmington Drive, Alexandria, Virginia.....  
 Captain Harold Roy, Fourth Army Aviation Detachment, Brooks Air Force Base, Texas.....

## JUNIOR AA'S

Captain and Mrs. Perry H. Townsend, Asher, Oklahoma, an aviator born, November 15th.....  
 Major and Mrs. John W. Hammett, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, an aviatrix born.....  
 Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles S. Licha, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, an aviatrix, Barbara Ellen.....  
 Lieutenant and Mrs. Thomas M. Stedman, 7th Aviation Company (Provisional), FECOM, an aviator.....  
 Captain and Mrs. David H. Coers, Fort Hood, Texas, an aviator, Keith Blane.....



Do you save your issues of "Army Aviation" as you receive them?... Perhaps you do... If you don't - we'll try our best to improve the publication each issue so that it will eventually be something you'll want to save and not discard... With limitations, it makes an excellent scrapbook item for your later years... That is why we are particularly interested in the "Congratulations" Page... It is here that YOUR personal profile is being written from month to month, that is, if you send us the information and permit us to write it... We can only print those "Congratulations" that we receive and those that we glean tardily from other publications... Occasionally - we go overboard and print a few EXTRAS... A good example: We promoted a second lieutenant DIRECTLY to captain last month (Lt. Olaf C. Anderson)... There's no excuse for this one... just another typical month-to-month ROCK... Unless you save DASO's there's no other publication that records your changing "profile," and puts a fancy wrapper on it at the same time... Send us your "Congratulations" and save your issues... You won't regret it later.....

BINGO! — "Have H-23A Helicopter with Fin #105 as listed in the December issue... do I win a FREE trip to Europe?... will forward photo... Major RALPH O. BENNETT, San Antonio, Texas.

BINGO! — "You lose. I win. - was just about to send in my renewal \$ for '55 when Lucky Fin #155 caught my eye... finally dawned on me that we have an aircraft with that number, an L-23B, #53-6155, an aircraft that I have flown often... will forward a snapshot... Capt. ROBERT D. MATHIAS, G-3 Avn Det, Ft Belvoir..





