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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,

Mrs. Marcie T. Green
Archivist

Attachments:
1. IRIS #496054
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HISTORY OF

MARCH AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

For the period

1 April 1954 to 30 June 1954

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HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER

1 April 1942 to 30 June 1942


2Lt. George Delacoe (Historical Officer)
11 July 1942

(Flight Service, Military Air Transport Service, USAF)
FOREWORD

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

Louis A. Griffith
Major, USAF
Commanding
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Administrative Section

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1. General: This center was commanded by Lt. Col. Kenneth L. Luce from 1 April 1961 until 1 April 1962, at which time Maj. Louis A. Griffin assumed command of March Flight Service Center.

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

3. Lt. Milford H. Garrett (AF) 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. Tygert served this Center from 1 April to 30 June 1962 as Administrative Supervisor (70279).

Staff Sergeant Joseph J. Parenteola served this Center from 1 April to 30 June 1962 as Administrative Senior Clerk (70280).

Mrs. Edna R. Coman 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 G. Helfenberger, Inspector General, Headquarters Flight Service, from 25 June to 26 June 1962.

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.


4. Discharges: On 13 June 1962, AC 1 John J. McDonnell was honorably separated from the service by reason of HIS.

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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3. Strength and Personnel Changes: The authorized strength of this Center was twelve (12) officers, twenty-four (24) airmen, and two (2) civilians. The previous report for 1 April 1962 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 1962, the figures were thirteen (13) officers, twenty-six (26) airmen, and two (2) civilians.

Personnel changes for the reporting period were as follows:

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TRAINING SECTION

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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 May. 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 report-
ing 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 1952. 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 airmen 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 30-Day assignees 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 1952. Approximately 510 pilots attended these lectures which were concerned with Flight Service and Air Defense Identification Zones. Lecturers for March Flight Service were Major Griffin, Capt. Chase, Capt. Hunt and Capt. Reynolds.

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

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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-11EX 43-10399 was transferred to Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho on 20 April 1962 and T-11EX 42-87623 was transferred to Stewart Air Force Base, New York on 14 June 1962.

All rated pilots assigned to this Center possess valid instrument certificates, and a total of 145 pilot hours were flown from 1 April to 30 June 1962.

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 1962, and a third was honorably discharged from the service on 15 June 1962.

On 14 May 1962, 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 1962.

On 26 April 1962, C-45F 44-87136 was grounded for a one time flight to Norton Air Force Base (SHANA), 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 145 pilot hours were flown without any mishaps whatsoever.
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OPERATIONS SECTION

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1. General: The Operations Section was under the direction of
Major Louis A. Griffin from 1 April to 14 April 1962, at which time
Captain George A. Rallion 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
2,718 were IFR. Clearances numbered 7,367, of which 2,378 were

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approved; a total of 16% 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 1962 to 30 June 1962. One field survey was made in April, one in May, and 14 in June.

4. Communications: Interphone lines to Davis-Jonathan Airways, Walker Airways, Birge Airways, Pellis Airways and Castle Airways were disconnected during the reporting period.

The Flight Service Forecaster to pilot service on Channel "09" 137.95 KHz, changed to Channel "8" 111.8 KHz, and the connecting agency was moved to Marsh Toner.

5. Air Defense: During this reporting period, Marsh Flight Service disseminated alert information over plan to all military stations in the Flight Service area as directed by the 57th, 33rd and 55th 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, Marsh Flight Service forwarded 12,500 flight plans to the 27th and 34th Air Defense Divisions.

6. Unusual Incidents: From 1 April to 30 June 1962, Marsh Flight Service Center Inc. 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 36th Air Defense Divisions, Coast Guard, Navy, Air
Rescue, AACS and CAA were utilized.

Two Circis Reports on unidentified flying objects were for-
warded 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 63-18, 60-22, CAA
and CMAV 7/10/7 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 bene-

8. Miscellaneous: The entire Operations Section was presented in
the month of June by S/Sgt Jones and S/Sgt Blackwell.