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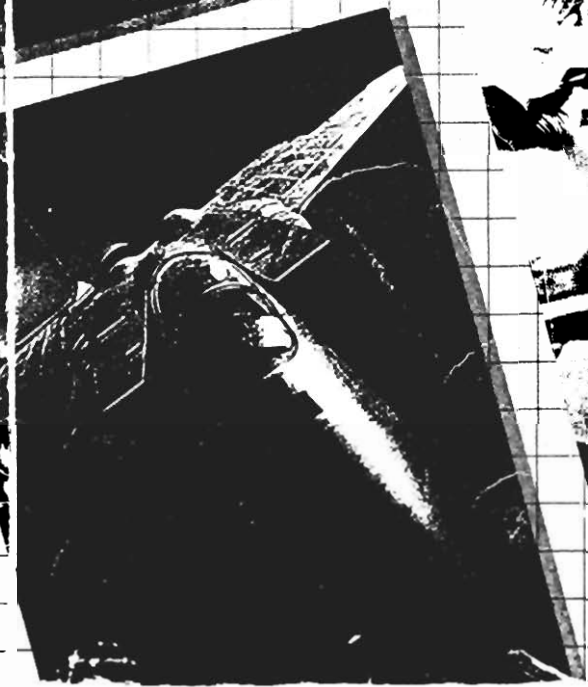
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Chances are you've heard at least one version of the Minot Myth from its chief perpetrator—someone who's never been stationed here. Most of their tales are misleading exaggerations; the others are total fabrication.

Yes, it can get very cold at Minot in the winter; but it also gets very warm in the summer.

The truth about Minot is an individual truth, waiting for you to discover it personally. Who knows? In the process you may discover yourself.

The base, the Magic City, and the Roughrider State welcome you.

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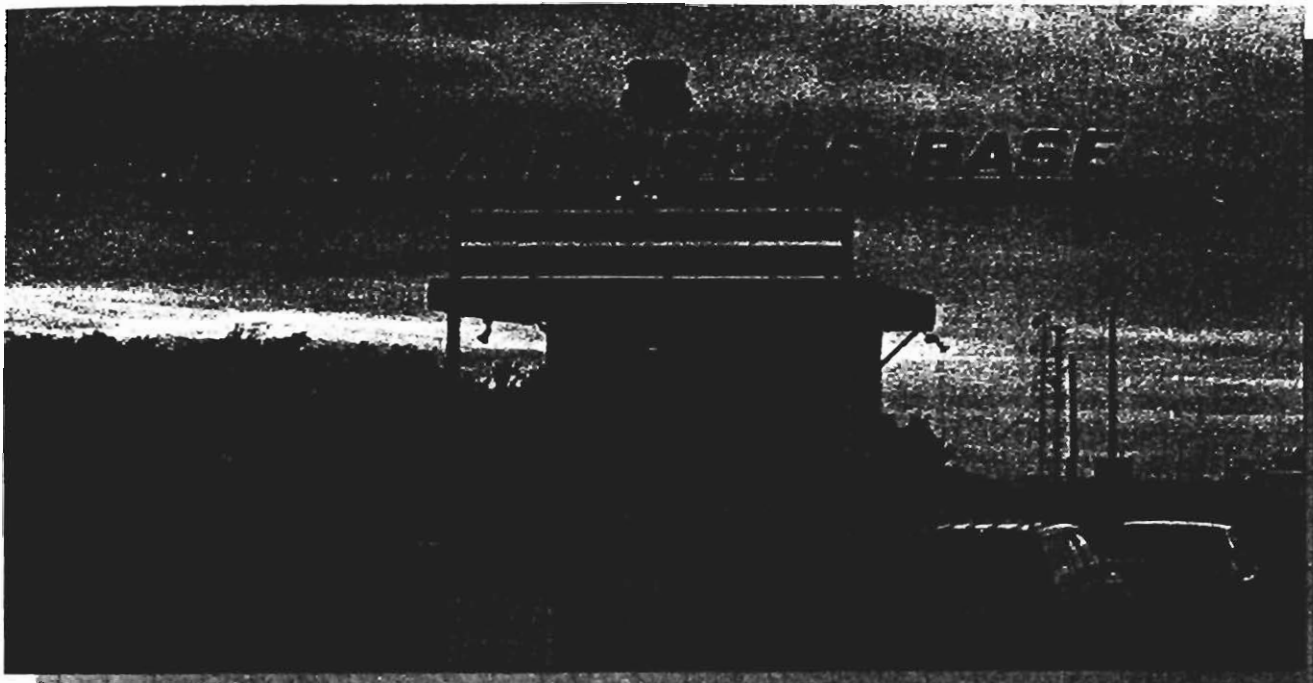


