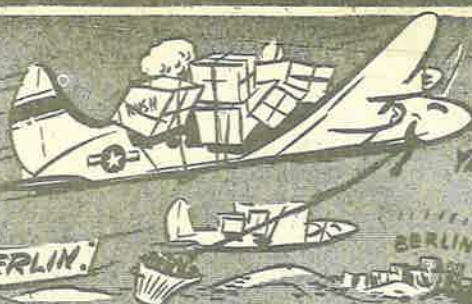


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OCTOBER 23			
1422ND AT GP.			
	TONS	UTL.	PCT.
1255TH	216.8	11.1	139%
1250TH	241.4	11.6	145%
1251ST	179.4	8.1	101%
1267TH	183.0	7.8	98%
TOTALS	820.6	9.6	120%
61ST TC GP.			
17TH AT	165.8	9.2	115%
53RD	210.0	10.6	133%
15TH	165.7	7.9	99%
14TH	200.7	10.2	128%
TOTALS	742.2	9.5	119%
317TH TC GP.			
22ND	154.6	8.0	100%
39TH	134.8	6.9	86%
41ST	164.2	9.6	120%
TOTALS	453.6	8.1	101%
1420TH AT GP.			
1263RD	313.9	6.8	97%
1273RD	272.5	5.6	80%
1256TH	375.2	7.5	107%
1268TH	295.3	6.0	86%
54TH TC	263.4	4.8	69%
TOTALS	1521.3	6.1	87%
THREE C82 FLIGHTS, CARRYING 15.2 TONS.			
TOTAL USAF			
	3552.9	-----	-----
BRITISH	859.9	-----	-----
GR.TOT.	4412.8	-----	-----

OCTOBER 24			
1422ND AT GP.			
	TONS	UTL.	PCT.
1255TH	199.2	10.0	125%
1250TH	238.9	11.7	146%
1251ST	150.3	8.1	101%
1267TH	240.1	10.1	126%
TOTALS	828.5	10.0	125%
61ST TC GP.			
17TH AT	154.3	8.9	111%
53RD	197.9	9.7	121%
15TH	135.3	6.8	85%
14TH	201.1	9.8	123%
TOTALS	688.6	8.8	110%
1420TH AT GP.			
1263RD	314.2	6.5	93%
1273RD	263.5	6.3	90%
1256TH	396.6	7.8	111%
1268TH	336.5	6.6	94%
54TH TC	350.3	6.3	90%
TOTALS	1661.1	6.7	96%
317TH TC GP.			
22ND	135.6	6.8	85%
39TH	143.5	7.3	91%
41ST	154.6	8.9	111%
TOTALS	433.7	7.6	95%
TWO C82 FLIGHTS, CARRYING 10 TONS.			
TOTAL USAF			
	3621.9	-----	-----
BRITISH	1137.5	-----	-----
GR.TOT.	4759.4	-----	-----

More Units Due For Duty With Airlift

HQ CAIF, OCT. 24- ROUTINE

REDISPOSITION ON AF UNITS IN THE U.S. AND THE CARIBBEAN WILL BRING THE 313TH TC WING FROM BERGSTROM AFB, TEX., TO GERMANY FOR OPERATION VITTLES, USAF ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK.

THE 314TH TC GP AT ALBROOK AFB, CANAL ZONE, PART WHICH IS ALREADY ON DUTY WITH THE AIRLIFT, WILL TAKE UP A NEW STATION AT SMYRNA AFB, TENN., WHERE NEW PERSONNEL WILL BE ASSIGNED.

TWO OTHER UNITS, THE 98TH AIR SUPPLY AND THE 809TH ENGINEERS NOW AT FORT WARREN, WYO., WILL PROCEED TO EUROPE IN SUPPORT OF THE AIRLIFT, ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

Press Center At R/M Gets New Quarters

RHEIN MAIN, OCT. 24- THE RHEIN MAIN PRESS CENTER AND PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE HAS MOVED TO LARGER QUARTERS AND IS BEING REFURNISHED TO PROVIDE BETTER COMFORT AND SERVICE TO CORRESPONDENTS OBSERVING VITTLES OPERATIONS, 1ST. LT. CHARLES L. DEWEES, OF AKRON, OHIO, BASE PIO, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE NEW OFFICES ARE ON THE SAME FLOOR OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING AS BEFORE. AMONG THE NEW IMPROVEMENTS IS A CORRESPONDENTS LOUNGE AND WORK ROOM EQUIPPED WITH TYPEWRITERS AND NECESSARY MATERIALS FOR THEM TO WRITE THEIR RELEASES. IT IS FURNISHED WITH SUFFICIENT RELAXATION FACILITIES TO HANDLE A NORMAL FLOW OF VITTLES OBSERVERS.

Aldis Lamp Helps Pilot Play Nursemaid To Baby

RHEIN MAIN, OCT. 24 -- FLYING VITTLES TO BERLIN MAY BE THE PRIMARY DUTY OF AIRLIFT PILOTS, BUT, THEY DON'T STAND SHORT WHEN CALLED UPON TO PERFORM OTHER TASKS -- SUCH AS TENDING BABIES AT 6000 FEET OVER GERMANY.

AMONG THE PASSENGERS HAULED OUT OF BERLIN ON A RECENT FLIGHT BY A 1422ND AT GP PILOT WAS A 10-WEEKS OLD BABY. WHEN FEEDING TIME FOR THE BABY CAME, THE PILOT LOST NO TIME IN PROVIDING THE INFANT WITH A BOTTLE OF MILK -- WARMED TO PROPER TEMPERATURE OVER THE SKYMASTER'S HIGH-

POWERED ALDIS LAMP.

THE ALDIS LAMP, A HAND LAMP DESIGNED TO HELP CLEAR STARTING AREAS AT NIGHT, FOR ILLUMINATING TAXI STRIPS, AND FOR GENERAL PURPOSE LIGHTING, ALSO MAKES A VERY HANDY FOOT- WARMER ON THE EARLY MORNING BERLIN RUN, VITTLES PILOTS REPORT. DURING THE WAR YEARS, PILOTS FLYING THE HUMP FOUND THAT THE GREAT AMOUNT OF HEAT GENERATED BY THE LAMP MADE IT USEFUL IN HEATING C-RATIONS DURING THE LONG HAULS OUT OF INDIA.

Flight Line APO Opened At R/M Base

RHEIN MAIN, OCT. 24 - A POST OFFICE, EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE USE OF VITTLES PERSONNEL, HAS BEEN OPENED ON THE FLIGHT LINE AT R/M.

LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT OF THE C54 OPERATIONS BUILDING, THE POST OFFICE IS A BRANCH OF THE MAIN BASE POSTAL SYSTEM, AND IS OPERATED BY THE 7785TH POSTAL UNIT.

SERVICES OFFERED TO VITTLES PERSONNEL BY THE FLIGHT LINE POST OFFICE INCLUDE MAIL SERVICE FOR OFFICERS, MONEY ORDERS, STAMPS, AND REGISTERED AND SPECIAL DELIVERY MAIL.

SGT. JAMES E. ALLRED, OF LAWRENCEBURG, TENN., MAIL CLERK IN THE NEW POST OFFICE, SAID CHRISTMAS PACKAGES HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO ARRIVE FOR VITTLES MEN. HE ADDED THAT VITTLES PERSONNEL WERE GETTING GOOD SERVICE ON MAIL FROM THE STATES, WITH FIVE DAYS BEING THE AVERAGE TIME REQUIRED TO DELIVER A LETTER INTO THE HANDS OF THE ADDRESSEE AFTER MAILING.

COMBAT HERO TRAFFIC OFFICER AT WIESBADEN

WIESBADEN, OCT. 24 - 1ST LT. DOUGLAS JOHNSON OF HELENA, ARK., WHO DURING THE WAR RECEIVED THE SILVER STAR FOR UNLOADING HIS BOMBS, IS NOW TRAFFIC OFFICER AT THE TRAFFIC CONTROL POINT HERE SUPERVISING THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF AIRCRAFT.

JOHNSON RECEIVED THE SILVER STAR FOR ACTION AND QUICK THINKING WHILE ON HIS 35TH MISSION OVER GERMANY. OVER COLOGNE TWO OF THE ENGINES ON HIS B-17 WERE SHOT OUT AND ONE WAS SET AFIRE. TO PREVENT THE FIRE FROM SETTING OFF THE BOMBS HE DUMPED THE EXPLOSIVES.

THEN AFTER ORDERING THE CREW TO BAIL OUT, HE PUT OUT THE FIRE BY GOING INTO A STEEP DIVE AND LANDED THE PLANE SAFELY AT ST. TROND, BELGIUM.

Dutiful Dreamer

(RHEIN MAIN, OCT. 24 - APPARENTLY THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT VITTLES THAT INSPIRES MEN TO POETRY (NO COMMENTS, PLEASE). ANYWAY, SEVERAL PIECES OF VERSE HAVE TURNED UP IN THE MAIL LATELY. HERE'S ONE OF THEM, COMPOSED BY SGT. NORMAN B. LIPSCHUTZ, WHO CAME TO RHEIN MAIN ON TDY FROM OLMSTED AFB, MIDDLETOWN, PA.)

AS I SIT HERE DREAMING, CONNIVING, AND SCHEMING,
OF IMBIBING A BUCKET OF SUDS,
MUCH TO MY REGRET, I MUST RECKON YET,
WITH A LOAD OF DEHYDRATED SPUDS.

ALL DAY I HAVE TRIED, FROM THE SERGEANT TO HIDE,
IN A TENT OR A JEEP OR A TRUCK;
BUT ALAS AND ALACK, FOR MY POOR ACHIN' BACK,
AS OF YET THERE HAS BEEN NO SUCH LUCK.

I'VE LOADED THESE PLANES 'TIL MY FINGERS HAVE PAINS
FROM WRESTLING WITH ROPES, RODS, AND LOCKS,
BUT MUCH TO MY GRIEF, THERE IS NO RELIEF
FOR AT LEAST SIX OR SEVEN MORE BLOCKS.

AT LAST I CRAWL BACK, TO THE LOAD CONTROL SHACK
AND I'M TURNING MY MANIFESTS IN,
WHEN THAT MERCILESS CLUCK YELLS, "GET BACK ON THAT
TRUCK,
THERE'S A C-54 COMING IN!"

"PLEASE SERGEANT, OH PLEASE," AS I SINK TO MY KNEES,
"CAN'T I REST FOR A TENTH OF AN HOUR?"
"YOU HEARD ME," SAYS HE, "DON'T ARGUE WITH ME,
GO GET ON THAT TRUCK FULL OF FLOUR!"

DEAR LORD UP ABOVE, IF YOU HAVE ANY LOVE,
FOR AN AIRMAN WHOSE BODY IS LAME,
PLEASE TELL UNCLE JOE, WITH HIS COSSACKS TO GO,
TO THE RUSSLAND, BACK WHENCE THEY CAME.



WEATHER

THE LOW PRESSURE SYSTEM MOVING ACROSS ENGLAND WILL GIVE LIGHT RAIN TO WESTERN GERMANY IN THE EVENING.

R/M AND WIESBADEN -- CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN IN EVENING. MAX 56 AND 35.

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TEMPELHOF AND GATOW -- CLOUDY WITH MORNING FOG MAX 50 AND MIN 32. FASSBERG -- CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN IN THE EVENING. MAX 52 MIN 33. MUNICH -- CLOUDY MAX 54 MIN 40.

OCTOBER 28, 1948

AF Generals Make Tour Of Fassberg Base

FASSBERG, Oct. 27 - LT. GEN. JOHN K. CANNON, USAF CG, MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM H. TUNNER, CALTF COMMANDER, AND BG JOHN F. MCLAINE, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS AND TRAINING, USAF, VISITED FASSBERG TODAY FOR AN OVERALL INSPECTION OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN BASE.

THE GENERALS WERE MET BY AIR COMMODORE J. W. H. MERCER, CALTF DEPUTY COMMANDER, COL. JESSE AUTON, 7496TH AIR WING CO, AND LT. COL. PAUL A. JONES, 1422ND AT GP. COMMANDER, AND HIS STAFF.

THE GROUP FIRST VISITED THE AIR BRIEFING ROOM, WHERE THE BRITISH HAVE A LAYOUT SIMULATING THE ENTIRE BASE, INCLUDING C54S IN THEIR PARKING AREAS. COL. THOMAS H. DOWNE, COMMANDER OF THE REAR AIR SUPPLY ORGANIZATION, AND GROUP CAPT. A. J. BIGGAR, CO OF THE RAF STATION, ES-PLAINED THE OVERALL SETUP OF THE BASE.

THE PARTY SPENT A SHORT TIME IN THE AIR ROOM, WHERE GEN. CANNON CONDUCTED A DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEMS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS OF FASSBERG.

THE VISITORS WERE THEN CONDUCTED ON A TOUR OF THE BASE, DROPPING IN AT THE TRAFFIC CHECK POINT, AIRMEN'S MESS, SERGEANTS' MESS, HANGARS, PX, AND OFFICERS' MESS.

Former Lockheed Vice-President Now CALTF Maintenance Chief

HQ CALTF, OCT. 27 - COL. LUTHER HARRIS, OF LOS ANGELES, CALIF., AN AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY EXPERT WITH 31 YEARS EXPERIENCE, HAS ARRIVED HERE TO ASSUME THE POSITION OF CALTF DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE.

HARRIS, WHO RESIGNED AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP. TO RETURN TO ACTIVE DUTY, WAS DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AT THE SAN BERNARDINO (CALIF.) AIR FORCE DEPOT PRIOR TO HIS ASSIGNMENT TO AIRLIFT HEADQUARTERS.

HARRIS' WARTIME ACCOM-

PLISHMENTS INCLUDE A YEAR'S TOUR OF DUTY AS DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE FOR HQ ATC IN WASHINGTON, A TOUR AS DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE FOR ATC'S PACIFIC DIVISION AFTER VE DAY, AND AN EARLIER ASSIGNMENT TO THE PACIFIC, WHERE HE HAD AN IMPORTANT PART IN SETTING UP THE SUPPLY LINE OVER THE "HUMP" FOR ATC.

DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR, HARRIS SERVED IN FRANCE AND GERMANY WITH THE 85TH AVIATION SQUADRON, LATER MOVING TO A STATION NEAR COBLENZ WITH

THE ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

HARRIS' ENTIRE CIVILIAN CAREER HAS BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH AVIATION. FOR 12 YEARS HE WAS VICE-PRESIDENT OF CAPITAL AIRLINES AND WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN AIRLINES FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

CONCERNING HIS PRESENT DUTY, HARRIS SAID, "I FEEL THAT THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OPERATION VITTLES ARE NO DIFFERENT FROM THOSE OF ANY TACTICAL BATTLE, AND COULD ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH GOOD PLANNING AND HARD WORK."

Berlin Airlift Top AF Job—Vandenberg

HQ CALTF, OCT. 27 - GEN. HOYT S. VANDENBERG, AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF, CALLED THE BERLIN AIRLIFT "THE NO. 1 ACHIEVEMENT OF THE AIR FORCE" IN A RECENT SPEECH BEFORE THE AMERICAN LEGION CONVENTION IN MIAMI, FLA., ACCORDING TO PRESS DISPATCHES.

HE PLEDGED THE AIRLIFT "WILL KEEP GOING JUST AS LONG AS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SAY TO US, 'DO THE JOB, DELIVER THE GOODS TO BERLIN.'"

HE SAID A STRONG ARRAY OF AIR POWER "IS THE BEST GUARANTEE OF PEACE. THE MIGHTY AMERICAN AIR ARM OF WORLD WAR II IS NO MORE, BUT WE ARE NOW ON THE WAY BACK TO RECAPTURE OUR POSITION AS A TRULY GREAT AIR FORCE."

Loading Lads Like 'Lingo'

WIESBADEN, OCT. 27 - THE PARLANCE AROUND THE LOADING CONTROL POINT HERE IS BECOMING AS COLORFUL AS THE VERNACULAR IN AN EAST SIDE HASH JOINT.

WHEN

"WHEN A C54 LOAD IS TO BE MIXED CARGO, THE BOYS CALL OUT, 'HEY, DAISY CHAIN, ONE MARRIAGE COMING UP.'"

"DAISY CHAIN" REFERS TO THE LINE OF PLANES WAITING TO BE LOADED, AND "MARRIAGE" INDICATES THAT THE NEXT LOAD IS TO BE A COMBINATION OF HEAVY AND LIGHT CARGO — IN OTHER WORDS, A "MARRIED" LOAD.

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	TONS	UTL.	PCT.
OCTOBER 27			
46TH GP.	1205.0		
1420TH AT GP.			
1263RD	390.0	8.7	124%
1273RD	183.9	5.3	76%
1256TH	442.0	9.7	139%
1268TH	315.0	5.5	79%
54TH TC	348.2	8.3	119%
TOTALS	1679.1	7.5	107%
317TH TC GP.			
22ND	174.3	8.6	108%
39TH	165.4	8.1	101%
41ST	145.6	8.1	101%
TOTALS	485.3	8.3	104%
1422ND AT GP.			
1255TH	174.3	8.3	104%
1250TH	205.2	9.0	113%
1251ST	179.2	8.2	103%
1267TH	136.6	5.3	66%
TOTALS	695.3	7.6	95%
61ST TC GP.			
17TH AT	105.1	3.9	49%
53RD	211.5	9.2	115%
15TH	169.2	5.6	70%
14TH	187.8	8.2	103%
TOTALS	673.6	6.6	83%
GR. TOT.	4753.3		
THREE C82 FLIGHTS, CARRYING 15 TONS.			

NOTICE

WIESBADEN, OCT. 27 - BEGINNING TODAY, THE TASK FORCE TIMES WILL CARRY A DAILY WEATHER FORECAST.

WEATHER REPORTS ARE FURNISHED THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE WIESBADEN AFB WEATHER STATION.

Grows Up On Vittles

RHEIN MAIN, OCT. 27 - SECOND LT. WALTER R. DAVISON, OF CALUMET CITY, ILL., MAY OR MAY NOT BE THE YOUNGEST VITTLES PILOT, BUT HE'S NO GRAYBEARD.

THE 1251ST AT SQ., FLIER, WHO CELEBRATED HIS 20TH BIRTHDAY A FEW MONTHS AGO, HAS ALREADY MADE SIX OR EIGHT ROUND TRIPS ALONG THE BERLIN CORRIDOR AND IS SLATED FOR A LOT MORE.

DAVISON, WHO JOINED THE AIR FORCE WHEN HE WAS 18, ARRIVED HERE OCT. 7 FROM FAIRFIELD SUISAN AFB, FAIRFIELD, CALIF., WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 538TH AT GP.

100,000th TON

FASSBERG, OCT. 27 - U.S. AIRLIFT PLANES OPERATING OUT OF FASSBERG FLEW THEIR 100,000TH TON OF COAL INTO GATOW TODAY.

PILOTING THE C54 THAT HIT THE HUNDRED-GRAND MARK WAS CAPT. NATHAN GREATHOUSE, OF FREDONIA, KANS. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY 1ST LT. CHARLES L. PATTERSON, OF CLARK FIELD, MANILA, CO-PILOT, AND T/SGT ALFRED M. SAWBUSH, OF APRACHIA, VA., FLIGHT ENGINEER.

Special Deal For Lift Men On Three Day Swiss Tour

HQ CALTF, OCT. 27 - FACILITIES HAVE BEEN SET UP FOR EXCLUSIVE HANDLING OF AIRLIFT PERSONNEL ON THREE-DAY TOURS TO SWITZERLAND. IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY 1ST. LST. FRANK J. PITES, CALTF SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICER FROM DENISON, TEX.

PERSONNEL FROM BERLIN AND FASSBERG -- OFFICERS AND AIRMEN -- WILL BE QUARTERED FOR ONE NIGHT IN FRANKFURT WHILE AWAITING TRANSPORTATION TO SWITZERLAND. QUARTERS ARE AVAIL-

ABLE IN THE VIER JAHRESEITZEN FOR AIRMEN, AND IN THE WIESBADEN HOTEL, FOR OFFICERS. THESE QUARTERS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY TO VITTLES MEN.

THREE-DAY LEAVES TO SWITZERLAND WILL BEGIN NOV. 1, PITES SAID. TERMINALS FOR THE TOURS WILL BE BERNE, CAPITAL OF SWITZERLAND, AND BASLE, THE SECOND LARGEST CITY. THE CHOICE OF DESTINATIONS WILL BE LEFT TO THE IN-

(SEE SPECIAL, P.2)

Seven 61st TC Skymasters Top 800 Hours On Vittles

RHEIN MAIN, OCT. 27 - SEVEN C54 SKYMASTERS OF THE 61ST TC GP HERE HAVE FLYING TIME ON THE VITTLES RUN WELL IN EXCESS OF 800 HOURS. LT. COL. RICHARD W. DAVANIA, OF PADUCAH, KY., COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 61ST, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE PLANES HAVE AN AVERAGE OF 857 HOURS AND 42 MINUTES EACH, OR A COMBINED TOTAL OF 6003 HOURS.

TOP PLANE IN THE GROUP IS NO. 43-17219 OF THE 48TH TC SQ, WHICH HAS 936 HOURS AND 15 MINUTES. THIS

IS FOLLOWED BY NO. 42-72704 OF THE 20TH TC SQ, WITH 895 HOURS.

THE 20TH TC SQ HAS THREE OTHER PLANES WITH MORE THAN 800 HOURS AIRLIFT FLYING TIME. THEY ARE NO. 42-72666, WITH 874 HOURS AND 25 MINUTES, NO. 47-72756, WITH 800 HOURS AND FIVE MINUTES, AND NO. 42-72608, WITH 801 HOURS AND 10 MINUTES.

TWO SHIPS OF THE 19TH SQUADRON, NO. 42-72503 AND 42-72743, HAVE 830 HOURS AND 801 HOURS RESPECTIVELY.

Lift Plane Gets Bath

OBIE -- A VITTLES C54 SKYMASTER IS SHOWN (RIGHT) IN THE WASH DOCK AT OBIE AF DEPOT, BEING READIED FOR THE WASHING PROCESS.

AFTER ENTERING THE WASH DOCK, THE ENGINE COWLINGS ARE REMOVED IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CLEANING OF THE ENGINES.

MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION FACILITIES AT THIS AF DEPOT ARE USED EXCLUSIVELY TO KEEP VITTLES PLANES FLYING ON THE RUN TO BERLIN.



Air Freight Extends Hours On Test Basis

WIESBADEN, OCT. 27 - FOR A TWO-WEEK TRIAL PERIOD AIR FREIGHT HERE WILL BE OPEN FROM 0700 TO 2000 HOURS DAILY INSTEAD OF THE USUAL 0800-1700 TIME, OFFICIALS SAID TODAY, INSTRUCTING PERSONNEL TO REFER ALL CARGO TO AIR FREIGHT FOR DISPOSITION DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE MOVE WAS MADE TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE FLOW OF CARGO JUSTIFIED THE LONGER HOURS. UNLESS THE AMOUNT OF FREIGHT BUSINESS WARRANTS THE EXTENSION, AIR FREIGHT WILL REVERT TO THE OLD TIME AT THE END OF TWO WEEKS.

AUTHORITIES SAID ONLY HAND-CARRY PACKAGES WILL BE ACCEPTED BY AIR TRAVEL SECURITY OR BASE OPERATIONS. ALL HEAVIER CARGO MUST BE DIRECTED TO AIR FREIGHT.

German Pilots Tabooed For Duty With Airlift

2,500TH MISSION FLOWN BY 14TH TC

RHEIN MAIN, OCT. 27- THE 2500TH ROUND TRIP TO BERLIN HAS BEEN COMPLETED BY THE 14TH TC SQ. OF THE 61ST TC GP. GROUP OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MAKING THE FLIGHT WAS A/C NO. 42-72666, A C-54 SKYMASTER PILOTED BY 1ST LT. WILLIAM L. GRAVES, OF BRIGHTON, COLO. HIS COPILOT WAS 2D LT. WINFORD H. KINCAID, OF LAMPASAS, TEX., AND THE FLIGHT ENGINEER WAS S/SGT. MICHAEL FERENSOVICH, OF SOUTH FORK, PENN.

