



MISSILE-ANEA



From The Fabulous 579th

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

This is the first of what might turn out to be an interesting series, especially if I find out what I am doing. The title was plagiarized, half from a safety magazine and half from Maj. Redmond Evans (otherwise known as Tiger Leader).

I noticed in the past it has been apropos to mention the units supporting us, especially those that give outstanding service. The 24th Bomb Squadron mentioned, a couple of weeks ago in the Strategian, their cooks went so far as to charcoal broil the steaks. Now, I would like to mention the foil pack kitchen.

How SSgt. Marvin Bell and his airmen can prepare such superb cuisine with his nominal budget is simply amazing. A typical fare, for dinner neopolitan, which is Capt. Patrick O'Rielly's favorite includes spaghetti con salsa di carne, insalata mista, fagiolini saute, torta di pesca, latte and coffee.

The care with which Sergeant Bell blends his flaming sauces deserves extra praise (although they are somewhat difficult to transport after ignition). Sergeant Bell, after you have read this, don't forget to put extra goodies in crew R-34's foil pack.

Maj. Horace Codling cut short his Colorado vacation because some New Jersey mosquitoes

were refueling in the area while on a cross country flight.

Lt. Col. Alwin Traylor just got the word the squadron participation in the JFK Memorial Library is 100 percent and the passing rate for the squadron in SBX is 98.2 percent. How's them apples, fellow units? I guess we're doing what comes naturally.

Col. Robert Milner's support of the squadron softball team is the key factor in our won 11, lost three, record. Players on alert are now relieved long enough to play. We knew we had what it took to win; the problem was getting it there.

Out of Maj. Robert Adams shop comes good news. The Recurring Operational Readiness Training Program was completed on schedule. Capt. Kenneth Chang's crew was selected to attend a First Team briefing at SAC Headquarters in Omaha. The selection was based on all around crew performance and standboard grades. In addition to Captain Chang, his deputy, Lt. James Latimer and Ballistic Missile Analyst Technician SSgt. Milin Dedek will attend. This is a distinct honor for Captain Chang and his crew.

Strange sounds are coming from deep in a missile silo. What could it be? It's Lieutenants Robert Pittman, Gene Lamb and Pete Cummings on uke, banjo and guitar, respectively. Come one, come all. See them perform at the Roswell Municipal Stadium, Saturday night as part of the "really big shew" for Walker Appreciation Days celebration. Hear folk songs sung as only three deputy missile combat crew commanders can sing them.

At the squadron party last Saturday, Colonel Milner announced in all 50 areas of the recent facilities inspection conducted by Fifteenth Air Force, the squadron was rated excellent with one exception--deep within the well at site 10, which was satisfactory. (Those folk singers will just have to practice elsewhere.) I might add this is another one of those things that requires 100 percent cooperation. Anyone care to discuss esprit de corps?

Why wouldn't Maj. Jack Lenox, the safety officer, do the twist. Does he know something we don't?

To borrow a phrase, "That's all for now, folks."



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Congratulations to MSgt. and Mrs. Irving Keniston who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary this past weekend. Marion, when Irving mentioned this, he had the expression of one who had just been married. Yours must be an especially happy marriage.

MSgt. Bill Heron was selected squadron NCO of the half-year and will compete with other non-commissioned officers for wing NCO of the half-year. Letters of commendation were received by A2C William Rielly and A1C Glenn Wegworth from Squadron Commander Col. Robert Milner. Airmen Rielly and Wegworth were commended for prompt trouble shooting in avoiding a malfunction at site six.

Mrs. Fred Pape, wife of Major Pape, called long distance and said send more money. This only bears out what Montaigne said, "The things that are most dear to us cost us most."

Maj. Marcus Bowerman, "A" sector commander, notes that Maj. Nicolas Smeloff is leaving for Lincoln, Nebr., as a crew commander. Major Smeloff's crew will be headed by Maj. Dan Gilbert. Maj. Vincent Ford will assume the additional responsibility of senior crew commander at site 12 with the departure of Major Smeloff. SSgt. Ken Neubaur has been selected

from "A" sector to compete for NCO of the month.

Congratulations to all the good guys who made regular this past go around. Augmentees include Lieutenants Jack Smith, Robert Pittman, Wayne Smart, Jerry Figgins, Chester Lowe and yours truly.

Site 11 was accepted from General Dynamic/Astronautics last week. This is the final acceptance from GD/A and wraps up Project Red Heat a full six months ahead of schedule. In closing this project, I'd like to say gooby to as fine and conscientious a group as I've had the pleasure to meet. It was really something to watch—the competition between the shifts as to which could get the most done and the booing a shift received if it did not complete a checklist on schedule. The project was intended to increase the weapon system reliability and I'm sure we have all noticed it has done just that.

Thanks, Jackie Taylor, for your spirit in competition for Queen of Appreciation Days. We all regret you didn't take first but you are still our Queen. Jackie is TSgt. Robert Taylor's other half.

New in the wind is a squadron crew of the month. The selection will be competitive and winners will receive a three day pass, lighters and a press release to their home town newspapers. A totem pole will be placed in a prominent location with the crew of the month occupying top position. It goes without saying, of course, that R-34 will be on top.

Lt. Col. Alwyn Tryalor proudly announced a 96 percent participation in the bond drive by the operations section staff.

In regard to our new Dash One and operating procedures I thought the following suitable for quote of the week, "Better know nothing than half know many things," Nietzsche.

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Having ridden my trusty steed Rozinante, thither and yon, I bring you tidings from all corners. In the Saludos Amigos golf tournament held at the Walker course, Maj. Marcus Bowerman took first honors. Major Bowerman and Major Laron Andrus' team ended 12 strokes ahead of Rowan Mar- rion and Don Guileppi of Ros-

well. Lt. Col. Bert McDowell, formerly of the 579th, got a hole in one on the eighth green with a super-duper whizz-bang 215-yard drive.

Maj. Robert Goon proudly announces the selection of crew R-54 as crew of the month. Crew R-54 is manned by Capt. James Pierce, 1st Lt. Gene Lamb, A1C Terrence Doyle, SSgt. Donald Hajek and A2C Joseph Bottjer. Second and third place honors go to crews R-10 headed by Capt. Calvin Kaup-pila, and R-60 headed by Maj. Vincent Ford, respectively.

The competition was tough but SSgt. William McQuiston came in first for the title of squadron maintenance man of the month.

The squadron softball team rolls on to victory. In the make-up game against the 24th Bomb Sq., after three innings and behind 4-0, A1C Al Dwojeski drove in three runs. Al was followed by SSgt. Tony Strovas who hit a homer. Then A2C Charles Kipp tagged one for the boon-docks. When Charlie was up again he drove in two more runs. The game ended with a 7-4 trounce. So far this sea- son, we have won 14 and lost three.

Speaking of topless bathing suits, crew R-34 must remain noncommittal on such a deli- cate subject. But we're thinking. That's all for now, folks.

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RETRACTION

Lt. Col. Bert McDowell but-tonholed me at wing headquar-ters last week in regard to the article in which I men-tioned his hole-in-one. I would like to retract that statement. It was a sloppy 10 yard drive that went into the alert facil-ity. The ball was subsequently hit by a power mower which ricocheted the ball of the hel-met of a passing scooterist into the cup on the eighth green. Also, Colonel McDowell tied Maj. Marcus Bowerman for low in the tournament.

SPECIAL REPORT

BY HUNTLY AND BUNTLY

Chet: "Maj. Laron Andrus re-ports Capt. Robert Warren and his crew performed their first alert tour last week at site eight. Major Andrus ad-vises that things are looking up insofar as more time off is concerned for the missile crews, David."

David: "Chet."

Chet: "Liquid nitrogen propel-lant loading exercises (PLXs) will be performed fast and furious during the coming week. Captains George Wea-ver, Ronald Stith, Andres Cuellar, James Polk and Robert Warren and Maj. Ar-thur Korbet and their res-pective crews will perform the PLXs. David."

David: "Chet."

Chet: "MSgt. Donald Fonzi gummed the good news, in the back room of the site maintenance of ice, that pro-ject Brite Lite, the super cleaning of the silos, will end on schedule with the comple-tion of site seven, which is now in progress. David."

David: "Chet."

Chet: "Capt. James Pierce, Lieutenants Nelson Ruby and Carrol Hopkins are scheduled for the September class of squadron officers' school at Maxwell AFB, Ala. Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor advises their predecessor, 1st Lt. Frank Brasington, set a formidable example in that he was award-ed the plaque of Right of Line for meritorious perfor-mance. David."

David: "Chet."

Chet: "Colonel Traylor and Major Andrus inspected site 10, the standardization site, this past week and their con-certed opinions were that site 10 has the best appearance of any within the squadron. Also mentioned was that this is the result of all the assigned crews working in consonance. That means if you're going to vibrate, the least you can do is be in tune. The crews as-signed to site 10 include Maj. Karl Leche and Capt. William MacArthur. David."

David: "Chet."

Chet: "Good night, David."

David: "Chet."



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I mean, like man, I've got news! In the first game of the playoffs, the squadron softball team gave it a bloody go and stomped the Armament and Electronics Squadron, 17 to 6. Maj. Horace "31 Knots" Codling tagged one for a grand slam. SSgt. James Springer and A1C Al Dwojeski hit homers and much to the frustration of the 6th A&E, A1C Richard Ciampi drove in two runs.

The third baseman, A1C Al Dwojeski, was yelling, "You're blinding me", as the flash bulbs went off; Col. Robert Milner, squadron commander, countered with, "I want pictures", with all the exuberance of a ball club owner who had just won the world series. If we play half as well in the rest of the playoffs, we've got the Base Championship for two in a row.

By publishing time, we should have reached or exceeded 100 percent in the Air Force Aid Society Drive. Capt. James Polk and his crew were certified today by the wing commander and after a nice long break of 12 hours will go on alert tomorrow at Site 10.

In other units, it might suffice to say the barracks passed its most recent inspection but not in the 579th. The barracks was clean and I mean antiseptically clean--more like sterile. Another task performed outstandingly.

Wives, do you sometimes feel husband isn't bringing home the straight poop on squadron social events? Listen to "Calling Walker Wives" on your noise box. He may "forget" the notices,

but he can't jam the airways. Did you get the word that this Friday and every Friday thereafter between 6:30 and 9:30 p.m., an informal get-together will be held at the Officers' Open Mess? Wives and dates are invited. Also a champagne breakfast will be held the last Sunday of this month.

Many a naval plopped to the floor but Operations passed the SBX testing with 100 percent. The squadron, so far, has 98 percent passing for the quarter.

