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ARMY AIR FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS TECHNICAL TRAINING COMMAND  
KNOLLWOOD FIELD, N. C.

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AG 291.2/11

April 30, 1943

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

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TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.  
(ATTENTION: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Personnel)

1. In compliance with classified, your Headquarters, same subject as above, April 22, 1943, forty (40) negro instructors will be transferred to the Air Service Command upon receipt of direct communication from the Commanding General, Air Service Command.

2. Attention is invited, however, to the fact that there are currently one hundred and thirty-two (132) negro instructors in this Command, rather than one hundred and eleven (111), and that there are sixteen (16) such instructors at Goldsboro, North Carolina, rather than thirteen (13).

3. Inclosed is list as of April 21, 1943 of the number and location of negro instructors in this Command.

For the Commanding General:

1 incl. ✓  
List 4/21/43



*Perry C. Kagan*

PERY C. KAGAN MAY 2 1943  
Colonel, A.G.D. A.G. - AIR, AAF  
Adjutant General 89900

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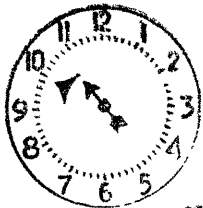
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FILE : ~~320.2 Negro Strength~~  
291.2 negro

Date Apr 20, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

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

SUBJECT: Negro Training

R&R

Original filed under No. 353 Negro Training

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FORM NO MR-1 (5)

DATE:

19 April 43

321 Quartermaster

INDEX: 291.2 Negro

201 Paul, Albert 2nd Lt 0561819

201 Paul, Albert 2nd Lt 0561819

TO: The Inspector General

FROM: The Air Inspector

SUMMARY: Misconduct of Personnel in Group Transit

6th Ind.

FILED: 250.1 Misconduct

INDEXER: ms

REMARKS: Correspondence filed in AAF Classified Records.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
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## INDEX SHEET

~~686 Pampa Army Air Base~~  
**FILE :** 291.2 Race  
~~333.5 Negro Investigation~~  
~~201 Thomas, Mrs. G. M., (C)~~

Date

13 Apr 1944

### SYNOPSIS

**From:** AAF Training Command, Fort Worth, Texas

**To:** Com. Gen., Army Air Forces, Attn: The Air Inspector

**SUBJECT:** Alleged Discrimination Against Negro Soldiers, Pampa  
Army Air Base.

3rd Ind.

Original filed under No. 333.5 Negro Investigation - Bulk

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AFFMP-2-JEM

April 12, 1943.

Honorable Allen J. Ellender,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Ellender:

Further reference is made to your letter dated March 30, 1943,  
relative to the use of colored instructors at Sheppard Field, Texas.

This Headquarters is in receipt of a report from the Commanding  
General, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, that under date  
of March 8, 1943, a directive was issued by that Headquarters to the  
Commanding General of the 3rd District, Army Air Forces Technical Train-  
ing Command, to transfer all colored civilian instructors now on duty at  
Sheppard Field, to station at Chamute Field, Illinois.

It is hoped that the action taken will be satisfactory to your  
correspondent.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES P. COOK, JR.  
Major, Air Corps,  
Executive, Enlisted Branch,  
Military Personnel Division,  
Office, Assistant Chief of Air Staff,  
Personnel.

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AG 291.2/9 2d Ind. 14/GS  
Hq Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Knollwood Field, N. C.,  
April 7, 1943.

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

Attention is invited to classified, Headquarters Army Air Forces, subject "Transfer of Colored Instructors", to these Headquarters, and AG 291.2/9, these Headquarters, March 8, 1943, subject "Transfer of Colored Civilian Instructors", to Commanding General, 3d District, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command.

For the Commanding General:

- 2 Incls.  
Incl 1 - Ltr Hq Army Air Forces,  
March 8, 1943.  
Incl 2 - Ltr Army Air Forces Tech-  
nical Training Command,  
March 8, 1943.

PETER C. ...  
Colonel, A. C. E.  
Adjutant General



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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES, Washington, D. C., April 3, 1943. -- To  
Commanding General, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command,  
Knollwood Field, Southern Pines, North Carolina.

1. The foregoing communication from Senator Ellender is transmitted  
for investigation and report to these Headquarters at the earliest  
practicable date.

2. Senator Ellender has been notified of this reference.

By Command of General ARNOLD:

JAMES E. MORGAN,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Chief, Enlisted Pilots & Misc. Unit,  
Enlisted Branch,  
Military Personnel Division,  
Office, Assistant Chief of Air Staff,  
Personnel.

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UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee on Naval Affairs

March 30, 1943

Assistant Chief of Air Staff  
Personnel  
Room 2534 Army Air Force Annex #1  
Gravelly Point, Va.

Attention Major K. R. Smith

Dear Sir:-

Confirming telephone conversation had this morning with your Major Smith, I desire to quote from a letter addressed to me by one of my constituents in Louisiana with respect to his son who enlisted last November in the Army Air Corps, - I quote the pertinent paragraph:

"\*\*\*He was sent to Randolph Field, Texas and stayed there three months in basic training then sent to Sheppard Field, Texas to Mechanic School, and a few days ago was put under a bunch of bull-headed Negro instructors. This same thing happened to my son-in-law at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss., some month and a half ago. How does the War Department of anyone else think the Southern people can whole-heartedly support the war effort with something like that crammed down their throats."

I should appreciate receiving a full report from you in the above matter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

/s/ Allen J. Ellender

AJE:WSq

P. S. I do not wish to use the young man's name, but in order to assist you in checking the situation, he is assigned to:  
313 T. S. S., Sheppard Field, Texas.

A.J.E.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
Washington

March 8, 1943

Subject: Transfer of Colored Instructors

To: Commanding General  
Army Air Forces  
Technical Training Command  
Knollwood Field  
Southern Pines, North Carolina.

1. This letter is to confirm verbal instructions given to General Howard as well as to A-1 Section of your Command from This Headquarters, March 6, 1943, to the effect that colored instructors now at your schools at Wichita Falls, Texas and Amarillo, Texas, be transferred to another school or schools in the northern states.

By command of Lieutenant General ARNOLD:

F. TRUBEE DAVIDSON  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1

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ARMY AIR FORCES  
HEADQUARTERS TECHNICAL TRAINING COMMAND  
Knollwood Field, N.C.

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AG 291.2/9

March 8, 1942.

Subject: Transfer of Colored Instructors.  
To: Commanding General, 2d District, Army Air Forces  
Technical Training Command, 455 Lake Avenue, St.,  
Louis, Missouri.

1. Attention is invited to letter these Headquarters, March 2, 1942, same subject as above.

2. In compliance with directive from Headquarters, Army Air Forces, to transfer all colored civilian instructors from Mississippi and Texas to northern stations, the Commanding General of the 3d District, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, has been instructed to transfer all colored civilian instructors now on duty at Sheppard Field to Chanute Field.

By Command of Major General WEAVER:

/s/ Perry C. Ragan  
Colonel, A.G.D.,  
Adjutant General.

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321 Signal

FILE : ~~320.2 Straight, Negro~~  
291.2 Negro

Date April 5, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Movements & Operations Division  
Assistant Chief Air Staff, Op. Com. & Req.

To: Communications Equipment Officer  
Asst. Chief Air Staff, Mat. Maint. & Distrib.

SUBJECT: Movement of Certain Signal Construction Battalions (colored)

R&R

Original filed under No. 370.5 Movement  
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 HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES  
**ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET**

TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	14396

SUBJECT: Request for Orders for 29 Negro Enlisted Men.

TO: Military Personnel Division, Enlisted Branch

DATE April 3, 1943

FROM: Military Personnel Division, Theater Branch

COMMENT NO. 1  
 Theater Branch HLK:lvq 74951

1. Request orders issue by radio to Commanding General, Technical Training Command directing him to transfer twenty-nine (29) Negro enlisted men, MOS 521, from over-strength at Basic Training Center, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, to shipment AFA-117-E directing that they report to Commanding Officer, Overseas Replacement Training Center, Jefferson Barracks, pending further orders for water transportation to overseas destination, temperate climate.

2. Permanent change of station.

*X 220.67*

LLOYD P. HOPWOOD,  
 Lt. Col., Air Corps,  
 Chief, Theater Branch.

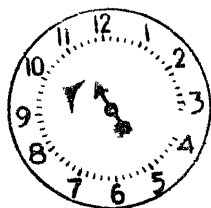
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FORM NO MR-1 (3)

DATE: 29 March 1943  
201. Green, J. A. Major General  
INDEX: 291.2 Negro - Colored Troops

TO: Major General J. A. Green, Antiaircraft Command, Main and Laurel Sts.,  
Richmond, Va.  
FROM: Colonel William F. McKee Air Corps.  
SUMMARY: Antiaircraft Machine Gun Batteries, Separate, Airborne.  
  
Ltr.

FILED: 472.93 Antiaircraft  
INDEXER: ams  
REMARKS:

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FILE: ~~221~~ Negro, Race  
291.2

Date Mar. 29, 1943

**SYNOPSIS**

From: The Air Transport Command

To: Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, A-3

SUBJECT: Plan for the Use of Negro Pilots

Ltr.

Original filed under No. 211 Pilot

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W-4112, A-C.

Plan for the Use of Negro Pilots.

AFATC/PER/RCL/eh 71321

Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, A-3.

March 29, 1943

The Air Transport Command.

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1. Receipt is acknowledged of R. & R. dated March 12, 1943, relative to a plan for the use of negro pilots in The Air Transport Command. Reply to this R. & R. will be forthcoming not later than April 1.

2. Delay in reply has been due to the necessity for studying the over-all problem and the necessity for making a survey of possible points of use for negro pilots.

H. L. GEORGE,  
Major General, U.S.A.,  
Commanding.

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Overseas Readiness Status of the 427th Signal Construction Battalion (Avn).  
(This unit contains Negro enlisted personnel). 4-1-43 *CMS*

Technical Training Division  
Attention: Communications Branch

March 29, 1943.

Movements & Operations Division  
Office, Asst. C/AS. Op. Com. & Req.

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JT:hc - 5238

1. The inclosed copy of memorandum to the Deputy Chief of Staff from the Air Inspector re Overseas Readiness Status of the 427th Signal Construction Battalion (Avn), dated March 24, 1943, is forwarded as a matter pertaining to your office.

2. The following action has been taken on this unit:

a. 427th Signal Construction Battalion (Avn): Warning Orders were issued on this unit Jan. 27, 1943 - Shipment No. 4565-S - Movement Orders were issued on Feb. 4, 1943 - Readiness Date March 1, 1943, and Status Report was submitted - and accepted in OPD Feb. 20, 1943.

1 Incl - subj. as above,  
dtd. 3-24-43.

F. W. EVANS,  
Brigadier General, U. S. A.,  
Chief, Movements and Operations Div.

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291.2 Negro

FILE: ~~320.2 Utilization of Colored Troops~~

Date Mar 23 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Deputy Chief of the Air Staff

To: The Air Adjutant General

SUBJECT: Transfer of Unqualified Men from the Air Forces

R and R

Original filed under No. 220.33 Transfer

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SUBJECT: Negro Troops at Carlsbad Army Air Field.

1st Ind.

War Department, Headquarters Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., March 19, 1943. To: Office of the Chief of Staff, War Department, Washington, D. C. Attention: Captain Lavenport.

Telegraphic report transmitted herewith (Incl. 1) as requested in basic letter.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

JOHN F. WHITELEY,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
The Air Inspector.

1 Incl. Telegraphic Rpt.

H. K. TURK,  
Major, Air Corps.

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WASHINGTON

WDOSA 291.21 (3-10-43)

**CONFIDENTIAL** March 10, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES:

Subject: Negro Troops at Carlsbad Army Air Field

A report has been received in this office to the effect that Negro troops stationed at the Carlsbad Army Air Field, Carlsbad, New Mexico, are being discriminated against. The specific allegations are that: (1) Negro troops are requested to sit in the last row of the Post Theater which has been marked "Colored Section"; (2) only 20 seats out of a total of 1,000 in the Theater are for the use of colored troops; (3) the Post Exchange refuses to allow Negro soldiers to eat within the building, although white troops are allowed to do so; and (4) all colored soldiers leaving the Air Base by bus are required to occupy the rear seats.

It is desired that a telegraphic report be obtained regarding the above allegations and that this report be submitted to the undersigned as soon as practicable.

By direction of the Deputy Chief of Staff:

/s/ B. W. Davenport  
B. W. DAVENPORT,  
Captain, General Staff,  
Asst. Secretary, General Staff.

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March 19, 1943  
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From: Army Air Field Carlsbad New Mexico  
To: Commanding General Army Air Forces

In Reply Cite: AAFRC 718, March 18, 1943

Investigation of allegation discloses approximately 50 seats opposite officers Section in Post Theatre reserved for Colored Troops capacity of theatre 602. enlisted strength of station approximately 2700 white and 370 colored no substantiation for allegation that Post Exchange prevents Colored Troops from eating in Post Exchange bus carrying troops from Post to town is operated by private concern under state law which permits segregation.

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Colonel, Air Corps,  
The Air Inspector.

1 Incl. Telegraphic Rpt.

H. K. BURKE,  
Major, Air Corps.

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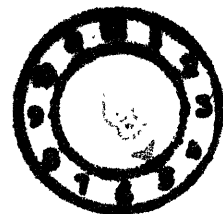
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By direction of the Deputy Chief of Staff:

(Sgd)

E. W. DAVENPORT,  
Captain, General Staff,  
Asst. Secretary, General Staff.

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March 19, 1943

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TO: CO CARLSBAD ARMY AIR FIELD  
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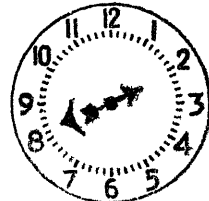
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Allegations received this headquarters that negro troops are required to sit in last row of post theater marked colored section that only 20 seats out of 1000 in theater are for use of colored troops that post exchange prevents negro soldiers eating within the building from AFTAI signed Arnold that colored soldiers leaving air base by bus are required to occupy rear seats. It is directed that telegraphic report regarding these allegations be submitted as early as practicable

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Colonel, Air Corps,  
The Air Inspector.

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Office Chief of Staff

File No. 291.21 (3-10-43)

Date 3/10/43

No. 1543

MEMORANDUM FOR: CG,AAF

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*att. Col. Sturman*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

AG 210.31 (3-16-43)OB-S-A-M

March 17, 1943

SUBJECT: Amendment No. 1 to Policy on Assignment of  
Negro Officer Personnel

TO: The Commanding Generals,  
Army Ground Forces  
Army Air Forces  
Services of Supply  
Defense Commands  
Departments; Armies  
Theaters of Operations  
Service Commands; Base Commands  
The Commander-in-Chief,  
Southwest Pacific Area  
The Commanding Officers,  
Base Commands

Letter, this office, AG 210.31 (1-4-43)OB-S-A-M, January 10, 1943,  
subject: Policy on Assignment of Negro Officer Personnel is amended to  
revoke paragraph 6b and substitute the following therefor:

"6b. Inclosed herewith is a list of types of units author-  
ized for the assignment of Negro officers in the initial grades indicated.  
As Negro officers in these units become capable of the duties and re-  
sponsibilities of higher grades than those indicated, position vacancies  
for their promotion will be created by the relief of white officers."

By order of the Secretary of War:

*H. B. Lewis*  
H. B. LEWIS  
Brigadier General  
Acting The Adjutant General

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The Commander-in-Chief, Allied Force  
The Chiefs of all Services,  
Services of Supply  
The Divisions of the War Department  
General Staff

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211. Negro Pilots

FILE : 291.2 Negro

Date Mar. 16, '43

**SYNOPSIS**

From: Theater Group, Military Personnel Division

To: Orders Section, Military Personnel Division

SUBJECT: Request Orders Issue.

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Date March 16, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Hq. Fourth Air Force, Office of the Commanding General  
San Francisco, Calif

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

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

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Date Mar 12 1943

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From: Military Personnel Division

To: Air Defense

SUBJECT: Disbandment of Certain Fighter Control Squadrons

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Date Mar 12 1943

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From: Military Personnel

To: Air Defense

SUBJECT: Activation of a White Fighter Squadron to Train 332nd  
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Date Mar. 10, 1943

SYNOPSIS

From: Director of Military Requirements

To: Director of Base Services

SUBJECT: Copy of Paraphrased Cable from San Francisco,  
No. C 171 J., March 10, 1943

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SUBJECT: Negro Policy

ITEM NO	FROM	TO	DATE	COMMENTS
	TO: Asst. Chief of the Air Staff, A-1.			Date Mar. 4, 1943
	FROM: Director of Military Requirements			Comment No. 6 HCL/bm/5132
				1. The steps being taken to implement the use of negro troops <sup>are</sup> outlined in comment 5 above.
				2. Approval of the transfer of Oscode to the control of Selfridge Field has been made by A-3 and sent forward to the AG for publication.
				 MERVIN E. GROSS, Colonel, Air Corps,
	incls. n/c			
				291.2 Base - Negro  <b>CENTRAL FILES</b> Date: 12-15-43 Forwarded by AC/AS, Personnel: AFAAP..... AFPMP..... AFPCP..... AFPSS..... PLANS & LIAISON: M.W. AIR CHAPLAIN:..... .....

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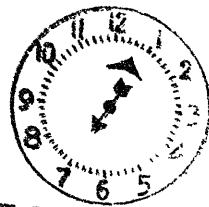
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TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	RAD/5702

SUBJECT: Negro Policy	
TO: Director of Military Requirements	DATE March 2, 1943
FROM: Air Defense	COMMENT NO. 5 F/TCR:jmd 73706
<p>1. In compliance with comment No. 4 above, action has been initiated by this Directorate to effect the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. The transfer of the 99th Fighter Squadron to an active theater.</li><li>b. The disbandment of the 83rd and 332nd Fighter Control Squadrons, personnel and equipment to be transferred to colored units under control of Commanding General, Third Air Force.</li><li>c. The commitment of the 689th Signal Aircraft Warning Company to an island base in the South Pacific area.</li><li>d. The disbandment of the 717th Signal Aircraft Warning Company, personnel to be transferred to colored units under control of Commanding General, Third Air Force.</li><li>e. The activation of the 403rd Fighter Squadron (white) at Selfridge Field, Michigan, to supervise training of 332nd Fighter Group.</li><li>f. The movement of the 332nd Fighter Group and the 96th Service Group at the earliest practicable date to Selfridge Field, Michigan.</li><li>g. The training of six (6) negro fighter pilots per month to be furnished by Third Air Force as loss replacements for the 99th Fighter Squadron.</li></ul>	
Incls. n/c	GORDON P. SAVILLE, Brig. Gen., U. S. Army. JCR MAY

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SUBJECT: Negro Policy

TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1.

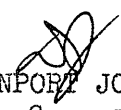
DATE 1/23/43

FROM: Director of Military Requirements

COMMENT NO. 2

MEG:jaa 3020

1. Plan adopted for compliance with directive contained in item #1 above, is set forth on an attached R & R sheet marked exhibit A. This plan has been approved by me, and the Director of Air Defense is now taking action for its execution.

  
DAVENPORT JOHNSON,  
Major General, U.S. Army.

3 Incls:-

- #1 - Exhibit "A"
- #2 - Ltr. 3rd AF, "332nd Fi Gp, 1/8/43"
- #3 - Chart

TO: Director of Military Requirements

DATE Feb. 12, 1943

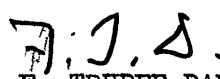
FROM: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1

COMMENT NO. 3

LBC:MMG 5322

1. In view of the verbal agreement by the Director of Military Requirements at the staff meeting of that Directorate, February 12, 1943 that Oscoda Field, Michigan be made available as a sub-base under the jurisdiction of the Base Commander at Selfridge Field, Michigan, this Division concurs in the recommendation contained in item 1 above, concerning the transfer of the 332nd Fighter Group.