PLO FOR 15TH TC

RHEIN MAIN, OCT. 27- THE APPOINTMENT OF 1ST LT. NORMAN A. MACLEAN, OF PRESCOTT, MICH., AS PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE 15TH TC SQ. WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE 61ST TC GP.

WASHINGTON, OCT. 27- THE USE OF GERMAN PILOTS TO MAN VITLES SHIP IS "OUT OF THE QUESTION," IT WAS EMPHATICALLY STATED YESTERDAY BY A SPOKESMAN FOR ARMY UNDER SECRETARY WILLIAM DRAPER.

THE STATEMENT WAS MADE IN ANSWER TO AN OFFER BY FOUR GERMAN TRADE UNIONISTS, NOW TOURING THE US UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF AFL, TO PROVIDE FORMER GERMAN LUFTWAFFE PILOTS TO MAN THE LIFT OPERATION.

THE OFFER CAME DURING A CONFERENCE WITH DRAPER IN THE PENTAGON. THEY TOLD DRAPER THE GERMAN FLIERS WOULD BE RECRUITED FROM TRADE UNION GROUPS AND WOULD BE AMONG GERMAN "DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS," AND THAT THEY COULD PROVIDE MORE PILOTS THAN THE AIRLIFT NEEDED.

ERNST SCHARNOWIUK, HEAD OF THE INDEPENDENT TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION IN BERLIN, EXPRESSED THE GRATITUDE OF BERLIN RESIDENTS FOR "OPERATION VITLES."

Op Knittles

FASSBERG, OCT. 27 - ASK CAPT. HARRY NEWSOME, OF THE 1263RD SQ., ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE WITH VITLES AND HE'LL PROBABLY SHOW YOU HIS KNITTING.

THE REDOUTABLE CAPTAIN, WHO HAS FLOWN MORE THAN A HUNDRED AIRLIFT MISSIONS TO BERLIN, SAYS HE TOOK UP KNITTING IN HIS SPARE COCKPIT TIME "TO KEEP FROM GETTING BORED."

NEWSOME, WHO ACCORDING TO ONE OF HIS TEAMMATES, "CAN MAKE THE NEATEST ANKLE SOCKS YOU EVER SAW," RECOMMENDS KNITTING AS A GOOD WAY FOR PILOTS TO TAKE THEIR MIND OFF THEIR TROUBLES.

GO TO CONFER

RHEIN MAIN, OCT. 26 - LT. COL. J. C. EVERS, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 61ST TC GP., ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A PERSONAL CONFERENCE PERIOD WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM 1000 TO 1100 HOURS EACH MONDAY MORNING.

THE CONFERENCES ARE OPEN TO ALL PERSONNEL,

New Heaters Ordered For WSBN Docks

WIESBADEN, OCT. 27 - SIXTY TYPE F-1 HEATERS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM THE ZI FOR INSTALLATION IN MAINTENANCE DOCKS AT THIS AIRLIFT TERMINAL TO INSURE THAT MECHANICS, WORKING CONDITIONS WILL BE AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE THIS WINTER. BASE MAINTENANCE OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

SHOULD COLD WEATHER PRECEDE THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW HEATERS, A SUPPLY OF D-2 STEWART-WARNER HEATERS IS BEING HELD IN RESERVE FOR THIS EMERGENCY USE, OFFICIALS SAID.

ADDITIONAL PROTECTION AGAINST THE COLD WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ADDITION OF TAR PAPER COVERING TO THE MAINTENANCE DOCKS. COVERING OF THE DOCKS WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

BRITISH SOLDIERS VISIT FASSBERG

FASSBERG, OCT. 27 - NINETEEN PATIENTS FROM THE BRITISH MILITARY HOSPITAL IN HANNOVER VISITED FASSBERG TO GET A CLOSE UP OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT.

THE SOLDIERS, WHO CAME HERE ON A TOUR ARRANGED BY THE LOCAL MALCOLM CLUB, EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE SIZE AND SMOOTHNESS OF THE COMBINED LIFT OPERATIONS, AND ONE SPOKESMAN DECLARED HE "HAD NEVER SEEN A MORE SATISFYING EXAMPLE OF BRITISH-AMERICAN COOPERATION."

BERLINERS FORESEE WINTER BLOCKADE

BERLIN, OCT. 27 - BERLIN'S ANTI-COMMUNISTS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIET BLOCKADE WILL CONTINUE THIS WINTER, REPORTS HERE SAY.

Nov. 15 Target Date For Permanent WOs

WASHINGTON, OCT. 27 - NOVEMBER 15 HAS BEEN SET AS THE TARGET DATE FOR ANNOUNCING THE APPOINTMENT OF A POSSIBLE 6,000 PERMANENT ARMY AND AIR FORCE WARRANT OFFICERS.

THE NUMBER OF ACTUAL PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY THE AIR FORCE DEPENDS UPON FACTORS WHICH COULD MAKE THE TOTAL AS HIGH AS 2,280 AND AS LOW AS 1,180, WITH PROBABILITY THAT THE NUMBER WILL BE NEARER 1,600.

THIS IS THE PLAN BEING FOLLOWED BY THE AIR FORCE: THE AF HAS AN AUTHORIZATION OF 2600 PERMANENT WARRANTS, FROM WHICH MUST BE DEDUCTED THE 320 NOW HOLDING PERMANENT WARRANT RANK (WHERE THEY ARE SERVING AS SUCH OR IN TEMPORARY HIGHER GRADES) OR WHO HOLD LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT AS PERMANENT WARRANTS THIS WILL LEAVE 2280 VACANCIES FOR PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS.

BUT IN ADDITION TO THESE PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS, THOUGHT IS BEING GIVEN TO MAKING AN INDEFINITE NUMBER OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO ENLISTED MEN WHO DID NOT SCORE HIGH ENOUGH TO WIN PERMANENT STATUS, BUT WHOSE SCORES WERE THE HIGHEST OF THE REMAINING APPLICANTS IN THEIR PARTICULAR FIELD.

IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAKE THESE TEMPORARY WARRANTS, SINCE THOSE SERVING AS OFFICERS WHO WIN APPOINTMENTS, THOUGH CHARGED AGAINST THE TOTAL OF 2600 PERMANENT WARRANTS, WILL NOT ENTER ON WARRANT STATUS TO BECOME A CHARGE AT THIS TIME AGAINST THE TOTAL OF 2600 TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT WARRANTS ALLOWED BY CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS. THE AIR FORCE DESIRES TO TAKE NO ACTION WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A TEMPORARY WARRANT TO REVERT TO ENLISTED STATUS.

COMPETING FOR THE NEARLY 6000 PERMANENT ARMY AND AIR APPOINTMENTS WILL BE SOMEWHAT UNDER 30,000 TEMPORARY OFFICERS, TEMPORARY WARRANTS, AND ENLIST-

ED MEN OF THE TWO SERVICES.

THE FINAL TOTAL OF APPLICATIONS, IT WAS LEARNED THIS WEEK, WAS 52,887. THIS FIGURE, HOWEVER, WAS REDUCED TO 45,576 BY THE FOLLOWING 7309 INITIAL DISQUALIFICATIONS:

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN, 2136; FAILURES OF THE STANDARD QUALIFICATION TEST, 4631; OVERAGE, 29; LACKING REQUIRED GRADE OR LENGTH OF SERVICE, 513.

THE 45,576 APPLICATIONS SENT TO WASHINGTON WERE FURTHER REDUCED BY ABOUT 18,000 MEN WHOSE BASE SCORES, SHOWN BY INTERVIEWS AND OTHER PROCESSING STEPS, OBVIOUSLY WERE TOO LOW FOR CONSIDERATION. THE REMAINING APPLICANTS ARE BEING GIVEN COMPOSITE SCORES WHICH WILL DETERMINE THEIR STANDING FOR APPOINTMENT IN EACH OF THE SPECIALITIES FOR WHICH THEY HAVE APPLIED.

VACANCIES IN A TOTAL OF 775 WARRANTS TITLES ARE BEING FILLED IN THIS FIRST INTEGRATION. OF THESE, 11 SPECIALITIES ARE COMMON TO BOTH ARMY AND AIR FORCE 38 SPECIALITIES ARE PECULIAR TO THE ARMY AND 26 ARE PECULIARLY AIR FORCE SPECIALITIES. THUS THE ARMY IS MAKING APPOINTMENTS IN 49 TITLES, THE AIR FORCE, 37 SPECIALITIES.

AN APPLICANT APPOINTED IN ONE OF THE 11 COMMON SPECIALITIES WILL REMAIN WITH HIS PRESENT SERVICE AFTER APPOINTMENT. BUT SOLDIERS MAY COMPETE FOR ANY SPECIALITY PECULIAR TO EITHER AIR FORCE OR ARMY, WHILE AIRMEN MAY WIN APPOINTMENT IN EITHER ARMY OR AIR TITLES. THUS, A BREAKDOWN OF APPLICANTS BY THEIR PRESENT SERVICE IS NO INDICATION OF THE DEGREE OF COMPETITION.

Fly Safely

SPECIAL DEAL - (CONTINUED)

INDIVIDUAL.

THE LEAVE TRAIN WILL DEPART FRANKFURT AT 0701 HOURS EVERY DAY EXCEPT SUNDAY FOR THE LEAVE CENTER AT KARLSRUHE, WHERE PROCESSING, MONEY CHANGING, AND GENERAL BRIEFING WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED. THE TRAIN FROM FRANKFURT TO KARLSRUHE IS 90 CENTS.

AT KARLSRUHE LEAVE PERSONNEL WILL PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE TOUR AT A COST OF \$15.80, THIS AMOUNT INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, HOTELS, MEALS, AND SERVICE.

THE TRAIN TO SWITZERLAND WILL LEAVE KARLSRUHE AT 1420 HOURS ON THE DAY OF ARRIVAL. THE ONLY PAPERS NECESSARY WILL BE LEAVE

PAPERS AND IDENTIFICATION.

TRAVELERS ARE ALLOWED TO CARRY WITH THEM THE EQUIVALENT OF 200 DOLLARS FOR SPENDING MONEY, WHICH MUST BE IN SWISS FRANCS, AS MONEY ORDERS AND SCRIPT ARE NOT VALID IN THE COUNTRY. ONE CARTON OF CIGARETTES MAY ALSO BE CARRIED. SITES POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT ALL BRANDS OF AMERICAN CIGARETTES ARE AVAILABLE IN SWITZERLAND.

THE SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICER EMPHASIZED THAT LEAVE PERSONNEL WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF SWITZERLAND, AND SHOULD CONDUCT THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY.



"YUP SONNY, AN THEM THAR LAST TWO I GOT FOR THE AIRLIFT BACK IN 1948-!!"

A high pressure center over Southern Sweden will cause Western Europe to have a cold easterly flow of air. R/M and WIESBADEN, partly cloudy, Max. 41 Min. 30. TEMPELHOF and GATOW

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VHF System Aids Airlift Maintenance

WIESBADEN, OCT. 29 - RADIO CONTROLLED MAINTENANCE IS THE LATEST INNOVATION IN USE HERE TO SPEED UP VITTLES OPERATIONS.

A VHF SYSTEM PROVIDING THREE-WAY CONTACT BETWEEN PLANE, MAINTENANCE CONTROL OFFICE, AND A FLIGHT-LINE PATROL JEEP, HAS BEEN INSTALLED HERE BY THE 317TH TC GP. BY USE OF THIS SYSTEM, THE MAINTENANCE CONTROL OFFICER, THE PILOT AND THE GROUND CREWS KEEP CONSTANTLY INFORMED OF THE MAINTENANCE AND CONDITION OF ALL AIRCRAFT.

IN ADDITION TO THE TIME SAVED IN HAVING GROUND CREWS READY AND WAITING TO HANDLE ANY REPAIRS WHEN THE PLANE LANDS, CONSIDERABLE TIME IS SAVED BY BEING ABLE TO DIRECT THE PLANE DIRECTLY TO THE MAINTENANCE OR WASH DOCKS WHEN INSPECTIONS ARE DUE, RATHER THAN HAVE IT PARKED IN THE LOADING LINE, AND THEN PULLED OUT TO THE MAINTENANCE AREA, ACCORDING TO 1ST. LT. EDWARD T. ROBERTS, OF COFFEEVILLE, MISS., 317TH MAINT. CONTROL OFFICER.

A LIAISON TRANSMITTER IS HELD IN RESERVE FOR USE WHEN THE VHF SYSTEM IS OUT OF OPERATION FOR ANY REASON, ROBERTS SAID.

OBIE SETS RECORD FOR INSPECTION

HQ CALTF, OCT. 29 - A NEW RECORD OF 42 HOURS FOR THE TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A 200-HOUR MAJOR C54 INSPECTION WAS SET AT OBIE TUESDAY NIGHT, COL. LUTHER HARRIS, OF LOS ANGELES, CALIF., CALTF DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE, SAID TODAY.

THE PLANE, NO. 42-72761, WAS RETURNED TO ITS HOME UNIT, THE 14TH TC SQ, OF THE 61ST TC GP, AT RHEIN MAIN, AFTER COMPLETION OF THE INSPECTION.

Shmoocide Mission Fails! Shmoos Loose At R/M

RHEIN MAIN, OCT. 29 - AFTER DAN'L SHMOON AND HIS SHMOOCIDE SQUADRON FINISHED THEIR WORK, ONLY TWO GROUPS OF SHMOOS WERE KNOWN TO EXIST IN ALL THE WORLD AND ONE OF THOSE GROUPS IS NOW RUNNING LOOSE ON THIS VITTLES BASE.

SINCE THE 17TH MATS AIRMEN ASKED AL CAPP TO PROVIDE THEM WITH THE SHMOOS, MANY REQUESTS HAVE FLOODED THE BASE FOR SOME MEMENTO OF THE NOW-FAMOUS "HAPPY SHMOODAY" CELEBRATION. WOULD-BE SHMOO FANCIERS WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE ONE OF THE FABULOUS ANIMALS LAST NIGHT

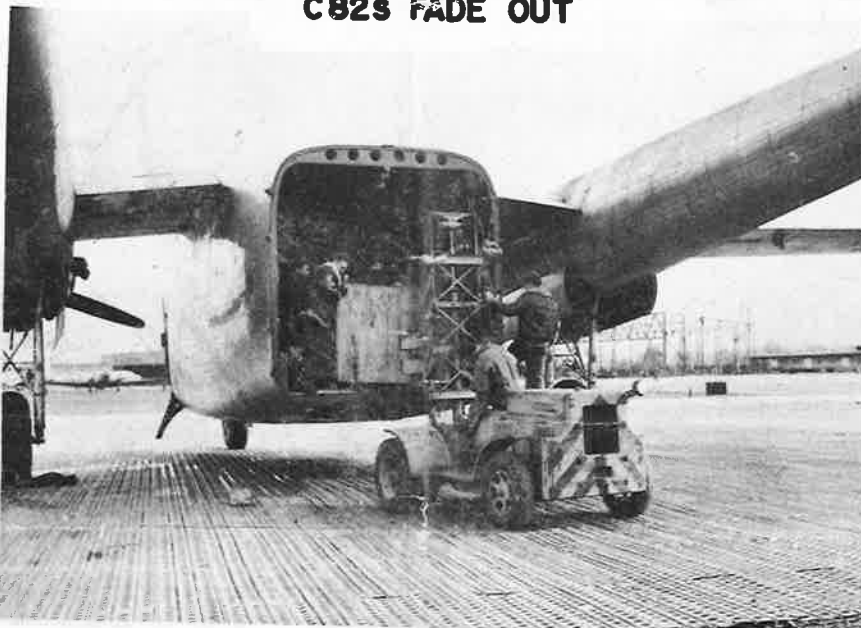


BULLETIN OF THE COMBINED AIRLIFT TASK FORCE

partly cloudy, Max. 41 Min. 34. FASSBERG, partly cloudy, Max. 42 Min. 32. MUNICH, cloudy, Max. 47 Min. 38. BURTONWOOD, partly cloudy, Max. 49 Min. 32. Wiesbaden Weather Station

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1948

C82s FADE OUT



THE C-82 FLYING BOXCARS which have served on the airlift for the past six weeks have been withdrawn from participation in Operation Vittles, it was announced today.

Hereafter the roomy cargo planes will be used to haul supplies from various points in Germany to Wiesbaden AFB, where they will be transferred to C-54s for transport to Berlin.

Authorities pointed out, however, that the C-82s will always be available to fly the corridor in case of emergency.

Air Engineer Personnel Play Vital Airlift Role

WIESBADEN, OCT. 29 - ONE REASON FOR THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT IS THE OUTSTANDING JOB BEING PERFORMED BY THE AIR ENGINEERS. THIS IS BEING DONE WITH AS LITTLE INTERFERENCE AS POSSIBLE WITH THE HEAVY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AT ALL BASES.

AS SOON AS AIRLIFT PLANES TOOK TO THE AIR, USAF ENGINEERS BEGAN PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE IN OPERATION VITTLES. A CRITICAL FACTOR, ON WHICH THE INITIAL SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION DEPENDED, WAS THE OLD RUNWAY AT TEMPELHOF, WHICH MIGHT THEN HAVE BEEN TERMED THE MOST IMPORTANT RUNWAY IN THE WORLD UNDER AMERICAN CONTROL. OF PIERCED STEEL PLANK AND IN ONLY FAIR

CONDITION, IT COULD NOT SUSTAIN THE HEAVY TRAFFIC. BY INTENSIVE, HEAVY MAINTENANCE, 24 HOURS A DAY, WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE WITH LANDINGS AND TAKEOFFS, AND THE UTILIZATION OF EVERY INGENUOUS EXPEDIENT AND IMPROVISATION, THE RUNWAY WAS STEADILY IMPROVED UNTIL TODAY IT IS IN FIRST-RATE CONDITION, DESPITE THE CONTINUOUS HEAVY TRAFFIC LOAD.

AT RHEIN MAIN AFB, NEAR FRANKFURT, THE CONSTRUCTION PACE WAS STEPPED UP INTO AN AROUND-THE-CLOCK, SEVEN-DAY-A-WEEK OPERATION.

IN NINE WEEKS USAF ENGINEER SUPERVISORS AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, KEEPING UP WITH 1700 GERMAN AND OP LABORERS, LAID MORE THAN 1,500,000 SQUARE FEET OF PIERCED STEEL PLANKING TAXIWAYS AND HARDSTANDS; COMPLETED 24,000 FEET OF GRAVEL ROAD PARALLEL TO TAXIWAYS FOR MORE EFFICIENT LOADING OF AIRCRAFT; COMPLETED TWO 42,000-GALLON HIGH OCTANE GAS TANKS TO ASSURE AIRLIFT C54 SKYMASTERS A STEADY FLOW OF FUEL; LAID 9,000 FEET OF FLOORING; CONSTRUCTED A 1,600-FOOT UNLOADING RAIL SPUR AND BUILT A CONCRETE FOUNDATION FOR A 25-TON CARGO WEIGHING SCALE.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE ENGINEERS OF BERLIN POST EXPANDED THE FORMER LUFTWAFFE AIRFIELD AT TEMPELHOF BY CONSTRUCTING A NEW 5,555-FOOT RUNWAY, SO THAT NOW SIMULTANEOUS LANDINGS AND TAKEOFFS CAN

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Howgozit Board

	TONS	UTL.	PCT.
46TH GP.	685.1		
1420TH AT GP.			
1263RD	418.8	8.6	123%
1273RD	362.1	7.0	100%
1256TH	345.3	7.0	100%
1268TH	384.2	7.5	107%
54TH TC	193.5	4.3	60%
TOTALS	1703.9	6.6	94%
317TH TC GP.			
22ND	129.0	6.9	86%
39TH	166.5	8.8	110%
41ST	98.7	5.7	71%
TOTALS	394.2	7.2	90%
61ST TC GP.			
17TH AT	115.4	5.3	66%
53RD	163.4	8.0	100%
15TH	119.1	4.6	58%
14TH	179.6	9.2	115%
TOTALS	577.5	6.7	84%
1422ND AT GP.			
1255TH	139.2	8.4	105%
1250TH	113.5	6.3	79%
1251ST	123.1	5.8	73%
1267TH	145.0	6.2	78%
TOTALS	520.8	6.6	83%
GR.TOT.	3896.5		
THREE C82 FLIGHTS, CARRYING 15 TONS.			

CHART TROUBLE REPORTED BY AACS UNIT

WIESBADEN, OCT. 29 - LIKE EVERY OTHER SERVICE CONNECTED WITH THE AIRLIFT, AIRWAYS & AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IS HAVING CHART TROUBLE.

THE TROUBLE IS THAT THE LINES KEEP RUNNING OUT OF THE TOP OF THE GRAPHS AND HEADING FOR THE CEILING.

THE FLOW OF COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN PLANES AND GROUND, AND ALONG THE AIR CORRIDORS TO BERLIN HAS

Clay Asserts Lift To Go Through Winter

HQ CALTF, OCT. 29 - GEN. LUCIUS D. CLAY, SPEAKING IN HEIDELBERG YESTERDAY, DECLARED "THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE BERLIN AIRLIFT CANNOT CONTINUE SUCCESSFULLY THROUGH THE WINTER WITH A MINIMUM OF ADDITIONAL PLANES."

THE EUCOM COMMANDER SAID THE AIRLIFT HAS SETTLED DOWN TO A ROUTINE AND SMOOTH-RUNNING OPERATION, THAT IS CAPABLE OF KEEPING THE SUPPLIES MOVING INTO BERLIN.

CLAY POINTED OUT THAT APPROVAL HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE ADDITION OF UP TO 66 PLANES FOR THE AIRLIFT, 24 OF WHICH ARE BEING TRANSFERRED HERE FROM THE NAVY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. ALL WILL BE C54 SKYMASTERS, WHICH WILL CARRY THE BRUNT OF AIRLIFT DUTY. IMMEDIATE PLANS DO NOT CALL FOR THE ADDITION OF THE LARGER C74 GLOBEMASTERS, CLAY SAID.

DISMISSING RUSSIAN HARASSING ATTEMPTS IN THE LIFT CORRIDOR -- BUZZING OF PLANES AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE -- AS BEING OF "MINOR" NATURE, THE THEATER COMMANDER SAID THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING TO STOP THE PROGRESS OF THE OPERATION.

ASKED IF THE MORALE OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE IN BERLIN WAS CONTINUING HIGH WITH WINTER COMING ON, HE REPLIED, "I ONLY HOPE SO, BUT THEIR LEADERS COULD ANSWER THAT BETTER THAN I COULD."

Lift Efforts Praised By Departing CG

HQ CALTF, OCT. 29 - PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FROM WIESBADEN FOR ASSIGNMENT AS COMMANDING GENERAL, STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, LT. GEN. CURTIS E. LEMAY, FORMER USAF CG, EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE "ATTAINMENT OF UNPRECEDENTED OBJECTIVES IN OPERATION VITTLES IN SPITE OF BARELY ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENT."

THE HARD-DRIVING, CIGAR-SMOKING GENERAL DECLARED THAT THE AIRLIFT COULD AND WOULD CONTINUE SUPPLYING BERLIN AS LONG AS THE BLOCKADE EXISTS.

INCREASED ABOUT EIGHT TIMES SINCE THE AIRLIFT BEGAN. PLANE-GROUND COMMUNICATIONS ARE BEING MADE AT A RATE OF MORE THAN FOUR PER MINUTE AROUND THE CLOCK. TEMPELHOF'S CONTROL TOWER IS AVERAGING BETTER THAN ONE A MINUTE.

THE OLD CHARTS WHICH REFLECTS THESE CONTACTS JUST COULDN'T TAKLE IT. THEY'RE GIVING WAY TO NEW VERSIONS WHICH CAN ABSORB THE NEW FIGURES.

TIME SAVER



SHOWN MAKING AN ADJUSTMENT on the VHF radio system which speeds operations on the Wiesbaden maintenance line, is S/Sgt. James C. Hargis, Chicago, Ill. The new system lets the ground crews prepare for a crippled Skymaster before it taxis into the maintenance area. Sergeant Hargis is NCOIC of the aircraft status clerks.

Base Monitors Appointed By 317th TC Gp.

WIESBADEN, OCT. 29 - A PRODUCTION CONTROL SECTION, MADE UP OF VITTLES TROUBLE SHOOTERS, HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AT WIESBADEN AFB TO EXPEDITE AIRLIFT OPERATIONS.

