

Operation 'Safe Haven' Shields 6000

The last of 6,350 evacuees departed Wheelus Air Base early on the morning of June 10, and the first phase of operation "Safe Haven" was done.

Men and planes of the United States Air Forces in Europe had smoothly airlifted dependents of Wheelus personnel and civilians living in Tripoli in under three days. This remarkable job is far from the whole story, however, for a dozen little stories need to be told before the true magnitude of the operation is revealed.

Quarters Set Up

With the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East, Tripoli became a restless city, and on the afternoon of June 6, dependents living off-base, and American civilians in Tripoli flooded through Wheelus' gates.

Airmen on Wheelus moved a few items of clothing into their duty sections, occasionally a pillow and blanket if there was time, and set up quarters in supply rooms and on the tops of desks.

Families Moved

Families moved into relatively small barracks rooms, often slept in school classrooms or hallways, always uncertain as to their immediate future, but always with calm and with more than a common amount of courage, until the time to leave came.

Even in the face of cramped quarters and sleepless nights hundreds of teenagers, wives, and even youngsters volunteered to help operate base facilities that had been abandoned by Libyan employees when the crisis began.

Airmen washed dishes with

16-year-olds as helpers in Wheelus dining halls. Air Force clerks had welcome and often attractive assistants as Air wives took up long-forgotten duties as secretaries.

The milk from the Wheelus dairy tasted better than ever, and the clothes coming from the base laundry took on new brightness as Airmen cross-trained in strange temporary career fields.

The not-always-welcome duty of "K.P." offered many cheerful G.I.'s the chance to participate and to wet their hands to assist the main dining hall to a record-breaking 52,000 meals during the tense week.

Security Police at Wheelus, assisted by men of the 79th Engineer Construction Battalion, U.S. Army, went on ready alert status around the

clock. Six Security Police Squadron, from USAFE bases in Europe, sent men to help Wheelus units, and 12-hour shifts were maintained throughout the emergency.

MARS Messages

Men of the Military Affiliate Radio Station at Wheelus sent almost four times the normal amount of person-to-person messages to enable Airmen to talk with their wives soon after arrival in the United States. The small station has been one of the busiest buildings on base, and the few sleeping bags in the back room have seen little use.

The routine of many four-footed residents at Wheelus was also radically changed.

When tension mounted in Tripoli, members of the

Wheelus Riding Club, located two miles from the base, walked the club's 70 saddle horses to the base, watched by curious natives and escorted by armed mounted Libyan police. The horses have been sharing a supply compound with a few disgruntled sentry dogs who play a game called "stampede" with their uninvited guests during the dark hours of the morning, according to some tired two-footed residents nearby.

With the evacuation of over 6,000 people, dozens of dogs were left homeless. Homes were provided in desk drawers, even in the pockets of flight suits, until energetic airmen built a temporary pound to care for the pets. Still, pets followed buses of departing dependents all the way to the MAC terminal, and

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Two Eagles Awarded

Base Scout Troops Hold Ceremonies

The awarding of two Eagle Scouts by Boy Scout Troop 205 highlighted the scouting Court of Award and Honor programs conducted throughout the base recently by Wheelus scouting groups.

Conducted last week were Court of Awards by Wheelus Neighborhood Girl Scouts, Court of Honor ceremonies by Boy Scout Troop 205 and Brownie Flyup Awards Program.

The Court of Award ceremonies by Girl Scout troops 2, 5, 10 and 14 saw some 75 Junior and Cadette Scouts honored on the Service Club patio as they were presented with Signs of the Stars and Arrow and Five Year pins.

Neighborhood Chairman

Mrs. Charles Howard addressed the scouts and guests explaining the Wheelus scouting program. Mrs. John Brady, Troop Organizer and Trainer led the scouts in a program of scouting songs.

Honored at the Boy Scout Court of Honor ceremony with Eagle Scout awards were Larry Johnson son of CWO & Mrs. Howard E. Johnson, 1950th Communications Squadron and John Reed, son of Maj. & Mrs. Alan B. Reed, 58th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq. Presenting the awards was Col. James M. Fahey, Base Commander.

District Commissioner for Libya, MSgt. Robert Tomson explained the Trail of the Eagle and the responsibilities

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4 Incentive Awards Made

SSgt. Harold H. Johnson, 7272nd Flying Training Wing, received \$50 last week for a suggestion he made that is estimated will save the government nearly \$1,000 annually.

Col. George S. Dorman, Vice-commander, 7272nd Flying Training Wing, presented the award to Sergeant Johnson as well as three other awards for suggestions during a brief ceremony in his office Friday morning.

