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From: Commanding Officer  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD)  
Via: Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area  
Subj: Semiannual Command Chronology, 1 January through  
30 June 1979  
Ref: (a) MCO 5750.1D

1. In accordance with the reference, the Semiannual Command Chronology for Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter) (MCAS(H)), New River is hereby submitted.

2. Organizational Data

a. Designation and Location. MCAS(H), New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina, and is under the military command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps who exercises his command through the Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area. The Commandant of the Marine Corps provides primary logistics support for the Air Station and the Commandant, Fifth Naval District is the designated area coordinator. Aircraft, aircraft spares and related aeronautical support equipment logistics is provided by the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chief of Naval Material.

(1) The assigned mission is to maintain and operate facilities and provide services and material to support operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

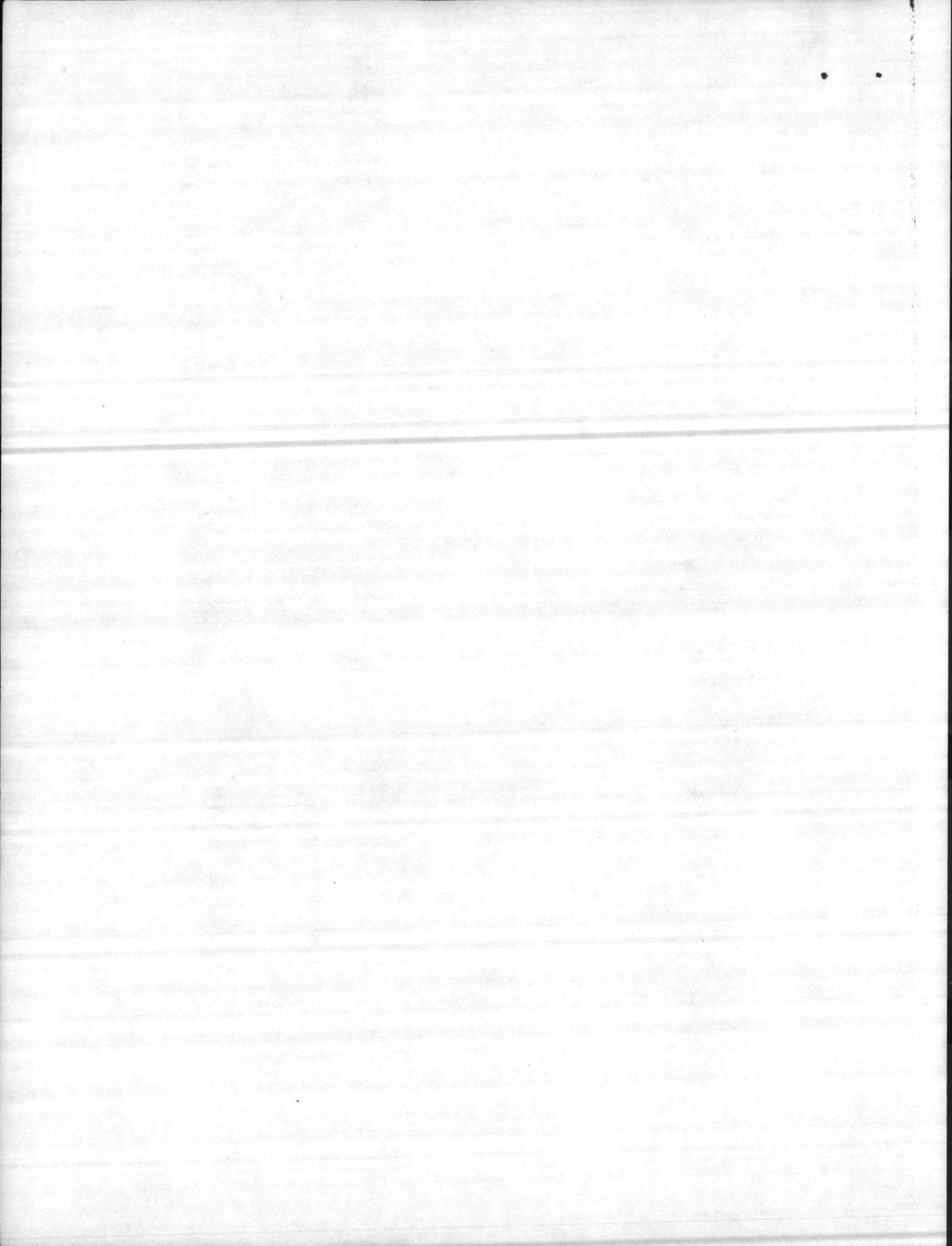
b. Period Covered. Period covered by this report is 1 January through 30 June 1979.

c. Command and Staff Assignments

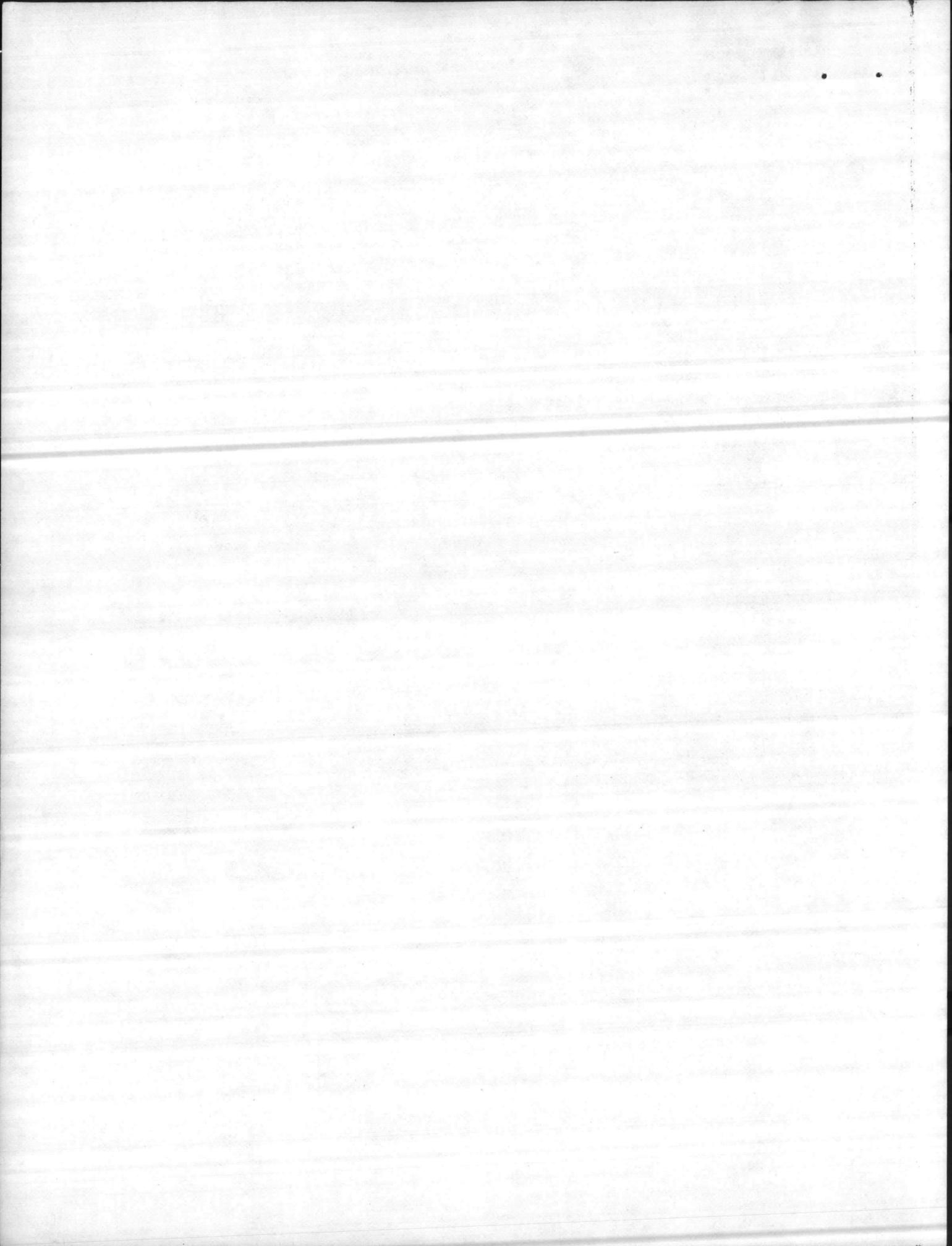
Commanding Officer

Col J. L. SHANAHAN  
1 Jan - 27 Feb 79

Col D. C. HEIM  
28 Feb - 30 Jun 79



Executive Officer	LtCol H. C. BROWN
S-1 Officer	LtCol J. J. FOLEY
S-3 Officer	Maj R. A. CARLSON
S-4 Officer	LtCol P. F. ANGLE
Sergeant Major	SgtMaj B. C. McVANE
Adjutant	Capt J. F. LYNCH
Aircraft Maintenance Officer	CWO 2 C. S. McCONNELL
Aviation Safety/NATOPS Officer	Capt G. L. PETERSON 1 Jan - 31 May 79
	Capt G. M. COLLINS 1 Jun - 30 Jun 79
Career Planning Officer	1stLt BARNES
Senior Chaplain	CDR R. E. GATELY, USN
Protestant Chaplain	CDR J. G. WEAVER, USN
Catholic Chaplain	Vacant
COMM/ELECT Officer	Capt G. F. WASHBURN
Dental Officer	Capt J. T. CHRISTIAN, USN
Disbursing Officer	Capt A. N. DEROSSETT
Fiscal Officer/COMPTROLLER	Mrs. E. ENKETT
Food Services Officer	CWO 4 C. H. BRITTAIN
Commanding Officer HQHQRON	Maj R. S. MURRAY
Executive Officer HQHQRON	Capt L. M. McKENZIE
Ground Safety Officer	Mr. M. R. SPEARS 1 Jan - 15 Apr 79
	Vacant 16 Apr 79 - 30 Jun 79



Staff JAG	Maj E. A. NELSON
Provost Marshall	Capt F. R. WART
Public Affairs Officer	CWO 2 J. W. SMITH 1 Jan - 15 Apr 79
	Capt W. J. GREIN 16 Apr - 30 Jun 79
Special Services Officer	Maj D. D. SNOCKLEY
Supply Officer	1stLt D. J. REINTJES
Medical Officer	Vacant

d. Average monthly strength was 548 military personnel; this figure includes officers and enlisted, permanent and FAPed personnel.

### 3. Significant Events

#### s. Personnel

(1) Seventy-three permanent personnel and 141 FAP personnel joined during this period, while 21 permanent and 171 FAP personnel were detached.

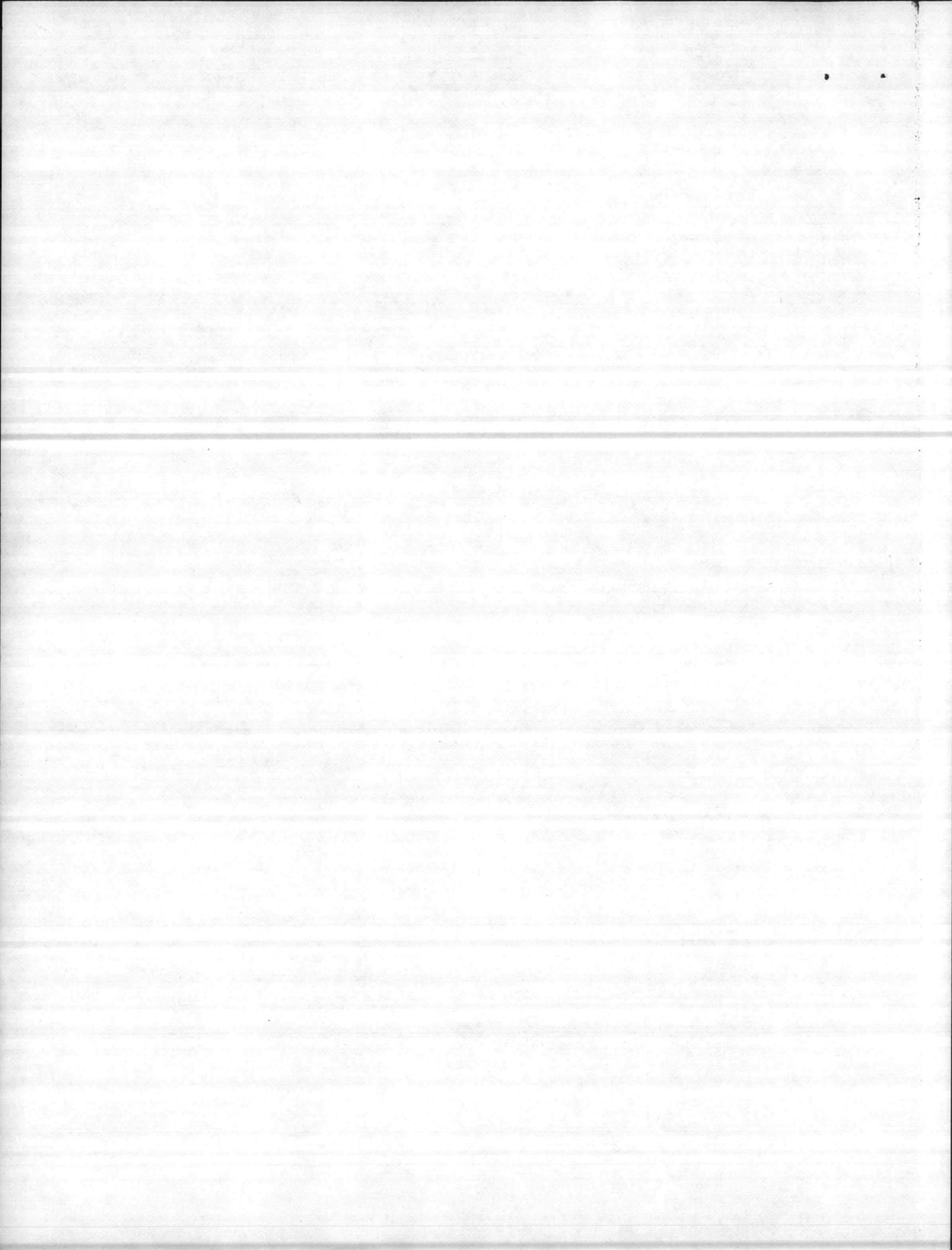
(2) During this period, the following promotions were effected within this command:

(a) Officers: 1-Maj; 2-Capt; 4-1stLt; 1-CWO-4;  
3-CWO-2

(b) Enlisted: 1-MGySgt; 1-MSgt; 5-GySgt; 6-SSgt;  
24-Sgt; 25-Cpl; 12-LCpl; 2-PFC

(3) The following awards were presented at appropriate ceremonies:

- (a) One Legion of Merit
- (b) One Meritorious Service Medal
- (c) Thirty-six Letters of Appreciation
- (d) Fifteen Meritorious Masts



## (4) Civilian Personnel

(a) Ceiling - 71

(b) On Board:

(1) General Schedule - 37

(2) Wage Grade - 34

(c) The civilian turnover for the period covered was seven accessions and seven separations.

(d) The following awards were presented to civil service employees during the period covered:

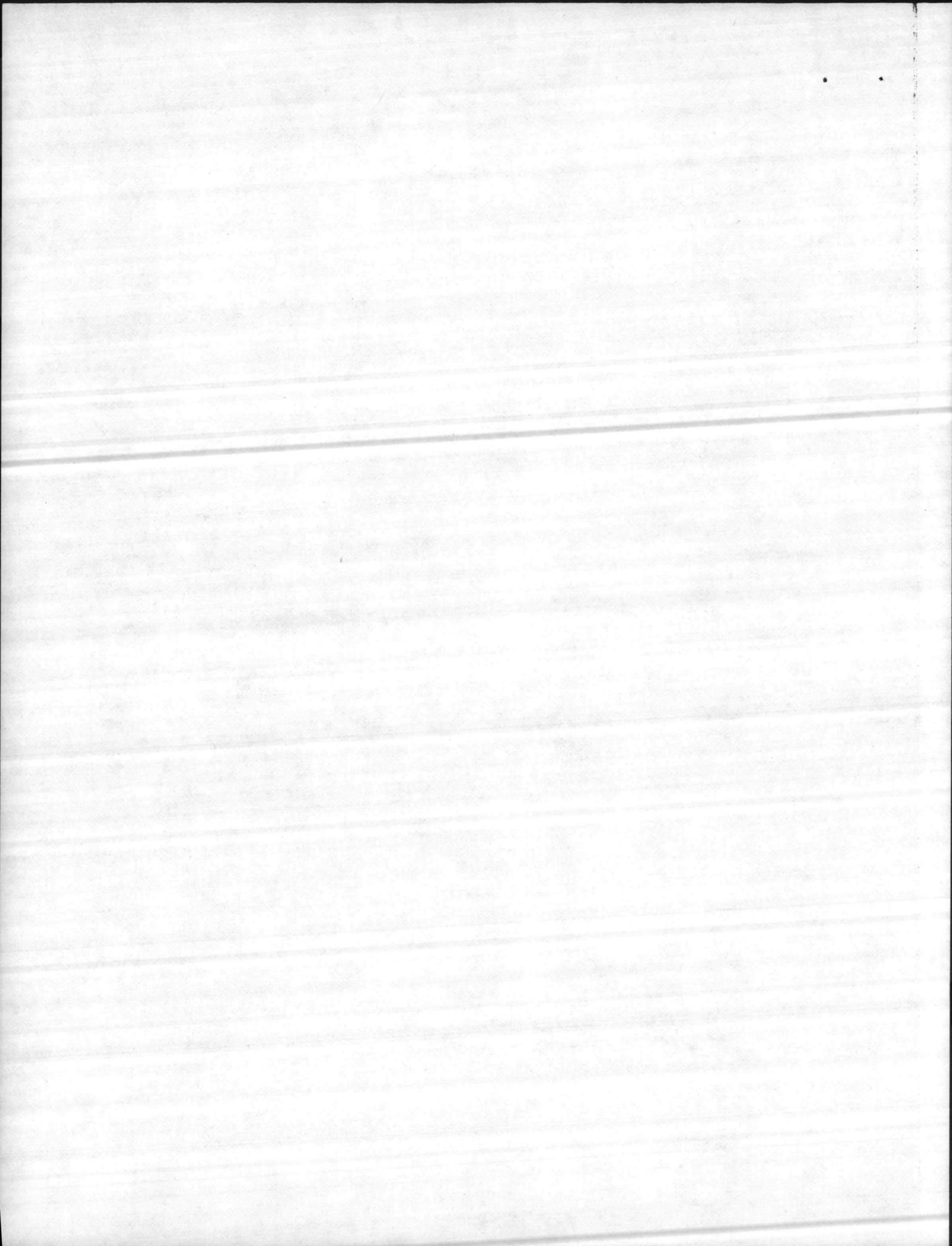
- 1 Three Length of Service Awards
- 2 One Quality Increase
- 3 Three Special Achievement Awards
- 4 One Beneficial Suggestion Award
- 5 One Group Achievement Award
- 6 Six Outstanding Performance Ratings
- 7 Three Sick Leave Certificates

b. Training(1) Military Training

(a) Rifle Qualification. During this period 34% of HQHQRON personnel fired for requalification.

(b) PFT. During this period the PFT was conducted with a 97.5% overall passing score.

(c) Weight Control/Remedial/Weight Distribution. ~~8 Marines are currently on command remedial PFT. 4 on Weight Control and 3 on Weight Distribution.~~



(d) MCI. For this reporting period, HQHQRON maintained a 93.7% completion rate.

(e) Pistol Requalification. During this period 72% of HQHQRON personnel requalified with T/O weapons.

(f) Leadership Training. For this period 67% of HQHQRON Marines completed Leadership Training.

(2) Aviation Training

(a) Training Device 2F117 (CH46E Operational Flight Trainer) installation, testing and acceptance was completed on 29 March. This device was ready for training on 29 March.

(b) Naval Education and Training Support Center Atlantic assigned one Field Representative to MCAS(H) to assist in operation and maintenance of the training devices.

(c) The Contract to manufacture the CH53/D operational flight trainers was awarded to Sperry Secor with a delivery date during first quarter FY 81.

(d) The Aviation Training Support Center Maintenance personnel received sixteen weeks of factory training on training device 2F117 (CH46E OFT).

c. Airfield Operations

(1) Air Traffic Control

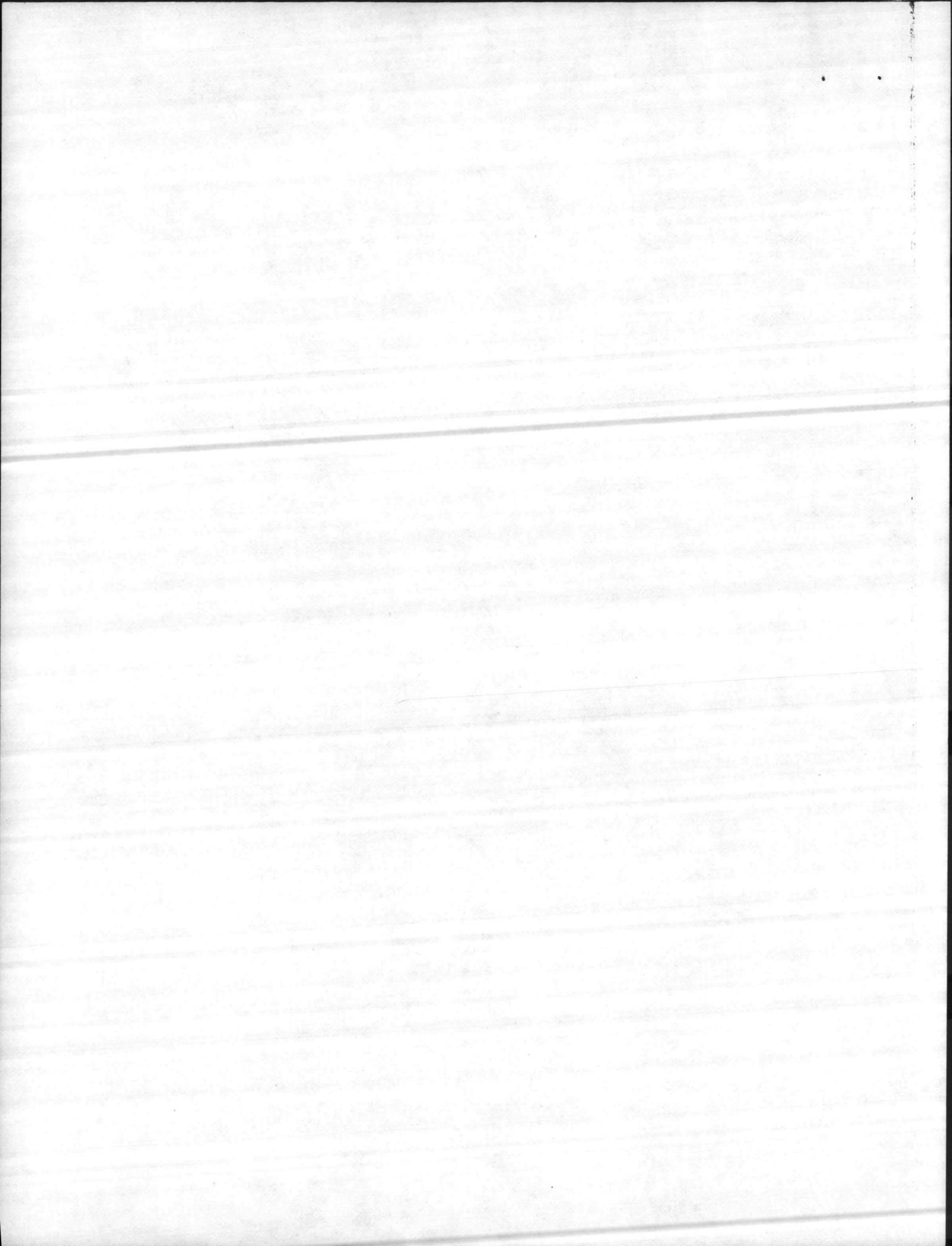
(a) Total ATC operations for the period were 65,775, including 7,074 Radar approaches and 2,773 Special VFR operations. Peak Traffic Day 847 in one 16 hour day.

(b) A total of 20 various ATC Ratings/Qualifications were issued.

(2) Weather Service

(a) A total of 881 IFR, 326 VFR and 138 Local Flight Forecasts were issued. In addition 120 Destructive Weather Warnings were disseminated to tenant and local commands at MCAS(H) and Camp Lejeune while maintaining a 24 hour daily forecast and observation service.

(b) Eight weather lectures were given to tenant and other local commands.



(3) Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue

(a) Aircraft Standbys. The Crash Crew responded to 54 aircraft emergencies.

(b) Manned Equipment. The Crash Crew expended 2213 hours manning the Immediate Response Alert position for landing and departing aircraft.

(c) Miscellaneous. Crash Crew provided response/service for 73 fuel spills/defuels, one structural alarm, five flight operations involving ordnance and/or hazardous cargo, fifteen medical air evacuations and seven miscellaneous mishaps.

(4) Flight Support

(a) The two assigned U-11A aircraft achieved 497.5 flight hours on 240 operational and logistics flights.

(b) Six Air Station Aviators achieved initial qualification in the U-11A.