HEADED BY LT. COL. JAMES M. JOHNSON, CO OF THE 317TH TC GP., THE SECTION IS MADE UP OF OFFICERS AND MEN FROM MAINTENANCE, AIRCRAFT DISPATCHING, LOADING, EXPEDITING, ASSIGNMENTS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

THESE PERSONNEL MAKE A THOROUGH TOUR OF THE BASE EACH DAY AND INITIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION ON ALL MATTERS REQUIRING SUCH MEASURES.

All Weather Unit Finish Successful 2 Year Experiment

WASHINGTON, (AFPS) - THE AIR FORCE HAS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED A TWO-YEAR EXPERIMENT IN ALL-WEATHER FLYING BY INSTRUMENTS AND RADAR, IT WAS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED.

UNDER ALL TYPES OF ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS, DAILY ROUND-TRIPS FROM THE AF ALL-WEATHER BASE AT WILMINGTON, OHIO, TO ANDREWS FIELD, NEAR WASHINGTON, HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED WITHOUT ACCIDENT OR INJURY AT AN AVERAGE SCHEDULE DEVIATION OF ONLY 30 SECONDS OVER THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD. MORE THAN 14,500 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED A TOTAL OF 45,510,000 AIR MILES ON THESE TRIPS.

THE PILOTS, WITH COWLS HOODED IN FAIR WEATHER TO STIMULATE BLIND-FLYING CONDITIONS, NAVIGATED BY RADAR BEACONS SPACED 100 MILES APART ALONG THE ROUTE.

AIR- (CONTINUED)

BE HANDLED.

COMPLETION OF TEMPELHOF'S RUNWAY IN THE RECORD TIME OF NINE WEEKS REQUIRED A COMBINATION OF SKILL, CAREFUL SUPERVISION, HARD WORK AND AF INGENUITY. HEAVY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS ROCK-CRUSHERS, MOTOR GRADERS AND BULLDOZERS WAS DISASSEMBLED AT WIESBADEN AND RHEIN MAIN, FLOWN TO BERLIN AND REASSEMBLED.

ON TOP OF THE RUBBLE BASE, LAID BY GERMAN WORKMEN, THE ENGINEERS LAID AN ASPHALT LAYER TOPPED BY PIERCED STEEL PLANKING. PLANS AND ALL TECHNICAL SUPERVISION AS WELL AS OPERATION OF ALL HEAVY EQUIPMENT WERE CARRIED OUT BY U.S. ENGINEER PERSONNEL WHILE GERMAN CONTRACTORS PROVIDED MANUAL LABOR. ALREADY WORK HAS BEGUN ON A SECOND NEW TEMPELHOF RUNWAY.

AT WIESBADEN AIR ENGINEERS LENGTHENED THE RUNWAY 500 FEET TO THE EAST AND 1,000 FEET TO THE WEST TO ENABLE THE AIR BASE TO ACCOMMODATE VARIOUS TYPES OF AIRCRAFT ENGAGED IN THE AIRLIFT.

WHEN THE ENGINEERS RAN INTO SUPPLY BOTTLENECKS THEY RECOVERED STEEL PLANKING FROM ABANDONED USAF INSTALLATIONS, 2,000 TONS OF WHICH WERE AIRLIFTED TO BERLIN. WHILE MILES OF SERVICE ROADS WERE BEING IMPROVED AND NEW HARDSTANDS, CONCRETE RUNWAYS AND APRONS WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, THE AIR FORCE ENGINEERS MAINTAINED ALL THE AIRLIFT RUNWAYS AT WIESBADEN, RHEIN MAIN AND TEMPELHOF BY KEEPING THEM IN GOOD ENOUGH CONDITION TO HANDLE THE INCREASED LOAD BROUGHT ON BY THE AIRLIFT.

FROM PLANS DESIGNED BY OUR ENGINEERS, GERMAN MEN AND WOMEN UNDER THE ENGINEER OF BERLIN MILITARY POST ARE NOW CONSTRUCTING THE AMERICAN AIRFIELD AT TEGEL IN THE FRENCH SECTOR OF BERLIN. ALL TECHNICAL SUPERVISION IS BEING FURNISHED BY US PERSONNEL.

IN ADDITION TO THEIR CONSTRUCTION CHORES, THE USAF AIR ENGINEERS ACT AS

LIAISON BETWEEN THE GERMAN CONTRACTORS FURNISHING MANUAL LABORERS AND THE AIRLIFT TASK FORCE. WHEN THEY FOUND THAT HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT HAD TO BE ALMOST COMPLETELY DISASSEMBLED BEFORE IT COULD BE AIRLIFTED TO BERLIN FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTING A NEW RUNWAY, THEY REQUESTED THAT A C74 GLOBEMASTER AND FIVE C82 "FLYING BOXCARS" BE "LOANED" FROM THE STATES. BOTH OF THESE TYPES OF PLANES HAVE FUSELAGES THAT CAN HANDLE BULKY LOADS.

Erding Air Depot 100% On Vittles

ERDING, OCT. 29 - THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DELIVERY OF ALL TECHNICAL SUPPLIES FOR EAFO PLANES PARTICIPATING IN THE AIRLIFT BELONGS TO THE FLIGHT SECTION OF THE 7200TH AFO WING HERE.

THIS IS ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE UNIT'S DUTIES, HOWEVER. THE SECTION IS ALSO CHARGED WITH THE MISSION OF PERIODICALLY SERVICING AND INSPECTING THE DEPOT'S 30 ACTIVE PLANES AND ALL TRANSIENT AIRCRAFT HERE.

BESIDES THE AIR FREIGHT HAULS WHICH ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF ERDING'S BUSINESS, THE FLIGHT SECTION PROVIDES AIR COURIER FLIGHTS OF ENGINES, PARTS AND CREWS FOR U.S. FOREIGN ATTACHE AND EMBASSY PLANES TO SUCH POINTS AS PARIS, ANKARA, COPENHAGEN, AMSTERDAM, TEHRAN, HELSINKI, CAIRO, AND ROME.

TO PROVIDE AIRCRAFT SERVICE, THE SECTION'S 25 AIRMEN AND 25 INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CAT. MILBURN E. BRUCKNER, OPERATE FOUR GAS TRUCKS, TWO OIL TRUCKS, A JEEP AND TWO CLETRACKS.

WITH THE AID OF THESE VEHICLES, IN ONE MONTH THEY SERVICED PLANES WITH 49,996 GALLONS OF GAS AND 488 GALLONS OF OIL, WHILE PERFORMING FIVE 100-HOUR, SIX 50-HOUR, AND SIX 25-HOUR INSPECTIONS ON ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT, AS WELL AS COUNTLESS DAILY ROUTING PRE-FLIGHT CHECKS.

Obie Supplies Lumber For B'wood Docks

OBIE, OCT. 28 - BY FURNISHING PRE-CUT LUMBER AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL, THE OBERPFAFFENHOFEN AFD IS ASSISTING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF C54 WASH DOCKS AND MAINTENANCE DOCKS AT BURTONWOOD, ENGLAND.

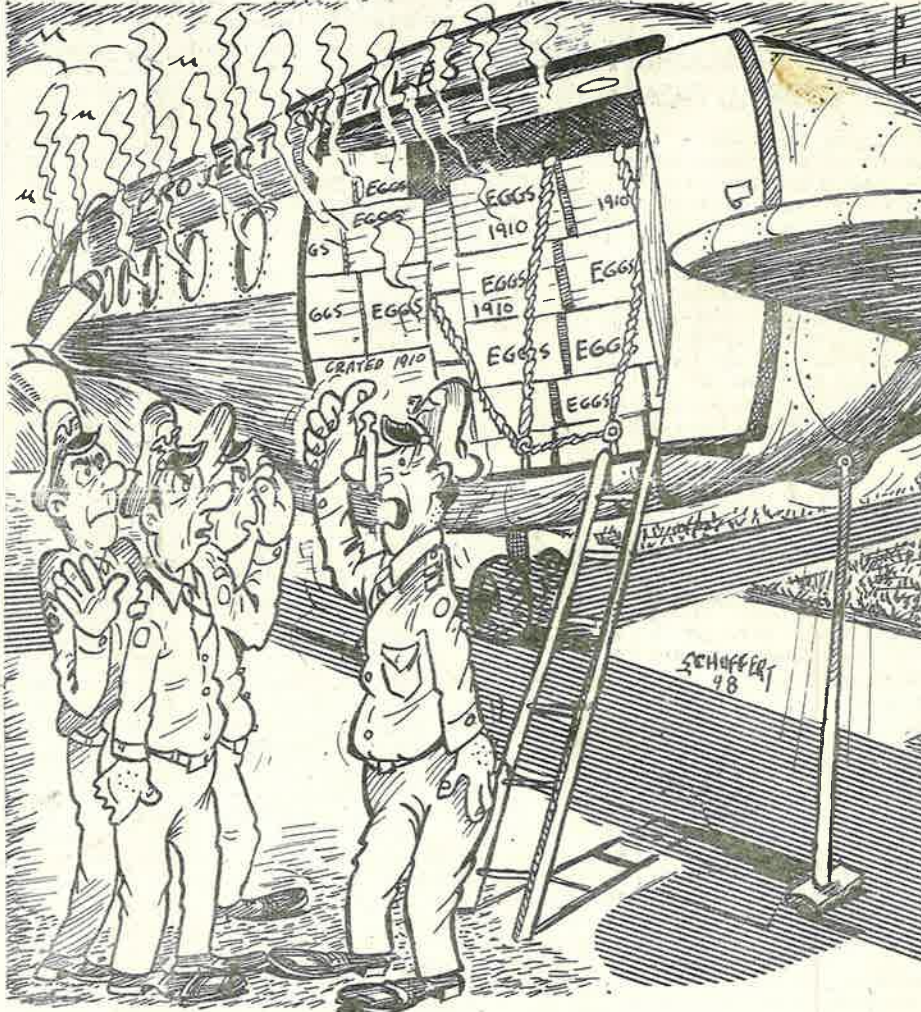
SINCE LUMBER WAS NOT READILY AVAILABLE AT BURTONWOOD, ALONG WITH THE FACT THAT THE DOCKS ASSEMBLED AT OBERPFAFFENHOFEN HAD BEEN PRE-CUT IN THE AIR INSTALLATION OFFICE'S CARPENTER SHOP, OFFICIALS DECIDED TO USE THE SAME PROCEDURE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AT THE ENGLISH-AMERICAN BASE.

1ST. LT. JOHN F. KITZROW, OF THE OBIE AIR INSTALLATION OFFICE, IS IN CHARGE OF THE C54 DOCKS AT BURTONWOOD.

CALTF HEADQUARTERS ASSIGNED TWO C54S WITH FOUR CREWS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORT FOR THE PRE-CUT LUMBER. ESTIMATED WEIGHT OF THE LUMBER TRANSPORTED WAS 125 TONS, REQUIRING 14 TRIPS. FROM THIS CARGO, 10 MAINTENANCE AND THREE WASH DOCKS WILL BE ASSEMBLED.

TO REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED IN LOADING THE PLANES, PRE-LOADS WERE SET UP ON THE LINE. TWO TRAFFIC ENLISTED MEN FOR RHEIN MAIN WERE ASSIGNED TO HANDLE LOADING OF THE TWO C54S, WHICH WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY FORK-LIFTING TRUCKS.

AVERAGE LOADS RANGED FROM 18,000 TO 19,000 POUNDS, DEPENDING ON BULK AND LENGTH OF THE LUMBER LOADED.



I KNOW, I KNOW, BUT THERE ARE OXYGEN MASKS ON BOARD

WEATHER

A warm front moving in from West, passing over Western Europe. R/M and WIESBADEN, cloudy with fog and rain, Max. 54 Min. 41. TEMPELHOF and GATOW, cloudy with fog and rain, Max. 48 Min. 39. FASSBERG,

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A/C Transfers Ease Traffic In Corridor

HQ CALTF, NOV. 1 -- TRANSFER OF ALL AIRCRAFT NOT ESSENTIAL TO THE AIRLIFT FROM TEMPELHOF AND RHEIN MAIN WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY.

THIS TRANSFER OF AIRCRAFT IS A FURTHER STEP IN THE EFFORT TO REDUCE TRAFFIC IN THE RHEIN MAIN-BERLIN AIR CORRIDOR TO AN ABSOLUTE ESSENTIAL MINIMUM.

AT RHEIN MAIN, ALL AIR TRAFFIC WILL BE LIMITED TO C54 AIRCRAFT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWO DAILY FLIGHTS TO BASES IN SOUTHERN GERMANY BY C47s. COMMERCIAL C54 TRAFFIC WILL BE PERMITTED SIX LANDINGS PER DAY.

PRESENT COMMERCIAL AIRLINE ARRANGEMENTS WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN EFFECT AT TEMPELHOF.

PRIMARY ADVANTAGE OF THE NEW MEASURES IS THAT CORRIDOR TRAFFIC WILL BE LIMITED TO ALL C54 TYPE AIRCRAFT AND FLIGHTS BY PLANES OTHER THAN VITTLES SHIPS CAN BE FITTED INTO THE AIRLIFT SCHEDULE BECAUSE OF THE SIMILAR SPEED.

Russians Hurt By Blockade As Well As Western Powers

HQ CALTF, NOV. 1 - COMMENTING ON THE AERIAL SUPPLY OF BERLIN, THE NEW YORK TIMES OVERSEAS WEEKLY POINTED OUT THIS WEEK THAT THE SOVIET BLOCKADE HAS BROUGHT DISADVANTAGE FOR THE RUSSIANS AS WELL AS THE WESTERN POWERS.

"THE WESTERN POWERS," SAID THE ARTICLE, "ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE THE BLOCKADE HAS FORCED THEM TO RESORT TO THE COSTLY AIRLIFT. THE AIRLIFT IS A COSTLY ON WESTERN RESOURCES MEN, PLANES AND FUEL. BUT THE DIFFICULTIES,

Howqozit Board

November 1			
46th Gp.	Tons	Per Cent	
1420th AT Gp.	134.1	51%	
1263rd	196.3	3.6	51%
1273rd	264.0	4.6	66%
1256th	294.8	5.2	74%
1268th	277.4	4.8	69%
54th TC	102.4	1.9	27%
Totals	1134.9	4.1	59%
1422nd AT Gp.			
1255th	76.1	5.1	64%
1250th	75.2	4.0	50%
1251st	111.3	6.4	80%
1267th	48.6	2.9	36%
Totals	311.2	4.6	58%
61st TC Gp.			
17th AT	85.4	4.7	59%
53rd	77.2	4.0	50%
15th	88.3	4.1	51%
14th	65.9	5.2	65%
Totals	316.8	4.5	56%
317th TC Gp.			
22nd	109.1	6.6	83%
39th	49.8	3.5	44%
41st	29.6	2.7	34%
Totals	188.5	4.3	54%
Gr.Tot.	2445.6		



BULLETIN OF THE COMBINED AIRLIFT TASK FORCE

COLORFUL COAL CARGO



THE DECORATED COAL TRUCK in the photo above graphically demonstrates the high esprit ed corps among loading crews at the Fassberg Air Field Vittles terminal. The festive occasion commemorated the 100th load of coal to be loaded aboard airlift Skymasters by this crew.

Flight Pay Defended By Sec. Symington

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 -- FLIGHT PAY, NOW RUMORED TO BE IN LINE FOR MODIFICATION ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE HOOK COMMISSION (MR. FORRESTAL'S PAY ADVISORY GROUP), GOT STAUNCH BACKING FROM W. STUART SYMINGTON, AIR SECRETARY, LAST WEEK. HE TOLD THE AIR RESERVE ASSOCIATION THAT "AS LONG AS GENERAL VANDENBERG AND I HAVE ANYTHING TO DO ABOUT IT, THERE WILL BE FLIGHT PAY."

(THE HOOK COMMISSION IS REPORTED TO HAVE RECOMMENDED A STANDARDIZED RATE OF \$125 A MONTH FOR THOSE WHO FLY, REGARDLESS OF RANK OR GRADE.)

Simplified Code Aids Servicing Of WSNB Ships

WIESBADEN, NOV. 1 - A SYSTEM OF SERVICING CODE MARKINGS HAS BEEN PLACED IN USE HERE, AND PROMISES TO FURTHER DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED FOR GROUND SERVICING.

THE SYSTEM CONSISTS OF A PAIR OF CHALKED SYMBOLS PLACED ON THE NOSE WHEEL OF A NEWLY-LANDED C54 BY THE MAINTENANCE INSPECTION CREW WHICH MEETS EVERY ARRIVING PLANE.

A HORIZONTAL CHALKED BAR MEANS THAT THE SHIP NEEDS OIL, AND AN "X" ABOVE THE BAR MEANS THAT IT NEEDS FUEL. THIS SYSTEM REPLACES THE SYSTEM OF FLAGS FORMERLY USED ON THE C47s OPERATED FROM THIS BASE.

REPORT

cloudy with fog and rain, Max. 53 Min. 40. MUNICH cloudy with rain, Max. 49 Min. 38. BURTONWOOD, Cloudy with rainshowers. Max. 57 Min. 44.

Wiesbaden Weather Station

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1948

B'wood Depot Gets First C54 For Maintenance

HQ CALTF, NOV. 1 - THE FIRST VITTLES C-54 TO BE SENT TO BURTONWOOD FOR A 200-HOUR INSPECTION ARRIVED AT THE ENGLISH BASE TODAY, IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY COL. LUKE HARRIS, CALTF MAINTENANCE CHIEF. THIS PLANE WILL BE USED TO TEST THE 200-HOUR LINE AT BURTONWOOD AND ENABLE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL THERE TO CORRECT ANY DEFICIENCIES IN THEIR PRODUCTION LINE BEFORE ALL AIRLIFT AIRCRAFT BEGIN TO FLOW THROUGH FOR INSPECTIONS, HARRIS SAID. A SECOND PLANE WILL BE DISPATCHED THURSDAY.

FROM NOV. UNTIL NOV. 15, INSPECTION WORK WILL BE DONE JOINTLY BY CBIE AND BURTONWOOD. IT IS CONTEMPLATED, HOWEVER, THAT BY THE MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER CBIE WILL CLOSE DOWN OPERATIONS COMPLETELY AND BURTONWOOD WILL BECOME THE SOLE VITTLES 200-HOUR INSPECTION POINT.

BURTONWOOD IS PRESENTLY (SEE BURTONWOOD P. 2)

Airlift News Prominent In Stateside Newspapers

HQ CALTF, NOV. 1 - THE BERLIN AIRLIFT IS PROBABLY THE TOP NEWS STORY IN U.S. NEWSPAPERS TODAY, JUDGING FROM THE FLOOD OF COMMENT APPEARING IN THE STATESIDE PRESS RECENTLY.

IN ORDER TO KEEP VITTLES PERSONNEL POSTED ON THE DAILY PLAY GIVEN TO AIRLIFT TOPICS, THE TASK FORCE TIMES WILL FROM TIME TO TIME PUBLISH EXCERPTS FROM LEADING EDITORIALS AND NEWS ARTICLES APPEARING IN AMERICA.

FOLLOWING ARE A FEW OF THE COMMENTS NOTED DURING THE PAST WEEK.

NEWSWEEK - THE AIR FORCE IS SHIFTING RADAR EQUIPMENT AND SKILLED "GREEN CARD" PILOTS INTO THE BERLIN AIRLIFT OPERATIONS FOR THE WINTER. THESE ARE FLIERS WHO HAVE MORE THAN 2,000 HOURS IN THE AIR AND AT LEAST 100 HOURS OF INSTRUMENT-FLYING EXPERIENCE ... OFFICERS EXPECT NOVEMBER TO BE THE TOUGHEST MONTH BECAUSE OF UNPREDICTABLE WEATHER.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER - IF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT IS RAISED BY DEC. 1 - AND CERTAIN SPORTIVE DIPLOMATS ARE MAKING BOOK ON THAT DATE -- YOU CAN PIN A LOT OF ROSES, NOT ON THE CUT-AWAY COATS OF THE NEGOTIATORS, BUT WITH A LOVING PAT ON THE PILOTS AND CREWS OF THE AMERICAN BRITISH AIRLIFT, THE GREATEST AERIAL OPERATION ANY PEACETIME EVER PRODUCED.

NEW HERALD TRIBUNE - THERE IS ONE FURTHER LESSON OF THE AIRLIFT THAT IS NOT LOST ON THE GERMANS, THE

FRENCH, THE BRITISH OR ANYONE ELSE WHO HAPPENS TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF BERLIN. THESE PEOPLE KNOW, AND KNOW, THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS YOUNG AIRMEN, STRONG AND DETERMINED ENOUGH TO FLY FUEL AND FOOD THROUGH ANY WEATHER DAY AFTER DAY, WEEK AFTER WEEK, AND MONTH AFTER MONTH. THEY KNOW ALSO THAT THESE SAME AIRMEN WOULD NEVER BE, LACKING EITHER IN THE DETERMINATION OR ABILITY, TO FLY A DIFFERENT TYPE OF PLANE IF IT BECAME NECESSARY FOR THEM AGAIN TO DEFEND THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN WESTERN EUROPE.

MAIL BROUGHT OUT OF BERLIN

WIESBADEN, NOV. 1 - MORE THAN 500 SACKS OF GERMAN MAIL ARE HAULED OUT OF BERLIN DAILY BY RETURNING VITTLES PLANES, IT WAS REVEALED HERE TODAY.

OFFICIALS ESTIMATE THAT AS MANY AS 800 SACKS OF MAIL HAVE BEEN HAULED OUT IN ONE DAY BY LIFT PLANES. THE MAIL IS PICKED UP BY "DEUTSCHE POST" TRUCKS WHICH ARE STATIONED ON THE BASE AT ALL TIMES. THE TRUCKS HAUL THE MAIL DIRECTLY TO THE WIESBADEN RAILROAD STATION FOR FURTHER DELIVERY TO ALL POINTS IN GERMANY.

LOST: ONE YEAR OLD FEMALE BOXER, ANSWERS TO THE NAME OF STUFFY. LOST SATURDAY IN THE VICINITY OF BIERSTADTERSTRASSE, WIESBADEN. CALL MAJOR SULLIVAN AT HQ CALTF 8865 EXT 309 OR 21621.

SUPPLY MEN BRIEFED



1st. LT. DONALD G. LEWIS, OF SAN ANTONIO, TEX., is shown above, demonstrating to his supply crew the correct method of preparing aircraft parts for storage and inspection at the Obie AF Depot. Supply men being briefed in the operation are, left to right:

S/Sgt. Stanley W. Winslow, Lonsdale, R.I., S/Sgt. Glenn Carter, Phoenix, Ariz., Cpl. Samuel Nickoloff, Mt. Union, Penna., and T/Sgt. Charles Weader, of Calverton, N.Y., all of the 7293rd Supply Sq.

BURTONWOOD -

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SET UP TO HANDLE 14 AIRCRAFT AT A TIME. USING TWO PRODUCTION LINES, MAINTENANCE CAN PROCESS 12 AIRCRAFT WITH TWO IN RESERVE. THIS INSPECTION PROGRAM CAN BE READILY EXPANDED, IF THE NEED ARISES, BY THE ADDITION OF A THIRD PRODUCTION LINE.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST MAINTENANCE DEPOTS IN ENGLAND DURING THE WAR, BURTONWOOD IS IDEAL FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE. FACILITIES INCLUDE SEVEN LARGE STEAM-HEATED AND WELL-LIGHTED HANGARS, PLUS A COMPLETE SHOP SYSTEM. ALL PRODUCTION WORK WILL BE PERFORMED INDOORS, ENABLING MECHANICS TO WORK WITH GREATER EFFICIENCY DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.

"THE SHIFT FROM OBIE TO BURTONWOOD WILL GREATLY INCREASE PRODUCTION," HARRIS STATED, "AND WITH TWO MAINTENANCE LINES THE TIME FOR 200-HOUR INSPECTIONS WILL BE REDUCED." HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE TERRAIN AND WEATHER CONDITIONS AT BURTONWOOD ARE MUCH MORE FAVORABLE AND THAT AIRLIFT PLANES WOULD NOT BE DELAYED ONCE A 200-HOUR INSPECTION WAS COMPLETED.