Incls: n/c

  
F. TRUBEE DAVISON  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
A. C. of A. S., A-1


TO: Dir. Air Defense

DATE: Feb. 13, 1943

FROM: DIR. Military Requirements

COMMENT NO. 4  
MEG:vk 3020

1. For appropriate action.

  
DAVENPORT JOHNSON,  
Major General, U. S. Army.

Incls. n/c

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SUBJECT: Negro Policy

TO: Director of Military Requirements  
FROM: The Chief of the Air Staff

DATE 1/11/43  
COMMENT NO. 1  
JHMcC:ERL 6162

1. The following is a quotation from a memorandum addressed to the Secretary of War by Judge William H. Hastie, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War:

"c. A small deviation from the separate school program was made when one group of Negro soldiers received training as enlisted technicians and mechanics at Chanute Field. The results were excellent. The men did well. I urged the importance of repeating such training for subsequent groups on a continuous basis. However, the program stopped with the first group. Efforts were made by the Air Forces to set up segregated technical training at Tuskegee or elsewhere. Difficulties were encountered. In the meantime successive classes of Negro pilots were being trained, but no supporting technical schooling of ground crew members was in progress. Thus even the segregated program has gotten badly out of balance in the effort to accomplish its extension. The prospect is that in 1943 Negro pilots will be ready before and faster than adequate numbers of trained ground crews are available."

2. Your attention is invited to directive to your office from the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1, dated June 24, 1942:

"In accordance with verbal directive of the Chief of the Air Staff, you will take the necessary action to form a complete Pursuit Group, Negro, together with all the pertinent Base and Service units, Negro, with a view to their earliest practicable commitment to combat."

3. If the statements made in the quotation in paragraph one to the effect that technical school training of ground crew members is not in consonance with the training of Negro pilots, you will take immediate corrective action to insure early compliance with the directive to fully man one Negro Pursuit (Fighter) unit together with auxiliary service units.

4. You will continue the technical training of Negro personnel at a rate sufficient to initially man and subsequently support this group in active combat. For your information and guidance, units to which/officers are assigned are authorized a 25% overstrength in officer personnel. Negro

5. Your plan and the action taken for compliance with this directive will be reported to the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1, together with such data as may be available to you showing total numbers of negroes, both officer and enlisted, who have been trained in Air Force specialties.

*G.E.S.*  
GEORGE E. STRATEMEYER  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Chief of the Air Staff

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SUBJECT: Negro Policy.

TO: Director of Military Requirements. DATE 1/20/43

FROM: Director of Air Defense. COMMENT NO. 1  
 TCR/mgs - 73706

1. Reference paragraph 5 of attached R and R from Chief of Air Staff to Director of Military Requirements, the following plan is submitted for carrying out the directive from A-1 to form a complete Negro Fighter Group together with all pertinent Base and Service Units with a view to their earliest practicable commitment to combat:

a. Send the 99th Fighter Squadron to an active theater with Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis in command; Col. Davis to be returned to the United States to assume command of the 332nd Fighter Group by the time the group is brought to full strength in personnel but not later than August 15, 1943.

b. Transfer the 83rd Fighter Control Squadron and the 332nd Fighter Control Squadron, less personnel and equipment, to Orlando, Florida, to be assigned to the Air Defense Department, AAF School of Applied Tactics, for reorganization by the Assistant Commandant, Air Defense Department, AAF School of Applied Tactics. Transfer personnel and equipment, except Signal Corps equipment, presently assigned to above units, to the fighter squadrons of the 332nd Fighter Group. Transfer the Signal Corps Equipment assigned to the 83rd Fighter Control Squadron to the Air Service Command, Fairfield Depot, Fairfield, Ohio, marked for redistribution by the Director of Communications, Hq Army Air Forces.

c. Transfer sufficient personnel from the 717th Signal A.W. Company to the 689th Signal A. W. Company to form two additional reporting platoons, and send the 689th at the earliest practicable date to one of the following places:

(1) Trinidad.  
 (2) South Pacific or Southwest Pacific Island.  
 Query has been sent to General Brett re assignment of 689th Signal A.W. Co. to Trinidad in lieu of 684th Signal A.W. Co., now earmarked.

d. Disband the 717th Signal A. W. Company, transferring personnel to 332nd Fighter Group and returning equipment to proper Chief of Arms or Services.

e. Direct the Third Air Force to activate at Drew Field, Florida, a fighter squadron (white) at a strength of 19 officers and 224 enlisted men, to be moved to Selfridge Field, Michigan, by March 1, 1943, to provide instructor and supervisory personnel for the 332nd Fighter Group until mechanics and other technical personnel of that group are fully trained, at which time the white squadron should be assigned to a fighter group in the O.T.U. system.

f. Move the 332nd Fighter Group, consisting of Group Headquarters and three fighter squadrons, at current strength on March 1, 1943, to Selfridge Field, Michigan. Pending the return of Lt. Col. Davis, the Commanding General, Third Air Force, will appoint a qualified Army Air Force officer to command the 332nd Fighter Group.

g. Move the 96th Service Group, consisting of units listed below, at current strength on March 1, 1943, to Selfridge Field, Michigan:

Hq & Hq Squadron, 96th Serv. Gp.	1051st Q.M. Co., Service Gp Avn.
366th Service Squadron	767th Ord. Co. (Avn) A. B.
367th Service Squadron	1765th Ord Co., M.M. Avn. (Q)
901st Q.M. Co., Truck Avn.	1766th Ord Co., M.M. Avn. (Q)
902nd Q.M. Co., Truck Avn.	1000th Sig. Co., Serv. Gp.

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SUBJECT: Negro Policy (Continued)

TO: Director of Military Requirements

DATE 1/20/43

FROM: Director of Air Defense

COMMENT NO. 1 (Contd)

*h.* Charge the Commanding General, Third Air Force, with the responsibility of training pilot loss replacements and enlisted replacements to the 99th Fighter Squadron until the departure of the 332nd Fighter Group.

*i.* Four months after the 332nd Fighter Group and the 96th Service Group are brought to full strength in personnel, or approximately December 15, 1943, commit both units to an active theater, preferably to the same theater in which the 99th Fighter Squadron is operating, and at that time assign the 99th Squadron to the 332nd Fighter Group.

2. Current strength of units involved in the above plan is as follows:

	Officers	Enlisted Men
99th Fighter Sq & Serv. Det.	42	287
332nd Fighter Group	3	415
332nd Fighter Control Squadron	0	0
83rd Fighter Control Squadron	4	111
689th Signal A.W. Co.	9	170
717th Signal A.W. Co.	3	225
96th Service Group	2	165
Pilots unassigned	30	--

3. Attached hereto is chart showing current plans of Technical Training Command for training colored technical and administrative personnel.

4. It is requested that this Directorate be informed of the approval of the above plan, or such modifications as may be recommended, in order that action may be taken to effect the plan with the least possible delay.

3 Incls:-  
 #1-R&R 1, DMR to AFCAS, 1/11/43 - not atched.  
 #2-Ltr 3rd AF, "332nd Fi Gp, 1/8/43  
 #3- Chart.

*(Signature)*  
 GORDON P. SAVILLE,  
 Brig. General, U. S. Army,

*MR*  
*FCES* H *(Signature)* *SECRET*

Information as to number of negroes trained, and their specialties, will be furnished by the Director of Individual Training.

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HEADQUARTERS 3RD AIR FORCE  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

TAMPA, FLORIDA

SAF 322,082 (1-8-43) A.C.

JAN 8 1943

SUBJECT: 332nd Fighter Group\*.

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

1. It is believed essential that the future of the 332nd Fighter Group\* be definitely clarified.

2. This group consists of 3 officers and 416 enlisted men at Tuskegee, Alabama. Pilots are being trained by the Flying Training Command at the same station. Enlisted personnel for the group and allied Service units have not completed specialized training. At the present rate of production it appears that several months will elapse before a competent ground echelon and the necessary supporting Service troops can be obtained.

3. This Air Force has selected Selfridge Field, Michigan as the ultimate station of the 332nd Fighter Group\* to which it is proposed to move as soon as Selfridge Field becomes completely operational on or about February 1, 1943. There are some thirty (30) pilots for this group in the Flying Training Command establishment at Tuskegee. These flying officers can be transferred to Selfridge Field; however, the ground echelon is inadequate to maintain the airplanes which will be required for this group. It is, therefore, necessary to provide this service from white personnel available in the III Fighter Command until the 332nd Fighter Group\* Service personnel are able to take over.

4. In order to provide the requisite incentive in grades and ratings for a white unit to act as instructor personnel, and to maintain the aircraft of this group, it is believed essential that a special Fighter Squadron, less flight echelon, be authorized. If authorized, this Fighter Squadron would be transferred to Selfridge Field to fill the interim in maintenance and to instruct on the job such ground personnel of the 332nd Fighter Group\* as is not possible to send to the Technical Training Command for special school work.

5. In order to provide a command cadre for the 332nd Fighter Group\* it is desirable that the most experienced negro officer available be assigned as the Commander, together with a suitable Executive Officer. Lieut. Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Air Corps, now commanding the 99th Fighter Squadron\* is considered the most suitable officer for this assignment. A suitable replacement as commanding officer of the 99th Fighter

Encl. # 2

Subject: 332nd Fighter Group\*

Squadron exists in 1st Lieutenant Clarence C. Jamison. In the group of pilots trained at Tuskegee, but not yet assigned to the 332nd Fighter Group\* or the 99th Fighter Squadron\*, there are two suitable pilots who can be transferred to the 99th Fighter Squadron\* as replacements for Lieut. Colonel Benjamin O. Davis and the Executive Officer to be transferred to the 332nd Fighter Group, thus maintaining the 99th Fighter Squadron\* at full strength.

6. The rate of production of pilots in the Flying Training Command school at Tuskegee is such that once the initial requirements of the 332nd Fighter Group are met, any foreseeable need will be more than fulfilled. The only known requirement for additional pilots, once eighty for the 332nd Fighter Group\* are produced, is the limited number of replacements to be required by the 332nd Fighter Group.

7. As presently organized the 332nd Fighter Group\* consists of three squadrons. The 99th Fighter Squadron\* is a separate squadron and not part of the 332nd Fighter Group. Since the normal Fighter Group organization consists of four squadrons, it is considered desirable that the 332nd Fighter Group should be no exception in this respect.

8. Recommendations: It is recommended that:

a. Lieut. Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Air Corps, be transferred from the 99th Fighter Squadron\* and designated as Group Commander of the 332nd Fighter Group, and that one additional officer be transferred from the 99th Fighter Squadron to the 332nd Fighter Group as Executive Officer. There are three other officers now at Tuskegee who can be qualified as Squadron Commanders of the 332nd Fighter Group\*.

b. Two officers now under the Flying Training Command at Tuskegee be transferred to the 99th Fighter Squadron\* as replacements for Lieut. Colonel Davis and the Executive Officer of the 332nd Fighter Group\*.

c. 1st Lieut. Clarence C. Jamison be designated as Squadron Commander of the 99th Fighter Squadron\*.

d. A special Fighter Squadron (white) with the necessary grades and ratings, be activated in the Third Air Force to serve at Selfridge Field, Michigan, to provide instructor and maintenance personnel for the flight echelon of the 332nd Fighter Group\* until the mechanics and other technical personnel of that group are fully trained.

e. The output of the Flying Training Command in negro officer pilots be reduced to that necessary to provide replacements for the 332nd Fighter Group\* only.

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Subject: 332nd Fighter Group\*

f. The 332nd Fighter Group\* be designated as a four-squadron group and that the 99th Fighter Squadron\* constitute the fourth squadron.

g. If the above recommendations be not acceptable, that all pilot personnel for the 332nd Fighter Group\* be retained under the Flying Training Command until such time as the ground personnel is fully trained and able to maintain and service the flight echelon of that group.

For the Commanding General:

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*Charles H. Campbell*  
CHARLES H. CAMPBELL  
Major, A. G. D.  
Asst. Adjutant General

\* Negro commissioned and enlisted personnel.

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Negro Policy

Chief of Air Staff  
Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-1.

Feb. 8, 1943

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It is requested that the attached letter be dispatched to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces Flying Training Command, Ft. Worth, Texas.

F. TRUBEE DAVISON  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-1

Incl. n/c

Item one written by this office to Chief of Air Staff 1/25/43

Item two returned with signature of Col. Hall \* "Returned per our telephone conversation today". Dated 1/27/43

AFLAP  
LEC:DRL 5322  
Written Feb. 8, 1943

Negro Applicants for Commission as Service Pilots.

Commanding General  
Army Air Forces Flying Training Command  
Ft. Worth, Texas

1. An embarrassing situation has developed wherein two Negro applicants qualified for Service Pilot ratings were requested by Headquarters, Southeast Air Forces Training Center, to report at Maxwell Field for the instructors' course. Their application papers for a commission were sent to your headquarters with notations to the effect that the applicants were Negro and for the purpose of your consideration with respect to possible use at Tuskegee either in the Civil Contract School or in a Service Pilot status.

2. Attached are copies of a telegram and letter received by each from Maxwell Field. These applicants reported to Maxwell Field at their own expense. Upon arrival they were told that no vacancies existed for their services.

3. It is requested that a complete report be made to this Headquarters regarding these cases.

2 Incls.  
cc Telegram  
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DEC. 2, 1942

CHARLES M. ASHE  
1213 HALF STREET SOUTHWEST

THIS HQRS DESIRES YOR SERVICES ONLY IF YOU ARE WILLING  
TO BE EMPLOYED ON CIVIL SERVICE STATUS AND GO THROUGH  
TRAINING AT THE CENTRAL INSTRUCTORS SCHOOL MAXWELL FIELD ALA  
STOP UPON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF SUCH TRAINING WHICH  
MIGHT INCLUDE A PERIOD OF DUTY AS CIVILIAN INSTRUCTOR AT  
AN ARMY PRIMARY SCHOOL YOU WOULD BE RECOMMENDED FOR  
COMMISSIONS END SEGT 1615  
ROYCE MAXWELL FIELD ALA

CHARLES M ASHE  
1213 HALF STREET SOUTHWEST

YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO REPORT TO MAXWELLFIELD FOR SERVICE PILOT  
TRAINING STOP YOU MUST HAVE CLEAR RELEASE FROM PRESENT EMPLOYMENT  
END SEGT 1615  
ROYCE MAXWELLFIELD ALA.

HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCES SOUTHEAST TRAINING CENTER  
Maxwell Field  
Montgomery, Alabama (40-3)a-dg

November 17, 1942

Mr. Gilbert A. Gargill  
8814 Blaine Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that you have been assigned to the Central Instructors School, Maxwell Field, Alabama for flying instruction under Army supervision.

It is desired that you report on or about December 1, 1943 to room 125, Austin Hall, Maxwell Field, Alabama. Travel to station of assignment will be at your own expense.

Provisions have been made for your employment on civilian status at the rate of one hundred fifty (\$150.00) dollars per month during the satisfactory pursuance of your flying instruction under Army supervision. Employment will start the date you report for duty. Upon satisfactory completion of the Army course of instruction and if physically qualified, you will then be eligible for employment as a flying instructor in primary schools in the Army Air Forces Southeast Training Center at pay rates prevalent in the particular schools.

Acknowledgement of the receipt of this communication by government collect telegram should be made immediately to Commanding General, Army Air Forces Southeast Training Center, Maxwell Field, Alabama, Attention A-3. Acknowledgement should state the expected date of arrival. Failure to acknowledge assignment or failure to report will result in your being called to active duty as a private in the Army Air Forces.

Very truly yours,

(s)  
LEON WAGNON, JR.,  
Captain, Air Corps  
Actg. Asst. Adjutant General.

Negro Policy

Chief of the Air Staff.

Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-1.

1. It has been brought to the attention of this Division that two Negro applicants for Service Pilot rating who had passed the necessary flying and other tests were instructed by Headquarters, Southeast Air Forces Flying Training Command, to report for training with the Central Instructors School, Maxwell Field, Alabama, with a view towards using them as instructors in the Civil Contract School at Tuskegee.

2. These Negroes, one living in Cleveland, Ohio, and the other in Washington, D. C., reported at Maxwell Field, traveling at their own personal expense, and were told that they could not be accepted as Service Pilots or as instructors in the Civil Contract School.

3. The applications in these two cases when forwarded to the Headquarters, Flying Training Command, were distinctly marked "Negro".

4. In view of the way that these two cases were handled, serious embarrassment to this Headquarters has been caused, and the attached letter is recommended for your signature.

F. TRUBEE DAVISON  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-1

Incl.  
Ltr to AAFFTC

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Typed January 25, 1943.

SUBJECT: Negro Applicants for Commission as Service Pilots.

TO: Commanding General,  
Army Air Forces Flying, Training Command,  
Ft. Worth, Texas.

1. An embarrassing situation has developed wherein two negro applicants qualified for Service Pilot ratings were requested by Headquarters, Southeast Air Forces Training Center, to report at Maxwell Field for the instructors' course. Their application papers for a commission were sent to your headquarters with notations to the effect that the applicants were negro and for the purpose of your consideration with respect to possible use at Tuskegee either in the Civil Contract School or in a Service Pilot status.

2. These applicants reported to Maxwell Field at their own expense, one traveling from Cleveland, Ohio, and the other from Washington, D. C. Upon arrival they were told they could not be accepted because they were negroes.

3. This incident caused serious embarrassment to this Headquarters and the War Department and occurrences of this character must be prevented in the future at all costs. The officer who instructed these negroes to report without careful examination of the papers beforehand and without any definite plan concerning their effective use should be held responsible, and appropriate action taken. Steps should also be taken to see that no such mistake is repeated.

By command of Lieutenant General ARNOLD:

*A-1 Division's Copy*

*Mr. [unclear]*  
*[unclear]*

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Negro Policy

Director of Military Requirements

1/11/43

The Chief of the Air Staff

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JHMcC:ERL 6162

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2. Your attention is invited to directive to your office from the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1, dated June 24, 1942:

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5. Your plan and the action taken for compliance with this directive will be reported to the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1, together with such data as may be available to you showing total numbers of negroes, both officer and enlisted, who have been trained in Air Force specialties.

GEORGE E. STRATEMEYER  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Chief of the Air Staff

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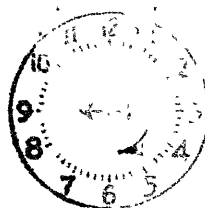
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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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SUBJECT: Negro Policy	
TO: The Chief of the Air Staff	DATE Feb. 3, 1943
FROM: Director of Individual Training	COMMENT NO. <u>2</u> (Cont) EHR/dw 71029
5 Clerks, Technical 2 Draftsmen 8 Supply Men 3 Carpenters 14 Auto Mechanics 6 Telephone Men 2 Painters 1 Instrument Landing Equipment Operator 1 Dispatcher	
2. Information has been received from the Flying Training Command that the following negroes have been trained to date:	
69 Pilots 26 Enlisted Men	
3. Total negroes trained in both Commands is as follows:	
39 Ground Officers 69 Pilots 304 Enlisted Men	
 L.S. SMITH, Brig. General, U.S.A. Director of Individual Training	
TO: A-1	DATE Feb. 6, 1943
FROM: Chief of the Air Staff	COMMENT NO. <u>3</u> WEH:JT 5246
In connection with Paragraph 5, R&R from General Stratemeyer to Military Requirements dated Jan. 11, 1943.	
 WILLIAM E. HALL, Colonel, G. S. C.	



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SUBJECT: Negro Policy

TO: Dir. of Individual Training

DATE 1-23-43

FROM: Dir. Military Requirements

COMMENT NO. 1  
LEG:vk 3020

1. The Chief of Air Staff, by R&R sheet dated 1-11-43, requested the following information: "Such data as may be available showing total numbers of negroes, both officer and enlisted, who have been trained in Air Force specialties". This information was requested from Colonel Davasher's office by telephone this date.

