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*Photo by Staff Sgt. Kristina Barrett*

Members of the 5th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight welcome home a B-52 after a successful bombing mission in Iraq March 23. These same Ammo troops built the weapons this particular "BUFF" carried into battle just hours before.

# BOMBERS HEAD TO WAR

## B-52s begin aerial assault on Iraqi targets

**By Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor**  
457th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Bomber aircraft from this deployed location participated in their first strike operations March 21 and continue to pound targets in the U.S. Central Command theater of operations in a coalition effort to disarm the Iraqi regime.

All of the bombers deployed for the mis-

sion returned without incident. B-52 Stratofortresses struck targets across Iraq.

KC-135 Stratotankers and KC-10 Extenders from across the U.S. European and Central Command theaters of operations provided the needed fuel to the bombers.

As aircrews taxied from this location and took to the air, they held small American flags out the window. Maintenance, supply and other airmen pumped their fists and

waved as the 159-foot bombers rolled by.

As a B-52 nicknamed Iron Butterfly lifted off the runway here on its way to Iraq, Senior Airman Dustin Karas, one of the crew chiefs for that bomber, pumped his fist and announced his excitement over the roar of the engines.

"There's no better feeling!" he said following more than three hours of pre-flight checks. "It's unbelievable!"

## Air Force Briefs

### No unsolicited mail

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — To bolster force protection, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to forward-deployed servicemembers unless they are a family member, loved one or personal friend.

The Department of Defense suspended the "Operation Dear Abby" and "Any service-member" mail programs because of force protection concerns. Although these programs provide support to friends and loved ones stationed overseas, they also provide an avenue to introduce hazardous substances or materials into the mail system from unknown sources.

Unsolicited mail, packages and donations from organizations and individuals also compete for limited airlift space used to transport supplies, warfighting materiel and mail from family and loved ones.

### First Predator strikes

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (AFPN) — A U.S. Air Force MQ-1 Predator found and destroyed a radar-guided anti-aircraft artillery gun in southern Iraq March 22 making it the first Predator strike of Operation Iraqi Freedom, defense officials announced.

The multirole Predator used one AGM-114K "Hellfire II" missile to strike an Iraqi ZSU-23-4 mobile anti-aircraft artillery gun outside the southern Iraqi town of Al Amarrah.

The Predator is an unmanned aerial vehicle remotely piloted from a ground control station.

"The RQ-1 model is used for reconnaissance, while the MQ-1 model is used as an unmanned strike platform," said Lt. Col. Brian Pierson, chief of reconnaissance operations at the Combined Air Operations Center located at a desert air base in Southwest Asia.

The ZSU-23-4 is a self-propelled anti-aircraft gun with a self-contained radar dish for finding and tracking airborne targets. The anti-aircraft systems pose a significant threat to coalition flying operations, said Pierson. Predators have executed successful strikes previously in operations Enduring Freedom and Southern Watch.



# Ammo makes the mission

By Staff Sgt. Kristina Barrett  
457th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

After an idle two weeks, munitions airmen began working day and night building M-117 and 85 GBU-31 Joint Direct Attack Munitions for the "shock and awe" phase of the war in Iraq.

Arriving here March 6, members of the 5th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight are finally able to do what they are trained to do: build the bombs that are an integral part of the Air Force mission.

"Putting bombs on target is the aircrews' ultimate mission, and without Ammo troops, there's no mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Mike Potratz, deployed from Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

"What we're doing here is as close as you can get to the ultimate mission," said Tech Sgt. James Sutton, also from Beale.

Getting close to the mission is what each one of the more than 140 airmen will be able to do because building bombs is a team effort.

"It takes a team of eight people an average of about two hours to build a load of 12 JDAMs," Sergeant Sutton said. "We have a crew of 16 people out here on the build pad."