COL. PAUL B. JACKSON, COMMANDER OF THE 1421st MAINTENANCE SQ. AT OBIE, WILL COMMAND THE VITTLES INSPECTION UNIT AT BURTONWOOD. MOST OF THE 200-HOUR INSPECTION PERSONNEL AT OBIE WILL ALSO BE TRANSFERRED TO ENGLAND.

Vittles Man Holds Army, Navy Medals

WIESBADEN, NOV. 1 - ONE OF THE FEW MEN IN THE AF ELIGIBLE TO WEAR THE SAME TYPE OF AWARD FROM BOTH THE ARMY AND THE NAVY IS M/SGT. JOE SHELTON, OF MONTICELLO, MISS., COMMUNICATIONS CHIEF OF THE 317TH TC GP.

SHELTON HOLDS THE ARMY DISTINGUISHED UNIT BADGE AND THE NAVY PRESIDENTIAL CITATION, BOTH AWARDED FOR THE SAME ACTION ON GUADALCANAL. HE WAS THEN A MEMBER TO THE 67TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, WHICH WAS ASSIGNED TO A FORWARD BASE IN THE JUNGLES OF GUADALCANAL DURING THE ACTION THERE.

DURING THEIR THREE-WEEK STAY THERE, THEY WERE CUT OFF FROM SUPPLY AND SUFFERED A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES WHEN THE JAPS RAIDED THEIR CAMP. REPLACEMENTS AND SUPPLIES WERE SENT IN BY SUBMARINE. THIS ENABLED THEM TO HOLD OUT UNTIL THE GROUND FORCES BROKE THROUGH TO THEM.

FOR THIS ACTION, THEY WERE AWARDED THE NAVY PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION BY REQUEST OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION, AND WERE ALSO AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED UNIT BADGE.

SHELTON REMAINED WITH THE 67TH FIGHTER SQUADRON WHEN IT WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 347TH FIGHTER GROUP, WHICH WAS LATER CREDITED WITH SHOOTING DOWN ADMIRAL YAMAMOTO.

Obie Pilot Has 77 Trips

OBIE, NOV. 1 - TOP HONORS FOR THE NUMBER OF MISSIONS FLOWN BY PILOTS OF OBERPFAFFENHOFEN AFB GO TO 1ST LT. MANSION MCHARGUE, WHO, AS OF LAST WEEK HAD A RECORD OF HAVING FLOWN 77 AIRLIFT MISSIONS.

IN THIS ACHIEVEMENT, THERE WERE TIMES WHEN THE TRAFFIC PATTERN OVER BERLIN, WIESBADEN, AND RHEIN MAIN WAS SO HEAVY THAT SEVERAL HOURS OF HOLDING WERE INVOLVED BEFORE MCHARGUE WAS ABLE TO MAKE HIS LET DOWN.

OF THE 65 PILOTS OF OBERPFAFFENHOFEN AVAILABLE FOR DUTY WITH THE LIFT, 60

HAVE TAKEN AN ACTIVE PART IN THE PROJECT. THE LARGEST NUMBER OF PILOTS FROM THIS DEPOT TO TAKE PART IN THE LIFT ON ANY DAY WAS 41 AND AN AVERAGE OF 36 PILOTS FOR EACH DAY THE C-47S WERE USED ON THE LIFT.

IN ADDITION TO SUPPLYING ALL AVAILABLE PILOTS, THE OBERPFAFFENHOFEN AFB FURNISHED SEVEN C-47 TYPE AIRCRAFT FROM BASE FLIGHT AIRCRAFT FROM STORAGE. THE 28 PLANES TAKEN FROM STORAGE WERE SENT TO ERDING AFB FOR COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND THEN TO RHEIN MAIN AND WIESBADEN FOR USE IN THE LIFT.

Ten Thousand Former Airmen Needed For European Duty

WASHINGTON, NOV. 1 - TEN THOUSAND FORMER AIR FORCE ENLISTED MEN WHO WERE TRAINED IN AIRCRAFT SKILLS ARE NEEDED IMMEDIATELY IN ENGLAND AND EUROPE IN SUPPORT OF THE B-29 TRAINING PROGRAM AND OPERATION VITTLES. QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE NON-COMMISSIONED GRADES COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE, AND BE PROCESSED FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENT OVERSEAS.

SOME SPECULATION MAY ARISE AS TO HOW THE ADDED AF ENLISTED STRENGTH WILL AFFECT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PROMOTIONS TO THE UPPER TWO BRACKETS. COMMAND QUOTAS SHOULD NOT BE DECREASED BY THIS MOVE; THEY WERE SET UP "REGARDLESS OF TO VACANCIES" AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER INCREMENT ON THE SAME BASIS THIS WINTER.

WHILE THIS ENLISTMENT OF EXPERIENCED AIRMEN IN THE HIGHER GRADES WILL CUT DOWN EXISTING PROMOTION VACANCIES AS SUCH, THIS IS LIKELY TO BE OFFSET BY THE CREATION OF VACANCIES CAUSED BY TERMINATION ENLISTMENTS AMONG THOSE WHO CAME INTO USAF VIA THE ARMED FORCES RECRUITMENT ACT OF 1945.

THE AIR FORCE EXPECTS TO LOSE ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THESE MEN DURING THE PERIOD FROM OCT. 6, 1948, TO OCT. 6, 1949, AND IT WAS PRIMARILY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACING SOME OF THIS EXPERIENCE THAT THE PRESENT PLAN WAS DEVISED.

IN ANNOUNCING THIS REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, THE AIR FORCE SAID THE 10,000 WOULD NOT INCREASE THE STRENGTH OF THE USAF IN EUROPE. PRACTICALLY ALL WOULD SERVE AS REPLACEMENTS FOR MEN NOW ON TDY AND OTHER DUTY STATUS THERE NOW.

RECRUITING STATIONS WILL HAVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR INTERESTED PERSONS, BUT APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ONLY AT AIR FORCE BASES WHERE EXAMINING BOARDS WILL DETERMINE APPLICANTS' FITNESS FOR A

BIG SHIPMENTS OF SHOES SENT TO BERLINERS

WIESBADEN, NOV. 1 - FOUR THOUSAND PAIRS OF SHOES OF ALL SIZES, DONATED BY PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN ZONES, WERE FLOWN TO BERLIN TODAY ABOARD VITTLES PLANES FROM WIESBADEN.

THIS IS THE SECOND LARGE RECENT SHIPMENT OF SHOES TO THE BLOCKADED CITY. LAST WEEK, 125,000 PAIRS WERE SENT IN.

SEVERAL LOADS OF INDUSTRIAL AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY TOTALLING 65 TONS, WERE FLOWN OUT OF BERLIN YESTERDAY, OFFICIALS HERE SAID.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE RETURN CARGOES OF VITTLES SHIPS WERE NEARLY 3000 EMPTY COAL SACKS. THE SACKS WILL BE RETURNED TO RHEINAU, NEAR MANHEIM, FOR REFILLING, AND WILL BE RETURNED HERE AND AGAIN FLOWN TO BERLIN.

GIVEN GRADE.

NEEDED IN EUROPE AND THE BRITISH ISLES ARE A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL MOSS: AIRPLANE AND POWER PLANT MECHANICS, 747-S AND 747-C; AIRPLANE POWER PLANT MECHANICS, 684; AIRPLANE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIANS, 750-C; RADIO OPERATORS 760; RADIO MECHANICS, 754; RADIO OPERATOR-MECHANICS, 2756; AERIAL ENGINEERS, 2750; RADAR MECHANICS, 849 OR 853; RADAR REPAIRMEN, 955; AUTOMOTIVE REPAIRMENT 965; EQUIPMENT OPERATORS, 345; CLERK TYPISTS, 405, AND COOKS, 060.

FORM 20 REVISED

A TEMPORARY REVISION OF FORM 20, ENLISTED QUALIFICATION CARD, HAS BEEN PREPARED. HOWEVER, IT WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL STOCKS OF THE DECEMBER 1, 1944, EDITION ARE EXHAUSTED. A PERMANENT REVISION, NECESSITATED BY THE CAREER PLAN, WILL BE ISSUED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

AF Promotions Expected To Be Listed Soon

WASHINGTON, NOV. 1 - NO DEFINITE DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF USAF PROMOTIONS TO PERMANENT CAPTAIN. LATEST SURMISE IS THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD REACH THE PRESIDENT WITHIN A FEW DAYS AND THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE FORTHCOMING SHORTLY.

AN INFORMED GUESS PLACES THE PROMOTIONS TO TEMPORARY GRADES OF CAPTAIN TO COLONELS IN THE LAST OF NOVEMBER OR FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER, WITH THE PROMOTIONS TO COLONELS COMING FIRST AND THOSE OF THE LOWER RANKS FOLLOWING IN ORDER UP TO THE LAST WEEK IN DECEMBER. IT COULD BE THE USAF WILL REVIVE AN OLD MILITARY CUSTOM OF CHRISTMAS PROMOTIONS.

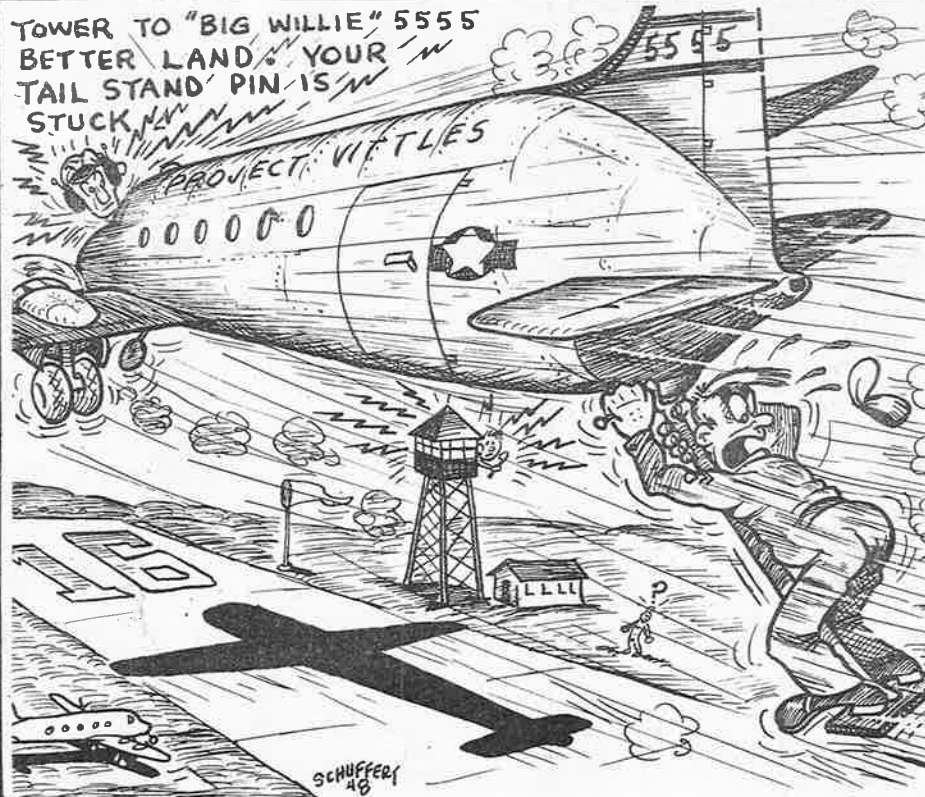
IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THE AIR FORCE WILL MAKE NO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LIST OF OFFICERS RECEIVING TEMPORARY PROMOTIONS AS WAS MADE TO THE SERVICE PRESS IN THE CASE OF PERMANENT PROMOTIONS.

HERE IS THE SCHEDULE OF ANNOUNCEMENTS AS GUESTIMATED: PERMANENT CAPTAINS' LIST, NOV. 1; WO LIST NOV. 15; MASTER SERGEANTS AND TECHNICAL SERGEANTS' PROMOTIONS (FIRST OF THE 2250 - SECOND BATCH, FEB. 1, 1949), DEC. 1; OFFICERS' TEMPORARY PROMOTIONS (5500), DEC. 1 TO 31.

A SECOND ROUND OF OFFICERS' PROMOTIONS TO PERMANENT GRADES IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN AFTER THAT AND, IF THE AIRMAN CAREER PLAN MAKES EXPECTED HEADWAY, A FAR MORE LIBERAL RESUMPTION OF AIRMAN PROMOTIONS THAN HAS APPEARED THUS FAR

RECORDS FILE

THE ARMY IS ESTABLISHING A MACHINE RECORDS FILE ON ALL REGULAR AND RESERVE OFFICERS ON EXTENDED ACTIVE DUTY. THE FILE WILL SUPPLEMENT FORM 66 NOW IN USE AND PROVIDE A MACHINE RECORD BASIS FOR STATISTICAL STUDIES OF OFFICER QUALIFICATIONS.



R/M and WIESBADEN - Warm front approaching, Max 45, Min 43; TEMPELHOF and GATOW - Cloudy with fog and rain, Max 48, Min 40; FASSBERG - Cloudy with fog



Air Weather Will Install New Recorder

WIESBADEN, Nov. 2 - THE AIR WEATHER SERVICE HAS RECEIVED AN AUTOMATIC-RECORDING WEATHER INSTRUMENT, THE CEILOMETER, RECENTLY PUT INTO OPERATION BY AIR WEATHER SERVICE STATIONS, WHICH WILL BE INSTALLED AT WIESBADEN AIR FORCE BASE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OFFICIALS OF THE 18TH WEATHER SQUADRON THIS WEEK.

THE FUNCTION OF THE CEILOMETER, IT WAS LEARNED, WAS TO RECORD CLOUD HEIGHTS AUTOMATICALLY ON A CHART, THEREBY ELIMINATING THE NECESSITY FOR AN ON-THE-SPOT OBSERVER WHO MUST RECORD THE DATA AT REGULAR INTERVALS. EMPLOYING AN ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT PROJECTION, THE CEILOMETER COMPUTES THE CLOUD CEILINGS BY THE PRINCIPLE OF TRIANGULATION IN WHICH ALTITUDE IS COMPUTED BY HAVING A GIVEN ANGLE AND BASE LINE. THE ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT IS VERTICALLY PROJECTED ON TO THE BASE OF A CLOUD AND THEN A DETECTOR UNIT, PLACED A KNOWN DISTANCE FROM THE PROJECTING UNIT, PICKS UP THE REFLECTIONS FROM THE BASE OF THE CLOUD. IN THIS WAY, THE ANGLE OF ELEVATION IS DERIVED AND RECORDED ON A CHART, AND

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Lift Record Set By C54 Of 1267th Sq.

RHEIN MAIN, NOV. 2 - AIRCRAFT NO. 45-483, A VITTLES SKYMASTER OPERATED BY THE 1267TH AT SQ. HERE, HAS BROKEN ALL PREVIOUS AIRLIFT RECORDS FOR THE NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN IN ONE MONTH, ACCORDING TO CAPT. LUTHER J. MILLER, OF MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., SQUADRON ENGINEERING OFFICER.

THE PLANE FLEW 366 HOURS AND 45 MINUTES DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, FOR A DAILY AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 11 HOURS.

CREDIT FOR THE SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF THE C54 IS LARGELY DUE TO THE EFFORTS OF THE MEN WHO MAINTAIN THE SHIP, MILLER SAID SINCE THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE PLANE TO THIS SQUADRON, IT HAS BEEN UNDER THE CONSTANT CARE OF S/SGT. CLAUD L. ELLIOT, OF WABTERS, OKLA., SGT. ARTHUR D. FANCHER, OF JOHNSTOWN, N.Y., SGT. WALTER W. NUDD, OF ONTARIO, N.Y., PFC. THOMAS V. ROCHE, OF LOS ANGELES, CALIF., CPL. KENNETH H. HERMAN, OF OMAHA, NEB., PFC. JOSEPH E. LOUN, OF MORRIS, MINN., AND PFC. WILLIAM T. SULLIVAN, OF EASTON, MASS.

CORPORAL NAMED SOLDIER OF WEEK

RHEIN MAIN, NOV. 2 - CPL. ALVIN R. HART, OF MOOREWOOD, OKLA., ASSIGNED TO THE 1250TH AT SQ. HERE, HAS BEEN CHOSEN RHEIN MAIN'S "SOLDIER OF THE WEEK" BY BASE OFFICIALS.

HART WAS PICKED FOR THIS HONOR BECAUSE OF HIS NEATNESS, PUNCTUALITY, AND GENERAL ALL-ROUND GOOD SOLDIERING, OFFICIALS SAID AS A REWARD FOR HIS EFFICIENCY, HART WAS GIVEN 10 DOLLARS AND A THREE-DAY PASS.

Leaves Open To Garmisch For Lift Men

HQ CALTF, NOV. 2 - AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM OF LEAVES TO GARMISCH WAS EXTENDED TO ALL VITTLES BASES TODAY BY CALTF SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICIALS.

STATIONS HAVING A PERMANENT QUOTA, AND HAVING BOTH PERMANENT PERSONNEL AND TDY VITTLES PERSONNEL ASSIGNED, ARE ENCOURAGED TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS TO COVER THE ADDITIONAL TDY PERSONNEL. A DEFINITE COMMITMENT FOR A PERIOD CONVENIENT TO VITTLES PERSONNEL SHOULD BE MADE, IT WAS STRESSED. RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER BY CALLING THE USAF BOOKING OFFICE, WIESBADEN 8674 OR 7702.

IF RESERVATIONS IN EXCESS OF THE REQUESTED COMMITMENT ARE NEEDED, ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS MAY BE SECURED BY CALLING THE USAF BOOKING OFFICE BEFORE NOON, TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE DESIRED DEPARTURE TIME, OFFICIALS SAID.

Howqozit Board

	Tons	Utl.	Pct.
November 2			
46th Gp.	530.3		
1420th AT Gp.			
1263rd	341.7	7.1	101%
1273rd	386.8	7.3	104%
1256th	397.8	7.3	104%
1268th	454.8	8.2	117%
54th TC	281.4	6.7	96%
Totals	1862.5	7.3	104%
317th TC Gp.			
22nd	158.6	7.8	98%
39th	187.9	9.1	114%
41st	108.1	6.6	83%
Totals	454.6	7.9	99%
1422nd AT Gp.			
1255th	129.4	8.0	100%
1250th	140.8	8.5	106%
1251st	135.1	6.4	80%
1267th	124.8	5.6	70%
Totals	530.1	7.1	89%
61st TC Gp.			
17th AT	95.9	5.2	65%
53rd	124.1	7.6	95%
15th	146.5	6.8	85%
14th	163.7	8.0	100%
Totals	530.2	6.9	86%
Gr.Tot.	3907.7		

AF Records Being Brought Up To Date

WASHINGTON, NOV. 2 - EXTENSIVE EFFORTS ARE CURRENTLY BEING MADE TO ESTABLISH ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL REGULAR AIR FORCE OFFICERS, ACCORDING TO A BULLETIN FROM HEADQUARTERS, USAF.

CAREER BRIEFS, REFLECTING DATES OF RANK, AWARDS, EFFICIENCY RATINGS AND OTHER DATA, HAVE ALREADY BEEN DISSEMINATED TO ALL PERMANENT OFFICERS THROUGH THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL. THESE BRIEFS ARE TO BE USED SOLELY FOR CORRECTION PURPOSES AND ANY REPRODUCTION IN PART OR WHOLE IS FORBIDDEN, IT WAS DIRECTED.

Kuter Studies Operations At Fassbera Air Base

Top Graders Now Accepted Indefinitely

WASHINGTON, NOV. 2 - THE AIR FORCE IS NOW ACCEPTING REENLISTMENTS AMONG TOP THREE GRADERS FOR INDEFINITE TERMS OF SERVICE, PROVIDING THE AIRMEN REENLIST WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER DISCHARGE, IT WAS LEARNED THIS WEEK. THE INDEFINITE TERM ENLISTMENT AND PERTINENT PROVISIONS THERETO ARE CONTAINED IN A RECENT SERIES OF AF LETTERS IN THE 35-14 BRACKET.

THE ACT AUTHORIZING SUCH ENLISTMENTS, WHILE MORE THAN A YEAR OLD, WAS DELAYED UNTIL DETAILS OF THE ENLISTED CAREER PROGRAM WERE MADE BETTER KNOWN. INDEFINITE ENLISTMENTS WILL BE MADE ONLY IN "AIR FORCE UNASSIGNED" AND TERMS OF ENLISTMENT CONTINUE UNTIL THE INDIVIDUAL IS DISCHARGED UNDER CURRENT REGULATIONS, RESIGNS OR RETIRES. REDUCTION TO A GRADE BELOW THE THIRD ENLISTED GRADE WILL NOT TERMINATE SUCH AN ENLISTMENT. THE 1947 LAW SPECIFIED THAT THE INDEFINITE ENLISTEE WILL RECEIVE HIS \$50 A YEAR AT THE END OF EACH YEAR, WHEREAS THE AIRMAN ENLISTING FOR A TERM OF YEARS RECEIVES HIS \$50 PER YEAR ONLY AT THE TERMINATION OF HIS HITCH. UNDER PRESENT REGULATIONS, THE INDEFINITE ENLISTEE WOULD LOSE OUT ON THE ENLISTMENT FURLOUGH WHICH THE TERM MAN GETS ON EACH REENLISTMENT. ALSO STIPULATED IN THE LATEST DIRECTIVES IS THE FACT THAT WHEN AN INDEFINITE ENLIST-

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FASSBERG, NOV. 2 - MAJ. GEN. LAWRENCE S. KUTER, MATS COMMANDER, NOW IN EUROPE FOR AN INSPECTION OF MATS FACILITIES, ARRIVED HERE TODAY WITH HIS STAFF FOR AN INDOCTRINATION IN AIRLIFT OPERATIONS. THE PARTY WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY RAF AIR MARSHAL BILL WILLIAMS, GROUP COMMANDER A.J. BIGGAR, USAF COL. JESSE AUTON, FASSBERG COMMANDER, COL. FRED T. CRIMMINS, LT. COL. PAUL A. JONES, AND MAJOR ROBERT M. NYE.

UPON LEAVING THE OPERATIONS AREA, THE GENERAL'S PARTY TOURED THE LOADING AREA, STOPPING TO VIEW THE ACTIVITIES AT THE TRAFFIC CHECK POINT.

THE PARTY THEN INSPECTED THE SERGEANT'S MESS AND THE BARRACKS AREA, PROCEEDING FROM THERE TO THE OFFICER'S CLUB FOR LUNCH. AFTER LUNCH, THE ENTIRE GROUP LEFT FOR GATOW AIR BASE ABOARD COAL HAULING PLANES OF THE 1420TH AT GP. DURING HIS SHORT TOUR OF THIS BASE, KUTER WAS ASKED ABOUT THE SITUATION OF MATS DEPENDENTS. IN ANSWER, HE SAID, "EVERY MATS BASE IN THE WORLD IS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO AFFECT A PROGRAM WHICH WILL BRING SECURITY AND PEACE OF MIND TO THE DEPENDENTS OF MEN. COMING TO THIS THEATER IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATION VITTLES. GENERAL TURNER WILL KEEP THE TASK FORCE ADVISED AS TO ANY CHANGES IN THE POLICY."

Cars Shipped To U.S. On Priority Basis

HQ CALTF, NOV. 2 - HEADQUARTERS, EUCOM HAS ANNOUNCED THAT U.S. ARMY PERSONNEL RETURNING ON ORDERS TO THE U.S. FOR EMERGENCY REASONS OR AFTER SHORT NOTICE - WHEN NO ALERT NOTICE HAS BEEN ISSUED - WILL HAVE PRIORITY ON SHIPMENT OF THEIR AUTOMOBILES HOME, BUT ORDERS DIRECTING SUCH SHIPMENT MUST BE APPROVED BY EUCOM HQ.

TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS REMINDED ALL OTHER CATEGORIES OF EUCOM PERSONNEL, WHO ARE RETURNING TO THE STATES, THAT THEY MUST NOT DELIVER THEIR CARS TO BREMERHAVEN POE UNTIL AFTER THEY RECEIVE ALERT ORDERS AUTHORIZING SHIPMENT.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT POINTED OUT THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH BREMERHAVEN BEFORE DELIVERING CARS TO THE PROCESSING CENTER; THAT NO BILLET ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PERSONS WHO TAKE CARS TO BREMERHAVEN BEFORE THEY RECEIVE THEIR PORT CALL DATES.

