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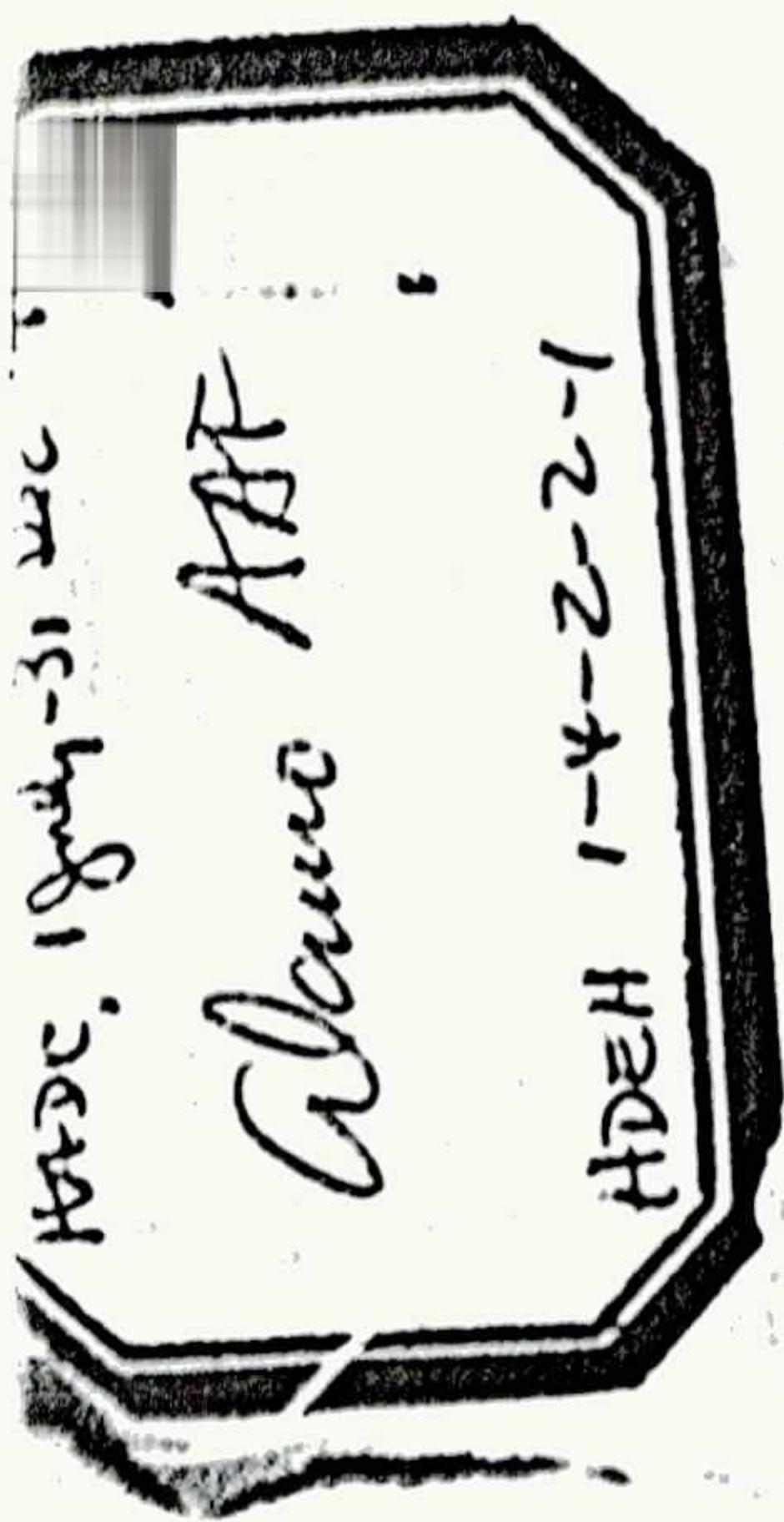
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AIR INSPECTOR

A clerk-stenographer, Miss Mary Frances Casias, was assigned to this office 23 July 1947.

Capt. Billy Sergeant, 103rd Weather Group visited the base this month for the purpose of inspecting weather activities and Mr. G. G. Evans, Chief of Ground Safety, Wright Field, Ohio, for the purpose of inspecting and inquiring into Ground Safety Activities.

Capt. Dwight H. Gates, O-496802, was assigned duty as Technical Inspector this office, 26 August 1947, T/Sgt. Erice Bennett, 34198568 as Maintenance Inspector and S/Sgt. Donald A. Pound, 6941659 as Supply Inspector.

In September the Air Inspectors office was moved from building 200 to building 31 (Headquarters).

S/Sgt. Pound was relieved of duties from this office 15 October 1947. This office had no visitors during the month.

During November, the mission of the Air Inspector's office remaining the same, arrangements and preparations were made for the Annual Air Inspection by Headquarters Air Materiel Command, scheduled for 8 December 1947.

An Inspection Chart was prepared to be used effective with the January 1948 inspections.

Mary F. Casias, clerk-steno, resigned her position 14 November.

A complete inspection of all activities at this station was not accomplished for November, owing to the shortage of one (1) clerk-

steno, one (1) administrative inspector, and one (1) supply technician. Duties normally performed by the clerk-steno were accomplished by the Administrative Specialist (502) (administrative inspector), resulting in few administrative inspections. Also, inspections normally carried on by the Supply Inspector (821) were accomplished by the Technical Inspector (7536), resulting in few inspections of Projects Division and Maintenance Division.

An Inspection team, headed by Lt. Colonel Luther M. Bivins, from Headquarters Air Materiel Command, conducted the Annual Air Inspection of this Field during the period 8-12 December 1947. The Report of Annual Air Inspection was answered after receiving answers and/or comments from the various sections with regard to the irregularities and deficiencies reported by the inspectors.

A schedule for the January inspections was prepared.

Virginia Clausen, clerk-steno, was assigned to the Air Inspector's office, 3 December 1947.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Public Relations continued as in the past, with press releases of a general nature.

The Public Relations officer attended all meetings of local organizations in Alamogordo.

STATISTICAL CONTROL OFFICE

The Statistical Control Office has carried out its normal duties of controlling, consolidating, and auditing all reports made at this station. It has also endeavored to insure that basic records for all organizations on the base are complete and accurate so that reports to higher headquarters will present a true picture.

One additional enlisted man was assigned this month, MOS 502.

To date a Statistical Control Officer has not been assigned, somewhat impeding its mission.

Major G. D. Specht, 0479447, transferred from Rapid City, S. D., was assigned Statistical Control Officer, 30 August 1947. During the month this office continued to carry out its normal duties.

Major G. D. Specht, was transferred to ORD Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, 25 November 1947. Captain C. T. Coleman was assigned additional duties Statistical Control Officer.

During December an inspection team from AMC inspected this activity. They recommended that more Statistical presentations be prepared and that the functions of Cost Accounting be performed by the Statistical Control Office. It was also recommended by the inspection team that a qualified Statistical Officer and additional personnel be obtained to accomplish above recommendations.

A qualified Statistical Control Officer has been requested.

Purchasing and Contracting

On July 1th, this office handled the preparation and disposition of the remains of Sgt. Louis E. Stigmer, RA33763331 of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. Death was caused by an accidental gunshot wound. Death occurred at 1757, 9 July, remains were prepared and shipment to destination made at 2050, 10 July, due to arrive at 1759 13 July. The remains were consigned to M. J. McLaughlin Company Inc., 142 South Washington St., Wilkes Barre, Pa., as desired by Mrs. Erma Stanley Krasge, Aunt of the deceased.

A Staff meeting was held early this month to check on Base Regulations pertaining to Purchasing and Contracting, prepare an up-to-date functional chart, lookout for conservation of water.

Contract for electric service # W9-Eng-630 has been discontinued as of 24 July. The Government for its convenience has initiated a new contract #W41-1962 (SC VIII)-77 with United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Amarillo, Texas.

Capt. Allen, Purchasing and Contracting Office, has been granted leave, 11-15 August.

This office has in accordance with instructions from Procurement Branch, Headquarters Air Materiel Command, re-advertised, soliciting bids for the job of preparing for storage, packing and crating Quartermaster laundry Machinery Equipment.

Linde Air Products Company advised this office that they would be able to supply this base with Nitrogen and Hydrogen gas providing we could determine the requirements for a months supply and advising them. This request has been complied with.

Mr. Baca has been added to the Force, effective 28 July 1947. Mr. Baca transferred from White Sands Proving Ground.

Mr. L. J. Bonifera of the Electric and Mechanical Supply Company, El Paso has been added to our bidders list on electrical and other supplies. Mr. Orr, representative for American Grocery Co., El Paso, Texas, was contacted by Mr. Gomez, Purchasing Agent, and has placed an order for a number of items required for the commissary. Mr. Orr will make regular visits to solicit our business and has promised good delivery action.

On August 5th a conference was held with entire personnel for the purpose of discussing and instructing office procedure. Each employee was pointed out his or her assigned duties.

Invitations to bid for disposal of kitchen waste were prepared and mailed to all available bidders on 15 August. Bids will be opened 20 August.

The Services Section, Procurement Division, Hq. AMC, returned Contract 829-001 ac-23, for Packing and Crating Laundry Equipment at Deming, without approval as the fiscal division at AMC has advised that funds from that Command will not be made available.

Capt. Byron D. Allen, Purchasing & Contracting Officer inspected laundry equipment; found it to tally with Shipping Document.

Three invitations for bids was processed during September.

The expeditious manner in which the various projects are requiring deliveries of their operating supplies has necessitated an employee of this department to make a minimum of two trips per week to the surrounding localities to negotiate for the procurement and deliveries within the deadline specified.

A careful and thorough check of incoming work, this month, November, has revealed that the workload since August 47 has increased a minimum of 125%.

BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICE

In accordance with a letter from Headquarters, San Antonio General Distribution Depot, San Antonio, Texas, dated 15 July 1947, requests for authority to obligate for local purchase will be forwarded monthly instead of quarterly. This station is also funded by San Antonio General Depot for local purchase of subsistence items. Previously funds were allotted by Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot, Fort Worth, Texas.

Capt. Donald D. Bird, Budget & Fiscal Officer was on temporary duty at Headquarters, AMC, 1 July - 2 July 1947.

Since June 1947 was the end of the fiscal year 1947, this office has been more than ordinarily busy closing 1947 books and opening fiscal year 1948 books and files. An effort is being made to close out 8th Air Force books. It is now the task of this office to close out 1947 books under AMC.