The team works together assembling 14 pieces into four components, which make up the JDAM, a Global Positioning System-guided "smart bomb." They start with a 2,000-pound MK-84 "dumb bomb." A



Photos by Staff Sgt. Kristina Barrett

**Tech. Sgt. James Sutton, 5th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron Munitions Flight, fuzes an MK-84 "dumb bomb" for transition to a GBU-31 Joint Direct Attack Munition "smart bomb."**

fuze, fin kit, sensor and other components are assembled and attached to the bomb, turning it into the JDAM.

The tedious work leaves no room for error, but error is not an issue, according to Chief Master Sgt. Ricky Quattlebaum, munitions flight chief deployed from Minot AFB, N.D. "Our people train for this continuously; now they get to do it for real," he said. "This is what we train and live for."

The fruits of their labor will be evident in the current military operation. The bombs they build will be used in combat, not on a bombing range, or, left to be downloaded, disassembled and returned to stock.

"The troops sensed there was something happening. They kept asking when they'd get to build," said Senior Master Sgt. Gregory Western, also deployed from Beale. "When we finally got the word from (1st) Lt. Francisco Vega, munitions flight commander, the troops got extremely pumped up. What they came here for was now a reality."

As the airmen watched the aircraft lift off the runway March 21, pride was evident, as was an American flag one airman waved as each plane took off.

Sergeant Sutton put it simply: "Ammo pride."



**Tech. Sgt. Mark Russ, munitions troop with the 5th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron, attaches strakes to a GBU-31 Joint Direct Attack Munition. Strakes provide stability to the weapon in flight.**

# Maintainers unleash B-52s

By Staff Sgt. Jim Fisher  
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More than 70 aircraft maintainers worked earnestly through the early morning March 21 to unleash the first wave of B-52 bombers on the Iraqi regime from this forward-deployed location.

Later in the day they watched with the rest of the world as their "Buffs" delivered what would come to be regarded with "shock and awe."

Maintainers prepared for combat operations beginning Thursday, but things got critical on the tarmac in the final hours before the launch. Motivated crew chiefs and specialists readied the 457th Air Expeditionary Group's lineup of B-52s Friday morning.

"They're excited," said Master Sgt. Tina Marie Schneider, the night-shift maintenance flight chief for the 5th Expeditionary Maintenance Squadron. "The guys were all geared up to do their inspections and hand the aircraft over to the day shift." They knew the day shift would soon launch the group's first combat sorties of the war.

Over the previous 24 hours, the aircraft had all systems checked and rechecked, Sergeant Schneider explained. The lineup of B-52s had to go no matter what. To launch aircraft safely and effectively, crews also generated backup aircraft. The primary and backup war birds were simultaneously pre-flighted March 21 as aircrews and



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Jason Tudor

## Crew chiefs for the B-52 Stratofortress nicknamed Iron Butterfly talk with an aircrewman before a combat mission March 21.

maintainers toiled toward the takeoff time.

"They have go and no-go systems," Sergeant Schneider said. "If a problem's not critical, they may choose to go with it. If it's not something they can go with, they have

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Senior Airman Benjamin Davis gives a "thumbs up" to the aircrew of the B-52 Stratofortress nicknamed Iron Butterfly as it taxis out for a combat mission March 21.

## Leaflet, radio campaign continues

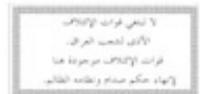
**OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (AFP)** — Aircrews dropped more than 2 million leaflets across Iraq on March 21 encouraging the surrender of Iraqi military forces and to minimize risk and harm to Iraqi civilians.

The leaflets were dropped as part of ongoing coalition air operations.

More than a million of the leaflets were dropped on Iraqi military forces encouraging them to surrender, to not use weapons of mass destruction and to leave oil wells intact. Leaflets dropped over population centers told Iraqi civilians that coalition forces are targeting the military. The leaflets encouraged civilians to stay at home and listen to coalition radio broadcasts.

The leaflet drops and radio broadcasts are part of an information campaign that has been going on for months to support the disarmament of Iraq. Coalition

forces have dropped more than 25 million leaflets since October. The objective of the campaign is to inform Iraqi citizens and soldiers how to achieve the disarmament and liberation of Iraq with minimum possible casualties, said officials.



