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JUNE 1956



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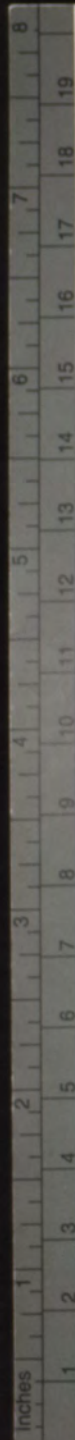
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COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE -- 10-11 JANUARY 1956
CARSWELL AFB, TEXAS



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MAJOR GENERAL H. M. H. JORGENSEN, COMMANDER OF THE AIR COMMAND EAST, ROYAL NORWEGIAN AIR FORCE, VISITS BARKSDALE AIR FORCE, 20 JAN 56.

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MAJ. GEN. H. M. H. JORGENSEN (right), commander of the Air Command East, Royal Norwegian Air Force, is greeted at Barksdale Air Force Base by Maj. Gen. Frank A. ... commander of the Second Air Force. General Jorgensen, with three high ranking Norwegian staff officers, paid a brief visit to the base yesterday as part of their tour of modern jet bases in this country. (USAF Photo.)

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BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH O. SANBORN, ACCEPTING "OPERATION LIFESAVER" TROPHY WHICH WAS WON BY MACDILL AFB, FLA., FOR 1955.
PRESENTATION: 9 FEBRUARY 1956

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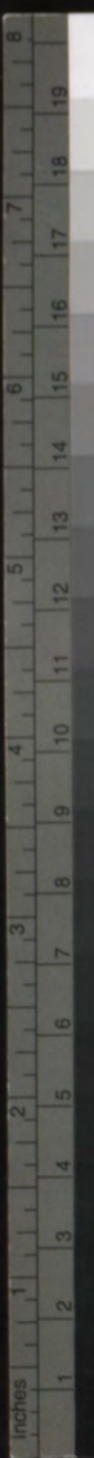


GENERAL ARMSTRONG PRESENTING COMMENDATION RIBBONS TO MAJOR ORAN J. VAN ELM AND M/SGT CLARK H. CROWE, JR.,
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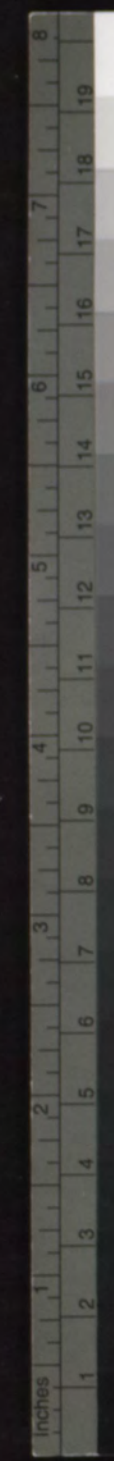


MEMBERS OF THE FRENCH AIR FORCE VISIT BARKSDALE
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M/SGT. ROBERT D. CLANCY of the 805th Hq. Sq. was presented a Commendation Medal by Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong, Jr., Second Air Force Commander, for his contribution to the Emergency War Program of the Strategic Air Command. Sergeant Clancy has been in the Air Force for 17 years and has been stationed at Barksdale for the last 5 years. He is currently attending the NCO Academy.



COLONEL JAMES C. WILSON RECEIVING COMMENDATION RIBBON FROM GENERAL ARMSTRONG -- FEBRUARY 1956

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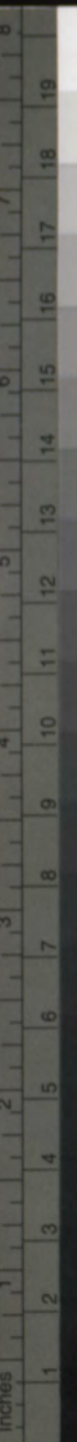
"OUTSTANDING NCO AND AIRMAN" OF THE 4304TH SUPPORT SQUADRON FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1955 THROUGH 1 JANUARY 1956 - T/Sgt THURMAN W. STRICKLAND AND A/1C J. C. GRAVES, JR. - RECEIVE CERTIFICATES FOR THIS AWARD FROM GENERAL ARMSTRONG -- FEBRUARY 1956

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VISITS HUNTER — Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr., commanding general of the Second Air Force, who arrived yesterday for a routine visit to Hunter Air Force Base.

Commanding General of 2nd Visits

Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr., commander of the Strategic Air Command's Second Air Force, is at Hunter Air Force Base today on a routine visit and inspection.

The general arrived by air at 6:50 p.m. last evening from Second Air Force headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base, Shreveport, La.

Gen. Armstrong commands the ten major SAC bases which comprise the Second Air Force and are located in the states of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Georgia, and Florida, plus one in Puerto Rico. The Georgia bases are Hunter and Turner Air Force Base at Albany.

A World War II combat veteran of both the European and Pacific theaters and the holder of a dozen military awards, Gen. Armstrong has served more than 25 years with the Air Force. He has commanded the Second Air Force since November of 1952 and is known in Savannah from a previous assignment to Hunter and visits to the city.

Born in Hamilton, N. C., he was graduated from Wake Forest College in North Carolina in 1923 with a bachelor of law degree. Two

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years later he received his bachelor of science degree from that college. He began service with the Air

Force in 1928 when he enlisted as a flying cadet.

In November 1940, he went to England as a military observer. Returning to the United States the following February, he was assigned to the 90th Bombardment Squadron at Hunter. In April 1941, he went to Tampa, Florida, for duty with the Third Interceptor Command and the following August was ordered to Washington, D. C., for duty at Air Force Headquarters.

He went to England again in February 1942, for duty with the Eighth Bomber Command at Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, and subsequently served as a bombardment group commander, wing commander, and division commander in that theater.