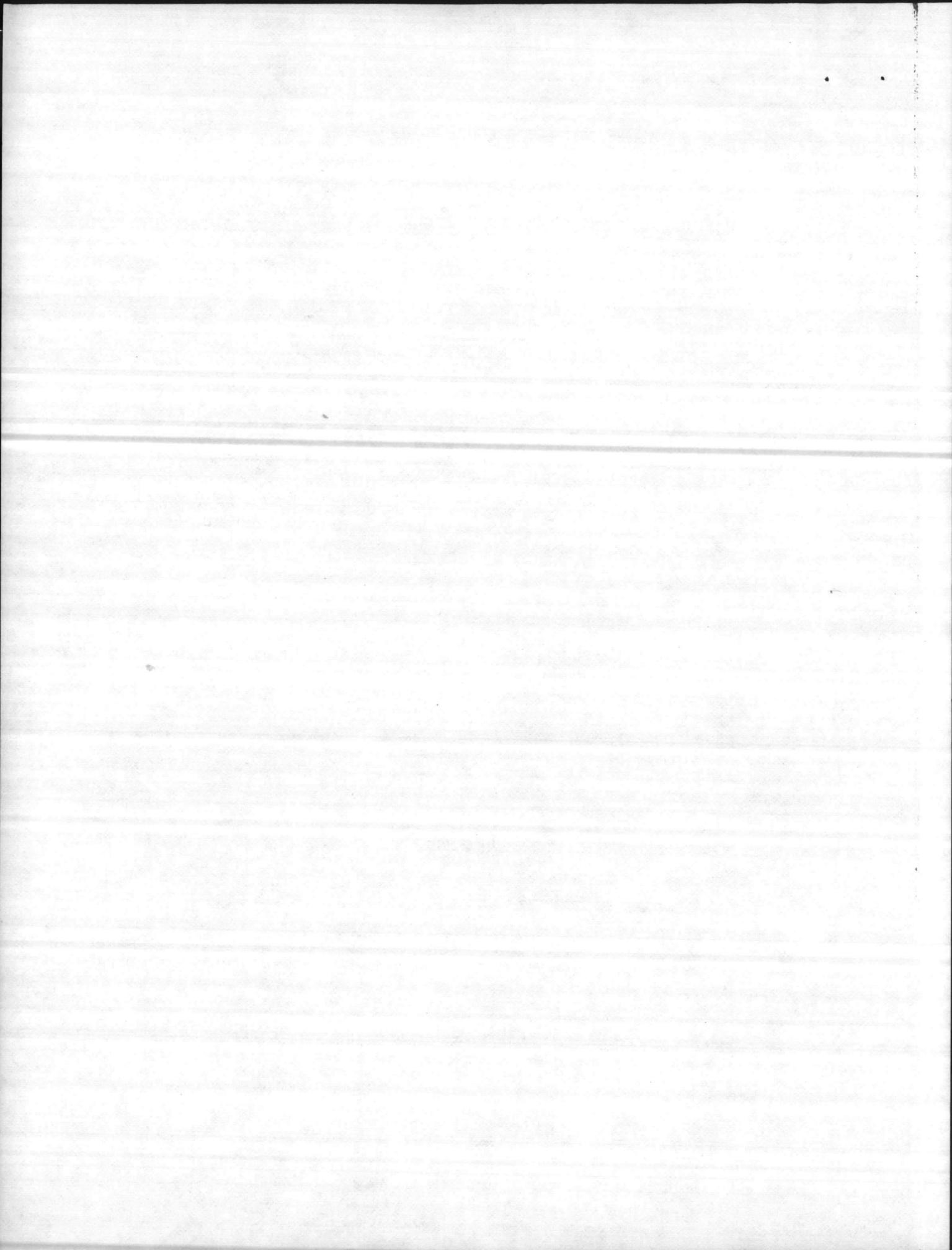
(c) Operational Readiness was as follows:

TYPE AIR CRAFT	PERCENT OPERATIONAL READY	PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY SUPPLY	PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY MAINT	PERCENT NOT OPERATIONAL READY
U-11A	56.5	24.5	19.0	43.5

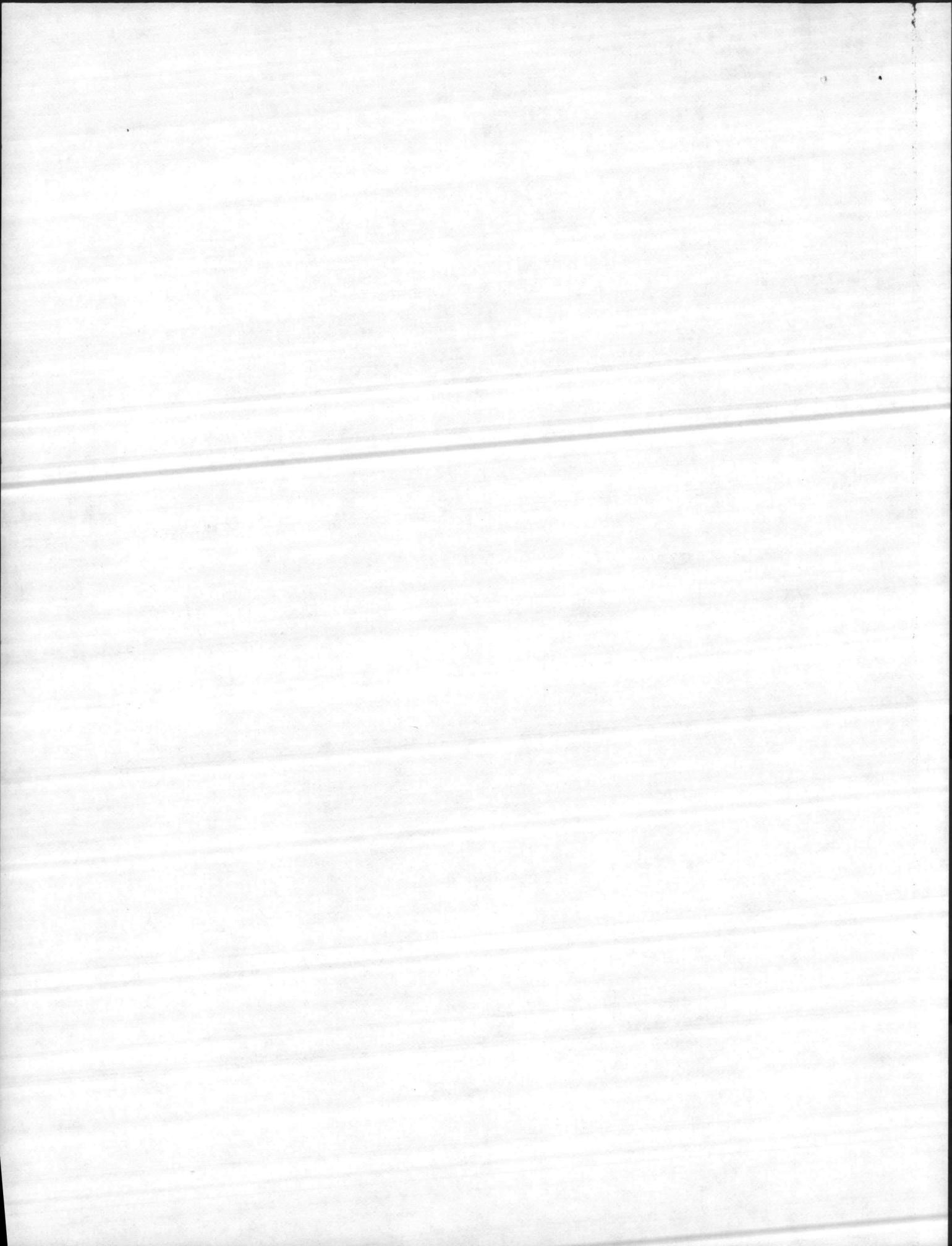
(5) Visiting Aircraft Line. The Visiting Aircraft Line processed 1,332 aircraft, 5,059 passengers, and 638,927 pounds of cargo.

d. Chronology of Significant Events

- Jan 7- Exercise Alpine Warrior deployment airlift commenced from MCAS(H) New River.
- 18- MCAS(H) N. R. won the ALL-Camp Basketball Tournament at Camp Lejeune.
- Feb 27- Col Donald C. Heim assumed command of MCAS(H) from Col James L. Shanahan who retired after 27 years. In an earlier ceremony, Col Heim was relieved of command of MAG-26 by Col William T. Hewes.



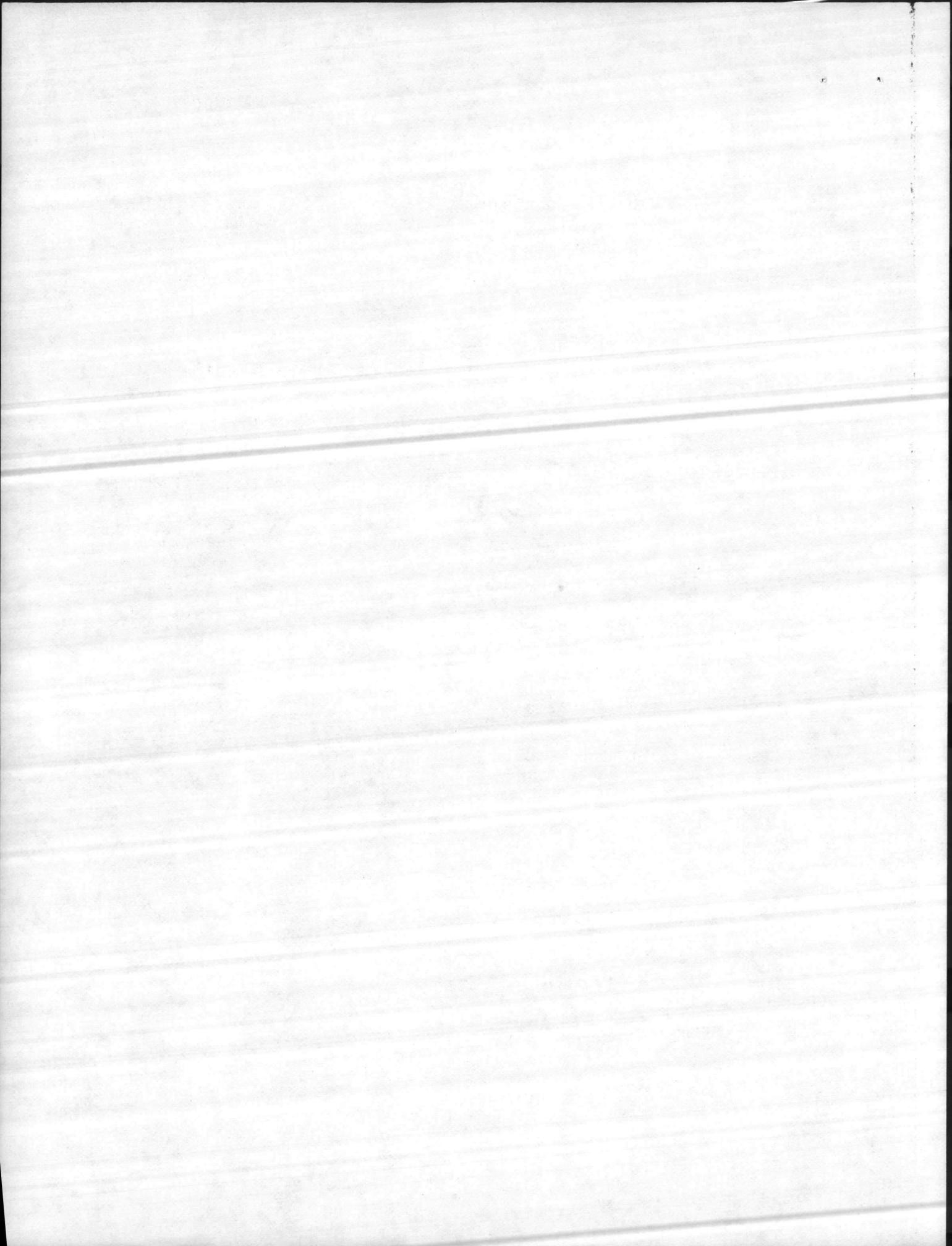
- Mar 1- Iowa State NROTC students toured the Air Station.
- 29- CH-46E Operational Flight Trainer accepted for the Marine Corps by BGEN Leo J. Leblanc Jr. in ceremonies at the Flight Simulator Building.
- Apr 2- Extensive Field Maintenance completed on the Air Station's AN/GRC-9C TACAN.
- 5- Col Van S. Reed assumed command of MAG-29 from Col Lloyd W. Smith, Jr.
- 16-27 - MATCS-28 deployed at MCHOLF Oak Grove
- 22- Air Station All Stars won 1979 Dixon Boosters Club Slow Pitch Softball Tournament.
- 24- HML-167 logged 35,000 accident-free flight hours.
- 30- CWO 4 Leon Coxe retired after 33 years of service
- May 2- OV-10 Broncos from VWO-1 used Lyman Road at MCB Camp Lejeune for short take-offs.
- 10- Joint Civilian Orientation Conference toured the Air Station.
- 14- MCAS(H) began permanent shuttle bus service.
- 23- MCAS(H) New River supported Exercise Solid Shield-79.
- Jun 7- Bloodmobile Drive resulted in nearly twice the needed donations.
- 8- Reserves from Det. B, WES-47 of Whidby Island arrived for active training duty. They began construction of a running track and refurnished "Tent City".
- 21- MCAS(H), New River concluded the Navy Relief Drive upon reaching 103% of goal.



#### 4. Installations/Logistics

##### a. Military Construction (MCON) Projects

- (1) P-226 Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, FY-79. Contract advertized May 1979.
- (2) P-183 Combat Vehicle Maintenance Facility, FY-79. Contact advertized Jun 1979.
- (3) P-703 Building Alternations (Ceiling insulation, blocking windows, incandescent lighting conversion), FY-79. MCB, CLNC Energy Conservation Project which includes Air Station Buildings. Plans & specification 90% complete.
- (4) P-132 MCAS(H)/FMF Units Armoxy, FY-80. Updated.\*
- (5) P-996 Industrial Pollution Abatement, FY-80. MCB, CLNC MCON Project which includes replacement of Air Station Fuel Farm piping and repair/replacement of aircraft wash racks. Being developed by Public Works, MCB, CLNC.
- (6) P-706 Security of Disbursing Offices, FY-80. MCB, CLNC MCON Project included MCAS(H) requirement. MCAS(H) requirement separated per HQMC direction will be submitted as a minor construction project Aug 1979.
- (7) P-324 Transmitter Building, FY-81. Updated.\*
- (8) P-404 Aircraft Maintenance Hangar (MAG-26), FY-83.\*\*
- (9) P-405 Warehouse (Storage/Out of Stores) (MAG-26), FY-83.\*\*
- (10) P-406 Warehouse (General)(MAG-26), FY-83.\*\*
- (11) P-409 Addition to BOQ (AS-705), FY-83.\*\*
- (12) P-410 Bachelor Enlisted Quarters, FY-83.\*\*
- (13) P-411 Hazaddous Flammable Storehouse, FY-83.\*\*
- (14) P-125 Dental Clinic, FY-83.\*\*



- (15) P-305 Conversion to Joint Admin Facility (Bldg-AS-216) and Conversion to Group Headquarters (Bldg-AS-217), FY-82. Updated.
- (16) P-133 Gymnasium, FY-85. Updated.
- (17) P-354 Ordnance Magazine Area, FY-83. Updated.\*
- (18) P-358 Hazardous and Flammable Storehouse, FY-83. Updated.\*
- (19) P-357 General Warehouse (MAG-29), FY-84. Updated.
- (20) P-401 Correction of Fire Deficiencies, Unprogrammed. Being developed by Public Works, MCB, CLNC.

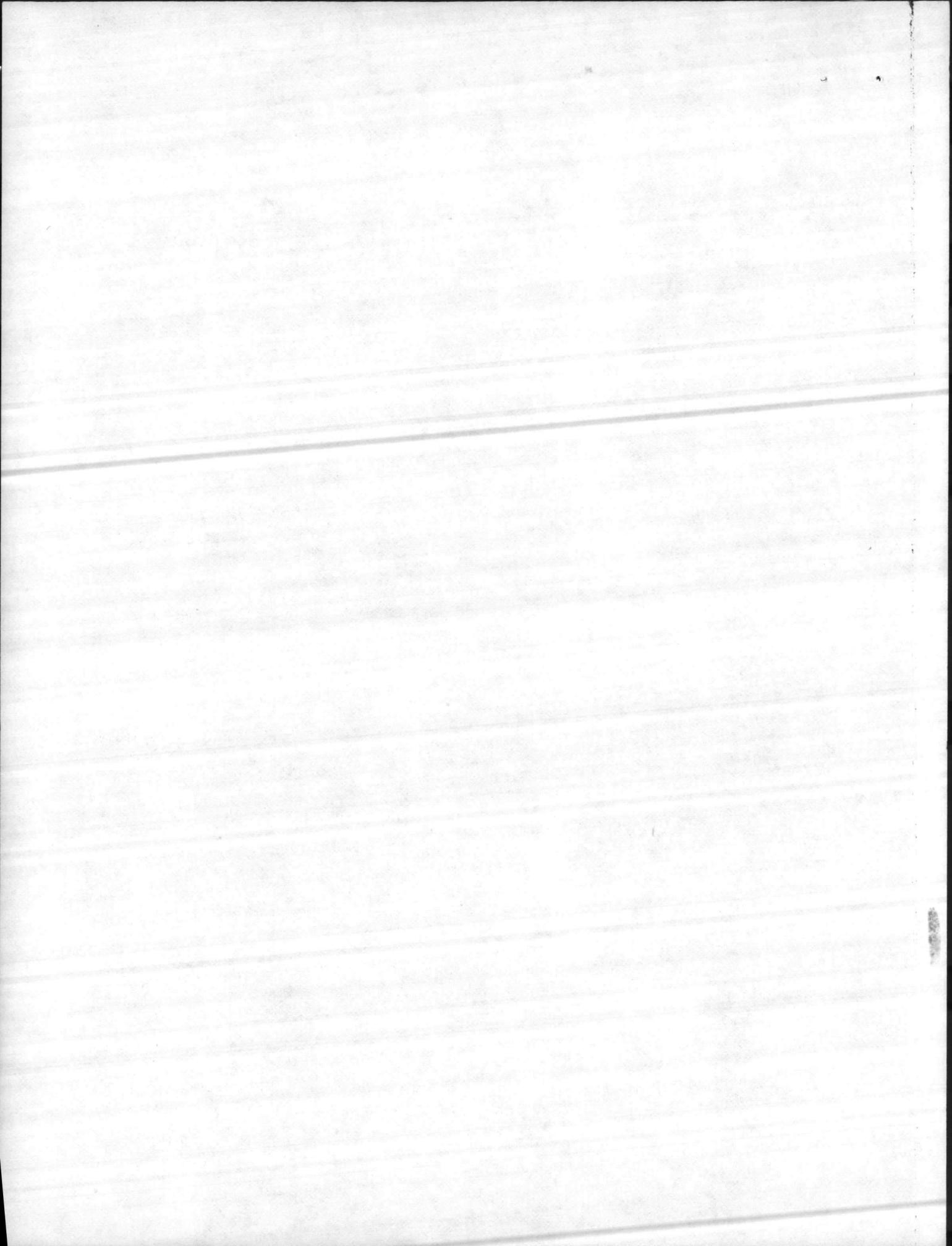
\* The 30 June 1979 Annual Facilities and Programming Submission which included these projects, update each one in accordance with CMC ltr LFF-1-LAW:bab dtd 11 May 1979.

\*\* Helicopter reorganization submissions pending CMC guidance.

#### b. Minor Construction

The following projects were included in the Annual Minor Construction Submission for FY-80 forwarded to CMC (Code LFF-1) on 29 December 1978:

- (1) P-761 Control Tower Improvement
- (2) P-419 Hydraulic Shop
- (3) P-393 Helicopter Internal Stores Storage
- (4) P-418 Power/Righting for MATCU'S
- (5) P-417 Battery Shop
- (6) P-395 Pave GSE Parking Areas
- (7) P-420 Pave Parking Area
- (8) P-300 Pave Perimeter Rd., CPN4A Rd., & Construct BEQ Access Rd.



- (9) P-622 Railroad Crossing Improvement
- (10) P-222 Construct Station Sidewalks
- (11) P-302 Construct Chapel Bell Tower
- (12) P-325 400HZ power for Avionics Shop AS-4141

c. Exigent Minor Construction

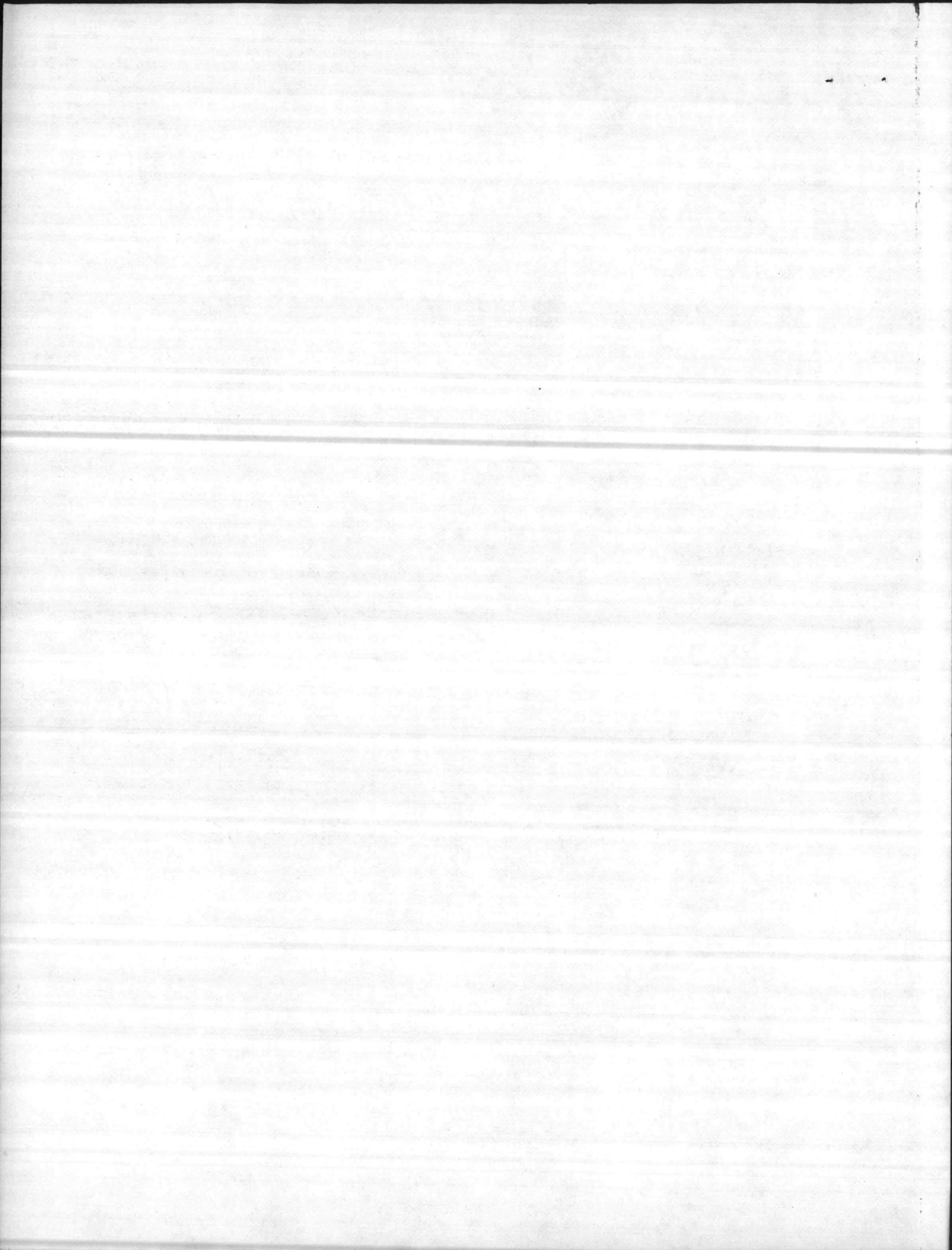
P-412 Addition to Flight Simulator Building, FY-80.  
Plans and specification 30% complete.

d. Major Repair

- (1) HQMC-9056 Repairs to Bldg-AS-226, Dining Facility. Working, estimated completion date 1 October 1979.
- (2) HQMC-9054 Structural Repairs/Replace Air-Conditioner in AS-208, Enlisted Men's Club. Contract award July 1979.
- (3) HQMC-9051 Rebuild Sub-Station. A/E Contract awarded 13 March 1979.
- (4) HQMC-9057 Replace Fire Alarm Equipment. Approved for FY-79. Plans and Specifications being developed by the Public Works, MCB, CLNC.
- (5) HQMC-9053 Replace Hangar Roof, Hangar-AS-504. Working Estimated completion date 30 October 1979.
- (6) HQMC-9052 Airfield Pavement-Runway (Oak Grove, 18-36).
- (7) HQMC-9055 Electrical/Mechanical/Structural Repairs, Hangar-AS-4108. Working Estimated completion date June 1980.

e. Special Repair

HQMC-9058 Replace Fuel Storage Tanks AS-526 and AS-527 (C&D Tanks). Contract advertized in July 1979.



Repair to Taxiway "A". Contract advertized in June 1979. Contract will be awarded August 1979.

Repairs to Taxiway "B". Follow-on test by LANTDIV to be conducted when equipment is available.

f. Special Projects

- (1) Conversion of Existing Space AS-211 into Space for Navy Relief Society. Completed Jan 1979.
- (2) Conversion of Existing Space AS-216 into Space for Naval Investigative Service. Completed Jan 1979.
- (3) Other projects being developed for conversion of BEQ space into administrative space:
  - (a) Air Station Disbursing-1st Deck, AS-211.
  - (b) HMS Office/Training, 2nd Deck, AS-216.
  - (c) DAAC, Joint Career Planners, Education, Counter Intelligence Team, Area Auditor, 3rd Deck, AS-216.
  - (d) Crash Crew Vehicle Maintenance Pad. Completed January 1979.

g. Housing Projects

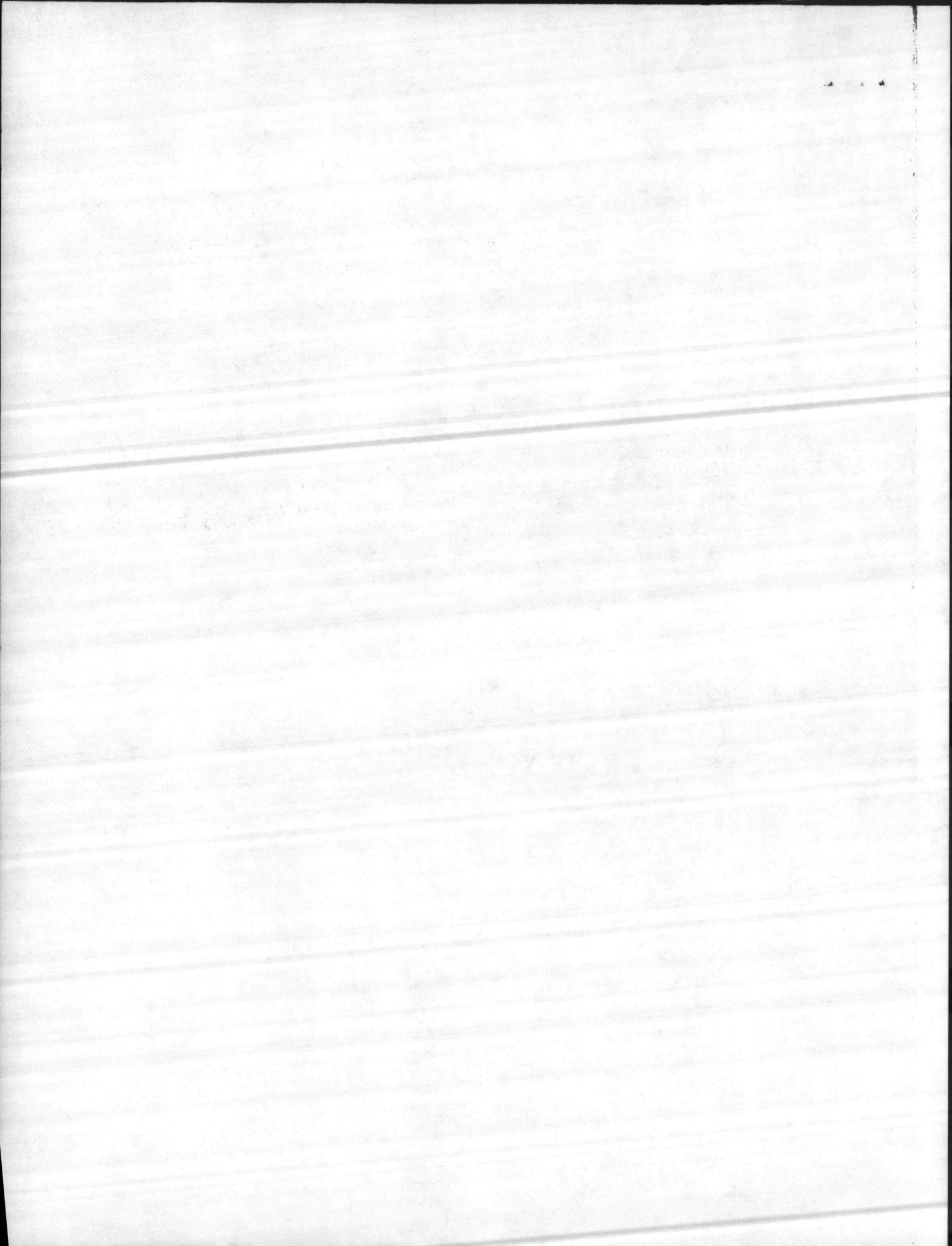
Installation of Smoke Detectors, Family Housing. Ongoing.

h. Non-Appropriate Fund Construction Projects

P-178. Enlisted Men's Club (E-1 through E-5). A/E contract awarded June 1979.

i. Demolition of Substandard Facilities

- (1) AS-842. Saluting Gun Battery. Completed January 1979. Guns donated one each to FRA and VFW.
- (2) AS-577. Completed February 1979.
- (3) AS-828. Completed May 1979.
- (4) AS-833. Completed June 1979.



J. Supply

(1) Modifications to Facilities

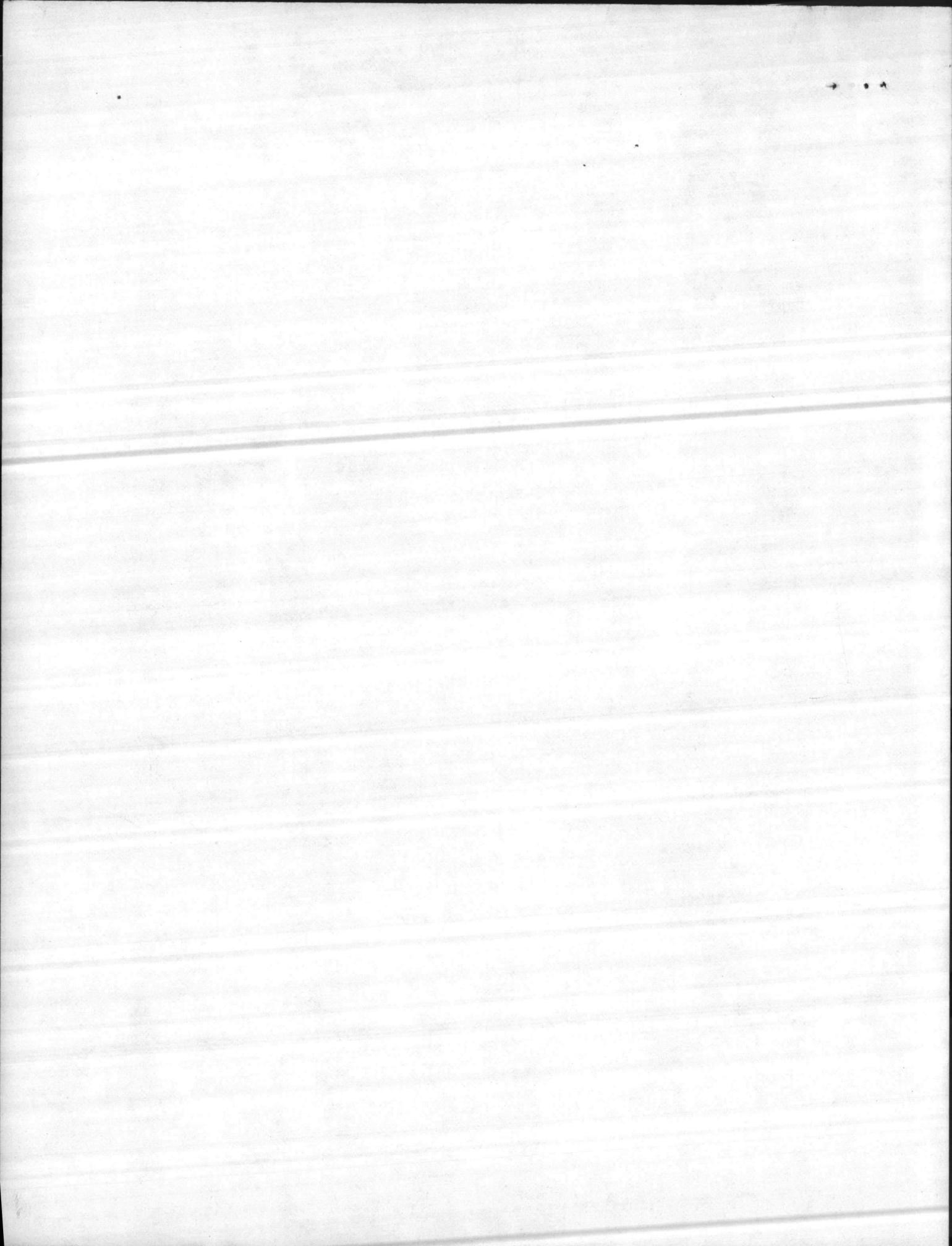
- (a) The Univac 90/30 (3rd Generation Computer) became operational replacing the Burroughs and Mohawk Systems decreasing "down time" and adding new capabilities.