Sergeant Johnson suggested that loading and downloading reports, previously made daily and consolidated weekly, be made weekly only. His suggestion saved the government \$966.36 in first-year savings.

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AS CREW MEMBERS of a USAFE Lockheed C-130 Hercules look on, a steady stream of dependents of U.S. Air Force personnel at Wheelus Air Base pour on to planes for hops to Spain and Germany. In less than eight hours, 683 mothers and children were taken off the base in "Operation Safe Haven."

1st Phase of Resource Management Program Hits Wheelus on July 1

Air Force has reported good progress in preparing to implement the Department of Defense's Resource Management Systems (RMS) Program, designed to let a commander know his total operating costs more accurately and how these costs relate to his approved plan. The first phase becomes effective July 1.

First to be activated will be the Systems and General Support Division of the Air Force

Stock Fund. The fund will include all base-funded supplies and base-funded equipment having a unit cost of less than \$1,000 on July 1. Other Air Force Logistics Command-fund expense-type materiel will be included in the stock fund on July 1, 1968.

After July 1, the relationship between the stock fund (administered as part of base supply) and the customer will be much the same as that be-

tween a cash customer and the local supermarket.

The customer organization will be charged for base-funded items which are received from base supply. The organization requesting materiel will have authority to incur expenses which will be applied to supply and equipment issues.

The stock fund will be controlled through inventory objectives. Inventory will not be financed by operation and maintenance appropriations as in the past. Planning and management will be the regulating factors for both the consuming organization and the stock fund. Otherwise, there will be little change in procedures with base supply.

Computer-run operating reports will assist the customer to pinpoint monthly expenses so he can see where he stands against his drawing account and help him plan for the future.

RMS is intended to enhance operating management by providing commanders with valuable, timely information about its use of all resources — men, materiel and other services.

Armed with the facts, the average manager can do a first-rate job. If he doesn't the same facts can be used to focus higher level management's attention on his organization.

Enlisted Promotion Policy Reviewed

Expressing concern as to whether enlisted men are getting adequate and equitable promotion opportunity in the armed forces, Rep. L. Mendel Rivers, D-S.C., this week announced the appointment of a special subcommittee of the House Armed Services Committee to conduct an enlisted promotion policy review.

Rep. Alton Lennon, D-N.C., was named chairman of the special subcommittee.

"Officers promotion procedures are spelled out in law," Mr. Rivers said. "Enlisted promotions, however, are governed almost entirely by regulations. It has been many years since the committee has conducted any meaningful review of how enlisted promotion systems are work-

ing. It is time for our committee to consider whether statutory promotion provisions should be recommended for enlisted personnel."

Mr. Rivers noted the great variations among the services in advancement procedures and waiting time for promotions. "In the Air Force the average time in grade for promotion is almost twice as long in some grades as in the other services," he said.

"I think an enlisted man should get equal promotion consideration with all other men in his grade and specialty. I want to be sure that enlisted promotions don't depend, as is often alleged, on 'being in the right place at the right time,'" Mr. Rivers added.

Air Force officials reiterated previous statements of their awareness of the problem areas mentioned by Mr. Rivers. "Much has been done in recent months toward improving this situation and additional measures nearing completion will go a step further," a spokesman said.

"Many factors are affected and each has to be resolved before final action can be taken. We are grateful for any assistance we receive toward this endeavor."

Serving with Mr. Lennon on the subcommittee are: Donald J. Irwin, D-Conn.; Frank E. Evans, D-Colo.; E.S. Johnny Walker, D-N.M.; Charles S. Gubser, R-Calif.; Carleton J. King, R-N.Y.; and William L. Dickinson, R-Ala.

Command Comment

Safe Haven Thanks

by Colonel Joseph D. White
Commander, 7272nd Flying Training Wing



It would hardly be possible for me to thank each of you in person, as I should like to, for the outstanding job done here during the recent evacuation, so I am using this means to tell all of you that I sincerely appreciate the highly professional manner in which the first phase of Operation "Safe Haven" was completed.

Over 6,000 people were airlifted from Wheelus in less than four days, a remarkable feat, and one that speaks for itself as tribute to the professional caliber of Airman manning Wheelus.

The men and planes of the Military Airlift Command deserve special praise for carrying out the operation quickly, efficiently, and most importantly, safely.

When the call for volunteer help was issued, dependent women and youngsters, already faced with unfamiliar and often crowded quarters, responded admirably and were responsible in a large part for keeping necessary base facilities operational during the tense week.

Security police units at Wheelus worked 12-hour shifts under alert conditions for over a week, manning posts at gates and elsewhere, and accomplishing less satisfying tasks such as the organization of parking facilities for off-base automobiles.

