

SECTION III
(Operations and Training)

1. Length of Courses.

During this month special instruction was given to members of the 445th U. S. Army Air Force Band of the Aircraft Warning Unit Training Center. These men were instructed according to the schedules of the regular courses in "Company Administration and Company Supply". All of the instruction was carried on in a very informal style. This period of instruction lasted for four weeks, three hours each day for six days a week.

2. Training Aids.

Many of the training aids were loaned out to Major Mitchell of the III Fighter Command. Schedules of the courses in Company Administration and Company Supply, outlines of these courses, and charts were also furnished by this department to this officer for the purpose of opening a school in Tallahassee, Florida.

3. Scope and Nature of Training Activities.

The members of the Army Air Force Band gathered in the "Instructors' Room" for this training. They were given an intensive course in Company Administration for the purpose of acquainting them with the duties of a personnel clerk (368). Some of these men were given special training in the Company Supply Course for the purpose of acquainting them with the work of a supply clerk (835).

SECTION IV
(Material and Supply)

Many of the supplies and pieces of equipment were turned in to B-4 of the battalion. Stoves were furnished for the buildings and coal was provided. No fires were made in the stoves during this month because an inspection was necessary of all of this heating equipment by an inspecting officer of the Aircraft Warning Unit Training Center.

SECTION V
(Special Staff Activities)

1. Instructor Training.

Lectures were held by the officers in charge to train the men for better leadership as non-commissioned officers. A special series of lectures were given in "First Aid". Demonstrations were also given by members of the instructing staff. (References - FM 21-11, First Aid for Soldiers, dated April 7, 1943 and FM 21-10, Military Sanitation and First Aid, dated July 11, 1940.)

2. Inspections.

Brigadier General Sherrill and Brigadier General Larson accompanied by Lt. Colonel Stiehl and his staff made an inspection of the school area on 29 October 1943.

3. Routine Staff Activities.

Several meetings were held by the department head to notify the instructors and the personnel staff of current changes in the battalion policies.

Some of the instructors attended a special course in the use of the Teletypewriter for the purpose of training as instructors in this line of work.

Three of the instructors are to begin a special course in Aircraft Identification at the Information Center Department of this battalion.

Several of the buildings were loaned to the Instructors' Training Department of this battalion for their use as classrooms and an office.

SECTION VI
(Biography and Human Interest)

During this month very little activity of importance took place. The office personnel carried on routine administrative work and the instructors were engaged in research work in the courses of Company Administration and Company Supply.

This history submitted by:

FRANCIS G. MITTINGER
1st Lt, Sig C
Commanding
(Unit Historical Officer)

**TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT
Preliminary Operational Training
500th Signal AN Battalion
New Field**

**Tampa, Florida
30 October 1943**

**UNIT HISTORY
Month of October**

**SECTION I
(Personnel and Administrative)**

1. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

During this month, several instructors were put on duty with different units within the battalion. The total strength of the department is as follows:

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
October, 1943	2	14

SECTION II
(Intelligence)

Due to the lack of training and the suspension of training within the department, no counter-intelligence measures were taken. Instructors were given additional training in "Safeguarding Military Information", by the use of Training Circulars and Memorandums. (References - War Department Training Circulars 49 and 99, 1942; Army Regulations 300-5 and the recent changes).

SECTION III
(Operations and Training)

Training suspended.

SECTION IV
(Material and Supply)

Very few supplies were obtained from S-4 of the battalion. One reel unit EL-31 was obtained from battalion supply to use in servicing field wire, and one air compressor was turned in.

SECTION V
(Special Staff Activities)

1. Instructor Training.

Lectures were held by the officers in charge to train the men for better leadership as non-commissioned officers. Demonstrations and lectures were given in "First Aid" by members of the instructing staff. (References - FMEL-11, dated 7 April 1943, and FMEL-10 dated 21 July 1943).

2. Inspection.

Brigadier General Sherrill and Brigadier General Larson accompanied by Lt. Col. Sticht and his staff made an inspection of the school area on 29 October 1943.

3. Routine Staff Activities.

Several meetings were held by the department head to notify the instructors and the personnel staff of current changes in the battalion policies.

SECTION VI
(Biography and Human Interest)

During this month very little activity of importance took place. Three men from the department are on duty with Company A of the battalion, four men are on duty at the Garbine Firing Range, and the remaining personnel are maintaining the wire net for the battalion.

This history submitted by:

FRANCIS G. HITTINGER
1st Lt, Sig C
Commanding
(Unit Historical Officer)

3 November 43

Unit History (October 43)

S-1, Hq. 586th Bn.

Personnel:

During the month of October two EM and one Officer were added to the Staff of the Radio Department. The EM, Pfc Mac Parker and Pfc William H. Melville, are men that were rejected for a CDD and were placed on limited duty with the Department. Lt. Paul Meyer was placed on Special Duty with the Department, having previously been on the staff of the Officers' School, A.N.U.T.C.

Intelligence: Blank

Operations & Training:

On the 26 Oct. this Department was notified by Battalion Headquarters to cease qualifying men as SNR 776 unless it was felt that it would be in possible for the man to attain the requirements of an SNR 766, High Speed Radio Operator.

Supply:

During this month this Department required several radio sets. Among these acquired were some SCR-180's and 610's. Both types of sets were needed very urgently by the Department for training purposes.

GEORGE H. DEWENT, Jr
1st Lt, Sig C
Commanding

RESTRICTED

SIG-588-HI DEC 1943	RECORD NO: Director Intelligence Studies Institute Air Force Operations Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama
------------------------	---

**UNIT HISTORY
588 SIGNAL AW BATTALION
DECEMBER, 1943
(QUADRUPLICATE)**

RESTRICTED

5-2576-1

5-2576-7

RESTRICTED

HISTORY PREPARED BY:

Albin W. Ericsson
2nd Lt., Signal Corps
Historical Officer

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Two (2) Years High School
Two (2) Years Journalism
One (1) Year Advertising Display

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:

One (1) Year New Jersey Historical Society
Ten (10) Years Newspaper Composition

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Unit History of the 589th Signal AM Battalion

SECTION I	Personnel and Administration
SECTION II	Intelligence
SECTION III	Operations and Training
SECTION IV	Material and Supply
SECTION V	Special Staff Activities
SECTION VI	Human Interest

APPENDIX I	Radar Department
APPENDIX II	Information Center Department
APPENDIX III	Radio Department
APPENDIX IV	Administration Department
APPENDIX V	Telephone & Telegraph Department

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

SECTION I

Personnel and Administration

1. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

	Officers	Enlisted Men
1 December 1943		
588th Signal AS Battalion	53	388
Attached Departments (net)	<u>27</u>	<u>278</u>
	80	666
31 December 1943		
588th Signal AS Battalion	0	0
Attached Departments	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	0	0
Net Gain	0	0
Net Losses	80	666

SECTION II

Intelligence

A new system of handling student notebooks was put into effect in compliance with AWDIC Memorandum 150-14, dated 29 December 1943. Listed below is a part of the contents:

a. Student notebooks will be forwarded to the student's parent organization upon graduation so that they will be more readily available for reference.