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- 2) Captain Leonard T. Bolton, 146-09 181st Street, Jamaica, L. I., New York.....(eff 13 Dec)
- 3) 1st Lieutenant Richard K. Mukaeda, 1706 North Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena 3, California.....(eff 12 Dec)
- 4) WOJG Richard R. Creighton, Headquarters & Service Co, AAS Regiment, Camp Rucker, Ala.....(eff 12 Dec)
- 5) 1st Lieutenant Boyce B. Buckner, Army Aviation School, 3461st ASU, Camp Rucker, Ala.....(eff 13 Dec)
- 6) Sergeant Durant Willis, 7373rd Headquarters Supply Group, APO 10, New York, N.Y.....(eff 26 Nov)
- 7) Captain James Y. Sheppard, The Engineer Center G-3, Aviation Det, Fort Belvoir, Va.....(eff 13 Dec)
- 8) Captain James H. Lefler, The Engineer Center G-3, Aviation Det, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.....(eff 13 Dec)
- 9) Major Ned B. Baker, Quarters 93-B, Fort Sheridan, Illinois.....(eff 7 Dec)
- 10) Major Robert L. Brown, Jr., 4050th ASU, Assoc. FA Officers Adv Crs # 24, Ft Sill, Okla.....(eff 9 Dec)
- 11) Major William G. Kilmer, 8th Transportation Co (Helicopter), APO 547, San Francisco, Cal.....(eff 24 Nov)
- 12) 1st Lieutenant Jack E. Williams, 1st Combat Aviation Co, 1st Armored Division, Ft Hood.....(eff 22 Nov)
- 13) Captain L. W. Fladmark, Headquarters Co, 39th Inf Regiment, APO 696, New York, N.Y.....(eff 29 Nov)
- 14) Captain George J. Dupont, 8th Infantry Division Air Section, Fort Carson, Colorado.....(eff 29 Nov)
- 15) Lieutenant Thomas H. Howard, Air Section, 11th Airborne Div, Camp Campbell, Ky.....(eff 29 Nov)
- 16) Captain William T. Sampson, II, 6th Inf Division, Air Section, Fort Ord, California.....(eff 29 Nov)
- 17) Lieutenant Mahlon R. McGee (NG), 1524 1/2 Eleventh Street, Des Moines, Iowa.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 18) Lieutenant Robert E. Flickinger, 427 Broad Street, Montoursville, Pennsylvania.....(eff 6 Dec)
- 19) Captain Roy Hunter, 2nd Armored Division Artillery, APO 34, New York, N.Y.....(eff 26 Nov)
- 20) Captain Douglas Mosley, 74th Field Artillery Bn, APO 225, New York, New York.....(eff 2 Dec)
- 21) Lieutenant Earl H. Simmons, Headquarters Co, 6th Inf Regiment, APO 176, New York.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 22) Captain John F. Tremblay, Headquarters Co, 6th Inf Regiment, APO 176, New York, N.Y.....(eff 10 Dec)
- \*23) Captain M.D. Lord, 30th Engineer Group (Topo Survey), Ft Winfield Scott, California.....(eff 5 Jan)
- \*24) 1st Lieutenant Eldon F. Sampson, AHPTC 55 K-H, Gary Air Force Base, San Marcos, Tex.....(eff 21 Jan)
- \*25) Captain Gilbert N. Parkinson, 10th Sig Co, 10th Inf Division, Fort Riley, Kansas.....(eff 1 Mar)
- 26) Captain Earl J. Hammack, 6th Transportation Co (Helicopter), APO 547, SF, California.....(eff 24 Nov)
- 27) Sergeant Wilton M. Davis, Box 37, Evergreen, North Carolina.....(eff 1 Dec)
- 28) Captain Leo E. Bergeron, Headquarters & Service Co, AAS Regiment, Camp Rucker, Ala.....(eff 3 Dec)
- 29) Captain Corydon M. Eastwood, en route to Germany.....(eff 4 Dec)
- 30) Lieutenant Howard R. Stahlman, Jr., 46th TAAM Company, APO 613, SF, California.....(eff 10 Dec)
- \*31) 1st Lieutenant Lavon Bagwell, AHPTC 55 J-H, Gary Air Force Base, San Marcos, Tex.....(eff 13 Dec)
- \*32) 1st Lieutenant Dale E. Brown, 63rd Medical Det (Heptr Amb), Ft Sam Houston, Texas.....(eff 28 Nov)
- 33) Lieutenant Kenneth D. Mercier, 10th Inf Division Flight Detachment, Fort Riley, Kansas.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 34) Captain Ralph E. Hill, Army Avn Officer, S-3, The Signal School, Fort Monmouth, N.J.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 35) Mr. James B. Forster, c/o R.R. Seymour, 5 The Uplands, Berkeley, California.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 36) 1st Lieutenant James H. Merryman, Hqs, 3rd Battalion, 2nd A/C Regt, APO 114, N.Y., N.Y.....(eff 20 Nov)
- 37) Lt. Billy M. McSpadden, Dept of Aviation Maintenance, Army Avn Sch, Camp Rucker, Ala.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 38) Lt. Richard V. Harrington (NG), 9 Moulton Avenue, Stoneham 88, Massachusetts.....(eff 24 Nov)
- 39) Captain Max L. Garland, Dept of Fixed-Wing Training, Army Avn Sch, Camp Rucker, Ala.....(eff 29 Nov)
- 40) 1st Lieutenant Raymond C. Balwierczak, Dept of Avn Maint, Hq & Svce Co, AAS, Cp Rucker.....(eff 24 Nov)
- 41) Lt. Rudolph D. Descoteau, 22 Fisher Street, Lowell, Mass (temporary-en route overseas).....(eff 21 Nov)
- 42) Lt. Colonel Harry T. Shiveley, Combat Avn Co, 3rd Infantry Division, Ft Benning, Ga.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 43) Captain Randolph M. Palmer, Army Aviation School, Camp Rucker, Alabama.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 44) Lieutenant Larry Dotson, Detachment # 3, 9393rd TSU, Holloman AFB, New Mexico.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 45) Major William R. Miller, Hq, 2nd Armd Cavalry Regiment, APO 696, New York, N.Y.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 46) Captain Rex M. Medcalf, Hq, 76th Armd FA Bn, 2nd Armd Division, APO 185, N.Y., N.Y.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 47) Lt. Robert H. Jacquet, Hqs, K Com-Z Aviation Section, APO 234, San Francisco, Calif.....(eff 28 Nov)
- 48) 1st Lieutenant Vincent Otersen, 303rd Signal Bn Avn Section, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 49) Lieutenant James A. Boyer, 303rd Signal Bn Aviation Section, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 50) Lt. Col. Donald F. Cassidy, Hq, Eighth U.S. Army (Forward) Trans, APO 301, SF, Calif.....(eff 10 Dec)
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- 52) Mr. George R. Mallory, 2628 Tulare Avenue, El Cerrito 9, California.....(eff 10 Dec)
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- 54) Captain Harold Hill (NG), 215 East Bidaway, Norman, Oklahoma.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 55) Mr. Robert L. Confoy, 140 Prospect Street, Trenton, New Jersey.....(eff 25 Nov)
- 56) Mr. Gerald B. Garrett, Warden Field, West Virginia.....(eff 25 Nov)
- 57) Mr. Donald Anders, 1915 West Fayette Street, Baltimore 23, Maryland.....(eff 25 Nov)
- 58) Major Sigmund Lenic, TRADCOM, Fort Eustis, Virginia.....(eff 10 Jan)
- 59) Mr. Raymond L. Chaney, Army Aviation Division, TRADCOM, Fort Eustis, Virginia.....(eff 12 Nov)
- 60) Major Harold Grossman, Instruction Dept, Spec Subj, AAS, Fort Eustis, Virginia.....(eff 12 Nov)
- 61) Major Aaron G. Atkisson, Hq, 71st Division Artillery, Fort Lewis, Washington.....(eff 10 Dec)
- 62) Lieutenant John L. Yunker, 119 Woods Drive, Dothan, Alabama.....(eff 10 Dec)