Much valuable assistance was received from the men of six squadrons from USAF bases in Europe, as well as from the men of the 79th Engineer Construction Battalion.

The 58th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, the 1950th Communications Squadron, and all the tenant units at Wheelus provided excellent, necessary, and appreciated support throughout the operation.

Many extra jobs had to be done, and all of them were accomplished, only because airmen and officers at Wheelus were more than equal to the task presented. My compliments to all Wheelus personnel for an extremely fine performance.

In closing, I am adapting a recent quote from President Lyndon B. Johnson, which I feel is particularly applicable to the men and women at Wheelus now.

"Our officers and our enlisted men have no true counterparts in military history. In time of our Nation's greatest affluence they and their families willingly and courageously undertake the most Spartan sacrifices and hardships for us all."

Movie Guide

CODE: (M) — Mature, (Y) — Youth, (F) — Family, (WS) — Widescreen, (C) — Color. (Films and times are subject to change).

Stadium Theater

Friday — Blindfold (M & Y — WS — C — R). Rock Hudson, Claudia Cardinale.

Saturday — Matinee — Royal African Rifles.

Saturday — Fahrenheit 451 (M-C). Julie Christie, Oscar Werner.

Sunday and Monday — Doctor You've Got to be Kidding (M — WS — C). (Increased Admission). Sandra Dee, George Hamilton.

Tuesday — The Glass Bottom Boat (F — WS — C — R). Doris Day, Rod Taylor.

Wednesday and Thursday — A Fistful of Dollars (M — WS — C). Increased Admission. Clint Eastwood, Marianne Koch.

Sahara Theater

Friday — Way — Way Out (M — WS — C). Jerry Lewis, Connie Stevens.

Saturday — Matinee — Thunder Over Arizona. Wallace Ford, Skip Homeier.

Saturday — The Young Warriors (M & Y — WS — C). James Drury, Steve Carlson.

Saturday Midnight — Special Late Show.

Sunday and Monday — Easy Come, Easy Go (M & Y — C). Elvis Presley, Dottie Marshall.

Tuesday — Blindfold (M & Y — WS — C — R). Rock Hudson, Claudia Cardinale.

Wednesday — Fahrenheit 451 (M — C). Julie Christie, Oscar Werner.

Thursday — The Silencers (M — C — R). Dean Martin, Stella Stevens.



NCO WIVES' DONATION — Mrs. John Horton, Family Services Coordinator, accepts a check for \$50 from Mrs. Calvin C. Saunders, NCO Wives' Club President. The donation was for renovation and redecoration of the Family Service Center. (AIR FORCE PHOTO BY SSGT. JACK G. CAIN)

NCO Wives Present Donation

The NCO Wives' Club presented a \$50 cheque to Family Services recently for the purpose of renovation and redecoration.

Mrs. Calvin C. Saunders, President of the NCO Wives' Club made the presentation to Mrs. John Horton, Family Services coordinator. The donation was the result of a majority vote of the NCO Wives' Club members authorizing the money to be taken from the Welfare Fund.

Other club news includes the monthly luncheon held yesterday when the club honored the out-going advisor, Mrs. George S. Dorman, and the incoming advisor, Mrs. James M. Fahey. A gift was given to Mrs. Dorman to express appreciation for her efforts on behalf of the NCO Wives.

Customs Rules Discussed

PART II

This is the second part of the article concerning the questions asked about U.S. customs duty.

Servicemen and government employees may also import a foreign made automobile if they meet the customs requirements. However, an automobile purchased abroad and sent home before your government orders are issued, or a car purchased and not in your possession before you leave, will not be entitled to free entry as a household or personal effect. In this case you may apply your tourist exemption of \$100 (plus the combined exemption of your family) to the value of the car.

Pets are subject to health, agriculture and customs requirements. Basically the following rules apply:

Dogs must have a vaccination at least one month prior to their arrival in the States. Dogs from some rabies-free countries such as the United Kingdom, Ireland and Norway are exempt from this.

If cats are in good health at

the time of arrival in the U.S. a vaccination is not required.

There are many ramifications to customs and importing. You can get the answers to particular problems from the nearest U.S. Customs office by writing to the Commissioner of Customs, Washington, DC 20226.

The benefits listed above were singled out to demonstrate some of the opportunities available to service personnel. But despite these liberal allowances, customs violations exist.

Abuse of the privileges extended to servicemen and government employees can bring strong penalties. Evasions of the rules can lead to the loss of these concessions.

