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training of AAA personnel. Sixteen B-24's of Squadron G were used on missions flown for the Airborne Communications Course and the Radar Scope Interpretation Course.

One Ground Demonstration of fighter type aircraft was held for the Medical Officers Cadre. Two Spray Missions were run, using two A-26's, for the Chemical Warfare Service Officers of AFTAC. One 3-10 Demonstration was run, using six F-47's and four A-26's, in conjunction with a 3-12 Chemical Warfare Demonstration which used two P-51's, three A-26's, and one B-24. These were run on 2 March for the Aero-Medic Students and Inspection Students, of AAFSAT. Two Demonstrations were given at the Operations Control Center to the Staff Intelligence Officer's Course and to the Senior Communications Officer's Course on 6 and 7 March. One Ground Demonstration of Tactical Type Aircraft was given for the Combat Intelligence Course, AAFSAT.

Daily Field Orders were sent to Leesburg Control Center for missions to be run for units under the 901st AAF Base Unit, with information copies being sent to the 903rd and 904th AAF Base Units. Monthly Organizational Charts were made to show the progress of the various squadrons and base units.

The Special Projects Branch, under Captain Marshall, started the month of March with forty-four active projects. Eight projects were completed and five new ones received and assigned, and there were forty-one active projects on 15 March.

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Daytime operations were conducted at the Leesburg site from 0900 to 1600 and from 1600 to 0900 in the Wing Operations. Regular daily scrambles were conducted, using aircraft from the 904th AAF Base Unit. These scrambles were to train controllers and, because of the nature of operations, no record of interceptions was maintained.

Target aircraft for the AAA Searchlight Training Program were controlled each night that a mission was run. Fighter aircraft from Vero Beach Naval Air Station were also controlled by this Unit. Ninety interceptions were attempted and ninety targets sighted. Fighters made eighty-two contacts and missed eight, for a percentage of ninety-one.

Demonstrations were given at Leesburg Operations as follows:

On 6 March, forty Officers of Staff Intelligence School, AAFSAT, were given a Demonstration. Fifty Senior Communications Course Students went through on 7 March. In addition, Lieutenant Colonel Tape of the ACO Office, Mr. West, a civilian with headquarters AAF, and Lieutenant Neeley of the AAF Board visited the site. Forty Officers from the Florida Field Station also visited this site. Two Officers of the Gypsy Task Force visited the Wing Operations Control Center and were given information on plotting.

In preparation for the move of the control set-up, WACs were trained on D/F room, radio monitoring, scope operations, and plotting.

Aircraft used on DDT projects were controlled by use of Jeep with SCR/522 Radio at Pinecastle Chemical Range on 1, 3, 6, and 7 March.