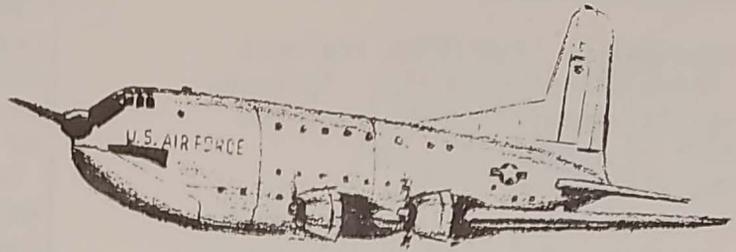


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## COLE AND HAYS RECIEVE TOPS AWARD

Sgt Clifford Cole and Airman Sam Hays were honored during the July as recipients of the TOPS award for their proficiency in the accounting and finance section.

Cole and his section workers are responsible for processing the pay checks of the 937th MAG and the data processing specialist gets Sooner Group personnel paid before any other reserve unit.

When quarterly checks are to be prepared, Sgt Cole takes the necessary personnel and data to Denver, Colo. where the data processing section is turned over to him.

In a short time Cole and his associates have the checks programmed for the machines and the work begins. In just as short a time, the checks are on their way to grateful members of the 937th.

Airman Hays was cited for his work in Cole's section and for the manner in which he has participated in OJT. The aggressive data processing specialist has completed qualifications the five level in just over one year.

UTA DATES  
August 5-6  
SUMMER CAMP  
August 12-26



COLE AND HAYS proudly exhibit trophies and certificates presented to them.

## WATER SKIING SAFETY

Water skiing is perhaps the most thrilling of water sports. Spectacular as it appears, it is among the easiest to learn.

The first step to take in your approach to water skiing is to employ the services of a good instructor or experienced skier to insure that you learn correct and safe methods. This is most important because bad habits once learned are difficult to correct.

Communication is probably the most important safety factor in water skiing. In order for the skier to communicate with the boat operator or observer, a series of hand signals must be agreed upon. The following signals and their meanings are the basic vocabulary for skiers.

SIGNAL	MEANING
Thumbs up gesture	Boat faster
Thumbs down	Boat slower
Thumb and fore finger in shape of an "O"	Speed OK
Circle finger over head and point in direction of turn desired	Turns
Raise hand with fingers spread	Stop
Slap thigh with hand	Return to dock
Draw finger of hand across throat	Cut motor
Point in direction you wish to go, then point to yourself	Go that way
Clasp hands over head while treading water after fall.	I'm OK

There are two audible signals required for skiers. Shout "in gear" when you are in the starting position and signal the boat operator to take up the slack in tow line.

When the line becomes taut and you are ready to commence skiing, shout "hit it" for your boat operator to open his throttle and commence towing you.

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### SAFE CONDUCT AWARDED DURING SUMMER CAMP

During Summer Camp the safety office will be conducting visits into all working areas. During this time personnel will be observed in how well they conduct themselves and their tasks.

That person who in the opinion of the safety officer is conducting himself in the safest manner will receive a prize.

These prizes will be offered to personnel in different areas on a daily basis. Prizes such as record albums, pens, theatre tickets, dinners, etc. will be awarded.

### SEAT BELT INSTALLED

For those few personnel in the 937th MAG who might still need seat belts installed in their auto, the transportation unit will do so during summer camp 12 Aug-26 Aug 1967. Call Capt Klima, safety officer, ext 5101 to make arrangements. You furnish the material -- we furnish the labor.



### WHAT IS IN STORE FOR ISRAEL?

The Arab countries are bitter and already talking about a second round. Russia is pouring arms into Egypt but some authorities say that this time the weapons are outdated, possibly indicating a reluctance in Russia to have the war renewed. They say this new aid is only to boost morale and keep up relations with the Arab states. The Cairo airport and the Port of Alexandria are closed while the new arms shipments are being unloaded. In addition Russian technical people are arriving in large numbers.

New security measures have made a police state of Egypt. The Ports of Said and Ismailia have been moved out. In the Suez area all consulates are closed. The Egyptian peoples resistance forces have been ordered to arrest all foreigners who enter the zone.

Troops are being moved all over the Arab world. Thousands of Iraqi troops have arrived in Jordan and Syria by truck. Thousands of Egyptian troops in Yemen are being withdrawn to beef up home defenses.