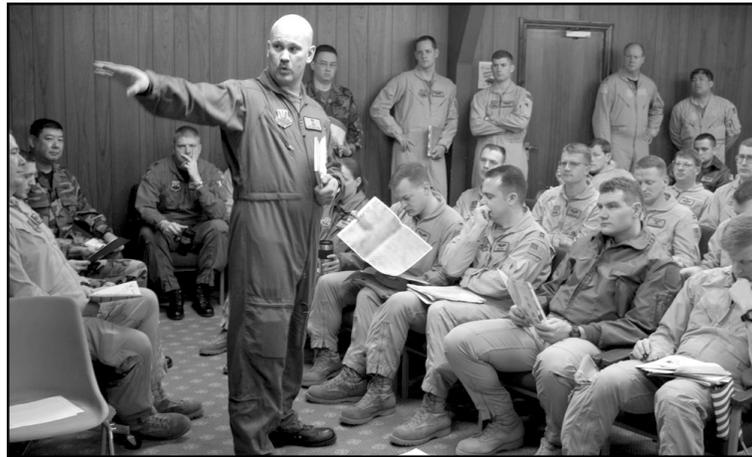
## Coalition readies humanitarian aid

The U.S.-led coalition to disarm the Iraqi regime is poised to open massive channels of humanitarian assistance for the Iraqi people.

Millions of meals, medicines and other supplies for the Iraqi people are pre-positioned and ready for distribution. The strategic Umm Qasr port in southern Iraq, already secured by U.S. and British Marines, will ensure the continued flow of food and humanitarian supplies into Iraq.

To date, the World Food Program has received about \$44 million from various donors, including \$40 million from the United States.

Army Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of Operation Iraqi Freedom, said one of his military objectives is "to end sanctions and to immediately deliver humanitarian support to the displaced, and to many Iraqi citizens." (Courtesy Air Force Print News)



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Json Tudor

## Preparing for "shock and awe"

**Capt. Jason, a B-52 pilot here, checks his ejection seat and gets ready for a combat mission March 21. The pilot was a member of the initial B-52 strike package.**

**Survival instructor Tech. Sgt. Mike talks to aircrews March 21 before a mission. His job as a survival, resistance, evasion and rescue instructor helps keep aircrews alive. He is deployed here from Minot Air Force Base, N.D.**

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another aircraft in the lineup to take its place."

Though many members of the deployed unit are combat seasoned from duty for operations in Kosovo and Afghanistan, they aren't unaffected by the impact of their mission Friday.

"I tell you, I've been in for seven years and I've never been so excited about a launch," said Staff Sergeant Randy Simmons, B-52 crew chief and a veteran of both conflicts.

After the aircraft launched, steady work continued as the bombers removed from the lineup were brought online. Other Buffs were pre-flighted for future sorties.

Later in the day, a crowd gathered in front of televisions in the squadron's break areas

as the much-anticipated campaign of "shock and awe" unfolded. The crowd knew many aircraft and hundreds of sorties were being directed at the Iraqi regime. As the ferocity of the attacks increased, the maintainers knew their Buffs were making an impact.

"To see the results was unbelievable," Sergeant Simmons said. "You're working hard and training everyday to achieve the kind of success we had today. It was an unbelievable feeling."

Many members of the deployed unit anticipated the operations. They were eagerly awaiting the call before the deployment even began, Sergeant Schneider said. It all came together March 21.

"I don't think there was a bit of space in

either break room as we watched the action unfold," said maintenance commander Lt. Col. Danny Curtis. "It was a total team effort with all these specialists working in sync from the bomb loaders to the crew chiefs. This morning we pulled it off — success."

As midnight on the day of the first launches passed, the night shift received the returning aircraft with triumphant crews.

"Based on what we learn from the aircrews, we'll know what we have to take care of and everything will be played out from there," Colonel Curtis said.

With the Iraqi regime still absorbing the impact of the U.S. military's deadly precision, a new set of aircraft sat on the tarmac, ready to go.



