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SUBJECT: Alleged Racial Discrimination, Amarillo Army Air Field, Amarillo, Texas

TO: General Arnold DATE 30 Nov 1943  
 FROM: General Jones COMMENT NO. 1  
 (Z)pdh/74364

1. An investigation of the attached complaint from Negro soldiers in the 364th Avn. Sq., Amarillo, Texas, indicates that there was some merit in their complaint.
2. Testimony shows that these Negro troops were held on "crop alert" and for an unknown reason not allowed to participate in local parades and reviews, a discrimination which greatly humiliated them. No reason is known for this attitude and it has since been corrected.
3. There was no U.S.O. available to colored troops in operations at Amarillo. This matter is now being corrected.
4. Testimony indicates that the colored exchange closed at 2000, whereas other exchanges remained open until 2100. This matter has been corrected.
5. There was further evidence that colored soldiers who went on sick report and were marked duty, were immediately included in a detail for bringing rocks into camp. Apparently this was done by the local commander for the purpose of decreasing applicants for sick call. The local commander has now been relieved.
6. This Squadron is no longer carried on a crop alert and its personnel now receive the same furlough privileges as other organizations.

*[Signature]*  
 JUNIUS W. JONES,  
 Brigadier General, U.S.A.,  
 The Air Inspector.

2 Incls.  
 #1-Ltr dtd 10/14/43,  
 w/notation from General Arnold.  
 #2-Ltr dtd 10/14/43 fr 364th Avn Sq.

*Col. [unclear]*  
 Please find out who "local commander" was  
 + where he is now + if any disciplinary action  
 was taken  
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AMARILLO FIELD  
AMARILLO, TEXAS

364th Aun. Sq.  
Army Air Field  
Amarillo, Texas  
Oct. 14th, '43

General Arnold  
Commanding General  
of the U.S. Army Corps  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We Negro soldiers aren't being treated right at all. We know when we give our service to our Country we should be treated as soldiers, regardless of color, and I know if you knew how we were treated, there would be something done for us.

Yours truly for Victory, Sir.

10/20/43  
Gen Jones  
for rec. please  
Put me through  
there is a copy attached  
to this. (initials)  
10/20



Amarillo Field  
Amarillo, Texas

364<sup>th</sup> Avn. Sq.  
Army Air Field  
Amarillo, Texas

Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 43.

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364<sup>th</sup> Avn.

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364th Aun. Sqd.  
Amarillo Army Air Field  
Amarillo, Texas  
U. S. Army  
Oct. 14th, 1943

General Arnold  
Commanding General  
of the U. S. Army Air Corps  
Washington, D. C.

General, Sir:

We Negro soldiers are not treated right - not at all, Sir.

We are Negro soldiers of the 364th Aun. Sir, if we go on sick call, we have to break rocks for doing so.

Most of us are unable to do our duties; feet hurt, headaches, backaches, kidney trouble, and lots of other complaints.

The doctors don't try to reach our trouble. He will say, "Nothing is ill with that Negro", and pass him up.

General, Sir, you know a person cannot soldier while hurting too. General, Sir, there are lots more we have not mentioned, Sir. We do want to serve our Country, Sir.

Yours for Victory, Sir.

364th Aun.

*Gen. 2*

36<sup>th</sup> Am. Sgt.  
Amarillo Army Air Fld.  
Amarillo Texas  
U.S. Army.  
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1953

General Arnold.  
Commanding General;  
of the U.S. Army Air Corps.  
Washington D. C.

General Sir.  
We are negro soldiers. We not treated  
right not at all Sir.

We is negroes soldier of 36<sup>th</sup> Am.  
Sir. We go on sickbed called. We have  
to break rocks for during so.

Most of us is disable to do our duties  
Foot hurts, Necks aces. Back hurt. Kindy trouble  
and lots of other complaints.

The Doctors don't try to reach our's  
trouble. He will say nothing is ill that  
negro and pass him up. (General Sir.)  
You know a person can not soldiers and  
hurting too. General Sir. There lots more we is  
not motion Sir. We do want to service our's -  
Country Sir.

Yours For Victory (Sir.)  
36<sup>th</sup> Am.

*4<sup>th</sup> Avn. Sqd.*  
*Amarillo Army Air Field.*  
*Amarillo, Texas.*  
*U.S. Army*



*General: Arnold;*  
*Commanding General;*  
*Of the U.S. Army Air Corps.*  
*Washington D.C.*



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tr. to CG, AAF, "Trained Personnel Requirements (Colored)," continued.

Headquarters will coordinate and make necessary changes in the numbers required for entrance into training as elimination rates become more stabilized with experience.

For the Commanding General:

*H. P. Bonnewitz*

H. P. Bonnewitz  
Lt. Col., A.G.D.  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

4 Inclosures

- #1 Flex. Gunnery Flow Chart
- #2 Bombardier (18 Weeks) Flow Chart
- #3 Bombardier (9 Weeks) Flow Chart
- #4 Navigation (18 Weeks) Flow Chart.

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Hq, AAF, Washington, 25, D. C., 24 November 1943.

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TO: Commanding General, Army Service Forces, Military Personnel Division,  
Room 4B-486, The Pentagon, Washington, 25, D. C.

This Headquarters has taken steps to correct the condition described  
in basic communication by including in the instructions to Air Forces and  
Commands, reference furnishing of cadre personnel, information as to  
exactly what type personnel will be furnished.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

T. M. BELSHE  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Enlisted Branch  
Office, Asst Chief of Air Staff,  
Personnel

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6th Ind.

SPGAP 091.411 (21 Aug 43)

Hqs., A.S.F., Military Personnel Division, Room 4D 486, Pentagon Bldg.  
Washington 25, D. C. 12 November 1943.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Room 5D 1077 Pentagon Bldg.

1. Attention is invited to attached correspondence relative to cadre personnel supplied from the 715th Chemical Maintenance Company (Avn), 714th Chemical Maintenance Company (Avn) and the 764th Chemical Depot Company (Avn).

2. The importance of furnishing suitable cadre personnel, particularly negro cadre personnel, is so great that this headquarters solicits the earnest cooperation of your headquarters in the matter.

3. The return of the attached correspondence together with your remarks and recommendations is requested.

For the Commanding General:

RUSSEL B. REYNOLDS  
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps  
Director, Military Personnel Division

2 Incls  
n/c

E. B. MOOMAU  
Colonel, U.S.A.  
Executive, Military Personnel Division

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SPCWP 320.2  
HEADQUARTERS, CHEMICAL WARFARE CENTER, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., 2 Oct 43.

TO: Chief, Chemical Warfare Service, Washington, D. C.

Investigation directed in 1st Indorsement completed and report forwarded as requested.

For the Commanding General:

Incls - 2  
2 copies Report of Board  
of Officers withdrawn

HARRY W. SPEAKER  
Colonel, C.W.S.  
Executive Officer

SPCWP 320.2 (Colored Cadremen)      5th Ind.  
(18 Sept 43)

Hq ASF OC CWS, Washington 25, D. C. 30 October 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Hq Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C.  
Attention; Director of Military Personnel.

Attention is invited to the inclosed copy of Board proceedings in the incident case, which is concurred in by the Chief, Chemical Warfare Service.

For the Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service:

2 Incls  
1 c Report of Board of Officers w/d

LOWELL A. ELLIOTT  
Colonel, CWS  
Executive Officer

Incl 1 - Ltr 21 August 1943 to CG 4th Serv Comd Thru: CG Camp Sibert, Alabama, re Selection of Colored Cadremen from Hq, CWS Unit Training Center, Camp Sibert, Ala, signed by E. F. Bullena, Brigadier General, Commanding - 1st Ind fr Hq, Camp Sibert to CG, 4th Serv Comd, 2nd Ind fr Hq 4th Serv Comd to CG, ASF, Wash DC w/8 incls.

Incl 2 - Board Proceedings, Chemical Warfare Center, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., 2 October 1943

E.A. 291.2/14 Conf                      2nd Ind.                      JDC/flk  
HEADQUARTERS CHEMICAL WARFARE CENTER, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., 30 Sep 43.

TO: Colonel Milton T. Hankins, CWS, President, Board of Officers, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

1. For immediate investigation and report as indicated in Par. 2 of basic communication and preceding indorsement by a Board of Officers composed as follows:

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

Colonel Milton T. Hankins, 016199, CWS  
Colonel James D. Cunningham, 0307804, JAGD  
Lt. Col. George J. Deutermann, 016150, CWS

2. The report of the Board will be submitted to this Headquarters in quadruplicate as expeditiously as possible and in no event later than 4 October 1943, unless an extension of time be granted.

By command of Brigadier General AVERY:

HARRY W. SPRAKER  
Colonel, C.W.S.  
Executive Officer

Incl. - n/c

E.A. 291.2/14 Conf.                      3rd Ind.                      JDC/flk  
COLONEL MILTON T. HANKINS, CWS, President, Board of Officers, Edgewood Arsenal, Md., 2 October 43.

TO: Commanding General, Chemical Warfare Center, Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

Preceding indorsement complied with.

MILTON T. HANKINS  
Colonel, C.W.S.  
President, Board of Officers

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Report of Board of Officers  
in qud. added

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WAR DEPARTMENT

Headquarters, Services of Supply  
Military Personnel Division  
4B486 Pentagon Bldg  
Washington, D. C.

SPGAM 091.411 (21 Aug 43)

18 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Selection of Colored Cadremen.

TO: Chief of Chemical Warfare Service, G-101 Building T-7,  
Gravelly Point, Virginia.

1. Your attention is invited to that part of the attached report concerning cadremen supplied from Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland, to the ~~142d~~ 142d Chemical Decontamination Company, 144th Chemical Decon-tamination Company, 101st Chemical Impregnating Company.

2. A thorough investigation will be made and the necessary corrective action will be taken by your office without delay, and this Headquarters notified thereof by indorsement.

3. Direct communication with Headquarters, Fourth Service Command is authorized.

By command of Major General STYER:

RUSSEL B. REYNOLDS  
Brigadier General, General Staff Corps  
Director, Military Personnel Division

1 Incl.  
Ltr fr CWS UTC, Cp Sibert,  
Ala, dated 21 Aug 43 to CG,  
4th SC thru CG Cp Sibert  
w/8 incls & 2 Inds.

E. B. MOOMAU  
Colonel, G.S.C.  
Executive, Military Personnel Division

SPCWP 320.2 (Colored Cadremen) 1st Ind.  
(18 Sep 43)  
WD, ASF, OC CWS, Washington, D.C. 27 September 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Chemical Warfare Center, Edgewood Arsenal,  
Md.

1. It is requested that the investigation called for in paragraph 2, basic communication, be completed at the earliest practicable date and a report thereof submitted to this office.

By order of the Chief of the Chemical Warfare Service:

LOWELL A. ELLIOTT  
Colonel, CWS  
Executive Officer

Incl n/c

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FORM NO MR-1 (5)

DATE:

23 November 1943

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INDEX: 291.2 Colored

TO: Chief of Staff, G-3 (Attn: Col. Chazal)

FROM: Brig. General J.M. Bevans, Personnel

SUMMARY: Army Cooperation in the Harvesting of Crops.

Memo

FILED: 230.87 Replacing Enlisted Men & Vice Versa.

INDEXER: rg

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From: San Francisco Calif  
To: CGAAF

Number C 1110, 22 November 1943

Attn: Asst Chief Staff Pers-11

Negro enl non specialists 521 have been trfrd  
(total of 20) fr 1887 Engr Avn Bn to 445 Sig Construction  
Bn prusuant auth confidential rad your hq dtd 20 November  
this yr in reply to our C 1090 signed Lynd CG & AF requesting  
trfr: auth be granted.

No Sig

ACTION: CGAAF

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Date 23 Nov. 43

### SYNOPSIS

**From:** Asst. Chief of Air Staff, AF Personnel, Air WAC Officer.

**To:** Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel, Military Personnel  
Division, Enlisted Section, Atten: Lt. Selvik.

**SUBJECT:** Branch Recruitment of WAC Negro Personnel,  
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FILE : 291.2 Race, Negro

Date Nov 23, 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Acting Air WAAC Officer

To: ?

SUBJECT: Branch Recruitment of WAC Negro Personnel

Disposition Form

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FILE : 291.2 Negro

Date Nov 20, 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Hqs. Army Air Forces Training Command, Fort Worth 2, Texas

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.  
Att: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training

SUBJECT: Trained Personnel Requirements ( Colored )

Ltr.

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FILE: 291.2 Negro

Date Nov. 17, 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel, Military Personnel  
Division.

To: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments, and  
Requirements, Commitments Division, Attn: Colonel Baylor.

SUBJECT: Eighth Air Force A-1 Section Problems.

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

16 November 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR (1) Colonel J. H. McCormick  
(2) Brig. Gen. R. W. Harper

Subject: *X3101 mic X334 B.d.*  
Report of Board Appointed to Analyze Problems  
of Colored Program Outlined in Letter From  
Colonel Bob Selway *X201-0*

*X333.01 Training Report*

1. Attached is the report of the Board of officers appointed from AC/AS, Personnel, and AC/AS, Training, to review the problems of implementing the colored medium bombardment program contained in letter from Colonel Bob Selway to Colonel McCormack dated 20 October 43.

2. If the recommendations made by this Board are approved, the members of the Board will follow through to see that necessary action is taken to effect the recommendations.

*Roy H. Clarke*  
ROY H. CLARKE,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Recorder of the Board.

BOARD MEMBERS

Colonel J. B. Barr  
Lt. Col. E. Hodgson  
Lt. Col. E. F. Fogerty

*R.H. Clarke*  
*E.H.*  
*E.F.*

APPROVED

Colonel J. H. McCormick  
Brig. Gen. R. W. Harper

*J.H. McCormick*  
*R.W. Harper*

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Date: *7 May 45*

Forwarded by  
AC/AS, Personnel:

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AFEMP-11 *St. Lt. B.C. Miller*

AFPCP.....

AFSS.....

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REPORT OF BOARD APPOINTED TO ANALYZE PROBLEMS OF COLORED PROGRAM  
OUTLINED IN LETTER FROM COLONEL BOB SELWAY

1. The following officers appointed as a Board to analyze problems of colored program outlined in Colonel Selway's letter were in attendance at a meeting held 9 November 43, at 1:30 P.M.:

Colonel J. B. Barr, AC/AS, Training  
Lt. Colonel E. Hodgson, AC/AS, Training  
Lt. Colonel E. F. Fogerty, AC/AS, Personnel  
Major Roy H. Clarke, AC/AS, Personnel

Also in attendance were Major McTague, AC/AS, Training, and Captain Jensen, AC/AS, Personnel.

2. It was decided that the Board would take into consideration and recommend action on each problem or request contained in Colonel Selway's letter (Tab A) to Colonel Jack McCormick, dated 20 October 43, a copy of which is attached. The following points were discussed and action recommended. For quick reference, the paragraph number in Colonel Selway's letter is shown in parentheses.

a. Question as to which Air Force should activate the Medium Bombardment Group (Colored). (Postscript of letter)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Medium Bombardment Group (Colored) be activated by the First Air Force since base personnel and Headquarters staff sections are thoroughly familiar with the problems involved in similar training.

b. Request for white officers in supervisory positions for permanent assignment to Medium Bombardment Group (Colored). (Paragraph 1)

Recommendation: Board concurred in the request with the proviso that at any time a colored officer could be found competent to fill a staff position held by a white officer, he be assigned to the position. The Third Air Force is the recommended source for the requested cadre. AC/AS, Personnel, will work with Bombardment Branch, Unit Training Division, in obtaining the requested cadre.

c. Request for transfer of individuals now under the jurisdiction of the First Air Force. (Paragraphs 2, 3, and 10)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the transfer of all individuals within the First Air Force be left up to the discretion of that Air Force.

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d. Assignment of oversize fighter pilots to twin-engine transition school. (Paragraph 4)

Action being taken: Arrangements have already been made by AC/AS, Training, to have four of the seven pilots listed assigned to twin-engine transition school. The remaining three will be assigned within the near future.

e. Sending group commander to B-25 transition school. (Paragraph 5)

Recommendation: Concur.

f. Return of potential squadron commanders from the 99th Sq. (Paragraph 6)

Action being taken: Action has already been taken to return five pilots from the 99th Sq now overseas for possible use as squadron commanders.

g. Recommendation by name of pilots to be returned from the 99th Sq for duty with 553rd Fighter Squadron RTU (Colored). (Paragraph 7)

Recommendation: It was recommended by the Board that white supervisory officers be used for this RTU squadron with the proviso that at such time as colored officers are returned from theatres and found competent to carry on RTU training, that they replace white officers. AC/AS, Personnel, will query the theatres as to whether or not the officers named in paragraph 7 are available to be returned to act as instructors under the supervision of the white supervisory personnel.

h. Delay in sending 99th Sq replacements for November and December due to overage in theatre. (Paragraph 8)

Action being taken: Action has already been taken and no replacements will be sent in November or December. In January, 20 will be sent as automatic replacements for the 332nd Group which will include the 99th Sq.

i. Activation of Medium Bombardment Squadron (B-25) to act as OTU parent. (Paragraph 9)

Recommendation: It is recommended that a supervisory squadron be activated and manned with white personnel for the purpose of instructing the 477th Medium Bombardment Group. This squadron will be inactivated upon completion of its mission. It is recommended that the additions and deletions of both personnel and equipment

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contained in paragraph #9, attached letter, be authorized to enable this supervisory squadron to more effectively fulfill its mission.

3. Plans for Training the Personnel to be needed by the Medium Bombardment Group (Colored). (Paragraph 11)

a. Advanced training of all officers in specialized schools prior to assignment to the group.

Action being taken: All first pilots are being transitioned on B-25's prior to assignment to the group. It will not be possible to transition all co-pilots. For other type officers, when practicable, specialized training will be given prior to assignment to the group. Where possible, trained and experienced officers will be assigned.

b. Technical training of enlisted men.

Action being taken: AC/AS, Training, has already entered into training courses some of the colored enlisted personnel to be trained as specialists for the Medium Bombardment Group. The estimated availability dates for these specialists are shown in Tab B. AC/AS, Personnel, is taking the necessary action to provide qualified colored enlisted personnel to fill remaining quotas.

c. Assignment pool. (Paragraph 11)

Recommendation: It is recommended that the 553rd Squadron be used as assignment pool for personnel to eventually be assigned to the Medium Bombardment Group until such time as the Medium Bombardment Group is activated.

4. Colored Aviation Cadets. (Paragraph 11)

The Chief of the Air Staff has made the decision to retain the colored pilot training program at Tuskegee and to delay the formation of the Medium Bombardment Group until such a date as Tuskegee's output has produced a sufficient number of pilots to start OTU training. Training Command has been requested to estimate when facilities at Tuskegee will produce a sufficient number of pilots to meet the requirements of the colored fighter program plus a requirements for the medium bombardment program. When this estimate has been received, the approximate date for beginning the operational training of the medium group can be determined. Training of colored bombardiers and navigators will be carried on in regular schools of the training system. AC/AS, Personnel, has a sufficient backlog of colored aviation cadets to meet the monthly intake requirements for the training of all crew members.

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332ND FIGHTER GROUP  
Selfridge Field, Michigan

20 October 1943

Colonel Jack McCormick,  
Headquarters Army Air Forces,  
Assistant A-1, Personnel,  
Pentagon Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jack:

Lt. Col. B. C. Davis returned from Washington the other day and gave me certain information regarding the program of the 332nd Fighter Group (colored) and the planned program for the 553rd Fighter Squadron (colored) RTU to be activated here on November 1st, and about a Bombardment Group, (B-25) (M) (colored) to be activated on November 1st. Davis said that your Headquarters plans that I command that Bombardment Group and that you wish recommendations as to the staffing of Bombardment Group with white or colored officers.

The following notes represent my ideas of the entire picture:

(1) White officers for permanent assignment to Bomb. Group (M) (col):

- 1 Group Commander - Colonel
- 1 Group Executive - Lt. Col. or Major
- 1 Group Operations Officer - Lt. Col. or Major
- 4 Squadron Commanders - Majors or Captains
- 4 Squadron Operations Officers - Captains or 1st Lts.
- 1 Group Materiel Officer - Captain or Major
- 1 Group Ground Echelon Commander - Lt. Col. or Major

(2) Major RAMSEY (colored), Group Surgeon, should be transferred from the 332nd Fighter Group to the Bombardment Group on December 10th (for reasons which I will explain to you privately some time).

(3) Lt. WEAVER, Assistant Adjutant, 332nd Fighter Group should be transferred as Bombardment Group Adjutant, December 1st.

(4) The following oversize pilots in the 332nd Fighter Group (pilots much too large for cockpit of P-40N or P-39 airplanes) should immediately be ordered to twin engine transition school:

- Capt. George L. KNOX, O-798535
- 2d Lt. William J. MATTISON, O-792785
- 2d Lt. Charles R. STANTON, O-796268
- 2d Lt. James Y. CARTER, O-801160
- 2d Lt. Peter C. VERWAYNE, O-794602
- 2d Lt. William B. ELLIS, O-1637362
- 2d Lt. James W. MASON, O-809247

They are applying in writing today for such transfer.

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Colonel Jack McCormick, 20 October 1943, Cont'd. Page 2. (Confidential).

(5) Colonel SELWAY has completed the "cleaning up" and reorganization of the 332nd Fighter Group, and "set up" their training which will easily be completed before December 15, 1943. Lt. Col. GAYLE can "finish out" the training supervision. Colonel SELWAY should be ordered to the North American Plant at Mines Field for a two weeks course immediately, and after that, should either go through a B-25 Transition School, or be assigned a B-25 airplane with instructor pilot at Selfridge Field. *I have only about 10 hrs flight time in B-25*

(6) Only one of the three Squadron Commanders in the 332nd Fighter Group is considered qualified to command a Squadron. Lt. Colonel Davis tells me that you have taken action to return certain pilots from the 99th, and that these pilots are qualified to command.

(7) The 553rd Fighter Squadron (all colored) which is to be activated here on November 1, 1943, as an R.T. U. Squadron for the 332nd Fighter Group will require an experienced Squadron Commander (colored) and five experienced flight leaders (colored). I recommend that the following pilots of the 99th Squadron be returned to the U.S.A. for duty with the 553rd Fighter Squadron:

|  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Captain Lemuel CUSTIS - Squadron Commander |   |   |
| 1st Lt. G. SMITH - Instructor Pilot        |   |   |
| 1st Lt. L. PURNELL -                       | " | " |
| 1st Lt. A. LANE -                          | " | " |
| 1st Lt. J. ROGERS -                        | " | " |
| 1st Lt. S. BRUCE -                         | " | " |

(8) The 99th Squadron now has forty-eight (48) pilots, and the 332nd Fighter Group has a commitment for shipment to that Squadron of -

Four (4) pilots in November  
Four (4) pilots in December.

Lt. Col. B. O. Davis tells me that he recommended the return of certain pilots of the 99th Squadron to the U.S. and that they can be spared by the 99th Squadron.

I recommend that these eight (8) not be sent, since the pilot strength of the 99th is assumed to be thirty-seven (37) after the return of those recommended for return.

(9) Since there is no "parent" Group O.T.U. Medium Bombardment (B-25) (colored) to give birth to a Bombardment Group (B-25) (M) (colored), it is recommended that a B-25 Squadron (white) be ordered to "parent" this Group.

The personnel of that Squadron should be specially selected and should be qualified to supervise the colored personnel performing equivalent duties, getting "on the job" training in the colored squadrons.

The White Squadron should be reduced by the following figures.



Colonel Jack McCormick, 20 October 1943, Cont'd. Page 4. (Confidential)

(11) Has anyone up there started a survey of all Air Corps colored units in the United States to find sufficient enlisted men with G.C.T. and M.A. scores high enough to send immediately to T.T.C. Schools to fill all the technical qualifications within a Bombardment Group?

How about the advance training of all the officers in Specialized Schools before assignment to the Group?

If a "pool" of officers and enlisted men can be immediately provided, I recommend that Cooks, Mess Sergeants, Supply Clerks, Technical Supply Clerks, Administration Clerks and all other administrative "school education" be completed now -- prior to completion of "organization phase" and entrance into O.T.U. phases.

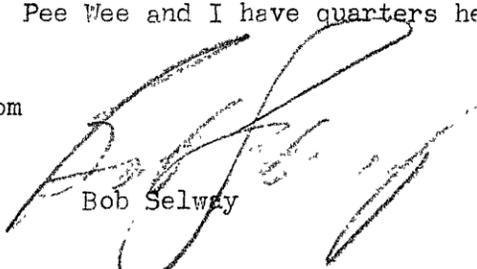
Most of the enlisted men (technical) in the 332nd Fighter Group were received by the Group at the time the Group was to enter O.T.U. They had not completed Basic or Weapons Training, nor had they received any "on the job" training within a parent unit (or alongside a supervisory unit) before being tossed into an O.T.U.

In qualifying the enlisted men technically "on the job" while continuing operations and "pushing" flying, I find that I need the enlisted men on the line. That means that their Basic and Weapons Training is done on rainy days and by floodlight at night.

(12) Maintenance and flying has accelerated and is going to town (I pay the preacher to pray for flying weather), but the ground training and "administrative processing" of the enlisted men could have been done in advance if a "parent Group" or a substitute therefore had "given birth" to this outfit.

Why not fly out and see us. Pee Wee and I have quarters here on the post -- extra rooms and bath.

Best from

  
Bob Selway

2 Inclosures  
Incl. #1  
Incl. #2

Colonel Jack McCormick, 21 October 1943. Page 5. (Confidential)

P.S. The Base S-4 at this station, in a telephone conversation with A-4, First Air Force yesterday, was informed that the colored Medium Bombardment Group was to be activated in another Air Force. No information was given as to the station of activation or the "training area". The "other Air Force" sounds to me like Third Air Force because they have a medium program.

One of the principal reasons that the colored fighter group program "collapsed", was the fact that Tampa is so far away that close coordination was not possible. When I was "yanked out" of the 23d Wing and sent up to "clean up" the show, one of the largest problems was that "Tampa - Selfridge" distance. Actually, the biggest problem was one of personnel, and I finally solved that only by dealing direct with Washington.

I have already "tangled" with the Third Bomber Command staff on a previous "clean up" job on a bombardment group. I don't imagine that the executive, or A-1 or A-3 of that staff like me any better than I like them. If the program is to be under that staff, it may be to the best interests of the government if someone besides myself command the Group.

Since there is no "colored background" from which to create this colored Bombardment Group, I can forecast lots of personnel and training troubles unless there is a hell of a lot of advance planning - coordination - and cooperation. Is there any chance that the program could be placed directly under the CG AAF office direct. If that were possible, it would be much easier to obtain colored personnel from large "pools" where there would be a chance to qualify them in all the technical jobs within a Bombardment Group.

  
Bob Selway

332ND FIGHTER GROUP  
Selfridge Field, Michigan

Administrative Officers over in the 332nd Group and available for  
553rd Group and Bombardment Group:

2d Lt. James CONLEY - Adm.  
" Wm. MOULDEN - Comm.  
" Marshall HENDERSON - Comm.  
" Benjamin JONES - Comm. (reclassify)  
" Charles WALKER - (limited Service)  
" Delbert WHITE - Comm.  
" Jessie WILLIAMS - Eng.  
" Lowell COLBERT - Adm.  
" Joseph ECHOLS - Spec. Serv.  
" Robert HARLLEE - (applied for air crew training)  
" Walter HIGHT - Comm.  
" Rice COROTHERS - Adm. *Reclassified*  
" Eugene WEAVER - Adm. *"*  
" Clarence THOMAS - Adm.  
" Arthur WILLIAMS - Eng.  
" Wilson COPELAND - Adm.  
" William GORDON - Adm. (Grounded Pilot)  
" Waldo WILLIAMS - Comm.  
" David NEAL  
" Frank JORDON - Med.  
" Elmer GORDON  
" Clarence SOUTHALL - Arm. (Grounded Pilot)  
" Q. C. WALKER *Reclassified*

Inclosure #1.

