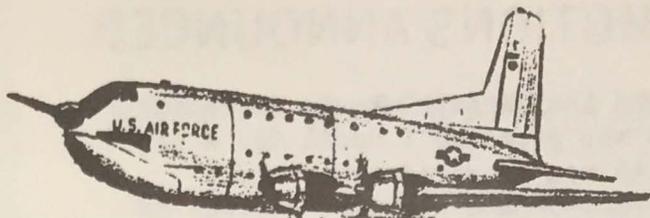


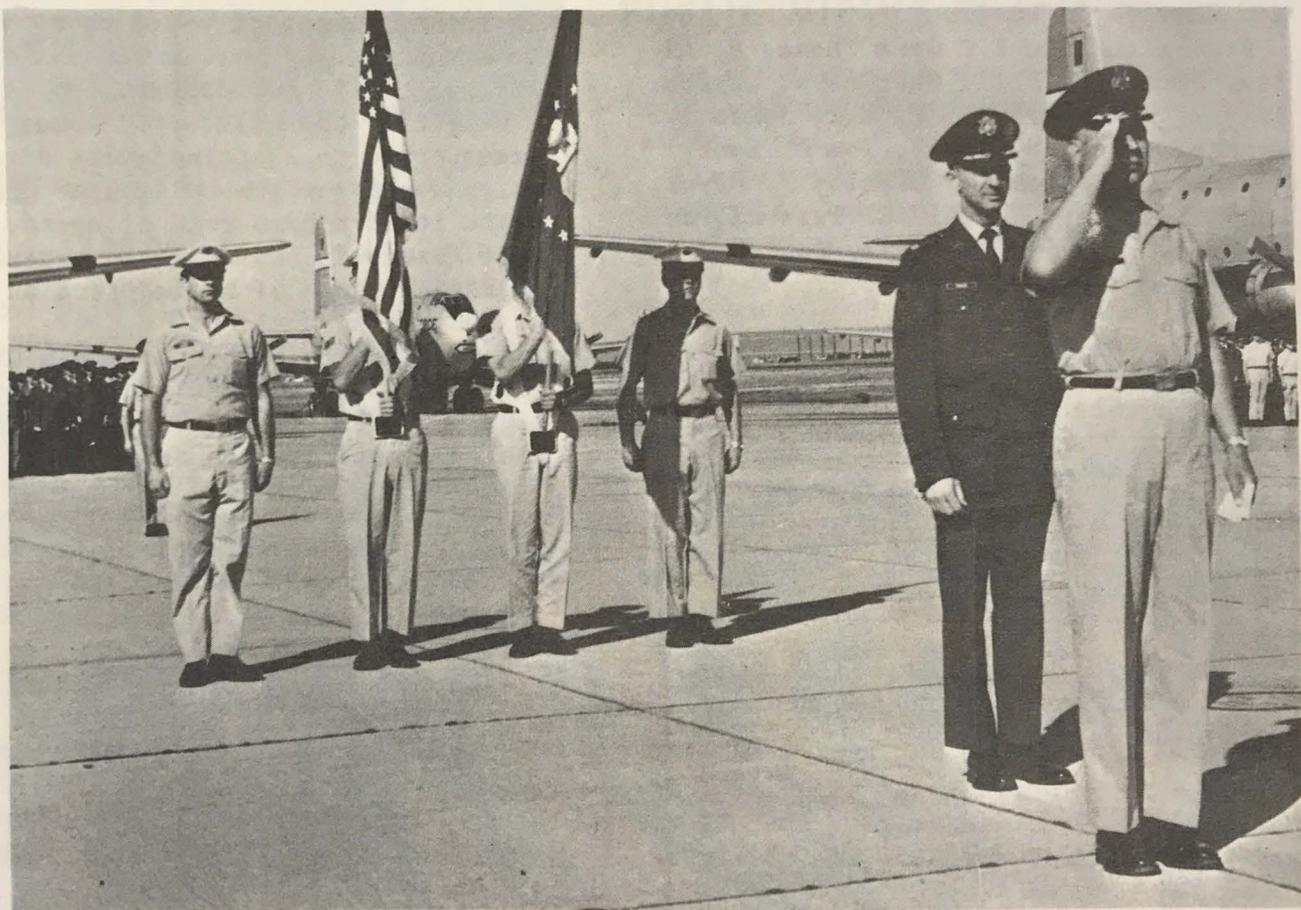
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COMMENDATION CEREMONIES---Lt Col Dexter J. Taylor, second from right, is escorted and presented to Col Harry J. Huff, 937th commander, by Lt Col Julian Morris. The event was scheduled to present a commendation medal to Taylor for his service to the 937th from which he recently retired.

PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED

One of the largest groups in recent months was promoted 1 April 68. A total of 46 men received new ranks.

The list of men with new stripes is as follows:

From TSgt to MSgt were James A. Alexander, Allen B. Gillies, Elmer T. Harrington and Boyce H. Mayer.

Only one man was promoted from SSgt to TSgt and that was Leroy A. Foret.

From Sgt to SSgt were Stephen R. Chilton, Donald G. Copeland, Max L. McKey, Dewey C. Metheny, William B. Phillips, Gerald D. Ratway, Robert A. Rose, Thomas Shipp, Robert A. Sober, Harold W. Taylor, Roger M. Turner, Charles A. Vorse, Sammy Warren, William A. Warren, and Charles R. Woolf.

From airman to A1C were Thomas M. Allen, Jimmie H. Beal, Charles W. Carson, Bill R. Day, Jerry C. Hickox, James L. Hughes, Vernon H. Jones, Tom O. Lane, William G. MacDonald, Stanley J. Mayer, Larry R. McLain, Harold G. Parsons, Paul F. Phelps, Loyd E. Russell, Daniel C. Simmons and Owen E. Smith.

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TOWING CONCEPT MAY EXTEND COPTER RANGE

Air Force is testing a method where helicopter range could be extended by towing helicopters with fixed-wing aircraft.

Purpose is to extend range of a helicopter during rescue operations.

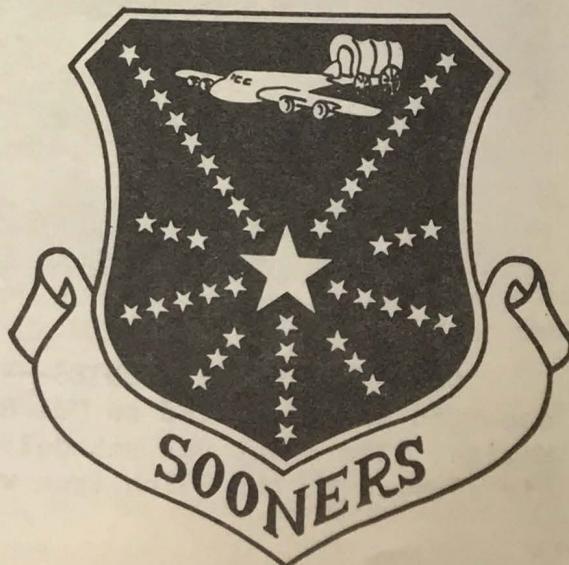
Tests at Edwards AFB, Calif, are being conducted under a contract from Air Force System Command's flight dynamics laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

