

Allen I. Brazelton, USAF, SMSgt (retired)

Early Years & WWII: Allen Brazelton was born in Phillips, WI on 2 February 1920. He served 2 years, in the Civilian Conservation Corps at Camp Riley Creek near Fildfield, WI. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps at Wausau, WI on 2 January 1942. Allen completed Basic Training at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, MO. He then joined the



312th Air Service Group, part of the 94th Bomb Group (H), as they moved from Jackson Army Airbase, MS, Columbia Army Airbase, SC, and Lakeland Army Airbase, FL. In April 1943, Allen's unit departed Camp Sampson, near New York City aboard the Queen Elizabeth arriving in Gourock, Scotland just west of Glasgow after 4 1/2 days at sea.

In England, Allen was initially assigned to the 312th Air Service Group at

RAF Earls Colne, just northwest of Colchester. Then after just a month there, the 94th Bomb Group (H) moved to their permanent base at RAF Rougham just outside Bury St. Edmunds. In December 1943, after a reorganization Allen found himself in the 453rd Sub-Depot at Rougham as their First Sergeant until Mar 1945. On 1 January 1944, Allen was promoted to Master Sergeant, just two years after enlisting in the Army Air Corps. In April 1945 another reorganization left Allen in the 312th Air Base Group and he served as the Group Sergeant Major until July 1945.

Allen returned to the U.S. in July 1945, and after a long leave, he reenlisted at Camp McCoy, WI on 21 October 1945. He married his Scottish sweetheart, Annie Trotter in Kircaldy, Scotland in 1946 and was then assigned as NCOIC, Manning Branch, HQ USAFE at Wiesbaden, Germany (1946-1947). They moved to Turner Field, Albany, GA and Allen served as Administrative Assistant to the Group Commander, 31st Maintenance & Supply Group (1947-1948).

3450th Technical Training Wing: Allen reported to Francis E. Warren AFB, in Cheyenne, WY as an instructor on Thanksgiving Day, November 1948. While with the 3450th, Allen wrote the military law portion of the initial course for the 702xx career field. Subsequently, Allen

taught military law and management for the 702xx course until February 1951. In March 1951, the 3450th Technical Training Wing sent Allen for duty at Oklahoma A&M University in Stillwater, OK where he was a school liaison for the USAF technical training program at A&M.

Overseas & Back Again: The rest of Allen's USAF career included assignments in Europe, and elsewhere:

- May 1952 to June 1953, Headquarters AIRSOUTH in Florence, Italy where he was NCOIC, Current Operations Branch, J3. In July 1953, Allen moved to Naples, Italy, as ARSOUTH was relocated south.
- May 1954 to June 1955, Chief Clerk, Communications Division, Headquarters, 4th ATAF, Trier, Germany.
- July 1955 to July 1958, Chief Clerk, Material Division, HQ, 3rd AF, RAF South Ruislip, England.
- August 1958 to September 1961, NCOIC for Administration, Air Reserve Center in Grand Rapids, MI.
- October 1961 to October 1965, NCOIC, Mail & Records Division, HQ CONAC, Robins AFB, GA.
- November 1965 to July 1968, Housing Officer, 10th Tactical Recon Wing, RAF Alconbury, England.

Post Military: After retiring from the USAF, with 26 1/2 years, Allen worked as a scale operator and payroll clerk for McLean Construction Company in Superior, WI from August 1968 until March 1971. From April 1971 until his full retirement in January 1984, Allen worked as a bookkeeper and tax advisor. He currently lives in Eau Claire, WI, though he frequently visits his son, a retired USAF Colonel in Yorktown, VA. His grandson is a USAF KC-10 pilot and LtCol serving in Bagram, Afghanistan, and his granddaughter is an Nurse Manager at Carolina Medical Center in Charlotte, NC. Allen has 4 great-grandchildren ranging in age from 13 to a newborn.