63)	Captain Clifford M. Bergeron (NG), 32 Sibley, Providence 7, Rhode Island.....	(eff 11 Dec)
64)	Captain Francis T. Hill, OCAFF, 8275th AU, Fort Monroe, Virginia.....	(eff 1 Jan)
65)	Captain Orman E. Hicks, JUSMAG, Thailand, Box B, APO 74, San Francisco, California.....	(eff 10 Nov)
66)	Captain Ernest F. Barrett, Hq Btry, 50th Field Artillery Bn. APO 29, N.Y., N.Y.....	(eff 12 Dec)
67)	Lieutenant Rowland E. Cox, 1828 A Reece Road, Meade Heights, Maryland.....	(eff 20 Nov)
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69)	Captain Charles J. Lewis, Hq & Hq Company, 53rd Inf Regiment, APO 449, Seattle Wash.....	(eff 17 Nov)
70)	Major Henry D. Shellhart, Hq & Svce Co, Dept of Avn Maint, Army Avn Sch, Cp Rucker.....	(eff 10 Dec)
*71)	Major Carl L. Card, 9400th TU Signal Corps Center, Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.....	(eff 1 Dec)
*72)	Captain Edward M. Warzecha, 1st Combat Avn Co, 1st Armored Div, Ft Hood, Texas.....	(eff 18 Nov)
*73)	Lt. Col. Stephen S. Doherty, OC Signal Officer, D/A, Washington 25, D.C.....	(eff 3 Jan)
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77)	Lt Col Lewis N. Shaffer, 2525 Mission Street, Topeka, Kansas.....	(eff 11 Dec)
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81)	Lt. Raymond D. Magallanes, Headquarters, T/School, Aviation Branch, Ft Eustis, Va.....	(eff 14 Dec)
82)	CWO Durant Wadsworth, Headquarters, T/School, Aviation Branch, Fort Eustis, Va.....	(eff 14 Dec)
*83)	Mr. George E. Lotz, 1367 North Louisville, Tulsa 15, Oklahoma.....	(eff 30 Nov)
*84)	Lt Richard D. Mileham, 274th Med Det (Hcptr Amb), APO 46, New York, N.Y.....	(eff 10 Dec)
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87)	Mr. Malcolm F. Landrum, 118 Forest Avenue, Enterprise, Alabama.....	(eff 10 Dec)
88)	Lieutenant Norman Wilson, 274th Med Det (Hcptr Amb), APO 46, New York, New York.....	(eff 10 Dec)
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90)	Lieutenant Ray P. Bosworth, 274th Med Det (Hcptr Amb), APO 46, New York, New York.....	(eff 10 Dec)
91)	Captain Earl Kuchera, 47th Med Det (Hcptr Ambulance), APO 69, New York, New York.....	(eff 10 Dec)
92)	Lt Charles L. Kelly, 47th Medical Det (Hcptr Amb), APO 69, New York, New York.....	(eff 10 Dec)
93)	Lt William D. Medford, Jr., 47th Med Det (Hcptr Amb), APO 69, New York, New York.....	(eff 10 Dec)
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*97)	Captain Henry L. Smith, 614 West Brookside, Colorado Springs, Colorado.....	(eff 13 Dec)
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99)	Captain Walter C. Pitt, Flight Detachment, 10th Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas.....	(eff 16 Dec)
100)	Captain B. J. Dyer, 103 North Mack, Enterprise, Alabama.....	(eff 9 Dec)
101)	Captain Clyde J. Dillon, 319 Alberta Street, Enterprise, Alabama.....	(eff 7 Dec)
102)	Lieutenant Leroy C. Chapman, Post Aviation Section, Fort Carson, Colorado.....	(eff 10 Dec)