In August 1942, Gen. Armstrong (then a colonel) led the first daylight raid made by the U.S. Army Air Corps over Axis territory. His group attacked the marshalling yards at Rosen-Cotteville, France, and blasted the target without loss of life or plane. For this operation he was awarded the Silver Star and an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Distinguished Flying Cross. He had received the DFC in 1936 for the landing of a twin-engine amphibian after one engine had exploded. He was also awarded the British Flying Cross for the Rosen-Cotteville raid, the first United States officer to be so honored.

The following February his group bombed Wilhelmshaven in the first heavy bomber raid over Germany proper. His experiences during this time were the basis of the book and movie "Twelve O'Clock High."

During the summer of 1945 he flew numerous missions over oil targets in Japan and in August flew from Guam to Honshu, the longest very heavy bombing raid in the war, without bomb-bay tanks and with an extremely heavy bomb load.

Commands SAC's Second AF— Maj. Gen. Armstrong Has Colorful Career

Participation in numerous Air Force "firsts" has characterized the military career of Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr., commander of SAC's Second Air Force. The Barksdale-based headquarters of Second, one of three numbered air forces under Strategic Air Command, supervises and controls all SAC bases in Southeastern United States, and one in Puerto Rico.

General Armstrong was born on May 24, 1902 in Hamilton, N. C. He graduated from Wake Forest College, N.C., in 1923 with a Bachelor of Laws degree and in 1925 earned a Bachelor of Science from that same school.

He entered military service in 1928 and was commissioned the next year after completing flying training. During the decade prior to the beginning of the Second World War he served in many assignments at many bases, one of which was Barksdale.

When the United States entered the war General Armstrong was assigned to England for duty with the Eighth Bomber Command. In August 1942 he led the first daylight raid made by U.S. Army Air Forces over Axis-held Europe. The following January his group bombed Wilhelmshaven in the first daylight bombing raid over Germany proper.

In May 1944 he was reassigned to the Pacific Theater as Commander of the 319th Bomb Wing. There followed numerous missions over Japan including, in August 1944, a mission from Guam to



General Armstrong.

Honshu, the longest heavy bombing raid of the war. Among all these "firsts", Gen-

eral Armstrong participated in one rather notable "last". He led the last bombing mission of World War II, a raid over Japan in 1945. In November of that year, following the end of the war, he led the first nonstop flight from Japan to Washington, D. C.

In September 1946 he was made a senior air instructor at the Armed Forces College in Norfolk, Va. Three years later he became commander of the Alaskan Air Command and seven months after assuming command, in September 1949, he pioneered an air route nonstop from Alaska to Norway and from Norway to New York.

In May 1951 he was made commander of the Sixth Air Division where he trained and equipped the Air Force's first B-47 Stratojet wing. Since November 1952 General Armstrong has been in command of Second Air Force with headquarters here at Barksdale Air Force Base.

Holds Many Decorations.

The general is a rated Air Officer, Combat Observer, Technical Observer and Command Pilot. Among his decorations are the Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Silver Star, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Distinguished Service Cross, British Distinguished Flying Cross, and Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palm.

General Armstrong resides on the base with his wife, the former Vernelle Hudson. They have one son, Frank A. III, who seems to be following in his father's footsteps in an Air Force career.

Civilian Suggestions And Work Performance Pay Off

Upper Left: Major General FRANK A. ARMSTRONG, JR., Commander of Second Air Force, presents a \$200.00 cash award to MRS. NELTA C. COOKE, Secretary to the Inspector General of that headquarters, for superior performance of duty. Mrs. Cooke's performance was distinctly above the normal requirements for her position as reflected in the recommendation for the award based on her excellent administrative ability, the manner of handling the office in the absence of the Inspector General and her exceptional assistance to the entire organization.

Top Center: MRS. BETTY M. SPEELMAN, Clerk in Base Finance, received \$10.00 for her suggestion to combine the addressograph plates used by the civilian payroll section and the Base Finance check writing section. This method eliminates one complete set of plates and the necessity for checking the finance plates against the payroll vouchers. The suggestion results in an annual savings of \$124.60 to the base. Mrs. Speelman was presented \$30.00 in February for another suggestion in her section.

Upper Right: MISS ANN HENDERSHOT, Secretary to the Director of Operations, 301st Bombardment Wing, is congratulated by COL. EVERETT W. HOLSTROM, 301st Wing Commander (left), and was presented a \$200.00 cash award by COL. CHARLES D. LEWIS (right), for her sustained superior work performance. Miss Hendershot has been employed in 301st Wing Operations for 8 1/2 years. She is one of the very few employees at this base who have been employed under SAC for 10 years. Her intricate knowledge of the organization together with her conscientious attitude and driving energy has enabled her to far surpass the normal requirements of her position.

Lower Left: MR. JOHNNIE EVANS, SR. (right), Automotive equipment repair man, in the 805th Motor Vehicle Squad-



ron, was awarded \$15.00 by 1st Lt. RICHARD D. CARPENTER, maintenance officer, for his suggestion to provide a faster method for the removal of the access cover to the muffler on the F-6 Fuel Service Trailer. His idea results in a savings of \$279.04 annually.

Lower Center: Suggestion awards totaling \$350.00 were given by MR. LESTER HOUSTON, sheetmetal foreman (2nd

row, left), to (2nd from left to right) MR. OTHO I. GOINS, OWEN LEONARD GREEN, JR., CLAYTON FUTCH and JOSEPH C. KILGORE, MR. CHARLES R. CARROL (extreme lower right), carpenter shop supervisor, looks on.

Initial savings from the suggestions of these men were \$9,844.80 and an annual savings amounting to \$1,569.30. In addition to this another \$1,000

per year will be saved in the 301st Field Maintenance activity, where the suggestions have been applied.

Lower Right: MR. PAUL J. HAYNIE, Position Classifier in the civilian personnel office, was presented \$10.00 for his suggestion to use a form for recording actions during the regular Incentive Awards Com-

mittee meetings. The use of his suggestion during the committee sessions results in an estimated savings of \$127.80 per year. (Photos by McKenna)

Two standard Air Force jet photo-planes can photograph a band of terrain 400 miles wide and 2,700 miles long, the distance from New York to Los Angeles, in only two hours.

