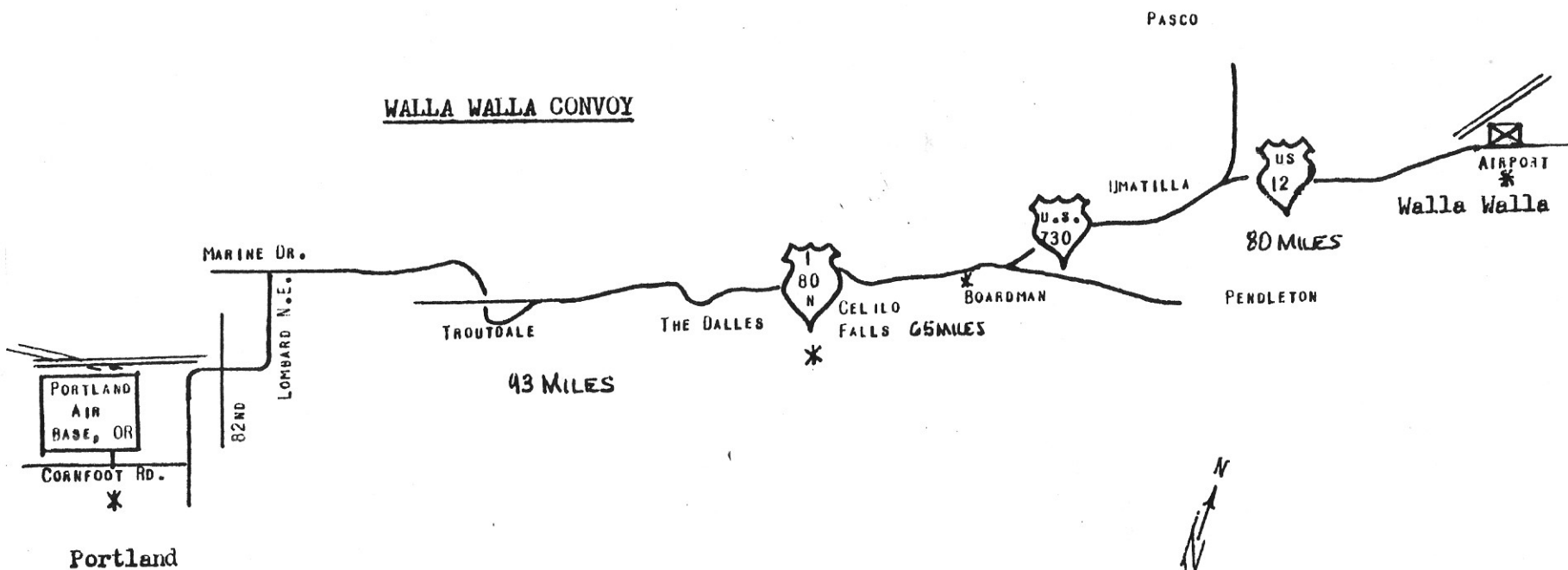


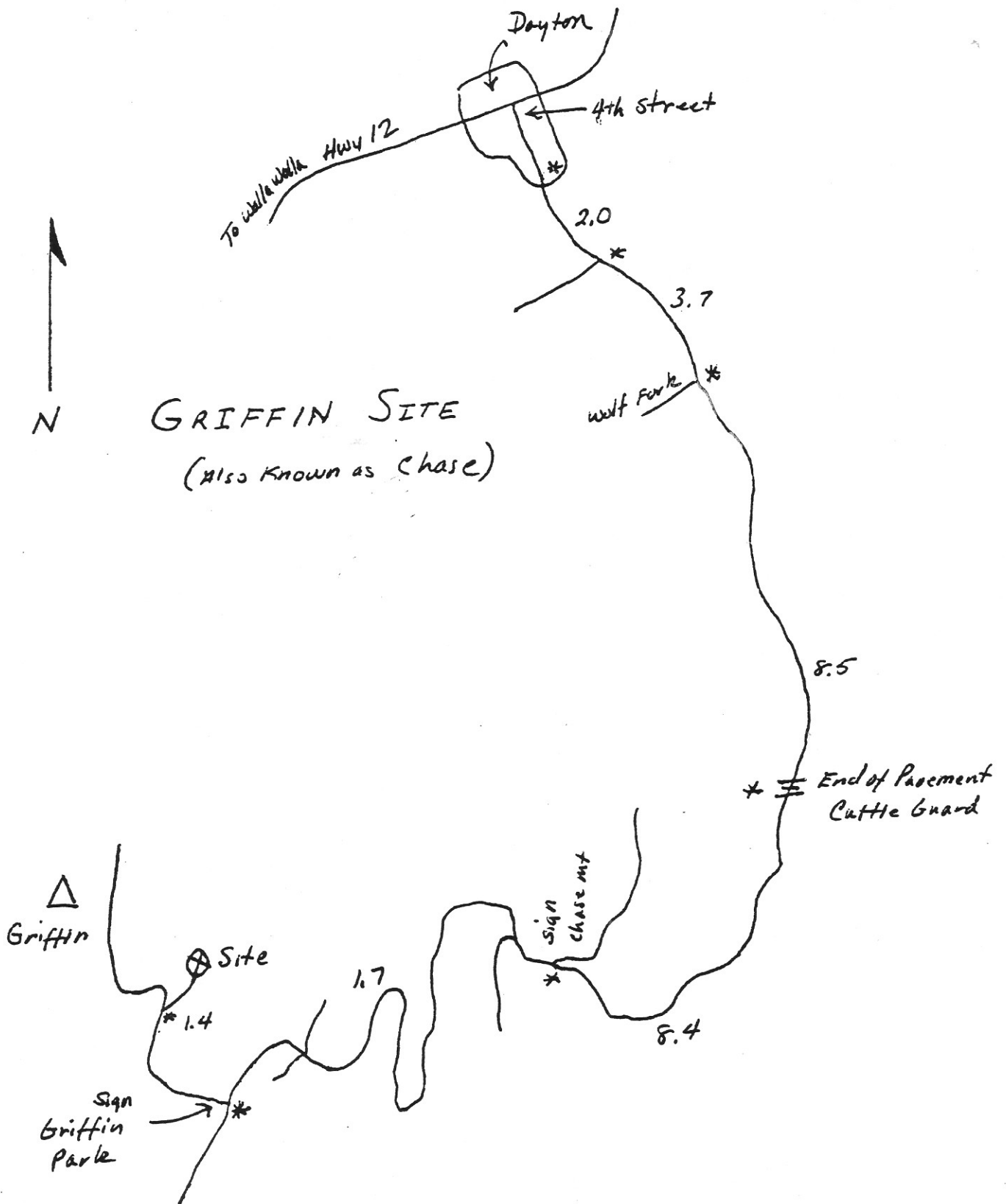
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REPLY TO  
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SUBJECT : Letter of Appreciation

TO : 244 CCS/CC

1. I am extremely pleased to see the good activity your organization is developing in making exhibits available at various county fairs in the Portland area. I am quite certain that with your good leadership, these exhibits will result in interesting young people to join the ranks of the Oregon Air National Guard.

2. I congratulate you on your ability to quickly organize a well-rounded program of exhibits as an aid to our recruiting program.

*Patrick E. O'Grady*

PATRICK E. O'GRADY, Brig Gen, OreANG  
Commander

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10 Dec 77

Outstanding Airman Nomination (E-1 thru E-3)

HQ OreANG

1. Airman First Class Debra M. Engle has been selected as the 244th Combat Communications Squadron Outstanding Airman for 1977 and is nominated as the Oregon Air National Guard Airman of the Year.

2. ALC Engle is assigned to the 244th CMBTCS medical section as a Medical Service Technician. As a weekend guardsman she has distinguished herself through her positive and enthusiastic attitude toward the guard program and toward the responsibilities of the medical section in supporting our unit mission.

3. ALC Engle has worked aggressively to become qualified in her career field and is regarded as highly knowledgeable medical technician. She is actively involved in the unit's efforts to upgrade CPR training for all Squadron personnel and in the realignment and concentrated medical/administrative processing of personnel IAW the unit's new training program. ALC Engle volunteered much personal time supporting unit recruiting displays during the recent "Get Your Guard Up" campaign.

4. ALC Engle is presently a medical assistant with the Portland Para-Medical Center and is active in Public Free Clinic work. She attends Bryman Institute as a student in nursing.