(2) Fuel Farm Operations

- (a) The fuel farm released a total of 5,391,002 gallons of JP-5; 65,864 gallons of AVGAS; and 168,681 gallons of MOGAS.

5. Command Relations With Other Military Organizations in the Immediate Area. Command relations with other military organizations in the Jacksonville area is one of mutual support and reciprocal cooperation in all areas where command functions overlap. This mutual support has evolved through experience and has resulted in harmonious working relationships.

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
(HELICOPTER)  
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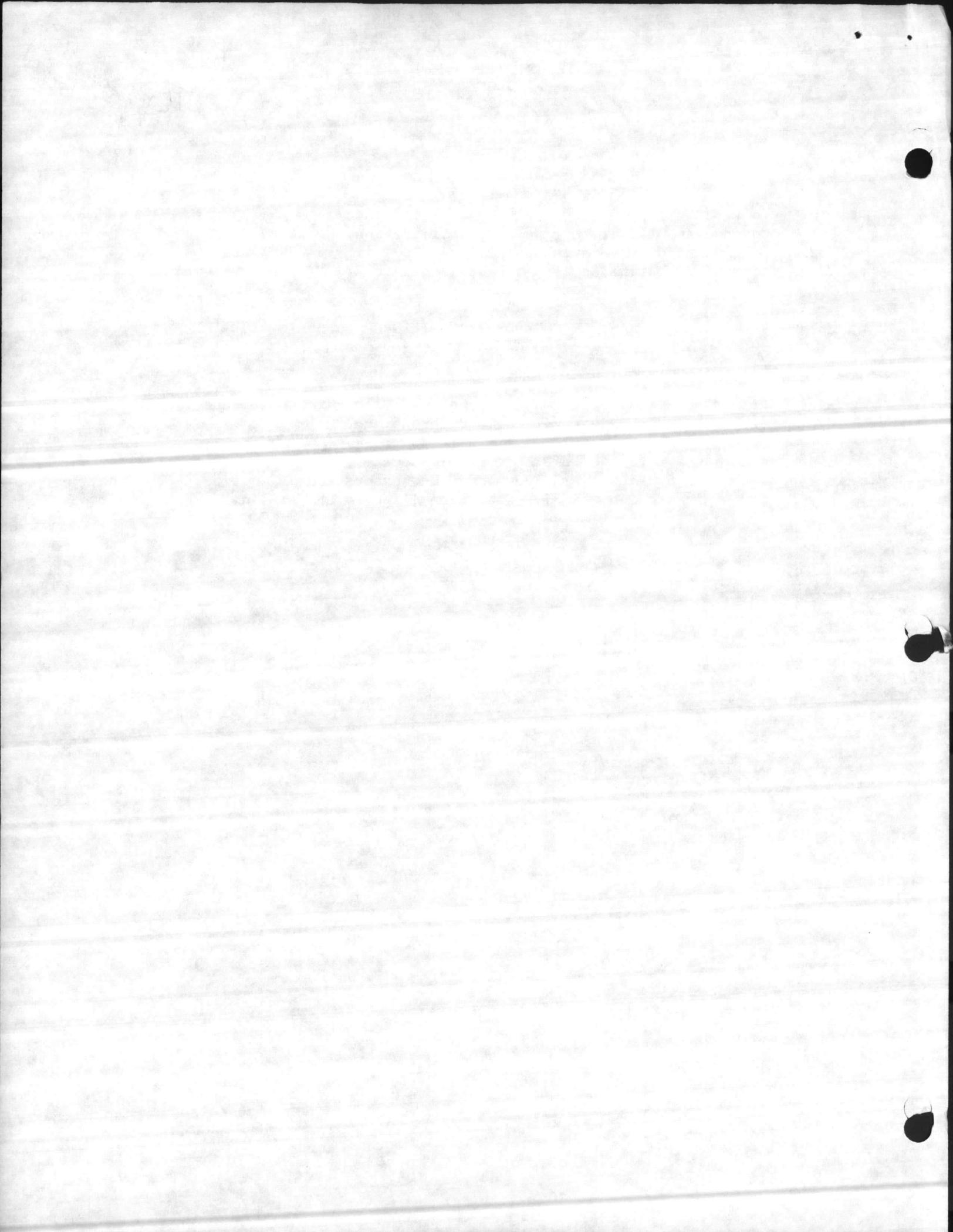
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Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1E

Encl: (1) MCAS New River Command Chronology 1 Jan through 30 June 1985  
(2) H&HS, MCAS New River Command Chronology

1. In accordance with the reference, enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted for Marine Corps Air Station, New River and Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 JAN THROUGH 30 JUNE 1985

SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

- a. The Reporting Unit Code (RUC) is 02021.
- b. The Table of Organization (T/O) number is 8461.

The period covered by this report is 1 January through 30 June 1985. MCAS New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

2. Personnel Information

a. Commanding Officer

DONALD A. HODGEN	COL	1 JAN - 19 JUN 85
BILL D. WADDELL	COL	20 JUN - 30 JUN 85

b. Subordinate Commanders

Commanding Officer, HQHQRON

TONY L. WINSTEAD	MAJ	1 JAN - 25 JUN 85
DONALD L. DAVIS	MAJ	26 JUN - 30 JUN 85

c. Principal Staff Members

Executive Officer

JAMES E. VAN GORDER, JR.	LTCOL	1 JAN - 2 JUN 85
NEIL J. BROSS	LTCOL	3 JUN - 30 JUN 85

Executive Officer, HQHQRON

KENNETH D. BONNER	CAPT	1 JAN - 28 MAY 85
JACK B. RICHARDSON	CAPT	29 MAY - 30 JUN 85

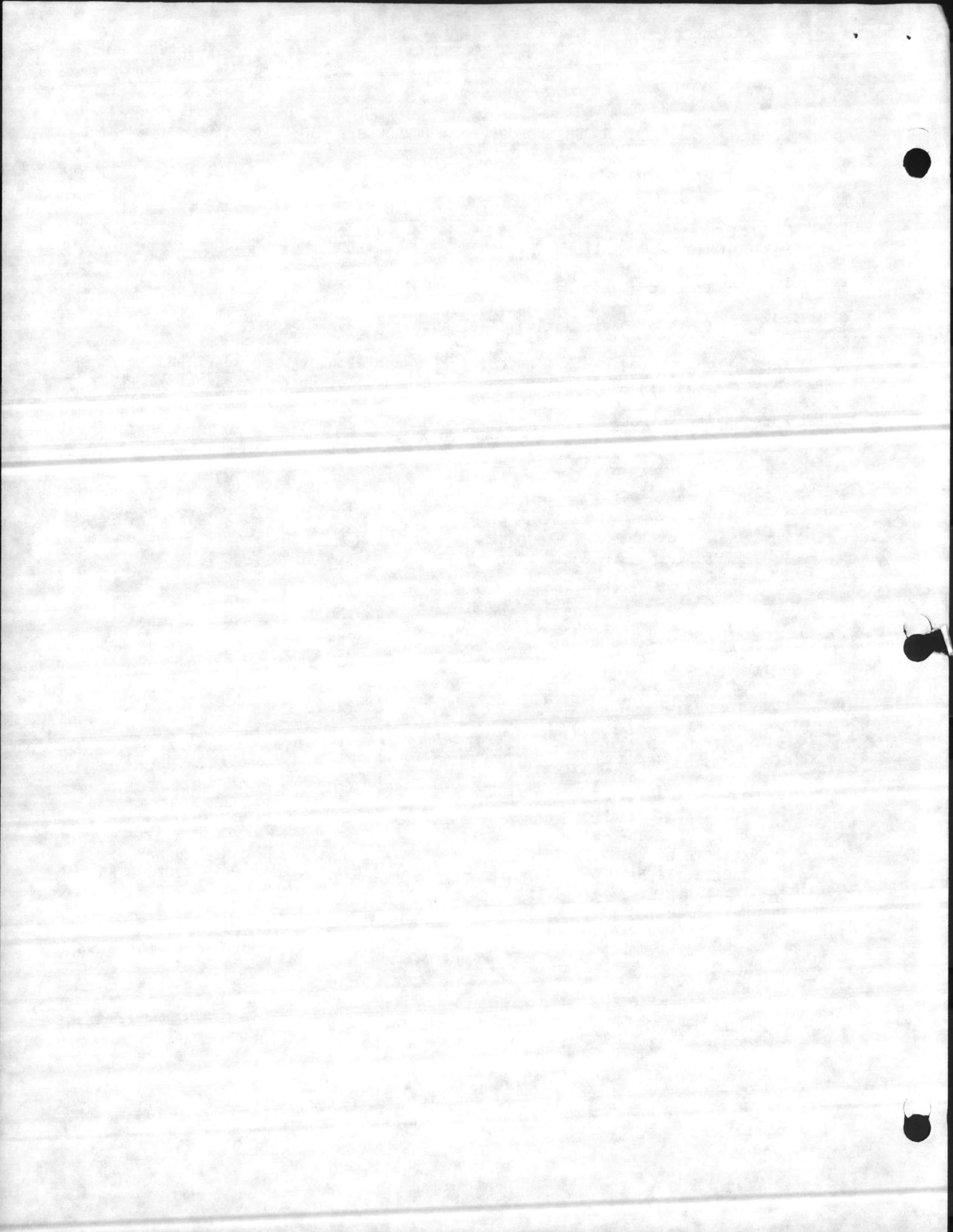
S-1 Officer

HENRY A. DETERING	LTCOL	1 JAN - 30 JUN 85
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S-3 Officer

NEIL J. BROSS	LTCOL	1 JAN - 1 JUN 85
TED L. QUINTER	LTCOL	2 JUN - 30 JUN 85

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S-4 Officer

ROBERT S. MURRAY LTCOL 1 JAN - 30 JUN 85

Adjutant

RALPH STURGEON, Jr. CAPT 1 JAN - 30 JUN 85

Senior Chaplain

ELI H. CAMPBELL CAPT, USN 1 JAN - 30 JUN 85

Catholic Chaplain

RAYMOND A. ROY CAPT, USN 1 JAN - 24 APR 85  
EDWARD C. LEIS CDR, USN 25 APR - 30 JUN 85

Protestant Chaplain

DAVID D. REED LT, USNR 1 JAN - 23 JUN 85  
DONALD J. EACK LCDR, USN 24 JUN - 30 JUN 85

Comm/Elect Officer

DANA A. WHITEHOUSE CAPT 1 JAN - 30 JUN 85

Budget/Accounting Officer

MRS. EULA S. ENNETT GS-11 1 JAN - 30 JUN 85

Food Services Officer

ROBERT E. SCHUMANN CAPT 1 JAN - 30 JUN 85

Ground Safety Officer

MRS. MARY W. WHEAT GS-11 1 JAN - 30 JUN 85

Provost Marshal

ROBERT S. STREET CAPT 1 JAN - 30 JUN 85

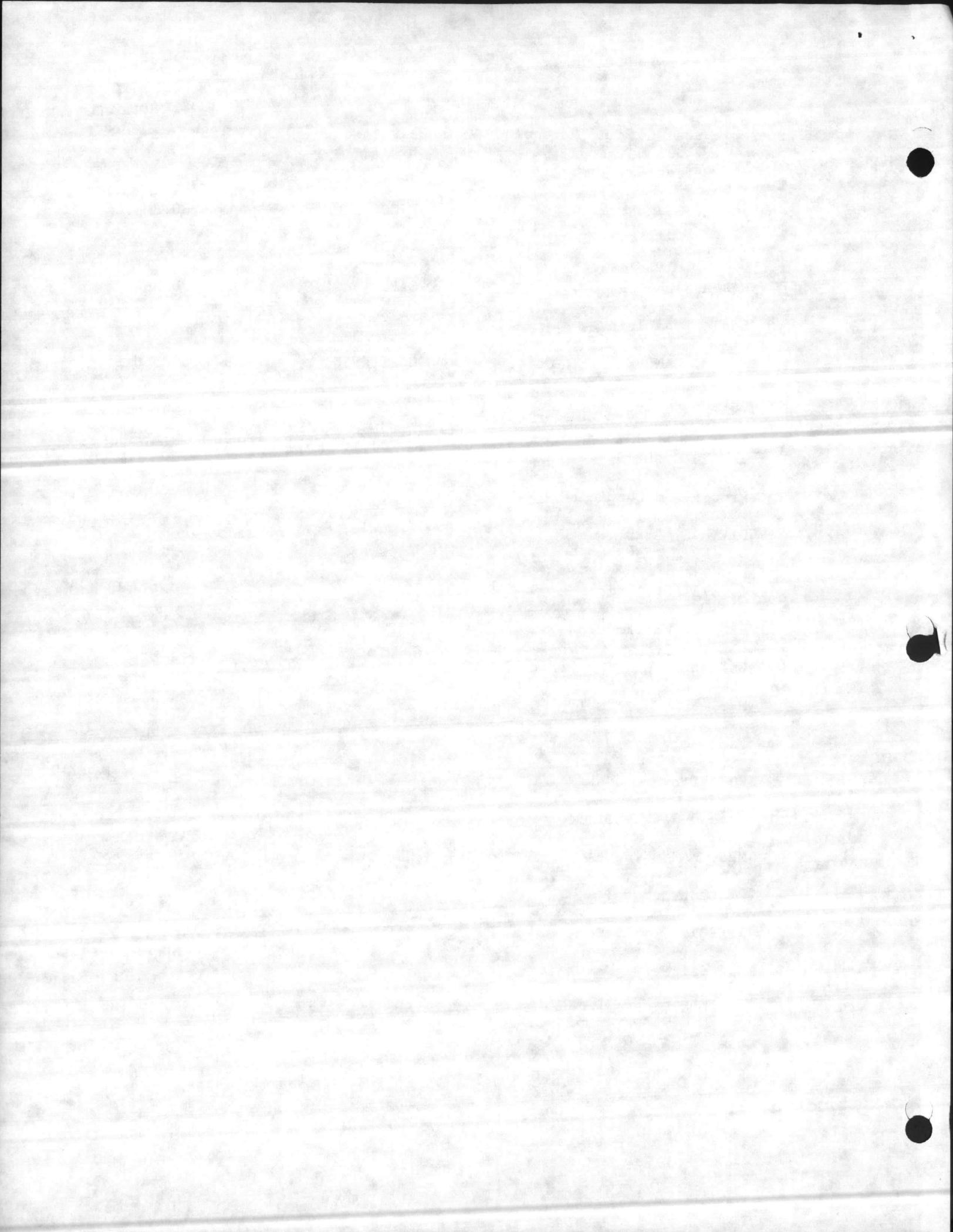
Special Services Officer

MR. DON G. MOORE GS-11 1 JAN - 30 JUN 85

Family Services Officer

DAVID F. SHERRY CAPT 1 JAN - 16 JUN 85  
ROBERT R. FRANCIS MAJ 17 JUN - 30 JUN 85

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Drug and Alcohol Officer

JOE A. KELLEHER	MAJ	1 JAN - 15 JAN 85
DAVID F. SHERRY	CAPT	16 JAN - 16 JUN 85
ROBERT R. FRANCIS	MAJ	17 JUN - 30 JUN 85

Supply Officer

GREGORY W. STANLEY	CAPT	1 JAN - 30 JUN 85
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Director of Safety and Standardization

ROBERT A. YASKOVIC	MAJ	1 JAN - 10 JUN 85
MICHAEL J. LARKIN	MAJ	11 JUN - 30 JUN 85

Aviation Safety Officer

MICHAEL J. LARKIN	MAJ	1 JAN - 30 JUN 85
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NATOPS Officer

WILLIAM N. BUMGARNER	CAPT	1 JAN - 30 JUN 85
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Historical Officer

NORMA S. STEWART	CAPT	1 JAN - 28 MAR 85
LLOYD M HEKHUIS	MAJ	29 MAR - 5 JUN 85
TRACY E. HEUMAN	WO-1	6 JUN - 30 JUN 85

Sergeant Major

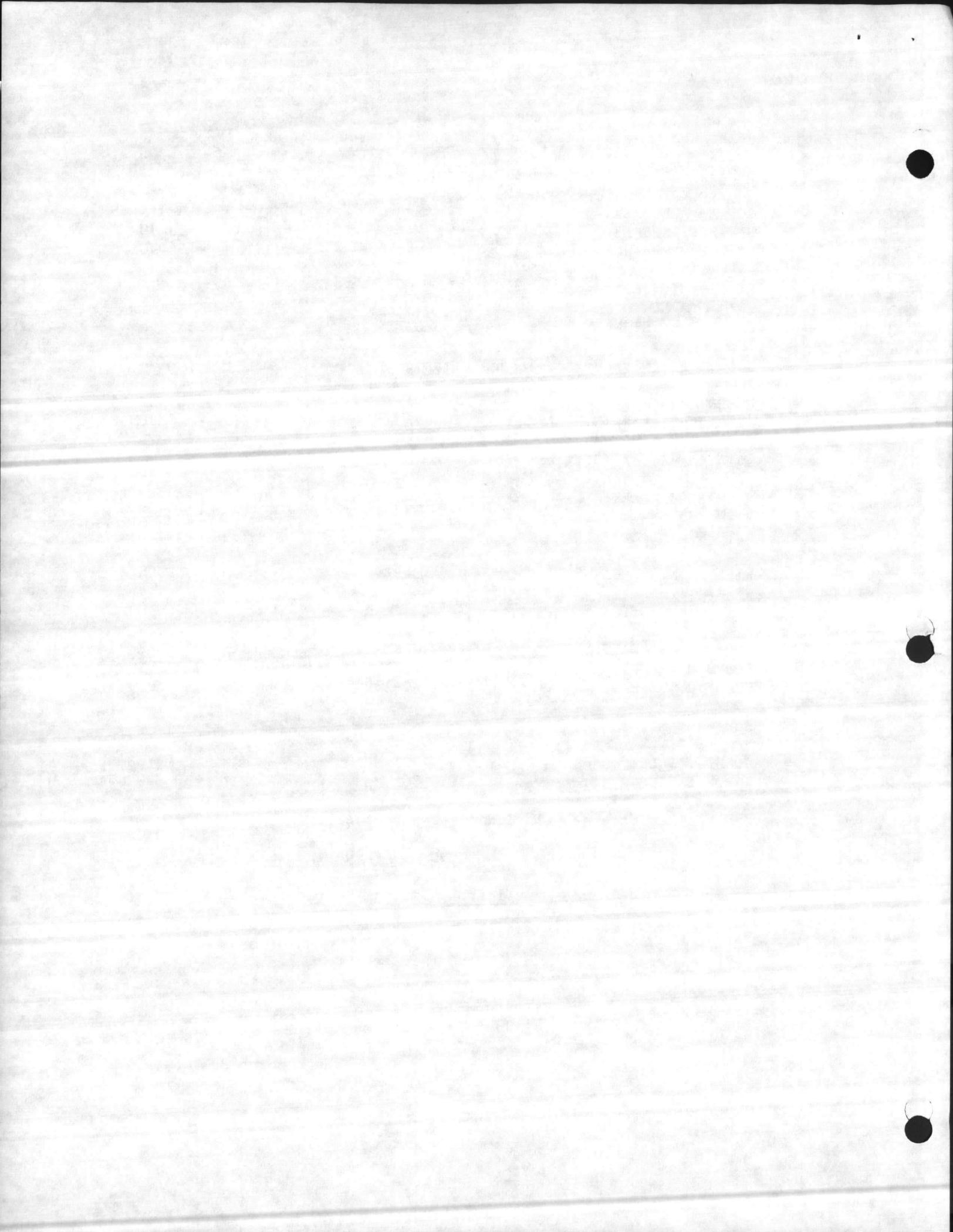
JOHN A. SULLIVAN	SGT MAJ	1 JAN - 2 MAY 85
RAMON ESPINOSA	SGT MAJ	3 MAY - 30 JUN 85

3. Average Monthly Strength (Includes FAP personnel):

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
January	51	575	3	5
February	51	577	3	5
March	54	579	3	4
April	55	576	3	6
May	55	607	3	6
June	56	628	4	9

4. Equipment: Two UC-12B aircraft assigned 1 January through 30 June 85.

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SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Command, Operations, and Training

1. The assigned mission of MCAS New River is to maintain and operate facilities and provide services and material to support the operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

2. In support of the assigned mission, the Station sections performed the following operations.

a. Air Traffic Control during 2417.5 field operating hours conducted.

10,307 Instrument Operations  
50,308 Visual Flight Operations  
1,872 Special Visual Operations  
68,853 Total Controlled Operations

b. Weather Services maintained a 24 hour daily forecast and observational program. Forecasts are produced and disseminated locally and electronically transmitted to other military stations via the Air Force teletype system. Observations are taken, recorded and disseminated in the same manner as the forecasts. Observational records are mailed on a monthly basis to the National Weather Records Center, Asheville, North Carolina, for compiling climatology for this Station.

The Weather Services Accomplished:

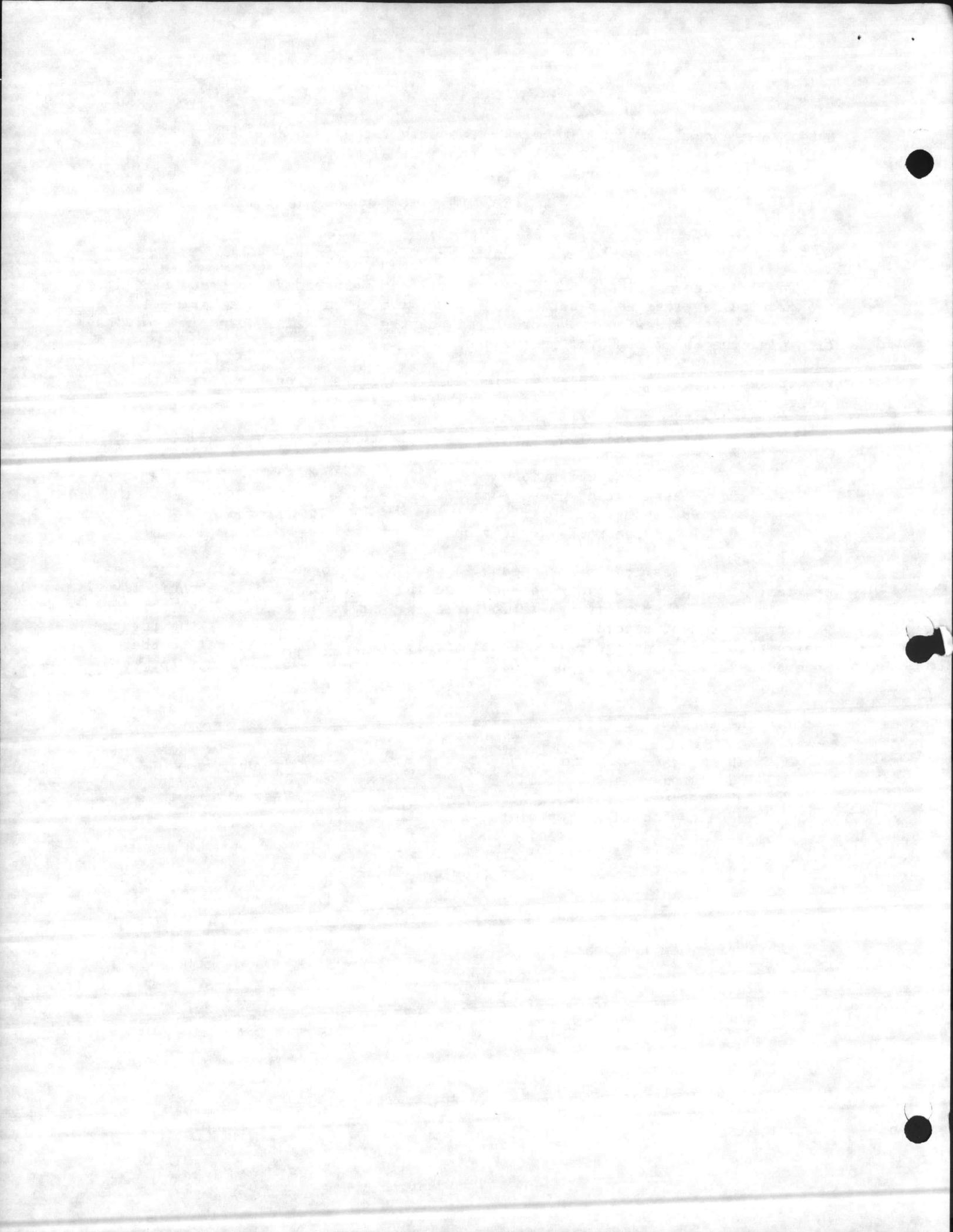
729 Instrument Flight Forecasts  
323 Visual Flight Forecasts  
225 Destructive Weather Warnings for Camp Lejeune/New River complex  
33 Astrological/Climatological Presentations  
Daily Blast Forecast  
Daily Forest Fire Weather Forecast  
Monthly Climatology Astronomical Tidal Computations

c. Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue responded to:

0 Aircraft Accidents  
27 Aircraft Emergencies  
72 Fuel Spills  
10 Medical Evacuation Flights  
1 Structural Fire Alarms  
1 Vehicle Accident  
2 Forest Fires

A total of 2224.7 hours were spent manning the Immediate Response Alert position.

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d. The Visiting Aircraft Line (VAL) handled:

2405 Aircraft  
4791 Total Passengers  
861 VIP Passengers  
1,021,644 Pounds of Cargo  
233 Aircraft in excess of 60,000 lb gross weight

e. The Station Fuels Division dispensed:

78,284 gallons of MOGAS  
3,897,164 gallons of JP-5

f. The Training and Audio Visual Support Center.

6 January 85 - Photo Lab transferred to TAVSC from PAO  
12 June 85 - CT - 5A Visual system on CH 53E simulator accepted by  
government and ready for training.

g. Flight Operations performed by the Station's two UC-12B aircraft consisted of 610 mission flights for 745 hours and 96 training flights for 188 hours.

3. Training/Support

a. The Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Division accomplished 11,879.9 man hours of technical training and conducted 23 static displays/firefighting demonstrations for visitors aboard the Air Station.

