


SWORN STATEMENT CONT'D

I then told Mr Hart that if Airman Bulger's work continued to be sub-standard that paper work should be prepared indicating so. I then told Airman Bulger that the matter was entirely in his hands, and that his actions would dictate the outcome. His answer was "Yes" when asked if he understood. He was then ordered back to work.


THOMAS L. CHAMBERS
Captain, USAF
Acft Maint Officer

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE 1952.


JOHN N. BAKER
Major, USAF

HEADQUARTERS
53D STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, MEDIUM, WEATHER
APO 856, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

19 June 1952

SUBJECT: Action under Provisions of AFR 39-30

TO: A/2C James J. Bulger, AF 11 182 966
53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, Weather
APO 856, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

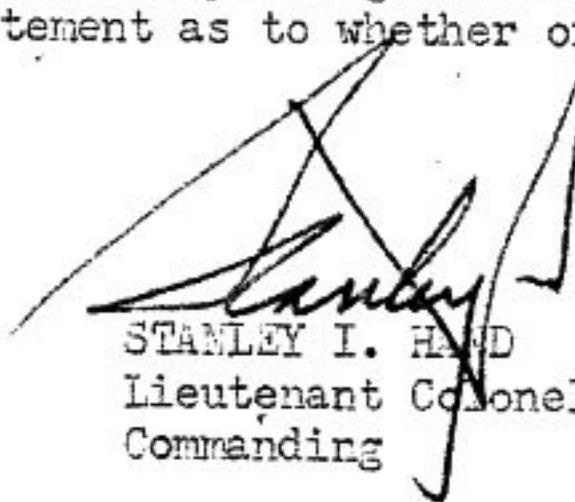
1. It has been brought to my attention that during the past several weeks, your manner of performance of duties has become substandard. It is therefore my intention to reduce you to the grade of Airman Third Class under the provisions of paragraph 17b, Air Force Regulation 39-30, dated 24 March 1950, for the specific reasons set forth below:


a. A marked reluctance on your part to discharge your duties in other than a haphazard manner.

b. A substandard attitude.

c. A decided indifference to discharge the responsibilities of an airman of your grade.

2. You will acknowledge receipt and understanding of this letter by indorsement hereon within twenty-four (24) hours. You will include in your indorsement all reasons or evidence you might have to justify retention of your current grade and a statement as to whether or not you desire a personal hearing.


STANLEY I. HAND
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
Commanding



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

29 July 1952

THRU: A-1
TO: Wing Inspector
FROM: SJA
SUBJECT: Personal Complaint (A/3C James J. Bulger)

1. I have reviewed the attached personal complaint of A/3C James J. Bulger, and the resulting investigation.

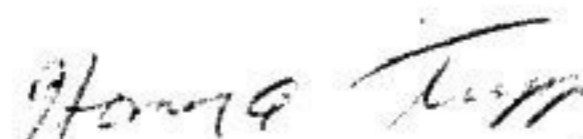
2. It does appear that the Squadron Commander was hasty in the choice of action originally taken with respect to the specific incident which has resulted in the present situation. However, be that as it may, his administrative action, in my opinion, is proper and while the basis for the action is not as strong as it could have been, there is sufficient evidence presented to justify his action.

3. Considerable testimony has been presented both for and against Bulger. Sifting through the testimony, it is not too difficult to understand how the Squadron Commander came to his conclusion. The majority of junior airmen give, in my opinion, the "expected" type of testimony. They have not the maturity nor the experience to evaluate properly and fully appreciate what is expected in way of performance of duty and what may be "detrimental to the morale" of an organization. Accordingly, it must be expected that they would be sympathetic with one of their fellow airmen of equal experience and maturity. In view of this, I see no reason to take issue with the Squadron Commander's opinion as to weight of evidence on a matter on which he is authorized to take action.

4. My recommendation is that the action by the Squadron Commander be concurred with and that Bulger be advised that his complaint is without merit.

s/ Joseph Buchta
t/ Lt Colonel, USAF
Staff Judge Advocate

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HOMER A. TRIPP
Capt, USAF

HEADQUARTERS
53D STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, MEDIUM, WEATHER
APO 856, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

10 June 1952

SUBJECT: Disciplinary Punishment

TO: A/2C James J. Bulger, AF 11 182 966
53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, Weather
APO 856, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. It has been reported that you were derelict in the performance of your duty in that you failed to perform duties promptly as ordered, for the past several days.