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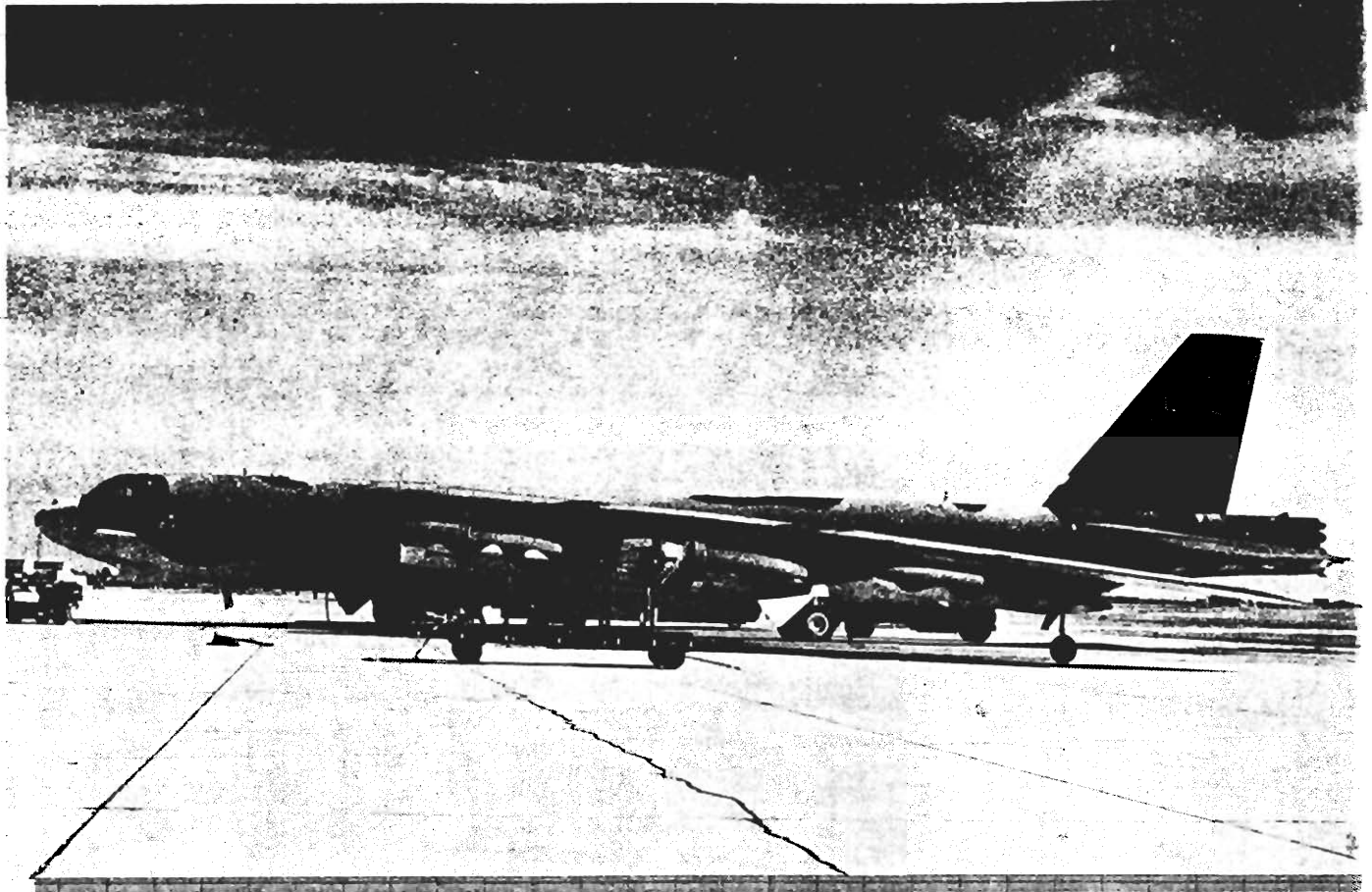


