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JOINT TASK FORCE 132 TO CONDUCT NEW SERIES  
OF TESTS AT ENIWETOK PROVING GROUNDS

The Department of Defense and the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission announced today that preparations for a new series of tests at the Commission's Eniwetok Proving Grounds are being carried out by Joint Task Force 132.

Full security restrictions of the Atomic Energy Act apply to preparations for and time of the test.

Joint Task Force 132, composed of personnel of the AEC, Army, Navy and Air Force, is responsible for carrying out the test operations at Eniwetok. Major General Percy W. Clarkson, Deputy Commander, United States Army Forces in the Pacific, is the Commander of the Joint Task Force. Deputy Commanders are: Dr. Alvin C. Graves, Director of the Test Division for the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, Deputy for Scientific Matters; Brigadier General Walter W. Wise, U.S. Air Forces, Deputy for Air; and Captain James R. Pahl, U.S. Navy, Deputy for Navy. The Chief of Staff is Brigadier General Arthur S. Walk, U.S. Army, who commanded ground forces during the 1951 test operations at Eniwetok.

General Clarkson served as Deputy Commander of Joint Task Force 3 during the 1951 Eniwetok tests. He became Commander of Joint Task Force 132 in July, 1951. He is a native of San Antonio, Texas, and was graduated from Texas A and M in 1915 where he majored in Electrical Engineering. General Clarkson entered the Army at the outbreak of World War I. Most of his service in World War I was in the Pacific, where he was Commander of the 33rd Infantry Division, later Commander of the X Corps and also served as Deputy Chief of Staff to General MacArthur.

At Eniwetok, construction, maintenance and improvement of facilities are performed by Holmes and Narver, Los Angeles engineering and construction firm, under a contract with the Atomic Energy Commission.

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