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HISTORICAL DATA REPORT
FOR THE
84TH RADIO SQUADRON MOBILE
1 January 1953 - 31 March 1953

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ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

HARRY L. RICHARDS	Captain	A0862610	Commanding Officer
FLOYD W. SCOTT	Captain	A0582381	Supply Officer
ALVIN J. REISING	Second Lieutenant	A02219927	Adjutant
FRED BARRETT	Master Sergeant	AF19020550	First Sergeant
ELZA H. OOLEY	Master Sergeant	AF35091972	NCOIC Personnel
RUSSEL C. GORDON	Technical Sergeant	AF57222037	NCOIC Supply

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HISTORY OF THE 84TH RADIO SQUADRON MOBILE

Chapter I - COMMAND

The 84th Radio Squadron Mobile was activated on 1 January 1953, under Headquarters USAFSS, General Order number 60, dated 3 December 1952, and assigned to the 6960th Headquarters Support Group, with home Station at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas. On 1 January 1953, Captain Harry L. Richards, AO 862610 was appointed Commanding Officer and Master Sergeant Fred Barrett, AF 19020550 was appointed First Sergeant of this Organization.

One of the first initial impending problems of the Organization was encountered when the Organization was ready to secure office space. Office space was secured at Hangar number 7 and through the able efforts of the carpenter assigned this organization, a beautiful orderly room was created. Separate offices for the Commanding Officer, Adjutant and Supply Officer were made available.

Housing for the airmen assigned this Organization was secured in conjunction with the 136th Communications Security Squadron, with the upper bay of barracks 200 being utilized by our personnel. The 136th Communication Security Squadron offered utilization of their supply facilities, which was graciously accepted. However this Organization was given the understanding that the 136th Communication Security Squadron Day Room would be utilized only by personnel of said Organization. As a result, personnel of this Organization were prohibited from using the day room of this Organization and resorted to the necessary recreational facilities as offered through the Airmans Club and the non-commissioned officers club.

On 9 March 1953, the personnel located in Barracks 200 were transferred to Barracks 201. This shift of living quarters was necessary due to increasing personnel assigned to the 136th Communication Security Squadron. The new barracks were not in the best of living conditions. The top floor, which was to be occupied by the 84th Radio Squadron was immediately repaired by members of the Squadron.

Morale during this period of the report was very high. Every man worked at his job with a keen interest of making the total operation of this Organization a success.

An Emergency Destruction Plan was drafted and forwarded to Command for approval. At the present time this Organization has succeeded in being an efficient operating Unit. No discrepancies or late reports to Command, Group or other Organizations have been listed.

The deployment date of this Organization is not known.

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Chapter II - MATERIAL

A - Supply

This Organization was designated as a Heavy Mobile Squadron with a Table of Organizational composition of 743 enlisted men and 40 officers. The basic Table of Organizations that were authorized this Unit were: 1-2237, dated 1 May 1952, Part II, 1-8015A, dated 15 June 1952, Part II GA and T.O. 1-8035, dated 1 April 1952, Part II E. The Unit is authorized Unit Essential, Base Support and Field Support Equipment.

Upon activation, Major Robert D. Kirby was assigned as the Director of Material, and Technical Sergeant Russell C. Gordon as Supply Supervisor. A combined effort was made to procure enough equipment and space to store equipment to facilitate a 44 man cadre, primarily consisting of administrative and supply personnel.

Space was provided in Hanger # 7 and office equipment was received from AF 2177 SO, initiating a Plant Account No. M-18A.

A complete supply system was set up on Organizational level, The Control Register, AF 90-A files and individual clothing files were completed for immediate action.

Publications were made up to date and a duplicate file was started for future use. A portion of Hangar number 9 was opened for a Supply Room and storage area. Shelves and file cabinets were built to promote efficient action in preparation for receiving T. O. equipment, and overseas movement.

As additional personnel were received, Staff Sergeant Guy N. Bennett was placed in charge of the Hangar number 9 section of Supply, being assisted by four other airmen whose AFSC's cover Stock Records, Warehousing, Armament and Organizational Supply Fields.

In the month of February the UPREAL was received from Air Materiel Command. Dated 12 January 1953, the Unit Property Record Equipment Authorization List was the published document authorizing the amount and type of equipment to be used by this organization in compliance with the previously mentioned T.O.'s.

The following weeks were spent researching and editing the UPREAL for accuracy and completeness of stock numbers, nomenclatures, and quantity. Many errors were found and noted for correction. All variables entered were extracted and listed along with items of error and forwarded to DCS/Materiel for authorization. Having completed this, requisitions were prepared and submitted to AF 2177 SO for procurement on a combined POM Project listing a I-126 Precedence rating authorizing UPREAL immediate action. All equipment to be requisitioned was labled for Export pack.

