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902ND AAF BASE UNIT  
ORLANDO ARMY AIR BASE  
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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15 MARCH 1945 to 1 APRIL 1945

*Chem  
Napalm  
Incendiary*

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Base Operations and Foreign Operations handle all traffic on the Air Base and, in addition, brief crews which are bound for the Caribbean on special projects. During the period 15 March through 31 March a total of 420 domestic outbound contact flights were cleared and 61 under instrument rules. Domestic In-bound Traffic included 472 contact flights and 32 RON's. 42 aircraft were cleared for the Caribbean area and 61 on return.

There were only two accidents on the field during the month and both were of a minor nature with no injury to personnel.

In addition to the regular traffic handled on the Base, the Operations and Training Branch was also responsible for demonstrations. The Ordnance and Chemical Demonstrations for the command are all handled through this section, and all of the ranges come directly under this control. Perhaps the outstanding contribution made by this Section during the month was on 23 March. During the regular 3-13 Tactical Air Force Demonstration, an incendiary mission did not go off as scheduled because of malfunction of the aircraft involved. Brigadier General Henry A. Johnson and Lieutenant Colonel Carl A. Husted from the Eleventh Air Force, Alaska, expressed a desire to see this portion of the Demonstration. Arrangements were made for a special run on 23 March. Two E-46 (Napalm) Amiable Clusters, one E-48 P.T. Amiable Cluster and three five hundred pound, M-76 (P.T. Filled), Incendiary Bombs were dropped. The E-46 and E-48 are the new type bombs that have recently been dropped over Tokyo. General Johnson

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was extremely pleased with the Demonstration and stated that it answered a definite problem he had encountered at his base, that he would be able to go back and put it into practice upon his return.

All Chemical Demonstrations and Tests for AFTAC are run from this base and controlled by personnel of this command regardless of where the planes participating may be actually based. At the present there are several projects assigned to this section, one of which is a spray mission at Bushnell. Another is a DDT Mission.

The Staff Photo Section is under the Director of Operations and Training. This Section has done considerable work on ground and aerial photography during the last part of March. Section projects include complete photo coverage of the 3-13 Tactical Air Force Demonstration, photographing a B-29 bombing mission and a mosaic on the Ocala Bombing Range. Special photographs were also taken of a P-47 Glider Bomb Mission and a P-51 DDT Spray Mission. During the period covered by this history, the following work was completed by this section: 38,267 contact prints, 353 copy negatives, 1,341 enlargements, 234 original ground photos, 260 slides, and 147 transparencies; 356 aerial negatives were processed and 741 aerial prints were completed.

The Base Physical Training Section has completed arrangements for entry of a team of military personnel in the Class A Diamond Ball League in Orlando and also for a team of Enlisted Women to participate in the Girls League of Orlando. Play has been started by the hard ball team.

and temporary station for minor cases which do not require hospitalization. During the month of March there was a total of 4,877 new cases, 6,862 treatments and 171 patients hospitalized through the dispensaries (See Appendix B-3A and 4).

The Base Communications Office is attached to the 902nd AAF Base Unit. The principal functions of this office are to provide and maintain fixed communications within this command. Certain functions of this office also are used for the benefit of Pinecastle and Kissimmee Army Air Bases at the present time. These services include opening of telephone lines, installment and operation of branch Western Union Offices, operation of the Signal Center and Cryptographic Security Section of the Orlando Army Air Base. This Section maintains liaison with commercial telephone companies and engineers and furnishes construction personnel for major telephonic activities at Pinecastle and Kissimmee.

This office is set up under the direct control of the Executive Officer of the 902nd AAF Base Unit. During the period 15 through 31 March, the wire crews completed a total of 60 installations and maintenance jobs such as open wire construction, installation of push buttons and buzzers, securing personnel for operation of the sound truck and rebuilding a 20-mile section of the Ocala Bombing Range line.

95 trouble cases were reported and cleared on telephones, teletypes, dictographs and tel-a-talks. In addition to the above work, there were also several projects under way. These included the removal of dead