Gen. Maurice A. Preston, USAF commander in chief, recently warned that falsification of declarations and other subterfuge to avoid compliance with customs laws would have serious consequences. Personnel contemplating travel or shipment of articles to the U.S. are encouraged to review and comply with directive AFR 76-29, which spells out the rules in detail.



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watched disconsolately as their masters boarded transports for Europe and they could follow them no more.

No one as yet has called the action of Wheelus personnel heroic, and no one is likely to. Compared to sacrifices Airmen are making elsewhere; no, it wasn't heroic. It was a hard job, and it was done well by many.

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TV Guide	Saturday		Sunday	
	Time	Program	Time	Program
JUNE 23 to JUNE 29	10:00	Capt. Kangaroo	10:00	Education TV
	10:30	"	10:30	"
	11:00	Cartoon	11:00	Chapel of the Air
	11:30	Discovery	11:30	This Is the Life
	12:00	Lost In Space	12:00	Matinee Theater
	12:30	"	12:30	"
	1:00	Combat	1:00	EBF 904
	1:30	"	1:30	"
	2:00	Game of Week	2:00	CBS Sports
	2:30	"	2:30	"
3:00	"	3:00	"	
3:30	"	3:30	"	
4:00	To be Announced	4:00	To be Announced	
4:30	"	4:30	To be Announced	
Friday				
5:00	College Bowl	Film	Special	
5:30	Jim Bowie	"	"	
6:00	News & Sports	News & Sports	News and Sports	
6:15	To be Announced	Metro. News	Metro. News	
6:30	"	Roy Acuff	Pat Boone	
6:45	Book Talk	Danny Kaye	Ed Sullivan	
7:00	Addams Family	"	"	
7:30	Caravan	"	"	
8:00	Combat	Gunsmoke	Bonanza	
9:00	Jackie Gleason	Hollywood Palace	2 O'Clock High	
10:00	The Third Man	Special	Smothers Brother.	
10:30	Movie	Movie	"	
11:00	"	"	"	

HOARD IDEAS? NO! USE THEM

Got an idea? One that will make work easier? Maybe it will cut costs a bit — "up" production, too. Figure it's part of the job to put that idea to work — now! You're right! But sometimes there's a temptation to "hoard" ideas. To wait until we can send them to the suggestion committee — for cash. What happens when we do this? We are, in effect, billing the government twice for the same service. That's a luxury Uncle Sam can't afford. Neither can we, the taxpayers. When we can't put a good idea to work we have an obligation to send it to those who can. But we have an equal responsibility to do what we can — when we can — on the job!

TV Movie Schedule (Films not available at Press Time)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Time
What's My Line? M-Squad	I've Got A Secret Discovery	Password Ripcord	To Tell The Truth Danny Thomas	5:00 5:30
News and Sports Survival	News and Sports US Navy Sailing	News and Sports Essay on Woven	News and Sports Rpt. from America	6:00 6:15 6:30
View from Ch. 8 Get Smart Andy Griffith	EBF Joey Bishop Beverly Hillbillies	Film Bewitched Dick Van Dyke	Invisible World My Fav. Martian Green Acres	6:45 7:00 7:30
Daniel Boone Perry Mason	Big Valley Dean Martin	Voyage to Sea Lawrence Welk	Lost In Space Red Skelton	8:00 9:00
Movie	The Fugitive	The Third Man Wrestling	Movie	10:00 10:30 11:00

PROGRAMS LISTED IN THE ABOVE SCHEDULE ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Kindergarten Graduates 103

One hundred-three youngsters completed the first step in their educational careers with appropriate ceremony at commencement exercise for the Wheelus Kindergarten Class of 1967, held on Memorial Day in the Sahara Theater.

Master of ceremonies for the event was Maj. James R. Ralph, U.S. Army, president of the board for Wheelus Kindergarten. Major Ralph introduced the guest speaker for the occasion, Dr. Paul Geren, Economic Counsellor American Embassy, who spoke on "The Privilege of Parenthood."

The three kindergarten teachers, Mrs. Ferenc Feher, Mrs. James Armitage, and Mrs. Orville Stark, presented diplomas to the cap and gown-clad members of their respective classes. All the graduates are children of military and government personnel on Wheelus and in the surrounding area.

Among parents and guests present were Col. James M. Fahey, base commander, and Mrs. Fahey.

Graduates, parents, and guests gathered on the patio of the NCO Open Mess immediately following commencement exercises for a reception engineered by co-chairmen Mrs. Charles A. Knisely and Mrs. James J. Benner.

52 Jr. High Awards Made

Fifty-two awards were given to students from Wheelus Jr. High School.

