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Date July 31, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Requirements & Resources Branch, Military Personnel Division

To: Enlisted Branch, Military Personnel Division
THRU: Colonel Wetzel

SUBJECT: Shortages of Colored Personnel

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Washington

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES,
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY GROUND FORCES,
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY SERVICE FORCES:

Subject: Negro Troops.

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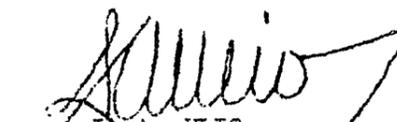

Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Negro Troops.
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War Department, A.S.F., A.G., 13 July 1943. - To: Commanding Generals, First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth Service Commands; The Military District of Washington; All Ports of Embarkation; and Chiefs of All Technical Services, A.S.F.

1. For compliance.
2. It is desired that you distribute this communication to the commanders of all Army Service Forces elements within the geographical limits of your command who exercise command of a post, camp, station or other installation.
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By command of Lieutenant General SOMERVELL:


J. A. ULLO
Major General
Adjutant General

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Subject: Negro Troops.

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR BASE, Langley Field, Virginia, 29 July 1943.

To: Commanding Officer, 1307th Guard Sqdn., Langley Field, Virginia.

1. For your information and guidance.
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By order of Colonel LOHMAN:

Robert H. Knight
ROBERT H. KNIGHT,
Captain, Air Corps,
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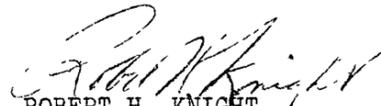
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WAR DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AAF 291.2

(AFDAS)

14 July 1943

SUBJECT: Negro Troops.

TO: Commanding Generals,
All Air Forces,
All independent Army Air Forces commands.
Commandant,
Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics.
Commanding Officers,
All exempted Army Air Forces stations.
(In continental United States).

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By command of General ARNOLD:

/s/
FRED C. MILNER
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Air Adjutant General.

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As indicated plus all
assistant chiefs of Air Staff,
and chiefs of all special staff offices.

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HQ AIR FORCES, E.D.C. AND FIRST AIR FORCE, Mitchel Field, N.Y. 26 July 1943

TO: Commanding General, I Fighter Command, Mitchel Field, N.Y.
Commanding Officers, All Army Air Bases, First Air Force.

For your information and guidance.

By command of Major General ROYCE:

/s/
RAYNOR GAREY,
Colonel, A. G. D.,
Adjutant General.

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29 July 1943

Tracer - Concerning Negro Military Personnel Stationed at Escoda Army Air Field, Escoda, Michigan.

Commanding General
Air Service Command
Patterson Field
Fairfield, Ohio.

1. Telegram relative to subject matter was forwarded to you with request for investigation and report under date of 7 July 1943.
2. It is requested that this office be with report, or approximate date same can be expected.

By command of General ARNOLD:

J. P. R. SCOTT
Colonel, J. A. G. D.
Chief, Spec. Inves. Div.
Office of The Air Inspector

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Tracer -- Treatment of Colored Soldiers at AAB, New Orleans, La.

Commanding General, Air Service Command,
Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio.

1. Reference letter from this Headquarters dated 12 July 1943, forwarding subject matter for investigation and report, no reply has been received to date.
2. Information is requested as to estimated date report can be expected.

By command of General ARNOLD:

J. F. R. SCOTT
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SUBJECT: Negro Troops

TO: Organization and Training Branch, MM&D
 DATE 22 July 1943
 FROM: ACAS, MM&D, Supply and Services Division
 COMMENT NO. 1
 DBS-1/CEE:dk/2105

1. Attention is invited to inclosed copy of R&R dated 13 July 1943, above subject, and inclosure thereto. It is requested that necessary action be taken to comply therewith.

1 Incl.
 R&R dtd 7/13/43 to
 MM&D fm Air Adj. Gen.
 w/cy ltr AAF 291.2.

EMR
 E. P. ROSE,
 Colonel, A.C.

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TO: ACAS, MM&D, Supply & Services Division.
 DATE 24 July 1943
 FROM: AC/AS, MM&D, Organization & Training Branch.
 COMMENT NO. 2
 AFDBS-3/JEM:eac:71617

1. All officers of this Branch have been instructed to comply with the instructions of the Deputy Chief of Air Staff in this matter.

Incl: n/c

g. e. A. Jr
 P. E. RUESTON,
 Colonel, Air Corps,
 Chief, Org. & Trng. Branch.

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SUBJECT: Negro Troops.

TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff,
Materiel, Maintenance and Distribution.
FROM: Air Adjutant General.

DATE 13 July 1943

COMMENT NO. 1
EAB/11/71128

In connection with the attached confidential letter AAF 291.2, 13 July 1943, the Deputy Chief of Air Staff desires that officers from your office sent out into the field on official visits closely observe the extent to which post commanders are complying with the letter and spirit of the instructions of the Chief of Staff, and submit full report of any infractions thereof.


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Date 22 July 1943

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From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments, and Requirements, Programs Branch.

To: Chief, Allocations and Programs Division.

SUBJECT: Negro Troops.

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Date July 22, 1943

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From: Asst Air Adjutant General

To: Commanding Officer, Army Air Base, Pratt, Kans.

SUBJECT: Request for Assignment Of Personnel

Memo

Original filed under No. 210,31 Assignment

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Date July 21, 1943

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From: HQ AAF Air Inspector

To: CO, Fourth District, AAF Training Command, Denver, Colo

Subject: Board of Officers, ~~fr.~~

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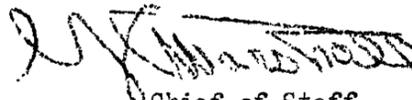
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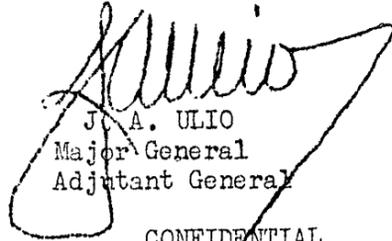

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From: Military Personnel - 1 - K

To: Commanding General, Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Assignments.

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Date July 19, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments & Requirements
(Air Defense Branch)

To: Statistical Control Division

SUBJECT: Air Base Security Battalions

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TO: The Air Inspector
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TO: Air Adjutant General
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DATE 19 July 1943

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Matters covered by AAF letter, dated 13 July 1943, from the Air Adjutant General, have been incorporated and are in the list of special subjects which will be covered by all persons making inspections from this office. A complete report will be made on infractions uncovered.

E. J. Odom
for T. C. ODOM
Colonel, Air Corps
Deputy, The Air Inspector

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Date July 16, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Office of The Air Inspector

To: The Inspector General

SUBJECT: Board of Officers

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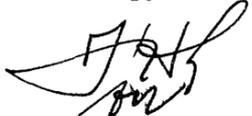
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FROM: ACAS/Operations, Commitments & Requirements.

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BARNEY M. GILES
Major General, U. S. Army

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Assistant Chief of Air Staff,
Operations, Commitments & Requirements.
Air Adjutant General.

13 July 1943.

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In connection with the attached confidential letter AAF 291.2, 13 July 1943, the Deputy Chief of Air Staff desires that officers from your office sent out into the field on official visits closely observe the extent to which post commanders are complying with the letter and spirit of the instructions of the Chief of Staff, and submit full report of any infractions thereof.

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: 322- 370th Aviation Squadron, Las Vegas Nev.
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Date July 14, 1943

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From: Hq. AAFWCTC, 1104 West 8th St., Santa Ana, Calif.
To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Investigation, Miscellaneous

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SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments, and Requirements, Programs Branch

To: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments, and Requirements, Requirements Division, Air Defense Branch.

SUBJECT: Shipment of Negro Units.

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DATE: July 24, 1943

SUBJECT: Status of Air Corps Colored Personnel in the
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SUBJECT: Negro Troops.

TO: Commanding Generals,
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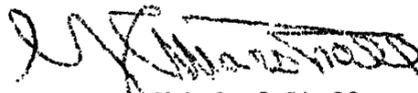
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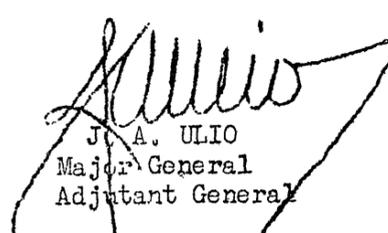

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Date July 8, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Chief, Spec. Inv. Division,
Office of The Air Inspector

To: Commanding General, Third Air Force, Tampa, Fla.

SUBJECT: Uprising on the Part of Negro Soldiers from the
Lake Charles Army AirBase- Ltr. dated 5/13/43 From
Mr. Himel

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Date July 7, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments, and Requirements, Programs Branch.

To: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training.

SUBJECT: Technical Training of Negro Personnel (non-flying) 1943.

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Date July 7, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: WD General Staff, Personnel Division G-1, Wash., D. C.

To: The Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

SUBJECT: Assignment of Colored personnel with
AGCT scores of 75 or better to the
AAF.

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Date July 5, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments & Requirements
Theatre Branch

To: Asst Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments & Requirements
Air Defense Branch

SUBJECT: Substitution of 958th Air Base Security Bn for
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SUBJECT: Negro units at Eglin Field.

TO: Asst C/AS, OC&R

DATE 24 June, 1943

FROM: Asst C/AS, OC&R, Allocations & Program Division

COMMENT NO. 1
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1. The present negro strength of the Proving Grounds Command will be gradually reduced by the shipping out of units scheduled for overseas.

2. In the activation of new units every effort will be made not to exceed the present strength and assignments will be made only after coordination with that command.

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draft dtd 6/16/43

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O P WEXLAND
Colonel, Air Corps

Col Wexland
notify C. G. Eglin
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TO: Asst C/AS, OC&R

Date: 29 June, 1943
Comment No. 2
BEB/ghm 4563

FROM: Asst C/AS, OC&R, Programs Branch.

1. The Commanding General of Eglin Field has been notified of the information contained herein.

BBB
BYRON E. BRUGGE,
Colonel, Air Corps

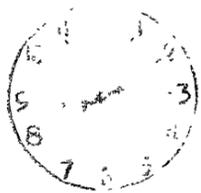
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Date June 28, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Office of Asst. Chief of Air Staff, M.M.&D. Air Engineer

To: Colonel J. H. Price, Office of the Air Inspector

SUBJECT: 870th Engr. Aviation Battalion

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Date June 28, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff Personnel

To: Commanding General, Third Air Force, Tampa, Florida.

SUBJECT: Assignment of Colored Engineer Personnel.

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FILE: 291.2 Negro

Date June 27, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Hqs AAF Technical Training Command, Knollwood Field, N. C.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Wash., 25, D. C.

SUBJECT: Utilization of Civilian Instructors (negro)
in the Air Service Command and Materiel
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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES, OFFICE OF THE AIR ORDNANCE OFFICER, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

JUN 23 1943

TO: Chief Ordnance Officer, Headquarters Eighth Air Force.

1. The following listed colored Ordnance units have been committed to your theater:

- 1902 Ordnance Ammunition Company, Aviation.
- 1912 Ordnance Ammunition Company, Aviation.
- 1951 Ordnance Depot Company, Aviation.
- 1962 Ordnance Depot Company, Aviation.

2. The War Department, Operations Division has advised this office informally, that these units cannot be deleted from this commitment list. Approximately 10% of the total Air Force is made up of colored personnel and this personnel is being assigned to the overseas stations in accordance with classified letter, AG 291.21 (3-31-42) MB-A, dated May 13, 1942, subject: "Assignment of Colored Troops to Theaters of Operation and Overseas Stations", copy of which is inclosed.