Do we have an active "Big R" program? Absolutely! During July, the squadron submitted 126 Big R suggestions. The closest unit to us submitted 30. However, in all fairness it must be said their acceptance rate was higher although we beat them in gross and number accepted.

Maj. Richard Coffin announced the results of the Pad Chief of the Month Competition. Win, place and show go to TSgt. Robert Demers, 96.3 percent; SSgt. William Rancour, 95.2 percent, and TSgt. Norman Yates, 94.1 percent, respectively. As you can see by the scores, it was a photo finish. Sergeant Demers received a letter of commendation and a three-day-pass. Maj. Redmond "Tiger Leader" Evans was asked if he had anything to say and he didn't. I'm concerned about him.

Flash! Mondays between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., at the Officers' Open Mess, 10 cent beer for the 6th Air Refueling Squadron and the 579th. Other units will be scheduled later in the week. Standby for an announcement concerning the 579th picnic; be sure to keep the 29th of August open.

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The squadron Toulous Lautrec (1st Lt. Carroll Hopkins) tied for first place in the base oil painting contest. His painting "Green Horse Eating Strawberries In A London Fog", has been forwarded to represent the 6th Strategic Aerospace Wing in the Fifteenth Air Force Competition.

Bad day at Black Rock! After a fifth inning 5-0 lead against the Combat Defense Sq., in the softball playoffs the game was called, of all things, due to rain. In the make up game after a sixth inning lead of 3-2, something happened. Whatever it was it jolted us into a 9-3 loss. With much weeping, wailing and pounding of breasts (see Playboy's Miss August) we set aside our ball beaters and sip our raspberry flavored hemlock while CDS and all those Mr. Fixits from Civil Engineering hurl invectives and do battle.

In the war of the hoses the Base Motor Pool, as of late, has been providing us sparkling station wagons. Nothing like going first class.

A SAC safety team visited us last week and inspected seven complexes. Their inspection, which included interrogation of crews, revealed the 579th was the best inspected so far and all other Atlas F units will have to meet our standards. The worst thing we could do now is get complacent--like the sign sez, "Safety everywhere all the time".

While on the subject of safety, MSgt. G.C. Snow advises that safety belts are available at the BX service station for a nominal fee and if you give him a call he will arrange to have them installed for an even more nominal fee. A safety belt is no guarantee, but it is a heck of a lot of insurance.

Capt. Armstrong Lyon's crew was selected SAC missile crew of the month for June according to Maj. Robert Goon, "C" sector commander. In addition to a certificate of merit from the CINC, letters of commendation were forwarded from Col. Robert V. DeShazo, chief of staff 15AF, and Col. Floyd H. Haywood Jr., wing commander.

Do you know who am Voting Officer? Maj. James Morris am. My personal opinion, which usually is worth less than a pfennig, is that anyone eligible who fails to vote in an election of such importance as the presidential or even local for that matter, does a disservice to his country, family and fellow man.

Countdown in progress? The squadron picnic will be held Saturday at the Community Center. Gastronomics include barbecued beef and ham, salad, beans, soft drinks and beer for a pittance. (A pittance is defined

as 50 cents for airmen, one buck for non-commissioned officers and 2 for the other kind.) See you there and don't forget the kids.

A star of last week's Shrine Circus at Fair Park was Col. Alphonso Chalifoux, formerly 579th Strategic Missile Sq., commander who submitted to a head massaging by an "escaped ape".

Captains Calvin Kaupila and Henry Hemeyer are calling for participants for the Officers' mixed doubles. This is an intra-squadron bowling tournament which should not only be relaxing and fun but will give you the opportunity to meet people who so far may be just names. So, if you have three fingers on one hand, giv'em a call. The first ball to roll down the gutter is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 7.

The ominous shadow of stand-board is beginning to obscure my vision. To those of you who have not had the opportunity of having your brain picked until it feels like steam cleaned lettuce--be thankful. Somehow they manage to get you into a situation requiring the finesse of a brain surgeon, coordination of an octopus and the memory of a herd of elephants in a task requiring lebendy-leben steps to be performed simultaneously. Whoever said it only hurts for a little while has much scar tissue.

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Don't know how you could possibly have missed getting the word. but if you didn't, there is going to be a 579th extravaganza this Sunday at the Officers' Open Mess. A champagne breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m., complete with buffet and aqua show. Don't miss what promises to be one of the best social events this base has seen in many moons.

"I wish the ORI would hit so we could get it over with," has been the watchword in the squadron for some time. When the SAC Operational Inspection Team finally arrived so did apprehensions of some moldy skelton falling out of a closet inadvertently uncleared. It was proven again that the apprehension was unfounded. Combat crew testing in positive control, safety emergency procedures, launch and execution procedures and interrogations lasting up to seven hours resulted in an excellent rating. In general, all sites, operations and maintenance were rated high on the satisfactory end of the spectrum. Job control, scheduling, maintenance training control and others too numerous to mention were rated excellent.

In the current testing series, the 579th is the first Atlas F unit to pass an ORI; if that doesn't show our worth to the head shed how about the fact that the 579th is the only Atlas unit to pass two consecutive ORIs and have crews rated as excellent.

We at the 579th assume our sister units here at Walker have done equally as well, if not better, in keeping the 6th Strategic Aerospace Wing tops in SAC and kudos to them.

So the story goes, there is always 10 percent who don't get the word and if you are in the group the new first sergeant is MSgt. Paul J. Rondeau an Italia immigrant who found happiness in missiles.

I found out the other day why some of what I turn in doesn't end in print. Part of it is due to postal regulations against such things as my interview of Sophia Loren last week. Ac-

tually, the size of the paper is determined by the amount of advertising sold. The advertising is handled by Damon Publishers who are solely responsible for the financial aspect of the Strategian. When the advertising doesn't come through, the paper quite naturally is reduced by cutting articles. Another thing, which you may have noticed, is the paper must be made up in multiples of four, i.e., 8, 12, 16. So, by breaking news, which is held between 50-65 percent, the size of the Strategian is determined. The aim of the game, or reason for mentioning this, is to justify requesting you to mention the Strategian and say thanks for making our paper possible to our advertisers the next time you're to their establishments. It is a small thing we can all do to help. I'd ask you to boycott all stores that don't advertise in the Strategian and I know you would do it but I'm afraid of an assignment to Boondocks AFB.

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Wearing a garlic bud around the neck may ward off a cold but most probably will drop one's personality rating a dozen decibels. However, there are omens that may not only force a second glance but also a thought of Ripley's Believe-it-or-not.

Capt. Calvin Kauppila turned in the 6th Strategic Aerospace Wing's 579th Big R suggestion for the month of August. The suggestion for an emergency/tactical countdown tool kit was given routine processing and just may have acquired the lucky control number with the combinations of 5, 7 and 9 for a win. The captain has submitted six other Big R suggestions all of which are in the mill for consideration.

Now that the Operational

Readiness Inspection is over we can relax! Ha, big joke. First of all, the discrepancies must be cleared. Concurrently we must gin up for the 3901st Strategic Missile Evaluation Squadron's semi-annual visit. Among the impartial inspectors will be Capt. Cecil R. Townsend, former 579th Standardization crew commander. The 3901st will evaluate between the 8th and 18th of September and according to Maj. Fred Pape, chief of standboard, they will evaluate the maximum number of crews in the time allotted. To me this means there ain't no rock big enough to hide under.

The champagne breakfast will have become legend by time this is in print. To those of you who saw my canvas on building S-85, how about that? Actually, Maj. Laron (Gauguin) Andrus and Company painted it and my only claim to fame is assisting TSgt. Robert Taylor in esthetically placing the original.

Officers, beer call on Mondays. Let us not forget those immortal words of who ever it was who said something about beer and comradeship. Speaking of beer, I would like to mention "free beer" on Saturdays. To who ever cut it out the next time you have an important mission: may you almost be late and then find you have forgotten your line badge, if you are in missiles may your launch control air conditioning go out, and if you are in neither, may your briefing charts be all wrong if you have to brief some VIPs.

To those of you who have lawns to maintain please profit from my experience. I placed 240 pounds of 16-20 fertilizer on my lawn and watered it like mad. Now, the grass makes so much noise growing I can't sleep nights.

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SSgt. and Mrs. James Prather Jr., recalled the sound of wedding bells of 25 years ago last week. Congratulations to James and Margret on their silver wedding anniversary.

A2C and Mrs. Robert Baker recently became the proud parents of a daughter - Kimberly. Bob can also walk a little taller because he is a member of Crew R-12, the current crew of the month.

While on the subject of crew of the month, a noteworthy item is the surprising development that that top six crews were contained in a 10-point spread and two of the top three this month were in the top three last month. Win, place and show go to Captains Herbert Laird, crew R-12; Calvin Kaupila, crew R-10 and James Pierce, crew R-54, respectively.

Capt. David Dondero proudly announced the marriage of his deputy, 1st Lt. David Jenkins to Capt. Mary Ann Sones. As Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor described it, "we have not lost a deputy but have gained a nurse".

The recent operational readiness inspection conducted by SAC Headquarters rated Maj. Vincent Ford and his crew as excellent. Major Ford and his crew deserve much kudos for this achievement since ratings of this caliber from SAC are about as rare as a three headed mongoose.

The squadron Arnold Palmer (1st Lt. Robert Pittman) won the flight B golf tournament in typical Palmer fashion at the base golf course with a win by one stroke. Looks like all that putting practice at the bottom of the silo paid off.

MSgt. Donald Fonzi gave the word that TSgt. Donald Henselin has been selected pad chief of the month which gives two consecutive wins to "B" Sector. Sergeant Henselin will be pre-

sented the hero award of first magnitude with clusters of crossed palms, leaves, branches and twigs. Seriously, congratulations, Don.

Project Brite Lite, the super cleaning project of the silos, was completed recently and the squadron expresses its thanks to all those recruited from the base who worked unceasingly toward completion of the project.