Of particular note is the attitude which is reflected in many of the newspapers that continuation of the war with Israel is inevitable.

In defeat the Arabs are more unified than before the war, however. Some disagreements are appearing: Syria accused the Libyans of not pushing hard enough to get the U.S. out of the bases there. Morocco continues in a border dispute with Algeria. In the Arab foreign ministers conference, the Tunisian delegation pointed out that the boycotts



### FIRE SAFETY

CHECK YOUR AREA ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. Are all authorized smoking areas in your office of duty station properly marked? Are they monitored?
2. Are all electrical cords in good condition?
3. Do you have a coffee making facility, has it been inspected by the Fire Department Fire Inspector?
4. Do you know how you are to evacuate your area in case of a fire?
5. Are the fire extinguishers in your area in good condition and in a convenient location?
6. Is the on-base fire department phone number, 117, in a conspicuous place in case you need to call?
7. Do you know who the Fire Inspector is in your area?
8. Are office appliances unplugged at the close of your office shift?
9. Do you have butt cans available in which you are to empty ash trays?
10. Did you know that it is against regulations to bring on the base "strike anywhere" matches?

would hurt the Arabs more than the West.

The United Arab Republic and Syria were in conflict with the more moderate Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Yemen may well be the spark between the Arab blocks. Saudi Arabia has been sponsoring the Royalist tribesmen.

With the withdrawal of thousands of Egyptian troops, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia is not ready to drop his support of the Royalists.

MAJOR AYERS  
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## THE UNHEEDED WARNING

This is the season of the year when families, old fishing buddies, clubs, etc., usually start their outdoor activities--camping trips, cook-outs, picnics, and weekend fishing trips. These affairs are a lot of fun and relaxation, and are usually enjoyed by everyone--but not always. The following incident is cited as one time when a camping trip was spoiled because one man failed to heed a simple warning.

While preparing an area for an overnight camping site, one man in a party of four suffered burns to the face, neck, and hands. During preparation of the campsite, one man filled and pressurized the tank of a gasoline lantern which was to provide them light for the night. He then turned on the gas control and touched a match to the lantern mantel. During the lighting sequence, excessive fuel entered the lantern chamber and torched when the mantel ignited.

The man who had lighted the lantern was experienced with this type equipment and knew it was nothing to get excited about. He placed it on the ground and stepped back to let the excess fuel that was causing the flames to engulf the lantern burn away.. Another man in the party who was not familiar with gas lantern operations got excited. He was told that when the excess fuel burned away the flame would return to normal and was warned to stay away and don't bother it.

Despite the warning, this man knelt beside the lantern and reached to check the fuel shutoff valve. In doing so, he erroneously opened the gas filler cap and the pressurized fuel sprayed onto his face and hands. The fuel was immediately ignited by flames of the lantern and the man received second and third degree burns of his face, neck, and hands.

Don't spoil the camping trip for everyone. Stay away from equipment that you know nothing about. It could save you misery too.

## NOTICE

History reports from each section will be due the first Friday of summer camp, Aug. 18, for the period 1 Jan, 67 to 31 July, 67.

All reports should be typed and proof read before being turned into the Information section. Remember, the reporting period is the first six months of this year.

## LARGE TURNOUT EXPECTED FOR UNIT'S ANNUAL PARADE, FAMILY DAY PICNIC

More than four thousand persons are expected to visit the 937th MAG, 19 Aug 67, for the annual parade and review and family day to be held during summer encampment.

Lt Col Jack Newman, head of the day's planning committee, reports that as soon as that is over, open house will be conducted for 937th families and guests at Building 1030.

All areas of the building will be open for viewing and there will be a static display of aircraft on the 937th ramp. Visitors will be permitted to go aboard the huge cargo aircraft for a first hand look.

Lt Steve Hope, food services officer, says plans have been made to serve lunch at Tinker picnic grounds beginning promptly at 1200 hours.

Entertainment at the picnic grounds will be provided by a musical group called "The Hotshots"; a variety act comprised of about 15 young people.

Another highlight of the day will be a short concert by the CAC band which will be on hand that weekend to play for the annual military ball the night prior to the picnic and the parade that morning.

Military ball tickets will be on sale throughout the August UTA and during the early part of summer camp. Lt Hope is in charge of ticket sales for the ball.