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VIEW FROM THE TOP, taken from above the Massachusetts Turnpike, looking northwest, shows part of Westover's 2,500 acres. The base's 11,600 foot main runway, '5-23' is in the foreground and part of the 7,050 foot '15-33' runway is to the right. (Photo: Courtesy of the Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation)

Unit Completes Combat Evaluation

The 439th TAW's Westover units successfully completed a Combat Capabilities Evaluation (CCE) August 13 and 14. The evaluation saw members of the 439th's subordinate unit at Niagara Falls—the 914th Tactical Airlift Group—and augmentees from 14th Air Force (Reserve) run the 439th through a simulated Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI).

A total of 28 inspectors examined operations, maintenance mobility, safety, disaster preparedness and security. Although some sub-areas received marginal ratings, each of the major areas was rated satisfactory.

At the out briefing on Aug. 14, Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles the team chief, thanked the evaluators for their efforts.

"Though these were not professional inspectors, they did their homework and they did it well. This is a tough, thankless job."

Lt. Col. Edwin E. Mench, assistant team chief, described the evaluation as "an assistance visit designed to assist as well as evaluate." The effort, a dress rehearsal of the operational portion of the ORI, was launched by the general "to get the wing ready for the forthcoming ORI," said Lt. Col. Eugene C. Galley, 914th TAG deputy commander for operations and chief of the operations evaluation portion of the CCE.

A key portion of the evaluation was that concerning mobility. Lt. Col. John P. Pless, 914th TAG deputy commander for resources, supervised the evaluation of the wing's mobility actions. It was the first time the

439th had run through its new (July) mobility plan.

The mobility portion involved a simulated deployment of a 60-man PRIME BEEF team to Kelly AFB, Tex., and some 100 maintenance people to Norton AFB, Calif. A total of 161 persons and 75,000 pounds of equipment were processed during the mobility exercise.

Fourteenth Air Force (Reserve) members of the evaluation team were Maj. George W. Harris, chief of security police for 14AF (R), and Capt. David J. Bily, of the logistics plans office of 14AF (R). Major Harris examined the Weapons Systems Security Flights, particularly physical security, response, and security education and motivation. Captain Bily was involved in the mobility evaluation.

Our Mission is Fighting Espionage!

They are the Air Force's spy catchers: the OSI. In addition to its more widely known activities, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations is charged with countering espionage, sabotage, terrorism and subversion.

One of the biggest guns in OSI's battle against covert activities is education. Through briefings (which the OSI is ready to give anytime and anywhere on base) the organization explains the duties of Air Force people.

A few guidelines:

Report any contact with citizens of communist-controlled countries, however casual. This includes phone calls and letters as well as face-to-face meetings.

Report a request by anyone—including Americans—for defense information, equipment, or documents—even unclassified material such as manuals and regulations, manning tables, and technical orders (T.O.s).

Report any suspicion you may have of plans to destroy Air Force equipment or property.

When you report suspicious actions, take your information to someone who can do something about it: your organization commander or directly to the OSI.

Above all—always be cautious. Initial approaches by foreign agents tend to be innocent—on the surface. The heavy action only begins after an individual has (or thinks he has) compromised himself.

If you would like to arrange an OSI briefing on these matters, phone the Westover OSI (Det 0112) at ext. 2501 or 3043.

BRIEFS

Perfect Flight Records

In the entire Air Force Reserve during the January-May period, there were only three units with error-free individual flight records. The 439th TAW was one, according to the Office of the DCS Operations, Headquarters Air Force Reserve.

Brig. Gen. Billy M. Knowles, 439th TAW commander, passed his congratulations along to the tactical squadron operations officers, Lt. Col. Robert G. McCoy (337th TAS) and Maj. Gerard H. McDonald (731 TAS), and to the base flight management officer, Mr. Arthur F. Murphy.

Col. Allan K. Andreason has assumed the duties of Chief of Staff, Headquarters Air Force Reserve, Robins AFB, Ga., effective July 22. He replaced Col. Donald L. Peck who retired. Previously, Colonel Andreason was the Chief of Staff for the Tactical Air Command. In 1974, he assumed command of the 62nd Military Airlift Wing at McChord AFB, Wash.