SECTION III

Operations and Training

1. Students enrolled in Battalion Schools this month.

MAIL ROOM DEPARTMENT	SEN	NUMBER
SCB-527-588 Operator (OGI)	514	69
SCB-527 Conversion Aid. Rep.	953	9
SCB-602 Operator	514	87
SCB-615 Operator	514	17
SCB-602 Power Plant Rep.	508	1
	Total	<u>183</u>
INFORMATION CENTER DEPARTMENT		
Filtering	510 FS	10
Draftsman	070	10
Ground Observer	518	<u>11</u>
	Total	<u>31</u>
RADIO DEPARTMENT		
Code	776-766	48
FM Maintenance	648	14
AM Maintenance	174	<u>70</u>
		<u>132</u>
	GRAND TOTAL	346

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

2. Enlisted men graduated from Battalion Schools this month.

RADAR DEPARTMENT	SEN	NUMBER
SCB-527-508 Operator (OOI)	514	14
SCB-527 Conversion Rad. Rep.	959	05
SCB-602 Operator	514	260
SCB-602 Power Plant Rep.	506	10
Total		<u>309</u>
INFORMATION CENTER DEPARTMENT		
Fletting	510 FT	2
Filtering	510 FB	<u>20</u>
Total		<u>22</u>
RADIO DEPARTMENT		
Cable	776-766	31
FM Maintenance	648	8
AM Maintenance	174	<u>7</u>
		<u>47</u>
GRAND TOTAL		437

3. Range firing of familiarization course on the U. S. Rifle, caliber 30, M1903 was completed on 19 December 1943.

4. All officers of this Battalion have complied with Third Air Force Memorandum 30-2, dated 1 April 1943, by completing the wearing of the gas mask for four (4) consecutive hours, while performing normal ground duties.

5. The activities of the S-3 Section of this Battalion are directed toward supervising and aiding in the training carried on by the various departments. For further information in regard to training in the departments, see Section III of appendices I through V.

SECTION IV Material and Supply

Projects Completed

The extension of the Radar Department fence has been completed.

All 50th Signal AN Battalion T/SA property has been turned in to Aircraft Warning Unit Training Center.

SECTION V Special Staff Activities

1 Orders Published.

General Orders #1, paragraph 1, Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 1st Training Regiment, AWTC, dated 30 December 1943: Assumption of Command./1

General Orders #2, paragraph 1, Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 1st Training Regiment, AWTC, dated 30 December 1943: Announcement of Battalion Staff./2

/1 Inclosure #1, GO #1, Hq 2nd Bn, 1st Trg Regt, dated 30 December 1943.

/2 Inclosure #2, GO #2, Hq 2nd Bn, 1st Trg Regt, dated 30 December 1943.

+

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

2. Special Projects.

This Battalion will be reorganized as of 2400 EWT, 31 December 1943, per paragraph 1, General Order 55, dated 20 December 1943, Headquarters Aircraft Warning Unit Training Center. It will lose its present designation of 508th Signal AW Battalion, and the Preliminary Operational Training Department, under this Battalion for administration and command will also lose their present designations.

Under the new organization, this Battalion will be designated as the 2nd Battalion, 1st Training Regiment, AWTC. The Departments will receive Company designations assigned to the Battalion as follows: Radar Department - Companies "F" and "G", Information Center Department - Companies "H" and "I" and Radio Department - Company "K". The department heads will be Company Commanders of their respective companies.

SECTION VI

Human Interest

On Christmas Day, all the officers and enlisted men were given permission to invite and guest to eat Christmas dinner in the Battalion Kitchen.

Due to the reorganization of this Battalion, many of the old members are leaving.

RESTRICTED

APPENDIX I
RADAR DEPARTMENT

RESTRICTED

HISTORY

of

**RADAR DEPARTMENT
(Preliminary Operational Training)
580th Signal Aircraft Warning Battalion
Drew Field, Tampa, Florida.**

December 1943

RESTRICTED

(History, Radar Dept., December 1943)

RESTRICTED

SECTION I

Administration and Personnel

1. Personnel.

a. During the month of December the following officers returned to the Department from special duty at various Army Service Schools.

(1) 2nd Lt George J. Fellers returned from the Southern Signal Corps School at Camp Murphy, Florida where he pursued a course of instruction on the SCR-615.

(2) 2nd Lt Elmore L. Wood and 2nd Lt Cecil E. Schroeder returned from the 31 Radio School at Clinton, Ontario, Canada where they studied the SCR-527 and SCR.

(3) Capt Roger D. Dabbie and 1st Lt Robert J. Lindsey returned from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey where they attended the Advanced Officers Course.

b. On 28 December 1943, 2nd Lt Charles E. Schulze reported for temporary duty with the Radar Department per PW #2, 28 #117, HQ, 500th Sig AN Bn, dated 25 Dec 1943 and was assigned to the newly organized SCR-615 Operators course.

c. 2nd Lt Joseph S. Bunk, who has been designated by the 2-3 Section, ANUTC, as special RCM Officer, flew to Orlando on 16 December 1943 to pick up the special RCM equipment being transferred from Orlando to Drew Field.

2. Strength.

a. 1 December 1943.

Officers	29
(Temporary duty to other units)	7
Enlisted Instructors	262
Guards	15
WAG's	4
Potential Instructors	9

b. 1 January 1944

Officers	28
(Temporary duty to other units)	3
Enlisted Instructors	262
Guards	9
WAG's	4
Potential Instructors	6

c. Net decrease for this period:

Officers	1
(Temporary duty to other units)	4
Enlisted Instructors	4
Guards	6
Potential Instructors	3

RESTRICTED

(History, Radar Dept., Nov 1943)

RESTRICTED

SECTION III

OPERATION AND TRAINING

1. A new schedule of student output was set up during December 1943 to conform to anticipated requirements for the next few months. On the basis of these new course expansion, the Department will probably be reorganized in the near future to meet this new condition.

COURSE	LENGTH	MONTHLY OUTPUT
527 Ops	4 wk	40/month
527 PFR	4 wk	15/month
602 Ops	4 wk	200/month
602 PFR	2 wk	40/month
602 SA	4 wk	50/month
615 Ops	4 wk	20/month

2. The newly organized 502-615 Operators course had its first students enrolled on 20 December 1943. This course is under the direction of 2nd Lt Harold T. Smith who studied the set at the Westinghouse factory at Baltimore, Md. The course of instruction will attempt to make the student familiar with the method of operation outlined in a tentative SOP for the 502-615 recently completed by members of this department.

