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HEADQUARTERS
2D RADIO SQUADRON MOBILE (G)

APO 696, U S Army
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SUBJECT: Unit History

TO : Director of Communications, Headquarters Ninth Air Force,
APO 696, U S Army, (Attn: Lt Col Benjamin)

1. Forwarded herewith unit history of this organization from activation through 30 June 1945.
2. The above mentioned history is for your information, and a copy of the history of this organization will be forwarded to your office each month.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

FERRY E. SOLOW
1st Lt., Sig C
Adjutant

Incls:
As stated above

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APRIL 1945

The 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (G) was organized per Par 1, CO 84, Headquarters First Tactical Air Force (Prov), dated 7 April 1945 at Vittel, France, on 10 April 1945 under the command of Captain W. W. Shaughnessy. The initial roster carried one (1) officer and seven (7) enlisted men. W/Sgt Clifford W. Henning, Sgt Major, and Sgt James A. McNab, Chief Clerk, and five men who had been on DS with Detachment "D", 849th Signal Intelligence Service.

The primary purpose of the unit was to provide the First Tactical Air Force (Prov) with the same type of signal intelligence activities that the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G) provided for the Ninth Air Force. The men on the initial roster had performed similar functions with the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G) from its activation to the present time. Captain Shaughnessy had been the adjutant of the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G).

On the same day, 10 April 1945, Detachment A, 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (G) was established per Par 1, SO 1, Eq 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (G) and the five men formerly on DS with Detachment "D", 849th Signal Intelligence Service were assigned to it.

On the 11 April 1945, Lt Russell D. Morgan and two (2) enlisted men were placed on DS with the Squadron from the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G), to be assigned at a later date when replacements were received by the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G). The enlisted men were Sgt Amalphus S. Brown, Jr, Supply Clerk, and Sgt Louis J. Piepmeyer, Motor Sgt, who were to perform the same function with the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (G).

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On 13 April 1945, two (2) officers and thirty-two (32) enlisted men were transferred from 64th Fighter Wing. These officers and men had been together as a unit, Detachment "D", 849th Signal Intelligence Service, for almost two (2) years and had operated in Africa, Italy, Anzio, and Southern France. The unit was never established as a detachment officially since leaving the 849th Signal Intelligence Service, and had many administrative problems that could not be taken care of properly. As a result of meetings between Captain Shaughnessy and Lt Joseph V. Kapp, twenty (20) promotions were made on 17 April 1945 in recognition of efficient and untiring work performed by the men under Lt Kapp's command.

Simultaneously with the transfer of the thirty-two (32) enlisted men and two (2) officers from the 64th Fighter Wing, Lt Kapp was appointed Commanding Officer of Detachment "A", and the personnel assigned to the detachment on SO 2, Headquarters 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (G).

Detachment "A" at this time was located at Vandoeuvre, near Nancy, France. The history of Detachment "A" was kept separately from this time on.

Captain Charles A. Hammer, Commanding Officer, Detachment "A" 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G) was assigned to the unit on the 16 April 1945, and placed on DS to Detachment "A" 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G).

Lt Russell D. Morgan was relieved from DS and assigned to the unit along with Sgt Amalpus S. Brown, Jr. and Sgt Louis J. Piepmeier, on 25 April 1945.

On 25 April 1945, seventy-two (72) enlisted men were transferred from 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G) to remain on DS with the detachments of the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G) that they were with at present. This assignment had been approved by the two higher headquarters and through arrangement between the C.O.'s of the two units concerned.

The Headquarters moved on the 24 April 1945 from Vittel to Heidelberg, Germany where a large building in the center of the town was taken over as billets and offices. The building faced on Bismarkplatz and formerly housed a Nazi newspaper agency and consequently was nicely furnished with private rooms for use as orderly room, supply room and quarters for the enlisted men. It had a large restaurant that the unit utilized as a mess hall - amply stocked with silverware and dishes.