Mr. Art Murphy, Westover's chief of airfield maintenance, recently won the 50-60 year old division of the Rocking Chair Golf Tournament at the Wyckoff Park Country Club, Holyoke. Murphy shot a net 61. He also teamed up with Ray W. ner and took the two man championship. Their net 58-score defeated three other teams by one stroke.

(ARNS) CMSgt. Robert D. Gaylor has been named the new Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force. He replaced CMSgt. Thomas N. Barnes who retired on July 31. Chief Gaylor was assigned to the Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, Tex., as a traveling leadership instructor and advisor to the commander. Sixteen chief master sergeants were nominated by major commanders for the position. A reviewing board of general officers recommended five of the 16 for further consideration. The five were then interviewed by a board of senior air staff officers who selected Chief Gaylor.

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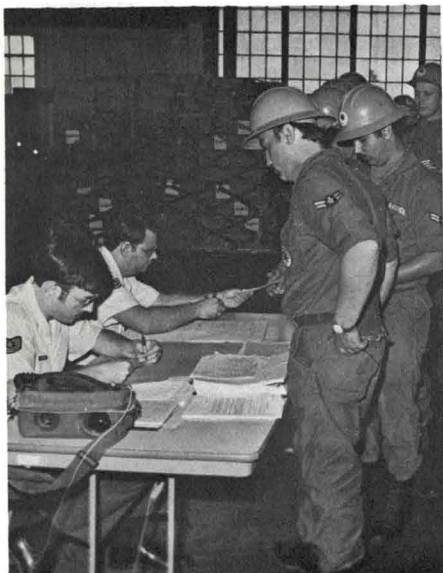
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Mobility Remains Top Priority!



STATION 1 . . . The 905 Civil Engineers PRIME BEEF Team begin their mobility processing when their eligibility is verified by TSgt. John McNamara and SSgt. Armand Tourangeau during the August JTA mobility exercise.



MOBILITY BRIEFING by SMSgt. Jim Cantore to 901 CAM members covers their unclassified destination, rules governing the flight and the disposal of contraband.

Barnes Repairs Send Jets To Westover

Fourteen F-100 Super Sabres and approximately 100 personnel of the Massachusetts National Guard's 104th Tactical Fighter Group will temporarily relocate at Westover for two to four months beginning Oct. 1 while their home base, Barnes Airport, Westfield, undergoes major runway repairs.

The final approval is pending a federally-conducted environmental impact statement. The study will consider the possible increase in noise and air pollution to the surrounding area.

The transfer will keep the unit functioning while a \$600,000 runway repaving project is completed.

No disruption of activities for the 439th AW or the Guard unit is expected.

Barnes' repairs were delayed while Air Force officials examined the feasibility of permanently transferring the 104th to Westover. Their negative conclusion and consequent decision to keep the unit at Barnes prompted the go-ahead for the needed work.

Reserve Forces Battle California Fires

STOCKTON, Calif. (AFNS)—Air National Guard (ANG) and Air Force Reserve aircrews supported a joint task force fighting fires here and throughout the state. The crews flew specially equipped C-130 aircraft and dropped more than 105,000 gallons of fire-suppressing chemicals.

Equipped with a modular airborne fire fighting system, the three C-130s were deployed to Ontario, Calif., July 31 at the request of the U.S. Forest Service. Two aircraft and crews were from the ANG's 146th Tactical Airlift Wing (TAW), Van Nuys, Calif. The third C-130 came from the

Reserve's 443d TAW, Kelly AFB, Tex.

From July 31 to Aug. 2, the crews flew 35 sorties, dropping fire suppressant near Corona, Calif., and the Big Sur and Santa Barbara areas of the Los Padres National Forest.

The crews and aircraft moved to Stockton on Aug. 3 for their fourth day of fire fighting which began with about 150-200 fires caused by lightning.

The Guard and Reserve crews were part of a joint task force which included U.S. Forest Service and contract fire fighters.