332ND FIGHTER GROUP  
Status of Pilot Assignment

REEVALUATION OR MEDICAL

| <u>100th Ftr. Sq.</u>  | <u>301st Ftr. Sq.</u> | <u>302nd Ftr. Sq.</u>  |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 2d Lt. CHARLTON, T. J. | 2d Lt. SINGLETARY, L. | 2d Lt. McLaurin, E. A. |
| " HENRY, M. R.         | " GREENLEE, G. B.     | " HUNTER, W. S.        |
| " JOHNSON, W. H.       |                       |                        |

OVERSIZE PILOTS

| <u>100th Ftr. Sq.</u> | <u>301st Ftr. Sq.</u> | <u>302nd Ftr. Sq.</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2d Lt. MASON, J. W.   | NONE                  | Capt. KNOX, G. L.     |
| " VERWAYNE, P. C.     |                       | 2d Lt. STANTON, C. R. |
| " MATTISON, W. T.     |                       | " CARTER, J. Y.       |
|                       |                       | " ELLIS, W. B.        |

R.T.U. PILOTS

2d Lt. GRAY, G. E.  
" JAMERSON, C. F.  
" JAMES, D.  
" WILLIAMS, C. I.  
" TEMPLE, A. N.  
" DANIELS, H.  
" THOMPSON, F. A.

GROUP PILOTS

| <u>100th Ftr. Sq.</u>    | <u>301st Ftr. Sq.</u>   | <u>302nd Ftr. Sq.</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st Lt. TRESVILLE, R. B. | 1st Lt. DEBOW, C. H.    | 1st Lt. GLEED, E.     |
| 2nd Lt. TURNER, A. D.    | 2nd Lt. McDANIEL, A. G. | 2nd Lt. PRUITT, W. O. |
| " LEONARD, W. B.         | " DOWNS, W. M.          | " DAVIS, A.           |
| " BRIGGS, J. F.          | " CISCO, A. W.          | " SPENCER, R. M.      |
| " CROCKETT, W. W.        | " ELSBERRY, J. D.       | " HAYWOOD, V. V.      |
| " DICKSON, L. E.         | " ESTERS, M. V.         | " WEATHERS, L.        |
| " ELLINGTON, S. N.       | " FAULKNER, W. J.       | " BUSSEY, C. M.       |
| " GIVINGS, S. M.         | " GOVAN, C. B.          | " SUGGS, J. J.        |
| " McCRAERY, W. L.        | " MAPLES, A. JR.        | " SHEPPARD, H. A.     |
| " MOORE, T. D.           | " POLKINGHORNE, J.      | " WILKINS, L. D.      |
| " MORGAN, D. W. JR.      | " PROWELL, J. H.        | " WATSON, D. M.       |
| " PALMER, W. J.          | " SAWYER, H. E.         | " WALKER,             |
| " PULLIAM, R. C.         | " TAYLOR, U. S.         | " KIRKPATRICK, F.     |
| " WILLIAMS, C. H.        | " FOREMAN, W. T.        | " HUTCHINS, F. E.     |

GROUP PILOTS - Cont'd.

100th Ftr. Sq.

2d Lt. JACKSON, M. T.  
" BAILEY, H. L.  
" BARTLEY, W. R. (O)  
" HALL, R. W.  
" HOLSCLAW, J. D.  
" WYATT, B. (O)  
" CURTIS, S. L.  
" BRATCHER, E. A. (O)  
" JEFFERSON, L. B. (O)  
" JONES, H. L. (O)  
" STODMIRE, N. (O)  
" TATE, C. W. (O)  
" WOODS, C.S.)O)  
" WOODS, W. L. (O)

301st Ftr. Sq.

2d Lt. GOMER, J. P.  
" LIGGINS, W. V.  
" TURNER, L. F.  
" WALKER, F. D.  
" WILLIAMS, W. F.  
" DANIELS, J. (O)  
" LEWIS, J. A.  
" LEHR, J. H.  
" NELSON, R. H. (O)  
" RICHARDSON, V.  
" ROGERS, C. G.  
" WIGGINS, R. H.  
" STEWARD, L. G. (O)  
" LOCKETT, C. A.  
" DUNNE, C. A. (O)  
" JEFFERSON, S. (O)  
" TAYLOR, U. S. (O)  
" BALLARD, A. F. (O)

302nd Ftr. Sq.

2d Lt. SMITH, L. H.  
" GROVES, W. K.  
" BROOKS, M. R.  
" MCGEE, C. E.  
" SLOAN, J. S. (O)  
" SMITH, E. N. (O)  
" ARCHER, L. A.  
" TAYLOR, E. W. (O)  
" MELTON, W. R. (O)  
" GREEN, W. W.  
" WESTMORELAND, W. D.  
" BLACKWELL, H. R. (O)  
" HILL, W. E. (O)  
" McLenic, W. B. (O)  
" PURCHASE, L. (O)  
" ROMINE, R. (O)

\*(O) Oscoda, Michigan

221 EM (Col.)

14 October 1943

SUBJECT: Technical Training Rates for Air Corps Enlisted Men  
(Colored).

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.  
(Att: Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, Training).

1. In compliance with secret letter, your Headquarters, 5 October 1943, subject: "Technical Training Rates for Air Corps Enlisted Men (Colored) June 1943 - August 1944", the following plans and schedules for the accomplishment of the training desired are submitted:

a. OFFICERS:

(1) Letter was written to the Aviation Cadet Branch, Military Personnel Division, relative to procurement of aviation cadets (Colored) in the following categories and numbers:

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| (a) Engineering    | 15 |
| (b) Armament       | 17 |
| (c) Communications | 9  |
| (d) Photographic   | 1  |

This personnel will be sent to the Aviation Cadet Pre-Technical School, AAFETTC, Seymour-Johnson Field, North Carolina.

(2) In view of the fact that the last Class "A" Meteorology course began 4 October 1943, the one weather officer required by this directive must necessarily be furnished from previous graduates (colored).

(3) It is further requested that the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, allocate quotas to the Air Forces for the category listed as "Statistical". Those

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Technical Training Rates for Air Corps Enlisted Men (Colored), Hq., AAF  
Training Command, to CG, AAF.

officer candidates who are selected for statistical officer training will be sent to Harvard University to complete the Statistical Course after eight (8) weeks to officer candidate training has been accomplished at Miami Beach.

b. ENLISTED MEN:

(1) Due to the continual withdrawal of personnel by the Service Command from the branch cooks and bakers schools it is requested that this Command not be required to train personnel in this category. If such training is required it will be necessary for this Command to be furnished qualified personnel to conduct the training of cooks and bakers.

(2) The following categories listed on requirement sheet are not trained by this Command and will be filled by classification at Basic Training Centers. These Headquarters will take necessary steps to have Basic Training Centers furnish personnel in these categories:

- )a) Draftsman
- (b) Airplane Wood Worker
- (c) Airplane Dope/Fabric Worker
- (d) Other Specialists
- (e) All other Enlisted Men.

Attached hereto are entrance and graduation dates of all other categories required in basic directive.

2. A portion of the required personnel were entered in the various technical courses under previous directives and are now undergoing training.

For the Commanding General:

1 Incl:  
Incl #1 - Schedule of Technical Training (Colored)

H. P. BONHEWITZ  
Lt. Col., AGD  
Asst. A. J. Gen.

SCHEDULE OF TECHNICAL TRAINING (COLORED)

AIRPLANE & ENGINE MECHANICS - Sheppard Field, Texas  
 (Includes trainees for Airplane & Engine Mechanic gunners, Electrical Specialists,  
 Instrument Specialists and Propeller Specialists)

| <u>NO. ENTERING</u> | <u>ENTRANCE DATE</u> | <u>GRADUATION DATE</u> | <u>NO. ANTICIPATED GRADUATES</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 293                 | 1 Oct 43             | 15 Feb 44              | 249                              |
| 163                 | 11 Oct 43            | 23 Feb 44              | 139                              |
| 163                 | 18 Oct 43            | 1 Mar 44               | 139                              |
| 162                 | 25 Oct 43            | 8 Mar 44               | 138                              |
| 129                 | 31 Jan 44            | 14 Jun 44              | 110                              |
| 129                 | 7 Feb 44             | 21 Jun 44              | 110                              |
| 129                 | 14 Feb 44            | 28 Jun 44              | 110                              |
| 56                  | 24 Feb 44            | 30 Nov 44              | 50                               |

AIRPLANE & ENGINE MECHANIC GUNNERS -

| <u>TO BE OBTAINED FROM A&amp;E MECH. CLASS GRADUATING</u> | <u>NO TO BE ENTERED IN GUNNERY</u> | <u>TO BE ENROLLED IN FLEXIBLE GUNNERY CLASS</u> | <u>NO ANTICIPATED GRADUATES</u> |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 15 Feb 44   | 18                                 | next class                                      | 16                              |
| 23 Feb 44   | 19                                 | " "   | 17                              |
| 1 Mar 44  | 19                                 | " "   | 17                              |
| 8 Mar 44  | 18                                 | # "   | 16                              |
| 21 Jun 44   | 15                                 | " "   | 13                              |

AIRPLANE ELECTRICAL SPECIALISTS - Chanute Field, Ill.

| <u>NO. ENTERING</u> | <u>ENTRANCE DATE</u>                              | <u>GRADUATION DATE</u> | <u>NO ANTICIPATED GRADUATES</u> |
|---------------------|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 31                  | 22 Feb 44<br>(From AM class graduating 15 Feb 44) | 16 Apr 44              | 26                              |
| 42                  | 17 Mar 44<br>(From AM Class graduating 8 Mar 44)  | 10 May 44              | 36                              |

AIRPLANE INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS \*Chanute Field, Ill

|    |   |           |    |
|----|---|-----------|----|
| 26 | 22 Feb 44<br>(From AM class graduating 15 Feb 44) | 30 Apr 44 | 22 |
| 46 | 17 Mar 44<br>(From AM Class graduating 8 Mar 44)  | 24 May 44 | 39 |

AIRPLANE PROPELLER SPECIALISTS - Chanute Field, Ill

|    |  |           |    |
|----|--|-----------|----|
| 29 | 5 Mar 44<br>(From AM class graduating 23 Feb 44) | 21 Apr 44 | 25 |
| 33 | 16 Apr 44<br>(From AM Class graduating 8 Mar 44) | 2 Jun 44  | 28 |

SCHEDULE TECHNICAL TRAINING (Colored) - Cont'd.

| <u>NO. ENTERING</u>  | <u>ENTRANCE DATE</u> | <u>GRADUATION DATE</u> | <u>NO. ANTICIPATED GRADUATES</u> |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>AIRPLANE SHEET METAL WORKER - Chanute Field</u>                       |                      |                        |                                  |
| 34   | 12 Oct 43            | 2 Jan 44               | 29                               |
| 34   | 18 Oct 43            | 8 Jan 44               | 29                               |
| 50   | 28 Feb 44            | 27 May 44              | 43                               |
| 51   | 6 Mar 44             | 3 Jun 44               | 43                               |
| <u>MACHINISTS - Chanute Field, Ill.</u>                                  |                      |                        |                                  |
| 19   | 31 Jan 44            | 27 May 44              | 16                               |
| <u>PARACHUTE RIGGER - REPAIRMAN- Chanute Field, Ill</u>                  |                      |                        |                                  |
| 36   | 10 Apr 44            | 27 May 44              | 31                               |
| <u>WELDER - Chanute Field, Ill.</u>                                      |                      |                        |                                  |
| 29   | 6 Mar 44             | 27 May 44              | 25                               |
| <u>CLERKS - Ft. Logan, Colo. - 20% Elimination</u>                       |                      |                        |                                  |
| 304  | 20 Mar 44            | 13 May 44              | 1073 (Total Output)              |
| 304  | 3 Mar 44             | 27 May 44              |                                  |
| 304  | 17 Apr 44            | 10 Jun 44              |                                  |
| 304  | 1 May 44             | 24 Jun 44              |                                  |
| 73   | 4 Sep 44             | 28 Oct 44              |                                  |
| <u>ARMORERS - Lowry Field, Colo. - 15% Elimination Rate</u>              |                      |                        |                                  |
| 94   | 3 Apr 44             | 27 May 44              | 353 (Total Output)               |
| 94   | 10 Apr 44            | 3 Jun 44               |                                  |
| 94   | 17 Apr 44            | 10 Jun 44              |                                  |
| 94   | 24 Apr 44            | 17 Jun 44              |                                  |
| 30   | 4 Sep 44             | 25 Nov 44              |                                  |
| <u>PHOTO LAB TECHNICIANS - Lowry Field, Colo. - 25% Elimination Rate</u> |                      |                        |                                  |
| 12   | 6 Mar 44             | 3 Jun 44               | 31 Total Output                  |
| 12   | 13 Mar 44            | 10 Jun 44              |                                  |
| 12   | 20 Mar 44            | 17 Jun 44              |                                  |
| 3  | 4 Sep 44             | 28 Oct 44              |                                  |
| <u>BOMBSIGHT MAINTENANCE - Lowry Field, Colo. - 25% Elimination Rate</u> |                      |                        |                                  |
| 4  | 3 Jan 44             | 20 May 44              | 30 (Total Output)                |
| 5  | 17 Jan 44            | 3 Jun 44               |                                  |
| 5  | 31 Jan 44            | 17 Jun 44              |                                  |
| 2  | 26 Jun 44            | 11 Nov 44              |                                  |

SCHEDULE TECHNICAL TRAINING (COLORED) \* Cont'd.

| <u>NO ENTERING</u>   | <u>ENTRANCE DATE</u> | <u>GRADUATION DATE</u> | <u>NO ANTICIPATED GRADUATES</u> |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>TURRET &amp; GUNSIGHT SPECIALIST - Lowry Field, Colo. - 25 % Elimination Rate</u> |                      |                        |                                 |
| 10   | 10 Apr 44            | 3 Jun 44               | 24 (Total Output)               |
| 10   | 17 Apr 44            | 10 Jun 44              |                                 |
| 9  | 24 Apr 44            | 17 Jun 44              |                                 |
| 3  | 4 Sep 44             | 28 Oct 44              |                                 |

| <u>RADIO OPERATOR-MECHANIC,</u> | <u>scott Field, Ill. - 15 % Elimination Rate</u> |           |                    |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------|--------------------|
| 116                             | 29 Sep 43  | 14 Feb 44 | 252 (Total output) |
| 64                              | 28 Nov 43  | 14 Apr 44 |                    |
| 45                              | 4 Dec.43   | 20 Apr 44 |                    |
| 45                              | 10 Dec 43  | 26 Apr 44 |                    |
| 6                               | 8 Apr 44   | 25 Aug 44 |                    |
| 6                               | 8 May 44   | 25 Sep 44 |                    |
| 6                               | 8 Jun 44   | 25 Oct 44 |                    |
| 6                               | 7 Jul 44   | 24 Nov 44 |                    |

RADAR MECHANIC IFF - Pre-Radar, Madison, Wisconsin - Radar Mech. IFF, Boca Raton, Fla.  
17% Elimination Rate - Total to Graduate: 40

| <u>NUMBER ENTERING</u> | <u>ENTRANCE DATE<br/>PRE-RADAR<br/>(MADISON)</u> | <u>GRADUATION DATE<br/>PRE-RADAR<br/>(MADISON)</u> | <u>ENTRANCE DATE<br/>RADAR MECH IFF<br/>(BOCA RATON)</u> | <u>GRADUATION DATE<br/>RADAR MECH IFF<br/>(BOCA RATON)</u> |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 22                     | 29 Sep 43  | 7 Feb 44   | 14 Feb 44  | 8 May 44   |
| 23                     | 17 Oct 43  | 25 Feb 44  | 6 Mar 44   | 29 May 44  |
| 3                      | 2 Apr 44   | 6 Aug 44   | 14 Aug 44  | 6 Nov 44   |

RADIO MECHANIC CNS - Pre-CNS, Madison, Wisc. - CNS, Tomah, Wis.-  
22% Elimination Rate - Total to Graduate 14

| <u>NUMBER ENTERING</u> | <u>ENTRANCE DATE<br/>PRE-CNS<br/>(MADISON)</u> | <u>GRADUATION DATE<br/>PRE-CNS<br/>(MADISON)</u> | <u>ENTRANCE DATE<br/>CNS<br/>(TOMAH)</u> | <u>GRADUATION DATE<br/>CNS<br/>(TOMAH)</u> |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 15                     | 29 Sep 43                                      | 28 Feb 44  | 3 Mar 44                                 | 21 Apr 44                                  |
| 1                      | 3 Mar 44                                       | 4 Aug 44   | 6 Aug 44                                 | 2 Sep 44                                   |
| 1                      | 2 Apr 44                                       | 3 Sep 44   | 5 Sep 44                                 | 24 Oct 44                                  |
| 1                      | 2 May 44                                       | 3 Oct 44   | 5 Oct 44                                 | 23 Nov 44                                  |

CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR -AACS Madison, Wisc., - CTO, Madison, Wisc.  
20% Elimination Rate - Total to graduate : 20

| <u>NUMBER ENTERING</u> | <u>ENTRANCE AACS OPERATOR AT MADISON</u> | <u>DIVERTED FROM AACS OPERATORS</u> | <u>ENTER CTO AT MADISON</u> | <u>GRADUATE FROM CTO AT MADISON</u> |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 25                     | 3 Jan 44                                 | 27 Mar 44                           | 29 Mar 44                   | 19 May 44                           |

SCHEDULE TECHNICAL TRAINING COLORED - cont'd.

CRYPTOGRAPHY - Chanute Field, Ill. - Elimination Rate 15% - Total to graduate 30

| <u>NO ENTERING</u> | <u>ENTRANCE DATE</u> | <u>GRADUATION DATE</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 5                  | 25 Oct 43            | 15 Nov 43              |
| 27                 | 15 May 44            | 5 Jun 44               |
| 1                  | 24 Jul 44            | 14 Aug 44              |
| 1                  | 23 Oct 44            | 13 Nov 44              |
| 1                  | 20 Nov 44            | 11 Dec 44              |

*File*

A J K H D A

C O L L E G E P R O G R A M

1. The flow from Tuskegee is as follows:

| <u>Class Graduating</u> | <u>Arrive Selfridge</u><br><u>(C-estimate only)</u> | <u>Number of Pilots</u> |                 |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------|
|                         |   | <u>Single-Eng</u>       | <u>Twin-Eng</u> |
| 5 December              | 25 December   | 17                      | 15              |
| 7 January '44           | 27 January '44                                      | 13                      | 15              |
| 8 February              | 28 February   | 22                      | 10              |

and flow of single-engine graduates will continue at twenty-two (22) per month ad infinitum. Tuskegee will be expanded to the maximum of its facilities and all pilots over and above twenty-two (22) per month will be graduated in twin-engine. It appears likely that by March or April the twin-engine output from Tuskegee will approximate twenty (20) per month. There are now at Selfridge twenty-one (21) single-engine BTU pilots.

2. CDS colored personnel now at Selfridge will be screened and re-trained by Technical Training Command in various categories required for the medium group and returned later to Selfridge. Training Command has been given a directive to train the majority of personnel requirements for the medium group, and upon graduation will send them directly to Selfridge. Individuals who require gunnery training, except bombardiers and navigators, will be sent to Selfridge direct from technical training schools and then later will be sent to one gunnery school of the Training Command where they will be put through in one or two classes.

3. It is our understanding that the 403rd is to be disbanded after the 332nd moves out, and the personnel will be absorbed by Selfridge or distributed as First Air Force desires.

4. B-25 first pilots, graduated from the Training Command B-25 transition school, will be fully qualified under existing standards as B-25 graduates. Only the cream of each twin-engine class at Tuskegee will be sent to the B-25 school in order to insure that only the best are transitioned as first pilots.

5. Fifteen (15) twin-engine graduates are now enrolled at Hather Field for the B-25 transition course. The successful graduates will be sent to Selfridge to arrive about 25 January 1944.

6. Thirty (30) colored navigators are enrolled at Hondo, Texas taking the navigation course, and in March 1944 ninety (90) bombardiers will join them to take the bombardier course. A ratio of 25 percent bombardier - precision-navigators will be maintained with 75 percent bombardiers.

7. Authority has been obtained for the activation of the medium group by squadrons, or as a whole, on the dates desired by First Air Force. It may be organized on a skeleton basis or be stocked one squadron at a time as conditions indicate.

8. Bombing Ranges. - any further discussion.

11/5/43

Capt Jensen:

① Report on TP 1, f

② File -

Col. Wetzel discussed  
this with me. Said  
your paper was good.

③. Did you deliver  
the C/Program paper  
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Major Clarke

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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28 October 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR ROY H. CLARKE:

Subject: Colored Training Program

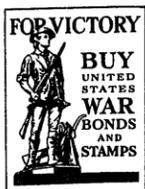
1. The meeting called by Col Montgomery of the Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training, was attended today by Colonel Montgomery, Major McTeague, and Captain Miller of Training, by Major Barton and Captain McLain of Programs, by Colonel Barr of the First Air Force, and by the undersigned.

2. The first problem under consideration was that of the activation, manning, and training schedules of the Colored Medium Bombardment Group. The following are various aspects of the problem as discussed in this meeting:

a. The increased replacement rate for combat crews in active theaters from 15% to 20% a month places an immediate increased demand on the colored training system for replacement pilots. The availability of pilots for medium bombardment transitioning is reduced accordingly. Major McTeague, using figures of anticipated graduations, demonstrated that with the present facilities at Tuskegee for colored aviation cadet training a backlog of colored pilots for a medium bombardment group will not be large enough to begin operational training in 1944. When the Training Command and First Air Force have met the increased fighter pilot replacement requirements, the expected graduations of colored pilots from B-25 transitioning are as follows:

|               |    |           |    |
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| March         | 4  | September | 11 |
| April         | 11 | October   | 11 |
| May           | 11 | November  | 11 |
| June          | 11 | December  | 11 |

b. It was also pointed out that the present training facilities are inadequate to produce replacements for both a fighter group and a medium bombardment group in an active theater. There is, therefore, an immediate problem as to whether or not the Colored Program should be indefinitely slowed up to the point where the present facilities can



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handle the training, whether a new installation comparable to Tuskegee can be built or whether the training of colored air crew personnel from its initial stages in primary flying training can be successfully farmed out to white training stations. At present the facilities at Tuskegee are being used at a maximum rate and, according to Colonel Montgomery, may not be further expanded.

c. A difference in crew requirements will exist if the colored medium bombardment group is given B-25 H airplanes. This airplane has a cannon mount and requires no co-pilot. An R&R is now being written by Colonel Montgomery to the AC/AS, OC&R, Requirements Division, through the AC/AS, Plans, requesting specific information as to the requirements for equipment and probable change of activation date and O-Date for this group. An information copy of the answer to this inquiry is to be furnished the Military Personnel Division.

d. A source of Service Pilots for the Colored Service Group to be activated in support of the colored medium bombardment group exists in the Civilian Flying School now conducting primary flying training near Tuskegee. Colonel Montgomery mentioned that there are six very well qualified flying instructors who can be commissioned for this purpose. This can be done without injury to the training program.

e. Another problem being faced by the First Air Force is that of white command and staff personnel for the medium bombardment OTU squadron. Plans and OC&R are being questioned on this point also. As yet no one has determined just what white supervisory personnel should go into this squadron.

f. The undersigned was questioned regarding the supply of colored aviation cadets to meet the Colored Training Program. Lt. Col. Fitch should be contacted to find out what the present backlog of accepted colored aviation cadets is at present. There should also be examined the possibility of obtaining qualified colored ground force and service force officers for ingrade training. This problem of personnel availability was not stressed in the meeting but deserves investigation.

*E. A. Jensen*

E. A. JENSEN  
Captain, Air Corps  
Training Requirements Section

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MR ROY CLARKE:

The attached correspondence was noted and is returned for your file.

The notation made by Colonel McCormick on this paper, I consider to be a commendation and to which I add mine.

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E. S. WETZEL,  
Colonel, G.S.C.

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THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

2 September 1943

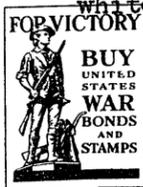
The Colored Program

The following changes in the Colored representatives of the following offices; Division, Air Crew Training Division; requirements, Air Defense Branch, etc; AC/AS, Personnel. The recommended present personnel and training problems of the Colored Program. The changes will be implemented when the Command is received.

Comments: The 99th Fighter Squadron is at present for this squadron totaling approximately 30 pilots trained by the 332nd Fighter Group. The date set for 15 December 1943. Current personnel and overstrength are 24 pilots. This is a fluctuation between 20 and 25 a month. This problem of pilots needed for the Fighter phase of the 332nd Fighter Group will be met from the 99th, the problem arose of assignments for the 332nd. Another problem is one of an increase in the number of P-40's to use in giving them more flying time.

problems.

- a. Fighter R.T.U. squadron should be activated at Selfridge Field, Michigan, 15 November 1943.
- b. To provide aircraft mechanics needed in this Fighter R.T.U. squadron, mechanics will be transferred from the personnel of the Advanced Flying School, Tuskegee, not to exceed 50 mechanics.
- c. The 30 August class at Tuskegee will be assigned to B-26 Transition School, Dodge City, Kansas, to graduate 9 December 1943. It is pointed out that the B-26 transition has heretofore transitioned only white pilots.



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WAR DEPARTMENT  
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HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
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2 September 1943

MEMORANDUM for General Bevans

Subject: Revision of the Colored Program

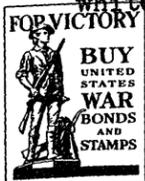
I. For your information, the following changes in the Colored Program have been recommended by representatives of the following offices; AC/AS, Training, Technical Training Division, Air Crew Training Division; AC/AS, Operations, Commitments, and Requirements, Air Defense Branch, Bombardment Branch, and Programs Branch; AC/AS, Personnel. The recommended changes represent an effort to solve present personnel and training problems facing the implementation of the Colored Program. The changes will be effected as soon as approval by Training Command is received.

1. Summary of the problems: The 99th Fighter Squadron is at present on overseas duty. Replacements for this squadron totaling approximately four (4) pilots a month are being trained by the 332nd Fighter Group. The 332nd Fighter Group has its ready date set for 15 December 1943. Current needs to bring this group to authorized overstrength are 24 pilots. This production of colored pilots averages between 20 and 25 a month. This production will result in a surplus of pilots needed for the Fighter phase of the Colored Program. Since the needs of the 332nd Fighter Group will be met from pilots that have already been graduated, the problem arose of assignments for graduates from the next four or five classes. Another problem is one of an insufficient number of colored mechanics to service planes for these surplus pilots. There is also an insufficient number of P-40's to use in giving them additional training. The following steps were recommended for solving these problems.

a. Fighter R.T.U. squadron should be activated at Selfridge Field, Michigan, 15 November 1943.

b. To provide aircraft mechanics needed in this Fighter R.T.U. squadron, mechanics will be transferred from the personnel of the Advanced Flying School, Tuskegee, not to exceed 50 mechanics.

c. The 30 August class at Tuskegee will be assigned to B-26 Transition School, Dodge City, Kansas, to graduate 9 December 1943. It is pointed out that the B-26 transition has heretofore transitioned only white pilots.