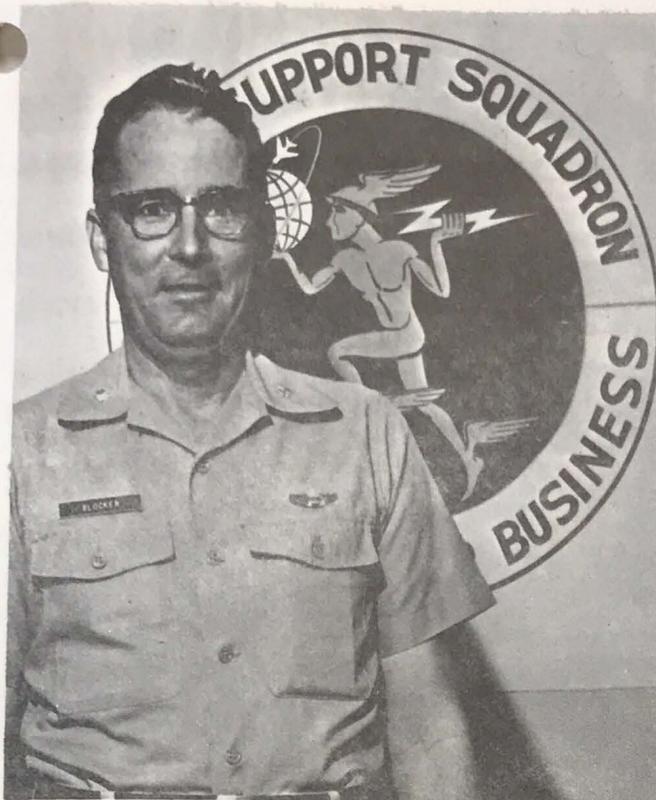
The program calls for an inflight hookup of a helicopter to a fixed-wing aircraft equipped with a stowable boom. In hookup, the boom would be attached to a nonrotating mast extending from the hub of the helicopter.

Weight of the helicopter would be transferred to the fixed-wing aircraft, which would tow the helicopter underneath it at a high rate of speed.

If feasible, towing could extend the operating range of helicopters as much as 600 miles.

A C-130 Hercules and Lockheed CL-286 helicopter currently are being used in static tests. Inflight hookups have not yet been attempted.





COMBAT SUPPORT GETS NEW COMMANDER

Lt Col Ward Blocker, former 937th comptroller, is the new commander of the 937th Combat Support Squadron and assumed his new duties during the April UTA.

Blocker, a 25-year veteran of active and reserve duty, replaces Lt Col Charles Von Stein who retired in March.

The new Support Squadron Commander came to the 937th as accounting and finance officer in July 1964 from an Air Force Recovery unit at Vance AFB near Enid, Okla.

Since then he has served as budget officer and comptroller before assuming his new duties.

Blocker entered military service in March, 1943 and took basic training as a field artillery trainee with the Army.

In June of that same year, he transferred to the Air Force aviation cadet program and graduated as a multi-engine pilot. He then served as a B-24 bomber pilot until the close of WWII.

His civilian employment is with Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, as director of physical management in the university extension program.

He and his wife Elizabeth reside at 2220 West 9th, Stillwater.

SAFETY & PERFORMANCE

Should a supervisor consider safety when writing performance reports? If he judges a man ineffective because of lost time resulting from injuries and remedial safety courses, he should.

An individual who is often involved in traffic violations, or who has accidents that keep him off the job can curtail effectiveness of his office. Performance reports should reflect this.

(MAC NEWS SERVICE)

PUBLIC VIEWS GIANT GALAXY

An airlift giant was unveiled March 2 at Lockheed-Georgia Company's plant in Marietta.

Air Force's newest and largest jet transport, the C-5 Galaxy, was rolled out for public viewing before a crowd of 30,000 including President Lyndon B. Johnson.

In his speech, President Johnson said "We're observing a big leap forward in the effective military might of America."

"For the first time," President Johnson added, "our fighting men will be able to travel with their equipment to any spot on the globe where we might be forced to stand--rapidly and more efficiently than ever."

Measuring 222 feet from wingtip to wingtip, the C-5 is wider than a football field and its 245 feet is nearly as long. Its cargo compartment alone is 24 feet longer than the Wright Brother's flight at Kitty Hawk.