Reservists Join in C-5 Moscow Flight

A MAC C-5 Galaxy flew non-stop from Chicago-O'Hare Airport to Sheremetyevo Airport in Moscow on June 19, carrying a 40-ton super-conducting magnet. The 5,124 nautical mile flight involved two aerial refuelings and was the first time a C-5 had landed in the Soviet Union.

The 11 and one-half hour airlift mission was in support of a joint U.S.-U.S.S.R program to develop magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) electrical power generation.

The C-5, world's largest aircraft, is the only aircraft that can accommodate the

magnet, its special transporter, and supporting equipment. The total load weighed approximately 85 tons.

The Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard, in addition to active duty Air Force, were involved. Members of the 91st Mobile Aerial Port Squadron (Reserve), stationed at O'Hare, loaded the magnet aboard the aircraft. Two KC-135 tankers and crews who did the first refueling were from the 101st Air Refueling Wing, Air National Guard, stationed at Bangor International Airport, Maine.

Westover's Women

(Editor's note: "The times they are a-change-in' ". Before World War II, the Reserve program was closed to women. Today, numbers, but due to their increased participation in new, "non-traditional" career fields once considered "for men only."

Bohannon Sets Her Sites

By TSgt. Thomas Brucia

Surveying, the science of determining locations, boundaries, areas, and elevations, is an uncommon occupation—especially for women. Yet Austrian-born TSgt. Grete Bohannon has been a surveyor for many years, both in the Air Force Reserve and as a civilian. She is now surveying with the 905th Civil Engineering Flight (PRIME BEEF).

Behind the achievements of this enthusiastic Air Force Reserve member lies competence. The vice-president of a small surveying firm in eastern Massachusetts, she is a registered surveying engineer in five states: Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont and New Hampshire. Moreover, she is the only registered surveying engineer in any of these states who is a woman!

Sergeant Bohannon sums up her interest in surveying quite succinctly. "Surveying is both my job and my hobby."

The story of how she entered this unusual occupation is unusual itself. It covers two continents and more than 30 years. Sergeant Bohannon, born in Austria, was raised while Hitler controlled Germany. "I started out in Europe as a draftsman," says the sergeant. "Since I am half-Jewish, I couldn't go to college under the Nazis. But during the War, I went out into the field, working in surveying."

Her chance to go to college came after World War II. She attended the University of Vienna, majoring in surveying engineering. At that time it was not something women did, even in Europe. "I was the only woman in my class," she recalls.

In 1951 she came to the United States. Six years later she joined the Air Force Reserve. She didn't know at the time that by doing so she automatically lost her Austrian citizenship. "For five years I was a person without a country," she said. That ended in 1962 when she became an American citizen.

Beginning in the Reserve at Richards-Gebauer AFB, Mo., she started out—once again—as a draftsman. "I came in as a draftsman," she explains, "because then the surveying field wasn't open to women." From Richards-Gebauer she moved to Kelly AFB, Texas, and then to Otis AFB, Mass. At Otis she briefly served as a medic!

But times were changing. After the ban on women surveyors fell, she entered the career field, serving first at Hanscom AFB, Mass., and then—now—at Westover AFB, Mass.

It was a fitting move. As the cheerful, extroverted sergeant talks of sines and cosines, benchmarks and transits, straight shots and topography, programmable calculators and computer programs, it's obvious that she's at home in her profession—no matter where she is.

Sergeant Bohannon is now vice president of the Cape Cod Association of Land Surveyors, and a member of the Examination Committee of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers. There she is working on the development of the state examinations for surveyors-in-training and land surveyors.

Now the Air Force Reserve fully utilizes her expertise and background. During

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SrA Lisa Waldron checks Westover's alarm control mechanisms behind the Security Police 'desk' at the beginning of her night-shift duties.

Her Beat Goes On and On

By Sgt. Debbie Studebaker

AIC Lisa Waldron's beat goes on and on and o-o-n-n-n! Her beat is that of a police officer, as a reservist and a civilian. Airman Waldron is a member of the 439th CSG Security Police and a patrolman with the Willimantic, Conn. Police Department.

"There is a lot to learn and many hours of hard training before a patrolman goes on the road," says Airman Waldron. "A civilian policeman spends his first year as a rookie until he proves to his commanding officer that he is fully skilled and ready for patrol duty."