During the month of April, in which it was organized, the Squadron was mainly concerned with organizational and administrative matters, which were complex and numerous. The formation of Detachment "A" and a change in location was consummated. The Squadron Headquarters was actively engaged in requisitioning supplies and personnel to fill its T/O & T/E and in preparing itself to more efficiently perform its mission.

The strength of the unit less Detachment "A" at the end of April was five (5) officers and Seventy-nine (79) enlisted men.

MAY 1945

On 1 May 1945, Lt Anthony A. Anacreonte joined the unit, and the seventy-two (72) enlisted men on DS to the detachments of 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G) were promoted a grade.

H/Sgt Arthur Kaiser and thirty-one (31) enlisted men joined the unit on 3 May. All the men were limited assignment personnel having come from a reinforcement depot after combat service with various ground force units.

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On 7 May, 16 of the former infantry men were assigned to Detachment "A" as basics. Sgt William F. Reeves, Supply Sgt 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G) joined the unit and took over the same position here.

Lt Perry E. Solow joined the unit on 9 May 1945 on DS from the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G) and became the adjutant of the Squadron.

Sgts McNab and Reeves were promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant. Both men having performed their jobs excellently for a long period of time.

Captain Andrew J. Copp III, Commanding Officer, Detachment "B", 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G), assigned to this unit and placed on DS with Detachment "B" 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G).

On 24 May, seventy-two (72) enlisted men joined the unit. These men had just come over from the States as a group to fill the personnel needs of the unit. They consisted of Radio Operators, Cryptographers, personnel and administrative specialists. In the majority of cases these men had been instructors in AAF schools in the States for periods of 18 months or more in some cases.

These men were immediately cautioned on the policy of non-fraternization and given an orientation lecture with the view of acquainting them with the mission of the unit, its history and the function of the Air Force unit to which we were then assigned. The necessary administrative details were fulfilled and a unit mess was put in operation with Cpl James V. Doyle in charge. The new men were interviewed and their particular abilities and interests were noted. From these interviews men were placed in various sections that could utilize them best - orderly room, supply, kitchen, motor pool, and various utility details. As the unit was no longer operational after the cessation of hostilities, the men were to be very useful in organizing and

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building the next site the unit would occupy.

The month of May saw the end of the war in Europe. V-E Day found the unit a small organization with a detachment operating in the field under the 64th Fighter Wing of the XII Tactical Air Command. Headquarters had been concerned with the problem of increasing the strength of the organization and fillings its equipment shortages. The wheels set rolling before V-E Day did not stop at the end of the war and it was after V-E Day that the men from the States arrived, and that various ordnance and signal supply requisitions were filled.

It was arranged that the unit be transferred from assignment to First Tactical Air Force (Prov) and assigned to Ninth Air Force, and in anticipation of the change, Captain Shaughnessy and Lt Morgan took a trip to Gangway Headquarters at Bad Kissingen to obtain an area to house the Squadron. The 31 of May, twenty-six (26) enlisted men in the charge of M/Sgt Kaiser and Lt Morgan were sent on DS to Detachment "E" 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (G) at Bad Kissingen to prepare the buildings requisitioned there for the unit's use.

The administrative section was concerned with the ASR cards and K/Sgt Henning spent many hours on the phone getting the necessary information on all the men in the Squadron. Authority for battle stars, and purple heart awards on many of the ex-combat men was unavailable at first because of the delay in receipt of the service records.

Detachment "A" was visited by all the officers of Headquarters at various times during the month, and Lt Kapp and Lt Mitchell made reciprocal visits to Headquarters at Heidelberg.

The close of the month found the unit less Detachment "A" with a strength of seven (7) officers, one hundred and sixty-five (165) enlisted men.

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JUNE 1945

On 7 June 1945, the first man to be sent to the Z of I on points from the unit was transferred. N/Sgt Keiser, who was in charge of the advanced detail at Bad Kissingen returned to Heidelberg and left the next day. He was a 1st Division man and had participated in the Normandy Campaign and subsequent battles.

