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WE SALUTE

Brigadier General Philip P. Ardery

Brigadier General Philip P. Ardery, Kentucky's first general officer to wear the blue, is a completely dedicated Air Guardsman whose many accomplishments in the military as well as civilian fields have reflected considerable credit on his ability to lead the 123d since its inception as Air National Guard unit on 16 February 1947.

Philip P. Ardery was born March 6, 1914 in Lexington, Kentucky. He attended the University of Kentucky and received a AB Degree in 1935 and his LLB Degree from Harvard Law School in 1938. On the 22 May 1935 he was commissioned 2d Lt Infantry Reserve (ROTC). After attaining the grade of 1st Lt in the Infantry reserve he enlisted as a private in the Aviation Cadet Program on 13 September 1940. Upon graduation from Kelly Field, in April 1941 (Class 41C) he was given the assignment as Instructor Pilot at San Angelo, Texas, where he met his very charming wife, Anne. From San Angelo he was assigned to Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson with the principal duty of an instructor in B-24's. With promotions to Captain in January 1943 and to Major in August of the same year he was prepared to assume the duties of Commander of the 564th Heavy Bomb Squadron, 389th Bomb Group which was soon to be immortalized in the pages of history as part of "Ted's Flying Circus" which was named for General E. J. "Ted" Timberlake. This group was selected by Commander, 8th Air Force, Major General Ira Eaker to participate in a Combined Bomber Offensive to be waged by the 8th Air Force and the Royal Air Force. The chief objectives of this offensive were destruction of German aircraft, ball-bearing and oil in-

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KY AIR GUARD PREPARES FOR ALASKAN EXERCISE

The orientation plans for exercise "Willow Freeze" were held on Tuesday 11 October 1960, with Base Staff Sections at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska and Intelligence Operation Officers at Fort Richardson, Alaska.

The Kentucky Air National Guard has been designated by National Guard Bureau to play a major roll in this joint service exercise, and was represented at the orientation by Major William H. Beck and Major James H. McClure.

Major Beck and Major McClure left Shewmaker ANG Base on the 8th of October with stops at Buckley ANG Base, Colorado and McCord AFB, Tacoma, Washington and arrived at Elmendorf AFB near Anchorage, Alaska on 10th of October. Enroute check points were: Sitka, Juneau and Yakutat. They had a total flying time of 17 hours, of which three hours were flown on instruments. They were greeted by Major B.G. Bell and Major Clayton Hughes from the National Guard Bureau.

It was learned that the first phase of exercise "Willow Freeze" will be carried out by the Kentucky Air National Guard (Con't page 6)

LT COL TOM FARRIS VISITS SHEWMAKER

Lt Col Tom Farris, Deputy Chief Personnel Branch, Air Force Division, National Guard Bureau visited Shewmaker ANG Base on 28 October 1960. Colonel Farris was primarily interested with matters concerning Consolidated Personnel Operations as it involves machine accounting, recurring suspense reports and mobility processing.

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ARMY GUARDSMAN PRAISES AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Quote, "It is no secret that magnificent Air National Guard, which is without question the most highly organized and effectively trained civilian component the world has ever known", are words taken from the text of Major General William H. Harrison Jr, President of the National Guard Association of the United States during the Eighty-second General Conference at Honolulu, Hawaii, October 10, 1960. This is indeed a very complimentary remark when made before and acknowledged by several United States Senators, Under Secretaries of the Army and the Air Force, not to mention many active military leaders of three and four star rank stationed in key positions around the world". . . .

Quote from 26 October issue of the Air Force Times, "There are about 8500 Air National Guard officers in the present 70,000 man force, which is generally considered the sharpest Reserve component in the Armed forces today". . . .

Airmen hold your heads high and continue to achieve this acclaim by your deeds. Let it be said over and over again that the units of the Air National Guard have no peer. Let the Kentucky Air National Guard be recognized as the Guard's finest.