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5TH BOMBARDMENT WING

The 5th Bombardment Wing, the second oldest unit in the Strategic Air Command, with its Offensive Avionics System—modified Boeing B-52H Stratofortresses and KC-135A Stratotankers also resides here. The unit's headquarters is housed in the east side of the PRIDE Building, and coupled with its component squadrons comprises a wing population of approximately 1,650 people, making it the second largest organization on base.

Activated in August 1919, the wing has one of the longest and most illustrious histories in the Air Force. Numerous operational missions, competition victories and successfully completed higher headquarters taskings have brought honors to this outstanding organization. Of particular note was the wing's efforts in saving the city of Hilo, Hawaii. During the eruption of the Mauna Loa volcano in 1935, a molten lava flow was headed for the city. Performing a precise bombing operation, the unit's aircraft dropped 20 bombs which rechanneled the lava flow away from the city, thereby

averting catastrophic disaster.

The eight-engined B-52 has been a mainstay in the strategic triad since the 1950s and has continuously stood 24-hour-a-day ground alert with the capability to be launched within minutes of the issuance of an Emergency War Order response.

Originally designed as a high-altitude penetrating, nuclear-capability bomber, the aircraft is also capable of performing in a conventional (non-nuclear) capacity. In 1980, this added role was thrust to the forefront when the wing was named as the spearhead unit in SAC's Strategic Projection Force. A prime example of the wing's involvement in SPF activities occurred during Operation Bright Star '85.

Bright Star '85 highlighted the wing's conventional operations ability to successfully deploy, operate and redeploy aircraft, equipment and people to a Forward Operating Location in Southwest Asia. The operation could not have been accomplished without the refueling and cargo-carrying capabilities supplied by the wing's tanker fleet. Unrefueled, the bomber's operating range is approximately 10,000 miles;

however, with inflight refueling provided by the KC-135A, the bomber's operating range is limited only by the flight crew's endurance.

The 5th BMW's Stratotanker fleet serves not only the bombers but other Air Force tactical fighter and strategic airlift aircraft assigned worldwide. Additionally, sister services plus North Atlantic Treaty Organizations allies are beneficiaries of the tanker's refueling capability. With its large fuel capacity, the tanker is capable of offloading enough fuel in one minute to operate an average passenger vehicle for an entire year. An example of the tanker's worldwide operations was clearly visible during Operation Thirsty Pharaoh. During that operation, deployed crews and aircraft provided initial air refueling qualification training to Egyptian Air Force F-4 aircraft crews.

The wing's rich and proud heritage exemplifies the finest traditions of the U.S. Air Force and provides the basis for the wing's motto, "Guardians of the Upper Realm."



91ST COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP

The 91st Combat Support Group provides support for all operational units here. Whether the service be administration or recreation, the 91st CSG is responsible for keeping the 91st Strategic Missile Wing, 5th Bombardment Wing and tenant units operating at peak efficiency.

The 91st CSG provides many specialized services through the staff judge advocate, chaplain, military and civilian personnel offices, base administration, disaster preparedness, operations and training, and the morale, welfare and recreation divisions.

The 91st Services Squadron provides temporary living quarters to visitors and newly arrived people through the Sakakawea Inn and Transient Living Facility, manages the Unaccompanied Officer Quarters and is responsible for overall dormitory management. It also operates the base linen exchange and laundry service. Its Food Services Division is responsible for the Dakota Inn dining facility, as well as the alert and field missile site kitchens.