Designed for rapid transport of troops and heavy equipment, the Galaxy accelerates an existing revolution in combat airlift. With an all-jet fleet of C-5s and C-141 Starlifters, MAC will be able to move equipped armies to any point on the globe in hours.

The C-5 is scheduled to fly for the first time in June and deliveries to the Air Force begin a year later. First of six C-5 squadrons authorized for MAC will be operational in December 1969. (MAC NEWS SERV)



NEW ASSIGNMENT---Major Samuel T. Hucke, new 937th Tactical Dispensary commander, discusses some his duties with his right hand man, TSgt Louis Speck. Hucke assumed command of the dispensary during the March UTA.

MAJ. HUCKE JOINS UNIT AS DISPENSARY COMMANDER

Dr. Samuel T. Hucke, Major USAF Reserve, is the new commander of the 937th Tactical Dispensary. He took over his new duties during the March UTA.

Maj Hucke is a general surgeon at the Veterans Administration hospital in Fayetteville, Ark. He came to the 937th from the 936th MAG, Richard-Gebaur, Kansas City, where he was assigned from Nov. 66 to Feb. 68.

Hucke is originally from Billings, Mont. and attended the University of Arkansas before beginning his military service during WWII where he served with the Merchant Marines for four years.

He later served a tour of duty with the Army Air Corps and from 1955-1957 was on active duty at Bakalar AFB, Columbus, Ind.

COURTESY - A STATE OF MIND

We hear a lot about military courtesy--mostly when someone gets angry because someone else failed to salute at the proper time.

But what about plain old courtesy?

There aren't any rules better than the one that begins "do unto others." That kind of courtesy often seems to be in short supply. "Military courtesy" can become a matter of habit--abiding by the rules.

But real courtesy is a state of mind, a condition of personality.

It means, simply, treating other people as though you think they are important. It means treating people with respect--not just following rules of behavior.

Sound simple? It should be, but too many people follow the letter of the law while ignoring the spirit behind it. (MAC NEWS SERV)

MOWING TIME IS HERE

The green grass time is here again and with it comes the neighborhood noisemaker, i.e., the lawnmower. Besides making lots of noise the lawnmower does present numerous other hazards.

If we are aware of them ahead of time, a lot of pain and suffering could be avoided. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Clean lawn of foreign objects before mowing.

2. Make sure mower blade is on tight and is not cracked before starting. Whatever you do, keep hands and feet away from a running mower.

3. Make sure gas tank is filled before starting. Putting gas in a tank while engine is hot presents a severe fire hazard.

4. Do not point the mower exhaust toward anyone while it is running. In fact, it is a good idea to keep all people (especially children) away from mowing area.

5. Push lawnmower, do not pull it.

6. Wear shoes while mowing, do not wear sandals or go bare foot unless you want to lose a toe.

7. Shut lawnmower off if not in use. Always detach the sparkplug wire if you are to work on the mower. Also, let motor cool off.

These suggestions are designed to be of help to you as you prepare for a summer of caring for your lawn.

Capt Warren Klima
937th Safety Officer



NICE JOB---Col Harry Huff, left, commander of the 937th, congratulates SSgt Rolla C. Gibbons as the latter is named winner of the monthly TOPS award. Gibbons has achieved an outstanding record in his OJT progress to the 7-level as a loadmaster. He passed both the 5-and 7-level examinations with flying colors, all within a two-year period.

The Mission of the Air

Force Reserve is to

Train and Fly... Lets Go!

Chaplain's Column

Only the most cynical person would "knock" that very American holiday, Mother's Day. (I could hardly imagine such a holiday in the Middle East, for example.) Americans are a peculiar breed---in business ethics, in the military, ect., they can be hard as nails. But, when it comes to motherhood, something happens. All of the sentimentality they have stored up gushes out like a broken water main.

