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UNIT PARADE HONORS ITSELF, INDIVIDUALS

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RETIREMENT AND ACHIEVEMENTS NOTED . . . Maj. Gen. Alden Glauch, right, Commander of the 21st AF at McGuire AFB, N.J., congratulates Col. Kenneth L. Charpillouz, the wing's senior MAC advisor upon his retirement. Honored during the parade and ceremonies were, from left, TSgt. Lawrence H. Lentz, AFRES Information Specialist of the Year; and Col. Alan N. Fleckner, M.D., Outstanding Reserve Aerospace Medical Physician of the Year.

Unit Parade Honors Itself, Individuals

"This parade is in your honor. Due to your hard work and diligence, and a highly successful completion of our operational readiness/management effectiveness inspections with a 94 per cent score, the 439th Tactical Airlift Wing (TAW) is number one." And so, Brig. Gen. Billy Knowles, 439th TAW commander, thanked each member of the unit for a job superbly done and signaled the start of Saturday's pass-in-review parade.

In addition, three Westover members were cited. Col. Kenneth L. Charpiloz, the 439th's MAC Senior Advisor, was awarded the Legion of Merit during special retirement ceremonies. Col. Alan N. Fleckner, M.D., 439th Tactical Hospital commander, previously named "Outstanding Reserve Aerospace Medical Physician of the Year" (see June 1976 *Patriot*) received a certificate attesting to the honor, while TSgt. Lawrence H. Lentz, NCOIC of the 439th's Reserve Information Office and Editor of *The Patriot*, was cited as "AFRES Information Specialist of the Year."

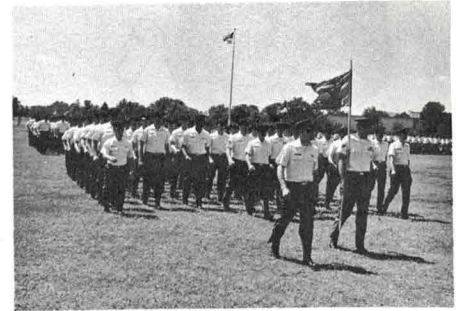
Guests at the ceremony included Maj. Gen. Alden Glauch, 21st Air Force Commander.

The parade's Troop Commander was Lt. Col. Jack P. Ferguson, base commander; and Capt. Michael A. Woodson, 901st Weapons Security Flight commander served as staff officer. Capt. Wayne R. Markison's parade adjutant 140-step-a-minute cadence has become a familiar sight.

Colonel Charpiloz, a 31-year Air Force veteran, served Westover's reserve units since September 1974. Previously, he was Vice Commander of the 513th TAW in Mildenhall, England and later Commander of Johnson Atoll.



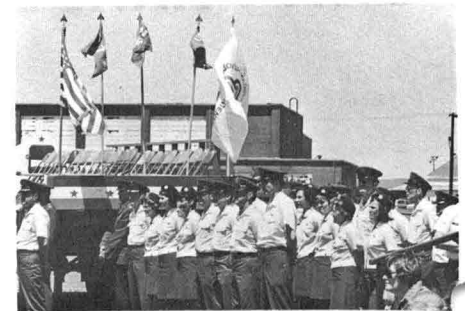
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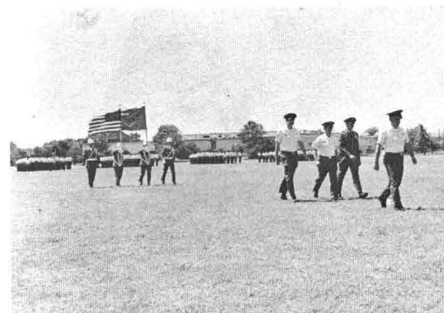
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Reservist Uses Training, Saves Lives

by TSgt. Thomas Brucia

Four Roxbury, Mass. children owe their lives to SSgt. Richard K. Hayes, a firefighter with the 901st Civil Engineering Flight.

On May 15, Sergeant Hayes was training, during his UTA, at the Westover's "smokehouse" dragging a dummy from the smoke-filled building. Four days later, while making the rounds on his regular job as a Post Office letter carrier, the 25 year old Weymouth resident came across a real fire-rescue situation.