Keeping the base's grounds and buildings in top condition is one of the many functions assigned to the 91st Civil Engineering Squadron. They provide a variety of services in-

cluding the Fire Department, Housing Office and are also the people who remove snow from runways, base streets and parking lots.



91ST SECURITY POLICE GROUP

The 91st Security Police Group is tasked with one of the largest security missions in the Air Force. Their top priority is protecting the base's alert combat aircraft, Missile Launch Control facilities, missile sites, and Weapons Storage Area. They also provide a full range of Law Enforcement services to the base community as well as expert administrative security support. To carry out these tasks, the 91st SPG has approximately 1,100 people assigned to three squadrons and 91st SPG headquarters.

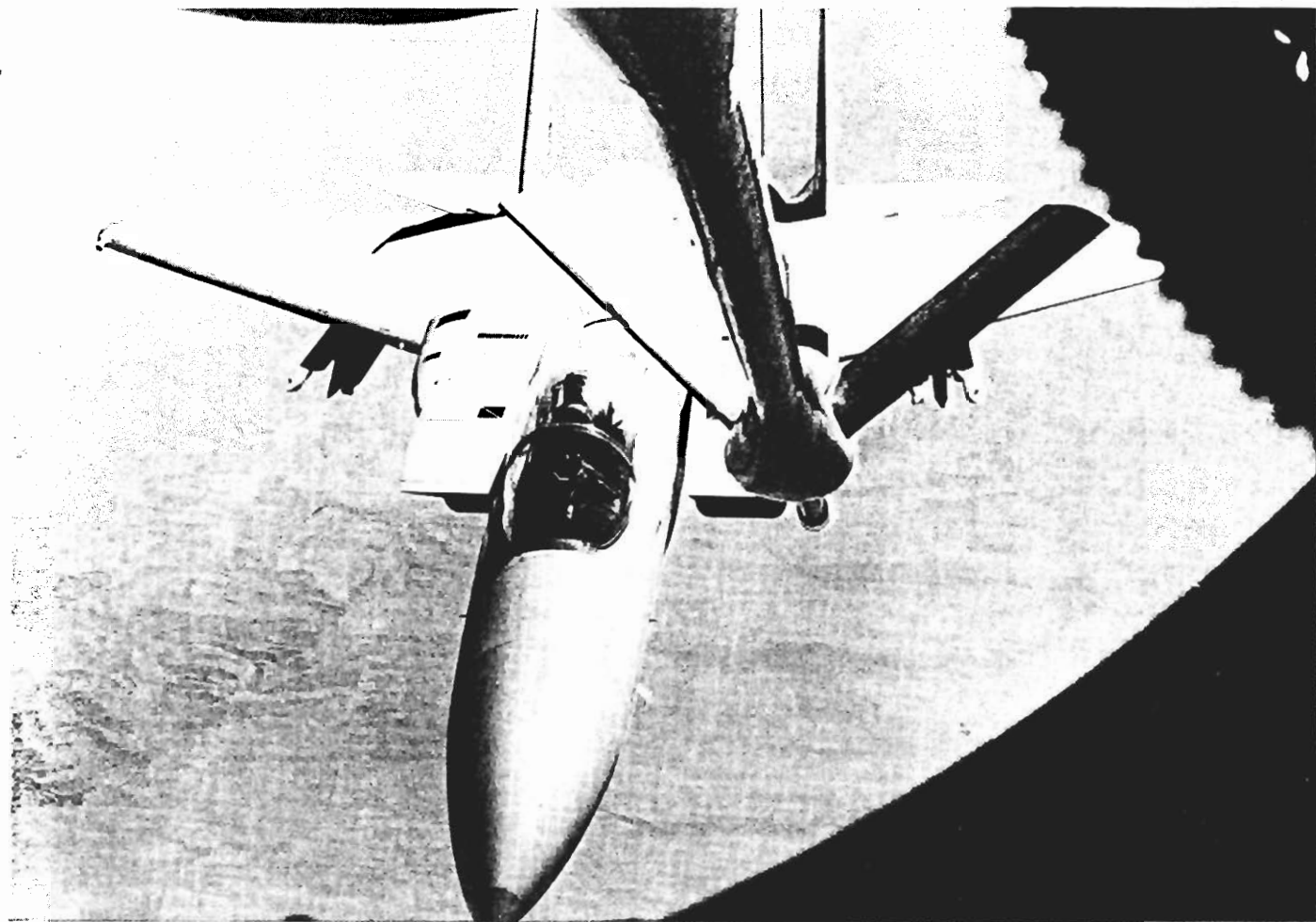
The 91st Security Police Squadron is responsible for protection of aircraft in three alert areas and the parking ramps, and for guarding the Weapons Storage Area. They also provide Law Enforcement and crime prevention support that includes: base patrols, installation entry control, investigations, and military working dogs.

