

Medals Award

Commendation	USAF Outstanding Unit
USAF Good Conduct	Army Good Conduct
National Defense	Korea Service
USAF Longevity	USAF NCO Academy
Small Arms Expert	United Nation

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE COMMENDATION MEDAL

TO

JOHN L. SHOEMAKER

Staff Sergeant John L. Shoemaker distinguished himself by meritorious service during the period from 14 July 1958 through 18 July 1958 as a member of the Combat Operations Center for the 463d Troop Carrier Wing (M) at Ardmore Air Force Base, Oklahoma. Upon receipt of an operational alert he and his colleagues acted on their own initiative to inform aircraft commanders at various locations in the United States of the known requirements of the mission. He then participated in gathering complete mission information kits, coordinating routes with flight service centers, and preparation and presentation of complete briefings for flight crews. The intelligent analysis and thorough preparation devoted by members of the Combat Operations Center resulted in the wing's being able to dispatch the first aircraft within 15 minutes of receiving the execution order for "DOUBLE TROUBLE" operations in the Middle East. Despite saturation of communications facilities these personnel exercised initiative and imagination to maintain a constant flight following service for the troop carrier force. Sergeant Shoemaker remained on duty without rest or sleep for over 39 hours as 42 aircraft were dispatched from Ardmore, recalled, or diverted. His intense perseverance and dedicated devotion to duty contributed in large measure to the successful deployment of a Composite Air Strike Force whose presence significantly reduced the threat of aggression in Lebanon. By his efforts he has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.

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LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL

ACTIVITY GRADE

AFSN

Shoemaker, John L.

SSgt

AF25694028

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Facts and Specific Achievements: SSgt Shoemaker is well qualified in Teletype Operations and is now in training to obtain his seven level in his AFSC. When the 7117th Tactical Wing arrived Dreux Air Base 18 October 1961, the Base Communications Section was under a Dispersed Operating Base status. The 7117th Tactical Wing was short of communications personnel and unqualified. SSgt Shoemaker assumed the position of Communications Center Operations Superintendent, 29190. He assumed this position 19 October 1961 and is presently accomplishing all the coordination between each section. He has worked long hard hours to accomplish the mission of providing communication service for this installation. He works well with personnel assigned to him. He has rewritten operating instructions for all sections, coordinated planning programs through to complete installation. At present, he is rehabing the Communications Center to install on-line Encryption Facilities Plan 55. He is well versed in all phases of communications. He has mastered all duties with extensive knowledge of related positions and has shown his authority in his field by looking ahead for needs in the future by building new Communications Center. He is extremely efficient and follows through every phase of any duty to completion by exerting himself to any task required, by long hours, through research and by his knowledge of communications. He understands all instruction and doesn't hesitate or complain. When he receives them he immediately sets in motion the required action to accomplish. He develops a good "Team" feeling and is outstanding in promoting harmony in each section and individual he comes in contact with. He develops harmony in basketball and archery, in which he is a ardent participant. He readily assumes any responsibility and actively seeks added responsibilities. He has proven this time and again. When the 7117th Tactical Wing arrived Dreux Air Base, he had assumed all responsibilities other than Cryptographic Section and has actively accepted added responsibilities since last October. He is actively occupied in each section of Base Communications and has assumed responsibility in each and every section. His bearing and behavior in the Air Force exemplifies top military standards. His bearing is always above reproach. He is calm and never excitable at any decision. He has devoted his whole life to the Air Force. He attends church regularly. His moral standards are the highest, the kind you admire in any individual. His supervisory ability is outstanding. He has proven his effectiveness to obtain the maximum out of personnel and ability to obtain a high degree of harmony while accomplishing the work load. This was demonstrated prior to the arrival of 7117th Tactical Wing when the 7305th Support Squadron Unit Manning Document allowed only eleven men to operate all sections of Base Communications, when twenty is minimum under any circumstances. He is exceptionally effective in the utilization of all resources. By utilizing personnel and different shift work, he obtained as many work hours as possible. Money wise conscious in waste, he considers anything the government spends as his and uses forethought before any requisitions are processed. Rebuilds rather than salvage any equipment that can be saved and has a keen memory on things that can be obtained from other bases that is in dire need at Dreux Air Base but overage to the using organization, thereby, saving the government money and time by utilizing equipment which would otherwise be lost to salvage and disposed at a fraction of cost. SSgt Shoemaker is outstanding in his ability to communicate his ideas and Air Force policies to others. He can write and speak very concisely to excentuate any program, plans or new ideas obtained from other operations that effect the program of Base Communications. SSgt Shoemaker in my estimation by working with him, supervising him and observing every phase of his career life as one of the few outstanding airmen.

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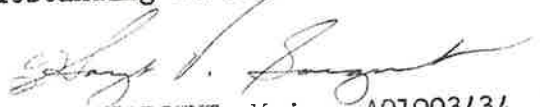
SECTION CONTINUATION (SECTION VII)

Strengths: In my estimation SSgt Shoemaker is one of the most competent airman I have ever known, which is backed by his conscientiousness and desire to improve himself and any people that work with him. He approaches any job with exactness, preciseness and completes any project the same way.

Educational and Training Accomplishments: SSgt Shoemaker is now taking Communications Center Specialist course in ECI course. During this reporting period he has also completed French language course to become bi-lingual and more proficient in his job as he is in direct coordination with French Postal and Telephone repairmen.

Suggested Assignments: SSgt Shoemaker can best serve the Air Force in the communications field, but recommend his assignment to higher echelon headquarters as a coordinator of communication matters. Specifically, his exactness and precision could be utilized to an advantage.

Other Comments: In conclusion, I recommend this airmen be promoted in reward for his outstanding devotion to the United States Air Force and his country.