For the Air Ordnance Officer:

1 Incl. - Ltr. AG
219.21 (3-31-43)
dtd 5-13-43.

H. V. JONES
Major, Ord. Dept.,
Assistant.

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SUBJECT: Colored troops.

TO: Air Ordnance Officer, Washington, D.C.

Many problems pertaining to colored troops have been encountered in this theater which makes it very desirable that no additional colored troops arrive here. It is noted that colored Ammunition Companies and perhaps colored Depot Companies are being sent to this theater. These Companies cannot be used as efficiently as white Companies. It is requested that every effort be made to have only white Ordnance Companies sent to this Air Force.

P. SCHWARTZ,
Colonel, Ord.Dept.,
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May 13, 1942

Assignment of colored troops to Theaters of Operation and Overseas Stations.

Commanding General,
Army Air Forces.

1. In the formation of task forces and the dispatch of additional units to theaters of operation, or stations outside the continental United States, the following policy will govern:

a. Colored troops will not be employed in extreme northern stations where conditions preclude a desirable dispersion of personnel.

b. Colored troops will not be utilized in a country against the will of that country's Government, when the United States Government is the petitioner with respect to the stationing of troops in the country concerned.

c. In all other cases, except as noted in d below, the dispatch of colored troops will be accomplished without prior request or agreement on the part of the theater or other commander who is to receive the troops. Such commanders will, however, be informed of orders concerning the movement of colored troops to their command, and whether units so ordered are commanded by white or colored officers.

d. There will be no positive restrictions on the use of colored troops in the British Isles, but shipment of colored units to the British Isles will be limited, initially, to those in the service category.

e. The Commanding General, Army Air Forces will insure that colored troops are ordered overseas in a proportion not less than the percentage of such troops in his command.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ Louis Lippman
Adjutant General.

BASED ON: Memo from G-1 WDCAP 322.99 Colored Troops (4-30-42)

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Date June 23 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Military Personnel - 2

To: Asst Chief of Staff, G-1

SUBJECT: Activation of Colored Combat Units in the Army Air Forces

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FILE : ~~291.1~~ Colored Situation
291.2 RACE, NEGRO

Date June 23, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Hqs., Air Forces, Eastern Defense Command and First Air Force
Office of the Air Force Commander, Mitchel Field, N. Y.

To: Commanding General, AAF, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

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SYNOPSIS

From: WD Hqs AAF, ACAS Materiel, Maintenance and Distribution, Office of the Air Engineer, Washington, D. C.

To: Commanding General, AAF Proving Ground Command, Eglin Field, Florida.

SUBJECT: Letter from Brig. Gen. Grandison Gardner.

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SUBJECT: Colored Personnel in Army Air Forces Program

From: Deputy General's Office
(Col. A. B. Welch)

Attached is schedule of Colored Personnel in Army Air Forces Program which revises pages 44 and 45 in Army Air Forces Program dated April 21, 1943.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

Incl. Schedule.

(SOP)
JOHN B. COOLEY,
Colonel, A.G.O.,
Assistant Adjutant General

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From: AC/AS, OC&R, Programs Branch

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Date June 21, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Programs Branch, Asst Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments & Requirements

To: Asst Chief of Air Staff, Materiel, Maintenance & Distribution Office of The Air Engineer

SUBJECT: Reassignment of Certain Engineer Aviation Units

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SUBJECT: Personnel for the 96th Service Group

TO: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel, Military Personnel,
Att'n: Captain R. M. Hockenberry

FROM: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training

COMMENT NO. 1
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Reference is made to Comment #2 of R&R, Same Subject, AFACT-3, to your office dated June 10, 1943.

1 Incl: Ltr d/6-17-43
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Brigadier General, U. S. Army

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17 June, 1943

SUBJECT: Training of Colored Troops.

X 353 negro troops

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.
(Attention: Assistant Chief of Air Staff - Training)

1. Reference telegram AFACT 3419, 8 June, 1943, after an analysis of training reports and coordination with the districts, the figures attached as Inclosure #1 are submitted on above subject.

2. Due to eliminations, above totals vary in some classifications from those submitted in telephone conversation between Lt. Col. Hutchins, your Headquarters and Captain Doyle, these Headquarters, 11 June, 1943.

For the Commanding General:

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| R. O. M. | 97 | 28 May, 1943 | | | Scott Fld. |
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| Machinist | 6 | 18 May, 1943 | | | Chanute Fld. |
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| Airpl. Mech. | 49 | 2 June, 1943 | | | Lincoln |
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Date June 19, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments
and Requirements.

To: General Arnold

SUBJECT: Shipment of Negro Units.

Memorandum

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FILE : ~~320.2 Strength of Negro Personnel~~

291.2 Negro

Date June 18, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Industrial Manning Board

To: Mr. William Haber, Director, Bureau of Program Requirements
War Manpower Commission

SUBJECT: Instructors (Negro)

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SUBJECT: Aircraft Warning Service Troops for Asiatic Theater

TO: Asst C/AS, Personnel, (Military Personnel Division) X371

DATE 17 June 1943

FROM: Asst C/AS, OCR (Air Defense Branch)

COMMENT NO. 1
Lt. Col. Kaiser/mc/72503

1. A telephone call from Major Post, Headquarters, Army Air Forces (on temporary duty at Headquarters, Third Air Force) to Lt. Colonel Kaiser reveals that the Commanding General, Third Air Force has not received orders as directed by the War Department in a secret memorandum for the Commanding General, Army Air Forces and Commanding General, Army Service Forces, file OPD 370.5 CTO (26 May 43) dated 26 May 1943, subject "AWS Troops for Asiatic Theater," and requested in a secret R&R dated 31 May 1943 to the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel, Military Personnel Division from the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments and Requirements, Requirements Division, Air Defense Branch, subject as above.

2. It is requested that action be expedited as the War Department memorandum referred to in paragraph 1 above directs shipment by air by 1 July 1943.

3. It is requested that the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments and Requirements, Requirements Division, Air Defense Branch be advised of the action taken on R&R mentioned in paragraph 1.

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William F. McKee
WILLIAM F. MCKEE
Colonel, Air Corps

Date June 18, 1943

TO: AC/AS, OCR (Air Defense Branch)

FROM: AC/AS, Personnel, Mil. Pers. Div., Theater Branch.

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1. Orders issued from this Headquarters, June 2, 1943, directing that the Commanding General, 3rd Air Force assign the personnel referred to in paragraph 1, Comment 1, to Shipment Number pending movement overseas by air transportation and telephone coordination with Office of the A-1, 3rd Air Force, this date, has confirmed that the orders of this Headquarters were received and complied with.

2. Priority for air transportation has been established, movement orders have issued and co-ordination with Foreign Air Priorities and Traffic Division, Air Transport Command has determined that movement to destination is expected to begin between June 28th and July 1, 1943.

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From:

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SUBJECT: Colored Personnel in AAF Program.

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291.2 Negro Soldiers

Date

June 17, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Colonel F. F. R. Scott, J.A. G.D., Chief, Spec. Inv. Division,
Office of The Air Inspector.

To: The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C.

Subject: Alleged Discrimination against Negro soldiers at
Stockton Field, California.

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TO: AC/AS, Personnel, Officers Branch
 (Lt. Col. C. A. Clark)
 FROM: AC/AS, O.C. & R., Programs Branch

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for *W.E.D., Jr.*
 BYRON E. BRUGGE
 Colonel, Air Corps

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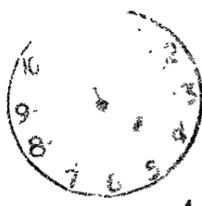
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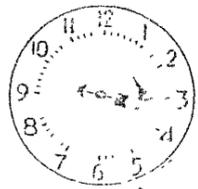
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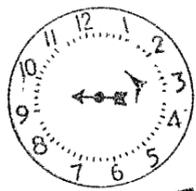
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF STAFF:

Subject: Facilities for Negro Troops,
Greiner Field, New Hampshire.

1. The following action has been taken to alleviate the situation at Greiner Field discussed in the attached memorandum:

a. The Commanding General, First Air Force, was informed by letter from this Headquarters 19 May 1943, that five Air Base Security Battalions at Greiner Field were deferred and could properly be moved elsewhere in his area.

b. As of 16 June 1943, two of the subject battalions had been moved from Greiner Field, two were to be moved within a few days, and one was to remain. The Commanding General, First Air Force, states that the facilities at Greiner Field are sufficient to handle one Negro Air Base Security Battalion.

2. Attention is invited to the fact that this particular instance is only a forerunner of what we may expect as colored units continue to pile up in the continental United States. In this connection, the whole subject of Air Base Security Battalions was submitted by this Headquarters to your office by memorandum dated 20 May 1943, subject: "Air Base Security Battalions." A decision on the questions raised in this memorandum would facilitate the handling of the Air Base Security Battalion problem.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

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Barney M. Giles
Major General, U.S.A.
Asst. Chief of Air Staff
Operations, Commitments & Requirements.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Inspector General
Washington

May 19, 1943.

MEMORANDUM for the Deputy Chief of Staff.

Subject: Facilities for Negro Troops, Grenier Field, New Hampshire.

1. During the course of a special inspection of units stationed at Grenier Field, New Hampshire, by Major Lawrence K. Blanchard, I.C.D., of this office, the question of recreational facilities for negro troops thereat was brought to his attention. His report is as follows:

a. The base was originally built to accommodate 2,200 but 5,000 troops were here at the date of this inspection; at least 2,700 of these are negroes. Hence, housing and recreational facilities are inadequate. The Camp Exchange Service is seriously overcrowded. There are four small branch camp exchanges, but these are insufficient. The Post Theater has a capacity of 300. The Base Commander has found it necessary to have performances in the afternoons to offer an opportunity to all those desiring to see the shows. There is no adequate service club on the base for either white or colored troops, nor is there a gymnasium or field house.

b. As a result of the crowded conditions, no attempt has been made to provide separate recreational facilities for white and negro troops.

c. As unfortunate as is the situation with regard to white troops, it is aggravated for negro units by reason of the lack of outside activities. In the city of Manchester, New Hampshire, and vicinity there are no colored sections. Before the base was constructed there were only two colored families in this territory. As a consequence, it is necessary to transport the negro troops in small details to Boston, over 60 miles away, for any social activities.

d. The Post Executive, Colonel Black, Air Corps, stated that several requests had been made for additional facilities but without results.

2. On December 19, 1941, this office submitted a report covering a situation involving negro troops at Manchester, New Hampshire, and pertinent extracts therefrom showing the attitude of the civilian community are as follows:

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AS, Operations, Commitments & Requirements.

DATE 15 June 43

Deputy Chief of the Air Staff.

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- Note the attached.
- It is directed that you take immediate action to rectify the situation therein and prepare an appropriate report of the action taken to accompany the memo of the attached memorandum to the Deputy Chief of Staff, U. S. Army. In connection with this entire matter General McNarney took cognizance of the problem in General Council Meeting held June 14, 1943, and directed that the Army Air Forces take immediate action to rectify the conditions at Grenier Field.

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 MILLARD A. LIBBY,
 Colonel, G. S. C.,
 Secretary of the Air-Staff.

Memo for DC/S
 5/19/43

Deputy Chief of the Air Staff
 Asst. C/AS, Operations, Commitments and Requirements

Date 17 June 1943
 Comment No. 2
 Col. McKee/loh 71682

Memorandum for the Deputy Chief of Staff reporting action taken with regard to inadequate facilities for negro troops at Grenier Field is attached for signature.