5. ALC Engle is an excellent example of the "Citizen Soldier" and a valuable asset to this organization. I am proud to recommend she be selected as the Oregon Air National Guard Outstanding Airman for 1977.

*Gene A. Katke*

GENE A. KATKE, Major, OreANG  
Commander

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10 Dec 77

Outstanding Senior Airman Nomination (E4 thru E6)

HQ OreANG

1. Technical Sergeant George M. Hopper has been selected as the 244th Combat Communications Squadron Outstanding Senior Airman for 1977 and is nominated as the Oregon Air National Guard Senior Airman of the year.
2. TSG Hopper supervises the 244th CMBTCS food service section. Under his leadership, this vital function has consistently supported the Squadron and the 252 Combat Communications Group with superior food service both on base and under adverse field conditions.
3. Every field commander knows and appreciates the singular importance of food service support to mission effectiveness and also understands the difficulty support personnel must have in identifying with and relating to the unit mission. TSG Hopper has developed a self-motivated, highly professional section which performs an important but often unheralded service for this unit. As a result, in an organization of some eighteen separate functional areas, the food service section, under TSG Hopper enjoys perhaps the highest confidence level among the officers and enlisted men.
4. TSG Hopper is the head chef at the Oregon State Boys School, McClaren. His ability to work with young men is demonstrated through the role of an informal counselor at the school.
5. TSG Hopper is an outstanding example of career "Citizen Soldier" that this unit is justly proud of. I wholeheartedly recommend he be selected as the Oregon Air National Guard Outstanding Senior Airman for 1977.

*Gene A. Katke*  
GENE A. KATKE, Major, OreANG  
Commander

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10 Dec 77

Outstanding Senior NCO Nomination (E-7 thru E-9)

HQ OreANG

1. MSG Robert H. Kehler has been selected as the 244th Combat Communications Squadron Outstanding Senior NCO for 1977 and is nominated as the Oregon Air National Guard Senior NCO of the Year.

2. MSG Kehler is assigned to the squadron's largest maintenance section, ground radio maintenance, with an authorized strength of 47 people. His leadership and training abilities have made a substantial contribution to the mission effectiveness and dependability of this our "back bone" section. As a result of his aggressive leadership, the section has provided well maintained and reliable mobile radio relay facilities to meet 'Jack Frost 77' JCS exercise requirements, 252 CMETCG 36-hour and ORI deployments, Mt Hood National Forest fire support requirements and a vigorous recruiting display program.

3. MSG Kehler was instrumental in the development and implementation of an effective training program in response to a new training concept plan recently developed by this unit. To accomplish this task, MSG Kehler personally developed a thorough set of task breakdowns, job proficiency guides and detailed lesson plans, all of which are aimed at maximizing the training of weekend guardsmen in the limited time available. The quality of this training program has generated a high degree of enthusiasm among section personnel, particularly those in upgrade training status. As a result, improvements are already apparent in UTA attendance, involvement of weekend supervisors and trainees, personnel retention interest and in the upward flow of technically qualified personnel.

4. MSG Kehler is responsible for an innovation in the use of the AN/TRC-97 TROPO radio antenna for use in this unit's recruiting displays during the "Get Your Guard Up" campaign. He designed and implemented a method of mounting this antenna on the back of a 2½ ton truck, substantially reducing the time and effort necessary to deploy and erect the antenna. This savings of time enabled the unit to utilize the antenna as an excellent attraction during our recruiting efforts and has the further potential of improving mission effectiveness in combat communications.

5. MSG Kehler is currently active in the Pacific Northwest Council Boy Scouts of America and in the amateur radio operations field.

6. MSG Kehler combines an enthusiastic and positive attitude with the ability to identify mission goals and the adaptability to exploit new training opportunities and techniques. Since training is our primary responsibility, I can think of no better commendation. It is with great pride that I recommend he be selected as the Oregon Air National Guard Outstanding Senior NCO for 1977.

*Gene A. Katke*

GENE A. KATKE, Major, OreANG  
Commander





244th Combat Communications Squadron (Contingency)

**OUTSTANDING UNIT SENIOR NCO 1977**

Master Sergeant **Robert H. Kehler**