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WING TIPS

REDCAP (ELT Search): Early in the afternoon of 22 September, Lt. Col. Jeremy Langrock, a mission pilot, was flying a South Dakota Wing (SDWG) aircraft on a maintenance mission across the state from Sioux Falls to Rapid City. Near Pierre he was alerted by the Minneapolis Air Traffic Control Center that an emergency locator beacon (ELT) had been reported active in the vicinity of Pierre. Upon checking using both the radio and the aircraft’s radio-direction-finding gear Langrock confirmed an ELT was indeed active. Since he was on a maintenance flight and there was no report of a missing aircraft or other indications that this was an urgent situation he continued on to Rapid City. The Wing staff contacted the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) at Tyndall AFB, Florida, and described the situation. Though the AFRCC typically doesn't authorize an ELT search unless three unrelated reports have been filed they went ahead and gave SDWG a mission on the strength of Langrock's report. The nearest Ground Team was in the Pierre area at the Pierre Composite Squadron. 1st Lt. Richard Rezac quickly assembled a Ground Team which conducted a ramp check at the Pierre Regional Airport then expanded its search out from the airport. A SDWG aircraft was launched out of Rapid City crewed by Lt. Col. Langrock and 1st Lt. Jerry Hayden. When the aircraft arrived in the Pierre area radio contact was made with the Ground Team and a coordinated search was conducted for approximately 45 minutes. Neither the aircraft nor the Ground Team received any hint of a signal despite being in the location where the aircraft had originally heard the beacon. At this point, with no additional data points and no reports of missing or overdue aircraft the search was called off and the SDWG aircraft and Ground Team returned to base. Speculation is that it could have been an ELT accidentally set off on the ground during maintenance or from a hard landing by a private aircraft, which when discovered was subsequently turned off. Although the search was not productive it highlighted our readiness both in the air and on the ground. We were out in the field within an hour of getting the mission. Thanks to our aircrew and Ground Team members who actively participated in the search, especially to Col. Small, the initial Incident Commander and to Lt. Col. Rick Larson who took over as Incident Commander later in the mission.



LEFT: REDCAP GROUND TEAM (L-R)- REZAC, SALINAS, AINSLIE, HALL AND CROWSER

RIGHT: USING HAND-HELD RADIO-DIRECTION-FINDING DEVICE TO SEARCH FOR THE ELT SIGNAL



- **EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING WEEKEND:** From 31 August through 1 September, members of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron in Brookings conducted an Emergency Services Training Weekend at Lake Benton, MN. The event was geared toward training cadets in areas of land navigation, radio-direction-finding, and other emergency services skills. Cadets were able to display proficiency in the tasks learned during the weekend. Senior members and cadets alike had fun during the course, and we plan to conduct training weekends for our squadron in the future.

★ ★ PROMOTIONS ★ ★

Senior Member Promotion



Congratulations to Richard Rezac of Highmore, a member of Pierre Composite Squadron, who due to his receipt of the Amelia Earhart Award as a cadet, has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant!

Cadet Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Annabelle Klosterman of Brandon, a member of Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on her promotion to the rank of Cadet Major!



Congratulations to Isaiah Klosterman of Brandon, a member of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet First Lieutenant!

Cadet Noncommissioned Officer Promotions



Congratulations to Lydia Klosterman of Brandon, a member of the Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on her promotion to Cadet Senior Master Sergeant and receipt of the General Jimmy Doolittle Award!





Congratulations to Daniel Willison of Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Master Sergeant and receipt of the Charles Lindbergh Award!



Congratulations to Nolan Rohl of Bruce, a member of Big Sioux Composite Squadron, on promotion to the rank of Cadet Technical Sergeant and receipt of the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Award!



Congratulations to Devin Griffin of Black Hawk, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron on his promotion to the rank of Cadet Staff Sergeant and receipt of the Wright Brothers Award!



Cadet Airman Promotions



Congratulations to Matthew Tracy of Summerset, a member of the Rushmore Composite Squadron and to Preston Drew of Custer, a member of the Crazy Horse Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Senior Airman and receipt of the Mary Feik Award!



Congratulations to Timothy Daene of Sioux Falls and to Keon Den Hoed of Boyden, both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, on their promotion to the rank of Cadet Airman First Class and receipt of the General Hap Arnold Award!



Congratulations to Hannah Decker of Tea and Mesha Horsa of Sioux Falls, both members of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, to Adalida, Noah and Patience Hovland, all of Edgemont and all members of Crazy Horse Composite Squadron (Custer), and Kade Vandusseldorp of Pierre, a member of Pierre Composite Squadron, on promotion to Cadet Airman and receipt of the General John F. Curry Award!



★ ★ KUDOS ★ ★



Congratulations to Cadet Captain Kyle Clement of Sioux Falls, a member of Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, who soloed on 10 September on the way to earning a private pilot's license. Kyle has been receiving flight instruction in Tea and has self-funded his training.



Congratulations Cadet Second Lieutenant Sydnie Cloutier of Sioux Falls, a member of the Sioux Falls Composite Squadron, who soloed at the Lincoln County airport. Flying on a squadron scholarship, her first flight was in April. It all came together with three perfect full-stop landings.

