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HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
30TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
SEAFORD AIR FORCE BASE MICHIGAN

SUBJECT: Historical Report for September 1950

TO: Lt. Col. A. W. Iberle
Division Historical Officer

1. STATISTICAL SECTION

- A. The first day of September showed a total of 13 Officers asgd and 16 enlisted personnel. The month ended with 16 Officers asgd and 23 enlisted personnel. The difference in the two figures shows a gain during the month of 4 more Officers, 12 enlisted personnel plus 17 enlisted personnel who are attached pending EDCSA.

2. PERSONNEL DATA CHANGES

- A. On 1 Sep Lt Col Donald H Baxter was reld asgd & reasgd to Hq & Hq Sq Tenth Air Force. Also on this date Capt Raymond J Fowler was reld asgd & reasgd to Hq 541st AGM Gp this base. Effective 1 Sep 1950 the 30th Air Div was relieved from assignment to Tenth Air Force and reassigned to Eastern Air Defense Force per General Order 51 dated 20 July 1950. Sgt Edward D Gresh who worked in the S-2 Section was transferred on the 3rd of Sep to the 662nd AGM Sq at Lockbourne AFB Ohio. Robert M Allingham, 2nd Lt., was ordered to EAD by Hq Tenth Air Force and was assigned to Hq 30th Air Division. He is being utilized in Combat Ops as a 2120 (Adm Off). Cpl Ignatius E Buchanan and Cpl Dallas L D'Amat were granted 3 and 15 days Ordinary Leave respectively. Maj Fred B Hauck was attached fr 664th AGM Sq Lockbourne AFB Ohio for 30 days on the 5th of Sep. Col James B Burwell was carried on the morning report as sick in quarters from the 9th of Sep till the 15th. T Sgt John J Wapich and Sgt Dale L Burns were promoted to M Sgt and S Sgt respectively by per 5 SO 75 Hq 30th Air Div (Def) dated 11 Sep 50. T Sgt Mark F Smith was asgd & jd from Hq MAF Stewart AFB New York on 20 Sep 50. He is being utilized as Supply Sgt (S21) by this Hqs. Capt Joseph Scheinin was asgd & jd 21 Sep 50 fr Hq 541st AGM Gp this base. He is being utilized as ECI Officer. Primary 301 of Lt Col Adolph W Iberle was changed from 9100 (air prov Off) to 9901 (Intell Staff Off). Maj Raymond C Care was asgd & jd the 25th of Sep fr Hq & Hq Sq 56th Str-Intc. Hq this base and is asgd as Commanding Officer of Det 1 Hq 30th Air Div (Def) at McChes-Tyson Apt Maryville Tenn. T Sgt Mark F Smith was granted 15 days Emergency Lv on 25 Sep 50 and Sgt Leroy E Morgison left on 6 days Ordinary Lv the same date. Lt Col

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SUBJECT: Historical Report for September 1950 (cont)

TO: Lt. Col. A. W. Oberle
Division Historical Officer

James E Johnston and Capt Gilbert Wesselkamper left on 3 days TDY to Hq MAF Stewart AFB New York on 26 Sep 50 and returned on 28 Sep 50.

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS AND POLICIES

- A. Since the change of jurisdiction over Hq 30th Air Div (Def) has been delegated to Hq MAF the Hq Sq of 30th Air Div (Def) has received a steady flow of personnel in casual status. The barracks space allotted to this organization for housing of the above mentioned personnel has proved to be drastically short of the amount required by regulation. For the past month the average number of personnel residing in the casual barracks is 105 men. Figuring a total of 3194 sq. ft. available in the barracks this allows each man approx 30.42 sq. ft. per man. The minimum set up under regulation is 74 sq. ft.

REGISTRATION AND TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT
30TH AIR DIVISION (C-47s)
COMBINED AIR FORCE AND AIRBORNE

October

Subject: Historical Report for October 1950

To: Lt. Col. A. W. Doherty
Division Historical Officer

1. Operations Summary

A. The first day of October showed a total of 18 aircraft assigned plus 17 activities. The month ended with the aircraft assigned and 1 attached. The difference in the two figures shows a total gain of about 17 aircraft for the month. The staffed in officer personnel was about 10 percent over the month of October.