3. The gasoline shortage that developed the week before Christmas forced us to move the 602 Operators course from the Cal Brewer Site to the Main Radar area before the new expanded area was completed. All activity at the Cal Brewer Site was discontinued except for the guards on 20 December 1943.

4. A new SOP for the 502-508 was received from Army Air Force in Washington, D.C. This SOP which contained minor changes over the one used previously was adapted to the 527-508 Operators course immediately.

5. All during the month of November 1943, there was great pressure on from higher headquarters for trained 502-602 Operators. The peak enrollment was reached during the week of 29 November 1943 when 304 students were enrolled in the 502-602 Operators Course. For the two weeks following, there was practically no enrollment in this course due to the sudden lowering of commitments of U-teams on 2/0 11-400. By 27 December 1943, the enrollment had dropped to 60 students, which indicates the great change in enrollment this department must be prepared to accommodate.

RESTRICTED

(History, Radar Dept, Dec 1943)

RESTRICTED

SECTION IV

MATERIAL AND SUPPLY

1. Building 11-b-138 was moved out of the area by the base engineers through the north fence. This building had previously been used as a classroom. The moving of this building marks the first step in an extensive program to replace some of the poorly ventilated and poorly lighted buildings now used as classrooms by this department.
2. The gasoline shortage that developed the week before Christmas caused the greatest disturbance of activities experienced in the department for some time. Great stress was laid on getting all sets converted to commercial power. By a series of temporary cable splices, most of the SCR-527 sets were tied into the existing commercial power circuits used for the SCR-271's. As luck would have it, seven 5 H.P. electric motors were received by this department to be used in place of the Briggs & Stratton gasoline engines to drive the SCR-602 generators. These motors had previously been ordered on 6 March 1943 for this very purpose.
3. The SCR-615 set located in the Main Radar Area was transferred from the 4th Training Battalion back to the 38th Signal at sea and the Radar Department. (*) This set is to be used in the newly organized SCR-615 Operators course.

(*) Teletype from A-4, HQ, AMTC to S-3, 38th Sig at sea, 22 Dec 43.

RESTRICTED

(History, Radar Dept, Dec 1943)

RESTRICTED

SECTION VI

BIOGRAPHY AND HUMAN INTERESTS

1. During the month of December 1943, two officers were transferred out of the department.

a. 2nd Lt Elmore L. Wood was relieved from duty with the Radar Department as per SO #112, HQ, 500th Sig AB Bn, 13 December 1943. Lt Wood came on duty here in April 1943 after having received training on radar equipment in England and at Camp Murphy. While on duty as an instructor in this department he taught Radar Repairman's courses on the SCR-500 and the SCR-527.

b. 2nd Lt Sidney M. Redford Jr. was relieved from duty with the Radar Department by SO #111, HQ, ANVOC, 3 December 1943. Lt Redford came here in September 1943 after duty in the Office of the Chief Signal Officer and radar training at N.I.T., Harvard and Camp Murphy. All his work in the department was concerned with maintenance and instruction on the SCR-500 and 527.

2. The following three enlisted members of the Radar Department were made Warrant Officers, Junior Grade, during the month of December.

S/Sgt Elmer H. Lee
Sgt Lester H. Richards
T/S Leon H. Fambie

RESTRICTED

APPENDIX II
INFORMATION CENTER DEPARTMENT



C

C

RESTRICTED

INFORMATION CENTER DEPARTMENT
500th Signal AW Battalion
New Field, Tampa, Florida

Historical Data - December 1943

SECTION I

(Personnel and Administrative)

3. Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted

	Asst T/S	Asst 500th Signal AW Battalion Atchd Information Center Dept.
Commissioned	2	8
Enlisted	24	59

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

SECTION LII (Operations and Training)

2. Experimental Practices

To better train students in operation of an Information Center in the field plans were made, and installations are well underway of a receiving and plotting unit in the Information Center Department. The hutment formerly used as a Radio Supply is being prepared to receive Radar Reports from units in operation in the vicinity of Tampa and Tarpon Springs. The receiving unit in the Radio Hutment will be equipped with six XI-28 Radios; voice or C.W. transmission will be used. From here, the reports will be relayed to the Information Center which consists of a room equipped with a TC-15. Standard Operational procedure will be used in the display and filtering of these reports. These reports will be of actual activity of aircraft in flight over Florida.

In the meantime, instructors in the Information Center Department were oriented in the use of the TC-15, portable Information Center. With the aid of the Wire Section the instructors were taught how to operate the power unit, set-up of the filter table, and to make proper connections of the different communication units within the Information Center. This will prove to be of valuable experience for the instructors in the set-up of Information Center equipment in the field, as operation taught in this unit is mainly for a fixed system of Air Defense.

In the Ground Observers Section of the Information Center Department, instruction in the course of Aircraft Recognition continued to use the Renshaw System. To avoid confusion of Radar and Ground Observer Information on the filter board white arrows only will be used.

RESTRICTED

These clocks will display a time interval to correspond with the pulse clock in the Filter Room.

Three groups of Officers Orientation Courses have matriculated through the Information Center Department in this month of December, 1943. The comments of these officer groups indicated a desire to know more about the Air Warning Service.

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

SECTION VI.

(Biography and Human Interest)

1. Motivation from the field.

Captain Alvin L. Goodstein, previously stationed in Alaska in the capacity of Plans and Training Officer, XI Fighter Command, was placed on special duty with this Department. This is in compliance with the War Department policy to assign officers with field experience to schools in order to pass on to students first hand information from combat theaters.

To date, Capt Goodstein has given several illustrated lectures to instructors and students relative to operations in Alaska. The consensus is that these lectures are not only instructive, but also very interesting.

2. Christmas Party.

The Yuletide spirit was formally ushered into the Information Center Department at a party on the night of 11 December 1943, in the Club House of the Tampa Police Range.

There was an almost perfect attendance of the members of the Department. The complementary membership was a fair-sex contingent composed of wives of this school's Officers and enlisted men, and of WACs from the two nearby organizations.

A buffet supper preceded the evening's entertainment, which consisted of dancing to the music of an orchestral group from the 69th Army Air Forces Band; and of songs, skits and acrobatics by Department Personnel as well as by professional talent. At the appointed hour Santa Claus paid his traditional visit and presented a gift to everyone in attendance. No occasion existed at the close of the party for voicing anything except utmost satisfaction for an evening of the most enjoyable entertainment.

RESTRICTED

APPENDIX III
RADIO DEPARTMENT

RESTRICTED

UNIT HISTORY
Radio Department, 500th S&W Bn.
December 43

Section I - Personnel

1. At midnight, 31 Dec 43 this Department ceased to exist as the Radio Department, 500th Sig BN Bn. The new designation, effective 1 Jan. 44 is to be Company K, 2nd Battalion, 1st Training Regiment. All personnel to be kept under the new reduced T/O were transferred to the 1st Training Regiment on SO 377, para. 3 and 4, Hq. AWTIS, dated 30 Dec. 43.