Barney M. Giles
 BARNEY M. GILES,
 Major General, U. S. Army.
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DATE: 17 June 1943
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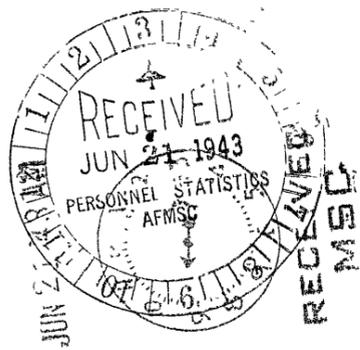
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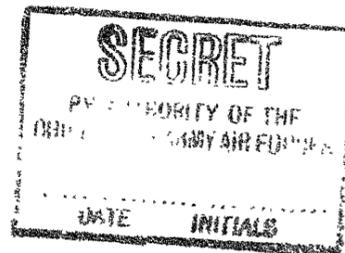
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(Att: Capt. J. C. Walker)

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For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

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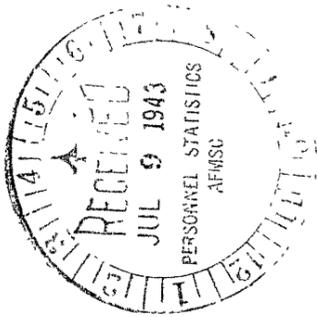
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(Att: Lt. Col. J. B. Gary)

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TO: Commanding General, Army Service Forces.
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(Att: Lt. Col. Gould)

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TO: Air Transport Command, Engineer Branch, Supply and Service Division.

(Att: Capt. E. C. Embury)

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WD Hq Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., 17 June 1943.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. Report of investigation is attached hereto.

2. It is believed that the use of recreational facilities at Stockton
Field is within the meaning of paragraph 3 of the War Department policy in
such matters attached hereto.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

J. F. R. SCOTT,
Colonel, J. A. G. D.,
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Headquarters, Army Air Forces Flying Training Command, Fort Worth, Texas,
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To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. Attention:
The Air Inspector.

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Headquarters, Army Air Forces Flying Training Command, Fort Worth, Texas.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center,
Santa Ana, California.

For explanation requested in Paragraph 3 of 6th Indorsement and
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By command of Major General YOUNT

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HQ, ARMY AIR FORCES WEST COAST TRAINING CENTER, 1104 West 8th Street,
Santa Ana, California. 8 June 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces Flying Training Command, Texas &
Pacific Railway Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

1. The facts as shown in the report of the Inspector General are
correct.

2. The evidence accompanying the report is at fault in that all
testimony should have referred to members of the *55th Aviation Squadron
and *971st Quartermaster Platoon.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ Wm L. Tydings
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Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General

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Subject: Alleged discrimination against Negro soldiers at Stockton Field, California.

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WD HQ Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., May 26, 1943.

To: The Commanding General, Army Air Forces Flying Training Command, Fort Worth, Texas.

1. It is noted that, by your 3rd indorsement, you requested from the Commanding General, Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center, information whether the instructions on the use of recreational facilities at Stockton Field are in compliance with policy outlined in letter, Adjutant General's Office, No. 353.8, March 10, 1943, to which that officer in 4th indorsement advised that these recreational facilities were in compliance with that policy.

2. It is noted that the above mentioned policy states that where two or more races are included in the garrison, recreational facilities will not be designated for any particular race. It is further noted, in Exhibit B-3, that at Stockton Field there is a branch Post Exchange exclusively for colored personnel and also a separate theater for colored soldiers.

3. The evidence found herein would indicate that the reply of the Commanding General, West Coast Training Center, in 4th indorsement is not in accord with the facts and that it is requested that this inconsistency be explained.

By command of General ARHOLD:

J. F. E. SCOTT,
Colonel, (JAGD) A. C.,
Chief, Spec. Inv. Div.,
Office of The Air Inspector.

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- Incl. #1 - Report of Investigation.
- Incl. #2 - Ltr AGO #353.8

Basic from War Department, Acting Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, to Colonel William L. Dinning dated April 10, 1943.

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Headquarters, Army Air Forces Flying Training Command, Fort Worth, Texas,
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To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. Attention:
The Air Inspector.

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Subject: Alleged discrimination against Negro soldiers at Stockton Field, California.

AG 291,21 1st Ind. (S-5-3-43)
(4-10-43)OB-C EAR:mce
War Department, A.G.O., April 12, 1943

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center,
1104 West 8th Street, Santa Ana, California.

For report.

By order of the Secretary of War:
/s/ H. R. Hickman
Adjutant General.

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HQ, ARMY AIR FORCES WEST COAST TRAINING CENTER, 1104 West 8th Street,
Santa Ana, California. April 27, 1943.

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (THRU: Channels)

Investigation has been made by Inspector General assigned this Headquarters. His report and recommendations which are concurred in, are attached (Incl 1).

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April 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM

TO: Colonel William L. Dinning

A California newspaper has requested a report on conditions at Stockton Field. It is represented that (1) Negro soldiers are not served in the white post exchange, (2) they are not allowed in the regular motion picture theater and (3) recreational facilities are exceedingly limited. Further the report states that there was a general riot near this post as a result of inadequate recreational facilities.

It is requested that a report be obtained on conditions at this post, with particular reference to the matters set out above.

/s/ Truman K. Gibson, Jr.
Truman K. Gibson, Jr.
Acting Civilian Aide to the Secretary
of War

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION
ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NEGRO SOLDIERS

ARMY AIR FORCES ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL
STOCKTON FIELD, STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

MADE BY

LIEUTENANT COLONEL J. D. PETTY, I.G.D.

ON

APRIL 23, 1943

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May 15, 1943

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation regarding Alleged Discrimination Against Negro Soldiers at Fort Stockton, California.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center, 1104 West 8th Street, Santa Ana, California.

I. AUTHORITY:

1. This investigation was conducted on April 23, 1943, by Lt. Colonel J. D. Petty, I.G.D., at Stockton, California, and Stockton Field, California, pursuant to a directive by the Secretary of War, dated April 12, 1943, Exhibit A-2, as a result of receipt of basic communication in the form of a letter addressed by Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Acting Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, to Colonel William L. Dinning (no address given) under date of April 10, 1943. (Exhibit A-1.)

II. MATTER INVESTIGATED:

2. This investigation arose as a result of a communication addressed to Colonel William L. Dinning (no address given) by Truman K. Gibson, Jr., wherein he alleged that a California newspaper had requested a report on conditions at Stockton Field, Stockton, California.

3. The matter originally alleged and arose during the course of the investigation concerned.

a. The alleged discrimination against serving colored enlisted personnel in the white post exchange.

b. The alleged discrimination against serving colored enlisted personnel at the regular motion picture theatre.

c. The alleged lack of recreational facilities for colored enlisted personnel.

d. The acute lack of recreational facilities in the town of Stockton, California.

III. FACTS:

4. Upon investigation it was found that recreational facilities, such as motion picture theatres, Post Exchanges, etc., were found to be adequate for all enlisted troops at Stockton Field, California, and in accordance with policy outlined in letter, Adjutant General's Office, No. 353.8 (3-5-43) OB-S-A-M, dated March 10, 1943. An Exchange, located within the *55th Aviation Squadron and *971st QM Plat. area, handles all items carried in other Exchanges on the station.

5. The seating capacity of the motion picture theatres is adequate.

6. The recreational area consists of baseball diamond, softball diamond, basketball and horseshoe courts, with all equipment, and a swimming pool, and is assigned as directed in accordance with policy in letter, Adjutant General's

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Office, No. 353.8 (3-5-43) OB-S-A-M, dated March 10, 1943.

7. Located within the #55th Aviation Squadron and #971st QM Plat. area are two (2) day rooms, very comfortably furnished with easy chairs, writing desks, pool tables, divans, floor lamps, ping pong tables, etc. (Exhibits B-1, 2, 3, and 4.)

8. The Post Chapel is available for colored personnel each Sunday morning.

9. The recreational facilities in the city of Stockton, California, for colored troops is very limited and the colored civilian population is very scattered. (Exhibits B-5, 6, and 7.)

10. The USO has been approached several times by the Commandant and the Public Relations Officer regarding a USO building for colored troops. As yet the building to be used as such, has not been completed. There have been several USO dances for colored troops at the white USO Club in Stockton, supervised by Officers from Stockton Field and the USO Supervisor. (Exhibits B-5, 6, and 7.)

11. In no way were the colored troops from Stockton Field, Stockton, California, responsible or did they take any major part in the actual rioting in the city of Stockton, California, on the night of March 31, 1943.

12. All soldiers from Stockton Field, Stockton, California, were completely exonerated from any blame by Military Police investigation and Civil authorities. (Exhibits B-8, 9, 10, and 11.)

13. Equal and adequate recreational facilities for enlisted colored personnel and white personnel exists at Stockton Field, Stockton, California.

IV. DISCUSSION:

14. At Stockton, California or in the immediate vicinity of Stockton, California, there are several Army Stations. The two in question are the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School, Stockton Field, Stockton, California (the place of this investigation), and Camp Stockton, San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Stockton, California. These stations are separate and distinct. Colored enlisted personnel from the latter station were responsible for a disturbance in downtown Stockton, California, on the night of March 31, 1943.

15. One soldier from the Army Air Forces Advanced Flying School, Stockton Field, Stockton, California, was injured in this disturbance while attempting to prevent a soldier, of Camp Stockton, from attacking a Peace Officer with a knife. (Exhibits B-8, 9, 10, and 11.)

16. The matter of providing off-station recreational facilities for soldiers is not exactly the duty of a Station Commander.

V. CONCLUSIONS:

17. That an adequate exchange in the #55th Aviation Squadron and #971st QM Plat. area, complete with barber shop and all other items handled in other exchanges on this station, is available.

18. That a motion picture theatre located in the #55th Aviation Squadron and #971st QM Plat. area is available.

19. That equal and adequate recreational facilities is available for colored and white enlisted personnel.

20. That the Post Chapel is available for religious services each Sunday morning for the colored enlisted personnel.

21. That off-station recreational facilities in and around Stockton, California, for colored enlisted personnel, is very limited.

22. That the Commandant of Stockton Field, Stockton, California, the Public Relations Officer and the USO Supervisor in downtown Stockton are continuing in their efforts to arrange a USO club for off-station recreational facilities for colored enlisted personnel.

23. That, even though two or three colored enlisted men from Stockton Field, Stockton, California, were in the vicinity of the riot that took place on the night of March 31, 1943, they were in no way responsible and were completely exonerated by the military police authorities and civil police authorities.

24. That the colored enlisted personnel of Stockton Field, Stockton, California, are thoroughly satisfied with all arrangements in their behalf at this station (Exhibit B-1).

25. That the allegations set forth in basic communication are without foundation.

26. That the Commandant acted within the provisions of existing Army Regulations and directives in providing adequate and equal recreational facilities for colored and white enlisted personnel at Stockton Field, Stockton, California and exercised good judgement in so doing. (Exhibit C-1.)

VI. RECOMMENDATIONS:

27. That no further investigation is necessary at this station and the case be closed.

28. That the writer of the basic communication be informed of the findings of this investigation.

14 Incls:
Exhibits A-1 - C-1
(See list)

* Colored enlisted troops.

J. D. PETTY
Lt. Colonel, I.G.D.
Asst. Inspector General

LIST OF EXHIBITS

Exhibit A-1 Basic Communication to Colonel William L. Dinning
fr Truman K. Gibson, Jr., Acting Civilian Aide
to the Secretary of War, dated April 10, 1943.