2. It is requested that the information, when obtained, be forwarded directly to the Chief of the Air Staff by Item 2 hereon.

*M. E. J.*  
*for*

DAVENPORT JOHNSON,  
Major General, U. S. Army.

TO: The Chief of the Air Staff

Feb. 3, 1943

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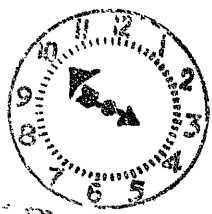
- a. Officers:
- 2 Engineering Officers
  - 2 Communications Officers
  - 2 Armament Officers
  - 33 Administrative Officers (OCS)

- b. Enlisted Technicians:
- 137 Air Mechanics
  - 5 Teletype operators
  - 5 Instrument Specialists
  - 4 Sheet Metal Workers
  - 2 Machinists
  - 2 Electrical specialists
  - 3 Welders
  - 3 Parachute Riggers
  - 1 Dope and Fabric Worker
  - 18 Radio Operator-Mechanics
  - 12 Armorers
  - 4 Photographic Technicians
  - 40 Clerks, Administrative

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JAN 13 1943  
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GEORGE E. STRATMEYER  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Chief of the Air Staff

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Negro Policy

Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1

1/23/43

Director of Military Requirements

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1. Plan adopted for compliance with directive contained in item #1 above, as set forth on an attached R & R sheet marked exhibit A. This plan has been approved by me, and the Director of Air Defense is now taking action for its execution.

DAVENPORT JOHNSON,  
Major General, U.S. Army.

3 Incls:-

#1 - Exhibit "A"

#2 - Ltr. 3rd AF, "332nd Fi Gp, 1/8/43

TO: Director of Military Requirements

DATE Feb. 12, 1943

FROM: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1

COMMENT NO. 3  
LBC:MMG 5322

1. In view of the verbal agreement by the Director of Military Requirements at the staff meeting of that Directorate, February 12, 1943 that Oscoda Field, Michigan be made available as a sub-base under the protection of the Base Commander at Selfridge Field, Michigan. This Division concurs in the recommendation contained in item 1 above, concerning the transfer of the 332nd Fighter Group.

Incls: n/c

F. TRUBEE DAVISON  
Colonel, G. S. C.  
A. C. of A. S., A-1

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Director of Air Defense.

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1. Reference paragraph 5 of attached R and R from Chief of Air Staff to Director of Military Requirements, the following plan is submitted for carrying out the directive from A-1 to form a complete Negro Fighter Group together with all pertinent Base and Service Units with a view to their earliest practicable commitment to combat:

a. Send the 99th Fighter Squadron to an active theater with Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis in command; Col. Davis to be returned to the United States to assume command of the 332nd Fighter Group by the time the group is brought to full strength in personnel but not later than August 15, 1943.

b. Transfer the 83rd Fighter Control Squadron and the 332nd Fighter Control Squadron, less personnel equipment, to Orlando, Florida, to be assigned to the Air Defense Department, AAF School of Applied Tactics, for reorganization by the Assistant Commandant, Air Defense Department, AAF School of Applied Tactics. Transfer personnel and equipment, except Signal Corps equipment, presently assigned to above units, to the fighter squadrons of the 332nd Fighter Group. Transfer the Signal Corps equipment assigned to the 83rd Fighter Control Squadron to the Air Service Command, Fairfield Depot, Fairfield, Ohio, marked for redistribution by the Director of Communications, Hq Army Air Forces.

c. Transfer sufficient personnel from the 717th Signal A.W. Company to the 689th A. W. Company to form two additional reporting platoons, and send the 689th at the earliest practicable date to one of the following places:

(1) Trinidad.

(2) South Pacific or Southwest Pacific Island.

Query has been sent to General Brett re assignment of 689th Signal A.W. Co. to Trinidad in lieu of 684th Signal A.W. Co., now earmarked.

d. Disband the 717th Signal A. W. Company, transferring personnel to 332nd Fighter Group and returning equipment to proper Chief of Arms or Services.

e. Direct the Third Air Force to activate at Drew Field, Florida, a fighter squadron (white) at a strength of 19 officers and 224 enlisted men, to be moved to Selfridge Field, Michigan, by March 1, 1943, to provide instructor and supervisory personnel for the 332nd Fighter Group until mechanics and other technical personnel of that group are fully trained, at which time the white squadron should be assigned to a fighter group in the O.T.U. system.

f. Move the 332nd Fighter Group, consisting of Group Headquarters and three fighter squadrons, at current strength on March 1, 1943, to Selfridge Field, Michigan. Pending the return of Lt. Col. Davis, the Commanding General, Third Air Force, will appoint a qualified Army Air Force officer to command the 332nd Fighter Group.

g. Move the 96th Service Group, consisting of units listed below, at current strength on March 1, 1943, to Selfridge Field, Michigan:

Hq & Hq Squadron, 96th Serv. Gp.	1051st C.M. Co., Service Gp Avn.
366th Service Squadron	767th Ord. Co. (Avn) A. B.
901st A.M. Co., Truck Avn.	1765th Ord. Co., M.M. Avn. (Q)
902nd A.M. Co., Truck Avn.	1000th Sig. Co., Serv. Gp.

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Negro Policy (Continued)

Director of Military Requirements

Director of Air Defense

h. Charge the Commanding General, Third Air Force, with the responsibility of training pilot loss replacements and enlisted replacements to the 99th Fighter Squadron until the departure of the 332nd Fighter Group.

i. Four months after the 332nd Fighter Group and the 96th Service Group are brought to full strength in personnel, or approximately December 15, 1943, commit both units to an active theater, preferably to the same theater in which the 99th Fighter Squadron is operating, and at that time assign the 99th Squadron to the 332nd Fighter Group.

2. Current strength of units involved in the above plan is as follows:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
99th Fighter Sq & Serv. Det.	42	287
332nd Fighter Group	3	415
332nd Fighter Control Squadron	0	0
83rd Fighter Control Squadron	4	111
689th Signal A.W. Co.	9	170
717th Signal A.W. Co.	3	225
96th Service Group	2	165
Pilots unassigned	30	--

3. Attached hereto is chart showing current plans of Technical Training Command for training colored technical and administrative personnel.

4. It is requested that this Directorate be informed of the approval of the above plan, or such modifications as may be recommended, in order that action may be taken to effect the plan with the least possible delay.

3 incs:-  
#1-R&R 1, DMR to AF#CAS, 1/11/43  
#2-Ltr 3rd AF, "332nd Fi Gp, 1/8/43  
#3-Chart.

GORDON P. SAVILLE,  
Brig. General, U. S. Army,

Information as to number of negroes trained, and their specialties, will be furnished by the Director of Individual Training.

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OUTLINE OF CURRENT PLANS FOR COLORED TRAINING, TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

<u>COURSE</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>NUMBER STUDENTS</u>	<u>LENGTH OF COURSE</u>	<u>ENTRANCE DATE</u> * * *	<u>GRADUATION DATE</u>
Clerks	Fort Logan	560	8 weeks	1-25-43	3-20-43
Air Mechanics	Lincoln	580	18 "	1-15-43	5-21-43
Armorers	Buckley Field	205	9 "	1-18-43	3-20-43
Bombsight	Lowry Field	3	12 "	1-18-43	4-10-43
Photographic	" "	45	12 "	1-18-43	4-10-43
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Instrument Specialists	" "	50 **	7 "	5-28-43	7-14-43
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Control Net System	Tomah	267 ***	5 "	5-29-43	7- 2-43
Radar (Rad.Mech(F))	Boca Raton	16 ***	5 "	5-31-43	7- 3-43
Weather Cadets	Grand Rapids	8	35 "	3-29-43	11-27-43
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TO: <sup>ASST.</sup> The Chief of the Air Staff, A-1

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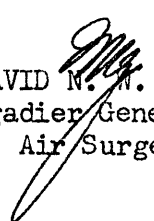
FROM: The Air Surgeon.

COMMENT NO. 2  
WSJ:TBM 2706

1. Attached memorandum shows requirements for colored aviation medical examiners and flight surgeons.

2. It is contemplated assigning 2 negro medical officers to the School of Aviation Medicine for each class until such time as the required numbers have been trained.

1 Incl. added:  
Incl. 1 - Memo to  
Gen. Grant from  
Col. Gann, 1-13-43,  
with 1 incl.

  
DAVID N. GRANT  
Brigadier General, AUS  
Air Surgeon

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

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
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January 13, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR: General Grant.

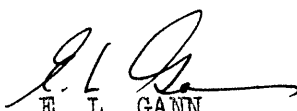
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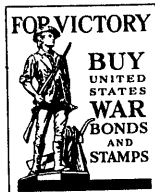
2. Of those units listed, the following will require the assignment of Medical Corps Officers qualified in Aviation Medicine in the numbers indicated:

<u>Air Forces:</u>	<u>No. of Units</u>	<u>AME's or FS needed</u>
Fighter Gp. (S.E.) Hq.	1	1
Fighter Sq. (S.E.)	5	5
<u>Air Service Command:</u>		
Service Gp., Hq. & Hq. Sq.	1	1
<u>Flying Training Command:</u>		
Air Base Hq. and Air Base Sq.	1	2
Army Air Force Training Detachment	1	<u>1</u>
Total Aviation Medical Examiners or Flight Surgeons needed:		10

3. There are as of this date three (3) Medical Corps Officers, Colored, qualified as Aviation Medical Examiners. This leaves seven (7) officers to be trained in Aviation Medicine for assignment to units as listed above.

1 Incl:  
List of AAF Colored Units.

  
E. L. GANN,  
Lt. Colonel, Medical Corps,  
Asst. Chief, Personnel Div.,  
Air Surgeon's Office.



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Number of Army Air Forces Colored Units

To Be At 100% Strength By

December 31, 1943

<u>Air Forces:</u>	<u>No. of Units</u>
Fighter Gp. (S.E.)Hq.(Combat)	1
Fighter Sq (S.E.)	5
Aviation Sq. (Sep)	87
Fighter Control Sq. (Red)	1
 <u>Air Service Command:</u>	
Service Gp. H&H Sq.	1
Service Sq.	2
Sub Depots	1
Aviation Sq. (Sep)	16
 <u>Troop Carrier:</u>	
Aviation Sq. (Sep)	1
 <u>Proving Ground Command:</u>	
Aviation Sq. (Sep)	1
 <u>Flying Training Command:</u>	
Air Base Hq & Air Base Sq.	1
Add'l Requirements:AB Hq & AB Sq.	-
Air Forces Band	1
Aviation Sq (Sep) SP.	65
AAF Sq. Guard	1
Basic Flying Training Sq.	2
 <u>Technical Training Command:</u>	
School Sq. (SP)(Sep)	1
Aviation Sq. (Sep) Sp.	14
Weather Command	1
Communications Command	1
Aviation Cadets	-
Tech. School Students	-
 <u>Total</u>	 <u>203</u>

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT:

Negro Policy

TO: The Air Surgeon

DATE 1/11/43

FROM: The Chief of the Air Staff

COMMENT NO. 1

JHMcC:ERL 6162

1. The following is a quotation from a memorandum addressed to the Secretary of War by Judge William H. Hastie, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War:

"h. The dangers inherent in sending inadequately trained flight surgeons into the field are too apparent to require elaboration. Yet, Negro medical officers in the Air Forces may get only part of the special training in aviation medicine which is available. They are not admitted to the school of aviation medicine at Randolph Field. The reason given is that branch schools are now providing training formerly concentrated at Randolph. Yet there remain such matters as didactic work for which selected white officers are sent to the school at Randolph Field for full time study while Negro medical officers pursue this training as a spare time correspondence course while continuing their regular duties at their home station. Even the branch school program in which it is represented that Negro officers share without discrimination is in fact discriminatory. Many white officers enrolled at a branch school of aviation medicine have the opportunity of full time resident study. The Negro officer is permitted to commute periodically from his home station at Tuskegee for work at the Maxwell Field branch school. Such grudging partial tender of makeshift schemes may be expected to continue unless a genuine change of racial attitude and policy occurs in the Air Commands."

2. Immediate action will be initiated by you to provide a proportionate share of vacancies for Negro resident students at the School of Aviation Medicine. Qualifying standards for white student Flight Surgeons will apply equally to Negroes.

3. The proportionate share of vacancies will be calculated on the basis of the ratio of the total white Flight Surgeons to total Negro Flight Surgeons to be trained. In any event, regardless of fractional proportions, at least one Negro surgeon will be thoroughly trained in a resident student status.

4. Compliance with this directive will be reported to the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1, together with estimated total number of Negro Flight Surgeons who will be trained in a resident student status.

*G.E.S.*  
GEORGE E. STRATEMEYER  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Chief of the Air Staff

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FILE: ~~321 G. H. Q. Negro~~

Date Mar. 4, 1943  
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SYNOPSIS

From: Base Services

To: War Organization & Movement

SUBJECT: Request for activation of School Squadrons

R. & R.

Original filed under No. 322 Squadrons

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FILE: ~~322~~ Negro  
291.2 Race

Date Feb. 18, 1943.

### SYNOPSIS

From: Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, Program Planning.

To: Central Files.

SUBJECT: Schedule of Activation and Delivery of Air Base Security  
Battalions.

R & R.

Original filed under No. 322 Battalion.

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**WAR DEPARTMENT**  
**WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF**  
**OPERATIONS AND TRAINING DIVISION G-3**  
**WASHINGTON**

Feb. 18, 1943.

MEMO FOR: Lt. Col. Cuyler,  
Army Air Forces.

Subject: Committee Meeting,  
Advisory Committee on Negro  
Troop Policies.

Attached herewith is a proposed memorandum to the Assistant Secretary of War, subject: Utilization of Grade V Negro Personnel. It is requested that you be prepared to discuss this matter at the meeting of this committee scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Monday, February 22.

178 H. LEWARDS,  
Major General,  
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

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February 17, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR:

Subject: Utilization of Grade V Negro Personnel

*X337 Meeting*

1. Based on past experience approximately 47 per cent of all Negroes inducted into the Armed Forces will be classified in Grade V and 30 per cent in Grade IV as a result of the Army General Classification Tests. White personnel falling within Grade V is approximately 9 per cent; Grade IV, 22 per cent (Tab A). Considering the number of noncommissioned officers and specialists required in

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modern armies, it is evident that it is difficult to build efficient Negro units where personnel in the higher intelligence brackets is so

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limited. There are, however, many tasks in the Army which can be efficiently performed by Grade V men provided effective and intelligent supervision is provided.

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2. These two considerations lead to the conclusion, first advanced by the Army Ground Forces, that a new policy covering the employment of a part, at least of the Grade V Negroes can be promulgated both to the advantage of the Army and to the advantage of the Negroes themselves. The plan proposed -- to be tested on a

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reduced scale at first -- provides for the screening of all Grade V Negro personnel, in excess of 9 per cent (the average white percentage) out of selected Negro combat units replacing the personnel so screened with Grade I, II, III and IV personnel. This should materially raise the caliber of the unit in question and permit its development into a reasonably efficient combat unit.

3. The Grade V personnel so screened would be used to activate the necessary number of service units whose chief function is that of labor troops, Quartermaster port battalions and service battalions being typical of this type. By supplying these units with carefully selected white officers and noncommissioned officers these latter units, likewise, should reach a reasonable stage of efficiency in so far as their contemplated tasks are concerned. While definite figures are not available, it is believed that the majority of Negroes falling into Grade V are from the South where they have been accustomed to performing common labor under immediate white supervision. If this is the case, little resentment should result on their part for the maintenance of their status quo after donning uniform.

4. Specifically the plan now under consideration provides for the screening of Grade V Negro personnel, in excess of 9 per cent,

from the 92d Division, its replacement with Grade I, II, III and IV personnel, and the activation of 2 port battalions and 7 Quartermaster service battalions to absorb the excess Grade V personnel, the latter units to be staffed with white officers and noncommissioned officers.

5. Approval of the plan outlined above is recommended.

Approximately 7000 Grade I, II, III and IV men will be required to replace Grade Vs in the 92d Division. To obtain this number it will be necessary to induct approximately 15,000 Negroes. Grade Vs obtained from this number will be sufficient to furnish privates and privates first class for the service and port battalions indicated. After a sufficient period of trial, the Commanding Generals, Army Ground Forces and Services of Supply should be called on for a report as to the advantages and disadvantages of the plan in order that the War Department may have data on which to base further action in this regard.

I.H.E.

MEMO FOR RECORD:

G-3 outlines proposed new plan to absorb Negro Grade V personnel. This plan originally proposed by AGF. SOS has been asked for similar recommendations.

COMPARISON OF THE INTELLIGENCE CLASSIFICATIONS OF NEGROES  
and WHITES PER 1,000,000 MEN

TAB  
A

<u>Class</u>	<u>Negro</u>		<u>White</u>	
	<u>Per Cent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>	<u>Number</u>
I	0.6	6,000	7.6	76,000
II	5.0	50,000	29.2	292,000
III	16.5	165,000	32.7	327,000
IV	30.4	304,000	21.6	216,000
V	<u>47.5</u>	<u>475,000</u>	<u>8.9</u>	<u>89,000</u>
Total	100.0	1,000,000	100.0	1,000,000

NUMBERS OF OFFICERS AND NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS REQUIRED  
BY GRADE PER 1,000,000 MEN

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Per Cent</u>	<u>Number</u>
Officers	8.2	82,000
Warrant Officers and Non-commissioned officers of 1st three grades	7.3	73,000
Sergeants	11.9	119,000
Corporals	19.2	192,000
Pfc and privates	<u>53.4</u>	<u>534,000</u>
Total	100.0	1,000,000

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Date 13 Feb. 43

**SYNOPSIS**

**From:** Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, Program Planning

**To:** Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, A-1

**SUBJECT:** Assignment of Negro Officers.

R & R Comment No. 4

Original filed under No. 210.31 Assignment

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WD, HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES, Washington, D. C., February 12, 1943.  
TO: Commanding Officer, Proving Ground Command, AAB, Eglin Field, Florida.

1. There is an excess of this type of enlisted personnel in other Air Forces Commands at present.

2. Authority <sup>331</sup> is granted to carry these enlisted men temporarily in excess of authorized strength in existing units within your Command.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

J. E. BEVANS,  
Colonel, Air Corps,  
Director of Personnel.

BY:  
T. W. BELSHE,  
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps.

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HQ, AAF PROVING GROUND COMMAND, Eglin Field, Florida. 22 January 43.

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

1. Procedures outlined in Section 2, War Department Circular No. 327, 1942, have been instituted at this station and to date sixty-three (63) enlisted men of Engineer Aviation Units at this station have been reclassified as limited service and have been transferred to the 24th Aviation Squadron. In addition to these sixty-three (63) enlisted men, twenty-four (24) engineer enlisted men have been reclassified as limited service, and at the present time, remain assigned to engineer units because of the fact that there are no colored units at this station which can possibly absorb these enlisted men.

2. Full use is being made of War Department Circulars 395 and 397, 1942, in an attempt to eliminate as many of these physically disqualified enlisted men as possible. In most cases, these enlisted men have no particular skills of benefit to the service and a great percentage are unable to perform manual labor day after day.

3. These overages of limited service enlisted men have been reported to the Commanding General, Fourth Service Command for reassignment, but this headquarters has been notified that the Fourth Service Command has no facilities and/or organizations which can possibly take these enlisted men because all of their organizations are, at present, at full strength.

4. It is estimated that an additional 150 enlisted men of engineer units at this station will be reclassified as limited service personnel within the next twenty (20) to thirty (30) days.