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Immediately after submission of the requisitions a Equipment Component List, (ECL), change was made affecting a complete revision of the UPREAL. This ECL change deleted ECL 20-47-3, (3rd echelon vehicle maintenance), and substituted ECL 20-47-1 in its place. The UPREAL and all requisitions had to be corrected with numerous additions to both, an additions of 45 supplementary pages. The requisitions were again submitted and processed. Pending receipt of equipment, normal buildings of expendable supplies for efficient operation were made.

A proposed UAL (Unit Authorization List) was prepared for the Organization at full strength. An additional UAL was proposed for the cadre. Both were awaiting approval of Command. The operational UAL was carried by Colonel Milburn to the site to insure its completeness and proper type of equipment.

In March, Major Kirby was transferred to 6910th Security Group and all property of this Organization was transferred to Captain Harry L. Richards, Commanding Officer of this Organization. This was to be in effect until a Supply Officer was assigned this Squadron.

Two personnel were processed out of the Squadron and a clothing inspection team was set up for such proceedings. A complete clothing shake down inspection will follow in April, the first of three of such inspections.

AF Form 538 was put into effect on all individuals for permanent clothing records. This form replaces the AF Form 191, Clothing and Equipment Record, in accordance with AF Regulation 67-81.

On approximately the 20 March this Organization was notified in a set back of deployment date, thus removing the precedence rating and receiving a suspended precedence until 1 November 1953, at which time it will return to its original status.

Although much equipment has come into the base marked for this Organization, none has been picked up for accountability until adequate facilities are made available for proper storage and care of the equipment.

A request for a Supply Officer was made and arrangements were made for Captain Scott, a member of the 6923rd Personnel Processing Squadron, to assume duties as Unit Supply Officer, removing Captain Richards from additional duty as such.

The expected arrival of Colonel Milburn from the site, with his report, will lay the ground work for future proceedings of the Supply Section.

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B. FOOD SERVICE

On activation of this organization two food service personnel were assigned this squadron. Neither airman could be utilized by the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile, and both were assigned special duty in the 6923rd Personnel Processing Squadron, Detachment # 4 at Kelly Air Force Base. Both airmen became surplus to that organization and were released from special duty. At present these airmen are not being utilized in their career field.

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III OPERATIONS

To date this organization has no operations section established. The operations section will not be put into operating capacity until the deployment of the unit to an overseas station.

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IV PERSONNEL

Upon activation of the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile, on 1 January 1953, the Squadron Personnel Section was not operational. During the month of January 1953, two airmen were assigned to the Squadron in the Personnel Career Field, and the personnel section became partially operational.

On 1 February 1953, one airman with Primary AFSC 73270 (Personnel Supervisor), M/Sgt Elza H. Ooley, was assigned his initial task of forming the Payroll Section, the Personal Affairs Section, Service Records Section, Morning Report Section and Special Order Section. On 1 February 1953, the first promotions were accomplished; one airman was promoted from A/2C to A/1C, and four A/3C were promoted to A/2C. On 2 February 1953, 2nd Lt. Alvin J. Reising was assigned to the Squadron as Personnel Officer, thereby making the Personnel Section completely operational. During the month of February 1953, all necessary forms were requisitioned and established in appropriate folders. All Air Force Publications were established in proper numerical order and changes posted thereto. On 16 February 1953, A/2C John R. Almedia was transferred to 4707th Defense Wing (ADC) by reason of Compassionate reassignment. On 28 February 1953, the squadron total strength was as follows: two (2) officers and thirty (30) enlisted personnel.

On 2 March 1953, the Squadron accomplished its first reduction under the provisions of Article 15 MCM 1951. There were no AWOL violations or time lost under Article 140 during the period of 1 January through 31 March 1953.

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ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>AFSN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
HARRY L. RICHARDS	Captain	A0862610	Commander
LEONARD W. KETCHAM	Chief Warrant Officer	AW2107325	Supply Officer
GUY N. BENNETT	Technical Sergeant	AF34875691	NCOIC Supply
GERALD E. SMITH	Staff Sergeant	AF12374099	NCOIC Personnel

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COMMAND

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The beginning of September found this organization manned with two (2) officers and six (6) airmen, with the Commander, Captain Harry L. Richards, being the only member of the command section. However, the work load was in proportion to the small number of personnel assigned and it was without much difficulty that the ordinary day to day duties were performed in a smooth and efficient manner.

On 23 October 1953 this organization was alerted for overseas shipment by a TWX message from Headquarters United States Air Force with the tentative destination being Shiroy, Japan, and a readiness date of 10 February 1954. This information was immediately brought to the attention of the various section heads and the preparations for movement overseas were begun.