Exhibit A-2 1st Ind. fr War Department, A.G.O., to: Commanding
General, AAFWCTC, dated April 12, 1943.

Exhibit B-1 Certificate of enlisted colored personnel.

Exhibit B-2 Certificate of Field Director American Red Cross

Exhibit B-3 Certificate of Public Relations Officer, Stockton
Field, California.

Exhibit B-4 Certificate of Commanding Officer, *55th Aviation
Squadron, Stockton Field, California.

Exhibit B-5 Letter fr Regional Supervisor, The National
Council of the YMCA, to: Executive Officer,
Stockton Field, Stockton, California.

Exhibit B-6 Letter fr USO Director, to Major E.J. Nolan,
Stockton Field, Stockton, California.

Exhibit B-7 Testimony of Special Service Officer, Stockton
Field, Stockton, California.

Exhibit B-8 Certificate, Commanding Officer, 749th MP Bn.,
Stockton Field, Stockton, California.

Exhibit B-9 Clipping fr the April 2, 1943 Stockton Daily
Evening Record.

Exhibit B-10 Letter fr Police Department Arresting Officer,
Stockton, California.

Exhibit B-11 Letter fr Police Department Arresting Officer,
Stockton, California.

Exhibit C-1 Cpy AG Ltr 353.8 (3-5-43)OB-S-A-M, subject:
Recreational Facilities., dated March 10, 1943.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Washington, D.C.

April 10, 1943

MEMORANDUM

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/s/ TRUMAN K. GIBSON, Jr.
TRUMAN K. GIBSON,
Acting Civilian Aide to the Secretary
of War.

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Frederick W. Toomey
FREDERICK W. TOOMEY,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Administrative Inspector,
Stockton Field, California.

EXHIBIT A-1

SUBJECT: Alleged discrimination against Negro soldiers at Stockton
Field, California.

AG 291.21
(4-10-43)OB-C
War Department, A.G.O., April 12, 1943.

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TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces West Coast Training Center,
1104-West 8th Street, Santa Ana, California.

For report.

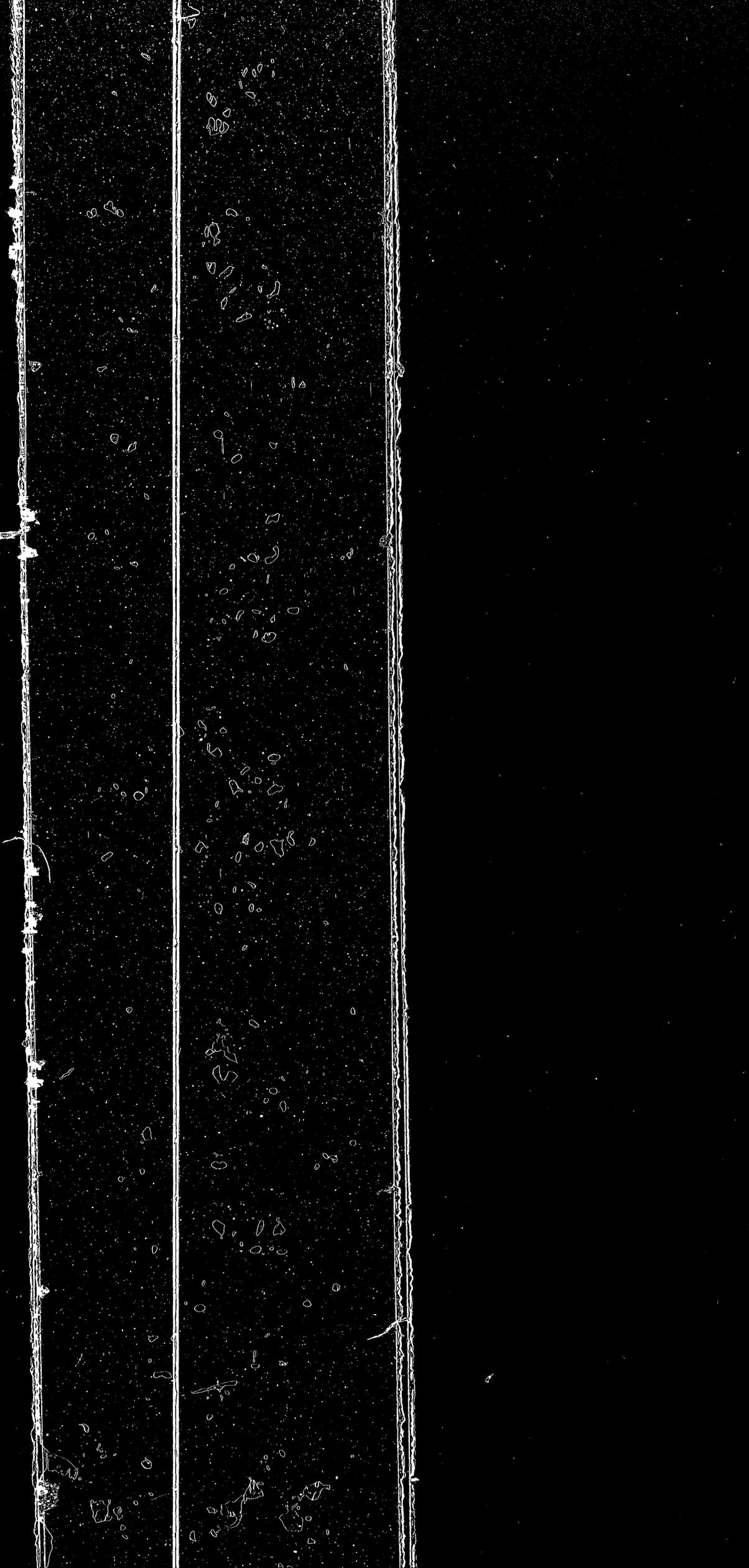
By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ H.R.HICKAM
Adjutant General

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Frederick W. Toomey
FREDERICK W. TOOMEY,
Lt.Col., Air Corps,
Administrative Inspector,
Stockton Field, California.

EXHIBIT A-2



C E R T I F I C A T E

Stockton Field
Stockton, California
April 23, 1943

The following enlisted colored personnel of this station appeared before the Inspector General this date:

Pri. Lee Taylor (34228492) 55th Aviation Squadron
PFC C. B. Jackson (34383167) 55th Aviation Squadron
Sgt. James C. Tate (36393449) 55th Aviation Squadron
PFC Clarence Bowman (36394046) 55th Aviation Squadron
Pri. Erskin Atkins (36067085) 55th Aviation Squadron
Pri. Julius Taylor (34229124) 55th Aviation Squadron
Private Zero E. Poe (34226390) 55th Aviation Squadron
Pri. Wade T. Wilkerson (34203144) 55th Aviation Squadron
PFC Fred Williams (34301852) 971st QM Plat. T

The men listed above testified in effect as follows:

That the recreational facilities provided on this station for colored enlisted personnel is adequate in that they are provided with two day rooms, post exchange, athletic facilities, and a swimming pool is now under construction; they are also afforded special church privileges; that all men appeared well satisfied with the jobs they are doing; that they have been accorded excellent treatment by both their officers and non-commissioned officers.

All were questioned with reference to the disturbance and fight that occurred in the city of Stockton in the colored section a short time back, on or about March 31, 1943, and each stated that the seat of the trouble was occasioned by colored enlisted personnel from Camp Stockton and not colored enlisted personnel from this station. As a result of this altercation, a certain area in this district has been restricted pending approval of higher authority. This was done as a precautionary measure by the Commanding Officer of this station to prevent any future trouble in this area. All were of the opinion that this restriction should be lifted due to the fact that it was most frequented by them formerly.

All felt, without exception, that they had been afforded equal recreational facilities on this station.

All soldiers appearing before the Inspector General were soldierly in their demeanor, and reflected favorably the training they have received at this station.

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J. D. PETTY
Lt. Colonel, I.G.D.
Asst. Inspector General

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FIELD DIRECTOR AMERICAN RED CROSS
Stockton Field, California
April 23, 1943
CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have been the American Red Cross Field Director at the Air Force Advanced Flying School, Stockton Field since December 29, 1942 and since that time I have had on numerous occasions in my official capacity, observed and worked with the colored enlisted personnel and their officers.

I further certify the services of the Office of Field Director are and have been, at all times, available to the colored enlisted personnel, that the colored enlisted personnel avail themselves frequently of our services and that their officers do refer these men to us for our services.

I further certify that according to my observation the relationship between the colored enlisted personnel and their officers is good. Their morale appears high. On one occasion I ate at their mess and found the food served to be palatable and adequate.

I am aware of the following recreational facilities open to the colored enlisted personnel at this post.

1. Motion picture theater exclusively for their use.
2. Well equipped day room.
3. Swimming pool for their exclusive use now in process of construction.

The Office of Field Director recently obtained two ping pong tables with the necessary paddles, nets and balls, for their use. We also obtained several musical instruments for them.

I have found the colored enlisted personnel to be courteous, cooperative and friendly with this office at all times. During the recent Red Cross War Fund Drive an extremely high percentage of these men made voluntary contributions and supported us exceptionally well.

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Paul J. Torelli
PAUL J. TORELLI
Field Director American Red Cross.

ARMY AIR FORCES ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL
Stockton Field, Calif.

23 April 1943

C E R T I F I C A T E

1. I, JOHN C. MOTHERAL, 1st Lieutenant, Air Corps, Public Relations Officer, certify that the enlisted colored personnel on Stockton Field have the following recreational and exchange facilities:

- a. A branch Post Exchange is maintained exclusively for the colored personnel.
- b. Colored troops have well furnished day rooms.
- c. A separate theater (Post Theater No. 2) is maintained exclusively for colored soldiers. The same films procured for the white troops are shown here.
- d. When Stockton Field's swimming pool opens about May 1st it will be scheduled for the colored organizations on the same basis as for the white organizations.

2. I further certify that recreational facilities for the colored personnel are limited in the city of Stockton. Most of the clubs and other establishments in which colored men are welcome, are in a district from which all military personnel are restricted. I have heard the Commanding Officer of Stockton Field, Colonel Lloyd H. Tull, ask the directors of the Chamber of Commerce for the speedy completion of a building to be used as a colored U.S.O. Outside of this proposed U.S.O., officers of Stockton Field have no control over the recreation for colored soldiers in the city of Stockton.

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JOHN C. MOTHERAL,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Public Relations Officer

EXHIBIT B-3

C E R T I F I C A T E

Stockton Field, California
April 23, 1943

This is to certify that I, Frank S. Cerny (0324304) Captain, Air Corps, have been Commanding Officer of the #55th Aviation Squadron since September 2, 1942, consisting of approximately 250 enlisted personnel. The 971st Q.M. Platoon, consisting of 50 soldiers was attached to my organization for command April 13, 1943.

It has always been my policy to train, administrate and discipline my command in the same manner as if I had white soldiers, giving them equal opportunities for training and personal advancement, recreation and religion. We have taken such efforts to avoid ^{any} question of discrimination that ^{might} arise, and as a result the colored soldiers now in many instances have the best recreational facilities of any soldiers on the Post.

The following facilities are afforded:

1. Training and personal advancement.

- a. One man to Officer Candidate School, March 30, 1943.
- b. Nine men to Technical Schools, January 16 to 19, 1943.
- c. One man to Flying Cadet Training School March 5, 1943.
- d. Five men to Cooks and Bakers School since September 1942.
- e. Typing School: About 15 soldiers have been attending typing school (civilian) Schneider Vocational High School in Stockton since October 1942.
- f. Many soldiers have been offered opportunities to go to technical schools but have declined stating they would prefer to wait.
- g. Also many soldiers were given the opportunity to take another Army General Classification test in an effort to raise their grade so they would become eligible for technical schools.