5. All regulations on limited service personnel indicate that combat units or tactical units proceeding to overseas theaters can expect a certain number of limited service personnel within such organizations, but it has been the experience of this headquarters that when limited service personnel are sent with such organizations to ports of embarkation that port commanders or staging area commanders eliminate such personnel and replace them with general service enlisted men. In view of this fact, this headquarters is working towards eliminating all limited service personnel from such units destined for overseas from this command, however, as enlisted men are reclassified as limited service, they can not be cleared from these field forces due to the fact that no organizations are available within this command to which they may be assigned. It is requested that this headquarters be furnished with units and stations which have facilities and shortages of personnel that can absorb personnel so reclassified.

For the Commanding Officer:

1 Incl:-n/c

E. B. GARRETT, Jr.,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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WD, HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES, Washington, D. C., November 12, 1942.  
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces Proving Ground Command, Eglin  
Field, Florida.

1. Returned for compliance with instructions contained in  
Section 2, War Department Circular No. 327, dated September 27, 1942.
2. Report of action taken in this matter is desired.

By Command of Lieutenant General ARNOLD:

J. M. BEVANS  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Director of Personnel

BY:  
T. M. BELSHE  
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps

1 Incl:  
n/c

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES PROVING GROUND COMMAND, Eglin Fld, Fla., Oct. 29, 1942.  
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. Attn: Dir. of Per.

The fact that the majority of the men referred to in basic letter were unfit for foreign assignment is very much regretted. It most decidedly was not the intention of this office to furnish a group of men of this character. When decision was made to draw these men from a number just previously transferred from the 822nd Engr Bn, it was made with the belief that all men in this group except those marked by the medical personnel of the 822nd Engr Bn as unfit were average soldiers, and, as explained in previous indorsements, time was not available to double check this personnel. It has been the policy and will continue to be the policy of this headquarters to retain for some other disposition all men of such quality from organizations transferred abroad.

/s/ GRANDISON GARDNER,  
Brigadier General, W. S. Army,  
Commanding

Incl: 1 n/c

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QUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES PROVING GROUND COMMAND, Eglin Field, Florida, Oct., 1942. TO: Commanding Officer, 923rd Engineer Regiment, Eglin, Florida.

1. For investigation and report not later than October 29, 1942.

By command of Brigadier General GARDNER:

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/s/

E. B. GARRETT, Jr.,  
Major, Air Corps  
Adjutant

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HQS, 923RD ENGINEER AVIATION REGIMENT, Eglin Field, Florida, Oct. 29, 1942. To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Eglin Field, Florida.

1. In connection with complaint contained in basic communication and 1st Ind. thereto, and in compliance with directive contained in paragraph 4, 3rd Ind., above, the following information is submitted.

- a. Radio orders for movement of nineteen (19) enlisted men from the 923rd Engr. Avn Regt, Eglin Field, Florida, to the 890th Engr. Avn Co., Ft. Ord, California, were received at this headquarters at 2400 Z, September 28, 1942 and included a directive for these men to report at Fort Ord, California, not later than October 3, 1942.

- b. An immediate check of train schedules was made and it was determined that it would be impossible for enlisted men to arrive on the scheduled date under existing train schedules. At that time the 822nd Engineer Aviation Bn was moving to Camp Stone-man, California and a special train, which was moving the second echelon of that unit, was leaving this station at 1300 Z, September 29, 1942, and it was necessary to select men, issue orders and move them to Fort Ord, California along with the second echelon of the 822nd Engr Avn Bn.

- c. On the 25th of Sept. 1942, after all troops of the 822nd Engr Avn Bn had been fully equipped for foreign duty, one hundred (100) men of that unit were transferred to the 923rd Engineer Aviation Regt to eliminate overstrength of the 822nd Engr Avn Bn. These troops had been fully equipped and examined for foreign duty prior to transfer to the 923rd Engineer Avn Regt and in view of the fact that they were equipped for foreign duty, the commanding officer of the 923rd Engr Avn Regt was requested furnish the names of nineteen (19) of these one hundred (100) men for transfer to the 890th Engr Avn Co. Seventy (70) of the one hundred (100) men that were transferred from the 822nd Engr Avn Bn to the 923rd Engr Avn Regt had been marked "physically disqualified for foreign duty" by the surgeon of the 822nd Engr Avn Bn prior to transfer of the unit. The personnel records of the 923rd Engr Avn Regt are not maintained at Post headquarters and it was impossible for personnel who were issuing orders for movement of these nineteen (19) men to physically check the records of the men selected for transfer, however, none of the men who had been marked "physically disqualified for

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"sign duty" by the surgeon of the 822nd Engr Avn Bn were allowed to be included in the nineteen (19) men selected for transfer to the 890th Engr Avn Co. On that same order at the time, six (6) men were ordered into the 822nd Engr Avn Bn. Appended to this Indorsement are the names, qualifications, etc., corresponding to the basic communication breakdown to show the present status of the remaining seventy-five (75) of the original one hundred (100). The Regimental Personnel Adjutant stated from memory that there were only thirty (30) men qualified of the original one hundred (100) from which to draw the twenty-five (25) which were shipped.

3. The colored troops remaining at this station after transfer of the 822nd Engr Avn Bn included a very high percentage of inferior personnel, due to the fact that all men are fit for full military duty in the 97th Engr Regt were relieved from that regt and assigned to the 829th Bn upon transfer of the 97th Regt in April. When the 829th was preparing for foreign service, it transferred a number of its enlisted men to the 822nd Bn. In preparing the 822nd Engr Avn Bn for foreign assignment, all men not fit for full military duty were transferred to the 923rd Engr Avn Regt. The remainder of the 923rd Engr Avn Regt was made up of newly assigned and untrained troops for whom complete equipment and men and not yet been procured.

4. In all future cases of this nature this headquarters will determine by physical check that enlisted men ordered from this station and from this command to overseas duty are fully equipped and fully qualified physically for such duty. However, it is requested that in the future this headquarters be given sufficient advance notice of movements to allow for a thorough processing of enlisted men to insure that they are physically qualified and fully equipped. Attention is invited to the fact that it was necessary to select enlisted men for movement, issue orders and transport enlisted men concerned to rail head, which is 22 miles distant, within 12 hours of receipt of orders for movement and these 12 hours were between the hours of 7 P.M and A.M. when Post headquarters and the headquarters of the 923rd Engr Avn Regt are not fully staffed and by those officers are present that are necessary for proper security.

5. With reference to attached correspondence relative to colored soldiers transferred to Fort Ord, California, for foreign assignment who were reported unfit for full military duty, and with particular reference to paragraph 2, 4th Indorsement, since the 923rd Engr Regt is being used as a training regt and charged with fully qualified engr bns for foreign station, it is obvious that as men unfit for full military duty are relieved from all battalions transferred out, a very high percentage of unfit personnel is accumulating in this regiment. As this process progresses, the regiment will gradually accumulate a majority of unfit personnel and it will not thereafter be possible to recruit a suitable battalion.

In view of these facts, authority is requested to discharge or transfer all personnel in this organization not qualified for overseas duty.

1 Incl.  
Qualification List.

/s/

I. D. BRENT,  
Colonel, C. E.

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WD, HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES, Washington, D. C., October 24, 1942.  
TO: Commanding General, Air Force Proving Ground Command, Eglin Field,  
Florida.

1. Attention is invited to complaint contained in basic communication and 1st Indorsement thereto.

2. Reference radiogram, these Headquarters, dated September 28, 1942, directing your Headquarters to transfer without loss of grade or rating nineteen (19) enlisted men from the 923rd Engineer Regiment Aviation, Eglin Field, Florida, to the 890th Engineer Company Aviation, Fort Ord, California. These enlisted men were to be qualified for overseas duty.

3. It is apparent from the remarks shown opposite the names of the enlisted men referred to in paragraph 3, basic communication, that the men transferred as indicated in preceding paragraph, were not qualified for duty of this nature.

4. It is desired that complete investigation be made and report rendered to arrive at these Headquarters not later than October 30, 1942.

By Command of Lieutenant General ARNOLD:

J. M. EVANS  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Director of Personnel

BY:  
T. M. BELSHE  
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps

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1st Ind.

Hq VII CORPS, San Jose, Calif., Oct. 15, 1942. TO: Commanding General,  
Army Ground Forces, Washington, D. C.

1. The date set forth in basic communication is typical of the personnel that has been furnished this Force, as well as Force 8529, from the very beginning of their organization. It is desired to point out that the men listed herein were furnished as "suitable" replacements for unqualified personnel sent with the original unit. All units comprising these two composite forces were in an almost identical condition upon their arrival at Fort Ord, and replacements for unfit personnel run well over 200.

2. In order to put these units in a satisfactory shape to move, it has been necessary to furnish a number of replacements from units under this command because of the absolute inability to secure qualified replacements from commands charged with the responsibility, particularly Air Corps and Coast Artillery Personnel.

3. Upon receipt of the enlisted men named herein, which were transported across the entire continent, it was necessary to immediately replace eleven of the nineteen from quartermaster units without regard to specification serial numbers.

4. While no action is desired in connection with the above, this communication is forwarded for your information, which will also partially explain the long delay in getting these forces prepared for their assigned mission.

For the Commanding General:

JAMES A. FAGAL,  
C.W.O., US. S. A.,  
Asst. Adj. Gen.

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2nd Ind.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY GROUND FORCES, Army War College, Washington, D. C.  
October 21, 1942, TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington,  
D. C.

For your information and return.

For the COMMANDING GENERAL:

S. J. GODNER,  
1st Lt., A.G.D.,  
Asst. Ground Adj. Gen.

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	SPEC SER #	AGC TEST	SCHOOLING	REMARKS
5. ...ns, H. J.	064	98	1 yr HS	
6. ...E, W. E.	088	97	2 Yr HS	
7. ...leveland, F. A.	082	62	3 1/2 yr HS	
8. ...Winters, C.	373	80	2 1/2 yr HS	Absent in Confinement when assigned.
9. ...Tasco, C. H.	014	100	3 yr HS	
10. ...Anderson, C.	521	73	7 yr GS	
11. ...Henderson, A.	063	64	7 yr GS	
12. ...Buxton, J. A.	521	—	8 yr GS	
13. ...Watson, J.	127	56	4 yr GS	
14. ...Davis, W.	521	79	1 yr HS	
15. ...Clark, F.	521	59	8 yr GS	
16. ...Bassia, L.	521	60	6 yr GS	Hear & Feet
17. ...Green, D.	521	86	3 yr HS	
18. ...McClendon, R. J.	521	86	7 yr GS	Nose Bleeds
19. ...Colquitt, H.	500	57	3 yr HS	
20. ...Threatt, H. C.	245	57	8 yr GS	
21. ...Finkley, O.	521	84	3 yr HS	
22. ...Queen, J. E.	035	71	3 yr GS	
23. ...Sims, O. J.	245	79	2 yr Coll	2 yr Coll
24. ...Williams, R.	316	61	4 yr GS	
25. ...Watkins, L. W.	521	71	8 yr GS	Has had Spinal Meningitis
26. ...Jones, J. H.	199	90	8 yr GS	
27. ...Graves, C.	093	44	4 yr GS	Previous Operation
28. ...Cox, E.	500	39	5 yr GS	Pes Planus 3°
29. ...Abrom, W.	500	55	6 yr GS	Bad Eyes
30. ...Manning, M.	244	61	6 yr GS	
31. ...Owens, P.	521	50	5 yr GS	
32. ...Shackelford, F.	500	49	4 yr GS	Punctured Ear Drum
33. ...Lever, A.	500	44	4 yr GS	Back Trouble
34. ...Bryant, J. J.	500	71	4 yr GS	Operated for Rupt Appdx.
35. ...Robinson J.	500	91	7 yr GS	
36. ...Thomas G.	500	73	7 yr GS	CDD in process-Asthma
37. ...Robinson, E.	500	56	4 yr GS	Pes Planus, Effected Gums
38. ...Bell, H.	500	57	8 yr GS	Marked Pes Planus, Bad Eye
39. ...Matthews, H. E.	521	58	3 yr GS	Heart Condition
40. ...Jackson, W. J.	245	68	7 yr GS	Rheumatism Spinal Diff.
41. ...Chesson W. M.	245	84	4 yr HS	Bad Eyes, Legs
42. ...Bush, W. W.	521	74	1 yr HS	Taking Syphilitic Treat.
43. ...Neville, H.	500	59	4 yr GS	Leg Trouble
44. ...McIntyre, W. J.	500	66	1 yr HS	
45. ...Irwin, C. D.	500	104	3 yr Coll	Neurasthenia, Heart, Ples Planus Chest Trouble
46. ...Ford, L.	345	90	3 yr GS	
47. ...Austin, W. L.	500	64	6 yr GS	
48. ...Brooks, M.	500	52	8 yr GS	Emotionally unstable
49. ...Chatman A. W.	500	57	6 yr GS	
50. ...Jones, R.	500	56	1 yr Post G.	
51. ...Charter, T. R.	521	79	8 yr CS	Dysentary, Piles
52. ...Craney, L. G.	245	69	e yr HS	
53. ...Leverette, J. A.	500	84	7 yr GS	Hytrophied Tonsils
54. ...Scott, R.	500	52	Illiterate	Heart Trouble
55. ...Word, W.	500	53	3 yr GS	Eye Trouble
56. ...Walker, C. W.	500	77	6 yr GS	Back Trouble

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ARMY AIR FORCES PROVING GROUND COMMAND  
EGLIN FIELD, FLORIDA

October 30, 1942.

SUBJECT: Personnel of the 923rd Engineer Aviation Regiment Unfit for Foreign Duty.

TO: Director of Personnel, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.

1. With reference to attached correspondence relative to colored soldiers transferred to Fort Ord, California, for foreign assignment, who were reported unfit for full military duty, and with particular reference to paragraphs 3 and 5, Fifth Indorsement, since the 923rd Engineer Aviation Regiment is being used as a training unit and is charged with furnishing fully qualified engineer battalions for foreign station, it is obvious that as men unfit for full military duty are relieved from all battalions transferred out, a very high percentage of unfit personnel is accumulated in the remaining part of this Regiment.

2. As this process progresses, the Regiment will gradually accumulate a majority of unfit personnel and it will not thereafter be possible to recruit a suitable battalion. Already one regiment and two battalions have been transferred out, and each has left a large number of troops unfit for overseas assignment and yet not eligible for discharge under the provisions of Section II, AR 615-360, and Section VIII, AR 615-360, as amended.

3. In view of these facts, authority is requested to transfer to some designated station all personnel in this organization not qualified for overseas duty. The station complement troops at Eglin Field are authorized only sixty (60) men and are, therefore, not large enough to absorb this continual flow of limited service personnel.

GRANDISON GARDNER,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

Incls:

Ltr. (10-6-42), to CG, AGF,  
subj: "Type of Pers. Furnished This  
Force, and 6 Inds. thereto.

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HEADQUARTERS,  
Force 8408  
Fort Ord, California

October 6, 1942

SUBJECT: Type of Personnel furnished This Force.

TO: Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, Washington, D. C.  
(Through Commanding General, VII Coprs, San Jose, California).

1. Nineteen replacements have been received for the 890th Aviation Engineer Company from Eglin Field, Florida, pursuant to Par. II, Special Orders No. 144, Headquarters, Army Air Forces Proving Ground Command, Eglin Field, Florida, dated Sept. 28, 1942.

2. The type of personnel furnished is inferior, which fact could have been determined by a cursory examination of their records prior to the departure of these men from Eglin Field. It is immediately apparent that it is not the type of personnel which should be furnished a Force of this kind.

3. The following is a tabulation of the date of these men:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Spec. Ser. No.</u>	<u>Army Gen. Class. Test Rating</u>	<u>Schooling</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Stewart, Thaddeus	521	V 51	3-Yrs Hi.	1-Court-Martial.
Jones, Willie	521	V 50	8-Yrs Gr.	Recovering from hern operation.
Poole, William H.	521	IV 82	2-Yrs Hi.	Fallen Arches.
Glass, Joseph H.	521	V 57	7-Yrs Gr.	
Scott, Worth L.	200	V 49	8-Yrs. Gr.	Stomach Trouble
Jones, James	500	V 42	5-Yrs Gr.	Callous Feet-Unable to Walk.
Ponder, Willie J.	521	IV 82	8-Yrs. Gr.	Bad Feet-Rheumatism.
Davis, Walter	500	V 44	4-Yrs. Gr.	Broken leg still bothers.
Hawkins, Edward W.	521	IV 74	8-Yrs. Gr.	1-Court-Martial
Hughes, Earlen	500	V 43	4-Yrs. Gr.	Legs Hurt.
Perry, Frank	500	V 42	4-Yrs. Gr.	Sinus Trouble
Brooks, Vollie	500	V 50	5-Yrs. Gr.	3-toes without feeling due to accident
Samuel, Walter C.	199	V 46	3-Yrs. Gr.	Weak bladder-Can't hold water.
Harrison, Joe	500	V 43	4-Yrs Gr.	
Elmore, L. T.	500	V 42	7-Yrs Gr	Chest Bone Broken-still has pains.
Waddington, John T.	521	Not given	None	2-Court Martials.
Harris, Sylvester	521	V 62	6-Yrs Gr	Has had 3-Operations in last 2-months
Easterlins, Smuel, Jr.	068	V 54	7-Yrs Gr	
Knight, Otra	500	V 42	5-Yrs. Gr.	Rheumatism

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Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, Washington, D.C.

4. The Specialist Serial Numbers requested were:

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1-050  
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3-078  
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4-014  
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	SPEC SER #	AGC TEST	SCHOOLING	REMARKS
54. Cooper S.	500	46	Illiterate	
54. Ridley, A. J.	018	100	4 yr HS	
55. Berg, M, W.	500	90	7 yr HS	
56. Moton S.	500	61	7 yr GS	
57. Kellog, R.	500	54	2 yr GS	
58. Williams, E.	500	42	3 yr GS	Foot Trouble
59. Rice, M. M.	500	92	3 yr HS	No Teeth, Eye Trouble Nervous
60. Green, J.	Absent sick in General Hosp.			
61. Mason, Wm.	Absent Sick in General Hosp.			
62. Isom, J. C.	"	"	"	"
63. Powell, W.	"	"	"	"
64. Fobbs, H. J.	"	"	"	" , believed discharged on CDD.
65. Wilson, J. H.	"	"	"	"
66. Johnson, A.	"	"	"	"
67. Tyiske, T.	"	"	"	"
68. Cousins, E. J.	"	"	"	"
69. Byrd, C.	Discharged on CDD			
70. Baily, G. S.	In Confinement when assigned			
71. Curl, E.	In Confinement when assigned			
72. Porter, G. E.	Sick in Station Hosp, when assigned			
73. Harris, W. S.	No Classification Record Available			
74. Myles, J. C.				

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Subject: Request for Colored Personnel.

AG 220.31/38 4th Ind. 32/A2  
Hq AAFTTC, Knollwood Field, N. C., January 28, 1943.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Atten. AFPMP-2,  
Washington, D. C.

1. In order to fill the Aviation Squadrons (Sep) of this Command up to full strength, it will necessitate the assignment of seven hundred seventy-four (774) colored enlisted men.

2. In compliance with paragraph 1 of the preceding indorsement, the following information is furnished:

<u>No. Avn. Sq. (Sep)</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Present Strength</u>	<u>No. Desired</u>
18th Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Chanute Fld.	27	-223
82d Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Gulfport Fld.	38	-212
19th Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Sheppard Fld.	152	-98
345th Avn Sq. (Sep)			
46th Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Scott Field	264	-236
83d Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Boca Raton Fld.	206	-44
20th Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Keesler Field	230 (includes 2TSS)	-20
86th Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Buckley Field	248	-2
84th Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Jefferson Barrack	362 (includes 4TSS)	0
85th Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Sioux Falls	250	0
74th Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Lincoln Fld.	258	+8
50th Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Lowry Fld.	269	+19
80th Avn. Sq. (Sep)	Goldsboro Fld.	284	+34
	Total		774

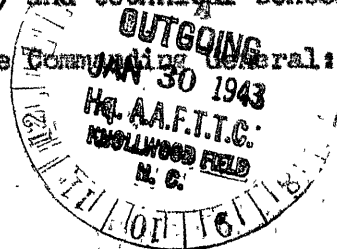
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3. The figure cited in 2d Indorsement, which indicates a shortage of 2,235 colored enlisted men is a total shortage of colored enlisted men with the Technical Training Command, including the Aviation Squadrons (Sep) as indicated in paragraph 1, above, and the six (6) colored technical school squadrons of this Command.