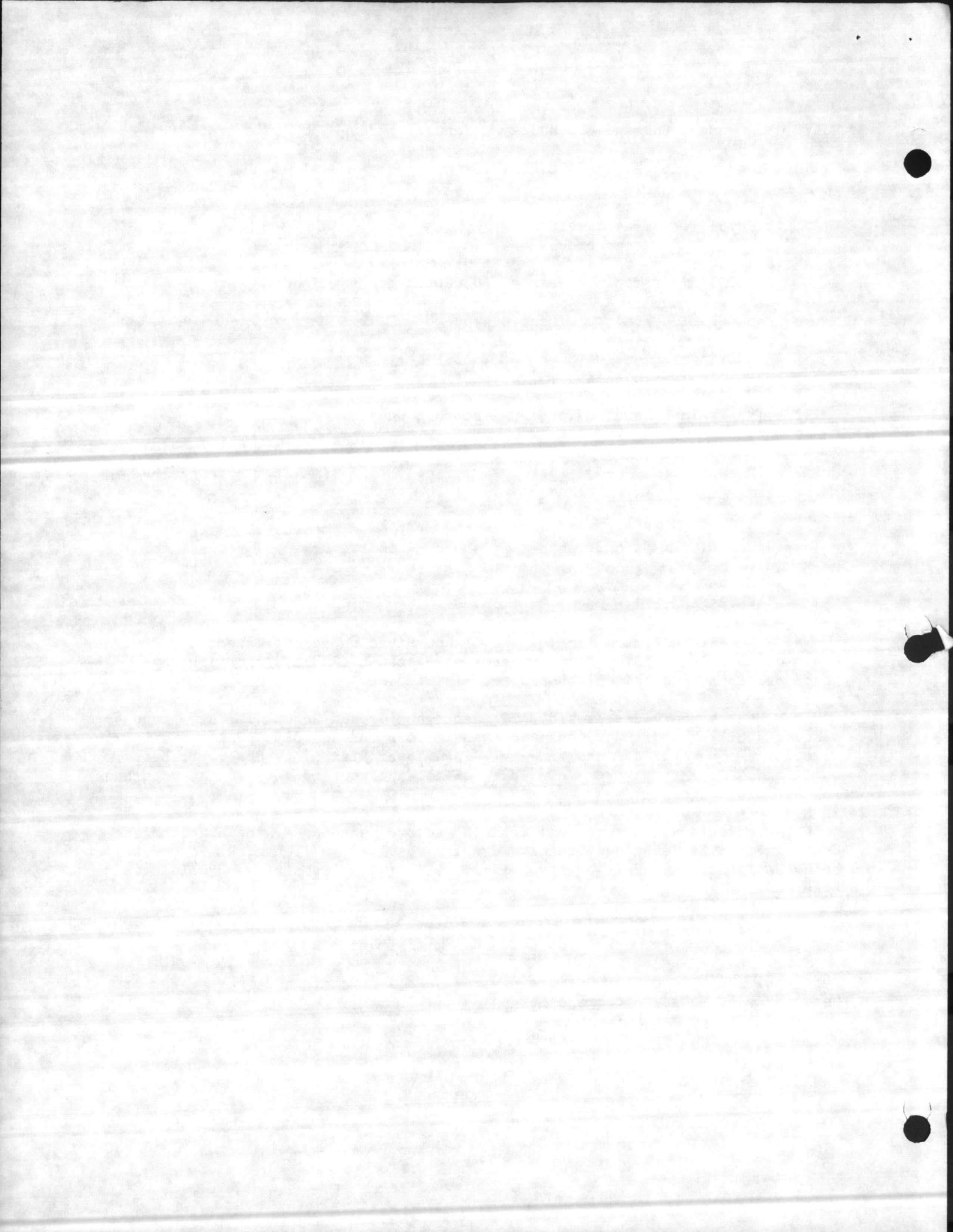
b. Weather Services provided 12 Instrument Ground School lectures, and 4 weather facility tours for tenant command pilots and schools. Tower visibility classes were conducted resulting in 19 new Tower Visibility Observers being certified. An extensive training program is in effect to keep assigned personnel abreast of changes within their MOS.

c. The supervised technical training accomplished under the Air Traffic Control Facility Technical Training Program resulted in 11 hardskilled MOSs being assigned. In addition, there were 36 individual position qualifications attained.

Personnel and Administration

Personnel information (promotions, awards, etc.) is contained in Headquarters & Headquarters, Squadron Command Chronology.

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Medical

All assigned medical personnel (3 Off/4 Enl) are currently attached to Naval Hospital, MCAS New River Branch Clinic.

Logistics/Supply

a. Military Construction (MCON) Projects

(1) P-282, Enlisted Dining Facility Addition. Contract awarded 15 October 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 23 Jan 86.

(2) P-327, Radar Air Traffic Control Facility. Contract awarded 26 February 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 20 July 1985.

(3) P-358, Hazardous/Flammable Storage Facility. Contract awarded 22 May 1985. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 2 May 1986.

b. Minor Construction

(1) NR301R, BSQ Improvements, AS-702 & AS-704. Contract awarded 26 June 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 13 November 1985.

(2) NR303R, PME Storage Building. Completed 28 February 1985.

(3) NR305R, Aircraft Arming/Dearming Pad. Completed 30 May 1985.

(4) NR404R, Marina Bathhouse. Completed 10 June 1985.

(5) NR501R, Family Services Center. CMC authority to advertise.

(6) NR502R, Child Care Center. CMC authority to advertise.

(7) NR511R, Security Fence and Lighting. CMC authority to advertise.

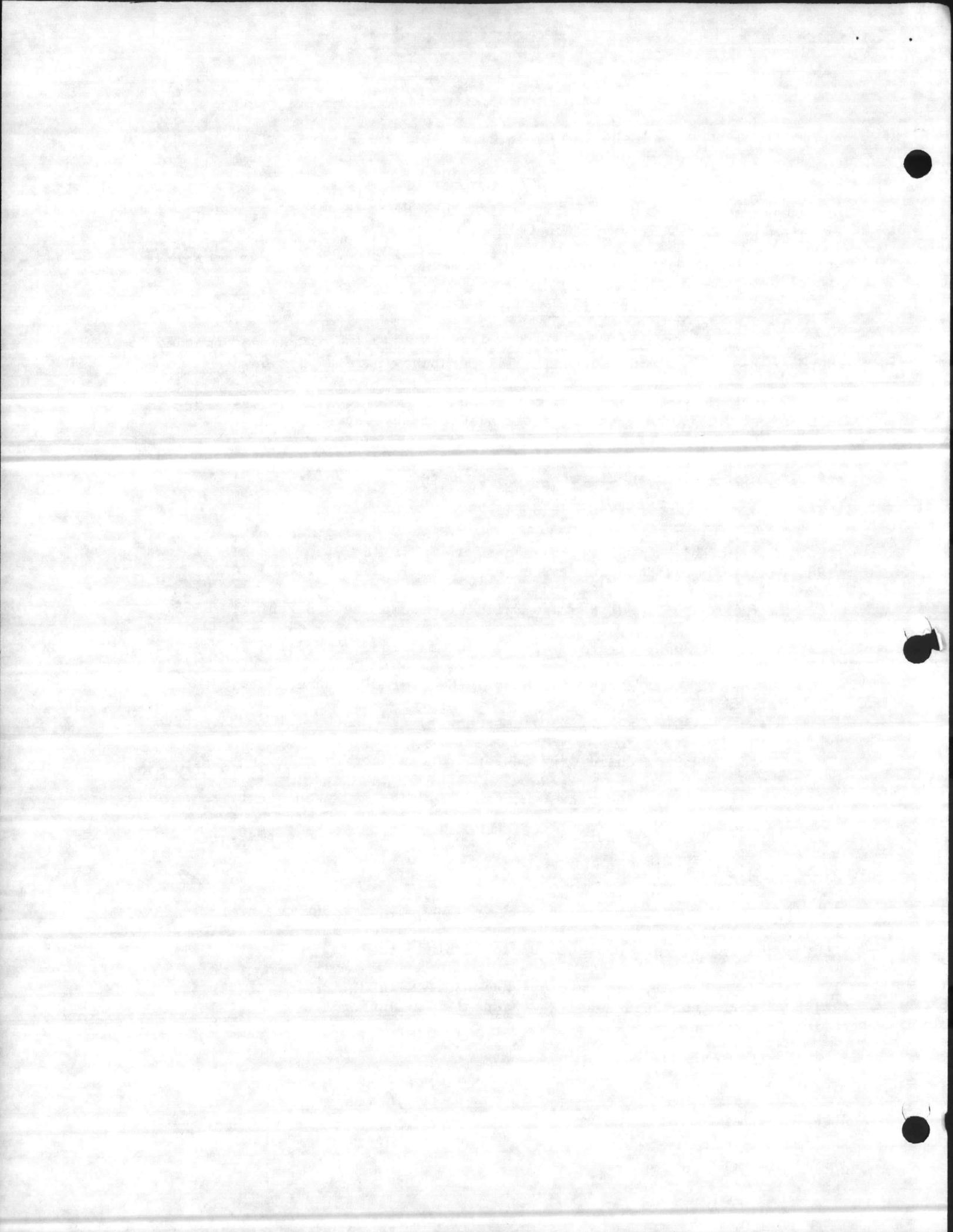
(8) NR512R, Security Cage. CMC authority to advertise.

c. Major Repair

(1) NR008M, Replace Fire Alarm Equipment. Contract awarded 28 September 1982. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date undetermined at this time pending three change orders. Project running behind schedule.

(2) NR204M, Renovate/Upgrade BSQ, AS-702 & AS-704. Project combined with NR301R. Contract awarded 26 June 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 13 November 1985.

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(3) NR302M, Replace Economizers (Boilers 16, 17 & 18), AS-4151. Contract bids opened 14 July 1983. Bids rejected - to be readvertised.

(4) NR501M, Replace JP-5 Fuel Line from Storage to Day Tanks. Contract completed 24 January 1985.

(5) NR502MS, Repair Storm Culvert. Contract awarded 3 December 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 31 July 1985.

(6) 82-2321, Electrical & Structural Repairs, Miscellaneous (MCB & MCAS). Contract awarded 14 February 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 1 September 1985.

(7) 83-5885, Replace Roofs, Miscellaneous AS-4100, AS-320 & AS-4122. Completed 12 April 1985.

(8) 84-7844, Miscellaneous Paving & Repairs (PMC & Schmidt Street). Contract awarded 28 September 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 8 October 1985.

(9) 84-7857, Replace Steam Generator, AS-710. Contract awarded 19 March 1985. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 29 December 1985.

(10) 84-7864, Replace Auxiliary Engine, AS-2003. Contract awarded 28 September 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 6 September 1985.

(11) 84-7897, Repair Electrical Distribution System. Contract awarded 14 March 1985. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 25 October 1985.

(12) 84-7898, Humidity-Temperature Improvements Building, AS-4106. Contract awarded 31 January 1985, Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 13 July 1985.

(13) 84-7901, Provide Sprinkler System Addition, AS-424. Contract awarded 26 March 1985. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 22 September 1985.

(14) 84-7936, Interior Painting of Family Housing. Contract awarded 27 August 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 6 September 1985.

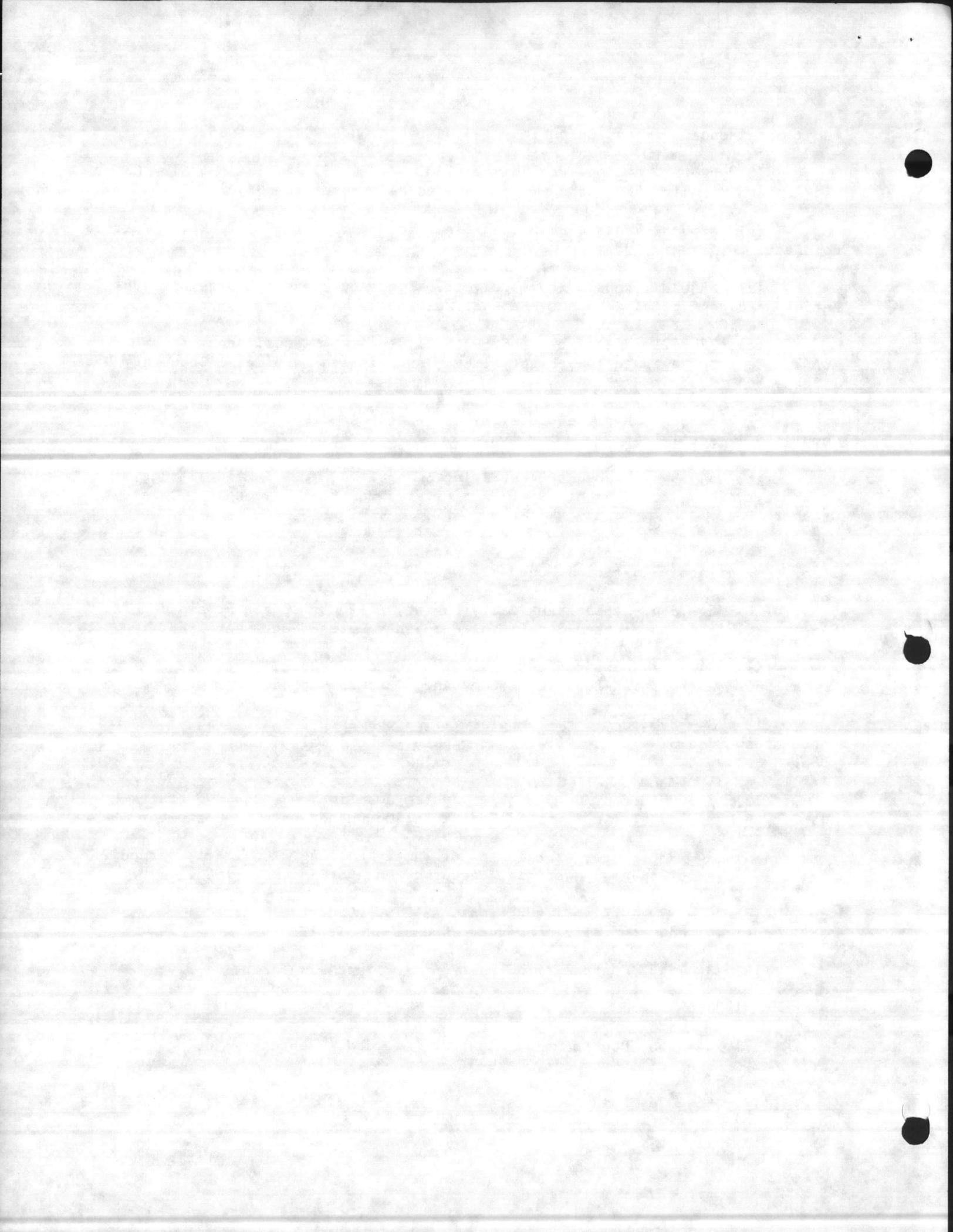
(15) 84-7939, Office Alterations, AS-216. Contract awarded 15 November 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 31 August 1985.

(16) 84-7953, Central Air Conditioning Flight Simulator, AS-320. Contract awarded 8 March 1985. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 19 September 1985.

(17) 84-7956, Dog Kennels. Contract awarded 4 February 1985. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 31 July 1985.

(18) 85-6326, Paint Interior & Exterior. Contract awarded 25 June 1985. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 6 May 1986.

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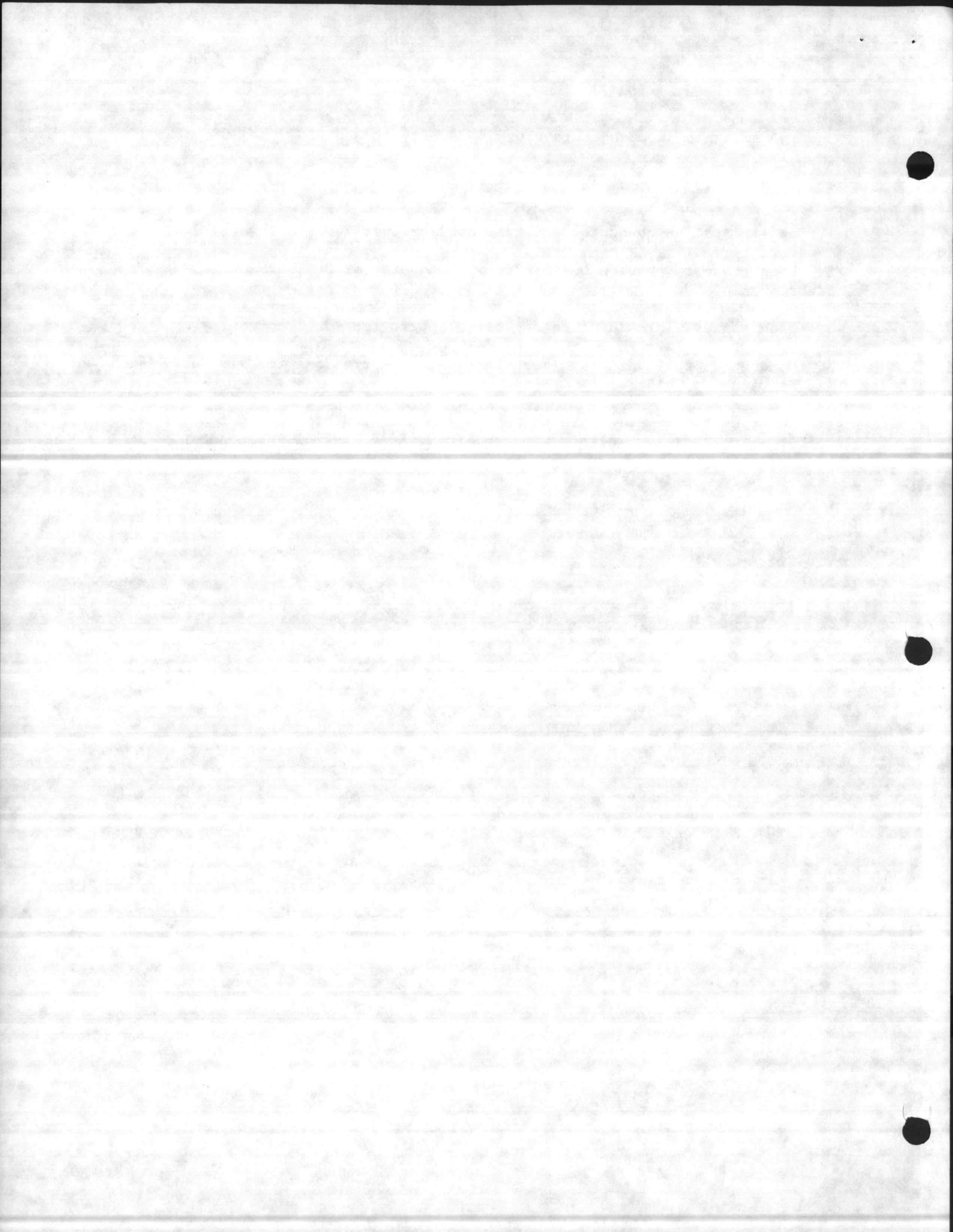


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Civic Action

1. The Air Station conducted 4 tours, hosting over 749 visitors.
2. Upon request, provide UC-12 aircraft support for Onslow Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, NC.
3. Upon request, provide fire fighting support for local community.
4. Conducted Static Displays/Firefighting Demonstrations for visitors aboard the Air Station.
5. Numerous tours were given to Scouts, school students, and potential re-enlistees to familiarize them with an Air Traffic Control environment.

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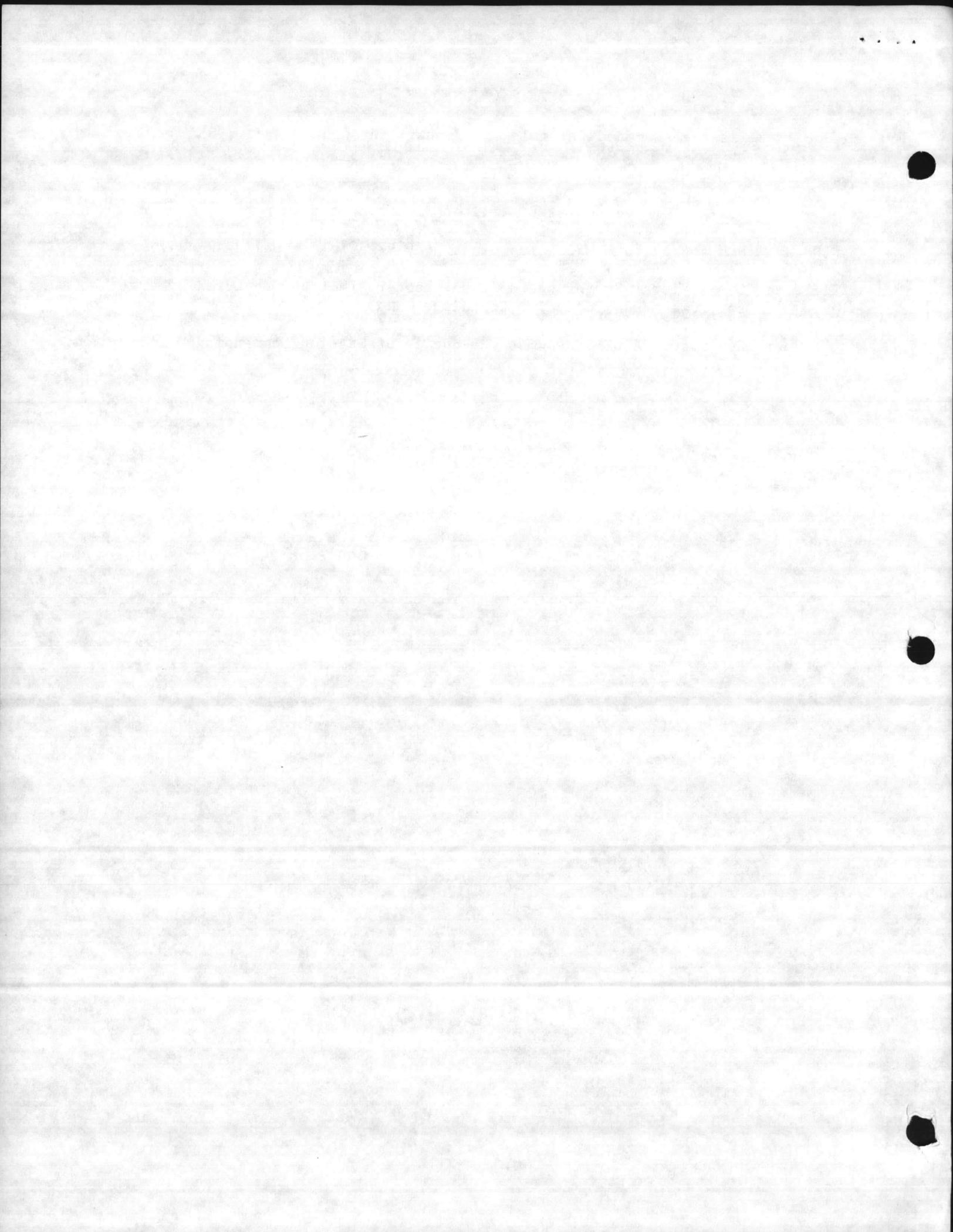
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Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- 30 May HMH-464 performs first combination LAV/Aerial refueling maneuver.
- 12 June CT-5A Visual System on CH53E Helicopter simulator accepted by the government and ready for training.
- 20 June Col B. D. WADDELL assumes the duties of Station Commanding Officer from Col D. A. HODGEN.

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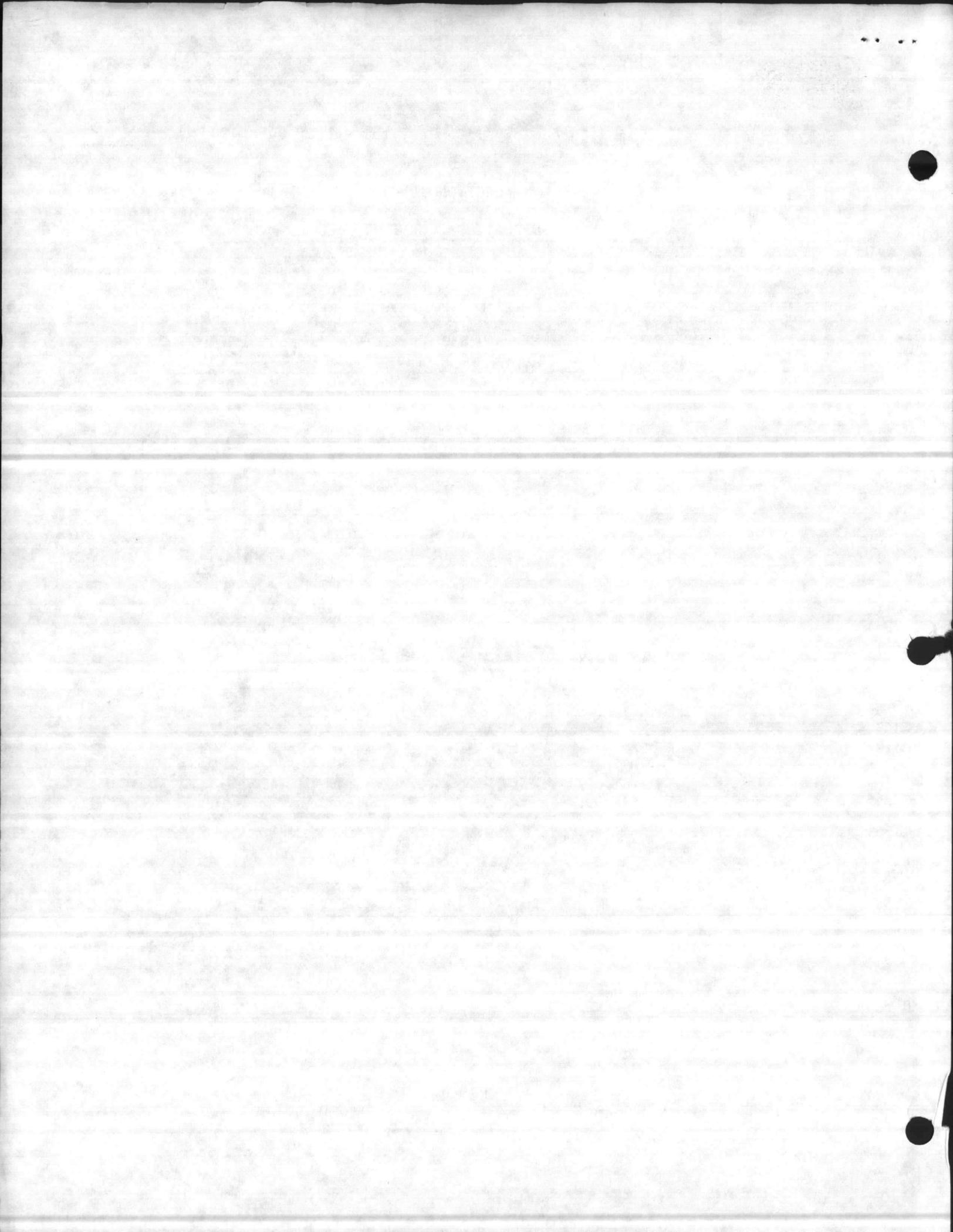
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None

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(HELICOPTER)  
NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE  
NORTH CAROLINA 28545

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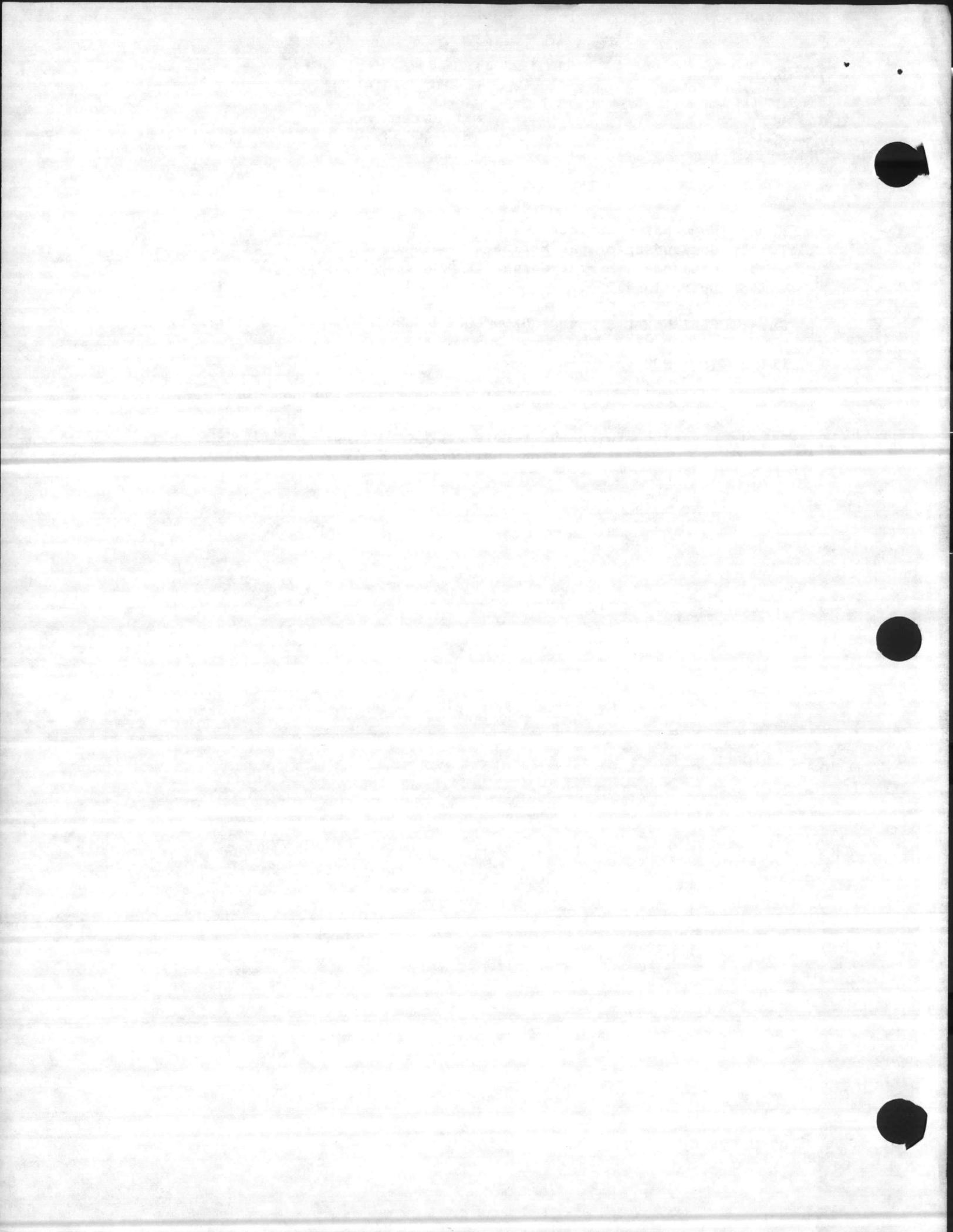
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1. In accordance with the reference, the enclosure contains the subject report for Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter), New River, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

DONALD A. HODGEN



COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 JANUARY THROUGH 30 JUNE 1984

## SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (HELICOPTER), NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
  - a. The Reporting Unit Code (RUC) is 02020.
  - b. The Table of Organization (T/O) number is 8461.