GENERAL ARDERY ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Brigadier General Philip P. Ardery was elected Vice President of the American Heart Association during its annual conference which was held in St. Louis, Missouri on 23d thru 25th October 1960. General Ardery has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the past two years. This is an honor which is accorded few laymen as most officers of the American Heart Association are doctors.

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General "Hap" Arnold was the first airman to be promoted to full general.

"Did you hear about Bob? They took him to the hospital this morning".
"That can't be. I saw him last night out dancing with a girl".
"So did his wife".

NOTES FROM MY CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

By Colonel Verne M. Yahne

It was Sunday Morning 9 October 1960, the place San Francisco International Airport and the delegates were preparing to board the huge sleek Boeing 707 Pan-American Airliner. Most of the passengers had never been in a jet airplane. Actually it was hard to realize that we were only 2400 miles and 4 hours and 26 minutes away from touchdown at Honolulu.

The flight was rather uneventful. There were 20 delegates from Kentucky, some 80 delegates from Indiana and a few from Ohio with a total passenger list of 165 persons with a crew of 10. I Spent about an hour in the cockpit in the "Jump Seat" (FFA Inspector's Seat). We cruised at a speed of .82 mach which is approximately 500 knots true airspeed or actual 590 mph, altitude 28,500 feet.

The conference setting was the Hawaiian Village, a city within the City of Honolulu, owned by Mr. Kaiser. The actual conference meetings were held in the Kaiser Dome while the delegates were billeted in the Diamond Head and Ocean Towers on Waikiki Beach. Those in attendance included Major General Arthur Y. Lloyd, The Adjutant General of Kentucky, representatives from several Army Guard units and our own Lt Col Jack H. Owen.

Most of my time was taken up by duties as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee and I can report that of the 77 resolutions acted upon that approximately 65% were passed.

Informative items presented by Major General Winston P. Wilson, Chief, Air Force Division, National Guard Bureau include the following:

1. There will be (8) B-57 and (4) RF-84F squadrons in the ANG by the end of the fiscal year 1963. The changes being, 118th TAC R WG (Tenn) will convert to C-97's, 127th TAC R WG (Mich) will convert from RF-84F's to B-57, the Las Vegas Squadron (152d) will convert to B-57. At the present time we have (12) RF-84F squadrons and (4) B-57 squadrons.

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2. There will be 19 separate units undergoing conversion to be completed by the end of the fiscal year 1963 which will bring the total strength in squadrons of the ANG to: 33 Troop Transport Squadrons; 33 Tactical Fighter and Tactical Reconnaissance Squadrons; and 26 Fighter Interceptor Squadrons.

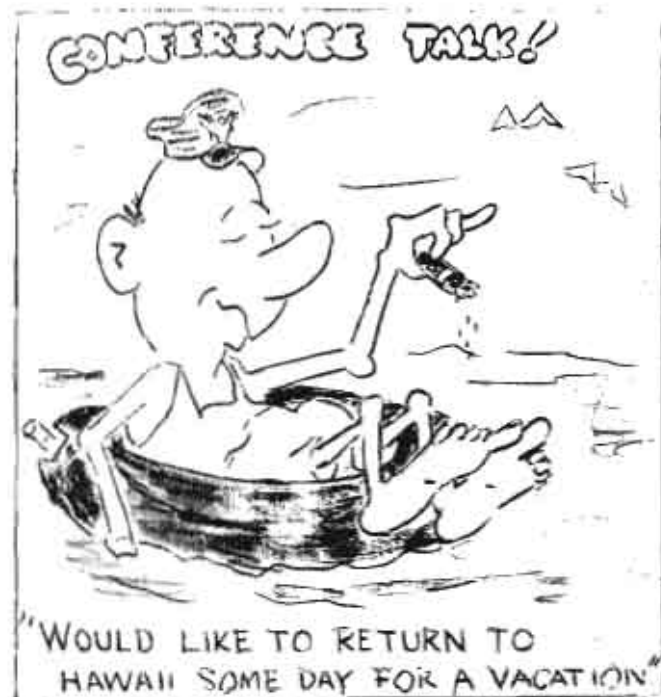
3. The ANG inventory at the end of the fiscal year 1963 will include the F-104, F-102, F-100, C-97, KC-97, C-121, C-119, RF-84F and B-57.