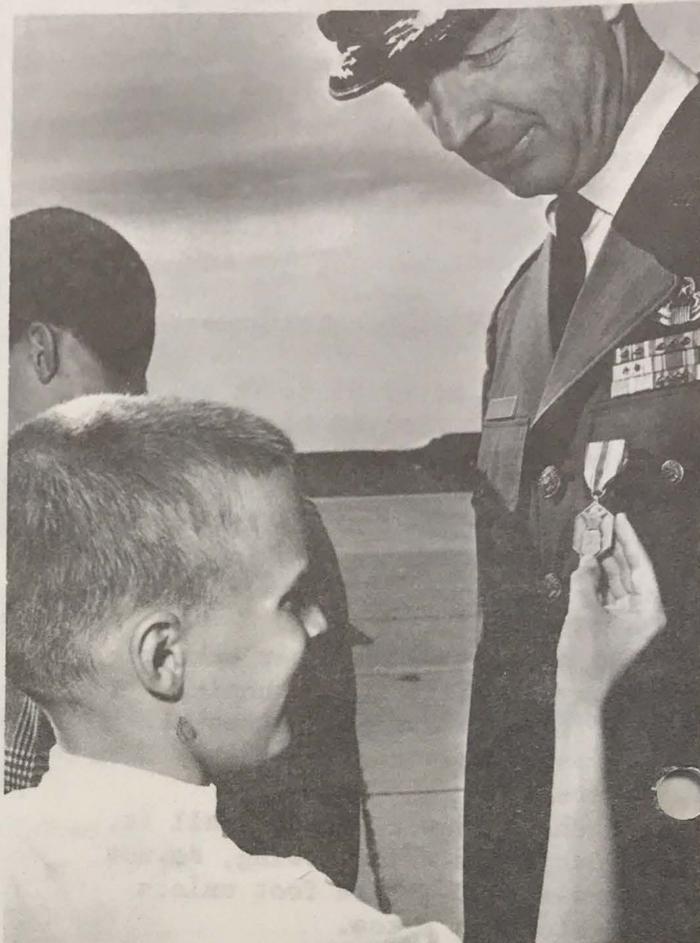
There is nothing basically wrong with this, of course. There is, perhaps, much to be said for going on an emotional binge once a year to remember the love and sacrifices of the mothers of this country.

It seems to me, however, that we should broaden the idea of Mother's Day to include the idea of the family--the basic unit of society--that is the foundation of that "American way of life" which we are struggling to defend and protect. Without in any way detracting from the honor and respect due to the good mothers of this nation, we need to include in our thoughts and prayers on this day our thanks for wholesome families.

There is little doubt that family life in America needs strengthening; that the break-up of homes---the separation of parents and children---and the consequent bad effects, has become a major sociological problem.

"Togetherness" (the real thing---not the average woman's magazine variety) is becoming harder and harder to come by.

Let's think, then, not only in a romantic way about "deal old mom," but also about "pop and the kids." Let's think, in other words, about the family--and how to strengthen the ties that bind us together.



CONGRATULATIONS DAD---Mike Taylor, son of Lt Col Dexter Taylor, former commander of the 305th flying squadron, observes the commendation medal presented to his father during the April UTA. 937th photographer, Robert Taylor (no relation), snapped the photo.

UTA MAY 18-19

SATURDAY - 18 MAY 1968

0630-0730 Staff Meeting - Building 761

0730-0800 Sign-in, Group Commanders' Call, Base Theatre, Support
Gp Hqs, Supply, Comm. All others - Orderly Room

0800-1200 Rifle Range.....20 - Cam Sq; 5 - 305th MAS
Pistol..... 9 - 305th MAS

0830 Flying Physicals - Dispensary

1030 1st Sergeants' Meeting - Group Admin Office

1230-1400 Rifle Range.....20 - Supply Sq; 5 - 305th MAS
Pistol..... 9 - 305th MAS

Lunch 1100-1140.....Support, Hqs, Comm
1140-1220.....CAM, Disp
1220-1300.....305th, Supply, AME, APF

