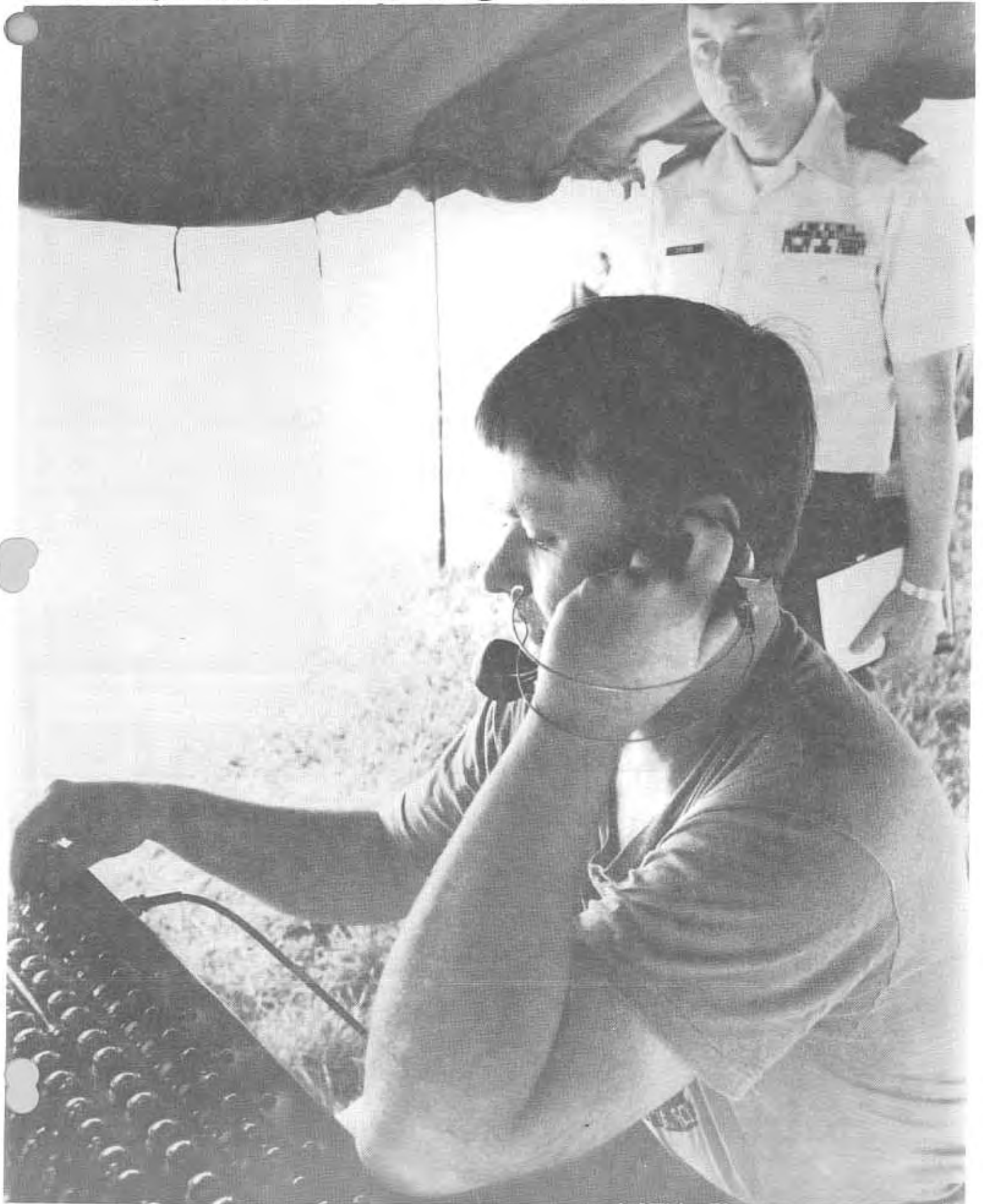


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Operating in the field

TSgt. Wayne Pyles operates a field switchboard as MSgt. Larry J. Oxford looks on. The Air Force Communications Command performed a Unit Effectiveness Inspection on the 123d Communications Flight. See page 4 for details.

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Commander's Column

Weight standards change for women

Today I have some good news and some bad news. For a few of you who have had problems complying with the weight standards under the existing program relief is in sight — if you continue to discipline yourselves.

An Air Force working group, commissioned by the Secretary of the Air Force, has recently completed a review on body composition and weight standards. The group included both civilians and military from the Air Force Fitness Advisory Council. Their charter was to ensure that the current standards were fair, logical and defensible.

