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Base Firefighters Needed at Springfield Fire

by MSgt. Larry Lentz

"Needless to say that without your help this fire would have reached much more serious proportions and would have been a real problem for us to handle," reflected Raymond J. Boudet, chief of Springfield's Fire Department.

His comments were in a letter of thanks to Westover's Fire Chief Haskell Jenkins and his base firefighters. They had assisted Springfield and other municipal fire departments, controlling a two-alarm inferno in Springfield a few days previously, on April 10.

The fire had started in a storage area in the Hampden Color and Chemical Co. It soon spread and engulfed the entire chemical plant, and was threatening a large lumber yard and a one million gallon gasoline storage tank less than 50 yards away. The company was in a 15 block flammable liquid storage and hazardous chemical manufacturing and storage center, known as "gasoline alley," adjacent to Interstate 291.

Once on the scene, Springfield firefighters quickly realized their efforts and equipment could not handle the rapidly developing blaze, fueled by drums of acetone and alcohol.

Chief Boudet later told a *Morning Union* reporter, "The Springfield Fire Department has foam to handle gasoline and chemical fires, but not enough to fight something like this. We depend on the trucks from Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee and supplies from surrounding communities. Until the first truck from Westover arrived, about 40 minutes after the Springfield Fire Department, firefighters were only able to contain the blaze from spreading along the ground to other areas."



Springfield (Mass.) firefighters stand by as members of Westover's Fire Protection Division spray foam on the raging chemical fire. (Mark M. Murray photo reprinted courtesy of Springfield Daily News.)

"We had received the call, under our mutual aid agreement and immediately dispatched one P-4 foam truck," recalls Westover Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Longworth.

When Chief Jenkins arrived, and the magnitude of the fire was apparent, he summoned the base's second P-4 and another truck with 550 gallons of foam.

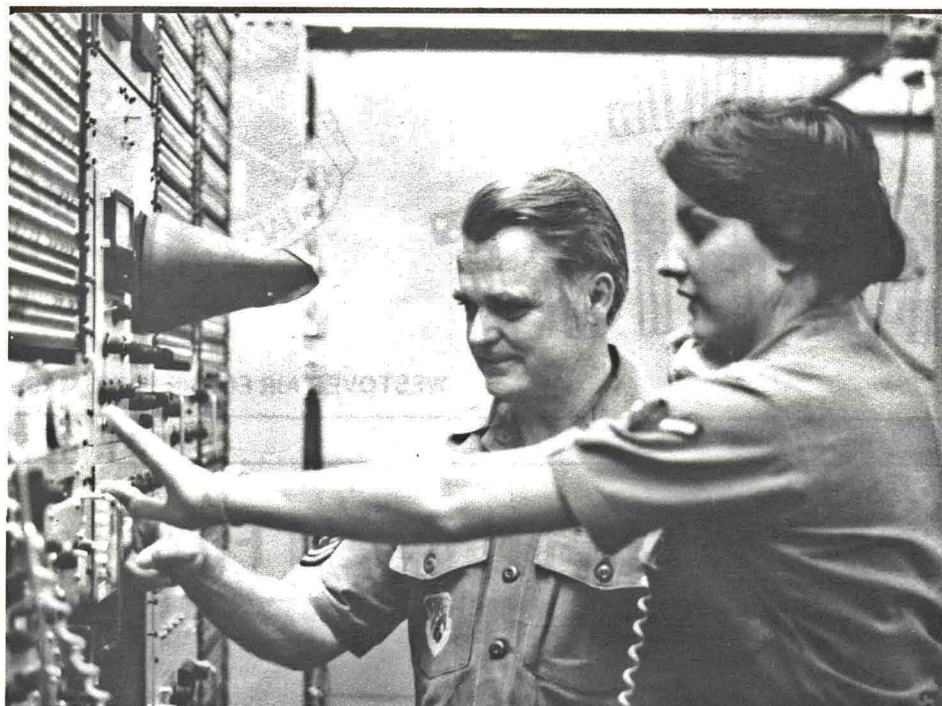
"We were able to clear a path and knock the fire down," explains crew chief Glen VanValkenberg. "The Springfield firefighters were then able to close a valve and stop the liquid from leaking and igniting."

With their efforts, the fire was soon

under control. Chief Jenkins, Glen VanValkenberg, Bobby Pitts, Kenneth Lavigne, Jack J. Flanagan, drivers; and Gerald Racine, firefighter, returned to base.

They weren't the only ones from Westover to respond. When word of the fire reached them over the media, two reservists, MSgt. Lawrence Lose, crew chief; and A1C. Wilson St. Julian, firefighter, went to the fire scene and assisted their colleagues. Meanwhile, MSgt. Maurice Jiggetts, crew chief, voluntarily reported to Westover and prepared needed containers of extra foam.