4. Your attention is invited to the present colored enlisted strength at Keesler Field and Jefferson Barracks, which is 230 and 362, respectively. These figures show the total colored enlisted strength of both the Aviation Squadrons (Sep) and technical school squadrons at these stations, whereas the authorized strength of both Aviation Squadrons (Sep) and technical school squadrons are 250 enlisted men each.

For the Commanding General:



PERRY C. RAGAN  
Colonel, A. C. R.  
Adjutant General.

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WD, HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES, Washington, D. C., January 20, 1943.  
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Knollwood Field, Southern Pines, North Carolina.

1. In order that personnel for Aviation Squadrons (Sep.) can be used to the best advantage, it is requested that a list of the Aviation Squadrons (Sep.) in your Command, giving the following information, be furnished this office: Squadron number; station; present strength; and the numbers that are desired, listing in order of preference that it is desired personnel be shipped.

2. Requisitions have been submitted but apparently have not been filled by The Adjutant General. Based on the above information, new requisitions will be submitted, requesting that certain organizations be given preference and that all requisitions be filled as soon as personnel is available.

By Command of Lieutenant General ARNOLD:

J. M. BEVANS  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Director of Personnel

BY:  
T. H. BELSER  
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps

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Approved for Gen. Arnold - 1/21/43

TMB: JMB

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HO, AAFTTC, Knollwood Field, North Carolina, January 11, 1943.—To Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. Attn: AFPMP

1. Attention is invited to basic communication.
2. 127 reports of December 30, 1942 indicate the shortage of 2,235 Air Corps colored enlisted men in the Technical Training Command. Request this shortage be filled as expeditiously as practicable.

For the Commanding General:

FRED C. RAYN  
Commanding General

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HEADQUARTERS TECHNICAL SCHOOL  
ARMY AIR FORCES TECHNICAL TRAINING COMMAND  
Chanute Field, Illinois

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December 30, 1942.

SUBJECT: Request for Colored Personnel.

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, 2nd District, AAFTTC,  
455 Lake Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

1. Request that this station be furnished with two hundred and twenty three (223) colored enlisted men to fill the 18th Aviation Squadron (Sep) to full strength.

2. Prior information received from your Headquarters indicates that no individual requests are to be made for enlisted personnel and that shortages as indicated on Statistical Reports would be used as an automatic requisition for additional personnel. This unit has never been at full strength, for the last four (4) months has been showing a shortage of two hundred twenty-three (223) enlisted men, and during this period has received no replacements.

3. This request is based on the present extreme shortage of permanent party personnel at this station and receipt of this personnel would greatly assist in the more effective operation of certain activities which at the present time are operating far below minimum strength.

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R. E. O'NEILL,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

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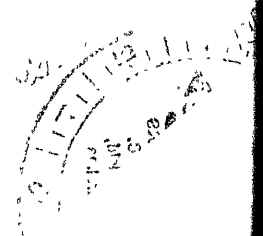
HQ. 2ND DISTRICT, AAFTTC, 455 Lake Ave., St. Louis, Mo., January 4, 1943.

TO: Commanding General, AAFTTC, Knollwood Field, North Carolina.

Approved.

For the Commanding General:

E. F. HERBST  
Major, A.C.D.  
Asst Adj. Gen.



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February 6, 1943.

Colored Units in the Army Air Forces.

The Assistant Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War.

1. Reference is made to your memorandum dated December 12, 1942, requesting certain information concerning Colored Units in the Army Air Forces.

2. There is attached a list showing the following:

a. Existing Colored Units.

b. Additional Colored Units as planned in the program for 1943.

3. Preparation of a revised 1943 program for the Army Air Forces was in progress when your request was received. The answer was delayed until completion of the revised program in order that the latest data might be incorporated.

4. The consolidated list prepared by your office and submitted with your memorandum of December 12, 1942 is returned as requested.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

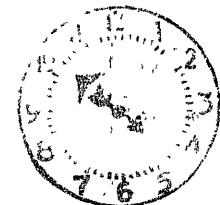
George M. Stratemeyer,  
Major General, U. S. A.  
Chief of the Air Staff,

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INTERNAL OFFICE COORDINATION	<i>W.A.P.</i>					

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January 28, 1943

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ROBERT A. LOVETT  
Assistant Secretary of War for Air

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For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

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3:00 P. M.

To: Colonel Hall

Lt. Claybaugh, Ext - 5688, Program Planning, advises as follows concerning the difference in dates on the basic papers:

"The 1943 revised program dated January 11, 1943, was completed Jan. 15, 1943, and when this letter came in we were just beginning the new program. The letter was held with the thought that since it requested information concerning units planned for 1943 it would be best to include the final data contained in the new program. After completion of the program it required a few days to compile the information as is being presented."

Brewer

To  
Dir. Prog. Planning -  
1. Agree 100% with above.  
2. Believe it should be explained  
in the letter to Mr. Gibson

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HEADQUARTERS, Air Forces Flying Training Command, Texas & Pacific Building,  
Ft. Worth, Texas. FEB 1 1940

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. (ATTN: AFPMP-2)

1. Approved.
2. Reference is made to paragraph 2, basic communication. To avoid duplication, it is recommended that additional colored enlisted men be sent only to those units listed in paragraph 1, basic communication, for which the requests have not yet been acted upon.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

W. H. HOLCOMB,  
Actg. ASST. Adjutant General

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*Ag. Major R...*

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HEADQUARTERS  
ARMY AIR FORCES WEST COAST TRAINING CENTER  
1104 WEST 8TH STREET  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA

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January 25, 1943

SUBJ: Requisition for Colored Enlisted Men.

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

1. The following study of Aviation Squadrons (Sep) in this Training Center indicates strength as of January 22, 1943, additional personnel required, and total strength after receiving shipments:

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH AS OF 1/22/43</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED</u>	<u>TOTAL STRENGTH</u>
23rd Aviation Squadron (sep)	AAFAPS, Minter Field, California.	251	0	250
42nd "	Roswell Army Flying School, Roswell, New Mexico.	245	5	250
52nd "	Chico Army Flying School, Chico, California.	255	0	250
53rd "	AAFAPS, Mather Field, Calif.	219	31	250
54th "	AAFAPS, Mather Field, Calif.	237	13	250
55th "	AAFAPS, Stockton Field, California.	249	1	250
58th "	AAFAPS, Williams Field, Arizona.	258	0	250
334th "	AAF Flexible Gunnery School, Kingman, Arizona.	27	223	250
335th "	AAFAPS, Douglas, Arizona.	72	178	250
336th "	AAFAPS, Marfa, Texas.	56	194	250
337th "	Yuma Army Air Field, Yuma, Arizona.	97	153	250

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Mr Hq AAFWTC Santa Ana Calif, 1/25/43, Subj "Requisition for Colored EM",  
 file 320.22 WUTCA, To: CG AAFWTC -- continued.

1 UNIT	2 STATION	3 STRENGTH AS OF 1/22/43	4 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED	5 TOTAL STRENGTH
341st Aviation Squad- ron (Sep)	Victorville Army Flying School, Victorville, Calif.	16	234	250
342nd "	Hobbs Army Air Field, Hobbs, New Mexico.	16	234	250
343rd "	AAFAPS, Luke Field, Ariz.	15	235	250
346th "	AAFAPS, La Junta, Colorado.	15	235	250
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TOTAL		2,043	1,971	4,000

2. Although this headquarters has submitted requests for additional colored enlisted men to bring the squadrons to authorized strength, to date no shipments have been accomplished.

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For the Commanding General:



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HEADQUARTERS, Air Forces Flying Training Command, Texas & Pacific Building,  
Ft. Worth, Texas. FEB 1 1943

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. (ATTN: AFPMP-2)

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FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

*R. L. Holcomb*  
R. L. HOLCOMB  
Major General

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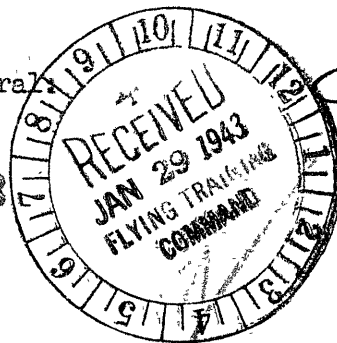
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file 320.22 NCTCA, To: CG AAFVTC -- continued.

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1. The \*1993d QM Trk Co (Avn), now at temp sta, AAB, Hammer Fld, Fresno, Calif is trfd at cur strength and WP to Serv Gp Development and Tng Cen, Ft Dix, NJ, so as to arrive thereat on or before Feb 1/43 on perm change of sta. Auth: Ltr Hq AAF Hq, ASC, Patterson Fld, Fairfield, Ohio, subj: "Movement of Certain ASC Units," dtd Jan 25/43, and Ltr Hq IV ASAC, file 370.5, subj: "Movement Orders-1993rd QM Trk Co (Avn)," dtd Jan 26/43.

Movement will be made by rail T in accordance with prov of Cir No 193 WD/42.

Travel by privately owned conveyance with portions of AR 35-4820 and AR 605-115 auth for such pers not required to accompany troops.

A complete roster of all O and EM now asgd to this unit, indicating status (such as DS, DS at sch, abs sk, fur, conft, etc) and mode of travel, will be furn this Hq and atchd to this O.

Under prov par 2, AR 30-2215, party meal tickets will be furn the number of troops accompanying the orig movement, for such time as the length of journey may require fr Fresno, Calif to Ft Dix, N J, a/r not to exceed \$1.00 per meal per man when served in RR diner, or not to exceed \$0.75 per man when taken elsewhere.

Such pers as are not available to accompany unit in orig mov (DS, DS at sch, abs sk, fur, conft, etc) WP upon restoration to orgn, fr AAB, Hammer Fld, Fresno, Calif to Serv Gp Development and Tng Cen, Ft Dix, NJ, to rejoin proper orgn. TC will furn rail T. Monetary alws in lieu of rail T in accordance with AR 35-4520 will be pd in advance to such EM a/r \$3.00 per day if travel is accomplished by rail, or a/r \$2.25 per day per man if travel is performed by privately owned conveyance for four (4) days, rail travel time involved.

The RTO, AAB, Hammer Fld, Fresno, Calif will arrange for all necessary rail T in connection with this tr movement.

Individual and organizational equipment now on hand and/or in storage will accompany this unit.

Direct com consistent with the classification of this O is auth.

The CO of this orgn will render a rpt to CG, IV ASAC, Attn: A-3-O, immediately upon completion of this movement as follows:

a. That the prov of IV ASAC Memo No 35-106, dtd Dec 14/42, have been complied with.

b. Furnishing the time and date of departure and arrival on this change of sta to CG, IV ASAC and to the CO, I ASAC.

The 74th MRU, Hq Fourth AF, San Francisco, Calif will be notified of this movement.

The CG (AFROM), TAG (Attn: Classification and Enl Repl Br) CG, ASC, Patterson Fld, Fairfield, Ohio, CG, Fourth AF, CO, 28th Serv Gp, CO, Serv Gp Development and Tng Cen, Ft Dix, N J, and CG, IV ASAC, will be notified of the departure of unit fr this sta, and the scheduled date and hour of arrival at Serv Gp Development and Tng Cen, Ft Dix, NJ.

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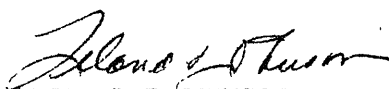
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1993d QUARTERMASTER COMPANY TRK (AVN)  
Hammer Field, California  
Fresno, California

January 29, 1943

ROSTER - 1993d QM CO TRK (AVN)

OFFICERS

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
2nd Lt.	EDWARD W. ALEXANDER	0-1575664 QMC	CO and Tn Comdr
2nd Lt.	STERLING G. ALFORD	0-1575668 QMC	Co. Officer
2nd Lt.	ARTHUR J. CHILDS	0-1575856 QMC	

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S/Sgt.	THOMAS W. ARRIS	34075193	
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S/Sgt.	LILBURNE B. PAPPY	34052997	
Sgt.	JERRY B RIGGS	32134026	
Sgt.	RICHARD GRIMES	32155802	
Sgt.	CLIFTON McBURROUGHS	33062547	
Sgt.	ODELL R. SPLIGHT	38095461	
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T/4 Gr.	HENRY HATTEN	14014774	
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T/4 Gr.	JESSE S. WIGGINS	15078275	
Cpl.	WARREN D. BECTON	34075217	
Cpl.	FREDRICK D. BOARD	11009719	
Cpl.	CLIFTON J. CELESTIN	34075421	
Cpl.	CHARLES P. FOY	34075283	
Cpl.	J. D. NEAL (IO)	34173286	
Cpl.	CARL W. RHEITA	36173430	
Cpl.	RICHARD D. SCOTT	32193225	
Cpl.	LOUIS B. SPEIGHT	37067518	
Cpl.	WOODROW WILCOXON	15075101	
T/5 Gr.	JOHN AMACKER JR.,	34075404	
T/5 Gr.	MITCHELL AMISON	34105164	
T/5 Gr.	PERCY BEECHAM	34134702	
T/5 Gr.	MARZEAN BIFFLE	34105157	
T/5 Gr.	THOMAS J. BROWN	34052924	
T/5 Gr.	SAM W. CARSON	34134737	
T/5 Gr.	CLARENCE CLARK	33048238	
T/5 Gr.	KENNETH T. CONNER	38080632	
T/5 Gr.	JESSIE DAVIS	34134700	
T/5 Gr.	FRED EWING	38075127	
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T/5 Gr.	JAMES H. HIGHTOWER	36173451	
T/5 Gr.	LLEWELLYN D. LUCAS	37105574	
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<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
T/5 Gr.	OSSELL QUARLES	38095387	Fur
T/5 Gr.	WILLIAM H. SMITH	37139708	
T/5 Gr.	MARVIN THOMAS	38044022	Fur
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Pvt. 1cl	LUCIOUS BENSON	34105074	
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Pvt. 1cl	LEONARD CARSON	18040157	
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Pvt. 1cl	MAYO JACH	34075472	
Pvt. 1cl	GALVIN C. JOHNSON	18070272	
Pvt. 1cl	ALVIN M. JONES	33095448	
Pvt. 1cl	WILLIEU F. KIMBROUGH	36172379	
Pvt. 1cl	JOSEPH W. KING	37140364	DS C&S Sch Ft Ord, Calif
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Pvt. 1cl	CLARENCE N. ROBARDS JR.,	35256399	
Pvt. 1cl	ESTIL L. PIPER	37139705	
Pvt. 1cl	WILLIAM ROBINSON	37133897	
Pvt. 1cl	JAMES P. SIMS	37133225	
Pvt. 1cl	O. L. TIMMONS (IO)	38090594	
Pvt. 1cl	CURTIS TOMPKINS	11044740	
Pvt. 1cl	GEORGE L. UNSELD	11043841	
Pvt. 1cl	JOHN R. VAUGHN	38043983	
Pvt. 1cl	WILLIE WA SHINGTON	38033127	Fur
Pvt. 1cl	SAMUEL WHITE	38095573	
Pvt. 1cl	CHARLIE WILLIAMS	38075159	
Pvt. 1cl	FRED BURWELL JR.,	12045849	Fur
Private	FRANCIS W. BUNDY	32134515	
Private	GALVIN JACKSON	38071347	
Private	EDWARD R. SPENCE	12050533	
Private	JOHNNY YOUNG	18079272	

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MEDICAL DETACHMENT, BARKSDALE FIELD, LA

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Pvt. 1cl	WILBERT COWAN	32172184

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WD, HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES, Washington, D. C., January 29, 1943.  
TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces Flying Training Command, Texas & Pacific Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

In connection with personnel for 317th, 319th and 320th Aviation Squadrons (Sep) attention is invited to radio from these Headquarters, dated January 21, 1943, copy attached.

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By Command of Lieutenant General ARNOLD:

J. M. BEVANS  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Director of Personnel

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BY:  
T. M. BELSHE  
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps

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SUBJECT: Requisition for Colored Enlisted Men.

2nd Ind. (AFPMP-2-HPB) dated January 14, 1943 to CG, AAFPTC, signed by  
Major Koup for Director of Personnel

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HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES FLYING TRAINING COMMAND, Texas and Pacific  
Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

JAN 22 1943

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C. (Attention:  
AFPMP-2).

1. Reference is made to preceding indorsement.
2. Confirming telephone conversation between Major Cook, your Headquarters, and Major Faversham, this Headquarters, it is requested that no personnel be assigned to the 317th Aviation Squadron (Sep), Courtland, Alabama; 319th Aviation Squadron (Sep), Malden, Missouri; or 320th Aviation Squadron (Sep), Seymour, Indiana. Due to conditions over which this Command has no control, it is considered extremely inadvisable for such personnel to be shipped to the above named stations. The Southeast Training Center is activating these Squadrons at these stations, but such Squadrons will be transferred after activation.
3. This Headquarters does not wish to imply in any way that colored personnel is not desired in this Command as a whole. Requisitions for such personnel during the past six months are evidence that Aviation Squadrons (Sep) are of considerable assistance to the stations in the performance of their mission.
4. Further reference is made to basic communication. It is requested that the personnel earmarked for the stations referred to in Paragraph 2 be

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assigned and shipped at the earliest practicable date to the 341st Aviation Squadron (Sep), Victorville, California; 343rd Aviation Squadron (Sep), Luke Field, Arizona; and the 346th Aviation Squadron (Sep), La Junta, Colorado.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

R. L. HOLCOMB,  
1st Lieut., Air Corps,  
Actg. Asst. Adjutant General

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T. M. BELSHE  
Lt. Colonel, Air Corps

AFPMP J 2950 REURAD AFTTC 7E 1008A INFORMATION RECD  
FR TAG THAT FILLER PERS HAS ALREADY BEEN SHIPPED TO 317th 319TH AND  
320TH AVN SQS SEP STOP IF THIS PERS IS DIVERTED TO SOME OTHER UNIT  
AFTER ARRIVAL ADVISE THESE HQ ORG AND STA TO WHICH SENT STOP PERS  
FOR 341ST 343RD AND 346TH AVN SQS SP HAS NOT BEEN REQUISITIONED BUT  
WILL BE REQUISITIONED IN NEAR FUTURE UNLESS ADVICE TO CONTRARY FR  
YOUR HQ IS RECD

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
COMMANDING GENERAL  
AAF FLYING TRAINING COMMAND  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

**HEADQUARTERS**  
**ARMY AIR FORCES FLYING TRAINING COMMAND**  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

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JAN 27 1943

SUBJECT: Quotas for Colored Enlisted Men to Attend Technical Schools of the Technical Training Command. *X 2 20.63*

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.  
(Attention: AFMP-2)

1. This Command was allotted a quota of 1070 Colored Enlisted Men to attend Technical Schools of the Technical Training Command during January, 1943. Despite the fact that as of December 31, 1942, the total number of Colored Enlisted Men under this Command amounted to 19,136, and the above allotment represented only slightly more than 5% of the total strength, this Command was fifty-eight (58) men (29 clerks and 29 radio operators and mechanics) short of filling the quota. The percentage of Colored Enlisted Men in this Command who are qualified for technical training is extremely small, and until additional Colored troops have been received by this Command, it will be impossible to furnish qualified Colored personnel, except in nominal amounts, for future Technical School quotas.