The male standard was performance related, based on scientific research of over 300,000 personnel. A review of the most recent body composition research was done and the panel evaluated military appearance under different weight standards. Findings were that female standards should be increased above the current standard on an average of about 5 percent (6 to 9 pounds, depending on height). That is the good news — the bad news was the panel found the men's standards to be fair, logical and defensible. The revised standards for females became effective June 30.

This unit has always been extremely conscious of maintaining standards. For the most part you have met those standards and have proven your ability to maintain them. Weight control is a matter of self-discipline and personal pride. Don't allow this 6-9



Brig. Gen. John L. Smith
 Wing Commander

pound increase to give you a sense of false security. Experience has shown that those who get a reprieve through weight adjustments soon have similar problems at their new maximum weight. If you're approaching your maximum allowed weight, don't use these new standards to push the limit. Rather, take this opportunity to meet and maintain your "desired" weight. Don't push the limit.

In Sympathy

MSgt Orron A. Story, 51, 123d RMS, died June 4 at Humana Hospital-University.

He was an employee of General Electric Company and was the NCOIC Vehicle Operations, base motor pool. Sergeant Story entered the Air Guard in February 1953. He left in July 1961, but returned eleven years later and had more than 20 years experience with the unit.

"His affable and personable professionalism will be sorely missed by the officers and airmen of the Kentucky Air National

Guard," stated Maj. Gen. Billy G. Wellman, Adjutant General, in special orders. "The Kentucky Air National Guard mourns the loss of Sergeant Story and extends deepest sympathies to the members of his family."

Survivors were: his wife, the former Jean Cutsinger; two sons, Stephen A. Story stationed with the Air Force in Germany, and Ronald E. Story; a daughter, Denise L. Story; a sister, Alice Graff; and a grandchild.

Some 27 members from the unit formed an honor guard and were pallbearers at the W.G. Hardy Shively Funeral Home.

Major staff changes announced

Several KyANG staff changes have been announced to go into effect July 27.

These position changes will allow for upward mobility and management progression for the officers involved, according to Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, wing commander.

These changes affect the following positions.

Vice Wing Commander: Col. Joseph L. Kottak, formerly deputy commander for operations. "As vice wing commander I wish to serve as a focal point for matters relating to deployments, major exercises and inspections affecting the unit," said Colonel Kottak.



Vice Wing Commander
Col. Joseph L. Kottak



Deputy Commander Operations
Col. John V. Greene

"The purpose is to have a single source acting in behalf of the commander to ensure everything is fluid and harmonious. Secondly, I want to actively become involved in people programs making visits to shops and getting a feel for morale and working conditions. Thirdly, I will help the commander meet the goals he has defined for attainment."

Deputy Commander for Operations: Col. John V. Greene, formerly deputy commander for maintenance. "I'm looking forward to my new position, to different challenges and different problems," said Colonel Greene. "One week after I take over, we will go to summer camp so I will receive OJT as the DO. I hope my experience in maintenance benefits the unit, and I hope to have a good working relationship between operations and maintenance."

Deputy Commander for Maintenance: Col. Austin "Pete" Snyder, formerly deputy commander for resources. "First I would like to continue to provide a safe and highly productive work environment for the people. Secondly, I want to maintain unit aircraft at the highest possible state of combat readiness," said Colonel Snyder.

Deputy Commander for Resources: Lt. Col. Donald L. Durbin, formerly commander 123d RMS. "I haven't had time to establish definite goals yet, but I want to get with the people involved to see where we want to be



Deputy Commander Maintenance
Col. Austin "Pete" Snyder

to receive an outstanding ORI rating in '88," said Lieutenant Colonel Durbin. "I also want to do what I can do to improve services through-out the year."

Commander 165th TRS: Lt. Col. Michael L. Harden, formerly squadron operations officer. Lieutenant Colonel Harden is the first Weapons System Officer to serve as the squadron commander. "I haven't thought much about the difference between pilot and WSO, but I am very excited about the position," he said.

Other position changes include:

Commander 123d RMS: Lt. Col. Irven V. Pope, formerly chief of supply.

Chief of Safety: Lt. Col. Gary M. Burge, formerly commander 165th TRS.

Squadron Operations Officer: Lt. Col. Donald E. Goley II, formerly chief of safety.

Chief of Supply: Maj. Robert L. Jordan, formerly chief supply management and systems branch.



Deputy Commander Resources
Lt. Col. Donald L. Durbin



Commander 165th TRS
Lt. Col. Michael L. Harden

Guardisman saves life

By Sgt. Jeff Sansbury
Staff Writer

SSgt. Raymond Palazzo Jr., 165th TRS, was frightened to learn that his brother was seriously injured in a car accident. When news came that 16-year-old Charles and his two teen-age friends had ripped through a guard rail along Interstate 71 just outside of Louisville, "I braced myself for something really bad," he admitted. "The whole family was crushed."

