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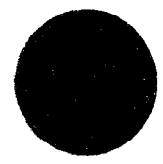
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PART ONE

COMMAND

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General Order Number One, this Headquarters, was issued on 24 November 1952, creating the forward area Headquarters and proclaiming the assumption of command by Lieutenant Colonel John W. Wise.

The immediate mission of the organization is the roll-up of materiel and phasing out personnel who will not be required for the interim period, and the organization of the interim force into a working unit. Maintenance of equipment and facilities for future projects is the long range mission of the interim unit.

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24 November 1952

I. HEADQUARTERS. Effective 0001, 24 November 1952, announcement is made of the opening of Headquarters, Task Group 132.4, Provisional (Forward), Navy Number 824, Box 35, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

II. ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND. Under the provisions of Air Force Regulation 24-1, the undersigned assumes command of Headquarters, Task Group 132.4, Provisional (Forward), Navy Number 824, Box 35, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

/s/ John W. Wise
/t/ JOHN W. WISE
Lt Colonel, USAF
Commanding

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PART TWO
OPERATIONS

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During the period 24 November 1952 through 30 November 1952, being that the Operations Officer was on temporary duty and leave in the Zone of Interior, the Operations Unit was not active.

The Unit's aircraft were transferred to Eniwetok and flight records of rated personnel were transferred to the Flight Records Unit at Eniwetok.

Present plans call for the use of one (1) C-47 at Kwajalein to be utilized by rated personnel assigned to the Group Headquarters, and the other three (3) aircraft at Eniwetok. The Kwajalein based aircraft will be returned to Eniwetok in the event that it is needed to meet test support requirements.

During the period, twelve (12) hours and five (5) minutes of administrative flying were accomplished and one (1) hour and thirty-five (35) minutes of proficiency flying was completed.

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PART THREE

SUPPLY

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The volume of shipments for the current Roll-up Operation during this period is as follows:

a. Water shipments consisted of:

- (1) 113 Line Items
- (2) 9045 Cubic Feet
- (3) 79.1 Tons

b. Air Shipments consisted of:

- (1) 109 Line Items
- (2) 5892 Cubic Feet
- (3) 43.7 Tons

The Memo/Receipt Plant Account has accomplished the close-out of eighteen (18) accounts and four (4) transfers of responsible officers for accounts that are to be maintained. This section completed 2256 line postings in closing out accounts. At present only one (1) account remains to be closed out.

The Property Accounting Section prepared and submitted requisitions for 843 line items. This Section also accomplished 3826 line postings during this period and is maintaining 23,250 active stock record cards.

During this period of roll-up, the Corrosion Control Unit has been in full operation and has accomplished approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of its mission.

Material received and temporarily stored in various Task Group buildings is now being transferred to permanent storage

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locations. Approximately fifty percent (50%) of this task has been accomplished.

All cots and mattresses have been removed from tent areas and placed in temporary storage, and all tents have been stripped of their canvas and put in storage.

All vehicles of the Aircraft Refueling Unit have been pickled and placed in storage with the exception of those vehicles being shipped to the Zone of Interior for repair.

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PART FOUR

INSTALLATIONS

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During this period, practically all buildings were transferred to the operational control of the supply unit for storage pending the re-warehousing of equipment turned in by units previously utilizing them.

As these buildings are vacated by the supply unit, they will be placed under the jurisdiction of the Installations Officer.

Lieutenant Colonel Mario A. Ciccone, Unit Installations Officer, has been in the Zone of Interior on temporary duty and leave, and is expected to return to the forward area shortly after 1 January 1953.

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Among the functions of this section are the proper handling of personnel during their movement to both the Zone of Interior and Eniwetok, which includes procuring transportation and shipment of personal effects and baggage. Since the termination of Operation IVY, the flow of correspondence has decreased.

The First Sergeant of this Headquarters, Master Sergeant James A. Burnett, has kept the confusion of movements to the Zone of Interior and Eniwetok to a minimum. He has arranged through the Commander, Adjutant, and Base Supply Officer, a system whereby personnel ready for shipment are utilized on details such as roll-up of tents, and cleaning up of areas.

Orders were requested to reassign fifteen (15) officers and sixty (60) airmen from the 4930th Test Support Group to the 4931st Test Support Squadron. These personnel were on DS with Task Element 132.4.1.1 and will remain on duty at APO 187.

A letter was received from Headquarters AFSWC in regard to the promotion of officers. TWX was forwarded to AFSWC requesting clarification of paragraph 3a of subject letter, and since Major Williams was on temporary duty at Kirtland Air

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Force Base, a message was forwarded to him requesting that he consolidate and forward the required information to AFSWC upon receipt of information from the forward

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COMPTROLLER

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COST ACCOUNTING:

This section had considerable trouble in acquiring cost information on the RB-50 aircraft which was destroyed at Eniwetok. Forbes Air Force Base, Kansas, was queried requesting the dollar value of additional equipment and personal equipment aboard the aircraft. This information was received by TWX on 15 November.

On 19 November, 2d Lt Yee and Mr. Iwasa from the Cost Accounting Section of the 1500th Air Base Wing, Hickam Air Force Base, visited this office to inquire if personnel on temporary duty with the Task Group from the 1960th AACS were being reported on the USAF cost system by the Task Group. They were informed that all personnel are costed on the USAF cost system by Major Air Commands.

It is the responsibility of the Cost Accountant in the forward area to receive and compile cost data from Mid-Pac Contractors on all new constructions and buildings being utilized by this Task Group.

STATISTICAL SERVICES:

The monitoring of reports has been decreased during the reporting period by the movement of the Task Group to the Zone

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of Interior and the loss of operational control of Task Units 132.4.2 and 132.4.3. All Joint Task Force reports are under the control of Task Group 132.4, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, together with many AFSWC reports.

GRAPHIC PRESENTATION:

On the 20th of November all personnel of the Graphic Presentation Section returned to the Zone of Interior with the exception of S Sgt James Leonard, who has been assigned duties with the Statistical Services Section in the forward area.

This section participated in moving the Headquarters from Building 1149 to their new location, building P-10. To date various organizational charts have been accomplished.

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PART SEVEN
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

TECHNICAL SUPPLY:

During this period the maintenance shops were all deactivated and this unit was engaged in the roll-up of tools and equipment including corrosion control and turn-in.

At the end of the reporting period the turn-in to technical supply was approximately thirty-five percent (35%) complete. Captain Bickham and Hicks' accounts were cleared and most of the property of the account was either turned in or prepared for turn-in.

It is estimated that the account will be completely closed following the final inventory scheduled for 8 December.

SPECIAL SERVICES:

All functions of Special Services were closed and what equipment remained was boxed and turned into supply.

Plans for the future call for utilization of the Air Force Service Club as a day room, and activation of an athletic gear locker in Unit Supply. The Greenhouse Theatre and NCO Club were closed during November.

UNIT SUPPLY:

The unit supply account was taken over by 2d Lt Harold R. Walthall and normal operation was continued following the mass exodus of personnel during the month.

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