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DID YOU KNOW KY AIR GUARD IS ONE OF LOUISVILLE'S BUSINESS ASSETS

With a fulltime annual payroll of \$850,000 and a parttime payroll of \$429,000 it ranks as one of our principal industries. Its local purchases of every thing from stationery to motor vehicle parts and gasoline totals more than \$70,000 in a year.

The value of the Kentucky Air National Guard cannot be measured in dollars and cents, but the more than \$1,350,000 which the Guard spends in our community each year makes it one of our major industries.

During the past two years, there has been \$4,609,000 spent on new construction for the Air Guard.

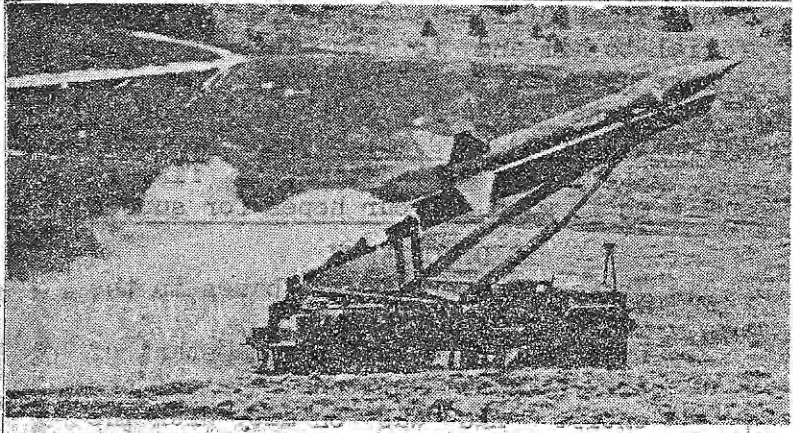
DID YOU KNOW KY AIR GUARD MEMBERS LEAD DOUBLE LIVES

It may come as a shock to the reading public that at least 67,000 Americans are today openly and quite proudly leading double lives. These men are members of the Air National Guard plus being engineers, lawyers, mechanics, farmers, students, etc., they contribute their vitality of leadership and labor to the hometown economy.

Louisville Air Guardsmen add a number of benefits to the city. The greatest of these is security, for not even the rich United States can afford a full-time defense force. They not only train to keep up to date on the latest nuclear weapons and jet planes but they also protect Louisville from disaster.

Phillip F. Ardery, Brigadier General The Air Guardsmen pump dollars into the commercial bloodstream of Louisville. They buy gas, oil, parts, food, building materials, paper, tools, everything needed to keep a major industry cooperating. Almost every merchant in Louisville benefits -- the bank, the dry goods store, the service station, the grocer, the dry cleaner, the automobile dealer -- both from direct purchases made by the Air Guard organization and from the large monthly payroll collected by Guardsmen. Every community that serves -- is served by an Air National Guard unit can be glad that a percentage of its citizens leads "double lives" not the type that "corrupts a people," but one that strengthens the defense of the nation and enriches its most valuable basic resource, its great reservoir of young men. An organization carried the task to its present state of information mixed with "cracks" that better

How can the Air Force be only 50 years old when I can remember sergeants who claimed to have been in it twice that long?



PACKS A PUNCH—Officers and enlisted men serving with NATO forces view a firing demonstration of the Honest John rocket during exercises staged in northern Italy.

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For the past two years our Editor and the originator of this gem of information has carried the task to its present state of organization. Information mixed with levity, facts with "cracks", what better way to get people to read and learn necessary points? Alas! Our Editor must leave us and expand into another field. His attendance at the Intelligence and Photo-Radar Officer's Course while beneficial to him and to his future makes change necessary.

Thanks "STAN" for a job well done. Welcome MAJOR J. L. STOKES as our new Editor, the foundation is firm build on it with all our hopes for success.

DID YOU KNOW

1. There are over 130 ANG bases in the United States.
2. Less than a year after the start of the Korean emergency, 3/4 of the entire ANG was on duty with the United States Air Force.



Washington (AFPS)—The Army's new Sergeant missile, a 30-foot surface-to-surface weapon that will replace the Corporal missile, was recently unveiled.

DERBY FESTIVAL PARADE

We are happy to announce that the Air Force Float won an award for the Most Beautiful Float in the Parade. The theme of it was "Kentuckians Served the World Over". Last year we combined our efforts with the Air Force and won Honorable Mention. This year our only contribution, we are sorry to say, was furnishing the jeep.

Scotsman 1 -- "I hear you and Elspeth are getting married, after all"
Scotsman 2 -- "That's r-right. You see the old gir-rl's out on so much weight we couldn't get the engagement ring off her finger."
(from the Sting of the Scorpion)

WE SALUTE...
 In the first of our articles on people of our unit, we would like to salute M/SGT THEODORE L. DEZARN who is a veteran of fifteen years Air Force and Air National Guard time. He can proudly wear the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, the European Theater Medal, plus a lot of the lesser ones like the Victory Medal, Good Conduct, etc.

"Theo" (as most people call him) was born in Salem, Indiana, 15 May 1922, one of a family of four boys and one girl. He grew up doing a little farming and a lot of learning. Then in 1942, Uncle Sam beckoned and away he went. After screening his abilities, the Air Force wisely sent Theo to Aircraft and Engine Mechanics School in 1942.