Although no new personnel have been assigned this unit, the necessary officers and airmen needed to fill the initial cadre have been requested and orders have been received effecting the transfer of three Airmen by mid-November. The six (6) officers and forty-three airmen to comprise the deployment cadre of the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile are expected in the very near future.

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CHAPTER II

MATERIEL

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A. - Supply

During the past two months the supply section has continued to pack and crate their equipment in preparation for overseas movement. Upon being assigned all of Hangar 9, the supplies and equipment that had previously been stored out of doors, were moved inside of the hangar. It was found, however, that some of the crates had been damaged by weather and excessive handling and that these items had to be repacked and banded.

After receipt of the warning orders the work load in supply more than doubled. Packing and banding operations had to be stepped up in order to meet the readiness date of 10 February 1954, while the necessary reports and clerical work had to be submitted in accordance with the Preparations for Overseas Movement Manual. UPREAL equipment was immediately inventoried and put on requisitions. Six detail men from the 8th Radio Squadron, Mobile were used to help with the crating while a clerk from the squadron orderly room assisted with typing and other clerical duties. The tremendous job of processing and marking some 3000 pieces of equipment has been undertaken. The necessary men to accomplish this task have been requisitioned and will be assigned as soon as possible.

Even though the work load has been unusually great the morale of the supply personnel is high and the men have performed their duties with interest and efficiency.

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CHAPTER II

MATERIEL

B. - Food Service

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At the present time there are no food service personnel assigned, however, the necessary supplies and equipment have been requisitioned as authorized by the UPREAL in the event there are no Messing facilities at the overseas destination.

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CHAPTER III

OPERATIONS

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PERSONNEL

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Only routine operational functions were performed by the personnel section of the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile through September and the better half of October. Considerable time was spent in the preparation for the inactivation of the 75th Radio Squadron, Mobile, as there were no clerks assigned to that unit and Captain Harry L. Richards was appointed their Squadron Commander as an additional duty.

The receipt of warning orders also dropped additional duties on the personnel section as it did in other sections of this organization. A P.O.M. Chart was immediately initiated, clothing inspections scheduled, and service records and personnel affairs statements were reviewed by all personnel. Particular attention was given to card files, filing systems and service records to insure that they were also in order and up to date. All personnel were screened to determine their eligibility or ineligibility for overseas shipment. Those who were not eligible have been reported as available for reassignment and replacements have been requested.

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ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

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HARRY L. RICHARDS	Captain	A0862610	Commander
LEONARD W. KETCHAM	Chief Warrant Officer	AW2107325	Supply Officer
PATRICK E. DUNAVANT	Technical Sergeant	AF14220665	First Sergeant
GUY N. BENNETT	Technical Sergeant	AF34875691	NCOIC Supply
NOLAN A. MARSHALL	Master Sergeant	AF38089157	NCOIC Personnel

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COMMAND

The many problems encountered because of the impending overseas embarkation of this unit, fell largely on the command section and in turn upon the Commander, Captain Harry L. Richards, who at the beginning of this reporting period was the sole member of this section. The primary and most important problem was the acquisition of sufficient personnel to insure that all P.O.M. projects could be completed with ease and that the unit as a whole would be able to pass the P.O.M. inspection which has been scheduled for the 10th of January 1954. Command Personnel Management Division assured this unit that the required personnel would be assigned as soon as possible, however, it was necessary to secure detail men to begin the tremendous task of packing and banding organizational equipment immediately. Through the cooperation of the 8th R.S.M., and the 6923rd Personnel Processing Squadron, permanent details were furnished daily.

The assignment of Technical Sergeant Patrick E. Dunavant to the unit as First Sergeant lightened the work load in the Command Section considerably, so that more time could be spent in reviewing the P.O.M. inspection checklist in order that minor discrepancies could be found and corrected before the scheduled inspection.

Reports from Flight "A" of this Squadron, now stationed at the overseas destination for this unit at Shiroy Air Base, Japan, state that new bachelor officer's and airmen's quarters are available and that recreational facilities over there are being expanded. Taking this information into consideration the personnel of this organization are apparently eager to be on their way.

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MATERIAL

The Supply Section, under the supervision of Chief Warrant Officer Leonard W. Ketcham, has in the past few months continued to pack, crate, mark and band all organizational equipment. Difficulty was encountered in securing the sufficient materials such as nails, lumber, and spray guns, necessary to prepare equipment for overseas shipment. Also the distance between Brooks Field and Kelly Air Force Base developed a transportation problem in getting equipment to this base, however, through the cooperation of the Base Motor Pool, trucks were furnished whenever possible. After overcoming these problems, supply was able to pack all on-hand equipment and it was then only necessary to pack equipment as it arrived daily from Kelly Air Force Base.