His actions earned him the everlasting appreciation of a grateful mother as he saved her two small sons and the recognition of the Boston City Council.

"I only had one letter to deliver," recalls the six year P.O. veteran. "I always ring the bell, then open the door to see if anyone's coming down the stairs. When I did, out rolled smoke."

"Two teenagers came running down the street shouting that there were kids upstairs," said Sergeant Hayes. "They followed me upstairs and we grabbed the crying youngsters, and left. By the time the firemen arrived, the stairwell was in flames. If we got there a few minutes later, it might have been a catastrophe."

After talking to reporters and checking with the firemen, the Reservist talked to the children and their tearful mother. Damage to the house was later estimated to be \$7,500.

Sergeant Hayes then resumed his route. It was only later that evening, at a Post Office sponsored softball game that he mentioned the incident to his co-workers. Now, he has been recommended for a Postal Service commendation for valor.

A formal resolution, passed by the Boston City Council commended Sergeant Hayes for his "bravery, common sense and concern for others." It was accompanied by a letter from the Council's President, Louise Day Hicks, citing "Your quickness of thought and disregard for your own safety."

Sergeant Hayes has been a firefighter throughout his AFRES career. He came to Westover when the 901st CEF transferred from Hanscom AFB. Currently, he is studying toward his seven level and has applied for a 30 day supervisory course for firemen to Chanute AFB, Illinois.

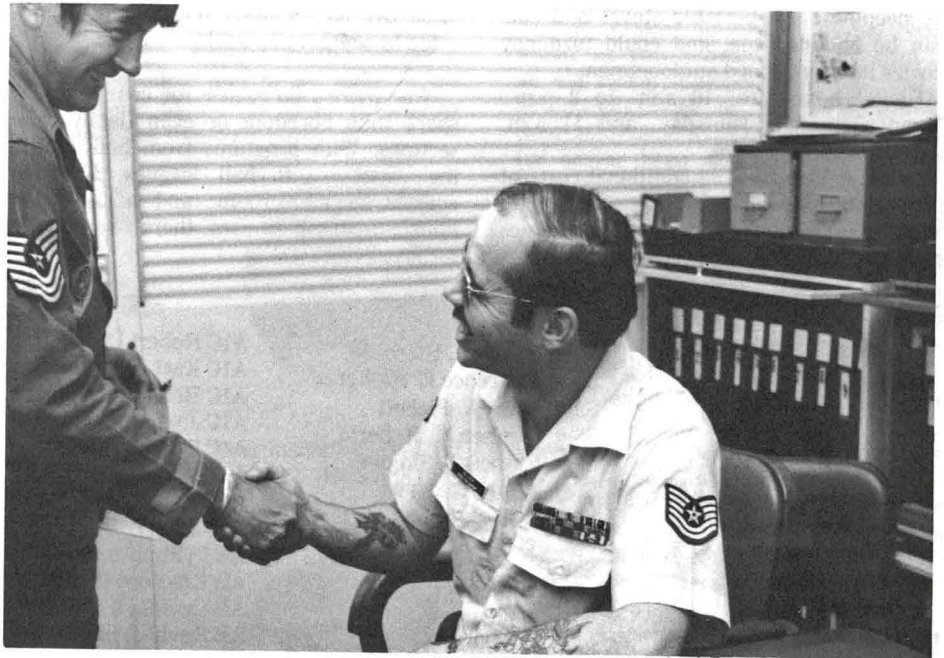
In addition to the personal satisfaction, appreciation of others and recognition readily received, Sergeant Hayes' actions brought some very favorable publicity to the Air Force Reserve.

The Quincy Patriot article reporting the reservist's heroics emphasized his reserve training and only slightly erred when it concluded: "Then too, the next time

Reserve Sgt. Hayes hears the drill instructor shout, 'Now listen up. You never know when what you learn today may save your life or someone else's' there will be one reservist who'll think to himself, "How True."'"



SSgt. Richard K. Hayes



"SO LONG., OLD BUDDY" says MSgt. Leonard F. Dube standing, as he expresses the good wishes of the entire 58th APS to TSgt. William F. Deluca, departing AFRES advisor.