On 8 June the remainder of the unit left in convoy from Heidelberg at 0930 and arrived at the new location at 1700. There were two (2) officers and sixty-five (65) men in six (6) trucks. The ride from Heidelberg to Darmstadt was made in pouring rain, that caused the trip to be a very unpleasant one. The convoy arrived safely with only one flat tire, but very wet and tired individuals.

At the same time Detachment "A" was moving up from Schwabisch Hall. The unit took over 3 buildings just outside of the gate of Gangway City on Highway 286. The Park Hotel and 39 Kurhaus Strasse for EM billets. No 43 Kurhaus Strasse as orderly room and officers quarters. The Park Hotel housed the men of Headquarters and a separate building was used as a mess hall.

The rest of the month most of the men were busily engaged in policing and repairing the buildings and area used by the Squadron. A bar was set up with tables and chairs freshly painted. A volleyball court was set up on the grounds of the Park Hotel and immediate steps were taken to procure all types of athletic equipment. Lt Anacreonte as Special Service Officer was assisted by Sgt Ricci and Cpl Barnes and entries made into the various softball leagues of the Ninth Air Force.

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Captain Kapp was appointed Plans and Training Officer, and Lt Solow and Lt Mitchell doubled as I & E officers. After approximately ten (10) days, the area and building were sufficiently policed for an intensive training program to begin. Talks, films and athletics were the mainstay of the first two weeks. A tour to Eurenberg was arranged and two separate trips were made.

Lt William T. Cobb joined the organization from the 1709th Signal Service Battalion on 17 June 1945.

During the later part of the month leaves and furloughs were arranged and both officers and enlisted men took advantage of the opportunity. Some have not had a leave for over two years. The Riviera and United Kingdom were the leave centers.

During the month numerous films were shown including Sex Hygiene, "Two Down and One To Go", Training Films and Combat Bulletins. Captain Kapp gave a series of lectures on photography, and individual EM gave talks on their civilian occupations.

Stress was placed on USAAFI courses and self-teaching, and about 12 men signed up for correspondence courses.

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CHAPTER IV. 2d ARMY AIR FORCE RADIO SQUADRON MOBILE (G)

A. Command

On 1 July 1945 the 2d Army Air Force Radio Squadron Mobile (G) was assigned to the Ninth Air Force, United States Air Forces Europe (hereinafter cited as USAFE). When the Ninth Air Force was disbanded 1 December 1945, the Squadron was transferred to the XII Tactical Air Command, USAFE. It remained under this command until 1 February 1946 when it was relieved from assignment to USAFE and was assigned to Headquarters, Army Security Agency Europe and was attached to Headquarters Command, Hq USFET for administration.

B. Mission

During the month of July 1945 the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (G) maintained an intensive training program while awaiting the assignment of a mission or decision as to its future status.

By 1 August 1945 it had been decided that the Squadron was to be a part of the occupational forces and as such would ultimately relieve the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile of its mission as the signal intelligence unit with the Ninth Air Force. When the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile left on 4 September 1945, the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile assumed responsibility for signal intelligence with the NINTH Air Force. This mission it fulfilled until the deactivation of that Force 1 December 1945.

From December 1945 to February 1946 the Squadron was assigned to the XII Tactical Air Command but attempted to carry on no operational mission because of lack of personnel. After the unit was assigned to the Army Security Agency Europe its main mission was to train intercept operators for the various subordinate units of that Agency.

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C. Organization and Location

On 1 July 1945 the 2d AAF Radio Squadron Mobile (G) consisted of two separate administrative units: Headquarters and Detachment "A", both located at Bad Kissengen, Germany. The Headquarters unit was concerned mainly with administrative functions, Detachment A with operational. On 3 July 1945 Detachment "A" was deactivated for lack of operational functions and merged with Headquarters to form one unit, the 2d AAF Radio Squadron Mobile (G), which remained at Bad Kissengen.

