

# Kingsley Field News

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## Kingsley Noncoms Rise In Ranking

Commissioned officers have received promotions to the Air Force's "super-ranks" of senior and chief master sergeant, as rewards for many years of dedicated service to their country.

Former master sergeants, Duane D. Fletcher, Lowell L. Huebner, and Arthur G. Moore, received promotions to senior master sergeant, while Archie L. Andrews rose in rank from senior to chief master sergeant.

These promotions were part of the Air Force-wide "super-grade" promotion cycle during which 6,000 outstanding senior "non-coms" added stripes to their sleeves March 1.

Col. Rupert C. Welch, Kingsley Field commander, extended congratulations and presented official orders to the men during informal ceremonies in his office last week.

At the time of the announcement, one of the four was on temporary duty at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida. Huebner received the news quickly and was sporting his new chevrons when he returned to Kingsley.

Huebner received royal treatment, including a "welcome home" and a copy of promotion orders from Colonel Welch.

A native of Loogootee, Ind., Huebner is the youngest of the four to receive a "super-grade." He entered the service in 1950, and will celebrate his 11th anniversary in the Air Force next month.

Huebner arrived at Kingsley in 1950 from Larson AFB, Washington, and assumed duties as non-

commissioned officer in charge of the field's weapons controls system branch. He is single, and lives in the Kingsley dormitory-type barracks.

Duane D. Fletcher was born in Montgomery, Ala., and lists his home as Camp, La. A veteran of 15 years service, Fletcher was assigned to Kingsley in 1939, following a tour of duty at Hahn AFB, Germany.

Other overseas assignments have taken him to the Philippines and Italy. Fletcher is a firefighting superintendent with Kingsley's fire department and lives with his wife, Margaret, and their three children, Michael, 10; Mark, 8, and Duana Jean, 3, in Falcon Heights.

Arthur G. Moore is a newcomer at Kingsley, arriving in January of this year. He was originally from Denver and makes his home at present in San Lorenzo. An 18-year veteran, Moore was stationed at Spangdahm, Germany, preceding his Kingsley assignment.

His Air Force profession, superintendent of management procedures, has taken him far abroad.

His overseas areas include Alaska, the South Pacific area, Thailand, Indochina, Japan, France, Germany, and other points in Europe. He resides with his wife, Margaret, in Falcon Heights.

The Moores' daughter, Pamela, 17, is presently attending school in New Zealand under the foreign exchange student program. She'll be joining her parents at Kingsley sometime this summer.

Rounding out the list of promotions is Archie L. Andrews, from Dwight, Kan., who was elevated to chief master sergeant—the highest enlisted rank in the Air Force. Andrews has spent 19½ years in the service and has been at Kingsley for nearly two years. His previous duty assignments were in the China-Burma Theater during World War II, the Aleutian Islands, Korea and Greenland.

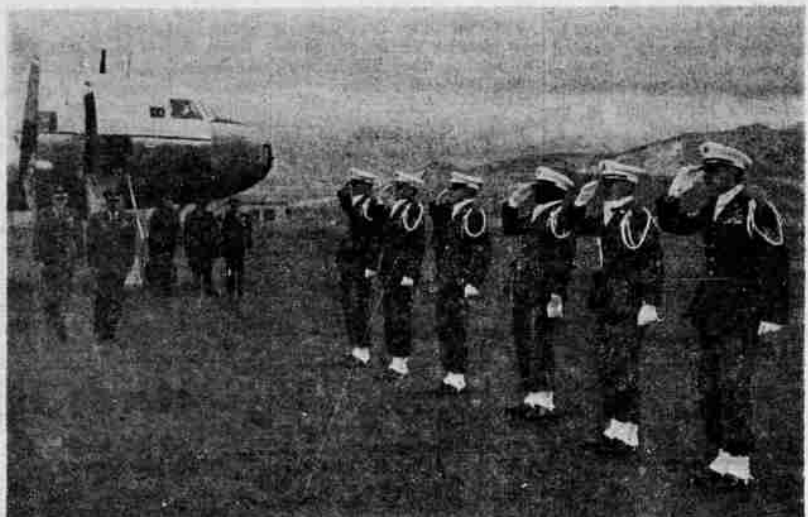
Andrews is in charge of Kingsley's maintenance control section. He is single and resides in the Kingsley dormitories.

## NEW RATINGS



NEW "SUPER GRADE" RATINGS have gone to the men shown receiving congratulations from Kingsley Field Commander Col. Rupert C. Welch, right. The men and their new ratings are, from left, Duane D. Fletcher, former master sergeant, now senior master sergeant; Arthur G. Moore, senior master sergeant, and Archie L. Andrews, chief master sergeant, the highest Air Force non-commissioned rank. Not pictured was Senior M.Sgt. Lowell L. Huebner, also promoted under the Air Force March 1 cycle. — Photo by M.Sgt. C. J. Bennett

## FIRST VISIT



FULL MILITARY HONORS were given to Maj. Gen. Frank E. Rouse, deputy for materiel, Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs, during his first visit to Kingsley Field last week. Col. Rupert C. Welch, 408th Fighter Group commander, stands with the general just prior to inspecting the base honor guard. General Rouse, conducting a staff visit, was accompanied by the officers standing in back. — Photo by M. Sgt. C. J. Bennett.

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## Sgt. Speck To Retire At Kingsley

T.Sgt. Lester C. Speck, a member of the 408th Fighter Group at Kingsley Field, was recently presented with a certificate of retirement during informal ceremonies in the office of the base commander, Col. Rupert C. Welch.

Speck, retiring after completing more than 20 years of military service, was born Nov. 4, 1921, at Lamesa, Tex. He entered the service in November, 1940, and has served overseas in England, France, the Philippine Islands, Japan and Alaska. Speck was awarded 10 decorations during his career.

Orders announcing his retirement cite Speck for having faithfully and conscientiously served his country. His standards of leadership and conduct have proved an excellent example for those who have associated with him.

Speck, who is single, will make his home in Texas.

## Poet's Corner

### TOYLAND

Some little train runs around on its track  
And a dolly it cries in a store  
Some little soldier lies there on the rack  
For some little child to adore.  
Some pretty ribbons are there on a shelf  
And a little pink rabbit to boot  
Some fairy godmother, cradled, herself  
And china made pleasan't 'to shoot.  
Some little roisterers bent on a spree  
Doff their hats as the eager pass by  
Some little tinkers on bended knee  
Fix their gaze on the pretty bow ties.  
Some little push-carts with music so fine  
Sings a song all its own to some heart  
Some little daddy with big eyes that shine  
Takes his bow with his apples to part.  
Some little maid with her pretty white braids

And her quaint little carousel smart  
Steals a kiss from the lips of some roving jade  
And laughingly plays on his heart.  
Some little wagons all ready to go  
With horses all prancing in line  
Some little sweethearts must surely know  
And a circus that suddenly chimes.  
Some animals stuffed and sportingly tufted  
In colors the rainbow's bright hue  
Some carnivals muffed in fluffy white stuff  
And bright shining eyes peeking through.  
Some little eyes are saddened in grief  
As a little hand brushes the tears  
As some little face to the window is creased  
Of some little child passing near.  
Till some person tall gives his hand and his all  
And brings back the shine to those eyes  
And some little tot is content as she calls  
For some little dolly that cries.  
Maurice R. Keep