58th APS Mixes Pride With Sadness

Although the 58th Aerial Port Squadron was rated Outstanding during the recent MAC Inspector General inspection, the June UTA was not a happy occasion. It was the last UTA for the squadron's AFRES advisor, TSgt. William F. Deluca, who is being reassigned to Kwangju, Korea. Sergeant Deluca has been with the 58th since June 1972.

Capt. Ronald W. Lawler, the air freight services officer describes the situation, "Not only are we losing a good AFRES Advisor, but we are losing our squadron personality. His tattoos sort of explain him; there are a lion, a song bird, a naked

lady and a motorcycle rider—and that's only one arm. We're going to miss him."

Enrico Ansolini has asked The Patriot staff to pass a "Thank You" for the retirement party in his honor held at the consolidated open mess. "Yang-Yang," as he's known to his hundreds of friends at Westover, retired in June after completing 13 years with the base's heating plant. Added to his Navy time, he retired with almost 35 years of Government service.

Base Gym Announces Summer Programs

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and Jane a dull girl." While summer encampment training schedules will require everyone's conscientious efforts, plans for a full complement of off-hour recreational activities are also being finalized.

As in past years, Westover's Recreational Branch will offer numerous programs and facilities at the base gym during expanded summer encampment hours, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

This summer, something new has been added. A Four Seasons Equipment Rental Service will operate in building 1520 (old fire station) and will feature everything from bicycles at \$.50 a day, to 18' fiberglass runabout boats, available on daily or weekly rates. Camping equipment, such as sleeping bags, portable stoves and cots can be obtained too, and could turn any novice into a seasoned outdoorsman.

Rental hours are: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Fridays.

In order to offset the additional costs of the expanded services, fulltime personnel and extra equipment, a nominal dues schedule has been established. These fees

will augment nonappropriated fund council subsidies and place the recreational center on a self-sustaining basis:

\$1.00 per month—Active duty personnel Reservists, National Guard, retired military, DOD and NAF employees.

.50 per month—Dependents, aged 12 and above, including wives. Children under 12 admitted free.

3.00 per month—Maximum charge per month for a bona fide family of 5 patrons or more.

.50 per month—Reservist residing 1 hour or more from Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts.

1.00 per day—Guests (participation limited to one day per week)

Now there's no excuse for complaints of spare time boredom or even flabby mid-sections. With programs from body building classes, soft ball leagues, handball courts, a game room, and a television lounge, at the base gym, there's something for EVERY BODY!

Dining Out Tickets Go on Sale

One of Westover's most important events of the year, the NCO/Airmen Dining Out is scheduled for Saturday, August 28. Tickets at \$10 have already gone on sale. The dining-out committee recommends reserving your part of the evening's memories as soon as possible while tickets are still available.

Distinguished guests include General Paul K. Carlton, Military Airlift Command commander. He'll be the main speaker. MSgt. Marthur Baumgardner will serve as Mess President, while the Mister Vice honors go to SSgt. Anthony Symasko. Entertainment will include the AFRES Band and the vocal group, Inner Lights.

Proper attire for the dining out is the Air Force mess dress uniform with authorized awards and decorations for officers and the semiformal uniform for enlisted persons. Semiformal attire is also prescribed for civilian persons attending this function.

Dining-Out is a function that includes members and guests of the unit. Historically, Dining-Out is a very old English tradition but is not exclusively military. It is believed that the dining-out concept began as a custom in the monasteries, was adopted by the early universities and later spread to military units. The present program probably began in the Air Corps when the late General H. H. Arnold used to hold his famous "wing-dings." It is now recognized that the dining out is an occasion where ceremony, tradition and good fellowship play an important part in the life of an Air Force unit.



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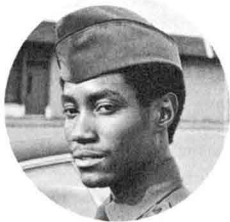
TO STANDBY RESERVE

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SSgt. Richard K. Getman

Inquiring Photographer

By A1C Dean M. Mauro

Are Westover's reservists pleased with their military jobs? If they had the chance, would they change AFSCs? In effort to find out, *The Patriot's* Inquiring Photographer traveled around the base asking, "If you could have any Air Force job, what would it be and why?"