Capt. Donald D. Bird, Budget and Fiscal Officer was again on temporary duty at AMC, 12-16 August, 1947.

Final report on status of Allotments, 1947 Fiscal Year funds from Fort Worth Quartermaster Depot, Fort Worth, Texas was made as of 31 August 1947. Final reconciliation of net expenditures for the above funds was also made in August.

The report of Status of Suballotments from AMC for fiscal year 1948 is being forwarded, and the Budget and Fiscal Officer notes that funds are short this quarter.

In accordance with Procurement Regulation 6, Paragraph 605.1 and 605.3, funds for local purchase of petroleum products previously made available under GSA Project 129 have been allotted under NSA 310

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for fuels and lubricants required for space heating, power, incineration, refrigeration, utility plants, cooking, baking, water heating, etc.

Final Reports on Status of Suballotments and Reconciliation of Net Expenditures for A2180502 707-7109 P 111-08, San Antonio General Dist. Depot funds for fiscal year 1947 were forwarded by 25 September 1947.

The report of Status of Suballotments from AMC for the first quarter fiscal year 1948 was forwarded 3 October 1947 and the Budget and Fiscal Officer noted that as of that date no suballotment under ACA P 611 had been received, causing a red figure in the uncommitted balance of allotment column.

In accordance with Headquarters AMC TWX TSBFO4-9-117, WD AGO Forms 14-37 were processed in the amount of funds thus far charged to ESA P 310-01 funds for administrative personnel. ACA P 430-01, H & M funds were charged in lieu of ESA funds, and this action was reflected in actual suballotments shown in the September Fiscal Report.

The Report on Status of Suballotments from AMC, fiscal year 1948 Funds, for the month of October was forwarded. It was noted that travel funds under Air Corps are running low.

The October report of Status of Suballotments from Eighth Air Force showed no unliquidated obligations other than A2170605 P 440-04. These unliquidated obligations are those which were incurred by Deming Army Air Field. However, they are being liquidated rapidly due to the cooperation of the Signal Office, this station.

Joseph K. Croghan, Jr., WOJG, USA, was assigned primary duty as Assistant Budget and Fiscal Officer, Special Order No. 187, dated 3 October 1947.

Mr. D. T. Moriarty and Mr. M. J. Limon, auditors from the Budget and Fiscal Office at AMC, performed an audit of the appropriated and non-appropriated funds, 22-26 November 1947.

The Budget and Fiscal Officer noted in his review of funds that ESA P 129, ESA P 310 Item III and P 443, Travel, are short of funds. A supplemental request for funds in ESA P 310 Item III was forwarded during November.

Capt. Donald D. Bird, Budget and Fiscal Officer was relieved from duty and assignment at this station and transferred to Headquarters Alaskan Air Command, with orders to proceed on or after 21 December 1947 in accordance with Special Order No. 234, this station, as of 11 December 1947.

WOJG Joseph K. Croghan, Jr., was relieved from primary duty as Assistant Budget and Fiscal Officer and assigned primary duty as Club Officer, effective 15 December, per Special Order No. 235.

The Budget and Fiscal Office this station has been advised by TWX TSPMOI-12-044, Headquarters AMC, that Lt. Earnest E. Zorn will arrive 10 January 1948 to assume the duties of this section.

This station has been suballotted funds by the Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Adv. #48-7-01, as of 1 December 1947 for initiating work under the following items:

- I. Water Supply and Storage at Launching Site.
Decontamination of washdown water from Launching Sites.
- II. Access Trails to Instrumentation Sites.

BASE POST OFFICE

This section is headed by Captain Charles T. Coleman, with a personnel of two enlisted men. First consideration of the Postal Section was to instigate for a contract post office to serve the Base. This was completed and is now pending in the office of the Postmaster General in Washington, D. C. About the only activity during August, outside of routine administration and duties, was the retirement of three locker boxes of postal records to storage in Oakland, California. In September plans for a contract post office in the Main Exchange Building were primarily started, but final official instructions from the Postmaster General were still pending. Along with this, a personnel change occurred in the office of the Non Commissioned Officer in Charge.

August showed a five per cent increase in postal activities and a postal procedure bulletin directing that all official parcels in excess of four pounds would require postage, was placed in effect. In October the Postmaster of Alamogordo, New Mexico furnished verbal information that a contract post office for the Base was disapproved in Washington. This, however, does not alter present plans and further action is being held up pending official notification. December showed little change in activity in the Postal Section. However, there was an increase of two enlisted men temporarily assigned to assist in the handling of the large amount of Christmas mail. The volume of mail, due to Christmas overload increased fifty per cent over the normal amount. The

close of the month of December arrived with no further official word from Washington on the request for a post office in the Main Exchange Building. Request was also sent to the Postmaster General through military channels for the relocation of the Monista, New Mexico post office from its present location in the Base to the Main Exchange, Building #40.

POST EXCHANGE

The Post Exchange commenced activity in July by holding a large clearance sale on old stock and surplus items which had been greatly reduced. The purpose of this sale was to liquidate old stock and to make way for the newer, faster moving items which are being received daily. The sale was a success, accomplishing all of its original intentions.

Captain Francis C. Von Forst is the Exchange Officer and is ably assisted by Lt. James F. Tallard. The remainder of the Exchange personnel have all been found adequate, and there is no great urgency in any future addition of personnel.

The procedure for operations of the Cafeteria under the Post Exchange was recommended by a Mr. Toll, Food Consultant, to the Dallas Regional Office and a letter to that effect was sent to the Dallas Regional Office. However, to date, no answer has been received regarding Mr. Toll's recommendation. In the meantime, Captain Von Forst's cafeteria plan continues to be formulated as being sound. Merchandise on hand as of July 25 totalled sixteen thousand, seven hundred thirty-eight dollars and fourteen cents (\$16,738.14). Approximately eleven thousand, seven hundred seventy-nine dollars and fifty-six cents (\$11,779.56) worth of accounts have been settled as of this date. In addition to this stock on hand, approximately twenty-two hundred dollars (\$2,200.00) worth of merchandise was checked into the warehouses from outlying field exchanges.

In September the Exchange management formulated final

plans and preparations and very successfully opened the Post Cafeteria. The operation proved to completely fill the needs of all personnel, the menu being one with a wide assortment, and the interior furnishings clean and inviting.

The Post Exchange, predicting a heavy demand on their stock for Christmas went to great lengths to secure a comprehensive stock of items. The Christmas rush was met with tireless effort and Post Exchange management endeavored in every way to supply the needs of base personnel. Towards the close of December, plans were made for remodeling the snack bar. A grill is to be installed and will operate after sixteen thirty hours in the afternoon. This is not open now but will be in the near future.

Another item was received by the Post Exchange that has long been desired in order to facilitate communications. This was a new Ford automobile that was tested and approved by the Exchange Officer.

Personnel of this Base seemed to feel that the Post Exchange is the type of shopping center and place for relaxation that is typical of good management. However, much expansion is planned and Exchange personnel constantly strive to devise new methods for systematically serving the personnel of this installation.

SECURITY

As of July 31, 1947 the strength of the Security Office includes two officers and thirty one enlisted men and a female civilian clerk-typist. During the month of September the total number of officers in Security was brought to three by the assignment of Captain James R. Broeze as Intelligence Officer. By the end of the six months' period the number of enlisted men on this staff decreased to twenty-five.

The Pass and Registration Section has been carrying on successfully the issuing of civilian passes, family passes, visitors' passes, temporary passes, registration of cars (and renewals), firearms and motorbikes, taking of photographs and fingerprints, etc.

During the month of July, Major Van Pelt came out on orders as Top Secret Control Officer and Captain Clark became Assistant Security Officer - assuming additional duties of police and prison officer. A new guardhouse and military police quarters were established.

By the end of September the Security Section accomplished the greater part of the processing to provide new area picture passes for all the military and civilian personnel of the Field. During a loyalty check this month, a person wanted on various charges in another state was apprehended on the base.

A weapons course for all guard personnel has been inaugurated for July. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Several members of the Section attended a session of the FBI School at Las Cruces.

During October prisoners were detailed to the cleaning out under all the buildings in the housing area to alleviate the fire hazard there.

Major Shackelford, Chief Guard from Headquarters, San Antonio Air Materiel Command, Kelly Field, Texas, visited the Security Office in December. Through him, the office obtained additional laminating supplies which were badly needed. Processing of pictures can be made without so much delay.

The Security Section has been taking an active part in athletics at this installation, being well represented in both volley ball and basketball leagues. Along with this activity the section shows a good representation on the Rifle Club Roster.

Efficiency reports and town analysis show very clearly that the military police force has at all times maintained a high degree of proficiency in keeping a strict policy of conduct of soldiers, both in town and on the base.

COMMUNICATIONS

During the entire period covered by this report, Captain William Holbrook has served in the capacity of Base Communications Officer, relieving CWO Raymond Wlockowicz per Special Orders Number 163, dated 11 August 1947. Correspondence was initiated by this office in August to the Deputy for Administration and Services to obtain qualified personnel to operate and maintain the radio teletype (AN/MRC-2) scheduled to arrive and be installed at the Base in September. Along with this request, two (2) teletype operators were requisitioned due to the discharge of the present two-man team handling the teletype.

Another project request on 21 August was forwarded to San Antonio Air Materiel Area requesting that they engineer and issue the necessary directive to obtain telephone facilities for the new military housing being constructed.

The Section received an information copy of a project request as forwarded to Air Materiel Command by SAAMA requesting the installation of a private telephone line to the Boles Ranch approximately five miles south of Alamogordo at a construction cost of three hundred eighty dollars (\$380.00) and a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) monthly guarantee. Headquarters, Air Materiel Command were asked to furnish the three hundred eighty dollars (\$380.00) construction cost. This undertaking is very important to the function of the Base as the line is necessary to furnish communications to the water well at the Boles Ranch in that they, in part,

supply the water to this base. SAAMA took immediate action by assigning Job No. 719-A-473A to the project. Information from Air Materiel Command Headquarters has not been received as yet on request for them to furnish the capital.

