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# Mace Formal Acceptance Show Forecast

Ceremonies marking the formal acceptance of the 38th Wing's TM76A Mace weapons system in Europe are scheduled for Sembach's flightline July 11.

Coincidentally, the occasion will also mark the fifth year of USAFE Matador missile operations within the NATO framework. (See story, page 6).

Plans for the 1½ hour event at the home of the 587th TM Gp call for a Wing parade and review, flyover, and roll-by of Mace equipment.

A five-ship "V" formation of Wing T-33 aircraft is forecast to take place during the morning show. Rolling equipment will include the Terracruz, Translauncher and other Mace equipment.

## More Mace Missilemen Arrive



Official greeters and meeters, new missilemen of the 587th TM Gp, welcome old friends from the 4504th Misl Trng Sq at Orlando AFB, Fla., upon their arrival at Sembach Air Base. The 4504th missileers were the first Air Force personnel to launch the TM76A missile.



Group Pers Sgt Major, S Sgt George Johnson, goes over records of 4504th men being assigned to the 587th Gp. Their former comdr, Lt Col Harold M. Hegyessy, was recently assigned as the 587th group operations officer. For more on Col Hegyessy, see story on page 7.

The parade formation is tentatively slated to wheel into line at 10:30 am Saturday and will include marching elements of the 585th, 586th and 587th TM Gps. USAFE's 686th Band is slated to participate.

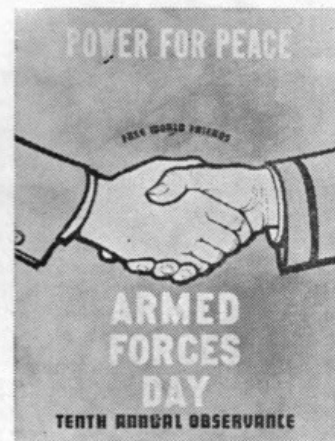
The Wing guest list will include invitations to USAFE C-in-C Gen F. F. Everest, tactical wing comdrs in USAFE, and NATO dignitaries.

The 587th Gp, first Wing unit to receive the new missile, will conduct a count-down and simulated launch of the Mace. Static displays of the weapon, the Terracruz and Translauncher are added features for "open house" visitors. Men of the 38th Wing and members of their families are invited to attend the show.

The occasion will also honor 38th airmen who have earned awards during the past several months. Presentations are expected to be made by the Wing Commander.

A luncheon for invited guests is scheduled for the Officers' Club at Sembach immediately following flightline ceremonies.

Assigned as project officers were Lt Col Harold M. Hagyessy, 587th TM Gp operations officer and Major I. H. Fortenberry, Wing executive officer.



## Mslmen Cited for Outstanding Service



... Kindsfather

Decorations sprouted all over the Wing last month.

Two non-coms of the 587th TM Gp were awarded the Soldier's Medal, both for acts of heroism they performed while assigned to the 4504th Msl Training Wg at Orlando AFB, Fla.

A missile technician, now of the 587th Gp Hq, MSgt Jake Kindsfather, earned his Soldier's Medal for saving a woman from drowning while he was swimming in Florida earlier in the summer.

SSgt Walter A. Gronkowski won his award for playing the leading role in putting out a Mace fire at Orlando. During a routine countdown, an explosion occurred and the bird was immediately enshrouded in flames. When all emergency procedures failed, Gronkowski leaped aboard the launcher with complete disregard for his own safety and cut the main fuel supply. This was the prime factor in extinguishing the fire. His action prevented the possible loss of life and property worth more than \$350,000.

Commendation medals went to Capt Jasper Bellamy of the 822nd TM Sq, MSgt John Kenney of the



... Gronkowski

585th TM Gp Hq, MSgt John J. Stackwood and TSgt Don Burroughs, both of Wing Hq.

Capt Bellamy earned his award for being instrumental in maintaining a high degree of combat proficiency among launch teams of the 322nd.

As NCOIC of the group provost marshal's office, Sgt Kenney was cited for helping to put over an effective security program at Bitburg missile installations.

Sgt Stackwood, who was Information Services NCOIC and editor of the *Missileer*, was largely responsible for this publication winning two journalistic awards from higher headquarters. He has since rotated to an assignment at Beale AFB, Calif.

Burroughs received his decoration for his work as NCOIC of maintenance while in the 822nd TM Sq. He later transferred to Wing Hq.

Other Commendation Medals have been awarded to Lt Col Ragnar L. Carlson, new comdr of the 587th Msl Maint Sq, and A/IC John Downs, personnel specialist at Wing Hq. Both won their awards for service with stateside units before joining the Wing.