Administration Specialist Sgt. Nathaniel Lewis, 439th CSG, didn't need to think long before affirming he was pleased with his present position. "I'd just rather be myself," the sergeant said.

A1C Joseph Goodrow, a cargo specialist with the 58th APS had an unusual answer. He said he'd like to be a life-guard because, "that's the sort of thing I like to do; it's my civilian job."



SSgt. Stuart DeGray, 439th CSG, a traffic manager, would like a job that would allow him to see more of the world. "One thing I might like to do," he said, "is to be an aircraft loadmaster because I like to travel."

"A dentist," was Capt. Christian Nielsen's choice for an Air Force job. His reasons—"I'm a dentist in the Air Force now, and I enjoy it."



SSgt. Robert Cartagena, a small arms instructor assigned to the 439th CSG is also satisfied with his job. He said, "It's a challenge; I get to deal with people and it's good experience."

Like most others questioned during the informal survey, CMSgt. Richard Dupre, 901st CE, quickly replied that he would choose "The same job I have now (a first sergeant) because I'm proficient at it."



Wing Commander's Message

By Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles

I wish your families could be present during certain UTAs. For example, last UTA, Saturday, June 12. "Everybody loves a parade." Someone said that many years ago, and your review parade was no exception.

Just over 600 reservists, men and women, passing in review, paying recognition to themselves, the retirement of an old friend (Colonel Charpilloz) and in acknowledgement of two reservists for their achievements; Col. Alan D. Fleckner for having been selected by Hq AFRES as Medical Officer of the Year and TSgt. Lawrence H. Lentz for his selection as Information Specialist of the Year. The split second timing of the C-123K and C-130B fly-by added a bit of flavor to the whole affair and served as a salute to those being honored and to the Number 1 wing in the Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Alden Glauch, commander of 21st Air Force (MAC) and Col. W.H.H. Shea, AFRES Command Surgeon, were both present, along with a few family members, and they both were most impressed with your performance. General Glauch remarked to me later that the 439th "always puts on a good show." And we do.

You may want to remind your families that the next official parade is scheduled for Saturday, August 28, during our two-week annual training period. The Air Force Reserve Band will provide the marshal music and there will be a fly-by. Everybody does love a parade.

Units Prepare for Global Training

Summertime and the living is easy . . . Perhaps in civilian life, but not so for the members of the 439th TAW and its subordinate units. With warm weather upon us, schedules for busy days during their annual active duty for training are being confirmed, some with transatlantic destinations.

At press time, the 905th Communications Flight (CF) is set for a summer tour at either Mildenhall Air Base or Lakenheath Air Station, both in England. The

901st CF hopes to head in the opposite direction and train at McClellan AFB, Cal.

The Tactical Hospital personnel are looking forward to working with their counterparts at the MacDill AFB, Fla. base hospital. The 901st and 905th WSSFlts will leave for Little Rock, Ark. and the 314th Security Police Squadron.

It appears that long distance honors will go to the 905th Civil Engineers. They'll augment active duty personnel at Bitburg AFB, Germany.

In addition, many 439th members will "pull" their tours at Pope AFB, N.C. with the 439th's participation in October's Brave Shield exercises. (See separate story in this issue.)

While some units and sections will be leaving for distant lands, many will remain at Westover. Wherever the location, for Westover's reservists their weeks wouldn't be leisurely. Their summer wouldn't be easy.

Airmen Get New Enlisted Grade



WESTOVER'S FIRST SENIOR AIRMAN trains aboard a C-123. SrA. Eugene Sorentino, a member of the 731st TAS loadmaster section trains to become a tactical air drop loadmaster. The new senior airman awaits signal from the aircraft's navigator to release drop load.

The first promotion at Westover to a new enlisted grade, Senior Airman (SrA), went to SrA Eugene Sorentino, 731st TAS. Later promoted to the same grade were SrA Timothy M. Brienza, 85th APS and SrA William H. Machie, 905th CAMS.

The new rank started June 1 throughout the Air Force. This is the top step in the apprentice trainee tier (E-1 through E-4 senior airman) of the new enlisted force organization.