2. Personnel Summary

A. First Lt. J. H. Harty and 1st Lt. Walter J. Harty transferred to the 30th Air Division on 1 Oct. Effective 1 Oct Capt Robert C. Harty and 1st Lt. Harty were transferred to the 30th Air Division, this date. Lt Col Donald A. Stewart was assigned and joined from G-2 on 9 October. On 11 Oct 1st Charles F. Harty was discharged and immediately reclassified for three years to fill his own vacancy. 1st Lt Farnell is the 1st Lt of the 30th Air Div (Det). Cpl William L. Harty was promoted to 1st Lt on 11 Oct. Capt Elmer L. Harty was transferred to the 30th Air Div on 16 Oct. Also on that date (16 Oct) 1st Col Robert A. Harty transferred from the hospital at Stewart and began term to laterals. General Hospital at the Francisco Barracks. 1st Lt Roy J. Harty, 1st Lieutenant, reported on 10 days leave on the 18th of Oct. On 21 Oct 1st Lt Jack C. Harty, 1st Lt Officer, reported on 10 days leave. Lt Harty returned to duty 21 Oct and Lt Harty returned on the 31st.

3. General Conditions and Remarks

A. Staff also published 21 Oct 1950 reports that the 30th Air Div is required to activate 5 new A-1H sites probably prior to 1 Jan 51. Lt Col Harty has been assigned duty as project officer of sites 1-15, and Lt Col Stewart is project officer of sites 1-10. The usual barracks (1-72) situation has been alleviated somewhat this month. Repairs and painting have been completed with the exception of the latrine which will be reconditioned later when lumber becomes available. The barracks are able to house adequately all the usual assigned during the month of October.

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HISTORY - SEPTEMBER 1950

Combat Operations Section

1. The mission of the Combat Operations Section has remained unchanged since the July History Statement was submitted.

2. The status of the 30th Air Division as of 0001 EST 1 September was in accordance with EADP Operations Order 3-50 dated 23 July 1950 and amendments thereto. The radar net was manned on a 24 hour basis during the entire month. From the 1st thru the 18th of September the radar net was operational 12 hours a day with a capability of becoming operational within five minutes during the remaining 12 hours. The non operational time was spent on scheduled maintenance, combat training problems and emergency procedure practice sessions. During the period of the 18th to the 22nd the net was operational for 24 hours a day. The fighter deployment status and status of preparedness were established in accordance with EADP Operations Order 3-50 as amended and 30th Air Division Operations Order 4-50 dated 2 August as amended.

a. Fighter Status.

(1) 30th Ftr Group - Selfridge AFB

(a) 61st Ftr Sqdn - Selfridge AFB

(b) 62d Ftr Sqdn - O'Hare International Airport

(c) 63d Ftr Sqdn - Osceola

(2) 32d All Weather Group

(a) 1 element of 2 aircraft at Boone Army Airfield, Tennessee.

b. Fighter Preparedness.

(1) Whenever the AEW facilities were operating from one hour before local civil sunrise to 30 minutes after local civil sunset, eight aircraft at each locality were placed in Category I. This requirement was reduced to four aircraft per squadron on 22 September.

(2) Whenever the AEW facilities were operating during the period from civil sunset plus 30 minutes to local civil sunrise less one hour the number of aircraft in Category I was:

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Selfridge - 4 F-86
 O'Hare - 2 F-86
 Osceola - 2 F-86
 Hughes Lycon - 1 F-82

(3) The balance of all other early combat potential fighters were placed in Category II.

4. The monthly summary of operations is as follows:

	July	August	September
a. Active Air Defense Exercises	31	19	33
b. Active Air Defense Sorties	40	20	41
c. SAR Photo Missions	4	3	6

Date	Exercises	Sorties	Interceptions
Sep 7	3	10	3
19	3	8	9
20	2	4	2
22	3	4	2
26	8	17	10
27	4	10	2

5. General.

a. Detachment #2 82nd AF Group, deployed at Niagara was returned to Maxwell AFB on 2nd September, as of 19452 in accord with message EACF 131 dated 1 September.

b. All aircraft and supporting personnel of the 63d Fighter Squadron moved from Selfridge AFB to Osceola AFB on 3th September for the purpose of primary training with the new F-86 type aircraft. Tentative period at Osceola will be six weeks.

c. On the 3rd September the minimum aircraft placed in Category I during daylight hours was four aircraft per fighter squadron physically present at any particular base. This change in fighter preparedness minimum was directed by an amendment to EADP Operations Order 5-50.