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# Royal Gurkha Rifles

## Legendary group enhances base defense

by Staff Sgt. Jim Fisher  
457 Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Security here has taken on a formidable new dimension.

After adding layers of concertina wire, K-9s and four contingents of law enforcement, officials at this British installation have added a regiment nothing short of legendary.

The Gurkhas, the world-renowned Nepali special forces contingent of the British Army, have hunkered down at Fairford, alongside Air Force security forces and local police.

For the elite light infantry unit, hunkering down is a simple process, and one of the unit's many extraordinary capabilities. British Army Maj. Neil Stevens, the Battalion second in command of 2nd Royal Gurkha Rifles regiment, explained why his unit is so valuable.

"We can move anywhere in the world on 24-hours notice," Stevens said. "We're ready to go anywhere, anytime."

Stevens said the Gurkhas rely on flexibility and experience. They are

configured and used like the U.S. Army Rangers or U.S. Marines. They are also martial artists, airborne tacticians and masters at cover and concealment. As they patrol the Fairford perimeter they will be drawing upon a more intangible quality: their reputation.

"Our capability is backed up by history," Stevens said. "We've received more Victoria Crosses than any other unit."

The Gurkhas have been honored 26 times with the cross, the British equivalent of America's Medal of Honor.

Their heritage is forged from operational experience. After a British conflict in Nepal in the early 19th century, the Royal Army was so impressed with the Gurkha fighters that it recruited and constructed special regiments of the elite soldiers. Since its inception in 1815, the mostly Nepali force in composition and culture has participated in every significant campaign and many lesser-known military endeavors.

"In the last two years we've been everywhere the British Army's been, from East Timor to Afghanistan," Stevens said.

Their reputation is also tethered to their "ethos" — adherence to a strict, self-imposed code of honor and discipline.

"We must be loyal, honest, well-trained," explained a rifleman standing in front of perfectly arranged cots flush and grounded at their Fairford encampment. "We are very experienced, especially in jungle warfare."

A more recognizable trademark is their long and lethal Kukri knife, a symbol of their legacy and lethality.

The Gurkhas are happy to be working with the four agencies already securing Fairford, including U.S. Air Force security forces, RAF and



Photos by Airman 1st Class Stacia Willis

**Two Riflemen from the 3rd Regiment of Gurkha Rifles, an elite unit within the British Army, practice martial arts tactics.**

Ministry of Defence police and local constabularies.

"We're very happy to be working with the MOD police and U.S. forces," a Gurkha rifleman said. "We are not sure about the conflict with Iraq and we don't know what will happen, but we're here now and we're happy to help."

Security forces officials are happy to have the boost in capability, according to Capt. Woody Boyd, SF commander at RAF Croughton, who is assisting in orchestrating the defense of Fairford.

"I can remember 12 years ago as an airmen hearing people talk about Gurkhas and what they are capable of doing," Boyd said. "The Gurkha is an extremely professional soldier and we're extremely honored to work with them. It definitely enhances security."

Security forces officials indicated the regiment will be deployed on the perimeter to thwart any intruders. It will also serve as a last line of defense before armed Air Force security forces on the air field. Stevens alluded to the use of a balance of conventional policing and stealthy tactics.

"We intend to be very visible during the day for the purpose of deterrence," Stevens said. "But at night it's another matter. We'll be configured accordingly."



**Riflemen from the 3rd Regiment of Gurkha Rifles, an elite unit within the British Army, display their Kukri knives. The legendary Nepali fighters of the 3rd RGR are at RAF Fairford to safeguard the base, joining forces with Air Force security forces, RAF and Ministry of Defense Police and local constabularies.**

# Security forces remain undaunted

## Keeping the base safe so the mission can go on

By Staff Sgt. Jim Fisher  
457th Air Expeditionary Group Public Affairs

Through shifts of 13-plus hours, endless walks across the tarmac, cold wind and demonstrators lurking on the fence line, security forces here are undaunted.

RAF Fairford is home to a deployed force topping more than 1,000 military members and a number of B-52 Stratofortress bombers. They are positioned to support the war on terrorism and contingency operations. While safeguarding these activities, the security forces have encountered a unique form of antagonism, and answered with their "Defensor Fortis" brand of determination and success.

