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John Greenewald, Jr.  
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Dear Mr. Greenewald:

This letter is in reply to your Freedom of Information Act request of 20 August 2009. The request was received by the AFHRA on 20 August 2009 and was assigned FOIA case number 2009-3278.

After researching your request, I was able to locate IRIS #496054. As requested, enclosed is a full copy of this 14 page document. Please note that it is the best copy available. Thank you for your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "MT Green", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mrs. Marcie T. Green  
Archivist

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MARCH AIR FORCE BASE SERVICE CENTER

March Air Force Base, California

for the period

1 April 1952 to 30 June 1954

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HISTORY OF THE ABFT FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER

1 April 1962 to 30 June 1962

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MARCH FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER  
March Air Force Base  
California

11 July 1952

FOREWORD

This History is submitted in accordance with the provisions of  
Flight Service Regulation 210-1.

*Louis A. Griffing*  
LOUIS A. GRIFFING  
Major, USAF  
Commanding

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1. General: This Center was commanded by Lt. Col. Kenneth L. Lucke from 1 April 1962 until 1 April 1962, at which time Major Louis A. Griffing assumed command of March Flight Service Center.

2. Lt. George DeLoac was the Center's Administrative Officer during the period covered by this report.

3. Lt. Alfred E. Garrett (WAF) was assigned to this Center from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, on 18 June 1962. Since being assigned to March Flight Service, Lt. Garrett has been receiving on-the-job training as an Administrative Officer (7021).

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Staff Sergeant Joe L. Tygrast served this Center from 1 April to 30 June 1952 as Administrative Supervisor (70270).

Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Parmentola served this Center from 1 April to 30 June 1952 as Administrative Senior Clerk (70280).

Mrs. Wilfred H. Cozman and Mrs. Marilyn S. Bacon were the civilian employees on duty with this Center for the period covered by this report.

2. Inspection: One Special Air Inspection of this Center was conducted by Major Wilbur W. Ruffensperger, Inspector General, Headquarters Flight Service, from 22 June to 24 June 1952.

Over-all evaluation indicated that the Center was accomplishing its mission in an excellent manner. In addition to this, personnel were found to be well qualified in their respective assignments. The morale of all personnel was found to be very high because of the good working conditions, good quarters and food, prompt payment of salaries, and adequate recreational facilities.

3. Records: The Semi-Annual Report of Records Disposition was submitted to Headquarters Flight Service on 30 June 1952.

4. Discharges: On 13 June 1952, A-1C John J. O'Connell was honorably separated from the service by reason of ETS.

5. Reports: All reports dispatched from this Center to Headquarters Flight Service and March Air Force Base were delivered within the allotted time.

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6. Strength and Personnel Changes: The authorized strength of this Center was twelve (12) officers, twenty-four (24) airmen and two (2) civilians. The morning report for 1 April 1952 reflected the Center's strength at thirteen (13) officers, twenty-seven (27) airmen and two (2) civilians. At the close of this reporting period, 30 June 1952, the figures were thirteen (13) officers, twenty-six (26) airmen and two (2) civilians.

Personnel changes for the reporting period were as follows:

<u>Losses</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Gaining Organization</u>
Lt. Col. Kenneth L. Lueke	1 May 52	Fort Meyer, Virginia
M/Sgt. Harold R. Green	10 May 52	Great Falls AFB, Montana
M/Sgt. Robert J. Ruhl	10 May 52	Great Falls AFB, Montana
A/1C John J. O'Connell	16 Jun 52	Expiration of term of Service

<u>Gains</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit Gained From</u>
S/Sgt. Charles Dodd	16 May 52	Yerba Buena Island, Calif.
2d Lt. Mildred E. Garrett	16 Jun 52	Lackland AFB, Texas
A/2C Leonori P. Romero	17 Jun 52	Yerba Buena Island, Calif.

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1. General: During the reporting period the Training Section was under the direction of Captain Glenn A. Reynolds, Training Officer.

2. Training Room: The entire Training Section (office and lecture room) was repainted in lay. This resulted in greatly improving the section's appearance.

3. Training Program: The training program at March Flight Service continued to progress in a very satisfactory manner. During the reporting period, six (6) newly assigned airmen received their basic flight

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Service training and indoctrination and are currently working in the Operations Section.

Periodic training was accomplished in accordance with Flight Service Training Bulletin #1, dated 26 February 1962. In addition to this, progress continued in the Officer's Indoctrination and Self-Study Program, which is being accomplished through the courses offered by the USAF Extension Course Institute.