d. On 13 September an air defense system alert capability test was conducted from Division level. Captain Fairbrother, Sq. 50th Fighter Group was present to observe the results of the test. All radar stations were operational within ten minutes. The fighter squadrons had 45 aircraft and 81 crew standing by within 15 minutes.

e. Major General Frederick L. Smith, Jr., Commanding General, Eastern Air Defense Force visited Selfridge AFB on September 15. The General was accompanied by members of the EADP Staff including Major William L. Moore, of the EADP Operations Center. Major Moore discussed the passing of flight plan information from TMA Air Route Traffic Control

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Centers into the air defense system, and other operational matters with Captain Jack Sog. The General and party departed Selfridge AFB on 16 September.

1. On 16 September the number of fighter aircraft in Category I during daylight hours was limited in accord with RAAF test message DFC 10 D330. Normal status was resumed 22 September.

2. On the 24th September a police yellow alert was put out by the RAAF C at Escanaba, Michigan. The Civil Air Raid Warning post at LaBranch, Michigan has been conducting a local practice mission and had passed the alert on to Escanaba.

3. During the 26 and 27 of September SAC conducted penetration tests of the RAAF area. Operations Order 1-60 was published which covered the activities for the two day operation. On the 26th, which was a clear day with good visibility, 16 F-80's flew through the division area. Station seventeen conducted 5 scrambles and 16 interceptions were made. Interceptions were accomplished northeast of the station. Station 16 had no detection on most of the penetrating aircraft. Tracking was poor, however, tracks were not completely within the radar net. Interceptors did not paint, therefore broadcast control was used. Success of interceptions was due to good weather. Bombers attempted ECM but it was ineffective. On the 27th the weather was bad hence only the 11 bombers penetrating the area did so more successfully. Four scrambles were attempted and two interceptions were made. There was excessive ground clutter on the scopes. The ground clutter plus the bad weather hindered operations. Due to bad weather the operations for the 28th was completely hindered as far as interception was concerned.

4. On the 28th of September a multiple white test of the Civil Air Raid Warning System was conducted. Sixty nine calls were completed in 30 minutes. Exercise operators and RAAF personnel were, in general, more familiar with the procedures than in previous tests.

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30th Air Division

October 1950

OCTOBER HISTORY STATEMENT - GROUND OPERATIONS SECTION

OPERATIONS

During the month of October there were no Big Photo Missions. There were thirty-one Active Air Defense Scrambles and thirty-four Active Air Defense Sorties. The radar net was operational twelve hours a day, with an additional five hour period each Tuesday. This extra five hours, between 1500Z and 2000Z, was in accordance with EADF Operations Order 8-50. During this period the Tactical Air Command was assumed to be an aggressor force with assigned targets within the EADF area.

MULTIPLE WHITE TEST

A Multiple White Test was conducted on October 6. Seventy calls were completed in thirty seven minutes. Test completed with little or no difficulty.

FIGHTER DEPLOYMENT

The 61st Squadron previously based at Selfridge moved to Osceola and the 63rd moved to Selfridge on 8 October. Little difficulty was experienced during the change. Required number of aircraft for active air defense were available at all times during the movement.

MULTIPLE WHITE TEST

A Multiple White Test was conducted on October 13. Seventy calls were completed in 33 minutes. Although this was the fastest time to date, several factors lowered the efficiency of the system. Eight operators called were not familiar with the procedures established by EADF SCF 102-1 dated June 1950. Some telephone connections, after having been established between the KFAW Centers and the ADCC, were broken before the call was completed. This required the operators to reestablish the connections.

INCIDENT REPORTED BY ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION GUARDS

On the 15th of October the Atomic Energy Commission reported to Station 47 the appearance of an unknown object at the main gate of the AEC. Two guards reported seeing the object and described it as being bullet shaped with a ribbon tale four to six feet long. It was reportedly hovering below fence level and when the guard came within fifty feet, it took off over the fence and disappeared over a hill. The object appeared to grow larger as it ascended, and made no noise. The incident was reported to EADF.

MULTIPLE WHITE TEST

On the 17th of October the third Multiple White Test of the month was conducted. Seventy calls were completed in forty-eight minutes.

Military agencies were not alerted during this test because of inadequate communication facilities. Difficulties encountered resulted from the lack of knowledge of procedures by commercial telephone operators.

AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM ALERT CAPABILITY TEST

An Air Defense System Alert Capability Test was conducted on the 17th of October. The radar net was fully operational within seven minutes after notification was given to the ADCC, with the exception of stations Twenty and Forty-nine. Pressure reports were submitted on these stations as prescribed. The search set at station Twenty was undergoing major repairs as was the height-finder at station Forty-nine. The ADCC Controller experienced some difficulty in obtaining the correct combat potential from the fighter squadrons. This was primarily because of unfamiliarity with the system in the fighter squadrons. Fighter squadrons did not voluntarily submit reports at H plus 30, H plus 60, etc., as required.

FIGHTER DEPLOYMENT

The 71st Fighter Squadron at Pittsburgh, Pa. came under the operational control of the 30th Air Division on October 25. Present plans indicate the 71st will operate in conjunction with station 18. Communication facilities not presently in existence will determine the date of effective operational control.

MULTIPLE WHITE TEST

The fourth Multiple White Test of the month was conducted on October 24. Seventy calls were completed in thirty-six minutes. Difficulties encountered were the usual problems of unfamiliarity by telephone company employees; in particular, by the operators at cities intermediate to the principle cities called.

MULTIPLE WHITE TEST

The fifth Multiple White Test was conducted on October 30. Seventy-three calls were completed in 37 minutes. The reasons for time delays are essentially the same as those reported previously. Military agencies were not alerted because of insufficient communication facilities.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
30TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE MICHIGAN

SUBJECT: Historical Report for November 1950

TO: Lt. Col. A. W. Eberle
Division Historical Officer

1. STATISTICAL SECTION

- a. The first day of November showed a total of 202 airmen assigned plus 1 attached. The month ended with 260 airmen assigned and 4 attached. The difference in the two figures shows a total gain of about 61 airmen for the month. The turn-over in Officer Personnel for the month about breaks even with last months figures showing a total of 15 officers assigned and 1 attached.

2. PERSONNEL DATA CHANGES

- a. S Sgt Dale Burns departed the 2nd of November on a 15 day leave. He returned to duty on the 16th. Colonel James B Burwell and Lt. Col. James H Johnston departed on 3 days TDY at Stewart AFB, New York on the 6th of November. Sgt LeRoy E Morgison received his orders and was transferred to St. Louis, Mo. for recruiting duty under the Recruiting Squadron assigned to Ft Meyer Va. on the 17th of Nov the following named airmen were promoted as indicated; T Sgt Irvin J Olson to M Sgt, Cpl Lyman E Buchanan to Sgt, Pfc Nicholas J Hoos, Allen J Newman and Daniel R Williams to Cpl. M Sgt Charles W Fishell departed on 7 days leave the 20th and returned to duty on the 27th of November. 2nd Lt Jack C. Biggs, assistant personnel officer, was transferred to the 661st AC&W Sq on the 24th of Nov. Also on this date (24 Nov) Colonel Edwin L Tucker was attached to this organization.

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS AND POLICIES

- a. Building T-285 has been allotted to this organization for housing of casuals. This increases our bed space by 102 men. T-737 has been loaned to this organization by 2242nd AFRTC for the same purpose. 80 men may be housed in this building. It is anticipated that on or about 1 January 1951 the orderly room of Hq & Hq Sq 30th Air Div (Def) will move to building 285 on this base. All permanent party of Hq & Hq Sq 30th Air Div and Hq 541st AC&W Gp will be housed in that building at the same time. A fact to be noted is that during the month of November no permanent party members of Hq & Hq Sq 30th Air Div or 541st AC&W Gp have been disciplined under the 104th AM or any court-martial.

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
30TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
WILFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE MICHIGAN

SUBJECT: Historical Report for November 1950

TO: Lt. Col. A. W. Eberle
Division Historical Officer

1. STATISTICAL SECTION

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HEADQUARTERS & HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
30TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan

4 January 1951

SUBJECT: Historical Report for December 1950

TO: Captain C. L. Gardner
Division Historical Officer

1. STATISTICAL SECTION

a. The first day of December showed a total of 357 airmen assigned and 5 attached. The last day of the month showed 418 airmen assigned and 3 attached. This shows a net gain of 59 airmen during the month but somewhat hides the fact that there was an approximate turnover of 800 airmen in December. The turnover in officer personnel was somewhat greater than the previous month with 61 assigned and 1 attached on the first day of the month, 37 assigned and 1 attached on the last day of the month, for a net loss of 24 officers in the month of December whereas November showed nearly even figures. The turnover in officer personnel being approximately 50; officers that were assigned and relieved assigned during the month and who are not shown on the final figures.