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905 CF maintenance superintendent TSgt. Frank Sweryda tests an incoming telephone signal with Amn. Elodie Lombas, 2179th inside plant telephone equipment repair trainee.

905 CF Completes Florida Tour

Story and Photo by
SSgt. G. Mark LaFrancis

Full-time training and completion of the unit Self Inspection Guide were the chief accomplishments logged by the 905th Communications Flight during its two-week annual tour at Patrick AFB, Fla.

The 2179th Communications and Installation Group hosted the flight from March 31 to April 14.

Accompanying 905 CF Commander Maj. Alvin J. Burge and Comm/Ops Officer 1st. Lt. Jack M. Sanocki were SMSgt. Paul T. Babin, first sergeant;

TSgt. Frank Sweryda, maintenance supervisor; TSgt. James G. Swope, personnel supervisor; TSgt. Earl W. Cole, Jr., radio operations supervisor and TSgts. Tom M. Irving and Paul T. Crespo, telecommunications supervisors. Also with the flight was TSgt. Wesley J. Lincoln, telephone installation technician with the 104th Comm. Flt. (ANG), at Westfield.

Flight members worked with active duty counterparts in six duty centers, including base switchboard, Military Affiliate Radio Service station, orderly room, telephone installations office and

communications center. Upgrade training for five- and seven-level personnel was accomplished under the direction of SSgt. Kenneth G. Lane, OJT administrator.

Lieutenant Sanocki and supervisors accomplished the unit's self inspection guide program, the flight's "most important project of the year," he said.

Personnel supervisor Sergeant Swope and specialist SSgt. Corinne A. Squier brought all regulations and manuals up to date and reviewed the forms system. "Also, we started plans for next year's annual tour and assisted 2179th orderly room personnel," Sergeant Swope said.

Sergeant Cole and SSgt. G. Mark LaFrancis, radio operations specialist, activated the group's MARS station, enabling them to transmit and receive traffic. Because of this activity, the unit is better able to plan for adding MARS capability to its operations during UTA weekends at Westover, Lieutenant Sanocki said.

Sergeant Babin, the unit's telecommunications superintendent, said, "The supervisors in the communications center hated to see us leave, because they had no middle-ranking people with experience. We did the job and received training by doing actual work." He said that 694 outgoing and 1,371 incoming messages were processed by the flight communications center personnel, who worked 16-hour days.

Upgraded from three to five level were A1C. Maureen E. McCauley, telecommunications specialist and A1C. Dennis A. Cierpial, telephone installer. Upgraded to seven level was SSgt. John A. Sudol, telecommunications specialist. Two telephone installers received pole climbing certification and the entire unit completed its annual physical testing.

Base Firefighters . . .

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Chief Longworth reports, "It was the biggest fire involving flammable liquids that we have reported to since the Air Force Reserve assumed responsibility for Westover five years ago. Yet its size or potential danger didn't stop them. They did their job well."

His comments were echoed by a patrolman on the scene. In an Associated Press story in Holyoke's *Transcript-Telegram*, he said, "If it wasn't for Westover, we would have been in a lot of trouble."

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Civilians Conduct Combined Commander's Call

Thirty-six civil service employees were cited with various awards during a commander's call for civilians on April 11.

Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, conducting his first Westover civilian commander's call, wanted to have all the civilians at one gathering, rather than divide them by wing and group. The commander presented the same briefing to the capacity audience that he has given to local chambers of commerce, showing the civilian employees the impact the military's presence has on the local communities.

The briefing covered the scope of the wing's participation in joint command exercises, and the part all units of the 439 TAW contribute to the national defense.

General Haugen answered several questions from the audience on possible future plans for Westover. His staff was available to provide specific information on their particular functions.

The first awards were to **Russell Markwith** and **Robert Ranck**, who both received the Department of the Air Force Command Civilian Award for Valor for bravery in fighting a fire on a C-123. The two electronics mechanics "heroically contained and extinguished a gasoline fire which engulfed the auxiliary power plant within a C-123 aircraft," the citation reads. The men also received an engraved ribbon with medal, and pins repeating the design of the ribbon.

Frank Ludwig, 439 CSG Personnel Systems Management, received a congratulatory letter from President Carter commending Ludwig for having Air Force Regulation 35-41 changed to include a procedure to insure immunization records of Guard and Reserve personnel are forwarded to the Record Center in Denver.

George D'Amours accepted the award for Best AFRES Data Processing Installation in 1978. The operation of the data processing unit extends into all areas of the base's operations and manpower systems and has a major impact on how successful the base is in managing its resources.

The 439 CSG Fuels Section received a plaque as the Best in AFRES Fuels Management Branch for 1978. **Wilfred Mathieu** accepted for his colleagues.

James N. Oster was recognized for his assistance in providing driver training to the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps recruiters and the medical administrative staff at the Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station in Springfield.