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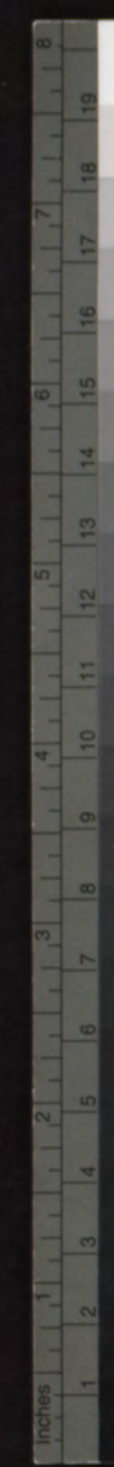


GENERAL AND MRS. TWINING VISIT BARKSDALE
25 APRIL 1956

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L. C. ALLEN, JR., AND COLONEL W. C. O'FERRALL, MANAGER AND
PRESIDENT OF "HOLIDAY IN DIXIE" WELCOMING GENERAL TWINING.



The Observer

Vol. 7, No. 26 Bossier City, Louisiana Friday, May 4, 1956



DOUBLE DOLLS — Sure to be one of the top attractions at the BOWC Funway tomorrow will be this two-headed baby — with cups to match. The old saying is that two heads are better than one, and maybe this proves it. (Identity of the parents of the girl — or is it girls — had not been revealed at press time.)



MAJ. GEN. G. W. MUNDY
... New Commander



MAJ. GEN. F. A. ARMSTRONG
... Alaska Bound

Gen. Mundy To Command 2nd Air Force

Gen. Armstrong To Alaskan Post; Effective in July

Maj. Gen. George W. Mundy will assume command of the Second Air Force on July 15, succeeding Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr., it was announced yesterday.

General Armstrong, leader of the Strategic Air Command's Second Air Force since November, 1952, will become commander of the Alaskan Air Command, effective July 17, according to announcement from United States Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The Second Air Force has headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base and comprises 18 bases in the South and Southwest, stretching from Texas east to Florida, plus a base in Puerto Rico.

General Mundy, who has served as Second Air Force's deputy commander since his arrival at Barksdale in July, 1955, is a 1928 graduate of the United States Military Academy. He is a rated command pilot and regularly pilots the B-47 jet bomber and KC-97 tanker aircraft in simulated combat training missions. He recently flew a B-47 to North Africa, including a mid-air refueling over the Atlantic, in conjunction with a Wing training mission.

Holder of the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, with an Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and three battle stars, Gen. Mundy is currently serving his second tour of duty at Barksdale. He was group staff officer for the 3rd Attack Group at Barksdale from 1937 to 1939.

During World War II Gen. Mundy served in the Pacific Theater commanding the 39th Bomb Group on Guam and later the 33rd Bomb Wing on Tinian. He flew 22 combat missions with the 36th and 82nd Superforts.

On June 26, 1945, his aircraft was so badly damaged by flak over Nagoya, Japan, that the crew was forced to bail out a short distance off the Japanese coast line, where they were rescued by an American submarine.

Gen. Mundy's command experience includes the Air Proving Ground command at Eglin AFB, Fla., and bases in Illinois and Texas. He is a graduate of the Air Corps Technical School, the Air Tactical School, the Army-Navy Staff Corps College and the National War College.

Prior to his assignment here, Gen. Mundy was director of supply and services in the office of deputy chief of staff for material at headquarters, United States Air Force in Washington, D.C.

Gen. and Mrs. Mundy, the former Suzanne Buck of San Antonio, Tex., reside at Barksdale. They have one daughter, Janice Suzanne, who is married to an Air Force doctor, Capt. Robert de Treuille, at Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Gen. Armstrong, who concludes his command tour of duty at Barksdale, returns also to his second tour as commander of the Alaskan Air Command. He was appointed chief of staff of the AAC, with headquarters at Fort Richardson, Alaska, in January, 1948, and assumed command a year later. While in that position, he aided the pioneering of an air route non-stop from Alaska to Norway to New York.

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SOURDOUGH SENTINEL

TOP COVER FOR AMERICA

Volume XIV, No. 20 Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska Friday, May 18, 1956

Gen. Armstrong Gets AAC Post

Served Here For 3 Years From '48-50

Alaskan Air Command has a new commander, Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr. The position of AAC commander has been temporarily occupied since Maj. Gen. George R. Acheson's departure by Lt. Gen. J. H. Atkinson, top military officer in Alaska.

New AAC Commander, appointed by Hq. USAF, is presently Commander of the Second Air Force at Barksdale AFB, Shreveport, La., a major component of the Strategic Air Command.

General Armstrong is no newcomer to Alaskan Military operations. He was appointed Chief of Staff of AAC in January, 1948, and in 1949, became its commander.

In September, 1949, he pioneered an air route non-stop from Alaska to Norway, and from Norway to New York. He left Alaska in January, 1951, and assumed command of Sampson AFB, N.Y., prior to becoming Commanding General of the Sixth Air Division at McDall AFB, Fla. As Commander of the Sixth, he trained and equipped the Air Force's first B-47 strategic bomber wing.

The general is a much-decorated World War II combat veteran, of both the European and Pacific Theaters. He was born in Hamilton, N.C., May 24, 1902. General Armstrong's exact date of arrival in Alaska is unannounced, but it is expected to be in mid-July.

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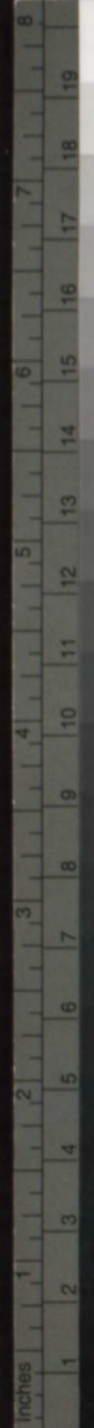


HELEN LAND RECEIVES 10-YEAR FEDERAL SERVICE PIN. MISS LAND'S SERVICE INCLUDES THREE YEARS AS SECRETARY TO GENERAL ARMSTRONG.