4. Several of the qualified Troop Transport Squadrons will get their 1961 summer training overseas.

5. Tactical Fighter and Tactical Reconnaissance Units can be expected to go overseas at a later date.

6. Guard officials are seeking approval to raise the ANG personnel ceiling from 72,000 to 77,500.

7. The National Guard Association of the United States will hold its 1961 meeting in Las Vegas and the 1962 session in Denver, Colorado.



NEWS AND VIEWS

We welcome another outstanding airman to the most select group of the 123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, yes the 123d's finest. Most of us would agree that he is just the right type. Who could this distinguished person be? SMSGT Warren A. Dubois (E-9 type), Engine Superintendent, 123D CAMRON.

Congratulations are in order to Major John R. Harbison; HQ KyANG; Major Willard A. Olsen, Hq 123D TRW, and Major Robert H. Ransdell, 123D TRON. All have recently received their majorities.

Lt Col George W. McConnell Commander of the 8368th Air Force Reserve Recovery Group based in the Nichols Hospital Area was a visitor of General Ardery at the Wing Staff and Unit Commanders meeting during the October Training Period. The 8368th is a newly organized Class A reserve unit with a mission to assist in the recovery of aircraft whose home bases have been destroyed during an emergency. We may expect visits to our base in the future by personnel from the 8368th. They will be interested in problems that present themselves to a new and growing unit.

ALC R. D. Blevins has successfully completed the USAF ECI Course Fire Fighter Aircraft Rescue Number 5711.



BURNING BRIGHT — Elizabeth Taylor gets another sultry role as Gloria Wandrous, John O'Hara's wayward Manhattan playgirl in "Butterfield 8".

A letter has been received from Mr. Glen A. Harmon, President of WINN Radio indicating that two 15 minute radio programs will be carried on a continuing basis to assist the recruiting program of the Kentucky Air National Guard.

Tactical Aircraft of the 165th TRS have performed missions from Puerto Rico and Bermuda to Alaska in the last 90 days.

It is rumored that Colonel Henry C. Byrd Jr, a former commander of 123d Air Base Group has resigned from the North Carolina Air National Guard.

Major Charles W. Wheeler, Information Officer, HQ KyANG, made several presentations on the proposed revisions to the Kentucky Constitution on Sunday 16 October 1960. Most agree that it was very beneficial and that all those who attended will be able to exercise their ballot with a greater degree of confidence.

The December training period will be held on the 10th and 11th of December. Be sure that you make it or make provisions with your section head or Unit Commander for appropriate duty. There are usually a lot of holiday interruptions.

SSgt Lewis Carr Jr has successfully completed US AF ECI Inventory Management Supervisor Course Number 6429.

The following named officers were ordered to active duty for the purpose of participating in NOHAD/ADC Exercise on 16 October 1960: Colonel Verne M. Yahne, Major Clifford E. Sachleben, Captain Cephas Hermansen, Captain Albert W. Shean III and 1st Lt Norbert L. Goss.

If it's news, just give us the facts, drop it in the nearest Vapor Trails Information Box. Nothing fancy now, just the facts but a little color won't hurt.

NEWS AND VIEWS

LtCol Robert K. Hendricks has been awarded his Comman Pilot Wings.

Major and Mrs. Lester H. Spalding welcomed Steven Lynn at 10:48 on Friday, September 23, 1960 at Mary Immaculate Infirmary in Lebanon, Kentucky. Steven weight 8 lbs 4 oz at birth his length was 21 inches. The Spalding's have two other children Larry age 17 and Susan age 10. Les reports that Mrs. Spalding Steven and the new F-85 are all doing fine.