Communications closed the month of August by complying with instructions from Headquarters, AMC, by disconnecting the two tie lines linking the commercially-owned base switchboard to the Army-owned SCEL Switchboard due to the fact that SCEL had three government-owned voice radio channels terminating in their switchboard, two which extended to El Paso, Texas and one which extended to White Sands Proving Grounds. It was felt that the tie lines were illegal under the terms of the general telephone contract. The solution to this problem was the installation of five government-owned field telephones which were installed and connected to the SCEL switchboard to offset the loss of the two tie lines. Following close on this activity, a request was sent to Headquarters, AMC for additional communication funds for the fiscal year 1948 which was unfavorably considered; therefore action was taken to reduce communications expenditures accordingly. The more drastic cuts were applied to official long distance calls and official western union messages. The Section will be able to determine what further cuts are necessary when the August bills are received from the telephone company.

The radio teletype expected from Headquarters, AMC, in September did not arrive. However, Headquarters, AMC did indicate that the shipment would be instigated in the near future. AMC further

advised that they would notify this base as soon as information was available as to when the radio teletype could be expected to arrive. Along with this information, AMC also submitted information that the War Department would purchase all commercial telephone facilities at army-owned permanent installations if and when funds become available.

The Security Section and Fire Department submitted a request in September desiring that eight vehicular FM Radio Sets, Army and Navy type, AN/VRC-2, be installed in their respective vehicles. These sets will not require skilled operators inasmuch as voice only is used. The range of these sets is approximately ten miles or better, and will operate on a frequency range somewhere between thirty and forty megacycles.

Another intnction of the Communications Section for the month of September was to survey and decrease, if possible, the cost of official long distance calls. This was effectively accomplished and reduced considerably. As a comparison, the cost of official long distance calls in September were one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) - for August, two hundred twenty-two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$222.25) - for July, three hundred thirty-eight dollars (\$338.00). The comparison in reduction in self-explanatory, and as long as the cost of long distance telephone calls does not exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per month, a reduction in presently installed telephones will not be necessary. On 8 October, the Base Communications officer, accompanied by the local manager of the Mountain States Telephone and Telegraph

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Company inspected the outside cable distribution plant. Several discrepancies were noted, namely, loosely hanging wires. The Telephone Company manager stated he would have these conditions corrected as soon as possible. A letter dated 17 October 1947 from the Air Communications Officer at AMC that he had recommended to the Budget and Fiscal at AMC, that they allow the Alamogordo Air Field a total of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) to cover communications expenses for the second quarter of the current fiscal year. This amount will be adequate to cover expenses for the second quarter and will require very strict control of telephone calls and disapproval of most requests for new installations or changes. Mr. George E. Grater, of the Air Communications Office at SAAMA, visited this base on 3 November to discuss communication problems. The problems discussed were funds for installation of cable, SAAMA Job No. 721-A-475A, in order that telephones can be installed for the new houses. Mr. Grater stated that the engineering of this project has been completed and forwarded to AMC for approval. Mr. Grater stated that funds in the amount of three hundred eighty dollars (\$380.00) have been appropriated for construction of the toll line, SAAMA Job No. 719-A-475A, to the water well at the Boles Ranch. Formal correspondence was received in the office from SAAMA on 10 November 1947 stating that the telephone company had been authorized to proceed with proposed construction. The construction is now underway. The communications facilities planned by Operations and Projects Section in connection with guided missiles program were also discussed. Mr. Cron of Operations and Projects was present

On 13 November the third quarter estimate for Communications funds was forwarded to the base Budget and Fiscal Office. Funds in the amount of three thousand ninety-six dollars and sixty-six cents (\$3,096.66) were requested. A detailed justification listing exactly what the funds would be used for accompanied the estimate. Base Communications Officer departed on 18 November 1947 for AMC Headquarters to discuss communication problems with Air Communications Officer. Upon arrival at AMC, Captain Holbrook presented his problems^{and} upon completion of a lengthy oration, it was determined that the best procedure was to send a representative of the Air Communications Office at AMC back to Holloman with Captain Holbrook in order that they could jointly examine the source of the existing communications problems. This representative was Mr. Chester W. Brown. Their surveys upon arrival back at Holloman were extensive and comprehensive both in examination, issuance of conclusions. Many critical deficiencies that had been lying dormant for months were studied and then fortified with necessary ingredients to make them a workable proposition. Mr. Brown was also taken to White Sands and introduced to Lt. Col. Pitcher, Officer in Charge of the construction of wire lines for the guided missile program at White Sands, and obtained final information as to the plans at that installation in order that the construction program for communications insofar as the guided missile program was concerned, could be integrated and jointly utilized. Prior to his departure from this station on 24 November, Mr. Brown stated that he had the fundamental necessary information that AMC needed to obtain vital equipment and essential funds. It was also learned through Mr. Brown that the reason teletypes originally

scheduled for arrival in September would not be available for shipment until the latter part of January 1948. It was also learned that the guard radios requested for this installation would probably arrive in the early part of February 1948.

While the duties of the Communication Section as a whole are performing very well, considerable improvement can be obtained if and when enough qualified personnel become available. These personnel shortages are traceable to the teletype section, switchboard operators and the cryptographic section. This installation was notified on the 19th December 1947 by letter from Headquarters, SAAMA dated 6 November 1947, subject: Telephone Facilities For New Family Housing Area, AAF, Alamogordo, New Mexico, and 4th Ind. thereto from Headquarters, SAAMA dated 15 December 1947, stating that twenty-seven hundred dollars (\$2,700.00) had been allotted for the construction of cable facilities for new housing. However, the installation will not be completed until 18 March 1948 as the telephone company informed SAAMA that approximately ninety days would be required for completion of this job. Further word was received on 19 December 1947 that a definite action had been taken to supply our requested vehicular radio sets for the Guard Section and the Fire Department. Tentative plans stipulated that the first sets to arrive will be installed in the Security Section, but as yet no date has been issued by AMC as to their arrival time.

The close of September found the Communications Section carrying on their usual amount of work and even in face of serious personnel handicap, issued a high degree of proficiency in living up to the mission of their Section.

OFFICERS' MESS

Captain C. C. Birnn was detailed to the duty of Club Officer in the Field in June of 1947 relieving 1st Lt. Christian Gotsinger, the latter being transferred to a technical school. At that time, income was indeed small, consequently very little activity or entertainment was in store, but due to the influx of more officers to duty, income to the Club increased. The first undertaking of the Club was to instigate plans for badly needed repairs in the Club and its various rooms had to be cleaned and made presentable. Along with remodeling, a janitor and a bookkeeper were employed.

During the summer months, the social calendar of the Club was greatly augmented with several outdoor picnics, steak dinners, which were held at the White Sands National Park, some ten miles from the Base. From the fine attendance at the outdoor affairs, several dances were planned and held on the outdoor patio. Further activity was devised in the form of a semi-monthly Bingo game. These games proved to be a great success and the attendance was very large. A larger dance schedule was instigated every other Saturday evening with an eight-piece orchestra. In October a snack bar was installed with a nicely furnished interior. The menu provided a choice selection of sandwiches, salads and desserts. Extreme effort has been put into this operation and it has not proved a profitable venture thus far, but patronage has been steadily increasing, indicating a broader future.

In July much remodeling was carried out. New fluorescent

lighting was installed, the bar modernized, and several rooms in the Club were repainted. This retouching gave the Club a livelier appearance. During the month of December the Officers' Club greatly added to its entertainment program. The Yuletide season was colorfully expressed by carrying out the general theme of Christmas cheer throughout the Club in the way of decorations. On Christmas Day a cocktail party was offered and proved to be a tremendous success. A Bingo Game was arranged for December 15 and was a surprise package affair. All packages were boxed and wrapped and the winner took his choice. This appeared to be very popular and even in lieu of Christmas leaves, showed a good attendance.

More work was done on the snack bar in December. Floors were completely refinished and walls were repainted. Curtains, tablecloths and napkins along with many other items have been purchased. All of this preparation was directed to the formal opening which is to take place on the 17th of January 1948. Further work was done to improve the overall appearance of the Club. Better looking furniture was secured and arranged in a very inviting manner. Pool tables have been moved to one of the sun porches thus leaving room for ping pong, the slot machines, several couches and chairs.

December 29 showed personnel changes in the hiring of a new bookkeeper and two waitresses for the snack bar. Tabulations of the December books showed that the Club made a net profit of \$622.99, the Bar had a net loss of \$174.66, the snack bar a net loss of \$350.61 and the Bachelor Officers' Quarters a net profit of \$1416.95. The losses of the snack bar and the Bar are traceable to poor patronage and overhead. The Club loss was due to extra entertainment.

It is felt that the Club has accomplished the task of furnishing recreation and entertainment to the officers and their families as evidenced by the consistent number of such who used its facilities daily and turn out in a large number for the majority of social functions that the Club management arranges.

The Legal Section carried out a very active program during the month of July, processing several claims against the Government and holding four court martial cases.

The outstanding claim against the Government was one connected with a P-80 crash in Carrizozo, New Mexico. This involved one Albert T. Roberts who submitted a claim for damages resulting from the airplane crash amounting to approximately \$13,500. This claim, being of such a large amount, is immediately acted upon and processing started by Major Herman E. Schuler. Major Schuler, Captain William Hates, March Field, M/Sgt. Lanter, March Field, Cpl. Hill, this station, spent four days in Carrizozo on TDY in connection with Mr. Roberts's claim. This group set up an active plan of processing and probed all evidence that might substantiate any and all claims resulting from the aircraft accident.

Four summary court martial cases were also held this month. The accused were Pvt. James V. Pillelli, Pvt. Ignacio G. Chavez, Pvt. Virgil W. Bean and Pfc. Albert E. Jaramillo. These cases were very expertly handled by the Legal Section and all results were processed by this station. There were no special or general courts held; however, some charge sheets have been received and special and summary courts will be held early some time next month. Compared with last month, our court martials have taken a decided turn for the better with a total of four this month against fourteen of last month.

One of the critical situations in the Legal Section has been

a lack of personnel. Early in July relief appeared with four persons being assigned to the office. One outstanding person is a Mr. Benjamin H. Haskell, civilian attorney, who was assigned on temporary duty for thirty days. His past reputation has indeed been a sound and capable one, previously being located in Newark, New Jersey. The other personnel assigned were of lesser importance being directed to carry out normal administrative routine matters.

Further work was done in regard to the claim submitted in Carrizozo, New Mexico. The claims officer's report is the major stumbling block since so many people witnessed the crash and so much property loss and damage was incurred, to say nothing of injuries and deaths. However, the Legal Section tried out a new system which speeds up work to a large extent. They compiled a "master claims officer's report" to be submitted to higher headquarters. Then as each claim was sent forward, instead of having to attach a claims officer's report to it, they will simply refer them to "master claims officer's report." This master report covers all property damage, loss, injury and death of all persons concerned. In other words, instead of submitting a separate claims officer's report with each claim covering only that particular claim, we cover them all with one master report which eliminates about 80% of the work on each claim. This new system clearly expedited the processing of all claims and much credit is due the Legal Section in devising such a plan.