Mike Goldenberg, base supply officer, accepted a trophy for his section for having the "Outstanding Vehicles Base Fleet—Westover AFB, January to March 1979."

Special Achievement Awards (quality salary increases) went to **Margaret B. Rudolph**, Wing Safety and to **Leland B. Spencer**, Aircraft Maintenance Quality Control.

Special Achievement Awards for sustained superior performances were presented to **Henri M. Drenthe**, **Raymond S. Gehm** and **Richard E. Stula** of Aircraft Maintenance; and **Michael Harhay**, Transportation Div.

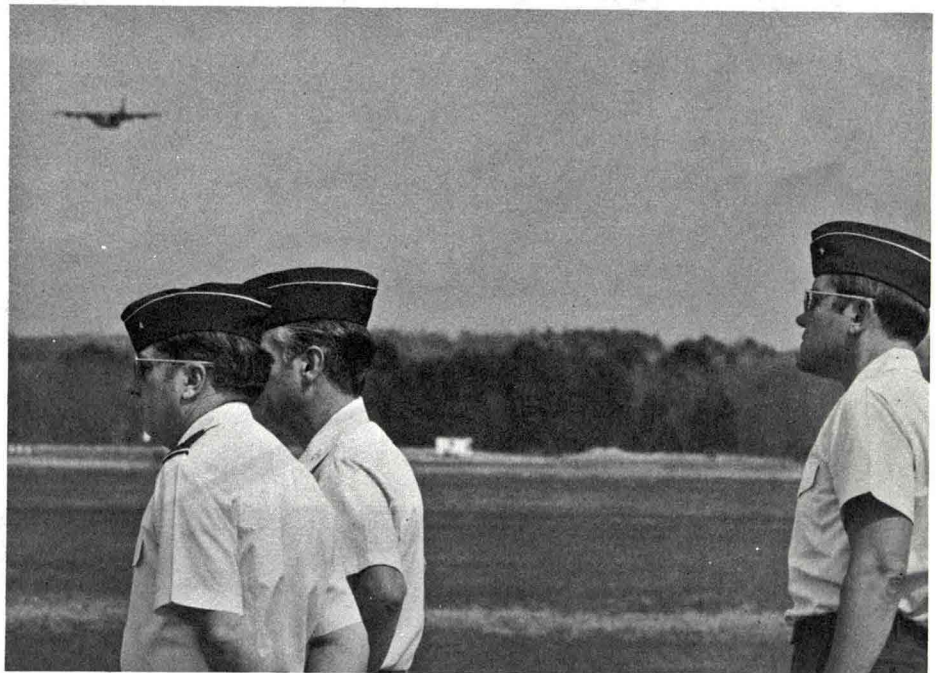
For her outstanding performance during the past year, **Jean M. Parker**,

Wing Operations, received a Special Achievement Awards.

Certificates and pins for 20 years of federal service were presented to **Charles Fournier**, Base Supply; **Theodore Kapinos**, Civil Engineering; **John Kendrew**, Civilian Personnel; **Roland M. LeBeau**, Civil Engineering; **Angelo Lerario**, Services; **George A. LeClerc**, Civil Engineering; **Lawrence Mitton**, Civil Engineering and **Carminda S. Ribeiro**, Base Supply.

Receiving their recognition for 20 years of federal service were **James J. Fitzell**, Civil Engineering; **Lyman U. Frain**, Wing Operations; **Joseph E. Goulet**, Base Supply; **Russell Markwith**, Aircraft Maintenance and **Arthur J. Sorenson**, Wing Operations.

Ten-year certificates and pins went to **Raymond V. Boidleau**, **William E. Grabowski**, **Frank S. Rys, Jr.**, **Henry V. Spear, Jr.**, **Richard Stula** and **Stanley C. Svec**, all of Aircraft Maintenance.



14AF(R) Commander Brig. Gen. James E. McAdoo, left, Col. Charles R. Parrott, wing vice commander and Wing Commander Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen view activity in Westover's drop zone during General McAdoo's recent visit.

Family Day 1 P.M. Saturday, June 16, 1979

Aircraft Displays • Life Support Displays • Fire Equipment Displays
Aircraft Operations Demonstration Training • Barbecue • Evening Dance
All WAFB personnel, families and friends invited



Honored guests at the dais are, from left, Mrs. and Mr. Walter Mrozinski, Mrs. and Col. J. Frank Moore, Brig. Gen. James E. McAdoo, Col. and Mrs. Paul Huffman, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Donald E. Haugen, Mr. David Wawer and Maj. (Chap.) Albert J. Ryan.



Standing head and shoulders of Vice, Capt. Edward Cusumano in military headgear.

DINING

The wing's officers held their fifth anniversary dining out on Saturday, April 28, at the base's Consolidated Open Mess. More than 200 officers and their guests joined guest of honor, Brig. Gen. James E. McAdoo, who was recently named commander of 14th Air Force (Reserve).