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IN RECOGNITION OF 20 YEARS FEDERAL SERVICE HELEN WIMPLE AND GUNNAR BIERING (ABOVE) AND JAMES T. EVANS (RIGHT) RECEIVE CERTIFICATES.



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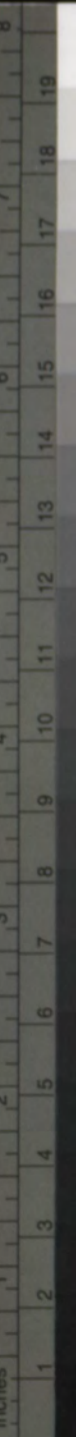


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
24 MAY 1956

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NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS' ACADEMY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Barksdale Air Force Base
Louisiana

1 June 1956

SUBJECT: Honorary Membership

TO: Major General Frank A. Armstrong, Jr.
Commander
Second Air Force
Barksdale Air Force Base
Louisiana

1. The Barksdale Air Force Base Noncommissioned Officers' Academy Alumni Association desires to express its appreciation to you for your outstanding contribution to the Noncommissioned Officer Corps, and particularly to those Noncommissioned Officers at Barksdale Air Force Base.

2. Your support and encouragement has made it possible for our Noncommissioned Officers Corps to receive the respect and support from the community, both civilian and military, to which its history and achievements entitle it.

3. May I, on behalf of all the members of the Barksdale Air Force Base Noncommissioned Officers' Academy Alumni Association, extend to you at this time the first honorary membership to be offered by our Association. We hope that you will always keep the inclosed membership card as a perpetual reminder of our gratitude and respect.

4. We genuinely regret your departure from Barksdale Air Force Base and from your duties as Commander of Second Air Force. Be assured in leaving that you take with you the best wishes of all Noncommissioned Officers at this station.

1 Incl
Membership Card

Harold B. Kimball
HAROLD B. KIMBALL
M/Sgt, USAF
President



L TO R: M/SGT. HAROLD B. KIMBALL, PRESIDENT; M/SGT. JOHN W. MITCHELL, VICE PRESIDENT;
M/SGT. WILLIAM K. WIEST.

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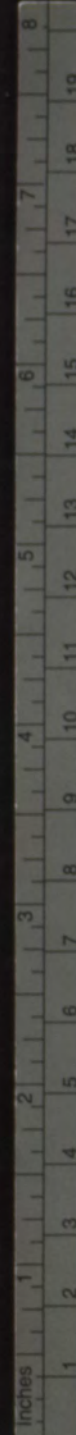
FAREWELL TO CAMILLE WILKINSON



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COMMENDATION ROLL CALL-- 20 JUNE 1956 -- GLAVINIC, KREIMEYER, KAYE, MARTIN, HINK, HULSE, DALFERES; DELAUGHTER, HERMAN, PUGH, GUNNIN, AND HALL.



Headquarters Second Air Force
 requests the pleasure of your company
 at cocktails and dinner
 honoring
 Mrs. Frank A. Armstrong, Jr.
 and
 George W. Mundy
 8 o'clock

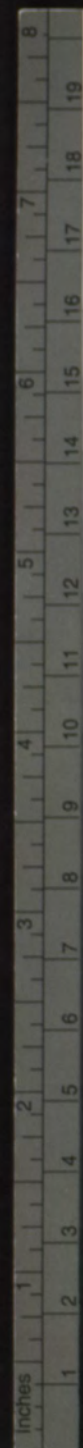
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MR. AND MRS. N. HOBSON WHELESS AND MR. AND MRS. N. C. MCGOWAN LAUGH WITH THE GENERAL AT ONE OF FLUFFY'S AFTER-DINNER STORIES



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PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA

Presented 9 July 56
at Offutt AFB

General Curtis E. LeMay, Strategic Air Command commander in chief, left, congratulates Major General Frank A. Armstrong, Jr., after presenting him with the Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding service as commander of the 6th Air Division and the Second Air Force.

USAF Photo

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PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION
HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE, NEBRASKA

July 13, 1956
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Hq SAC, OMAHA, NEBR. -- Major General Frank A. Armstrong, Jr., USAF, was awarded an oak leaf cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal Tuesday at Strategic Air Command headquarters, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, by SAC commander in chief General Curtis E. LeMay, for outstanding service in positions of exceedingly great responsibility.

The citation accompanying the award said that from May 1951 to July 1956 the superior leadership, operational imagination and foresight displayed by General Armstrong as Commander of the 6th Air Division and the Second Air Force were vitally significant contributions to the security of the United States, reflecting great credit upon himself, his country and the United States Air Force.

General Armstrong leaves the Strategic Air Command 15 July for a new assignment as commander of the Alaskan Air Command. It will be the second time he has commanded the Alaskan Air Command. He was appointed AAC chief of staff in January 1948 and became commander in February 1949.

General Armstrong has been a commissioned officer and pilot since 1929. He served with distinction in World War II, leading the first USAF daylight raid on Axis territory and the first heavy bomber raid over Germany proper.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION DIVISION
OFFICE OF INFORMATION
HEADQUARTERS SECOND AIR FORCE
BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, LA.

Hq 2AF, BARKSDALE AFB, LA. -- Major General Frank A. Armstrong, Jr., Commander of the Second Air Force, was awarded a Distinguished Service Medal last Monday at Strategic Air Command Headquarters. The presentation was made by SAC Commander in Chief General Curtis E. LeMay.

The citation accompanying the award said that from May 1951 to July 1956 the superior leadership, operational imagination and foresight displayed by General Armstrong as Commander of the 6th Air Division and the Second Air Force were vitally significant contributions to the security of the United States, reflecting great credit upon himself, his country and the United States Air Force.