Five Boards were held during the month of July, namely: the Quartermaster Clothing Board, Flying Evaluation Board, Certificate

of Audit Board and the Board of Property Adjustment. The Quarter-master Clothing Board and the Aircraft Accident Board have been entirely completed. The Flying Evaluation Board is ready for signature and the Certificate of Audit Board record is in the process of being typed.

The Board of Property Adjustment considered approximately twelve reports in survey and has received about eight more. All work on those considered has been completed. A new regulation has been received which makes a "Board" obsolete. This new regulation called for appointment of a survey officer. This was hastily acted upon and 1st Lt. Bernard C. Schlack was appointed Survey Officer.

The month of September was inaugurated to a slow start with the loss of Mr. Haskell, civilian attorney who returned to Newark, New Jersey upon completion of his temporary duty assignment. Mr. Haskell proved very valuable in actively assisting in investigation cases and consulting with Major Schuler.

The Legal Section is now situated in Building 32, Courts and Boards Building. This new location was very desirable as it afforded consolidation of a conference room for such things as the "369" Boards who can meet without disturbing anyone else there, and allowing a close liaison between the Legal Section and the courts martial hearings.

Two "369" Boards were held - one with Charles Kelly and the other on Roger C. Whitney. Final solutions were arrived ^{at} and processed by this base. However, the court martial record for the month of August was very good with only one case - this involving

one Pvt. Earnest R. Thomas.

All in all, the Legal Section serves personnel of this base in a splendid manner by taking an active interest in their personal legal questions. Along with this, the department has always properly administered a sound policy in carrying out the mission of the Legal section.

BASE DISPENSARY

The Base Dispensary at this installation is so equipped with facilities that it must render only primary medical care to all assigned and attached military personnel. In conformity with these restrictions, dependents were given medical care consistent with available facilities. The Wm. Beaumont General Hospital in El Paso, Texas, has continued to furnish excellent hospital care to this station. Of course, it is realized that this present arrangement of maintaining a liaison with Wm. Beaumont General Hospital has its obvious disadvantages. Stricken cases that fall in the hospital category and require immediate attention are subject to an eighty-nine mile ambulance ride before attention is received. This cannot only prove dangerous but may be looked upon as a rather poor policy of properly attending to the medical wants of an installation of this size. Of course, the answer lies in expansion, in equipment, personnel and building facilities.

The monthly activities of the Base Dispensary are tabulated below:

JULY: ---

ARMY

Number of Outpatients	158
Number of Outpatient Treatments	363

NON ARMY

Number of Outpatients	189
Number of Outpatient Treatments	327

AUGUST: ---

ARMY

Number of Outpatients	158
Number of Outpatient Treatments	365

AUGUST: --- (Cont'd)

NON ARMY

Number of Outpatients 191
Number of Outpatient Treatments . . . 332

SEPTEMBER: ---

ARMY

Number of Outpatients 159
Number of Outpatient Treatments . . . 340

NON ARMY

Number of Outpatients 134
Number of Outpatient Treatments . . . 316

OCTOBER: ---

ARMY:

Number of Outpatients 125
Number of Outpatient Treatments . . . 181

NON ARMY

Number of Outpatients 165
Number of Outpatient Treatments . . . 308

NOVEMBER: ---

ARMY

Number of Outpatients 161
Number of Outpatient Treatments . . . 240

NON ARMY

Number of Outpatients 174
Number of Outpatient Treatments . . . 230

DECEMBER: ---

ARMY

Number of Outpatients 191
Number of Outpatient Treatments . . . 105

NON ARMY

Number of Outpatients 148
Number of Outpatient Treatments . . . 236

During the period covered by this report, Base Dispensary reported seven cases of venereal disease. It is the opinion of the medical heads that all cases were undoubtedly contracted in Juncos,

Mexico. This is not an especially high rate, but regardless, the Security Section and Base Dispensary are constantly on guard to prevent any increase in cases. The equipment shortage in the Base Dispensary was somewhat alleviated by the addition of a Diathermy Machine, and Electrocardiograph, and a considerable amount of emergency and first-aid items. It is hoped that many other necessary items for the proper function of the Base Dispensary will be supplied.

The Dental Clinic has been operating very satisfactorily under the able supervision of Captain William F. Alexander. In September a new dental unit and chair were installed increasing the Dental Clinic to a two-chair capacity. The next addition desired was a small laboratory. This ambition was realized in the latter part of September when a dental laboratory bench and equipment necessary to operate a small laboratory was installed.

At the beginning of October the Base Dispensary undertook the job of immunizing animal pets against rabies. A total of 132 animals, cats and dogs, were vaccinated before the close of the year. This work was accomplished with the cooperation of the Veterinary Officer at Ft. Bliss who furnished the necessary vaccine and instructions to Dispensary personnel. The personnel changes have been rather consistent with the addition of several enlisted men and the normal rotation of men coming to and from service schools. The commissary personnel includes three medical officers and one dental officer. Captain William E. Murphy was Base Surgeon and commanding officer of Sq. "M" until the 8th of December and at such time the Captain was transferred to Roswell Air Field in Roswell, New Mexico for relief

of active duty under the provisions of WCL 38864. With the departure of Captain Murphy, Captain Roy J. Philip, MC, assumed the duties of Base Surgeon of Sq. "M" effective 8 December 1947.

The Dispensary has always been very active in all field athletic programs. Good participation in such events tends to indicate a normal degree of high morale in the Dispensary.

CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain has had some difficulty in arranging a Roman-Catholic Service and as a substitute has provided free transportation each Sunday morning to attend this mass in Alamogordo. This has been found very successful and a regular number of personnel have taken advantage of this arrangement. Major Alanus E. Polsgrove, the Base Chaplain, has made all efforts to secure the services of either a Civilian Priest or Catholic Priest from the nearer military installations, however, no Priests are available within traveling distance.

The Protestant Services have been conducted each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. and Sunday School for all age groups meets each Sunday morning at 09:45 a.m. in building #26. Along with this activity, choir rehearsals have been conducted at 1930 hours each Thursday. The Chaplain has been satisfied with the Sunday attendance but feels that there could be an increase. To induce a larger attendance, the Chaplain arranged for a bus to be provided on Sunday mornings for the convenience of personnel attending Sunday School and Chapel. Pfo. Hillard Schuch volunteered to operate the bus on Sunday's, maintaining a schedule between the housing area and the Chapel.

In July a Boy Scout Troop was formed with a membership of twelve. Pfo. Edward C. Pisko is the Scout Master and applications have been filed with Boy Scouts authorities for the formation of a council. At one of the first meetings the following submitted applications for membership on the council: Colonel Paul F. Helmick,

Major Wallace R. Cramond, Chaplain (Major) A. B. Polsgrove, Major W. D. Iritchard and M/Sgt. Copeland.

Another project for the near future is the organization of the Cub Scouts. A leader for this organization has already volunteered his services.

The number of Jews at this station is too small to constitute a quorum for synagogue activities. Jewish personnel are notified through publicity channels of the approach of feast days, holy days, etc.

An un-graded civilian employee has been assigned, and his duties are care of buildings and grounds.

July showed an average Sunday attendance more than double that for June. This is attributed to positive steps of cooperation on the part of the Command.

Five (5) Sunday Masses were said in our Base Chapel, three (3) by Chaplain (Capt.) John J. Kelleher, White Sands Proving Ground and two (2) by Chaplain (Capt.) Powers, Biggs Field, Texas. Chaplain Kelleher also said Mass on All Saints Day, 1 Nov., 1947.

Worship services are being conducted regularly at 1045, with a Nursery school operating concurrently with the Worship Service.

The Chapel Choir rehearsed four (4) times, attendance 71.

The Boy Scout Troop meets weekly. The November attendance 64.

Plans have been completed for a Christmas Party for children of this command, including all military dependents and dependents of civilian employees residing on the base. Organizations cooperating: Officers' Club contributing \$75.00, Non-Commissioned Officers' Club \$100.00

Civilian Welfare Fund, \$75.00, Religious Fund \$75.00, Officers Wives Club wrapped presents, Enlisted Wives Club conducted census and will prepare stockings. Special Services sponsored part of the evening's program.

Regular visits are made to the guardhouse and hospital. It is believed that the degree of morale is improving at this station.

Five Masses were held in December, four on Sundays and one at midnight on Christmas eve.

Worship services were conducted each Sunday.

The Boy Scout Troop met twice during the month.

350 children attended the Christmas party given December 22.

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL

Civilian Personnel is under the able direction of Mr. Alvin D. Weaver. He is assisted by Mr. Clowie B. Aguilar, Jr., Classification Analyst. These two have long realized that the first pressing job for them to accomplish is the addition of more personnel. Many vacancies exist in all departments. Every effort has been made to subdue this need through normal routines and publicity and personal contact.

During the month of July, the highest number of employees on the payroll was 295. Tentatively the authorized strength is 331, but this figure is inadequate due to expansions of all military departments and the greater undertaking of development and testing.

Reduction in force of all civilian fire and crash fighters with the exception of the chief, was effected during the month of July. Notices of reduction were also issued to all structural fire fighters with their last day of duty as 5 August. However, those affected by the reduction notices were not completely dismissed, but were strategically reassigned to other positions on the Field for which they were qualified.

Effective 31 August, the civilian personnel allotment was increased by 74 making a total of 405 authorized positions; of the 74 additional allotment, 29 are graded positions and 45 ungraded. The new positions have not yet been fully established but are being processed. This new figure of 405 authorized is compared against a total strength in the month of August of 285.

On August 29, 1947, Mr. Clovis B. Aguilar attended the first meeting of the Locality Wage Board at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the procedure for a wage survey to be made by the members of the committee. This station was assigned to the area to include Alamogordo and vicinity, Las Cruces and Boeing Aircraft Company at this station. Surveys will start the eleventh of September and data collected will be forwarded to Albuquerque by 17 September. The second meeting will be held in Albuquerque on Friday, 19 September.

A new law was brought to the attention of Civilian Personnel in August. The past qualifications of the law stated that the refund of retirement deductions could be made any personnel for not less than five years of civilian and military service. But the new law enacted extended the time to ten years of service and more employees leaving the service will be able to withdraw their retirement.