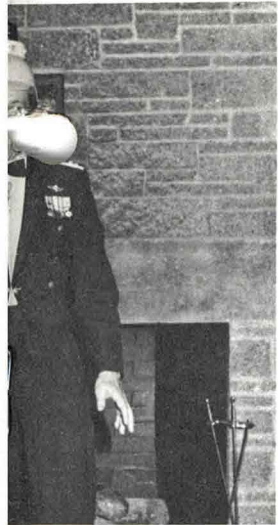
The evening's festivities included presentations to three officers who "signify the best of the best."

Capt. Kevin M. Wentworth, 731 TAS, was named the Outstanding Junior Officer of 1978. He had increased his instructor pilot time to nearly 900 hours; was appointed stan/eval flight examiner; performed as the squadron flying safety officer; and chaired the 731st reciprocal engine get-well committee.

The wing Outstanding Aircrew Member for 1978 went to Lt. Col. Rob-



"To the real unsung heroes of the war, General McAdoo congratulated the wives of the officers for their contributions to the Res-



...ders above the crowd, Mr. ...er, introduces the latest in



The evening's award recipients and guests gather after the festivities.

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ert Motley. As acting 337 TAS operations and training officer, Colonel Motley maintained a fully-manned and fully-qualified navigation section, and helped his unit meet or exceed all mission requirements.

Lt. Col. Warner E. Jones, M.D., has been with the wing for less than 24 months. However, he has organized the Aeromedical Council on Stresses Experienced by Flight Crews, which made them aware of potential health and safety problems. He also conducted various courses in life support and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. For these and other accomplishments, Colonel Jones is the Outstanding Officer of 1978.

Lt. Col. Paul E. Huffman, 337 TAS commander, was the dining out's president, and Capt. Edward C. Custer, Jr., 439 TAW acted as Mr. Vice.



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 SMSgt. Robert F. Rose
 MSgt. Edward Cooney
 MSgt. Harold B. Crapo, Jr.
 MSgt. James E. Devitt
 MSgt. Lyman U. Frain
 MSgt. Thomas F. Kenney
 MSgt. Richard J. A. LaJoie
 MSgt. Donald F. MacGillivray
 MSgt. Arthur C. MacKintire
 MSgt. Nicholas F. Perfido
 MSgt. Robert T. Windisch
 MSgt. Bruce B. Wood
 TSgt. Raymond V. Boidleau
 TSgt. Theodore Erhardt, Jr.
 TSgt. Paul A. Lombardi
 TSgt. Edward Mrazik
 SSgt. Rudolph G. Benard
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 SSgt. James H. Hniedziejko
 SSgt. Daniel G. Hogan
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 Sgt. Nancy J. Donovan
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 Sgt. Peter R. Kingsbury
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 Sgt. Richard H. Rush
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 Sgt. Joseph Tougas
 Sgt. Robert D. Williams
 Sgt. Sharon B. Williams
 SrA. Ricardo T. DeGrace
 SrA. George P. DeJesus
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 SrA. Peter E. Jensen
 SrA. Mark G. Johnson
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 SrA. Alonzo C. Moreland
 SrA. Gary C. Osgood
 SrA. Daniel W. Plawecki
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 SrA. Susan M. Vitolo
 SrA. David A. Zamorski
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 A1C. Ronald C. Baldwin
 A1C. Timothy P. Biros
 A1C. Brian R. Duclos
 A1C. Richard E. Heath
 A1C. Michael A. LaPorte
 A1C. Karen L. Martin
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 AB Linda C. Novonty
 AB Tina M. Richard
 AB Wayne E. Samuels
 AB Ellen E. Smith
 AB Judith M. Waterson

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 Capt. Ronald M. Comtois
 Capt. Richard M. Bavin
 Capt. Taylor L. Spangler
 MSgt. Klaus P. Fecke
 TSgt. Wayne A. Huot
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 SSgt. Chester M. Andrzejczyk
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 AB Christopher P. Mellinger