On about the 1st of December a Radio Squadron, Mobile UPREAL reorganization was received deleting TO-8015-A and 8035-A. This meant that approximately 150 pieces of equipment had to be uncrated and turned back in, this in turn disrupted the consolidated case number register. It was feared that such a set-back would render the supply section unable to meet their readiness date, however, additional supplies were received and given the case numbers of the deleted equipment, thus balancing the consolidated case number register.

By the end of December, practically all authorized equipment has been received and crated. It is estimated on departure that this organization will deploy with about 2,000 pieces of equipment, weighing 500,000 pounds and occupying 20,000 cubic feet of space.

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FOOD SERVICE

At the present time there are no food service personnel assigned, however, the necessary supplies and equipment have been requisitioned as authorized by the UPREAL in the event there are no Messing facilities at the overseas destination.

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OPERATIONS

The operations section will not be activated until the organization reaches it's overseas destination.

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PERSONNEL

Preparation for overseas movement, during the first part of November, was somewhat hampered by a lack of assigned personnel. Two officers and six enlisted persons still compromised the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile at this time. Besides the normal administrative function and preparation for overseas movement, the Personnel Section of this unit was also assigned the task of inactivating the 75th R.S.M. which was to be completely inactivated by the 8th of November. Upon that units inactivation, the 84th R.S.M. was assigned the two supply personnel that made up the assigned strength of the 75th.

On the 17th of November two more airmen were assigned and on the 20th, M/Sgt Nolan A. Marshall was reassigned from the 6923rd Personnel Processing Squadron for duty as the Personnel Supervisor, thus relieving the Squadron Commander, Captain Harry L. Richards, of this supervisory duty, and allowing him to devote more time to coordinating activities between Headquarters United States Air Force Security Service and this Squadron.

Additional desks, typewriters, and other office supplies were requisitioned in anticipation of a growing office force. This anticipation was almost immediately realized. Orders effecting the incoming transfer of T/Sgt Patrick E. Dunavant were received along with orders on 9 other airmen for duty in various AFSC's. T/Sgt Dunavant was assigned duty as First Sergeant filling a vacancy which had previously been unfilled since August.

With a total of 21 airmen assigned and the holiday season coming on, considerable thought had to be given to the problem of pre-embarkation and Christmas leaves. Judging from what work had been accomplished and the work that remained to be completed in the preparations for overseas movement, it was decided that all those desiring leaves could be, in most cases, granted as many days as they wanted and to cover both holidays.

Throughout the holidays a small crew was on hand to perform ordinary day to day duties and to continue with any P.O.M. activities that had not yet been completed. It was also necessary to schedule immunization, weapons familiarization, and clothing inspections to begin upon the return of men who were, at that time, on leave.

The Personnel Section of this unit as well as all the other major sections are looking forward to the P.O.M. inspection which is scheduled for the 10th January 1954. Although some minor discrepancies are expected to be uncovered by this inspection, it is thought that nothing of major importance will be noted by the inspecting team.

The end of this reporting period finds this organization manned with 2 officers and 27 enlisted persons, however, it is expected, by middle of January, that the initial deployment cadre of 6 officers and 43 enlisted personnel will be completed by that time.

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ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>AFSN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
JOHN M. FLEDGE	Major	A01634229	Commander
HARRY L. RICHARDS	Captain	A0862610	Executive Officer
CARL R. KNUTSON	Captain	A0583336	Adjutant
WILLIAM L. BIRTHRIGHT	Captain	A0956178	Materiel Officer
TITUS C. HALL	1st Lieutenant	A01856876	Operations Officer

GENERAL

Chapter - I

The following is a report containing historical data of the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile, for the period beginning 1 January 1954 to 30 June 1954. The organizational structure has changed since the preparation of the last historical report. During the period of the last historical report, the squadron was organized under TO & E 1-2237. The new structure consists of a T/D type organization namely Command Section, Communication Section, Personnel and Administration Section, Materiel Section and Operations Section. The Operation Section was inherited from 6920th Security Group during the month of April. The Communication Section is not as yet a part of the organization. It is expected that the 84th will inherit this function in the very near future from the 6920th Security Group.

This report is a brief summary of the events that occurred in this organization during this period and presents such information relative to current key personnel in addition to newly assigned personnel and also includes policies that have been initiated.

During this period the organization moved from its former location at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas to APO 73, bringing with it its entire UPREAL and organization equipment. Prior to this movement a tremendous job was accomplished in drawing equipment, receiving shipments from Depots and Factories all over the United States and packing and crating equipment in an effort to be prepared for PCM inspectors and subsequent shipment overseas.