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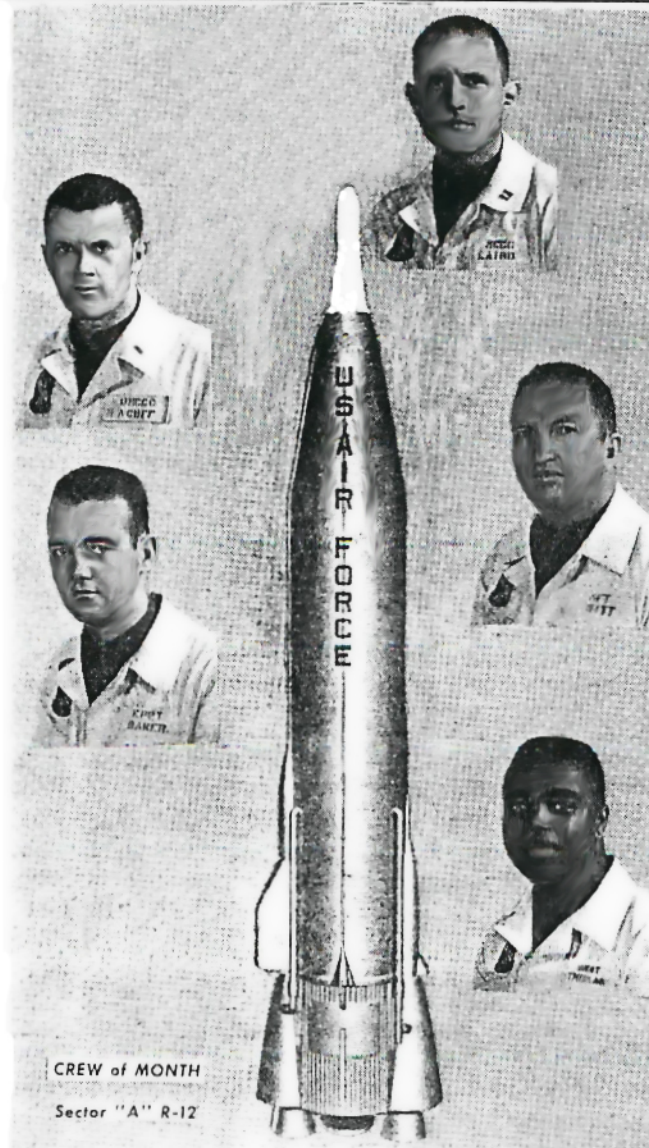
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MISSILE CREW OF THE MONTH--"A" Sector's crew R-12 has been selected as crew of the month from the 579th Strategic Missile Sq. Clockwise around the missile from the bottom left are A2C Robert Baker, 1st Lt. Mack Acuff, deputy crew commander; SSgt. Wayne Witt and A2C Ted Thomas. Crews are selected for the honor on their professionalism and systems knowledge and are rated by tests.



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Some people collect stamps, others collect butterflies. We at the 579th collect laurels but not without earning them.

The results of the 3901st Strategic Missile Evaluation Squadron's semi-annual inspection are in. The final report states in part that 100 percent of the crews tested pass the emergency procedure test." In addition, crew appearance was rated outstanding and crew tech data was excellent. The report contains such descriptive phrases as "a real fine outfit, highly motivated personnel and everpresent 'esprit de corps."

Special recognition goes to crew R-29, manned by Capt. Charles Haney, missile combat crew commander, 1st Lt. Jerry Nelson, deputy missile combat crew commander, SSgt. Clarence Stockton, ballistic missile analyst technician, AIC Burtis Turner, missile facilities technician, and AIC Fred-eric Rice, electrical power production technician. All crew

members of R-29 received highly qualified ratings in each of the four phases of the 3901st evaluation. To those of you unfamiliar with the SAC combat crew rating system, highly qualified is the highest rating possible in this type of testing.

In addition to crew testing, the missile sites and supporting organizations were evaluated. The sites were rates as on par with other units and the base motor pool which provides and maintains our vehicles, the base laundry and the foil pack kitchen of food services were commended, as was the base, for their support of the 579th.

An informal gathering was held at the Officers' Open Mess for the 3901st prior to their departure to their home station, Vandenberg AFB, Calif. Present were Maj. J.F. Dick, acting team chief, Maj. R.B. Parker, Capt. J.S. Simpson and former 579th Standardization Board Crew Commander Capt. C.R. Townsend.

Maj. John Crowe, training control officer, reports "A" Sector, headed by Maj. Marcus Bowerman, has achieved a 100 percent participation in the savings bond drive. This entailed the full cooperation of 13 crews. Congrats to A Sector.

Maj. Laron Andrus, announced the Boleros have won six and lost naught in the intra-squadron bowling tournament. The team consists of Capt. and Mrs. Robert Vinsant, 1st Lt. Howard Jones, Mrs. Evelyn Bergelin, and the big marble shooter himself, Major Andrus.

Major Bowerman claims to have received the straight poop from the troops at site 11 that they are going to have the best site in the squadron. We at site 10 have only one thing to say, "oh, yeah". That ought to be good for a few notes in the crew box. Incidentally, I accept no packages that tick.

Anyone wondering what all that construction is about in the Missile Assembly and Maintenance Building? Anyone wondering who that intellectual giant, man of the world, with blueprints under his arm is monitoring the activity? Why it's our own 1st Lt. Marv Lillie, bird-doggin the room construction for his T-601 Missile Procedures Trainer. The trainer, when operational, will simulate an Atlas F complex and missile and will be current on the latest missile and silo modifications.

Five BX—that physical test of tests has been passed for the

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Major Gay Discovers 5BX Minus Flightline Badge 'Ain't' Healthy

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Maj. Terrell Gay had an unusual experience while performing his 5BX pretest at the Missile Assembly and Maintenance Building (MAMS). During the last phase of the test he was required to run around the building a predetermined number of laps. He got about half way around the building, on his first lap, when he found himself the subject of a Seven Hi. A member of a cryogenics servicing team noticed the sweat shirt-clad Mercury did not have a restricted area badge showing. As he puffed by, double strangle holds were applied to his arms. Major Gay tried to explain his badge was in the building with his uniform but was countered each time, with "you ain't got no badge". Fortunately the Combat Defense Squadron security team arrived before his arms turned blue much above the elbows.

To those of you who have heard rumors of an accident at one of the sites, I can now give you the straight dope on the previously Top Secret Burn Be-

fore Reading Report. The whole incident transpired at site six and was directly attributed to negligence on the part of a crew member who is now the subject of investigation under human reliability. The astronomical loss of personal funds to compensate for the equipment destruction is being borne by Capt. Patrick O'Reilly. What was it? It was Captain O'Reilly's 69 cent teapot which was left on the stove unattended. Upon discovering his teapot no longer had a bottom he declared himself out of commission and even now becomes morose at the mention of his loss.

Hellos were said to Lieutenants Barry Tietler and Richard Johnsten who recently returned from Squadron Officer's School at Montgomery, Ala. Welcome back to the force!

Maj. Marcus Bowerman, "A" Sector commander, announced site 12 was selected best in the squadron by Col. Robert Milner, squadron commander. There were rumbles from the corner, something about Queen For A Day, I didn't quite catch it all. Maj. Laron Andrus, "B" Sector commander, divulged the Boleros are headed for a shut out in the intrasquadron bowling tournament with a 12 won, zero lost record.

TSgt. Donald Fonzi, site maintenance officer, spread the good word that TSgt. Robert Demers, pad chief at site nine, has been selected maintenance man of the month.

After the ballots were counted a surprise landslide was discovered that put Colonel Milner and Maj. Robert Adams on the Officers' Open Mess board of governors. I believe this is another first for us. Major Adams, training officer, will attend the SAC training conference to be held at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., beginning this week. Major Adams will represent all Atlas F units.

In regards to the 40th BS search for 13 AAA flying boots. We didn't know pilots had such big feet. I wonder if their head size is commensurate?

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In passing Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor's office, I noticed a bulletin on the bulletin board (a place for everything and everything in its place). Item one stated, "All officers (instead of offices) will be buffed daily." I hope they don't forget to dust and wax the NCOs while they are at it. The note was signed by TSgt. Jack Graham. (Hey Sarge, if you've been buffed once, is the second one a rebuff?)

Suddenly the hallway was filled with the sound of a bull in mating season. It seemed to come from the seventh circle. No sweat, it was just Maj. Marcus Bowerman thumping his chest in the office of the Troika. Seems his sector A took win, place and show in the crew of the month competition for September with Captains Jack Anderson, Larry Hughes and James Bloodworth, crew commanders, winning the respective places. Also his "Rat Finks" are in second place in the intrasquadron bowling tournament. Captain Anderson was interviewed as to what factors lead to his selection of crew-of-the-month. "Skill and dedication."

Maj. John Norton is completing Operation Readiness Training and will assume command of crew 31 which will be assigned to site nine. Capt. Meredith Decker will move into the left seat at the console as missile combat crew commander of crew 48. Maj. Arthur Korbett related 1st Lt. Barry Tietler will replace his present deputy, Captain Decker. Capt. Hervert Laird has been selected as Senior Crew commander at site three. Captain Laird and his crew recently made headlines as crew-of-the month for August.

And who is the chubby cheeked lieutenant with glasses? Why, it's the prodigal son, 1st Lt. Robert Grasmeder who took a 30 day leave and came back 90 days later. However it must be said he was a patient at a (pardon the expression) Naval Hospital, but it was in Philadelphia. Glad you're well and back, ol' buddy.

CMSgt. Robert Atkins and SMSgt. Lloyd Miller were commended by Col. Robert Milner for their tireless effort and devotion to the local Boy Scouts, as was SSgt. Hubert Welch for being the honor graduate of the on-the-job training administrative supervisor's course.

The squadron football team will smash its first opponent Tuesday, Oct. 6. (Since that's the day the paper went to press, I feel sure the team will not let me down and make a liar of me.) The annihilation of the Combat Defense Sq., is the straight, unadulterated prediction from the right end, A2C Robert McDonald.

That's all for now, folks.

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Steady Stream Flows Through Open House

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

The recent open house held by the 579th for its personnel and their dependents brought a steady stream of interested parties to three selected missile sites. "A" sector claimed the youngest visitor at three and one-half tender months. He was carried in his father's arms. The oldest, 65, visited site 10, here in "B" sector. She, incidentally, climbed seven flights of stairs so as not to miss a thing. That's an example of what we consider an important part of esprit de corps. It's a contagious thing that apparently is not limited to a specific age group. I wouldn't be a bit surprised if this type event became regularly scheduled in order to satisfy the demand.

Incidental to the open house were some of the comments we overheard from the visitors. Two of which we are particularly proud. One housewife said the silo was cleaner than her kitchen, and Capt. David Dondero from "A" sector said that this was the cleanest site he had visited.

In keeping with the title of this series, I've got a couple of items that don't pertain to the 579th, directly.