2. Recreation.

- a. Motion Picture Theatre: My men have for their own use Post Theatre No. 2 which is open every evening, seven days a week and shows the same bills as the theater No. 1 used by other soldiers.
- b. Post Exchange No. 2: Men of this organization have available for their use a post exchange located in the squadron area which in my opinion is adequate and serves all the popular items handled in post exchange No. 1. Exchange No. 2 is smaller, but it serves only 310 soldiers where as the other exchange serves approximately 2700 soldiers.
- c. Barber Shop: We have our own barber shop which is operated in the squadron area with better facilities and cheaper rates than the main Post Barber Shop furnished for the other soldiers.

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- d. Swimming Pool. A swimming pool now under construction, is located directly across the street, west of the squadron area, will be completed about June 1st. Size of the pool is 40' x 60'.
- e. Athletic Field. Located across the street directly north of the squadron area includes baseball field, volleyball court, basketball courts, horse-shoe courts, etc.
- f. Dayroom. In my opinion we have the best dayroom facilities on the Post, consisting of two buildings of normal dayroom size. We now have four pool tables, and have spent about \$414.00 for other furniture. About \$75.00 has been expended for newspaper and magazine subscriptions.
- g. U.S.O. The colored U.S.O. located at 625-East Market Street in Stockton, California, although incomplete due to lack of materials and priorities has been in use since March 15. Dances have been given on an average of three each month. Prior to opening of the U.S.O., dances were held in a local school building in Stockton.

3. Religion.

- a. The Post Chapel is available for use every Sunday at 0830. Arrangements are being made with Post Chaplain for one night a week song fest in the open air Band Shell.

Since this organization has been activated, I have kept in contact with the leaders of the colored population in town. And I am personally acquainted with Mrs. Lloyd, President of the San Joaquin Colored Women's Society; Rev. Holmes, minister of the Baptist church; Mr. Johnson, U.S.O. representative. There is a very limited population of Negro people in Stockton. This is felt mostly when the men have a dance and the small number of eligible single girls that attend to act as partners. This has caused some dissatisfaction among the soldiers. Colored girls now come in from nearby towns, but the number is still inadequate to take care of the soldiers.

Housing facilities in Stockton are inadequate for the married soldiers of this organization.

On March 31st, a disturbance occurred in Stockton on Center Street near Sonora. I investigated this in an effort to determine if any of my soldiers were involved. I found that the trouble was caused by soldier members of the colored organization stationed at Camp Stockton, and that five of my men who were picked up by civilian police, were innocent bystanders. I found no cause to mete out disciplinary action on any of the members of my organization. Subsequently in the resulting investigation made by Headquarters, 749th Military Police Bn., Presidio of San Francisco, California, all of the men from Stockton Field were exonerated of any blame whatsoever.

Signed this 23rd Day of April, 1943.

Frank S. Cerny
FRANK S. CERNY,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

*Colored Enlisted Personnel.

ARMY and NAVY DEPARTMENT
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
of the United States of America

October 26, 1942

Major E.J. Nolan
Executive Officer, Air Corps
Air Force Advanced Flying School
Stockton Field
Stockton, California.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October 17th I found awaiting me on my return to the office. As Mr. Mack of our USO in Stockton has already informed you, a recommendation regarding the establishment of a Negro Unit in Stockton is already before our executive committee, and there is nothing more that we can do locally regarding the establishment of such a unit, until we have the approval of this committee, which I trust will be very shortly. We are already on the lookout for a suitable building in which to operate and have our lines out for suitable personnel for this unit, if and when it is approved.

While we will act as quickly as possible on receipt of approval to do so, I think you should know at this time that it will take some time to get the quarters in readiness and have the Director on the field. We will, however, work as rapidly as is consistent with efficient organization.

Cordially yours,

/s/ GEO. S. MARTIN
GEO. S. MARTIN
Regional Supervisor
Pacific Region

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Frederick W. Toomey
FREDERICK W. TOOMEY,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Administrative Inspector,
Stockton Field, California.

EXHIBIT B-5

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE USO FOR THE LOCAL OFFENSE, INC.

Member Agency-The Young Men's Christian Association

445 N. Stockton Street
Stockton, California
January 25, 1943

Major E.J. Nolan
Stockton Field
Stockton, California

Dear Sir:

I am happy to report that the three ventures made to date by the Market Street U.S.O. toward entertaining the men under your direction have been quite successful.

We are especially impressed by the conduct of the men in all instances. Such splendid cooperation from your staff and the men will assure a successful program, which is designed for the ultimate in pleasure and entertainment for all service men.

I am confident that dances conducted as was last Saturday's will attract many more young ladies in this vicinity. As often as possible, we will augment the number of Junior Hostesses by dispatching busses to neighboring towns.

Please convey our thanks and congratulations to your entire personnel for this maximum cooperation. Also, know that we are anxious to do anything we can to serve you, therefore we welcome your suggestions and advise.

Yours very truly

/s/ HENRY T. JOHNSON
HENRY T. JOHNSON, Director
THE MARKET STREET U.S.O.

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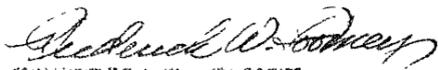

FREDERICK W. TOOMEY,
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Administrative Inspector,
Stockton Field, California.

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Stockton Field
Stockton, California
April 23, 1943

County of San Joaquin)
State of California) SS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority to administer oaths of this character, Captain Charles W. King, Special Service Officer at this station, who, after being warned of his rights as a witness under the 24th Article of War which was read and he was questioned as to his understanding of its provisions, deposes and says as follows:

Q: Will you give me your name, rank, serial number, organization, and duties on this field?

A: Charles W. King, Captain, O-423103, Special Service Department, and I am Special Service Officer.

Q: Captain, will you tell me anything you know with reference to colored enlisted personnel not being served in the white Post Exchange of this station?

A: The only thing that I can say, sir, is that we have set up a separate Post Exchange for the colored troops in their own area; they have everything for sale there that the white troops have. There is also a suggestion box for their use where they can make suggestions as to things they would like to purchase, if they are not already available.

Q: Do you know anything about the colored enlisted personnel not being allowed in the regular motion picture theater at this station?

A: Yes sir. I have orders directed from Post Headquarters that no colored personnel this field will be allowed in Theater No. 1 under any circumstances; however, we do have at Stockton Field a separate theater designated as Theater No. 2 for the exclusive use of the colored personnel at Stockton Field.

Q: Do they have equal motion picture facilities there for them?

A: Yes sir. The equipment in Theater No. 2 is the same type as in Theater No. 1 and the same film is shown every night. There are two showings in Theater No. 1 and only one at Theater No. 2 for this reason: There are only a small number of colored troops at this station and the seating capacity in Theater No. 2 is adequate to take care of all colored personnel at one showing; while there are approximately 3,800 white

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enlisted personnel, and with one theater this naturally necessitates more than one showing, and even that is hardly adequate.

Q: Would you say the recreational facilities for colored enlisted personnel at this station are exceedingly limited?

A: No sir, I would not. Every facility available to the white man at Stockton Field is available to the colored personnel stationed at this post. The Special Service Section purchased approximately \$400 worth of band instruments for the use of the colored detachment. We furnished their day room completely upon activation at this station; they have the use of the facilities of the gymnasium at this field, the bowling alley, and there is at present under construction a swimming pool for the use of the colored troops upon completion. At the present time there is only one pool in operation, and the colored enlisted personnel are scheduled to use it as often as the white troops.

Q: What would you say about the recreational facilities for colored troops when they are off the station?

A: The limited number of desirable colored people in the vicinity of Stockton limits outside recreational facilities; however, there is under construction at the present time U.S.O. facilities to include a dancehall for these colored troops downtown.

Q: Do you know anything of a general riot near this post as the result of inadequate recreational facilities?

A: The section of the city where the colored people live, where these men must go, is on the restricted list in the city of Stockton.

Q: Would you say the City of Stockton authorities have made any effort to provide recreational facilities for the colored personnel of this station?

A: None other than the help they have given us toward setting up the U.S.O. Recently I engaged a colored U.S.O. show to come here for the benefit of the enlisted personnel, and I experienced great difficulty in getting accommodations for this troop in the city of Stockton. Due to my own efforts I finally succeeded in getting accommodations for these people.

Q: Do you have anything further to state or information to give?

A: Nothing other than that I would like to add that I believe we are doing everything possible for the colored troops at this station. We give them special attention to see that they have programs.

Further deponent sayeth not.

Witness my hand at Stockton Field, California, this 23rd day of April, 1943.

Charles W. King
CHARLES W. KING
Captain, A.C.

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BADGE NO. 26

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
23rd day of April, 1948.

J. D. Petty

J. D. PETTY
Lt. Colonel, I.G.D.
Asst. Inspector General

Ed
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Stockton, California
April 23, 1943

C E R T I F I C A T E

On the night of 31 March 1943 at approximately 2125 PWT, the Civilian and Military Police quelled a disturbance in the 300 Block, South Center St, Stockton, California, in which there were about 75 Negro Soldiers involved, consisting of members of 1950 M Trk Co, Camp Stockton and members of 55th Avn Sq and 971st M Pl, Stockton Field. The disturbance started in Jackson's Place, 317 S Center St, Stockton, California, after the Civilian Police had arrested one Lewis Hawkins (colored civilian) for breaking a window. Immediately after the above arrest was made a fight started in Jackson's Place precipitated by one Pvt E. F. Tyson, 18040309, 1950 M Trk Co, Camp Stockton, who attempted to assault a civilian, Eddie McDaniel (colored), 337 Lafayette St, Stockton, with a knife. He was disarmed by Officer M. Learnea (civilian Police Officer). The Civilian and Military Police cleared Jackson's Place and then the fights started outside. Several Soldiers (Negro) had Officer H. Grau (Civilian Police) down on the sidewalk and Officer Learned went to his rescue and struck a Soldier (Negro) with his club. About then a call was sent to the Police Dept and MP Hq for help. All available Civilian Police and ten MPs were sent to the scene. At about this time Officer Learned, who had Pvt Tyson under arrest and was walking South on Center St, drew his gun and had it in his hand. He was struck on the left shoulder by T/5 Matthews Paul's right arm and immediately hit Matthews Paul with his gun which discharged. Officer Johnson, who had arrived at about that time, grabbed Matthews Paul and took a knife away from him. Then it was noted that Pvt Lallace Goodwin (colored), 971st M Pl, Stockton Field, had been cut on the jaw and he was taken to the Emergency Hospital for treatment. The Civilian and Military Police broke up the crowd and arrested eleven members of the 1950 M Trk Co, Camp Stockton; two members of 971st M Pl, Stockton Field; and two members of 55th Avn Sq, Stockton Field, and held them in jail for questioning. All of the above were released at about 0400 PWT April 1, 1943, after questioning by Capt Kiber, Co C, 749th MP Bn. Subsequent investigation shows that the disturbance was instigated by members of 1950 M Trk Co and although some of the Personnel of Stockton Field participated in a small war, after being questioned again 1 April 1943 by Lt Boyd A. Hershey, Co C, 749th MP Bn, they were completely exonerated. The entire disturbance was of approximately 45 minutes duration.

Boyd A. Hershey
BOYD A. HERSHEY
1st Lt, 749th MP Bn
Cmdg Co "C"

EXHIBIT B-8

Center Street Brawl Action Up to Army

**Most of Soldiers
Involved From
Camp Stockton**

There will be no civilian action taken against any of the Negro soldiers involved in the Wednesday evening Center Street brawl, although military authorities are conducting a thorough investigation, with court martial possible for a number of participants.

