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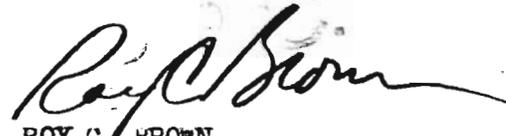
621ST AAF BASE UNIT (PAAF)
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ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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II. OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

The month of August was perhaps one of the busiest experienced by this directorate. Operations were affected directly by the surrender of Japan and flying was curtailed for several days, but activity throughout the month as a whole was still on a large scale.

A breakdown of the total flying hours for the month shows 41% of the total of 2,859 hours flown devoted to AAF Board projects and tests.

BREAKDOWN FIGURES - USE OF AIRCRAFT

AAF Board	41.0%
AAF School	17.8
Individual training	15.8
Administration	12.0
Unit training	7.3
Other training	4.5
AAA - Searchlight	1.6
	<u>100.0%</u>

Separations from the service and transfers became the order of the day. Major B. Williams, Chief of Navigation Training, left for civilian life as did Major Sidney Brewer, Demonstration Officer in the directorate. In the enlisted men's section, M/Sgt Prevost, NCOIC, was transferred to ATC and Sgt M. Doty left for an overseas assignment.

Participation in the monthly Tactical Air Force demonstration held at the Pinecastle demonstration range on 23 August 1945 and in addition an Aerial Review for Army Air Forces Day gave a striking demonstration of air power using all types of tactical aircraft on this field. The month saw two hurricane alerts for PAAF and arrangements were made to evacuate all aircraft to refugee centers according to prearranged plans. Fortunately, the storms by-passed this field and we were spared the

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necessity of evacuation. Use of the Pinecastle demonstration range has been made available for practice bombing for the 3-12 and 3-13 demonstrations. A program covering the use of this range is being set up for proper coordination between the squadrons.

New office space was secured during the month. The move was completed on Saturday, 25 August 1945. The Directorate is now installed in a new spacious office quite in contrast to the cramped quarters used in the past several months. This change will allow all personnel to operate with a maximum of efficiency.

During the week of 27 August 1945 a meeting was held by Major Burpee, the purpose of which was to discuss and prepare plans for an Aerial Demonstration to be held in connection with the official AFCTR V-J Day demonstration. This was to be Pinecastle's contribution to the Open House celebration at AFCTR Headquarters to be held following the official announcement of the signing of surrender terms by the Japanese.

(A) TACTICAL PROJECTS SECTION

August was as hectic for the Tactical Projects Section as for any other activity on the field. Even though several new Officers and EM were acquired during the month, the end of August found the section with fewer personnel than at the end of July. Three of the four Electronics Officers moved to Separation Centers. The head of the Special Projects Department likewise departed. The head of the Aircraft Department joined the parade and to cap the climax, our Assistant Chief, Major Willson left for an airlines job. Lt Col A. E. Krieger has been designated as the new Assistant Chief.