## NEW HELIPORT

FORT EUSTIS, VIRGINIA — The Army's first airport for helicopters was dedicated by the Army at Fort Eustis, Virginia, on December 7th. "Felker Airport," as the field will be known, has been developed as an adjunct of the Army aviation program to be used for helicopter unit training and as an experimental port of rotary-wing operations. The field is named after the late Warrant Officer Alfred C. Felker, a graduate of the first Army Transportation Helicopter Pilot courses at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in November, 1952. He was killed February 10, 1953, in line of duty while on a flight from Athens, Georgia, to Camp Drum, New York.

The heliport is in the form of a giant wheel fringed by a circular taxiway, divided into quarter sections by two macadamized 600-foot runways. Spotted around the outer edge are eight circular landings pads. Both runways and pads will be used as take-off and landing areas by helicopters. The runways will be used under heavy load and certain atmospheric conditions requiring short takeoff and landing runs. Adjacent areas include a large hangar capable of accommodating the largest cargo-type helicopters and providing enough room for five separate maintenance shops. There is also an administration building complete with modern glass-enclosed control tower and a large warehouse for storing equipment and supplies. (DD Release - Photo on Page 2).

## ROOM FOR MORE

EUCOM — The Ninth Infantry Division is going to get on the "Army Aviation Bandwagon" - it's not that the fellows didn't want to originally but nobody ever asked them if they wanted the magazine... So I'm sending along the first SEVEN at this time and the rest are going to sign up on PAYDAY... I want you to get a 100% Certificate ready for that's what we're going to hit... Now I'm working on the rest of the Division... Lt. Col. TOM MORROW is our boss and he has made Capt ART HALL our official correspondent... You can expect a few notes from us in the very near future... MURRAY PINCKNEY (Questionnaire enclosed) is our present DivArty air officer and a real fine one....

Sincerely, Captain MAX E. YOUNG, ARTY  
(Ed. Afraid of the word, "Bandwagon." It has boomeranged for others in the past.... Maj. AARON ATKISON's word, "trend," seems a bit more on the conservative side.... most people DON'T like Bandwagons.) However, no matter what you call it, we can use the support.)





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## CLANK STORIES

BY DARIO POLITELLA

### THE GRASSHOPPER

Of Nature's children I can see  
More death, despair and toil in blood,  
As countless shells are hurled by me  
On hordes of locusts' ebbing flood.

Alone I fly to treetop height  
And spy on green-clad, crawling might  
Maneuver into dark abyss  
In hopes my compound eye might miss.

But sound I hear not on the wing —  
So, safe they are in movement's crash;  
Yet sight of mine makes ether sing  
To call upon them lightning's flash.

I see despair and toil in blood  
Splash death on the receding flood,  
And hear "No further need of you"  
To send me homeward in the blue.

(Last month's poem aroused such action that this editor dug into his World War II ditty bag for this encore, written at an airstrip at Altmerleben, Germany, on 17 May 1945. . . . How about your CLANK STORY or poem? Send them along to me for publication in this column. . . . DARIO POLITELLA, RD #4, Box 240, Kent, O.)

If (Capt.) JERRY HOLSTED is the old 1st Sgt. of the 188th PIR (Japan, '48), I would appreciate him getting in touch with me. . . . Lt KENNETH D. MERCIER 10th Inf Div Ft Det, Ft Riley, Kansas

I'm pulling up stakes completely, as I expect to leave San Marcos during December for approximately six months of schooling. Capt. CLAIBORNE W. DAVIS, Jr., will take over when I depart pending the assignment of another officer as Advisor for Army Aviation Training. I'm sorry to hear that the "Gary" Plan did not work out too well.