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COL. JAMES STEWART, USAFR, REPORTS FOR DUTY

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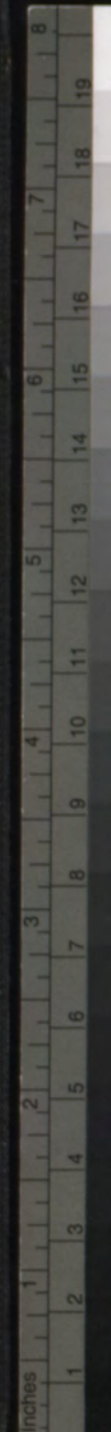
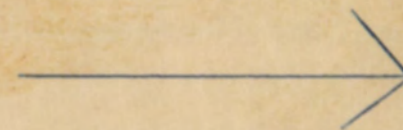
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WHAT GREATER GLORY THAN A SON'S HONORABLE CONDUCT?

FAREWELL COCKTAIL AND DINNER PARTY
BAFB OFFICER'S CLUB, 12 JULY 1956

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THE CHIEF OF STAFF TAKES CHARGE

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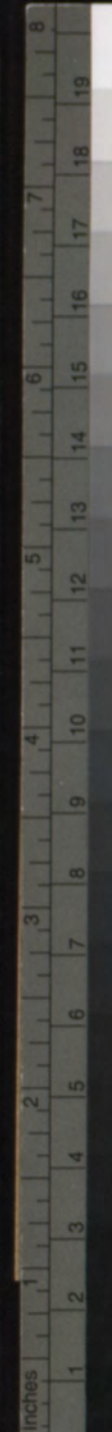
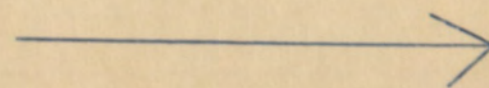


"JUST A TOKEN OF OUR AFFECTION"

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GEORGE EXPLAINS HOW TO OPERATE IT



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"THAT OLD GANG OF MINE"

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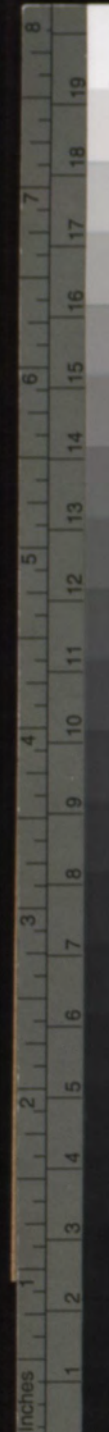


COLONEL MERCHANT COMES OUT OF RETIREMENT TO ATTEND THE BIG PARTY

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"GENERAL" TALK AMUSES FORT WORTH FRIEND



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TIME TO REMINISCE (WITH COLONEL THOMPSON IN THIS CASE)

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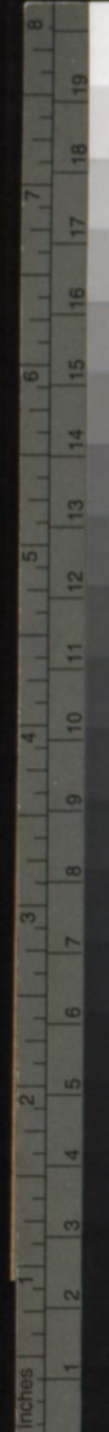


TIME FOR DANCING (THIS ONE WITH MISS LAND)

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BUT TIME IS FLEETING, AND ALL TOO SOON IT'S TIME TO LEAVE



To Take New Command— Colorful Flying General To Leave 2nd Air Force

By ED FREEDMAN
Journal Staff Writer

The curtain will fall Saturday at Barksdale Air Force Base on another scene in the colorful life of Frank A. Armstrong, Jr., major general, USAF.

After three and a half years of commanding the 2nd Air Force, a sprawling empire stretching from Fort Worth, Tex., to Agaudilla, Puerto Rico, he will turn over the reins to Maj. Gen. George Munday.

The 54-year-old gray-haired Armstrong is slated to take over the Alaskan Air Command next month. In stepping into his new position, he will be following a man whose job he has taken twice before.

In 1949, Armstrong succeeded J. H. (Hamp) Atkinson as head of the Alaskan Air Command. Three years later, he succeeded Atkinson as boss of the 2nd Air Force. Now it happens a third time.

On a short trip to Alaska last week, Armstrong said he told Atkinson, a former Texas cowboy, that he is tired of trailing him.

On one occasion, early in World War II, Atkinson succeeded Armstrong in a command position: heading the 97th Bomb Group. It was in the 97th that Armstrong won Air Force immortality by pioneering daylight bombing of German industrial centers. The motion picture, "Twelve O'Clock High," was based on that phase of the general's life.

Led Daylight Raid

The peppery general was "in" at the start and end of the air war against the Axis. He led the first daylight raid over Europe in August, 1942. Thirty-six months later, he led the last air attack on Japan.

Armstrong, a native of North Carolina and holder of a law degree from Duke University, has wielded his 2nd Air Force into one of the mightiest armadas the world has ever seen.

To emphasize just how great a weapon the 2nd Air Force is, Armstrong revealed that one of his wings, in one day, can create more destruction than did every bomber mission of World War II.

There are 21 wings in the 2nd Air Force, which multiplies the potential rain of ruin by just that much.

In November of 1952, when Armstrong took over after commanding the 6th Air Division at Tampa, Fla., there were 9 bases, 15 wings and 48,000 men under him. Now there are 19 bases, 21 wings and 68,000 men under his watchful eye.

Pencil-chewing Air Force statisticians report that the 2nd Air Force has \$3,098,000,000 in capital assets. Its bases spread over 118,000 acres and its yearly payroll tops 200 million dollars.