2. I propose to impose punishment upon you pursuant to Article 15 as to such offense unless trial by court-martial is demanded. You will acknowledge receipt of this communication by indorsement through proper channels, and you will state therein whether you demand trial in lieu of action under Article 15. You may submit any matter in mitigation, extenuation, of defense.

STANLEY I. HAMB
Lieutenant Colonel, USAF
Commanding

1st Ind

13 June 1952

A/2C James J. Bulger, AF 11 182 966, 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, Weather, APO 856, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

TO: Commanding Officer, 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium, Weather, APO 856, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

I refuse Article 15 and demand a Summary Courts Martial, on the grounds that I am innocent of above charges.

A TRUE COPY

Homer A. Tripp

HOMER A. TRIPP
Capt, USAF

James J. Bulger
James J. Bulger
A/2C., AF 11 182 966

B/Ltr Fr Hqs, 53d SRS, Subj: Action under Provisions of AFR 39-30,
dtd 19 Jun 52.

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23 June 1952

A/2C James J. Bulger, 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium,
Weather, APO 856, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

TO: Commanding Officer, 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium,
Weather, APO 856, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Receipt acknowledged of this correspondence 23 June 1952.

James J. Bulger
A/3C, AF 11 162 966

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

Unclassified

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Complaint of Airman

TO Commanding Officer, BBC

FROM Wing Inspector

DATE 30 Jul 52

COMMENT NO. 1

1. The attached complaint of A/3c James J. Bulger, formerly of the 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, is forwarded under the provisions of paragraph 36F, AFR 123-1, since it has not been resolved at a lower echelon.

2. The statements of Airman Bulger and those called as his witnesses are in opposition to the statements from the 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron.

3. It will be noted that there is apparently some confusion within the 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron as to when to take punitive action, and when to use administrative action in disciplining their personnel. Disciplinary action, which leaves the impression that the squadron will take demotion action against a man no matter what procedures are required, is not considered wise.

4. Statements by the squadron bring out the facts that:

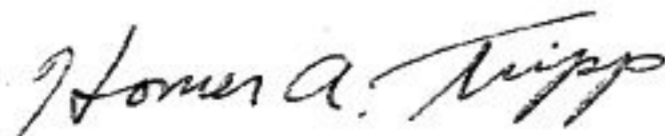
- a. Action was taken hastily.
- b. Punitive action was started.
- c. Facts were not sufficient to support punitive action.
- d. To achieve the squadron's purpose, administrative action was taken.

5. There is considerable testimony, however, to support the action taken by the Squadron Commander, and there would have been no grounds for a complaint had administrative action been taken at the outset.

6. It is requested that the action taken be reviewed, and returned to this office with your comments so that subject airman may be advised of action taken prior to his departure, which is scheduled for 4 August 1952.

s/ Homer A. Tripp
t/ HOMER A. TRIPP
Capt, USAF
Wing Inspector (Acting)

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HOMER A. TRIPP
Capt, USAF

201 FVR

242.4 (28 Feb 50) 1st Ind 8973/JTS/dep/151
Subject: Collection of Payment for Monetary Allowance
in lieu of Subsistence for Enlisted Man, Absent Without
Leave, and Guards

3759th Training Squadron, 3750th Technical Training Group,
Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, 8 March 1950

TO: Accounting and Disbursing Office, 3750th Technical
Training Wing, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas

WFO number 47, dated 7 March 1950 was submitted by
this Squadron.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GORDON W. BEARD
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

B/Ltr fr Hqrs, 53d SRS, Subj: Action under Provisions of AFR 39-50,
dtd 19 Jun 52.

1st Ind

21 June 1952.

A/2C James J. Bulger, AF 11 182 966, 53d Strategic Reconnaissance
Squadron, Medium, Weather, APO 856, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

TO: Commanding Officer, 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium,
Weather, APO 856, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York.