On 8 September 1945 Detachment "A" was reactivated for operational purposes and sent to Bad Vilbel, a suburb of Frankfurt, Germany. The Headquarters unit remained in Bad Kissengen. Both parts of the Squadron maintained separate administrative functions until 16 January 1946 when the critical shortage of personnel in Bad Kissengen made it imperative to move Headquarters unit to Bad Vilbel. At this time the administrative functions of the two units were again merged and from that period to the end of the Fiscal Year 1946 the unit remained one entity.

D. Personnel

According to a directive of the War Department the 2d AAF Radio Squadron Mobile (G) is authorized a strength of 17 officers and 285 enlisted men composed of the following columns current edition T/O and E 1-1027; 1 each of columns 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, 26 and 3 each column 24.

Actual strength of the Squadron during the Fiscal Year fluctuated from nine officers and 167 enlisted men as of 31 August 1945 to seven officers and 68 enlisted men as of 30 June 1946.

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The transfer on 3 September 1945 of personnel from the 3d

Radio Squadron Mobile brought the number of men assigned to 14 officers and 458 enlisted men. This number was divided on 8 September between the Headquarters unit and Detachment "A" which was newly reactivated. Headquarters received four officers and 182 enlisted men; Detachment "A" was assigned 10 officers and 276 enlisted men.

The personnel assigned to Headquarters were awaiting redeployment and were therefore transferred as quickly as possible to other units for shipment to the United States. The largest single group to depart was a group of 66 men transferred on 19 September 1945 to the 1709 Signal Service Battalion for shipment home. By the end of September the Headquarters unit had been reduced to five officers and 88 men; by November to three officers and 27 enlisted men. On 6 December all Headquarters personnel except a skeleton staff were transferred to Detachment "A", and on 16 January the remaining Headquarters personnel joined the Detachment at Ead Vilbel and the unit again assumed administrative unity.

Exact numbers of men assigned to the Squadron from January through June 1946 are as follows:

MONTH	OFFICERS	ENLISTED MEN
1 January 1946	6	84
1 February	3	71
1 March	8	58
1 April	10	41
1 May	9	49
1 June	8	57
30 June 1946	7	58

E. Billets and Mess

At Bad Kissengen Headquarters and Detachment "A" shared the Park Hotel and a house at 39 Kurhausstrasse as enlisted men's billets. In addition Detachment "A" occupied three houses outside the gate of Gangway Coty on Highway 286. A house at 43 Kurhausstrasse served as orderly room and officers' quarters. Mess was served to all enlisted personnel in a separate building near the Park Hotel.

With the departure of Detachment "A" for Bad Vilbel on 8 September 1945 Park Hotel and the three buildings near the highway were returned. The houses at 39 and 43 Kurhausstrasse were used by Headquarters until 6 December when by order of the Commander of the XII Tactical Air Command all units were moved within the Station barriers. The skeleton administrative staff of Headquarters which remained at Bad Kissengen until 16 January lived within the barriers during that time.

At Bad Vilbel Detachment "A" occupied two school buildings, a gymnasium, Kurhaus, and one residence in the center of the town. The two school buildings were used during the Fiscal Year 1946 as billets for the enlisted men; the Gymnasium was used for recreational purposes and billets. The Kurhaus contained the headquarters of the squadron, enlisted men's mess, and rooms for operational purposes. The house in the center of town, 18 Parkstrasse, served for officers' quarters and mess. In March 1946 additional quarters for officers were requisitioned and occupied at 15 Parkstrasse.

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oward the end of the Fiscal Year 1946 the release of one of the school buildings to the German populace for educational purposes became imminent and arrangements were made with the Military Government for this to occur on or about 15 July 1946.

F. Construction and Improvements

All the buildings occupied by the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (G) in Bad Vilbel had to be repaired before they were habitable. Ceilings, floors, and walls were restored; windows replaced, and all equipment used by the unit including furniture, beds, etc had to be requisitioned.