Maj. ARNE H. ELIASSEN

## IN MEMORY

WOJG Louis W. Heinrichs and WOJG James T. Hampton, both of the 509th Helicopter Company, were killed in a line of duty flight mission at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

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Maj. Gen. F.W. Farrell, 82nd Abn Div, Ft Bragg (Maj E. F. Bacon)..  
Mr A. N. Carvajal, Fort Worth, Texas (Lt A Marshall Claybourn)...  
Mr & Mrs William C. Leeney, Iowa City, Iowa (Lt Col L W Leeney)  
Col Andrew J. Boyle, 2nd Armored Div (Captain Ivan M. Storer)...  
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Capt L. Vance Hester, Denver, Colorado (Lt Col Raymond Johnson)  
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Mr & Mrs Robert W Warner, Rye, N.Y. (Lt Robert W Warner, Jr.).  
Mrs Julian A Hawkins, Little Rock, Ark (Capt Julian A Hawkins)...  
Maj Orval H Sheppard, Camp Rucker, Alabama (Major L.W. Best)  
Mr & Mrs Arthur L. Sheppard, Los Angeles (Major B.E. Sheppard)  
Mr & Mrs William West, Toelle, Utah (Captain James A. Mulkern)..  
Mr & Mrs Fred Jackson, Denver, Colorado (Subscriber unknown)..  
Mr George Balint, Brooklyn, New York (Lt. Joseph M. Balint)....  
Mr & Mrs Ernest F Brunkow, Torrington, Conn (Col H K Bayless).  
Mrs Vincent C Neeson, Towson, Md (Captain Vincent F. Neeson)...  
Capt Emmett S Davis, Montgomery, Ala (Major Robert E Brannan).  
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Mr & Mrs K.A. Martin, Lawton, Okla (Major William H. Gardner)  
Mrs Rose Simcox, Santa Ana, California (Capt James A. Mulkern).  
Mrs Edna R Powell, Charleston Heights, SC (Sgt Louis G. Powell)...



# TEN MOST WANTED!



The "TEN MOST WANTED" Column (composed of a mere FIFTY hombres this month) is our only way of keeping in touch with our "Hit and Run" Renegades... They paid us the two pesos and have taken off "hell bent for leather" for some remote acre... They're so intent upon applying the whip to the nag that they forget to tell the stableboy which way they're going... And so - having paid their bar bill - they're gone and we're left holding their booze... Sooner or later, they'll get parched and without doubt, will blame the bartender for having slied them... we really don't want the stuff... so how about claiming it?

Lt. Jack D. Boman (Ga.)	Capt. Clarence Brooksleper (Cal.)	Capt. Charles W. Cummings (NC)
Capt. Ronald H. Duell (FECOM)	Lt. John R. Ellis (Va.)	Capt. Donald W. Fisher (FECOM)
WOJG Charles B. Forbes (FECOM)	Lt. William W. Hall (Ft. Sill)	Lt. William F. Hart (FECOM)
Lt. Walter C. Harvey (Texas)	Lt. Joseph B. Hughes (Va.)	Lt. Robert M. Jackson (Ft. Sill)
Capt. Jesse O. Langston (N.J.)	Lt. Richard Lowery (Texas)	Capt. Eugene McGowan (Okla.)
<del>Capt. Frederick W. McGowan (N.J.)</del>	Lt. Charles R. Miles (FECOM)	Lt. Albert G. Sanford (FECOM)
Lt. Wayne I. Stephens (Va.)	Capt. Wayne I. Triggs (Wisc.)	Capt. Eugene A. Wilson (Va.)

Listed below are the initials of many personnel whose issues we are holding. In ALL cases, the Post Office has returned issues marked: "Removed" or "Unclaimed" at the last address given. We hope that those who have not received their issues will NOTE their initials here and step up and claim them by forwarding us their present location.

