



# Who's Who of Ballooning

By Ebert Fecks

**ANDERSON, Orvil Arson** USA #1080 (1885-1965) (GB)  
 See APPENDIX-AA/AP/AR. Military balloonist.  
 b: 2 May 1885 Springville, UT;  
 d: 23 Aug.1965 Maxwell AFB, AL.  
 e: Brigham Young University.  
 s: U.S. Army Officer, Enlisted 1917, Ret. Major General.; Strong life-long advocate of L.T.A.; Commandant of Air War College, Maxwell AFB, 1946-50; Dep. Commander of the Eighth Air Force, 1944-45; Founder of the "Air-War College", Maxwell AFB.  
 f: FAI-ACA B-License #1080 issued 31 May 1934; Balloon instructor for 59th Balloon Company; Airship pilot 1920; Flew Rigid airships 1920-30; Airplane pilot 1924.  
 l: Sport & Scientific balloonist; made two high altitude flights; Dir. of Airforce Historical Society, Maxwell AFB; Retired after announcing to the press that: "he could break up Russia's nuclear project within one week.  
 h: Distinguished Flying Cross, with Oak Leaf Cluster.  
 l: Author of "Air War in the Pacific."  
 m: Executive Director of the Air Force Historical Foundation 1951-65. \*\*\*Epic flight Fall 1922 in airship TC-13. Made the first transcontinental USA of an airship as commander in both directions. \*\*\*Epic flight 28 Jul.1934 in "Explorer-I. Made emergency parachute jump when the balloon ruptured at 30,000'. r: NASM-files; NT-25 Aug 1965p39c4; Who's Who in Aviation 1942-43; BF-V13#4p3.