The period covered by this report is 1 January through 30 June 1984.  
MCAS(H) New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

2. Personnel Informationa. Commanding Officer

DONALD A. HODGEN	COL	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
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b. Subordinate Commanders

Commanding Officer, HQHQRON

TONY L. WINSTEAD	MAJ	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
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c. Principal Staff Members

Executive Officer

JAMES E. VAN GORDER, JR.	LTCOL	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
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S-1 Officer

WILLIAM W. SCHEFFLER	LTCOL	1 Jan - 25 Jun 84
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LINDA L. LAMMERS	2DLT	26 Jan - 30 Jun 84
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S-3 Officer

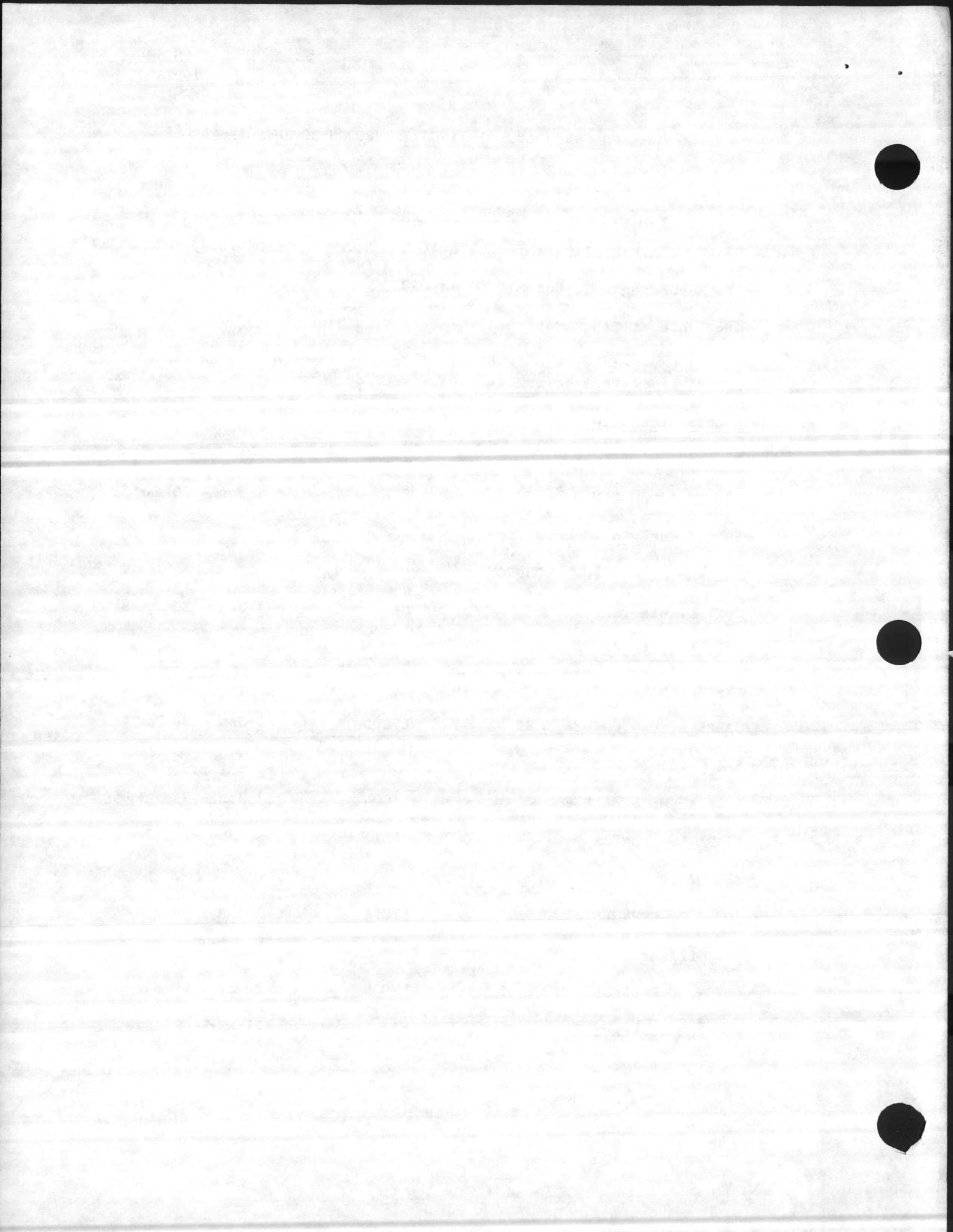
LOUIS C. STENGEL	LTCOL	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
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S-4 Officer

GLENN W. RUSSELL	LTCOL	1 Jan - 20 Mar 84
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MICHAEL J. LEAHEY	MAJ	21 Mar - 30 Jun 84
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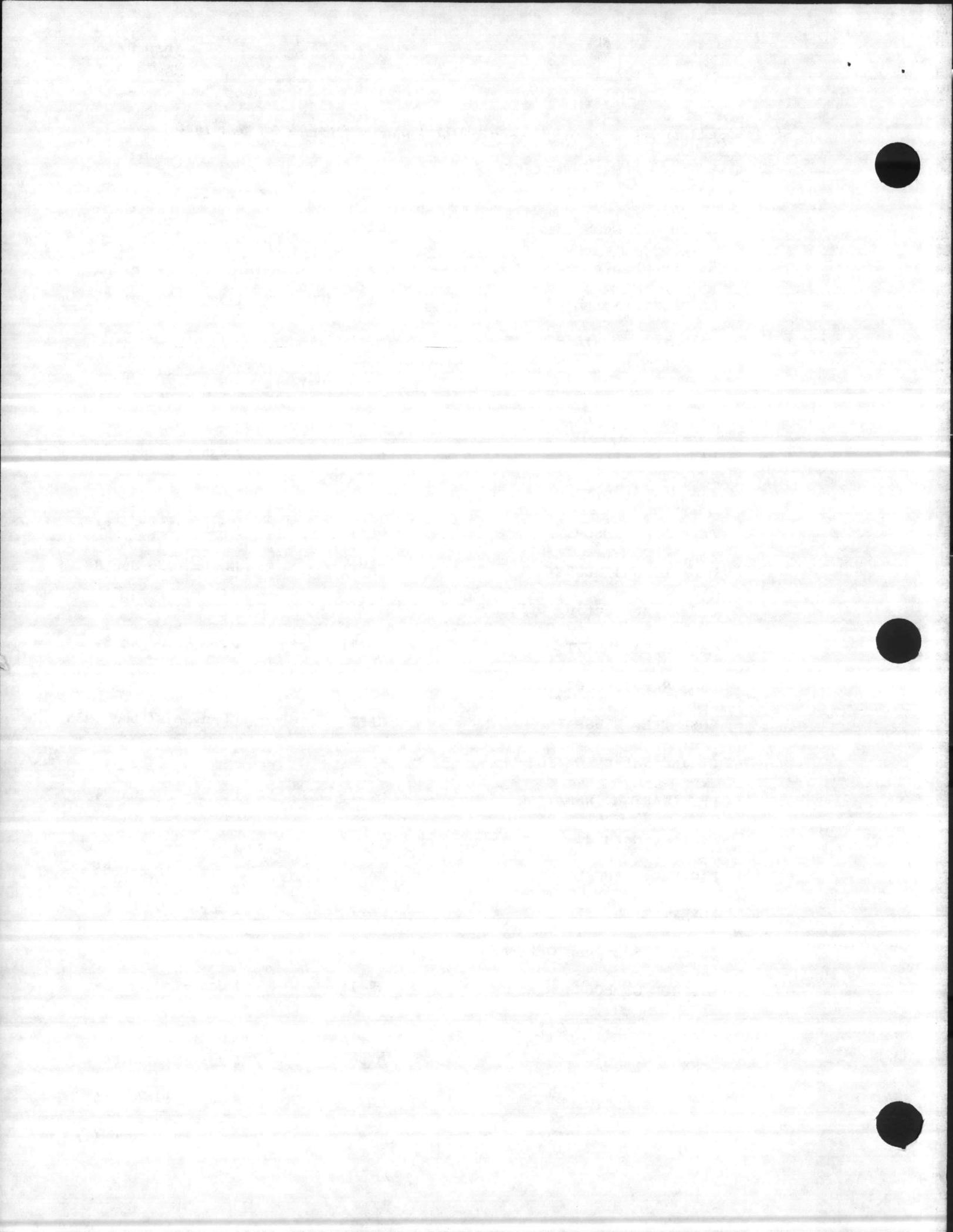
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Adjutant		
RALPH STURGEON, Jr.	CAPT	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
Senior Chaplain		
ELI H. CAMPBELL	CAPT, USN	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
Catholic Chaplain		
RAYMOND A. ROY	CAPT, USN	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
Protestant Chaplain		
DAVID D. REED	LT, USN	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
Comm/Elect Officer		
ROBERT L. RUSCH	CAPT	1 Jan - 17 Jun 84
DANA L. WHITHOUSE	CAPT	18 Jun - 30 Jun 84
Budget/Accounting Officer		
MRS. EULA ENNETT	GS-11	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
Food Services Officer		
ROBERT E. SCHUMANN	CAPT	13 Aug - 31 Dec 1983
Ground Safety Officer		
MRS. MARY M. WHEAT	GS-11	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
Provost Marshal		
DANIEL J. BUCKLE	MAJ	1 Jan - 31 Mar 84
ROBERT S. STREET	CAPT	1 Apr - 30 Jun 84
Special Services Officer		
MR. DON G. MOORE	GS-11	1 Jan - 30 Jun 84
Family Services Officer		
JOHN A. THOMAS	CAPT	4 Apr - 7 Jun 84
DAVID P. ROBINSON	MAJ	8 Jun - 30 Jun 84

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SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Command, Operations, and Training

1. The assigned mission of MCAS(H) New River is to maintain and operate facilities and provide services and material to support the operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

2. In support of the assigned mission, the Station sections performed the following operations.

a. Air Traffic Control during 2221 field operating hours conducted.

- 8,465 Instrument Operations
- 42,649 Visual Flight Operations
- 2,476 Special Visual Operations
- 53,590 Total Controlled Operations

b. Weather Services maintained a 24 hour daily forecast and observational program. Forecasts are produced and disseminated locally and electronically transmitted to other military stations via the Air Force teletype system. Observations are taken, recorded and disseminated in the same manner as the forecasts. Observational records are mailed on a monthly basis to the National Weather Records Center, Asheville, North Carolina, for compiling climatology for this Station.

The Weather Services Accomplished:

- 638 Instrument Flight Forecasts
- 240 Visual Flight Forecasts
- 258 Destructive Weather Warnings for Camp Lejeune/New River complex
- 24 Astrological/Climatological Presentations
- Daily Blast Forecast
- Daily Forest Fire Weather Forecast
- Monthly Climatology Astronomical Tidal Computations

c. Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue responded to:

- 2 Aircraft Accidents
- 47 Aircraft Emergencies
- 98 Fuel Spills
- 10 Medical Evacuation Flights
- 0 Structural Fire Alarms
- 0 Vehicle Accident

A total of 1997.9 hours were spent manning the Immediate Response Alert position.

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d. The Visiting Aircraft Line (VAL) handled:

1053 Aircraft  
2231 Total Passengers  
764 VIP Passengers  
142,736 Pounds of Cargo  
84 Aircraft in excess of 60,000 lb gross weight

e. The Station Fuels Division dispensed:

72,044 gallons of MOGAS  
2,228,159 gallons of JP-5

f. The Training and Audio Visual Support Center completed the device 2F120 (CH53 & OFT) operation and maintenance training courses on 30 April 1984. On 16 June 1984, 150 personnel toured the TAVSC center in conjunction with MCAS(H) New River Flag Day Open House. There were 1,579 syllabus training hops flown in the three simulators during this report period.

g. Flight Operations performed by the Station's two UC-12B aircraft consisted of 524 mission flights for 724 hours and 212 training flights for 172 hours.

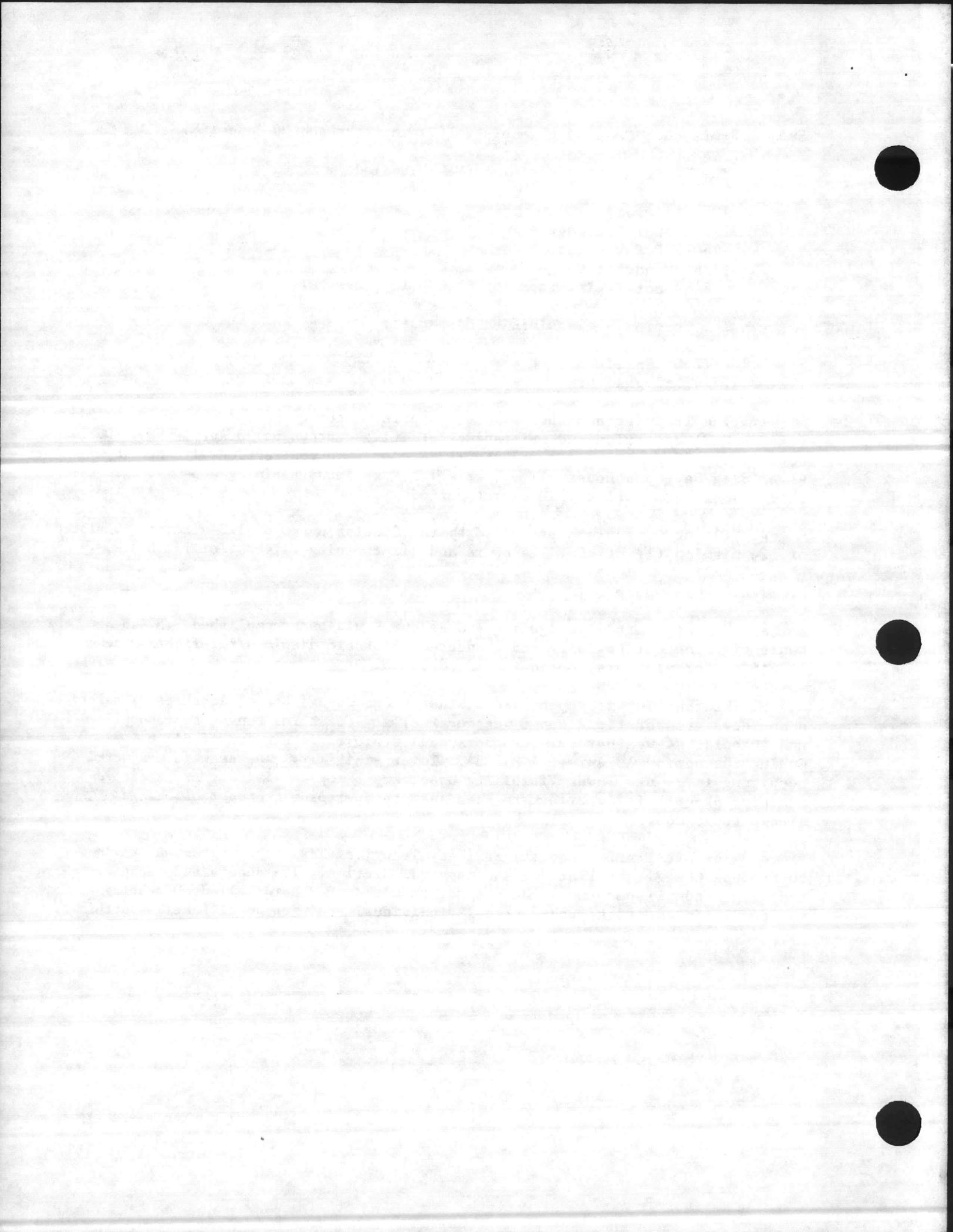
3. Training/Support

a. The Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Division accomplished 9,524.8 man hours of technical training and conducted 35 static displays/firefighting demonstrations for visitors aboard the Air Station.

b. Weather Services provided 13 Instrument Ground School lectures, 7 safety stand down presentations and 8 weather facility tours for tenant command pilots and schools. 4 weather services personnel deployed in support of CAX 6 & 7 during the period 19 Apr - 24 Mar 84. Tower visibility classes were conducted resulting in 24 new Tower Visibility Observers being certified. An extensive training program is in effect to keep assigned personnel abreast of changes within their MOS.

c. The Air Traffic Control Facility Technical Training Program was revised to include the Flight Planning and Approval Section. The supervised technical training accomplished under the program resulted in 3 hardskilled MOSs being assigned. In addition, there were 18 individual position qualifications attained.

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Logistics/Supply

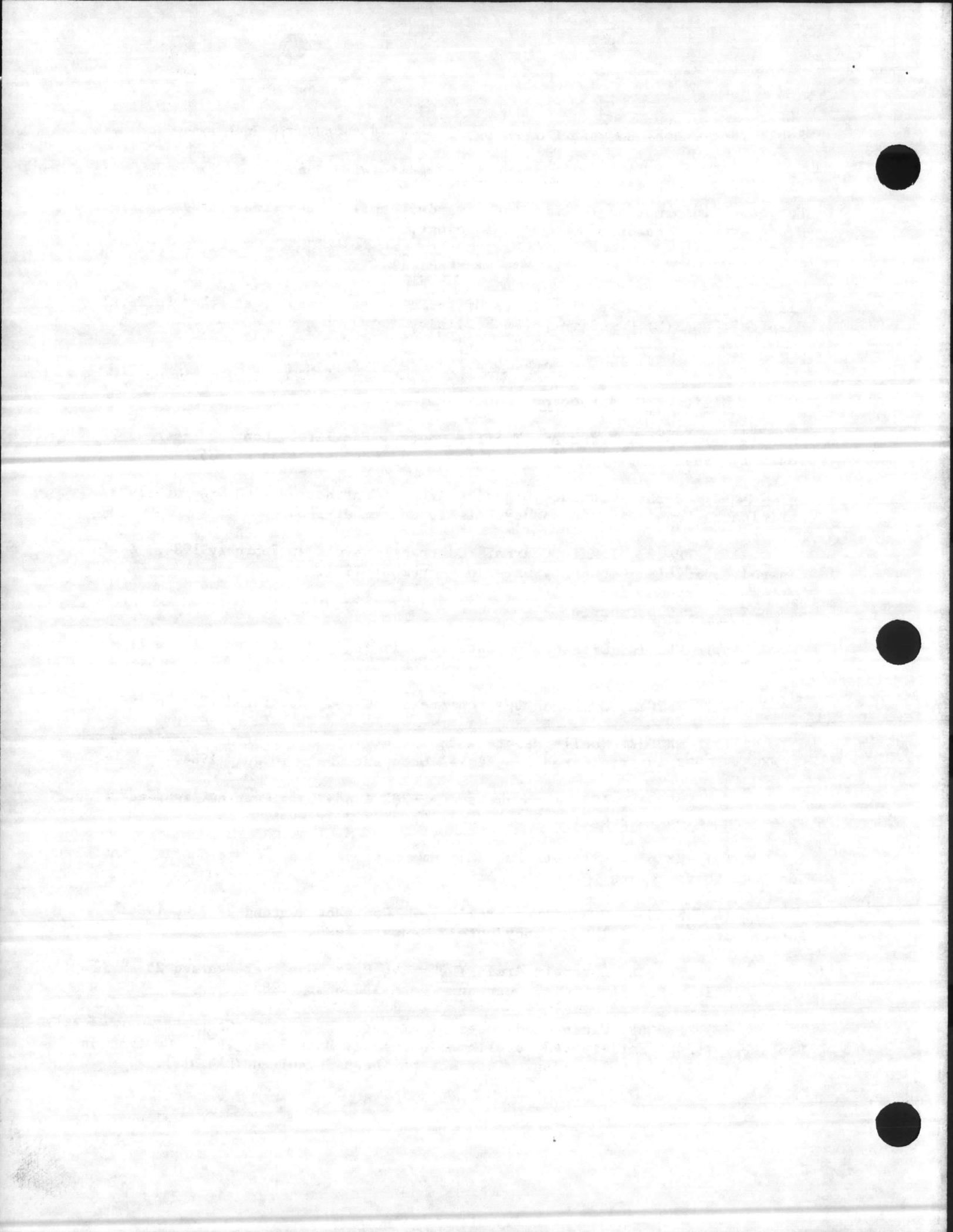
a. Military Construction (MCON) Projects

- (1) P-327, Radar Air Traffic Control Facility. Contract awarded 26 February 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 6 June 1985.
- (2) P-354, Ordnance Magazine Area. Contract awarded 9 August 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 10 September 1984.
- (3) P-437, Tennis Courts. Contract awarded 26 February 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 10 September 1984.

b. Minor Construction

- (1) NR201R, Ordnance Operations Building. Partial acceptance 11 May 1984.
- (2) NR202R, Ordnance Buildup Area, MAG-29. Completed 13 June 1984.
- (3) NR203R, Mobile Maintenance Van Utilities. Contract awarded 29 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 10 July 1984.
- (4) NR301R, BSQ Improvements, AS-702 & AS-704. Contract awarded 26 June 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 11 July 1985.
- (5) NR302R, Aircraft Fuel Systems Improvements. Scope Charge - LANTDIV Design with Von Oesen.
- (6) NR303R, PME Storage Building. Contract awarded 21 June 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 2 January 1985.
- (7) NR305R, Aircraft Arming/Dearming Pad. Contract awarded 25 April 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 5 January 1985.
- (8) NR306R, Classified Material Disposal Facility. Contract awarded 23 September 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 5 May 1984. Contractor cannot fulfill his obligation. Contract has been defaulted (LANTDIV).

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- (9) NR307R, Railroad Crossing Improvements. Being held in abeyance pending railroad resolution.
- (10) NR312R, Hoist Improvements, Hangar AS-4100. Completed 1 March 1984.
- (11) NR313RS, Family Abuse Facility (Shelter). Contract awarded 27 June 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 8 January 1985.
- (12) NR314RS, Fuel Farm Improvements. Contract awarded 24 February 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 25 July 1984.
- (13) NR404R, Marina Bathhouse. Design 95% complete. Dropped to R-1 Funding. Approved by CLNC Facilities, will be advertised this fiscal year.

c. Major Repair

- (1) NR008M, Replace Fire Alarm Equipment. Contract awarded 28 September 1982. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date scheduled for (extended from 1 July 1983 to 30 November 1983) 10 February 1984. Project running behind schedule.
- (2) NR204M, Renovate/Upgrade BSQ, AS-702 & AS-704. Project combined with NR301R. Contract awarded 26 June 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 11 July 1985.
- (3) NR302M, Replace Economizers (Boilers 16, 17 & 18), AS-4151. Contract bids opened 14 July 1983. Bids rejected - to be readvertised.
- (4) NR405M, Reroof Building AS-504. Deferred - to be considered in next year's program.
- (5) NR501M, Replace JP-5 Fuel Line from Storage to Day Tanks. Contract awarded 28 June 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 8 January 1985.
- (6) 82-2321, Electrical & Structural Repairs, Miscellaneous (MCB & MCAS). Contract awarded 14 February 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 25 December 1984.
- (7) 82-4660, Replace Wall Lockers & Head Partitions, AS-4010 & AS-4015. Completed 2 May 1984.
- (8) 82-4683, Repair Roof (Basewide), AS-144. Completed 6 January 1984.
- (9) 83-5820, Restripe Parking Aprons & Runways. Completed 16 May 1984.
- (10) 83-5840, Replace Auxiliary Engine, AS-110. Contract awarded 20 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 29 May 1984. However, delay of material for two to three months, change order and new Beneficial Occupancy Date forthcoming.

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(11) 83-5879, Fire Protection, Child Care Center, AS-604. Contract awarded 24 February 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 6 September 1984.

(12) 83-5885, Replace Roofs, Miscellaneous, AS-4100, AS-320 & AS-4122. Contract awarded 30 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date (extended from 15 December 1983) 12 April 1985.

(13) 83-5888, Replace Doors and Locks, UFPH (Basewide). Contract awarded 15 February 1984. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 28 August 1984.

(14) 83-5913, Repair Rapid Refueler Lines (Replace Steel Lines with Fiberglass). Contract awarded 23 November 1983. Completed 8 June 1984.

(15) 83-7802, Remove Trees, Camp Davis. Contract awarded 24 February 1984. Completed 23 May 1984.

(16) 84-7851, Waterproof Walls, Flight Simulator, AS-320. Contract awarded 23 February 1984. Completed 8 May 1984.

#### Civic Action

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3. Upon request, provide fire fighting support for local community.
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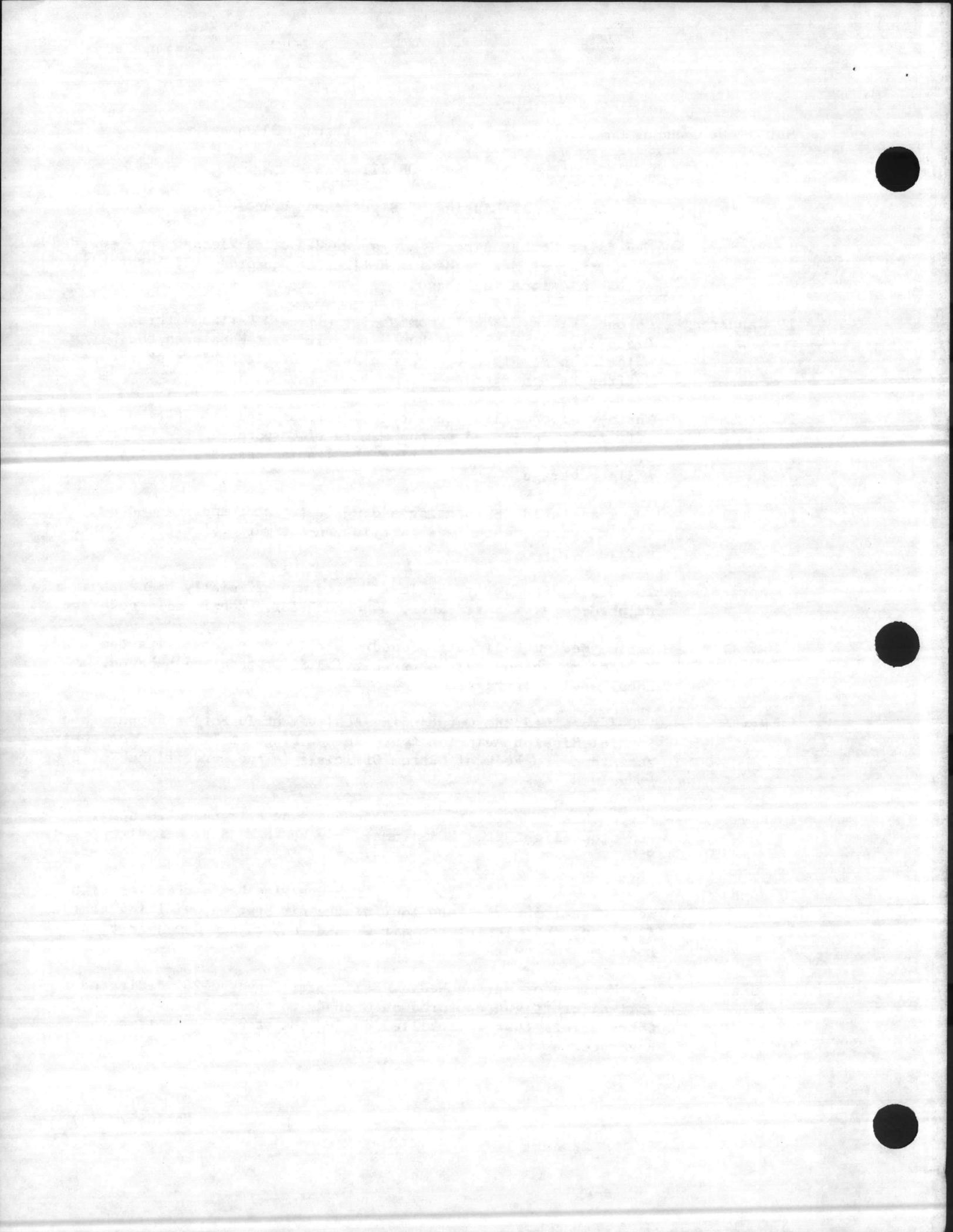
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## SECTION III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- 12 January -- The first Combat Aircrew Wings awarded since Vietnam were awarded to Marines of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162, for their combat missions in Lebanon.
- 19 January -- Colonel Lloyd G. Pool, Commanding Officer, Marine Aircraft Group-26, presented posthumous Purple Heart Medals to the wives of Major John P. Giguere, Captain Jeb F. Seagle, and First Lieutenant Jeffrey R. Scharver.
- 20 January -- The new \$1.6 million Enlisted Club aboard the Air Station was officially dedicated to the memory of Corporal George N. Holmes, Jr., who lost his life during the Iranian rescue attempt. Local media coverage.
- 18 April -- VMO-1 assisted in locating a drug boat, later apprehended by Custom Agents, which was carrying an estimated \$1 million worth of marijuana.
- 30 April -- The New River Family Services Center was officially opened by Major General Richard Kuci, CG COMCABEAST. Local media coverage.
- 1 May -- Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-261 returned home with the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit after serving in Grenada and Lebanon. Local media coverage.
- 11 May -- VMO-1 received the Outstanding Achievement In Forces Support and Special Mission Aviation Award in San Diego, California for their assistance to Federal Custom Officials in the surveillance of drug smugglers.
- 23 May -- Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-464 made a transcontinental, non-stop flight from MCAS Yuma, Arizona to MCAS(H) New River, N.C..
- 16 June -- New River hosted its fourth Open House/Flag Day ceremonies with more than 1,500 visitors touring the Air Station, visiting static displays, and viewing the Air Ground Combat Team Demonstration. Local media coverage.
- 22 June -- The Marines of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-261 dedicated an anti-aircraft gun captured on Grenada to the memory of the three Cobra pilots that were killed during the attack. Local media coverage.