2. The new T/O which was planned for the Radio Dept. for this month calls for five officers and 48 EM. This figure includes necessary Overseas Home personnel. Radio students formerly assigned to many different companies are now to be assigned to Company K.

Section II - Intelligence:

Blank

Section III - Training

During the month of December this School included in its Radio Operators curricula training in panels and the EPO. The aim of this School is to turn out a well-rounded operator. Initial training with panels is accomplished with small paper models. After the students become proficient with paper models they are then taken outside to practice with the regulation panel sets.

Section IV - Supply

During the month the Department was able to secure two Motorola, 30 Watt, FM Radio Sets and six SX 30 Receivers. This equipment should be a great aid.

Section V - Special Staff Activities. - Blank

Section VI - Biography & Human Interest - Blank

RESTRICTED

APPENDIX IV
ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

C

C



RESTRICTED

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
Preliminary Operational Training
300th Signal Air Detachment
New Field

Tempo, Florida
31 December 1943

UNIT REPORT
Month of December

SECTION I
(Personnel and Administrative)

1. Strength, Operational and Utilized

At the end of the month the following number of enlisted men and officers remained on duty with the department:

	Officers	Enlisted Men
December, 1943	2	5

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

**SECTION II
(Intelligence)**

Due to the lack of training, no counter-intelligence measures were taken.

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

SECTION III
(Operations and Training)

Name and Nature of Training Activities

There was no training in the department during this month.

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

SERVICE IV (Material and Supply)

Most of the supplies and equipment were turned in to the S-4 section of the installation. There were no requisitions made out for any appreciable amount of supplies during this month. Necessary office supplies and material were obtained from the S-4 section.

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

SECTION V
(Special Staff Activities)

1. Administrative Inspection of Records in Battalion.

During this month members of the department inspected the service records (HQ, AGO Form No 24), the soldier's qualification card (HQ, AGO Form No 25), the soldier's individual pay record (HQ, AGO Form No 26), the immunization register (HQ, HQ Form No 61), and the individual clothing and equipment record (HQ, AGO Form No 32) of each man in the battalion as to correctness of entries and as to the amount of training each man has had.

2. Instructor Training.

Several of the men in the department attended medical lectures on "Medical Training". There were no other activities that concerned the training of the personnel of the department.

3. Routine Staff Activities.

Several meetings were held by the department head to notify the instructors and the personnel staff of current changes in the battalion policy.

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

SECTION VI
(Biography and Human Interest)

During this month several men were transferred to other organizations on the field. There remained with the department a total of five (5) enlisted men and two (2) officers. The remaining personnel maintained the necessary records for the department and merely routine office work was carried on. The department was consolidated with the Telephone and Telegraph Department into a new building. All of the records were consolidated and are maintained by one personnel staff.

This history submitted by:

FRANCIS C. BENTON
1st Lt, Sig C
Commanding
(This Historical Office)

RESTRICTED

**APPENDIX V
TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH
DEPARTMENT**



RESTRICTED

TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT
Preliminary Operational Training
500th Signal AM Battalion
Dunn Field

Tampa, Florida
29 December, 1943

MONTH HISTORY
Month of December

ACTION I (Personnel and Administrative)

1. Strength Commissioned and enlisted.

At the end of the month the total strength of the department was as follows:

	<u>Commissioned</u>	<u>enlisted men</u>
December, 1943	2	8

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

**SECTION II
(Intelligence)**

Due to the lack of training and the suspension of training within the department, no counter-intelligence measures were taken.

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

SECTION III
(Operations and Training)

Training suspended. No training activities.

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

**SECTION IV
(Material and Supply)**

All supplies and equipment were turned in to S-4 of the
Battalion.

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

SECTION V (Special SGTY Activities)

1. Instructor Training

Three instructors attended the medical lectures on "Medical Training". The instructors attended the "Radio Operator's Course" at the Radio Department of the battalion. One man took over the position of teletype operator for the battalion in the A-7C unit.

2. Aviation Staff Activities

Several meetings were held by the Department head to notify the instructors and the personnel staff of current changes in the battalion policies.

RESTRICTED

RESTRICTED

SECTION VI
(Biography and Home Interest)

During this month was a consolidation of the department into a new building with the Administration Department of the battalion. The enlisted men were transferred to other organizations out of the battalion. In the first part of the month several of the instructors were on detail for instruction in the 30 caliber M1903 rifle. This detail is suspended at the present time. The remaining personnel maintain the wire net of the battalion.

This history submitted by:

FRANCIS G. RYFFINER
1st Lt, Sig C
Commanding
(Unit Historical Officer)

RESTRICTED

S 16-588-H(15M)
APR 1944

NOTED TO:
Director
Research Studies Institute
Attn: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

Dr. Ralph W. ...
Apr 1944

~~MICROFILMED~~

HISTORICAL REPORT OF
588th Signal AN Battalion

for the month of

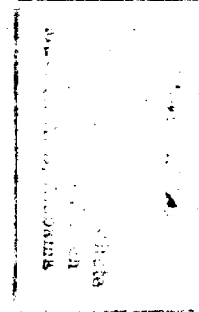
APRIL - 1944

Disbandment authorized by ANUTC GO 17, dated 6 February 1944,
in accordance with Third Air Force GO 21, dated 29 January 1944.

1. Strength: 0 WO EM
1 Apr 44 No Personnel Assigned
2. Disbandment effective 19 April 1944.
3. Notification of disbandment forwarded 5 May 1944.¹
4. No other activity to report.

1. Ltr ANUTC 322 (3 May 44) to Adjutant General, WD. Subject:
Confirmation of Inactivation and Disbandment of Certain
Signal Aircraft Warning Units. 5 May 44.

RESTRICTED



SIG-588-SU-KL+D
DEC 1943

**DAILY DIARY
588 SIGNAL AW BATTALION
DECEMBER, 1943
(QUADRUPLICATE)**

RESTRICTED

5-2576-8

SECRET

1 December 1943

1. New Projects.

Major (S) officers from the 5th Signal AM Training Battalion began a series of three one-hour lectures on the SCR-527.

2. Miscellaneous.

Building 11-B-138 was removed from the Radar area by the post engineers.

2 December 1943

1. Directives Received.

Directed by 1st Signal AM Training Battalion, to have the Mess Officer of Kitchen #20 attend a thirty (30) day training course for Mess Officers starting on or about 1 January 1944. (Location of course unknown at this time.)