Det. Sgt. R. C. Parker of the Stockton Police Department War Detail and Assistant District Attorney Robert Sullivan dropped consideration of civilian criminal action yesterday, stating "we are perfectly satisfied that the men will be properly handled by the military authorities."

STATION OF MEN

Yesterday's account of the fracas, in which Negro soldiers participated after it was precipitated by a civilian's breaking a window in Jackson's Place, 319, South Center Street, indicated that all men involved were from Stockton Field.

Official investigation revealed, however, that the majority of the group were from Camp Stockton, at the Fairgrounds.

Of the five injured and 10 jailed, two of the injured men and eight of those jailed were from Camp Stockton. Five were from Stockton Field.

SOLDIER'S COMMENT

A Stockton Field soldier, commenting on the affair, said:

"We feel that the enlisted men from Stockton Field are getting the blame for the fight. As a matter of fact, they were the ones who tried to stop the trouble, as shown by Pvt. L. Goodwin's getting cut to save a police officer. The trouble was started by colored soldiers from Camp Stockton, and not from Stockton Field."

Chief of Police Harold A. Vogel-sang and military authorities were conferring today on the possibility of declaring the area out of bounds.

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CHIEF OF POLICE
D. SMITH
CAPTAIN OF POLICE
U. C. DEWEY
CAPTAIN OF DETECTIVES

RADIO STATION
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CITY OF STOCKTON
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I cannot commend too highly Private Lallace Goodwin of Stockton Field for the brave act, beyond the line of duty, which he performed on the night of March 31, 1943. Again I wish to express my personal thanks to him for saving me from a serious, and possibly fatal, knife wound.

At about 9 p.m., on the evening of March 31, patrolman H. P. Grau and I were contacted in our radio car and instructed to proceed to a negro bar called "Jackson's Place" on South Center Street, Stockton, California. We found that a window had been broken. Private Goodwin approached our car and identified the guilty party as Lewis Hawkins, a colored marijuana peddler. We immediately picked up Hawkins; then stood in the street and talked to Goodwin. He told us that he believed trouble was brewing between negro soldiers and civilians in Jackson's Place.

In a few minutes a colored soldier came out of the bar and told us that a man had pulled a gun on him and his buddies. Upon investigation, it appeared that Jackson, proprietor of the bar, was the gun wielder. After considerable argument, patrolman Grau and I were able to clear out Jackson's Place and lock it up. Just as we did so, however, an infuriated colored soldier kicked the door in. This act touched off a free-for-all fight in front of Jackson's.

The next I knew, patrolman Grau had been knocked to the pavement. Then I started swinging. The fight moved down the street several yards, and I went after a colored Sgt. who had drawn a knife. As I did so, another negro soldier, later identified as T/Sgt. Matthew Paul, came up behind me. He also was wielding a knife. Before he could strike, Pvt. Goodwin stepped in between us and received severe knife wounds on his lower jaw, and neck. I turned around, and as Paul came in again with his knife, I was able to stop him with a blow on the head.

The weapon Paul was using was a large fish knife with a 4-inch blade. It was perfectly capable of inflicting severe injury or even death.

Pvt. Lallace Goodwin was in no way involved in the instigation of the riot. I understand that he was a police officer before entering the army. On the night of March 31, he acted in the best tradition of police officers and proved himself a real credit to the army and to his race. I believe that his act should not go unrewarded and I should like to bring my commendation of him to the attention of the military authorities concerned.

Yours very truly,

M. J. Learned
M. J. LEARNED
BADGE NO. 26

EXHIBIT B-10

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I was on duty in radio car No. 57 with patrolman M. J. Learned on the night of March 31, 1943. I, too, talked with Pvt. Lallace Goodwin before the riot between Negro soldiers and civilians started in Jackson's Place on Center Street, Stockton, California.

I can state from personal knowledge that the course of events as described by patrolman Learned in his letter of April 23, 1943, is correct in all respects.

I should like to add my personal commendation of Pvt. Lallace Goodwin of Stockton Field for unhesitatingly suffering painful wounds in order to save patrolman Learned from serious injury. I hope some recognition may be granted him for the fine thing he did.

Yours very truly,

H. P. Grau

H. P. GRAU
Badge No. 51

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The Adjutant General's Office
Washington.

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March 10, 1943

SUBJECT: Recreational facilities.

TO: Commanding Generals, All Service Commands.
Chief of Engineers.

1. Letter, SPX 353.8 (8-14-42) MS-SPOP-M, August 15, 1942, subject: Recreational Facilities at Certain Posts, Camps and Stations, is rescinded.

2. At posts, camps, and stations where the garrison includes units of two or more races, recreational facilities, including theaters and post exchanges, will not be designated for any particular race.

3. Where necessary, recreational facilities may be allocated to organizations in whole or in part, permanently or on a rotation basis, provided care is taken that all units and personnel are afforded equal opportunity to enjoy such facilities.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ A. W. O'Leary

Adjutant General

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| 2 Service Sq | 2 Service Sq |
| 2 Ordnance Supp. & Maint. Co | 1 Chemical Co Air Oper. |
| 1 QM Service Gp Avn | 2 Ordnance Supp. & Maint. Co |
| 1 Signal Co Service Gp | 1 QM Service Gp Avn |
| 1 Medical Supply Plat. Avn | 1 Signal Co, Service Gp |
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1 Signal Co Service Gp
1 Medical Supply Plat. Avn

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(Beginning July 1944)

1 Bomb Gp (M) Hq
4 Bomb Sq (M)
1 Service Gp Hq & Hq Sq
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| 1. 1st Lt. Service Gp Avn | 2 Ordnance Supp. & Maint. Co |
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| Additional Combat Crews (Fighter Sq.) (All Officers Colored) Air Corps | None 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aviation Squadron Air Corps (21 sq. only with all Colored Officers) | 1-999 C-1 13 # 1 0 | 1/13/43 | 174 | 84 | 0 | 43500 | 190 | 84 | 0 | 47500 | 197 | 84 | 0 | 49250 | 230 | 84 | 0 | 57000 | 255 | 84 | 0 | 63750 | 275 | 84 | 0 | 68750 | 290 | 84 | 0 | 72500 | 300 | 84 | 0 | 75000 | 300 | 84 | 0 | 75000 | 300 | 84 | 0 | 75000 |
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| Chemical Depot Co. Av. ASMAF: Chemical (1 Co. only with 2 # 2 Colored Officers) | 1-418 4 | 2/28/42 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 312 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 156 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 156 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
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| Engineer Av. Av. ASMAF: Engineer ASMAF: Medical ASMAF: Chaplain (2 Co. only with Col. Officers: 123 Eng., 3 Med., 1 Chap) | 1-215 C-1 27 1 5 # 1 2 | 7/31/42 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 9164 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 9906 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 10668 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 12192 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 8382 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 6906 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 7620 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 140 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 154 | 11 | 0 | 0 | |
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| Engineer Reg. Av. (Less 3 Bn.) ASMAF: Engineer ASMAF: Medical (1 Co. only with 4 # 1 Colored Officers) | 1-411 17 | 4/1/42 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 245 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 245 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 490 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 490 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 490 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 490 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 490 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 490 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 490 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Engineer Av. Unit Training Center ASMAF: Engineer ASMAF: Medical ASMAF: Chaplain (Chaplain only colored officers) | 1-1020-1 53 4 1 | 3/26/43 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 301 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 301 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 301 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 301 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 301 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 301 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 301 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 301 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 301 | 1 | 0 | 2 | |
| Ordnance Co. Av. Av. ASMAF: Ordnance (1 Co. only with 4 # 1 Colored Officers) | 1-27 6 | 4/1/42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 720 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ordnance Depot Co. Av. ASMAF: Ordnance (1 Co. only with 4 # 1 Colored Officers) | 1-37 6 | 4/1/42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 900 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 720 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 1 | 0 | 0 | |
| Ordnance Supply & Maintenance Co. Av. ASMAF: Ordnance (All Officers Colored) | 1-417 4 # 1 | 2/22/43 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 152 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 152 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

16, June 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF AIR STAFF:

Subject: Colored Personnel in Army Air Forces Program.

Attached is schedule of Colored Personnel in Army Air Forces Program which revises pages 44 and 45 in Army Air Forces Program dated April 21, 1943.

B. E. BRUGGE
Colonel, Air Corps.

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COLORED PERSONNEL WITH ARMY AIR FORCES

Note: Subsequent to the date of this publication, the following major change was made. The data herein should be adjusted accordingly.

DELETE
(Beginning April 1943)

1 Fighter Gp (SS) Hq
4 Fighter Sq (SS)
1 Service Gp Hq & Hq Sq
2 Service Sq
2 Ordnance Supp. & Maint. Co
1 QM Service Gp Avn
1 Signal Co Service Gp
1 Medical Supply Plat. Avn

ADD
(Beginning July 1944)

1 Bomb Gp (M) Hq
4 Bomb Sq (M)
1 Service Gp Hq & Hq Sq
2 Service Sq
1 Chemical Co Air Oper.
2 Ordnance Supp. & Maint. Co
1 QM Service Gp Avn
1 Signal Co. Service Gp
1 Medical Supply Plat. Avn

NOTE: THIS REVISION IS PREPARED TO BE INSERTED IN THE
ARMY AIR FORCES PROGRAM DATED APRIL 21, 1943.

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Date June 16, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments, and Requirements, Programs Branch.

To: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments, and Requirements, Major General B. K. Giles.

SUBJECT: Colored Personnel in AAF Program.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES:

Subject: Colored Personnel in Army Air Forces Program.

325 - Reg. Strength

Attached is schedule of Colored Personnel in Army Air Forces Program which revises pages 44 and 45 in Army Air Forces Program dated April 21, 1943.

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BYRON E. BRUGGE
Colonel, Air Corps

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Date June 15, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Requirements and Resources Branch

To: Officer Branch, Manning Section (Major Fogarty)

SUBJECT: ASWAAF Officer Requirements for July, 1943

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES
WASHINGTON

14 June 1943.

Subject: Tracer - Alleged discrimination against Negro soldiers
at Stockton Field, California.

To : The Commanding General,
Army Air Forces Flying Training Command,
Fort Worth, Texas.

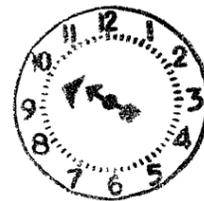
1. Reference is made to 6th Indorsement dated 26 May 1943
from this Headquarters, subject noted above.

2. Request compliance with Paragraph 3 of above mentioned
Indorsement.

By command of General ARNOLD:

J. W. R. SCOTT,
Colonel JAGD,
Chief, Spec. Inv. Div.,
Office of The Air Inspector.

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FILE: ~~292.~~ Negro Troop

Date June 12, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: War Dept., The Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C.

To: Mr. John J. McCloy, Assistant Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Advisory Committee on
Negro Troop Policies.

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 By Authority of
 The Commanding General
 Army Air Forces

SUBJECT: **Personnel for the 96th Service Group** *X322*

TO: **Asst Chief of Air Staff, Training,
 Technical Training Division**
 FROM: **Asst Chief of Air Staff, Personnel,
 Military Personnel Division**
 DATE **June 1, 1943**
 COMMENT NO. **1**
 ✓RNH:jpc 71379
 (AFPMP-2)

1. Reference is made to R&R Comment No. 3 dated January 30, 1943, (copy attached) with reference to the availability of trained colored personnel from the Technical Schools.
2. To date, this office has not been furnished such information.