2. In order to fill the January quota, Technical Training Command authorized this Command to make up the shortage of fifty-eight men by sending the best qualified men available. This meant sending men to Technical Schools who had AGCT scores of less than 85 - until such authority was granted, 85 was the minimum AGCT score available.

3. The majority of Colored Enlisted Men received in this Command during the last two months of 1942 were excellent basic soldiers but not qualified for technical training. However, informal reports received during the past week seem to indicate that recent shipments of Colored troops to this Command have included a higher percentage of men qualified for Technical Schools. These men are being tested, and reports are being submitted to Headquarters the last day of each month, showing the number of Colored Enlisted Men qualified for technical training.

4. It is requested that no large quotas of Colored Enlisted Men to attend Technical Schools be allotted this Command until the reports referred to above have been submitted to your Headquarters. It is further requested that all qualified Colored personnel be not drained from this Command. In areas where racial and social issues assume importance, it is essential that Negro units be afforded leadership of the highest type. It is essential, in

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Subj.: Quotas for Colored Enlisted Men to Attend Technical Schools of  
the Technical Training Command.

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

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order to ensure capable leadership and high morale, that sufficient experienced and intelligent Colored Non-Commissioned Officers be retained in this Command.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

*R. L. Holcomb*

R. L. HOLCOMB  
Lieut. A. A. F.  
Acting Asst. Adj. Gen.

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*Medical Corpst*

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Negro Policy

The Air Surgeon

The Chief of the Air Staff

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1. The following is a quotation from a memorandum addressed to the Secretary of War by Judge William H. Hastie, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War:

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"h. The dangers inherent in sending inadequately trained flight surgeons into the field are too apparent to require elaboration. Yet, Negro medical officers in the Air Forces may get only part of the special training in aviation medicine which is available. They are not admitted to the school of aviation medicine at Randolph Field. The reason given is that branch schools are now providing training formerly concentrated at Randolph. Yet there remain such matters as didactic work for which selected white officers are sent to the school at Randolph Field for full time study while Negro medical officers pursue this training as a spare time correspondence course while continuing their regular duties at their home station. Even the branch school program in which it is represented that Negro officers share without discrimination is in fact discriminatory. Many white officers enrolled at a branch school of aviation medicine have the opportunity of full time resident study. The Negro officer is permitted to commute periodically from his home station at Tuskegee for work at the Maxwell Field branch school. Such grudging partial tender of makeshift schemes may be expected to continue unless a genuine change of racial attitude and policy occurs in the Air Commands."

*291.2 Negro*

2. Immediate action will be initiated by you to provide a proportionate share of vacancies for Negro resident students at the School of Aviation Medicine. Qualifying standards for white students, Flight Surgeons will apply equally to Negroes.

3. The proportionate share of vacancies will be calculated on the basis of the ratio of the total white Flight Surgeons to total Negro Flight Surgeons to be trained. In any event, regardless of fractional proportions, at least one Negro surgeon will be thoroughly trained in a resident student status.

4. Compliance with this directive will be reported to the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1, together with estimated total number of Negro Flight Surgeons who will be trained in a resident student status.

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GEORGE E. STRATEMEYERS & LIAISON: *PS*  
Major General, U. S. Army  
Chief of the Air Staff

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
The Adjutant General's Office  
Washington

AG 210.31 (1-4-43)OB-S-A-M

January 10, 1943

SUBJECT: Policy on Assignment of Negro Officer Personnel.

TO: The Commanding Generals  
Army Ground Forces;  
Army Air Forces;  
Services of Supply;  
Defense Commands;  
Departments; Armies;  
Theaters of Operations;  
Service Commands; Base Commands;  
The Commander-in-Chief,  
Southwest Pacific Area;  
Allied Force;  
The Commanding Officers,  
Base Commands

1a Restricted letter, AG 210.31 (4-13-42)OF, April 28, 1942,  
subject: Policy on assignment of Negro Officer Personnel, is rescinded.

b The provisions of confidential letter AG 210.31 (4-17-42)MC-SP-M,  
April 21, 1942, subject: Assignment of Negro Officers, as amended, will  
be continued, except as modified herein.

2a Negro officers will be assigned only to such type colored units  
and to installations and in such grades as are authorized by the War  
Department.

b These assignments come within the following four main categories:

- (1) Units to which Negro officers are now assigned.
- (2) Units which are now activated but to which no Negro  
officers have been assigned.
- (3) Units not yet activated.
- (4) Overhead positions

3. The Commanding General, Army Ground Forces, the Commanding General,  
Army Air Forces, the chiefs of supply arms and services and administrative  
services, and other commanders concerned will inform each other by direct  
correspondence of the units and activities (see paragraph 2 above) under  
their jurisdiction to which negro officers may be assigned under these policies.

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Copies of such correspondence will be forwarded to the Assistant Chiefs of Staff, G-1, G-3, and Operations Division, War Department General Staff, and the Military Personnel Division, Services of Supply, for their information.

4. The following will govern assignments to the categories in paragraph 2 above:

a An overstrength of not to exceed 25% in the grade of lieutenant may be assigned to units indicated in paragraphs 2 b (1), (2) and (3).

b Assignments to units and agencies indicated in paragraphs 2 b (1) and (4) will be made on routine requisitions originating with the unit concerned. Where the provisions contained herein increase the number of Negro officers previously authorized for any unit, prompt action will be taken to insure that such unit submits requisition for the authorized increase.

c (1) Assignments to units now activated which will require reassignment of white officers will normally not be made until sufficient numbers become available over and above the immediate requirements for units to be activated and for overseas loss replacement (see f and g below).

(2) Initial action in making assignments will be taken by the assignment agencies charged with filling officer personnel requisitions. This action will consist of direct requests on the appropriate authority named in paragraph 3 above having jurisdiction over the unit concerned, for dates on which to make such assignments.

d Assignments to new units which are scheduled for activation will depend upon the number of Negro officers available (see g below). Assignments to units in this category will be given high priority in order to prevent the necessity of the reassignment at a later date of white officers who would be assigned (see c above).

e Assignments to overhead positions will be by individuals to fill authorized positions.

f Assignments of Negro officers to units indicated in paragraphs 2 b (2) and (3), will be made by groups rather than as individuals and will conform to the following:

(1) In regiments or similar units, groups of not less than one battalion.

(2) In separate battalions or similar units, to include the entire battalion group.

(3) In separate companies, or similar units, to include the entire company group.

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(4) Attached medical officers and chaplains in regiments and separate battalions, to include the entire regimental or separate battalion medical or chaplain group.

g In order to provide sufficient numbers for group assignments or for individual assignments, officers may be obtained from the following sources:

(1) From replacement pools of the Arms and Services. (A small reserve pool will be maintained to meet emergency requisitions for overseas loss replacements.)

(2) Direct from graduates of the respective officer candidate schools and similar sources.

(3) From overstrength assigned to existing organizations.

h Assignment of officers qualified for limited service only, will be made to appropriate positions. Where no appropriate vacancy exists for Negro limited service officers they will be reported to the Commanding General, Services of Supply, for assignment.

i Except for medical officers and chaplains, (see f (4) above) senior Negro officers will not be assigned to a unit having white officers of other arms and services in junior grades.

j Negro medical officers and chaplains may be assigned to a unit without regard to the fact that Negro officers of the basic arm or service have not yet been assigned to that unit (see f (4) above).

5 Commanders concerned will be given sufficient notice by assigning authorities of arrival of Negro officers to permit adequate preparation for their accommodation. Commanders concerned are charged with preparation of the necessary accommodation.

6a Nothing contained herein will be constructed as cancelling the authorization for assignment of Negro officers to positions and units which have been previously designated for such assignments. These instructions are to be construed as amendments to those previously issued.

b Enclosed herewith is a list of types of units authorized for the assignment of Negro officers in the grades indicated, assignments to these units being subject to restrictions provided herein. The Commanding General (Army Ground Forces, Army Air Forces and Services of Supply) concerned will select from this list units to which Negro officers of higher grades than those indicated should be assigned, as officers demonstrate their fitness for promotion to such higher grades, and will inform the War Department of these units. The administrative details in connection with re-assignment in accordance with established policies and the coordination of the promotion of Negro officers in these designated units will be a responsibility of the Commanding General, Army Ground Forces or Army Air

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Forces, the Chief of the Supply Arm or Service or Administrative Service involved, or the other superior authority next below the War Department having jurisdiction over the unit concerned.

By order of the Secretary of War:



H. B. LEWIS

Brigadier General

Acting The Adjutant General

1 Inclosure:

Basis for Assignment  
of Negro Officers

COPIES FURNISHED:

The Chiefs of all Services,  
Services of Supply;

The Divisions of the War Department  
General Staff

Incl. 1 to ltr., AG 210.31  
(1-4-43)OB-S-A-M, 1-10-43

Basis for Assignment of Negro Officers

By types of Units

<u>Type of Unit</u>	<u>Authorized Grades and Numbers of Negro Officers</u>
<u>ARMY AIR FORCES</u>	
Air Base Security Bns (not to exceed 67). Units or agencies of the AAF, with attached Service Units, as designated by the CG, AAF. For Service Units, other than above, see entry under respective services.	Note A As directed by CG, AAF
<u>ARMORED FORCE</u>	
Tank Bn (M)	Note A
Tank Bn (L)	Note A
Armored Force RTC	Note B
<u>CAVALRY</u>	
Cavalry Div (Horse)	Note A
Recon Troop (Mecz) (Div)	Note A
Cavalry Regt (Mecz)	Note A
Cavalry RTC	Note B
<u>CHAPLAIN CORPS</u>	
All Negro enlisted units for which the Tables of Organization prescribe the position of Chaplain.	
<u>CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE</u>	
Chemical Bn (Mtz)(Sep)	Note A
Chemical Co (Decon)	Note A
Chemical Co (Smoke Gen)	Note A
Chemical Co (Impreg)	Note A
Chemical Co Maint, Avn (not to exceed 1)	Note A
Chemical Warfare RTC	Note B
<u>COAST ARTILLERY</u>	
Coast Artillery Regt (155mm Gun)(Mob)	Note A
Coast Artillery Regt (AA)(Sm)	Note A
Coast Artillery Regt (AA) Mob	Note A
Coast Artillery Bn (AA)(Sm)	Note A
Coast Artillery Bn (Bar Bln)	Notes A & D
Harbor Defense units as may be designated later as colored units	Note A

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COAST ARTILLERY (Cont'd)

Antiaircraft Group Note A  
Antiaircraft Artillery RTC Note B

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Engineer Regt (GS) Note A  
Engineer Bn (Avn)(not to exceed 4) Note A  
Engineer Bn and Sq (Combat) Note A  
Engineer Bn (Sep) Note A  
Engineer Bn (W Sup) Note A  
Engineer Co (Dp Trk) Note A  
Engineer Co (Lt Pon) Note A  
Engineer RTC Note B

FIELD ARTILLERY

Field Artillery Brig. Note A  
Field Artillery Regt. (105mm How)(Trk Dr) Note A  
Field Artillery Bn (105mm How)(Trk Dr) Note A  
Field Artillery Regt. (155 How) Note A  
Field Artillery Regt. (155 Gun) Note A  
Field Artillery Group Note A  
Field Artillery RTC Note B

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

See Note C  
Ft. Huachuca, Arizona 2 Lieutenants,  
assistants to  
Finance Officer.  
Tuskegee, Alabama 1 Lieutenant Finance  
Officer.  
1 Lieutenant Assist-  
ant Finance Officer.

INFANTRY

Infantry Divisions Note A  
Infantry Regiment (non-divisional) Note A  
Infantry RTC Note B

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

See Note C

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Medical Bn and Sq(Div) All Lieutenants and  
Chaplains  
Medical Co (Sanitary) All company grade  
officers.

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\* MEDICAL DEPARTMENT (Cont'd)

Medical Department RTC  
All attached medical officers in all Negro units.  
Officers of grades and to such installations as  
may be designated by the CGs, SOS and AAF, for  
units under their jurisdiction.

Note B.

CORPS OF MILITARY POLICE

Military Police Platoon, company or troop (Div)  
Military Police detachments at posts, camps  
and stations. (Assignments to be made in col-  
laboration with Service Commander having juris-  
diction over unit concerned).

All Lieutenants  
Lieutenants

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT

Ord Bn (Am)  
Ord Co (Am)  
Ord Co MM (Avn) (Q)  
Ord Units (Div)  
Ord Co (Avn)  
Ord RTC

Note A  
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Note A  
Note B

QUARTERMASTER CORPS

Quartermaster Regt (Trk)  
Quartermaster Bn (Serv)  
Quartermaster Co and Sq (Div)  
Quartermaster Co (Trk)(Sep)  
Quartermaster Co Serv Group (Avn)  
Quartermaster RTC

Note A  
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Note A  
Note B

SIGNAL CORPS

Signal Bn (Const)  
Signal Co (Serv)(Gp)  
Signal Co (Const)  
Signal Co and Troop (Div)  
Signal Co (AW)  
Signal RTC

Note A  
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SPECIAL SERVICES

Special Service Unit  
Special Service positions as prescribed  
in Tables of Organization for units to which  
Negro Officers are assigned.

All officers  
of company grade  
All Lieutenants

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TANK DESTROYERS

Tank Destroyer Bn  
Tank Destroyer RTC

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TRANSPORTATION CORPS

Battalions (Port)  
Transportation Corps Unit Training Center

Note A  
Lieutenants and chap-  
lains in Negro  
training units.

SERVICES OF SUPPLY

To Service Commands and such other offices  
and agencies in overhead positions under  
jurisdiction of the CG, SOS, as he may direct.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

See Note C  
Headquarters, Inf and Cav Div  
Army Enlisted Adm. School

All Lieutenants  
Lieutenants as desired.

NOTE A: All lieutenants; all attached medical officers and attached chaplains.

NOTE B: All lieutenants in Negro Training Units.

NOTE C: To such positions and in such grades as may from time to time be  
authorized by the War Department.

NOTE D: Approved for assignment of over-age officers of the combat arms  
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Date Jan 10, 1943

SYNOPSIS

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

To: The Commanding General,  
Army Ground Forces etc

SUBJECT: Policy on Assignment of Negro Officer Personnel

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SYNOPSIS

From: Hq, AAF, Director of Individual Tng.

To: CG, Tech. Tng. Comd., Knollwood Fld., N.C.

Subj: Non-segregation in Training of Colored Personnel.

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**Date** 9 Jan 1943

**SYNOPSIS**

**From:** Dir. of Individual Training

**To:** Military Personnel

**SUBJECT:** Training of Colored Enlisted Personnel

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HEADQUARTERS ARMY AIR FORCES

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TALLY NO.	
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT: Treatment of the Negro within the Army Air Forces.

TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1.

DATE Jan. 9, 1943.

FROM: General Strateneyer.

COMMENT NO. 1

1. The attached letter from Mr. Hastie to the Secretary of War and ~~to~~ the memorandum from Colonel McCormick to me have been carefully read.

2. You will prepare, for my signature, the necessary directives to correct the deficiencies set forth in Colonel McCormick's memorandum, in order that the treatment of the negro within the Army Air Forces will conform to War Department policies.

*[Signature]*  
GEORGE E. STRATEMEYER,  
Major General, U. S. A.  
Chief of the Air Staff.

Atts.  
Memo 1/9/42 to C/AS fr  
Col. McCormick.  
Cy memo fr Mr. Hastie 1/5/42 to  
Sec. War.

*291.2 negro*

*A-1 File*

CENTRAL FILES

Date: *12-15-43*

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ADDRESS REPLY TO  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D C

WAR DEPARTMENT  
HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY AIR FORCES  
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF THE AIR STAFF:

Subject: Resignation of Judge William H. Hastie.

1. This office has been advised by the Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. McCloy, that Judge William H. Hastie, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of War, has submitted his resignation. The decision as to whether or not that resignation will be accepted has not been made, and this matter therefore should be kept in the highest confidence.

2. Your attention is invited to the attached memorandum to the Secretary of War from Judge Hastie dated January 4, 1943. In the event the resignation of Judge Hastie is accepted and he carries out the threat implied in paragraph two of his memorandum, it is obvious that the brunt of his criticism will fall squarely on the Army Air Forces. Furthermore, it is also probable that whether or not Judge Hastie's resignation is accepted, the Army Air Forces will be called upon to explain to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War the criticism set forth in this memorandum.

3. The establishment of an all Negro station at Jefferson Barracks involving an Officer Candidate School, technical training, etc., was not favorably considered in this headquarters, and Judge Hastie was so advised on December 17, 1943. The action of the Director of Individual Training with reference to the establishment of a separate school for Negro Administrative Officers at Jefferson Barracks, to open January 15, 1943, was in distinct contravention of the policy of the War Department and the Commanding General, Army Air Forces. The proposal to create such a school was not coordinated with this Division - a procedure which would have saved one of many embarrassments with reference to Negroes.

4. If the allocations set forth in paragraph 2c of page three of the attached memorandum with reference to our failure to train necessary ground crews to support the pursuit units for which pilots have been trained is correct, the responsibility for such



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failure should be fixed and corrective action expedited. In this connection, the Director of Military Requirements was advised in writing by this Division under date of June 24, 1942, as follows:

"In accordance with verbal directive of the Chief of the Air Staff, you will take the necessary action to form a complete Pursuit Group, Negro, together with all the pertinent Base and Service units, Negro, with a view to their earliest practicable commitment to combat."

5. With respect to the utilization of Negro observers, the policy of the War Department provides for the return of Ground Force Officers trained as observers to their units. None of them are now retained by the Air Forces (statement of Director of Personnel - Colonel Wetzel); nor do we plan to train any Negro observers for Army Air Forces units. This is clearly within the War Department policy until such time as Negro Observation Units may be activated.

6. There can be no question that the position of the Army Air Forces with respect to Service pilots is vulnerable. There are a number of qualified candidates for Service pilot rating. Two candidates were directed to report to Maxwell Field to pursue a course of instruction under Army supervision, travel to be at their own expense (Cleveland to Maxwell and return). On arrival at Maxwell they were summarily rejected because of race. There appears to be no good reason why Negro Service Pilots should not be effectively employed by the Air Transport Command in the Ferrying Division.

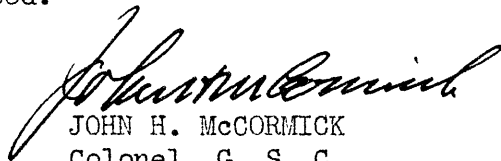
7. The training of Negro Flight Surgeons has been under the jurisdiction of the Air Surgeon. He advised this Division some time ago of his methods and strenuously objected to sending any Negro doctors to Randolph Field. He stated that the course at Maxwell Field was a satisfactory substitute therefor in conjunction with correspondence courses. This Division labored under the delusion that Negro surgeons were resident students at Maxwell Field. Certainly commuting from Tuskegee to Maxwell Field to pursue this course of instruction if white surgeons were in resident attendance constituted undesirable discrimination.

8. Judge Hastie is not on substantial ground with respect to the training of Weather, Armament and Engineering Officers as specialists. Those required for Negro units were, have been, or are being trained. War Department policy with reference to assignment of Negro officers to white units would make training in excess of requirements for Negro units wasteful and inadvisable.

9. This Division is not qualified to discuss the situation at Tuskegee pending receipt of report of Inspector General (General Davis). Even at Tuskegee the policies of the War Department cannot be violated with impunity, and if these policies are being violated, corrective action should be taken at once.

10. The situation with respect to the Negro in our country is deteriorating. The crusading, radical Negro press is constantly siezing on every instance of racial discrimination and magnifying it far beyond its true importance. With Judge Hastie, a prophet with Honour and a large following among his own race, free to voice uninhibited criticism the position of the Army Air Forces and the War Department will be further jeopardized. There is no doubt that the Air Forces have been honestly and seriously doubtful of the Negro's ability to further the National Air effort. However, Negroes who meet the standards for Air Force duties as established for white men cannot justly be denied the privilege of performing those duties solely because of his race.