Further directed that two (2) officers of this organization be immediately detailed to duty with Kitchen #20 as student Mess Officers, and that these two (2) officers relieve the present Mess Officer while he is attending school during the month of January.

Also directed that this Headquarters provide one (1) or two (2) officers of Company Command to attend a one-week Mess Inspectors School starting on or about 1 January 1944.

New SOP for SCR-528 received from War Department. It will be adopted immediately.

2. Projects completed.

1A Radar received a call from Signal Warehouse to pick up one (1) 7B-75. Action completed.

3. Miscellaneous.

1A. Dugan called 1A. Flanagan, 1st Signal AM Training Battalion, and arranged to have the Tuesday Parade turned over to this Battalion for presentation of Good Conduct Medals.

1A. Dugan, Radio Department, phoned Captain Salency regarding Par 17, Special Orders 309, Headquarters Aircraft Warning Unit Training Center, dated 1 December 1943 which placed sixteen (16) 1A's on DS to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, for a six (6) week G.S. Convulsion Course. 1A. Dugan suggested that these men could have been sent to his department with much less expense to the Government.

3 December 1943

-1-

SECRET

5-2576-8

SECRET

1. Directives Received.

Colonel Van Ingen directed that two (2) or three (3) noncommissioned officers from our Personnel Section report to Sergeant Coffey at 1st Signal AN Training Battalion on the morning of 4 December 1943 to learn how to track down errors in personnel files.

He also directed that our comments regarding the items in the ANTC Inspectors Headquarters Report, which applies to the 58th Signal AN Battalion, be submitted to him as soon as possible.

2. Projects Completed.

IA. Ryder reported that all companies of the Battalion are supplied with full field equipment to be issued to all enlisted men.

3. Reports Received.

Captain Morgan phoned requesting the use of the frequencies assigned to the Information Center Department for the Officers Ground Observer problem this afternoon.

Captain Delaney called IA. Cook, Communication Section, Aircraft Warning Unit Training Center, and was advised it was agreeable for the Information Center Department to use their frequencies this afternoon.

Report from B-4 Section, ANTC, for the number of SCR-270 sets now in the 58th Signal AN Battalion Radar Area. They were informed that the Radar Department had four (4) SCR-270 and eight (8) SCR-271 sets.

4 December 1943

1. New Projects.

A Special Refresher SCR-270 Radar Repairman's Course will be conducted from 6 December 1943 to 25 December 1943 for forty (40) students from this Battalion.

2. Projects Completed.

Enlisted men graduated from Battalion Schools this date:

RADAR DEPARTMENT	SEN	NUMBER
SCR-527-528 Operator (GCI)	514	3
SCR-527 Convulsion Rad. Repairman	513	10
SCR-602 Operator	514	41
RADIO DEPARTMENT		
Cable	766-766	5
AM Maintenance	174	3
-0-	TOTAL	72

SECRET

SECRET

14. Radar reported that all errors found by ANTC Inspectors on WD AGO Forms 22 and 23 in the companies of this Battalion have been corrected.

J. Conferences Held.

Captain Delaney conferred with Captain Fawcett, 2-3 Section, 1st Signal AN Training Battalion at Captain Ray's office, 2-3 Section, ANTC, regarding the reduction of the SCR-608 Operator enrollments. Captain Ray advised Captain Delaney that the 1st Signal AN Training Battalion would receive approximately fifty (50) SCR-608 Operators on Monday, 4 December 1943, but they would not be enrolled in school until 13 December 1943 in order to cut our present enrollments down to a point where large classes need no longer be conducted at night. He further advised that SCR-608 Operator students will be transferred to the 1st Signal AN Training Battalion, where they will complete their firing and other basic training.

K. Miscellaneous.

Regular Saturday afternoon inspection of personnel and quarters.

5 December 1943

1. Miscellaneous.

Sgt 2d H1903 Rifle Familiarization Class fired a familiarization course on the New Field, range.

Routine duties carried on. School does not operate on Sunday.

6 December 1943

1. Directives Received.

Directed by Communications Officer ANTC, that one (1) officer from the Radio Department who can copy code, attend a meeting of Radio personnel at the band shell opposite the Main Radar gate at 1300 today. Captain Delaney phoned Lt. Dupont of the Radio Department and was informed that Lt. Ebb would attend the meeting.

Lt. Ebb attended and reported the following:
After a series of code speed test records containing from ten (10) to twenty-five (25) words per minute, with letters and numbers intermixed were played, it was decided that numbers could well be included up to a speed of sixteen (16) words per minute; beyond that speed it is impractical. It was also learned that records played to students for test purposes was not as satisfactory as a keyer. Lt. Ebb also reported that in the future it may be permissible to give twenty-five (25) words per minute tests in clear text, and students may copy in plaintext.

2. New Projects.

-3-

SECRET

SECRET

Enlisted was enrolled in Battalion Schools this date:

RADAR DEPARTMENT	ENL	NUMBER
SCR-517-200 Operator (GSI)	EN	8
SCR-502 Operator	EN	79
RAIDS DEPARTMENT		
Code	776-766	7
FM Maintenance	EN	1
AM Maintenance	EN	1
	TOTAL	97

3. Meetings.

Staff meeting held in the office of the Battalion Commander at 1130. Routine business was discussed.

4. Conferences.

Captain Coffman had a conference with Captain Mann, S-3 Section, ANUSC, regarding twelve (12) ANSE Buildings which have been received by ANUSC. Made plans to move them to Radar Area and spoke to Lt. Ryder in regard to signing for them.

5. Miscellaneous.

S-3 Section, ANUSC, advised that Lieutenant Colonel Irbel, Chemical Warfare Officer of Third Air Force, was coming down to the Radar Department this afternoon to study Radar equipment with respect to the possibility of protecting it against chemical attack.

Captain Moore, Inspection Section ANUSC, accompanied Major Bentley, Third Air Force, on a visit to the Radar Area. Major Bentley is interested in Radar.

Lieutenant Ryder advised Captain Coffman that three (3) SCR-502-1's would be replaced by three (3) SCR-502's.

7 December 1943

1. Requests Received.

Request received from 1st Signal AN Training Battalion for a roster of all second lieutenants in this Battalion who carry a MOS of either Administration, Supply, Mess or Transportation.

Request received from 1st Signal AN Training Battalion for a roster of all officers who had a MOS of TISG and had a major in English or the equivalent.

2. Conferences Held.

+

SECRET

2-3-3-1-0-1-3-3

Doctor Burton, Captains Kay, Farmer and Maloney had a conference at the Radar Department pertaining to training and the trainer committee being formed.

3. Miscellaneous.

Members of this Battalion received Good Conduct Medals at the Battalion Retreat Parade.

8 December 1943

1. Requests Received.

Lieutenant Crenault, ANUSC Officer Classification Section, called Lieutenant Nyder and requested a classroom each Monday between the hours of 0900 and 1100. Lieutenant Nyder coordinated the request with Captain Morgan who agreed to allot building 11-0-05 in compliance with Lieutenant Crenault's request.