2. PERSONNEL DATA CHANGES

a. Colonel James B. Burwell departed the first day of December on 30 days TDY to Mitchel AFB, New York. Colonel E. L. Tucker assumed command of the Division in the temporary absence of Colonel Burwell. Lt Colonel James E. Johnston, on the ninth of December, was reassigned to Hq 541st AC&W Gp. Colonel Tucker departed the ninth of December for 2 days TDY to Stewart AFB, New York. Colonel Burwell returned from Mitchel AFB, New York on the tenth of December. Colonel Tucker returned on the eleventh of December from Stewart AFB, New York, and assumed command of the Division. Colonel Burwell departed the twelfth of December for Hq ConAC, Mitchel AFB, New York. Lt Richard H. Mansfield departed the thirteenth of December for 10 days TDY to Finland, Minn. Hq Commandant, Lt Roy J. Semrau, was confined sick to quarters on the fourteenth of December. Sergeant Howard A. Buchman was promoted to Staff Sergeant on the eighteenth of December. Colonel

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Tucker departed on the eighteenth of December on 3 days TDY to Stewart AFB, New York. Colonel E. M. Russell assumed command in the temporary absence of Colonel Tucker. Captain Joseph Scheinin departed on the eighteenth of December for 90 days TDY to Mitchel AFB, New York. Lt Semrau returned to duty after being confined sick in quarters. Colonel Tucker returned from Stewart AFB, New York, on the twentieth of December and reassumed command of the Division. Major George L. Abel departed on the twenty first of December for a 7 day Leave of Absence. Lt Mansfield returned from Finland, Minn, on the twenty first of December. Sergeant Gerald C. Bailey departed the twenty third of December for 15 days TDY to Osceola, Wis. Major Casey returned from 14 weeks TDY to Maxwell AFB, Ala., on the twenty seventh of December. Major Able returned from Leave of Absence on the twenty eighth of December.

3. GENERAL CONDITIONS and POLICIES

a. With the great influx of casual personnel reporting to this organization, Buildings T-723, T-737, and T-285 were retained for the housing of said personnel. Barracks T-283, which had been set aside, in the previous month, to house permanent party personnel of Hq & Hq Sq 30th Air Div (Def) and Hq 541st AC&W Gp, was occupied by said personnel on the twenty seventh of December. This building is of the open bay type with all bunks double-decked. Foot-lockers and foot-lockers stands, and clothes racks were provided thru local purchase and assembly by members of this organization. Holiday Leave of Absences were arranged so nearly every officer and airman was awarded some time off during that period. The high state of moral among officers and airman has been maintained throughout the month of December in the Division.

Roy J. Semrau
ROY J. SEMRAU
1st Lt USAF
Commanding

Tests

Air Defense System Alert Capability Tests.

On 12 September an Air Defense System Alert Capability Test was conducted from Division level. All radar stations were operational within ten minutes. The fighter squadrons had 45 aircraft and 61 crews standing by within ten minutes. Captain Fairbrother of ~~the~~ headquarters, 56th Fighter Group, was present to observe the ~~maneuvers~~ results of the test.

Another test was conducted on 17 October. The radar net was fully operational within seven minutes after notification ~~it~~ was given to the Air Defense Control Center except for ~~the~~ Oscoda and O'Hare. Pressure reports were submitted on these stations as prescribed.

~~The~~ Search set at ~~the~~ Oscoda was undergoing major repairs as was the height-finder at O'Hare.

The ADCC Controller experienced some difficulty in obtaining the correct combat potential from the fighter squadrons. This was primarily because of unfamiliarity with the ~~system~~ in the fighter squadrons. Fighter squadrons did not voluntarily submit reports at H plus 30, H plus 60, etc., as required.

Summary of Operations

During September there were 36 Active Air Defense Scrambles, 41 Active Air Defense Sorties, and six Big Photo Missions.

During October there were 31 Active Air Defense Scrambles, 24 Active Air Defense Sorties, and no Big Photo Missions.

Fighter Preparedness

During daylight hours at least four aircraft ~~were required to be~~
~~in Category I~~ from each fighter squadron physically present at any
particular base were required to be in Category I. This requirement⁴
was doubled on 16 September.⁵ Normal status was resumed on
22 September.