Receiving citizenship awards were Suzanne Frederick, Mike Bralser, Tom Comfort and Cita Mauer. Scholarship prizes, based on report card averages, went to Richard Deyerle and Mike Bralser of the eighth grade and, from the seventh grade, Cita Mauer and Steven Booth.

A student council award for meritorious service during 1966-67 was given to Garold Duncan.

Scout Ceremonies

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 required to reach the Boy Scout's highest honor, the Eagle Scout.

Also highlighting the Boy Scout Court of Honor ceremony was the presentation of the Transatlantic Council National Camping Award to Troop 205.

Suggestion Program

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A2C Larry J. Upchurch, 7272nd Field Maintenance Squadron, was awarded \$15 for devising a new method for holding a piston rod during torquing operations. The holder he devised keeps rods from slipping and prevents possible damage to the operation.

A1C George R. Kern Jr., 7272nd Security Police, received a pen for suggesting that headlights be used on two-wheeled vehicles on base during daylight hours.

A \$15 cheque has been forwarded to the Base Incentive Awards Committee at Stewart AFB, N.Y. for SSgt. Robert H. Keasey, formerly with the 7272nd Supply Squadron here. Sergeant Keasey's suggestion concerned the installation of stub adapters on refueling units. He departed Wheelus before the award could be formally presented.

All four men received certificates of appreciation in addition to their other awards.



SOME OF THE HUNDREDS of teen-aged children who took over service jobs on Wheelus Air Base during the evacuation of Air Force and American community dependents from Libya are shown at work in the Noncommissioned Officers' Open Mess. Every day appeals went out over the Armed Forces Radio station, and every day hundreds of teen-agers answered the calls, worked for a few hours or a day until released and then took off to rejoin families living in temporary housing in airmen's dormitories.

(AIR FORCE PHOTO BY A1C PAUL K. GRAHAM)

Wheelus High School Graduates 84 Seniors

Eighty-four Wheelus Dependent High School students received their diplomas marking their completion of four years of high school.

The class of '67 was cited by school authorities as being one of the largest and most international in attendance here. This year's seniors represent 22 different U.S. states (nearly one out of four halls from Texas) and seven different nations.

The graduation was slated to be held in the 5,000 person capacity Yankee Stadium. "This would have been the first time commencement has ever been held outdoors here," said Miss Edna T. Ackal, Wheelus High School Principal.

Three seniors slated as the major speakers: Steven Blake, Catheryn Reynolds and John Llone.

Awards Ceremony

Four seniors received monetary scholarship awards totaling \$1,050. Receiving \$250 scholarships each were Helen Thomas and Brenda Miller whose awards were donated by the Student Council; Paul Thompson, given by the NCO Wives' Club; and Joe Northrop, a \$300 scholarship from the Officers Wives' Club.

Members of the class of 1967 are:

Terry L. Adams, Loretta L. Akins, Becky L. Anderson, Sara L. Askey, John A. Blischoff, Steven Blake, John

R. Bristow, Donna J. Brumley, Thomas L. Brumley, Tane E. Chaffin, Janis L. Chaplin, Jerry G. Clark, Donna L. Comfort, Kathryn R. Cook, Paul J. Cook, Jacquelyn E. Cooper, Barbara J. Culp, Sandra K. Curtis, Alan F. Dahl, Steven R. Duffy, Phyllis E. England, Lauren A. Fielden, Kathryn A. Finlayson, Robert C. Fleishmann, Margie Garrett, Barbara Gregg, David Schoenwald, Peggy L. Hett-rick, Barbara A. Higgins, Emma S. Hopkins, Julia A. Houle, Sandra J. Houle, Roy L. Huddleston, Larry E. Hud-llin, Jeannie Ingram, Edward L. Ish, Janice M. Ivory, Frank E. Jones, Ahmed T. Kassem, Anne L. Kuljian, Nicholas C. Lakas, Diana R. Lambert, Robert L. Larsen, Anita F. Lehman, John G. Llone, Steve R. Lyon, Linda K. McGlynn, Margaret L. McGlynn, Julia B. Majure, Richard L. Meyer, Brenda E. Miller, Ray G. Miller, Donna L. Miskin, Mark S. Moody, Phyllis Moseley, Karin J. Norman, Joseph S. Northrop, Terence M. O'Sullivan, Mark D. Parker, Bruno E. Poetsema, Thomas M. Price, Cathy A. Reynolds, Erwin L. Reynolds, Ronnie D. Rodgers, Patrick E. Rowe, Betty L. Rustin, Joe S. Sainato, Harrison L. Saunders, Christy K. Sch-limide, Vicki S. Smith, Rick Stilt, Lanny N. Stout, Glen C. Strachan, Donald T. Sum-eral, Mary S. Taylor, Sheila F. Teller, Kathlyn C. Terry, Helen Thomas, Paul W. Thompson, Allen H. White, Michelle G. Winslette, and Sarah J. Woods.