Usually, when getting off alert, the course is set for straight home. However, on my last tour, I developed a sick eyeball and detoured to the base hospital. I glanced at my watch as I went in the door; it was 10:10 a.m. After signing in and picking up a magazine, I prepared to wait for the flight surgeon. Before I had a chance to warm the seat, my name was called and into the doctor's office I went and gave the symptoms to the medic while he looked into what appeared to be a road map in miniature. With diagnosis complete and prescription in hand, I headed toward the pharmacy and there fell in line. Having been issued my mixture of herbs, roots and leaves I climbed upon my trusty steed, Rozinante, for the long ride home; the time was 10:22 a.m. That's right, the entire visit took only 12 minutes. Remembering the diagnosis as omphaloskepsis, and being a fully qualified brain surgeon from watching Ben Casey, upon arriving home I grabbed my medical text (Webster's Collegiate Dictionary) and found my malady defined as meditation while contemplating the navel (It must have been eye strain.) Seriously, I was impressed by the prompt, courteous and extremely efficient manner in which the hospital rendered its service but thought it to be an exception rather than the rule

until later that day when I had to take my daughter to emergency sick call. This time I deliberately timed my entry and departure. The total time lapse was 17 minutes. There is one more item that ought to be mentioned, my daughter and her dad's eyeball now meet SAC specifications in case anyone doubts those guys with a caduceus. Thanks to the men in white from a satisfied customer.

The base elementary school recently held its first parent-teachers association meeting. Among the 579th representatives were Capt. Herbert Laird and Maj. William Ritchie. Major Ritchie sat gripping the chair during the speeches of the evening. They were given by a past president, Mrs. Charles Stone and current president Mrs. Ritchie.

A new game was initiated by the safety office. Color slides were projected of children as they broke existing safety regulations such as crossing in areas other than crosswalks. The game is unofficially named, "This is your progeny". Apparently the safety office personnel have developed a novel procedure whereby they photograph the violators in the act as well as apprehend them. The slides were met with such comments as "Why, that's my Victoria", and "Wait until I get 'hold of Junior tonight'". I suspect there were a few stern words spoken if not some tanned hides. Oh well, that's progress for you.

I doubt if it would be appropos to call a PTA meeting a howling success, however, the crowd not only filled the gym, but there were standees in the hall during Mrs. Stone's enlightening presentation covering the general organization of the PTA.

Maj. Robert Goon, "C" sector commander, claims to have the first member in the 579th to win a senior missile combat crew member badge. Capt. Gilbert Johnson now has a star above his badge (analogous to senior pilot's wings).

The boleros had their knickers ripped (colloquialism meaning trounced) by the Los Toros in the intrasquadron bowling tournament the other night when the Los Toros won three out of four. It was inevitable, I'm told, and that pride precedeth a fall.

That's all for now, folks.

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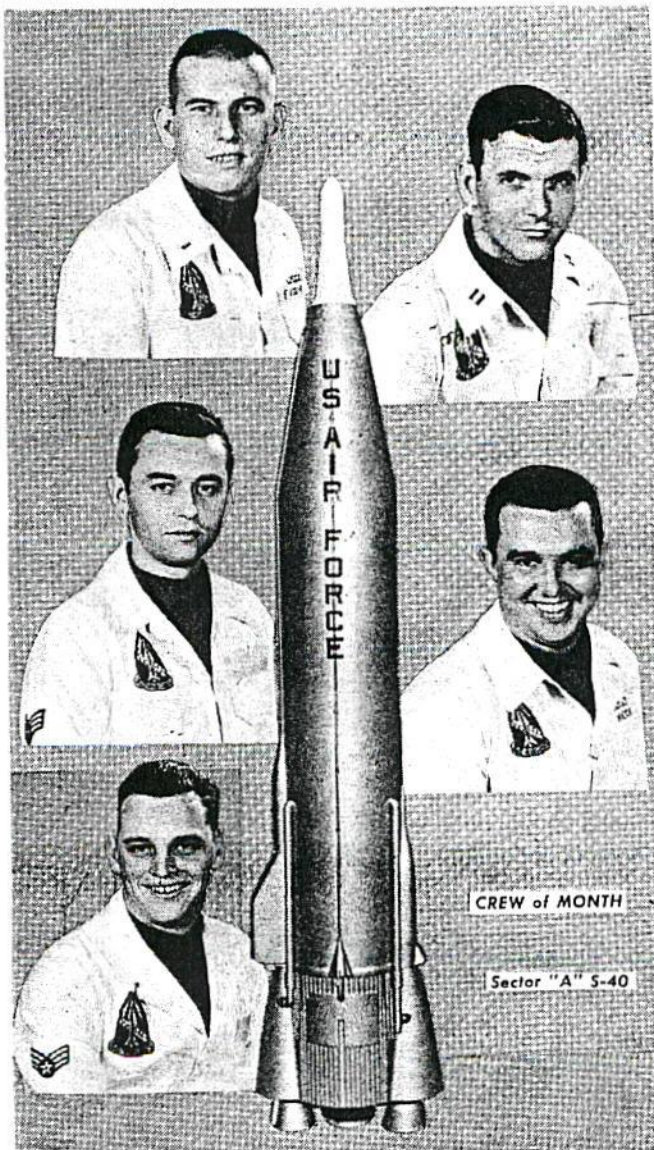
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CREW OF THE MONTH--"A" Sector's crew S-40 has been selected crew of the month from the 579th Strategic Missile Sq. Clockwise around the bottom of the missile are A1C Barry L. Scott, A1C Raul Bracamontes, 1st Lt. Jerry M. Figgins, Capt. Jack E. Anderson, and SSgt. Harold W. Keck. Crews are selected for the honor on their professionalism and systems knowledge. They are rated by tests.



MISSILE-ANEA



From The Fabulous 579th

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

The preparations for visiting military VIPs are usually executed, within the squadron, with planning that would rival a solid state computer. But as computers are sometimes erroneously programmed, so are we on occasion. While Lt. Gen. John D. Ryan was inspecting the missile assembly and maintenance building, Brig. Gen. Jemmie Philpott flew to site six for a brief inspection. As the General toured the complex, he passed on numerous compliments to Maj. Robert Goon, "C" sector commander, and the accompanying 579th staff. One of which was, "One of the best complexes I have seen."

However, on his way out he stepped off the rubber mats and found the floor tacky. Thinking the floor might have been painted just for the inspection, he asked how long the paint had been on the floor. The answer given--three weeks. The General appeared ready to ask the inevitable. Here a computer would superheat its thermistors. Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor came to the rescue with, "slow drying paint. The General, with a knowledgeable twinkle in his eye, said, "Very slow drying." (Yes, Virginia, there really is...)

Incidentally, I have been advised by a staff member who had made me take an oath not to reveal his name, that Major Goon's metabolism could be measured during the inspection by his adams apple. In any event, "C" sector left an extremely favorable impression where one was highly desirable.

Prior to the event of Col. Robert Milner, 579th Commander, 5 BX, the now standard Air Force physical test was something of an enigma. No one was "out of shape" but the test results seemed to indicate other wise. The Colonel decided upon an aggressive program whereby a pre-test would be administered four weeks prior to the test for score. Colonel Milner felt four weeks would be time enough to bone up for the real thing. Colonel Traylor upped to five weeks and off we went.

and maintenance typified the concerted effort so necessary for a high in commission rate and reflects not only upon the 579th but also on the Wing.

The Boleros were sent down the river by the Gullie Wumpers in the intra squadron bowling tournament. Stars of the game were Maj. and Mrs. Robert Hanley and 1st Lt. and Mrs. Preston Rossier.

That's all for now, folks.

So what does it all boil down to? Simply this. In the first four days of this month, which began the last quarter of the year, of the 145 airman and officers required to take the test, 129 have been exposed and 128 passed. The 16 who have not taken the test are on temporary duty or leave, hence unavailable for testing. Our testing rate is 99.2 percent. 100 percent of those available in the quarter we are 89 percent complete. The airman who failed will be retested in the quarter and providing he passes, his first test will not be a liability. To accomplish all this in four days is best described as phenomenal. The word is out that Lt. Col. Al Segal is now pressing between 160 - 180 pounds at the physical conditioning unit during his lunch hour.

Commended during the week were Staff Sergeants Eron Wilkenson and Leofredo Alire and AIC Ned Carroll for having driven government vehicles for over five accident free years. Colonel Milner also commended A2C Milo Spahn for his outstanding assistance to maintenance teams during one of his alert tours. Airman Spahn worked straight through the night supporting maintenance wherever he could. This cooperation between operations



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by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

The ground has been broken for what may turn out to be an annual event. Santa Claus called Col. Robert Milner and requested his assistance. Due to work load and lack of storage space, the unit that previously collected and repaired toys for distribution to deserving children has had to ask Santa to look elsewhere.

Colonel Milner advised Santa the 579th had the wherewithal to set up field repair shop and promised all reparable toys will be put in working order. Santa meanwhile will send a mobile training detachment to the 579th to school personnel in the art of toy repair. The shop will be set up across the hall from the standardization board office in the Missile Assembly and Maintenance (MAMS) building.

All personnel who have access to the MAMS and have toys to donate are requested to drop off the toys as early as possible at the shop. Units or individuals wishing to donate toys but who do not have access to the MAMS are requested to call TSgt. Rob-

ert Taylor, 623-4629, or me, 347-9997, in order to arrange a pick-up. The Air Police have given a green light for a toys for tots canvass of the housing areas on base—so you can expect us Saturday if you live on base.

After almost three years of anticipation each complex was recently issued 12 insect annihilators. Each magnificent piece of instrumentation presents a matrix toward the insect at a high velocity, reducing air resistance to a minimal as opposed to the antiquated rolled newspaper, which as a cylinder passing through a gaseous medium, hardly embodied what might be considered an ideal shape.

The annihilators are provided with twisted wire extensions with molded grips. A civilian counterpart will be available as soon as industry can tool for mass production. Tentatively they will be called fly swatters.

What happens in December that is wild, exotic, loaded with belly laughs and peppered with chuckles? It's the 579th Holiday party at the Officers' Open Mess!

We have a deputy missile combat crew commander who likes alert duty so well he came to briefing last Saturday morning all set to go on alert—on his day off! (Hereafter, I'll read the schedule.)

That's all for now, folks.



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From The Fabulous 579th



by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

It's been a busy week and mucho news to relate but first I'd like to say welcome to 1st Lt. Jerry Smith. Jerry wrote, in the absence of the regular reporter, the 24th Bomb Reports. Incidentally, I concur heartily in your recommendation of REMINISCENCES.

If any of you are contemplating a regular commission, I have a thought. I found after acceptance that I lost six months in grade. This would not have affected my decision, however the financial loss or the assumption of subsequent promotions being delayed and the possibility of being knocked out of a consideration is worth musing if not crying.