LtCol Douglas J. McGill has recently returned from a four day working conference in the Personnel Branch, AF Division, NGB wherein directives for implementation of TAC Manual 35-1 were written.

Major Joseph E. Anderson Jr. has received his Senior Pilot Wings.

The average pilot time of Kentucky Air National Guard pilots is just over 2190 hours.

1st Lt W. B. Mann IV has successfully completed the USAF ECI Civil Engineering Course Number 5502.

SSgt Donald L. Durbin Bowled a 623 series recently with a high game of 277.

SSgt C. E. Harmon has successfully completed USAF ECI Ground Radio Operator Course Number 2931.



FALL'S IN — Newcomer Sharon Hugueny is obviously ready for the fall season as she displays a November pumpkin. The young starlet has a leading role in the new film "Parrish."

123d Tactical Reconnaissance Wing will conduct Field Training Exercises at Gulfport, Mississippi in 1961.

One look about the flight line and hangar areas will impress upon all of us the need for a better and more effective safety program. Second to none is the health of an individual. The US Air Force has always considered the life of its personnel above the saving of an aircraft. So lets all put forth an added effort in having an accident free Air National Guard.

Have you seen the activity at the northeast corner of our aircraft ramp? As a matter of information, it is the new refueling truck ramp. It will help very much for a better aircraft operation. Also, the refueling section is looking forward to some new and modern trucks very soon.

Menu for November Drill:
Saturday; Southern Fried Chicken, Potatoes mashed, Peas, Salad and pie.
Sunday; Country Ham, Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad.

TSgt and Mrs. Edgar J. Schulz have a new arrival in their home. Laura Jean was born at St. Joseph Infirmary on Sunday 15 October 1960 at 8:58 A.M.. Laura Jean weighed 8 lbs. and was 19½ inches long at birth. Edgar reports that Mrs. Schulz and Laura Jean are doing fine.

A2C J. R. King has successfully completed the USAF ECI Course Basic Personnel Principles. Number 7321.

The following ECI Courses have been deleted from the curriculum:

Course 2311, Aerial Photographer.

Course 2313, Aerial Photographic Technician.

Course 6032, Motor Transportation Supervisor.

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dustries. The destruction of one of these industries could possibly win the war.

Major Ardery as Squadron Commander, lead his squadron on the original low level Floesti Mission which at that time was the longest mission ever flown (13½ hours). This mission produced more winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor than any encounter of World War II. Those persons receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor were Colonel Leon W. Johnson, Colonel "Killer" Kane and a young Second Lieutenant who flew Major Ardery's right wing, Lt Lloyd H. (Pete) Hughes. Major Ardery received the Silver Star for his roll in leading his squadron on the Floesti Raid. This special task force was deployed from England to North Africa several times during the late summer and early fall months of 1943 and was based in turn at Hethel near Norwich, East Anglia, Bengasi, Tunis, and back at Hethel. Major Ardery was promoted to Lt Col on 1 March 1944 after participating in the "Famous Five Days" or "The Big Week" which completely smashed German Fighter Production. Lt Col Ardery continued to actively participate in combat missions with the assignment as General Timberlake's, Wing Director of Operations until his last combat mission on 6 June 1944 (D-Day) the first day of the invasion of Fortress Europe. Colonel Ardery returned to the United States on 7 July 1944 and was released from active duty 30 October 1945.

Upon activation of the 123d Fighter Group (KY ANG) at Standiford Field, Louisville, Kentucky he was made fighter group commander. On 6 March 1948 he was promoted to Colonel and awarded his Senior Pilot Wings.