Academy Grad Flies Through Medical School

by Maj. Rudolph G. DiLuzio

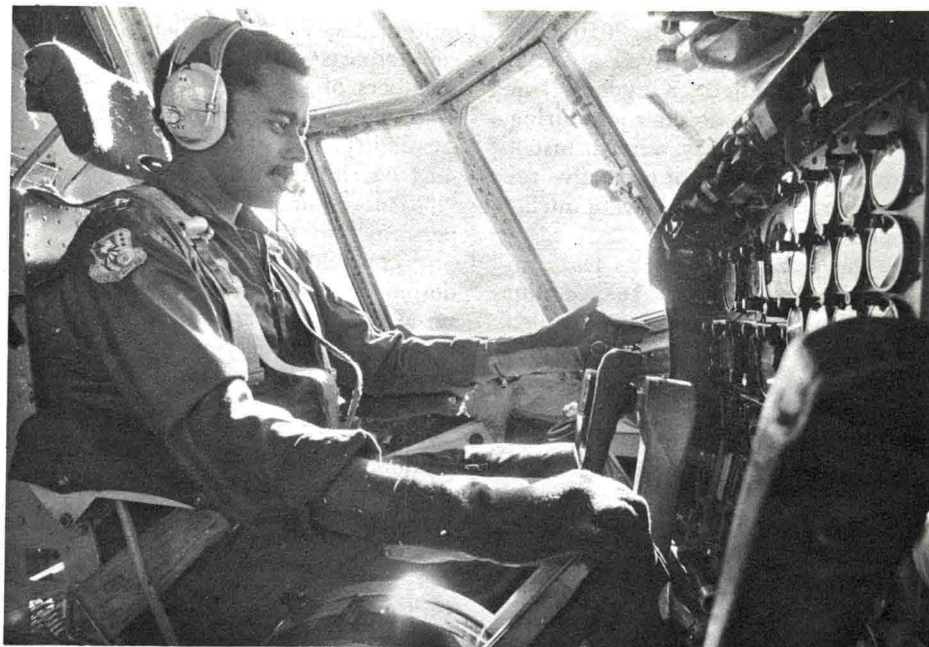
Editor's Note: During April, the Air Force Academy marked its 25th anniversary. As part of the observance, the academy newspaper is planning a year-long series of stories on its graduates. Westover's PATRIOT is pleased to participate in this program by recognizing some academy alumni now serving with the 439th. Among them is Capt. Norman L. Elliott, who joined the 337 TAS in January 1975.

Career changes are not unusual in adult life. However, some are more unusual than others, particularly one which begins in engineering, moves on to aviation and then transits to medicine. One such story is that of Capt. Norman L. Elliott. He will become Norman L. Elliott, M.D., on May 21, 1979.

His significant achievement started in a very unlikely manner. As a native of New York City, Captain Elliott attended Brooklyn Technical High School which is an engineering-oriented school. He had his career sights on an engineering degree. In his senior year, he competed in the National Achievement Scholarship Program and ended up as a finalist. Captain Elliott then found himself in the pleasant situation of choosing among a number of colleges which had accepted him. Among them were Cornell and New York Universities. However, he harbored another strong interest, which was to learn to fly. The Air Force Academy offered a tantalizing opportunity. The academy would lead to a technical science degree and pilot's wings. The academy, then, was his logical choice.

Captain Elliott graduated from the academy in 1970 with a bachelor of science degree in metallurgy. Newly-commissioned 2nd Lt. Norman L. Elliott then went to pilot training at Laughlin AFB, Texas. He earned his wings in August 1971. He went on to C-130 training at Little Rock AFB, Ark., and from there to rescue training at Hill AFB, Utah.

His first operational assignment put him in the midst of the Vietnam conflict. He joined the 39th Aerospace Rescue Squadron at Cam Rahn Bay as an HC-130 co-pilot in January 1972. The unit went to Korat Royal Thai AB three months later as the redesignated 56th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery



Capt. Norman L. Elliott handles the controls in his C-130 aircraft.

Squadron. The mission responsibilities were threefold: command and control for rescue operations; refueling the Jolly Green Giant rescue helicopters; and medical evacuation.

Among Captain Elliott's combat experiences was a rescue operation connected with the Linebacker II missions. Captain Elliott recalls, "An F-4 was shot down about 35 miles outside Hanoi. A Jolly Green Giant, under heavy fire, went in to recover the pilot. Our HC-130 was flying cover. The F-4 pilot was picked up, but the Jolly Green took some bad hits. Fuel was spurting out from its punctured tanks. They could never make it back at their rate of fuel loss. We moved in. Refueling lines were hooked up to the 'copter from our aircraft. Joined by these lines, our HC-130 and the Jolly Green flew together through and away from the enemy fire."

Captain Elliott completed his Vietnam tour after thirteen months and more than 100 combat missions. He received two Distinguished Flying Crosses and six Air Medals.

"Vietnam had a profound effect on me," said Captain Elliott. "During medical evacuation missions, I struck up acquaintances with the doctors. Through our discussions, I began to see medicine as my profession."

Upon his return stateside, Captain Elliott was assigned to the 55th Weather Reconnaissance Squadron at McClellan AFB, Cal., and flew co-pilot on WC-135Bs. In January 1974, he became aircraft commander on WC-130s. He then took the next step toward becoming an M.D. He took the Medical College Admission Tests and applied to the Yale University School of Medicine. He was accepted and subsequently released from active duty in June 1975. In September, he began his new chosen career studies at Yale.