1. Receipt and understanding are hereby acknowledged.
2. I desire a personal hearing.



James J. Bulger
A/2C, AF 11 182 966

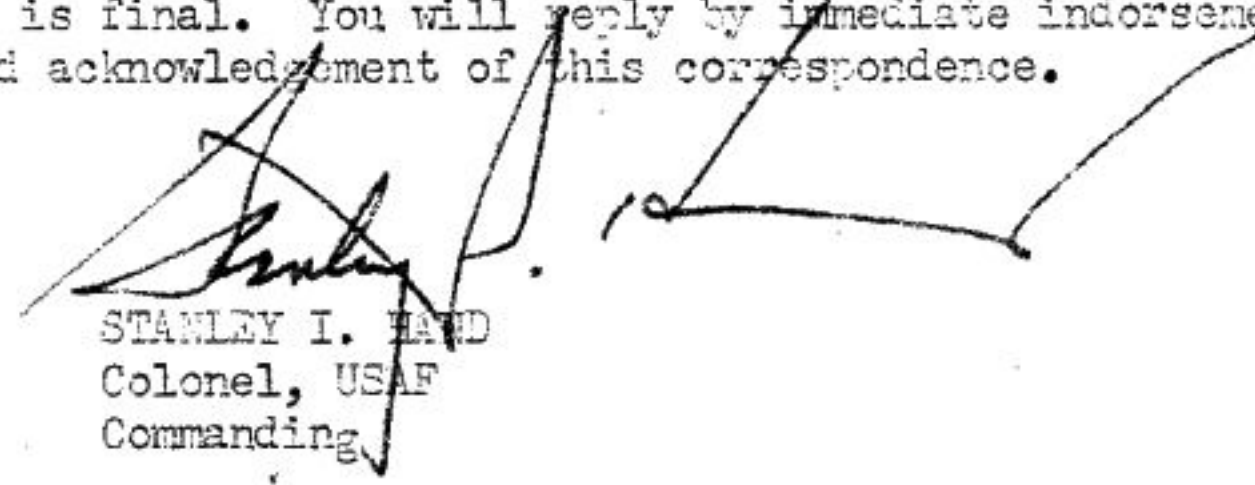
2d Ind

23 June 1952

HEADQUARTERS, 53D STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, MEDIUM, WEATHER, APO
856, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

TO: A/2C James J. Bulger, 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium,
Weather, APO 856, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. Under provisions of paragraph 15a 4, of Air Force Regulation 39-30A
dated 3 July 1950, I am reducing you to the grade of Airman Third Class.
2. All testimony has been carefully reviewed by me and the action
taken in paragraph 1 above is final. You will reply by immediate indorsement
indicating your receipt and acknowledgement of this correspondence.



STANLEY I. HAND
Colonel, USAF
Commanding

B/Ltr Fr Hqs, 53d SRS, Subj: Action under Provisions of AFR 39-30,
dtd 19 Jun 52.

3d Ind

23 June 1952

A/2C James J. Bulger, 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium,
Weather, APO 856, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

TO: Commanding Officer, 53d Strategic Reconnaissance Squadron, Medium,
Weather, APO 856, c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Receipt acknowledged of this correspondence 23 June 1952.

James J. Bulger
A/3C, AF 11 162 966

14 June 1952
53 RD Street. Recon.

To: Commanding Officer
53 RD Street. Recon. Sqdn.
Col. Stanley L. Hand

Subject

Denial of Duty

Below are the signatures of men who will testify on my behalf to the above charge.

- George J. [unclear] S/Sgt ✓
- James E. Bradley A/3C ✓
- [unclear] ✓
- [unclear] ✓
- [unclear] S/Sgt ✓
- [unclear] A/3C ✓
- Randall [unclear] S/Sgt ✓
- Clayton Mc [unclear] A/3C ✓
- Henry [unclear] A/3C ✓
- Robert [unclear] S/Sgt ✓
- Arthur [unclear] A/3C ✓
- George [unclear] S/Sgt ✓
- [unclear] A/3C ✓
- Carl [unclear] A/3C ✓
- Marlowe [unclear] S/Sgt ✓
- William [unclear] A/3C ✓

Signed: A/3C James J. Butler