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THE COMMANDERS CALL

SUEY SEZ

by Brig. Gen. Philip P. Ardery

This first issue for the New Year leaves me at a point for thought about both the past and the future.

In the past we can survey the decade of our existence as the Kentucky Air National Guard. In this time we've been through one war - many having served overseas and a few having died in combat.

Ahead is our second jet propelled year and another change of equipment, mission and summer training area. There is always excitement in change. We will get our first big new birds sometime after mid year. We'll say goodbye to our friends in West Virginia and North Carolina and hello to our new associates in Arkansas, Kansas and California.

I hope you may find the future as much to your liking as its prospect is exciting. From what I know I feel sure you're going to like Gulfport. Anyway, let's see what happens.

The first round trip, coast to coast, jet flight during daylight hours was made by an Air National Guardsman. Lt. John M. Conroy, California Air National Guardsman, ate breakfast with his family in Los Angeles, had lunch in New York City and was back home on the West Coast for supper.

EVERY AVIATION UNIT OF THE NATIONAL GUARD WAS IN FEDERAL SERVICE DURING WORLD WAR II.

WELL, NEW YEARS has come and gone and I feel like I went with it. Here I am nursing a Coca Cola hangover and trying to figure out what to write about. Anyhow, I think I will tell you about the nice Xmas present the boys at the Motor Pool gave me. You know they have some real nice guys down there, Hughes, Harris, Langford, Crowe and so many more I just can't name them all. Anyway, just before Christmas I have a little trouble with my new carryall, you know the new blue job, I just love them they match my eyes and uniform so well. On this particular day, which was just before the Holidays, the tire rack at the back of my new carryall broke, and since the boys in the Motor Pool frown on you driving around dragging your tire rack behind you, I turned in the vehicle and asked for another one. After much shuffling of papers, Sgt. Harris said he would give me a staff car for the day, BOY I THOUGHT I HAD IT MADE.

Well, I got out to the car and climbed in (I had to climb in, the door wouldn't open). I turned the key and stepped on the starter, nothing happened. I pulled my foot back through the floor board and tried again, still nothing happened, so I went back and told them about it. They decided all I needed was a little shove, so I and a couple of other guys got out there, one of them climbed in behind the steering wheel and the rest of us pushed. Well, after we got it rolling, the guys let in the clutch the car stopped. I kept on going and in my hand I had what I had always wanted a cardoor handle. I left

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SOMETHING WRONG

BACHELOR: I have pictures of Marilyn Monroe, Jayne Mansfield and Lana Turner pasted all over my bedroom.
PSYCHIATRIST: Then what's bothering you?
BACHELOR: Every night I dream about Gene Autry's horse.

PHOTO PHOBIA

DURING DRILL, if you happen to see an odd crew wandering around carrying assorted cords, lamps, cameras, etc. don't get excited. Its our own HOLLYWOOD?????Camera Crew shooting a training film. Since the Photo Lab has recently acquired a 16 MM movie camera they have decided to make some training films.

The first training film will be of the Tactical Hospital, entitled "MEDIC", starring Al Frederick as Dr. Malone. If the project is successful, training films will be shot for other units of the Wing.

ANYONE VOLUNTEER FOR SCRIPT WRITER???

LOUISVILLE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

All those interested in photography, black and white, colored slides or movies, are invited to visit the regular monthly meetings of Louisville Photographic Society which are held at 8:00 PM the 3rd Wed. of each month at the Fincastle Community Building, at Poplar Level Road and Fincastle Road.

Come and discuss your photographic problems and ideas with professionals, amateurs and just plain interested people.

Many outings, field trips and social events are enjoyed each year.

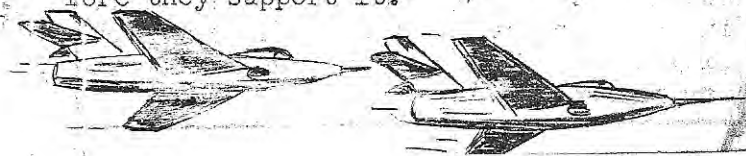
SCRAMBLE TWO

Perhaps some of you have seen a short colored film recently at your local theater with the title "Scramble Two". It is the story of the Air National Guard Program, RUNWAY ALERT. As most of you already know, pilots of approximately 20 Air National Guard Squadrons throughout the country are on RUNWAY ALERT, included is our own Kentucky Sq. the 165th.

In conjunction with the Air National Guard RUNWAY ALERT program, the National Guard Bureau produced the film SCRAMBLE TWO in order to make the average citizen aware of the importance of the Guard Program. Each state received two prints of this film, one 16 MM and one 35 MM. We have been fortunate in placing the 35MM print in various drive in and indoor theaters within the Falls City Area. The 16MM has been shown on both WHAS and WAVE TV Stations.

If anyone is desirous of obtaining these prints for showing in theaters or for showing to organizations, clubs, etc contact Lt. Worsham in the Wing Training Office. Remember, people must understand the need for our program before they support it.