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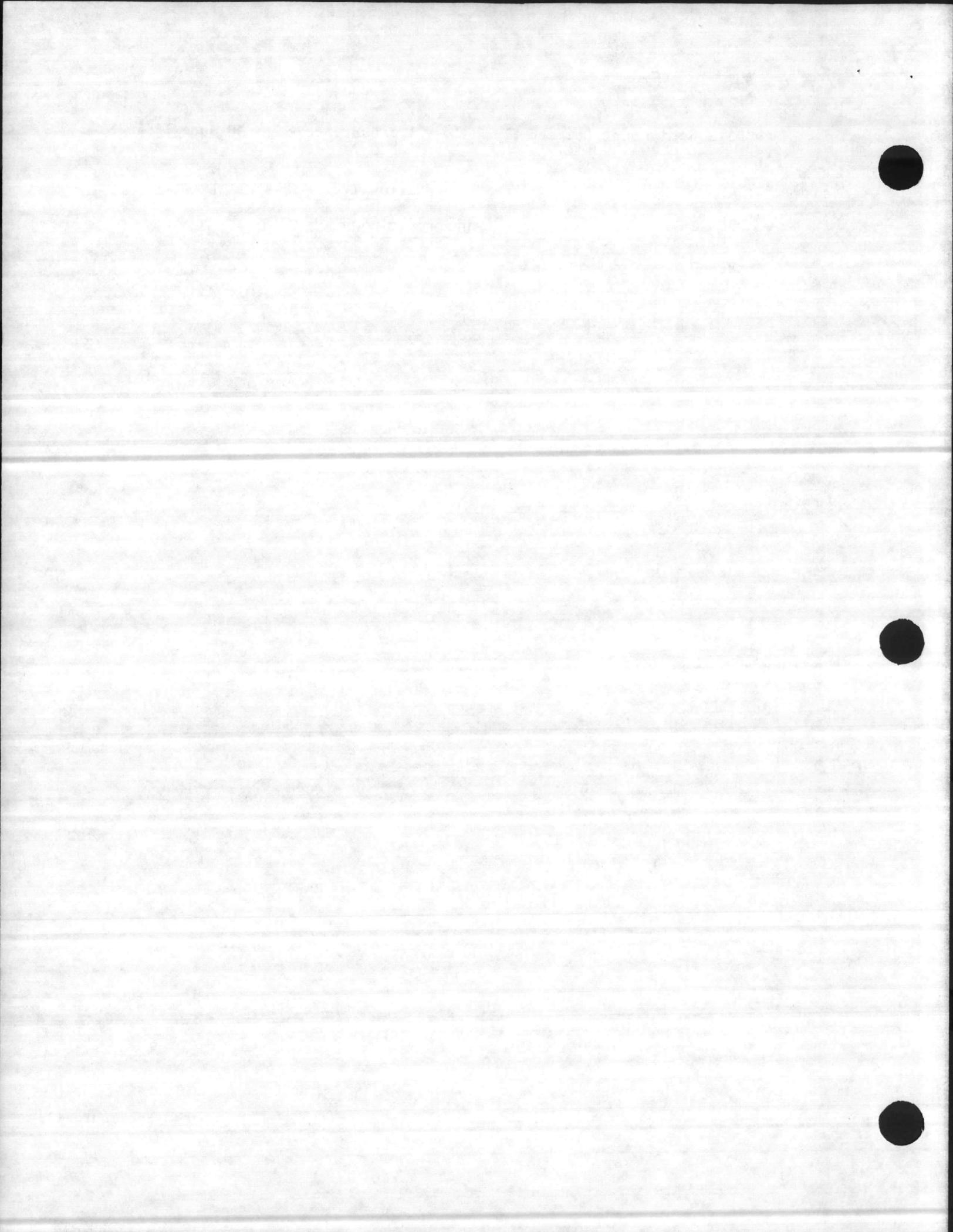
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## Station E-Club dedication Friday

New River's newly opened \$1.6 million Enlisted Club will be officially dedicated to the memory of Corporal George N. Holmes, Jr. during ceremonies at 5 p.m. Friday.

Corporal Holmes was killed April 24, 1980, while participating in the attempt to rescue American hostages from Iran.

Attending the ceremony will be Corporal Holmes' parents, George and Sallylu Holmes.

Scheduled as guest speaker is Lieutenant Colonel Edward R. Seifert, former commanding officer of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 461 and Commander, Helicopter Element, Joint Task Force 1-79.

All enlisted personnel are invited to attend and honor one of their fallen comrades. Uniform for the ceremony will be Winter Service "A."



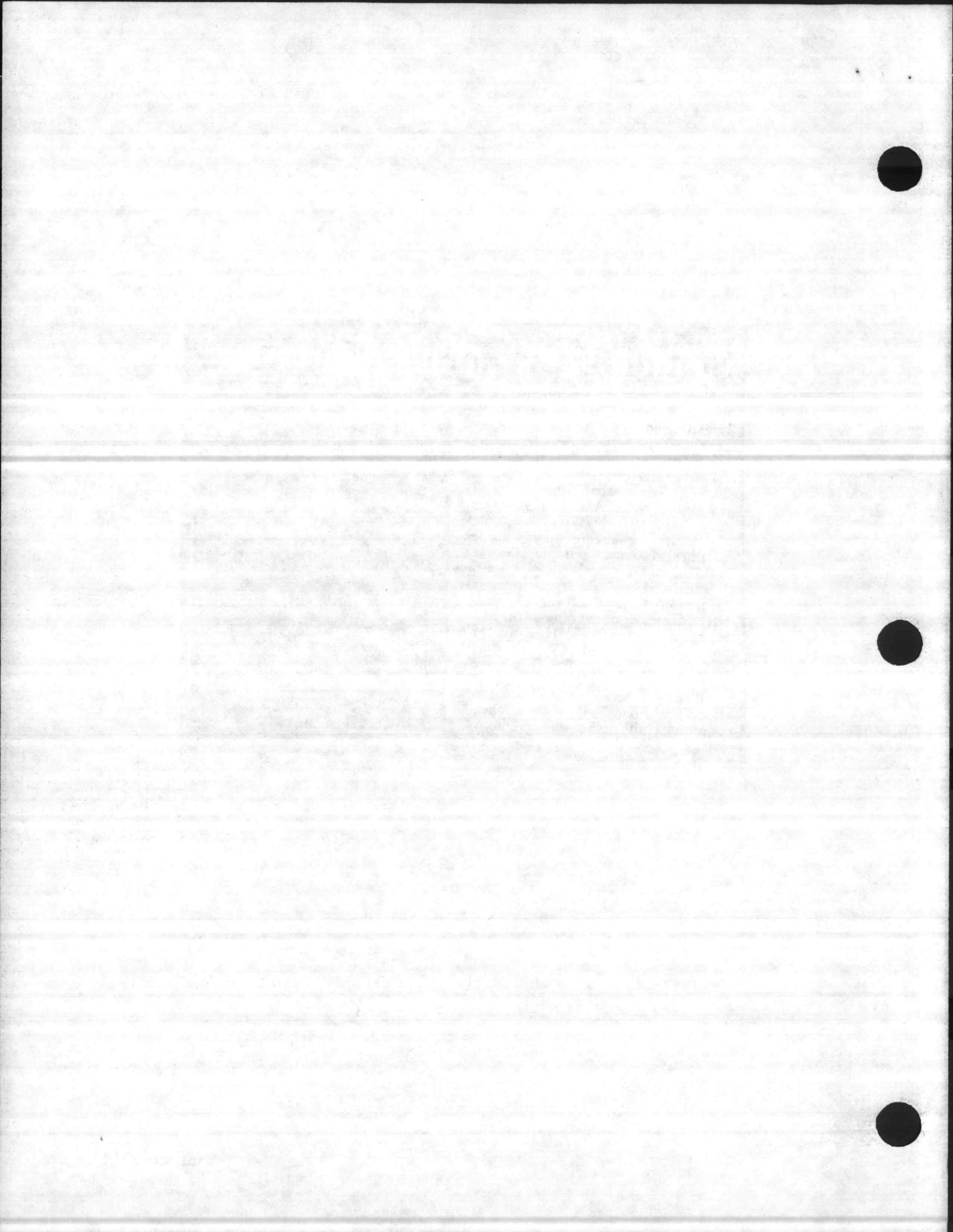
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (HELICOPTER)

NEW RIVER

### HOLMES MEMORIAL CLUB

DEDICATED IN THE MEMORY OF CORPORAL GEORGE N. HOLMES, JR. WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE FOR HIS COUNTRY. HE GAVE HIS LIFE ON A DARK APRIL NIGHT IN 1980 IN THE HOSTILE DESERT SANDS OF IRAN WHEN ATTEMPTING TO RESCUE HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN WHO WERE BEING HELD HOSTAGE. HIS BRAVERY AND DEDICATION TO THE CORPS LIVES ON. FOR NO MAN HATH A GREATER LOVE THAN TO GIVE HIS LIFE SO OTHERS MAY BE FREE.

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# Crash!

Story and photos by Sgt. Allen Johnson

Seconds after receiving the call that an aircraft had crashed aboard Station, crash crew Marines, Corpsman from the dispensary, and PMO went in to action.

On Feb. 10, Station crash crew set up a simulated helicopter crash in which the pilot, co-pilot and crew chief feigned injuries.

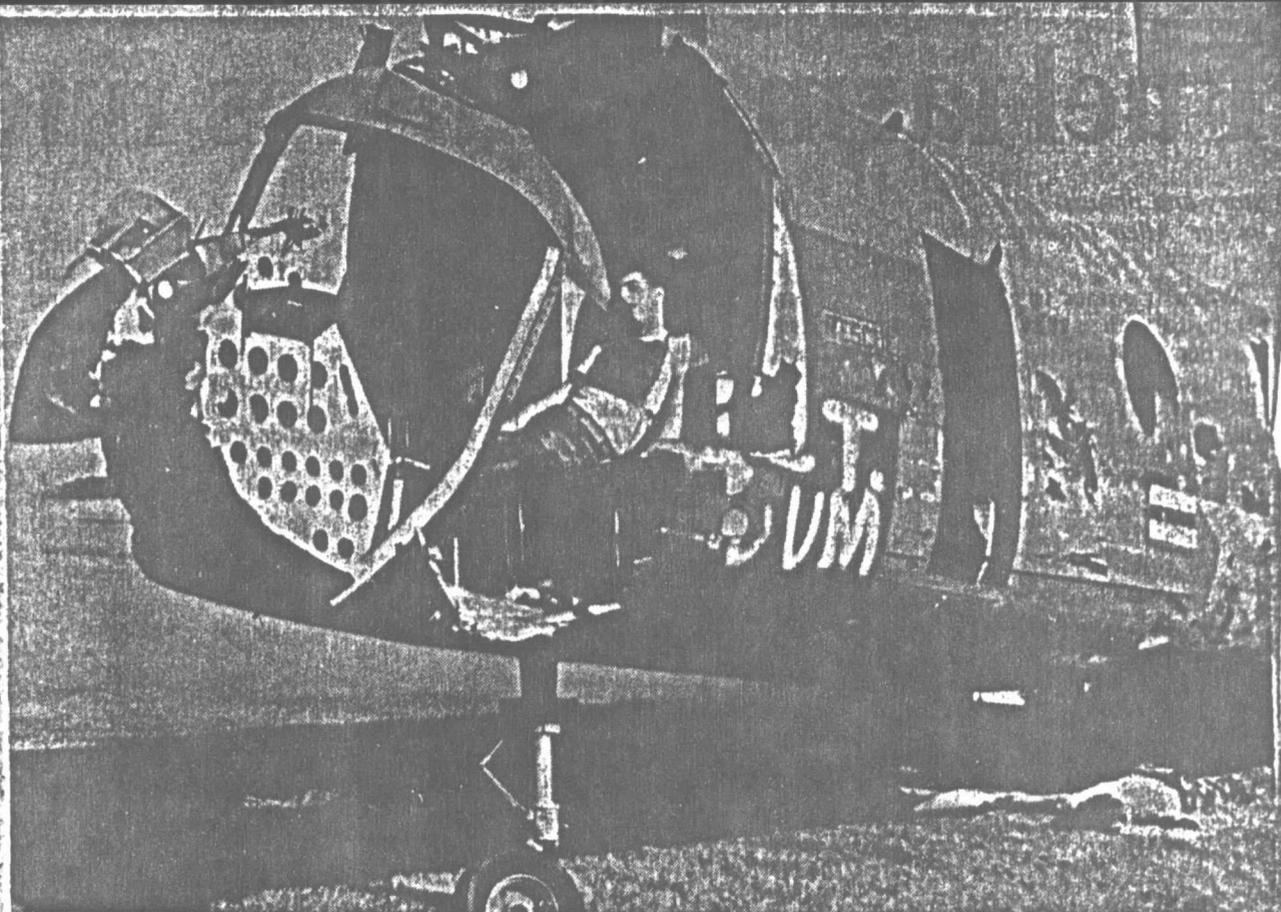
Once the alarm was sounded, key personnel involved were on the scene, putting out the fire, treating the injured and securing the area.

The demonstration had an air of reality with crash crew, Station dispensary and PMO working in harmony. Even local media representatives were on hand to report the "crash."

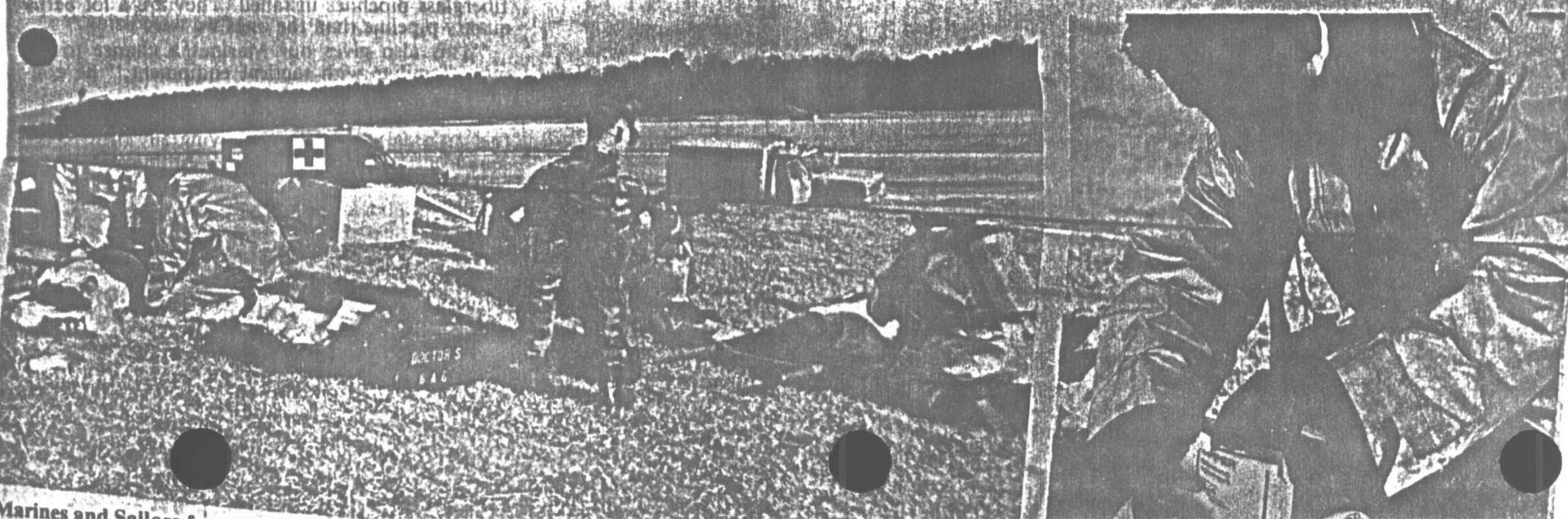
"This training exercise gave us a chance to see how well our people and the other people involved would react to this type of emergency situation," said Sergeant Joe Petrie, assistant training NCO for crash crew.

"We also video-recorded the entire exercise, so we can go look back and see where our strong and weak points were," he added.

"I was impressed with how well each aspect of the demonstration went," said Gunnery Sergeant Ray Mayer, training NCO for crash crew. "If this had been a real crash, the time it took them to treat the wounded and get them medevaced out would have been excellent," he concluded.



Acting as crash victims, Lance Corporal Robert Murphy (seated) and Private First Class Loren Henderson lying under the aircraft, wait for help to arrive.





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## Enlisted Club dedicated to crew chief's memory

By MSgt. Gary Mosley

January 20th marked the third anniversary of the release of American hostages after 444 days of captivity in Iran. It also marked the dedication of the Air Station's Enlisted Club in memory of Corporal George N. Holmes Jr. who gave his life in an attempt to free those hostages.

Corporal Holmes, and two other Marines from the Air Station - Staff Sergeant Dewey Johnson and Sergeant J. Davis Harvey - died in April 1980 when one of the helicopters carrying a special rescue contingent crashed with another aircraft in the Iranian desert during a dust storm.

Holmes' parents, George and Sallylu Holmes, returned to the Air Station to unveil the bronze plaque that honors their son. They were here early in 1980 to attend a memorial service for their son. Johnson and Harvey

Opening the solemn occasion, Colonel Donald A. Hodgen, the Air Station commander, told an audience of nearly 500 that "It has long been a military tradition to dedicate memorials to our heroes and the man we honor today made the supreme

sacrifice on a desert in Iran. Also attending the ceremony was Lieutenant Colonel Edward R. Seiffert, commander of the joint task force's helicopter element during the rescue mission.

Seiffert said the dedication had a special meaning to him.

"This is an honor," he said. "I grew up in the Marine Corps here at this air station. This is my home. Referring to Corporal Holmes, Seiffert said "Anytime there is a crisis in this country, your quality Americans go. I'll tell you this now, Holmes was not haphazardly selected. He was an achiever."

Seiffert added that nearly half of the mission participants were in attendance at the ceremony. "Out of respect for the kind of Marine Corporal Holmes was."

A native of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Holmes entered the Marine Corps in February 1976 and was killed just six months prior to his enlistment expiration.

His father said Holmes considered making the Marines a career.

"I guess the Marine Corps was good to him and he was good to the Marine Corps," he said. "He was very proud of being a Marine."

Mrs. Holmes also said she is proud



Following ceremonies naming the New River Enlisted Club after their son, George (left) and Sallylu Holmes, discuss their son (Corporal George N. Holmes Jr.) with Lieutenant Colonel James Van Gorder Jr. (Station Executive Officer) and First Lieutenant Norma Stewart. (USMC photo by Sgt. Rick Roeder)

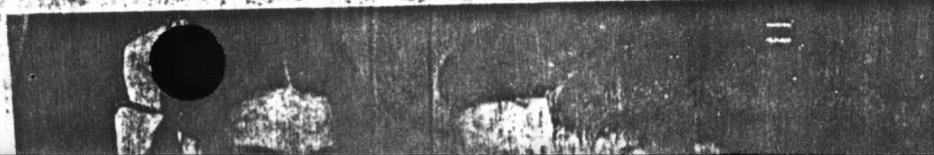
of her son and the building named in his honor.

"It's a beautiful building," she said. "I think it is something he would be pleased was named in his memory."

Until Jan. 20th, the \$1.6 million

building, completed Sept. 21, 1983, was simply known as the E-Club.

It now stands as a tribute to an Air Station Marine who made the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow Americans.



## Wives accept Purple Hearts for Marines killed in Grenada



# Crash Crew aids local firemen

By LCpl Reggie Jones

A Jacksonville apartment unit was engulfed in flames Jan. 11, leaving 15 Marines and their families homeless.

There were no casualties, but the owners estimated the damage of apartments and furnishing at \$350,000. Thousands of more dollars in personal property was lost by burned-out tenants, but no firm estimate of their losses was available at press

time.

At 12:55 p.m. both Marine Corps Base's Engine Company One, attached to New River, and Station Crash Crew personnel received a mutual aid request on the structural fire which was at Beacham's Apartments. Upon arrival at the scene they reported to Don Herman, the Emergency Management Coordinator for Onslow County.

Engine Company One, along with Verona Volunteer Fire Department and more than 50 firemen from four other Onslow County volunteer fire departments set up a siphon from one of the swimming pools at Beacham's to put out the fire and protect the adjacent building.

However, this was changed by direction of Mr. Herman and Marine Corps Base's Fire Chief Elmer Padgett as they instructed the fire fighters to attack the flames from the roof of the adjacent building.

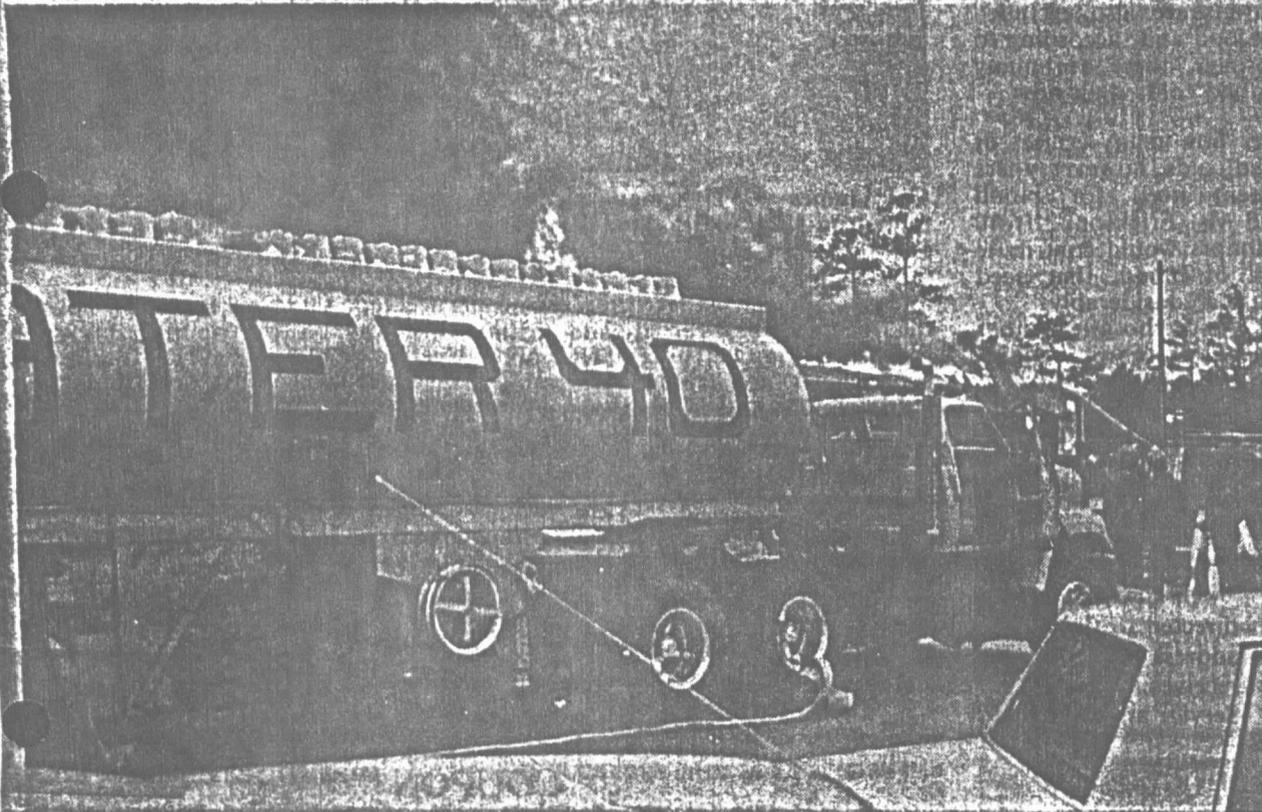
The Crash Crewmen from Station who assisted in putting out the fire provided 22,000 gallons of water to the volunteer fire departments and Engine Company One. The Crash Crew members were Gunnery Sergeant Ray Mayer, Corporal David Silva and Corporal David Brookshire.

Five of the Marines who lived in the apartment building are stationed at New River: Lance Corporal Dwight Thornton, Lance Corporal J. Delcampillo, Lance Corporal C. Rivers, Sergeant Ruth Brendle and Corporal Antoine St. Julian.

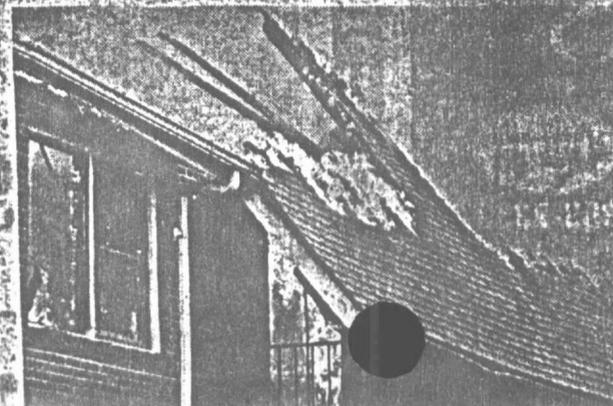
Beacham's provided apartments for those who wished to remain as tenants. But many of the Marines involved asked for their deposits and sought shelter elsewhere.

The cause of the fire is still undetermined and is under investigation at this time.

Winnie Demary, the director of Onslow County's Red Cross agency, said fire victims are eligible for disaster aid for food, clothing and assistance for their first month's rent in a new home.



Station's Crash Crew tanker "McCutcheon 40" provided water for local fire departments. (USMC photo by Sergeant Fred Crane).





# Family Service Center offers course

Story by Sgt. Ann Prezell

The Marine Corps is well-known for teaching survival skills -- arctic survival, desert survival, jungle survival -- survival in any clime or place. Just staying alive is a primary goal of much of the Corps' training as it seeks to protect its most valuable asset, its Marines.

In-as-much as the Corps is interested in seeing its Marines equipped with necessary survival skills, it is also interested in seeing that Marines' children survive.

But children don't really need to know how to survive arctic cold or jungle heat. They simply need to know how to survive childhood. And a glance at almost any newspaper reveals that that isn't necessarily easy these days.

With this in mind, New River's Family Service Center is sponsoring three days of "Survival Skills Training" for children from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 13-15, at the Family Service Center, Bldg. #211, All Air Station. Children are invited to drop in and help themselves to pamphlets and other handouts regarding the real dangers in their world. Films covering related topics will be presented throughout the day beginning each

police will be on hand to directly answer questions the children may have.

Childhood is fraught with dangers of every description. There are childhood diseases, for example, and an ever-lengthening list of carcinogens. These are ticks that carry Rocky Mountain fever, dogs, cats and other critters that carry rabies, and poisonous snakes. There are also poisonous plants -- not just poison oak and ivy in the woods, but common house and garden plants that, ingested, can produce serious illness and death.

And as if plants and animals didn't present enough problems, adults seem to prey on children too. Kidnappers, child molesters and child abusers take up large amounts of headline space. And the numbers of children slaughtered and maimed on our nation's highways is staggering.

In addition, children drown. Children burn. They get lost. They get out. They fall off, in, under and through things.

Indeed, one wonders how with these perils, children manage to survive at all.

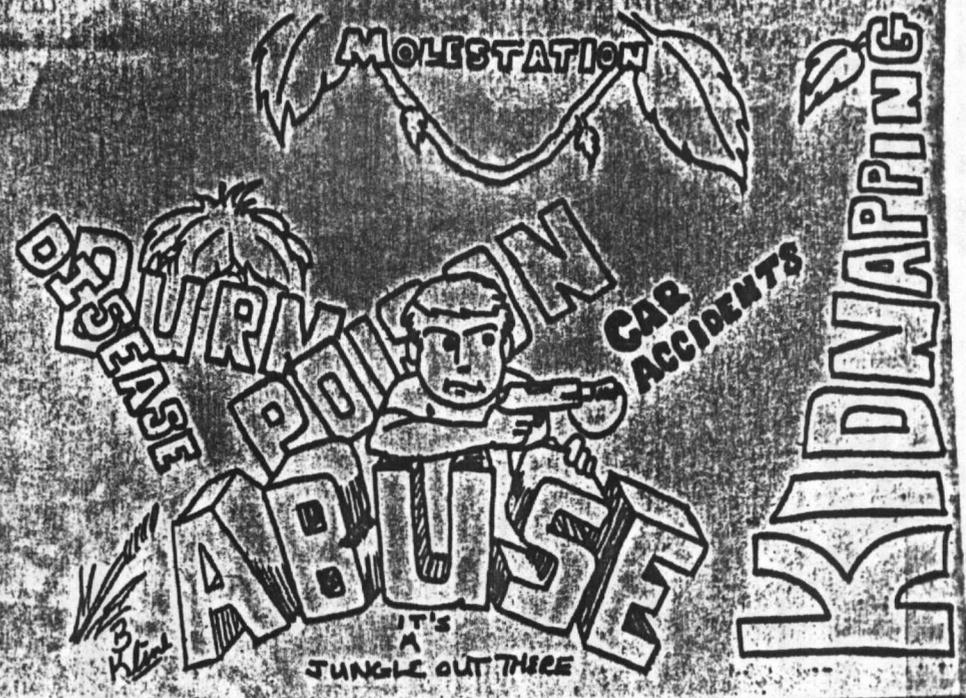
To help parents be prepared, Officer Friendly will help the children

make up identification cards to have ready for the police in case a child disappears. Included on the card is a space for finger prints and a photo. Children should bring their most recent school photo or snapshot with them to attach to the card. Finger printing will be done at the Center throughout the day.