SHOES, PAPER, FOR BERLIN



German loading crews at Wiesbaden AFB pack huge cases of shoes and rolls of newsprint for transport to Berlin by Vittles ships.

BEHIND THE SCENES



Pardon our mentioning it, but here's the guy who makes TASK FORCE TIMES possible. He's Capt. C. R. Rauscher, reproduction expert, who takes care of printing the poop sheet that goes to airlift personnel daily.

AIR — (CONTINUED)

THE OBSERVER, WITH THIS AVAILABLE INFORMATION AND THE USE OF A CONVERSION CHART, CAN CALCULATE THE CORRECT CLOUD HEIGHT AT ANY GIVEN TIME.

OPERATION OF THE INSTRUMENT IS CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT A 24 HOUR PERIOD, AS THE 25,000,000 CANDLE POWER ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT, PROJECTING A BEAM WHICH REACHES AN APPROXIMATE ALTITUDE OF 35,000 FEET, IS CAPABLE FOR DAYTIME USE, IT WAS REPORTED.

AS A RESULT OF THE INSTALLATION OF CEILOMETERS AT MANY AIR FORCE WEATHER STATIONS, THE TIME REQUIRED FOR AN OBSERVER TO TAKE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS IS REDUCED. IN ADDITION, MORE ACCURATE RESULTS ARE OBTAINED, THIS RESULTING IN MORE EFFICIENT WEATHER REPORTS WHICH ARE GREATLY NEEDED BY AIRLIFT PILOTS.

Vittles Teams To Play In Cage Tourney

HQ CALTF, NOV. 2 — PLANS TO INCLUDE VITTLES BASKETBALL TEAMS IN THE 1948 EUROM SEASON WERE REVEALED HERE TODAY BY CALTF SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICIALS.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT ALL AIRLIFT SQUADRONS COMPETE IN THE BASE SQ. LEVEL INTRAMURAL LEAGUES, THE ANNOUNCEMENT SAID.

CAPT. CLAUDE M. TRIMBLE, USAF ATHLETIC OFFICER, SAID THAT ALL BASES WHERE VITTLES SQUADRONS ARE STATIONED WILL BE IN THE USAF "NORTHERN DIVISION." THE WINNER AND RUNNER-UP OF THIS DIVISION WILL BE AWARDED USAF BASKETBALL AWARDS AND THE WINNER WILL PLAY THE SOUTHERN DIVISION CHAMPION FOR THE HONOR OF REPRESENTING USAF IN THE EUROM PLAYOFFS EARLY NEXT SPRING.

A MEETING OF USAF BASE ATHLETIC OFFICER WILL BE HELD AT THE EAGLE CLUB IN WIESBADEN ON NOV. 18 TO DISCUSS SCHEDULING AND RULES.

5000 MPH JET REVEALED BY U.S. AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON, NOV. 2 — ACCORDING TO A UNITED PRESS DISPATCH, THE AIR FORCE REVEALED YESTERDAY THAT LOCKHEED TEST PILOTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY MADE A NUMBER OF FLIGHTS IN A PLANE PROPELLED BY RAMJET ENGINES WHICH THEORETICALLY CAN ATTAIN A SPEED OF 5,000 MPH.

TESTS HAVE BEEN IN PROGRESS AT MURC AND VAN NUYS, CALIF., FOR "NEARLY A YEAR," THE AIR FORCE SAID. IT DID NOT REVEAL THE SPEEDS ATTAINED.

THE PLANE USED FOR THE TESTS WAS A STANDARD LOCKHEED F80 SMOOTHING STAR WITH RAMJET ENGINES MOUNTED ON ITS WING TIPS.

THE AIR FORCE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PURPOSE WAS "TO IMPROVE AND DEVELOP THE RAMJET ENGINE" RATHER THAN TO MODIFY THE F80 ITSELF. IT SAID THE PLANE WAS USED SIMPLY AS A "FLYING TEST STAND."

RAMJET ENGINES HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN TESTED IN ROBOT-CONTROLLED MISSILES, BUT NEVER BEFORE BY HUMAN PILOTS.

THE PLAN USED CONVENTIONAL JET ENGINES TO REACH A SPEED OF 400 MPH. THEN THE RAMJETS WERE CUT IN.

WHEN THE RAMJET ENGINES BECAME ACTIVE, THE CONVENTIONAL TURBOJET ENGINES WERE TURNED OFF, LEAVING THE PLANE POWERED BY RAMJET ALONE.

THE NAVY ANNOUNCED LAST JANUARY THAT A MISSILE PROPELLED BY A RAMJET ENGINE HAD "FAR EXCEEDED"

THE SPEED OF SOUND — ABOUT 760 MPH AT-SEA LEVEL.

RAMJET IS KNOWN AS THE "FLYING STOVEPIPE" BECAUSE IT OPERATES ON THE SAME PRINCIPLE AS A DRAFT IN A CHIMNEY CAUSED BY A ROARING FIRE.

UP TO SPEEDS OF ABOUT 400 MPH IT WON'T EVEN START. IT CONSISTS OF A BIG METAL TUBE OPEN AT BOTH ENDS. THE FRONT END IS SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THE REAR.

Dulles Party Stops Over At Fassberg

FASSBERG, NOV. 2 — JOHN FOSTER DULLES, FAMED DIPLOMAT, AND HIS PARTY, WERE UNHERALDED VISITORS HERE TODAY WHEN BAD WEATHER FORCED THEIR PLANE TO LAND AT THIS AIR FIELD.

DULLES, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. DULLES, COL. AND MRS. H. ROGNER, LT. COL. AND MRS. L. MOORE, MR. Q.W. WANNHOUSE AND MISS B. FOXDICE, WAS EN ROUTE TO PARIS FROM STOCKHOLM. THE PARTY WAITED HERE FOR TWO HOURS FOR THE WEATHER TO IMPROVE, THEN CONTINUED ON THEIR WAY TO PARIS.

DURING THEIR SHORT STAY HERE, THE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WERE ESCORTED TO THE BASE COMMANDER'S OFFICE BY A WELCOMING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF GROUP CAPTAIN A.J. BIGGAR AND COL. JESSE AUTON, BASE COMMANDER. THE LADIES, MEANWHILE, VISITED THE OFFICER'S CLUB FOR REFRESHMENTS.

RESERVATIONS FOR LIFT MEN

HQ CALTF, NOV. 2 — AIRLIFT SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICERS SHOULD CALL FRANKFURT TO MAKE ADVANCE ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR PERSONNEL GOING ON LEAVE TO SWITZERLAND, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY 1ST. LT. FRANK J. SITES, CALTF SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICER.

TO ASSURE THAT SWISS LEAVE PERSONNEL HAVE PROPER RESERVATIONS, SPECIAL SERVICE OFFICERS SHOULD CALL 6298 OR 6376 PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF MEN ENROUTE TO SWITZERLAND.

Scrip No Good In England, Officials Warn

HQ CALTF, NOV. 2 — PERSONS TRAVELLING TO ENGLAND ON LEAVE MUST PROVIDE THEMSELVES WITH TRAVELLERS CHECKS BEFORE LEAVING GERMANY, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM MAJ. JOSEPH E. JOHNSON, DEPUTY A/C OF STAFF, A-6, MATS HEADQUARTERS.

MILITARY PAYMENT CERTIFICATES USED IN GERMANY BY G.I.'S HAVE NO PURCHASING POWER IN ENGLAND NOR CAN THEY BE EASILY EXCHANGED FOR BRITISH CURRENCY, THE MAJOR STATED. IN EXTREME CASES THE BRITISH ARMY FINANCE OFFICE IN LONDON HAS MADE THE EXCHANGE FOR AMERICANS ON LEAVE BUT IT IS STRICTLY AGAINST THEIR POLICY TO DO SO AND ENTAILS TOO MUCH RED TAPE IT WAS LEARNED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, AMERICAN PERSONNEL TRAVELLING TO ENGLAND ON A DUTY STATUS CAN EXCHANGE THEIR SCRIP FOR UNITED STATES GREENBACKS AT THE RHEIN MAIN FINANCE OFFICE BEFORE TAKING OFF ON THE FLIGHT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, IT WAS SAID.

TOP GRADERS — (CONTINUED)

EE RESIGNS (WHICH HE CAN ONLY DO AFTER SERVING AT LEAST THREE YEARS) HE WILL BE REENLISTED IN AT LEAST ONE GRADE LOWER THAN THAT PREVIOUSLY HELD IF HE DECIDES TO RETURN TO THE SERVICE. SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES OF THE INDEFINITE TERM PLAN ARE THAT THE AIRMAN MAY RESIGN IN MUCH THE SAME MANNER AS CAN AN OFFICER WHEN FACED WITH VARIOUS BOARD OR COURT ACTIONS AND THE QUESTION OF ACCEPTABILITY WILL NOT BE PRESENT AS IN THE CASE OF REENLISTMENT.

IT WAS FURTHER STATED THAT FIRST THREE GRADERS WHO HAVE LESS THAN THREE YEARS REMAINING IN THEIR CURRENT HITCH MAY BE DISCHARGED FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENLISTING FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD.

AFTER SERVING THREE OR MORE YEARS OF AN INDEFINITE HITCH, AN AIRMAN MAY SUBMIT HIS RESIGNATION IF HE CHOOSES AND SUCH RESIGNATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AND

DISCHARGE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN THREE MONTHS. AN EXCEPTION TO THIS IS THAT IF THE PERSON IS OVERSEAS OR HAS EMBARKED FOR OVERSEAS, TWO YEARS OF OVERSEAS SERVICE MUST BE PERFORMED BEFORE THE RESIGNATION WILL BE ACCEPTED ALSO, IF THE PERSON HAS COMPLETED A COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN A CIVILIAN INSTITUTION, TWO YEARS OF SUBSEQUENT SERVICE MUST BE PERFORMED. RESIGNATIONS MAY ALSO BE REFUSED IN CASE OF WAR OR STATE OF EMERGENCY OR IF THE PERSON IS AWOL OR SERVING COURT-MARTIAL SENTENCE OR IF HE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR CERTAIN REASONS.

PER DIEM STUDIED

AN ARMY MEMORANDUM RECENTLY SUBMITTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ARMED SERVICES PERSONNEL BOARD, RECOMMENDS A RESTUDY OF PER DIEM RATES WITH A VIEW TO SEEKING AN INCREASE IN AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED.

OK, YOU CAN GET BACK IN THE ARMY, BUT YOU CAN'T GET YOUR OLD RANK BACK

JOIN THE NEW AIR FORCE!! THE AIR-LIFT NEEDS YOU!!



Continued dominated by westerly flow. WIESSBADEN and R/M - Partly cloudy, Max. 43, Min. 47; TEMPELHOF and GATOW - Morning fog with scattered showers in afternoon, Max. 46,

Min. 37; PASSEBERG - Cloudy, Max. 43, Min. 36; MUNICH - Partly cloudy, Max. 46, Min. 36; BURNWOOD - Partly cloudy, Max. 50, Min. 45.
Wiesbaden Weather Station

Lift Men Asked To Participate In Safety Drive

WIESSBADEN, NOV. 17 -- WITH DRIVING HAZARDS INCREASING DAILY, DUE TO SHORTER DAYLIGHT HOURS AND REDUCED VISIBILITY, OFFICIALS OF THE WIESSBADEN MILITARY POST HAVE ANNOUNCED AN INCREASED PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT RATE IN THIS AREA. IT IS STRESSED THAT ALL LOCAL UNITS CONDUCT A CONTINUOUS PROGRAM TO REDUCE ACCIDENT RATES BY HOLDING REPEATED MEETINGS WITH ALL DRIVERS TO IMPRESS UPON THEM THE URGENT NEED TO FOLLOW SAFE DRIVING RULES AND PRACTICES. MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THIS AREA ARE REQUESTED TO JOIN THE CAMPAIGN BY REPORTING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS TO THE TRANSPORTATION SQUADRON AT CAMP LINDSEY. VIOLATIONS TO BE REPORTED INCLUDE SPEEDING, RECKLESS DRIVING, PASSING ON HILLS AND CURVES, FAILING TO STOP AT SIGNS, OR VIOLATION OF ANY OTHER SAFE DRIVING PRACTICE. IF POSSIBLE, THE VIOLATING VEHICLE SHOULD BE STOPPED AND THE NAME OF THE DRIVER OR PERSON TECHNICALLY RESPONSIBLE SHOULD BE TAKEN. OTHER INFORMATION INCLUDES THE USA REGISTRATION NUMBER, LICENSE PLATE NUMBER AND TYPE OF VEHICLE. MAJOR DETAILS INCLUDING THE TIME AND PLACE OF VIOLATION SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED. IF THE VEHICLE CANNOT BE STOPPED, AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE

Vittles Hunter To Supply GYA

WIESSBADEN, NOV. 17 -- S/SGT. CHARLES H. TALKINGTON, OF AKRON, OHIO, AND THE 41ST TC SQ., IS PROVING TO BE A DOUBLE THREAT "VITTLES" MAN. HE'S NOT ONLY HELPING GET THE VITTLES TO BERLIN, BUT, IS USING HIS HUNTING KNOWLEDGE TO PROVIDE GYA CENTERS WITH ADEQUATE MEAT FOR CHRISTMAS DINNERS. TALKINGTON JUST RETURNED FROM A SUCCESSFUL HUNT NEAR HASSEL, WHERE HE BAGGED THREE DEER, ONE OF THEM A 13 POINTER THAT WEIGHED IN AT 237 POUNDS DRESSED. HE SHOT THAT ONE AT A DISTANCE OF 300 YARDS WITH A MAUSER. THE THREE HE BAGGED YESTERDAY MADE A TOTAL SCORE OF 11 FOR HIM THIS SEASON. HE ALSO MADE A FINE SHOWING LAST YEAR, WITH A BAG OF 22 DEER, AND DID EVEN BETTER THE YEAR BEFORE LAST, WHEN HE KILLED 39. WHEN ASKED WHAT HE THOUGHT OF THE GAME SITUATION IN THIS PART OF GERMANY, TALKINGTON SAID, "THERE IS PLENTY OF GAME HERE. I HAVE SEEN NO WILD BOAR AS YET, BUT, THERE ARE PLENTY OF RED DEER TO BE FOUND."

Vittles Man Ends Search For Brother

WIESSBADEN, NOV. 17 -- A VITTLES AIRMAN'S APPEAL, VIA THE TASK FORCE TIMES, FOR HELP IN LOCATING HIS BROTHER WHOM HE HAD NOT SEEN IN TWO YEARS, BROUGHT EARLY RESULTS AS THE BROTHER'S LOCATION WAS ASCERTAINED BY POSTAL LOCATOR AUTHORITIES HERE. SGT. ARTHUR R. COOK, OF AMESBURY, MASS., CAME TO THE VITTLES OPERATION WITH THE 317TH TC GP FROM THE FAR EAST ON OCT. 1. HIS BROTHER, CPL. KENNETH COOK, WAS ALREADY OVER HERE WITH A CONSTABULARY OUTFIT, BUT, HIS EXACT LOCATION WAS UNKNOWN TO THE VITTLES MAN. SHORTLY AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE LIFT MAN'S DIFFICULTIES IN THE TASK FORCE TIMES, THE POSTAL LOCATOR UNIT IN WIESSBADEN CHECKED THEIR FILES, AND LOCATED THE CONSTAB SOLDIER IN MUNICH. A CHECK WITH MUNICH, HOWEVER, REVEALED THAT THE BROTHER IS NOW IN THE STATES ON A REENLISTMENT FURLOUGH, BUT, IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO GERMANY SOON.

GULP!

RHEIN MAIN, NOV. 17 - LANGUAGE DIFFICULTIES ARE RIFE AT THE OFFICERS MESS HERE. CAPT. WICK GIBSON, 48TH TC SQ., ORDERED "EGGS OVER WITH RARE BACON." HE GOT RAW BACON. ANOTHER OFFICER ASKED FOR AN ASH-TRAY AND WAS SERVED ICE CREAM. AND A THIRD GUY ORDERED CHILI. THE WAITRESS CLOSED THE WINDOW.

Howgozit Board

	November 16	Tons	Utl.	Pct.
46th Gp.	704.5			
1420th AT Gp.				
1263rd	387.1	6.9	99%	
1273rd	342.7	6.1	87%	
1256th	451.1	7.7	110%	
1268th	487.2	8.6	123%	
54th TC	338.1	6.5	93%	
Totals	2006.2	7.2	103%	
1422nd AT Gp.				
1255th	126.0	8.7	109%	
1250th	127.7	9.6	120%	
1251st	230.3	11.0	136%	
1267th	156.6	8.8	110%	
VR-6 Sq	122.3	3.2	40%	
Totals	762.9	7.9	99%	
61st TC Gp.				
17th AT	77.5	5.9	74%	
53rd	116.5	5.5	69%	
15th	208.2	8.1	101%	
14th	171.9	7.2	90%	
VR-8 Sq	208.4	7.0	88%	
Totals	782.5	6.9	88%	
317th TC Gp.				
22nd	79.9	3.9	49%	
39th	205.6	10.3	129%	
11st	97.7	5.6	70%	
Totals	383.2	6.6	83%	
Gr. Tot.	4644.3			

NEAR PERFECT

PAS BERG, NOV. 17 - DESPITE THE EXTRA LOAD PLACED ON THE MAINTENANCE SECTION OF THE 1420TH AT GP. BY THE DIVERSION OF C54S FROM RHEIN MAIN AND WIESSBADEN DURING RECENT FOGGY WEATHER, THE MAINTENANCE MEN WERE ABLE TO HANG UP A RECORD OF 69.8 PER CENT OF TOTAL AIRCRAFT IN COMMISSION AND FLYING. THIS WAS ONLY 0.2 PER CENT SHORT OF THE ACCEPTED 70 PER CENT "PERFECT" FIGURE.

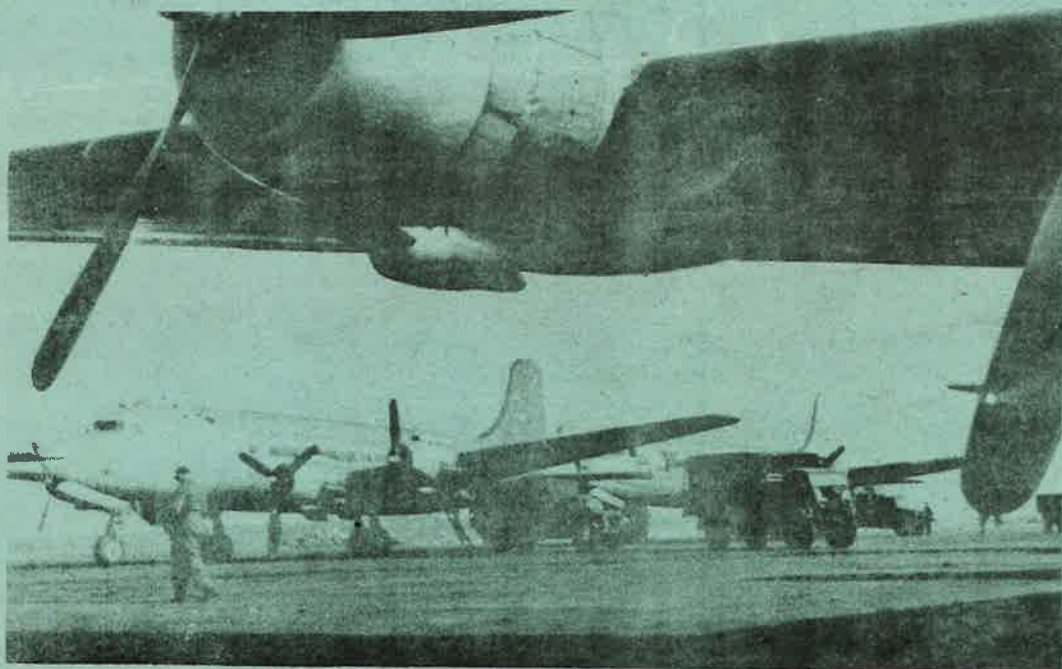
Tegel Flights Expected To Start Today

HO CALTF, NOV. 17 - A PERSISTENT GROUND FOG TODAY PREVENTED THE SCHEDULED OPENING OF TEGEL AIRFIELD, IN BERLIN'S FRENCH SECTOR, TO U.S. AND BRITISH AIRLIFT C47s, BERLIN OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED. REGULAR FLIGHTS BETWEEN A BRITISH ZONE BASE NEAR LUEBECK AND THE NEW VITTLES TERMINAL ARE EXPECTED TO GET UNDERWAY AS SOON AS WEATHER CONDITIONS PERMIT TOMORROW. OPERATIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED ON A 24-HOUR BASIS, WITH AN INITIAL DAILY AVERAGE OF 90 FLIGHTS, IT WAS INDICATED. THIS SCHEDULE IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE, HOWEVER, AS THE OPERATION PROGRESSES. ADVANCE PARTIES ARRIVED AT TEGEL YESTERDAY TO COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INAUGURATING THE FULL SCHEDULE, WHICH WILL SHUTTLE C47s INTO THE FRENCH SECTOR CITY WITH ALL TYPES OF SUPPLIES FOR THE BLOCKADED POPULATION. ON RETURN TRIPS FROM TEGEL THE AIRLIFT PLANES WILL BRING APPROXIMATELY 240 UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN DAILY FROM THE FRENCH SECTOR FOR REHABILITATION IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY, ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS.

OFFICERS CLUB, HOTEL, FOR R/M

RHEIN MAIN, NOV. 17 - A NEW OFFICERS CLUB AND A NEW TRANSIENT HOTEL ARE BEING BUILT IN THE BETTS AREA HERE TO ACCOMMODATE THE INCREASED NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ARRIVING FOR DUTY WITH THE AIRLIFT, IT WAS ANNOUNCED. THE NEW HOTEL WILL HOUSE 100 TRANSIENT PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION TO THESE IMPROVEMENTS, PERSONNEL OF THE BASE HAVE CLEARED AND PREPARED TWO BUILDINGS FOR OCCUPANCY BY THE RECENTLY ARRIVED NAVAL SQUADRONS.

BUSINESS BOOMING AT GATOW UNLOADING TERMINAL



UNLOADING COAL IS A BIG OPERATION at Gatow Terminal. All unloading operation there are handled by British personnel after coal is flown in by Sky masters based at Pasberg, the combined airlift base in the British zone.

Inflatedly Yours....

RHEIN MAIN, NOV. 17 - FIRST LT. WILLIAM H. BAKER, 48TH TC SQ. PILOT, IS OFF TO AN INFLATED START AS A STAMP COLLECTOR. TODAY HE WAS SHOWING OFF A LETTER HE'S JUST RECEIVED FROM CHINA -- BEARING \$1,100,000 IN CHINESE STAMPS, OR ROUGHLY THE EQUIVALENT OF 12 CENTS IN AMERICAN MONEY. THE AIRMAIL LETTER, WHICH CAME FROM HIS EX-CO, LT. COL. R.H. COLE, NOW WITH THE U.S. MILITARY MISSION IN HANKING, ARRIVED HERE FROM CHINA IN 15 DAYS.

Lift Pointers Provided By Link Trainer

HQ CALIF, NOV. 17 — A GROUP OF NON-COMMS AT LANGLEY AFB, VA., HAS SET UP THE BASE LINK TRAINER TO SIMULATE OPERATION VITTLES SO THAT PILOTS TRAINED ON IT WILL BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE ASPECTS OF INSTRUMENT FLYING IN THE NOW SOUPED-UP CORRIDOR.

FLYING SAFETY OFFICERS ASSISTED THE AIRMEN BY FURNISHING DATA ON AIRLIFT MARKING BEACONS, RANGE STATIONS AND LET-DOWN PROCEDURES.

PILOTS USING THE TRAINER — AND WHO MAY EVENTUALLY BE ASSIGNED TO THE AIRLIFT — HAVE BEEN HIGHLY COMPLIMENTARY. IT WAS REPORTED, ABOUT THE QUALITY OF VITTLES ORIENTATION PROVIDED.