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Memorandum for General Bevans Subject: Revision of the Colored Program 2 Sept. 1943  
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d. The graduates of the 3 October class at Tuskegee will be assigned to the B-26 transition school to graduate 11 January 1943.

e. A medium O.T.U. Squadron will be activated at Selfridge Field 15 December 1943 to which will be assigned the 30 August and 3 October classes after they have been transitioned on B-26's.

f. The 403rd Fighter Squadron now at Selfridge Field, Michigan manned with white personnel will remain there to supervise the O.T.U. training of the 332nd Group and the formation of the Fighter R.T.U. squadron until such time as the R.T.U. squadron becomes self-supporting.

g. Supervisory personnel (white) will be transferred from the Third Air Force to the First Air Force for use in the medium O.T.U.

h. Additional classes of advanced flying training school after the 3 October class will continue to be trained for single engine replacements by the Fighter R.T.U. squadron. The graduates from the R.T.U. squadron will be available in February or March, at which time it is estimated the first replacements will be required for the 332nd Group .

i. Technical Division, Training Command, will take steps immediately to set up technical courses for those specialists needed for the proposed medium bombardment group originally planned to reach 100% strength and begin operational training July 1944. As these graduates come out of technical school they will be assigned to the medium O.T.U. squadron.

j. Due to the additional nine(9) weeks required to transition on B-26 equipment it is estimated that the operational training date of the medium bombardment group will have to be delayed until around 1 September 1944.

k. The Training Command will be directed to train pilots, bombardier-navigators, and other specialists required to man medium bombardment group. It is contemplated that it will be necessary to train these specialists in white schools. Because of the small numbers involved, it is impractical to set up special schools for such training.

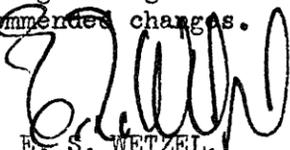
l. The replacement requirements for all specialists for both fighter and medium programs when they reach overseas theatres will become a part of the training program.

II. The responsibility of AC/AS, Personnel in the implementation of these changes is as follows and will be carried out by this Division:

1. Issue orders to assign 24 pilots, now surplus at Tuskegee, to the 332nd Fighter Group, Selfridge Field, Michigan.

Memorandum for General Bevens Subject: Revision of the Colored Program  
2 Sept. 1943 (Cont)

2. Issue necessary orders to assign the graduates of flying  
and technical schools in accordance with recommended changes.

  
E. S. WETZEL,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Chief, Military Personnel  
Division.

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(8-27-43)

MEMORANDUM TO: Asst C/AS, OCR (Requirements Division)

Subject: Colored Pilot Training

1. It is recommended that the following procedures be used in the implementation of the Colored Program for Fighters and Medium Bombardment:
  - a. Immediately assign the 332nd Fighter Group the twenty-four (24) pilots now at Tuskegee. No additional pilots to be assigned to the 332nd Group until an RTU Fighter Squadron is activated.
  - b. Activate one (1) Fighter RTU Squadron at Selfridge Field, Michigan, on November 15, 1943.
  - c. To provide aircraft mechanics needed in the Fighter RTU Squadron mechanics will be transferred from the personnel of the Advanced Flying Training School, Tuskegee, not to exceed fifty (50).
  - d. Assign the graduates of the 30 August Class at Tuskegee to B-26 transition school, Dodge City, Kansas, to graduate 9 December 1943 and be assigned immediately thereafter to the Medium OTU Squadron.
  - e. Assign the graduates of the 3 October Class at Tuskegee to B-26 transition school, Dodge City, Kansas, to graduate 11 January 1944 and be assigned immediately thereafter to the Medium OTU Squadron.
  - f. Activate 15 December 1943 Medium OTU Squadron at Selfridge Field, Michigan.
  - g. 403rd Fighter Squadron, now at Selfridge Field, Michigan, to remain there to supervise the OTU training of the 332nd Group and the formation of the Fighter RTU Squadron until such time as the RTU Squadron becomes self-supporting.

DRAFT - Colored Pilot Training (27 August 1943) Continued.

h. Transfer supervisory personnel from the Third Air Force to the First Air Force for use in the Medium OTU.

i. Activate a Medium Bomb Group of four (4) squadrons on 1 April 1944 for which the Medium OTU Squadron, previously activated, will act as a parent. *(white officers, in 5-...?)*

j. Steps will be taken to immediately set up technical courses for those specialists needed for the Medium Bombardment Program. Personnel will be provided for trainees as trainees at such time as arrangements can be made to begin such courses.

2. A directive has already been issued to the Training Command to train 134 Twin Engine standard pilots and 67 bombardier navigators by 1 July 1944, thereafter to maintain an attrition rate of 18 pilots and 11 bombardier navigators per month. This program is in addition to the Fighter Program which provides for an attrition rate of 19 pilots per month from the Training Command.

The following officers attended this conference:

Colonel R. Montgomery (AFACT)  
Lt. Col. E. Hodgson (AFACT)  
Major R. H. Clarke (AFPMP)  
Major W. I. Barton (AFRPG)  
Captain H. O. McTague (AFACT)  
Lt. Col. J. B. League (AFACT)

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Meeting on Negro Program

| Name            | Rank                           | Agency Represented |
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| W.H. Wise       | Col.                           | AFRAD              |
| H. O. McTaggart | Col. 71029<br><del>71844</del> | AFRRT              |
| L.O. Ryan       | Capt.                          | AFACT              |
| W. J. Barton    | Col.                           | afact.             |
| C. Fogarty      | Major                          | APPMP              |
| W. J. Barton    | Lt. Col.                       | APPMP              |
| J. Heagerty     | Col.                           | AFRPG              |
| M. J. Coffield  | Major                          | AFRPG              |
| R. H. Clarke    | Lt. Col.                       | AFACT-4            |
|                 | Lt. Col.                       | AFRDB              |
|                 | Capt.                          | AFAAP-11           |
|                 | Major                          | AFAAP-11           |

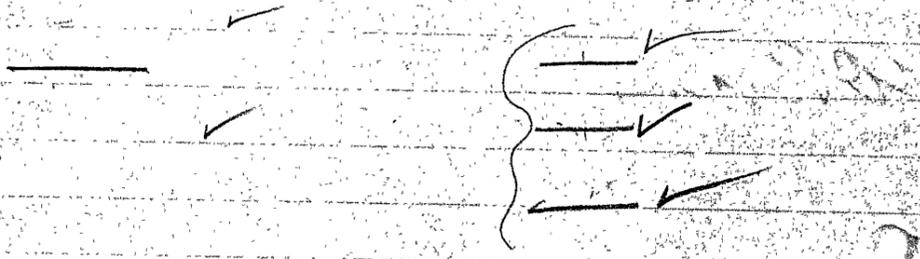
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Pilot Training Rate limited by Aviation  
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in an estimated shortage of 25000  
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Date Nov 15, 1943

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From: Civilian Personnel Division

To: Office of the Secty of War  
Att: Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War

SUBJECT: Civilian Investigation, John H. Jones

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**FILE :** 291.2 Race, Negro Troops, WAC

Date Nov. 12, 1943

**SYNOPSIS**

**From:** Air WAC Officer

**To:** Commanding General, First Air Force, Mitchel Field, New York  
Att: WAC Staff Director

**SUBJECT:** Officers for Negro Troops, WAC

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12 November 1943

: Officers for Negro Troops, WAC

Commanding General, Second Air Force, Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
ATTENTION: WAC Staff Director

Attached for your information is a copy of a recent decision of  
the War Department General Staff concerning officers for WAC Negro Troops.

By command of General ARNOLD:

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As stated.

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Major, WAC  
Air WAC Officer

Mattie L. Treadwell  
Captain, WAC  
Executive Officer

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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF  
PERSONNEL DIVISION G-1  
WASHINGTON

WAGAP 210.31 WAC

5 November 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES:

Subject: Officers for Negro Troops, WAC.

The Secretary of War directs:

1. That units and detachments comprising Negro WAC personnel normally will be commanded by Negro officers, WAC.
2. That White officers, WAC, will be assigned to command Negro WAC units only upon prior approval of the War Department based upon a determination as to whether Negro officers are available.
3. That where necessary, pending War Department decision as to availability of Negro WAC officers, Negro WAC units may be placed temporarily under command of White WAC officers.

/s/ G. E. Walker, Jr.,  
for M. G. WHITE,  
Major General,  
Assistant Chief of Staff.

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SYNOPSIS

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

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

SUBJECT: Units to be Trained from Inactivation Lists

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From: Air Adjutant General

To: War Department, General Staff, Operations Division, Att: Col. Charles  
W. McCarthy.

Subject: Bishop Gregg's Trip.

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Locations for Colored Officer Personnel with Army Air Forces

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Attn: (Col. R. R. Coursey)

Pursuant to conference between Colonel R. R. Coursey, G-1, WDGS and Major W. I. Barton, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, the attached schedule lists the ultimate colored officer locations in the Army Air Forces.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

Signee

HENRY  
Lt. Colonel, S.C.D.  
Assistant Air Adjutant General.

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COLORED PERSONNEL WITH ARMY AIR FORCES

Officer Locations Now Set Up (Ultimate December 1944)  
(Exclusive of Colored WAC Officers)

| <u>OVERHEAD MANNING TABLES (Continental U.S.)</u> | <u>Total Number<br/>of Colored<br/>Officer Locations</u> |
|---|--|
| <u>Air Force or Command</u>                       |  |
| 3d Air Force                                      | 1  |
| 4th Air Force                                     | 3  |
| Air Service Command                               | 1  |
| Units Assigned to Hq, AAF                         | 3  |
| Training Command                                  | <u>205</u>   |
| Total Continental U. S. Overhead                  | 213  |

DESIGNATED TACTICAL UNITS

| <u>Type of Units</u>                    | <u>TOTAL NO. OF COLORED OFFICER LOCATIONS</u> |                         |                  |
|---|---|-------------------------|------------------|
|   | <u>T/O Basis</u>                              | <u>25% Overstrength</u> | <u>Aggregate</u> |
| <u>Tactical Service Units</u>           |   |                         |                  |
| Service Gp, Hq & Hq Sq                  | 56  | 2                       | 58               |
| Service Squadron                        | 24  | 4                       | 28               |
| Chemical Co. Air Operations             | 4   | 1                       | 5                |
| Chemical Depot Co. (Avn)                | 2   | 1                       | 3                |
| Chemical Co. Maint. (Avn)               | 3   | 1                       | 4                |
| Engineer Avn. Battalion                 | 74  | 6                       | 80               |
| Ordnance Co. Am. (Avn)                  | 6   | 2                       | 8                |
| Ordnance Depot Co. (Avn)                | 5   | 1                       | 6                |
| Ordnance Supply & Maint. Co. (Avn)      | 16  | 4                       | 20               |
| QM Truck Company (Avn)                  | 120   | 40                      | 160              |
| QM Company Service Group (Avn)          | 10  | 2                       | 12               |
| Signal Construction Bn. (Avn)           | 29  | 8                       | 37               |
| Signal Company Service Group            | 6   | 2                       | 8                |
| Signal (Heavy) Constr. Co. (Avn)        | 4   | 1                       | 5                |
| Signal AW Company                       | 9   | 2                       | 11               |
| Medical Supply Plat. (Avn)              | 4   | 2                       | 6                |
| Total Tactical Service Units            | <u>372</u>                                    | <u>79</u>               | <u>451</u>       |
| <u>Tactical Combat Units</u>            |   |                         |                  |
| Bomb Group (M) Hq                       | 24  | 0                       | 24               |
| Bomb Squadron (M)                       | 364   | 0                       | 364              |
| Bomb Squadron (M) OTU - RTU             | 67  | 0                       | 67               |
| Fighter Group (SE) Hq                   | 22  | 0                       | 22               |
| Fighter Squadron (SE)                   | 206   | 0                       | 206              |
| Fighter Squadron (SE) RTU               | 63  | 0                       | 63               |
| Total Tactical Combat Units             | <u>746</u>                                    | <u>0</u>                | <u>746</u>       |
| <u>Officers in Training or En Route</u> |   |                         | 199              |
| <u>Grand Total</u>                      |   |                         | <u>1,609</u>     |

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Date 6 Nov 1943

### SYNOPSIS

**From:** Asst Chief Air Staff, OC&R, Programs Division

**To:** Chief Air Staff, Management Control, Man Power Section

**SUBJECT:** Designations for Colored Officers to be indicated in  
Continental U.S. Overhead Manning Tables

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**Date** Nov 5, 1943

**SYNOPSIS**

**From:** War Department General Staff, Personnel Division G-1  
Washington, D. C.

**To:** Commanding General, Army Air Forces

**SUBJECT:** Officers for Negro Troops, WAC

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Date Nov. 3, 43

SYNOPSIS

From: The Air Inspector

To: Ass't. Chief Air Staff, Training.

Subject: Personnel for 96th Service Group (Colored).

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From: Brigadier General, S. C. Godfrey U. S. Army Air  
Engineer.

To: Commanding Officer, Second Engineer Aviation Unit  
Training Center Fort George Wright, Wash.,

SUBJECT: Overstrength for Units Ordered  
Overseas.

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FILE: 291.2 Negro

Date Oct. 30, 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From. Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments,  
and Requirements - Aircraft Branch

To. Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments,  
and Requirements - Allocations Branch

SUBJECT: Replacements for 99th Fighter  
Squadron (Colored).

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Date Oct. 25, 1943

### SYNOPSIS

**From:** Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Plans

**To:** The Chief of the Air Staff

**SUBJECT:** Movement and Employment of Colored  
Air Troops.

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Date 23 Oct. 43

**SYNOPSIS**

**From:** Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training, Technical Training Division

**To:** Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Intelligence, Attn: Training Plans Division.

**SUBJECT:** Trained Personnel Requirements Air Corps Colored.

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Date Oct. 21, 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Major Betty Bandel WAC Air WAC Officer

To: Division WAC

SUBJECT: Branch Recruitment of WAC  
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October 20, 1943

From: Colonel Max F. Schneider, G.S.C., Deputy, The Air Inspector

To: ACAS, Personnel

Subject: Survey Relative Affecting Conditions, Racial  
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Date 19 Oct. 1943

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To: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

Subject: Procurement of Aviation Cadets ( Colored )  
for Ground Duty Training.

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Date Oct. 18, '43

**SYNOPSIS**

**From:** Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training.

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

**SUBJECT:** Technical Training Rates  
for Enlisted Men (Colored).

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TO: Asst. C/AS Training  
ATTN: AFACT-3  
FROM: Asst. C/AS, OCR (Requirements Division) E/I.

DATE 16 Oct 1943

COMMENT NO. 3

Maj. R.A. Fisher/gf/6670

Forwarded herewith in compliance with request set forth Comment 2 is letter of transmittal from AAFSAT with copy of confidential letter dated 4 Sep 1943, subject: Disturbances Among Negro Troops.

2 Incls.  
Incl. 2 fr Hq AAFSAT w/1 incl.

*R.A. Fisher*  
for MORRIS R. NEESON  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Requirements Division

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 SUBJECT: Training of Sub-standard Individuals and Units

TO: Asst C/AS, Training

DATE 15 Sep 1943

FROM: Asst C/AS, OCR, (Requirements Division) E/L

COMMENT NO. 1  
 Maj.R.A.Fisher/nm/6670

Attached letter forwarded for action as deemed necessary.

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*R.A. Fisher*  
 for LERVIN E. GROSS  
 Colonel, Air Corps  
 Chief, Requirements Division

~~Subject~~

To: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, O. C. & R. (Requirements Div.) E/L

1 Oct 43

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training

Comment No. 2  
 AFACT-3/C/ERB:jp  
 Ext 5003

1. Letter, Headquarters AAFSAT, File 291.2 dated 4 September 1943, was not received in this Division. Request copy, if available, be furnished AFACT-3, Room 4 C 128.

1 Incl: n/c

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 ROBERT W. HARPER,  
 Brig. General, U. S. Army.  
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ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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IN REPLY  
REFER TO 291.2

SUBJECT: Training of Sub-standard Individuals and Units.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.  
(Attention: AC/AS, OC & R, Requirements Division/EL,  
Attention: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training).

1. In compliance with paragraph 4, letter, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, Washington, file AAF 291.2 dated 28 August 1943, subject: "Training of Sub-standard Individuals and Units", invite attention to letter Headquarters, Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics, Orlando, Florida, file 291.2, dated 4 September 1943.

For the Commandant:



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F. V. HEMENWAY  
Colonel, ADC  
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCES SCHOOL OF APPLIED TACTICS  
Orlando, Florida

CEF/ /beh-M

5 October 1943.

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.  
(Attn: Major Fisher (Liaison Officer)).

In compliance with instructions Colonel Holden, AAFSAT, copy of letter dated 4 September 43 inclosed.

For the Commandant:



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ARMY AIR FORCES SCHOOL OF APPLIED TACTICS  
Orlando, Florida CEF/ /eh-M

4 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Disturbances among Negro Troops.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., Attention:  
Chief of Air Staff, OC & R, Requirements Division, Attention:  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training.

1. In compliance with paragraph 4, letter, your Headquarters, file 291.2, dated 20 August 1943, it is reported that training of Colored troops at AAFSAT is being carried out as follows:

a. Periodic drills and inspections are scheduled for Units that have completed basic training.

b. Units that have received untrained replacements, are conducting basic training along with their regularly scheduled work assignments.

c. Of the four Aviation Squadrons that require basic training, two have been relieved from other duties and are pursuing the basic training program prescribed by the Commanding General, Army Air Forces. At the completion of this training, these units will take over all duties now performed by the other two units, which will then complete the same training program.

2. Specially selected officers have been placed in command of the units receiving basic training.

For the Commandant:

/s/ R. H. Dunlap  
R. H. DUNLAP  
Lt. Col, AGD  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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FILE : 291.2 Negro Personnel

Date Oct. 15, '43

SYNOPSIS

From: Major Betty Bandel WAC Air WAC Officer

To: Recruiting & Ind. Section - Director WAC

SUBJECT: Branch Recruitment of WAC Negro Personnel.

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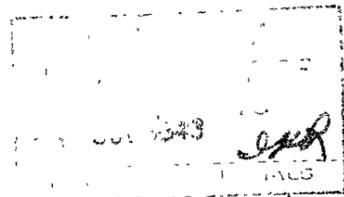
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SUBJECT: Procurement of Aviation Cadets (Colored) for Ground Duty Training.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel, ATTN: Aviation Cadet Branch, Washington 25, D. C.

It is requested secret letter this Headquarters, 7 October 1943, subject as above, be disregarded and that Aviation Cadets (Colored) be procured as soon as possible in the following categories and numbers; to be sent to Aviation Cadet Pre-Technical School, Army Air Forces Eastern Technical Training Command, Seymour Johnson Field, North Carolina:

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| Engineering    | 15 |
| Armament       | 17 |
| Communications | 9  |
| Photographic   | 1. |

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FOR THE COMMANDER

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FILE: 291.2 Negro

Date 13 Oct 1943

### SYNOPSIS

**From:** Asst Chief Air Staff, Personnel, Military Personnel Division

**To:** Asst Chief Air Staff, Training

**SUBJECT:** Technical Training Rates for Air Corps Enlisted Men  
(Colored - June 1943 - August 1944)

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Oct. 11, 1943

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From: ?

To: ?

Subject: South Pacific Theater Tentative, Disposition Anti-  
Aircrafts Units.

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Original filed under No. 320.22 Enlisted Strength

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322. Units  
370.5 Overseas Movement of Troops  
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Date 9 Oct. 43

### SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training

To: Management Control.

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Meeting of the General Council,  
July 19, 1943.

R & R Comment No. 12.

Original filed under No.

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File: 291.2 Negro

Date 8 Oct. 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.  
To: Chief of Staff, Attention: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1.

Subject: Officer Promotion Policies.

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Original filed under No. 210.2 Promotion.

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WD Hq Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. 7 October 1943

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TO: Commanding Officer, 75th Aviation Squadron, Lake Charles, Louisiana;  
Commanding Officer, Camp Stoneman, California; and  
Commanding Officer, 925th Air Base Security Battalion, APO #913, c/o Postmaster,  
San Francisco, California, IN TURN.

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**8 OCT 1943**

**TAI MAIL SECTION**  
*CSH*

For compliance with preceding Indorsement.

By command of General ARNOLD:

*1629744*

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

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AG 291.2  
(13 May 43)OB-C  
War Department, A.G.O., 5 October 1943

10th Ind.

(S-5 Nov. 43)  
WLD:mce

Thru: Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

To: Commanding Officer, 75th Aviation Squadron, Lake Charles, Louisiana;  
Commanding Officer, Camp Stoneman, California; and the Commanding  
Officer, 925th Air Base Security Battalion, APO #913, c/o Postmaster,  
San Francisco, California, IN TURN.

1. For appropriate disciplinary action against the enlisted men named in paragraph 3a, b and c of the preceding 9th Indorsement, with report of action taken to accompany the return of these papers to this office when action is completed.

2. The Commanding Officer, Camp Stoneman, California, will notify this office by separate communication as to the date these papers are transmitted to the Commanding Officer, 925th Air Base Security Battalion.

By order of the Secretary of War:

2 Incls n/c

/s/ William T. Dinning  
Adjutant General.

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a. The Commanding Officer, 75th Aviation Squadron, Lake Charles, Louisiana, in the case of Sergeant Dennis Cunningham, Jr., 17000013;

b. The Commanding Officer, Camp Stoneman, California, in the cases of Corporal Isaac Fotenote, 38261986; Private First Class Edward Youngblood, 34410635; Private Arthur Roe, 34204683; all of the Casual Detachment, Camp Stoneman; and,

c. The Commanding Officer, 925th Air Base Security Battalion, APO #913, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California, in the cases of Private Henry W. Mack, 37006503, and Private Daniel X. Fenn, 13143062.

4. It is requested that when these papers shall have served their purpose they, together with copies of subsequent action letters in this case, be transmitted to this office for file.

2 Incls  
Added:  
Incl 2-Ltr of 13 May 43 fr  
C. L. Himel w/9 Ind & 3 Incls.

/s/ Virgil L. Peterson  
VIRGIL L. PETERSON,  
Major General,  
The Inspector General.

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TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 925th AIR BASE SECURITY BATTALION, HONOLULU, T.H.  
FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL, II ISLAND AIR COMMAND, APO #913, HONOLULU, T.H.  
SUBJECT: DISCIPLINARY ACTION, PRIVATE HENRY H. MACK, 3700650Z, AND PRIVATE DANIEL X. PENN, 13143062, 925th AIR BASE SECURITY BATTALION, HONOLULU, T.H.

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b. By 2d Indorsement hereon, the names of the six identified enlisted men were transmitted to the Commanding Officer, 925th Air Base Security Battalion, who, not having been furnished with a copy of the original report of investigation, caused another investigation to be made and then stated in paragraph 3 of 4th Indorsement hereon that no disciplinary action was being initiated against the two soldiers, Private Henry H. Mack, 3700650Z, and Private Daniel X. Penn, 13143062, who were still present with that organization, for the reason that any investigation then made at the station of that organization "must of necessity be fragmentary and incomplete, inasmuch as more than three months have elapsed since the occurrence, and any of those who were in a position to have witnessed the actions of the men above referred to during the disturbance are now in the United States and are therefore not accessible to anyone making such an investigation here."

c. In 6th indorsement hereon, the Commanding General, II Island Air Command, APO #913, concurred in the view that no action be taken against Privates Mack and Penn "at least until we have the benefit of the information contained in the Report of Investigation made by III Air Force."

d. It is observed that of the other four enlisted men named in 2d Indorsement hereon, Sergeant Dennis Cunningham, Jr., is now stationed at Lake Charles Army Air Base with the 75th Aviation Squadron and the other three soldiers are in the Casual Detachment, Camp Stoneman, California.

2. a. The report of investigation made at the present station of the 925th Air Base Security Battalion shows with respect to Private Mack that having mounted the top of the cab of a parked Army truck and having undertaken to address a crowd of soldiers gathered there, he failed to obey a direct order of a commissioned officer to dismount from the truck and was forcibly removed by two enlisted men at the direction of the officer; that he broke away at the back of the truck and lunged toward the officer as if to grab him (paragraphs 6a and c, Incl. #1); that later at the Air Base he was heard in a large crowd of soldiers urging that they go back to town and finish the fight; that, with his fists as he talked, he repeatedly said, among other things, that he would take the men into town and finish the job properly because he was an expert machine-gunner (paragraph 6b, Incl. #1). It is considered by this office that such action on the part of Private Mack not only warranted but required disciplinary action in his case.

b. With reference to Private Penn, attention is invited to the answers to the following questions in the testimony appended to the attached report of investigation of 5 June 1943: Nos. 73, 102, 881, 888 and 919.

3. It is recommended that, for the purpose of initiating such disciplinary action as may be considered to be appropriate in the cases of the respective enlisted men named, these papers (to which has been added letter of 13 May 1943 from Carl L. Himel of Lake Charles, Louisiana, to the Secretary of War, with nine indorsements and three inclosures, including report of investigation of 5 June 1943 by an acting assistant inspector general at Headquarters Third Air Force) be transmitted, through channels, IN TURN, to:

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250.1 7th Ind. CMS/ped  
HEAD-QUARTERS II ISLAND COMMAND, APO 913, c/c Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.,  
7 September 1943

TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Services of Supply, Washington 25,  
D. C.

Attention is invited to 5th Indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ C. M. Shaw  
C. M. SHAW  
Capt'n, AGD  
Asst Adj Gen

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AG 291.2 8th Ind. EAR:mce  
(13 May 43)OB-C  
War Department, A.G.O., 20 September 1943.

TO: The Inspector General.

For your information, attention being invited to paragraph 9c of your  
4th Indorsement, dated 26 June 1943, File: IG 333.9-925th Air Base Security Bn.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ H. R. Hickman  
Adjutant General.

1. Incl  
Statements of Military Personnel

IG 333.9-925th Air Base Security Bn. (7-5-43) 9th Ind.  
War Department, IGO, 1 October 1943.

TO: The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D. C.

1. a. These papers relate to investigation of an occurrence at Lake  
Charles, Louisiana, wherein colored soldiers from Lake Charles Army Air Base  
participated in a near-riot, report of which was reviewed by this office in  
4th Indorsement, 26 June 1943 (IG 333.9-925th Air Base Security Bn.), in  
paragraph 9c whereof further action was recommended with respect to six  
identified enlisted men of the 925th Air Base Security Battalion who appear  
to have been ringleaders or agitators during the course of the aforementioned  
disturbance.

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AG 291.2  
(13 May 43)OR-C  
War Department, A.G.O., 23 July 1943.

2nd Ind.

(S-26 Aug 43)  
EAR:mce

To: Lieutenant Colonel Fred M. Pokorney, Commanding Officer, 925th Air  
Base Security Battalion, APO 3982, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

1. The names of the six identified enlisted men of your Battalion who were implicated in the disturbance which took place in the colored area of Lake Charles, Louisiana on the night of 12-13 May 1943 are as follows:

Private Arthur Roe, 34204693  
Sergeant Dennis Cunningham, Jr., 17000013.  
Private Henry H. Mack, 37006503.  
Private First Class Edward Youngblood, 34410635.  
Private Daniel X. Penn, 13143062.  
Corporal Isaac Potenot, 38261986.

2. You are directed to take appropriate disciplinary action in the cases of the six men listed above and make report thereof to this office.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ H. R. Hickman  
Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS II ISLAND COMMAND, APO 913, 6 August 1943

3rd Ind.