(* designates seniors who graduated with special honors).

MARS Links Separated Families

One of the busiest and most important facilities at Wheelus Air Base, especially for those men whose families were recently evacuated, is the small transmitting facility of the Military Affiliate Radio Station (MARS) near the Mediterranean on the east side of the base.

The MARS station, through use of telephone "patch" hookups, has been the only available means for men at Wheelus to personally contact their families, in Europe or the States.

The station usually transmits about 500 patch calls at month. In the eight-day period from June 5 to June 13, 394 messages were received from Wheelus by MARS operators in Europe and the U.S.

The station has been manned constantly since the first of the evacuees reached Europe. SSgt. William E. Stewart has set up what appears to be permanent quarters in a small back room. Co-workers say he's lucky to sleep 4 out of every 24 hours.

The waiting area at the station, usually the scene of only a few empty chairs, has seen a lot of traffic, most of it late at night, the only time audible transmission to the United States can be established. Airmen anxious to talk to their families are more than willing to keep the late hours, and so, despite the hardships, are

the men of the MARS station. Staff Sergeant Samuel Cooper, who works eight daytime hours elsewhere, has been working an average of ten hours daily at the station before getting a few hours needed sleep.

Over two hundred calls to Germany and the U.S. have been made from short-wave outfits in the living quarters of two men who also put in a full day on other jobs. Half the calls have gone to Germany from the set of MSgt. Donald Hutchins, regularly with the 58th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron.

A similar set, located in the quarters of SSgt. David Hutchinson, has allowed over 100 men to talk to their wives already arrived in the United States.

Also on the job around the clock are men "loaned" to the MARS station by Wheelus Airways, who work two men at time on eight hour shifts constantly, in addition to their normal duties.

The effective communication link established so quickly between men still at Wheelus and evacuated families is perhaps one of the last phases of the evacuated process, but ask anyone whose family has left and he'll tell you where the most important radio set at Wheelus Air Base is located.

A2C Best Drives Best During Month of May

Lt. Col. Thomas D. Perry, Chief of Safety recently announced the selection of the safe driver of the month for May in accordance with the Wheelus safe driving program.

A2C Earl E. Best, a driver assigned to the 7272nd Transportation Squadron, was selected for the award on the basis of his safe driving record and for the "pride he has displayed in the upkeep and maintenance of his assigned vehicle," Colonel Perry said.

Airman Best, who was also Base Motor Pool Driver of the Month, was recommended for the award by SMSgt. Robert M. Cole, Motor Transportation Superintendent. He received an additional recommendation from Maj. Edward G. Pitchford, commander, 7272nd Transportation Sq.

In regard to the award, Colonel Perry continued, "Driving in the environment to which we are exposed in this area requires all the skill and effort a person can muster. It is evident from his ac-



A2C Earl E. Best

Letter Awards Program Begins

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — Freedoms Foundation has announced the opening of its 1967 Letters Awards Program for service personnel.

Service men and women on active duty may write letters to the foundation on the subject of "Freedom — My Heritage, My Responsibility."

Letters must not exceed 500 words and must contain the printed name, rank, military service and home address of the writer. Entries should be mailed to Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa., 19481, by Nov. 1, 1967.

The top 10 winners will be invited to Valley Forge for presentation ceremonies. Top award is \$1,000 while 50 second place winners each will receive \$100. Another 50 writers will win \$50 each.

Members of the Armed Forces and their families also can compete for awards in various other categories. Information can be obtained by writing Freedoms Foundation.

Library Essay Winners Named

Winners were announced this week in the base-wide library essay contest which began April 16 and closed May 16.

Two-hundred persons submitted essays in three age-group categories on the theme "Explore Inner Space — Read." Entries were judged by the Wheelus library staff and awards were presented by Mrs. Elliott Ackerman, base librarian.

Students in the first through seventh grades submitted essays 250-300 words in length. The winning essay was written by Martin J. Fahey, son of Col. and Mrs. James M. Fahey. Colonel Fahey is commander of Wheelus Air Base. Second place winner was Steven Booth, son of E.G. Booth of the U.S. Information Service, and Wenche Sortebogen, daughter of Mr. Fenn Sortebogen of the Norwegian Consulate, and Mrs. Sortebogen, took third place.