At the present time the Provisional Training Section of March Air Force Base is offering weekly courses for officers and airman in its specially designed Leadership School. Five (5) officers and one (1) airman have attended this course during the period covered by this report.

4. Mobilization Trainees: There were no M-Day assignments for the reporting period.

5. Flight Service Lectures: Six (6) Flight Service lectures were presented to other organizations by Flight Service personnel from 1 April to 30 June 1962. Approximately 310 pilots attended these lectures which were concerned with Flight Service and Air Defense Identification Zones. Lecturers for March Flight Service were Major Griffing, Capt. Chase, Capt. Harlow and Capt. Reynolds.

6. Air Operations: Four (4) aircraft were assigned to this Center at the beginning of the reporting period:

C-45F	AF	44-87196
C-45F	AF	44-47427
T-11BE	AF	43-10399
T-11BE	AF	42-37623

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The two T-11's were transferred to other stations after being reconditioned at San Antonio Air Depot, Kelly Air Force Base, Texas; T-11EF 43-10399 was transferred to Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho on 20 April 1952 and T-11EF 42-37623 was transferred to Stewart Air Force Base, New York on 14 June 1952.

All rated pilots assigned to this Center possess valid instrument certificates, and a total of 143 pilot hours were flown from 1 April to 30 June 1952.

7. Aircraft Maintenance: Six (6) airmen were assigned to this Center as line men at the beginning of the reporting period. Two of these men were transferred PCS to Great Falls Air Force Base, Montana on 10 May 1952, and a third was honorably discharged from the service on 15 June 1952.

On 14 May 1952, C-45F 44-47427 was transferred to Norton Air Force Base, California for inspection of suspected cracked wing spars. Aircraft was returned to this Center on 24 May 1952.

On 26 April 1952, C-45F 44-37196 was grounded for a one time flight to Norton Air Force Base (SBANA), California for purpose of inspection of suspected cracked wing spars. Aircraft was not transferred for that inspection at the end of this reporting period.

8. Flying Safety: The unit Flying Safety Officer was Captain Glenn A. Reynolds. One hour per month was devoted to flying safety in April, May and June. During this time official posters, magazines and other flying safety reminders were posted continuously in the training room for everyone concerned to see. A total of 143 pilot hours were flown without any mishaps whatsoever.

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1. General: The Operations Section was under the direction of Major Louis A. Griffing from 1 April to 12 April 1952, at which time Captain George A. Hanlon assumed the duties and responsibilities of Center Operations Officer.

2. Operations: The number of flight plans handled by March Flight Service for the reporting period totaled 47,842, of which 6,715 were IFR. Clearances numbered 7,507, of which 2,578 were

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approved; a total of 104 advisories were issued. The amount of flying was greatly decreased during the month of May because of the strike by major oil companies.

3. Field Surveys: A total of sixteen (16) physical field surveys were conducted from 1 April 1952 to 30 June 1952. One field survey was made in April, one in May, and 14 in June.

4. Communications: Interphone lines to Davis-Dunham Airways, Walker Airways, Biggs Airways, Nellie Airways and Castle Airways were disconnected during the reporting period.

The Flight Service forecaster to pilot service on Channel "C" 137.35 Mcs. changed to Channel "D" 121.5 Mcs., and the connecting agency was moved to March Tower.

5. Air Defense: During this reporting period, March Flight Service disseminated alert information over Plan 02 to all military stations in the Flight Service area as directed by the 27th, 34th and 35th Air Divisions. A total of 31 military stations were notified for each Air Defense alert which was disseminated by all three Air Defense Divisions. The average time for completion of these alerts varied from 30 seconds to 90 seconds.

During this same period of time, March Flight Service forwarded 12,500 flight plans to the 27th and 34th Air Defense Divisions.

6. Unusual Incidents: From 1 April to 30 June 1952, March Flight Service Center was called upon to give assistance to two (2) lost or distressed aircraft. During these emergencies the facilities of flight

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Service, 27th and 34th Air Defense Divisions, Coast Guard, Navy, Air Rescue, AACS and CAA were utilized.

Two Cirvis Reports on unidentified flying objects were forwarded in accordance with existing regulations.

7. Coordination: Close liaison between this center and all military bases, the Air Defense Command, CAA, National Guard and Reserve units was maintained. Numerous lectures were presented by Flight Service personnel regarding AF regulations 60-16, 60-22, CAA and OPRAV 3710.7 to the Air Force and Naval organizations both active and reserve. The relationship between Flight Service and the contacted military organization was carried on in a cooperative and mutually beneficial manner.

8. Miscellaneous: The entire Operations Section was repainted in the month of May by S/Sgt Jones and A/IC Blackwell.