Enlisted grades are being placed into three tiers to better define roles and responsibility for each grade.

The three tiers include: apprentice/trainee (E-1 through E-4/senior airman); technician/supervisor (E-4/sergeant through E-6); and supervisor/manager (E-7 through E-9).

When promoted to E-4, an individual is designated a senior airman. ALL existing E-4 pay and entitlements will be given but individuals will be addressed as "senior airman" or "airman."

Upon reaching 12 months time-in-grade and completion of a noncommissioned officer (NCO) orientation training course, airmen having a good record and recommendations by their reporting official and unit commander receive an appointment to NCO status and may be called sergeant.

To visually distinguish senior airmen and below from E-4/sergeant and above, a new insignia has been developed. The

basic design is the same as the current E-4 insignia, except airmen (senior airmen and below) will wear a blue star. NCOs will continue to wear the current insignia with the silver star.

While there is no change to the time-in-service or time-in-grade for promotion to E-5, an E-4 must have attained NCO status before he may be promoted to E-5.

The changes will apply only to those airmen promoted to grade E-4 on or after the June 1 implementation date. Those already in grade E-4 at that time will remain NCOs and wear current E-4 stripes.

Personnel in grades E-2 and E-3 will not have to change stripes until their next promotion.

The present criteria for promotion to E-4 will remain the same. A person must have a 5-skill level and eight months time-in-grade as an E-3.

Airmen who demonstrate exceptional abilities can be promoted to E-4 (senior airman) up to six months earlier under the new below-the-zone (BTZ) program.

Air Force officials say the new NCO criteria is not intended to establish a new pay grade or to take entitlements away from anyone. Rather, it is a management action to insure that each individual has the training, experience, and maturity to assume the responsibilities of being an NCO.

AIR FORCE RESERVE AUGMENTATION TEST

(AFNS)—The Air Force Reserve will be testing Reserve augmentation of an active force tactical fighter wing. The principal objective of the test is to see if it is a practical way to increase potential wartime capabilities of active fighter units by using Air Force Reserve personnel. The test will end in a simulated combat exercise to test the ability of Reserves to integrate with an active unit and to improve its effectiveness.

The test will be conducted at Moody AFB, Ga., beginning in October 1976, and will last for two years.

Brave Shield Exercises Seek 439th Volunteers

by SSgt. Robin Ketcherside

PROBLEM: What is the best way to move 2,100 Army troops and their equipment to a crisis area in a hurry and then support them 'til they're withdrawn?

SOLUTION: Call on the Air Force Reserve for additional support along with other services for a massive coordinated operation.

This is just what happened recently as the planning is underway for a large scale training operation, Brave Shield XV. The exercise allows Army units to try new techniques and tactics that may prove invaluable in future conflicts or emergency situations.

The plan calls for a massive buildup of support elements in a variety of locations. The air support operations will be based at Pope AFB, N.C. and include portions of the 439th TAW along with other national guard, reserve and active duty units.

The actual "war" takes place at Eglin AFB, Fla., conducted by active and reserve Army troops. Off shore, a small contingent of active and reserve Navy units will provide their unique support.

The logistics are quite extensive and require a great deal of preparation. Over 2,000 active duty and reserve Air Force personnel will back up 3,000 to 5,000 Army personnel. Regarding aircraft—36 C-130s are to be used, of which 20 will be provided by reserve units. The 439th will supply 10 planes including five from the 914th TAG at Niagara as well as the necessary maintenance personnel.

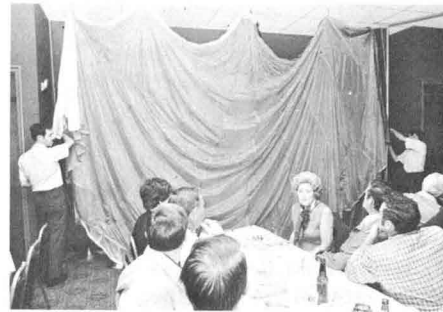
If you're interested in participating from Oct. 3 through 17, contact your supervisor. Openings exist in many AFSCs. This will be a great way to see what a mass, coordinated operation is like and to get in on some great practical experience in your career field.