CMS/jpb

To: Commanding General, II Island Air Command, APO 913.

For compliance with paragraph 2, preceding indorsement.

By command of Major General THOMPSON:

/s/ C. H. Shaw  
C. M. SHAW  
Captain, ACD,  
Asst Adj General

HQ., OFFICE OF COMMANDING GENERAL, II ISLAND AIR COMMAND, APO 913, 7 August 1943.

4th Ind.

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To: Commanding Officer, 925th AB Sec Bn., II Island Air Command, APO 913.

For compliance with 3rd indorsement and report to this headquarters action taken.

By command of Brigadier General USHER:

/s/ Florian Koch  
FLORIAN KOCH  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Asst Adjutant

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AG 291.2 (17 July 1943)  
HEADQUARTERS 925th AIR BASE SECURITY BATTALION, APO 913, C/O Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.  
TO: War Department, Services of Supply, Office of the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

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(S-31 July 43)  
EAR:mce

AG 291.2  
(13 May 43) OR-C

5 July 1943

SUBJECT: Disturbance at Lake Charles, Louisiana, involving members of the 925th Air Base Security Battalion.

TO: Lt. Colonel Fred M. Pokorney, <sup>322</sup>  
Commanding Officer, 925th Air Base Security Battalion,  
APO 3982, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

1. Reference is made to the disturbance which involved members of the 925th Air Base Security Battalion and took place in the colored area of Lake Charles, Louisiana on the night of 12-13 May 1943.
2. You are directed to report to this office what disciplinary action has been taken in the cases of the six identified enlisted men of your Battalion who were implicated in the above-cited disturbance.
3. If such action has not been taken, you will take appropriate disciplinary action in the cases of these six men and make report thereof to this office.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ H. R. Hickman  
Adjutant General

AG 291.2 (17 July 1943) 1st Ind. FMP/err  
HEADQUARTERS 925th AIR BASE SECURITY BATTALION, APO 913, C/O Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

TO: War Department, Services of Supply, Office of the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. The matter referred to in basic communication was investigated on the Troop Train while this Organization was enroute from Lake Charles, Louisiana, to the Port of Embarkation. The investigating officers were two Captains from the Headquarters of the Third Air Force.
2. In checking our files we find that there has been no report of the investigation made nor have the names of those involved been submitted.
3. It is requested that the names of the six enlisted men whose identity is known, be forwarded to this Headquarters so that paragraph 3 of basic communication can be complied with.

/s/ Fred M. Pokorney  
FRED M. POKORNEY  
Lt. Col., Air Corps,  
Commanding Officer

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Date Oct 6, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel, Military Personnel Division

To: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training

SUBJECT: Medium Bombardment

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FILE: 291.2 Negro

Date Oct. 5, 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training

To: Commanding General, AAF Training Command, Texas and  
Pacific Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

SUBJECT: Technical Training Rates for Air Corps  
Enlisted Men (Colored), June 1943 -  
August 1944.

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Original filed under No.

353 Negro Training

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4 October 1943

MEMORANDUM for the Chief of Staff (Attention: AC/S, G-3)

SUBJECT: Negro Fighter <sup>X 380</sup> Program

I. Discussion

1. In addition to the <sup>X 322</sup> 99th Fighter Squadron, now in North Africa, the Army Air Forces program calls for the training of three additional colored fighter squadrons and a medium bombardment group (Tab "A").

2. The pilots of the 99th Fighter Squadron had the benefit of extraordinarily thorough training (Tab "B"). Their ground and air discipline, their ability as pilots and their general conduct, prior to being introduced into combat with the enemy, were all of the highest order. Their combat record, however, has fallen far short of the standard of white fighter units possessing much less training and operating identical equipment under similar conditions (Tab "C"). Experience with this unit can lead only to the conclusion that the negro is incapable of profitable employment as a pilot in a forward combat zone.

II. Action recommended

The Secretary of War directs that:

1. The attached letter (Tab "D") be sent by the Chief of Staff to the President.

2. Subject to the <sup>X 031.1</sup> President's approval:

a. The 99th Fighter Squadron be reassigned from the forward combat area to the rear defense area.

b. The three additional colored fighter squadrons be assigned, upon completion of their training, to a rear defense area, thus releasing white fighter squadrons for movement to a forward combat area.

c. The proposed activation and training of a colored medium bombardment group be cancelled.

Incls.

For the Commanding General.

Signed

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|                                  | Tab "C"   |   |   |   | Major General, U. S. Army |   |
| INTERNAL OFFICE COORDINATION     | Tab "D"   |   |   |   | Chief of the Air Staff    |   |
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STATUS OF THE 332ND FIGHTING GROUP

1. The subject program provides for the training of:

a. The 332nd Fighter Group (FG), three squadrons of which are scheduled to be ready for shipment to North Africa by 15 December 1943. The 99th Fighter Squadron (FS), which has been in North Africa since 24 April 1943, will become the fourth squadron of this group upon its arrival in the theater. A colored fighter "TU" squadron is to be activated at Selfridge Field in November to train 16 replacement pilots per month for the 332nd Group.

b. A medium bombardment group (to be equipped with B-25's) is scheduled to be activated in April of 1944; this group will not be trained and ready for combat until approximately January 1945. A medium bomber "TU" squadron will be activated in December 1943.

2. There are about 550 colored pilot trainees (including about 225 college students) currently undergoing instruction at Tuskegee, Alabama. Seventy-seven white officers (of whom 42 are flying officers) are required to support the colored program at Tuskegee.

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AFACT/4

28 September 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Plans

Subject: Negro Fighter Program.

I. 99th Fighter Squadron.

1. The 99th Negro Fighter Squadron was activated 19 March 1941 and on 8 August 1942 the responsibility for training this unit was given to the Third Air Force, at which time it was explained that the 99th was expected to go overseas on or about 1 October 1942.

2. Warning Orders on this unit were issued many times and they were rescinded as many times due to Status Reports always stating that the unit was not sufficiently trained for one reason or another. This was partially due to an insufficient number of P-40 aircraft available at all times and to inability to find capable personnel to train for the various duties. This unit required the supervisory personnel of the Third Air Force from 8 August 1942 until it went overseas in April 1943, or a total of eight months, whereas white units only require three months' training. The requirements for supervisory personnel have been completely out of proportion to the results achieved.

II. 332nd Negro Fighter Group.

1. This group was activated 1 August 1942, but because of the trouble experienced in training sufficient personnel to perform their proper duties, this group was not to start unit training until 1 July 1943.

2. This unit actually began operational training about 15 August 1943, at which time it was fully equipped with P-40 type aircraft. Due to the increase in emphasis on P-47's and curtailment of P-40 production, this unit was about September 1st redesignated a P-47 Group. However, thru difficulties of retraining mechanics to radial type engines and retraining pilots to fly P-47's, it was decided to re-equip with P-40's.

3. Later Allocations advised that P-40's would not be available in the Theatre for this group so a change was made to P-39's. However, a new Lend-Lease agreement disposed of a block of P-39's out of which this group was to be equipped.

4. At the present time this group is equipped with half P-40's and half P-39's, the balance of P-39's to be delivered about 10 October 1943.

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TAB "B"

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Memo to Asst, C/AS, Plans, 28 Sept 1943

This group will require three months after receipt of full quota of P-39's to be prepared for combat and cannot, under these circumstances, complete its training on the proposed date of 1 December 1943.

5. This group has required the full time duty of one white squadron to supervise its training, which is a luxury not afforded similar white units. This training has also seriously interfered with pilot replacement program due to changing airplanes twice in the A.T.M. system in order to standardize equipment in the group.

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

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COMPARISON XII AIR SUPPORT DIVISION  
AFM 766

16 September 1943

SUBJECT: Combat Efficiency of the 99th Fighter Squadron.

TO: Major General J. M. Gannon, USA, Deputy Commander,  
Northwest African Tactical Air Force, AFM 9509, U.S. Army.

1. On June 12th, 1943, I took command of the XII Air Support Command. With one of the Groups assigned to the Command was the 99th Fighter Squadron, which I visited quite frequently. Their Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Davis, particularly impressed me. On the day of the 99th's first encounter with enemy aircraft, I happened to be on the airbase and was very complimentary and encouraging to the personnel I met. At that time one of the colored correspondents asked me if I thought there should be a colored group, and I answered to the effect that I saw no reason why there should not be such a group in the near future. Since that day, I have compared the operating efficiency of the 99th Fighter Squadron with that of a white fighter squadron operating in the same group and with the same type of equipment. I quote from a report by an officer who has been in the best position to observe carefully the work of the 99th Squadron over its entire combat period:

"The ground discipline and ability to accomplish and execute orders promptly are excellent. Air discipline has not been completely satisfactory. The ability to work and fight as a team has not yet been acquired. Their formation flying has been very satisfactory until jumped by enemy aircraft, when the squadron seems to disintegrate. This has repeatedly been brought to the attention of the Squadron, but attempts to correct this deficiency so far have been unfruitful. On one particular occasion, a flight of twelve JU 88's, with an escort of six ME 109's, was observed to be bombing Pantelleria. The 99th Squadron, instead of pressing home the attack against the bombers, allowed themselves to become engaged with the 109's. The unit has shown a lack of aggressive spirit that is necessary for a well-organized fighter squadron. On numerous instances when assigned to dive bomb a specified target in which the anti-aircraft fire was light and inaccurate, they chose the secondary target which was undefended. On one occasion, they were assigned a mission with one squadron of this Group to bomb a target in the toe of Italy; the 99th turned back before the reaching of the target because of the weather. The other squadron went on to the target and pressed home the attack. As later substantiated, the weather was considered operational.

"Up to the present moment, the 99th Squadron averages approximately 25 sorties per man. Their operations since being placed on combat duty have been considerably easier than past operations due to the nature of the tactical situation. However, the Squadron Commander of the 99th requested during the battle of Sicily to be removed from operations for a period of three days,

TAB "C":

SUBJECT: Combat Efficiency of the 99th Fighter Squadron.

and longer if possible. The reason given was that his pilots were suffering from pilot's fatigue. The Squadron's Surgeon submitted a medical report stating that the pilots of the 99th should be removed from combat duty because of the strenuous and rigorous conditions under which they had been operating. In comparison, the pilots of this group had an average of approximately 70 sorties and had been in operations for nine continuous months.

"Based on the performance of the 99th Fighter Squadron to date, it is my opinion that they are not of the fighting caliber of any squadron in this Group. They have failed to display the aggressiveness and desire for combat that are necessary to a first-class fighting organization. It may be expected that we will get less work and less operational time out of the 99th Fighter Squadron than any squadron in this Group."

2. At the present time the 99th Squadron is not in the Naples area because there is insufficient room on the F-40 field on which to place them. It is our intention to bring them into the area as soon as space is available. We also brought forward two Spitfire Groups less squadrons because of lack of space.

3. Shortly before the Naples operation, a radiogram came to me stating that Lt. Col. Davis had been selected to return to the United States to command a colored group. Although with the knowledge that in turning the command of the 99th Squadron over to the next ranking officer who would not approach the standard of Davis, I relieved Davis for his new assignment.

4. On many discussions held with officers of all professions, including medical, the consensus of opinion seems to be that the negro type has not the proper reflexes to make a first-class, fighter pilot. Also, on rapid moves that must be a part of this Command, housing and messing difficulties arise because the time has not yet arrived when the white and colored soldiers will mess at the mess table and sleep in the same barracks. No details in this connection have been brought out because it is desired that administrative features not be a part of this report.

5. I believe it would be much better to assign the 99th to the Northwest African Coastal Air Force, equip it with P-39's and make the present P-40's available to this Command as replacements for the active operations still to come in this theater.

6. It is recommended that if and when a colored group is formed in the United States, it be retained for either the eastern or western defense zone and a white fighter group be released for movement overseas.

/s/ EDWIN J. BOESE  
Major General, U.S. A. (by J.M.C.)  
Commanding

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1st Ind. /s/  
U.S. HEADQUARTERS WEST AFRICAN AIR FORCE, APO #600, U.S. Army, 10 September 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Northwest African Air Force, APO #600, U.S. Army.

1. The pilots of the 99th Fighter Squadron fall well below the standard of pilots of other fighter squadrons of this Command in the following categories:

- a. They are not eager to engage in combat.
- b. They lack aggressiveness.
- c. They do not possess and seem unable to acquire the will to win or to reach the objective.
- d. They do not possess the stamina or lasting qualities of the pilots of other fighter squadrons.
- e. Although excellent pilots they seem unable to fight as a team under pressure.

2. The pilots of the 99th Fighter Squadron have no outstanding characteristics in which they excel in war the pilots of other squadrons of this Command.

/s/ J. K. Cannon

J. K. CANNON  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Deputy Commander

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2nd Ind

REPORT NUMBER OF AFRICAN AIR FORCES, APO 650, U.S. Army, 19 September 1948

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Corps, Washington, D. C.

1. Since the arrival of the 89th Fighter Squadron in this theater, I have personally inspected the organization several times. There has been no question of their ground discipline and their general conduct. It has been excellent.

2. In processing them for combat action they were given the benefit in our training system of the supervision of instructors with much combat experience. They were processed into combat action very carefully.

3. I am forwarding this report with full confidence in the fairness of the analysis made by both Gen. Cannon and Gen. Hanes. I feel that no squadron has been introduced into this theater with a better background of training than had by the 89th Fighter Squadron.

/s/ CARL SPATZ  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding

*Advisory Council*

The President  
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

The 99th Fighter Squadron (colored) has been in North Africa since 24 April 1943. The personnel of this first colored air unit were carefully selected from the highest type of negro youth. Prior to movement overseas, they were given a total of eight months' unit training in this country, under specially selected instructor personnel, instead of the three months' training normally required. Their ground and air discipline, their ability as pilots, and their general conduct, prior to being introduced into combat with the enemy, were all of the highest order.

After arrival in the theater of operations, they were processed with unusual care for entering initial combat. They were indoctrinated into combat procedure under the guidance of an experienced white group with identical equipment, at a time when the tactical situation was decidedly in our favor and under living conditions as favorable as field service permits.

I have just received from General Spaatz a careful report concerning the activities of this Squadron to date. This report reveals that in actual combat, the negro pilots fail to display the aggressiveness and lasting qualities that are vitally necessary for a first-class fighting organization. Under pressure of enemy attacks, they permit their formations to disintegrate. Frequent and earnest attempts to correct these deficiencies have been without success.

It is my considered opinion that our experience with this unit can lead only to the conclusion that the negro is incapable of profitable employment as a pilot in a forward combat zone. We are therefore proposing to reassign the 99th Fighter Squadron from the forward combat area to a rear defense area.

The Army Air Forces program provides for three more colored fighter squadrons in addition to the 99th. The training of these three squadrons is already under way and should be completed by the end of this year. The Air Forces program also provides for a colored medium bombardment

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group, to be activated in April, 1944.

In the light of our experience with the 99th Squadron, we are proposing to assign the three additional colored fighter squadrons to rear defense areas, upon completion of their training, thus releasing white fighter squadrons for movement to forward combat area. We also propose to cancel the proposed activation and training of the colored medium bombardment group.

Your approval of the above proposals is respectfully requested.

Faithfully yours,

Chief of Staff

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

2 October 1943

MEMORANDUM to General Hall

SUBJECT: Negro Fighter Program

1. In accordance with directive to prepare a revised draft of letter to the President for the signature of the Chief of Staff, subject "Negro Fighter Program", a revised draft is attached, together with draft of covering memorandum to the Chief of Staff.

2. I urgently recommend that this entire subject be reconsidered. Every country in this war has had serious troubles in handling disaffected minorities. Up to the present we have been rather fortunate. To recommend at this time any action which would indicate the relative inferiority of the colored race would be really "asking for it". After all, very little is involved. One squadron, later four squadrons, may not be as aggressive or as effective in combat as an equal number of white squadrons; however because of their small number they cannot possibly make very much difference in the war effort one way or the other. Perhaps later on, if they were given a chance under white leaders, they might do a great deal better. Can we say they are any worse than the Chinese, on whom we have spent millions; or the Mexicans or South Americans?

3. The loss in combat efficiency through their utilization is all out of proportion to the probable loss in productive effort at home, which may result in bringing this subject to a head now. Race riots, strikes and cries of "discrimination" would surely follow the wide publicity such action would receive in the yellow press.

4. Further, I feel that such a proposal to the President at this time would definitely not be appreciated by him. He would probably interpret it as indicating a serious lack of understanding of the broad problems facing the country.

5. In my opinion, it might be far better to let the entire matter drop, without writing any letter to the President.



*E. O'Donnell*

E. O'DONNELL  
Colonel, Air Corps.

Written 9/30/43

Colored Combat Pilot Training Program.

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There is attached hereto the following memoranda: memorandum from General Arnold, subject as above, with three inclosures - Tabs "A", "B" and "C". In addition, there is attached hereto a letter to the President for your signature.

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Ltr to President  
Memo fr Arnold  
3 incls.

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Subject: Colored Combat Pilot Training Program

I. Discussion

1. The subject program provides for the training of one single-engine fighter group (332nd Group) by 15 December 1943, and one medium bombardment group by January 1945. The squadron (the 99th Fighter Squadron) has been in North Africa since 24 April 1943, and by the middle of this month had participated in an average of 28 combat sorties per pilot. This squadron is ultimately to be assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group after its arrival in North Africa early in 1944. (See Tab "A" for details of the colored combat pilot program.)

2. Notwithstanding the extraordinarily thorough preparation for combat attending the training of the 99th Fighter Squadron (Tab "B") its combat record has not measured up to the standard of white units possessing such less training and operating similar equipment. Specifically, colored combat pilots (1) lack aggressiveness, (2) are not eager to engage in combat, (3) lack the physical stamina of white pilots, and (4) their formations disintegrate under pressure of enemy attack (Tab "C"). This being the case, it is apparent that continuation of the program will not prove to be efficacious from a military standpoint.

II. Action Recommended

The Secretary of War directs that the colored combat pilot training program be discontinued; that existing colored AAF combat units be inactivated; and that colored AAF combat personnel abroad be returned to the United States.

A. G. ARBuckle,  
 General, U. S. Army,  
 Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

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The President

The White House

Dear Mr. President:

The 99th Fighter Squadron has been in North Africa since 24 April 1943. The personnel of this unit were carefully selected from the cream of negro youth. From the inception of the program to train negroes for combat flying duty, it has had the finest training possible to give it. The utmost care has been taken with the squadron to afford the negro the opportunity to prove himself in air fighting and thus earn the right to greater participation in actual combat. Prior to commitment of this organization to combat, every indication was that it was an excellent unit; ground and air discipline were apparently of a very high order.

There is at hand, however, a particularly disturbing report based on twenty-eight sorties per pilot in the theatre. It is reported that the negro pilots lack aggressiveness, are not eager to engage in combat, lack the physical stamina of white pilots and permit their formations to disintegrate under pressure of enemy attacks.

It is my considered opinion that our experience with the negro in aerial combat can lead only to the conclusion that the negro is incapable of profitable employment as a combat crew member in a tactical unit of our Air Forces. Since employment in such units is the objective of all air crew training, further air crew training of negroes should be discontinued.

I am therefore asking your approval of the discontinuance of negro combat crew training; the inactivation of existing negro Air Force combat units; the return to the United States of Air Force colored combat personnel now abroad; and the administrative disposition to the duties of negro personnel assigned to, or destined for, Air Force units.

Faithfully yours,

Chief of Staff

3 Incls.  
Outline of Training Program  
Cy Memo 9-28-43  
Cy Ltr 9-16-43 w/ 2 Incls.

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Faithfully yours,

Chief of Staff

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5th Ind.

HEADQUARTERS EASTERN DEFENSE COMMAND, Governors Island, New York 4, N. Y.

**A** TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

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HEADQUARTERS EASTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FIRST ARMY, Governors Island,  
New York, 4, New York.

TO: Commanding General, Air Forces, EDC and First Air Force, Mitchel  
Field, N. Y.

Request 2nd Ind be clarified and indicate number of colored officers  
desired for training as Special Service Officers, Air Base, Selfridge  
Field, Michigan and Oscoda, Michigan.

By command of Lieutenant General DRUM:

*H. J. Campbell*

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

Use of Negro Officers in Special  
Service Activities.

291.2 (26 Aug 43)

4th Ind.

HQ, FIRST AIR FORCE, Mitchel Field, New York.

1 OCT 1943

TO: Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command ~~and First Army~~, Governors  
Island 4, New York.

1. The present need for colored Special Service Officers at Army Air  
Base, Oscoda, Michigan, and Army Air Base, Selfridge Field has been taken  
care of locally.

2. Request made in 2nd Indorsement is hereby withdrawn.

For the Commanding General:

*Raymond G. Garry*  
RAYMOND G. GARRY,  
Colonel, A.G.D.,  
Assistant General

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1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS EASTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FIRST ARMY, Governors Island, N.Y.,  
30 August 1943.

To: Commanding General, Air Forces, EDC and First Air Force, Mitchel Field, N.Y.

Incl: n/c

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SUBJECT: Use of Negro Officers in Special Service Activities.

291.2 (26 Aug 43)

2nd Ind.

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

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To: Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command and First Army,  
Governors Island 4, New York.

Request colored officers with physical education degree be procured  
for training as Special Service Officer to be assigned to Army Air Base,  
Selfridge Field, Michigan and Oscoda, Michigan.

For the Commanding General:

Incl. n/c

*Raymond S. Carey*

RAYMOND S. CAREY,  
Colonel, A.S.C.  
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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Headquarters Army Air Forces  
~~OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE AIR CORPS~~

WASHINGTON

26 August 1943

SUBJECT: Use of Negro Officers in Special Service Activities X 352.01

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters First Air Force,  
Mitchel Field, New York  
THRU: Commanding General, Headquarters Eastern Defense Command,  
Governors Island, New York

1. Attention is directed to attached copy of War Department letter, AG 291.2 (12 Aug 43) OB-C, dated 21 August 1943, subject as above.

2. Special service program planning should include provision of comparable facilities and activities for Negro personnel in proportion to their numbers and needs. Obviously preferential treatment, which might result in criticism from either white or colored personnel, will be avoided in administration of special service activities.

3. This headquarters will take necessary steps to provide trained Negro special service officers in response to requisitions from your command.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

  
ROBERT C. JONES  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Special Service Division  
Office, Asst Chief of Air Staff,  
Personnel

1 Incl.  
AG 291.2 (12 Aug 43) OB-C,  
21 Aug 43, sub. as above

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

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21 August 1943

SUBJECT : Use of Negro Officers in Special Service Activities.

TO : Commanding General,  
Army Air Forces.

1. Recent inspections and surveys conducted at various camps and stations where Negro troops are located show that, in general, little or no consideration has been given to utilizing Negro officers in connection with special service activities. It has been reported that some of the graduates of the School for Special Service are not being assigned to those duties as contemplated.

2. Qualified Negro officers on full or part time basis could be of great assistance in connection with athletics, entertainments, social events and in other activities arranged for Negro personnel, and to keep the commanding officer apprised of the pulse, temper, and morale of the Negro troops. It is obvious that only qualified and suitable officers should be assigned to these duties.

3. The assignment of staff officers and assistants is, in general, a function of command; and there is no intention by the War Department to interfere with this prerogative. It is, however, a responsibility of command to employ the personnel available to bring about the highest possible degree of efficiency, contentment, and morale.

4. Commanders of all echelons of command will give this matter appropriate consideration.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ H. R. Hickman

Adjutant General.

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2. With reference to paragraph 1a(1) of inclosure #1 to basic communication, it is not believed advisable to initiate unit training programs, inasmuch as all inapt personnel have been transferred to the Technical Training Command. The few isolated cases of disturbance caused by sub-standard individuals can be justly and legally dealt with without discrimination.

For the Commanding General:

*Charles T. Myers*  
CHARLES T. MYERS  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
Acting Chief of Staff

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- subj: Negro Troops

HEADQUARTERS, Army Air Forces Training Command, Texas & Pacific Building,  
Fort Worth 2, Texas

1 OCT 1943

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

Attention is invited to 1st Indorsement. It is the interpretation of this Headquarters that the provisions of paragraph 1 a (1) of AAF 291.2, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, 28 August 1943, subject, "Training of Sub-standard Individuals and Units," are not applicable to this Command, as it trains no units as such. With regard to individuals insufficiently trained according to the standards set out in the cited training standard, the provisions of paragraph 1 a (2) thereof will be complied with.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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*J. H. Hills*  
J. H. HILLS  
Colonel, A. G. D.  
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCES ~~TRAINING~~ TRAINING COMMAND  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

In reply  
refer to: 291.2

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3 SEP 1943

SUBJECT: Training of Sub-standard Individuals and Units

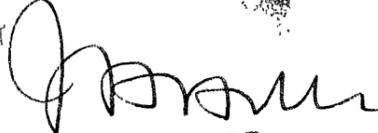
TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces Central Flying Training  
Command, Randolph Field, Texas.

Attached is letter for your information and compliance with all  
provisions pertinent to your Command.

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL YOUNG

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Cy WD Ltr, dtd 28 Aug 43  
Subj: Tng of Sub-standard  
Individuals & Units

  
J. H. WILLIS  
Colonel, A. G. D.  
Adjutant General

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HQ., ARMY AIR FORCES CENTRAL FLYING TRAINING COMMAND, Randolph Field, Texas

17 SEP 1943  
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, 25, D. C. (Attention:  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training). THRU: Commanding General,  
AAF Training Command, Texas & Pacific Bldg., Fort Worth, 2, Texas

1. In compliance with paragraph 4 of letter, Headquarters, Army Air  
Forces, dated 28 August 1943, file AAF 291.2, subject, "Training of Sub-  
standard Individuals and Units", information is submitted that this Head-  
quarters initiated a survey to determine conditions within this command of  
the racial situation. It was found that the racial situation in this command  
is generally very good and has caused no real problem. Attached as inclosure  
#2 is a copy of confidential letter, this Headquarters, dated 11 August 1943,  
file 291.2, subject, "Negro Troops", directing that all station commanding  
officers conduct regular weekly inspections and initiate such action as to  
comply with directives on this matter.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

(AFACT)

AAF 291.2

28 August 1943

SUBJECT: Training of Sub-standard Individuals and Units.

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).

1. a. Because of a preponderance of low grade personnel, unusual mental attitudes of personnel, and for other reasons, certain units of the Armed Forces have not progressed satisfactorily. For units of this type, necessity clearly indicates a need for extended training programs with special emphasis upon discipline. It is therefore directed that appropriate commanders of the Army Air Forces take action as follows:

(1) Extended unit training programs will be prepared and established for such units immediately. Units to receive extended training will be formally designated as such. In designating these units reference will be made to the special training program employed and to the time required therefor, in order to prevent their commitment before they are properly prepared. As a major part of these special programs, disciplinary training will be intensified and emphasized.

(2) At basic training centers, individuals who do not display the proper attitudes toward military discipline during the regular basic training period will not be made available for assignment to units until they are sufficiently trained in this respect.

2. Officers selected to train these special units will be carefully chosen more so than for ordinary training assignments. Only competent officers who are known to possess the proper mental attitude and who are known to have ability to enforce military discipline among groups of this type will be assigned. No officer who by mental attitude, intelligence, training or environment is prone to condone inherent weaknesses in these troops will be utilized during their basic or special unit training. After a unit in this category has demonstrated the proper state of discipline a gradual substitution of officers whose background is similar to the troops may be effected.

3. The provisions of this directive will be applied forcefully, justly and legally, based upon the real sources of trouble, and without discrimination against any race or group.