Entered Jet Age

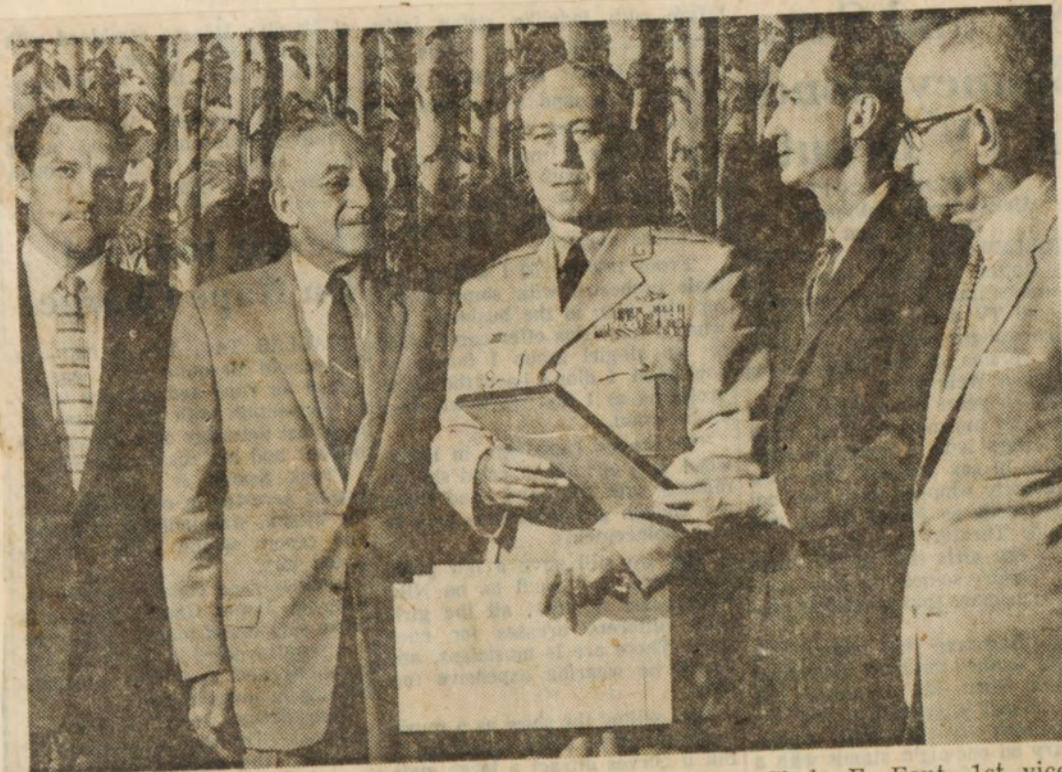
In tracing the growth of highly mobile organization, the general said that the 2nd Air Force entered the jet age early and was the first Air Force to be exclusively jet-propelled. They traded off the lumbering B-29s and B-50s for the graceful B-47. Soon, B-52s will cast their shadows on 2nd Air Force flight lines.

A command pilot, Armstrong has been up in the air for over 10,000 hours. During his command of the Second, he has flown almost a half-million miles inspecting his bases both in United States and forward locations in Europe and Africa.

In addition to his command pilot rating, he is a combat observer, technical observer and air observer. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, British Distinguished Flying Cross and



Maj. Gen. Armstrong
Belgian Croix de Guerre with Palm.
When he leaves Monday for Alaska with his wife, Vernelle, and his aide, Major George Dallreyes, he will leave his 2nd Air Force—Second to None!



MAJ. GEN. FRANK A. ARMSTRONG, center, holds several citations he received yesterday for being a "great citizen" in addition to being a "great soldier." Among those honoring Gen. Armstrong during the joint luncheon meeting of the Shreveport Rotary Club and the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce are, left to right, Henry B. Clay, president of the Chamber; R. G. Singleton of the Louisiana Assn. of Reserve Officers; Clyde E. Fant, 1st vice president of the Chamber and principal speaker at the luncheon, and John McW. Ford, Shreveport's commissioner of finance and acting mayor. Gen. Armstrong leaves the command at Barksdale tomorrow to assume duties as commander of the Alaskan Air Command. (Times Photo by Bob Dial.)

'GOOD SHREVEPORTER'

Gen. Armstrong Praised For Civic Work Here

Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong, who tomorrow will relinquish his command of the Second Air Force in ceremonies at Barksdale Air Force Base, yesterday was presented a handful of awards and was lauded as a "great citizen in addition to being a great soldier."

The peppery, graying 54-year-old general accepted numerous eulogies and awards for "outstanding contributions to the growth of Shreveport" during yesterday's joint luncheon meeting of the Shreveport Rotary Club and the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce.

Gen. Armstrong, who will take over the Alaskan Air Command next month, was given a long, standing ovation from some 200 persons at the luncheon in the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington-Yorke Hotel.

Clyde E. Fant, former mayor of Shreveport and first vice president of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, delivered the principal address in which he traced briefly the general's long, colorful military career and his contributions to this area's civic life for the past three and a half years.

Fant made public for the first time yesterday Gen. Armstrong's most recent decoration—the distinguished Service Medal "for outstanding service as commander of the 6th Air Division and the Second Air Force."

The award, a cluster to the award already held by the general, was presented last Monday by Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Strategic Air Command commander in chief, at SAC headquarters in Nebraska. This announcement was withheld until the luncheon here.

MANY DECORATIONS

Fant pointed out that it would

military man and a citizen has been made because of his adoption of the philosophy: "Do more than is expected of you." Fant said this philosophy was first presented by Jesus in more dramatic terms, "Whosoever should compel you to go one mile, go two."

In speaking of Gen. Armstrong's willingness, ableness and anxiousness to serve the community while commander here, Fant said "his accomplishments have been stamped indelibly on the hearts and minds of our citizens."

In behalf of the city of Shreveport, John McW. Ford, commissioner of finance and acting mayor, presented Gen. Armstrong an "honorary citizenship" and the key to the city. Ford said the general is always welcome and has no need for the city's key, but that he

could use it to "keep those persons out that we don't want here."

Henry Clay, president of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, echoed the remarks of Fant in honoring the general and then presented Gen. Armstrong the Chamber's board of directors' official resolution "recognizing your contributions to the growth of our city."

R. G. Singleton of the Louisiana Association of Reserve Officers presented the organization's highest award, the Certificate of Merit, to Gen. Armstrong.