BICENTENNIAL FLAG ROOM DEDICATED

At ceremonies held in the Blue Room of the Consolidated Open Mess on June 14, a separate flag room was dedicated as part of the base's continuing recognition of the country's Bicentennial celebration.

After a luncheon attended by 80 civic leaders and members of the base's population, two Palace Option officers, 2d. Lt. Thomas Frye of Lee, Mass., and 2d. Lt. Ernest DelVecchio of Weymouth, Mass., pulled the cords on a condemned parachute, revealing a relief map of the 50 states, with the various state flags inserted in the display.

The event, sponsored by the base's Bicentennial Council in coordination with the 439th TAW and the Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation Council, resulted in a display which will be a permanent part of the club, and a lasting salute to our nation's 200th year.



*Scenes at the dedication
photographed by
SSgt. Marshall Hathaway*



FIRST INTRODUCTION to Civil Service. Young men and women who will work in various sections of the base as summer aids, fill in their questionnaires. Mrs. Dolores O'Connor, personnel clerk with the Civilian Personnel Office stands ready to answer questions as Mr. Louis Gracida, 1917 Comm. Sq., the base's Spanish Speaking Coordinator, assists one of the students complete the form.

Babin Takes "Number One" Award

"Outstanding Airman of the Year." To claim such a distinction one must possess qualities which set the nominee in a class no others could fulfill. MSgt. Paul T. Babin, 905th Communications Flight (CF), meets those requirements and has been honored by the Chicopee (Mass.) Chamber of Commerce at special ceremonies.

The occasion was the highlight of the chamber's breakfast, A Salute to The Reserves, attended by 200 base and chamber personnel at the consolidated open mess. In recognition of the achievement, Sergeant Babin received several gifts from chamber members.

This recognition was an extension of that bestowed on Sergeant Babin when the Enlisted Advisory Council chose him as Outstanding Enlisted Person of the Year and presented him that award during the dining-out last October. He reigns as the 439th's top airman until the council selects a successor during the July UTA. Nominations for the wing's Outstanding Enlisted Person for 1976-1977 must be received by the council by noon on Saturday of the UTA.

Sergeant Babin's past and present achievements helped him earn the praise. As NCOIC of the 905th's telecommunications operations section, he supervised 11 others in the operation of a low speed telecommunications center including processing incoming and outgoing narrative and data pattern messages. Off-line encryption of special training messages is also performed.

In addition to his Comm. Flight work, Sergeant Babin was elected to the presidency of the 439TAW's Enlisted Advisory Council and was instrumental in its operation and successes.

Previously, Sergeant Babin served in the Army's Security Agency from 1953 to 1966. He later joined the Air Force Reserve's 9114th Air Rescue Recovery Squadron. With its deactivation in 1964, he was reassigned to the 905th CF then stationed at Bradley Field. He has been an integral part of the unit ever since.



REAPING THE BENEFITS MSgt. Paul Babin accepts another token of appreciation of his Air Force Reserve excellence from Ted Jarrett, Executive Director of the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce during the chamber's Salute to the Reserves breakfast. Announcing the various gifts is Ben Mathis, chairman of the chamber's Military Affairs Committee, as Mrs. Babin (partially obscured behind her husband) participates in the festivities.

His hectic schedule, however, is not confined to reserve activities. He recently graduated from Fitchburg (Mass.) State College and is now pursuing a master's degree in education there. He is an instructor of electronics at Worcester Vocational Technical High School.

He has held an advanced radio operator's license since 1963 and has used his equipment to provide emergency communication during the 1972 Pennsylvania floods.

These accomplishments are only half the reason for the award. Those who know and work with him, speak only in tribute. "Sergeant Babin welcomes challenges and enthusiastically seeks solutions," said Maj.

Joseph F. Hellauer, Jr. "He makes my job, as commander, much easier by his dedication, loyalty and total professionalism." Major Hellauer's comments are typical for this year's Outstanding Airman of the Year.

Used Uniform Items Wanted

The Westover CAP is in desperate need of used uniform items. Any contributions, which will be gratefully accepted, should be left in their headquarters in building 1850.

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