9 December 1943

1. Meetings.

Staff meeting held in the office of the Battalion Commander at 1430. Routine business was discussed.

2. Lectures.

All officers attended a lecture on Military Courtesy given by Lieutenant Colonel Ralph F. Stiehl at Recreation Building #2 at 1700.

3. Miscellaneous.

Advised by S-3 Section ANUSC, that a class of twenty (20) ground observer officers will be enrolled in the Information Center Department beginning 20 Dec 43.

10 December 1943

1. Directives Received.

Received THE message from ANUSC Communications Officer, to all training battalions as follows:

"Letter received from Army Air Force, dated 1 December 1943, prohibits the use of transmission 'on the air' for the purpose of training radio operators in code practice. Frequency #14 which was authorized for a code practice frequency is rescinded. Transmissions now made on this frequency for code practice will be discontinued. Transmissions 'on the air' for the sole purpose of training radio operators is not authorized."

Captain Farmer, S-3 Section, 1st Signal AN Training Battalion, called stating he had received a THE message from ANUSC authorizing us to hold ten

+

2-3-3-1-0-1-3-3

D-I-R-E-C-T-I-V-E-S

(10) men who are about to graduate from the current 60E Operators Course and place them in a Four Phase Repairman Course.

Captain Delaney phoned Captain Weinstein, Communications Officer, ANSBC, to ask how this directive would affect transmissions by our Radio Department; Captain Weinstein stated that transmissions used for training in new procedure may continue.

11 December 1943

1. Projects Completed.

Enlisted men graduated from Battalion Schools this date:

RADAR DEPARTMENT	ASN	NUMBER
SCB-527-528 Operator (OOI)	514	7
SCB-527 Conversion Rad. Rep.	953	10
SCB-60E Operator	514	98
INFORMATION CENTER DEPARTMENT		
Plotting	5104	1
Filtering	51078	12
RADIO DEPARTMENT		
Code	776-766	8
PH Maintenance	628	6
AM Maintenance	174	1
	TOTAL	169

2. Miscellaneous.

Major Shamber, Surgeon, 1st Signal AN Training Battalion, was at the Radar Area today to observe the operating conditions of Scope Operators, particularly the causes of eye fatigue and headaches.

12 December 1943

1. Miscellaneous.

Col JO H903 Rifle Familiarization Class fired a familiarization course.

13 December 1943

1. Directives Received.

Received letter X50.001 Headquarters ANSBC, dated 8 December 1943, directing Administration and Personnel Officers, all First Sergeants, Sergeant Majors, Administration Non-Cor's, Chief Clerks, Company or Personnel Clerks, and any other personnel authorized by their commanding officer to attend a lecture series on Personnel Reports at War Department Theatre #1. Lectures will be given between 1300 and 1400 from 13 December 1943 through 17 December 1943 inclusive.

-4-

D-I-R-E-C-T-I-V-E-S

SECRET

Received Memorandum 75-26, Headquarters ANVIL, dated 10 December 1943, directing the attention of all concerned, to paragraph 5a, AR 15-120, dated May 1943, which directs that paying officers make all cash payments directly to the persons to whom they are due. A new method of verifying identity of papers is suggested for use by paying officers. This memorandum supersedes Memorandum 75-26, Headquarters ANVIL, dated 21 September 1943.

2. New Projects.

Enlisted men enrolled in Battalion Schools this date:

RADAR DEPARTMENT	SEN	NUMBER
SEN-527-528 Operator (SOI)	524	26
SEN-527 Conversion Ind. Sp.	953	5
INFORMATION OFFICER		
Draftsman	070	7
RADIO DEPARTMENT		
Code	776-766	8
PH Maintenance	648	1
AM Maintenance	174	2
		<hr/>
		TOTAL 56

14 December 1943

1. Directives Received.

Memorandum 50-8, 3rd Third Air Force, dated 11 December 1943, Subject: Adequate intelligence training for all personnel.

2. Meetings.

Staff meeting held in the office of the Battalion Commander at 1430.

(a) Our new Executive Officer, Major Alvin B. Kruman was introduced to the Battalion Staff by Colonel Stahl.

(b) Routine business was discussed.

15 December 1943

1. Conferences.

A conference of Company Commanders was held with regard to a Christmas Party for the officers of the Battalion. It has been suggested that the party be held at the Clearwater Yacht Club. A census was made to determine the number of officers living at (1) Tampa, (2) Clearwater, or (3) St. Petersburg to determine the most conveniently located point.

-7-

SECRET

R-R-T-R-I-C-T-D

2. Miscellaneous.

Major Brown accompanied the 1st Signal AN Training Battalion Inspector on a check of personnel records to insure that necessary corrective steps had been taken in connection with the recent Personnel Records Inspection Report.

All members of this Battalion attended the movie, "Battle of Russia", at War Department Theatre #6 at 1600.

Eleven (11) Radar Vehicles were taken out for a road test. They were driven approximately one-hundred (100) miles and found to be in very good condition.

16 December 1943

1. Miscellaneous.

Lt. Bergum, S-1 Section, ANHS, phoned that he was sending a TXI message to the Commanding Officer, 1st Signal AN Training Battalion requesting that fifteen (15) of the graduates of the SCR-608 Operators Course be held over for enrollment in the SCR-608 Power Plant Repairman Course, (SCR 506) beginning 20 December 1943.

17 December 1943

1. Requests Received.

Request for the prerequisites of the SCR-608 Radar Repairman Conversion Course from ANHS Classification Section. They were informed that students enrolled had to be Radar Repairman (953's).

Request from 2nd Signal AN Training Battalion, for enrollment figures daily, of enlisted men enrolled in the Radio Department from the 2nd Signal AN Training Battalion. Informed them that this information would be furnished daily at 1600 by phone.

2. Miscellaneous.

An inspection of all battalion Special Service vehicles was made by the Inspector General's Department.

Arrangements were made by Lt. Ryder to have two (2) stoves installed in the General Assembly Building.

18 December 1943

1. Projects Completed.

Enlisted men graduated from Battalion Schools this date:

-4-

R-R-T-R-I-C-T-D

1-2-6-7-2-1-0-2-2-3

RADAR DEPARTMENT	SN	NUMBER
SCR-527-528 Operator (GCI)	514	4
SCR-527 Constant Rad. Rep.	953	5
SCR-602 Operator	514	22
INFORMATION CENTER		
Filtering	5198	8
RADIO DEPARTMENT		
Code	776-766	9
PH Maintenance	648	2
AM Maintenance	174	2
	TOTAL	122

2. Requests Received.

S-3 Section, 1st Signal AM Training Battalion requested recommendation for a schedule of enrollment of students in the GCI Operators Course. Was advised that it would be best to enroll ten (10) students per week, thereby meeting the output of forty (40) per month required by ANUSC.