A statement purported to have originated with CMSgt. Robert Atkins concerning the numerous contributions solicited by persons walking around with tickets, empty coffee cans and numbered envelopes was, "It's a privilege and honor to be in the 579th, one of the requirements is you must be rich." Also a rumor said to have originated with Col. Robert S. Milner was that if any one fails 5BX, Colonel Milner will have them run two miles daily for six weeks. If he still fails, it will be increased to six miles for six months. If he again fails, it will be upped to 16 miles daily for a year and if he still fails, the Colonel is going to forget about 5BX and enter him in the 1968 Olympics at Mexico City.

To whomever called last Tuesday and said they had toys we could pick up and repair, please call again. Roxanne devoured the slip with your name and address. Roxanne is a 47-pound German Shepherd puppy who thinks she is a goat.

To those of you who receive a copy of the SAC Safety Bulletin, please note the forthcoming article concerning the "peg board" designed by Maj. Laron Andrus. SAC is featuring an article on the board used to control airmen in the silos in reference to location and task being performed. Major Andrus has already won a financial remuneration via Big R for this device and this is another way of saying the 579th leads the

way in bettering the 579th. Welcome back to Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor, operations officer, who was on temporary duty to Vandenberg. Incidentally, Sir, you are in our skit and man am I gonna lose points.

Maj. Gen. James W. Wilson recently inspected the 579th and to make a long story short he was real pleased.

To those of you who may not have gotten the word, a drive is starting among officers for the Air Force Village Foundation Inc. In keeping with the basic philosophy that the Air Force takes care of its own, the squadron commander called a meeting of 579th wives to explain the Village Foundation which is dedicated to taking care of Air Force Officers' widows in the twilight years or when they need assistance. Sounds worthwhile!

That's all for now, folks.

I saw the new "Scott Pack" emergency breathing apparatus (EBA) holding rack designed by SSgt. William Pine. The device holds the breathing apparatus in such a manner as to reduce reaction time in donning, facilitates better storage and enables each apparatus to be checked on the daily inspection without removing from its previous storage container. If one has to don an EBA for other than standboard checks, he is in a hurry and this device will certainly assist. According to Maj. Jack Lenox, safety officer, 27 of the holders have been constructed and distribution and building of the remaining 18 will be completed shortly.

Regarding the forthcoming Christmas party, 1st Lt. Dave Bloomfield and I had a skull session at his pad and finally after deciding upon a musical skit, called on Ann Bloomfield for assistance. Ann suggested "West Side Story". I would be conservative if I said it was humorous. Dave is a natural at the great sport of lampooning. Major Andrus is project officer on the Christmas party so that should be enough said there.

One of the originals of the 579th retires this Saturday. Goodbye and thanks to you MSgt. Joseph Knight for your efforts

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From The Fabulous 579th

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad



In the Crew of the Month competition for October, win- place and show go to Captains James Bloodworth, Jack Anderson and Calvin Kaupilla, respectively. This is the second consecutive win for Maj. Marcus Bowerman's "A" sector, and if my statistics serve me correctly, this is the third time Captain Kaupilla has been in the top three since the competition was inaugurated some five months ago, a feat unparalleled.

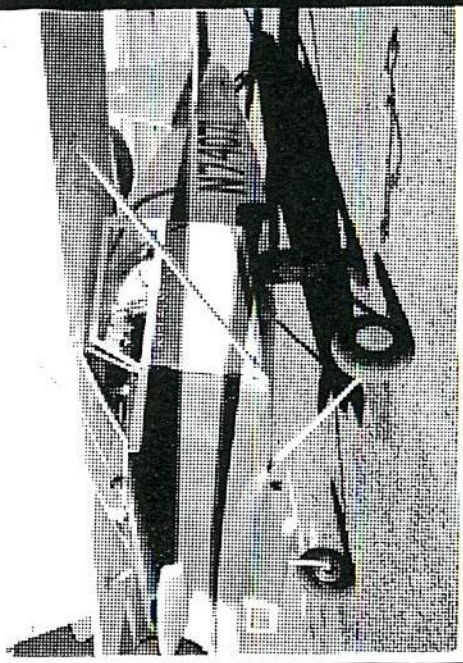
Three weeks ago, I mentioned the outstanding performance of the squadron in its SBX testing for the final quarter of the year. Col. Robert Milner, squadron commander, has taken out an insurance policy to guarantee the same, if not better performance in the event of a no-notice test as might be administered by higher headquarters. Crews are now being selected at random by the squadron commander to perform the SBX physical test regardless of annual requirements. In case you are on a crew (I am) and believe you won't be tested because you had it last month (I did), forget it—you'll probably get snagged (I was).

Two weeks ago, a convoy of three vehicles departed the Missile Assembly and Maintenance Building (MAMS) for the housing areas on a special mission—collecting toys to be and distributed to de-

serving children for Christmas. The original plan according to TSgt. Robert Taylor, project NCOIC, was to canvass both the officer and enlisted areas. However, within an hour and 45 minutes, 3-1/2 truck loads of toys were collected and it was obvious that the room at the MAMS, which was set aside for storage and repair, would be inundated if any more collecting, such as the last is attempted.

To those who had toys standing by for pickup, the 579th expresses apologies if your area was not screened. This does not mean toys are not wanted; just give us a moment to catch our breath from the terrific response we met. To those who called, we will be there to pick up your donations. I didn't get an opportunity to thank each man at the MAMS so thanks and smashing good effort to the 10 volunteers, CMSgt. John Conahay, SSgt. Clarence Stocton, TSgt. Robert Taylor, A2C Roy Davis, A2C Gabriel Marquez, A2C Dick Briggs, A2C William Armstrong, A1C Bertis Turner, A2C William Gilbert and A1C Peter Krause. Incidentally, Airmen Krause is Airman of the Month for the 579th.

So far we have had excellent support from such diversified areas as the precision measuring equipment laboratory, base supply and the chaplain's office. Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Pritz will handle the distribution end of the toys for tots project.



SSgt. Charles Schwertz
From Umbrellas to Airplanes



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by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

Capt. James Bloodworth and his crew who recently won the crew-of-the-month award, were in for a surprise when they reported in for briefing prior to going on alert last Thursday. Shortly after the briefing got underway Brig. Gen. William C. Bacon, commander 22d Strategic Aerospace Division, arrived and personally congratulated each member of Captain Bloodworth's crew and presented cigarette lighters to the "Best of the Best".

Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor, chief of operations, passed on the news that Capt. Richard Johnston, who was recently upgraded to missile combat crew commander will be taking over the reins of crews R-59 and will begin alert duty on Monday. Welcome to the force and Site 10!

Another skull session was held in regard to the forthcoming Christmas party. Maj. Laron Andrus, chief skull, Emily Korbett, choreographer and terpsichorean; Lt. Dave Bloomfield, poet and lyricist and I, lexicographer and poltergeist, attended the meeting held at the Open Mess' Blue Room. "West Side Story" was transformed into the "West Site Story". Don't miss it! Few inside tips-- That star of stage, screen, and television, Lt. Col. Al Segal will ignite a fire in your heart with his gastric rendition of "I Feel Gritty" (To the Tune of "I Feel Pretty"). Capt. Jack Fletcher will bring tears to "America", while Penley portrays our dearly beloved Squadron Commander in Lincolnesque. See, hear and laugh to the funniest show to hit Walker since '44.

Santa Claus initiated a no-notice check of the squadron's progress in collecting toys and repair and rated us maximum magnificent in collection but called for a greater effort in repair rate. He requested volunteers to repair the toys to contact TSgt. Robert Taylor at 623-4629 or me at 347-9997 for particulars. (If we haven't been to your place yet please give us a grace period. The response for contributions has been overwhelming).

Remember that Eastern New Mexico State Fair held at the Roswell Fair Grounds in September? Well, word slipped out that Capt. and Mrs. Henry Ver-rue won seven ribbons, from blue to gold - six for flowers and one for painting. How about that!

The Rat Finks tied the Boleros again in a "duel to death" event, in the intra-squadron bowling tournament, for first place. The Rat Finks, according to Capt. David Dondero, is the only team with a mascot - a 4X8 inch hideous plaster model of a rat which accompanies the team on each of its matches and is claimed to possess supernatural powers which instills its players to bowl better. There may be something to it - Maj. Marcus Bowerman, "A" sector commander, bowled 609 for three games.

That's all for now, Folks.

missile-area Support Areas Vital To Missile Operation


by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

In keeping with the context of this issue, I'd like to bring into the limelight a sampling of the support areas so vital to the operation areas as ours. Some of the statistics presented may seem to belong in a believe-it-or-not column but are official none the less.

First, wheels! Transportation for the 579th is provided by transportation squadrons and controlled by a detachment at the Missile Assembly and Maintenance Building (MAMS), with TSgt. James Lawson, chief of controllers. Between 600 and 800 calls are handled daily by no more than three non-commissioned officers manning the specially designed consoles. And you thought your phone was busy!


Since September 1961 to date, 579th Personnel have driven 3,782,260 miles in government vehicles not only without a fatality but in none of the four accidents were serious injuries sustained. We have accomplished 105,954 trips, hauled 386,051 passengers, and transported 5,776,486 pounds of cargo. The tale could very well end there with a gee-whiz or gosh but there is more to tell. It requires little imagination to suspect this amount of transportation is costly to the Air Force and ultimately you and me as taxpayers. It also goes without saying this is an area in which efficient management can save money without becoming a bottleneck. Sergeant Lawson and his prudent controllers have, since the activation of the 579th, consolidated wherever possible to the tune of 33,385 with a dollar savings of \$268,415. (The average cost per trip computed to be slightly over \$8 includes not only wear and tear but man-hours lost and the like.) That is support — not just to the 579th, but to the mission of the Air Force.

Units that support the 579th come from virtually every corner of the base. The Defense Squadron that stay at the sites for three consecutive days, the POL base laundry providing clean combat white uniforms for the unit of supply members, the hazardous cryogenics (liquefied gases), the foil pack kitchen that prepares the chow and refines, the plumbers and carpenters who repair the silo systems and all have contributed to the success of the 579th in achieving the distinction of best in the list -- remember this is just a sampling to point out we acknowledge your support. That's all for now, folks!



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by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

The news of the impending deactivation of the Atlas F as a weapon system was first met with surprise and then bewilderment insofar as where do we go from here. (Rumors that have been spreading like bacteria in agar-agar will be quashed with the arrival of a SAC personnel Fifteenth Air Force personnel team.) The blue lines on my pad are blurred and my pen quivers as I write. The awful lump in my throat grows as I think of things soon to be past, with naught but memories to remind me of the pleasant days — of Lt. Col. T.B. Koller's stirring briefings and Lt. Col. W. Kommer's words of wit. How will we survive the coming years without standboard to guide our every move? Somehow we will muddle through.