HOYT V. SARGENT, Major, A01903434, 117th Operations Squadron, APO 84, New York, New York, Wing/Base Communications Officer, 30 June 1962

I. IDENTIFICATION DATA (Complete this form in accordance with AFM 39-62.)

1. LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL Shoemaker, John L.		2. AFSN AF25694028	3. GRADE SSgt	4. DATE OF GRADE 1 June 1955
5. ORGANIZATION, COMMAND AND LOCATION 7305th Support Squadron (USAF) Dreux Air Base, France		6. RESERVE WARRANT OR COMMISSION AND AFSN None		7. REASON FOR REPORT
8. PERIOD OF SUPERVISION		9. PERIOD OF REPORT FROM: TO:		

II. DUTIES: PAFSC **29150** DAFSC **29170** CAFSC **29150** NO. OF PERSONNEL SUPERVISED **6**
Current Duty: 29170 - Communication Center Supervisor.

III. PERFORMANCE QUALITIES (Rate each quality below by selecting the phrase most closely describing the airman's actual performance.)

1. HOW MUCH DOES HE KNOW ABOUT HIS ASSIGNED DUTIES? (Consider whether he has the technical "know-how"; knows what to do; knows the required steps.)					
<input type="radio"/> Not observed	<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge is inadequate. Requires continuous assistance.	<input type="checkbox"/> Knows only the routine duties. Makes present duties difficult.	<input type="checkbox"/> Knows all routine duties. Possesses extensive knowledge of more complex duties.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has mastered all duties with knowledge of related positions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has mastered all duties with extensive knowledge of related positions. Authority in his field.
2. HOW WELL DOES HE DO HIS ASSIGNED DUTIES? (Consider whether he is a careful worker; a thorough worker; checks his work.)					
<input type="radio"/> Not observed	<input type="checkbox"/> Lazy and inefficient. Produces unsatisfactory results.	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs prodding but completes most routine duties satisfactorily.	<input type="checkbox"/> Completes all assigned duties in a timely and satisfactory manner.	<input type="checkbox"/> Produces very high quantity and quality of work. Can be depended on to get the job done.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extremely efficient. Completes all duties in an outstanding manner.
3. HOW WELL DOES HE UNDERSTAND INSTRUCTIONS?					
<input type="radio"/> Not observed	<input type="checkbox"/> Simple instructions are usually misunderstood even though given in detail.	<input type="checkbox"/> Understands simple instructions, but hesitates to ask for clarification.	<input type="checkbox"/> Understands instructions when given in detail. Asks questions when in doubt.	<input type="checkbox"/> Correctly interprets rather difficult instructions. Needs very little assistance.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Understands all instructions. Needs no help.
4. HOW WELL DOES HE GET ALONG WITH OTHERS? (Consider ability and willingness to work in harmony for and with others.)					
<input type="radio"/> Not observed	<input type="checkbox"/> Refuses to get along with people. A troublemaker.	<input type="checkbox"/> Has difficulty in getting along with others. Sometimes creates friction.	<input type="checkbox"/> Pleasant to work with. Promotes harmony.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consistently works in harmony with others. An excellent team worker.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Develops a good "team" feeling. Outstanding ability to promote harmony.
5. HOW WELL DOES HE ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY? (for his own actions, the actions of his subordinates and the objectives of his organization.)					
<input type="radio"/> Not observed	<input type="checkbox"/> Completely unreliable. Fails to accept responsibilities assigned to him.	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepts most responsibilities, but must be specifically assigned.	<input type="checkbox"/> Accepts all assigned responsibilities and assumes added responsibilities when offered to him.	<input type="checkbox"/> Assumes full responsibility for all objectives. Often seeks out added responsibilities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assumes full responsibility for all objectives and actively seeks out added responsibilities.
6. DO HIS BEARING AND BEHAVIOR MEET AIR FORCE STANDARDS?					
<input type="radio"/> Not observed	<input type="checkbox"/> A discredit to himself and the Air Force.	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually passable. Occasionally he is lax.	<input type="checkbox"/> Conforms to Air Force standards.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sets an excellent example for others to follow.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding. He exemplifies top military standards.
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IV. NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER QUALITIES

1. HOW WELL DOES HE SUPERVISE? (Consider his efforts as a supervisor and leader to increase the performance of those he supervises.)					
<input type="radio"/> Not observed	<input type="checkbox"/> Weak and careless. A poor supervisor.	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually gets adequate results from subordinates.	<input type="checkbox"/> Obtains good results from his men. Controls unit efficiently.	<input type="checkbox"/> Succeeds under unusual or difficult circumstances. Secures high production.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outstanding ability to get the maximum out of his men and all available resources.
2. HOW WELL DOES HE UTILIZE RESOURCES? (Consider his ability to utilize effectively men, money, and materials under his control.)					
<input type="radio"/> Not observed	<input type="checkbox"/> Ineffective in the conservation of resources.	<input type="checkbox"/> Utilizes resources in a barely satisfactory manner.	<input type="checkbox"/> Conserves resources by implementing and maintaining routine management procedures.	<input type="checkbox"/> Is effective in accomplishing savings in resources by developing improved management procedures.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exceptionally effective in the utilization of resources.
3. HOW WELL DOES HE WRITE AND/OR SPEAK?					
<input type="radio"/> Not observed	<input type="checkbox"/> Unable to express thoughts clearly. Lacks organization.	<input type="checkbox"/> Expresses thoughts satisfactorily on routine matters.	<input type="checkbox"/> Usually organizes and expresses thoughts clearly and concisely.	<input type="checkbox"/> Consistently able to express ideas clearly.	<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding ability to communicate ideas to others.
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