"I really hope to stay with the Air Force Reserve as a pilot," says Captain Elliott. "It won't be easy, since I have a three-year hospital residency in internal medicine to go through. After that, I'm looking forward to a two-year fellowship in hematology. It's a long way from my start at the academy, but it was the academy that gave me those first career opportunities."

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BRIEFS

Westover's Morale, Welfare and Recreation Division is sponsoring three runners' clubs for the novice to the marathoner. They are the 100, 500 and 1,000 mile clubs. Joggers may pick up jogging records at the gym and have them signed by a staff member after jogging, which can be done at any time or place. Runners will have from September to the following September to complete their goals. The 500 and 1,000 milers will receive trophies and the 100 milers get certificates at the annual awards banquet.

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Officers, warrant officers and noncommissioned officers in grades E-7 and above, who are in uniform, will no longer be required to show ID cards when cashing a check at exchange service facilities.

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The 1979 Air Force Assistance Fund Drive has topped its \$2.8 million goal by accumulating some \$2.84 million or 101.6 percent in contributions. Active duty and civilian members contributed \$2.67 million, with retired, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members making up the balance.

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(AFRNS)—If you are an E-5 through E-9, your performance will become documented in an Airman Performance Report as of Sept. 1. Volume II to AFR 39-62, now in production, outlines the procedures. Unit CBPOs should receive their copies this summer.

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As of Monday, April 16, 1979, due to the shortage of gasoline, the distance of 25 miles from Westover AFB has been determined to be a reasonable commuting distanced for travel on active duty and annual tours. Members living 25 miles or less from Westover AFB will not be entitled to per diem or actual expense allowance for commuting. They may be authorized to use Government quarters on a space available basis.

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May Commander's Call Sees Many Honored

Col. J. Frank Moore presided at the group commander's call on Sunday, April 30. He presented a potpourri of awards to five unit members.

On the occasion of his retirement, Lt. Col. Gerard Pelletier earned the Air Force Commendation Medal for his outstanding performance, skill and problem-solving abilities for the 905 CEF from 1977 to the present.

MSgt. Lawrence H. Lentz, NCOIC of the Office of Information, received a certificate of appreciation for his contribution to the Information program during AFRES' REFORGER-78.

An honor graduate certificate was presented to SrA. Michele Bougie-Sc-

field, 439 CSG, for her recent participation in staff support administrative specialist school.

Because he reached 175 percent of his recruiting goal for fiscal year 1979, MSgt. Roger F. Perrault, recruiter, earned the praise and gift of appreciation from Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, wing commander.

And finally, a first for the 439th. 1st Lt. Jack M. Sanocki is this unit's first recipient of a Valley Forge Honor Certificate. His essay was honored in the Freedoms Foundation at the Valley Forge annual competition. (See future story on Lieutenant Sanocki's unique accomplishment.)

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Maj. Theodore R. Murray is the new 337 TAS operations and training officer. Previously he was assigned to the 711th Special Operations Section, Duke Field, Fla.

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(AFRNS)—Two hundred and three Air Force military and civilian personnel have received congratulatory letters from the president, thanking them for submitting suggestions that saved government money.

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TSgt. Thomas J. Owens has been assigned to the 905th Comm. Flt. as the unit's Air Force Communications System technical advisor. Sergeant Owen's last duty was with the Foreign Technology Division, 2046 Comm. Gp., Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.

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(AFRNS)—In the first assault of a renewed attack on energy consumption, Westover units and functional offices have lowered thermostats to 65 degrees during the day and 55 degrees at night. The action is the result of a Feb. 2, 1979 memorandum from President Jimmy Carter, directing government agencies to save more energy.

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Airmen Planning Dining Out

The annual NCO and Airman Dining Out is set for August 25 at the Consolidated Open Mess.

A prime rib dinner at 7 p.m. will be preceded by a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., complete with a roving accordion player, and the posting of the colors will be complemented with bagpipers. Bobbie Rae's six-piece orchestra will provide dance music. The guest speaker is to be announced.

Tickets at \$25 a couple includes open bar during the cocktail hour. Tickets, available May 19, may be purchased from committee members SMSgt. William Mahoney, MSgts. Howard Nolan and Ronald Koper, TSgts. William Rose, Edward Loughman, Marshall Hathaway and Robert Mathieu, and SSgts. Marlene Wilson, Richard Kirkham and Betsy Rainville.

The club will close at 5 p.m. August 25 to accommodate the dining out.

**DON'T FORGET
FAMILY DAY
JUNE 16, 1979**

FOLD OUT →

Worcester Reservist Commended for Heroic Actions

by A1C. Debbie Elliot

"Heroism above and beyond the call of duty" is what MSgt. Robert W. Moriarty displayed, according to authorities, when on March 29 he and a Worcester fireman risked their lives to save an 18-year old girl as she lay unconscious in a burning three-story building.