During this very trying time the organization strength stood at an amazingly low figure of 25 airmen and 2 officers as compared to the hundreds of tons of equipment to be prepared for shipment. The efficient and expeditious manner in which personnel accomplished this task is commendable.

The unit was flown by chartered aircraft from San Antonio to Oakland on 14 February 1954. On 17 February 1954 it boarded the USS General Mann and sailed for the Far East. On 2 March 1954 at Yokohama the unit boarded bus for Shiroy and set up housekeeping.

On 8 March 1954 Flight A, 84th RSM, with a strength of one officer and one airman, was discontinued and the personnel were transferred into this organization.

Main efforts to date have been toward becoming operational and participating in the mission of the USAFSS.

COMMAND

Chapter - II

The mission of the Command Section of the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile is to maintain physical and administrative control over all personnel of the organization and to provide for the morale and welfare of the personnel assigned.

Captain Harry L. Richards who commanded the organization from the date of activation and who was in command during the beginning of this report period relinquished his duties as commander to Major John M. Pledge on 20 January 1954 and immediately assumed the duties of Squadron Executive Officer, the position he presently occupies. Captain Carl R. Knutson was assigned on 8 January 1954 as Squadron Adjutant. Warrant Officer Leonard W. Ketcham, Organization Supply Officer was transferred from the organization as "D" day for the movement overseas drew near and turned his responsibilities over to Captain William L. Birthright who was assigned as Squadron Materiel Officer. This change took place on 16 January 1954.

On 3 February 1954, 17 vans of the Alamo Freight Lines Company, San Antonio, Texas were loaded with organizational gear at the rate of four vans per day and sent on the road to Oakland Naval Station and subsequent loading on transport for overseas destination. A port party consisting of Captain William L. Birthright, T/Sgt Guy N. Bennett and A/IC William S. Richardson was detailed to the port to monitor incoming vans and port classification. On 14 February 1954 the entire organization, less port party, including records and hand baggage was airlifted to Oakland enroute to Parks Air Force Base, California for processing overseas. This was accomplished in three days. On 17 February 1954 the unit was loaded aboard the USS General Mann operated by the Military Sea Transport Service and sailed that day for the Far East.

The trip across the Pacific was made in 12 days placing the unit at Yokohama port on 2 March 1954. Upon arrival there the unit was met by a reception committee consisting of Lieutenant Colonel Blacksten, 6920th Security Group, APO 994, to which the 84th was to be assigned, and Major Coryell, 6020th Air Base Squadron. Captain Scott, 6920th Security Group Materiel Officer was also a member of that committee.

The unit was transported by bus to Shiroy that same day and immediately set up housekeeping. The orderly room was for several days without desks and phones. Dining room tables were used for desks for over a month until desks were obtained from Far East Air Materiel Command salvage and were put into condition for operation.

The present location of the orderly room is temporary. A permanent administrative building large enough to house two orderly rooms is in blue print stage and expected to be erected and occupied by January 1955.

PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

Chapter - III

During January 1954 the Personnel Section was very busy processing newly assigned airmen into the Squadron and preparing the organization for overseas shipment. Since the tentative redeployment date had been established it was necessary to prepare all personnel for shipment in accordance with AFM 75-37. Immunization had to be completed in accordance with current directives, identification tags were made for all personnel, clothing inspections were held to insure that all airmen had their full clothing allowance. All records were processed and prepared for the Inspector General's POM Inspection. After everything was in tip-top shape all personnel were afforded the opportunity to take a preembarkation leave. Although some personnel were not able to take the normal thirty day preembarkation leave, they were given as many days as possible at that time. After all personnel returned from leave, final preparation was completed for overseas shipment.

The port call was received on or about 1 February 1954 by this organization, Captain Birthright, T/Sgt Bennett and A/LC Richardson were immediately placed on TDY at Fort Mason, San Francisco, Port of embarkation as advance supply representatives to process all incoming equipment belonging to the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile. Two Non-Commissioned Officers were given permission to drive their auto to port for shipment overseas. Total strength at this time stood at 4 officers and 43 airmen.

After arrival at Shiroi, we were confronted with various problems in getting our section to operating again. We had no desks or typewriters for the first few days after arriving. After a few days this problem was corrected and we settled down to near-normal operations. On 8 March 1954 six cooks were assigned from the 6920th Security Group at Johnson Air Base. They were immediately placed on special duty with Base Food Service. We also acquired seven radio operators from the 6920th Security Group. During the next week the manual morse intercept section was assigned to the 84th RSM and Squadron Operations Division was formed. The airmen presently working in this section were reassigned from Flight E, 6920th Security Group, bringing our total assigned to five Officers and 90 airmen. 41 airmen who were on operating location at Naval Radio Facility were also assigned to this organization, but did not join us at Shiroi until 14 May 1954. On 10 May 1954, 38 airmen were assigned to us from an operating location of the 1st Radio Squadron, Mobile, bringing our strength to 170 airmen. All newly assigned airmen are personally interviewed and afforded a records check upon joining. During the next few weeks everything ran smoothly. Personnel of this section are working efficiently at the present time reaccomplishing Form #20's of newly assigned personnel.