In April 1946 a new supply room had to be constructed in the Annex to the Kurhaus since the basement of the Kurhaus where supplies and equipment had been stored was flooded. This new supply room was constructed in only four days.

G. Supply

The supply offices of Headquarters unit and Detachment "A" were maintained separately although both drew upon a common Squadron Table of Organization and Equipment. After 16 January 1946 these supply offices were combined into one common one for the entire Squadron, located in the Kurhaus until April 1945 and thereafter in the Kurhaus Annex.

Effective 1 February 1946 accountability and responsibility became the responsibility of the supply officer. In view of the approaching change in supply procedure a physical inventory of Detachment "A" was made in January 1946 in order to clear up discrepancies

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before accountability and responsibility came into effect.

H. Motor Pool

The 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (G) maintained a motor pool of 47 vehicles consisting of 11 one-quarter ton trucks, 3 three-quarter ton trucks, 2 one and one-half ton trucks, and 11 two and one-half ton trucks. In addition the pool had 4 one-quarter ton trailers, and 13 one ton trailers. Three SCR 575 Direction Finding van-type trucks (two and one-half ton trucks comparable to K54 van) were kept for operational purposes.

Maintenance to third echelon was maintained by the motor pool. This was made much easier in April 1946 when a garage belonging to one of the citizens of Bad Vilbel was requisitioned for squadron vehicle maintenance.

During the Fiscal Year 1946 the Squadron also had possession of five captured enemy sedans which were used until they were commandeered by higher headquarters.

I. Operations

When it was decided in August 1945 that the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (G) was to be a unit of the occupational forces, and as such would ultimately relieve the 3rd Radio Squadron of its mission, one officer of the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile accompanied by an officer of the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile left for temporary duty at the Royal Air Force Station Cheadle-Staffs to undertake a conference pertaining to signal intelligence matters. It had been hoped that collaboration could be secured between the British and the 2d Radio

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Squadron Mobile but the matter proved to be too weighty to be arranged at the Squadron/Station level. Further developments were awaited as a result of conversations between Air Ministry and Washington. Meanwhile, the unit prepared for imminent operations.

With the departure of the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile for the United States 3 September 1945, Detachment "A" of the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile was established and put into operation at Bad Vilbel, Germany 8 September 1945. Since most of the personnel were the same as those who had engaged in the operations of the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile, and since the sets and mission remained unchanged, virtually no interruption in Army Air Forces European intercept program was occasioned at this time.

The first part of October 1945 found the squadron in an operational status but as yet no mission had been assigned to the unit except in the most general terms. United States Air Forces in Europe had unofficially expressed the desire that as broad a cover as possible be maintained, but did not specify limits or objectives for the squadron's work. In a sense this state of affairs was fortunate for an acute shortage of personnel was being felt, and full-time operations would have been difficult if not impossible to maintain. The result was that operations were reduced to eight hours daily and proceeded on a semi-training, semi-operational basis. Operations within the Headquarters unit at Bad Kissingen were confined to the maintaining of a w/T link with Detachment "A" at Bad Vilbel where operations were centered.

While it had been possible during October to continue a reduced operational program, on 15 November 1945 came a complete, though temporary, cessation of intercept work. This took place for two reasons: redeployment of operational personnel, and inadequate winterization of the operational site. All operations except the Squadron radio link were called to a halt. On 16 November a further interruption arose through an error. On that day orders were received directing that the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile be deactivated as of 22 November. Within three days the error was discovered and the orders rescinded, but during that period preparations for deactivation were begun and the radio link was closed.

During December 1945 it became unnecessary to continue the radio link between Detachment "A" at Bad Vilbel and Headquarters at Bad Kissengen. Therefore the radio link was closed and all except a skeleton administrative staff were moved from Bad Kissengen and assigned to Detachment "A" at Bad Vilbel.