At the Station Theater, June 14,

Officer Friendly will present a special program to parents about the problem of child sexual abuse. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and features a film entitled "No More Secrets." Children may view the film with parental guidance.

For more information about Child Survival Skills, call The Family Service Center at 451-6184 or 451-6185.





## ***Open House announced***

For a festive and exciting day of aerial demonstration, aircraft static displays and a historical pageant, Onslow County residents are invited to attend the Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter), New River Open House from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, 1984.

Highlighting this year's event will be an air/ground combat team demonstration by members of the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, 2d Marine Division and 2d Force Service Support Group. This thrilling and colorful demonstration will feature rappelling, SPIE-rigging, external cargo lifts, troop assaults, and paratroops.

The thirty-minute historical pageant by Marines in vintage uniforms is guaranteed to rekindle patriotic pride in all Americans.

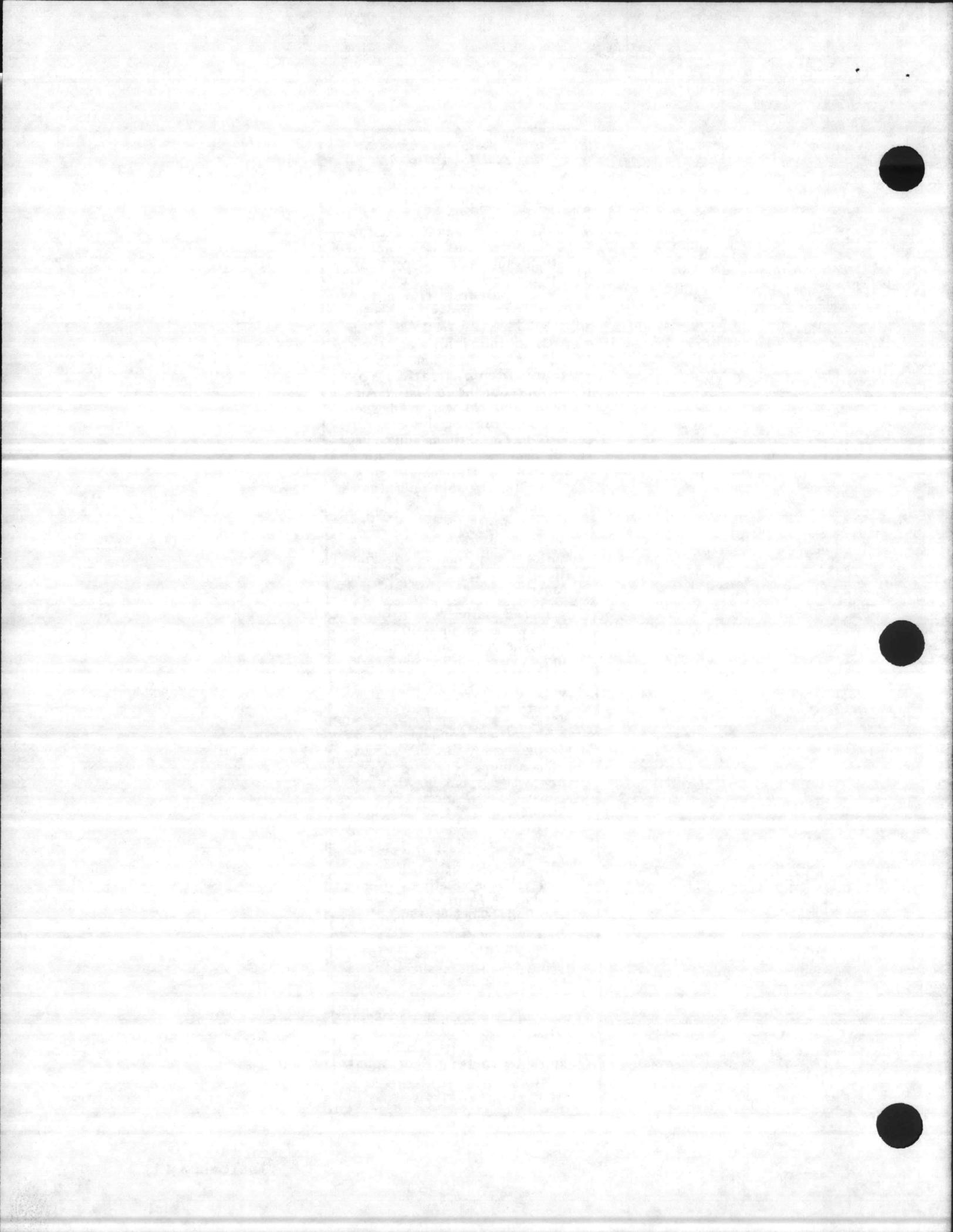
The 2d Marine Aircraft Wing Band will entertain visitors with their heart-pounding martial and modern music, and Mark Wade and the Seventh String will enliven everyone with their country rock and Top 40 music.

Aircraft and equipment from Marine Aircraft Group's 26 and 29, including Station Crash Crew vehicles and fire fighting displays, will be located on the Visiting Aircraft Line in front of the Station Operation Building.

In addition to the helicopter displays, the Station Flight Simulators, Weather Vans, and Field Radar Site will be open for tours.

Parking and restroom facilities will be available near the display area. Military Police will be on hand to provide assistance throughout the day.

Further information on the full day's activities can be obtained by contacting the Joint Public Affairs Office at 451-6197 or 451-6198.

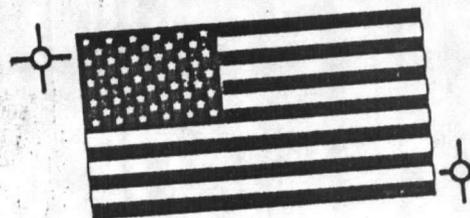




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MCAS(H) NEW RIVER, N. C.

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Time	Event
11:00	Open House Commences - displays and demonstrations listed below
11:00	McCutcheon Field Radio Controlled Pilots Demonstration
12:45	Crash/Fire and Rescue Division Demonstration
1:00	Historical Flag Pageant - Highlighting Marine Aviation history
1:30	Military Band Concert - Second Marine Aircraft Wing Band
2:00	Air/Ground Combat Team Demonstration rappelling, SPIE-rigging, external cargo lifts, and troop assault
3:00	Concert at Station Marina - "Mark Wade and Seventh String" Country Rock and Top 40
4:00	Open House Secures

### Displays & Activities

- Refreshments
- Medical and Dental
- Nuclear/Biological Defense
- Weather Vane
- Flight Simulator Tour
- Wives Clubs
- Special Services
- Aviation Combat Art
- Historical Display
- Crash/Fire and Rescue Division Equipment
- Marine Remote Area Approach and Landing System
- Flight Equipment
- Field Radar Site
- Memorial Chapel Tour
- Adventures in Scouting
- Aircraft Display - UH-1N, AH-1T, CH-46, CH-53 Delta & Echo, OV-10D, and UC-12B
- Ground Support Equipment



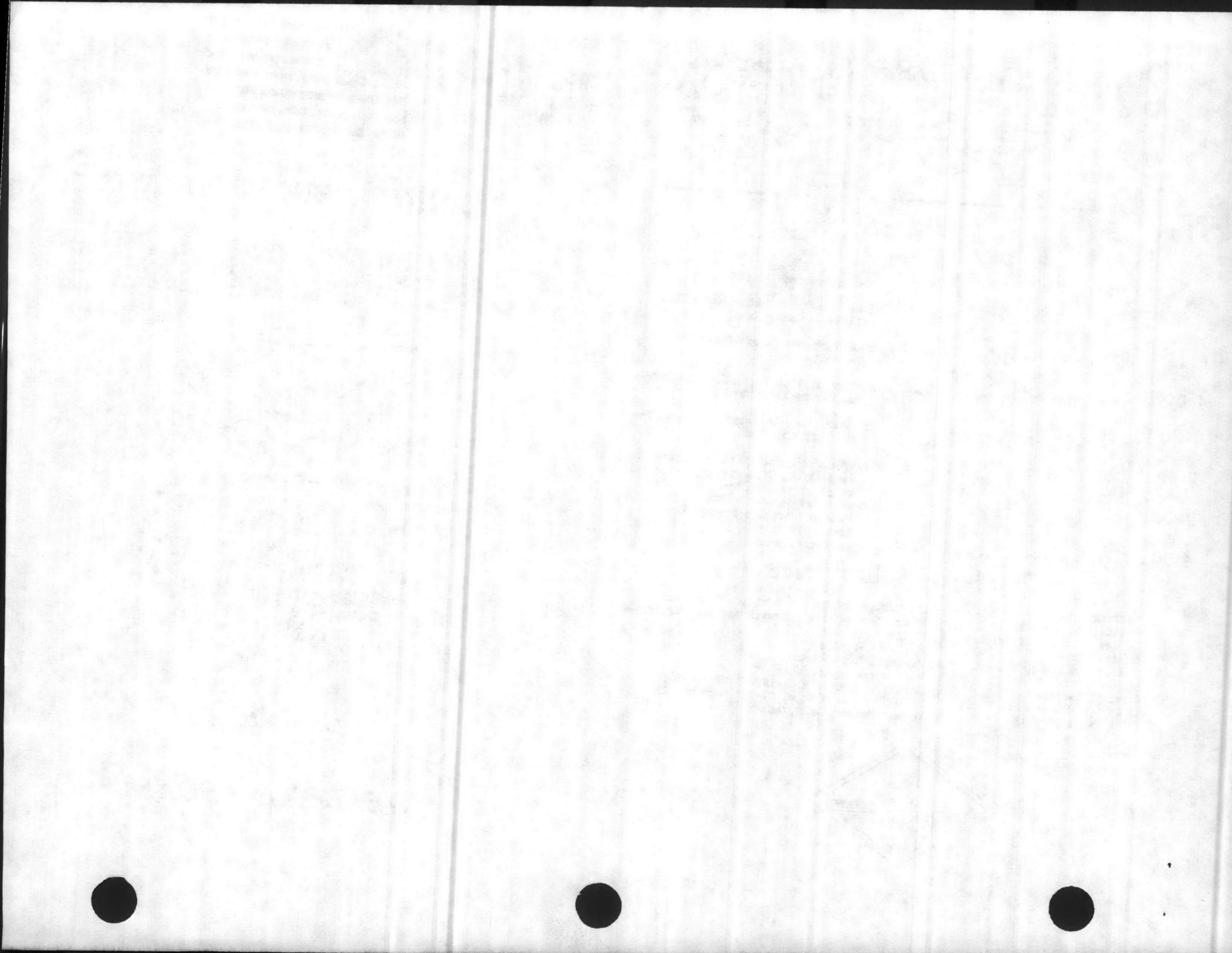
# OPEN HOUSE



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JUNE 16, 1984

WELCOME ABOARD



# Open House Saturday

For a summery Saturday afternoon of aerial demonstrations, aircraft static displays, and informative and exciting tours, Onslow County residents are invited to attend the Marine Corps Air Station (Helicopter) New River Open House from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 16 June 1984.

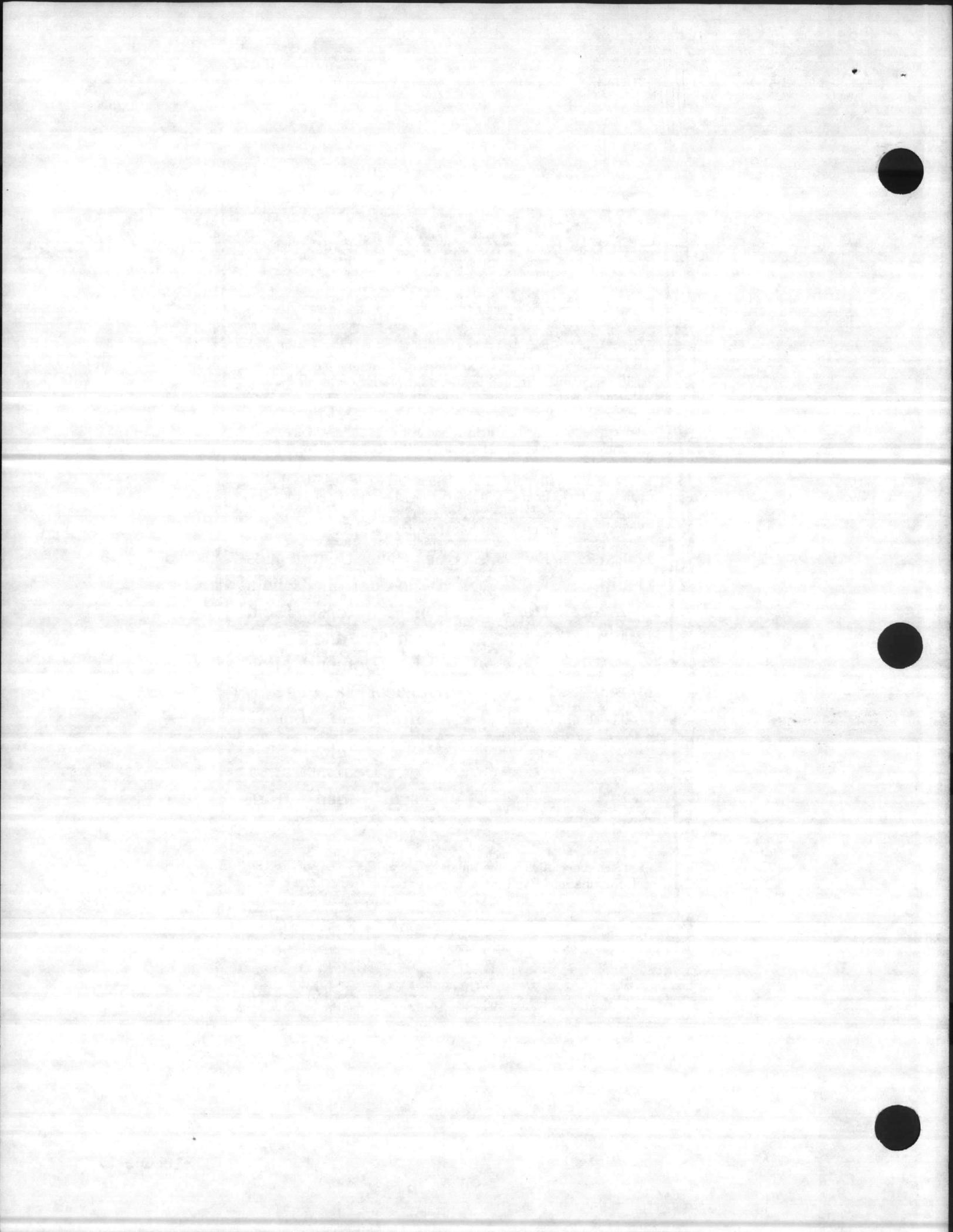
Refreshments from soft drinks and hot dogs to snow cones and watermelon will be available throughout the day. And, for the sun shy, special areas will be set aside to provide shade and comfort.

Parking and restroom facilities will be available near the display area. Military Police will be on hand to provide assistance throughout the day.

Following is a complete schedule of the day's activities:

- 11 a.m. .... Open House Commences
- 11 a.m. .... Radio-Controlled Pilots  
Demonstration, McCutcheon Field
- 12:45 p.m. .... Crash/Fire and Rescue  
Demonstration
- 1 p.m. .... Historical Flag Pageant
- 1:30 p.m. .... Military Band Concert
- 2 p.m. .... Air/Ground Combat Team  
Demonstration
- 3 p.m. .... Free Concert at Station Marina
- 4 p.m. .... Open House closes

Further information on the full-day's activities can be obtained by contacting the Joint Public Affairs Office at 451-6197 or 451-6198.





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(HELICOPTER)  
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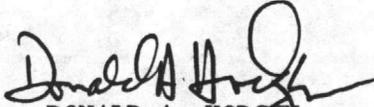
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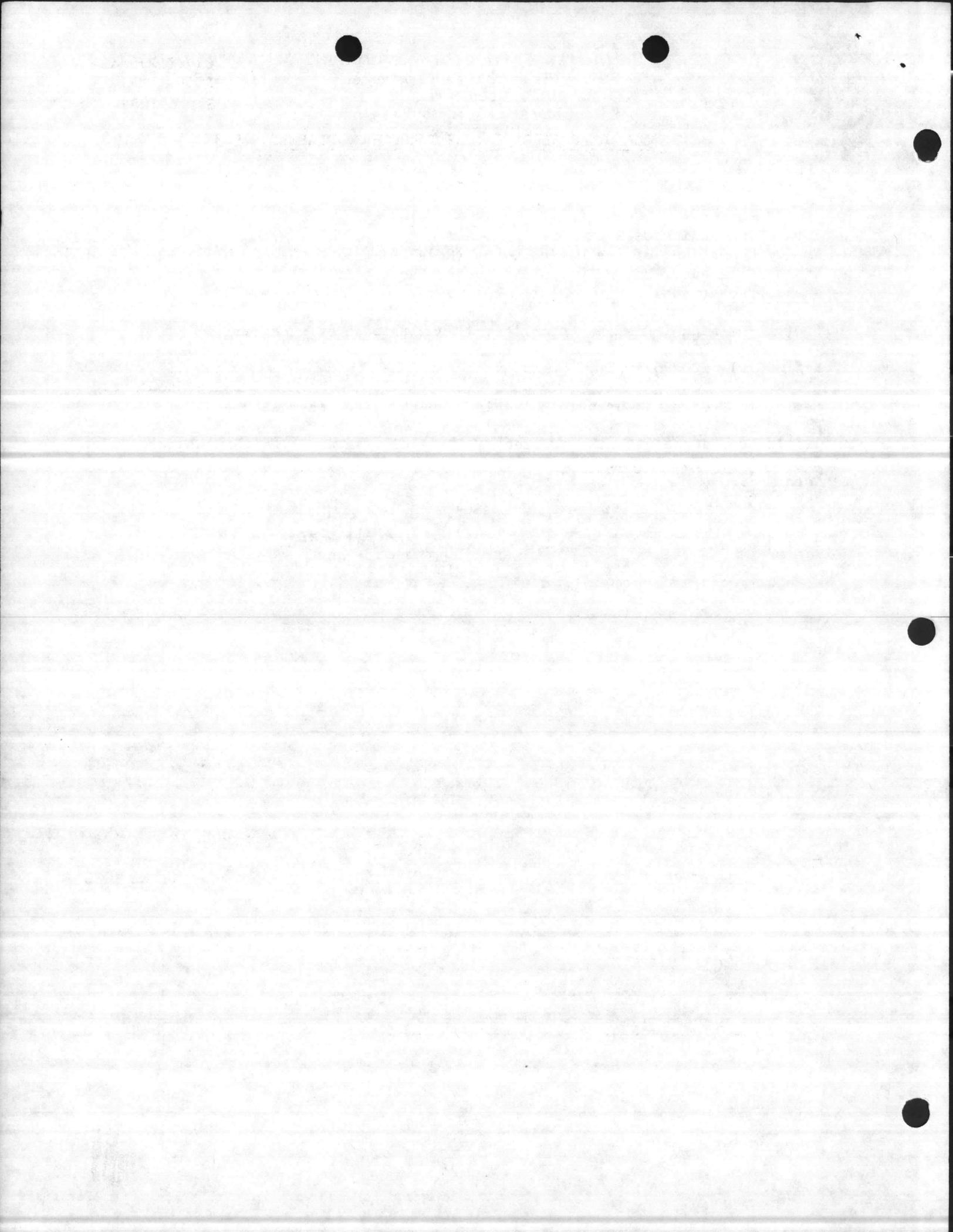
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DONALD A. HODGEN



COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 JULY THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1983

SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (HELICOPTER), NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
  - a. The Reporting Unit Code (RUC) is 02020.
  - b. The Table of Organization (T/O) number is 8461.

The period covered by this report is 1 July through 31 December 1983.  
MCAS(H) New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

2. Personnel Information

a. Commanding Officer

DONALD A. HODGEN	COL	1 July - 31 Dec 1983
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b. Subordinate Commanders

Commanding Officer, HQHQRON

CLARENCE M. COLLINS III	MAJ	1 July - 21 July 1983
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TONY L. WINSTEAD	MAJ	22 July - 31 Dec 1983
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c. Principal Staff Members

Executive Officer

JAMES E. VAN GORDER, JR.	LTCOL	1 July - 31 Dec 1983
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S-1 Officer

DAVID P. ROBINSON	MAJ	1 July - 17 Aug 1983
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WILLIAM W. SCHEFFLER	LTCOL	18 Aug - 31 Dec 1983
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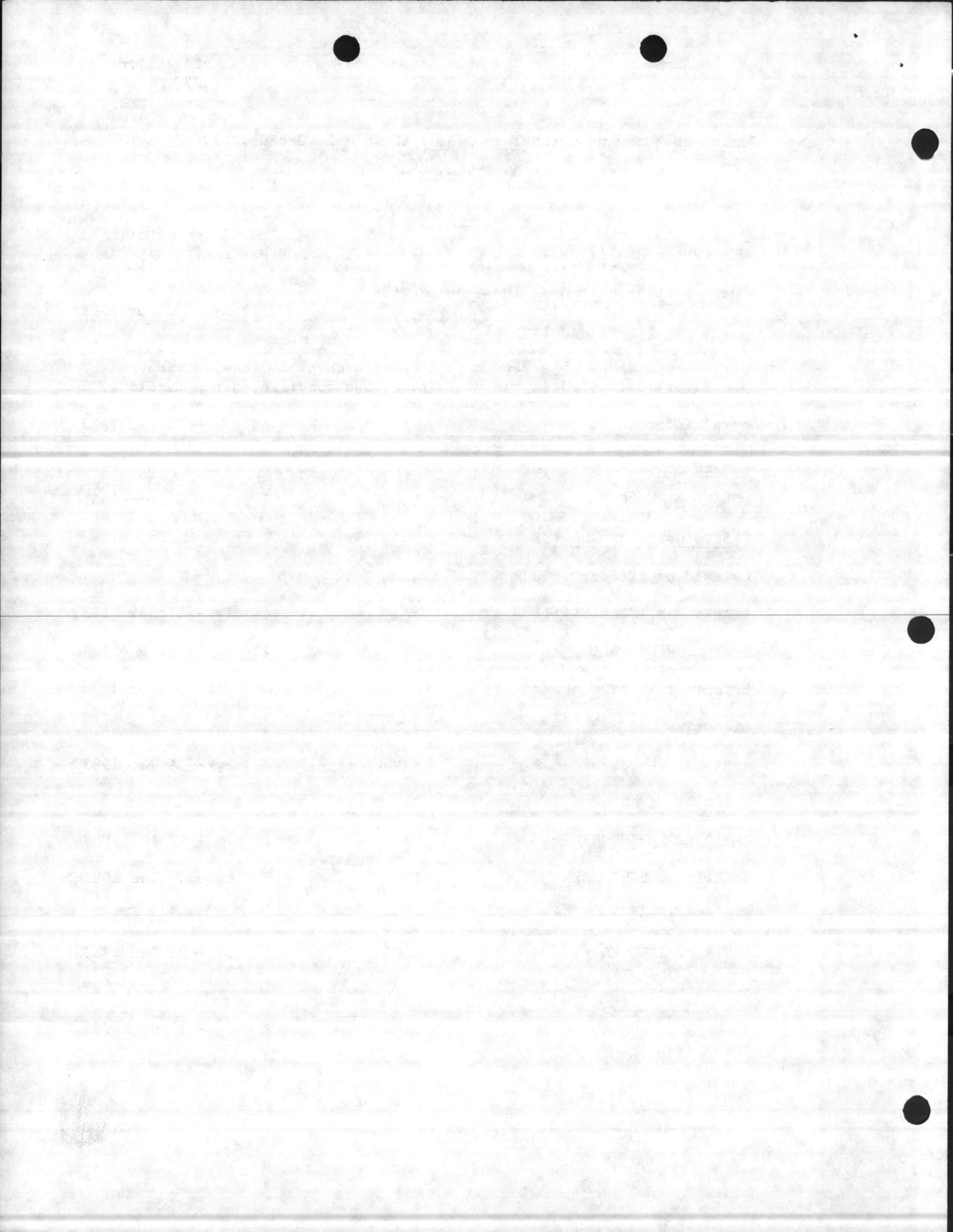
S-3 Officer

LOUIS C. STENGEL	LTCOL	1 July - 31 Dec 1983
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S-4 Officer

GLENN W. RUSSELL	LTCOL	1 July - 31 Dec 1983
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Adjutant

RALPH STURGEON, Jr.                      CAPT                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Senior Chaplain

ELI H. CAMPBELL                      CAPT, USN                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Catholic Chaplain

PETER R. PILARSKI                      CDR, USN                      1 July - 23 Sep 1983

RAYMOND A. ROY                      CDR, USN                      24 Sep - 31 Dec 1983

Protestant Chaplain

RICHARD L. BOWERS                      LT, USN                      1 July - 1 Dec 1983

DAVID D. REED                      LT, USN                      2 Dec - 31 Dec 1983

Comm/Elect Officer

ROBERT L. RUSCH                      CAPT                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Budget/Accounting Officer

MRS. EULA ENNETT                      GS-11                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Food Services Officer

GARY W. JOHNSON                      CAPT                      1 July - 12 Aug 1983

ROBERT E. SCHUMANN                      1STLT                      13 Aug - 31 Dec 1983

Ground Safety Officer

MRS. MARY M. WHEAT                      GS-11                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Provost Marshal

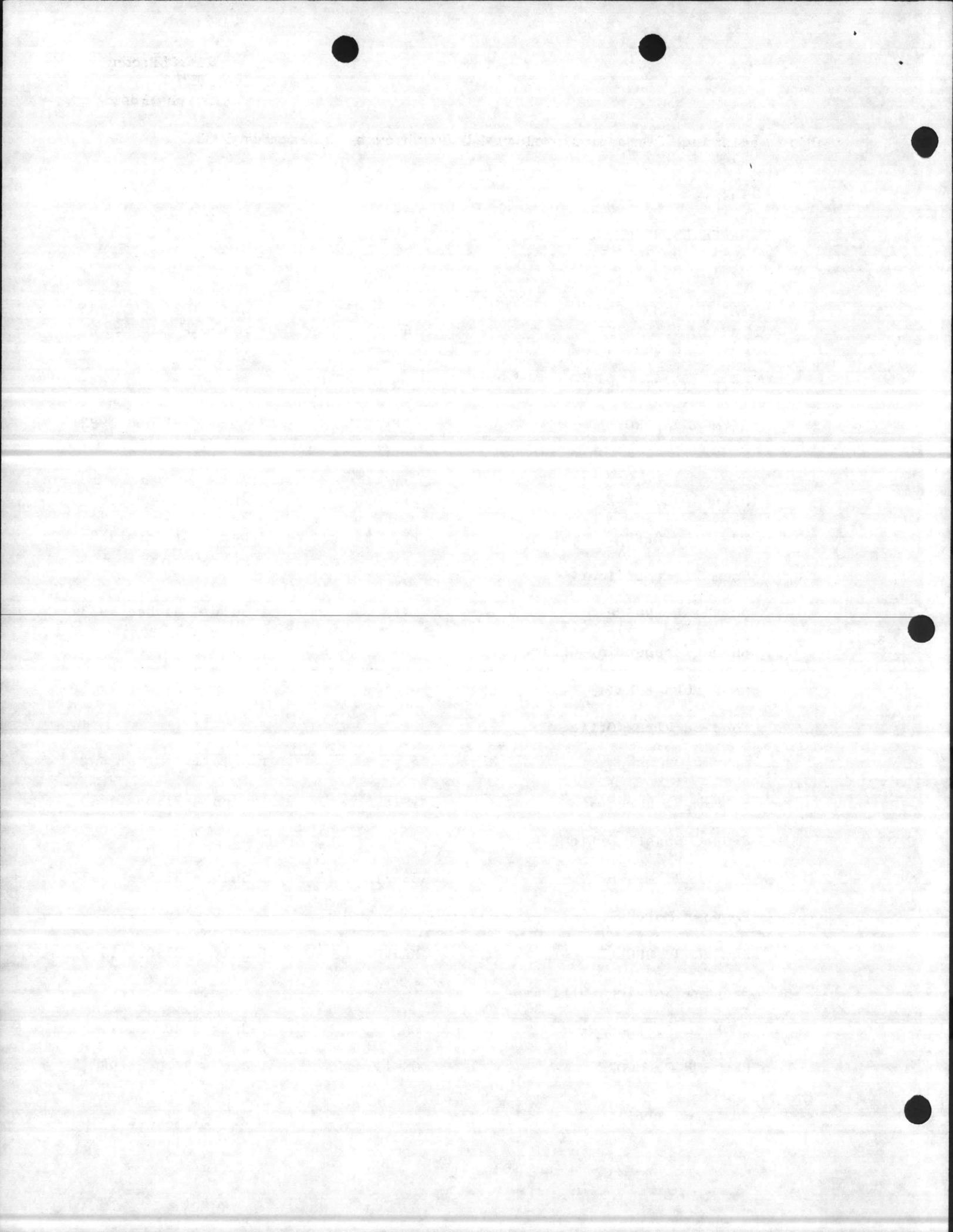
DANIEL J. BUCKLE                      MAJ                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Special Services Officer

KENNETH D. BONNER                      CAPT                      1 July - 30 Nov 1983

MR. DON G. MOORE                      GS-11                      1 Dec - 31 Dec 1983

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Supply Officer

ROBERT L. LAUGHLIN                      CAPT                      1 July - 2 Aug 1983

GREGORY W. STANLEY                      CAPT                      3 Aug - 31 Dec 1983

Director of Safety and Standardization

MICHAEL J. LARKIN                      MAJ                      26 Sep - 31 Dec 1983

Aviation Safety Officer

LEROY CHEVIS                      CAPT                      1 July - 25 Sep 1983

NATOPS Officer

PATRICK T. MAHONEY                      CWO-4                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Historical Officer

NORMA S. STEWART                      1STLT                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Sergeant Major

JAMES A. SULLIVAN                      SGT MAJ                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

3. Average Monthly Strength (Includes FAP personnel):

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
July	40	530	3	3
August	40	534	3	3
September	42	548	3	5
October	54	596	2	5
November	46	477	3	4
December	48	498	3	4

4. Equipment: Two UC-12B aircraft assigned 1 July through 31 December 1983.

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SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Command, Operations, and Training

1. The assigned mission of MCAS(H) New River is to maintain and operate facilities and provide services and material to support the operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

2. In support of the assigned mission, the Station sections performed the following operations.

a. Air Traffic Control during 2236.7 field operating hours conducted.