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As a subscriber, pair up your profile with one of the Fin Numbers appearing below and receive twelve GRATIS issues upon the expiration of your current subscription... If you are the DRIVER, pose your crew-chief on the opposite side of the Fin... If you are a crew chief subscriber, grab ANY driver... One of the two must be a subscriber. Last 3 numbers on Fin... Send in a negative or any size glossy print. No deadline to meet... Just confirm that you have one of the Fins in writing and send the print in later... "NG" marked fins must bear "NG or USAR" faces... Twelve "comps" may be received personally or sent to a friend of your choice.....



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#726 - Captain Woodrow W. Brown and M/Sgt Horace E. Posey	
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# First in	* Dead Heat



# the PHOTOS on Page 31....

## TOP FOUR PHOTOS

FT. RILEY, KAN. — An ill-fated L-19 airplane that crashed on a sand bar in the Kansas River was back in the air a little more than 24 hours after the crack-up, flying in a sling under a Piasecki H-21 helicopter piloted by Maj. BYRON SHEPPARD, 71st Hqtr Bn, and assisted by Mr. Carl Hanson, Piasecki Test Pilot.... With a river on one side of the wreck, a high bank on the other and the nearest road over which a truck could travel a quarter of a mile away, officials were faced with a transportation problem to get the wreck back to the Post. A salvage crew was taken to the scene of the accident by helicopter. There they turned the badly damaged ship back on its wheels, stripped off all loose parts, and placed a cable sling around the forward compartment of the fuselage. A large twin "Beater" machine hovered overhead and while its two rotors continued to chop the air the salvage crew made the sling secure to cables from the helicopter. Seconds later the plane was in the air on its way back to Marshall Field. (PIO release accompanying U.S. Army photographs.)

## CENTER LEFT

Cpl W. M. Bouchereau, 39th Infantry Division, Louisiana-NG, and Captain ELBERT E. DRANE, Army Aviation Advisor for the Louisiana-NG, with "NG 888," second of three "Lucky Fin" Snapshots on 888.....

## CENTER

Captain CLAUDE E. HARGETT, Army Aviation Service Test Detachment, Board # 5, OCAFF, Camp Rucker, Alabama, with the winning "888."

## CENTER RIGHT

(First Lt.) LOUIS HARTWIG, USAR-California, a combat veteran and now an "Army Aviator in Tweeds." See article appearing on Page 15.

## LOWER LEFT

FORT BENNING, GA — Naosada Takabatake, editor of the Kahoku Shimpō, tries his hand at the helicopter controls during a visit to the 506th Army Helicopter Company at Fort Benning recently. He and 3 other Japanese civilians are briefed by WO K. V. Van Dyke of Los Angeles, California, a helicopter pilot of the 506th. The newsmen are touring the U.S. under the auspices of the International Educational Exchange Service of the State Department. (U.S. Army photograph, courtesy of PIO, Fort Benning, Ga.)

## LOWER RIGHT

STUTTGART, GERMANY — Impromptu reunion of a few 7th Division pilots (and their wives) who served together in Japan 1948-1950: Starting with the "Man with the Pipe" and going left around the table: Maj. & Mrs. Charles Anders, Capt. & Mrs. Earl Gardner, Maj. & Mrs. Lyle Wright, Capt. & Mrs. Jimmie Vaughn, Capt. & Mrs. George Thayer, Mrs. & Capt. Goodrich, Mrs. & Maj. Thomas Jennings. Capt. Jay Sterling (standing).

Do you have any unit or personal photographs in which other AA's would be interested?.....Send them in.

Thanks to Captain FRED HIATT (now with Headquarters Company, V Corps, EUCOM) we bring you a particularly "rough strip" this month... There's little doubt that this "High Drag" reveals a strip that spells trouble... Where is it and how would YOU get in and out of it?.....Answer of Page 28.....



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PRESIDIO, SAN FRANCISCO — I have a plan that I think is worth considering. I'd like to hear from all of the members of my fixed-wing class 52-B. We lived together for quite a while and really developed some fine friendships. With all of our later moving around, though, the letter-writing gets pretty mixed-up and left in the lurch. Also, none of the boys would want to write to EACH of the others individually telling of his experiences since graduation. For this reason, and in line with the thought that "Army Aviation" is an excellent clearing-house, I thought that it would be a very good idea to start something like "Class Corners." The Class Notams would have to be brief, just an address, the position held in the unit, and something of interest concerning what the individual has done Army aviation-wise. I'm certain that as the gang reads the Class Notams listed under "FW 52-B" we'll be a lot happier and since the idea will catch on with other FW and rotary-wing classes you'll have plenty of copy and will be happier too. . . . So I'd like to call on my 52-B buddies to send their notams to me c/o 521st Engr Co (Topo Avn), Presidio, SF, and I'll be most happy to serve as Class Historian for 52-B. . . . I hope others will volunteer for their Classes. . . .