VITTLES COAL ON HOME STRETCH



FLYING OVER WHERE THE AIRLIFT LEAVES OFF, a loaded coal barge prepares to move on the Havel River to the ports of Yelow or Westhafen, in the Berlin area, with its load of airlift-delivered coal. The coal is brought nearly two miles from Gatow airfield to the river by the line of trucks and trailers shown on top of the coal lift. Between 500 and 700 tons of coal are sent up the river in this manner every day.

Status Board To Aid 317th TC Engineers

WIESBADEN, NOV. 17 — A REFERENCE BOARD WHICH PERMITS MAINTENANCE OFFICERS TO KNOW IMMEDIATELY THE EXACT STATUS OF ALL FLIGHT INSTRUMENTS ABOARD THE VITTLES SKYMASTERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION HAS BEEN PERFECTED AND IS NOW IN USE BY THE 317TH TC GP. ENGINEERING SECTION HERE.

THE "FLIGHT INSTRUMENT PANEL STATUS BOARD" WAS ORIGINATED AND PERFECTED BY CAPT. GERALD S. ASHCRAFT, OF LONG BEACH, CALIF., 317TH ENGINEERING OFFICER. THE PLEXIGLAS COVERED BOARD IS DESIGNED AS AN EXACT REPLICA OF A C-54 INSTRUMENT PANEL. MINIMUM FLIGHT INSTRUMENT FOR WEATHER FLYING ARE DRAWN IN THEIR PROPER PLACES.

AS REPORTS OF FAULTY INSTRUMENTS ARE TURNED IN TO THE ENGINEERING OFFICE, THE NUMBER OF THE PLANE WITH THE BAD INSTRUMENTS IS WRITTEN INTO THE SPACE OVER THE PROPER INSTRUMENT DIAGRAM ON THE BOARD. THE PLANE'S NUMBER REMAINS ON THE BOARD UNTIL ITS INSTRUMENTS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED.

INSTRUMENTS REPRESENTED ON THE BOARD INCLUDE THE ALTIMETER, AIR SPEED INDICATOR, TURN AND BANK INDICATOR, DIRECTIONAL GYRO AND FLIGHT INDICATOR. THE DIRECTIONAL GYRO AND FLIGHT INDICATOR OF THE AUTOMATIC PILOT ARE IN A SEPARATE BOX BELOW THE BOARD. ALL INSTRUMENTS ARE PLACED IN THEIR PROPER RELATIVE POSITIONS ON THE BOARD.

IN ADDITION TO ITS ADVANTAGES IN EXPEDITING REPAIR OF VITTLES AIRCRAFT, THE BOARD WILL ALSO PROVIDE A SAFETY FACTOR.

BROTHERS MEET ON LIFT DUTY

WIESBADEN, NOV. 17 — WHEN SGT. HERSCHEL E. VAUGHN AND HIS BROTHER, CPL. FORREST VAUGHN PARTED FOR DIFFERENT OVERSEAS THEATERS IN NOVEMBER, 1947, IT LOOKED AS IF THE SEPARATION MIGHT LAST FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. BUT LAST MONTH THE AIRLIFT WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING THE BROTHERS TOGETHER AND NOW SGT. VAUGHN HAS DECIDED TO STICK AROUND INDEFINITELY.

THE BROTHERS, FROM LITTLE ROCK, ARK., LEFT KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISS., AFTER HAVING BEEN STATIONED TOGETHER THERE FOR ONE MONTH. CPL. VAUGHN WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 7157TH SUPPLY SQ. HERE, WHILE HIS BROTHER HERSCHEL TOOK UP DUTIES WITH THE 317TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP IN JAPAN.

SOON AFTER THE AIRLIFT BEGAN, HERSCHEL FOUND HE COULD ONCE AGAIN BE STATIONED WITH HIS BROTHER BY VOLUNTEERING FOR TDY ASSIGNMENT WITH THE VITTLES PROJECT. LAST MONTH HE ARRIVED IN WIESBADEN. THIS WEEK HE DECIDED TO MAKE THE REVISION PERMANENT AND VOLUNTEERED FOR PERMANENT CHANGE OF STATION.

SGT. VAUGHN'S CURRENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT IS CLASSIFICATION SPECIALIST WITH THE 39TH TC SQ. HERE.

Wartime Control Of Civil A/C By USAF Seen As Possibility

WASHINGTON, — THE AIR FORCE'S MILITARY AIR TRANSPORT SERVICE AND U.S. AIRLINES ARE WORKING ON A PLAN WHEREBY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD OBTAIN CONTROL OVER THE 1354-PLANE COMMERCIAL FLEET IN TIME OF WAR.

CONCURRENTLY WITH THIS MOVE COMES A REPORT BY AVIATION WEEK THAT THE 40 DOUGLAS C-54S, NOW ON LEASE TO AIRLINES AND INDIVIDUALS, MAY HAVE TO BE RECALLED FOR USAF USE.

INFORMED AVIATION CIRCLES ARE CONSIDERING THE DESIRABILITY OF THESE MOVES, AND RECALL THE MATTER OF PRECEDENT DATING FROM THE PAST WAR.

THE AAF HAD TO CALL IN THE U.S. FLAG CARRIERS EARLY IN THE WAR, IT IS NOTED, IN ORDER TO MEET URGENT COMMITMENTS IN THE MANY THEATERS OF WAR. WHILE THIS WAR PROGRAM FOR TRANSPORT WAS NOT CARRIED OUT ON THE BASIS OF THE CURRENT MATS PROPOSAL,

MORE THAN HALF OF THE AIRLINE NETWORK "WENT TO WORK" FOR ATC, IT IS RECALLED.

ALREADY THERE IS CONCERN IN GERMANY FOR THE LONGEVITY OF OPERATION VITTLES! OVERWORKED C-54S. THE 54S WERE NOT NEW AIRPLANES BY ANY MEANS WHEN SENT TO FLY THE BLOCKADE EAST JUNE, AND 135 DAYS OF SHORT-HAUL SERVICE ON AN INTENSIVE SCALE HAS ITS EFFECTS. CARGO HAS BEEN THE HIGH DENSITY VARIETY, SUCH AS COAL AND FLOUR, WHICH WEARS AND TEARS AIRPLANES.

OF NO MEAN CONCERN IS THE BASIC IMPLICATION OF THE "SHORT-HAUL." THE CORRIDOR PLANES FLY AT TAKEOFF, CLIMBING, AND PATTERN POWERSETTINGS FOR THE GREATER PORTION OF THE FLIGHT, HASTENING THE INCIDENT RATE FOR ENGINE OVERHAUL. TAKEOFFS AND LANDINGS AT NEAR-MAXIMUM GROSS LOADS TAKE THEIR TOLL FROM THE LIFE OF THE AIRFRAME, TOO.

PROVIDED THIS AIRLIFT MUST CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME TO COME IT IS LOGICAL THAT REPLACEMENTS ARE IMMINENT AND THAT THEY WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO COME FROM AIRCRAFT NOW IN EXISTENCE AND OF THE SAME BASIC TYPE AS ARE NOW BEING FLOWN IN GERMANY. THE MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL, PARTS, AND OPERATING PROCEDURES ARE SET UP TO ACCOMMODATE THE C-54. THEREFORE, THE 40 NOW ON LEASE TO COMMERCIAL AVIATION MAY BE CALLED IN.

ON THE SUBJECT OF "CONTROL OF THE AIRLINES," A SEGMENT OF AMERICAN AVIATION HAS FELT THAT EVEN IN TIME OF WAR THE COMMERCIAL CARRIERS CAN BEST SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST BY RETAINING MOST OF THEIR ORIGINAL IDENTITY. THE MATS PROPOSAL, IT IS UNDERSTOOD, ALLOWS THIS LEeway THROUGH A PROPOSED CONTRACT WHEREBY THE AIRLINES WOULD CONTRIBUTE ANY SERVICES DESIRED BY THE COMMAND — RATHER

THAN TAKE OVER PLANES AND PILOTS FOR USAF SERVICE.

BEING A BUSINESS PROPOSITION, AIRLINES MUST WORK AT ANY TIME ON A CLOSE-TO-THE-BELT MARGIN WITH EQUIPMENT OF MOST EXPENSIVE KIND. IT IS TO THEIR BENEFIT THAT THEY BE ABLE TO WORK A GIVEN MISSION WITH CUSTOMARY, INDIVIDUAL PROCEDURES, AND WITHOUT THE "LOSS" OF A PART OF THE FLEET.

LIKEWISE, IT IS EXPEDIENT TO WARTIME INTERESTS THAT A HEALTHY COMMERCIAL AIRLINE SYSTEM REMAIN IN BEING. INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS PERSIST, AND EVEN INCREASE, WITH SUCH A NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

ALREADY THE FLAG CARRIER LINES OF THIS AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR ABILITY TO OPERATE WHERE THE GOING IS THE TOUGHEST, NAMELY, RHEN-MAIN AND THE CORRIDOR.

(H.B. NELSON, IN AF TIMES)



WEATHER

High cell centered over France and Germany. WIESBADEN and R/M - Partly cloudy, Max. 45, Min. 33; TEMPELHOFF and GATOW - Partly cloudy, Max. 43, Min. 30; FASSBERG - Partly



REPORT

cloudy, Max. 45, Min. 29; MUNICH - Cloudy, fog and haze, Max. 46, Min. 38; BURTONWOOD - Cloudy with fog, Max. 39, Min. 35. Wiesbaden weather Station

CALTF Delivers 5,405 Tons For Third Highest Lift Haul

HQ CALTF, NOV. 22 - FAVORED BY IMPROVED WEATHER, PLANES OF THE COMBINED AIRLIFT TASK FORCE YESTERDAY FLEW 5,405.4 TONS OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES INTO BERLIN FOR THE THIRD HIGHEST CARGO DELIVERY SINCE THE AIRLIFT BEGAN. U.S. AND BRITISH PLANES, OPERATING INTO THREE LANDING FIELDS IN THE WESTERN SECTOR OF THE BLOCKADED CITY, MADE A TOTAL OF 657 FLIGHTS.

THE NEXT BIGGEST HAUL WAS MADE OCT. 10 WHEN 5,640.3 TONS OF ASSORTED CARGO WERE DELIVERED IN 691 TRIPS.

ONE-HUNDRED-FIVE OF YESTERDAY'S FLIGHTS WERE MADE TO THE NEWLY-OPENED TEGEL AIRFIELD, IN THE FRENCH SECTOR OF BERLIN.

FLY-IN KINO

FOR THOSE WHO PREFER THEIR MOVIES IN THE OPEN AIR A NEW WRINKLE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED -- A DRIVE-IN THEATER FOR PLANES AND AUTOS AT MONMOUTH, N.J., COUNTY AIRPORT. THE THEATER WAS OPENED LAST SUMMER AND HAS SPACE FOR 900 AUTOS AND 25 PLANES ON A HARD SURFACED AREA ADJACENT TO THE AIRPORT. INDIVIDUAL SOUNDPOSTS ARE PROVIDED FOR EACH PLANE AND AUTO.

Garmisch Plans Varied Xmas Sports Program

HQ CALTF, NOV. 22 -- A WIDE VARIETY OF WINTER SPORTS EXHIBITIONS AND EVENTS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON IN GARMISCH, ACCORDING TO AN ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY.

THE PROGRAM WILL BEGIN NOV. 28 WITH THE OPENING SLALOM RACE ON ZUGSPITZE. THE REMAINDER OF THE PROGRAM WILL BE DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK, BEGINNING DEC. 18 WITH ICE HOCKEY AT THE SPORT CLUB. THE GAME WILL BE BETWEEN THE RIESSERSEE AND FUESSEN TEAMS. THE SAME PROGRAM WILL BE FEATURED DEC. 19.

TRAINING FOR A CROSS COUNTRY SKI RACE WILL BE HELD AT THE PARTENKIRCHEN SKI CLUB DEC. 19. ON CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25, THE CHRISTMAS JUMPING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE SMALL JUMP SKI CLUB OF PARTENKIRCHEN. THE FEATURE OF THE DAY WILL BE AN ICE SHOW.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES FOR DEC. 26 INCLUDE FURTHER CONTESTS IN THE JUMPING COMPETITION AT MITTENWALD.

Howgozit Board			
November 21			
	Tons	Utl.	Pct.
46th Gp.	1378.3		
61st TC Gp.			
17th AT	68.2	3.8	48%
53rd	155.8	7.7	96%
15th	211.5	11.4	113%
14th	155.4	9.9	124%
VR-8 Sq	380.2	11.3	144%
Totals	971.1	9.1	114%
1420th AT Gp.			
1263rd	406.1	7.7	110%
1273rd	295.4	5.5	79%
1256th	487.4	9.0	129%
1268th	356.2	6.6	94%
54th TC	370.8	7.2	103%
Totals	1915.9	7.2	103%
1422nd AT Gp.			
1255th	115.1	8.7	109%
1250th	183.6	8.9	111%
1251st	163.2	8.3	104%
1267th	139.6	8.3	104%
VR-6 Sq	144.4	6.2	78%
Totals	745.9	7.9	99%
317th TC Gp.			
22nd	98.2	4.9	61%
39th	188.4	9.3	116%
41st	97.6	5.6	70%
Totals	384.2	6.6	83%
Gr.Tot.	5405.4		

C122 TESTED

THE INITIAL TEST FLIGHT OF THE C122, AN "ASSAULT CARGO TRANSPORT PLANE" BY CHASE AIRCRAFT COMPANY, TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK (ON NOV. 18), EXACTLY 11 MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT OF ITS GLIDER WHICH WAS DESIGNED FOR TRANSPORT. (See C122, p. 2)

Gen. Robertson, British Chief, Praises Fassberg Cooperation

* FASSBERG, NOV. 22 - SIR BRIAN ROBERTSON, BRITISH MILITARY GOVERNOR OF GERMANY, INSPECTING COMBINED VITTLER OPERATIONS HERE TODAY, SAID HE WAS "VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE AMOUNT OF WORK GOING INTO THE AIRLIFT, WHICH WAS CAUSED BY THE RIDICULOUS BLOCKADE OF BERLIN."

"I AM MOST HAPPY," HE STATED, "TO SEE THE BRITISH AND AMERICANS WORKING TOGETHER SO WELL, AS THEY DID DURING THE WAR AND AS I HOPE THEY CAN IN THE FUTURE."

ROBERTSON WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE FASSBERG VISIT BY AIR MARSHAL T.M. WILLIAMS, ROYAL AIR FORCE COMMANDER IN GERMANY, AND GEN. SIR FRANCIS W. KEIGHTLEY, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE BRITISH ARMY OF THE RHINE. THEY WERE MET BY A REGIMENTAL GUARD OF HONOR AND ESCORTED TO THE MODEL AIRLIFT DEMONSTRATION ROOM, WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON FLIGHT OPERATIONS FROM FASSBERG BY COL. VESSE AUTON, COMMANDER OF THE 313TH TC WING.

RB 29 Recons To Get Weather Info For Lift

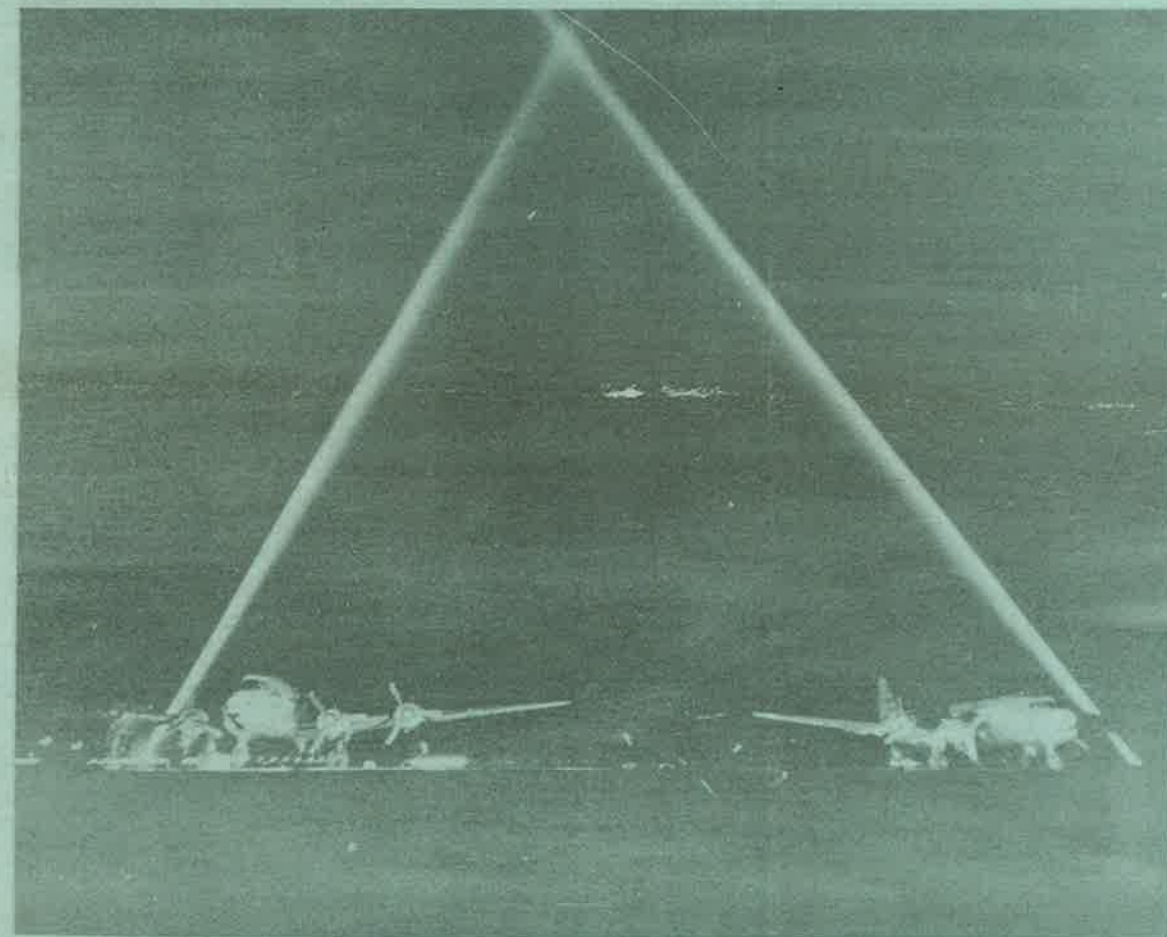
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AS A RESULT, there remain 55 vacancies in the permanent grade of general officer, 1011 for colonel, 1375 for lieutenant colonel and only 884 for major. In the grade of captain there is actually an average of 403 captains, a condition made legally possible by the existence of so many vacancies in the field grades.

Translated into terms of overall true vacancies by the process of augmenting vacancies below through promotions at the top, the following true picture of vacancies appears: 101 total permanent vacancies for general officers (these break down into 46 vacancies for permanent MG and 55 for permanent BG, since the law allows 150 permanent GOs or 75 each of MG and BG); 1011 for colonels plus the 55 vacated by promotion to BG equal 1066 total vacancies; similarly, 1066 plus 1375 equal 2441 vacancies for lieutenant colonel; 2441 plus 584 equal 3025 for major, and the deficit of 403 in vacancies for captains becomes 3622 actual vacancies to which the 6818 permanent 1st Lieutenants can aspire.

This last wipes out most of the deficit of 3245 spaces in the grade of 1st Lieutenant, but except from the appropriations standpoint, the overage of 1st lieutenants does not affect the 2d lieutenants coming in.

THE CHART which shows this promotion picture indicates also there is room for 2241 spare-new 1d lieutenants which should give encouragement to honor grads of ROTC and flying school as well as to those non-Regulars on active duty who wish Regular commissions.

To understand how really wise a job the USAF's promotion boards did with the 1948 mass-promotions to distribute opportunity equally, note how the comparison of present strength by

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Thus, 86 BGs may look to 46 vacancies for MGs, a ratio of 1.5 BGs to the promotion opportunity. The jump from colonel to general officer is the highest hurdle. There are 577 full colonels against vacancies for 55 permanent BGs or a ratio of 15 men to the opportunity.

THE REST fall into a pattern closely approaching uniformity in ratio of eligibles against promotion vacancies: 1404 lieutenant colonels for 1066 colonel vacancies, 1.3 to 1; 3188 majors for 2441 lieutenant colonel vacancies, 1.3 to 1; 4958 captains for 3025 vacancies for majors, 1.6 to 1; and 5188 1st lieutenants for 3622 vacancies for captain, 2.8 to 1. Again this last, due to the constant promotion of 2d lieutenants to 1st, is not a controllable ratio.

The hope of temporary promotions for non-Regulars, however, and for Regulars who aspire to a pay grade or two higher than the permanent one, is less easy to chart. The intention of the USAF is good, as a glance at the chart for overall, planned and programmed vacancies indicates.

The strength by grades indicated for fiscal year 1949 is probably in the bag since appropriations have already been made (by the 80th Congress) to realize this augmentation under the 444,500-strength Program prescribed for 66 groups.

These vacancies are being lowered somewhat by the recall of officers in grade from civilian life, but the USAF has already announced it will make 5500 temporary promotions by the end of January, 1949, and expects more to follow before June 20, 1949, end of the fiscal year.

IT WILL BE noted that the projected strength by grades for fiscal year 1950 is against a hoped-for strength of 502,000, the minimum prescribed by the USAF for the full 70-Group program. This calls for a net increase of 11,457 commissioned officers over that of the programmed 1949 program and an increase of 2187 warrants over the 2600 programmed for 1949.

Comparison of the 1950 planned strength by grades with the actual strength on Sept. 1 last show "true" promotion vacancies for 34 to GOs, 928 to colonels, 2841 to lieutenant colonel, 6503 to major, and 12,808 to captain. These would represent opportunities for temporary promotions from Sept. 1, 1948 to June 30, 1950—augmented by attrition and dimin-

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But realization of the strength planned for fiscal year 1950 is very uncertain.

THE PRESIDENT, now elected to full term of office, has insisted the military budget for 1950 be kept below \$15-billion. His recommendation to the 80th Congress that appropriations be made for a USAF at the 55-Group level was overridden by rebellious air post-men in both Houses.

This may not be repeated in the 81st where the President will enjoy far greater strength and authority.

All of the key air power senators and representatives were re-elected, however, and there may be a brisk fight, if the President's 1950 Budget places a curb on what these think to be a USAF adequate to meet the world situation.

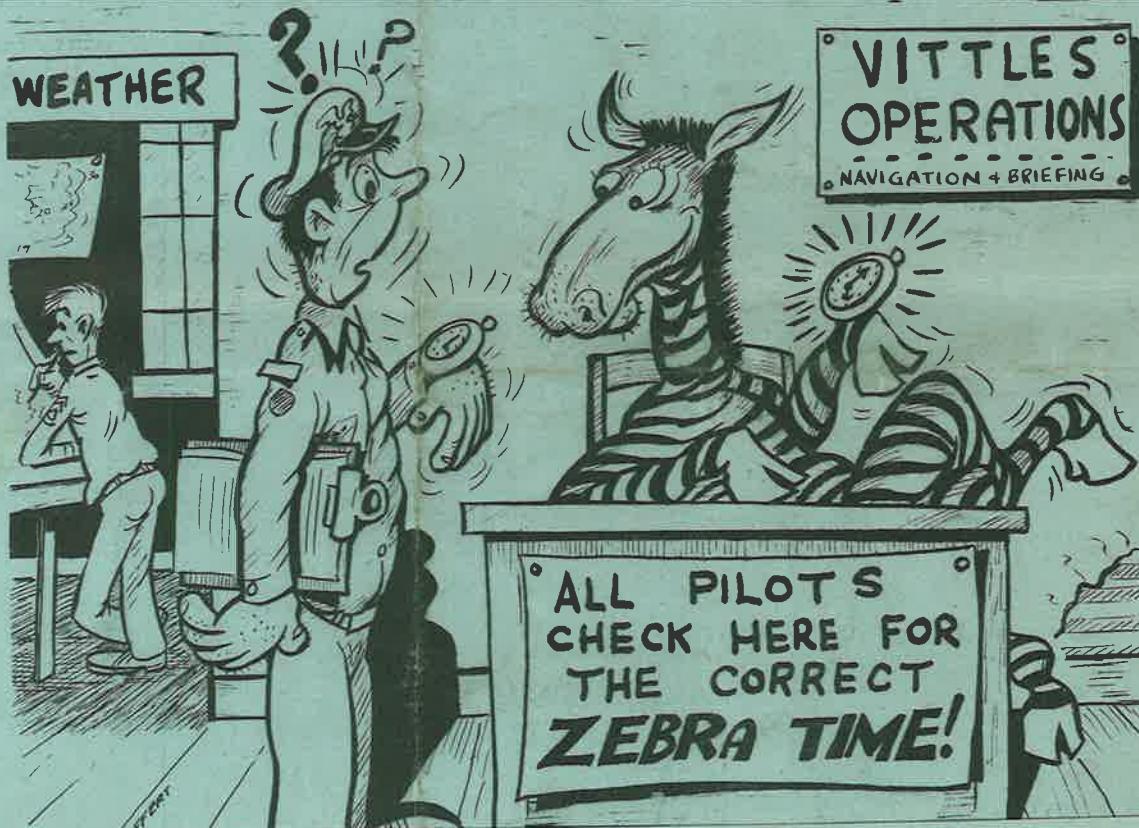
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S/SGT. JAMES T. DURWOOD, OF HOULTON, ME., MESS SERGEANT, WAS CREDITED WITH KEEPING THE MESS RUNNING SMOOTHLY FROM 0630 TO 2000 HOURS DAILY.