CITES ASSISTANCE

Other speakers included Jack O'Brien, program chairman, and Allen Gillespie, master of ceremonies.

With emotions obviously stirred by the ceremony, Gen. Armstrong accepted the honors "in behalf of the officers and airmen of the Second Air Force, without whom I could have accomplished nothing."

The general will depart Monday for Alaska with his wife, Vernelle, and his aide, Maj. George Dallreyes.

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TO BE HONORED at a joint luncheon meeting today of the Shreveport Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce is Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr., Second Air Force commander at Barksdale who is leaving Sunday for a new assignment in Alaska. The noon meeting will be held in Crystal Ballroom of the Washington-Youree Hotel.

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HENRY CLAY PRESENTS C OF C RESOLUTION: "...RECOGNIZING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GROWTH OF OUR CITY."

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CLYDE FANT, "THIS GREAT SOLDIER AND GREAT CITIZEN."

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R. G. SINGLETON, JACK O'BRIEN, JOHN FORD AND CLYDE FANT.

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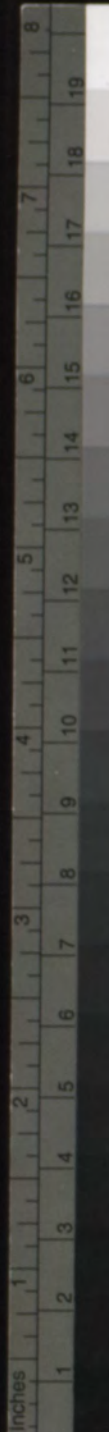


JOHN FORD BESTOWS HONORARY CITIZENSHIP AND KEYS TO CITY OF SHREVEPORT

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"... IN BEHALF OF THE OFFICERS AND AIRMEN OF THE SECOND AIR FORCE."





THE COMMENDATION RIBBON is presented to Col. Carlos F. Schuessler, base and Second Air Force dental surgeon (left), and a cluster, in lieu of a second ribbon, is presented to Lt. Col. Harold J. Gebhart, 2 AF deputy chief of staff (right), by Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong, Second Air Force commander for exceptional service.

Commendation Ribbons Given Barksdale Officers

Colonel Carlos F. Schuessler, Second Air Force staff dental surgeon and base dental surgeon, received the Commendation Ribbon Wednesday from Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr., Second Air Force commander.

At the same ceremony, General Armstrong also presented a cluster, in lieu of a second Commendation Ribbon, to Lt. Col. Harold J. Gebhart, deputy chief of staff for Second Air Force, for "exceptionally meritorious" service in both the personnel and staff fields.

Colonel Schuessler pioneered projects which resulted in Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico, becoming the first Air Force base to have a flouridated water supply and Barksdale becoming the first base in the United States to have its own flouridation plant.

Colonel Schuessler has a total of 24 years in the service and now has a total of five decorations. He has been at Barksdale since November 20, 1954.

Colonel Gebhart has been in the service 17 years and has six decorations. He arrived at Barksdale September 12, 1950.

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GENERAL HALL, USAF, CARTER L. BURGESS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, AND CONGRESSMAN OVERTON BROOKS ARRIVE AT BARKSDALE AND ARE ESCORTED TO THE OFFICER'S CLUB WHERE THEY AND NUMEROUS OTHER PERSONS AWAIT THE TIME TO APPEAR AT THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY.

THE VISITORS ARE MET AT THE PLANE.

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MR. BURGESS INSPECTS THE HONOR GUARD

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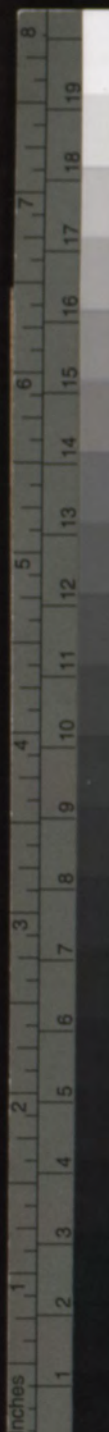


TIME FOR A WORD OR TWO WITH HARDEY O'NEAL (ROA)

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AND TIME FOR A CHAT WITH FRANK FORD, SR.



2nd AF Change Of Command Ceremonies Slated Tomorrow

Change of command ceremonies will be held tomorrow morning at 10:30 on the parade grounds in front of Fourth Air Division Headquarters when Maj. Gen. Frank A. Armstrong Jr., officially turns command of Second Air Force over to Maj. Gen. George W. Mundy, deputy commander.

General Armstrong, who has headed Second AF since November 1952, will become commander of the Alaskan Air Command on July 17. This will be his second tour of duty in that position. In 1948 General Armstrong was appointed chief of staff of the AAC, with headquarters at Fort Richardson, and assumed command a year later. During that tour, he helped pioneer an air route non-stop from Alaska to Norway and from Norway to New York.

Former director of Supply and Services in the office of the deputy chief of staff for Material at Headquarters, USAF, General Mundy assumed the Second Air Force deputy commander's role in July, 1955.

Change of command ceremonies will be followed by a review of troops. The 745th AF Band followed by 10 flights of officers and airmen of 2AF Headquarters, NCO Academy students, and Base Leadership School students will pass in review. The reviewing staff will stand near the flag pole.

Troop commander for the review will be Col. Charles M. Eisenhart, 2AF chief of staff. Adjutant will be Col. Carl J. Stumpt, 2AF adjutant.

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SOME PEOPLE ARE JUST NATURALLY BIRD WATCHERS!