Senior Airman Andre May, a security forces airman here, peers across the airfield from his post guarding a B-52. He is working through another day shift. It would not surprise him to see someone walking along the fence, looking for a way to get through. A group of anti-war demonstrators has camped outside the installation for weeks. After numerous break-ins, incidents of vandalism and harassment, the troops are used to their presence and watch their every move.

"The difference in this assignment is that at other locations you prepare for and anticipate the threat. Here you actually see it," Airman May said. "It makes you more vigilant. It changes the attitude you have coming to work."

Though local police have made numerous arrests, and the aircraft are locked down tight, the protesters' constant presence keeps the security enforcers' attention keenly focused. It has been that way since the Khobar Towers bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in 1996. Still another reminder came with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"Our primary threat is not protesters. It's terrorism," said Master Sgt. Brian Stevenson, the security forces team's day-shift flight leader. "Anyone trying to enter our installation may be a terrorist," Stevenson said. "They could be trying to infiltrate along with the protesters and cause serious harm to our people and damage to our resources."

To safeguard the right of people to peacefully demonstrate according to local



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stacia Willis

**Senior Airman Andre May provides security for deployed B-52 Stratofortresses assigned to the 457th Air Expeditionary Group here. Aircraft and people have been assigned to the base as part of the war on terrorism and to support contingency operations. May is a 2nd Security Forces Squadron airman deployed from Barksdale Air Force Base, La.**

laws, a cooperative effort has emerged. Security forces are working in concert with law-enforcement officers from the Royal Air Force, British Ministry of Defense and local constabularies. Several of the agencies have brought dogs to bolster detection and apprehension capabilities. An intricate system of fencing and concertina wire is embedded to snag intruders.

"There are basically four layers of security," Airman May explained. "They may get through the initial fence, but they won't make it much farther."

Thermal imaging systems, which sense anything giving off heat, including people, combine with working dogs and airmen in elevated observation posts. It all makes detection immediate and precise.

"They can see everything," Sergeant Stevenson said. The huge multi-agency force, barbed wire and technology are backed by a precious intangible — the determination of Air Force security forces.

"Everyone out here is very dedicated and knows we have a very important role," the flight leader said. "We're here so these B-52s are able to fly and put bombs on target. We're going to

ensure that happens."

That process is something that unfolds over the course of duty. As Airman May watches the "avenues of approach" an intruder might use to get to his aircraft, he processes various radio calls. He hears alerts of a man on the fence 100 yards away, and that the relief patrol is due in 45 minutes.

"Over the radio, there's always word of someone taking pictures, looking through the fence or getting caught in the barbed wire," said Airman Christopher Dietrich, another cop on patrol. "Whenever I hear something on the radio, I am a lot more alert. I'm looking around 360 degrees all the time," he said.

"It changed a lot of things," he said.

Since the current measures have been in place, the security forces have thwarted all attempts to enter restricted areas.

"We have worked very hard to provide a secure environment for air operations here," said Capt. Kris Zhea, security forces commander. "We have incorporated the manpower and resources of several agencies and woven them into one cohesive force, all with the same purpose — to protect Air Force assets."

## Dining Facility

**Today:** Lunch — beef and corn pie, Seafood Neuberg, veal paprika; Dinner — pineapple chicken, corned beef, Yankee pot roast

**Saturday:** Lunch — baked chicken, Swedish meatballs, Creole shrimp; Dinner — baked fish, barbecue chicken, Hungarian goulash

**Sunday:** Lunch — Cantonese spare ribs, baked fish, grilled mustard chicken breast; Dinner — strip loin steak, beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets

**Monday:** Lunch — baked stuffed fish, pot roast, roast pork; Dinner — beef cannelloni, chili mac, fried chicken

**Tuesday:** Lunch: — Teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan; Dinner — meatloaf, Turkey ala King

**Wednesday:** Lunch — turkey and noodles, beef ball stroganoff; Dinner — barbecue spare ribs, stuffed pork chops

**Thursday:** Lunch — baked chicken, fried catfish; Dinner — Cornish hen, roast loin of pork

## Hours

**Breakfast**  
4-8 a.m.

**Lunch**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Dinner**  
4:30-8 p.m.

**Midnight Meal**  
11 p.m.-1 a.m.

**Flight kitchen and ground support meals available 24 hours.**

## Movie Schedule

### Formula 51

Rated PG-13 8 p.m. Thursday

### Star Trek: Nemesis

Rated PG-13 8 p.m. Saturday



Photo by Airman 1st Class Stacia M. Willis

## All wired up

Staff Sgt. Ralph Oliver and Staff Sgt. Bruce Cook, members of the 424th Air Base Squadron Civil Engineering Flight, set up concertina wire along the perimeter of RAF Fairford for increased force protection. Fairford is currently home of the 457th Air Expeditionary Group, deployed to the United Kingdom in support of the global war on terrorism and potential contingency operations.

## Hours & Days

**Barber Shop:** Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; open 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday.

**Base Exchange:** Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; open 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday.

**Beauty Salon:** Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesday.

**Bowling Center:** Open 7 a.m.-11 p.m. every day; the snack bar serves breakfast from 7-9 a.m. and lunch/dinner from 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Chapel:** Mass, 5:30 p.m., Saturday; Protestant Sunday school, 9 a.m. Sunday; Protestant Sunday service, 10 a.m.; ladies Bible study, noon, Monday; men's Bible study, noon, Wednesday; and Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

**Commissary:** Open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday.

**Community Activities Center:** Computer lab with internet and e-mail access and DSN phone lines available 8 a.m. -midnight Monday - Friday and noon to midnight weekends. Office open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays; lunch line open 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday;

the Outback Bar is open 4 p.m. - midnight every day and serves microwavable snacks and cold sandwiches; TGIF starts at 4 p.m., Friday. Games, game player and DVDs are available for check out.

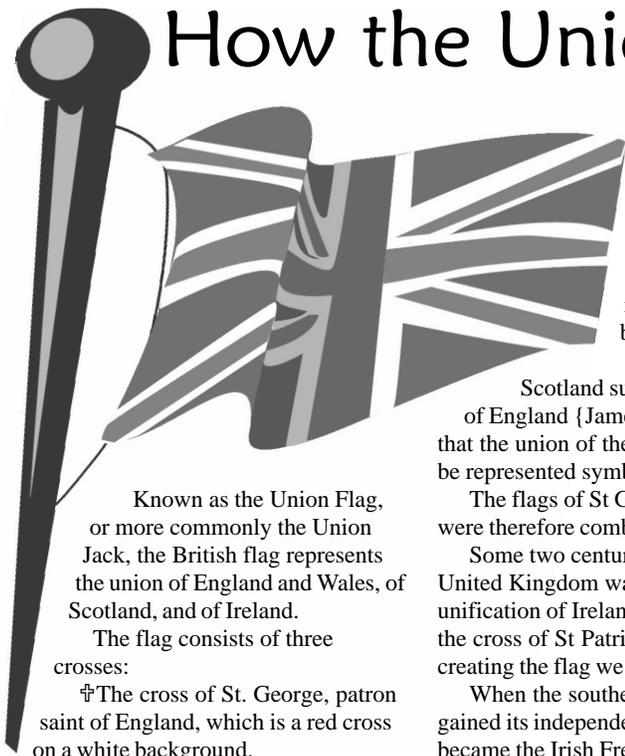
**Family Services Center:** video teleconference appointments are available, call 4605 or 4887 between 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Long distance morale calls need a control number. For a control number, bring a copy of orders to the family services center in Building 3.

**Fitness Center:** Open 24 hours.

**Library:** Open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

**Shuttle Schedule:** The shuttle runs every 30 minutes. Stops include Stirling House, commissary (during business hours), dining facility, main gate, base exchange, community activities center, base headquarters, transportation, Building 1202 and portacabin city.