The crew of the month competition continues. For November, win, Capt. Roland Evans; place, Capt. Jack Anderson; show, Capt. Calvin Kauppila with scores of 100, 98 and 97.7 per cent respectively. This is the fourth time Captain Kauppila has been in the top three and the second for Captain Anderson since the inauguration of the competition six months ago.

MSgt. Paul Rondeau, first shirt would like the word spread that there will be a 579th Formal for non-commissioned officers and their wives (or guests) to be held Dec. 29. This will be a combined Christmas and New Year's party at the NCO Open Mess.

No bull from Maj. Laron Andrus, the El Toros are in first place in the intrasquadron bowling tournament. From Maj. Robert Adams comes the news that with the completion of class F56 Dec. 11, the Atlas operational readiness training at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., will be terminated.

As a last word: We members of the 579th are continuing our push to continue to be the best Atlas F Missile Squadron in SAC. Our deactivation is still off a few months. Till then, we are still a fighting organization -- to the end.

That's all for now, folks.



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From The Fabulous 579th

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

Good news for combat crews! After the first of the year, all but one standboard and all instructor crews will augment the alert schedule full time. The five crews per site ratio will finally be realized according to Maj. Laron C. Andrus, "B" sector commander. Whenever the actual site deactivation starts, Maj. Marcus Bowerman, "A" sector commander, will assume the additional duty of supply liaison for turning in of supplies presently held by site custodians, to the base equipment management office (BEMO). At the same time, Maj. Robert Goon, "C" sector commander, will assume the duty of cadre officer for extra crews (above the five to one ratio).

Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor recently expressed his admiration of the combat crews in their performance in testing (specifically emergency procedures) and housekeeping duties and stated complacency apparently is not in the vocabulary of the 579th. I don't know about the rest of the troops, but I'm writing this in part during a break in a no-notice standboard. For you non-crew members, that is when as you groggily haul your gear through the blast doors, you find five people in yellow hats happily singing, "Surprise, surprise". I don't quite know how to correlate the feeling you get. It's sort of like flying over a village of headhunters deep in Yucatan and then having the engine quit. Perturbed, yes, complacent, no.

In one fell swoop the Rat Finks were wiped out in the intra-squadron bowling tournament. Major Andrus' 267 (which he hastened to add was in one game) provided the fatal blow to the Finks and their mascot.

The toys for tots project is approaching completion and many thanks must be extended. First, there is a hard core of workers who have worked, really worked, to bring the

project to fruition. They are Technical Sergeants Robert Taylor, Gordon Bowman, Staff Sergeants William Curry, Don Braun, James Barnes and Larry Johnson.

Second, the base laundry has laundered the stuffed animals (and repaired them as necessary), dolls' clothing, cleaned the dolls, dressed them and even rearranged the dolls' hair. That, by gosh, is support. Field Maintenance paint shop supplied various paints and lacquers and the fabric shop is currently repairing the carriages. Oh yes, there is even Red's Texaco Station outside the gate which is assisting in welding--free of charge.

This is a base project and the base is supporting it. Everyone connected with this humanitarian project has enthusiastically supported it and has good reason to be proud of his efforts.

That's all for now, folks!

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The 579th standardization site, complex 10, has its three-foot tall Christmas tree set up and is ready and waiting the arrival of St. Nick. The tree, cut down in Lincoln National Park, is artfully decorated with lead seals, bits of colored tape and burned out indicator bulbs and is claimed by the crews at site 10 to be the deepest decorated tree short of any that might be on a submarine.

In response to a recent issue of Newsweek, MSgt. Irving Keniston has placed a wager against 150 to one odds with the "world's biggest bookmaker", William Hill Park Lane Limited, Hill House, London. Sergeant Kenniston said he felt the dollar bet, although against stiff odds, was worth it if for no other reason than to express confidence in the United States space program and "an American man or woman landing the moon . . ."

Capt. Herbert Laird, 1st Lt. Mack Acuff and ALC Robert Baker have returned from Strategic Air Command Headquarters where they were briefed as members of first team by the new CINSAC, Gen. John D. Ryan. They concur the trip was worth the effort just to hear General Ryan, let alone see the vast SAC Headquarters in operation.

Capt. Ronald Stith and Lt. Tony Motley will leave, the first of January, for squadron West Site Story—the 579th production under the guiding hand of our own J. Arthur Rank (Maj. Laron Andrus)—is exceeding all expectations for professionalism. Capt. (Nimble Feet) Jack Fletcher, Maj. (Twinkle Toes) Kenneth Schappell, Capt. (Maria Tallchief) Jack Anderson and a host too numerous to mention will entertain you Jan. 8 at the Officers' Open Mess as has never been done before.

Maj. Robert Adams announced that SAC has released names of 50 airmen to be retained at Walker to fill existing vacancies. The list is available in the operation side of the missile assembly building. Hear Ye, Hear Ye! A Christmas party will be held at the MAMS at 4 o'clock this afternoon. A tree to rival all trees and a karate and aikido demonstration by ALC Jack Livella and A2C George Jackson

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad are just two of the features. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, SSgt. William Kancour was selected crew chief for the quarter July-September and crew chief of the month for November. A/C Richard Merrill was selected airman of the month for November and SSgt. Delmer Barritt became maintenance man of the month for November.

In a re-tally of last month's crew of the month competition, Capt. James Bloodworth came in second nudging Capt. Jack Anderson into third and Capt. Calvin Kaupila out of the top three. Captain Kaupila, incidentally, just received a boot-strap assignment for which he has been trying for the past five years.

This is the last issue of the Strategian for the year; another year has come and gone. It hasn't been an easy one. As Col. Floyd Haywood, wing commander, put it in a briefing to a group of officers selected for regular, "Five per cent of the time you'll wonder why you ever decided to stray but the other 95 per cent makes up for it."

Who knows what next year will bring. Maybe Viet Nam. Merry Christmas and a wish for God's blessing for a fruitful New Year from the fabulous 579th.

That's all for now folks.

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From The Fabulous 579th

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

"That which comes after ever conforms to that which has gone before." Ready or not, SAC, here comes the fabulous 579th — first and best in all your tests.

The Christmas entertainment (West Site Story) originally scheduled for today has been postponed until the Feb. 12 party. Now send that into the "Reader's Digest" — you might win \$50 under quotable quotes.

For the faint-hearted here is some smelling salts from Maj. Robert Adams' training section. Seven standboards and 146 5BX tests are programmed for this month.

In closing out 1964 a surprising statistic came to light. Maj. Terril Gay and his crew have accumulated 197 alert tours since assigned to the 579th almost three years ago. In everyday figures that boils down to about six and a half months underground. Looks like he's first place in total alert tours unless someone cares to challenge.

By the end of this week a SAC officer personnel team will have notified the majority of 579th

officers of their new assignments. So look for some happy faces come Monday.

The commander's reception held at the Officers' Open Mess New Year's Eve, with officers resplendent in mess dress, revealed a bevy of pulchritudinous ladies (I'd name names but I'm reluctant to sleep on the sofa). I also think 2d Lt. Larry T. Arnold and his staff did a smashing job--bloody good show.

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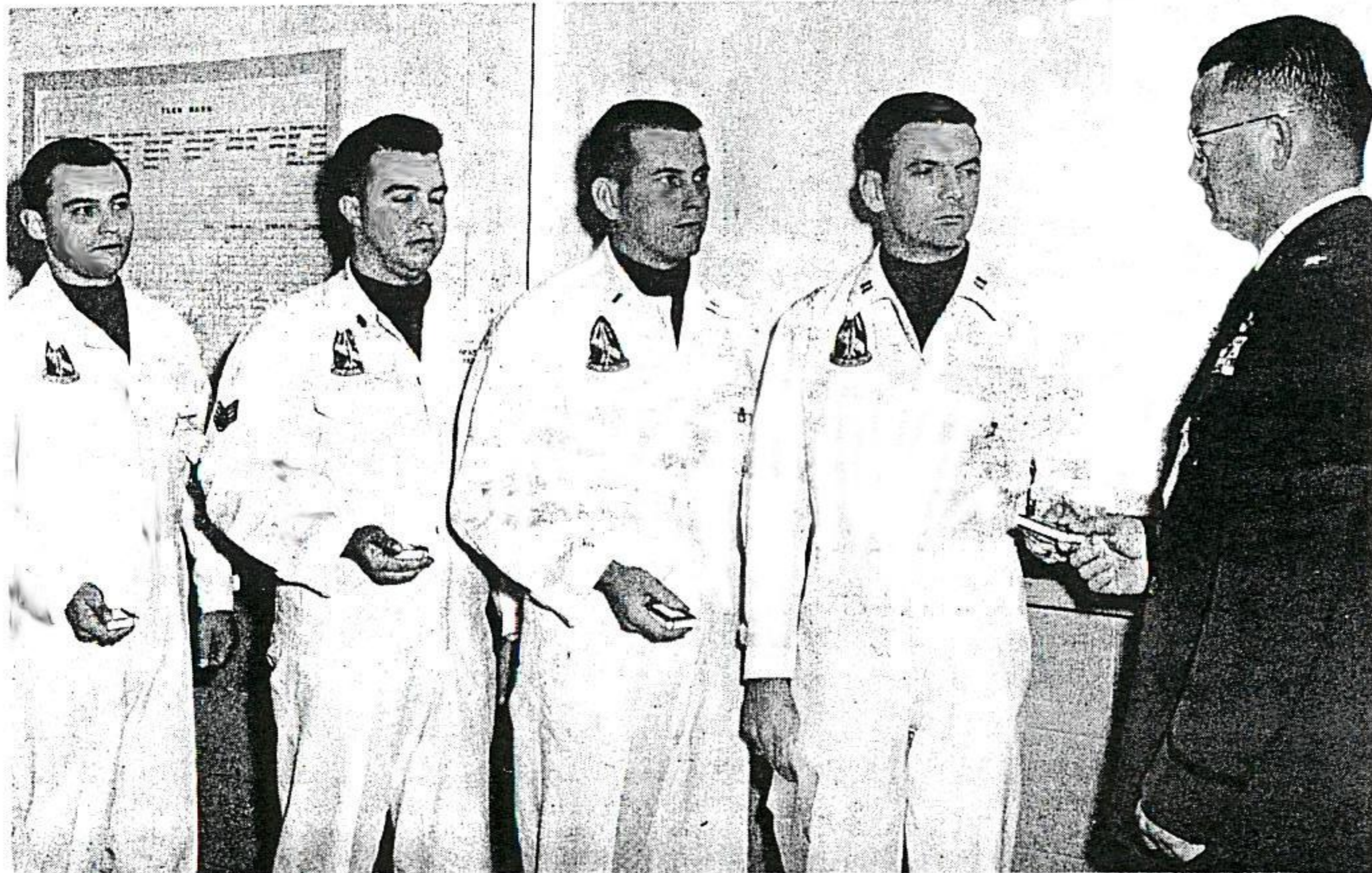
Captain Jack Anderson's crew was named crew of the month for December and second and third places to go to Captains Charles Haney and Gilbert Johnson, respectively. Site 11 was the site with most on-alert time last year. A2C Russell Murch was selected maintenance man of the month for December. Reports show the 579th had no on-duty injuries, no private motor vehicle accidents and no fatalities while a million and a half on-duty miles were logged. Finally, results of a USAF safety survey rated the 579th "excellent" and "outstanding" for command support.