Sergeant Moriarty, 439 CSG ground safety technician, is a patrolman. While searching for a German Shepherd dog who had bitten a school child, he discovered screaming people fleeing a residential building on fire. Immediately he radioed the Fire Department. After learning there were occupants on the second and third floors, he and one of the first-arriving firemen entered the building.

They met a man on the second floor able to save himself, who informed them of an elderly woman trapped on the same floor. After they brought her to safety, they went back into the burning building. On the third floor, they found an unconscious girl covered with thick black soot. The two men carried her to safety. She was treated for smoke inhalation.

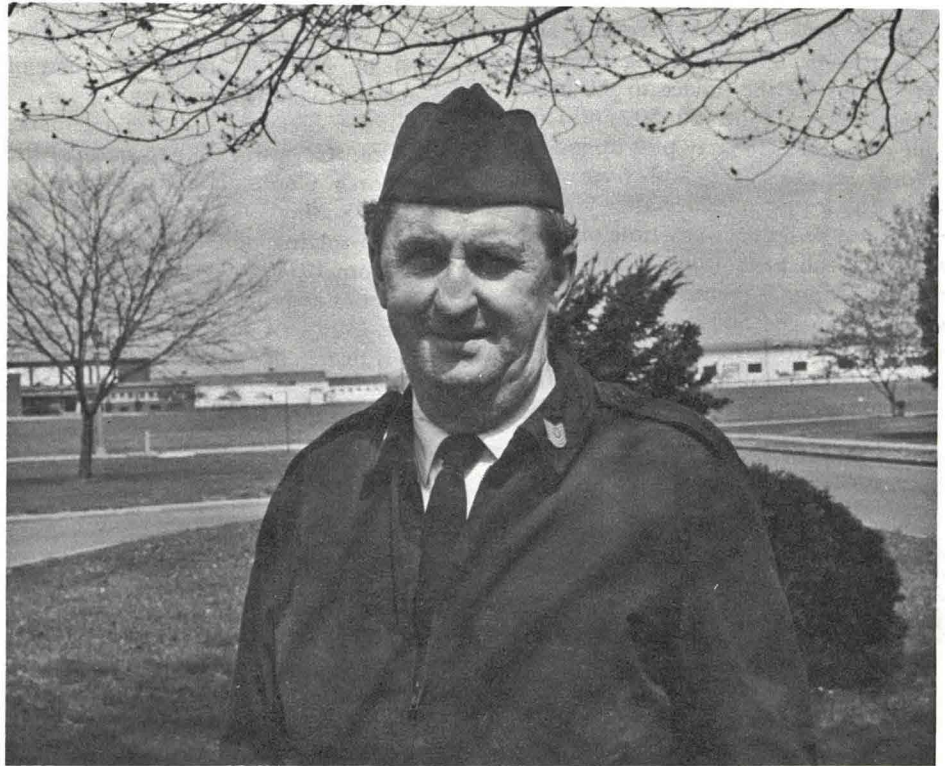
A few weeks later, Sergeant Moriarty received a commendation from the City of Worcester for his part in the rescue. Also, the Massachusetts House of Representatives, at the urging of Representative Robert Bohigian, bestowed the same honor on him.

The 28-year police force veteran, assigned to the Traffic Division, supervises 50 school crossing guards. It is their responsibility to safeguard children attending 17 Worcester area schools.

After work, the 53 year old father of five is the treasurer of Boy Scout Troop #52. In addition, he has taught safety classes to more than 10,000 children. Included in the lessons are the proper use of hand signals for bicycle safety, and avoiding sunstroke and frostbite.

For his part in the capture of a man wanted on suspicion of murder and bank robbery in 1970, Sergeant Moriarty received the Scott Metal (for heroism) from the City of Worcester, a commendation from the governor of Massachusetts and a plaque from his boy scout troop. "The plaque meant the most to me," reflected Sergeant Moriarty, "because it came from the kids themselves."

His civilian responsibilities parallel



MSgt. Robert M. Moriarty

his military specialty. As a ground safety technician, he makes safety inspections of units assigned to the wing.

"The fundamental responsibility of a police officer is the preservation of peace

and protection of life and property," says Sergeant Moriarty. "I couldn't have morally walked away from that fire or any situation where someone needed me, and that means anywhere."

TAC, Guard and Reserve to Modernize

WASHINGTON (AFNS)—Tactical Air Command will gain 324 new aircraft, and the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve will continue to be upgraded as a result of Air Force realignment plans.

New F-15s, F-16s and A-10s will be added to TAC units at MacDill and Homestead AFBs, Fla.; England AFB, La.; and Nellis AFB, Nev. The new aircraft accessions will also result in shifts of older F-4, RF-4 and A-7 aircraft.

Two Guard squadrons in Maryland and New York will receive A-10 Thunderbolt II aircraft. Other Guard squadrons in Illinois, New York and Wisconsin will get OA-37s.