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4. Every commanding officer concerned will take personal cognizance of the situation within his own command. Commanders to whom this directive is addressed will report to this headquarters, (attention: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training) the action which they have taken to carry out the instructions contained herein.

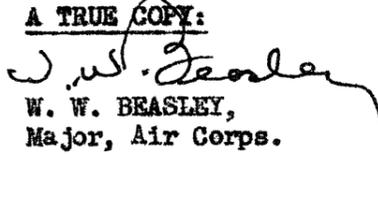
By command of General ARNOLD:

/s/ FRED C. MILNER,

/t/ Fred C. Milner,  
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ARMY AIR FORCES GULF COAST TRAINING CENTER  
Office of the Commanding General

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Randolph Field, Texas

11 August 1943

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SUBJECT: Negro Troops

TO : Commanding Officers, All Army Air Forces Stations (AAFCTC) less Army Air Forces Gunnery School, Laredo, Texas, Army Air Forces Gunnery Schools, Matagorda Island and Peninsula, Texas, all Contract Flying Schools and College Detachments.

1. Attention is invited to letter, Headquarters, AAF Training Command, dated 22 July 1943, file AAF 291.2, subject same as above, 1st indorsement thereto, this Headquarters, dated 28 July 1943, and inclosure.

2. It is desired that regular weekly inspections be conducted by post commanders. During the course of these inspections Commanding Officers should never hesitate to compliment, criticize or correct if the occasion demands. Troops must thoroughly understand that their commanders are deeply interested in their training and welfare. It is felt that the frequent appearance of these commanders will be beneficial and will result in a more thorough understanding between troops and Commanding Officers.

3. It is directed that necessary action be initiated to insure strict compliance with the above instructions.

4. This Command has had only a few scattered incidents of trouble with individual negro soldiers and it is my desire that this record be continued in the future at all of our stations.

/s/ G. C. BRANT  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Commanding

C O N F I D E N T I A L

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1st Ind. AFPMP-2-TMB/PJW 72397  
WD, HEADQUARTERS OF ARMY AIR FORCES, Washington 25, D. C., 1 October 1943.

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

1. Attention is invited to TWX to your Headquarters on this subject (copy attached).

2. Directive is being sent to all Commands from this Headquarters to screen colored personnel under the provisions of AAF Regulation 50-12, dated 10 September 1943, to secure personnel to meet technical school quotas. It is planned that colored enlisted men found qualified for technical school courses will be reported direct to your Headquarters by the Commands concerned and that men so reported will be called by and as required by your Headquarters to fill technical school quotas.

3. Information received from The Adjutant General indicates that 10,324 colored enlisted men were shipped to Army Air Forces Basic Training Centers during the month of September. Shipping schedules for colored enlisted men to Basic Training Centers for October, November and December call for approximately 8,500 per month.

4. The GCT occurrence rate for colored personnel is as follows:

|           |       |
|-----------|-------|
| Class I   | .2%   |
| Class II  | 3.5%  |
| Class III | 13.5% |
| Class IV  | 47.8% |
| Class V   | 35.0% |

Since the occurrence rate is 17.2% in Class I, II and III, it is believed that the estimate that only 10% of this personnel are qualified for technical schools is conservative.

By command of General ARNOLD:

T. M. BELSHE  
Lt Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Enlisted Branch  
Office, Asst Chief of Air Staff,  
Personnel

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6E STUDENT SECTION

AIRMAIL

COMMANDING GENERAL  
ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ATTN: ASST CHIEF OF AIR STAFF, TRAINING

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO SECRET LETTER, YOUR HEADQUARTERS, SUBJECT: "TECHNICAL TRAINING RATES FOR AIR CORPS ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) JUNE 1943 - AUGUST 1944," DATED 3 AUGUST 1943. THE FLOW OF ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) TO THIS COMMAND RECEIVED IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR ENLISTED (COLORED) TECHNICAL TRAINEES. THE FOLLOWING IS THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) RECEIVED IN BTC'S, THIS COMMAND:

|        |      |
|--------|------|
| JUNE   | 139  |
| JULY   | 1123 |
| AUGUST | 1146 |

THROUGH 11 SEPTEMBER 1943 ONLY 33 ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) WERE RECEIVED IN BASIC TRAINING CENTERS FOR THAT MONTH. OF THE 2408 ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) RECEIVED BETWEEN JUNE THROUGH AUGUST 1943, ONLY 10% HAVE BEEN FOUND QUALIFIED FOR ENTRANCE INTO TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

2. OF THE FLOW OF 1262 ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) TO THIS COMMAND, RECEIVED IN JUNE AND JULY 1943, ONLY 36 QUALIFIED FOR RADIO OPERATOR MECHANICS AND RADIO MECHANICS COURSE BEGINNING 29 SEPTEMBER 1943. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) FOR ROM AND RM SCHOOLS BEGINNING 29 SEPTEMBER 1943 ARE:

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| 144 | ROM | AND |
| 40  | RM  |     |

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OR A TOTAL OF 184.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF QUALIFIED AIRCORPS ASSIGNED ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) BE PROCURED FROM AIR FORCES AND COMMANDS TO FILL ROM AND RM SCHOOLS AT THE FOLLOWING STATIONS IN THE NUMBER INDICATED:

108 RADIO OPERATOR MECHANICS TO SCOTT FIELD, ILLINOIS

40 RADIO MECHANICS TO TRAUX FIELD, WISCONSIN

THESE TRAINEES SHOULD ARRIVE AT SCHOOL INDICATED NOT LATER THAN 27 SEPTEMBER 1943.

4. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ONLY APPROXIMATELY 10% OF THE ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) ARE FOUND QUALIFIED FOR TECHNICAL TRAINING, COLUMN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT FLOW CHART SHOWS THE NUMBER OF ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) REQUIRED BY THIS COMMAND TO FULFILL THE DIRECTIVE OF SECRET LETTER, YOUR HEADQUARTERS, SUBJECT: "TECHNICAL TRAINING RATES FOR AIR CORPS ENLISTED MEN (COLORED) JUNE 1943 - AUGUST 1944."

| RECRUITS REQUIRED<br>TO ENTER BTC |      |                      | TECHNICAL SCHOOL<br>REQUIREMENTS |                             |      |
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\* NUMBER RECEIVED THROUGH 31 SEPTEMBER 1943

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FILE : 291.2 Race-Negro  
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Date Sept 30, 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Chief, Service Organization Branch

To: Commanding General, Atlantic Overseas Air Service Command,  
Newark Air Base, Newark, N.J.

SUBJECT: Conditions at Newark Air Base

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Original filed under No. 333.5 Misc. Investigation

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AFACT/4

28 September 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Plans

Subject: Negro Fighter Program. X37

I. 99th Fighter Squadron. 4322

1. The 99th Negro Fighter Squadron was activated 19 March 1941 and on 3 August 1942 the responsibility for training this unit was given to the Third Air Force, at which time it was explained that the 99th was expected to go overseas on or about 1 October 1942.

2. Warning Orders on this unit were issued many times and they were rescinded as many times due to Status Reports always stating that the unit was not sufficiently trained for one reason or another. This was partially due to an insufficient number of P-40 aircraft available at all times and to inability to find capable personnel to train for the various duties. This unit required the supervisory personnel of the Third Air Force from 8 August 1942 until it went overseas in April 1943, or a total of eight months, whereas white units only require three months' training. The requirements for supervisory personnel have been completely out of proportion to the results achieved.

II. 332nd Negro Fighter Group.

1. This group was activated 1 August 1942, but because of the trouble experienced in training sufficient personnel to perform their proper duties, this group was not to start unit training until 1 July 1943.

2. This unit actually began operational training about 15 August 1943, at which time it was fully equipped with P-40 type aircraft. Due to the increase in emphasis on P-47's and curtailment of P-40 production, this unit was about September 1st redesignated a P-47 Group. However, thru difficulties of retraining mechanics to radial type engines and retraining pilots to fly P-47's, it was decided to re-equip with P-40's.

3. Later Allocations advised that P-40's would not be available in the Theatre for this group so a change was made to P-39's. However, a new Lend-Lease agreement disposed of a block of P-39's out of which this group was to be equipped.

4. At the present time this group is equipped with half P-40's and half P-39's, the balance of P-39's to be delivered about 10 October 1943.

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Memo to Asst C/AS, Plans , 28 Sept 1943

This group will require three months after receipt of full quota of P-39's to be prepared for commitment and cannot, under these circumstances, complete its training on the proposed date of 1 December 1943.

5. This group has required the full time duty of one white squadron to supervise its training, which is a luxury not afforded similar white units. This training has also seriously interfered with pilot replacement program due to changing airplanes twice in the R.T.U. system in order to standardize equipment in the group.

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

10 copies carried Col. Forrest Allen (Plans)  
by hand 9/28/43

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Date Sept. 27, '43

### SYNOPSIS

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

To: The Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Plans

SUBJECT: Status of 332nd Fighter Group and  
96th Service Group and 332nd Fighter  
Control Squadron (Colored).

Memorandum

Original filed under No. 319.1 Status Reports

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SUBJECT: Activation of (RTU Fighter Squadron (SE) (Colored))

TO: Asst C/AS, OCR (Allocations and Programs Division)      DATE 8 Sept 1943

FROM: Asst C/AS, OCR (Requirements Division)      COMMENT NO. 1  
 Lt Col Perry/ah/5992

1. The 99th Fighter Squadron (SE) (Colored) is now in combat overseas and requires normal squadron attrition. The 332nd Fighter Group (Colored) is committed overseas as of 15 December 1943. At that time the Fighter Pilot Replacement (Colored) requirement will increase to approximately 16 pilots per month.

2. No Replacement Training Unit (Colored) has been previously planned to fulfill this requirement. At present, it is believed that a Fighter Squadron at normal T/O strength of enlisted personnel will be sufficient. However, to meet the requirement of two month's training, a total of 36 trainees will be required which, considering necessary instructors, will bring the squadron to 24 pilots above T/O strength.

3. It is requested that a Fighter Squadron (SE) (Colored) be activated at Selfridge Field on 1 November 1943, to be organized under T/O 1-27 dated 1 July 1942, with an additional authorization of 24 pilots (SE) (Second Lieutenants).

Fighter & Air Defense Br. *[Signature]*      *[Signature]*  
 MERVIN E. GROSS  
 Colonel, Air Corps

TO: ACAS, OC&R, Requirements Division      DATE: 24 Sept 1943

FROM: Programs Branch, ACAS, OC&R      Comment No. 2  
 TWB/1al 71089

Necessary action is being taken by this office to authorize the activation of the \*553rd Fighter Squadron as requested above.

\*Negro personnel

*[Signature]*  
 BYRON E. BRUGGE  
 Colonel, Air Corps

Dispatched SEP 29 1943

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File: 291.2 Negroes

Date 24 September 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Assistant Executive, Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces Training Command,  
Texas and Pacific Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

Subject: Officer Promotion.

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Original filed under No.

210.2 Promotion Officer.

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WD Hq Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. 24 SEP 1943

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To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, War Department General Staff, Washington, D. C., Attention: Chief, Counter Intelligence Group.

Reference request for information contained in 1st indorsement. Attention is invited to 3rd indorsement.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

ROY H. BOBERG  
Lt. Col., Air Corps  
Chief, Counter Intelligence Division  
Office of Assistant Chief of Air Staff,  
Intelligence

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PASIC: 2d ind. dtd 8 Sept. 43, to CG, CFTC, Randolph Fld, Tex., fr Chief, CID, Office of AC/AS, Intell. on basic ltr dtd 28 Aug 43, fr ASF, Hq, Fifth SC, to Asst. Chief of Staff, G-2, WD, Wash., D. C., subj: "Racial Investigation by AAF."  
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HC AAF CENTRAL FLYING TNG COMMAND, Randolph Field, Texas, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, 16 September 1943.

TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Intelligence, Headquarters Army Air Forces, War Department, Washington, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter War Department, Headquarters Army Air Forces, AAF 291.2, 14 July 1943, Subject: "Negro Troops". Further reference is made to letter Army Air Forces Training Command, 22 July 1943, Subject: "Negro Troops," copy of which is inclosed for ready reference.

2. Pursuant to above references, this Headquarters desired a general racial situation estimate at its stations and in the immediate vicinity of its stations in order to determine future policy.

3. Basic communication is in error where it states in paragraph one that an immediate investigation had been ordered by this Headquarters. Attached is copy of letter, this Headquarters, 6 August 1943, Subject: "Racial Situation Report," wherein it was requested that a statement of the racial situation at each station and in the immediate vicinity thereof be submitted to this Headquarters.

4. It is the belief of this Headquarters that each of the Commanding Officers of its stations and his respective S-2 are cognizant of the general situation in his community.

5. This Headquarters and its stations are fully cognizant of the Delimitation Agreement between MID, ONI and FBI.

For the Asst Chief of Staff, A-2:

W. B. MAGNESS  
Lt Col, Air Corps  
Exec AC of S, A-2

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#2 ltr dd 6 Aug 43

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCES TRAINING  
COMMAND  
FORT WORTH, 2, TEXAS

24E/eg  
22 Jul 43

SUBJECT: Negro Troops

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces Gulf Coast Training  
Center, Randolph Field, Texas.

1. Attention is invited to letter, Headquarters, Army Air Forces,  
14 July 1943, file AAF 291.2, subject as above, copy of which is inclosed  
for ready reference.

2. It is desired that paragraph 2 of reference letter be strictly  
complied with and that every effort be made to locate and eradicate any  
conditions which might ultimately lead to racial disturbances.

By command of Major General YOUNT :

/s/ I. K. Redding  
I. K. REDDING  
1st Lieut. AGD  
Assistant Adjutant General

1 Incl  
Cpy ltr Hq AAF,  
14 July 1943.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCES GULF COAST TRAINING CENTER  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
RANDOLPH FIELD, TEXAS

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6 August 1943.

SUBJECT: Racial Situation Report.

TO : Commanding Officer, All AAF Stations and Detachments, including College Training Detachments, AAFGCTC

1. Because of recent riots of a racial character, and since disaffection among negro soldiers continues to constitute an immediately serious problem, this Headquarters, desires to have an up-to-date statement of the racial situation at your station or in the immediate vicinity of your station. Your Intelligence Officer has heretofore been informed relative to making proper reports concerning this subject and method of transmittal of such reports and the distribution of same.

2. It is directed that this Headquarters be furnished through Intelligence channels a statement of racial situation, this report to be forwarded directly to the Assistant Chief of Staff, A-2, this Headquarters, to arrive not later than 15 August 1943. Negative reports are required.

By command of Major General BRANT:

FRANK J. COLEMAN,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Asst. Chief of Staff, A-2.

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Date Sept 22, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training

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

SUBJECT: Technical Training Rates for Air Corps Enlisted Men  
(Colored) June 1943-August 1944

1st Ind

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Subj: Alleged discrimination against Negro soldiers of the 85th Aviation Squadron, Sioux Falls Army Technical School, Sioux Falls, S. C.  
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5th Ind.

WD, Hq Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., 22 September 1943.

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

Including attention to preceding indorsement.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

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

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Headquarters Army Air Forces Training Command, Texas & Pacific Building, Fort Worth 2, Texas,

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Thru: Commanding General, Army Air Forces).

1. The conclusions and recommendations of the attached investigation are concurred in, excepting paragraph 26.

2. It is the opinion of this Headquarters that the letter is not an attempt to incite racial feeling, but rather the result of a frustrated desire to be accepted by the local citizens as an equal.

3. The report of the investigation is not as complete as desired. However, in view of such probable results as refreshing the idea in the minds of these colored troops of their disliked location, encouraging the attitude to complain of alleged racial discrimination, and the required time of personnel and expense to the government, it is considered inadvisable to direct a supplemental investigation.

4. Every effort is being made to give proper consideration to colored troops within the Training Commands.

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(2 copies WD by AAFTC)

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1st Ind.

War Department, AGO, 16 August 1943

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

For investigation and report.

By order of the Secretary of War:

S/ H. R. Hickman

Adjutant General

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

21 AUG 1943

To: Commanding General, Central Technical Training Command, 455 Lake Avenue, St. Louis 8, Missouri.

For compliance with 1st Indorsement.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL YOUNT:

ALLEN B. BLACK  
Major, AGD  
Assistant Adjutant General

AG 201.23

3rd Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, AAFCTTC, 455 Lake Ave., St. Louis (8), Mo., 4 September 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Texas and Pacific Building, Fort Worth (2), Texas.

1. The investigation directed by 1st Ind. preceding was made by Colonel R. G. Miller, IGD.

2. Report of Investigation, in quadruplicate, is attached hereto.

For the Commanding General:

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1 Incl.  
Rpt of Inv. (quad)

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J. ROBERTSON  
Major, AGD  
Asst Adj. Genl

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WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

(S-16 Sept 43)

AG 291.2  
(16 Jul 43)OB-C

WASHINGTON

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9 September 1943

Subject: Alleged discrimination against Negro soldiers of the 85th Aviation Squadron, Sioux Falls Army Technical School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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

1. Reference is made to 1st Indorsement, this office, AG 291.2 (16 Jul 43)OB-C, dated 16 August 1943, on the above subject, which requested investigation and report.

2. Report is desired as to the status of this case. The action directed therein will be expedited and papers returned to this office with the least practicable delay.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*no report*

*J.R. Hickman*  
Adjutant General

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1st Ind.

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Headquarters Army Air Forces Training Command, Texas and Pacific Bldg.,  
Fort Worth, 2, Texas. 15 SEP 1943

TO: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., (Thru: Commanding General,  
Army Air Forces).

1. The correspondence referred to in basic communication received 13 September 1943, and is forwarded under separate cover this date.

For the Commanding General:



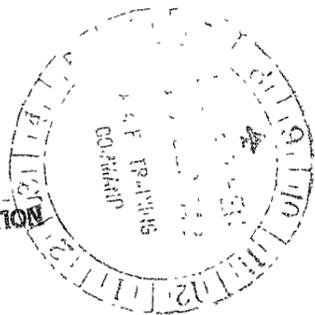
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Captain, A.G.D.,  
Assistant Adjutant General  
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July 16, 1943

The occasion for me to write you or anybody about anything pertaining to racial conditions has never before arisen. Because the situation has evolved into something ugly and vicious and because it is domestic I find that my sanctity, as well as those who are my immediate buddies, can be alleviated somewhat by your participation in bringing about a hoped for change.

I am a Negro, born and raised in the God-blessed land of New York and Jersey. I say God-blessed because it is that and more. That part of the country raised me and led me to believe that, even with its limitations and stone-walls that a man of my race is apt to meet in his impregnation of a democratic policy, I could live like a citizen. I was never made to believe, nor did I think, that because I was a Negro that I was something to be laughed at or scuffed, especially while wearing the uniform of the United States Army. Nor, might I add, have I ever come in contact with any form of administration as undemocratic as the Army Air Forces has instituted on these grounds at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

I am a member of the 85th Aviation Squadron stationed at this field. We have lived here since September 29, 1942. At the time of our arrival we were raw recruits fresh out of Fort Dix, New Jersey. We were more than willing to learn the manuals of war in order to serve to the best of our ability this country who we thought needed every single one to share in the suppressing of those war-mongers on the other side. It took us but a few weeks to find out that our life on this post and in this town was to be so heart-breaking.

The Negro population of this town is so low that it really is no help at all. There are about 350 Negro soldiers on this field. That is a situation that anybody with good sense and a knowledge of sociology would avoid. But they, those who have the power to do so, didn't.

Our problem lies in recreation and discrimination. We are allowed to frequent any of the movie houses in town. But we have just two places where we can't eat. One is as large as a corner hamburger shop and is run by a Negro woman who tries her damndest to make up for the hate that we have for this city. The other place is a large bowling and shooting gallery. It is run by a Jew, who, in the face of all the pressure brought on by the southern soldiers and the few civilians who know us just through tales, refuses to discriminate. We can drink in just one place. That is a club, run by a Negro, that is as large as a good sized filing cabinet. Whenever we invade the premises of the other taverns and restaurants we are told in unmistakable English that our presence is not wanted.

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That is a hard nut for you or anybody to crack. Especially when those places are in most instances nothing better than slop-houses. Then to bring on more injury, whenever someone lets those people know just what they are they face a good night in the guard-house.

Suppose you went to a movie and sat down only to have those surrounding you get up and move to a different part of the theatre. Could you stay there and really enjoy the picture? That is exactly what happens too often. It gives me an impression of the white man that is too vile to print.

Then too, you can be walking the streets minding your own business when some white, usually under the influence of liquor and having a yen for some fun, will ridicule you in a manner that brings tears to your eyes. Of course who, who are 350 strong have to remember that they are thousands strong. But we also realize that we were drafted into this army to help preserve a democracy. That's what I was told when I was a civilian. Now I change it to Your Democracy. I found out that it doesn't really include us. Can those people really sleep peacefully when they are instigators of the same thing that people are dying by the millions to preserve for them?

Tell me. What do you think goes on in our heads when we experience so much Nazism here? And what do you think we think when we keep our radios on all night listening to the returns of the riots? We all could be shot according to military law. That's a good laugh.

On the post we find things a little different. About 40 of us did get on a pistol range on day last month. After 10 months a few get acquainted with some guns. Part of us have been made truck drivers and they are called (for technical reasons only) the 929th Quartermaster Platoon. Their hardest job is to move the coal pile when it starts burning and to haul sand and keep the coal boxes full.

Among my people there are many who want to get ahead. We read about Negro commissioned officers but long ago our thoughts of ever rising that high left us. For at least six months boys who have the necessary I. Q. have tried to get transferred to O.C.S. No dice. A few have passed the tests to attend radio school and clerical school but their talent is not wanted.

I know that the situation is not the same at every army post and that is something to be thankful for. However, it still remains here. I can truthfully say that we conduct ourselves as good soldiers. Maybe that conduct has lowered in bearing during the past four months. That is because our morale is awfully low. You are a man with a lot of prestige. That is why I wrote to you. If you do all you can to have us shipped out of here or change the attitude of these people we will be more than grateful. It might be your action that will save the terrible stink that seems inevitable.

Thank you so much.

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2nd Ind

HQRS NORTHWEST AFRICAN AIR FORCES, APO 650, U.S. Army, 19 September, 1943

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

1. Since the arrival of the 99th Fighter Squadron in this theater, I have personally inspected the organization several times. There has been no question of their ground discipline and their general conduct. It has been excellent.

2. In processing them for combat action they were given the benefit in our training system of the supervision of instructors with much combat experience. They were processed into combat action very carefully.

3. I am forwarding this report with full confidence in the fairness of the analysis made by both Gen. Cannon and Gen. House. I feel that no squadron has been introduced into this theater with a better background of training than had by the 99th Fighter Squadron.

*Carl Spaatz*  
CARL SPAATZ  
Lieutenant General, USA  
Commanding

*291.2 mgp*

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HEADQUARTERS XII AIR SUPPORT COMMAND  
APO #766

16 September 1943

SUBJECT: Combat Efficiency of the 99th Fighter Squadron.

TO: Major General J. K. Cannon, USA, Deputy Commander,  
Northwest African Tactical Air Force, APO #509, U. S. Army.

1. On June 12th, 1943, I took command of the XII Air Support Command. With one of the Groups assigned to the Command was the 99th Fighter Squadron, which I visited quite frequently. Their Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Davis, particularly impressed me. On the day of the 99th's first encounter with enemy aircraft, I happened to be on the airdrome and was very complimentary and encouraging to the personnel I met. At that time one of the colored correspondents asked me if I thought there should be a colored group, and I answered to the effect that I saw no reason why there should not be such a group in the near future. Since that day, I have compared the operating efficiency of the 99th Fighter Squadron with that of a white fighter squadron operating in the same group and with the same type of equipment. I quote from a report by an officer who has been in the best position to observe carefully the work of the 99th Squadron over its entire combat period:

"The ground discipline and ability to accomplish and execute orders promptly are excellent. Air discipline has not been completely satisfactory. The ability to work and fight as a team has not yet been acquired. Their formation flying has been very satisfactory until jumped by enemy aircraft, when the squadron seems to disintegrate. This has repeatedly been brought to the attention of the Squadron, but attempts to correct this deficiency so far have been unfruitful. On one particular occasion, a flight of twelve JU 88's, with an escort of six ME 109's, was observed to be bombing Pantelleria. The 99th Squadron, instead of pressing home the attack against the bombers, allowed themselves to become engaged with the 109's. The unit has shown a lack of aggressive spirit that is necessary for a well-organized fighter squadron. On numerous instances when assigned to dive bomb a specified target in which the anti-aircraft fire was light and inaccurate, they chose the secondary target which was undefended. On one occasion, they were assigned a mission with one squadron of this Group to bomb a target in the toe of Italy; the 99th turned back before reaching the target because of the weather. The other squadron went on to the target and pressed home the attack. As later substantiated, the weather was considered operational.

"Up to the present moment, the 99th Squadron averages approximately 28 sorties per man. Their operations since being placed on combat duty have been considerably easier than past operations due to the nature of the tactical situation. However, the Squadron Commander of the 99th requested during the battle of Sicily to be removed from operations for a period of three days,

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SUBJECT: Combat Efficiency of the 99th Fighter Squadron.

and longer if possible. The reason given was that his pilots were suffering from pilot's fatigue. The Squadron's Surgeon submitted a medical report stating that the pilots of the 99th should be removed from combat duty because of the strenuous and rigorous conditions under which they had been operating. In comparison, the pilots of this Group had an average of approximately 70 sorties and had been in operations for nine continuous months.

"Based on the performance of the 99th Fighter Squadron to date, it is my opinion that they are not of the fighting caliber of any squadron in this Group. They have failed to display the aggressiveness and desire for combat that are necessary to a first-class fighting organization. It may be expected that we will get less work and less operational time out of the 99th Fighter Squadron than any squadron in this Group."

2. At the present time the 99th Squadron is not in the Naples area because there is insufficient room on the P-40 field on which to place them. It is our intention to bring them into the area as soon as space is available. We also brought forward two Spitfire Groups less squadrons because of lack of space.

3. Shortly before the Naples operation, a radiogram came to me stating that Lt. Col. Davis had been selected to return to the United States to command a colored group. Although with the knowledge that in turning the command of the 99th Squadron over to the next ranking officer who would not approach the standard of Davis, I relieved Davis for his new assignment.

4. On many discussions held with officers of all professions, including medical, the consensus of opinion seems to be that the negro type has not the proper reflexes to make a first-class fighter pilot. Also, on rapid moves that must be a part of this Command, housing and messing difficulties arise because the time has not yet arrived when the white and colored soldiers will mess at the same table and sleep in the same barracks. No details in this connection have been brought out because it is desired that administrative features not be a part of this report.

5. I believe it would be much better to assign the 99th to the Northwest African Coastal Air Force, equip it with P-39's and make the present P-40's available to this Command as replacements for the active operations still to come in this theater.

6. It is recommended that if and when a colored group is formed in the United States, it be retained for either the eastern or western defense zone and a white fighter group be released for movement overseas.

*Edwin J. House*  
EDWIN J. HOUSE  
Major General, U. S. A.  
Commanding

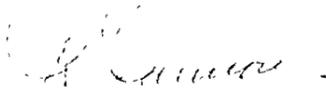
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HQRS NORTHWEST AFRICAN TACTICAL AIR FORCE, APO #509, U.S.Army, 18 September 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Northwest African Air Force, APO #650, U.S.Army.