1300 Immunizations & Non-flying physicals - Dispensary

1300 Classification Board - Bldg 761

1400 OJT Supervisors Conference - Classroom 3, Bldg 200

1400-1600 Rifle Range..... 5 - 305th MAS: 20 CAM Sq
Pistol..... 9 - 305th MAS

1500 SKT Counseling - Ground Training Office

1645 Retreat - APF

1700 Officers' Call - Officers Club

Administrative Class, Bldg 1030, Room 206 (ATSC 702x0)

SUNDAY - 19 MAY 1968

0730-0800	Sign In - Disp, CAM Sq.....Base Theatre Sign In - All others.....Orderly Room	0730-0800
0815-1200	SKT and EOC Testing - Bldg 200	
0830-1000	Rifle Range.....25 - Support Sq Pistol.....10 - Support Sq	0830-1000
1000-1200	Rifle Range.....25 - Support Sq Pistol.....10 - Support Sq	1030
1100-1200	Flying Safety Meeting - Briefing Room	1230-1400
Lunch	1100-1140 - Support, Hqs, Comm 1140-1220 - CAM, Disp 1220-1300 - 305th, Supply, AME, APF	Lunch
1230-1400	Rifle Range.....25 CAM Sq	
1300-1600	Immunizations - Dispensary	1300
1330-1600	Commanders' Call - 305th, APF, AME - Briefing Room	1400
1400	Promotion Board - Bldg 761	1400-1600
1400-1600	Rifle Range.....25 - CAM Sq	
1645	Retreat - Comm	1645
BEMO	- Individual clothing Section will be open 0900-1600	1700
1400	Administrative Class, Bldg 1030, Room 206 (AFSC 702x0)	

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: OCL13/7DBP

10 May 1968

SUBJECT: Request for Pay Information

TO: All Personnel, 937 MAGp

1. Due to the new computerized pay system the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center is running into many difficulties in paying the 177,000 Reservists and a larger number of Air Guardsmen.
2. The 937th, the 512th Wing and AFAPC are trying desperately to properly pay each of you. This past week eight people from the 937th spent three days at the 512th Wing trying to get all of the back pay to you. This week another team will be at AFAPC trying to help them work out each of our problems.
3. Please check the items below if you feel you are still due back pay so we can work to get a check to you. If you are one of the truly "Hard Core" cases that has received no pay since January, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you when you do receive a check.

I have not received a check for the following items:

	<u>UTA</u>	<u>AFTPs</u>	<u>ACTIVE DUTY TOUR (DATES)</u>
JANUARY			
FEBRUARY			
MARCH			
APRIL			

FOR THE COMMANDER

Bob M. Williams

BOB M. WILLIAMS, Major, AFRes
Personnel Staff Officer

NAME _____

NOTE: This letter should be returned to this office by 15 May 1968. If not received by this date we will consider your pay is correct.

Clothing Sales Store - - - - - Open Sunday (0900-1600 hours) 19 May 1968
Building 676

BEMO Indiv Equipment and Tool Crib-Open Saturday (0900-1600 hours) 18 May 1968
Building 15

If you are authorized a new clothing issue (see explanation below), or if you failed to receive your full authorized issue, the following procedure must be followed this weekend:

SATURDAY

1. Airmen with clothing over 4 years old will bring these items to BEMO - Building 15.

2. BEMO will issue a AF Form 656, "Clothing Request and Receipt", for replacement items or shortages of authorized issue.

SUNDAY

1. Airmen will take AF Form 656 to Clothing Sales Store - Building 676 and replacement clothing will be issued.

2. It is important that you turn-in unserviceable clothing and obtain AF Form 656 on Saturday. Clothing Sales Store will not make an issue for your shortages or replacement items without this form.