The period from October to December shows another civilian personnel allotment increase. Effective 17 December, the present allotment was increased by 11 making a total of 501 authorized positions; of the 11 additional, 4 are graded positions and 7 ungraded positions. The 4 graded positions have been allocated to the Cost Accounting Section, 3 ungraded positions to Air Installations and 4 ungraded positions remain unallocated.

An audit of civilian payrolls for the first week in December was carried out by Mrs. Dorothy L. Hurley of the Army Audit Agency Sub-regional Office, Ft. Bliss, Texas. Along with this audit, Dorris Randall, Placement Advisor, visited the Thirteenth Regional

U. S. Civil Service Office, on 2 December, obtaining information applicable to appointments, transfers, reassignment, monitoring and acquisition of competitive status.

The local U. S. Civil Service Examiner Board met to bring all registers possible up to date, and to submit to the Commission for approval. Upon final approval of these registers, eligible employees of this station will receive competitive status. Following this Board meeting, members of the Inspector General's team spent 9 December inspecting this office. Final results of the inspection have not been returned to Civilian Personnel as yet.

AIR INSTALLATIONS

Projects initiated by this organization during the month of July were as follows: (1) Project for Utility Facilities to Guided Missile Launching Site, (2) Project on Modification of Building 858; the installation of Monorail and 3,000 pound hoist.

A new well was started at Boles Well site. This is primarily for the purpose of assuring an ample supply of water by using this auxiliary well.

Work on the utility power lines was completed this month and the base is now using the new power.

Construction has started on road from Main Access Road to Boeing Launching Site.

A drive for cleanliness is on at the Monista Housing Area. New garbage cans have been set up and a new parking system, which has helped the appearance of the area has been put into effect.

Captain Eugene E. Morath was assigned Assistant Air Installations Officer but was immediately transferred.

During August 1947 nine projects involving \$355,501.79 for the construction of roads, utilities and technical facilities, etc., were forwarded to higher headquarters for approval and appropriations.

Water was struck in the well which was started last month; pump has been installed. At this time Well #1 is pumping 140 gallons per minute and Well #2 is pumping 250 gallons per minute.

This organization concentrated their efforts this month (September) on projects. Mr. Foley, engineer from AMC spent the month working here; made two trips to Albuquerque for the purpose of conferring with the District Engineer.

Work was started on Main Access Road to Bombing Range. It is planned to work from Tularosa Range Camp toward the base.

Mr. Edward Murr was sent down from Wright Field for the purpose of decontaminating a 200,000 gallon A. C. Fuel Storage tank. The tank was decontaminated, removed from present site and prepared to be cut in two.

Construction on road to Boles Well progressed. Extensive work was done at the Well. The entire electrical system was re-vamped. Shelter houses are now under construction.

Many requests were received this month (October) for installation of space heaters and boilers to be installed.

The 200,000 gallon steel tank which was decontaminated last month was turned over and cut in two in order to construct from it a 100,000 gallon reservoir at launching site.

The U. S. Engineers Office, Albuquerque, requested assistance from us to drill test holes on Tularosa peak project. Necessary equipment was delivered to peak for use by contractor hired by District Office.

Mr. Foley is still with this organization, having made several trips this month to Albuquerque to confer with District Engineers on special projects.

Extensive work was done on the Range Road.

Completed installation of main water line to launching site.

Trucks are still hauling gravel from Tularosa Pit (November) for main access road on Bombing Range. Cold weather has been detrimental to work on the road during the latter part of the month.

Burn, contractor, completed concrete work covered by contract issued by AMC on Tarson bomb pit. Burn was awarded work on instrumentation sites; Thygesen on Tularosa Peak.

Officers' Quarters on the field are nearing completion.

The Executive Officer from the U. S. Engineers Office, Albuquerque District was here this month on a routine inspection.

Mr. Foley returned to Wright Field.

Extensive work by contractors Thygesen, Burns and Leavell on their respective contracts was accomplished during the month of December. Thygesen who has the contract for leveling Tularosa Peak, completed work on South Peak. Burns, contractor for instrumentation sites, is showing good progress on erection of building. Leavell is making fair progress on aniline and acid storage facilities contract.

New Officers Housing Area opened for occupancy. 1st Lt. Wm. R. White was named Housing Officer.

Work is progressing on access road and water line.

This organization supplied the base with Christmas trees.

Miss Carmen Valle represented the base at the 13th Annual Sun Carnival at El Paso.

Major Robert S. Stevens, Air Installations Officer, took a twenty day leave the latter part of December.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

There were no special projects carried on by this department during the month of July 1947, however personnel were kept busy by the increasing work load resulting from preparations of the Project Section for starting of several projects in the immediate future.

On 18 July this department picked up and salvaged P-80 from March Field that crashed in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Lt. Hugh C. Smith, Maintenance Property Officer was replaced by Lt. Howard McClung. Lt. Smith is assigned Officer in Charge of Crash Fire Department.

During the month this department gained six civilian employees and lost two by resignations. 15 civilian Crash Firefighters were lost by reduction in force. Eleven military personnel were promoted from grade of private to Private First Class.

On 4 August, this activity exchanged B-17 SN 44-8474 for B-17 SN 44-85600 which is to be used in bombing practice. 474 did not have bombing equipment installed. Received two PQ-14's SN 44-68320 and 44-68334 from OAMA. DIR on C-47D SN 43-49115 has not been completed at this time and there is a very urgent need of transport aircraft to move cargo from Windover to this Station.

Since Projects has required very little tactical flying during the month of September, most Maintenance Inspections are Calendar Inspections. C-47 SN 43-49115 and B-29 SN 44-48103 are at EAAMA. C-47 for DIR and B-29 for conversion from carburation to fuel injection.

Several projects depended on air transportation to move equipment here by air and as this has not been completed there is still dire need for transports.

During October, Ryan Project launched several dummy Missiles, using A-26 type aircraft. They are preparing several experimental missiles for launching.

A-26 SN 44-35769 left for Dayton, Ohio on 23 October for installation of radio equipment - will be used for guard aircraft on OQ targets.

A-26 SN 44-35403 was transferred back to Hughes Aircraft on West Coast.

Both C-47 and B-29 are back from SAAMA, former for DIR and latter was a modification on engine.

A Detail came in from AMC Headquarters to test new type parachute used on OQ-6A Targets.

At present (November 1947) there are forty-two projects assigned this Station, and at this time six are active and Fabrication Shops in addition are called on to support Air Installation Activity and Motor Maintenance.

A-26 is still on D.S., Dayton, Ohio for installation of Radio Equipment.

Superchargers are being installed in B-29 SN 44-34103.

Received P-52 SN 44-35179 and routine acceptance inspection is being completed.

Various pieces of heavy machinery, such as; Milling Machines, Shaper, Heavy Drill Press, Heavy Hydraulic Press, Former, Sheet Metal, Wood Borer and paper cutter were received and are being installed as replacement of worn machinery in Fabrication Shop.

Considerable difficulty has been encountered this month (December) in maintenance of P-52 recently assigned this Station; main

trouble seems to be brakes and propellers. A complete check is in progress.

Additional cargo type aircraft is still urgently required by this activity.

All Heavy machinery considered "War Weary" has been replaced with Serviceable Units, and nearly all departments are in operation.

The shops average fifteen Work Orders daily and a back-log of 1570 man hours exists.

GROUND SAFETY

The Office of Ground Safety was organized and put into operation in accordance with AAF Regulation 38-1 and AMC Regulation 38-2. The purpose of this activity is to conduct a safety program for the elimination or decrease of accidents and occupational hazards, which may result in personal injury or property damage. The Ground Safety program is applicable to all military and civilian personnel assigned to or employed on the base, and covers all activities except those which are the responsibility of Flight Safety.

As prescribed by AMC Regulation 38-2, an executive committee on ground safety has been organized which consists of the Commanding Officer as chairman, Ground Safety Officer as recorder, Base Surgeon, Air Installations Officer, Deputy for Administration and Services, Security Officer, Projects Officer, Deputy of Supply, and the Air Inspector. This committee meets the second Thursday of each month and reviews all major recommendations which have been made by the Safety Office and members of the Enlisted Men's Safety Committee. The Enlisted Men's Safety Committee consists of representatives from each major activity and squadron on the base.

Inspection procedures are conducted in accordance with AMC Regulation 38-2a which requires that each activity will be inspected at least monthly by representatives of the Ground Safety Office. The inspections are official and all outstanding recommendations are submitted in writing and routed through the Commanding Officer to the activity concerned. Close cooperation is maintained

with the Air Inspector, the Security Officer, and the Medical Officer to assist in eliminating hazardous practices and health hazards. Along with this, Safety Bulletins for the Guided Missiles Program and ordinary base functions are prepared by this office and submitted to the activities concerned through the Commanding Officer.

Regulations require that monthly vehicle reports be submitted to higher headquarters listing the number of miles operated by each government vehicle on the base, the number of accidents occurring each month, and the frequency rate figured on the number of miles driven per accident. A monthly military accident report is submitted listing the number of accidents and the frequency rate. The same report is submitted on civilians employed on the base figuring the frequency on the number of man hours worked. Inspections are made of all contact activities. Recommendations are submitted when violations are found. These recommendations also are forwarded through the Commanding Officer.

Orientations are delivered for military personnel on special subjects, such as traffic hazards and accidents. Slides are shown of actual accidents that have occurred involving local personnel when possible. Applicable posters are distributed through various activities. A comprehensive file^{of} all AAF and AMC Regulations, Tech Manuals and Tech Orders pertaining to safety matters is maintained in this office and recommendations are made pointing out the violations in accordance with existing regulations.

During the period covered by this report, Lt. Hugh C. Smith has been the Officer in Charge and employed excellent supervision in Ground Safety activities.

TRANSPORTATION

The report on the Transportation Section also shows an old story - shortage of personnel. Many requisitions have been submitted and much personal effort on the part of the Transportation Officer has been directed to alleviate this handicap. Finally, an authorization was received from AMC Headquarters for the hiring of nine additional employees. This will allow the Section to perform a larger part of its duties without calling for personnel from other sections.