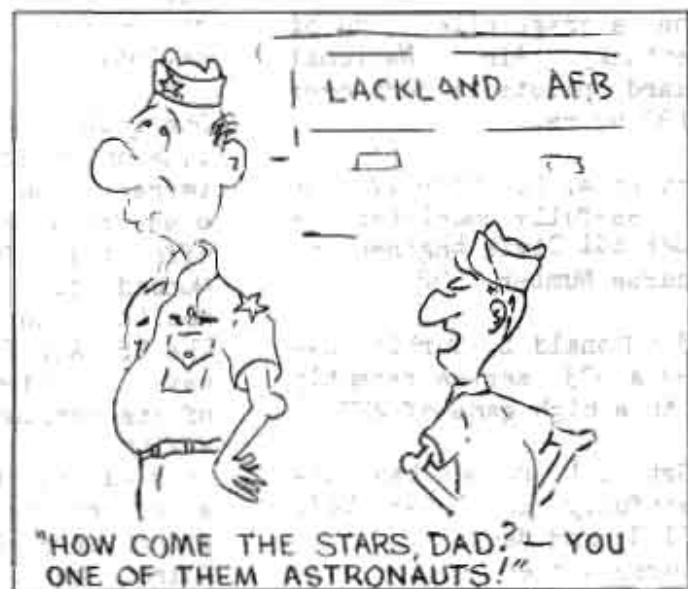
Colonel Ardery served on extended active duty during the Korean Emergency from 25 September 1950 to 24 October 1952 as Commander, 123d Fighter Bomber Wing. While the wing was stationed at Godman AFB, Ky they flew F-51's which had been assigned to this unit from it's inception. After (Con't page 7)

ALASKAN EXERCISE (Con't From Page 1)

the first week in January 1961, or immediately after the first complete snowfall. In this phase Colonel Verne M. Kahne, Project Officer, for the Kentucky Air National Guard will deploy 3 B-57s to Alaska and will photograph an area 70 miles running North and South and 30 miles running East and West to be used by the Army as a pre-determined drop zone. These Photographs will be made into a mosaic 7½ feet by 17½ feet.

The next phase of this exercise will be the dropping of some 5,000 troops into the "drop zone" by the Army from C-119s furnished by Tactical Air Command. They will conduct their maneuvers and troop movements. During this phase four B-57s of the 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron will return to Alaska on 8 February thru 18 February 1961 with approximately 45 personnel, and again photograph the area. They will fly two missions a day each lasting approximately 2 hours. The photographs taken during phase two of the operation will be compared with the first to detect changes in appearance of the terrain from the time of the first snowfall to the end of exercise "Willow Freeze".

The logistical support will be furnished by the 434th Troop Carrier Wing based at Bakalar Air Reserve Base, Columbus, Indiana.



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arriving at Manston Royal Air Force Station, Kent, England, the Wing's primary mission aircraft were F-84's.

Colonel Ardery returned to the United States and assumed command of the 123d Fighter Interceptor Wing in October 1952 and has continued to command this Wing to the present.

He was promoted to Brigadier General on 24 January 1955 and received his command pilot rating on 14 May 1956. Awards received by General Ardery other than the Silver Star include, Distinguished Flying Cross with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal with 3 OLC, and French Croix de Guerre with palm. General Ardery flew 26 combat missions in B-24's with a total of 230 combat hours. His total flying time is approximately 4000 hours.

Since returning from England in 1952 General Ardery has served three years on the Section V Committee (USAF Level) and is presently serving on the Secretary of Defense Reserve Forces Policy Board.

General Ardery is a practicing attorney in civilian life and is serving his first term as County Commissioner in Jefferson County.

General Ardery and his wife Anne and their four children, Peter 17, Phil Jr 15, Joe 13, and Julian 7 reside at 424 Pennington Lane, Rolling Fields, Louisville, Ky

We salute Brigadier General Philip P. Ardery as a great leader who has not nearly reach his Zenith.

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"What are you putting in your pocket, Jack?"

"That's a stick of dynamite. Every time Dick sees me he slaps me on the chest and breaks all my cigars. Next time he does it, he's going to blow his darned hand off."

SPORTS QUIZ

1. What teams participated in the highest scoring basketball game in NBA history?
2. Name the NBA player who holds the all-time record for scoring the most points in a single game.
3. What NBA player scored the most field goals in a single contest to set an all-time mark?
4. The NBA record for scoring the most points for an entire season is held by what player?

