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¹SACO – THE RICE PADDY NAVY, Stratton

²A DIFFERENT KIND OF WAR, Miles

³AMERICA'S WEATHER WARRIORS, Bates & Fuller

⁴THE RICE PADDY NAVY, Kush

⁵U.S. NAVAL GROUP CHINA, Frank Baillie, AEROGRAPH, May 1999, p 39

⁶National Archives, NARA (on-line) Naval Group China Muster Roll

⁷SAMPAN SAILOR, Clayton Mishler, ©1994

NOTE: 1. Rank is highest in NARA or among the other five sources.

2. Names are composites from all six sources.

3. Stratton was a Supply Corps Officer on RADM Miles staff and his book was published first. Miles stated he wrote his book about the big picture on SACO and Stratton was the best source for names.

4. Naval Group China Muster Roll: Last name & Initials only; Officers rank only, no specialty codes; all officers found; 5 Enlisted not found; O&E paygrades used as “official Navy documents.”

MORE “GEMS” from Frank Baillie’s article cited above:
(Frank Baillie was an Associate Member of the SACO Association)

FLYING TIGER Aerographers

On 24 July 1942 (?) three Navy Aerographers were released from active duty to report to the Central Aircraft Manufacturing Co. of New York. These three, along with two Army weather observers [possibly Walter C. Jourdan & Kenneth R. Moss] became the

Aerological branch of the American Volunteer Group, better known as the “Flying Tigers.” They were AerM2 D.A. Whelpley, AerM3 A.W. Fritzke and AerM3 R.S. Richardson.

[FYI: flyingtigersavg.com confirms Whelpley; lists Fritzke as an Armorer; Richardson not found.]

Aerographers became Aerographers Mates (AerM) on 08 Aug 1942, per Circular Letter 113-42.

AGs arrive; the Aerographer’s Mate rating abbreviation AerM was changed to **AG** by Circular Letter 106-48 on 09 June 1948. [This was a major change in the NAMES/abbreviations in the enlisted structure.] S 1/c, S 2/c and AS became AN, AA and AR [in Aviation Group IX].

AGs Depart [China] – On 15 April 1949, Fleet Weather Central Shanghai [opened in Glen Line Bldg. in late August 1945] was disestablished as Chinese Communist forces took over the country. Personnel from Fleet Weather Central and the Kang Wan airfield joined COMNAVWESTPAC staff personnel and ship’s company in **USS ELDORADO** [AGC-11] to make it one of the largest known groups of AGs on any ship. CAPT Paul Droulihet USN, COMNAVWESTPAC Staff Aerologist was the senior weatherman present. CAPT Droulihet had relieved CAPT Irwin Francis Beyerly who had been the last CO of SACO. FWC Shanghai: CO CDR K.F. Lafferty, XO LCDR E.H. Potter, LT R.G. Terwilliger, LT(j.g.) R.C. Parker, WO Willard VanBuskirk, AGC Arthur “Red” Thomas (X-SACO), AG1s Marvin White and Jimmy Whittemore; AG2s Robert R. Collins, E.J. Freed, L.M. Rodney Homan, Cal Marder, and Don R Wise; AG3s H.D. Camp, B.F. Ellis, R.H. Houtalen, M.W. Thomas, J.R. Young, M.E. Pope, E.J. Ed Rosseau, “Willy” Thompson and V.J. Stice. Kang Wan airfield: AG3s **Frank** Baillie, McCaffrey and Tarnow. COMNAVWESTPAC staff and USS ELDORADO crew: AGC Jack Tanner, AG2 Fred Farnsworth, AG3 **Frank Baillie**, AGANs Bill Willis and Leocaido Galang. Aerographers

Mates “took a number” in order to do weather work while enroute to Tsingtao.