Airman Waldron's military training started in March 1975. After basic training, Airman Waldron attended five weeks of school at the Lackland AFB's Law Enforcement Academy. Her civilian training at the Police Academy in Meriden, Conn. lasted eight weeks. In April 1976, Airman Waldron accepted her civilian patrolman position.

Both types of law enforcement schools taught personal safety, marksmanship, report writing, statement taking, search and seizure, and motor vehicle laws.

"Lisa is one of our finest workers in the police field," says TSgt. Charles Maligno, 439th CSG Security Police chief. "Lisa is very dedicated to her profession and is good at it."

A regular work day for security police during UTAs is 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. But schedules vary during the summer encampment and Airman Waldron works in shifts of midnight to 8 a.m., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and 4 p.m. to midnight.

"My work at Westover mainly involves patrolling the base and gate guard duty. Back home I patrol 4.5 square miles continuously during my shift," says Airman Waldron.

Her home environment added to her desire to become a law enforcement officer. Both of Airman Waldron's parents are auxiliary state police members in Ashford, Conn.

"My family likes working with people," states Airman Waldron. "When I help someone out and know they really appreciate what I'm doing for them, I feel good . . . useful. It is also satisfying to perform a job I've always wanted." ■

Broaden Their Horizons

13 percent of Westover's reservists are women. Perhaps their importance continues to increase not only due to their expanding The Patriot staff (four men, two women) salutes all of Westover's women reservists by highlighting four of their own.

The First Shirt Wears a Skirt

By Sgt. Debbie Studebaker

Most reservists do not meet a woman first sergeant too often; but 439th Tactical Airlift Wing (TAW) Headquarters people see one every UTA. Their first "skirt" is MSgt. Marthur Bumgardner.

Reservists did not meet any women airmen until the 1940s when they started in the reserve program. In December 1973, there were 755 women in the Reserve. By June 1975 there were 2,374.

Of the 90 women master sergeants in the active and reserve forces, three are 439th TAW members: Sergeant Bumgardner; MSgt. Carol Hawreluke, 439th Combat Support Group (CSG) administrative supervisor; and MSgt. Helen McCarthy, 901st Communications Flight (CF) communications center supervisor. However, Sergeant Bumgardner is the only one who is a first sergeant, and she is unique in many ways.

"A first sergeant's job used to go to a man because of some of the unusual tasks," states Sergeant Bumgardner. "I check the men's barracks, inspect airmen's appearances and clothing for grooming standards, and march the troops during parades or retreat."

Sergeant Bumgardner's routine duties include running the orderly room, attending various meetings, interviewing in-processing and out-processing people, filing, and writing proficiency reports.

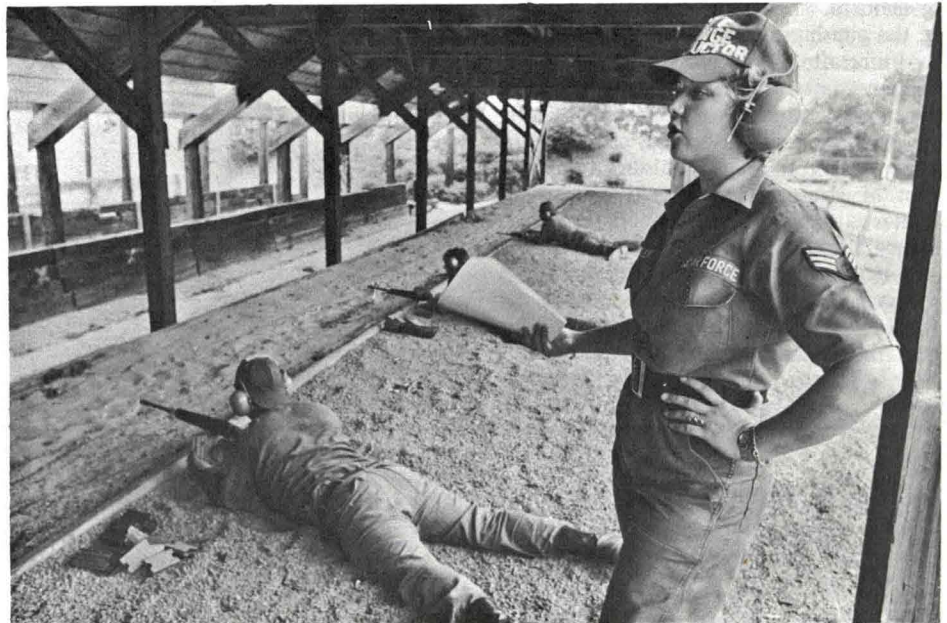
Sergeant Bumgardner has made the position of first sergeant three times since beginning her military career.