1. The pilots of the 99th Fighter Squadron fall well below the standard of pilots of other fighter squadrons of this Command in the following categories:

- a. They are not eager to engage in combat.
- b. They lack aggressiveness.
- c. They do not possess and seem unable to acquire the will to win or to reach the objective.
- d. They do not possess the stamina or lasting qualities of the pilots of other fighter squadrons.
- e. Although excellent pilots they seem unable to fight as a team under pressure.

2. The pilots of the 99th Fighter Squadron have no outstanding characteristics in which they excel in war the pilots of other squadrons of this Command.

  
J. K. CANNON  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Deputy Commander

WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AIR  
MEMORANDUM

H.H.A.

I suggest that  
this be taken up  
with the following:

at Gen. Marshall, home  
9/24/43

of Gen. McClary, Chairman,  
"Committee on Air Force  
in the Army", 9/27/43

George Patton 9/28/43

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

H. H. ARNOLD,  
General, U. S. A.  
Commanding General, Army Air Forces

3-7900, AF

Miss J. Rogers

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR

RE: R-2082, 9th October 1943

Signed Eisenhower. Action AGWAR cite FEGCT.

Combat efficiency of Negro personnel reference our cable 7 1951 October 7th, the following additional information on 99th Fighter Squadron is from a report by CG, 12th Air Support Command and indorsed by CG, NAAF to CG AAF on September 10th, substance of which was given in foregoing cable.

Ninety nine shows excellent degree of ground discipline and has ability to execute orders promptly. Air discipline and ability to work and fight as a team unsatisfactory. Capable of good formation flying, but the squadron disintegrates as a unit when engaged by enemy aircraft. Squadron commander has had this weakness repeatedly pointed out to him, but thus far attempts to correct the deficiency have failed. The aggressive spirit essential to an efficient fighter squadron is lacking in the 99th. It was sent against a flight of twelve JU 88's, escorted by six ME 109's, which were bombing Pantelleria, and instead of driving the attack against the bombers, the Squadron allowed itself to become involved with the 109's.

Frequently when assigned to dive bomb specified targets which were defended by inaccurate and light AA fire, the 99th avoided the assigned targets and attacked secondary targets which were undefended. In one case the squadron was assigned a mission with another squadron of this group to bomb a target in the toe of Italy. The 99th turned back before arriving over the target because of weather, notwithstanding that weather was considered operational, which was later substantiated. The other squadron continued and drove home the attack alone.

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From: Algiers  
To: WAR

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NR: W-2032, 8th October 1943

As of this date the 99th averages about twenty eight sorties per pilot. Because of the tactical situation, the combat operations of the squadron have been considerably easier than those of the past carried out by other squadrons. Despite this, the squadron commander during the Sicilian campaign asked for a three day period of rest from combat, and more, if possible, because his pilots were suffering from pilot fatigue. This request was supported by a medical report from the squadron surgeon who recommended that the 99th pilots should be relieved from combat duty because of the excessive strain under which they had been operating. In contrast, pilots of other squadrons averaged approximately seventy sorties each and has been on active combat duty for nine months.

CG 12th Air Support Command states and opinion based on the performance of the 99th that this squadron does not possess the requisite fighting caliber present in his other squadrons. Further that the 99th has failed to show the aggressive fighting spirit essential to a first class fighter squadron. He anticipates that diminishing operational time and combat duty will be obtained from this squadron as compared with other units.

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*Gen Arnold  
#1 copy  
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From: AFHQ Algiers  
To: WAR

No. W-1355, 7th Oct 1943

Signed Eisenhower cite NEGCT.

According to incomplete reports reference your 8918 September 29th the only Negro personnel in this theater that has been actively engaged in combat is 99th Squadron whose personnel was well disciplined and pilots well trained. They do not however possess the necessary stamina, are not imbued with the desire to close with the enemy, are not sufficiently aggressive in their efforts to reach the objective and win the battle, and do not fight well as a team. The foregoing is substance of a letter report submitted by CG NAAF to CG AAF on September 19th. Other Negro personnel comprises Service Units whose only hazardous service was occasional air attacks. On those occasions behavior was generally satisfactory. Efficiency of Negro Officers is generally satisfactory but Negro Officers are stated by CG SOS to be inferior to white Officers of equal grade, training and experience. Above is digest of opinions of subordinate commanders. Complete report to follow in which specific instances will be given.

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G-3 Division FDGS  
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September 29, 1943

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| CG, NATO FREEDOM ALCIEFS          | Number 8918       |
| CG, AMMISCA CHUNGKING CHINA       | Number 3485       |

From Marshall

Statement of combat efficiency displayed by negro combat and service units employed in your theater under hazardous conditions of combat desired immediately. Specific incidents of unsatisfactory combat efficiency will be cited. Report is also desired on efficiency of negro officers employed in your theater. Prompt reply is imperative.

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File: 291.2 Negro

Date 18 Sept. 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Deputy Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.  
To: Commanding Officer, Army Air Forces Weather Wing,  
Asheville, North Carolina.

Subject: Officer Promotions.

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Original filed under No.

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### SYNOPSIS

From: Deputy Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.  
To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces Training Command,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

Subject: Officer Promotion.

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Date 18 Sept. 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Deputy Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

To: Commanding General, Fourth Air Force, 180 New Montgomery St.  
San Francisco, California.

Subject: Officer Promotion.

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### SYNOPSIS

From: Deputy Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

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

Subject: Officer Promotion.

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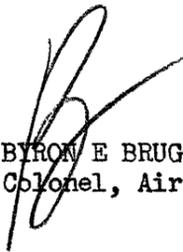
TO: Asst. C/AS, Plans (Attn: Col. Loutzenheiser)

DATE 15 Sept. 1943

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

COMMENT NO. 6  
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1. For your information.
2. Return of R & R is requested.

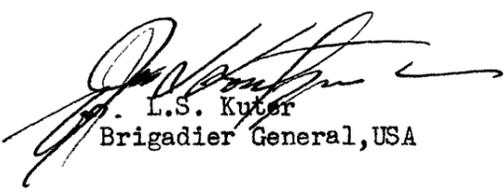
  
BYRON E BRUGGE  
Colonel, Air Corps

TO: ACAS/OC&R (Programs Branch)

Date 17 SEP 1943  
Comment #7  
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FROM: ACAS/Plans

1. Noted.

  
L.S. Kuter  
Brigadier General, USA

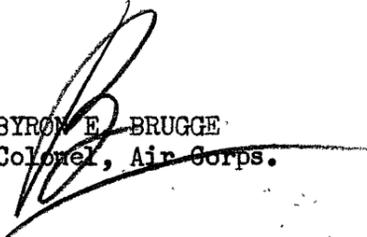
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From: Asst. C/AS, OC&R, Programs Branch

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Colonel, Air Corps.

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TO: IN 1. AC/AS, Personnel (Attn: Col. McCormick) *ADP* DATE 7 Sept 1943  
TURN 2. AC/AS, Training  
FROM: AC/AS, OC&R, Programs Branch. COMMENT NO. 3  
WOH:gm 72809

1. Attention is invited to comments 1 and 2.

*10.6.43*  
*for* BYRON E. BRUGGE,  
Colonel, Air Corps

TO: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training. Date 11 Sept. 1943  
FROM: Deputy Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel Comment No. 4  
JHMcC/erl/6162

Concur in comments one and two.

*John H. McCormick*  
JOHN H. McCORMICK  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
Deputy Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

TO: ACAS/OC&R/Programs Branch  
FROM: ACAS/Training  
13 Sept. 1943  
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Concur in comments one and two.

*RWA*  
ROBERT W. HARPER,  
Brigadier General, U.S. Army,  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff,  
Training.  
*met RWA*

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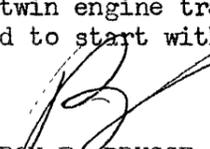
DATE 3 Sept. 1943

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

COMMENT NO. 1  
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1. It is planned to activate one (1) negro Medium Bombardment OTU Squadron at Selfridge Field, Michigan, on or about 15 December 1943. This squadron was to have been a B-26 squadron and a parent squadron for a negro Medium Bombardment Group to be activated on 1 April 1944. Col. McCormick of Personnel, the AAF representative on the Board for Negro Problems in the Army, has recommended that this squadron and group be supplied with B-25's.

2. Your comments are requested. It is further requested that this information be expedited in view of the fact that twin engine transition of negro pilots who graduated on 30 August 1943 is scheduled to start within the next few days.

  
BYRON E. BRUGGE  
Colonel, Air Corps.

TO: AC/AS, OC&R, Allocations and Programs Division  
Programs Branch

DATE 6 September 1943

FROM: AC/AS, OC&R, Allocations and Programs Division  
Allocations Branch

COMMENT NO. 2  
CBS:rah 3131

1. One of the two (2) present B-26 factories is to cease producing B-26 aircraft in April, 1944, and effort is now being made to convert the other to some other type aircraft.

2. In view of the above and the distance in the future at which the Negro Medium Bombardment Group is to be furnished combat equipment, it is believed much more advisable to supply this Group with B-25's than with B-26's.

3. B-25 production is sufficient to furnish and maintain this Group with B-25 aircraft. This would be done at the expense of reducing allocations to the Training Command for use as advanced trainers.

  
R. H. KELLY,  
Colonel, Air Corps.

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File: 291.2 Negro Officers.

Date 16 September 1943

### SYNOPSIS

From: Deputy Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.

To: Commanding General, First Air Force, Mitchel Field,  
Long Island, New York.

Subject: Officer Promotion.

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**FILE :** 291.2 Air Corps. Enlisted Men (Colored)

Date Sept 15, 1943

**SYNOPSIS**

**From:** Military Personnel

**To:** Commanding General, Air Forces E.D.C. & First Air Force,  
Mitchel Field, N.Y.

**SUBJECT:** Technical Training Rates for Air Corps Enlisted Men  
(Colored) June 1943 - August 1944

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WD Hq Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. 15 September 1943

To: Commanding General, Headquarters, Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio

1. Attached hereto are copies of two (2) letters, one to Senator Chavez of New Mexico from the Chief of the Air Staff, and a copy of a reply from this office to the Manager of the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce. This correspondence is self-explanatory.

2. It is desired that consideration be given to the removal of service group training from Kirtland Field at such time as a new training plan for service groups is formulated.

By command of General ARNOLD:

HQ. AAF  
 1019

Incl n/c

ROBERT W. HARPER

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| OFFICE SYMBOL                    | 1 Added 2 incls AFACT-4                 | 3 Brigadier General, U.S. Army         | 6 |
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| INTERNAL OFFICE COORDINATION     | Incl 2 - cy ltr to Mr. John P. Murphy   |  |   |

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By ASO Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.

1. Reference paragraph 1, basic communication, this Headquarters has no record of assurance being given the Chamber of Commerce, Albuquerque, New Mexico, that colored troops would not be stationed at Albuquerque. If such arrangements have been made, it is not a matter of record in this Command.

2. At present there is stationed at the Albuquerque Air Depot Training Station, the 12th Service Group which has one (1) Quartermaster Truck Company (colored). The total number of enlisted men assigned to this Unit as of 16 August 1943, is four (4) officers and ninety-seven (97) enlisted men. It is contemplated that the 31st Parent Service Group, which has one (1)

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Office of the C.O., Air Depot Training Station, Albuquerque, N.M.  
7 August 1943.

TO: Commanding General, San Antonio Air Service Command, Kelly  
Field, Texas.

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Hqs., San Antonio Air Service Command, Kelly Fld, Texas, 13 August 1943.

TO: The Commanding General, Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Fair-  
field, Ohio.

Forwarded as a matter of information.

For the Commanding General:

T. W. SCOTT,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Assistant to the  
Commanding General.

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ALBUQUERQUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
319 N. 4th St., Albuquerque, N.M.  
John P. Murphy, Manager

August 6, 1943

Colonel John H. Fite  
Air Depot Training Station  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Colonel Fite:

I have the honor of transmitting to you a resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce in regular session, this sixth day of August, 1943.

"Resolved, that the Chamber of Commerce of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is of the opinion that certain matters with which Albuquerque may be confronted, should be called to the attention of General Henry H. Arnold, Colonel John H. Fite, our Congressional Delegation and other interested parties. The subject matter is set forth as follows:

1. On February 9, 1942, there was a rumor that a contingent of colored troops was to be transferred to the Albuquerque Air Base from Barksdale Field. We strongly protested this, and finally received assurance from certain sources in Washington that colored troops would not be sent to Albuquerque. However, persistent rumors continue to circulate that colored troops are being considered for location at Albuquerque, and today we received rather definite information that colored troops are being transferred from El Paso to Albuquerque and will be stationed at the Air Depot Training Station. We urgently request you to assist us in getting word to the proper Army Officials that we sincerely feel it would be a terrible mistake to try to take care of colored troops in Albuquerque.

2. The 1940 Census figures will show that Albuquerque has one of the smallest percentages of negro population, of any city in the nation. Consequently, we do not have any negro accommodations in our theatres, recreation centers, churches or schools. If colored troops are moved in, it stands to reason that some of their families will follow, and that means finding homes and apartments for them. On the face of it, that seems an impossibility.

3. A peculiar situation exists in Albuquerque, that we believe might prove detrimental to harmony, and that is our Indians, who are not familiar with the color line that would be bound to flare up in our city, due to the predominant number of Texans and Oklahomans who make up Albuquerque's population. It occurs to us that the Army Officers would prefer to know of these situations, so as to avoid running unnecessary chances of race riots. And even if riots could be avoided by heavy policing and extraordinary restrictions, it would not tend to build up the morale of the colored troops. Surely, there are places that these colored soldiers could be stationed, where they could enjoy their surroundings and have the

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happiness they are entitled to. Definitely the Army would be doing an injustice to the colored troops if they stationed them in Albuquerque.

And be it further Resolved, That the manager be, and he is hereby, authorized to have proper copies of this minute sent to the parties so designated."

respectfully submitted,

ALBUQUERQUE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

John P. Murphy, Manager

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Bsc Ltr fr Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, dtd 6 August 1943.

Quartermaster Truck Company (colored), will be ordered into Albuquerque in the near future.

3. In this connection, attention is invited to the fact that no objection was interposed by your Headquarters to request submitted by Headquarters Air Service Command, for the movement of the 31st Parent Service Group from Biggs Field, El Paso, Texas, to Albuquerque Air Depot Training Station, Albuquerque, New Mexico. In most cases service groups contain either one (1) or two (2) Quartermaster Truck Companies which are manned with colored personnel.

4. It is requested that the proper reply to basic communication be made by your Headquarters and a copy of the reply be forwarded this Headquarters for information.

For the Commanding General:

E. E. ADLER  
Brigadier General, U. S. A.  
Chief, Personnel and Training Division

Incl: Ltr fr Albuquerque  
Chamber of Commerce,  
dtd 6 August 1943.

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SUBJECT: Colored B-26 Bombardment Group (M)

TO: ACAS, Operations, Commitments and Requirements  
 Bombardment Branch

FROM: ACAS, Plans.

DATE: 11 SEP 1943

COMMENT NO. 3  
 JLL/jn/72445

This office concurs in the statements and beliefs outlined in Comment No. 2 above.

1 Incl. n/c

*[Signature]*  
 L. S. KUTER,  
 Brigadier General, U.S.A.

TO: Asst/CAS, Training

FROM: Asst/CAS, OCR, Requirements Division, Bombardment Branch

DATE: 13 Sept 1943

COMMENT No. 4  
 Lt. Col. Geffield/vd/71608

1. The information requested in Comment #1 and supplied in Comment #3 is noted.

2. This office has not received the Memorandum from AFACT to AFREQ, copy attached, and has taken no action to activate the Medium OTU Squadron at Selfridge.

1 Incl. n/c

O & P Sec. WC

*for* *[Signature]*  
 ALFRED R. MAXWELL,  
 Colonel, Air Corps.

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SUBJECT: Colored B-26 Bombardment Group (M)

TO: ACAS, OCR, Bombardment Branch THRU:  
ACAS, OCR, Programs Branch Atten: Major Barton

FROM: ACAS, Training

DATE: 3 Sept 1943

COMMENT NO. 1  
AFACT-4 JJC/beb 71578

1. Reference is made to memorandum from this office to ACAS, OCR, Requirements Division, subject "Colored Pilot Training", dated 27 August 1943, copy of which is attached. It will be noted that a colored B-26 group is to be activated 1 April 1944 in order to meet the program for employment of colored B-26 pilots and crews to begin operational training 1 July 1944.

2. According to the Army Air Forces Program of 12 August 1943, only four more B-26 groups are to be committed, the last of which to be available for commitment 1 April 1944. In this connection a request for inactivation of one of the five B-26 groups now activated is being made by separate R&R. 397

3. In view of the above, it is requested that this office be notified at the earliest possible date as to how the colored B-26 group to be activated 1 April 1944 is to fit into the 273 Group Program. It is further requested that the number to be used by the colored B-26 group upon its activation be furnished this office.

1 Incl.  
As described  
above.

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ROBERT W. HARPER,  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,  
ACAS, Training.

~~TO: Asst. C/AS, OC&R, Bombardment Branch  
THRU: Asst. C/AS, Programs Branch (Loutzenheiser)~~

~~Date: 9 September 1943  
Comment No. 2  
BEB/bcb/4563~~

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

1. The medium bombardment group to be manned by colored personnel will be a B-26 group and will be in addition to the present 273-group program. It is believed that certain changes in the reconnaissance program will enable this group to be activated within the total 273 groups now authorized for the Army Air Forces. This group will have a new number not used up to this time by any other group and will be the 477th Medium Bombardment Group.

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*BYRON E. BRUGGE*  
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Colonel, Air Corps

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MEMORANDUM TO: Asst C/AS, OOR (Requirements Division)

Subject: Colored Pilot Training

1. It is recommended that the following procedures be used in the implementation of the Colored Program for Fighters and Medium Bombardment:
  - a. Immediately assign the 332nd Fighter Group the twenty-four (24) pilots now at Tuskegee. No additional pilots to be assigned to the 332nd Group until an OTU Fighter Squadron is activated.
  - b. Activate one (1) Fighter RTU Squadron at Selfridge Field, Michigan, on November 15, 1943.
  - c. To provide aircraft mechanics needed in the Fighter RTU Squadron mechanics will be transferred from the personnel of the Advanced Flying Training School, Tuskegee, not to exceed fifty (50).
  - d. Assign the graduates of the 30 August Class at Tuskegee to B-26 transition school, Dodge City, Kansas, to graduate 9 December 1943 and be assigned immediately thereafter to the Medium OTU Squadron.
  - e. Assign the graduates of the 3 October Class at Tuskegee to B-26 transition school, Dodge City, Kansas, to graduate 11 January 1944 and be assigned immediately thereafter to the Medium OTU Squadron.
  - f. Activate 15 December 1943 Medium OTU Squadron at Selfridge Field, Michigan.
  - g. 103rd Fighter Squadron, now at Selfridge Field, Michigan, to remain there to supervise the OTU training of the 332nd Group and the formation of the Fighter RTU Squadron until such time as the RTU Squadron becomes self-supporting.

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Colored Pilot Training (27 August 1943) Continued.

h. Transfer supervisory personnel from the Third Air Force to the First Air Force for use in the Medium OTU.

i. Activate a Medium Bomb Group of four (4) squadrons on 1 April 1944 for which the Medium OTU Squadron, previously activated, will act as a parent.

j. Steps will be taken to immediately set up technical courses for those specialists needed for the Medium Bombardment Program. Personnel will be provided for trainees at such time as arrangements can be made to begin such courses.

2. A directive has already been issued to the Training Command to train 134 Twin Engine standard pilots and 67 bombardier navigators by 1 July 1944, thereafter to maintain an attrition rate of 18 pilots and 11 bombardier navigators per month. This program is in addition to the Fighter Program which provides for an attrition rate of 19 pilots per month from the Training Command.

The following officers attended this conference:

- Colonel W. Montgomery (AFACF)
- Lt. Col. E. Hodgson (AFACF)
- Major R. H. Clarke (AFPMF)
- Major W. I. Barton (AFRPG)
- Captain H. O. McTague (AFACF)
- Lt. Col. J. B. League (AFACF)

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SUBJECT: Revised Colored Air Corps Trained Personnel Requirements

TO: AC/AS, Training

DATE 13 September 1943

FROM: AC/AS, Personnel

COMMENT NO. 1  
PGM/ps/72395  
AFPMP-11

1. Attached are revised requirements for Colored Air Corps Personnel. New factors included in this revision are:
  - a. Activation of one (1) RTU Squadron (Fighter) in November 1943.
  - b. Activation of one (1) OTU Squadron (Medium Bomber) in December 1943.
  - c. Attrition on the 332 Fighter Group was computed on a continental basis until January 1944, and upon active theater basis from February 1944 through December 1944. Active theater attrition was computed on the 99th Squadron for all months.
  - d. Activation of one (1) Medium Bomb Group in June 1944. The requirements for an entire Medium Group are reflected although it is understood that a portion of the supervisory and staff personnel will be white officers and men. One hundred per cent requirements are shown in the activation month. It is understood that B-26 transitioning of pilots cannot be completed prior to September and therefore O-Day will be delayed until September. Thus, to allow for three months manning, the activation was set for June 1944, although at the time this study was begun the activation date planned by Programs Branch, OC&R, was not available.
  - e. Computation of attrition on the Medium Bomb Group on a continental basis until November 1944 and upon an active theater basis in December 1944.
  - f. Service pilots' requirements were included with 1-Engine Pilots causing an increment of six pilots in June 1944. Service pilots are required for the Service Group to be activated.
  - g. Shortage figures reflected are as of 30 June 1943 and are taken from the Form 127 Continental Report. Shortages in colored units overseas are not available to this office. Through error the June requirements were also included which should be ignored. School outputs since 30 June 1943 will reduce requirements shown. Such school outputs were not available to this office.

2. Representatives of this Division are available for further explanation of the method by which requirements were determined and will confer with representatives of AC/AS, Training, if desirable.

E. S. WETZEL  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
Chief, Requirements & Resources Branch

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: 2 ENGINE PILOT

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 2

|                | <u>INCREMENT</u> | <u>ATTRITION</u> |               | <u>TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT</u> |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
|                |                  | <u>Inactive</u>  | <u>Active</u> |                                      |
| JUNE, 1943     | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| JULY           | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| AUGUST         | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| SEPTEMBER      | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| OCTOBER        | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| NOVEMBER       | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| DECEMBER, 1943 | 35               | 0                | 0             | 35                                   |
| JANUARY, 1944  | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| FEBRUARY       | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| MARCH          | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| APRIL          | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| MAY            | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| JUNE           | 144              | 1                | 0             | 145                                  |
| JULY           | 0                | 4                | 0             | 4                                    |
| AUGUST         | 0                | 4                | 0             | 4                                    |
| SEPTEMBER      | 0                | 4                | 0             | 4                                    |
| OCTOBER        | 0                | 4                | 0             | 4                                    |
| NOVEMBER       | 0                | 4                | 0             | 4                                    |
| DECEMBER, 1944 | 0                | 1                | 22            | 23                                   |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)  
6 SEPTEMBER 1943

TITLE: RADIO MECHANIC  
LINE NO. 40

|                  | <u>INCREMENT</u> | <u>ATTRITION</u> |        | <u>TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT</u> |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
|                  |                  | Inactive         | Active |                                      |
| SHORTAGE 6/30/43 |                  |                  |        | SH. 31                               |
| JUNE, 1943       | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| JULY             | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| AUGUST           | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0                | 1                | 0      | 1                                    |
| OCTOBER          | 0                | 0                | 1      | 1                                    |
| NOVEMBER         | 10               | 0                | 0      | 10                                   |
| DECEMBER, 1943   | 0                | 1                | 0      | 1                                    |
| JANUARY, 1944    | 0                | 0                | 1      | 1                                    |
| FEBRUARY         | 0                | 1                | 0      | 1                                    |
| MARCH            | 0                | 0                | 1      | 1                                    |
| APRIL            | 0                | 1                | 0      | 1                                    |
| MAY              | 0                | 0                | 1      | 1                                    |
| JUNE             | 45               | 1                | 0      | 46                                   |
| JULY             | 0                | 0                | 1      | 1                                    |
| AUGUST           | 0                | 1                | 0      | 1                                    |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0                | 0                | 1      | 1                                    |
| OCTOBER, 1943    | 0                | 1                | 1      | 2                                    |
| NOVEMBER         | 0                | 0                | 1      | 0                                    |
| DECEMBER, 1944   | 0                | 1                | 1      | 2                                    |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: RADIO OPERATOR

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 41

|                  | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                  |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| SHORTAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        | SR. 14                        |
| JUNE, 1943       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER, 1943   | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                             |
| JANUARY, 1944    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MARCH            | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| APRIL            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MAY              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JUNE             | 21        | 0         | 0      | 21                            |
| JULY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER, 1944   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: RADIO OPR/MECH

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 43

|                  | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                  |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| SHORTAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        | SH. 14                        |
| JUNE, 1943       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 5         | 0         | 0      | 5                             |
| DECEMBER, 1943   | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                             |
| JANUARY, 1944    | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| FEBRUARY         | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| MARCH            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MAY              | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| JUNE             | 7         | 0         | 0      | 7                             |
| JULY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER, 1944   | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |

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TITLE: RADIO OPR/MECH GUNR

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

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|                | <u>INCREMENT</u> | <u>ATTRITION</u> |        | <u>TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT</u> |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
|                |                  | Inactive         | Active |                                      |
| JUNE, 1943     | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| JULY           | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| AUGUST         | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| SEPTEMBER      | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| OCTOBER        | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| NOVEMBER       | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| DECEMBER, 1943 | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| JANUARY, 1944  | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| FEBRUARY       | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| MARCH          | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| APRIL          | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| MAY            | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                                    |
| JUNE           | 64               | 0                | 0      | 64                                   |
| JULY           | 10               | 1                | 0      | 1                                    |
| AUGUST         | 0                | 1                | 0      | 1                                    |
| SEPTEMBER      | 0                | 1                | 0      | 1                                    |
| OCTOBER        | 0                | 1                | 0      | 1                                    |
| NOVEMBER       | 0                | 1                | 0      | 1                                    |
| DECEMBER, 1944 | 0                | 0                | 10     | 10                                   |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: RADIO MECHANIC/CNS

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 46

|                 | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                 |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| OVERAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        | OV. -5                        |
| JUNE, 1943      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER        | 10        | 0         | 0      | 11                            |
| DECEMBER, 1943  | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| JANUARY, 1944   | 10        | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY        | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| MARCH           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL           | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| MAY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JUNE            | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| JULY            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| NOVEMBER        | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| DECEMBER, 1944  | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: CONTROL TOWER OPER

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 47

|                  | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                  |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| SHORTAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        |                               |
| JUNE, 1943       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JANUARY, 1944    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MARCH            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MAY              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JUNE             | 12        | 1         | 0      | 13                            |
| JULY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JANUARY          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)  
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TITLE: RADIO MECHANIC/F  
LINE NO. 50

|                        | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED<br>PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|
|                        |           | Inactive  | Active |                                  |
| SHORTAGE as of 6/30/43 |           |           |        | 10                               |
| JUNE, 1943             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| NOVEMBER               | 5         | 0         | 0      | 5                                |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JANUARY, 1944          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| FEBRUARY               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| MARCH                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| APRIL                  | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                                |
| MAY                    | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                                |
| JUNE                   | 20        | 0         | 0      | 20                               |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                                |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                                |
| NOVEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                                |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)  
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TITLE: LINK TRAINER INSTR  
LINE NO. 55

|                        | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |   |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|---|
|                        |           | Inactive  | Active | SH.                           | S |
| SHORTAGE as of 6/30/43 |           |           |        | SH.                           | S |
| JUNE, 1943             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| NOVEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| JANUARY, 1944          | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             | 0 |
| FEBRUARY               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| MARCH                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| APRIL                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| MAY                    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| JUNE                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| NOVEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             | 0 |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)  
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TITLE: TEL/TEL LINEMAN  
LINE NO. 56

|                       | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED<br>PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|
|                       |           | Inactive  | Active |                                  |
| OVERAGE as of 6/30/43 |           |           |        | -14                              |
| JUNE, 1943            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JULY                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| AUGUST                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| SEPTEMBER             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| OCTOBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| NOVEMBER              | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                                |
| DECEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JANUARY, 1944         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| FEBRUARY              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| MARCH                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| APRIL                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| MAY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JUNE                  | 4         | 0         | 0      | 4                                |
| JULY                  | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                                |
| AUGUST                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| SEPTEMBER             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| OCTOBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| NOVEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| DECEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: TELETYPE MECHANIC