An ANG fighter squadron in Hawaii will increase its F-4 strength from 18 to 24, while a fighter unit in Kansas will convert from F-105s to F-4s. A National

Guard airlift squadron in Tennessee will increase its C-130 aircraft from eight to 16.

Four Air Force Reserve units are also involved. A fighter squadron in Ohio will become an airlift unit, trading A-37s for C-130s. Three Reserve rescue squadrons at Homestead AFB, Fla., Selfridge ANGB, Mich. and Portland IAP, Oregon, will change the number of their aircraft.

No plans have been announced for changes to Westover's aircraft or mission. The 103 Tactical Fighter Guard of Connecticut's ANG already has A-10s in place; its sister unit, the 104 TFG at Barnes Airport in Westfield, is awaiting delivery of their first A-10s, while their personnel train on those at Bradley Field, Conn.

905 CEF Displays Expertise, Ingenuity in England

Fifty-three members of the 905th Civil Engineering Flight arrived at RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom, on March 24, ready to do their job during their annual tour. They were to install approximately 310 feet of protective revetments around the base's wing intelligence building.

The galvanized steel sheets had also arrived. They were to be shaped into eight by four foot sections and installed on top of a four and a half foot wide concrete slab.

What had not arrived were the support braces which were to reinforce the sheets every four feet. Because their time was limited, the personnel of the 905 CEF could not wait.

"Our PRIME BEEF team therefore had to apply their varied skills and ingenuity, and improvise," explains Maj. Richard Cosgrove, commander. "Flat steel bars were located on base, and a machine shop was quickly set up under the direction of MSgt. William Roberts. Personnel performed shop functions such as operating drill presses, engine lathes, cut-off saws and welding torches.

"The flat steel bars were cut into angle irons and varying length rods. The drill press operators drilled holes through the reinforcement components as well as through revetment sections. This required a considerable amount of layout work to assure the holes in the steel sheets and the reinforcement support braces would coincide exactly for the on-site bolting operation. Sections of the reinforcement components had to be welded together under the leadership of MSgt. Peter Wysocki."

Thus the 905 CEF created their own manufacturing operation, as well as completing their original installation objective. Their overall efforts were supervised by CMSgt. Albert Aniello, construction superintendent. He was assisted by Sergeant Roberts and by MSgt. Louis Rampolla who insured that the necessary materials and tools were available at the job site.

The 905 CEF personnel were not the only reservists from Westover stationed in Europe.

Thirty-three firefighters of the 901 Civil Engineering Squadron, including SMSgt. Anthony Palmieri and seven members of the 439th food services section and SSgt. George Perreault, were also completing their active duty re-

quirements by assisting their active duty counterparts at Lakenheath. Other members of the 901 CES travelled to Ramstein AB, Germany and to RAF Alconbury, U.K. (See separate story in next **Patriot** issue.)

"The resourcefulness of the 905 CEF personnel in their insistence that the project would be successfully completed, despite the unforeseen obstacles, captured the interest and admiration of the base Civil Engineering Squadron and those of the Public Service Administration," boasts Major Cosgrove. "The 48th Civil Engineering Squadron commander, our host, awarded the 905th with a commemorative framed certificate and expressed his gratitude and lauded the visiting organization for its outstanding contribution, display of skill, efficiency and quality of work."



SSgt. Robert Trudeau, 905 CEF, uses a blow torch to cut a piece of angle iron which will later be drilled and used to reinforce two revetments.

337th Aids Tornado Victims in Texas

What had started out as a routine cross-country training mission on April 21 was turned into a disaster relief flight for the 337 TAS. Westover had been called upon by MAC through AFRES to transport 11,085 pounds of clothing from Eglin AFB to Wichita Falls, Texas, for the benefit of 150 military families who had been victimized by the tornado. The clothing had been collected by charitable organizations at Eglin.

On final approach into Sheppard AFB, Texas, MSgt. Randolph Whaples, 337 TAS flight engineer observed, "It looked like someone took a box of wooden matches and crunched them up. I have never seen anything so destructive in Mother Nature." Ser-

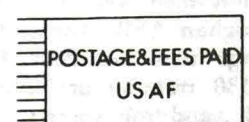
geant Whaples had witnessed the aftermath of the killer tornado which had devastated Wichita Falls, which occurred a few days earlier.

The clothing was distributed according to needs. Whatever clothing was not needed by the military community was designated for the civilian community, with 8,000 people left homeless.

Crew members on the disaster relief mission were Brig. Gen. Donald E. Haugen, Lt. Cols. Paul Huffman and Joseph DeNegri and Maj. Walter Holliday and Richard Orpheus. Also, SMSgt. Leo Bouret, MSgts. Randolph Whaples and Frederick Allard, TSgt. James Lynch, SSgt. Charles Lexius and Sgt. Peter Vanderpoel.

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