11. It appears to this Division that the Army Air Forces should mould its Negro policies in strict compliance with War Department policies; that we must also recognize the Negro as presenting a serious National problem and stand ready to bear our fair share of the burden placed on the War Department in its solution. Certainly, no act or policy either of this Headquarters or of our subordinate headquarters which tends to embarrass the Secretary of War in his handling of the delicate, inflammable problem should be countenanced.



JOHN H. McCORMICK  
Colonel, G. S. C.

Deputy Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-1



January 5, 1943

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Secretary of War  
Through The Under Secretary of War

As you know, I have believed for some time that my presence in the War Department is no longer essential to the maintenance of the several substantial gains made during the past two years in the handling of racial issues and particular problems of Negro military and civilian personnel. At the same time I have believed that there remain areas in which changes of racial policy should be made but will not be made in response to advocacy within the Department but only as a result of strong and manifest public opinion. I have believed that some of these changes involve questions of the sincerity and depth of our devotion to the basic issues of this war and thus have an important bearing, both on the fighting spirit of our own people and upon our ability as a nation to maintain leadership in the struggle for a free world. Segregation within Army theatres, the blood plasma issue and the unvarying pattern of separate Negro units are such matters.

Therefore, it has seemed to me that my present and future usefulness is greater as a private citizen who can express himself freely and publicly upon such issues than as a member of the War Department under obligation to refrain from such public expression. Both the Secretary of War and the Under Secretary have felt that my view of this matter is mistaken. In deference to the judgment of men whom I respect and to whom I feel an obligation of personal loyalty I have remained at my post.

Compelling new considerations have now arisen. In one very important branch of the Army, the Air Forces, where the handling of racial issues has been reactionary and unsatisfactory from the outset, further retrogression is now so apparent and recent occurrences are so objectionable and inexcusable that I have no alternative but to resign in protest and to give public expression to my views. This ultimate decision has been forced upon me by

Done (a) the announcement just made of the establish-

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ment of a segregated Officer Candidate School to train Negro ground officers for the Air Forces, to open at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, on January 15, 1943; and

(b) the humiliating and morale shattering mistreatment which, with at least the tacit approval of the Air Command, continues to be imposed upon Negro military personnel at the Tuskegee Air Base, the principal training center of the Air Forces for Negro troops.

For convenient reference I will discuss these issues and related matters in numbered paragraphs.

1. In establishing a separate Officer Candidate School for Negroes at Jefferson Barracks the Air Forces are deliberately rejecting the general practice of unsegregated Officer Candidate Schools which has proved eminently successful throughout the Army and which has been so hopeful an augury. I did not know that such a school was contemplated until the matter appeared a few days ago in an Army press release. Worse still, I was given misleading information by the Air Forces at a time when the plan must have been well advanced. Rumors in the St. Louis papers that Jefferson Barracks were being considered for some Negro project of the Air Forces caused me on November 26 to inquire of the Assistant Secretary for Air what plan, if any, was in the making. I was advised in reply on December 17 merely that "present Air Forces plans do not provide for the conversion of Jefferson Barracks into an all-Negro post" and that "the training program in general contemplates assignment of Negro personnel for training to installations in areas from which procured." In such circumstances the failure of the Air Forces, after written request, to advise this office candidly and fully of a plan so soon to be publicly announced cannot be considered an excusable inadvertence.

2. This latest development in the Air Forces officer training program must be considered in the whole setting of Negro participation in the Army air program. It is to be remembered that the policy of using Negro personnel in the Air Forces at all was imposed upon a Command, reluctant from the outset. Resistance, bred of that reluctance, has been encountered repeatedly.

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a. The Negro program began with the organization of several so-called Aviation Squadrons (Separate). Of these units, now greatly increased in number, it is sufficient to say, that they were organized to serve no specific military need; that they have never had a defined function; and that, except as some commanders on their own initiative have found some military function for particular small groups of soldiers, their characteristic assignment has been the performance of such odd jobs of common labor as may arise from time to time at air fields. Such labor as may be the part time fatigue duty of other soldiers is the principal business of these units. There are no equivalent white organizations. I believe I am justified in expressing the opinion that Aviation Squadrons (Separate) would never have existed except for the necessity of making some provision for Negro enlisted men in the Air Forces.

b. The segregated school for Negro pilots at Tuskegee, Alabama, was the beginning of the Air command's insistence that it would not go along with the rest of the Army in the free admittance of Negro candidates to its schools for officer training. My objections to that move, presented in detail at the time, were overruled.

~~Don~~ c. A small deviation from the separate school program was made when one group of Negro soldiers received training as enlisted technicians and mechanics at Chanute Field. The results were excellent. The men did well. I urged the importance of repeating such training for subsequent groups on a continuous basis. However, the program stopped with the first group. Efforts were made by the Air Forces to set up segregated technical training at Tuskegee or elsewhere. Difficulties were encountered. In the meantime successive classes of Negro pilots were being trained, but no supporting technical schooling of ground crew members was in progress. Thus even the segregated program has gotten badly out of balance in the effort to accomplish its extension. The prospect is that in 1943 Negro pilots will be ready before and faster than adequate numbers of trained ground crews are available.

S. O. S. d. I have also just learned that Negro enlisted men are to be trained at a segregated school for clerical

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and other administrative duty with service units attached to the Air Forces.

e. Two Negro officers were sent by the Ground Forces to the Air Forces school for Aerial Observers. They successfully completed their course. But such information as I have been able to get reveals no plans for their utilization and no intention of training additional Negro officers in Aerial Observation.

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f. For a period of six months fully qualified Negro candidates for training as weather officers have had their completed applications returned with the information that the Air Forces need no more Negroes in this field. But the Air Forces do need numbers of weather officers. The same thing has been true in armament and engineering, both ground specialties for which the Air Forces have been accepting cadets.

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g. To date no application of a Negro for appointment as an army service pilot has been accepted. Several Negroes with prerequisite flying experience have applied. To date it is the policy of the Air Forces not to use Negroes in this capacity, although I am advised that the matter is receiving further study. Two qualified applicants have actually been rejected after orders to report for training, when it was discovered that they were Negroes.

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h. The dangers inherent in sending inadequately trained flight surgeons into the field are too apparent to require elaboration. Yet, Negro medical officers in the Air Forces may get only part of the special training in aviation medicine which is available. They are not admitted to the school of aviation medicine at Randolph Field. The reason given is that branch schools are now providing training formerly concentrated at Randolph. Yet there remain such matters as didactic work for which selected white officers are sent to the school at Randolph Field for full time study while Negro medical officers pursue this training as a spare time correspondence course while continuing their regular duties at their home station. Even the branch school program in which it is

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represented that Negro officers share without discrimination is in fact discriminatory. Many white officers enrolled at a branch school of aviation medicine have the opportunity of full time resident study. The Negro officer is permitted to commute periodically from his home station at Tuskegee for work at the Maxwell Field branch school. Such grudging partial tender of makeshift schemes may be expected to continue unless a genuine change of racial attitude and policy occurs in the Air Commands.

3. The racial impositions upon Negro personnel at Tuskegee have become so severe and demoralizing that, in my judgment, they jeopardize the entire future of the Negro in combat aviation. Men cannot be humiliated over a long period of time without a shattering of morale and a destroying of combat efficiency.

a. Specifically, Negro and white officers serving at Tuskegee in the common enterprise of training Negroes for air combat have separate messes. They are not permitted to have quarters in the same building. Negro officers are separated from white officers when officially assembled at officers call. Separate toilet facilities have been provided. If the group of white officers at Tuskegee insist upon this - and I have no evidence that they do - they are psychologically unsuited to train Negroes for combat. If they do not so insist, the racial attitude of the local commander or of higher authority is all the more apparent.

b. Despite original design to place Negro officers in posts of administrative responsibility at Tuskegee as rapidly as they should qualify, that design is not being carried out in the post administration.

c. Negro military policemen assigned from the post to patrol duty in the town of Tuskegee have been deprived of sidearms in response to the insistence of local civilian authorities. The subsequent appointment of a man, recently of the Alabama state constabulary, to be post Intelligence Officer is in accord with the same basic policy of catering to the prejudices of the community.

d. It is tragic irony that while the whole course of handling racial relations at Tuskegee is such

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as to destroy combat efficiency, the Air Forces are now undertaking an historical study to determine whether and where Negroes will fit into air combat functions. The answer to this question will not be found in such a study, but rather in such present and future handling of Negro soldiers that their pride and dignity and self respect as men and as American soldiers will be preserved and heightened rather than destroyed.

4. For the reasons set out herein I am submitting my formal resignation in a separate letter. I must insist that it be accepted. By remaining at my post until February 1, 1943, I hope to allow adequate time for such arrangements as may be made for the continuation of my present work.

William H. Hastie

Civilian Aide to the Secretary  
of War

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Date Jan 9, 19 53

**SYNOPSIS**

From: Hq. Officer Candidate & Officer Training School Army Air Force -  
Technical Training Command, Miami Beach, Fla.

To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C.  
Att: Aviation Cadet Section

SUBJECT: Negro Officer Candidates

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Original filed under No. 352.17 Assignment of Graduates

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FILE : ~~321~~ ~~Colored Personnel.~~  
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Date Jan. 8, 1943.

SYNOPSIS

From: The Air Inspector.

To: The Inspector General.

Subject: Report of Investigation of Misconduct of Military  
Personnel while traveling on public carrier.

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TALLY NO.	AFPMP-8
FILE NO.	

SUBJECT: Commissioning of Negro Pilots

TO: Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1  
 FROM: Director of Personnel

DATE 1/4/43  
 COMMENT NO. 1.  
 MFW/MM/71894

1. There is attached a memorandum dated June 15th to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, Subject: Commissioning of Negro Civilians, signed by Colonel F. Trubee Davison, Assistant Chief of Air Staff, A-1. The reply from G-1, also attached, indicates applications should be forwarded to the Officer Procurement Section, Reserve Division, Office of the Adjutant General, which office is now under the Officer Procurement Service.

2. The instructions of G-1 contemplate permanent filing of the applications. The Procurement Unit of Military Personnel is requested, from time to time, to review applications so filed and also to interview and initiate new applications from negro civilians with qualifications for Service Pilots.

3. At no time have any available vacancies been found by the Procurement Unit for negro officers commissioned from civilian life with the rating of Service Pilot. The logical assignment for these men would be at Tuskegee Army Flying School, which is under the Southeast Training Center of the Flying Training Command. The Flying Training Command uses Service Pilots in Basic, Advanced, Gunnery, Bombardier, and Navigator Schools. However, under date of November 30th, Southeast Training Center, by 2nd Indorsement, on the application of John Sinclair Perry, states that inasmuch as Tuskegee Army Flying School, the only negro school in that training center, is a small, specialized school, it is felt that only rated pilots with a military flying background may be used as instructors there, and that Service Pilots would not be acceptable.

4. Reference is made to R&R, your office, dated December 8, 1942, Subject: Assignment of Negro Officers, which states that through December 31, 1943, there will be assigned to the Army Air Forces 1318 negro officers. Of this number 152 will be flying officers. The current schedule of the Tuskegee Army Flying School contemplates 10 classes of 52 men each. It is estimated that a ~~maximum of 210~~ <sup>GENERAL FILING</sup> per cent of these will graduate as commissioned officers, or a maximum of 210. It is apparent that there will be sufficient graduates from Tuskegee Army Flying School to meet the requirements for negro flying officers during the year 1943 by ~~forwarded~~ <sup>AC/AS, Personnel:</sup>

5. It is recommended that, until there is evidence of a shortage of negro pilots to meet requirements, the Director of Personnel be advised ~~that~~ <sup>AFPCP</sup> civilian negro applicants that there are no vacancies for negro commissioned officers with the rating of Service Pilot, and that no applications should be accepted and no flight tests should be authorized. <sup>AFPSS</sup>

*[Handwritten signature]*  
 J. M. BEVANS  
 Colonel, Air Corps  
 CHAPLAIN: *[Handwritten initials]*

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Personnel Division, G-1

WDGAP 322.99  
(6-22-42)  
Commissioning of Negro Civilians.

June 22, 1942

X CG Army Air Forces

See note below.

The applications referred to should be forwarded to

Officers Procurement Section, Reserve Division,  
Office of the Adjutant General,  
Room 2046, Tempo. "M".

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1:

/S/ M.G. White,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Executive

Incl.  
Memo to G-1, 6/15/42,  
from A-1.

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: CG, AAF has on file applications for negro civilians who appear to be highly qualified officer material but are not required for the AAF.

COPY

June 15, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1:

Subject: Commissioning of Negro Civilians.

1. Our appointment and Procurement Section has had several applications from time to time from negro civilians who appear to be highly qualified for officer material. About the only place in the Air Forces where these men could serve as commissioned officers would be at Tuskegee, which at the present time has no vacancies.

2. It is requested that G-1 advise us what branches of the ground forces would be most likely to have use for such candidates, and we would also like to be advised as to where we shall direct these men to apply.

For the Chief of the Air Staff:

F. TRUBEE DAVISON  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-1





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From:

To:

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation of Negro Civilian Personnel  
at ~~Wright~~ Wright Field

Report

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99th Fighter Squadron

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1. The following information concerning the 99th Fighter Squadron is furnished at the request of Colonel Grussendorf.

2. The 99th Fighter Squadron is now at Tuskegee, Alabama and the Third Air Force is charged with its training. There are thirty-two (32) officers, twenty-eight (28) of whom are pilots, and two hundred thirty-two (232) enlisted men. The Squadron Commander is Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, who is without question the best qualified colored officer for the position. His efficiency rating is given as "excellent."

3. This Squadron has been in training for some time; they have not done any bombing, but have had some ground and air gunnery. Shortage of training aircraft and inadequate facilities have retarded the training of this Squadron but action has been taken to furnish ten (10) additional P-40's in a few days. In spite of these handicaps, the Squadron is sufficiently trained for commitment to the theater.

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P. O. E. Command

4. Due to the large number of P-40's being diverted to our Allies, there are no new airplanes readily available for the unit in question. In order to equip the 99th, the Tenth Air Force (India and China) would have to be deprived of one month's attrition replacements. At the present time the Tenth Air Force is over strength in fighter aircraft and the loss of one month's attrition would not seriously hamper their activities. As of this date there are thirty-two (32) P-40M's at Charleston P.O.E. awaiting shipment to the Tenth Air Force and it is expected that ~~the~~ thirty (30) more will be available in February.

5. The morale of the 99th Squadron is now excellent and it is the opinion of this Directorate that they should be sent to the theater as soon as practicable. The present situation of being on five-day alert is very unsatisfactory; and if this condition is allowed to continue, it will have a detrimental effect on their morale and impede training activities.

6. The associated units, the 83rd Fighter Control Squadron, and the 689th Signal Reporting Company are also adequately trained for their mission. The theater for which these units are destined is not active and training may continue in the new location.

MORRIS R. NELSON  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Acting Director

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December 14, 1942

- Air Staff, A-1.

Additional Negro Troops At Jefferson Barracks, Missouri

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Attention:  
Mr. Leon Henderson, Office of Price Administration  
Thru OPD, G. S.

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Your attention is invited to copy of letter sent to Mr. W. C. McNerney,  
Secretary, LeMay Public Library, LeMay, Missouri, dated December 14, 1942.

For the Chief of Air Staff:

F. TRUBEE DAVISON,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
A. C. of A. S., A-1.

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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF, OPD

Date Initials

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Additional Negro Troops at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

December 8, 1942.

X CG, Army Air Forces.

X Chief of Staff

The Post of Jefferson Barracks is under the jurisdiction of the Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

By order of the Chief of Staff:

THOS. T. HANDY,  
Major General,  
Assistant Chief of Staff.

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HENRY A. BARBER, JR.,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Chief, North American Theater  
Theater Group, OPD, G. S.

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War Department, Hq., Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., December 12, 1942.  
TO: Commanding General, Technical Training Command, Knollwood Field, N. C.

1. Air Base Security Battalions are activated, trained and equipped by the Army Ground Forces. Upon completion of the activation, training and equipping of these units, they are reassigned to the Army Air Forces.
2. At the present time, all units of this type that have been prepared for service by the Army Ground Forces have been earmarked for overseas duty, and none is available for assignment in the continental United States.
3. It is recommended that the housing provided for these units be used for other purposes as desired by the Commander concerned.

By command of Lieutenant General ARKOLD:

L. S. SMITH,  
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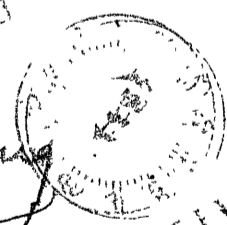
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Request for Assignment of Air Base Security Battalion **4322**

FROM	TO	DATE	COMMENTS
AFRIT-3	AFDPU	1942 11/30	<p>1. It is recommended that one Air Base Security Battalion be assigned to AAF Technical School, Boca Raton, Florida, in view of the large quantities of highly secret equipment in use thereat.</p> <p>2. Inviting attention to the attached correspondence (Basic with 9 indorsements).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>LSM</i> L. S. SMITH + Brig. Gen., U. S. A.</p> <p>Incl. Basic ltr dtd 9/21/42 w/9 ind.</p>
2. AFDPU	AFRAD AFRIT-3 <u>In turn</u>	1942 DEC 8	<p style="text-align: right;">LBP:ih 5324</p> <p>1. With reference to request in Serial #1 above, "Air Base Security Battalions are activated, trained and equipped by the Army Ground Forces. Upon completion of the activation, training and equipping of these units, they are reassigned to the Army Air Forces.</p> <p>2. At the present time, all units of this type that have been prepared for service by the Army Ground Forces have been earmarked for overseas duty, and none is available for assignment in the continental United States.</p> <p>3. It is recommended that the housing provided for these units be used for other purposes as desired by the Commander concerned."</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ALM</i> A. L. MOORE Colonel, G.S.C.</p> <p>Incl. n/c</p>

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Subject: Colored troops, Hq. 1st Dist., AAF TTC, Sept. 21, 1942.

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Hq. AAF TTC, Knollwood Field, N. C., November 23, 1942.--To Commanding General, AAF, Washington, D. C. (Atten: AFRIT).

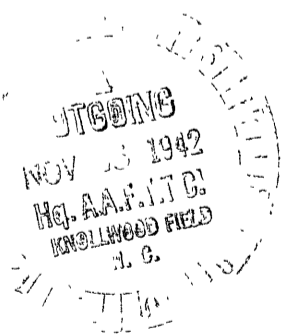
1. Reference 7th indorsement above it is requested that authority be issued for the constitution and activation of an Air Base Security Battalion for Boca Raton Field, Boca Raton, Florida.

2. This Air Base Security Battalion should be a colored unit with a strength of eighteen (18) officers and four hundred nineteen (419) enlisted men. It will be composed of a Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, a Fixed Defense Company, and a Striking Force Company; and it is to be employed for the purpose of defense of the Air Base against hostile enemy activities.

3. It is further requested that the authorized strength of the Technical Training Command be increased by the amount necessary to man this Battalion, and that the personnel required therefore be furnished this Command.

4. The construction plan for Boca Raton Field provided for this unit requested above and is now ready for occupancy. Request action be expedited.

For the Commanding General:



FERNAND YOUNG  
Colonel, A. G. C.  
Adjutant General

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HQ AAFTTC, Knollwood Fld, N.C. 10/21/42- To: CG, 1st Dist, AAFTTC, Greensboro, N.C.