PILOTS IN THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD FLEW MORE THAN 40,000 COMBAT MISSIONS AGAINST THE REDS DURING THE KOREAN WAR (1950-53)



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and started down to Wing. You know of course that Americans drive on the right side of the road and English drive on the left, in this car I was a little of both, I drove on both sides of the road. When it came time to stop I stepped on the brake, my foot went so far through the floorboard the fan belt shined my shoes and the fan clipped my toe nails as slick as can be. I finally got it stopped and then decided I couldn't take that car into town, so I was going to take it back to the Pool but I couldn't get the fool thing started again. About this time a couple of Colonels and a Major came along and helped me push it off they didn't want it hanging around Hqs. Well, they started to push and hollered at me to throw out the clutch, I threw out the clutch, the brake and everything else that came loose and finally got it started and back to the Motor Pool. Now mind you I'm not saying the car was in bad shape or that it shimied, but for the next two days I was the only guy on the base that looked like I had a walking case of the HADACOL BOOGIE.

BYE NOW, CHOP CHOP

A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

When entering a New Years Party, the first thing to do is kiss all the sweet young things present. By this method you will know who to wind up with at mid night. (This method not too successful if wives are the jealous kind.)



FOUR AIR NATIONAL GUARD PILOTS BECAME JET ACES WHILE FLYING COMBAT IN KOREA.

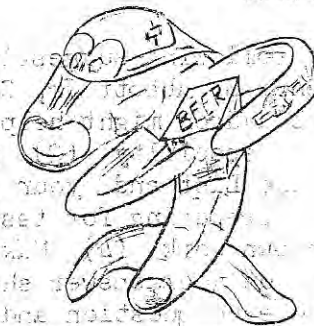
DID YOU KNOW

CHARLES A. LINDBERGH first man to fly the Atlantic non-stop and alone from New York to Paris WAS a NATIONAL GUARD PILOT in 1927 when he made his historical flight.

SUMMER CAMP

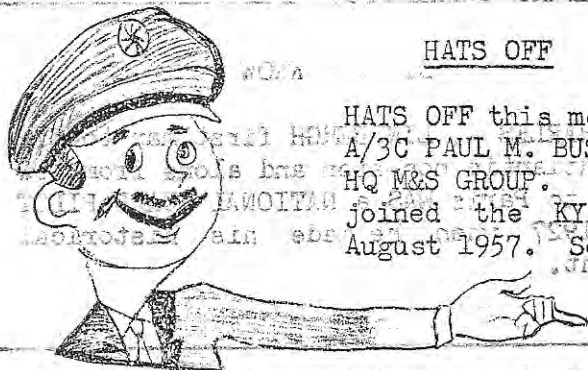
At long last, the unbelievable has happened. We have a definite MAYBE that Gulfport, Mississippi will be our camp site this year instead of good, old southern Savannah. I'm sure that everyone will shed tears at this disheartening news. However, I understand that it's easier at Gulfport to part with that green stuff than at Savannah, with the French Quarter (New Orleans) being so close, approximately six beers from Gulfport.

One nice thing at least you won't have to drive half way across the state to get to the beach -- if you're able to walk you will have it made.



A GOOD REASON

When hubby came home at 3 AM an irritated wife asked: "So home is the best place after all" to which he replied "I don't know about that, but its the only place open."



HATS OFF

HATS OFF this month to A/3C PAUL M. BUSSE of HQ M&S GROUP. Paul joined the KYANG in August 1957. Soon Af-

ter he joined he went to Basic Training and subsequent entry into a 73230 School at Scott Field, Illinois. Being a basketball fan and player, Paul went out for the team. He made a good showing and was one of the few airmen selected to play in the Air Force Invitational Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden on 17 Jan 1958. Nice going Paul, you have brought credit upon yourself, the Air Force and most of all the Kentucky Air National Guard. CONGRATULATIONS.

SUGGESTIONS

Want to qualify on that APT Test so you might get another stripe and that extra money per drill?

If so, the following suggestions from Lt. Col. Henry E. Abbott Jr, Commander of the Test Squadron might help you:

- (1) Know your specialty
- (2) Use the Study Reference List and your supervisor's help in preparing for tests
- (3) Do your own work
- (4) Make heavy black marks on your answer sheets for one answer to each question and
- (5) Don't put stray pencil marks any place on your answer sheet or test booklet.

Speaking of testing, each year more than 200,000 APT's are given -- an average of one test every 2½ minutes, round the clock.

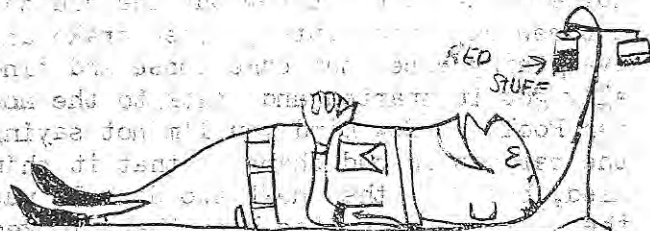
IT'S NEEDLETIME AGAIN

Yep, you guessed it. Tomorrow the Red Cross will be here to secure some more of that thick, red stuff. Personally, I think its a bad time to collect, just after the holidays, that red stuff should run about 90 PROOF.

Seriously though, this is a good cause and everyone that can should participate. Some day you or your family may need a blood donation. The Wing is following the same policy as previously, everyone who donates can take the rest of the drill off with pay. Can't beat that.

TIME: 1000 Hours (until the last drop is gone)

PLACE: Concrete Leanto



HOW MANY OF US ARE LIKE WHEELBARROWS? useful only when pushed and too easily upset?

O. K. KERNEL!

An elderly man was getting very impatient for service as he stood by the salted nut counter and shouted, "Who waits on the nuts?"

Just a moment, sir, replied the clerk. I'll be right with you.

THERE ARE AIR NATIONAL GUARD UNITS IN EVERY STATE AND TERRITORY OF THE UNITED STATES