Now, almost two months since the early morning car crash, Sergeant Palazzo wants it known who saved his brother's life. He and his family were especially touched to discover that 2nd Lt. Patrick McGinnis, also a member of the Kentucky Air National Guard, helped save Charles from possible death.

"My family and I prayed that Charles would be OK...he did, and the next thing we wanted was to meet the people who saved him," explained Sergeant Palazzo, a flight records clerk for the 165th TRS.

The tragedy occurred May 17, when Charles and his two friends were returning home from a weekend trip at King's Island theme park in Ohio. After driving through the night and showing signs of fatigue, the boys pulled over at a rest stop near LaGrange and slept for several hours.

When they awoke, Charles felt refreshed and was back at the wheel, prepared to finish the drive. A few miles later, he took off his seatbelt and turned on some easy music.

That's when it happened.

"Everything just went blank. I can't remember how it happened," he recalled. "It

was a terrible experience."

Before it was over, the car had plowed through a guard rail and landed violently at the bottom of a hill. Charles' arm was hanging out of the window, dragging him through the torture. His car, now demolished, was nothing more than scrap metal.

"I shouldn't have removed that seatbelt. I'm usually pretty good about keeping it on," he said. "...I hope I never suffer like this again."

An unidentified woman first witnessed the crash. The woman found Charles and another boy in a state of shock. The third boy remained startled and was slow to react.

Moments later, Lieutenant McGinnis was driving by on his way to Standiford Field for Sunday's UTA. After assisting the woman with Charles' condition, by far the most serious, he inspected the car for possible explosions and attended the other crash victims, Justin Spencer and Tony Pack. Charles had severed an artery in his left arm and was bleeding profusely, so the lieutenant used a tee-shirt to create a pressure bandage.

An ambulance arrived soon after. Charles lost a large amount of blood and spent the next nine days in the hospital. Doctors credited his survival to the quick thinking and immediate first aid given by Lieutenant McGinnis and the unidentified woman.

When Palazzo's parents arrived at Tri-County Hospital near Henryville, a shaken and badly injured Charles explained how an Air Force officer helped save his life. Knowing that Louisville was the closest Air Force installation within almost 150 miles, Ray Sr. and Judy Palazzo figured it must have

been a Kentucky Air Guardsman who helped rescue their son.

That night they phoned Ray Jr. and asked him to check on a Lieutenant McGinnis.

Sure enough, it was him.

"It's a real coincidence that the lieutenant and I are from the same unit. I had no idea," Sergeant Palazzo said. "We had never met, until now."

The first reunion took place during June's UTA at Standiford Field. Lieutenant McGinnis, assistant administrator for the 123d Tactical Hospital, was paid a surprise visit by Sergeant Palazzo and members of the family. Charles was unable to join them.

"It was a stroke of luck that you're trained for this. What you did was save our son's life," Mrs. Palazzo said to the lieutenant.

"And we want you to know how touched we are," added Mr. Palazzo surrounded by four of his eight children.

Lieutenant McGinnis was anxious to meet them and appeared concerned for Charles' recovery.

"I'm just glad that everyone is OK. These things happen every day, only sometimes we're not as fortunate," the lieutenant said.

"But I don't want to be called a hero. Everyone has a job to do, and this is my job," he continued. "I merely assisted in helping your son. We all must share the credit."

The Palazzo family contacted Brig. Gen. John L. Smith, commander of the Kentucky Air Guard, and recommended that Lieutenant McGinnis be honored for his bravery and meritorious service.

Comm Flight completes UEI

Members of the 123d Communications Flight successfully demonstrated their abilities to complete their mission during a Unit Effectiveness Inspection, June UTA.

A team from the Air Force Communications Command inspected the unit between June 11 and 15. Areas inspected included logistics, administration, operations and advisory support.

"The 123d CF successfully demonstrated its ability to field its COB (co-located operating base) flight and perform all operations functions," Capt. Kathleen S. McLaughlin inspection team chief, stated in the final report.

Several sections were given high ratings and were commended for their knowledge and dedication. "I feel the inspection went great," said Maj. James Burckel, unit commander. "The inspection team graded us accurately."

"Our people performed very well. Our strongest point was being able to perform our mission capabilities without a flaw," said Major Burckel. "I knew we could, but it was great to verify it."

During the outbriefing to the unit, the inspection team presented an Inspector General's Award for outstanding work. The AFCC certificate of recognition was presented to MSgt. Larry Franklin "for professional performance in support of the Air Force Communications Command mission."

"I can't even begin to tell you how receiving the award made me feel," said Sergeant Franklin. "It was one of three highlights in my career."