1. For compliance with par. 3, 4th Ind.

2. No information is available these Hq as to Air Base Defense Batt. (Colored). Such an org was requested by Boca Raton in the 1st Ind. above. It is desired this be substantiated in the same manner as for the QM Battalion

By command of Major General WEAVER:

/s/ F. W. Kendall  
Major, A.C.  
Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.

6th Ind. 1st Dist. to AFTS, Boca Raton, 10/23  
For compliance with 4th Ind.

7th Ind.

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Hq, AAFTS, Boca Raton Fld, Boca Raton, Fla., Oct.30,1942. To CG, 1st Dist, Greensboro

1. Construction of housing has been completed in accordance with Construction Directive, Office, Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C., Dated 5/1/42, which called for housin for the following colored troops:

One Airdrome Defense Battalion (Colored)  
419 Enlisted Men

One Aviation Squadron (Colored)  
5 Off and 250 E.M.

One QM Co. (Colored)  
189 E.M.

2. In the meantime, authority has been grntd to activate the ff. units:

83rd Av. Sq (Sep (Colored) 250 EM  
928th QM Platoon, Transportation, AirBase 60 EM

It is presumed that the 928th QM Platoon, Transportation, Air Base, is the "QM Battalion" that is indicated on the Construction Directive.

3. No information is available relative to the Air Base Defense Battalion, other than that given in par. 1, above. The 83rd Av. Sq. (Sep)(Colored), has been activated and has a strength of 250 men

4. In addition to the 83rd Av. Sq. (Sep) 15 colored troops were recently received from the Miami Area, TTC, Making a total of 265 colored troops now at this station.

/s/ Lawrence J. Carr, Colonel, Air Corps, Commanding.

8th Ind.

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Hq., 1st Dist., Greensboro, N. C., November 5, 1942. To: CG, AAFTTC, Knollwood, N. C.

Attention invited to preceding indorsement.

For the Commanding General:

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H. E. FERGUSON,  
1st Lt., Air Corps

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War Department, Headquarters Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C. October 10, 1942. To: Commanding General, Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, Knollwood Field, North Carolina.

1. One Aviation Squadron (Separate) has already been authorized for Boca Raton, Florida.
2. There are no Quartermaster Battalions, Colored, set up in the present program for the Army Air Forces.
3. It is desired that you furnish to this Headquarters, relative to the proposed Quartermaster Battalion, Colored:
  - a. Table of Organization.
  - b. Function of such a battalion.
  - c. Table of Basic Allowances for such a battalion.

By command of Lieutenant General ARNOLD:

L. S. SMITH,  
Colonel, Army Air Forces,  
Director of Individual Training

Colonel, Army Air Forces

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ECT. Colored Troops

ITEM NO	FROM	TO	DATE	COMMENTS
1	AFDP-3	AFDU	1942 10-6	<p>1. Forwarded for your consideration.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>APW</i> <i>m</i></p> <p>incl: ltr 8/9-21-42 3 Incs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ARTHUR S. SMITH Colonel, Air Corps Dir. of Ind. Eng.</p>
2	AFDPU	AFRIT	1942 10-7	<p style="text-align: right;">LBP:ih 5324</p> <p>1. With reference to request in 3rd Indorsement to Basic Communication, One Aviation Squadron, Separate, has already been authorized for Boca Raton, Florida.</p> <p>2. There are no Quartermaster Battalions, Colored, set up in the present program for the Army Air Forces.</p> <p>3. Information relative to the Quartermaster Battalion, Colored, is desired as follows:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. Table of Organization          b. Function of such a battalion          c. Table of Basic Allowances for such a battalion</p> <p>1 Incl. n/c</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A. L. MOORE, Colonel, G.S.C.</p>

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Date Dec. 10, 1942.

SYNOPSIS

From: Dir. of Personnel.

To: Com. Gen., Hqs. Flying Training Command, Ft. Worth, Texas.

Subject: Officer Candidate Schools (Colored Personnel).

1st. Ind.

Original filed under No. 352 Schools.

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FILE : 291.2 Negro

Date Dec. 10, 1942

SYNOPSIS

From: Chief of the Air Staff

To: Asst. Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

SUBJECT: Conference with General Emmons.

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SUBJECT Stationing of Colored Troops in Localities Lacking a Sizeable Colored Population

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5	AFCAS	AFAAP	1942 12-9	<p>1. General Hanley has noted your proposed reply and approves thereof.</p> <p>2. For necessary action.</p> <p>Incls. n.c.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>MAL</i> M. A. LIBBY, Lt. Col., G.S.C.</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;"><i>291.2 mg</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>CENTRAL FILES</u> Date: <i>12-15-43</i> Forwarded by AC/AS, Personnel: AFAAP..... AFPMP..... AFPCP..... AFPSS..... PLANS &amp; LIAISON: <i>MAL</i> AIR CHAPLAIN:..... ..... .....</p>

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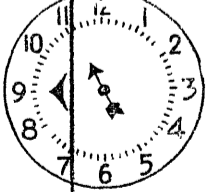
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**SUBJECT:** Stationing of Colored Troops in Localities Lacking a Sizeable Colored Population

NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	COMMENTS
3	AFCAS	AFAAP	1942 12-3	<p>1. General Hanley agrees with your proposed indorsement with the following additional thought:</p> <p>Shouldn't the first sentence state: "The situation existing in Bangor, Maine and in other communities throughout the United States similarly lacking in a sizeable colored population is of grave concern to this Headquarters, etc." ?</p> <p>2. It is directed that you prepare the foregoing reply to General Chaney over your signature as Assistant Chief of the Air Staff, A-1, fully coordinating same with G-1 and OPD. before dispatch.</p> <p>3. General Hanley is particularly desirous that G-1 read the basic communication.</p> <p align="right"><i>MAL.</i> M. A. LIBBY, Lt. Col., G. S. C.</p> <p>Incls.</p>
4	DEC 9 42 AM AFAAP	AFCAS	12/8	<p>n.c. WHM/lr 71126</p> <p>1. Reply requested in Item 2 attached.</p> <p>2. Matter has been discussed with G-1 and OPD who suggested reference to C.G, Eastern Defense Command as of primary interest.</p> <p align="right"><i>F. J. D.</i> F. T. RUBEE DAVISON, Colonel, G. S. C., A/C of A.S., A-1. ✓</p> <p>Incls. as listed abv. Addi. 1st Ind. 12/8/42</p>

  
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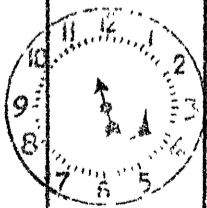
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SUBJECT: Stationing of Colored Troops in Localities Lacking a Sizeable Colored Population

NO.	FROM	TO	DATE	COMMENTS
1	AFCAS	AFAAP ATTEN: Colonel McCormick	1942 11-30	General Hanley desires that you study this paper and submit your comments and recommendations to him.  MAR. M. A. LIBBY, Lt. Col., G.S.C.
		Incls. Ltr fr Gen. Chaney to CG AAF dated 11/20/42, above subject with 4 inclosures (2 editorials, 1 news item and photographs)		
2.	AFAAP	AFCAS	1942 12/2	1. The attached letter from General Chaney has been given very careful study.  2. An Indorsement substantitally as follows to General Chaney's letter is recommended:  "The situation existing in Bangor and other Main#communities has been of grave concern to this Headquarters. Because of the social nature of the problem, and the necessity for utilization of negro troops on an equitable basis throughout the country, it is impracticable to exclude Army Air Force negro units from service in any given state or locality."  F. J. D. F. TRUBEE DAVISON, Colonel, G. S. C., Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-1.
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Memorandum for:

Colonel Edgar P. Sorensen,  
Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-2.

1. It is believed that the attached letter of November 20, 1942, from Major General J. E. Chaney to the Commanding General, Army Air Forces, subject: Stationing of Colored Troops in Localities Lacking a Sizeable Colored Population, should receive the personal consideration of the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff.

A. W. Brock, Jr.  
A. W. BROCK, JR.,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Director of Intelligence Service.

Signature

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Headquarters Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., December 8, 1942.  
To: Commanding General, First Air Force, Mitchel Field, N. Y.

1. The situation existing in Bangor, Maine, and in other communities throughout the United States similarly lacking in a sizeable colored population is of grave concern to this Headquarters. However, because of the social nature of the problem, and the necessity for utilization of Negro troops on an equitable basis throughout the country, it is impracticable to exclude Army Air Forces Negro units from any given state or locality.

2. Authority is now vested in the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, to transfer units within the Command. It is therefore recommended that this situation be called to the attention of the Commanding General, Eastern Defense Command, for such corrective measures as may be deemed advisable.

For the Commanding General:

Incls: basic Communi.  
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F. TRUBEE DAVISON,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Ass't Chief of Air Staff, A-1.

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Headquarters  
EASTERN DEFENSE COMMAND  
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FIRST AIR FORCE  
Office of the Air Force Commander  
Mitchel Field, N.Y.

Nov. 20, 1942

Subject: Stationing of Colored Troops in Localities Lacking a Sizeable Colored Population.

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

1. As an incidental result of an investigation recently conducted by these headquarters, and also of conditions observed during inspections made by my staff officers and my own personal observations, it appears desirable to point out that a definitely unsatisfactory situation develops when colored units of the Army Air Forces are garrisoned at stations adjacent to localities lacking a sizeable colored population.

2. The situation at Dow Field, Bangor, Maine, is cited as one case in question. At that air base there is stationed the 38th Aviation Squadron (Sep), a colored unit. The nearest city is Bangor, Maine, with a total population of approximately 30,000. The last census, according to city authorities thereat, shows a colored population of about 220 persons; the office of the City manager states 200; while a prominent colored attorney and preacher gives a figure of 118 adults, 24 young women, 14 young men, plus a number of younger children, number unknown.

3. Due to the small colored population in the city of Bangor, no facilities are available specifically to any appreciable extent, commercially or otherwise, for the entertainment, recreation and social contacts for colored troops. Consequently, an unsatisfactory situation is encountered when the negro soldier off duty visits this city. A like condition prevails in other nearby towns and communities. Further, the colored soldier in such cities, when patronizing restaurants, taverns, and places of a similar nature, is not really desired. As a matter of fact, his presence is actually resented by many of the white troops and also by elements of the civilian population. There is almost an entire lack of the normal and desirable social contacts that would be furnished through the means of dances and social activities which it would be possible to provide if there were a sizeable colored population available where the colored soldier might meet and mingle with members of his own race. In these communities lacking in colored population, a certain amount of association between negro soldiers and white women results. This develops friction, antagonism, and an intensification of race consciousness both on the part of military personnel and the civilian population.

4. These conditions can easily lead to physical encounters and, sooner or later, may result in more or less serious racial clashes which might easily develop widespread publicity and adversely affect both army and civilian morale.

5. In this connection, it is desired to invite attention to Inclosure number 1, containing an editorial appearing in the Penobscot TIMES of May 25, 1942; to Inclosure number 2, containing items concerning negro troops, appearing in the same newspaper under date of June 5, 1942; to Inclosure number 3, a further editorial appearing in the penobscot TIMES under date of June 12, 1942; and to Inclosure Number 4, photographs showing the association of colored troops with white girls. It is believed that a reading and consideration of these articles, and attention to the photographs referred to, present a reasonable and fair picture of what may be expected to happen when colored troops are stationed at air bases adjacent to localities lacking a colored population. It is obvious that under these conditions, situations and circumstances arise as a result of which the problems of the air base commander are greatly intensified.

6. While it is desired to point out that the inclosures submitted with this communication do not pertain directly to any colored troops of the Army Air Forces, they do pertain to other negro units, under the command of negro officers, which units in the past were stationed at Dow Field and in communities near Bangor, Maine, for guard purposes. It is believed that the picture presented applies to a greater or lesser degree in the case of any colored troops stationed in a locality where there is no sizeable colored population. Under such circumstances the negro soldier is placed in a situation extremely difficult for him as well as for all concerned.

7. In the Air Forces, Eastern Defense Command and First Air Force, a similar situation to that existing at Dow Field, Bangor, Maine, also exists at Grenier Field, Manchester, New Hampshire. Neither of the cities in question have an appreciable colored population. The two stations named are the only two in this air force where this problem is being currently encountered.

8. This communication and the information set forth herein is furnished in order that your headquarters may be advised concerning these matters and of the local difficulties and problems which arise. It is recommended that such consideration as possible be given to the feasibility of garrisoning colored troops of the Army Air Forces only at stations where there is a sizeable colored population in the vicinity.

/s/ J. E. CHANEY,

4 Incls:  
#1 - Editorial, 5/25/42  
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M. E. CHANEY,  
Major General, U.S. Army  
Commanding

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Headquarters Army Air Forces, Washington, D. C., December 8, 1942.  
To: Commanding General, First Air Force, Mitchell Field, N. Y.

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For the Commanding General:

F. TRUBEE DAVISON,  
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F. TRUBEE DAVISON  
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Date Dec 8, 1942

SYNOPSIS

From: Asst Chief of Air Staff, Personnel

To: Director of Personnel

SUBJECT: Assignment of Negro Officers

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ACTIVATIONS WITH COLORED PERSONNEL  
December, 1942

1166th Tech Sch Sq -- AAFBTC #1, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri  
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1170th Tech Sch Sq -- AAFBTC #2, Keesler Field, Mississippi  
1171st Tech Sch Sq -- AAFBTC #5, Kearns, Utah  
344th Avn Sq (Sep) -- Newark Airport, Newark, New Jersey  
345th Avn Sq (Sep) -- Wright Field, Ohio  
341st Avn Sq (Sep) -- Victorville, California  
342nd Avn Sq (Sep) -- Hobbs, New Mexico  
343rd Avn Sq (Sep) -- Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona  
346th Avn Sq (Sep) -- La Junta, Colorado  
855th Engr Avn Bn -- March Field, California  
856th Engr Avn Bn -- March Field, California  
858th Engr Avn Bn -- Avon Park, Florida  
867th Engr Avn Bn -- Eglin Field, Florida  
347th Avn Sq (Sep) -- Aloc Field, Victoria, Texas  
348th Avn Sq (Sep) -- AAB Charleston, South Carolina  
1018th QM Plat, Transportation, AB -- Drew Field, Tampa, Florida  
1019th QM Plat, Transportation, AB -- Orlando Air Base, Orlando, Fla.  
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349th Avn Sq (Sep) -- AAF WCTC, Williams Field, Arizona

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Date Dec. 2, 1942.

**SYNOPSIS**

**From:** Dir. of Personnel

**To:** Commanding Gen. Tech. Training Command, Knollwood Fld.,  
Southern Pines, N. C.

**Subject:** Colored Troops - cy. of Teletype.

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SYNOPSIS

From: Dir. of Individual Training

To: CG, AAFTTC, Knollwood Fld., N.C.

Subject: Training of colored troops.

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From: AFPMP

To: AFTSC (NP-5)

Subject: Arms and Services enlisted requirements for Nov., 1942.

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From: Research Branch, Special Service Division, Services of Supply,  
War Department.

To:

Subject: Information concerning Attitudes of Enlisted Men  
toward Negroes for Air Force Duty. Publication  
based on a survey of a Representative Cross Section  
of 5872 White Enlisted Men in 6 Army Air Force Tacti-  
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**SYNOPSIS**

From: AFDMR

To: AFRAD

Subject: Possible utilization of Troops for harvesting crops.

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FILE : 321 Negroes *291.2 Negroes*

Date

Nov. 26, 1942

SYNOPSIS

From: Air Corps, Director of Personnel

To: CO, Second Island Air Command, Suva Fiji Islands

Subject: Qualifications for Flying Training With The AAF.

Ltr.

Original filed under No. 210.68 Trans. overseas

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Date

Nov. 25, 1942

**SYNOPSIS**

From: Air Corps, Dir. of Pers.

To: The Adj. Gen.

Subject: Assign. of Enl. Men (Colored) to the 340th Aviation  
Sqn., (sp) at Stewart Fld., N.Y.

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### SYNOPSIS

From: Col., F. Trubee Davison, Asst. C. of Air Staff, A-1

To: X G-1

Subject: Policy on Assignment of Negro Officer Personnel.

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210.72 Commanding Officers

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SYNOPSIS

From: Lt. Gen. Arnold

To: Maj. Gen. Weaver

SUBJ: Investigation and Report - Morale of Army Nurses, Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

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SYNOPSIS

From: AFPMP

To: Central Files

SUBJ: Arms and Services Enlisted Requirements for  
November 1942.

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AD, HEAD QUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES, Washington, D. C., November 20, 1942.  
TO: The Adjutant General.

Inviting attention to request contained in preceding indorsement.

For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces:

J. H. D. VALE  
Colonel, Air Corps  
Director of Personnel

BY:  
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Major, Air Corps

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER  
JEFFERSON BARRACKS, MD.

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SUBJECT: Colored Troops

TO : Commanding General, AAFTTC, Knollwood Field, North Carolina  
(THRU: Commanding General, AAFTTC, 455 Lake Avenue, St.  
Louis, Missouri)

1. It is requested that necessary instructions be issued to the various Reception Centers concerned to include in their advance radio notice of a pending shipment to this Basic Training Center, the number of colored and number of white troops.

2. This advance information will facilitate greatly the proper assignment of colored troops upon arrival at this station.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/ BARTON H. CAMERON,  
1st Lieutenant, A. C.,  
Acting Adjutant.

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HQ. 2ND DISTRICT, AAFTTC, 455 Lake Avenue, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 9, 1942.  
TO: Commanding General, AAFTTC, Knollwood Field, North Carolina.

1. Approved.

2. Request necessary action be expedited as shipments are currently being received.

For the Commanding General:

/s/ D. F. HERBST,  
Captain, A. G. D.  
Asst. Adj. General.

2nd Ind.

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Hq, AAFTTC, Knollwood Field, North Carolina, November 13, 1942.--To Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Wash., D. C. Attention: AFPMF-2

1. Request Reception CENTERS be advised to include in telegraphic shipment notice, information as to type of troops, i.e., colored or white.

2. Such information is essential to proper preparation for reception of troops at Basic Training Centers.

For the Commanding General: /s/ PERRY C. RAGAN  
Colonel, A.G.D.  
Adjutant General

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**SYNOPSIS**

From: AFPI P

To: AFSCC

Subject: Constitution, activation, and ordering into active military service of certain signal construction battalions, aviation.

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From: AFIPU

To: Central Files

Subject: Colored Officers.

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**SYNOPSIS**

**From:** Maj. H. F. Ames

**To:** CG, AAF

Subject: AG Requisition No. 10-810, 19-852

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November 10, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASST. CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1:

Subject: Absorption of Colored Officers  
in the Army Air Forces through  
1943.

1. There is attached hereto an analysis of the capabilities of the Army Air Forces to absorb colored officers through the calendar year 1943.

2. Assignment of colored officers to Air Base Security Battalions will be made the subject of a separate communication.

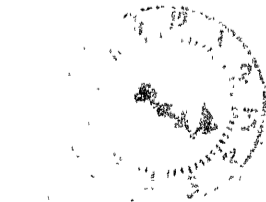
For the Chief of the Air Staff:

F. TRUBKE DAVISON,  
Colonel, G. S. C.,  
Asst. Chief of Air Staff, A-1.

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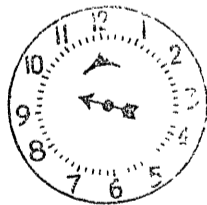
  

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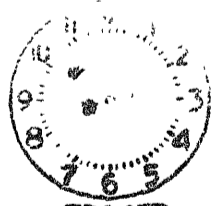
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Memo to C/S (Attn G-3) for **OUT**  
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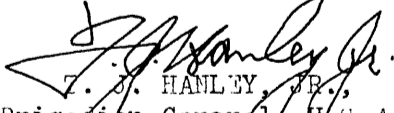
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For the Commanding General, Army Air Forces.

  
W. J. HANLEY, JR.  
Brigadier General, U.S.A.,  
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