After completing basic training, Sergeant Bumgardner remained at Lackland AFB, Tex. to work on a special project. "When marching, a whistle and baton were to be used instead of shouted commands. Unfortunately, this project didn't get off the boards and was shelved after much consideration."

After completing Career Guidance School at Lowry AFB, Colo., she supervised the officers' records in the personnel section at George AFB, Calif.

Sergeant Bumgardner reached one of her many goals and was appointed WAF first sergeant for the first time at George AFB.

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SrA Jamie Dunlevy watches for safety violations while giving small arms instruction at the firing range.

She's Right on Target

By SSgt. Marshall Hathaway

A loud commanding voice, delivered in a very military manner booms across the Westover firing range—"Ready on the left. Ready on the right. Ready on the firing line. Fire!" Acting very much like an old time "D.I.", the range instructor paces up and down the line shouting out orders with a demanding tone and carefully watches the trainees for mistakes.

It's SrA Jamie Dunlevy, a pretty blue-eyed blonde of the 439th CSG Small Arms Section. **She's the first woman in the Air Force Reserve to become a Small Arms Specialist.**

Airman Dunlevy joined the Air Force Reserve in 1975. After basic training, she completed the six and a half week Small Arms Specialist School at Lackland. After 18 months with the 439th, she has earned a reputation as a highly qualified range instructor, a fact attested to by her NCOIC, MSgt. Ronald E. Snell. Sergeant Snell added that Airman Dunlevy also holds her own as a marksman. She earned her expert ribbon this year, and is qualified with the .38 revolver, M-16 rifle, 140 grenade launcher, 12 gauge shotgun, and .22 rifle.

As a small arms specialist, Airman Dunlevy conducts classroom instruction and briefings. She also trains, qualifies, and annually requalifies troops in the use of weapons, using both "dry fire" and on the range "live fire" exercises. In addition, she helps clean and maintain all base arms and yearly inspects Westover's weapons. Airman Dunlevy also instructs units from other bases that use Westover's firing range.

Airman Dunlevy is one of six Westover range instructors, and the only woman. She enjoys an harmonious work situation with her male counterparts and is treated as an equal. Along with the other instructors, she trains 30-40 reservists each UTA.

Airman Dunlevy, however, admits that being a woman with her AFSC isn't always easy when dealing with trainees. Some of the students are shocked when confronted with a woman. Others, especially some of high grade, resent being given orders by a woman. Airman Dunlevy feels to overcome male chauvanism it's necessary for her to be a tough instructor. Apparently she's succeeded, because some students consider her "one of the meanest, yet one of the best."

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Reserve Forces: Pulling Their Own Weight

Air Reserve Forces' (Guard and Reserve units) participation in the Total Force Policy is more than a reality. They are a major element. They account for: fifty percent of the gunships; all 18 EC-121 early warning aircraft; 7 of 20 weather reconnaissance aircraft; 39 percent of forward air control aircraft; 35 percent of Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service aircraft; 61 percent of tactical airlift; 16 percent of strategic tankers; 31 percent of fighter aircraft; 47 percent of reconnaissance aircraft; 60 percent of interceptors; and 100 percent of the Air Force's aerial spray capability. Also, about half of the strategic airlift aircrews are provided by the Air Reserve Forces.

She's Right On . . .

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Her military interests are an outgrowth of civilian experiences. Since high school, she wanted a career related to law enforcement, and entered Holyoke Community College majoring in law enforcement. Part of her familiarity with guns comes from her civilian job. She's a final inspector of handguns at Smith & Wesson Company.