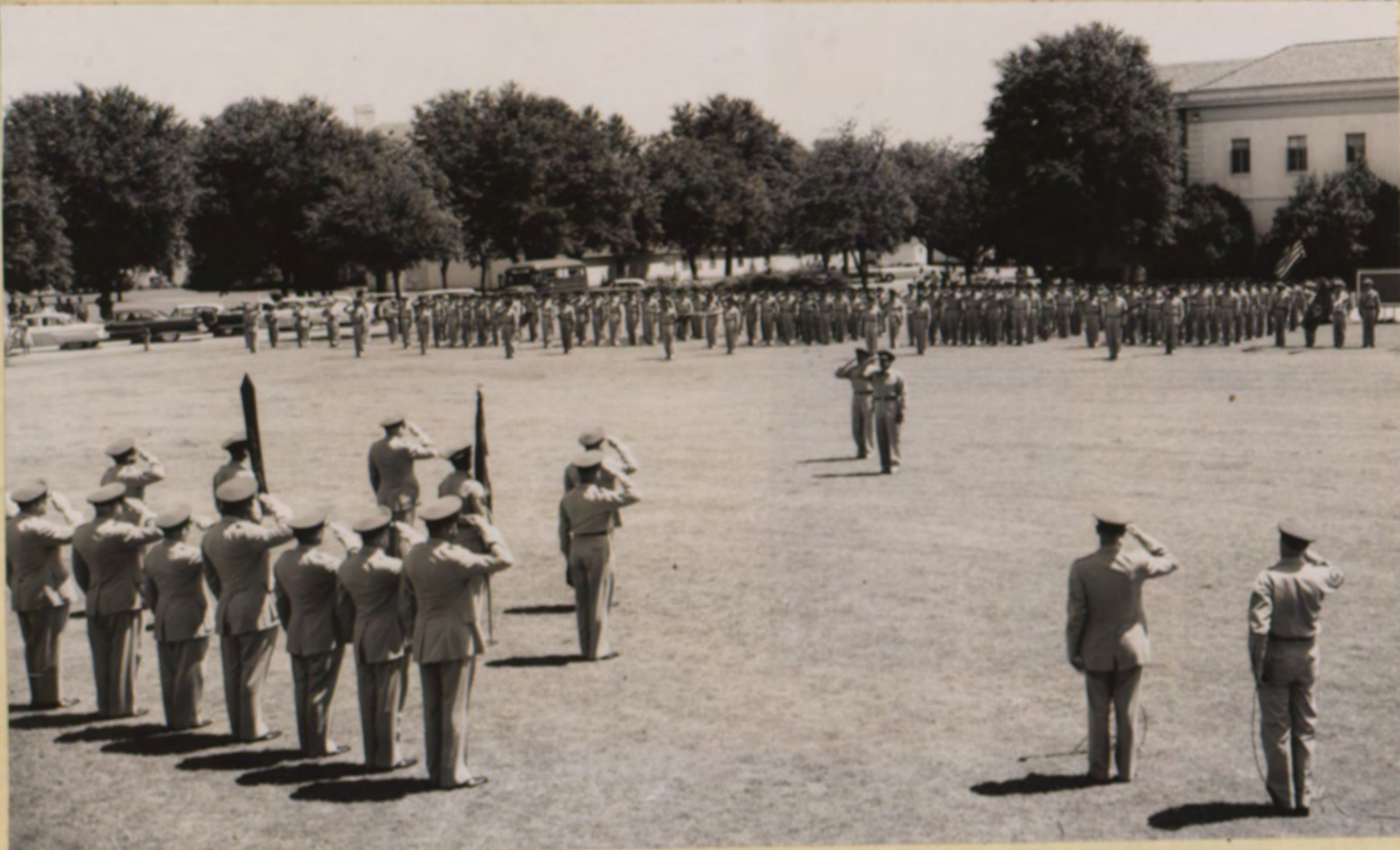
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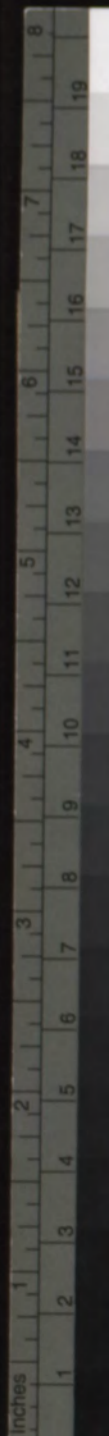
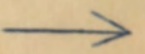
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RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES ARE PLAYED

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TROOPS PASS IN REVIEW

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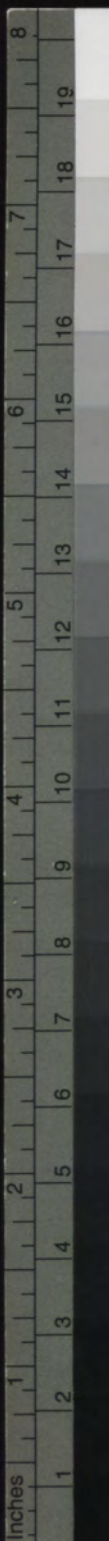


NEW COMMANDER IS SALUTED

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AND, FINALLY, "GOOD LUCK, GEORGE."



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THE LAST 2AF HONOR GUARD INSPECTION

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FINAL FAREWELLS (COLONEL MILLS, CHAPLAIN SMITH, MAJOR MELTON, COLONEL DES PORTES, CAPTAIN CAMPBELL, COLONEL STOREY, LT. COLONEL EVANS, COLONEL STUMPF, COLONEL WINTERBOTTOM).

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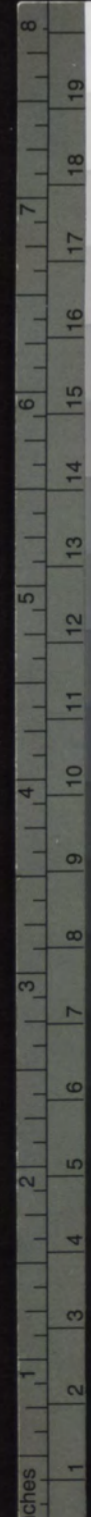
LAUGHTER LIGHTENS OCCASION

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ONE LAST WORD, ONE LAST LOOK BEFORE BOARDING THE PLANE

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AND SO ENDS ANOTHER TOUR OF DUTY IN THE MILITARY CAREER
OF
FRANK A. ARMSTRONG JR. MAJOR GENERAL, USAF

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