1 Attach
 Cpy R&R 3 fr AFRIT to
 AFPMP dtd Jan. 30, 1943

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JOHN H. IVES
 Colonel, Air Corps
 Actg Chief, Military Personnel Division

TO: **Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel,
 Atten: Military Personnel Division.**
 FROM: **Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training,
 Technical Training Division.**
 DATE **June 10, 1943**
 COMMENT #2
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1. AFTTC advised this office by phone this date that colored personnel trained in the Technical Schools has been made available and will be made available in accordance with the following tabulation:

MEM Colored Technical Training

| Specialty | School | Graduated | In Training | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | | Central | Available |
| Administrative Officers | OCS, Miami | 50 | 32 | Date: 8-2-43 |
| Engineering Officers | A/C, Yale | 1 | 1 | 7-26-43 |
| Weather Officers | A/C, Grand Rapids | 6 | 3 | Forwarded by |
| Armament Officers | A/C Yale | | 2 | AC/AS, Personnel: |
| Communications Officers | A/C, Yale | | 3 | 7-15-43 |
| Clerks | Ft. Logan | 318 | AFPMP | 7-21-43 |
| Airplane Mechanics | Lincoln | * 573 | AFPMP | |
| Armorers | Buckley | 221 | AFPMP | |
| Bombsight Mechanics | Lowry | 2 | AFPMP | |
| Photographers | Lowry | 46 | AFPMP | |
| Machinists | Chanute | 13 | PLATS & LIAISON | 7-18-43 |
| Metal Workers | " | 49 | 2 | 7-18-43 |
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SUBJECT: Personnel for the 96th Service Group. (Cont'd)

TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel,
 Atten: Military Personnel Division.
 FROM: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training,
 Technical Training Division.

DATE June 11, 1943

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| Specialty | School | Graduated | In Training | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | No. | Date Available |
| Teletype Maintenance | Chanute | 17 | | |
| Radio Operator Mechanics | Scott | ** 302 | | |
| Radio Mechanics (Control Net System) | Tomah | | **132 | 7- 8-43 |
| Weather Forecasters | Grand Rapids | 1 | | |
| Cooks & Bakers | | 103 | | |
| Motor Vehicle | Chanute | 3 | | |
| Physical Training NCO | Miami | 12 | 4 | 8-21-43 |
| Electrical Specialists | Chanute | | * 35 | 7-20-43 |
| Propeller Specialists | Chanute | | * 35 | 7-20-43 |
| Instrument Specialists | Chanute | | * 50 | 7-20-43 |

* Including 120 withheld for entrance into three advanced courses at Chanute Field, 6/1/43.

** Including 132 withheld for entrance into advanced CNS course at Tomah.

RW.H.
LR ROBERT W. HARPER,
PH Brigadier General, U. S. Army.

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TO: Dir. of Personnel, Att: Military Personnel Div.
FROM: Director of Individual Training, Tech. Training Div.

DATE 1/30/43

COMMENT NO #3
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1. Inviting attention to correspondence, copy of which is attached here-with as Inclosure #1. You will be promptly advised as soon as this information becomes available to AFRIT. At the present time availability of trained colored personnel from the Technical Schools is dependent upon ability of AFTTC to secure qualified student personnel from the Basic Training Centers and from sources of assigned personnel.

2. Attention is invited to secret chart entitled "Army Air Forces Non-Rated Personnel Requirements (Colored)", AFRIT-3, 8-27-42, copies of which have been furnished to you previously.

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Dir. of Personnel, Att: Military Personnel Div.

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Dir. of Individual Training, Tech. Training Div.

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3. Further attention is invited to copy of secret R&R from the Director of Air Defense to the Director of Military Requirements, January 20, 1943, subject: "Negro Policy". At the present date the recommendations contained therein have not been approved. The 99th Fighter Squadron has now been completely filled with qualified personnel. It is believed that priorities in filling colored units should be established as follows:

- a. Attrition and loss replacements for the 99th Fighter Squadron.
- b. Filler Replacements and attrition for the reorganized 332nd Fighter Group.
- c. Filler replacements and attrition for Flying Training organizations located at Tuskegee, Alabama.

The 917th Technical School Squadron, formerly intended for providing administrative and instructor personnel for the Technical Training Program for colored personnel, has now been converted into a School Squadron for basic training at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri and is no longer needed for the technical schooling program inasmuch as colored technicians are now being trained with white technicians.

L. S. SMITH,
Brig. Gen., U.S.A.

- 2 Incls:
Incl #1 - Ltr to AFMTC 1/30/43
Incl #2 - R&R (Cy.) to AFDMR 1/20/43.

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Date June 3, '43

SYNOPSIS

From: Hqs., Army Air Forces, Director of Individual Training

To: Director of Military Personnel.

SUBJECT: Administrative Officers for
Tuskegee, Alabama.

2nd Ind.

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Subject: Query of the Kansas City Call re planes flown by 332nd Fighter Group (negro)

1st Ind.

WD H. Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., May 29, 1943.

To: The Commanding General, Third Air Force, Tampa, Florida.

1. For investigation and report at the earliest practicable date.

By command of General AKINDD:

J. F. R. SCOTT,
Colonel (JAGD), U. S.,
Chief, Spec. Inv. Div.,
Office of the Air Inspector.

1 Incl. - Letter from the
Call dated 5-20-43.

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321 Quartermaster Truck Companies, Avn

FILE : ~~320.2 Negro Officer Personnel~~

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Date May 26, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Military Personnel -1-B

To: Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command and First Army,
Governors Island, New York

SUBJECT: Assignment of Negro Officer Personnel,
Quartermaster Truck Companies, Avn

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SUBJECT: Station Assignments of Negro Troops

TO: Ass't. Chief of Air Staff, OC&R
FROM: Ass't. Chief of Air Staff, Training

DATE 4-3-43
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Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

R.W.H.

1 Incl: Memo d/3-31-43
same subject.

PH ROBERT W. HARPER
Brigadier General, U. S. Army

TO: Central Files
FROM: Asst C/AS, OC&R, Programs Branch

Date May 23, 1943
Comment No. 2
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Action completed by 1st Ind. to C. G., ASF.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
War Department General Staff
Organization and Training Div. G-3
Washington

WDGCT 291.21 (3-31-43)

March 31, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES;
ARMY GROUND FORCES;
ARMY SERVICE FORCES:

Subject: Station Assignments of Negro Troops.

1. It is desired that a list of current and proposed station assignments for all Negro units under your control in the continental United States be submitted each month to the Commanding General, Special Service Division, Army Service Forces. The list will be submitted as early as practicable in the month preceding the month of proposed assignment.

2. The Special Service Division, Army Service Forces, will distribute the information contained in the reports as directed by the Commanding General, Army Service Forces to the Federal Security Agency and the Office of Defense Health and Welfare. These two agencies have requested this information to assist them in advanced planning in preparation for community activities for Negro troops.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ I. H. Edwards

I. H. EDWARDS
Major General,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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Date May 20, 1943 ?

SYNOPSIS

From: Program Planning

To: Chief of the Air Staff.

SUBJECT: Use of Negro Troops in Guard Squadrons

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Date May 19, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of air Staff, Operations,
Commitments, and Requirements. Air Defense Branch.

To: Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, Operations,
Commitments and Requirements.

SUBJECT: Air Base Security Battalions

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Date 17 May 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst Chief Air Staff, personnel

To: Com. Gen., Army Air Forces Technical Training Command,
Knollwood Field, North Carolina

SUBJECT: Utilization of Civilian Instructors (negro) in the
Air Service Command.

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Date 13 May 43

SYNOPSIS

From: Julius H. Amberg, Special Asst. to the Secretary of War.

To: The Under Secretary of War.

SUBJECT: Selfridge Field Inquiry.

Memorandum

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Date 12 May 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst Chief Air Staff, Intelligence

To: Col. L.O. Shutt, Asst Chief of Staff, A-2, Hqs 3rd Air Force,
Tampa, Fla.

SUBJECT: Training Colored Officers in OS Activities

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FILE : ~~320.2 Negro Strength~~

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Date May 11, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments,
and Requirements, Theatre Branch.

To: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments,
and Requirements, Requirements Division, Asst. for
Personnel and Organization.

SUBJECT: Study of Military Police Companies, Avn.
and Air Base Security Bns. in Theatre
of Operations.

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Negro Civilian Instructors in Technical Schools

Asst Chief of Air Staff, Training

May 6, 1943

Asst Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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1. A canvass has been made of other Commands of the Army Air Forces who have use for instructors capable of instructing in the fields covered by the one hundred and eleven (111) negro instructors concerned.

2. As a result of this investigation the Air Service Command was directed to initiate the transfer of forty (40) of these instructors from the Technical Training Command. The Air Service Command plans to use these individuals as instructors on the subjects they have been trained to teach. They will be employed in the training section of depots and generally will be distributed over a wide area. In the southern depots classes are taught on a segregated basis and in the northern depots the classes are intermingled.

3. The Air Service Command can only absorb a limited number of these instructors at Selfridge Field.

4. Endeavors were made to place an additional number with the Materiel Command for employment as instructors in the modification centers. However, the modification centers are operated by private concerns under contract to the Army Air Forces and it has been impossible to prevail on these concerns to take these individuals, even on a loan basis.

5. It is believed that the reduction in number from one hundred and eleven (111) to seventy one (71) will considerably alleviate the problem in the Technical Training Command.

6. Further distribution could be made both in the Air Service Command and the Materiel Command if these employees were transferred from instructor duty to mechanics duty. However, it is recommended that this step not be taken unless this same problem arises again with respect to the numbers remaining under the jurisdiction of the Technical Training Command.

7. The letters to the Commanding Generals of the Air Service Command and Technical Training Command directing the transfer of forty (40) instructors are attached for your information.

8. This office is communicating directly with Mr. Truman K. Gibson, Jr. relative to the action that has been taken.

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- Incl 8, Ltr to ASC 4/22/43
- Incl 9, Ltr to TTC 4/22/43

J. M. BEVANS
Brig Gen, USA

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Negro Civilian Instructors in Technical Schools.

Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

4-5-43

Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training

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1. Referred for action in the placement of colored personnel concerned.
2. The possibility of utilizing all these men in the sub-depot at Selfridge Field, Michigan, arose in the discussion of this problem and is suggested for your consideration.
3. This division has replied to the communication from T. K. Gibson (inclosure No. 1)

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Memo fr T.K.Gibson, w/press encl.,
Telephone Conversation btw Col. Cuyler
and Gen Howard, 3-6-43,
Memo to C/AS, 2-6-43, abv subj.
Telephone Conversation btw Col. Davasher
and Maj Harnish, 2-9-43.
Cy Memo to T.K.Gibson, fr Training Div.
4-5-43
Cy Memo for Gen. Harper from
Col. Ryan 4-1-43

ROBERT W. HARPER,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Assistant Chief of Air Staff,
Training.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

March 30, 1943

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brigadier General Luther S. Smith

The enclosed press statement was carried by all of the Negro papers last week. For my own information I would like to know the present plans for the utilization of Negro civilian instructors.

Truman K. Gibson, Jr.
Acting Civilian Aide to the Secretary
of War

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CONVERSATION BETWEEN COL. CUYLER AND GEN. HOWARD:
March 6, 1943

This is Col. Cuyler of A--1 division of Col. Davison. This question of civilian negro instructors has come up as regards Texas. It's all come into the War Department, and we've received a similar directive as to the one we've received on Mississippi.

How: To take all the colored people out of Texas.

Cuy: That's right.

How: Where are you going to send them now? Who wants them now? Who wants them?