1. On Feb 27, 1959, The Boston Celtics downed the Minneapolis Laker 173-139.
2. Elgin Baylor of Minneapolis. He scored 64 points on Nov 8, 1959.
3. Philadelphia's Joe Fuiks sank 27 field goals on Feb 10, 1949.
4. Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors who scored 2,707 points during the 1959-60 campaign.



SOMETHING NEW - The maximum range of the Air Force's supersonic B-58 Hustler has been greatly extended with the addition of this new two-component pod. The lower portion of the pod can be jettisoned when it's fuel is exhausted, and the upper part, which carries both fuel and the bomber's payload, would be dropped on target during combat.

WELCOME TO THE KENTUCKY AIR NATIONAL GUARD WE'RE MIGHT GLAD TO HAVE YOU

The following personnel are new members of our Air Guard Wing. We certainly hope your stay here will be a pleasant one.

165TH TAC R SQ

SSGT Norman R. Sanders
 A1C Leon Bary
 A1C James W Snodgrass III
 A2C James T. Brutscher
 A2C Herman O. Weir
 A2C Carl L. Hoagland
 A3C James P. Maher
 AB Edwin R. Smith
 AB David Y. Wood

123D CONS ACFT MAINT SQ

AB Kelley D. Alsop III
 AB Aloysius M. Krebs
 AB Stanley J. Pohl

123D SUPPLY SQUADRON

SSGT Billy R. Neal

123D TRANSPORTATION SQ

A1C Rodney L. Newman
 AB Charles E. Owens

CONGRATULATIONS

The Vapor Trails would like to welcome the following new Officers:

2LT Thomas L. Kircher
 2LT Ronald G. Chism
 2LT Albert C. Diebold

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Then there's the man who was going to write a drinking song but was never able to get past the first two bars.

COMPLETION OF BMT

The following named airmen completed BMT in October.

HQ 123D TAC R WG

A3C Dolph L. Berman
 A3C Clifford A. Bisig
 A3C Frank W. Grawmeyer
 A3C Murrel L. Kohn

123D SUPPLY SQ

A3C Jimmy W. Colville
 A3C Carl F. Pollard

123D A & E SQ

A3C Charles L. Mathis Jr

123D CONS ACFT MAINT SQ

A3C Maurice L. Miller Jr

165TH TAC R SQ

AB Henry S. Faurest Jr
 AB Gary M. Keiper
 AB Glen Miller
 AB Vernon S. Rehm Jr

123D TRANSPORTATION SQ

A3C Kenneth R. Elbert
 A3C James P. Roggencamp

PROMOTIONS FOR OCTOBER

The following personnel were promoted to the grades indicated during the October promotion cycle.

TO SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

Warren A. Dabois

TO STAFF SERGEANT

Donald B. Redmon
 Donald L. Westerman

TO AIRMAN FIRST CLASS

Ernest C. Diebold

TO AIRMAN THIRD CLASS

John E. Hermes
 Thomas L. Kersteins
 Herbert J. Kreitman
 Charles E. Scott Jr
 Tim G. Taylor
 Frederick A. Widman Jr
 Charles L. Mathis Jr
 Jimmy W. Colville
 Carl F. Pollard
 James W. Decker
 Larry W. Eckhart
 Dolph L. Berman
 Clifford A. Bisig
 Frank W. Grawmeyer
 Murrell L. Kohn
 David G. McMillen
 George F. Petro
 Noel D. Weber
 David J. Griffey
 Joseph V. Griffith
 Gerald A. Gradek
 Philip E. Gundel
 Leonard M. Appel
 Richard L. Gravatte
 Thomas J. Brown Jr
 Harold J. Herman
 Maurice L. Miller Jr
 Alton Cunningham
 Laurence Curry Jr
 W. C. Schoenbaechler
 Kenneth R. Elbert
 James P. Roggencamp