During night hours the number of aircraft in Category I was
as follows: Selfridge, four ~~F-86's~~; O'Hare, two F-86's; Oscoda,
two F-86's; and McGhee Tyson, one F-82.

The balance of all other early combat potential fighters were
placed in Category II.

~~During the period from 16 September to 22 September, the number of aircraft~~

4. EADF Operations Order ~~Exd~~ 5-50
5. EADF Book Message DTC 16 D338.

Fighter Deployment

During September the fighters under the tactical control of this organization were deployed as follows: 61st Fighter Squadron, Selfridge Air Force Base; 62nd Fighter Squadron, O'Hare Field, Chicago International Airport; ^{and} 63rd Fighter Squadron, Coccoa Air Force Base, Michigan; ~~xxx~~ One element of ~~xx~~ two aircraft of the 62nd All Weather group was stationed at McGhee-Tyson Airport, Maryville, Tenn. Detachment #2 of the 62nd All Weather Group, which included a flight of four aircraft stationed at Niagara Falls Airport, New York, ~~xxxx~~ returned to McGuire Air Force Base on 2 September.

On 3 October the 61st Fighter Squadron moved from Selfridge to Coccoa and the 63rd returned to Selfridge. Little difficulty was experienced during the change. The required number of aircraft for active air defense were available at all times during the movement.

The 71st Fighter Squadron at Pittsburgh, Pa., came under the operational control of the 30th Air Division on 25 October. Present plans indicate that the 71st will operate in conjunction with the station at Ravenna Arsenal, Apco, Ohio. Communications facilities not presently in existence will determine the date of effective operational control.

SECTION III

OPERATIONS

Status

The radar net of the 30th Air Division was manned on a 24-hour basis for the entire time covered by this report. From 1 September to 15 September the net was operational 12 hours a day ~~xxx with~~ and was capable of becoming operational in five minutes during the ~~manman~~ remaining 12 hours. Non-operational time was spent on scheduled maintenance, training problems and emergency procedure practice sessions.

September

From 16 to 22 ~~xxxxxx~~ the net was operational 24 hours a day. From 23 September to the end of the month the net returned to 12 hour a day operation.

During October the net was operational 12 hours a day with an additional five-hour period each Tuesday.³ During these periods the Tactical Air Command was assumed to be an aggressor force with assigned targets within the EADF area.

3. EADF Operations Order 8-50

General Conditions and Policies

Since 1 September when the 30th Air Division was put under the jurisdiction of Eastern Air Defense Force,¹ there has been a steady flow of casual personnel into this organization. The barracks space for housing these men was ~~was~~ limited. During September, for instance, an average of 105 casuals were housed in a barracks ~~xxxx~~ whose available area was 3194 square feet. This allowed each ~~x~~ man approximately 30.42 square feet while the minimum set up under regulations is 72 square feet. However the ~~xx~~ number of casuals ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ eased off during October and the ~~xxxx~~ same barracks space was considered adequate during this month.

~~xxx~~ Projects.

The 30th Air Division will be required to activate five new ACDW sites, probably before 1 January 1951.² Lt. Col. Maxwell has been assigned as project officer for Keweenaw, Mich., and Lt. Col. Stuart for the permanent site at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

1. General Order 51, 20 July 50 ???
2. Staff Memo, 24 Oct 50 ???

SECTION I

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

Personnel Changes

Sixteen airmen were assigned this organization on 1 September, the beginning of the period covered by this report. At the end of the October the airman strength was 202, a gain of 186 during the two months. Meanwhile the officer strength was increased from 13 to 16.

Among the changes in personnel were the following:

Lt. Col. Donald H. Baxter was reassigned to Tenth Air Force.

Capt. Raymond J. Fowler was assigned to the 541st AC&W Group.

Capt. Joseph Scheinin joined this organization from the 541st AC&W Group, and was assigned as an EW officer.

Maj. Raymond C. Carr joined from the 86th Fighter-Interceptor Wing and was assigned as Commanding Officer of Detachment #1, of this organization at McGhee-Tyson Airport, Maryville, Tenn.

Capt. Gilbert T. Vesselkamp, Capt. Claude L. Gardner, and CWO Aubrey V. Holloway were transferred to the 541st AC&W Group.

Lt. Col. Donald H. Stewart was assigned to this organization from USAFR