The 91st Missile Security Squadron provides physical security for the 15 launch control facilities and 150 launch facilities under the 91st Strategic Missile Wing's control.

The 92nd Missile Security Squadron provides camper alert teams to perform on-site security at Launch facilities, roving mobile fire teams for the missile field, and security escort teams for missile maintenance people. They also protect all off-base weapons convoys and operate Wing Security Control and the Keys and Codes Control Center.

The 91st SPG headquarters provides administrative security and pass and registration service to the base. They also manage training, quality control, arms and equipment, and other consolidated functions supporting security and law enforcement operations.





5TH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON

The 5th Fighter Interceptor Squadron is a Tactical Air Command tenant unit. Known as the "Spittin' Kittens," this unit's mission is to prevent unknown or hostile aircraft from penetrating U.S. or Canadian air space. They accomplish this by using the F-15 Eagle.

The F-15—the world's premier air superiority fighter aircraft—is capable of traveling at a speed of Mach 2.5 plus to a combat ceiling of 65,000 feet.

The 5th FIS originated on January 16, 1941, at Selfridge Field, Mich., as the 5th Pursuit Squadron. The squadron flew several types of fighter aircraft during World War II and the years following. On Feb. 1, 1960, the 5th FIS moved here and was the first squadron to assume operational status with the F-106 Delta Dart.

A conversion from the F-106 to the F-15 was completed on July 1, 1985,

when the squadron assumed five-minute alert status.

A facet of the 5th FIS' North American Aerospace Defense mission is maintaining an alert detachment at Loring AFB, Maine. Detachment 1 has 30 people permanently assigned; however, both aircraft and pilots rotate the alert duty from here on a weekly basis.

With its headquarters located near the flightline, 5th FIS is known locally for their lair of live "Spittin' Kittens." In 1963, a local farmer presented the unit with a pair of motherless Canadian Lynx cubs who were promptly adopted as mascots. Their initial offspring were the result of one of the first recorded cases of Canadian Lynx breeding in captivity.