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THE NEXT BIGGEST HAUL WAS MADE OCT. 10 WHEN 5,610.3 TONS OF ASSORTED CARGO WERE DELIVERED IN 691 TRIPS.

ONE-HUNDRED-FIVE OF YESTERDAY'S FLIGHTS WERE MADE TO THE NEWLY-OPENED TEGEL AIRFIELD, IN THE FRENCH SECTOR OF BERLIN.

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FOR THOSE WHO PREFER THEIR MOVIES IN THE OPEN AIR A NEW WRINKLE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED -- A DRIVE-IN THEATER FOR PLANES AND AUTOS AT MONMOUTH, N.J., COUNTY AIRPORT. THE THEATER WAS OPENED LAST SUMMER AND HAS SPACE FOR 900 AUTOS AND 25 PLANES ON A HARD SURFACED AREA ADJACENT TO THE AIRPORT. INDIVIDUAL SOUNDPOSTS ARE PROVIDED FOR EACH PLANE AND AUTO.

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	Tons	Utl.	Pct.
November 21			
46th Op.	1378.3		
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Totals	971.1	9.1	114%
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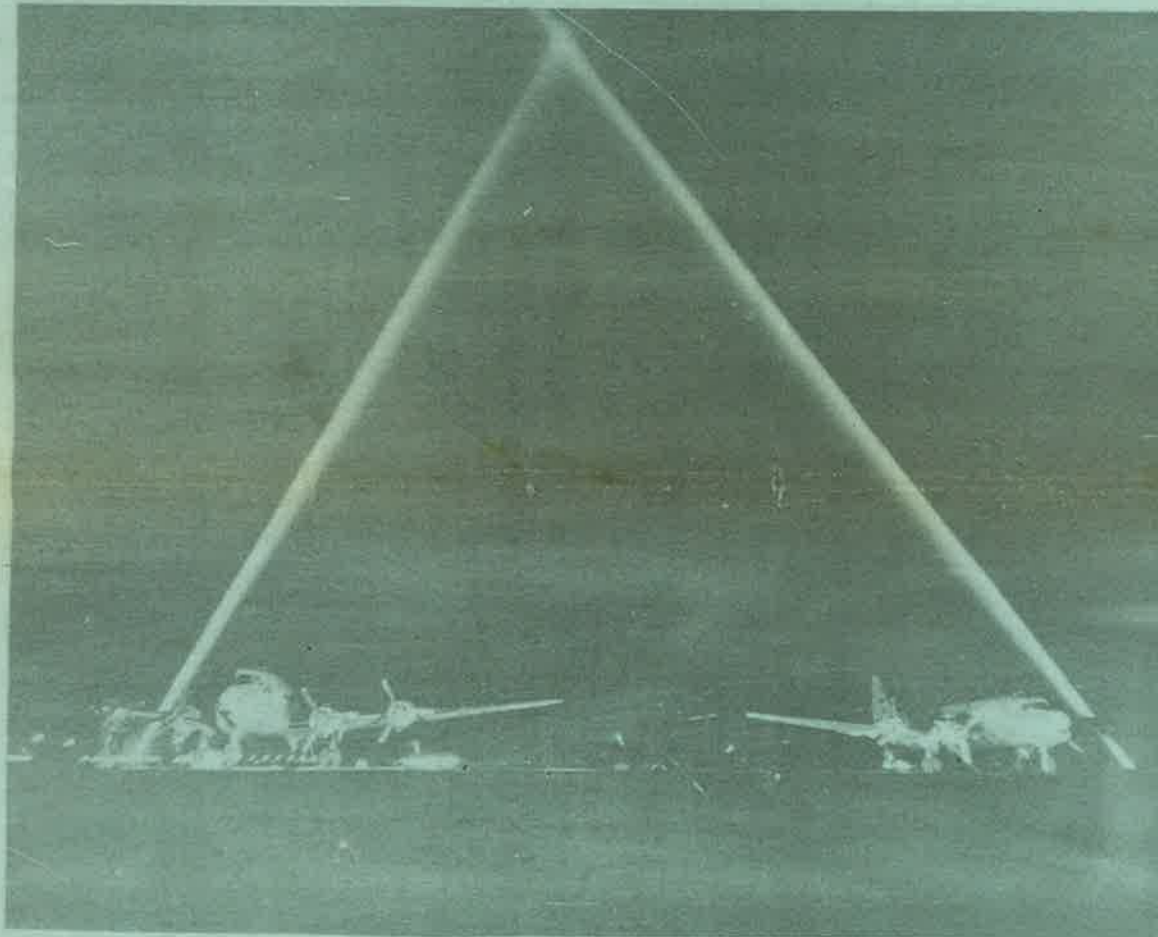
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The vacancies remaining among the permanent grades are in the higher grades for the most part, but they increase the "true" vacancies in the lower grades. The USAF, aware of the promotion hump in the lower grades, followed a policy of bringing the officers up from the bottom in large numbers while holding promotions in the field grades to a modest 50 to 75 per cent of vacancies.

AS A RESULT, there remain 55 vacancies in the permanent grade of general officer, 1011 for colonel, 1375 for lieutenant colonel and only 584 for major. In the grade of captain there is actually an average of 403 captains, a condition made legally possible by the existence of so many vacancies in the field grades.

Translated into terms of overall true vacancies by the process of augmenting vacancies below through promotions at the top, the following true picture of vacancies appears: 101 total permanent vacancies for general officers (these break down into 46 vacancies for permanent MG and 55 for permanent BG, since the law allows 150 permanent GOs or 75 each of MG and BG); 1011 for colonels plus the 55 vacated by promotion to BG equal 1066 total vacancies; similarly, 1066 plus 1375 equal 2441 vacancies for lieutenant colonel; 2441 plus 584 equal 3025 for major, and the deficit of 403 in vacancies for captains becomes 2622 actual vacancies to which the 6818 permanent 1st Lieutenants can aspire.

This last wipes out most of the deficit of 3245 spaces in the grade of 1st Lieutenant, but except from the appropriations standpoint, the overage of 1st lieutenants does not affect the 2d lieutenants coming up.

THE CHART which shows this promotion picture indicates also there is room for 2241 span-new 2d lieutenants which should give encouragement to honor grads of ROTC and flying school as well as to those non-Regulars on active duty who wish Regular commissions.

To understand how really wise a job the USAF's promotion boards did with the 1948 mass promotions to distribute opportunity equally, note how the comparison of present strength in grades appears in comparison with the true vacancies existing.

Thus, 66 BGs may look to 46 vacancies for MGs, a ratio of 1.5 BGs to the promotion opportunity. The jump from colonel to general officer is the highest hurdle. There are 577 full colonels against vacancies for 55 permanent BGs or a ratio of 15 men to the opportunity.

THE REST fall into a pattern closely approaching uniformity in ratio of eligibles against promotion vacancies: 1404 lieutenant colonels for 1066 colonel vacancies, 1.3 to 1; 3188 majors for 2441 lieutenant colonel vacancies, 1.3 to 1; 4968 captains for 3025 vacancies for majors, 1.6 to 1, and 6188 1st lieutenants for 2622 vacancies for captain, 2.6 to 1. Again this last due to the constant promotion of 2d lieutenants to 1st, is not a controllable ratio.

The hope of temporary promotions for non-Regulars, however, and for Regulars who aspire to a pay grade or two higher than the permanent one, is less easy to chart. The intention of the USAF is good, as a glance at the chart for overall, planned and programmed vacancies indicates.

The strength by grades indicated for fiscal year 1949 is probably in the bag since appropriations have already been made (by the 80th Congress) to realize this augmentation under the 444,500-strength Program prescribed for 66 groups.

These vacancies are being lowered somewhat by the recall of officers in grade from civilian life, but the USAF has already announced it will make 5500 temporary promotions by the end of January, 1949, and expects more to follow before June 30, 1949, end of the fiscal year.

IT WILL BE noted that the projected strength by grades for fiscal year 1950 is against a hoped-for strength of 502,000, the minimum prescribed by the USAF for the full 70-Group program. This calls for a net increase of 11,457 commissioned officers over that of the programmed 1949 program and an increase of 2187 warrants over the 2600 programmed for 1949.

Comparison of the 1950 planned strength by grades with the actual strength on Sept. 1 last, show "true" promotion vacancies for 34 to GOs, 928 to colonels, 2841 to lieutenant colonel, 6503 to major, and 12,808 to captain. These would represent opportunities for temporary promotions from Sept. 1, 1948 to June 30, 1950—augmented by attrition and diminished by recall.

But realization of the strength planned for fiscal year 1950 is very uncertain.

THE PRESIDENT, now elected to full term of office, has insisted the military budget for 1950 be kept below \$16-billion. His recommendation to the 80th Congress that appropriations be made for a USAF at the 55-Group level was overridden by rebellious air power men in both Houses.

This may not be repeated in the 81st where the President will enjoy far greater strength and authority.

All of the key air power senators and representatives were re-elected, however, and there may be a brisk fight, if the President's 1950 Budget places a curb on what these think to be a USAF adequate to meet the world situation.

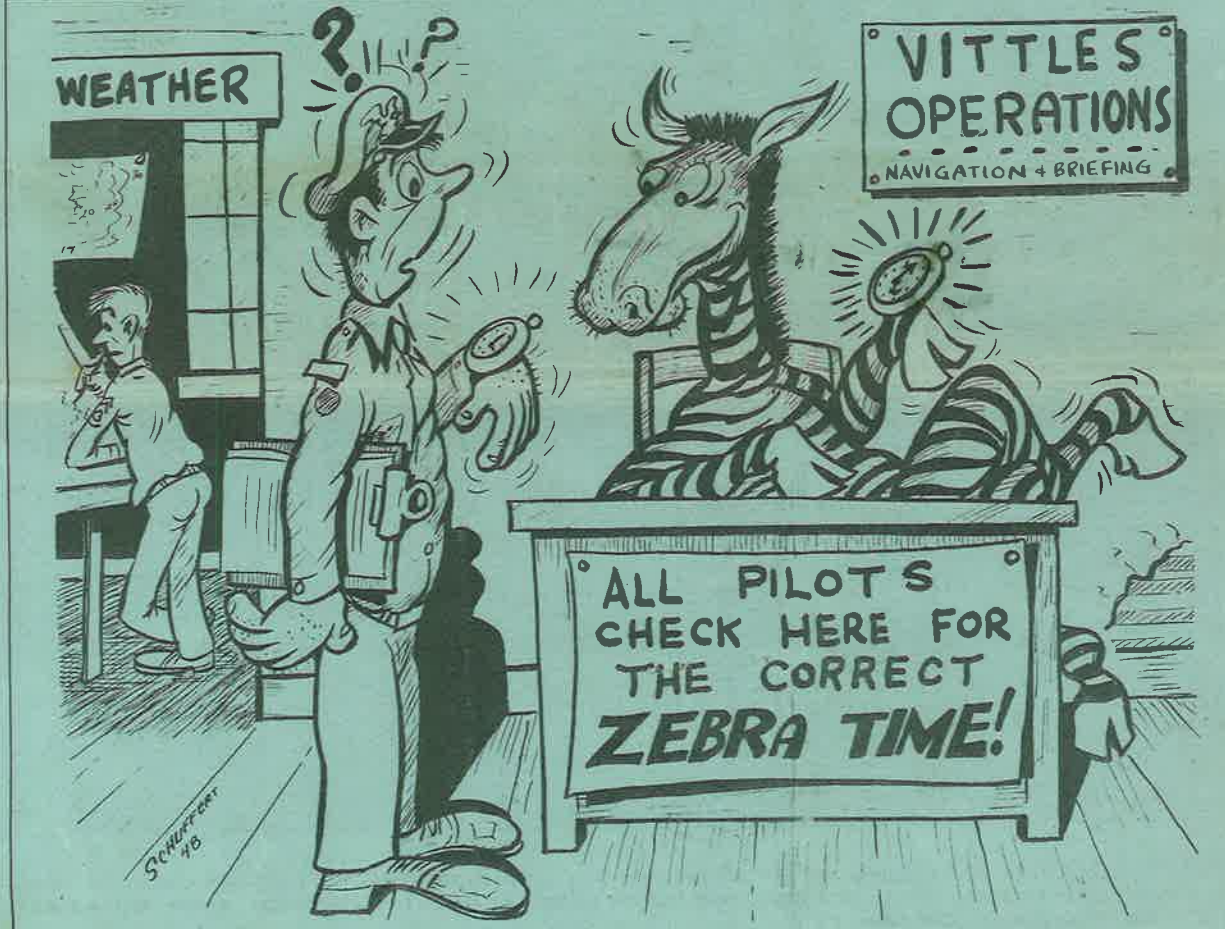
Courtesy AF Times

WSBN Club Mess, Called 'Homelike'

WIESBADEN, NOV. 22 -- THE OFFICERS CLUB AND MESS HERE IS THE CENTER OF BASE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL LIFE. KEPT AS HOMELIKE AS POSSIBLE BY THE SUPERVISING OFFICER, CAPT. MORGAN E. JACKSON, OF SAN MARCOS, TEX., THE MESS IS THE GATHERING PLACE FOR OFF-DUTY VITTLES FLYERS, VISITING VIPS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS ALIKE.

OFFICERS ARE FED IN THREE SEPARATE DINING ROOMS IN THE CLUB BUILDING. ACCORDING TO JACKSON, THE MOST POPULAR MEALS AT THE MESS ARE STEAK AND FRIED CHICKEN.

S/SGT. JAMES T. DURWOOD, OF HOULTON, ME., MESS SERGEANT, WAS CREDITED WITH KEEPING THE MESS RUNNING SMOOTHLY FROM 0630 TO 2000 HOURS DAILY.



WEATHER

High cell centered over central Germany. WIESBADEN and R/M - Cloudy, fog, Max. 41, Min. 36; TAMPALHOFF and GATOW - Cloudy, Max. 42, Min. 34; FASSBERG - Partly cloudy, fog

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and haze, Max. 43, Min. 35; MUNICH - Cloudy with fog, Max. 34, Min. 31; BURTONWOOD - Cloudy, morning fog, Max. 43, Min. 38. Wiesbaden Weather Station



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1948

Col. Harrison, 60th CO. To Return To U.S.

WIESBADEN, NOV. 23 -- COL. BERTRAM HARRISON, OF LEESBURG, VA., CO OF THE 60TH TC GP, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE, AT NORFOLK VA.

HARRISON COMMANDED THE C47 OUTFIT THROUGH THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF OPERATION VITTLES, UNTIL THE UNIT WAS RECALLED FROM THE BERLIN RUNS. UPON THE ARRIVAL OF A REPLACEMENT UNIT, THE 317TH TC GP (C54S) FROM THE FAR EAST, THE 60TH RETURNED TO ITS HOME BASE AT KAUFBEUREN AND HARRISON REMAINED ON

(See COL.- p. 2)

TO ALL AIRLIFT PERSONEL HAVE A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING ON ME



All-Time High For Assorted Vittles Cargo

HQ CALTF, NOV. 23 - IN 683 FLIGHTS TO BERLIN, U.S. AND BRITISH PLANES TODAY CAME THROUGH WITH 5,771 TONS OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO SET AN ALL-TIME HIGH FOR MISCELLANEOUS CARGO LIFTED IN A 24-HOUR PERIOD. THIS TONNAGE WAS EXCEEDED ON AIR FORCE DAY, SEPT. 18, WHEN AN ALL-COAL CARGO OF 6,988 TONS WAS LIFTED TO BERLIN IN 896 FLIGHTS.

THE NEXT HIGHEST MARK FOR ASSORTED CARGO WAS SET OCT. 10, WHEN 5,610.3 TONS WERE CARRIED TO THE BLOCKADED CITY.

Vittles Skymasters Slated For Celle Airfield Soon

HQ CALTF, NOV. 23 - AN UNREVEALED NUMBER OF AIRLIFT SKYMASTERS WILL BEGIN OPERATING FROM THE AIRFIELD AT CELLE, IN THE BRITISH ZONE OF GERMANY, SOMETIME NEXT MONTH TO INCREASE THE TONNAGE FOR BLOCKADED BERLIN, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY HQ CALTF. THE INITIAL CONTINGENT OF C54S GOING TO

CELLE WILL BE DRAWN FROM WIESBADEN AFB.

AUTHORITIES EXPECT THE TRANSFER OF AIRCRAFT TO THE RELATIVELY SHORT RUN (131 MILES TO BERLIN) TO BRING ABOUT SIZEABLE INCREASE IN DAILY VITTLES TONNAGE. THE DISTANCE FROM WIESBADEN TO BERLIN IS APPROXIMATELY 270 MILES.

WINTER DUDS FOR GROUND MEN

RHEIN MAIN, NOV. 23 - SPECIAL WINTER CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ARE BEING ISSUED TO FRANKFURT MILITARY POST PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN GROUND PHASES OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY LT. COL. JOHN MCGINTY, A CLASS II AND CLASS IV OFFICER.

AMONG OTHER ITEMS, SHOEPACS, PARKAS, AND HEAVY FUR CAPS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VITTLES TRUCK DRIVERS, MAINTENANCE MEN, AND ORDNANCE PERSONNEL, MCGINTY SAID.

R/M Ticker Boys Kept Busy; Paper Mileage Makes 'Em Dizzy

RHEIN MAIN, NOV. 23 - THE LATEST BATCH OF VITTLES STATISTICS FROM THE AIRWAYS AND AIR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE UNIT HERE SHOWS THAT THE TELETYPE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ISN'T A PLACE TO LOAF.

WHEN THE TAPE MEASURE WAS UNRAVELLED A FEW DAYS AGO, OPERATORS LEARNED THAT APPROXIMATELY 400 MILES OF TELETYPE PAPER AND TAPE ARE CONSUMED EACH MONTH TO HANDLE THE 17,000,

000 WORDS THAT FLOW OVER THE CIRCUITS EVERY 30 DAYS. IF HOOKED ONTO THE TAIL OF A VITTLES PLANE, THIS PAPER WOULD REACH ALL THE WAY TO TEMPELHOF AND HALF-WAY BACK TO FRANKFURT.

STATISTICIANS FIGURED OUT THAT A SINGLE OPERATOR WOULD HAVE TO WORK EIGHT HOURS A DAY FOR FOUR YEARS TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF LETTERS -- SOME 85,000,000 -- SENT OUT FROM RHEIN MAIN IN A MONTH. ANY VOLUNTEERS?

U.S. CONGRESSMEN INSPECT AIRLIFT AT WIESBADEN



Congressmen touring Europe watch loading operations at Wiesbaden Air Force Base before flying to Berlin. Air Force officers are shown with the Congressmen watching a U.S. C-54 being loaded with potatoes for a trip to Berlin. Lt. Gen. John K. Cannon, commanding general of the U.S. Air Force in Europe, is second from left.

Sgt. Appeals For Information On Brother

WIESBADEN, NOV. 23 - ENCOURAGED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE TASK FORCE TIPS IN LOCATING A MISSING BROTHER LAST WEEK (SEE NOV. 18 ISSUE), ANOTHER VITTLES MAN, SGT. JAMES W. SASSER, OF THE 39TH TC SQ. HEYE, HAS APPEALED FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS BROTHER, SGT. EUGENE SASSER, WHO IS ON DUTY SOMEWHERE WITH THE AIRLIFT.

THE TWO BROTHERS WERE STATIONED AT GREENVILLE AIR FORCE BASE, S.C., UNTIL SEPTEMBER, WHEN EUGENE WAS TRANSFERRED TO EUROPE FOR DUTY WITH THE AIRLIFT. ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER JAMES LEFT FOR TDY WITH OPERATION VITTLES AND IS NOW STATIONED AT WIESBADEN AFB.

JAMES THINKS HIS BROTHER MAY BE STATIONED AT BURTONWOOD, ENGLAND, WHERE AIRLIFT SKYMASTERS ARE RECEIVING 200-HOUR INSPECTIONS. HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO HIS BROTHER'S MAILING ADDRESS. ANSWERS TO THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE SENT DIRECTLY TO SGT. JAMES SASSER, 39TH TC SQ., 317TH TC GP., APO 933, HIS ARMY, OR TO THE EDITOR, TASK FORCE TIMES, HQ, 1ST, AIRLIFT TASK FORCE APO 633.

74 MECHANICS SENT TO R/M

OSIE, NOV. 23 - THE TRANSFER OF 74 AIRMEN FROM THE 7296 MAINT. SQ. HERE TO THE DIST TO GP. AT DREIN MAIN WAS ANNOUNCED BY MAJ. EARL HOFFMAN, CO OF THE MAINTENANCE UNIT.

THE MEN ARE ALL AIRPLANE MECHANICS AND WILL BE USED STRICTLY ON VITTLES DUTY.

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TEMPORARY DUTY WITH THE 317TH TO HELP THE NEW GROUP THROUGH INDOCTRINATION IN AIRLIFT PROCEDURES.

BEFORE RETURNING TO THE US, HARRISON WILL RETURN TO KAUFBEUREN TO COMPLETE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER.

A WEST POINT GRADUATE, THE COLONEL WENT TO KELLY FIELD, TEX. IN 1938, BECAME A FLIER, AND REMAINED AT THE BASE THROUGHOUT THE NEXT THREE YEARS AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN SINGLE-ENGINE AIRPLANES.

HIS NEXT ASSIGNMENT, IN 1941, WAS AS DIRECTOR OF TRAINING AND PROJECT OFFICER IN THE OPENING OF THE BOMBARDIER SCHOOL AT SAN ANGELO, TEX.

IN 1943 HARRISON BEGAN HIS TRAVELS OVER THE WORLD WITH THE AIR FORCE. THAT YEAR HE COMMANDED THE FLIGHT OF A PROVISIONAL BOMB GP. TO INDIA, AND RETURNED TO BE PLACED ON DUTY AS THE COMMANDER OF THE 460TH BOMB GP. IN NORTH AFRICA, AND LATER IN ITALY. HE RETURNED TO THE US IN 1945, AND WAS ASSIGNED AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE WALLA WALLA AF BASE, IN WASHINGTON STATE.

AFTER GRADUATION FROM THE COMMAND GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL AT FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANS., EARLY IN 1946, HARRISON WAS ASSIGNED AS CO OF THE 60TH TC GP, THEN AT MUNICH AIR FORCE BASE.

THE UNIT MOVED TO KAUFBEUREN IN MAY, 1948, AND AFTER NEARLY TWO MONTHS THERE, WAS AMONG THE FIRST GROUPS TO BEGIN FLYING VITTLES TO BERLIN.



A TYPICAL VITTLES SNITTER BUG is shown in action. Completely equipped with Rolleiflex, Leica, Speed Graphic, Retina II, a tripod, three exposure meters and strength enough to carry them around, the Vittles man is constantly on the look-out for good shots to take back to the U.S. at rotation time.