Except for her mother, Airman Dunlevy's family wasn't too keen on her joining the Air Force. Now her three sisters and brother agree with her decision. "I proved I could do the job and they know I enjoy my tour at Westover." The military has caught on in the Dunlevy household—her brother will enter West Point in the fall.

Airman Dunlevy is doing more than training reservists. She is shooting for her own place in a previously all-male career.

A. F. Starts Smoke Detector Program

Smoke detectors save lives! The Air Force, realizing the vital necessity for the detectors, is installing them in all military housing and is encouraging personnel living off base to do the same.

Since smoke rises to the ceiling and then spreads, a smoke detector should be on the ceiling or high on the wall. Good locations are: (a) between the bedrooms and the rest of the house; (b) the top of stairwells, or, (c) on any level (like a basement) separated from the rest of the house by a closed door. A tip: Don't install one near fireplaces, in furnace rooms, in kitchens or near air duct openings.

In case you think it's all too much trouble, think about this: You can't smell the smoke's poisonous gases while you're sleeping!



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Bohannon Sets . . .

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last summer's 1976 tour with the PRIME BEEF team at Pruem Air Station, Germany, she started a master plan survey of the air field. Despite a mere two weeks for such an ambitious project, she completed 60 percent of the work. At the request of AFRES Headquarters and Pruem officials, she went back this past June to finish the rest of the job: some additional surveying and preparation of the drawn plans. The only hitch which developed was that she learned all the measurements would have to be converted from feet to meters.

Though busy, she wasn't too busy to remember her family and her roots. After the work was done, she went to Vienna for several days and visited with her 94-year-old mother. It may be her personal qualities as much as her achievements in surveying which mark Sergeant Bohannon as a very uncommon woman.

TSgt. Grete Bohannon sights through her transit and signals her 'rodman' while surveying at Westover.

The First Skirt . . .

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Responsibilities grew with experience and her next assignment took Sergeant Bumgardner to Ernest Harmon AFB, Nfld., where she worked as the base commander's secretary.

Sergeant Bumgardner came back to the states as SAC WAF first sergeant. In addition, she worked in the radar bombing section for the vice commander at Offutt AFB, Neb.

At Hanscom Field in 1961, Sergeant Bumgardner joined the Air Force Reserve and maintained airmen's records. At the request of the wing commander, Sergeant Bumgardner became his aide and secretary.

"When I came to Westover with the 901st Tactical Airlift Group (TAG)," said Sergeant Bumgardner, "I became the first—first sergeant of the 439th TAW Hq."

Maj. Edward J. Seilius, personnel officer says, "I've been in the Air Force for 18 years now and I've known Marthur for just about that long. Her work has always been excellent and proficient. And as for her personality, you can't beat it."

Sergeant Bumgardner is unique in another way . . . she is a scrimshaw artist. Her hobby is the old art of carving or etching on whale bone. Her other hobbies include reading, music, dancing, swimming and camping.

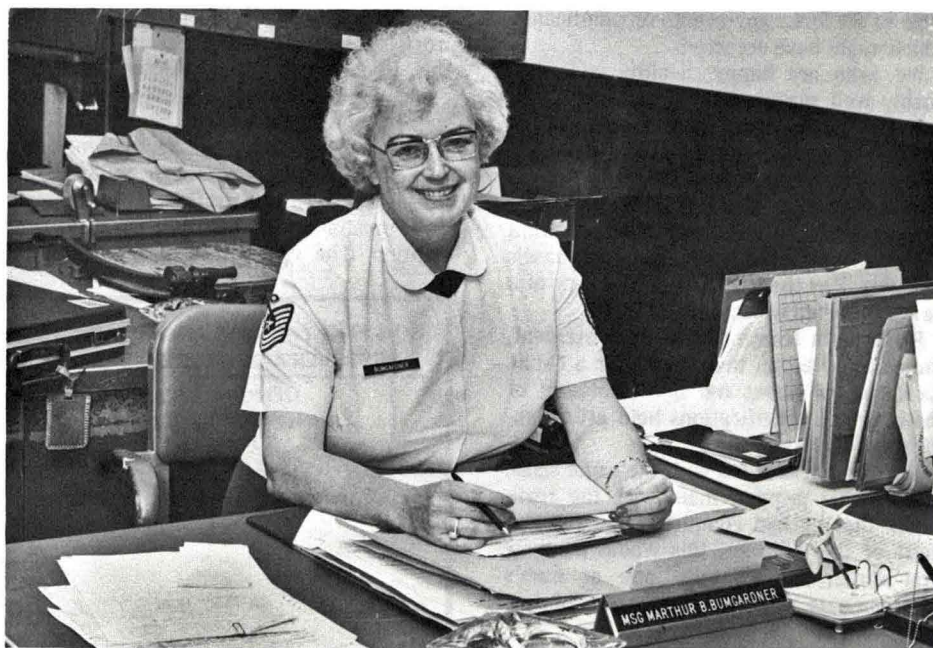
But the one unique feature which people always ask her about is her first name . . . Marthur. Laughing, she proudly tells the story behind it. "My father's name