... Burroughs



... Stackwood



... Kenney

## 585th Ground Safety Award Goes to C&G

For having the best accident prevention record in the 585th TM Gp for FY59, the 585th C&G Sq took permanent possession of the Group Ground Safety Plaque.

Gp comdr Col Fred W. Vetter presented the prize to Lt Col Edward C. Walsh, comdr of the C&G unit at a short ceremony at Group Hq.

The award marked the high point in a year of concentrated effort to better the overall safety program by squadrons of the group.

In handing over the plaque, Col Vetter said, "This achievement is especially worthy of praise since more than half of the squadron's



Proud of the 585th C&G Sq for winning the Gp Ground Safety Plaque are Lt Col Edward Walsh (l), sq comdr, and 1st Lt Edward Hadro, sq safety officer.

personnel are placed at 15 different operating locations and much of their work is done under adverse conditions."

The C&G men were the only unit to win the trophy twice during the year, thereby taking permanent possession of it.

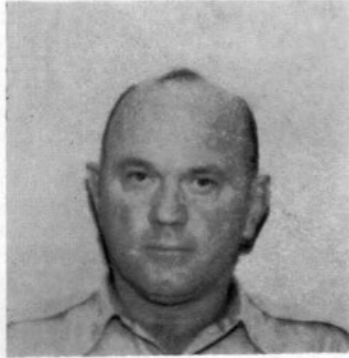
## Liaison Flown by Sim Msl in Move

Sim Msl pilots flew more than one hundred round trips in L-20 aircraft between Hahn and Sembach to help ease the task of inter-base coordination during the swift transfer.

First Lts Eugene McCormack, George Koch and Ralph Griffiths averaged three missions per day during the liaison assignment.

Despite the extra workload, the 38th's air operations branch continued its normal missions without a letdown, and added to its 6000-hour accident free record.

## New Comdr Assigned 587th Msl Maint Sq



... Carlson

An officer who got into the missile business on the ground floor has taken command of the 587th Msl Maint Sq.

Lt Col Ragnar L. Carlson of Chiloquin, Oregon took the position in mid-July. The former commander, Maj William T. Freeman, became sq executive officer.

Col Carlson mixed with the birds for the first time in 1946 in the drone aircraft which were the forerunners of the Matador.

He also participated in Operation Crossroads, the first full-scale atomic tests in the Pacific. His unit during these exercises produced the pioneering 550th Guided Missile Wg at Eglin AFB, Fla.

Subsequent assignments followed with MAAG in Greece, and as the chief of aircraft maintenance at SAC and ATC bases.

He was an Eighth Air Force pilot during WWII and flew 30 missions over Europe in 1943-44.

His assignment to a missile outfit in Germany were 100 percent in agreement with his personal desires.

## Cyclists Must Use Helmets & Goggles

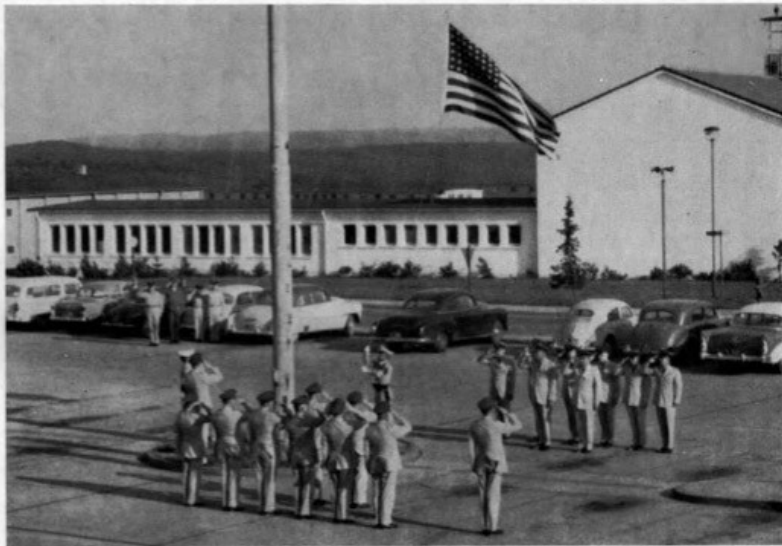
Missilemen who ride motorcycles or similar vehicles in Europe must wear a safety helmet and safety goggles.

This word, in the form of a Wing Hq supplement to an AF reg, will be passed to units in the field in the near future.

Operators and riders on these vehicles will be screened to determine whether they have approved safety equipment.

Seat belts for automobiles continues to be in the news. Congress is pressing a study on the advisability of making safety belts required equipment on all makes of cars.