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 60

|                       | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED               |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|
|                       |           | Inactive  | Active | PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
| OVERAGE as of 6/30/43 |           |           |        | -10                   |
| JUNE, 1943            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| JULY                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| AUGUST                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| SEPTEMBER             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| OCTOBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| NOVEMBER              | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                     |
| DECEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| JANUARY, 1944         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| FEBRUARY              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| MARCH                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| APRIL                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| MAY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| JUNE                  | 4         | 0         | 0      | 4                     |
| JULY                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| AUGUST                | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                     |
| SEPTEMBER             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| OCTOBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| NOVEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| DECEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: APL AND ENGINE MEC

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 70

|                        | <u>INCREMENT</u> | <u>ATTRITION</u> |               | <u>TRAINED</u>               |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
|                        |                  | <u>Inactive</u>  | <u>Active</u> | <u>PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT</u> |
| SHORTAGE as of 6/30/43 |                  |                  |               | SH. 341                      |
| JUNE, 1943             | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                            |
| JULY                   | 0                | 3                | 1             | 4                            |
| AUGUST                 | 0                | 3                | 1             | 4                            |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0                | 3                | 1             | 4                            |
| OCTOBER                | 0                | 3                | 1             | 4                            |
| NOVEMBER               | 64               | 3                | 1             | 68                           |
| DECEMBER               | 1                | 3                | 1             | 5                            |
| JANUARY, 1944          | 0                | 3                | 1             | 4                            |
| FEBRUARY               | 0                | 2                | 4             | 6                            |
| MARCH                  | 0                | 2                | 4             | 6                            |
| APRIL                  | 0                | 2                | 4             | 6                            |
| MAY                    | 0                | 2                | 4             | 6                            |
| JUNE                   | 277              | 2                | 4             | 283                          |
| JULY                   | 0                | 4                | 4             | 8                            |
| AUGUST                 | 0                | 4                | 4             | 8                            |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0                | 4                | 4             | 8                            |
| OCTOBER                | 0                | 4                | 4             | 8                            |
| NOVEMBER               | 0                | 4                | 4             | 8                            |
| DECEMBER               | 0                | 2                | 8             | 10                           |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: APL MECHANIC GUNR

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 73

|               | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED<br>PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|
|               |           | Inactive  | Active |                                  |
| JUNE, 1943    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JULY          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| AUGUST        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| SEPTEMBER     | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| OCTOBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| NOVEMBER      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| DECEMBER      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JANUARY, 1944 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| FEBRUARY      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| MARCH         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| APRIL         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| MAY           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JUNE          | 64        | 0         | 0      | 64                               |
| JULY          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 1                                |
| AUGUST        | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                                |
| SEPTEMBER     | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                                |
| OCTOBER       | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                                |
| NOVEMBER      | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                                |
| DECEMBER      | 0         | 0         | 10     | 10                               |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: APL ELECTRICAL SP

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 74

|                        | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED<br>PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|
|                        |           | Inactive  | Active |                                  |
| SHORTAGE as of 6/30/43 |           |           |        | 22                               |
| JUNE, 1943             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| NOVEMBER               | 3         | 0         | 0      | 3                                |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JANUARY, 1944          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| FEBRUARY               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| MARCH                  | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                                |
| APRIL                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| MAY                    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JUNE                   | 30        | 0         | 0      | 30                               |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                                |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                                |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                                |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| NOVEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                                |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 1         | 1      | 2                                |

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TITLE: APL INSTRUMENT SP

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LINE NO. 76

|                        | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED               |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-----------------------|
|                        |           | Inactive  | Active | PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
| SHORTAGE as of 6/30/43 |           |           |        | 17                    |
| JUNE, 1943             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| NOVEMBER               | 3         | 0         | 0      | 3                     |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| JANUARY, 1944          | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                     |
| FEBRUARY               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| MARCH                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| APRIL                  | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                     |
| MAY                    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| JUNE                   | 34        | 0         | 0      | 34                    |
| JULY                   | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                     |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                     |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                     |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                     |
| NOVEMBER               | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                     |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                     |

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TITLE: APL PROPELLER SP  
LINE NO. 77

|                        | INCREMENT | ATTENTION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                        |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| SHORTAGE AS OF 6/30/43 |           |           |        | 21                            |
| JUNE, 1943             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER               | 3         | 0         | 0      | 3                             |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JANUARY, 1944          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY               | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| MARCH                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MAY                    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JUNE                   | 24        | 0         | 0      | 24                            |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER               | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

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TITLE: APL SHEET METAL WK

LINE NO: 82

|                        | <u>INCREMENT</u> | <u>ATTRITION</u> |               | <u>TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT</u> |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
|                        |                  | <u>Inactive</u>  | <u>Active</u> |                                      |
| SHORTAGE as of 6/30/43 |                  |                  |               | 50                                   |
| JUNE, 1943             | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| JULY                   | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| AUGUST                 | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| OCTOBER                | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| NOVEMBER               | 4                | 0                | 0             | 4                                    |
| DECEMBER               | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| JANUARY, 1944          | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| FEBRUARY               | 0                | 0                | 1             | 1                                    |
| MARCH                  | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| APRIL                  | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| MAY                    | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| JUNE                   | 80               | 0                | 1             | 81                                   |
| JULY                   | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| AUGUST                 | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| OCTOBER                | 0                | 0                | 1             | 1                                    |
| NOVEMBER               | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| DECEMBER               | 0                | 0                | 1             | 1                                    |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)  
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TITLE: APL WOODWORKER  
LINE NO. 83

|                        | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                        |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| SHORTAGE as of 6/30/43 |           |           |        | 7                             |
| JUNE, 1943             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JANUARY, 1944          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MARCH                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL                  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MAY                    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JUNE                   | 8         | 0         | 0      | 8                             |
| JULY                   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST                 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER              | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| OCTOBER                | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER               | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: APL DOPE/FABRIC WK

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO: 84

SHORTAGE as of 6/30/43

|               | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | ACT. UNTRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------------------------------------|
|               |           | Inactive  | Active |                                      |
| JUNE, 1943    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| JULY          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| AUGUST        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| SEPTEMBER     | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| OCTOBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| NOVEMBER      | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                                    |
| DECEMBER      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| JANUARY, 1944 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| FEBRUARY      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| MARCH         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| APRIL         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| MAY           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| JUNE          | 4         | 0         | 0      | 4                                    |
| JULY          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| AUGUST        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| SEPTEMBER     | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| OCTOBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| NOVEMBER      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |
| DECEMBER      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                    |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: MACHINIST

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 87

|                  | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                  |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| SHORTAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        | SH. 2                         |
| JUNE, 1943       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                             |
| DECEMBER, 1943   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JANUARY, 1944    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MARCH            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MAY              | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| JUNE             | 16        | 0         | 0      | 16                            |
| JULY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| DECEMBER, 1944   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: PARACHUTE RIG REP

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LINE NO. 90

|                  | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                  |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| SHORTAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        | SH. 7                         |
| JUNE, 1943       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                             |
| DECEMBER, 1943   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JANUARY, 1944    | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MARCH            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MAY              | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JUNE             | 20        | 0         | 0      | 20                            |
| JULY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER, 1944   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: WELDER

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 92

|                 | <u>INCREMENT</u> | <u>ATTRITION</u> |               | <u>TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
|                 |                  | <u>Inactive</u>  | <u>Active</u> |                                      |
| OVERAGE 6/30/43 |                  |                  |               | OV. -3                               |
| JUNE, 1943      | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| JULY            | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| AUGUST          | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| OCTOBER         | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| NOVEMBER        | 1                | 0                | 0             | 1                                    |
| DECEMBER, 1943  | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| JANUARY, 1944   | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| FEBRUARY        | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| MARCH           | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| APRIL           | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| MAY             | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| JUNE            | 24               | 0                | 0             | 24                                   |
| JULY            | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| AUGUST          | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| OCTOBER         | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| NOVEMBER        | 0                | 0                | 1             | 1                                    |
| DECEMBER, 1944  | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)  
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TITLE: COOK/BAKER  
LINE NO. 93

|                 | <u>INCREMENT</u> | <u>ATTRITION</u> |        | <u>TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
|                 |                  | Inactive         | Active |                                      |
| OVERAGE 6/30/43 |                  |                  |        | OV.-185                              |
| JUNE, 1943      | 0                | 9                | 0      | 9                                    |
| JULY            | 92               | 10               | 0      | 102                                  |
| AUGUST          | 344              | 11               | 0      | 355                                  |
| SEPTEMBER       | 140              | 12               | 0      | 152                                  |
| OCTOBER         | 105              | 13               | 0      | 118                                  |
| NOVEMBER        | 10               | 13               | 0      | 23                                   |
| DECEMBER, 1943  | 3                | 13               | 0      | 16                                   |
| JANUARY, 1944   | 0                | 13               | 0      | 13                                   |
| FEBRUARY        | 0                | 13               | 0      | 12                                   |
| MARCH           | 0                | 13               | 1      | 13                                   |
| APRIL           | 0                | 13               | 0      | 12                                   |
| MAY             | 0                | 13               | 1      | 13                                   |
| JUNE            | 76               | 12               | 0      | 88                                   |
| JULY            | 0                | 13               | 1      | 14                                   |
| AUGUST          | 0                | 13               | 0      | 13                                   |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0                | 13               | 1      | 14                                   |
| OCTOBER         | 0                | 13               | 0      | 13                                   |
| NOVEMBER        | 0                | 13               | 1      | 14                                   |
| DECEMBER, 1944  | 0                | 12               | 2      | 14                                   |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: PHOTO INTERPRETER

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 96

|                | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| JUNE, 1943     | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER, 1943 | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                             |
| JANUARY, 1944  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MARCH          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MAY            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JUNE           | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                             |
| JULY           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER, 1944 | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |

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TITLE: PHOTO LAB TECH  
LINE NO. 97

|                 | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                 |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| OVERAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        | OV. 22                        |
| JUNE, 1943      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER        | 2         | 0         | 0      | 2                             |
| DECEMBER, 1943  | 1         | 1         | 0      | 2                             |
| JANUARY, 1944   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MARCH           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MAY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JUNE            | 25        | 0         | 0      | 25                            |
| JULY            | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER        | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| DECEMBER, 1944  | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: AUTOMOTIVE EQUIP MECH

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 100

|                 | <u>INCREMENT</u> | <u>ATTRITION</u> |               | <u>TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT</u> |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|
|                 |                  | <u>Inactive</u>  | <u>Active</u> |                                      |
| OVERAGE 6/30/43 |                  |                  |               | OV. -68                              |
| JUNE, 1943      | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| JULY            | 5                | 0                | 0             | 5                                    |
| AUGUST          | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| OCTOBER         | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| NOVEMBER        | 3                | 1                | 0             | 4                                    |
| DECEMBER, 1943  | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| JANUARY, 1944   | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| FEBRUARY        | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| MARCH           | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| APRIL           | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| MAY             | 0                | 1                | 1             | 2                                    |
| JUNE            | 23               | 0                | 0             | 23                                   |
| JULY            | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| AUGUST          | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0                | 1                | 0             | 1                                    |
| OCTOBER         | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |
| NOVEMBER        | 0                | 1                | 1             | 2                                    |
| DECEMBER, 1943  | 0                | 0                | 0             | 0                                    |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: AUTOMOTIVE EQUIP OPR

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 101

|                 | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS<br>BY. -267 |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--|
|                 |           | Inactive  | Active |  |
| OVERAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        |  |
| JUNE, 1943      | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| JULY            | 25        | 2         | 0      | 27   |
| AUGUST          | 25        | 2         | 0      | 27   |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| NOVEMBER        | 3         | 2         | 0      | 5  |
| DECEMBER, 1943  | 3         | 2         | 0      | 5  |
| JANUARY, 1944   | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| FEBRUARY        | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| MARCH           | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| APRIL           | 0         | 2         | 1      | 3  |
| MAY             | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| JUNE            | 67        | 2         | 0      | 69   |
| JULY            | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 2         | 1      | 3  |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| NOVEMBER        | 0         | 2         | 0      | 2  |
| DECEMBER, 1944  | 0         | 2         | 1      | 3  |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)  
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TITLE: HEAVY AUTO EQUIP OPR  
LINE NO. 102

|                 | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                 |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| OVERAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        | OV. -413                      |
| JUNE, 1943      | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| JULY            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER        | 6         | 1         | 0      | 7                             |
| DECEMBER, 1943  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JANUARY, 1944   | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| FEBRUARY        | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| MARCH           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL           | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| MAY             | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| JUNE            | 88        | 1         | 0      | 89                            |
| JULY            | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 1         | 1      | 2                             |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| NOVEMBER        | 0         | 1         | 1      | 2                             |
| DECEMBER, 1944  | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| JANUARY, 1944   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)  
6 SEPTEMBER 1943

TITLE: AIR FORCES PAINTER  
LINE NO. 104

|                 | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED<br>PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|
|                 |           | Inactive  | Active |                                  |
| OVERAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        | OV. -25                          |
| JUNE, 1943      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JULY            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| NOVEMBER        | 1         | 0         | 0      | 1                                |
| DECEMBER, 1943  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JANUARY, 1944   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| FEBRUARY        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| MARCH           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| APRIL           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| MAY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| JUNE            | 4         | 0         | 0      | 4                                |
| JULY            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                                |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| OCTOBER, 1944   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |
| NOVEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                                |
| DECEMBER, 1944  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                                |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: CARPENTER

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 105

|                 | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                 |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| OVERAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        | OV. -61                       |
| JUNE, 1943      | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JULY            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| NOVEMBER        | 2         | 0         | 0      | 2                             |
| DECEMBER, 1943  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JANUARY, 1944   | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| FEBRUARY        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MARCH           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| APRIL           | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| MAY             | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| JUNE            | 6         | 0         | 0      | 6                             |
| JULY            | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| AUGUST          | 0         | 0         | 1      | 1                             |
| SEPTEMBER       | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| OCTOBER         | 0         | 1         | 0      | 1                             |
| NOVEMBER        | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |
| DECEMBER, 1944  | 0         | 0         | 0      | 0                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: OTHER SPECIALISTS

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 113

|                  | INCREMENT | ATTRITION |        | TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|-------------------------------|
|                  |           | Inactive  | Active |                               |
| SHORTAGE 6/30/43 |           |           |        | SH. 194                       |
| JUNE, 1943       | 0         | 3         | 0      | 3                             |
| JULY             | 50        | 3         | 0      | 53                            |
| AUGUST           | 122       | 4         | 0      | 126                           |
| SEPTEMBER        | 180       | 4         | 0      | 184                           |
| OCTOBER          | 170       | 5         | 0      | 175                           |
| NOVEMBER         | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| DECEMBER, 1943   | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| JANUARY, 1944    | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| FEBRUARY         | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| MARCH            | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| APRIL            | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| MAY              | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| JUNE             | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| JULY             | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| AUGUST           | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| OCTOBER          | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| NOVEMBER         | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |
| DECEMBER, 1944   | 0         | 5         | 0      | 5                             |

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TRAINED PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (AIR CORPS COLORED)

TITLE: ALL OTHER ENLISTED M.

6 SEPTEMBER 1943

LINE NO. 114

|                  | <u>INCREMENT</u> | <u>ATTRITION</u> |               | <u>TRAINED</u>               |
|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
|                  |                  | <u>Inactive</u>  | <u>Active</u> | <u>PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT</u> |
| SHORTAGE 6/30/43 |                  |                  |               | SH. 7552                     |
| JUNE, 1943       | 0                | 261              | 0             | 261                          |
| JULY             | 0                | 376              | 0             | 276                          |
| AUGUST           | 0                | 334              | 0             | 334                          |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0                | 357              | 0             | 357                          |
| OCTOBER          | 0                | 375              | 0             | 375                          |
| NOVEMBER         | 12               | 375              | 1             | 388                          |
| DECEMBER, 1943   | 5                | 375              | 0             | 380                          |
| JANUARY, 1944    | 0                | 375              | 0             | 375                          |
| FEBRUARY         | 0                | 375              | 1             | 376                          |
| MARCH            | 0                | 375              | 0             | 375                          |
| APRIL            | 0                | 375              | 1             | 376                          |
| MAY              | 0                | 375              | 0             | 375                          |
| JUNE             | 87               | 375              | 1             | 463                          |
| JULY             | 0                | 375              | 0             | 375                          |
| AUGUST           | 0                | 375              | 1             | 376                          |
| SEPTEMBER        | 0                | 375              | 0             | 375                          |
| OCTOBER          | 0                | 375              | 1             | 376                          |
| NOVEMBER         | 0                | 375              | 0             | 375                          |
| DECEMBER, 1944   | 0                | 375              | 2             | 377                          |

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCES SCHOOL OF APPLIED TACTICS  
Orlando, Florida CEF/ /eh-M

4 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Disturbances among Negro Troops.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C., Attention:  
Chief of Air Staff, OC & R, Requirements Division, Attention:  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training.

1. In compliance with paragraph 4, letter, your Headquarters, file 291.2, dated 20 August 1943, it is reported that training of Colored troops at AAFSAT is being carried out as follows:

a. Periodic drills and inspections are scheduled for Units that have completed basic training.

b. Units that have received untrained replacements, are conducting basic training along with their regularly scheduled work assignments.

c. Of the four Aviation Squadrons that require basic training, two have been relieved from other duties and are pursuing the basic training program prescribed by The Commanding General, Army Air Forces. At the completion of this training, these units will take over all duties now performed by the other two units, which will then complete the same training program.

2. Specially selected officers have been placed in command of the units receiving basic training.

For the Commandant:

  
D. N. A. P.  
Lt. Col AGD  
Asst Adj. Gen.

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HEADQUARTERS I TROOP CARRIER COMMAND, Stout Field, Indianapolis, Indiana, 3 September 1943.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.  
(Attention: Chief, Special Service Division Office, Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel.)

1. Due to the small number of negro troops on Troop Carrier Command bases, they have been readily absorbed, and there is no discrimination shown in the use of facilities for amusements between the colored and white troops.

2. It is therefore deemed inadvisable at this time for the I Troop Carrier Command to utilize the services of negro Special Service officers.

For the Commanding Officer:

*H. H. Jones*  
H. H. JONES,  
Major, A. G. D.,  
Acting Adjutant General

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Date: 5 Oct 43

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PLEASE REPLY TO  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE AIR CORPS  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
Headquarters Army Air Forces  
~~OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE AIR CORPS~~  
WASHINGTON

26 August 1943

SUBJECT: Use of Negro Officers in Special Service Activities.

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TO: Commanding General, Headquarters Troop Carrier Command,  
Stout Field, Indianapolis, Indiana.

1. Attention is directed to attached copy of War Department letter, AG 291.2 (12 Aug 43) OB-C, dated 21 August 1943, subject as above.

2. Special service program planning should include provision of comparable facilities and activities for Negro personnel in proportion to their numbers and needs. Obviously preferential treatment, which might result in criticism from either white or colored personnel, will be avoided in administration of special service activities.

3. This headquarters will take necessary steps to provide trained Negro special service officers in response to requisitions from your command.

By command of General ARNOLD:



ROBERT C. JONES  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Special Service Division  
Office, Asst Chief of Air Staff,  
Personnel

1 Incl.  
AG 291.2 (12 Aug 43) OB-C,  
21 Aug 43, sub. as above.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's office      EAR:mce  
Washington

AG 291.2 (12 Aug 43)OB-C

21 August 1943

SUBJECT: Use of Negro Officers in Special Service Activities.

TO:            Commanding General,  
  
                Army Air Forces.

1. Recent inspections and surveys conducted at various camps and stations where Negro troops are located show that, in general, little or no consideration has been given to utilizing Negro officers in connection with special service activities. It has been reported that some of the graduates of the School for Special Service are not being assigned to those duties as contemplated.

2. Qualified Negro officers on full or part time basis could be of great assistance in connection with athletics, entertainments, social events and in other activities arranged for Negro personnel, and to keep the commanding officer appraised of the pulse, temper, and morale of the Negro troops. It is obvious that only qualified and suitable officers should be assigned to these duties.

3. The assignment of staff officers and assistants is, in general, a function of command; and there is no intention by the War Department to interfere with this prerogative. It is, however, a responsibility of command to employ the personnel available to bring about the highest possible degree of efficiency, contentment, and morale.

4. Commanders of all echelons of command will give this matter appropriate consideration.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ H. R. Hickman  
Adjutant General.

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Headquarters, Army Air Forces Training Commands, Fort Worth, 2, Texas. 1 SEP 1943

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.

1. Contents noted.
2. The Special Service program of this Command has been conducted in such a manner as to provide an equal opportunity for all, and no complaints have been received at this Headquarters.
3. In the future attention will continue to be directed to the policy outlined in basic communication and inclosure.
4. At the present time this Command has five colored Special Service Officers on duty as such at Tuskegee Army Air Field. If any additional colored Special Service Officers are required, requisitions will be submitted to your Headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

1 Incl.  
n/c

*I. K. Redding*

I. K. REDDING  
1st Lieut., A.C.D.  
Assistant Adjutant General  
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Date: 5 Oct 43

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AC/AS, Personnel:

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AIR CHAPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

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REPLY TO  
THE AIR CORPS  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
~~Headquarters Army Air Forces~~  
~~OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE AIR CORPS~~  
WASHINGTON

26 August 1943

SUBJECT: Use of Negro Officers in Special Service Activities

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters AAF Training Command,  
Fort Worth (2), Texas

1. Attention is directed to attached copy of War Department letter, AG 291.2 (12 Aug 43) OB-C, dated 21 August 1943, subject as above.

2. Special service program planning should include provision of comparable facilities and activities for Negro personnel in proportion to their numbers and needs. Obviously preferential treatment, which might result in criticism from either white or colored personnel, will be avoided in administration of special service activities.

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By command of General ARNOLD:



ROBERT C. JONES  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Chief, Special Service Division  
Office, Asst Chief of Air Staff,  
Personnel

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21 Aug 43, sub. as above



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SUBJECT: Allotment of Enlisted Personnel, Colored

TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff,  
Operations, Commitments and Requirements,  
Allocations and Programs Division

DATE 24 August 1943

COMMENT NO. 1

✓RNH:jpc 71379 AFPMP-2

FROM: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel,  
Military Personnel Division

1. Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.
2. It is recommended that this request be disapproved in view of the recent substantial reduction in the quota of white enlisted men now authorized the Army Air Forces from Reception Centers while the monthly quota of colored enlisted men has been established at 8,500.

*[Signature]*  
E. S. WETZEL  
Colonel, G. S. C.

Chief, Military Personnel Division

1 Attach  
Ltr fr Hq, ASC, to CG, AAF,  
dtd 3 August 1943

TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel,  
Military Personnel Division

DATE: 28 Aug 1943

Comment No. 2  
JSL:mls 72814

FROM: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, OC&R, Programs Branch

Attached is a copy of the action taken.

Incl-  
Copy of  
ltr mentioned  
above and 1st  
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BYRON E. BRUGGE  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Forwarded by  
AC/AS, Personnel

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Date: 9-1-43

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Ext. 72814

SUBJECT: Allotment of Enlisted Personnel, Colored.

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W. D. Hq., Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. 28 August 1943. To:  
Commanding General, Air Service Command, Patterson Field, Fairfield,  
Ohio.

Disapproved in view of the recent substantial reduction in the intake quota of white enlisted men and an increase in the intake quota of colored enlisted men. The Army Air Forces is scheduled to receive a given percentage of colored enlisted men which have been included in the Army Air Forces Program in specific units. It is necessary that these units be manned by colored personnel.

By command of General ARNOLD:

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3 August 1943

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Allotment of Enlisted Personnel, Colored.

Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C.

1. The following is a list of shortages of Air Corps Enlisted Personnel, Colored in Air Service Command Units:

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Administrative & Technical Clerk     | 118         |
| Draftsman                            | 2           |
| Airplane Armorer                     | 2           |
| Bombight Mechanic                    | 6           |
| Air Forces Radio Mechanic            | 2           |
| Air Forces Radio Operator & Mechanic | 2           |
| Army Airplane and Engine Mechanic    | 25          |
| Airplane Electrical Specialist       | 11          |
| Airplane Instrument Specialist       | 13          |
| Airplane Propeller Specialist        | 14          |
| Airplane Sheet Metal Worker          | 44          |
| Airplane Woodworker                  | 4           |
| Army Airplane Rope & Fabric Worker   | 2           |
| Mechanic                             | 9           |
| Parachute Rigger & Repairman         | 6           |
| Welder                               | 5           |
| Cook - Baker                         | 34          |
| Photo Laboratory Technician          | 7           |
| Automotive Equipment Mechanic        | 4           |
| Heavy Automotive Equipment Operator  | 26          |
| Air Forces Painter                   | 2           |
| Other Specialist                     | 26          |
| All Other Enlisted Men               | <u>2765</u> |
| TOTAL                                | 3229        |

2. The following is a list of shortages of Quartermaster Corps Enlisted Personnel, Colored in Quartermaster Truck Companies under jurisdiction of Air Service Command:

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| Automobile Mechanic | 291 |
|---------------------|-----|

Ltr to SAC, AF, 3 August 1943.

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Clerk - Administrative & Technical | 157        |
| Cook - Baker                       | 223        |
| Heavy Equipment Operator           | 781        |
| Light Equipment Operator           | 3583       |
| Non-specialist or Miscellaneous    | <u>762</u> |
| TOTAL                              | 5807       |

3. The following is a list of shortages of Enlisted Personnel, Colored in Chemical, Medical, Ordnance and Signal Corps Units under jurisdiction of Air Service Command:

|                                    |          |
|------------------------------------|----------|
| Chemical                           | 4        |
| Clerk - Administrative & Technical | 30       |
| Cook - Baker                       | 5        |
| Electrician                        | 11       |
| General Mechanic                   | 27       |
| Guard Patrolman                    | 297      |
| Light Equipment Operator           | 24       |
| Lithographer                       | 30       |
| Machinist                          | 2        |
| Munitions Worker                   | 12       |
| Photographer                       | 17       |
| Surgical                           | 2        |
| Woodworker                         | <u>3</u> |
| TOTAL                              | 464      |

4. This Headquarters has found that it is very difficult to train colored Enlisted Men in Quartermaster Truck Companies due to the type of personnel being allotted to the Air Service Command. It has been necessary to screen as many as four or five hundred Colored Enlisted Men to obtain sufficient qualified personnel for one Quartermaster Truck Company. It is recommended that all Colored Quartermaster Truck Companies except 1901st Quartermaster Truck Company (Aviation) and 1902nd Quartermaster Truck Company (Aviation) now assigned to the Air Service Command, be redesignated as White Quartermaster Truck Companies and this Headquarters be given authority to transfer the 5595 Enlisted Men now assigned to these units to Aviation Squadrons and carry 2366 as surplus pending activation of additional Aviation Squadrons.