Euy: The directive just says they have to be transferred to schools in the North, where their presence will occasion less public criticism.

how: Well, all right.

Cuy: Well, I thought I'd better call you on it right away; and I'll get Col. Davison to sign a confirmatory letter, such as the one he signed in regard to Mississippi.

How: All right, Well, pretty soon we're going to have some of these northern schools with all white students and nothing but colored instructors, aren't we?

Cuy: Yeh, I think it's a great shame. But of course you well know that when it first came up we tried to keep it just status quo, but this higher authority coming down on us.

How: All right, Cuyler:

Cuy: All right, fine! Gen. Howard.

How: Thanks for the notification--thank you very much!

Cu. All right, sir.

How: Good-by!

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February 6, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of the Air Staff

SUBJECT: Negro Civilian Instructors in Technical Schools

1. General Smith has asked that the following matter be brought to your attention.

2. I was contacted by Lt. Col. Cuyler of A-1, who stated that he had a telegram from the Governor of Mississippi, addressed to the President, which had been referred to his section for action. The telegram was a protest from the Governor of Mississippi against the transfer of Negro civilian instructors to Gulfport, Mississippi and Keesler Field, Mississippi for use in the technical schools. Colonel Cuyler asked me for a statement as to whether or not these Negroes were being used to instruct white students. The Commanding Officer of Gulfport was contacted by phone, and he stated that he had received eight colored instructors and that since they were sent there for that purpose, they were instructing in the school. A similar call to the Commanding Officer of Keesler Field revealed that he had received, or would receive, a total of thirteen Negro civilian instructors. He stated that he was not using these instructors in classrooms but was using them in administrative and supply capacities. He also stated that the local situation was so "hot" that he did not dare use them as instructors. There are no Negro students at Gulfport or Keesler.

3. Colonel Cuyler was given the above information. Some time later he called me and asked if it would not be possible to transfer these instructors to other technical schools, preferably in the northern part of the United States. The only mechanic school we have in the north is at Lincoln, Nebraska. Chanute Field is now an advanced school, giving courses for which these instructors are deemed incapable of teaching without their receiving additional instruction themselves.

4. In view of policies in regard to the handling of Negro personnel which have been announced from your office, instructions are requested as to whether or not it is your desire that further action in this case be taken.

G. L. DAVASHER
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Technical Training Division

Gen. Hanley advised Col Davasher
2/7/43 that he (Gen Hanley)
had advised Gen Howard 2/6/43
that Negroes would
instruct whites.

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STATEMENT OF GENERAL HOWARD IN REGARD TO
NEGRO INSTRUCTORS IN TTC

GEN. HOWARD: The Negro instructors were all at Chanute Field. They were beginning to organize. There were 125 of them, or in that neighborhood. We had 7 schools. We divided the 125 by 7 and distributed them among those schools. That we considered in accordance with our instructions for non-discrimination and non-segregation. There is no favoritism toward the white or toward the black. So, any upset in that policy is going to make a concentration of Negro instructors at one place and a discrimination in favor of the Negroes, if you put them in at that one place, which we do not care to do in view of our instructions from higher authority. If it is seen fit to send these men to Lincoln or Chanute Field, it will not - repeat not - cause the discharge of whites. We are so short of instructors we cannot approach our ratio of one to eight, which we desire, but we are under the ratio of one to fifteen, which is official. That is the story that A-1 should know and understand.

COL. DAVASHER: If these Negro instructors were transferred to Lincoln, would that make a sufficient number of Negroes at Lincoln that there would be many more whites being instructed by Negroes than you think desirable?

GEN. HOWARD: Yes, absolutely.

Policy in regard to Negro Civilian Instructors

Asst. Chief of the Air Staff, A-1

Feb. 9, 1943

Director of Individual Training

GLD/mh/mung 3517¹

1. Attached hereto is a statement of the Chief of Staff, Technical Training Command, which it is desired to place in the record concerning the movement of Negro instructors from Gulfport, Mississippi and Keesler Field, Mississippi.

1 Incl. - Statement of
Ben. Howard, C/S, TTC.

L. S. SMITH
Brig. General, U.S.A.

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CONVERSATION BETWEEN COL. DAVASHER AND MAJ. HARNISH:
Transcribed February 9, 1943
before we could get to Gen. Howard and get his decision on the matter.

Yeh, well--

Har: We tried to get you, and we stuck around for--till about 7-30 I guess it was; and finally decided that perhaps the Air Staff went home and you went home with them.

Dav: Well, that's it. They took off, and then I left. Wait just a minute--I can't hear you--a plane going over. OK.

Har: I'm sorry we couldn't get the information back to you sooner.

Dav: All right, what's the dope.

Har: Gen. Howard would like to have any one who wants to discuss that problem to talk with him personally. So that's the dope on that right now.

Dav: OK! I've got two or three things for you here, and then I'll switch to him.

Har: All right, Sir.

Dav: First, here's their class at the OTS?****-----

Howard Hello!

Dav: This is Davasher, General.

How: Yes?

Dav: I'm calling you in regard to those instructors, sir.

How: What about them?

Dav: Well, they have A--1. They are preparing a memorandum for Gen. Stratemeyer to send to the Secretary of War, and he has this statement. I just wanted to know whether it is right or wrong. It says, "It would be possible however to transfer them, the negroes, to the only Technical Training Command mechanic school in the North, that being at Lincoln, Nebraska. This would create a surplus of instructors at Lincoln, which would cause the transfer of instructors therefrom to other stations of the Technical Training Command".

How: Yeh. Have you got a recorder on ther?

Dav: Yes, sir.

How: All right. Now get this on it: The negro instructors were all at Chanute Field, They were beginning to organize. There a hundred and twenty-five of them, or in that neighborhood. We had five schools. We divided the hundred and twenty-five by five and distributed them amongst those schools. That, we considered in accordance with our instructions for nondiscrimination and nonsegregation. There is no favoritism toward the whites nor toward the blacks. So any upset in that policy is going to make a concentration of negro instructors at one place and a discrimination in

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in favor of the negroes if you put them in at that one place, which we do not care to do, in view of our instructions by higher authority. If it is seen fit to send these men to Lincoln, Nebraska, or Chanute Field it will not, (repeat) not cause the discharge of whites. We are so short of instructors we do not approach our ratio of one to eight, which we desire, but we are under the ratio of one to fifteen, which is official. That is the story that A--1 should know and understand. Did you get that?

Dav: Yes, sir.

How: All right. Thank you.

Dav: One other thing, I'd like to have a statement from you on this General.

How: If these were transferred to Lincoln, it would make a preponderance of negro instructors at that point. Would it, or not? Do you know?

How: What do you mean by a preponderance? A majority?

Dav: Oh no! No, maybe that's not the word that I mean.

How: There'd be more colored people than at other stations.

Dav: Yes, sir.

How: There'd be a concentrating of them. That's the thing we had to break up at Chanute. There was beginning to be organization. They were beginning to organize on us. We distributed them in the fairest way, without discrimination, and without segregation, that we possibly could do it; and we think it was highly in accord with the instructions of higher authorities, and also in accord with the request of that group that they've had out there. And also this group they were organizing at Chanute, that was one of the points they made, that they couldn't be distributed. They couldn't get out to these various places. They were being held concentrated there; and we did this in accordance with their desire, we think.

Dav: Well, what I meant by a preponderance a while ago is this: that there would be a sufficient number of negroes at Lincoln, that there would be many more whites instructed by negroes than you think desirable.

How: Oh indeed! Yes.

Dav: Well, that's the point I'm trying to get--

How: Well, that statement goes, yes. And by the way! Let me correct myself in the previous record. I said there were five schools, and we divided a hundred and twenty-five by five. There are seven schools. We divided a hundred and twenty-five by seven; and distributed them in that ration. Got it?

Dav: Yes, sir. Thank you, sir.

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April 5, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Truman K. Gibson, Jr.,
Acting Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War.

SUBJECT: Negro Civilians.

1. In reply to your memorandum of March 30, 1943,
I wish to advise you that your question has been referred to the
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

2. It is my belief that this matter is a problem
regarding personnel rather than training, and, therefore, it
can be solved more readily by the Personnel Division.

ROBERT W. HARPER,
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,
Assistant Chief of Air Staff,
Training.

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April 1, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR: BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT W. HARPER

Subject: Policy regarding use of Negro Civilian Technical Instructors.

1. The Officer at Headquarters, Army Air Forces, who has the best background and most of the files on this subject is Lt. Colonel Lewis B. Cuyler, War Department Extension 5309, now assigned in the office of Ass't. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

2. Briefly, the background for the trouble is as follows:

a. In accordance with instructions to AAFTTC from this Headquarters that there be no discrimination and no segregation of Negroes in the training program, AAFTTC trained 125 civilian Negro instructors at Chanute Field. There are 7 Technical Schools giving the type of training for which this personnel was qualified, and so the 125 civilian instructors were divided among the 7 different schools - 4 of which are located in the South, e. g., Sheppard Field, Amarillo Field, Keesler Field, and Gulfport Field.

b. Various communications were received in the Office of the President and by the War Department from local citizens in the area where there are 4 Southern schools are located, objecting strenuously to the use of Negroes as instructors for White students, among others, the Governor of Mississippi. The War Department turned these objections over the Army Air Forces asking them to solve the problem. General Hanley put the question back in the lap of the War Department with the statement that he believed that this was a matter of high policy and requesting a more clear cut policy from the War Department.

c. War Department, G-1, came back with instructions to the Army Air Forces that it should be the policy to keep Negro instructors out of Technical schools located in the South and that all Negro civilian instructors now employed to be used in Northern schools with the exception of the Flying Training School at Tuskegee, Alabama.

d. A-1, of this Headquarters, issued instructions to TTC based on c, above.

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3. As a result, all of these civilian negro instructors were moved North to the Technical Schools at Lincoln, Nebraska, and at Chanute Field, Illinois, which were the only schools giving training the specialties for which these Negro instructors are qualified. As a matter of fact it was necessary to train the Negro instructors sent to Chanute Field all over again, inasmuch as only advanced and special courses are given at Chanute Field and airplane mechanics is not taught at Chanute Field.

4. In addition to the trouble at Chanute Field, as indicated in the inclosed press statement, the TTC advised us informally that they are also having trouble with the Negro instructors at Lincoln, Nebraska. The Negro instructors are having difficulty finding places to live which suit them and they are sleeping in their automobiles.

L. O. RYAN
Colonel, Air Corps
Chief, Technical Training Section

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201 Wm. L. Turner Capt. (O)

Date May 6, 1943

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From: Military Personnel

To: Comm. Gen. Flying Training Command, Texas & Pacific Bldg.,
Ft. Worth, Tex.

SUBJECT: Transfer of Officers

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Date May 6, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

To: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training

SUBJECT: Negro Civilian Instructors in Technical Schools

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From: Military Personnel

To: The Adjutant General

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SYNOPSIS

From: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments,
and Requirements, Programs Branch.

To: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

SUBJECT: Activation of Air Corps Units
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31, 1943.

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201 Major General St. CLAIR STREETT (O)

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Date May 4, 1943.

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst., Chief of Air Staff, M. H. & D.

To: General STREETT, CG, Third AF Hqs Tampa, Florida.

SUBJECT: Regarding race notes on the performance
of race of our colored Aviation Engineers,
that could be used to build morale.

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Date ^{May} 3 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Air Adjutant General

To: Mr. Edward J. Cox, Pres., Nat'l Asso. for the Advancement of Colored
People, Columbus, Ohio

SUBJECT: Negroes being excluded from Post Exchange

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