On 15 January 1946 operational tests were made of the sites at Bad Vilbel and Gross Gerau, the intercept station of Detachment "A" of the Army Security Agency Europe, to determine the more favorable site. Gross Gerau proved to have a better reception and as a result Detachment "A" was maintained with as full a strength of intercept operators as possible while the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (C) assumed the function of training intercept operators for subordinate units of the Army Security Agency Europe.

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Plans for the school for intercept operators were discussed with officers of the Army Security Agency Europe on 3 February 1946 and a tentative opening date set for 15 February 1946. On 12 February the school was ready to be opened. During February a total of 42 enlisted men arrived as students, were processed, and started training immediately. The first men trained by the unit were taken in April 1946 for operational tryouts at Detachment "A", Gross Gerau. During the months between April and June enlisted men were given detached service from the companies to attend the school and in June 1946, 35 enlisted men graduated. During the last month of the Fiscal Year 1946 the school had 89 men enrolled.

J. Communications

From 8 September 1945 to 6 December 1945 a radio link was maintained between Detachment "A" at Bad Vilbel and Headquarters at Bad Kissingen. This was discontinued 6 December 1945, when the necessity for communication between the Detachment "A" and Headquarters ceased.

A teletype circuit to the Army Security Agency Europe was established in February 1946.

During March 1946 application for a Squadron Amateur Radio Station License was made and approved and the unit was assigned the call letters D4 AJP.

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K. Special Services

From July to October 1945 the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile (G) took an active interest in the Army University Center program. A large number of men were sent on temporary duty to the Army University Centers in England and Biarritz, France. To other men liberal furloughs and leaves were granted.

The men who remained with the Squadron at Bad Kissengen participated in the Special Service Program of the Ninth Air Force, and an intensive Information and Education program was instituted within the Squadron. This continued until the reduction of personnel made it impossible to continue.

At Bad Vilbel recreation was provided the men at the gymnasium where all types of athletic equipment were available, and in the enlisted men's club. The club provided a place for nightly dances, and the upper rooms were equipped as a library, reading and writing rooms.

During May 1946 the city swimming pool at Bad Vilbel was surveyed and estimates for repairs made. The squadron furnished enough material to repair and open the pool for use but heavy water pressure caused leaks in the cement foundations. Arrangements were made at the end of the Fiscal Year 1946 for Bad Vilbel to repair the pool and put it into operation.

L. Awards and Decorations

The Bronze Star Medal was awarded to the following members of the 2d Radio Squadron Mobile during the Fiscal Year 1946; Captain ANDREW J. COPP, W/Sgt CLIFFORD W. HENNING, Major WILLIAM W. SCHANGHESSY.

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HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE
Office of the Commanding General
APO 633

Mar 28, 1945

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SUBJECT: Apportionment of the 2nd Radio Squadron Mobile.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth Air Force, APO 696, US Army.
Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374, US Army.

1. The 2nd Radio Squadron Mobile (G), having been assigned to this headquarters less personnel and equipment, is to be further assigned to the 63rd Fighter Wing, known as First Tactical Air Force (Prov). The 2nd Radio Squadron Mobile is organized under T/O & E 1-1027, 25 January 1944, and consists of one basic squadron (columns 1 through 14) only, strength: twenty-three (23) officers and two hundred ninety-two (292) enlisted men.

2. Filler personnel for this squadron is now being assembled in the Zone of the Interior, and is expected to depart for this theater in early April. Specialists will be shipped in quantities authorized in T/O 1-1027, except as follows:

a. In accordance with request from this headquarters, the following authorized specialists will not be shipped:

- 9 Traffic analysts (709)
- 82 Intercept operators (738)
- 11 Cryptanalysts (808)

Total 102

b. In their place the following specialists will be included in the shipment, in addition to those voice interceptors, radio operators, and cryptographic technicians authorized in the T/O:

- 42 Voice interceptors (538)
- 48 Radio operators (756)
- 12 Cryptographic technicians (805)

Total 102

c. Twelve (12) of the officers furnished are to be German speaking.