On 21 May 1954, 148 airmen who are presently working in Communication Center were reassigned to this organization from 6920th Security Group, upping our strength to 318 airmen. The records of these airmen were in very good shape.

MATERIEL

Chapter - IV

During the period from 1 January 1954 until approximately 10 February 1954, this section was still in the process of preparation for overseas movement. Captain Harry L. Richards, in addition to duties as squadron commander, was designated POM project officer. Under his supervision, packing and crating of squadron property was completed rapidly as the movement day approached. Equipment on requisition was coming in daily and with the production line concept as set up by CWO Leonard W. Ketcham, then Supply Officer, the proper care was taken in the packing and crating.

The Consolidated Case Number Register was nearing completion, as equipment was being checked against UPREAL and supporting documents for the accuracy of accountability. The Consolidated Case Number Register was checked for accuracy of weight and cube of equipment listed thereon.

On 19 January 1954, all equipment on order from AF 2177 SO was cancelled and in turn, that equipment was put on POM requisition by AF 2177 SO for this organization. From that date, the UPREAL was checked against supporting documents and against the Consolidated Case Number Register, for the accuracy of all three.

Discrepancies of the supply section, which were all of a minor nature, but reported by the POM Inspection Team were corrected to meet requirements for overseas movement.

All personnel were informed at special meetings as to proper packing of their hold baggage and of the proper marking of their personal clothing. Three showdown inspections were held by the POM Inspection Team to assure proper compliance with current directives, marking of personal clothing and that shortages of mandatory requirements of military clothing were made up.

Squadron meetings were conducted by the Supply Section to inform personnel of proper marking of duffel bags and to see that personnel who had additional baggage, turned in same to supply to be shipped as hold baggage.

TAT and Yellow Dot TAT equipment was packed last, as most "Yellow Dot" equipment was still in use until the day of movement.

Reports of total weight, cube, amount and size of boxes to be shipped were submitted to the Port Commander. Squadron Vehicles were sent directly from the depots to the port instead of to the squadron, relieving the squadron of the packing and crating responsibility.

On 16 January 1954, Captain William L. Birthright was assigned as the Squadron Supply Officer, relieving CWO Leonard W. Ketcham. From that date until approximately 28 January 1954, Captain Birthright worked with CWO Ketcham familiarizing himself with the squadron impedimenta, and the final preparations for overseas movement. Because a complete physical inventory of squadron property could not be taken prior to deployment of the organization, Captain Birthright tentatively accepted responsibility of the property pending a complete inventory after arrival overseas.

The Squadron equipment, in 17 vans, began arriving at the port on 9 February 1954. Minor damage such as broken bands experienced during this move were repaired prior to loading on the ship. The port party also assisted the Port Air Materiel Officer in posting the PCM requisition numbers to the UPRREAL and yellow copy of the UPRREAL, and posted the port reference numbers from the shipping documents to three copies of the consolidated Case Number Register. Small supply problems were solved immediately by the port representatives.

Squadron Vehicles arriving at the port were checked and the paperwork accomplished.

After all equipment left the Port of Embarkation, the Ocean Manifests were checked against the port reference numbers on the Consolidated Case Number Register to make sure all equipment had been sent or loaded on the ship.

Among over 1700 boxes of equipment processed through the port for this squadron, only one box was recorded as lost, but was later found after completion of movement.

When equipment started to arrive at Yokohama, all available personnel with the assistance of the Base Transportation personnel, were required to transport the equipment from the rail head at Matsudo, and from the Yokohama Port to this station.

Due to the lack of proper warehouse facilities at this base, all equipment was put in outside storage. A complete physical inventory of equipment is impossible at this date, as the proper warehouse facilities are still not available to allow the uncrating of all the boxes.

A prefabricated building was placed at the disposal of the squadron by the group Commander. With the cooperation of the Base Air Installations officer, squadron personnel erected the building for storage of much of the communications equipment. A tent storage area was set up for storage, but a large amount of equipment is still in outside storage.

Uncrating and storage of equipment is now being carried on under the supervision of the Supply NCOIC, Technical Sergeant James H. Lolley.

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On April 15, 1954, the Morse Intercept Section of Flight E, 6920th Security Group was assigned to the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile.

At the time of transfer there were approximately 75 airmen assigned to this section. These airmen were under the supervision of 1st Lt. Titus C. Hall. An average of 312 man hours per day were worked by the intercept section in completion of the assigned mission. 12 positions and one training position was utilized.