Immediately afterwards he attended Aerial Gunners School and graduated "Dead Eye Dick". Getting assigned to a combat crew on B17's, as an aerial gunner and engineer he left for Europe there on the "Flying Fortress" he made 29 missions over Poland, Germany, France and some border countries. Some special feats of his crew are:

- (1) The first day raid on Berlin
- (2) A record eleven hour mission in a B17.

Theo was discharged a S/Sgt in Oct 1945, after having worked on B17's, AT6s, B113s and B115 aircraft. He worked both flight line and PLM Maintenance. He laughingly says "I just got back in this country when "D" day came off". Luckily for us, that Theo had aircraft in his blood and came to the KyANG in February 1947. His help has made our unit much better for few have had his range of experience and know how.

SENTRY - "Halt! Who goes there?"
 AWOL - "Friend, with bottle."
 SENTRY - "Pass, friend; halt, bottle."

Today we find M/Sgt Dezarn in the 165th Tac Recon Sq giving instruction to the new boys and also aiding some "old timers". Theo is Asst Line Chief as an Air Technician. We feel as if Colonel Yahne proudly could say of him "that's my Crew Chief on Old 1072". We could elaborate on and on but we say it all together; we are proud of and salute you - M/SGT THEO DEZARN.

WAGONS ROLL

The 123d expects to move into its new 51 acre site by July this year. The new facilities included are a hangar, shop, classrooms, warehouse and a motor pool. So far this is a \$5,000,000 investment. An additional \$715,000 has been requested for an Administration Bldg.

Service Stores
 THE ARMY'S PRIZE SKIER... Bud WERNER... RECENTLY BECAME THE 1ST AMERICAN TO WIN THE LAUBERHORN TROPHY IN SWITZERLAND'S NO. 1 CLASSIC...
 Werner, STATIONED AT FORT CARSON, COLO., IS ONE OF THE FASTEST DOWN HILL RACERS IN THE COUNTRY....

Rumor has it men that the Air Technicians are going to move all equipment when...

WING FACTS

Hq Sq Sec	27	155
Tac Hosp	11	63
Tac Group	54	295
M&S Group	24	361
TOTAL	116	774

Our authorized strength is 124 officers and 773 airmen, so it is plain to see that the 123d is nearly 100% manned and ready. There are other units assigned to this Wing which are based in Arkansas and Kansas.

No opportunity is ever lost. The other fellow takes those you miss.

SUEY SEZ

by T/Sgt George Suey

It won't be too long before Armed Forces Day is here with us again, in fact by the time this gets into print (if it ever does) Armed Forces Day will be right here with us, and today I would like to take you back to another Armed Forces Day I helped to celebrate while I was at Shaw Air Force Base in South Carolina.

As I can best remember it I was scheduled to do a couple of broadcasts from the base that day, and since we didn't have any telephone lines in I had to tape them for later broadcast. Well, believe it or not right in the middle of things I got a good case of hiccups, and when we played the tape back, this is what it sounded like:

"Good ladies evening and gentlemen, this is Sgt (hic) George Guey bringing you a hicast direct from Baw Shair Horse Face here on the outskirts of (hic) (hic) (hic). We sure are waving a hunderful time here this (hic) afternoon and I wish you could be with us. A couple of F-84's have made a couple of quick passes over the field, and I just made a couple of quick passes at two blondes over there but the ceiling was so low we couldn't see the planes and the blondes couldn't see me.

Hold it, here they come again, the blondes I mean. Hello there cuties... We'll return you to our studios while the announcer goes to the Red Cross tent for first aid.

By this time, between the hiccups and the blondes I was so rattled I saluted an Airman Basic and jumped all over the Colonel for getting in my way (this is not conducive to promotions let me tell you) but later I continued with the broadcast which sounded like this:

"Well, here we are again gadlies and lentlemen direct from the vamp, er I mean ramp of Shaw, the planes have really been flashing through the sky, here comes an F80, an F84, a B50 and now a midget racer. How did he get in? Ah, well, it's been a dig bay here at

the base..sorry sonny you can't take that F84 home with you..I said..sonny..sonny.. you can't take that...lady, I'm sorry your son can't take I mean really now..Oh well, we really didn't need that F84 anyway."

Bye now, Chop Chop

Just received our first two copies of the 130TH RESUPPLIER (WVAANG's newspaper) and you can read same by coming by the Wing Training Office.

Would like to extend our congrats to Capt. Marlin Higgins for his fine article on "Keeping 'EM Flying", and the 130th Air Resupply Squadron for their approximately 7000 hours of accident free flying. By the way we also have several other Air Guard Newspapers on file in the Training Office if you are interested.

FAREWELL TO FIRST

On 30 June 1958 the FIRST AIR FORCE is going out of business. It was responsible for the supervision of ANG and AFRes training in the New England and Middle Atlantic states. FOURTEENTH AIR FORCE will pick up most of the responsibility including Kentucky.



SHOES MAKE NEWS—Never let it be said that the Marines let a little thing like snow keep them from their fun, even if it means donning snowshoes to play volleyball during break in cold weather training exercises held in California mountain area.