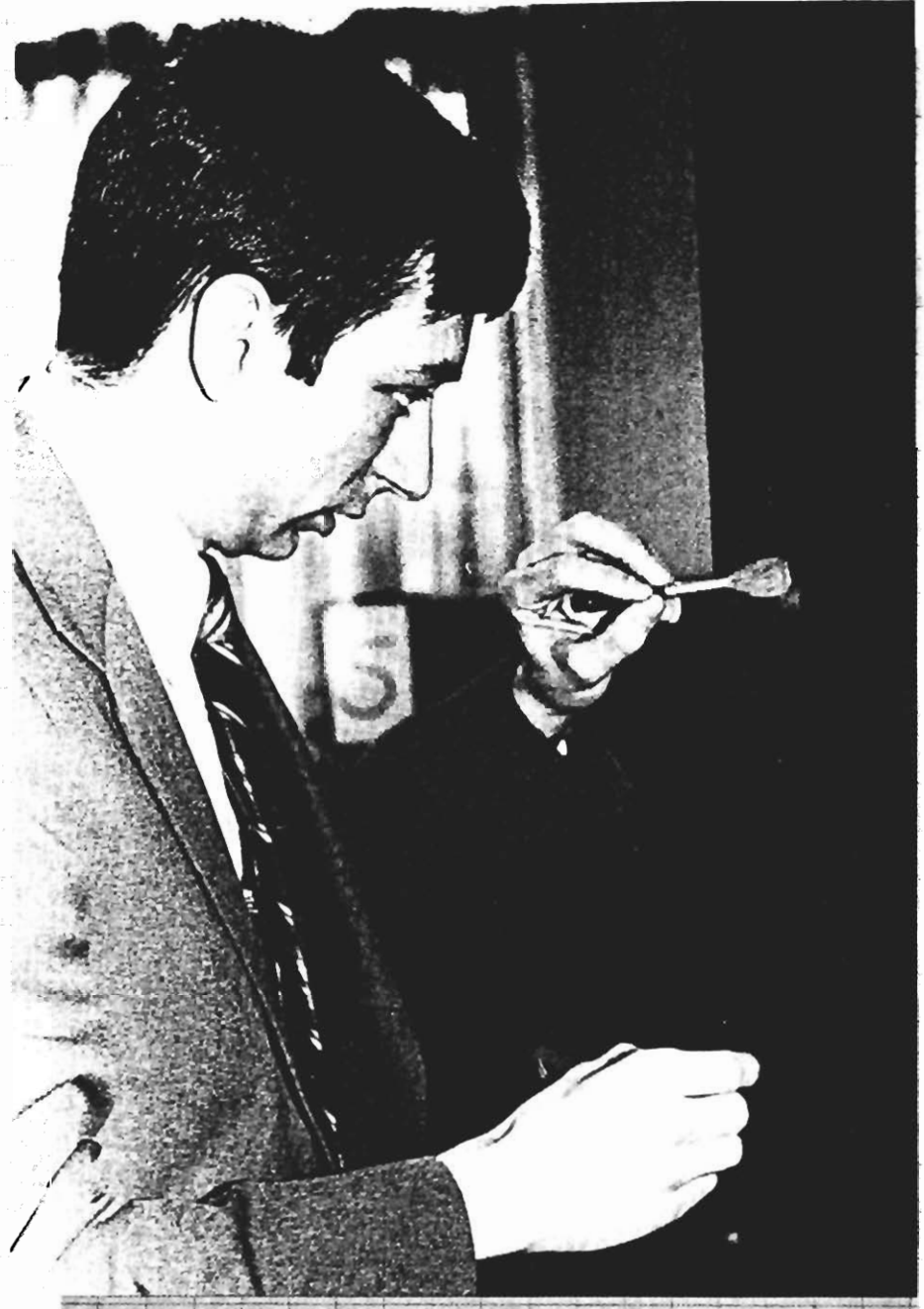
2150TH COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

The mission of the 2150th Communications Squadron is to support all ground/ground to air communications-electronics activities associated with the 57th Air Division, 91st Strategic Missile Wing, 5th Bombardment Wing, 91st Combat Support Group, 5th Fighter Interceptor Squadron; Detachment 7, 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron; Detachment 21, 9th Weather Squadron; and Operating Location B, 64th Flying Training Wing.

The 2150th CS provides this support through four branches, each with unique responsibilities of their own. The Logistics Branch, the largest in the squadron, has the responsibility to maintain base communications/information systems, air traffic control facilities and command and control missile communications systems.

The Operations Branch provides narrative and data message, data automation, communications security, telephone switchboard and combat crew communications support to all base functions. In addition, the branch manages the unit security program, resource protection program and base frequency management.

The Air Traffic Control Branch provides air traffic control service to aircraft operating within a 16,900



cubic mile control area, which includes the base, Minot International Airport, Mohall Municipal Airport and four other satellite airports. Service is provided through the operation and management of the base control tower, radar approach control facility and associated navigational aid facilities.