Gratuitous replacement of clothing to reserve airmen will be provided on an item for item, serviceable for unserviceable basis under the following conditions:

1. After 4 years from the date of issue, as indicated on the individual's clothing record, for all items except shoes and boots.

2. For prior service airmen who are required to use the clothing retained at time of discharge from active duty, this period will be reduced to 3 years.

3. After 3 years from the date of issue for shoes and boots.

4. Reservists will not obtain free issue of new uniform items within 90 days prior to separation, unless the necessity for such issue is certified in writing by the Unit Commander.

Special arrangements were made with the host base to have the Clothing Sales Store open on Sunday. All airmen are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to bring your clothing allowance up to 100% complete. Officers desiring to purchase additional clothing may do so during this special opening.

8291 Van St (Open Sunday (0900-1600 hours) 18 May 1968)

AUTHORIZED AIRMEN'S CLOTHING

Item	Authorized
Bag, Duffel, Cotton, Duck	1 ea
Belt, Trousers, Cotton, Webbing, w/clip, Blue, AF Shade 1089	2 ea
Boot, Combat, Man's, Black	1 pr
Buckle, Nickel, Silver	1 ea
Cap, Garrison, Man's, Wool Serge (Flight Cap), Blue, AF Shade 1084	1 ea
Cap, Service, Man's, Wool Serge, Blue, AF Shade 1084	1 ea
Cap, Cotton, Utility, Army Shade OG 106	2 ea
Coat, Man's, Wool, Tropical Worsted, 10½ oz., Blue, AF Shade 1084	1 ea
Coat, Man's Wool Serge, 15/18 oz., Blue, AF Shade 1084	1 ea
Cover, Service Cap, Man's, Blue, AF Shade 1157	1 ea
Drawers, Man's, Cotton, White, Boxer	6 pr
Glove Inserts, Wool, Knit, Gray, AF Shade 1155	1 pr
Glove, Shell, Leather, Black	1 pr
Handkerchief	6 ea
Insignia, Branch of Service, EP, Nickel, Silver U.S.	1 pr
Insignia, Grade, EP, Gray and Blue, A3C, Man's (4")	6 pr
Insignia, Grade, EP, Gray and Blue, A3C (3")	4 pr
Insignia, Service Cap, EP, Nickel, Silver	1 ea
Insignia, Tape, Distinguishing, "U.S. AIR FORCE"	3 ea
Necktie, Man's, Wool, Blue, AF Shade 1083	2 ea
Overcoat, Man's, Wool, 15 oz., Serge, Blue, AF Shade 1084	1 ea
Raincoat, Man's, Coated Nylon Twill, Blue, AF Shade 1157	1 ea
Scarf, Bib Type, Ultramarine Blue	1 ea
Shirt, Man's, Cotton/Polyester, Tan AF Shade 1505	4 ea
Shirt, Man's, Cotton/Polyester, Broadcloth, Blue AF Shade 1550	3 ea
Shirt, Man's, Cotton Sateen, Utility, Army Shade, OG 107	3 ea
Shoes, Dress, Man's, Oxford, Black, Plain Toe	1 pr
Shoes, Service, Black, Chukka Style	1 pr
Socks, Man's, Cotton/Nylon, Black, Army Shade 94	4 pr
Socks, Man's, Wool, Cushion Sole, Black, Army Shade 197	2 pr
Tape, Textile, 1 1/8" x 18"	1 ea
Towel, Bath, Cotton, Terry, White, 20" x 40"	2 ea
Trousers, Man's, Cotton, Sateen, Utility, Army Shade, OG 107	3 pr
Trousers, Man's, Wool, Tropical Worsted, 10½ oz., Blue, AF Shade 1084	1 pr
Trousers, Man's, Cotton/Polyester, Tan, AF Shade 1505	4 pr
Trousers, Man's, Wool Serge, 15/18 oz., Blue AF Shade 1084	1 pr
Undershirt, Man's, Cotton, White, Pullover, Quarter length Sleeves	6 ea

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