

1960



VAPOR TRAILS

WE PRESENT...

The Fourth Edition of VAPOR TRAILS looks like any other high school annual, whether it is a product of the sophisticated East, the pinescented North, the sunny South, or the open spaces of America's great West. And that is as it should be, for the yearbook staffs of our eight United States Air Force schools overseas are Wisconsinites, New Yorkers, Georgians and Californians — some of us from farms, some of us from small villages, some of us from our country's great urban centers. Our schools look like any good American high schools; our teachers are Americans, following the same educational methods as any American teachers.

Walk into one of our high schools and you walk into America! Visit an English class and, like all America's high school English classes, it will be staring meekly at noun clauses or delving into the twisted psychology of "Silas Marner". Visit a math class and find the square on the hypotenuse of a right triangle, or the locus of a point, carrying on business as usual. Our science laboratories work in the practical American way, whether the subject is biology, chemistry or physics. Our historians study the whole world, and still give special attention to our own country. In this book you will also find evidence of typical American high school activities: pictures of clubs, games, cheer-leading, parties and plays like all of such pictures in all of America's high school yearbooks. Our cafeterias serve the same menus. Our assemblies serve up the same programs. All the same, VAPOR TRAILS shows the background as well as the foreground. And if the foreground is always the same, the background is always differ-

ent. Ankara, Bitburg, London, Chateauroux, Izmir, Casablanca, Tripoli, Wiesbaden — they color our lives as we work and play. Some of us look from our classroom windows at old Roman arches, at Moslem minarets, at Gothic chateaux, at Norman cathedrals or at mediaeval castles or cottages. For some of us our only Christmas tree is an orange-tasseled palm; for others Christmas is knee-deep in diamond-bright snow crystals and the yule-log burns for nearly a week!

Nor is it only the background that makes our life different. No one can imagine the way people of other lands feel and think; unless he himself has lived in that land, eaten food from its markets, made friends with its people and exchanged ideas about everything with them. Because we have done all this, we like to believe that, as adults, we shall be more understanding in our dealings with other lands. We know how the Oriental feels about "saving face". Why the German takes even his smallest children with him to the beer-garden. Why every Viennese dentist plays the cello so beautifully. What the giving of bread and salt means to an Arabian host. Why the English feel so passionately that the milk *must* go into the cup before the tea does. We have learned not to irritate small prejudices and how to honor deep feelings. Best of all, our friends have taught us to see our own prejudices and deep feelings with a more objective eye. Lest we forget such lessons — we have only to turn these pages again to remember. A strange and different year of our lives is crowded into these pages. That is why one of the most cherished mementos of our youth must be — VAPOR TRAILS.



Members of the Class of 1960:

It is with pleasure that I congratulate the 1960 graduates of the USAFE High Schools.

Graduation from American high schools in five countries on three continents will mean something more than graduation from high school at home. *Your unique experience of obtaining an American education in a foreign country has given you the opportunity to gain an insight into the peoples of your host nation in Europe, North Africa or the Middle East.* You have learned to understand and appreciate the customs and traditions of countries which for centuries have contributed to the cultural heritage of our nation. You have had the opportunity to make lasting friendships with the young people of your host nation and obtain a better understanding of the problems of their countries.

Through all this you have gained a new perspective and a greater understanding which will be of inestimable value when, as adults and voters, you must discharge intelligently your responsibilities as citizens of the United States of America. It now becomes your privilege and your duty to use wisely this priceless knowledge and understanding to further the cause of freedom and understanding among all the countries of the world.

My best wishes go with you!

FREDERIC H. SMITH, JR.
General, USAF
Commander-in-Chief



To the 1960 High School Graduates :

My sincere congratulations to each of you. We, your families and friends, your teachers and your military communities, are proud of your achievements. Your unique situation of being American students in foreign lands has given you a double responsibility and has thus doubled your accomplishments. Not only have you achieved an educational goal for which you have been striving for a long time, but you have also served as junior ambassadors for America. Foreign opinion of American youth has been partly based on observation of your behavior. You have done well in demonstrating our way of life in a free nation as you have worked with the young people in your host community on music programs, art exhibits, welfare programs and community activities.

Your enlarged horizons, your depth of understanding and your increased knowledge of peoples and their problems have made you wiser and more sympathetic individuals, more ready to meet the challenges of this promising new decade upon which we have just entered.

And now, as you accept the responsibility of adult citizenship, you must assume your full share in the weighty responsibilities facing our country in its role of world leadership. The opportunities you have had for broadening experiences in a foreign land added to your American education with its emphasis on the ideals of liberty and freedom, have prepared you for active leadership.

I wish you every success in helping to build an ever greater and stronger United States of America and in understanding and helping other countries of our free world.

J. E. ROBERTS
Brigadier General, USAF
Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel





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ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

This age of discovery, a decade of scientific phenomena, is the title bestowed upon the exciting era in which we are fortunate to be living — a time of theories, formulae, and new understandings. Each day men of science discover a new computation or solution which benefits mankind and therefore creates a better world in which to live.

Thus the world has become a busy, hurrying place filled with interesting, industrious and intelligent people. But, unfortunately, this renaissance of scientific exploration and discovery has not come without consternation. We are fast becoming caught in a web being woven by the scholars of our time. Blinded by the strands in the weave, we are forgetting to notice the fine and simple qualities in our lives. It is these very qualities which form the basis for happiness and pleasant memories.

We of Bitburg High School, in forming the contents of our 1959—60 Annual have kept this thought in mind. In keeping with the times we have created a formula as the theme for our year book. However, a different formula — a formula which, if followed, we are sure will result in happiness and pleasant thoughts! Here, then, is Bitburg High School's

FORMULA FOR MEMORIES



COLONEL JAMES D. BERRY
Base Commander



COLONEL
WALTER B. PUTNAM
Commander
36th Tactical Fighter Wing

Begin with a FACULTY supreme,
A truly fine hard-working team.
So wise are they in their endeavor,
They've supported Bitburg ever.



LIEUTENANT
TOMMY R. STEEL
School Officer



Mr. Pansino

At the end of the day...
Mr. Boynton

Mr. Roberson

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College, M. A.
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Hobby:
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Copper enameling



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Hobby: *Theater, reading*



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Hobby:
Gardening, music

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Arizona State
University, B. A. in Ed.
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Cheerleaders
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Arizona State
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