First place winner among students in the eighth through twelfth grades who submitted essays 500-600 words in length was Robert Templeton, son of Maj. and Mrs. Samuel Templeton, 58th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Sq. ARRSq. Tim Flack, son of CWO and Mrs. Thomas J. Flack, 58th ARRSq., was second place winner.

In the adult category, essays 1000-1200 words long, first place was won by Mrs. Anne Eld of Wheelus High School.

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Trotter Sports Comment

Why You Should Follow That Bouncing Softball

by AIC Jack Conner

A sports writer sits down to his typewriter with the purpose of informing his readers about a certain sport or sporting event. But first he usually has a subject that he knows demands his readers attention. Something that is especially significant. Something that he knows will "interest" them.

That's the subject of this newspaper story. Interest — especially in the Wheelus 1967 Intramural Softball League.

During the past few weeks of the softball season this reporter has had the opportunity to keep in close contact with personnel associated with the base softball program: coaches, players, etc.

One heck of a season is currently underway in the leagues; both the American and National. The 1950th Communications Sq. remains undefeated at this writing, and sports a nice 12-0 record. But in the American League revolving around the Comm-squadron, everybody is beating everybody. And the same holds true in the National League.

The point that needs to be hit upon is that just for the viewing pleasure of the many sports fans on Wheelus, there lies a great, big softball program before them, with competition every weekday night.

Fine Competition

Played on the Polo Grounds behind the base swimming pool, the games have often been low-scoring, fiercely-fought battles. Competition rates high among the players.

In the American League especially, many of the games are decided by one or two runs, and are exhibitions of ability and sportsmanship.

During recent play, Bob Farris, 7272nd Supply Sq., one of the leading pitchers on Wheelus, struck out 26 batters over a two-game span, and lost both games on 3-1 scores. The first was to the 7272nd Hospital Sq. team on May 30, the second to Group on June 1. Farris struck out 16 Medics and whiffed 10 Group-troops.

League-leading Comm-squadron had its troubles recently in the form of fast-baller, Jack Fox of the Oasis Oilers team. The 1950th barely squeaked by the cellar-dwelling Oilers on May 30, in the evening's final game, as Fox struck out eight and allowed only three hits.

The current base Athlete of the Month, Allen Froehlich, teamed up with ace Comm-squadron pitcher, Quinon Gibson, and J. Foley, for the

victory. Froehlich tied the game up in the fifth inning when he walked, stole both second and third, then went home on an Oiler throwing error. Foley scored the deciding run in the eighth on a walk and two errors. Gibson, meanwhile, had managed to strike out 13 batters while allowing only three hits.

These are just two examples of the softball thrills that may be had for the viewing pleasure of the Wheelus sports fan. So far this season the crowds attending the games have been small. Without sounding mundane and a bit like a high school cheerleader: get to know your squadron ball-players by attending their games.



LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON SHORT — A sharp grounder rapped back past the pitcher's mound signaled the start of the 1967 Little League season. Short, but with lots of action, the season ended one week later at the start of "Operation Safe Haven."

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Have Boats, You Travel

New Sailing Program Swings

The newest of the Wheelus recreational facilities is the sailing and boating area, located near the Water Survival School.

Boasting 16 Sunfish sailboats; expecting five 420 class sailboats and a number of motor boats, the new boating program has been in full swing for the past month.

The responsibility for the overall operation, supervision and procedure at the facility rest upon the Boat Master, John J. Ruddell, and the Chief, Recreation Services, Mr. Robert L. Seglieu.

Rules and regulations have been designed to protect the safety of all personnel engaged in the activity and maintain an enjoyable recrea-

tion atmosphere. The Boatmaster, or his designated alternate is in charge of all employees and personnel using the facility.

A certificate of demonstrated competency is required of all personnel before they are permitted to use the craft. To obtain this certificate each individual must successfully complete and pass an examination provided by the Sailing and Boating Committee.

A nominal fee has been established by the Wheelus Air Base Non-Appropriated Fund Council. The has been established to augment and defray some of expenditures for the maintenance, operation and equipment replacements required by the activi-

Season's End Tourney Held By Base Keglers

The members of the Men's Bowling Association of Wheelus recently concluded their "End of the Season

Tournament", held at the Mediterranean Bowling Lanes.

Featuring a number of events the May 23 tourney ended with the following results.

With Handicap

Team Events — The team consisting of John Washok with a 619, Thom Andrews with a 559, Dick Guldus with a 565, Joe Leoanard with a 596, and Al Canuteson with a 590, won this event with a total series including handicap of 2929.

Scratch Events

Doubles Event — John Washok and Al Canuteson teamed up to take this event a 629 and 721 respectively, for a total series of 1350.