However, the Section's work load indicates a good record. During the month of November, Transportation received 8,637 pounds parcel post and sent out 82 pounds; 1,268,004 pounds of rail freight (carloads) were received and 143,500 pounds were shipped out. Received 63,543 pounds of rail freight (less carloads) and shipped out 3,832 pounds; received 6,175 pounds railway express and shipped out 350 pounds; received 39,872 pounds air freight and shipped out 3,037 pounds; received 134,956 pounds freight via commercial truck and shipped out 34,225 pounds; received 25,005 pounds freight via government truck and shipped out 8,150 pounds. The total carload shipments received were 37 cars and the Section shipped out 4 carloads. Total pounds received for the month of November amounted to 1,542,971 pounds and total shipped out amounted to 193,949 pounds. November also shows a further loss of personnel by gaining two and losing 4 men. There was also additional activity at this time by the addition of 27 new vehicles and one trailer bus converted.

On December 18, the Department received authorization to hire thirty additional drivers and jr. mechanics to be used as first echelon repairmen. In addition to this personnel assignment, eighteen enlisted men were attached to the Motor Pool due to the influx of more personnel and the Base and an increase of vehicles. The section realized that a program of reorganization would be necessary. This plan was set into effect December 21 and it is believed that within the next two months vehicles will be in better condition and the entire Motor Pool will have a better operational capacity. Another point of interest to be noted in the Transportation Section's progress is their revision of the bus schedule between the Base and Alamogordo, New Mexico. Heretofore this has been very inadequate. Now a new bus schedule has been set up where all persons are satisfied with the transportation between the Base and town. At the close of the month of December, the Transportation Section was rapidly on the road to completing their program of expansion.

STATION SUPPLY

Major Joseph R. Deluca, Station Supply Officer, was the officer in charge the entire period covered by this report. One of his first considerations was personnel. This addition of personnel was desired for ambitions to further departmentalize the Supply Section. This was realized in the early part of July and much paper work was processed which allowed a much improved flow. Also the backlog work has been liquidated.

Many necessary items for improving base efficiency were received in July. This included twenty-five DC refrigerators, mess hall tables and stools, twenty typewriters and increased stock levels on oils, greases and office supplies. One of the outstanding items received were two 37-passenger busses suitable for long road-trips and base bus service. War Assets Administration held a sale on the base during the month of August which resulted in disposal of 99% of property held in Surplus Property. Along with this, shipping instructions were received on all wooden beds and mattresses. The disposal and shipment of all this property has made available needed warehouse space. During the early part of the month of August approximately 1500 items were approved as an initial stock for Service Stock #1. Requisition for items not in stock was forwarded to the Depot. Upon receipt of these supplies, both Projects and Line Maintenance will be able to secure expendable supplies from Service Stock on a work order thus obviating numerous trips to supply warehouses. In September the San Antonio Air Materiel Area

Activities Team visited this Station and completed a thorough inspection of all supply units. As a result of this inspection the efficiency of nearly all sections has been greatly improved through assimilation of suggestions and recommendations made by the visiting specialists. The Boeing Aircraft Company received twenty-five jet motors and stored them in the ammunition area along with a large quantity of smoke grenades for special projects use. The months of October and November were notable ones for Supply activities. First, the actual administrative separation of Supply and Transportation activities was effected in accordance with A&C Organizational plans. The reduction of responsibility and work-load from this action was in part compensated by increased Supply activities in connection with expansion and acceleration of the mission assigned to this base.

The month of November closed with USAF-1-SO consolidated account charged with active stock records in the following numbers:

Air Force	11290
Signal Corps.	631
Quartermaster Corps	2437
Ordnance	2839

Standard accounting procedures for shipment of supplies and equipment to civilian contractors operating on the base was established. The establishment of this liaison between the contractors at this installation will greatly expedite all project work which in turn will increase the successful completion of all development and testing. The list of civilian individuals authorized to receipt for such property is not complete to date, which will cause a small

amount of delay in establishing the full operation of this new accounting procedure.

During December the Accounting Section received 1416 requisitions for Air Corps supplies - 80% of all items requested were filled. This section requested 860 items in the area depot with only 50% supply action received. The total stock record cards in Air Corps increased from 11301 to 11769. Also during this month the Accounting Section was unable to properly process all the work on hand due to loss of personnel and by Christmas leaves. The Base Accountable Officer assumed quite a large stock during the month of December. Two outstanding items with the Instrument Landing System and Glide Path Installation - these systems were installed by Civil Aeronautics Association in 1946 and the Accountability had never been previously assumed by the Air Corps. The above systems have been approved for dismantling by the Air Corps and dismantling procedure will be accomplished as soon as San Antonio Air Materiel Area sends the required dismantling crews. Another accountable item assumed by the Base Accountable Officer was a Quartermaster laundry equipment which is on hand at Deming Air Field, New Mexico. Deming Air Field was construed to be a satellite of Alamogordo Air Field for disposition of this property. Contract has been let to Deming Feed and Transfer Company of Deming, New Mexico, to pack and crate into cartons with overseas packing instructions, and also to road equipment for shipment to Ft. Worth, Texas, Quartermaster Depot. Shipments should be completed on or about the first of February 1948. Another phase in accountability

was the transfer of the consolidated stock records account, USAF-1-80, from Major Joseph R. DeLuca to Captain John E. Doyle, effective date being the close of business 31 December 1947.

The Supply Section deserves much credit for their excellent manipulation of necessary items to further the mission of this installation. This Section has, at all times, taken a very active interest in the desires and needs of the various working organizations. And even in face of severe handicaps such as warehouse storage space and personnel shortages, the Section still strenuously devised new methods for by-passing these hindrances in order to carry out their important job here at Helloman.

SALVAGE

Captain James F. Wilson is the Salvage Officer - July 1947.

Retail sales of scrap kindling wood continued during the past month and preparations are being made for a small lot sale. Approximately twenty tons will be sold, the date of this sale will be announced later.

Several thousand glass jars and some cardboard have been transferred to Fort Bliss for disposition.

Two enlisted men transferred from Salvage during July.

A small lot sale was held from 18 August to 22 August 1947. The total proceeds from the sale was \$869.08, and was a very good return considering the fact that most of the sale was composed of up-graded scrap.

1st Lt. Robert G. Smith has been appointed Salvage Officer, replacing Capt. James F. Wilson.

The Shoe Repair Shop has been moved from Building 101 to 73. The shop is open for work both to military and civilian personnel. New equipment added to the shop will enable them to give more efficient service.

During September, sales of scrap kindling wood have continued. Several thousand glass jars have been disposed of. These jars are not standard and have no market value.

An invitation to bid has been initiated on waste foods, by Purchasing and Contracting Section. Contract will probably be awarded in next few days.

Laundry run to Fort Bliss each Tuesday are being made.

Stock on hand at Salvage Yard is very small.

Harold N. Soldin, 1st Lt., ORD. was appointed Salvage Officer relieving Robert G. Smith, 1st Lt., QMC who was terminated, October 1947.

Invitations to a bid Sale were processed. The sale will be of scrap ferrous metal, batteries and rubber.

Personnel at this department consist of one officer, one enlisted man and three civilians.

Lt. Soldin is applying for Bond to complete his appointment for added duties as Salvage Officer, November 1947.

Attention is called to paragraph 2, SAAMA Info Letter 70-116-58 to the effect that no Military personnel or civilian employees are eligible to purchase salvage material by retail sales.

One civilian employee transferred from this department this month.

The last inspection report received from Wright Field was very satisfactory for the salvage activities.

PROJECTS

The reports for this department for the months of July, August, September, October, November and December, 1947 are classified as "Confidential" and goes forward under separate enclosure, to maintain its classification. If these reports are added to the consolidated historical report, the entire file is to be classified.

OPERATIONS

Routine Operations: Function such as Form 5's, supervision of facilities such as service, Control Tower, Field Lighting, Alert Crew, Refueling, and care of Transient Aircraft.

Four Flying Safety Meetings were held during July. The attendance of Major Kirk R. Mitchell, a Senior Pilot, encourages "General Flying Safety Discussions" seriously, helps the Pilots by making them safety conscious. He answers questions when pilots are in doubt.

Aircraft Accidents: One - No one injured

PQ-14- 44-68765

Pilot - Capt. Steve Ligno

Date - 28 July 1947

The Crash Alarm System is being checked every week day and all discrepancies noted are being brought to the attention of the Director of Operations for necessary action. The Master Crash Alarm System has been relocated from the Dispatching Section to the Control Tower.

Simulated crashes were held on 22, 23, and 24 July and considerable progress is being shown by all departments concerned. On 28 July, the Crash Alarm was sounded twice, once at 0935 when the PQ-14 made a crash landing and at 1031 when an A-26 took off for Biggs Field and called the Tower for an emergency landing. All departments concerned made exceptionally good time in arriving to the designated places. The A-26 landed, ran up his engines at the end of the runway and the plane checked alright, so they took off again for their destination.

July 4 was an official holiday except for Colonel Paul F.

HELMICK.

Commanding Officer and Lt. Leo J. Moffatt who flew two emergency hospital cases to Wm. Beaumont General Hospital at 2240 and returned after midnight.

On 7 July, Lt. Eugene G. Gallant reported to Operations, that while flying at AT-8, he observed that the gravel trucks were not stopping before crossing the runway, which is an alleged violation of AAF Letter 38-23, par. 4F, dated 19 March 1947. This matter was reported to Capt. Clark the Security Officer for necessary corrective action.

Capt. Steve Ligino, Weight & Balance Officer, made a complete check of all Weight & Balance data of aircraft assigned this station.

Lt. Leon M. Burdick and Lt. W. O. Lighty flew one emergency hospital case and one deceased enlisted man to Wm. Beaumont General Hospital.

A new set of all types of navigational charts and maps have been requisitioned and received, and are now on hand for issue. All obsolete charts and maps have been destroyed as set forth in AAF Reg.

The Aircraft accident Investigation Board met on 30 July relative to aircraft accident occurring 28 July 1947.

Three Flying Safety Meetings were held during the month; no accidents this month.

The Master Crash Alarm System has been checked each day and all discrepancies reported for corrective action.

Major E. R. Mitchell and Lt. Wm. B. Skinner were issued Instrument Certificates on 2 September 1947 by Lt. Leo J. Moffatt, Flight Examiner.

Teletalks were installed in the Project and Alert Crew Offices

On 15, September, Lt. Col. Thomas R. Waddleton was designated the Deputy for Operations & Projects vice Major K. R. Mitchell, now designated the Director of Operation.

On 17 September, the Tetrahedron was installed and a NOTAM sent to CG, ATC, Washington, D. C. advising the change of Station facilities.