For the Commanding General:

GARDNER F. BROWN,  
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps,  
Chief, Military Personnel Section,  
Personnel Training Division.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AAF 291.2

(AFACT)

27 August 1943

SUBJECT: Disturbances among 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).

Confidential letter, this headquarters, above file, subject, and address, 20 August 1943, is rescinded. All copies thereof will be removed from the files and destroyed.

By command of General WENOLD:

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

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SUBJECT: Negro Troops

TO: Aviation Petroleum Branch, MM&D

*Minitions 4513*

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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Office of The Chief of Staff  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES,  
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY GROUND FORCES,  
COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY SERVICE FORCES:

Subject: Negro Troops.

1. Disaffection among negro soldiers continues to constitute an immediately serious problem. In recent weeks there have been riots of a racial character at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi; Camp Stewart, Georgia; March Field, California; Fort Bliss, Texas; Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky; and at San Luis Obispo, California. At other stations there are indications of unrest which may erupt.

2. All of the reported disturbances follow a fairly definite pattern. Unrest and disaffection begin with real or fancied incidents of discrimination and segregation. No positive action is taken to overcome the causes of irritation or unrest. Gossip or rumor of a nature designed to excite the men circulates among the units and a minor incident brings on a general outbreak.

3. A study of detailed reports of many such cases indicates that there is general evidence of failure on the part of commanders of some echelons to appreciate the seriousness of the problem and their inherent responsibility. Also apparent is the lack of appreciation of the urgent necessity of continuous and vigorous action to prevent incidents of discrimination and the spread of inflammatory gossip and to take positive preventive measures to avert an impending outbreak. In some instances officers have not exercised that close supervision which is necessary to keep them aware of the pulse or temper of their unit.

4. Under no circumstances can there be a command attitude which makes allowances for the improper conduct of either white or negro soldiers, among themselves or towards each other. Improper conduct cannot be justified on the basis of relative average intelligence. Discipline is not a matter of intelligence. Breaches of discipline must be handled firmly, legally, and without compromising any standards of conduct, and this is true whether the problems deal exclusively with white troops, with negro troops, or with both. Adequate facilities and accommodations will be provided negro troops, with the understanding, however, that there can be no discrimination in favor of negro troops which compromise disciplinary standards.

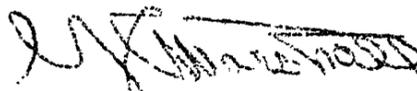
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5. Maintenance of discipline among soldiers and good order between soldiers and the civilian population is a definite command responsibility. Mutinous conduct will be dealt with as such and violations of the principles of military discipline will not be countenanced in any element of the Army. Prompt and effective disciplinary measures must be taken to punish those guilty of such derelictions. Failure on the part of any commander to concern himself personally and vigorously with this problem will be considered as evidence of lack of capacity and cause for reclassification and removal from assignment.

6. These instructions will be transmitted to the proper elements of your command and the necessary supervision established to insure a rigid compliance therewith.

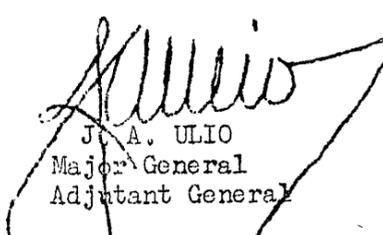
  
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SUBJECT: Negro Troops.  
SPX 291.2 (13 Jul 43)OB-S-F                      1st Ind.                      MEB/med 2B 939

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.
3. It is further desired that each recipient acknowledge receipt of this communication indicating the time and date of receipt by indorsement hereon.

By command of Lieutenant General SOMERVELL:

  
J. A. ULLO  
Major General  
Adjutant General

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SUBJECT: Negro Troops.

TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training.

DATE 13 July 1943.

FROM: Air Adjutant General.

COMMENT NO. 1  
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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.

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

1 Incl.  
Copy of ltr.  
AAF 291.2, 13 July 1943.

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AF 291.2

(AFDAS)

13 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.

1. The following extract from Memorandum on the above subject, from General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, is repeated for your information and guidance:

"1. Disaffection among negro soldiers continues to constitute an immediately serious problem. In recent weeks there have been riots of a racial character at Camp Van Dorn, Mississippi; Camp Stewart, Georgia; March Field, California; Fort Bliss, Texas; Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky; and at San Luis Obispo, California. At other stations there are indications of unrest which may erupt.

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2. These instructions will be transmitted to the proper elements of your command and the necessary supervision established to insure a rigid compliance therewith.

By command of General ARNOLD:

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

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Date Aug 27, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst Chief of Air Staff, Training, Technical Training Division

To: The Air Adjutant General

SUBJECT: Training of Sub Standard Individuals and Units

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AAF 291.2

(AFACF)

27 August 1943

SUBJECT: Disturbances among 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).

Confidential letter, this headquarters, above file, subject, and address, 20 August 1943, is rescinded. All copies thereof will be removed from the files and destroyed.

By command of General WMOULD:

  
FRED C. MILNER,  
Colonel, A. G. D.,  
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SUBJECT: Technical Training Rates for Air Corps Enlisted Men (Colored), June 1943 - August 1944.

TO: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel, Attn: Military Personnel Division.  
FROM: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Training, Technical Training Division.

DATE 27 Aug 1943

COMMENT NO. 1

AFACT-3/B/PCH-pyh 71028

1. Inviting attention to directive of this date, same subject, to the CG, AAF Training Command, copy attached hereto as Enclosure #1.

*R.W.H.*  
ROBERT W. HARPER,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,

*PH*

Incl: Cy. directive to CG, AAFTC.

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27 August 1943.

SUBJECT: Technical Training Rates for Air Corps Enlisted Men (Colored),  
June 1943 - August 1944.

TO: Commanding General,  
AAF Training Command,  
Fort Worth, Texas.

1. Reference is made to secret letter, this Headquarters, 3 August 1943, same subject. The Army Air Forces program to utilize colored personnel has been modified. In the near future, you will receive revised requirements for trained technical and administrative personnel of this category. The new requirements will call for Medium Bombardment (B-26) personnel considerably in advance of the rates as indicated in the directive of 3 August 1943. Details of the new requirements are being computed in this Headquarters at the present time and will be forwarded to you at the earliest practicable date.

2. Pending receipt of the revised requirements, it is desired that you take action at once to graduate the total numbers of trained technical and administrative personnel as called for in the directive of 3 August 1943, in accordance with the following schedules:

1/3 of Present total requirements  
in each specialty. 15 February 1944

1/3 of Present total requirements  
in each specialty. 15 March 1944

1/3 of Present total requirements  
in each specialty. 15 April 1944

By command of General ARNOLD:

ROBERT W. HARPER,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Asst. Chief of Air Staff,  
Training.

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCES BASIC-ADVANCED FLYING SCHOOL  
UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDANT

In Reply Refer To:

Stewart Field, West Point, N. Y.

25 August 1943

SUBJECT: Disturbances among Negro Troops.

TO: Commanding General, Hdq. Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.  
Attention: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training.

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1. Referring to your directive, AAF 291.2, (AFACT) 20 August 1943, Headquarters, Army Air Forces, the unit at this station has had a basic training course comprising all the basic subjects. At the present time, these troops are having orientation lectures, physical training and marksmanship.

2. An additional troop school is to be instituted in the early Fall, which will be comprised largely of special programs, of which the prime objective will be to intensify and emphasize their disciplinary training, thus complying with basic directive.

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COM: gnl

*George F. Schlatter*  
GEORGE F. SCHLATTER,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Commandant.

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Date Aug 25, 1943

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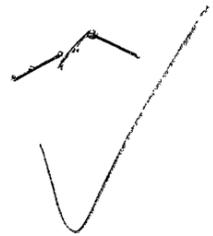
From: Asst Chief of Air Staff, Training

To: Commanding General, Air Forces, Eastern Defense Command and First  
Air Force, Mitchel Field, New York

SUBJECT: Assignment

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24 August 1943

SUBJECT: Request for Designation of Colored Personnel  
Included in Monthly Growth of Air Transport  
Command Manning Tables Prepared as of 20 August,  
1943. *1320.4*

TO : Commanding General,  
Air Transport Command,  
Washington, D. C.

1. The Air Transport Command prepared and submitted to this office Manning Tables dated 20 August, 1943 showing the "on hand" strength and the monthly increments from September, 1943 to August 1945. These tables show total strengths without breaking them down between white and colored. *1320.4*

2. At the present time the only colored enlisted personnel assigned to Air Transport Command according to our records is in the 999th QM Platoon Transportation Air Base at Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Florida, with an authorized T/O enlisted strength of sixty (60).

3. The Statistical Report (Form 128) as of 31 July, 1943 indicated that there were 99 colored enlisted men in the 999th QM Platoon Transportation Air Base as compared with the authorized strength of sixty (60).

4. Using the total colored enlisted "on hand" strength of 99 as that portion to be colored of the total enlisted "on hand" strength indicated in the Manning Tables, it is requested that this office be informed as to those portions of the monthly increments in each of the Manning Tables for the period March 1944 to December 1944, inclusive, which might be colored.

5. It would be of assistance to this office to know if any proposed utilization of additional colored personnel by the Air Transport Command in the period of March 1944 to December 1944

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Subject: Request for Designation of Colored Personnel Included in Monthly Growth of Air Transport Command Manning Tables Prepared as of 20 August, 1943.

would be in types of work such as Guard Squadrons, Aviation Squadrons, QM Platoons Transportation Air Base, Medical Detachments, etc. so that it can be separated by type of service.

By command of General ARNOLD:

Signed

JOHN B. COOLEY,  
Colonel, A.G.D.,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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FILE: 291.2 Colored Troops (Race)

Date August 24, 1943

**SYNOPSIS**

From: Requirements & Resources Branch

To: Enlisted Branch (Attention Major Jones)

SUBJECT: Technical School Training for Colored Troops of the Army  
Air Forces

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FILE : 291.2 Race (negro)

Date Aug 21, 1943

SYNOPSIS

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

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces

SUBJECT: Use of Negro Officers in Special Service Activities

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Original filed under No. 211 Officers

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21 August 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF, G-3.

Subject: Disturbances Among Negro Troops.

1. Attention is invited to Confidential AAF 291.2, this Headquarters, 20 August 1943, subject: "Disturbances Among Negro Troops", copy of which is attached hereto as Inclosure No. 1.

2. This action is in response to WDGCT 291.21 (12 Jul 43), your office, 9 August 1943, same subject, the original and duplicate of which are attached hereto as Inclosure No. 2.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

*X 43 Oct 1, 1943*

ROBERT W. HARPER,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Asst. Chief of Air Staff,  
Training.

2 Inclosures: As mentioned above.

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ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING DIVISION G-3  
WASHINGTON

WDGCT 291.21 (12 Jul 43)

9 August 1943.

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

Subject: Disturbances Among Negro Troops.

1. Experience during the past several months clearly indicates the necessity for extended training programs with increased emphasis upon discipline for those units which, either because of a preponderance of low-grade personnel, unusual mental attitude, or other reasons, do not progress satisfactorily within the time allotted under regular training programs.

2. It is desired that extended Mobilization Training Programs be prepared and instituted for such units and for this type of personnel in Replacement Training Centers. Their length should be up to six months and they should be identified by an "A", for example, MTP 10-1-A. It will also be necessary to designate formally those units training under these extended programs in order that they may not be committed before receiving sufficient training.

3. It is further desired, especially during this period of basic training, that disciplinary training be intensified and emphasized.

4. Officers to train these units must be carefully chosen, more so than for ordinary training assignments. Only competent officers who are known to possess the proper mental attitude with known ability to enforce military discipline among these groups will be assigned. No officer who, by mental attitude, intelligence, training, or environment, is prone to condone inherent weaknesses of these troops, will be utilized during their basic training. After a unit in this category has demonstrated its quality, a gradual substitution of officers whose background is similar to the troops may be effected.

By order of the Secretary of War:

RAY E. PORTER,  
Brigadier General,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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Det Hq Army Air Forces Training Command, Knollwood Field, N.C., 21 August  
1943.

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

This communication was initiated and is forwarded pursuant to request made by the Assistant Chief of Staff for Training, Headquarters Army Air Forces, to the Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army Air Forces Training Command.

For the Commanding General:

*J. P. McConnell*  
J. P. McCONNELL  
Colonel, GSC  
Deputy Chief of Staff

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ARMY AIR FORCES EASTERN TECHNICAL TRAINING COMMAND  
Greensboro, North Carolina

17 August 1943

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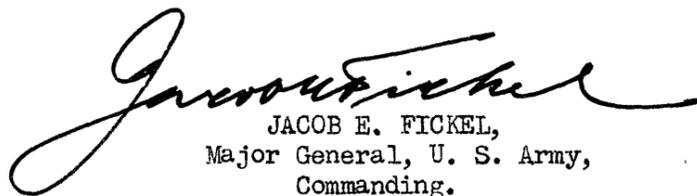
SUBJECT: Training and Housing of Negro Troops at BTC #9, Miami Beach,  
Florida.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. (THRU:  
Commanding General, Army Air Forces Training Command, Knollwood  
Field, North Carolina

1. During a visit to the Fifth District incident to its absorption by the Eastern Technical Training Command, I was informed by the Commanding General of the Fifth District that a quota of negro troops had been scheduled for training at BTC #9 in the immediate future. The Commanding General of the Fifth District further informed me that the custom at Miami Beach has been to require all negroes employed in any capacity on the beach, as house servants or otherwise, to leave the beach before dark each night. He further informed me that rumors of the impending movement of negro troops had reached the citizens of Miami Beach and that feelings were expressed by certain citizens that troubles might easily develop there on account of the previous custom.

2. The Commanding General of that District also invited my attention to the fact that all housing is in hotels, chiefly of the luxury type, and in small apartments taken over by the Army for the purpose. Control of personnel in these hotels and in the small apartments is more difficult than in stations built for the purpose.

3. All facilities are available at Miami Beach to house, mess and conduct the training of the negroes, and directives of higher authority will be promptly and efficiently carried out, but I feel that it is to the interests of the Army Air Forces training program and the war effort as a whole to avoid the possibility of unfavorable reaction by the citizens of Miami Beach. Therefore, I strongly recommend that instead of sending them to Miami Beach they be sent to one of the other Basic Training Centers of the Eastern Technical Training Command.

  
JACOB E. FICKEL,  
Major General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

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23 August 1943

1. For the record:-- In view of the situation as presented in basic letter, and directive of the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, the Training Command has been directed to transfer the training of this personnel to Greensboro, North Carolina, Basic Training Center.

*L. O. Ryan*  
L. O. RYAN  
Colonel  
*Tech. Dir.*

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MOI-1000 Margaret Robinson  
FILE 331.2 Race (redacted)  
MOI Margaret Robinson (G)

Date August 31, 1945

SYNOPSIS

From: Assistant Air Adjutant General  
To: The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT: Negro Military Personnel Stationed at Oscoda Army  
Air Field, Oscoda, Michigan

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Original filed under No. 333.5 Investigation (Negroes)

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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AAF 291.2

(AFACF)  
20 August 1943

SUBJECT: Disturbances among 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).

1. a. Attention is directed to letter, AAF 291.2, this headquarters, subject: "Negro troops," 14 July 1943. Because of a preponderance of low grade personnel, unusual mental attitudes of personnel, and for other reasons, certain units of the armed forces have not progressed satisfactorily. For units of this type, necessity clearly indicates a need for extended training programs with special emphasis upon discipline. It is therefore directed that appropriate commanders of the Army Air Forces take action as follows:

b. Extended unit training programs will be prepared and established for such units immediately. Units to receive extended training will be formally designated as such. In designating these units reference will be made to the special training program employed and to the time required therefor, in order to prevent their commitment before they are properly prepared. As a major part of these special programs, disciplinary training will be intensified and emphasized.

c. At basic training centers, individuals who do not display the proper attitudes toward military discipline during the regular basic training period will not be made available for assignment to units until they are sufficiently trained in this respect.

2. Officers selected to train these special units will be carefully chosen, more so than for ordinary training assignments. Only competent officers who are known to possess the proper mental attitude and who are known to have ability to enforce military discipline among groups of this type will be assigned. No officer who by mental attitude, intelligence, training or environment is prone to condone inherent weaknesses in these troops will be utilized during their basic or special unit training. After a unit in this category has demonstrated the proper state of discipline a gradual substitution of officers whose background is similar to that of the troops may be effected.

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3. As the subject implies, this communication is prompted by disturbances among Negro troops. It is not intended to infer that the cause for trouble rests entirely with the Negro troops. The provisions of this directive will be applied forcefully and relentlessly and without compromise of disciplinary standards but at the same time justly and legally based upon the real source of the trouble, and without discrimination against either whites or Negroes.

4. Every commanding officer concerned will take personal cognizance of the situation within his own command. Commanders to whom this directive is addressed will report to this headquarters, (attention: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training) the action which they have taken to carry out the instructions contained herein.

By command of General ARNOLD:



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

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SUBJECT: Fighter Control Squadron with Negro Enlisted Personnel

TO: AC/AS, OC&R, Requirements Division  
(Air Defense Branch)

DATE 18 August 1943

FROM: AC/AS, OC&R, Theatre Branch

COMMENT NO. 4  
JWB:mk 3753

1. OPD, WDGS, has been informally queried as to requirements for Fighter Control Squadrons manned by type personnel referred to in Comment Number 1. Reply indicated that such a unit should be employed with type units such as the 99th Fighter Squadron.

2. A cable concurred in by OPD, WDGS, was forwarded by this office to the North African Theatre Commander, requesting that he indicate whether the 332nd Fighter Group was desired for employment in his theatre. Upon receipt of a suitable reply a Fighter Control Squadron composed of white officers and colored enlisted personnel will be offered for assignment to the theatre.

3. Your office will be kept informed as to cable reply and OPD action.

*J. W. Baylor*  
J. W. BAYLOR  
Colonel, Air Corps

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SUBJECT: Fighter Control Squadron with Negro Enlisted Personnel

TO: AC/AS, OC&R, Allocations & Programs Div., Programs Branch

DATE 6 August 1943

FROM: AC/AS, OC&R, Theater Branch

COMMENT NO. 2

SAM:jmt 5009

For your comment on the feasibility of putting this in the program.

*J. W. BAYLOR*  
J. W. BAYLOR,  
Colonel, Air Corps.  
*8/11/43*

TO: Asst. C/AS, OC&R, Theater Branch

Date 9 August '43

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

Comment No. 3  
BEB/bcb/4563

*verbally*  
1. This Branch recommended to the Air Defense Branch of OC&R that a Fighter Control Squadron to be composed as indicated in comment No. 1 be activated. It is believed that Requirements should indicate the most feasible place to activate this unit and also its ultimate destination.

2. Upon receipt of this information from the Air Defense Branch this unit will be activated to take the place of a Fighter Control Squadron already in the Program.

*BEB*  
BYRON BRUGGE  
Colonel, Air Corps

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SUBJECT: Fighter Control Squadron with Negro Enlisted Personnel

TO: Asst C/AS, OCR (Theater Branch)

DATE 3 Aug 1943

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

COMMENT NO. 1

Capt Cavanagh/edn/72676

1. The AAF Technical School <sup>at</sup> Tomah, Wisconsin recently graduated a quantity of negro enlisted personnel under the specialist rating of Radio Mechanic CNS (SSN-759). The Radio Mechanic CNS is trained in the operation of VHF Fighter Control ground equipment and is employed in AAF Fighter Squadrons and Fighter Control Squadrons.

2. There are at present 4 Fighter Squadrons composed exclusively of negro personnel but these units have on hand all authorized communications personnel and, therefore, have no requirements for additional negro Radio Mechanics CNS. To utilize these personnel as other than Radio Mechanic CNS would almost invariably result in a downward reclassification and would, therefore, be in violation of current War Department policy. Since reclassification is not desirable and no requirement exists in the colored Fighter Squadrons, these negro personnel can only be used in a Fighter Control Squadron.

3. Since facilities do not exist for the training of colored controllers, communications officers and other officer specialists composing a Fighter Control Squadron, it is considered impracticable to attempt to organize a Fighter Control Squadron composed entirely of negro personnel. It is believed that the most suitable solution would be to organize a Fighter Control Squadron with white officers and negro enlisted personnel and to ship this Squadron to a theater where colored personnel can be effectively employed.

4. It is recommended, therefore, that a Fighter Control Squadron to be composed of white officers and negro enlisted personnel be activated at a suitable location within the continental United States. This Squadron should be authorized approximately 6½ months in which to reach full strength, complete unit training and prepare for overseas shipment.

5. It is understood that the present shortage of personnel will not permit the activation of any units unless such units have already been committed for overseas shipment.

6. It is requested, therefore, that a foreign commitment for the Fighter Control Squadron described above be obtained from the War Department and that this Squadron be scheduled for shipment approximately 6½ months after date of activation.

7. Request this Branch be informed when foreign commitment is obtained in order that necessary action may be taken to arrange activation, organization and training prior to overseas movement.

*Morris R. Nelson*  
MORRIS R. NELSON  
Colonel, Air Corps

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| SUBJECT: Disturbances Among Negro Troops.   |  |                         |      |           |                |                     |       |               |                |                  |        |            |              |       |          |         |               |            |          |                |
| TO: Air Adjutant General  | DATE 17 August 1943  |                         |      |           |                |                     |       |               |                |                  |        |            |              |       |          |         |               |            |          |                |
| FROM: Asst Chief of Air Staff, Training   | COMMENT NO. <u>1</u><br>AFACT-3/B/PCH/bp<br>Ext. 71028   |                         |      |           |                |                     |       |               |                |                  |        |            |              |       |          |         |               |            |          |                |
| <p>1. It is requested that a letter similar to the attached draft be published to Commanders of all Air Forces and Air Force Commands.</p> <p>2. Attention invited to correspondence attached hereto as Inclosure #2.</p> <p>3. Request this office be advised of the action taken.</p> |  |                         |      |           |                |                     |       |               |                |                  |        |            |              |       |          |         |               |            |          |                |
| <p>2 Incls<br/>                 Incl 1 - Draft of above subject.<br/>                 Incl 2 - Memo dtd 8/9/43, same subject.</p>   | <p><i>[Signature]</i><br/>                 ROBERT W. HARPER<br/>                 Brigadier General, U. S. Army.</p>  |                         |      |           |                |                     |       |               |                |                  |        |            |              |       |          |         |               |            |          |                |
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AAF 291.2

(AFACT)

20 August 1943

Subject: Disturbances among Negro troops

To : #2

1.a. Attention is directed to letter, AAF 291.2, this headquarters, subject: "Negro troops," 14 July 1943. Because of a preponderance of low grade personnel, unusual mental attitudes of personnel, and for other reasons, certain units of the armed forces have not progressed satisfactorily. For units of this type, necessity clearly indicates a need for extended training programs with special emphasis upon discipline. It is therefore directed that appropriate commanders of the Army Air Forces take action as follows:

a. Extended unit <sup>135301</sup> training programs will be prepared and established for such units immediately. Units to receive extended training will be formally designated as such. In designating these units reference will be made to the special training program employed and to the time required therefor, in order to prevent their commitment before they are properly prepared. As a major part of these special programs, disciplinary training will be intensified and emphasized.

b. At basic training centers, individuals who do not display the proper attitudes toward military discipline during the regular basic training period will not be made available for assignment to units until they are sufficiently trained in this respect.

2. Officers selected to train these special units will be carefully chosen, more so than for ordinary training assignments. Only competent officers who are known to possess the proper mental attitude and who are known to have ability to enforce military discipline among groups of this type will be assigned. No officer who by mental attitude, intelligence, training or environment is prone to condone inherent weaknesses in these troops will be utilized during their basic or special unit training. After a unit in this category has demonstrated the proper state of discipline a gradual substitution of officers whose background is similar to that of the troops may be effected.

3. As the subject implies, this communication is prompted by disturbances among Negro troops. It is not intended to infer that the cause for trouble rests entirely with the Negro troops. The provisions of this directive will be applied forcefully and relentlessly and without compromise of disciplinary standards but at the same time justly and legally based upon the real source of the trouble, and without discrimination against either whites or Negroes.

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4. Every commanding officer concerned will take personal cognizance of the situation within his own command. Commanders to whom this directive is addressed will report to this headquarters, (attention: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training) the action which they have taken to carry out the instructions contained herein.

By command of GENERAL ARNOLD:

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

AAF 291.2

(DRAFT)

16 August 1943

SUBJECT: Disturbances Among 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).

1. Attention is directed to <sup>letter, this headquarters,</sup> AAF 291.2, ~~these Headquarters, 14 July 1943,~~ ~~July 1943~~ subject: "Negro Troops." <sup>July 1943</sup> Because of a preponderance of low grade personnel, unusual mental attitudes of personnel, and for other reasons, certain units of the ~~Armed Forces~~ have not progressed satisfactorily. For units of this type, necessity clearly is indicated for extended training programs which place special emphasis upon discipline. <sup>It is therefore directed that</sup>

~~Accordingly,~~ appropriate commanders of the Army Air Forces will take the following steps: <sup>take action as follows:</sup>

a. Extended unit training programs will be prepared and established for such units immediately. Units to receive extended training will be formally designated as such. In designating these units reference will be made to the special training program employed and to the time required therefor, in order to prevent <sup>their</sup> ~~commitment of these units~~ before they are properly prepared. As a major part of these special programs, disciplinary training will be intensified and emphasized.

b. At basic training centers, individuals who do not display the proper attitudes toward military discipline during the regular basic training period, will not be made available for assignment to units until they are sufficiently trained in this ~~regard~~ <sup>respect.</sup>

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF  
ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING DIVISION G-3  
WASHINGTON

WDGCT 291.21 (12 Jul 43)

9 August 1943.

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

Subject: Disturbances Among Negro Troops.

1. Experience during the past several months clearly indicates the necessity for extended training programs with increased emphasis upon discipline for those units which, either because of a preponderance of low-grade personnel, unusual mental attitude, or other reasons, do not progress satisfactorily within the time allotted under regular training programs.

2. It is desired that extended Mobilization Training Programs be prepared and instituted for such units and for this type of personnel in Replacement Training Centers. Their length should be up to six months and they should be identified by an "A", for example, MTP 10-1-A. It will also be necessary to designate formally those units training under these extended programs in order that they may not be committed before receiving sufficient training.

3. It is further desired, especially during this period of basic training, that disciplinary training be intensified and emphasized.

4. Officers to train these units must be carefully chosen, more so than for ordinary training assignments. Only competent officers who are known to possess the proper mental attitude with known ability to enforce military discipline among these groups will be assigned. No officer who, by mental attitude, intelligence, training, or environment, is prone to condone inherent weaknesses of these troops, will be utilized during their basic training. After a unit in this category has demonstrated its quality, a gradual substitution of officers whose background is similar to the troops may be effected.

By order of the Secretary of War:

RAY E. PORTER,  
Brigadier General,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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From: Office of Air Engineer

To: Commanding Officers

SUBJECT: Training Notes for Officers Assigned to Duty with  
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From: Asst Chief of Air Staff, Training

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces Training Command  
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SUBJECT: Military Investigation of Company B, <sup>4th</sup> 826th Air Base Security Battalion.

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To: Commanding General, First Air Force, Mitchel Field, New York  
THRU: Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command and First Army  
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SUBJECT: Overseas Commitment of Colored O. T. Units

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