Lt. Sumner, S-3 Radar Department, phoned Captain Delaney and informed him that while the capacity of the GCI Operators Course is forty (40) enlisted men, and is limited by the equipment, viz three (3) SCR-527 sets and one (1) SCR-528, no trainer facilities being available as yet; fifty-three (53) enlisted men are on 1st Signal AM Training Battalion orders to be enrolled on next Monday, 20 Dec 43. There are thirty-eight (38) enlisted men now enrolled in this course, which together with the fifty-three (53) additional men on 1st training orders will make a total of ninety-one (91) students in the GCI Operators Course.

Captain Delaney phoned Captain Farmer, S-3, 1st Sig Bn, advising him of this situation, and was assured that the necessary measures would be taken to correct it.

S-4 Section, ANUSC, called the Radar Department, requesting the number of SCR-602 sets by serial number, which are inoperable, and the reason therefore.

Captain Roberts of the Radar Department, reported to Lt. Colonel Lambert, S-4 ANUSC, with a copy of the Weekly Status Report on Equipment, which contains the requested information.

3. Miscellaneous.

Lt. Ryder was granted permission to retain all T/BA properties now being used by our various departments and companies, which are deemed essential for continued efficiency, on M/R from ANUSC. Moving of T/BA property tentatively scheduled to start 20 December 1943.

Lt. Colonel Vaughn, Chemical Warfare Service Inspector, from Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Maryland, visited the Radar Area with Captain Froeseburg of the GNS Section, ANUSC, to study problems in connection with gas proofing Radar equipment.

-

1-2-6-7-2-1-0-2-2-3

2-3-3-2-1-0-3-3

19 December 1943

1. Miscellaneous.

Usual routine duties performed. Schools are closed on Sunday.

20 December 1943

1. New Projects.

Enlisted men enrolled in "Battalion Schools" this date:

RAAR DEPARTMENT	EN	ENGINEER
SOB-517-500 Operator (OOI)	224	15
SOB-517 Conversion Rad. Rep.	220	4
SOB-602 Operator	224	4
SOB-615 Operator	21	10
INFORMATION CENTER DEPARTMENT		
Filtering	2078	1
Draftsman	270	2
Ground Observer	23	2
RADIO DEPARTMENT		
Cable	776-766	26
RE Maintenance	648	9
AM Maintenance	174	22
Total		113

Mr. Hangerfield of the Post Engineers assigned an electrical crew to install a lighting system surrounding the new Radar Area.

2. Projects Completed.

The Radar fence extension, enclosing buildings 11B-10 and 11B-11, completed.

3. Directives Received.

Headquarters Aircraft Warning Unit Training Center, General Order #55, par 1, dated 20 December 1943, relieved this Battalion (500th Signal AW Battalion) from attachment to the 1st Signal AW Training Battalion, and attached it to the 1st Training Regiment, ANUTC.

4. Directives Issued.

Captain Gaffney directed Lt. Moller (Officer in charge of Col. Brewer Site), to select instructors to handle the OOI Operators classes and have them report to the Main Radar Area with the students at 1300.

Four (4) SOB-517's in the Main Radar Area will be turned over to the OOI Operators Course for their use, since the SOB-517 Radar Repairman's Conversion Course enrollment is small.

- 10 -

2-3-3-2-1-0-3-3

B-E-S-T-E-I-C-T-S

Captain Delaney advised Captain Coffman that Lt. Colonel Griffin, S-3 ANSG, had authorized the discontinuance of the SCB-527-528 (GHI) Operators Course for this week if necessary, due to the moving of equipment and the gasoline shortage.

5. Requests Received.

Request from Radar Department for approval of a plan to move the SCB-527's to the new section of the Main Radar Area. The plan to hold the students at the Main Radar Area for the morning and letting the instructors on duty at the Colonel Brewer Site pack the SCB-527's preparatory to moving.

6. Conferences Held.

Lt. Colonel Lambert, S-4 ANSG, called Captain Coffman in regard to supplying Radar sets with commercial power. Discussed plans regarding the SCB-615. Colonel Lambert directed that the Radar Department study the entire problem and advise him of the results.

Lt. Colonel Lambert called Captain Coffman again to advise him that he had contacted Major Lynn, Post Engineer, who would help the Radar Department with their commercial power problem.

7. Miscellaneous.

Lt. Sumner phoned Captain Coffman that there were twenty-eight (28) SCB-527 students enrolled in excess of the capacity of the course. He also pointed out that due to the gasoline shortage it is impossible to furnish transportation to and from the Colonel Brewer Site.

Captain Coffman phoned the 501st Signal AF Regiment Motor Pool, to ascertain the status of trucks for transportation of instructors and students to the Col Brewer Site, and was informed that trucks could not be dispatched for that purpose.

Captain Delaney called Captain Coffman and advised him that there would be no enlisted men entered in a new SCB-608 Course this week.

Captain Coffman was informed by Lt. Campbell that students may be recommended to the S-1 Section to be dropped from a course, if they fail for two (2) successive weeks.

Captain Coffman was advised by Colonel Stichel that the one-hundred (100) mile road check for special purpose vehicles was being rescinded.

All officers of this Battalion attended a War Orientation Lecture, at War Department Theatre #6, at 1700.

S-E-T-E-I-C-T-E-D

21 December 1943

1. Requests Received.

Request from S-1 ANUGS for a roster of all bases (ASN 521) now assigned to this Battalion.

2. Conferences.

Captain Delaney's conference with Captain Morgan and Captain Goodstein of the Information Center Department, indicate that plans are progressing for the reception of reports by radio, from outlying Radar stations. These reports will be used in the Information Center Plotting and Filtering Course.

3. Meetings.

Staff meeting held in the office of the Battalion Commander at 1300. The following points were discussed:

(a) Final plans for today's Evening Parade.

(b) Plans for the Christmas Day Dinner.

(c) A social affair during the holiday season for the officers of the Battalion.

4. Miscellaneous.

Captain Ray, S-3 Section, ANUTC, phoned Captain Delaney and informed him that the Radar Survey Course at AAFSAE, Orlando, Florida, will re-open 24 January 1944 and will be a four (4) week course for officers only. The officers need not be Radar officers.

Captain Boardman accompanied Colonel Stiehl and Major Sansweet on a tour of inspection of the personnel in the Motor Transport Section, who are engaged in the repair and maintenance of Radar Special Purpose Vehicles.

Lt. Hyder called Lt. Pinkerton, S-4 1st Training Regiment and made arrangements for immediate occupancy of buildings 100-02 and 100-13 for enlisted men in temporary quarantine. These buildings will be maintained by Company "B" of this Battalion.