## Sembach AB Comes Under Wing Control



A retreat ceremony marked September 1st as the day Sembach Air Base came under the control of the 38th Wing. Col. Harry J. Sands and his Hq staff and Col George Simeral and his 38th AB Gp Hq staff participated.

## 'Standard' Means More than Oil in 822nd

A Mace standardization team has completed minimum tactical training requirements in the 822nd TM Sq, and has begun checking out all launch crews in the unit.

The elite team was hand-picked for the job by Lt Col George H. Pittman, sq comdr, Capt Jasper Bellamy, training officer, and the three flight commanders. Two men from each of the flights were selected.

All members of the standardization

team arrived in the command within the past few months and are graduates of the 4504th Msl Training Wg at Orlando AFB. Each has had no less than one year of formal schooling on the bird, and each has participated in actual launches.

The team is training crews with the normal complement of nine men. Within the squadron, they will insure that all crews follow the "one best way to get the job done."

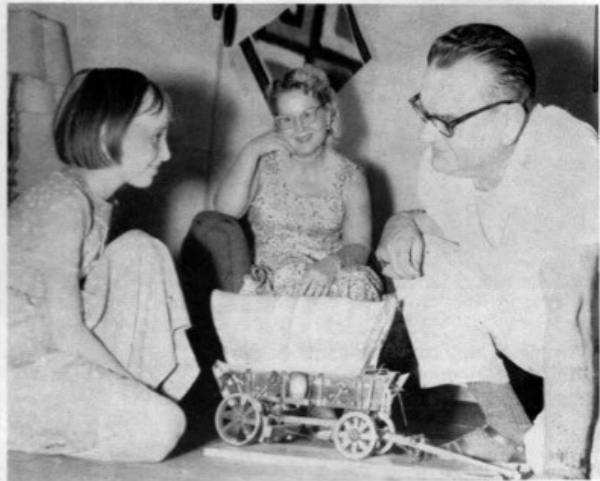


The 822nd TM Sq's standardization team holds still for a pic. From left are Capt George T. Leach, launch control officer; TSgt William V. Boyette, crew chief; A/1C Edward T. Nangle, special weapons technician; SSgt Kenneth H. Murchison, weapons mechanic; SSgt John L. Hersey, missile mechanic; and A/2C Harry E. Deneueth, missile systems analyst.

## Bitburg Takes in Berlin Kinder



A/IC James D. Cooke of the 585th Supp Sq reads a bed-time story to son, Mike, 3, and Berlin guest, Petra, 6, on the first night of her stay with the Cookes. Wife Hannelore also seems genuinely interested in the once-upon-a-timer.



"This is how we traveled in the old days," explains TSgt Clinton A. Dolan of the 585th Supp Sq to 10-year-old Sylvia Margenfeld of Berlin, while wife, Della, looks on. The covered wagon was built by the air police NCO.

Twelve missile families lined up solidly behind Bitburg's open invitation to the underprivileged children of West Berlin.

Thirty-six youngsters were brought by bus from the divided city for an expected six-weeks vacation in American homes on the base.

Known as Project Berliner Kinder, the plan compares to the Kinderlift operations of previous years. However, since no USAF aircraft were available this time, the German Youth Authority and the German Red Cross arranged to have the children brought out by train and bus.

Helping to make the summer a happy one for the Berlin kids were A/IC and Mrs Harlan O. Campbell, TSgt and Mrs James W. Mercer, and TSgt and Mrs Robert Astuto of the 71st TM Sq.

Also, TSgt and Mrs Eugene N. Stiff, A/IC and Mrs James Cooke, SSgt and Mrs James Carson, TSgt and Mrs Clinton A. Dolan, TSgt and Mrs O. D. Thompson, SSgt and Mrs Gerald Coons, SSgt and Mrs Evra L. Beasley, Capt and Mrs Herbert Laird, and A/2C and Mrs R. Van Kampen of the 585th Supp Sq.

### Wayne Newberry Enters AF Acad

Cadet Wayne E. Newberry may not have traveled via a time machine, but his whirlwind trip from Bitburg to Colorado Springs, Colo. may have seemed like he had.

Within five days of his departure from the 585th TM Gp, the 20-year-old airman had flown some 5,000 miles, processed into the Air Force Academy, was discharged, and had become



Cadet Newberry.

The former controls technician was one of two USAFE airmen selected to begin four years at the academy for the class of '63.

### First Production Line Photo of Mace



A steady stream of TM-76 Mace missiles rolls off the production line at the Baltimore plant of the Martin Co. The all-weather cruise-type birds are being assembled at Sembach to replace the Matador in Wing units.