**Trips & Tours:** Saturday — Oxford, depart base at 8 a.m., depart Oxford at 4 p.m. Cost is \$10. Sunday -- London, depart base at 8 a.m., depart London at 5 p.m. Cost is \$20. For trips, call John Reardon at 4063, 4930 or 4479.



## How the Union Jack came to be

Known as the Union Flag, or more commonly the Union Jack, the British flag represents the union of England and Wales, of Scotland, and of Ireland.

The flag consists of three crosses:

✠ The cross of St. George, patron saint of England, which is a red cross on a white background.

✠ The cross of St. Andrew, patron

saint of Scotland, a diagonal white cross on a blue background.

✠ The cross of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland, a diagonal red cross on a white background.

When James VI of Scotland succeeded to the throne of England {James I} it was decided that the union of the two kingdoms should be represented symbolically by a new flag.

The flags of St George and St Andrew were therefore combined in 1606.

Some two centuries later, in 1801, the United Kingdom was formed by the unification of Ireland and Great Britain, so the cross of St Patrick was added, thus creating the flag we have today.

When the southern part of Ireland gained its independence in 1921 and became the Irish Free State no alteration was made to the Union Flag.

The cross remains on the flag although only Northern Ireland now remains part of the United Kingdom.

The reason the Welsh dragon does not appear on the Union Flag is because when the flag was first created, the Principality of Wales was already united with England.

How the Union Flag became known as the Union Jack is lost in the origins of time, though the most popular explanation is that the flag was usually flown at the bow end of a ship, from the jack staff. The name became official when it was approved in Parliament in 1908.

Although originally a royal flag, the Union Flag is now only flown over Royal Palaces when The Queen is not in residence.

Its use has since widened to represent the whole of the United Kingdom.

The Union Flag should be flown with the broader diagonal band of white uppermost in the hoist (near the pole) and the narrower band of white uppermost in the fly (furthest from the pole).

## *English to English: divided by a common language*

**By Myrna Roberts**  
*Special to the Fairford Flyer*

Winston Churchill famously described Britain and America as two great nations divided by a common language.

### **Careful what you order**

French fries are chips, but chips are crisps.

Candies are sweets, but a sweet can also mean dessert.

You might get invited to tea, but that could be a drink or a meal, and that tasty cookie offered will be a biscuit. An American biscuit is called a scone.

### **Getting around**

A sedan is a saloon car, a station wagon is an estate car, your trunk is our boot and a muffler is an exhaust pipe. If you ask for a muffler in the U.K. you are likely to be handed a woolly scarf.

When buying tickets on our public transport system and you are only going one way (not coming back the

same way) you will need to buy a single or one-way ticket.

If you are coming back the same way, a return ticket is what you need. It is normally cheaper to buy a return ticket.

### **Around the house**

Buildings can also be a problem – remember, the lowest level is the ground floor, not the first floor, and you will use a lift not an elevator.

Houses standing alone are detached and joined to one other are semi-detached.

A whole row of houses joined together are terraced and a single story home is a bungalow.

We all agree on what a bath is, although we also have a city called Bath, but you will turn on the faucet to fill it while we will turn on the tap.

### **Getting away**

We go on holiday, you take a vacation. Our long weekends are called public holidays or bank holidays. We might go somewhere for a fortnight, which is another way of saying two weeks.

### **Ring me up**

When we use the telephone and the line is busy, we call that engaged.

Using directory enquiries is the same as using the information service.

### **Changes all around**

For such a small nation, many visitors are surprised that we not only have many regional dialects, but also speak other languages in Wales {Welsh}, Ireland and Scotland {Gaelic}.

Even some parts of the county of Cornwall speaks its own language.

Someone from the city of Liverpool is called Scouse or Liverpudlian, a Mancurian is a native of the city of Manchester, and a Cockney is a person who can claim to have been born with the sound of Bow Bells in London (where Bow is a district of London, and Bells are from the churches of Bow).

A detailed list of common British/American words can be found on the Community Relations site under RAF Fairford Public Folders.