On 14 May 1954, the morse intercept effort of a detachment of 1st RSM and the USAF operators at NAVRADFAC were integrated into the effort of the 84th RSM. Almost over night the strength of the section was tripled. The airmen numbered about 175 and Captain Harry L. Richards, was assigned as the Operations Officer in addition to his duty as Squadron Executive Officer. Under the supervision of the Operations Officer the operation efforts have been more directly channeled and the increase in quality of the end product has been favorably commented on by various consumers.

At present an average of 720 man hours per day are worked at this site. A total of 48 positions are now installed for morse intercept of which 31 are manned.

The Radio Direction Finding Component of the Operation Division has a complement of 4 airmen and is supervised by 1st Lt. Titus C. Hall. The D/F effort is greatly enhanced by the availability of tip-off information from the intercept room. This is accomplished through the use of an Inter-Com hook-up between the Morse Intercept Room, the RDF site and the 6920th Security Group RDF Net Control.

At the present time the 84th RSM has no analytical personnel assigned. This analysis is performed by the 6920th Security Group Traffic Analysis Section.

A formalized OJT program has been established under the supervision of Captain Richards and a training NCOIC. Such a program is deemed to be an absolute necessity due to the peculiar nature of our operational endeavor and the influx of 293X2 personnel from outside the command. A study of the personnel currently for duty, rotation dates, and projected requirements is continually conducted to establish our requirements for a six month period in advance. Also current are two operational projects to improve considerably the appearance, efficiency and productivity of the RDF and Manual Morse Intercept efforts of this Squadron.

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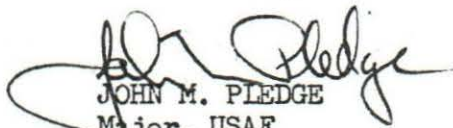
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ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>AFSN</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
JOHN M. PLEDGE	MAJOR	A01634229	Commander
JAMES G. CAVAN	MAJOR	A0562967	Executive Officer
HARRY H. BYRD	MAJOR	A01551173	Materiel Officer
KENNETH W. BROUSSEAU	CAPTAIN	A0695870	Communications Officer
CARL R. KNUTSON	CAPTAIN	A0583336	Adjutant
WILLIAM A. SCHULTES	CAPTAIN	165673	Personnel Officer
TITUS C. HALL	1ST LIEUTENANT	A01856876	Operations Officer

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GENERAL

The following is a report containing historical data of the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile, for the period from 1 July 1954 to 31 Dec 54. On 1 November 1954, the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile, assumed the added responsibility of support organization for the 6920th Security Group. Areas of support included Communications, Maintenance and Administration of all Personnel, Records, Air Police Functions, Clearance and Indoctrination, and Supply and Housing of all enlisted personnel assigned to the 6920th Security Group and the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile. Support functions such as Food Service and Vehicle Maintenance remained under the Air Base Squadron.

A Communication function was established in the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile consisting of Communications Electronics Staff Office, Communications Center, Communications and Wire Maintenance and DF Net Control Station. These sections became a responsibility of the Squadron, on 1 November 1954.

Additional personnel were reassigned from the 6920th Security Group during the period covered by this report to man the added sections and functions.

Main efforts to date have been toward becoming fully operational and performing the mission of the USAF Security Service.

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COMMAND

The mission of the Command Section of the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile, was enlarged to include physical and administrative control over all USAF Security Service personnel on the base and to provide for the morale and welfare of the personnel assigned to the 6920th Security Group and the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile.

Major James G. Cavan assumed the duty of Executive Officer on 22 October 1954 and Major Harry H. Byrd was assigned as the Materiel Officer on 1 August 1954. First Lieutenant Titus C. Hall was assigned as Operations Officer on 3 November 1954, upon reassignment of Captain Harry L. Richards to the 6920th Security Group.

During the period of this report the organization moved from one temporary orderly room into another in order to obtain more room pending the building of a permanent administrative building. This proposed building is in the contractual stage and is expected to be occupied by 1 August 1955.

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

The most important change to the Personnel Section during the period 1 July 1954 to 31 December 1954, was the consolidation of Headquarters, 6920th Security Group personnel records with those of the Squadron on 1 November 1954. This action was taken to establish a Unit Personnel Office and administer personnel activities for the collocated Security Service Units from a central office. It resulted in the elimination of duplicated personnel effort, streamlined administration, and saved manpower.

Concurrent with the establishment of the Unit Personnel Office within the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile, was the transfer of the Clearance and Indoctrination Section formerly located in the office of the Inspector, Headquarters, 6920th Security Group, to the Unit Personnel Office. This activity has progressed to an efficient state and has become an integral part of the Unit Personnel Office.