The Programs Management Branch serves as the responsible focal point for programming, acquisition and coordination of all future information systems requirements here.

DETACHMENT 14, 1ST COMBAT EVALUATION GROUP

The mission of the Detachment 14, 1st Combat Evaluation Group is to provide training and evaluation for Strategic Air Command and Tactical Air Command combat aircrews. The site provides realistic low-level and high-level enemy threat environments for Electronic Warfare training while scoring simulated bomb runs by

radar. This eliminates the need to release live ordnance and results in considerable dollar savings to the Air Force. The detachment is located north of Bismarck, N.D.

DETACHMENT 21, 9TH WEATHER SQUADRON

Keeping the base aware of the ever-changing weather is the job of the Military Airlift Command's Detachment 21, 9th Weather Squadron. They work around the clock to keep the base's operational units up to speed on the latest meteorological developments. The detachment is located in Base Operations, Bldg. 746.

DETACHMENT 1312, AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations detachment here works closely with federal investigative agencies and local police authorities to investigate allegations of serious crimes including criminal, fraud and counterintelligence matters. The AFOSI is located in Bldg. 167.

DETACHMENT 35, 3904TH MANAGEMENT ENGINEERING SQUADRON

This Strategic Air Command Engineering Team, or SACMET, is but one of 28 detachments and operating locations located at various bases throughout the world. All SACMETs are field extensions of Headquarters SAC and report directly to the Directorate of Manpower and Organization.

The primary mission of SACMET is to monitor and assist all levels of command in the effective and efficient allocation, redistribution and management of manpower resources. Part of this mission is accomplished by developing, maintaining and administering Air Force and SAC manpower standards. These standards are used to determine the number of people a work center needs to perform approved workloads in support of the overall Air Force mission. Recently, the development of these manpower standards has been facilitated by the implementation of highly sophisticated com-



puter equipment. The SACMETs now possess fully automated systems such as the SAC Information Processing Systems and Manpower Standards Development System II. These systems provide the SACMETs with direct communication lines within the manpower function.

SACMET develops studies which quantify in-house costs for certain functions in order to determine the cost effectiveness of contracting them out.

SACMET also offers a management consultant service to any functional manager, supervisor or commander who requests it.

The SACMET can be contacted by calling Ext. 34210 or visit them on the second floor of the PRIDE Building, room 224.

DETACHMENT 7, 37TH AEROSPACE RESCUE AND RECOVERY SQUADRON

The base's helicopter unit is Detachment 7, 37th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron of the Military Airlift Command. The detachment operates four HH-1H helicopters. Their main mission is to support the 91st Strategic Missile Wing and to stand ready to respond to any emergency. In its history here, the unit has assisted in many military and civilian emergencies. They are located in Bldg. 763.

DEFENSE INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE

The Defense Investigative Service conducts local liaison with federal and local agencies. The agency's primary duty is conducting background investigations for security clearances for all military members

and Department of Defense civilian contractors. The Defense Investigative Service is located in the PRIDE Building.

AIR TRAINING COMMAND FIELD TRAINING DETACHMENT 421

The Air Training Command Field Training Detachment 421 provides system, associate and aircrew familiarization training for the 91st Strategic Missile Wing, 5th Bombardment Wing, 5th Fighter Interceptor Squadron and other base agencies. They also provide an on-the-job training advisory service and area support to Detachment 14, 1st Combat Evaluation Group in Bismarck, N.D. The detachment is located in Bldg. 846.

DETACHMENT 520, AIR FORCE AUDIT AGENCY

The Area Audit Office is responsible for accomplishing the internal audit mission here. This function includes applying audit programs and issuing reports of audits to base officials to improve the economy, effectiveness and efficiency of Air Force operations. The agency is located in the PRIDE Building.

HQ USAF AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL

The Area Defense Counsel gives free advice and representation to active-duty military members for actions taken against them by the Air Force. They are located in the PRIDE Building, on the third floor, room 306-A. Or call Ext. 33405.