Singles Event — The 684 rolled by Jim Olson, copped the competition in this division.

All Events — Rolling a 601-713-568 for an 1832 total, Calvin Saunders emerged the winner of this event.

Doubles Event — Tom Brown with a 594 and Calvin Saunders with a 653 were winners in this event with a 1247 total.

Singles Event — Chester Zalewski fired a 585 to take the singles scratch.

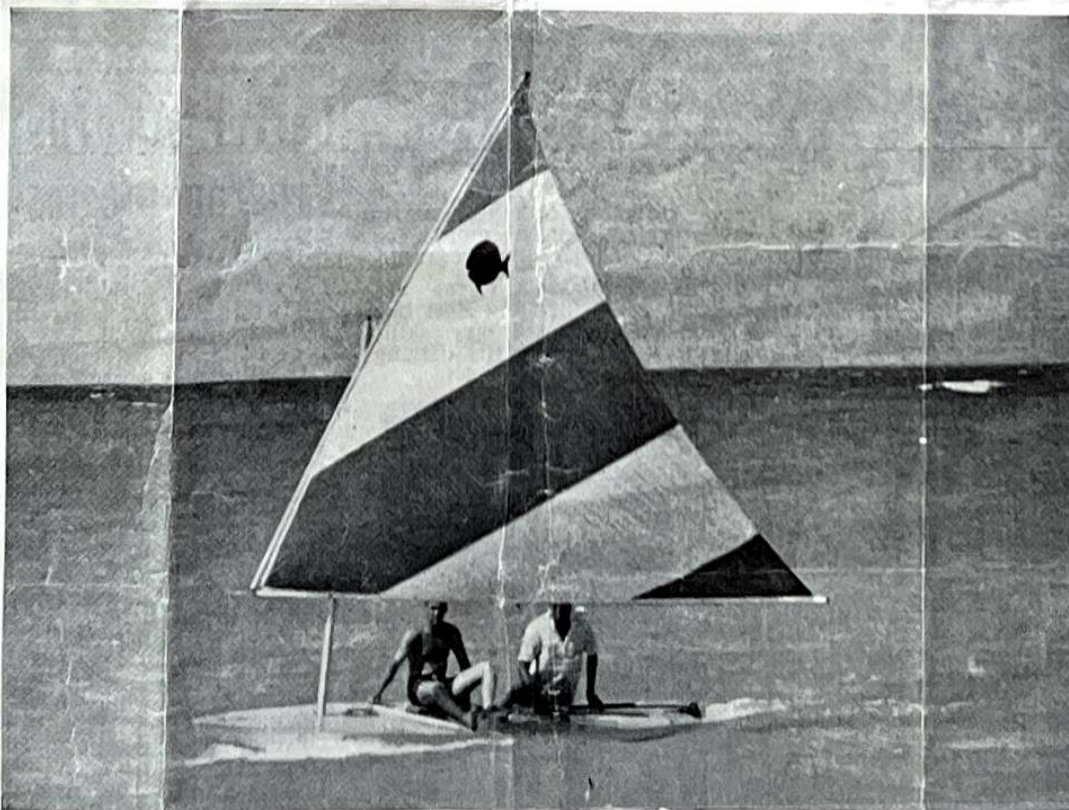
Presentations

Trophies were awarded to winners of all the events and a Manhattan Bowling Ball was presented to Cal Saunders, named the tourney's outstanding bowler.

Two new names were added to the special "Over 250 Club". They are Al Canuteson and Calvin Saunders, both for rolling games of 258 during the tournament.

Dependents May Join Base Softball Teams

It has been announced by Mr. Robert R. Seglieu, Chief, Recreation Services, that dependent youth of 17 years of age and over may participate in the squadron intramural softball league. The youngsters may play on the teams of their choice with the approval of the team manager and NCOIC of the Athletic Office.



SAILING AT WHEELUS — A2C James Phillips (left) and an instructor heel over a Sunfish sailboat, while out sailing near the boating facility. This Sunfish is one of 16 belonging to the Wheelus boating program.

Sports Standings

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL

American League

TEAM	WON	LOST
1950th Comm Sq.	12	0
Group	9	3
HHospital Sq.	8	4
Supply Sq.	5	7
79th Eng. Btn.	1	11
Oilers	1	11

National League

TEAM	WON	LOST
FMS	8	4
S.P. Sq.	7	4
58th ARRSq.	6	4
CES	6	5
Wing	5	5
A & E Sq.	5	5
Trans Sq.	5	6
623rd MASS	4	6
Oilers	2	9

*Standings through June 1.