Crew S-40...

of qualified or better for two consecutive standboards. Their primary job during the year was to instruct newly arrived missile personnel and to refresh old crewmember's knowledge of the Atlas F missile career field.

Crew S-40 recently made the highest grades ever recorded in the 579th when they achieved 18 "highly qualified" out of a possible 20 during the latest standboard.

Crew S-40 Receives Nod For Best In 1964 Laurels First, Last Time Award Given By 579th SMS



MISSILE CREW OF THE YEAR -- Brig. Gen. William C. Bacon, 22nd Strategic Aerospace Division commander, presents cigarette lighters to the 579th Strategic Missile Squadron Missile Crew of the Year for 1964. The missile crew, number S-40 (l-r) are: AIC Raul Bracamontes, SSgt. Harold W. Keck, 1st Lt. Jerry

M. Figgins and missile combat crew commander Capt. Jack Anderson. Also a member of the crew, but not present for the ceremony, is AIC Barry L. Scott, electrical power production technician. This is the first time a missile crew has received the award and will be the last due to the inactivation of the squad-

Capt. Jack Anderson and his Atlas F missile crew have been chosen for an award that is the first of its kind and also will be the last time such an award is given at Walker. He and the four men who comprise crew number S-40, Sector C, have been chosen as the 579th Strategic Missile Squadron Crew of the Year.

The crewmembers are: Captain Anderson, missile combat crew commander; 1st Lt. Jerry M. Figgins, deputy missile combat crew commander; SSgt. Harold W. Keck, ballistic missile analyst technician; AIC Barry L. Scott, electrical power production technician; and AIC Raul Bracamontes, missile facilities technician. Brig. Gen. William C. Bacon, 22nd Aerospace Division commander, last week presented cigarette lighters to the outstanding missile crew in recognition of their performance.

The missile crew of the year award was established by the squadron operations officer, Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor, to give recognition to the most out-

standing crew in the squadron. All 579th crews were rated on standboard grades, military courtesy, job knowledge and personal appearance. People on leave or temporary duty elsewhere are not exempt from the rating system as discrepancies are pro-rated.

(Standboard is SAC's method of insuring a high proficiency through regular and no-notice tests in all areas of missile job knowledge.)

"Captain Anderson and his crew have done everything possible through crew-coordinated efforts to achieve the award of being the most outstanding crew in 1964," said 579th Squadron Commander Col. Robert S. Milner.

"I am extremely proud that the captain and the crew have acquired this distinction. Their diligent and dedicated performance has been a milestone in the 579th's acquisition of the title of best in SAC," Colonel Milner added.

The senior instructor crew has attained standboard grades (Please turn to Pg. 3)



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From The Fabulous 579th

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

The Family Services coordinator on base advised me a list of homes for sale, specifically those owned by 579th personnel, is being maintained at the FS building (behind the base chapel). So if anyone is in the market, this is another source to check. The FS phone number is 348-8402. Buy a house and make a missileman happy is the theme for today.

With a name like Goodey it was inevitable. A2C Graig B. Goodey was selected airman of the month. Congrats from the entire squadron!

In my last article for 1964 I mentioned the remote possibility of an assignment to Viet Nam. First 579th man to be assigned to VN is Capt. Kenneth Chang. I'm learning the remote ain't so remote.

"Univac" (Maj. Laron Andrus) has tallied the final scores for 1964. Capt. Jack Anderson won the crew of the year award; the first and last award of its kind to be given by the 579th. Place and show for the crew of the month award went to Capt. Calvin Kauppila and Major Robert Handley, respectively.

The end of 1964 saw the Los Toros in first place in the intrasquadron bowling tournament. The Rat Finks, under the tutelage of Maj. Marcus Bowerman, promise a radical change for 1965 especially after they change their mascot to Brigid Bardot (a French bowler).

Seeds of doubt concerning the existence of Santa Claus were voiced by a 579th dependent who hung his stocking in a tree house. After anxiously climbing into the tree house on Christmas he found — nothing in the sock. Somehow, I suspect, the world has changed for the worse for that individual.

That's all for now folks!

State Doctor Sends SMS Thank-U-Gram For Tour

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

A Thank-U-Gram was received in first place with 235 alert by Maj. Marcus Bowerman, "A tours--or seven months, 25 days Sector commander, in the name underground since assigned to of the squadron from Dr. Edward the 579th. Schatzman, one of three appointed by the Governor of New Mexico to the state examining board for podiatrists. "Jean and I wish to express our thanks for the fine tour you gave us. We feel very privileged to have had the opportunity and wish more people could see such things to better appreciate our defense system."

Two days ago an airman while working on the silo cap met with an accident which resulted in a finger being severed. Capt. Calvin Kauppila, missile combat crew commander on duty at the launch complex, immediately requested emergency evacuation for the airman. Transportation control at the 579th diverted an aircraft to an adjacent complex which had a landing strip and contacted the base hospital which sent an ambulance to the runway to standby. Meanwhile Captain Kauppila rendered first-aid and then sent the airman to the adjacent complex where the aircraft was landing. The airman and his finger, which Captain Kauppila thoughtfully included, left the ground 12 minutes from the time of the accident and 28 minutes later was in surgery where his finger was joined to the rest of him. Looks like a well-done is deserving for all concerned.

In the total alert tours competition many comments have been expressed (Wadda' ya mean he's got more alert tours than I got?). However, it now looks like Capt. George Weaver is now

Capt. Drury Crawley is departing for a Bootstrap assignment at Memphis State University. First Lieutenant Marv Lillie will be scheduling officer in the absence of the captain.

Standboard will have a section party at the NCO Open Mess Jan. 22. Guest of honor will be Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor, operations officer. A spaghetti dinner featuring a continuous strand will be held.

That's all for now folks.

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SAC Assignments Team Visit SMS February 12

by 1st Lt. Joseph P. Conrad

When I wrote of the expected arrival of a personnel team, two weeks ago, that was the straight stuff. However due to unforeseen events (means I don't know why) the team from SAC with assignments for most officers and airmen has been rescheduled for Feb. 12. So barring the unforeseeable, the orders may be expected for just about everyone for just about anywhere. Anywhere is precisely that. TSgt. R.J. Ewing is heading for Japan, TSgt. J.L. Goodman is going to Okinawa while Captains Hank Verrue and James Bloodworth are taking long trips to the other side of the base as housing and Officers' Open mess officers, respectively.

After a bout with Stillwater, Okla. (all stand, face OSU and sing "Oklahoma"), 1st Lt. Claudius Kitchenae is departing for College Station, Tex., to earn a master's degree in math. Bon voyage and happy desertion.

Recently returned from Squadron Officers' School are: Capt. James Pierce and 1st Lt. Carroll Hopkins. Welcome! Dropping the rank of lieutenant and picking up the title of chemical engineer is Ron Larson. I understand a TDY might be in line for him in one of the Libyan Oil Fields. I thought Tripoli was a bit off course but that's nothing compared to the Libyan Desert. Anyway it will be a good place to review Field-Marshal Erwin Rommel's battlefields of distinction first hand.

Second man to win the senior missile badge is SSgt. James

Springer. Only problem is no one manufactures the badge so those that earned 'em, can't wear 'em. C'est la missile-business!

Maj. Laron Andrus' baby, "West Site Story", is in its final phase of preparation. Don't forget the big night is Feb. 12 at the Officers' Open Mess. Show time is 11 p.m.

Maj. Marcus Bowerman has set a goal of 65 Big R suggestions upon his "A" Sector. So far 31 have been submitted all pertaining to the inactivation of the squadron and its equipment removal problem. First Lieutenant Marv Lillie received an April 22 starting date for pilot training with Reese AFB, Tex., as base of assignment.

Kudos of Maximum Magnificent Magnitude to Maj. Richard Coffin, chief of site maintenance section, who lead the way to a 100 percent seat belt participation drive. For a while the missile assembly and maintenance building looked like Joe's gas station what with all the civilian cars inside. No sweat -- they were all waiting their turn to become safer cars and aid the squadron in maintaining its "first and best in any test"

The crew-of-the-year award to Capt. Jack Anderson and his crew was personally made by Brig. Gen. William C. Bacon, 22nd Aerospace Division commander. Should be getting to be ho-hum stuff for Crew S-40 with their winning the earlier crew-of-the-month awards, and being top three as a regular.

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From The Fabulous 579th

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

Ho-hum, we did it again. So far this year the fabulous 579th Strategic Missile Sq., has submitted more Big R suggestions than the rest of the base combined. 5BX7 The quarterly requirements are nearly complete with a 100 percent passing rate.

At the Commander's Call last week TSgt. Felix Rodriguez was presented the master missile crew chief award--won in competition with all crew chiefs in the 22nd Strategic Aerospace Division. TSgt. Alton Ellzey won \$100 for a Big R suggestion and SSgt. Billy Taylor took the Master Team chief award. For their support of the Big R program, SMSgt. Gerald Flanagan, SSgt. Charles Chandler, A2C Donald Blitch and A3C Harold Crenshaw were presented lighters while A2C David Richcreek and A2C Robert Cook were awarded pens. Congrats to the maintenance troops! Without you the 579th would not be fabulous.

Rumor from Operations has it that Capt. Bruce White is about to come to terms in the purchase of Maj. Army Lyon's house. Captain White is planning to corner the market in Roswell and already has two homes. Maj. Marcus Bowerman plans to drive his antique yellow mixer-master (Sunbeam) to California, during his coming seven-day leave (It probably will take that long to get it there).