On 30 September, a simulated crash was held at 0855:00, C-45 #5789 on runway 15, the aircraft touched down at 0857:30, first Fire Truck arrived scene of accident at 0859:00, second at 0859:30, and CARDON unit arrived at 0900:00. Military Police arrived at Base Operations at 0858:00 and at the scene at 0900:30. The Hospital Ambulance arrived at 0903:30. The Fire Trucks made excellent time, however, the same cannot be said for the Ambulance.

Three Flying Safety Meetings were held this month, October. Capt. Wm. R. Wilson Jr., the Flying Safety Officer, has departed this station to Roswell, New Mexico for separation. Major K. R. Mitchell, the Director of Operations, will continue to supervise the Flying Safety Section in the absence of a Flying Safety Officer.

No accidents during October.

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The AT-8, #0957 which had been out of commission for two months due to AOCF Tail Wheel Tire, was test hopped by Lt. J. W. Turner. Major K. R. Mitchell and Lt. Leo J. Moffatt, briefed the Alert Crew on the correct method of signaling aircraft to a parking space and also on

dispatching procedure. The AACB Detachment Commander was instructed to brief all his Tower personnel on Control Tower discipline and courtesy and also not to allow any straight in approaches and advise all pilots to execute a Base leg. This was seemed advisable due to the OQ's flying so close to the Field and to allow the Control Tower Operators to permit a safe landing clearance.

On October 3, Mr. Worley from Alamogordo, N.M. phoned that he thought he had seen a single engined aircraft crash at approximately 5 miles North of Alamogordo. Major K. R. Mitchell and Capt. Steve Liggio immediately took a C-45 and flew all over the area; no indications of a crash found.

Major Mitchell and Capt. Liggio flew the B-29 #4103 from Kelly Field to this station where it had been for a period of two months for modifications.

On 8 October Lt. Col. L. A. Atwell, Weather Inspector from Kelly Field, discussed with Major K. R. Mitchell the possibilities of securing more experienced and qualified personnel for the Weather Detachment of this station.

On 9 October a TWX was sent to CO, Roswell AFD, New Mexico and CO, Kirtland AFD, New Mexico advising them that all aircraft desiring to use the Alamogordo Bombing Range will be cleared in by the Control Tower before entering the Alamogordo Danger Area.

On 13 October, Sgt. Roy C. Overton was assigned to Director of Operations for duty; was assigned the Link Trainer Department.

Major Mitchell flew a High Altitude mission on B-17 #5600 for the Navy Personnel stationed at the White Sands Proving Grounds.

Lt. Leo J. Moffatt flew a High Altitude mission on B-29 #4103 for the Navy Personnel stationed at the White Sands Proving Grounds.

On 16 October 1947, Lt. Oscar N. Tibbetts was assigned to Base Operations as Ass't. Operations Officer.

Two Flying Safety Meetings were held this month, November.
No accidents during November.

The Master Crash Alarm System has been checked every day this month, and all discrepancies reported to the Director of Operations.

An on the-job inspection was held 22 November, conducted by Lt. Col. T. Waddleton and Major. W. R. Cramond.

Capt. Steve Ligno, Weights & Balance Officer and Lt. Oscar N. Tibbetts, Ass't. Operations Officer, departed this station on 6 Nov. to attend a course in Helicopter Training at San Marcos, Texas and will return to this station after their training is completed.

Major Mitchell directed this Department to compile a Pilots Information File consisting of all directives issued by Air Force pertaining to rated personnel and flying. Pilots are to read and initial in order to maintain proficiency on all flying directives.

Effective the first of November, there is a Dispatcher on duty seven days a week from 0730 to 1630.

Three Pilot Weather Officers, graduates of AF Weather School have been assigned to the Weather Section, and upon completion of their sixty (60) day in station training, it is anticipated that forecasting facilities will be available 24 hours daily, seven days a week.

Due to the Christmas holidays, only two Flying Safety Meetings were held during December. No accidents for the month.

A Civilian aircraft landed 22 December at 1025, piloted by Mr. H. F. Deichen, reason for landing; lost and short of gas. The aircraft number was NC-2795V, type-Bonanza. On this same date Major Mitchell spotted an aircraft (civilian) out on the lakes at the Range. Around mid-morning, M/Sgt. R. E. Maddell said that a fellow by the name of Lewis Perry cracked up a civilian aircraft, and walked or swam out uninjured. The number of the aircraft along with some pictures were submitted to CAA.

WEATHER

This station operated from 1430Z daily, Monday through Friday transmitting weather observations on Army Circuit 9890 and CAA Circuit 8008 and receiving weather data on Army Circuit 9890, CAA Circuit 8008, and Circuit C-35. Forecasting service was furnished daily, Monday through Friday from 1430Z. The observation and forecasting service ceased at 2330Z daily, Monday through Friday.

The Radiosonde section is no longer potential. The section has its equipment set up at the Poor Mans Gunnery Range and has sent several test runs during July.

During August this station operated daily from 1430Z through 2330Z daily Monday through Friday. Observations were transmitted on Army Circuit 9890, CAA Circuit 8008, and Circuit C-35. Forecasting service was furnished in conjunction with the observation service for the same hours. The last half of the month this station started forecasting and observation service on Saturdays from 1430Z through 1930Z.

The Radiosonde section is now at good strength, with six operators and two technicians. Though the men are just out of school they are willing and interested in the work and will soon get excellent runs with their equipment. They are taking two runs a day, one at 0800M and one at 2000M.

During September this station operated daily from 1430Z through 2330Z, Monday through Friday and by the middle of the month operated from 1430Z through 1930Z on Saturdays. Hourly observations were transmitted on Army Circuit 9890. Various types of observations and weather data were received on Army Circuit 9890, CAA Circuit 8008, and CAA Circuit C-35. The Radiosonde Section is coming along nicely.

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ALAMOGORDO ARMY AIR FIELD
Office of the Deputy for Operations and Projects
Alamogordo, New Mexico

ALDOP 312.1

5 August 1947

SUBJECT: Historical Report for Projects Section for the
Month of July 1947 (AFC Reg. 20-26)

TO: Base Historical Officer
Alamogordo Army Air Field
Alamogordo, New Mexico

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1. Mission of the Section remained unchanged, (same as stated in report for April 1947).

2. The major activities of the Section consisted of the following:

a. Continuation of construction of the GAPA firing site. Construction is now 93% completed and site is now in process of being turned over to GAPA by the contractor. The slant angle tower was erected and two firings have been held, one on the 23 July and the second on 1 August. The vertical angle tower base has arrived but has not been erected. Work has been continued on modifying buildings in the West Area for use by Incoming Aircraft representatives.

b. Remote Control personnel flew Q4-14's and Q4-14's in preparation for the future Q4-6A's and Q4-19 tests. Maintenance and performance problems were overcome. Further testing awaits parts and modifications.

c. Construction of firing site for Project MATV of North American Aviation, Inc., has been continued. Construction of launching pad is complete. Entire construction is 80% complete. Modification of buildings for shop and office space in West Area is 40% complete. Supplies and equipment arrived during the month by plane and truck.

d. Hughes Aircraft Company representatives and two (2) missiles were set-up in shop and office space. Telemetry and communications were worked on during the month. One (1) A-26 arrived from Culver City, California, for the test.

e. Ryan Aircraft Company was visited by the Project Office and the A-26 to be used in the Ryan drive was delivered to Alamogordo. The wind tunnel test missile was delivered to Wright Field. The field test starting date is estimated for the fourth week of August.

f. Three (3) representatives of Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Company visited the Section and looked over their launching site, shop and office space necessary.

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2. Continuation of the special work required to prepare the base for development tests of guided missiles. This work included the following:

- (1) Making plans and requisitioning equipment for the test range.
- (2) Planning and submitting work projects to provide roads, communications, water supply, and power supply to the launching sites and the range.
- (3) Plans were submitted for Amalino and acid storage facilities.
- (4) Continuation of improvements in the buildings and equipment to the Photo Lab.
- (5) Continued work was done by the Range Section to improve the range facilities, maintain range vehicles and shops, and supplying heavy motor equipment and supplies for various shops in the Section.

3. Factors which impeded the progress of the Section have been as follows:

- a. Lack of qualified personnel. There was a serious shortage in all personnel categories, however this situation has been improved to a great extent.
- b. Delays encountered in acquiring equipment which was requisitioned. Many items needed were not available through normal supply source.
- c. Lack of motor vehicle equipment and maintenance.
- d. Delay in clarification of services and supplies to be furnished by the Air Installations Department.
- e. Lack of information and cooperation in all phases of the instrumentation and test programs by Wright Field.

4. Factors which have aided the progress of the Section are as follows:

- a. Ten (10) civilian workers were hired and several enlisted men were assigned to the Section.

5. Personnel of the following organizations visited the Section:

- a. Consolidated Airtac Aircraft Company
- b. Ryan Aircraft Company
- c. Hughes Aircraft Company

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- 5. d. Boeing Aircraft Company
- e. North American Aviation, Inc.
- f. Lear Aircraft Company
- g. Summers Gyroscope Company

John D. Champion Jr.
JOHN D. CHAMPION
Captain, Air Corps
Director of Projects

3 March 1959

Mr. David Bushnell
MDNH
Air Force Missile Development Center
Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Bushnell:

It has taken me much too long in answering your inquiries of 9 October 1958 but I hope this information will be of some value to you in preparing a history of balloon operations at Holloman. Thanks also for the three reports which you sent me.

Answering your specific questions, my EDCMR to Holloman was 20 January 1948. I reported in about 1 February 1948. I immediately joined the Electronic and Atmospheric Projects Section and remained in this same basic organization through its various name changes for my entire tour at Holloman.

I attended the January 1950 Class at the Air Tactical School, Tryndall Air Force Base, Florida for sixteen (16) weeks and returned to Holloman by 15 May.

On 31 July 1950 I was assigned Chief, Geophysical Research Unit, (Balloon) Electronics and Atmospheric Branch, Technical Operations Section, O&P on Special Orders No. 152, par 24. This, I believe, was the first balloon organization. On 29 May 1951, S.O. No. 111, par 8 redesignated me without change of assignment as Chief, Balloon Atmospheric Unit, Electronics and Atmospheric Branch, Development and Test Section Base Directorate, Technical Operations. Then in S.O. No. 98, 13 November 1951, par 11, I was Chief, Balloon Sonde Sub-Unit, Electronics and Atmospheric Unit, Development and Test Section, Operations.