Wiesbaden Mess Snags Blue Ribbon For Chow

WIESBADEN AFB. - The Consolidated Enlisted Men's mess here was adjudged "one of the finest in the Air Force" by the Air Inspector General's team from USAF Headquarters during the party's annual inspection recently.

The "superior" rating handed to the mess, which has served as high as 2600 men at a meal since the beginning of the airlift, was attributed by 1st Lt. John E. Keller, food service officer, to S/Sgt. Joseph P. Kiss, the Consolidated's mess steward since July, 1947.

Since the beginning of the Berlin supply missions, the number of personnel served has skyrocketed from an average of 800 per meal to 1800 per meal. The mess is run on a 24-hour basis, with two hours allotted to each meal.

OMOW is always available to "Vittles" airmen who have checked in from a late run or ground crewmen who have worked into the night to keep the supply planes purring. In addition, approximately 300 men are regularly served a midnight meal.

A typical daily menu makes tasty reading. Breakfast included fruit juice, fresh fruit, stewed apricots, hot or prepared cereal, scrambled eggs with bacon, biscuits, butter, coffee and fresh milk. For dinner, the airmen downed green pea soup, grilled steaks, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered peas, baked squash, corn slaw, radishes, fresh tomatoes, celery, olives, ice cream with cookies, bread, butter, coffee and iced juice. For supper, the menu offered soup, roast pork, brown gravy, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, cabbage, buttered carrots and peas, sliced tomatoes, radishes, celery, olives, assorted fresh fruit, rolls, butter, coffee and iced juice.

THE WIESBADEN MESS manufactures its own ice cream, serves hot rolls and pastries daily, makes home-made corn beef and pickled tomatoes. (COURTESY AF TIMES)

Howgozit Board

November 22

	Tons	Utl.	Pct.
46th Gp.	1099.9		
1420th AT Gp.			
1263rd	342.5	6.2	89%
1273rd	306.0	5.5	79%
1256th	393.2	6.5	93%
1268th	325.5	5.8	83%
54th TC	356.2	6.6	96%
Totals	1723.4	6.1	87%
1422nd AT Gp.			
1255th	115.1	7.3	91%
1250th	77.3	3.8	48%
1251st	105.1	4.9	61%
1267th	90.1	4.6	58%
VR-6 Sq	133.9	5.1	61%
Totals	521.5	5.0	63%
61st TC Gp.			
17th AT	39.1	2.2	28%
53rd	58.9	2.9	36%
15th	116.9	7.6	95%
14th	96.2	5.3	66%
VR-8 Sq	209.7	6.3	79%
Totals	552.8	5.0	63%
317th TC Gp.			
22nd	79.0	4.0	50%
39th	99.9	5.2	65%
41st	58.9	3.0	38%
Totals	237.8	4.0	50%
Gr.Tot.	4140.5		

AF Briefs

IN THE SUMMER OF 1940, THE AIR SERVICE CONSISTED OF TWO OFFICERS, NINE E-5S, ONE AIRPLANE, ONE AIRSHIP AND THREE BALLOONS.

THE AIR FORCE PLANS TO RECALL 10,000 RESERVE AND AIR GUARD OFFICERS FOR SPECIALIST JOBS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

SIXTY-ONE PERCENT OF ALL NON-AIRLINE CIVILIAN FLYING LAST YEAR WAS DONE IN TWO PLACE PLANES OF 65 HP OR LESS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS APPROXIMATELY 6 BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF CIVILIAN AIRPORTS CLOSED 15 PERCENT OF THE TIME BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER.

FIRST AIRWAYS BEACONS IN THE UNITED STATES WERE MADE FROM AUTOMOBILES HEADLIGHTS MOUNTED IN SETS OF FOUR ON WOODEN POLES.

New Addresses For Lift Units At Fassberg

HO CALTE, NOV. 23 - ALL CORRESPONDENCE WHICH FORMERLY WAS ADDRESSED TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 7496TH AIR FORCE WING, AS COMMANDER OF U.S. ELEMENTS AT FASSBERG SHOULD BE ADDRESSED, UNTIL DEC. 1, 1948, TO COMMANDING OFFICER, 313TH TROOP CARRIER WING, FASSBERG RAF STATION, APO 751, U.S. ARMY. THE TWX ADDRESS IS CO, 313TH TROOP CARRIER WING, FASSBERG RAF STATION, GERMANY.

AS OF DEC. 1, THE ADDRESS WILL BE CHANGED TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, 313TH TROOP CARRIER WING, APO 147-A, U.S. ARMY.

THE 313TH WING WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR THE 7496TH WING, WHICH WAS DISCONTINUED NOV. 9.

Tonnage Chart Goes Over Top At Wiesbaden

WIESBADEN, NOV. 23 - THE HOURLY TONNAGE CHART FOR THE 317TH TC GROUP WAS REALLY BURSTING ITS SEAMS TODAY WHEN THE GRID LINES SHOWING THE TONNAGE HAULED REACHED A POINT EXCEEDING THE 475 TON MARK BY 176 TONS.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS FROM THE STAT CONTROL OFFICE THE 22ND TC SQ. HAULED 158 TONS IN 62 FLYING HOURS, THE 39TH HAULED 227 TONS IN 90 HOURS AND THE 41ST CARRIED 266 TONS IN 107 HOURS DURING THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT NOON TODAY.

THIS GIVES THE GROUP A TOTAL OF 651 TONS HAULED IN 261 FLYING HOURS, BEATING THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 576 TONS SET, OCT. 11, BY 75 TONS.

More Dope On Flying The 'Gages'

WASHINGTON. - Air Force has issued a new regulation covering all phases of instrument flying and examining criterion in AF Reg 60-4. It carries a number of innovations and should serve as a proper "bible" for the instrument training officer.

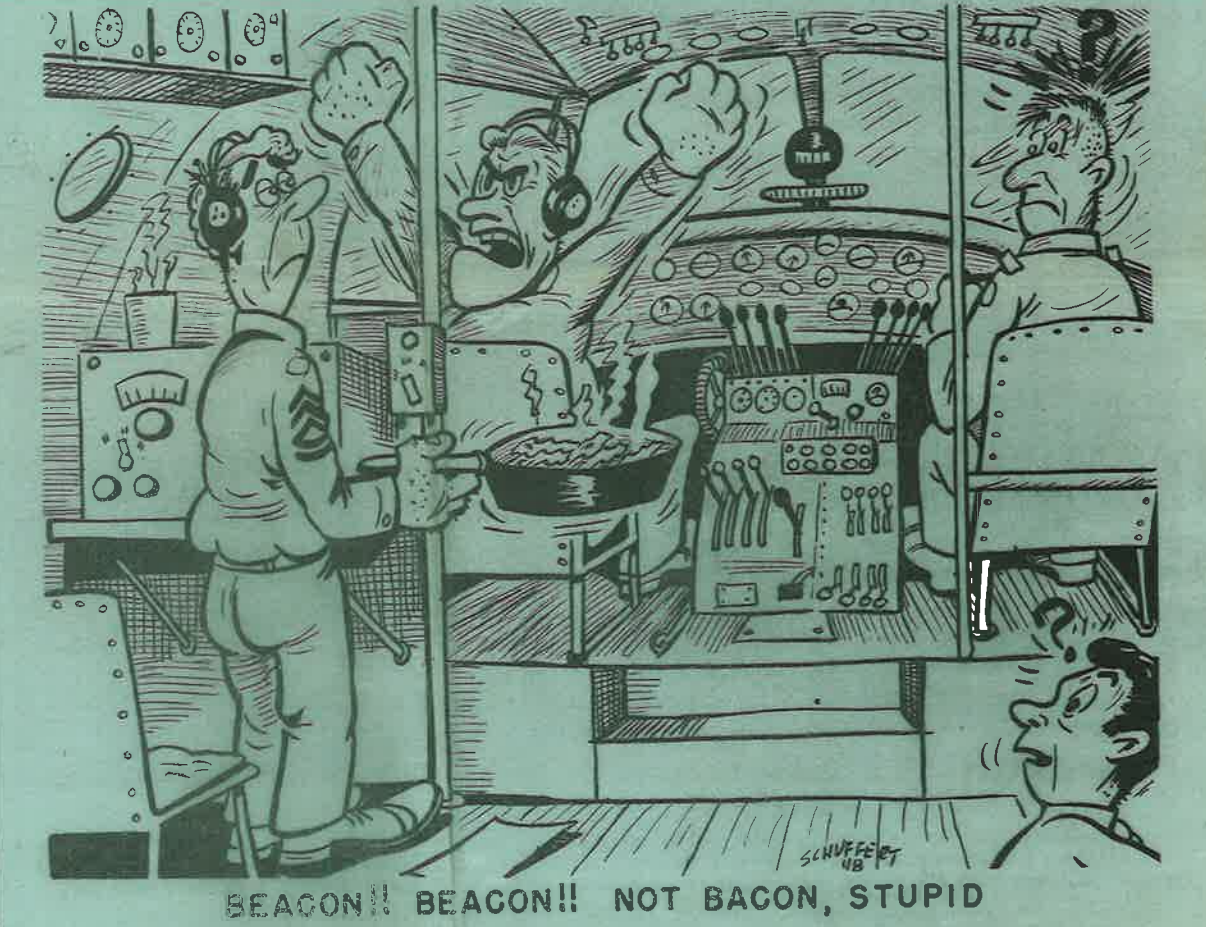
Base commanders are requested to select white card examiners from instrument school graduates, if possible, and not more than one for each 1/4 assigned pilots to be examined.

Green card examiners must possess green instrument cards, and should not exceed one examiner for each 20 assigned pilots holding green cards.

FLIGHT TESTS will be basically the same for white and green card holders, the white card carrying the following requirements according to 60-4.

"Successful completion of instrument flight test; successful written examination covering instrument flight procedures, rules, weather, and related subjects; 30 hours of first pilot time within the previous six months, under the hood or in instrument weather conditions; five GCA low approaches under the hood or in instrument weather during the previous six months; and, for pilots not previously holding an instrument certificate, three hours of weather instrument student time may be substituted."

The Air Force encourages instrument checks under weather instrument conditions, and for such a check, the full panel should be used at all times. (COURTESY AF TIMES)



WEATHER

WIESBADEN and R/M - Little change, low ceiling, visibility zero, Max. 28, Min. 23; TEMPELHOF and GATOW - Heavy fog, ceiling and visibility zero, Max. 33, Min. 28; FASSBERG - Clear,

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becoming foggy, Max. 40, Min. 30; MUNICH - Heavy fog, ceiling and visibility zero, Max. 30, Min. 25; BURTONWOOD - Fog, later scattered broken clouds, Max. 55, Min. 38. Wiesbaden weather Station

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1948

AACS Opens Fog & Smog Club To GCA Users

WIESBADEN, DEC. 1 - MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEWLY ORGANIZED AACS FOG AND SMOG CLUB IS OPEN TO VITTLERS PILOTS WHO IN FUTURE FIND IT NECESSARY TO USE GCA LANDING FACILITIES AT GCA MINIMUMS OR BELOW, 1807TH AACS WING AUTHORITIES ANNOUNCED TODAY. PILOTS WHO QUALIFY BY COMING IN ON GCA AT THE PRESCRIBED MINIMUMS WILL BE ISSUED OFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS IN THE FOG AND SMOGGERS FRATERNITY BY THE AACS CONTROLLER AT THE POINT OF LANDING. THESE CARDS WILL CARRY THE NAME OF THE PILOT, THE BASE, DATE, CEILING AND VISIBILITY AT THE TIME OF LANDING. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE CARDS TO BE ISSUED FOR PRACTICE GCA RUNS.

THE AACS CLUB WAS ORGANIZED BY THE 1807TH WING, HEADQUARTERED IN WIESBADEN, AND IS OPEN TO ALL QUALIFYING PILOTS FLYING WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE COMMAND, WHICH INCLUDES EUROPE, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

THE FOG AND SMOG CLUB, REMINDFUL OF THE FAMOUS CATERPILLAR CLUB, WAS FORMED TO PROVIDE A COMMON BOND AMONG PILOTS WHO HAVE BEEN FORCED TO COME IN BLIND, DEPENDING SOLELY ON THE SKILL OF GCA OPERATORS TO LAND THEM SAFELY.

WHEN A MEMBER OF THE FOG

6 B17s SLATED FOR WEATHER SQ AT WBSN

WIESBADEN, DEC. 1 - THE WEATHER SQUADRON HERE HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY ORGANIZED AND DESIGNATED AS THE 7169TH RECON.SQ., WITH THE DUTIES OF OBSERVING AND REPORTING WEATHER FOR OPERATION VITTLES, ACCORDING TO CAPT. JOHN H. SORENSON, OF RHINELAND, WISC., COMMANDER OF THE UNIT.

THE UNIT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED SIX B17s, TO ARRIVE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, TO REPLACE THE C47s NOW BEING USED TO OBSERVE WEATHER IN THE CORRIDORS. FLYING ABOVE THE REGULAR AIRLIFT TRAFFIC, THE WEATHER PLANES WILL FLY IN SIX HOUR

(See 6 B17, p. 2)

AND SMOG BROTHERHOOD HAS MADE A TOTAL OF FIVE GCA LANDINGS, ACCORDING TO CLUB RULES, HE WILL RECEIVE AN 8 X 12 CERTIFICATE, SUITABLE FOR FRAMING, CERTIFYING HE IS A "SENIOR FOG AND SMOGGER."

AACS OFFICERS SAID 200,000 GOOD LANDINGS HAD BEEN MADE WITH GCA SINCE THE SYSTEM WAS INAUGURATED IN THE U.S. WITHOUT THE LOSS OF ANY PLANE THROUGH GCA FAILURE.

THEY POINTED OUT FURTHER THAT 80 PER CENT OF THE FINAL CONTROLLERS AT FUCOM GCA INSTALLATIONS ARE EXPILOTS WHO ARE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEMS BOTH IN THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND.

Howgozit Board

November 30			
	Tons	Util.	Pct.
46th Gp.	72.8		
61st TC Gp.			
12th		.5	6%
14th		1.5	19%
15th		1.4	18%
53rd		2.4	30%
VR-8 Sq	10.4	1.9	24%
Totals	10.4	1.6	20%
513th TC Gp.			
330th		1.6	20%
331st		1.0	13%
332nd		2.1	26%
333rd		.7	9%
VR-6 Sq		1.2	15%
Totals		1.3	16%
317th TC Gp.			
39th		1.0	13%
40th		1.5	19%
41st		.4	5%
Totals		1.0	13%
313th TC Gp.			
10th			
11th			
29th			
47th			
48th			
Totals			
Gr. Tot.	83.2		

F'BERG NON-COM RECALLED AS LT.

FASSBERG, NOV. 30 - SGT. EARL CHU OF THE 513TH MAINT. SQ., FASSBERG, HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF HIS RECALL TO ACTIVE DUTY AS A SECOND LIEUTENANT, EFFECTIVE DEC. 30.

CHU, WHOSE HOME IS IN NASHVILLE, TENN., WILL REPORT TO KEESLER AFB, MISS., IN JANUARY.

HIS WIFE IS NOW LIVING IN ALBERTSVILLE, ALA.

Three-Month Figures Show 84% Of Airlift Target Met Despite Bad Weather

HQ CALT, DEC. 1 - DESPITE THE PREVALENCE OF FOG THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER, PLANES OF THE COMBINED AIRLIFT TASK FORCE DELIVERED A TONNAGE ONLY 16.5 PER CENT BELOW THE TARGET SET BY GEN. LUCIUS D. CLAY, EIGHTH COM-MANDER, AIRLIFT FIGURES REVEALED TODAY.

FIGHTING THE WORST WEATHER EXPERIENCED SINCE OPERATION VITTLES BEGAN, U.S. AND BRITISH AIRCRAFT FLEW 112,760.8 TONS OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES INTO TEMPELHOF, GATOW AND TEGEL IN 13,360 SORTIES.

REVIEWING COMBINED OPERATIONS FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS, MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM H. TUNNER, CALT COMMANDER, POINTED OUT THAT 139,555.5 TONS WERE DELIVERED IN SEPTEMBER, OR 18.3 PER CENT OVER MONTHLY REQUIREMENTS, AND 146,574.4 TONS IN OCTOBER - 11.2 PER CENT OVER THE TOTAL REQUIRED.

THE AVERAGE DAILY TONNAGE FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS WAS 4,383.5 TONS - 116.5 TONS SHORT OF THE 4,500 MARK SET BY GEN. CLAY AS THE AIRLIFT TARGET. DURING MANY 24-HOUR PERIODS THIS TARGET DATE WAS FAR EXCEEDED, HOWEVER, WITH LIFT PLANES TOPPING THE 6,000-TON MARK TWICE. THE ALL-TIME RECORD WAS SET ON AIR FORCE DAY, SEPT. 18, WHEN 6,988 TONS WERE HAULED INTO BERLIN IN 896 FLIGHTS. SECOND HIGHEST DELIVERY WAS MADE NOV. 25, WHEN 6,116 TONS WERE LIFTED IN 716 TRIPS.

TODAY, DEC. 1, AS FOG SHROUDED ALL AIRLIFT BASES IN BOTH U.S. AND BRITISH ZONES, OPERATIONS WERE VIRTUALLY AT A STANDSTILL. DURING THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT 1200 HOURS ONLY 54 FLIGHTS WERE MADE FOR A TOTAL DELIVERY OF 465.2 TONS.

THE AMERICANS, CLAY ADMITTED, WERE SURPRISED AT THE POTENTIALITIES OF THE AIR FORCE.

SUPPLY LINE-FROM GROUND TO AIR



TS TEN-TONNER of the 76th Truck Co. at Rhein Main is just one link in an endless chain of huge army trucks being used to keep supplies flowing into airlift terminals.

Control Scheme To Cut Down Ground Time

RHEIN MAIN, DEC. 1 - PRECISION OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF VITTLES AIRCRAFT OF THE 61ST TC GP HERE IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY THE USE OF A CONTROL CENTER. THE BRAINCHILD OF LT. COL. RICHARD W. DAVANIA, OF PADUCAH, KY., 61ST COMMANDER, THE CENTER IS ALREADY IN OPERATION ALTHOUGH STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

UNDER THE NEW METHOD, AIRCRAFT AND GROUND CREW TIME IS SCHEDULED TO INSURE THAT NO PLANE SPENDS MORE THAN 40 MINUTES GROUND TIME BEFORE TAKE-OFF. ALL ACTIONS OF THE PLANE AND CREW ON THE GROUND ARE CONTROLLED AND DIRECTED BY THE CONTROLLER THROUGH THE USE OF TWO-WAY RADIO AND INTERCOM SYSTEMS.

THE CONTROLLER HAS BEFORE HIM AT ALL TIMES TWO STATUS BOARDS, ONE SHOWING THE AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT OF EACH SQ.

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R/M Radio Hams Relay Messages For Buddies

PHENIX MAIN AFB, DEC. 1 - TWO VITLES AIRMEN OF THE 12TH TC Sq. (FORMERLY 17TH AT Sq.), 61ST TC GP., HERE, ARE KEEPING THE AIRWAVES CRACKLING WITH HAM RADIO MESSAGES.

THE TEAM OF RADIO FANS, T/SGT. JOSEPH H. DUSHNESS, OF TACOMA, WASH., AND CP. WILLIAM J. FULMER, OF SAN ANTONIO, TEX., SPEND MOST OF THEIR OFF-DUTY TIME HOLDING CONFRABS WITH HAM OPERATORS IN THE U.S. AND OTHER AMATEURS IN THE EC.

WITH THE CALL SIGNS OF O44IN AND O44IM, RESPECTIVELY, DUSHNESS AND FULMER OBLIGE THEIR SQUADRON MATES BY TRANSMITTING REQUEST MESSAGES TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN THE STATES BY INTERNATIONAL CODE. LATER, THE OPERATORS HOPE TO STEP UP THEIR TRANSMITTING POWER AND ESTABLISH VOICE CONTACT WITH THE U.S.

THE TWO MEN RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A HAM- FEST SESSION AT GARMISCH, WHERE THEY MET AND DISCUSSED EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURE WITH OTHER AMATEUR OPEPAT-ORS FROM VARIOUS POINTS IN THE EC.

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SHIFTS THROUGHOUT THE CORRIDORS, REPORTING WEATHER FROM PREDETERMINED POINTS EVERY 20 MINUTES TO THE CENTRAL CONTROL STATION.

CONTINUOUS 24-HOUR OBSERVATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT, WITH EACH PLANE FLYING IN A SIX HOUR SHIFT. THE FIRST FLIGHT, AT 0800, WILL CARRY A QUALIFIED WEATHER OBSERVER TO COORDINATE THE PREDICTED AND EXPECTED WEATHER WITH THE ACTUAL ON-THE-SPOT-OBSERVATIONS. THE REMAINDER OF THE FLIGHTS WILL BE RE-

HOW MUCH IS 2 TONS?

HO CALTF, DEC. 1 - EMPLOYING A UNIQUE METHOD FOR COUNTING THE "LONG GREEN", THE 61ST TROOP CARRIER GROUP AT RHEIN MAIN RECENTLY FLEW OVER TWO TONS OF CURRENCY INTO BERLIN.

PROTECTED BY FOUR SECURITY GUARDS, THE 61ST HAULED TWO-AND-ONE-TENTH TONS OF PAPER MONEY TO BERLIN, IT WAS LEARNED FROM STATISTICAL CONTROL OFFICE YESTERDAY.

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AND THE OTHER SHOWING STEP BY STEP POSITION OF THE AIRCRAFT FROM THE TIME ITS MANNING ORDER IS GIVEN, THROUGH ENGINE STARTING, TAXIING, AND ON TO TAKE-OFF.

EACH CREW WAITS IN THE SQUADRON OPERATIONS OFFICE UNTIL THE CONTROLLER GIVES THE SIGNAL TO VAN THE PLANE, THEN GOES IMMEDIATELY TO THE PLANE. ON ARRIVING AT THE PLANE, THE CREW THEN AWAITS THE CONTROLLER'S SIGNAL BEFORE STARTING ENGINES OR TAXIING.

THE RESULTS OF THE SYSTEM ARE ALREADY BEING NOTICED. SINCE THE SYSTEM BEGAN, THE DIST HAS NEVER HAD MORE THAN THREE PLANES WAITING ON THE TAXI STRIP TO TAKE OFF. THE NEW PLAN ALSO ALLOWS MORE TIME FOR MAINTENANCE, AND GIVES MORE REST TIME.

THE CENTER IS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF MAJ. W. B. COLSON, OF CONNEAUT, OHIO, AND LT. COMDR. ODDIE MALONE, OF LUCEDALE, MISS.

PORTED BY THE PILOT OF THE WEATHER PLANE.

THE UNIT WILL MAINTAIN ITS OWN PLANES, FURNISHING ITS OWN MAINTENANCE, AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPLY. ANY MAINTENANCE PROBLEM TOO GREAT FOR THE FACILITIES HERE WILL BE SENT TO UBIE.

REPORTS RADICED TO THE CONTROL UNIT WILL BE SENT

KEEPING THE TRUCKS ROLLING



AT GATON AIRFIELD Lt. Col. Rupert Crowdy Crowdy, RASC, head of the British Forward Air Supply, indicates the route trucks will take after being loaded with coal from C54 Slynasters. Getting the poop is Capt. W.R.A. Bateman, senior airstrip officer.

AIR FORCE OFFICERS RECALLED

WASHINGTON - THE USAF HAS QUIETLY ADDED SOME 5,000 COMMISSIONED OFFICERS TO ITS ACTIVE ROSTER THROUGH RECALL TO ACTIVE DUTY OF AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE OFFICERS DURING THE PAST FIVE MONTHS - JULY TO NOVEMBER. THE RECALL HAS AS QUIETLY WIPED OUT 6,502 POSITION VACANCIES FOR TEMPORARY PROMOTIONS.

ADDITIONAL CUTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY PAY PURPOSE PROMOTIONS OF LIEUTENANTS AND CAPTAINS SERVING IN THOSE GRADES TO PERMANENT GRADES HIGHER THAN THOSE IN WHICH SERVING.

PROMISED BY THE USAF ARE 5,500 TEMPORARY PROMOTIONS BEFORE JAN. 31, 1949.