3. It is understood that radio intelligence personnel formerly in Detachment D, 849th Signal Intelligence Service, and now assigned to XII Tactical Air Command, will be transferred to the 2nd Radio Squadron Mobile upon assignment of that unit to First Tactical Air Force (Prov). Also, certain personnel now assigned to the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile (a Ninth Air Force unit) are to be reassigned to the 2nd Radio Squadron, under mutual arrangements to be made by the two squadron commanders concerned.

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4. At the earliest practicable date, the commanding officer of the 2nd Radio Squadron Mobile will organize a detachment and place it on detached service with the 3rd Radio Squadron Mobile. This detachment will be authorized grades as indicated below. Transfers of personnel into the detachment, and promotion of personnel assigned thereto, may be made within the totals indicated. Promotions and demotions within the detachment will be made or processed by the commanding officer of the 2nd Radio Squadron upon the recommendation of the commanding officer of the 3rd Radio Squadron. Transfer of personnel to and from the detachment will be made upon mutual concurrence of the two squadron commanders.

Captains	2	Master Sergeants	2
1st Lieutenants	2	Technical Sergeants	3
2nd Lieutenants	<u>2</u>	Staff Sergeants	18
		Sergeants	24
Total Officers	6	Corporals	27
		Privates, 1st cl.	9
		Privates	<u>9</u>
		Total Enlisted	92

Aggregate: 98

5. a. Upon arrival of the filler personnel referred to in paragraph 2 above, the following specialists will be assigned to the detachment described above, or to the 3rd Radio Squadron in place of a like number of specialists transferred to the detachment from the 3rd:

- 4 German-speaking officers
- 24 Voice interceptors (538)
- 20 Radio operators (756)
- 5 Cryptographic technicians (805)

b. The above specialists will be furnished to the 3rd Radio Squadron on the basis of one out of every three as they become available. However, if a large number should become available at one time, the apportionment will be made so that one filler out of every third, ranked as to desirability, will be furnished to the 3rd Radio Squadron.

c. The remainder of personnel required to complete the detachment will be furnished as mutually to be agreed upon by the two squadron commanders.

6. Personnel assigned to the detachment will be under the operational and administrative control of the commanding officer, 3rd Radio Squadron, as long as the detachment remains on detached service with the latter squadron.

7. The commanding officer of the 3rd Radio Squadron will be responsible for training of personnel assigned to the detachment placed on detached service to his organization from the 2nd Radio Squadron. He will also assist, to the extent practicable, in the training of other intercept and intelligence personnel of the 2nd Radio Squadron.

8. a. Equipment authorized by T/E will be initially procured by the commanding officer of the 2nd Radio Squadron for his entire organization. Only those items of T/E with basis of distribution such as "per individual," or per piece of equipment authorized per individual or number of individuals, will be furnished to the 3rd Radio Squadron, based upon the strength of the detachment furnished.

b. Equipment required by the detachment in excess of T/E, as well as replacement or maintenance items, will be procured by the 3rd Radio Squadron through Ninth Air Force supply channels. Equipment required in excess of T/E for the remainder of the 2nd Radio Squadron will normally be procured by the 2nd Radio Squadron through First Tactical Air Force supply channels. However, the commander of the 3rd Radio Squadron will render assistance where possible by making available equipment on hand and not needed by his organization for current operations.

9. Departures from the procedure outlined above are authorized where desirable, upon mutual agreement between the two squadron commanders and subject to any further directions by the commanding generals of the respective headquarters to which the squadrons are assigned.

10. Direct correspondence is authorized and encouraged between the two squadron commanders on operational, technical, and administrative matters concerning only the two squadrons and not requiring approval or co-ordination by higher headquarters.

By command of Lieutenant General SPAATZ:

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