I was never the Holloman Base Weather Officer. Lt Colonel Maas was assigned as Base Weather Officer and as head of the E&A organization as a dual assignment for a while.

There was a continuity of organization from the earliest balloon activities up to the present. The name changed but the group continued. The radar research activities, the Aerobee rocket atmospheric investigations and the balloon activities were sponsored originally

by the Air Force Cambridge Research Center and were administered in a single organization up through the time I left Holloman.

When I first arrived at Holloman, a New York University group under Mr. C. B. Moore with a AFCRC contract had been launching 20 foot plastic balloons since June 1947 from the North area. I began as their project officer.

I hope this has been of some use to you.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: Responsibility for Test Programs

TO: Commanding Officer
Holloman Air Force Base
Alamogordo, New Mexico
Attn: Colonel P. F. Helmick

1. This is intended to clarify certain misunderstandings between various components of the Engineering Division, Hq AMC, concerning responsibility for research and development tests being conducted at Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico.

2. AMC Letter No. 21-3, dated 29 September 1947, subject: "Alamogordo Army Air Field", sets forth the mission of the base as follows:

The mission of this installation is to conduct engineering research, development, and testing of guided missiles and allied equipment, and to make upper-air investigations as assigned by the Commanding General, AMC, in conjunction with governmental agencies or authorized contractors.

3. AMC Regulation No. 21-6, dated 1 October 1947, sets forth the responsibilities of the Commanding Officer of Holloman Air Force Base (Alamogordo Army Air Field). Paragraph 3b of this regulation makes the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base, responsible for provision of facilities and supervision for any research and development tests directed by Hq AMC.

4. When field test activities are authorized at Holloman Air Force Base, in accordance with procedures set forth in Engineering Division Office Instruction No. 21-2, dated 9 February 1948, the supervision of such tests becomes the responsibility of the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base, as set forth in paragraph 3b of AMC Regulation No. 21-6.

5. All contractor or AMC employees visiting Holloman Air Force Base or vicinity (including White Sands Proving Ground) in connection with an authorized AMC project, will report

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to the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base, and will be under his direction until departure. All contacts, other than technical discussions and instances where immediate decision and action is required between contractors, AMC Representatives, and other governmental agencies will be through Holloman Air Force Base.

6. The component of the AMC responsible for an AMC project authorized at Holloman Air Force Base or vicinity (including White Sands Proving Ground) will be responsible for over-all coordination of that project with Holloman Air Force Base and other agencies and laboratories or sections of AMC.

7. When final decision is required at Holloman Air Force Base, or in the vicinity, regarding change in firing date, or cancellation of scheduled launchings, of a test being conducted on an authorized project including AMC firings at White Sands Proving Ground, such decisions as are required will be the responsibility of the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base, who is final AMC representative. Any technical representatives from the AMC Subdivision, Sections, or Laboratories having primary cognizance of the missile or test concerned will act in an advisory capacity to base staff personnel in making final decisions.

8. In order that the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base, can discharge the responsibility for normal base functions outlined in Paragraph 3a of AMC Regulation No. 21-6, any subdivision, section, or laboratory of the Engineering Division administering the contract under which development has been carried out will be responsible for advance planning and procurement of special items of equipment and will advise the Commanding Officer, Holloman Air Force Base in advance, of plans and action taken which will affect the base functions, such as supply, transportation, and availability of quarters for transient personnel.

9. Revision of AMC Regulation No. 21-6 is being initiated, incorporating a more exact delineation of responsibilities for field tests on authorized AMC projects in the Holloman Air Force Base-White Sands Proving Ground area. Until such time as this revision is accomplished, this letter should clarify any misunderstanding among AMC personnel regarding procedures in conducting field tests.

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The Finished Product

By December of 1944, the CIC structure of the Army Air Forces had assumed, for the most part, the organizational pattern and consistency that was to continue until the separation of the Army Air Forces from the Army in 1947. That structure is detailed here, not only because of its long period of evolution, but because it may serve as a framework for other Army branches which attain such stature that a separate counterintelligence service appears warranted.

As stated, for purposes of administration, all CIC personnel were assigned to "K" Squadron, 2d Army Air Force Base Unit, Headquarters Squadron, Bolling Field, Washington, D.C. The total authorized strength was 231 officers and 592 enlisted men. The squadron was divided into 12 detachments assigned as follows:

601st CIC Det (AAF)	1st Air Force
602d CIC Det (AAF)	2d Air Force
603d CIC Det (AAF)	3d Air Force
604th CIC Det (AAF)	4th Air Force
700th CIC Det (AAF)	Headquarters, AAF
701st CIC Det (AAF)	Troop Carrier Command
702d CIC Det (AAF)	AAF Proving Ground Command
703d CIC Det (AAF)	20th Air Force
704th CIC Det (AAF)	AAF Personnel Distribution Command
705th CIC Det (AAF)	Air Technical Service Command
706th CIC Det (AAF)	Air Transport Command
707th CIC Det (AAF)	AAF Training Command

A list of Air Force installations and bases where CIC personnel were stationed within this framework may be found in Appendix 1.

It should be understood that this initial setup was modified as expedience demanded; changes will be covered in this text as they occurred. It is natural

Chapter 2

OPERATIONS

In the pursuance of historical research, the availability of operational reports for CIC detachments with the Air Corps leaves much to be desired. Many files went to the Air Force in the separation of that service from the Army in 1947; records which have been located by this project are limited, at best. The cases which follow are considered to be a cross section of Air Corps CIC work; for with the exception of cases inherent or unique to a location, a screening of available material reveals few differences in the nature of missions accomplished, whether the installation was in California or Casablanca.

It is true that some unusual operational problems arose; they are treated in the text as they became important and affected a given case. It will be noted, too, that the number of cases in any category varied with the detachments, but in most instances, Air Corps CIC found itself principally occupied with aircraft accident investigations.

Brazilian Project

When the United States entered the war, Brazil, like most South American countries, remained neutral, at least in early 1942. In spite of this status, there was little question as to the sympathies of the Brazilian Republic. As evidence of western hemisphere affinity, President Getulio Vargas allowed the United States to establish airbases within Brazil and employed the Brazilian Navy in patrol operations along the South American coastline.

Personnel of the Air Transport Command were present in Brazil in some strength by May 1942, manning major ferrying stations at Belem and Natal. At this time, Brazil's neutrality, though conceded to be partial to the Allied cause, began to raise some difficulties. Axis citizens, agents, and consuls had the right of unrestricted travel within the country; many had resided there for long periods and had become firmly entrenched members of the business and social community. The presence of these persons generated the constant possibility of espionage and sabotage. Increasingly it was felt by U.S. authorities that some positive steps should be taken to establish all the military security measures possible under the circumstances.

In mid-May 1942, Special Agents Jose M. Bensuade and Anthony R. Mattos were temporarily released from the Counter Intelligence Corps by orders of the Chief, CIC, and assigned to the United States Ferrying Command for a period of six months. Linguistic abilities and some knowledge of the country made possible an undercover assignment at Belem, Brazil; original instructions contemplated a three-week stay there with American troops for purposes of familiarization.

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Marana Army Air Field, Marana, Arizona

Williams Field, Chandler, Arizona

Yuma Army Air Field, Yuma, Arizona

Santa Ana, California

Merced Army Air Force Base, Merced, California

Minter Army Air Field, Bakersfield, California

Stockton Field, Stockton, California

Las Vegas Army Air Field, Las Vegas, Nevada

Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Hobbs Army Air Field, Hobbs, New Mexico

Roswell Army Air Field, Roswell, New Mexico

Marfa Army Air Field, Marfa, Texas

Western Technical Training Command

Lowry Field, Colorado

Denver, Colorado

Buckley Field, Denver, Colorado

La Junta Army Air Field, La Junta, Colorado

Keesler Field, Biloxi, Mississippi

Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas

Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas

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Central Flying Training Command

Dodge City Army Air Field, Dodge City, Kansas

Liberal Army Air Field, Liberal, Kansas

Selman Field, Monroe, Louisiana

Enid Army Air Field, Enid, Oklahoma

Altus Army Air Field, Altus, Oklahoma

Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas

Bryan Army Air Field, Bryan, Texas

Ellington Field, Houston, Texas

Childress Army Air Field, Childress, Texas

Midland Army Air Field, Midland, Texas

Foster Field, Victoria, Texas

Laughlin Army Air Field, Del Rio, Texas

Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, Texas

Lubbock South Plains Army Air Field, Lubbock, Texas

Waco Army Air Field, Waco, Texas

Pampa Army Air Field, Pampa, Texas

Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas

Fort Worth Army Air Field, Fort Worth, Texas

Moore Field, Mission, Texas

Western Flying Training Command

Douglas Army Air Field, Douglas, Arizona

Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona

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North Atlantic Division

Dow Field, Bangor, Maine

Presque Isle Army Air Field, Presque Isle, Maine

Manchester, New Hampshire

Grenier Field, Manchester, New Hampshire

LaGuardia Field, New York

Caribbean Division

Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida

36th Street Airport, Miami, Florida

11. 707th CIC Detachment (AAF) attached to the Army Air Forces Training Command.

Eastern Flying Training Command

Courtland Army Air Field, Courtland, Alabama

Craig Field, Selma, Alabama

Auburn, Alabama

Gunter Field, Montgomery, Alabama

Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama

Napier Field, Dothan, Alabama

Tuskegee Army Air Base, Tuskegee, Alabama

Blytheville Army Air Field, Blytheville, Arkansas

Buckingham Army Air Field, Fort Myers, Florida

Hendricks Field, Sebring, Florida

Tyndall Field, Panama City, Florida

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2. 602d CIC Detachment (AAF) attached to 2d Air Force.

Davis-Monthan Field, Tucson, Arizona

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Peterson Field, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Gowen Field, Boise, Idaho

Army Air Field, Mountain Home, Idaho

Army Air Base, Sioux City, Iowa

Army Air Field, Great Bend, Kansas

Army Air Field, Pratt, Kansas

Walker Army Air Field, Victoria, Kansas

Harding Field, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Army Air Field, Alexandria, Louisiana

Lincoln Army Air Field, Lincoln, Nebraska

Fairmont, Nebraska

Grand Island, Nebraska

Kearney, Nebraska

McCook, Nebraska

Harvard, Nebraska

Army Air Field, Clovis, New Mexico

Army Air Field, Fort Sumner, New Mexico

Army Air Base, Alamogordo, New Mexico

Army Air Field, Ardmore, Oklahoma

Army Air Base, Rapid City, South Dakota