is Arthur and my brother's name is Arthur. My mother's name is Marguerite. When my parents had a girl, they liked the name Arthur so much they decided to compromise and combine the first three letters of Marguerite and the last four letters of Arthur, thus . . . Marthur!"

In her civilian life Sergeant Bumgardner works as a legal secretary for a Boston law firm. She attended the Burditt Business

School, Northeastern University, and received her master's degree from The University of Indiana.

"Maybe it's old fashioned to say, but I feel I'm patriotic. I do my work to the best of my ability, and feel that this is important for everyone to do. My job is unique because I am doing a job once held only by men. That job keeps me busy."



MSgt. Marthur Bumgardner shares many of the same problems of all first sergeants—piles of paperwork.



The 439 TAW's third annual visit to Newington (Conn.) Hospital for Crippled Children on the evening of August 17 included a picnic of hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream donated by 439th members; two large cakes made by the Mess Hall's TSgt. Frank Duval; and the smile of Amn. Nancy Peters (left). Earlier, the reservists and patients had been entertained by the Moosup (Conn.) Fife & Drum Corps under the direction of SMSgt. Hugh Fraleigh, USAFR (ret.).

To See Through The Eyes of a Child

2nd Lt. Joseph L. Tavormina

It is 7:45 a.m.—the beginning of another day at Westover. As we arrive, it seems no different than any other day. We complete our work of the day, and return home with little to set apart any events of significance which might have occurred.

We, who are happy, healthy and reasonably well secure, tend to take for granted aspects of our environment which those less fortunate might find stimulating.

Recently, there was at least one exception at Westover. On Aug. 3, 50 physically and mentally handicapped children from Chicopee's Litwin School toured the base's facilities. For them, it was a discovery of a new, uncharted world.

Filled with fear mixed with excitement, the children began their tour with a C-130. Explanations about the unit's mission or the aircraft's specifications held little significance for the children.

Yet they were filled with the same sense of awe that gripped man, with the realization that he had conquered the air. For most of the children, this would be their first direct contact with one of man's achievements in overcoming one of our last frontiers.

To sit in the cockpit of this strange and wonderful machine, each child allowed his imagination to take over for a short time.

In their minds they soared far above the noise and problems of the world below, unfettered by their afflictions.

Their disappointment at leaving the aircraft was short-lived. Astonishment returned at the sight of the huge red fire trucks. The usually excellent tours given by the Base Fire Department personnel could not have been surpassed by the one they had given that day.

Again, there was little factual information that mattered to these children. To see and talk to the firefighters, previously only imagined, thrilled them beyond description. The visitors rejoiced as they ex-

plored the huge red trucks that once were only fleeting images and distant sirens. They inspected the silver, asbestos fire suits and saw visions of strange visitors from other planets.

But soon their tour was over and they returned home. Their Westover visit would not soon be forgotten as another day just like all the others. There would always be the memory of a very special day.

Perhaps for those of us who take for granted our familiar surroundings and may have become desensitized to our worlds, we should imitate the spontaneity and curiosity these children show us.

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THIRD CLASS-BULK RATE