A Battalion Review and Presentation of Good Conduct Ribbons was held at 1715.

22 December 1943

1. Requests Received.

Captain Ironsblain, S-3 1st Training Regiment, phoned Captain Delaney requesting that he be informed of the number of manuals on the link FM-1400 radio set, desired by this Battalion.

- 12 -

S-E-T-E-I-C-T-E-D

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

Captain Delaney contacted Captain Morgan and Lt. Dupont to obtain the number of copies desired by them, and informed Captain Kramelstein that he would like to have twenty-five (25) copies.

2. Directives Issued.

Colonel Stiehl called Captain Coffman to inquire if Lt. Grooper of 2nd Training Regiment had been cleared through ANUTC S-2 to attend lectures on the SCR-527 Radar Repairman's Course in the Radar Area. Captain Coffman said he had not been informed. Colonel Stiehl directed that all such cases be handled through this Battalion Headquarters.

3. Conference.

Captain Delaney and Captain Coffman discussed the OGI Course with Captain Ray, A-3 ANUTC, who agreed that familiarization training on the SCR-588 need not be given to OGI SCR-527 Operators until such time as an SCR-588 is moved to the Main Radar Area. The desirability of moving in an EG 188 from the Col. Brewer Site if possible, was also discussed; even though an SCR-588 were not moved with it. Captain Ray is going to discuss all phases of this course with Col. Griffin and will advise Captains Delaney and Coffman of the results.

4. Miscellaneous.

Captain Boardman was informed by Lt. Colusmith, S-1 Section, ANUTC, that all basics (521's) whose names were submitted were to be placed on the alert. Capt Boardman advised the Company Commanders involved.

Captain Delaney phoned Captain Ray, A-3 Section, ANUTC, who agreed to have us move his Testing Section from building 11C-47 to 11C-40 in order to make room for reorganization of the Information Center Department and S-3 Section of this headquarters.

Lt. Ryder submitted a Work Order Request to Base S-4 Section to fill in washed-out areas of Battalion Parade grounds.

General Sherrill visited the Radar Department.

23 December 1943

1. Directives Received.

Directed by Special Service Officer, ANUTC, to switch Parade Day with the 2nd Training Regiment, ANUTC. Thus the regular Tuesday Evening Parade will be held on Saturday, 1 January 1944, next week.

2. Requests Received.

Request from A-3 Section, ANUTC, that 3rd Training Regiment be loaned eight hundred and fifty (850) position counters, and forty (40) of each color of the strength counters for their Information Center for a period of six (6) weeks or more.

B-E-S-T-E-I-C-T-E-D

In connection with above request, our Information Center Department was contacted, and it was learned that there was not a sufficient excess of Plotting equipment, to comply with the request of A-3 Section, ANVTC.

Request from A-3 Section, ANVTC, regarding instruction of IFF in Operators Course, with special reference to SE158.

They were informed that IFF was being taught, but all material from SE158 was not included.

Request from A-3 Section, ANVTC, regarding the policy of our Radio Department in respect to the introduction of interferences in code tapes above sixteen (16) words per minute. They were informed that both static and interference signals, were used on the tapes.

3. Miscellaneous.

Lt. Ryder called Post Engineers regarding the new Radar fence and was informed that additional barbed wire would be placed on the new fence so that upon completion it will resemble the old fence.

24 December 1943

1. Requests Received.

Request from A-4 Section, ANVTC, for Plotting Equipment. Lt. Ryder coordinated request with Captain Delaney and informed Captain Swets, A-4 Section, ANVTC, that equipment was not available.

25 December 1943

1. Requests Completed.

Enlisted men graduated from Battalion Schools this date:

RADAR DEPARTMENT	SEN	NUMBER
SCR-602 Operator	514	25
SCR-602 FTR	506	20
INFORMATION CENTER		
Plotting	510PT	1
RADIO DEPARTMENT		
Code	776-766	9
AM Maintenance	174	1
	Total	56

2. Miscellaneous.

Being Christmas Day, all schools were closed which permitted members of the Battalion to participate in the various Christmas Day activities of the post.

3-3-3-3-1-0-3-3-3

14. Hope, our Special Services Officer, had the General Assembly Building decorated in true yuletide spirit, where members of the Battalion and guests gathered to sing Christmas Carols accompanied by a string ensemble. Chaplain Edwards led the gathering in song, after which Colonel Stiehl spoke a few words befitting the occasion. An informal period followed at which time military personnel and their guests enjoyed an exchange of Christmas Greetings, while awaiting the serving of Christmas Dinner.

15. Early did a splendid job at the Kitchen; the decorations and the attractive manner in which the meal was served, could only be amended by the efforts of the kitchen personnel.

26 December 1943

1. Miscellaneous.

All schools are closed on Sunday. Usual camp duties were performed.

27 December 1943

1. New Projects.

Listed men enrolled in Battalion Schools to date:

RAILROAD DEPARTMENT	SNW	NUMBER
SCB-602 Operator	514	13
SCB-615 Operator	514	7
SCB-608 FTR	506	1
INFORMATION CENTER		
Filtering	510FS	9
Draftsman	070	1
Ground Observer	518	7
RADIO DEPARTMENT		
Code	776-766	7
RE Maintenance	618	3
AM Maintenance	174	24
	Total	<u>72</u>

2. Miscellaneous.

14. Ryder phoned A-1 Section, ANUTC, regarding the lifting of restrictions on the use of general purpose vehicles. He was informed by Captain Swets that the restriction has been lifted, but cautioned that they be used moderately.

15. Ryder reported that all medical, chemical warfare and engineer equipment of the 58th Signal AM Battalion 2/BA stock, has been turned in to ANUTC.

28 December 1943

1. Requests Received.

Phone call from 1st Training Regiment, ANUTC, requesting the number of enlisted men with railroad SNW's, civilian or military. Request complied with.

R-E-S-T-R-I-C-T-E-D

2. Miscellaneous.

Sub-2700 units #43 and #45 were turned in to A-4, ANUTC.

29 December 1943

1. Meetings held.

A staff meeting was held in the office of the Battalion Commander at 1330. Routine subjects were discussed.

2. Miscellaneous.

Major General Larson and Brigadier General Sherrill accompanied by their respective staffs visited the Radar Area to witness the Radar Counter Measure demonstration.

30 December 1943

1. Orders published.

Paragraph 1, General Order #1, Headquarters 2nd Battalion, 1st Training Regiment, ANUTC, dated 30 December 1943. Subject: assumption of command.

31 December 1943

1. Directive received.

Directed by 1st Training Regiment, ANUTC, that all unit funds be frozen until further notice.

2. Requests Received.

Phone call from S-3 Section, ANUTC, requesting the loan of a typewriter keyboard chart. A chart was furnished as requested.