1st Lt JOHN L. CHAPMAN, CE

(Ed. Note: This is an excellent suggestion BUT. . . the old Army slogan, "Never volunteer for anything" will probably kill or limit "Class Corners." Although we will welcome voluntary Class Correspondents, send in your Class Notam to us in lieu of a Class Correspondent or until one steps forward. . . . We'll list your Notam under a Class Heading if you plainly mark the Class Number of your submission. . . . Send them in. . . . You'll probably hear from people you haven't heard from in years through such a column. . . )

## STRIP TEASE

This one should be familiar to most AA's in that they've ALL landed on it at one time or another. . . It's STRIP #20 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. . . It was a boon to those who later went into combat and came across very similar layouts. . . It was a bane too. . . Many students took off in the general direction of the MOUNTAIN at the left and this was tantamount to a good "reaming" or in some cases, a washout. . . so says Capt TONY DIRESTA. . . Do you remember "sweating" on this one? . . . We have vague recollections of sliding down the mountain at the left to hit the panel that some fiend had tucked right in against the TALL trees at the left. . . no, that's not a typographical error. . . he was a FIEND, not a friend. . . .

## THE "MAIN OFFICE"

The illustration below generated from the written desire of several persons. . . Apparently, they wanted a photo of the Editor. . . We haven't clobbered the necessary five and we'd get our throat cut if we tried to pose beside one of the "Lucky Fins" at Governors Island, IF one of their numbers was fortunate enough to be drawn from the hat. . . so we don't fulfill the requirements set forth for personal photos. . . Besides, we have no desire to replace the tattered "Malenkov" on your Operations dart board. . . Out of fairness to the other members of our Staff of four, the following is reproduced and will have to suffice:



NOTE: If nothing else, this "Staff" picture should END all letters and news starting with "Gentlemen," "Dear Sir," "Circulation Department," "Attn: Subscription Dept" and the like, all of which tend to amuse the WORKING Staff very much. . . Oh yes, our Staff is two-part. . . The WORKING Staff and the two "Wheels" who keep rolling into the Main Office and throwing their weight around. . . Does this sound familiar? . . . If so, we have similar Staffs. . . The Editorial Department (center) is not quite as "Fat" as pictured nor is "that" part of the Circulation Department as large as portrayed (far right). . . As far as we know, our Art Dept (Lt JOSEPH GAYHART) is now located in Fort Scott, California, and has NEVER been to the Main Office (bedroom). . . Although not alarmed, the exact detail of his drawing of the Main Office has us wondering. . . .



# randoms:

Within the past few weeks, an increasing number of AA personnel whom we have met have shaken their heads and quietly said, "Too bad!" Their concern is with this publication and the effect the new official publication will have upon its future. Their concern is encouraging, but it is unnecessary.

We have engaged in a running correspondence with the two successive editors of official publications. Both have assured us that the official and unofficial publications will be complementary and will fulfill different needs and separate functions. We have received this same assurance from higher ranking Army aviation personnel. It is for this reason that our personal outlook toward the future is bright. It also accounts for the larger issue that you're reading today and we hope the full-size magazine that you'll eventually read in time.

With two media catering to the same personnel, you may ask: "Are both publications necessary?" If there was an apparent duplication of effort, we'd naturally give a quick "No." However, the official publication will be on a much higher plane and will concern itself with Army aviation information of a top-level nature.

In legitimizing the presence of a privately-endorsed publication, we have not mentioned the following subject previously for we do not exactly know which is "the cart" and which is "the horse." Army aviation is a rapidly growing segment of the military. It is certain to make considerable gains in numerical strength. An Army Aviation Association is within the realm of possibility and if such an Association is to be organized, one of its initial requirements would be a ready means of inter-communication. The publication that represents such an Association could not be a publication that is financed at the taxpayers' expense but must be one that is privately supported by its individual membership.

"Army Aviation" may not fulfill the requirements set forth by such an Association and it may not be chosen to represent such a group. But - in view of the fact that it has accomplished a great part of the preliminary spadework, has the paid acceptance of two-thirds of the rated personnel in the active Army as well as certain Enlisted and Reserve Component support and is already financially stable without advertising, it would be under consideration.

