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MISSION

Weather Supporting Element, Provisional, 132.4.3.2 was designated in accordance with Military Air Transport Service Table of Distribution PW-2¹. The mission of the organization is to provide required weather support to Joint Task Force 132 and is outlined in detail in Air Weather Service Operations Plan 4-52², dated 27 February 1952.

OPERATIONS

In a telephone conversation between Colonel Roy W. Nelson, Headquarters Military Air Transport Service and Lt Colonel E. R. Miller, Commanding Officer, 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron on 28 February 1952³, it was requested that the 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron assume the responsibility to accomplish an equipment and supply list for the four (4) existing weather stations required by Operation "IVY". It was advised that the recommended list of equipment and supplies submitted by Lt Colonel Throgmorton upon the completion of Operation Brinkhouse, be reviewed when accomplishing the equipment and supply lists for Operation "IVY".

On 6 March 1952 the Commanding Officer 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron assigned Capt John O. U. Love, Jr to duty as Special Project Officer to coordinate all matters, within the squadron, pertaining to Operation "IVY".

The north half of building T-533 (2060th Mobile Weather Squadron special classroom) was selected as Headquarters for the Provisional

1. App #1, cy of MATS TD PW-2.
2. App #2, cy of AWS Operations Plan 4-52.
3. App #3, cy of note on TP conversation between Col Nelson & Lt Col Miller.

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Element. An unlisted base telephone (number 451) was installed on 12 March 1952 and necessary office furniture procured.

Beginning on 14 March 1952 a progress report was submitted to Headquarters, 2059th Air Weather Wing every two weeks. This report was in accordance with instructions contained in Paragraph 4d(2) of Air Weather Service Operations Plan 4-52⁴, dated 27 February 1952.

From 17 through 19 March 1952, Col Nelson, Headquarters, Military Air Transport Service, Lt Col Barney and Capt Sullivan, Headquarters, Air Weather Service, and Col Smith, Lt Col Miller, Lt Col Throston, Maj Braude, Capt Leidner and Capt Love, Headquarters, 2059th Air Weather Wing⁵, attended a conference held by the Commander, Task Group 132.4 at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico. The conference was to discuss the following items: Mission and organization of Air Task Group 132.4; concept of operations; personnel and administration to include security, POM and movement directives, operations, materiel, supply, maintenance, transportation, and budget and fiscal.

Problems to be resolved, in addition to those discussed in the conference notes⁶ are: What will be the assignment status of participating personnel during the project period? May personnel alerted for PCS assignments to units of the 2143d Air Weather Wing be utilized on TDY enroute to gaining organization? Can participation on this project regardless of assignment status, be considered as meeting the requirements of an overseas tour, with date of return from project DROS for

4. Refer to App #2.

5. App #4, cy of 2059 AWW SO.

6. App #5, cy of Conference Notes.

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the purpose of determining future eligibility for overseas assignment. Request information regarding the process and control of weather equipment used in the project. Recommend accountability for equipment furnished by the 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron be dropped by OCMMA and that this equipment be identified for redeployment to the 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron upon completion of the project.

It was recommended that the officer designated to command the Air Weather Reporting Unit, Provisional 132.4.3.2 during its overseas phase, be physically present at Tinker AFB to supervise training, supply actions and operations thus assuring that the preparation for overseas movement of the unit is to his satisfaction.

A letter was received from Headquarters, Joint Task Force 132 on 29 April 1952 regarding Press Speculation and Public Information. The only official press release was a joint release by the Department of Defense and the Atomic Energy Commission on 18 February 1952. Any denial or confirmation of rumors or press speculation amounts to an unofficial press release and places the security of the operation in jeopardy.

The authority to perform that portion of tasks apportioned to the 2059th Air Weather Wing in Paragraph 3a (1) and (2), Air Weather Service Operations Plan 4-52, was delegated to the 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron⁷ by 2059th Air Weather Wing on 11 April 1952. Copies of all correspondence and items contained in 2059th Air Weather Wing file "Project IVY", pertaining to Operation "IVY", were transferred to the

7. App #6, cy of ltr delegating authority for IVY to 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron.

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A training directive⁸ for Preparation for Crosses Movement was received by 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron from Headquarters, Task Group 132.4 on 29 April 1952. Work began immediately on a training program for personnel selected to participate in Operation "IVY".

PERSONNEL

Personnel required to man Military Air Transport Service Table of Distribution PW-2 were listed by AFSC's indicating the number of persons available within the 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron.⁹ This list was forwarded to the 2059th Air Weather Wing requesting the additional personnel. The 2059th Air Weather Wing alerted and placed in a freeze status¹⁰ enough personnel possessing weather AFSC's to man Military Air Transport Service Table of Distribution PW-2. The 2059th Air Weather Wing requested that Headquarters, Air Weather Service secure the necessary non-weather personnel. These personnel were to come from Military Air Transport Service ZI organizations and were to be placed on TDY to the 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron for attachment to the Provisional Element. The personnel would report to the 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron for duty not later than 15 July 1952 and, preferably, as soon as possible.

Additional personnel were requested for the ZI training period in order to have some selectivity of personnel, or in case of an emergency to prevent a shortage.

Headquarters, Task Group 132.4 advised Headquarters, 2060th

8. Refer to Training Directive, Hq, TG 132.4.

9. App #7, cy of ltr Manning MATS TD PW-2.

10. App #8, cy of ltr Alert Ann for Spl Proj.

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...that Personal Protective Equipment was available. They further suggested that personnel handling cargo procure Protective Toe Shoes with oil resistant, non-sparking soles through established Air Force Channels.

A/IC W.L. Mattingly was assigned duties as a clerk-typist with the Special Project Officer on 24 April 1952.

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

From the initial notification of supply responsibility for Operation "IVY", work on the equipment and supply lists progressed rapidly.

The equipment and supply lists suggested by Lt Col Thompson were reviewed and revised slightly. The Radio Set AM/GMD-1 with spare parts was deleted and the Radio Set SCR 658 with spare parts was added. The initial lists were submitted in the same manner as the initial lists for Operation Greenhouse.

Upon submission of the lists to 2059th Air Weather Wing, the 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron was advised of the form to be used. This necessitated reaccomplishment of the lists and, due to the uncertainty of the proper security classification, they were classified too highly. This necessitated a third reaccomplishment of the lists. The third list was submitted, in duplicate, to 2059th Air Weather Wing and in thirty two (32) copies, to Headquarters, Task Group 132.4.

Task Group 132.4 requested that Capt John O. U. Love, Jr., Special Project Officer, 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron, report to their Material Section to review the equipment and supply lists. In accordance with Special Orders 56¹², paragraph 6, Headquarters, 2060th Mobile

11. App #9, cy of Ltr- Personal Protective Equipment.
12. App #10, cy of SO 56, 2060MWS.

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...a, Capt Love proceeded to Kirtland AFB, New Mexico on
... (3) days TDY.

Upon reviewing the equipment and supply lists, it was determined that too many obsolete stock numbers were included. Task Group Director of Material requested that the lists be reaccomplished, using as many current stock numbers as possible and listing the items with respect to Class Code Numbers instead of Class Numbers.

With Capt Love's return with the above information, the equipment and supply lists were reaccomplished as requested by Task Group Headquarters, and submitted for supply action.¹³

On approximately 15 March 1952 the issue slips for the required spare parts,¹⁴ for the equipment to be furnished by the 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron, were completed and submitted to Base Supply. This work was accomplished by 2060th Mobile Weather Squadron Supply Personnel.

13. App #11, copy of Equipment & Supply Lists.

14. App #12, Not available at present, will be forwarded upon completion.

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