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MATERIEL

During the period covered by this report the Materiel Section of the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile, encountered difficulty in obtaining adequate storage space for the equipment needed by the operating functions. The problem was solved by storing items not subject to rust and moisture in tents erected by personnel of the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile, and items subject to such damage were stored in buildings temporarily loaned to this organization by the 6020th Air Base Squadron.

With the movement of the 528th AC&W detachment from this station to its new location, more buildings became available and much of the equipment previously stored in tents was moved into the vacated buildings. However, as the organization became more operative new problems arose in this section and were becoming apparent. As additional equipment arrived storage space such as bins and pallets became critical. However, the problem was somewhat relieved in that crating boxes being emptied were placed in use as storage bins and the tops of these crates were used as pallets.

Property transferred from the ZI at the time of the transfer of the organization was inventoried and it was found that damage to the items during the move was negligible. All items were properly marked and tagged during this inventory and properly stored for future use by the organization.

As of 1 November 1954, the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile supply and Headquarters, 6920th Security Group Supply were consolidated and resulted in the elimination of duplicated personnel efforts. The squadron has assumed supply responsibility pending clearing of the 6920th Security Group Supply account.

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OPERATIONS

During the period of this report this section could not operate all of its positions due to the lack of personnel. From time to time one or two positions had to be closed down due to this shortage. However, at the close of this reporting period more personnel were being obtained and only the less critical positions were inoperative.

In the month of December 126 men were assigned and 27 positions were continually being manned. During the month of October this section had all the intercept consoles rewired and repainted and placed back into operation.

During the early part of this period, the installation of a radio printer was nearing completion. In August five operators were transferred to this station from the 1st and 15th Radio Squadrons, Mobile, to operate the radio printer intercept effort. On 1 September 1954, the radio printer section began 24 hour operation on a trial basis. Since that time two two-channel and one single channel positions have been operating within this section.

The only foreseeable obstacle to overcome before this section requests a printer mission assignment is the completion of analyst training. Two airmen are presently on the job training with the 6920th Security Group and will assume their primary assignments in the near future.

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COMMUNICATIONS

On 1 November 1954, a Communication function was first established in the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile. It consisted of the following sections: the Squadron Communications-Electronics Office, Communications Center, Communications and Wire Maintenance sections and the DF Net Control Station.

The communications Center which is a combination of JAPJ, minor teletype relay center and JAPJC, the crypto center, has had the following developments occur since it was brought under the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile. On 10 November 1954, the half duplex circuit to the 15th Radio Squadron, Mobile, previously utilized by the D/F function was reterminated as an on-line circuit. Excessive circuit outage was reported on the following circuits, the 29th Radio Squadron, Mobile, DIRNSA, Detachment 1, 29th Radio Squadron, Mobile. Formal complaints have been forwarded to Commander FEAF and there are indications that circuit improvements will be realized in the near future. Also, during the reporting period, the Communications Center function at this location has made a special effort to assist other AFSS units in the Far East in regard to on-line policy. Efforts in this regard were limited due to poor circuit conditions, however a significant amount of traffic was handled for other units. On-line circuit facilities to the ZI will continue to be utilized to maximum extent, with the ultimate goal of handling all ZI traffic via on-line.

In November an FM AN/TRC system was installed between 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile switchboard and the switchboard at JAP Fuchu. Two channels of CF-1B carrier bay connected to Shiroy Base Switchboard for two phone channels to Fuchu, one channel for maintenance to Fuchu Carrier system when circuit outage occurs between Shiroy and Fuchu because of cable trouble. The fourth channel, and one of the phone channels, which will be taken away from the base switchboard, will be utilized for 16 teletype channels in order to keep traffic flowing through this Communications Center. In Communications and Wire Maintenance, a new CW intercept room was completed during the month of December. This room is being used to train intercept operators and to offer additional positions as back up for the main intercept room. In December two AMPEX 375, 60 cycle 110 volt power supplies were installed; one in the radio maintenance shop and one in the Communications Center. The installation of these power supplies enabled the installation of 8 sixteen inch synchronous motor clocks and four time stamps which are being used for more accurate radio logs and to aid in the accurate accounting and processing of messages.

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With the incorporation of the Direction Finding Net Control Station Communications Center into the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile, more new responsibilities, that were formerly the concern of Group, came under the jurisdiction of the 84th Radio Squadron, Mobile. Heavy QRM and QRN on the net was partially solved by the acquisition of a new frequency and a new antenna. In November an on-Line Daphne Crypto System was implemented on a joint interservice Net which tied this station in more closely with the Army and the Navy D/F facilities. This system will be used to Pass Flashes, Distresses, Alerts, and some D/F Administrative Traffic.

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