First Lieutenant Jack Smith has orders to start pilot training April 22 at Laredo. That one sentence barely tells the story. Jack was turned down three times, each being final, due to his age. Undaunted, he gave it another go and got a waiver. Reminds me of what my Latin professor harped upon at

grade time, exceptio probat regulam.

Good news from our ever smiling Operations officer Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor; and semi-annual training requirements were completed by Jan. 25. So there will be no more recurring training on PCE testing. Save your tears for the next item. Maj. Redwood Evans is no longer with us. He has gone to the Air Base Group as acting squadron commander. Also in charge of Headquarters Squadron at Wing is former missile combat crew commander Maj. Daniel Gilbert.

The dubious distinction of being last to undergo the rigors of standboard belongs to Capt. David Dondero and his crew R-46.

The officer I admire most was appointed to the Officers' Open Mess Board of Governors--me.

Our former deputy commander has been elevated to join the group of notables that hang their hats at the 22nd SAD. Lt. Col. D.F. Dauteuil also made news when he was presented the SAC educational achievement award.

In case you haven't received the splendid word, the 579th is putting on a show -- a "really big shew" Feb. 12 at the "O" Club. A takeoff on many things but mostly "West Site Story". Put those times in your little black book -- warm-up, 3 p.m.; cocktails, 6 p.m.; buffet, 8 p.m.; and show time 9 p.m. See 1st Lt. Jack Lundgard portray a one star general and 1st Lt. Wayne Penley (who has to shave his head -- to get in the mood) portray a go-getter. By gar, Svendson, it good show!

That's all for now folks!



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From The Fabulous 579th

by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

The phase-out of the Fabulous 579th Strategic Missile Squadron is ending with a note of distinction. From the commander of Fifteenth Air Force, " . . . I am pleased to advise you that the 579th SMS has been awarded the John R. McNeil Trophy for superior performance during the period July-December 1964. The criteria for this award is more stringent than those contained in SAC Management Control System. Winning this award is therefore indicative of the professionalism and outstanding maintenance performance displayed by your missile maintenance organization. A deserved well done' to your maintenance personnel and my heartiest congratulations."

And from the 22nd Strategic Aerospace Division Commander, "To all 579th SMS maintenance personnel: I wish to extend my sincere compliments and congratulations to each of you personally. I have never seen a group of individuals apply themselves so well to the success of the mission despite innumerable handicaps. As long as you live, you can be justly proud of the job you did to earn the John McNeil Trophy award, given to the best missile maintenance organization in 15th AF's intercontinental ballistic missile fleet for the period July 1 through Dec. 31, 1964". Any further elaboration about our maintenance personnel would be anticlimactic except for one item; the chief of maintenance is Lt. Col. Al Segal.

In recognition of his superior performance, SMSgt. Bill Whitfield, ballistic missile analyst technician of the senior standboard crews, is being transferred to Chanute AFB, Ill., for training in the Minuteman system and then to Grand Forks, S.D. Don't forget your "long-johns", Bill!

During the recent Operational Readiness Inspection conducted by 15AF, the ledger, being maintained by Family Services, originally of homes for sale by missile personnel, was taken in such high regard that it will become a standard ledger to be maintained by Family Services at all other 15AF units. The ledger will now include, of course, a listing of all homes for sale by military personnel assigned to that particular unit. So don't despair if you're not in missiles; it no longer will be held against you.

Last man to win the senior missile badge is Capt. R. D. Vinsant. Congratulations! That's all for now, folks. P.S.

"West Site Story", scheduled for its world premiere tonight at the Officers' Open Mess, has been cancelled due to new commitments which make those persons who have rehearsed for the play unavailable.

New SMS Reassignments Bring Happy, Long Faces

by 1st Lt. Joseph P. Conrad

When the "word" was spread last Tuesday the operations officer had a list of assignments it seemed as if personnel were converging on the operations section like the swallows returning to Capistrano. The anticipated happy faces were there but there were some long ones too. Happiest is probably Maj. J. M. Crowe will depart for Torrejon, Spain.

As an example, Capt. Jack

Anderson will head for Dow AFB, Maine, while 1st Lt. Wayne Smart is crossing the desert for his assignment at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., and 1st Lt. Bob Pittman makes his way toward McCoy AFB, Fla. The remainder of assignments lie at all points in between with a smattering of overseas duty.

I received the following unsigned letter in my crew box. "Lieutenant Conrad, maybe you can use this in your column. Capt. Robert Vinsant, the third member of the 'fabulous' 579th Strategic Missile Squadron to be awarded the Senior Guided Missile Badge, has not only found someone who can make the new badge, he's wearing his! Maj. Marcus Bowerman now has two MCCC's in his sector (both site No. 3) with this distinction: Bob has also been presented a Big R lighter. While in the 'fabulous' 579th, Captain Vinsant has added the SOS diploma by correspondence to his SAC Distinguished Educational Achievement Award presented to him during his previous missile assignment for completing his bachelor of science degree, all of which he accomplished during off-duty hours." To whoever wrote that -- sorry I can't use unsigned letters. (I go by the ground rules in Ann Landers' column.)

Big R winners from lighters to monetary awards now include these names: 1st Lt. J. C. Nelson, Capt. Larry Hughes, 1st Lt. Gene Lamb, Staff Sergeants V.P. Tobey, M. L. Dedek, W.S. Parker, B.S. Chesney and H. Schneider, A1C L. G. Robertson, and Technical Sergeants W.M. Groom Jr. and W.V. Palmer. Bravo! Encore?

That's all for now folks.



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From The Fabulous 579th



by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

Alas! The Fabulous 579th took naught but second place in the pre-season intersquadron basketball tournament under the guiding hand of A1C Gerald Jones. At least we know there is only one team better.

Last Saturday night in Roswell, the 579th Missileers in officers' mixed doubles took first place in their category. An unusual note was the score came to precisely "579" pins. The team captain is Capt. Henry Hemeyer who also took all events in "C" category. Other members were Capt. Meredith Decker, First Lieu-

tenants Larry Ball and Preston Rosser and Maj. Marcus Bowerman who bowled in place of Capt. Geoge Weaver (who was unavailable).

Announcement of great import: There will be a cocktail party in the Blue Room of ye Officers' Open Mess commencing at 6:30 p.m., March 5, for operations officers and and their ladies. There also will be a shrimp bowl to end all shrimp bowls. (Stand clear while Maj. Laron Andrus is near--last time I had a little sauce on my finger and before I could wipe it off he inadvertently stabbed my finger with a toothpick).

Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor, deputy squadron commander of operations and harassment, requests a thank you be published from the entire squadron to Lieutenants Gene Lamb, Pete Cummings and Bob Pittman who again on short notice provided excellent entertainment. This time it was for the squadron-sponsored party at the Officers' Open Mess. So be it!

Also from operations is a note: For reservations for the cocktail party, please call 348-8850. And finally a deep appreciation on behalf of Colonel Traylor for the decorations so "well conceived and executed" especially those on his falcon.

By Tuesday of this week, Col. Kenneth A. Smith, Civil Engineering Sq., commander, will be the proud possessor of the missile complexes surrounding Roswell. In other words, they will no longer belong to the 579th. So ends an era.

That's all for now folks!



MISSILE-ANEA

From The Fabulous 579th



by 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad

It was just about a year ago when, as I was walking through the operations section, Lt. Col. Alwyn Traylor nailed me and said in effect, "I noticed that other units have a weekly column in the Strategian, write one."

What I knew about writing a column could have been written on the edge of a postage stamp with a broad pointed pen leaving enough room for the Old and New Testaments. For weeks I turned in material and then anxiously waited for the Strategian. But what I wrote never appeared. Finally the information director and I had a skull session, the result of which was the first column. Without his constructive criticism there would have been no column.

Writing the column became a snap. In 20 or 30 minutes the draft was completed and on its way to DXI. However to reach the point where a draft could be started required hoofing to all the sections and making like a reporter. "Anything for the newspaper?" This was the grind. After a while it was learned a few well placed phone calls reduced the hoofing by at least 50 per cent.

When it came time to write this article, I knew there was no need to go to the missile assembly and maintenance (MAMS) building nor was there a need to make any phone calls. I went to the MAMS anyway. The

building is near empty. There are signs of its being converted to other use. The ever present tension we lived with in doing it better and first is gone. Assignments are nearly all in. The emptiness is not limited to the buildings and silos. It is extended to each and everyone of us. Those formerly on crews, maintenance teams and in offices feel it.

For some reason we all feel a loss of something, but not the memory of being a member of the finest Strategic Missile Squadron in SAC.

It is with deep regret that I write this, the last column of the squadron.

That's all . . . now, folks.



TOYS FOR TOTS -- (l-r) Staff Sergeants Don Braun, Clair Shoup, TSgt. Robert Taylor (in truck) and SSgt. William Curry unload one of the truckloads of toys at the chapel for distribution to less privileged children on base. The toys were collected and repaired by the 579th Strategic Missile Sq. and other units on base. The project was started the latter part of October and ended Saturday when Protestant Men and Women of the Chapel assembled baskets of groceries and toys for distribution. (STRATEGIAN PHOTO BY RENTFLEISH)

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Wives Managing Artistic Display

With the coming of summer and the departure of Jo Anne Evans, arts and crafts director, the Officers' Wives' Club and the Officers' Open Mess will work together to manage the revolving art exhibit in the Fireside Room at the Open Mess.

The exhibit started this year, with Mrs. Evans and the OWC making display arrangements.

Any member or dependent of the Officers' Open Mess, Officers' Wives' Club or those working at the arts and crafts center may display paintings in this program.

Interested artists should call Joan Normington, 347-5583, or 1st Lt. Joseph Conrad of the Officers' Open Mess, 347-5451, for further display arrangements.



ART DISPLAY -- Mrs. George Mason displays a painting she has on display in the Officers' Open Mess along with (l. to r.), A2C Joseph Polk and Capt. Henry Verrue. Airman Polk and Captain Verrue also have paintings on display. All members of the Officers' Open Mess or Arts and Crafts Center may display their paintings. (STRATEGIAN PHOTO BY GEISSINGER)

Instructions In Swimming Are Limited On Base

by Carl Hoffman

Each summer brings an increase in the number of parents seeking help in teaching their children to swim. This factor, coupled with a very limited number of instructors on base this summer, has created a need for additional approaches to the problem of teaching the minimum number of children the fundamentals of swimming.

One solution lies with parents themselves. Not every household contains a person, who, with guidance, can teach children of the family elements of swimming. Cross Field Office has such guidance in the form of a pamphlet, "Teach Your Child to Swim." A do-it-yourself device is

the customer never