If you as the reader feel that an Army Aviation Association is a worthwhile goal and undertaking, whether '55, '57 or '63, then you must consequently feel that ANY unofficial publication is necessary and should be supported. It is entirely consistent that such an unofficial publication co-exist along with the official military medium for in those cases where this is being done the supporters benefit.

The "Aviation Digest of the Army" is capably staffed, adequately funded, and will be a highly professional, informative periodical. We wish at this time to extend to the Staff of the publication our sincere best wishes for the future.

## "WHO'S WHO"

The "Who's Who" Yearbook received the necessary support and will be published in the latter part of January or the early part of February. We would like to thank those individual AA personnel who "underwrote" the entire project by submitting personal listings. A word of thanks to those who also aided by submitted pictorial matter. It should be a fairly representative publication and one that will be of some use to aviation personnel. Although we cannot accept personal listings at this date, those who are not listed who desire a personal copy may obtain one by submitting a dollar to the publication address.

## RENEWALS

Just one word about RENEWALS. The costs of "renewal" correspondence are high and we ask that you check our simple "key number" system on the back cover to determine your EXPIRATION ISSUE. A three-part series appears just over your name, i.e., 20-1183-JAN... The first two numbers refer to your geographic location and subscription number respectively; the latter word (such as JAN) is your expiration issue. It would help us considerably if you "anticipate" the expiration date... we hate writing postcards and we have to write them if you don't let us know either way....

## DISCUSSION

We were involved as an innocent bystander in one torrid "AA discussion" this past month that we think bears repeating. There are so many rumors in the wind these days that we feel that separate columns in the Flight Forms should record "Discussion Time" and "Argument Hours." The point of this particular debate was the extent that Army aviation may be considered a military career. Some literally "swore" it was an attractive, current-day career field; others were not too prone to accept this. The argument vaporized into thin air when one of the "cons" interjected: "Exactly how many young West Point lieutenants enter the field of Army aviation after they have completed their normal post-graduate schooling? The interesting point here is whether the argument vaporized because the "cons" had applied the coup de grace or because the "pros" simply did not have the statistics to prolong the "discussion."

Just a last reminder before we close out the final page... we've got plenty of white space to fill each month... don't hesitate to drop us a line about YOU, your unit, and those with whom you work... we can plan these pages ahead (more important news in the front) if everyone will abide by the 5th of the month submission date..... AND if you have a good controversial AA subject for an article, let 'er rip.....

Your editor, Art Kesten



Dear Friend:

This letter was started in Peoria in hopes of bringing relief and happiness to tired husbands.

Unlike most chain letters, this one will cost you no money. Simply send a copy of this letter to five of your friends who are equally tired, place your name at the foot of the list, and then bundle up your wife and ship her to the man whose name appears at the top of the list.

When your name comes to the top of the list, you may receive as many as 16,973 women and some of them will be dandies. Have faith, don't break the chain! One man broke the chain and got his wife back.

Tommy Anvil  
Allie Kahn  
Earl Flyin  
Charles Chapman  
Capt Lucius N Leavom  
Sgt Rocky Tyme

P.S. At date of this writing, a friend of mine had received 365 women. They buried him yesterday, but it took 7 undertakers 48 hours to get the smile off his face.

# CHAIN

# LETTERS!

Dear Friend:

This letter was started in Bridgeport in hopes of bringing relief and happiness to a distressed publisher.

Unlike most chain letters, this one will cost you no money. If we're to grow, we rely upon you. Within your reach is a friend, a pilot, a crew-chief, or a C. O. who may enjoy the publication if he feels that he is "wanted."

Extend the invitation to him today. If all of the non-subscribers to this publication were laid "end to end," it would be — easier to pick their pockets to get the necessary deuce.

If we're to die this December, let us die with a smile on our face too.

Your editor

P.S. At date of this writing, a friend of mine (the Post Office clerk) had received 365 letters. 362 were put into Box #98.

Dear DP:

As long as we're going to have a "wake," I DID look around today and found one cheerful soul who will be most happy to serve as a palbearer. He's not such a TALL fellow and you'd better plan on him for one of the middle handles. His funeral fee is enclosed and he'd like his monthly instructions right away.

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Yours for a HAPPY INTERMENT,





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