10,906 Instrument Operations  
40,000 Visual Flight Operations  
2,564 Special Visual Operations  
53,470 Total Controlled Operations

b. Weather Services maintained a 24 hour daily forecast and observational program. Forecasts are produced and disseminated locally and electronically transmitted to other military stations via the Air Force teletype system. Observations are taken, recorded and disseminated in the same manner as the forecasts. Observational records are mailed on a monthly basis to the National Weather Records Center, Asheville, North Carolina, for compiling climatology for this Station.

The Weather Services Accomplished:

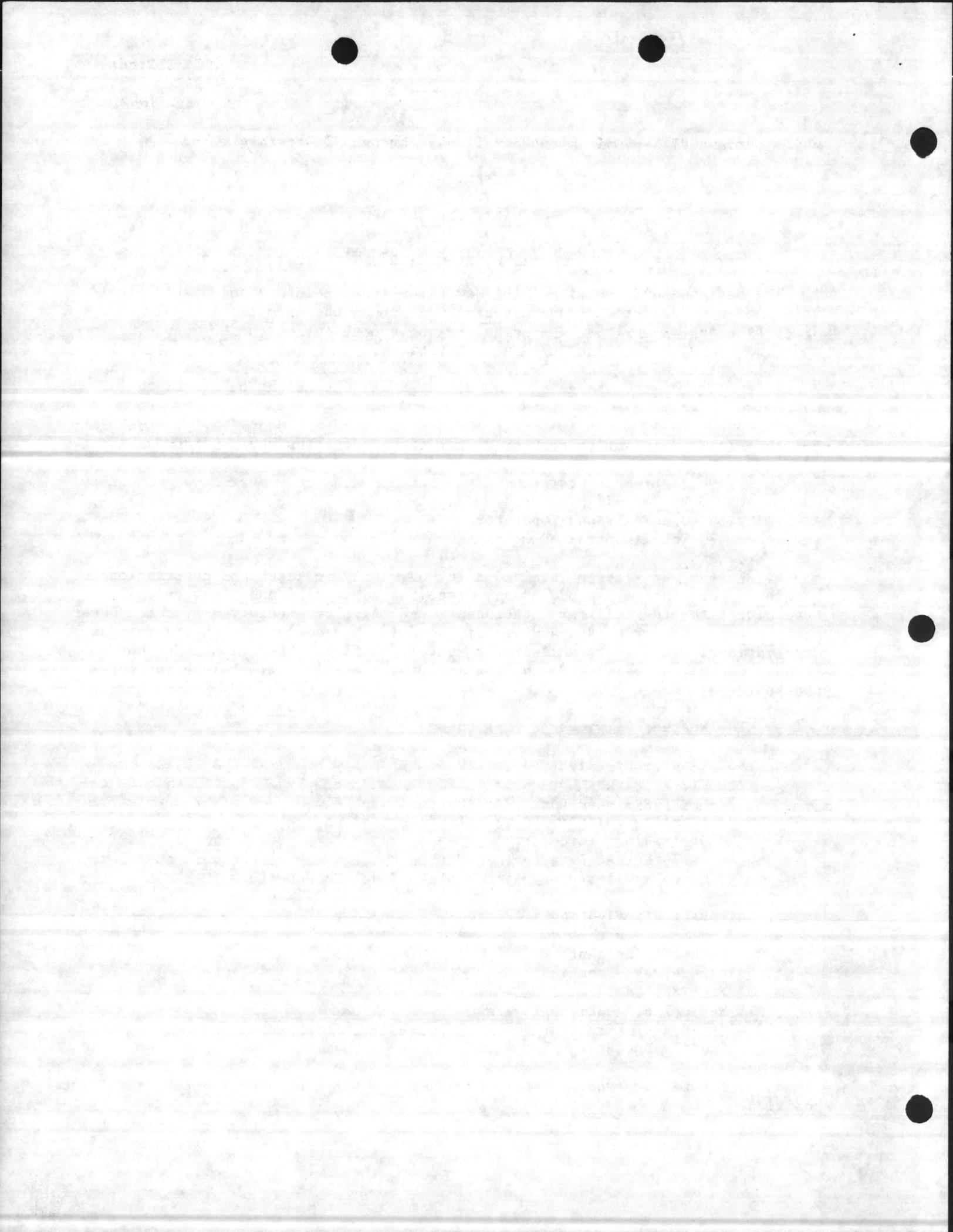
646 Instrument Flight Forecasts  
250 Visual Flight Forecasts  
172 Destructive Weather Warnings for Camp Lejeune/New River complex  
33 Astrological/Climatological Presentations  
Daily Blast Forecast  
Daily Forest Fire Weather Forecast  
Monthly Climatology Astronomical Tidal Computations

c. Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue responded to:

0 Aircraft Accidents  
55 Aircraft Emergencies  
97 Fuel Spills  
11 Medical Evacuation Flights  
0 Structural Fire Alarms  
0 Vehicle Accident

A total of 1963.7 hours were spent manning the Immediate Response Alert position.

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d. The Visiting Aircraft Line (VAL) handled:

1171 Aircraft  
2883 Total Passengers  
726 VIP Passengers  
361,521 Pounds of Cargo  
169 Aircraft in excess of 60,000 lb gross weight

e. The Station Fuels Division dispensed:

42,164 gallons of MOGAS  
3,101,221 gallons of JP-5

f. The Training and Audio Visual Support Center has increased its capability through the acquisition of (graphic art) a transparency maker, lettering machine, and lettering system. Further, a VTR/VCR with camera has been added to the inventory for Crash Crew training and the Film/Tape library has been expanded by 100 new subjects. Status of simulators (Operational Flight Trainers (OFT)) during this period is as follows:

CH-46E OFT - Full functional with visual.  
CH-53D OFT - Integration of visual system was completed and training of instructors and technicians is now complete  
CH-53C OFT - Government final acceptance testing was completed.

g. Flight Operations performed by the Station's two UC-12B aircraft consisted of 477 mission flights for 585.9 hours and 128 training flights for 227.6 hours.

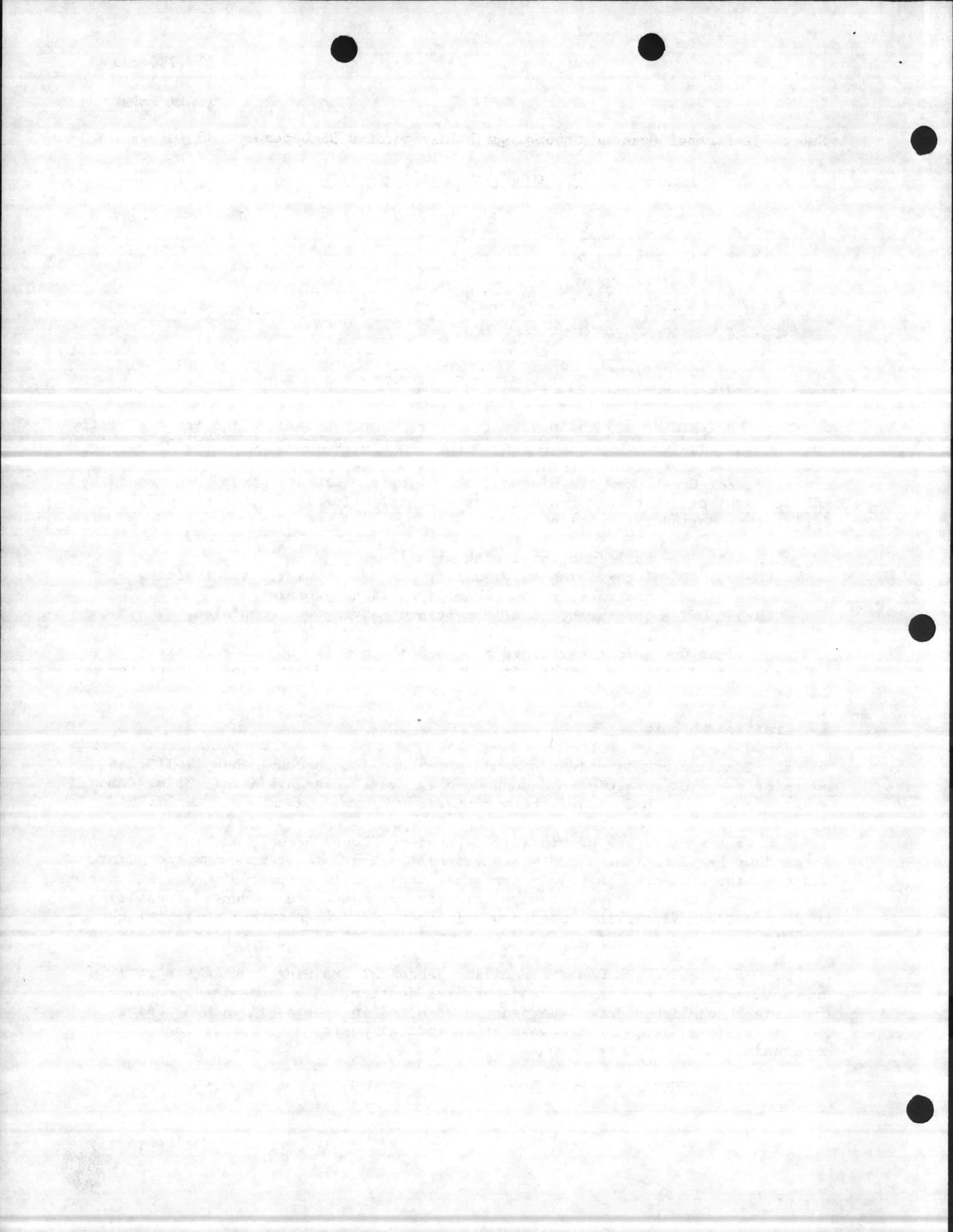
### 3. Training/Support

a. The Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Division accomplished 11,113 man hours of technical training and conducted 13 static displays/firefighting demonstrations for visitors aboard the Air Station.

b. Weather Services provided 12 Instrument Ground School lectures, 3 safety stand down presentations and 2 weather facility tours for tenant command pilots and schools. 4 weather services personnel deployed in support of CAX 1 & 2 during the period 12 Oct - 20 Nov. Tower visibility classes were conducted resulting in 19 new Tower Visibility Observers being certified. An extensive training program is in effect to keep assigned personnel abreast of changes within their MOS.

c. The Air Traffic Control Facility Technical Training Program was revised to include the Flight Planning and Approval Section. The supervised technical training accomplished under the program resulted in 6 hardskilled MOSs being assigned. In addition, there were 36 individual position qualifications attained.

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Personnel and Administration

Personnel information (promotions, awards, etc.) is contained in Headquarters & Headquarters, Squadron Command Chronology.

Medical

All assigned medical personnel (3 Off/4 Enl) are currently attached to Naval Hospital, MCAS(H) New River Branch Clinic.

Logistics/Supply

a. Military Construction (MCON) Projects

(1) P-206, Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing. Completed 2 December 1983.

(2) P-178, (NAF) Enlisted Men's Club. Completed 20 August 1983.

(3) P-354, Ordnance Magazine Area. Contract awarded 9 August 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 15 March 1984.

b. Minor Construction

(1) NR102R, Helicopter Internal Stores Storage MAG-26. Completed 22 July 1983.

(2) NR201R, Ordnance Operations Building. Contract awarded 9 June 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 15 March 1984.

(3) NR202R, Ordnance Buildup Area MAG-29. Contract awarded 10 February 1983. On hold awaiting change order authorization from HQMC.

(4) NR203R, Mobile Maintenance Van Utilities. Contract awarded 29 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 10 July 1984.

(5) NR301R, BSQ Improvements, AS-702 & AS-704. Design complete, project deferred until FY-84.

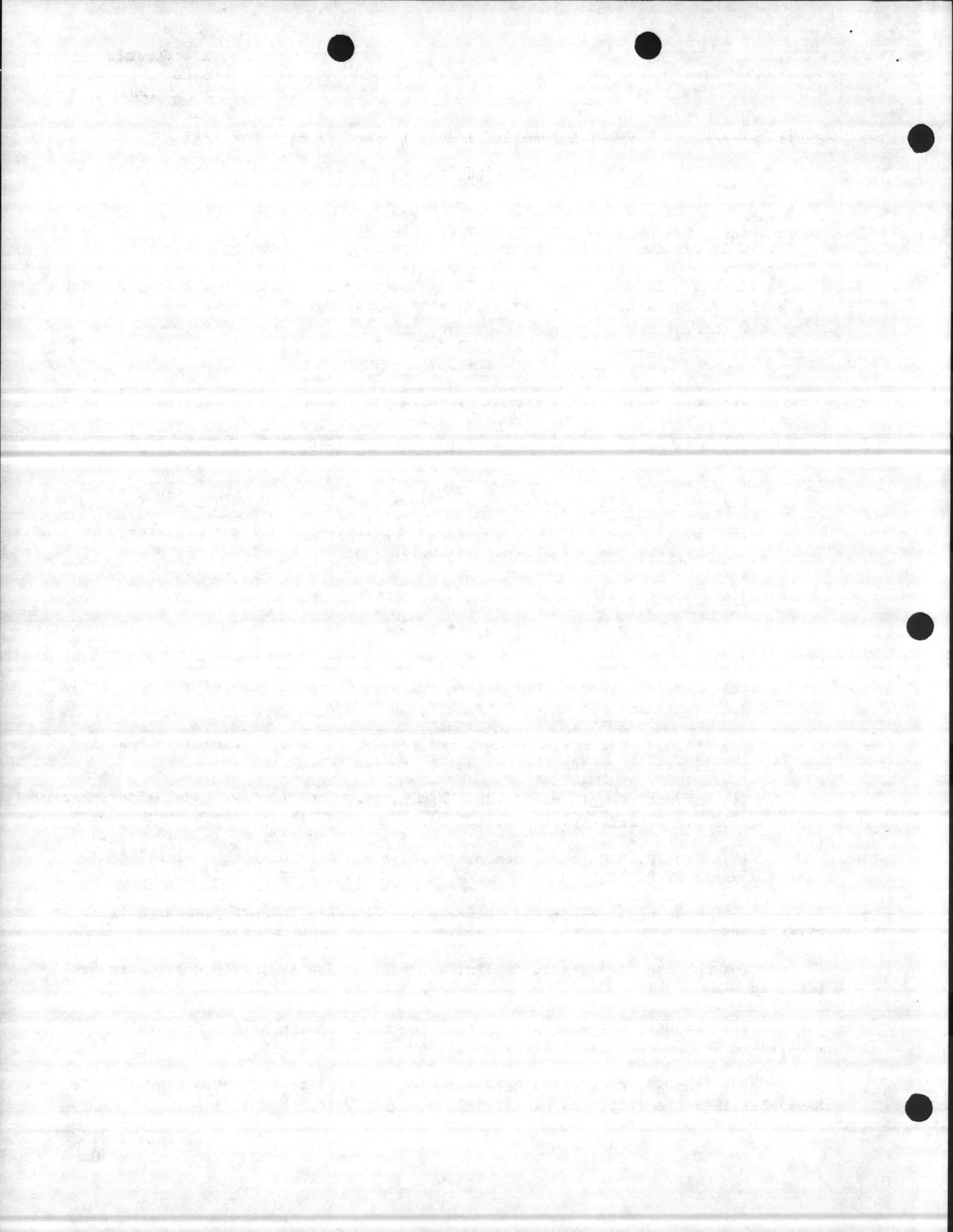
(6) NR302R, Aircraft Fuel Systems Improvements. Funds requested 14 October 1983.

(7) NR303R, PME Storage Building. Design complete. Funds requested 24 May 1983.

(8) NR305R, Aircraft Arming/Dearming Pad. Design by LANTDIV, to be advertised second quarter FY-84.

(9) NR306R, Classified Material Disposal Facility. Contract awarded 23 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 5 May 1984.

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(10) NR307R, Railroad Crossing Improvements. Being held in abeyance pending railroad resolution.

(11) NR312R, Hoist Improvements, Hangar AS-4100. Contract awarded 9 August 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 20 February 1984.

(12) NR313RS, Family Abuse Facility (Shelter). Design by Jordan, Snowden and McVicker, complete. Awaiting HQMC authorization.

(13) NR314RS, Fuel Farm Improvements. Scheduled bids opening 24 January 1984.

(14) NR315RS, Facility Preparation for Phone Exchange. Completed 30 June 1983.

(15) NR401R, Road Improvements (Various Locations). Design complete. Funds requested from CMC 26 August 1983.

(16) NR404R, Marina Boathouse. Project under development by Public Works, MCB, CLNC. Design 85% complete.

The following were validated by HQMC for accomplishment in the FY-85 Program:

- (1) NR501R, Family Service Center.
- (2) NR502R, Child Care Center.
- (3) NR503R, Runway Centerline Lighting.
- (4) NR501R, Sprinkler System, AS-840.

c. Major Repair

(1) NR008M, Replace Fire Alarm Equipment. Contract awarded 28 September 1982. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date scheduled for (extended from 1 July 1983 to 30 November 1983) 10 February 1984. Project running behind schedule.

(2) NR105M, Repair Parking Areas. Completed 9 October 1983.

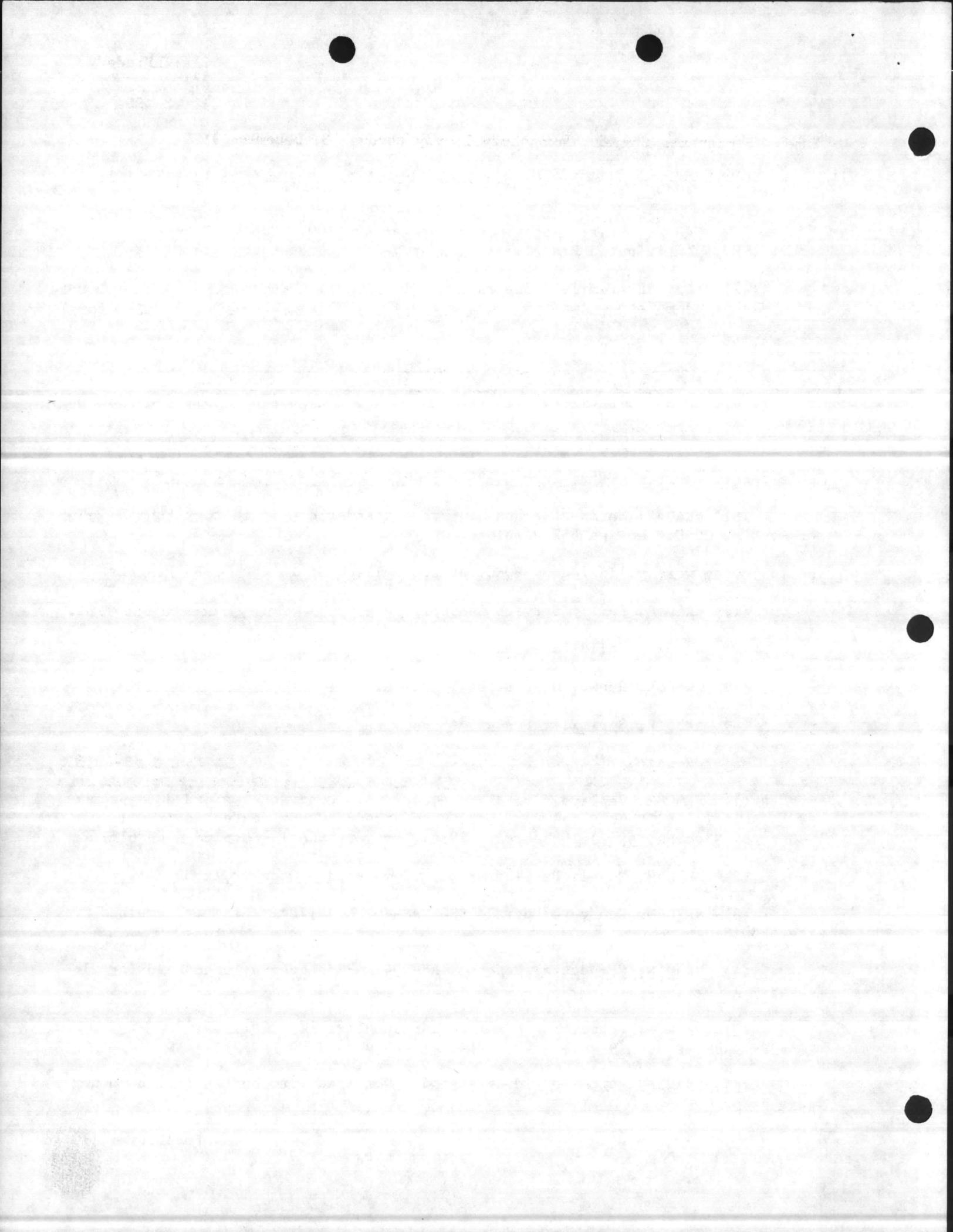
(3) NR204M, Renovate/Upgrade BSQ, AS-702 & AS-704. Project combined with NR301R.

(4) NR301M, Structural Repairs, AS-504. Bids opening scheduled for 21 February 1984.

(5) NR302M, Replace Economizers (Boilers 16, 17 & 18), AS-4151. Contract bids opened 14 July 1983. Bids rejected - to be readvertised.

(6) NR405M, Reroof Building AS-504. Deferred - to be considered in next years program.

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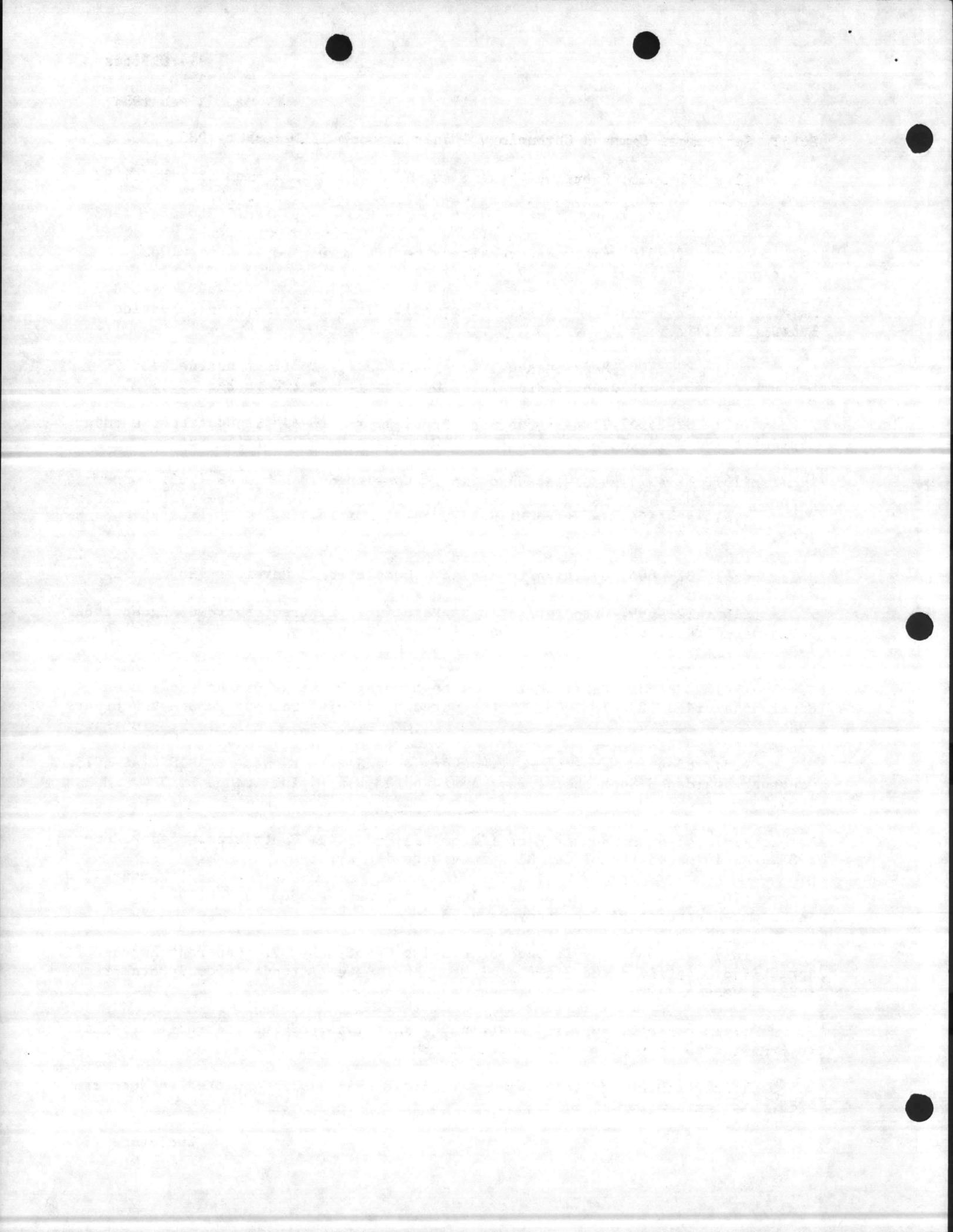


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- (7) 80-0398, Repair Parking Lots, MCAS(H). Completed 9 October 1983.
- (8) 82-2221, New Lighting System, AS-202. Completed 1 November 1983.
- (9) 82-2319, Clean Water Mains. Contract awarded 2 August 1983.  
Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 12 March 1984.
- (10) 82-2321, Electrical, Structural, Misc. Bids opening scheduled for 7 February 1984.
- (11) 82-2406, Maintenance of Asphalt Roads. Contract awarded 13 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 8 November 1984.
- (12) 82-2555, Install Condensate Polishers, AS-4151. Contract awarded 28 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 10 April 1984.
- (13) 82-4574, Basewide Reroofing. Completed 13 December 1983.
- (14) 82-4604, Security Lighting, AS-3515 & AS-118. Completed 22 December 1983.
- (15) 82-4606, Addition to AS-143. Completed 23 November 1983.
- (16) 82-4609, Exterior/Interior Painting. Contract awarded August 1982.  
Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date (extended from November 1983) 31 March 1984.
- (17) 82-4635, Repair Driveways to Loading Docks at Dining Facilities.  
Contract awarded 12 July 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 8 February 1984.
- (18) 82-4660, Replace Wall Lockers & Head Partitions, AS-4010 & AS-4015.  
Contract awarded 8 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 18 June 1984.
- (19) 82-4683, Repair Roof (Basewide), AS-144. Contract awarded 2 June 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 13 July 1984.
- (20) 82-4686, Interior Painting. Contract awarded 13 May 1983.  
Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 23 January 1984.
- (21) 82-4689, Repair Outdoor Playing Court, AS-252. Contract awarded 25 April 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date (extended from 7 October 1983) 5 January 1984.
- (22) 82-4693, Repair & Restripe Parking Lots, AS-208 & AS-831. Completed 16 August 1983.
- (23) 83-4569, Blocking Windows, AS-518 & AS-414. Completed 28 November 1983.

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(24) 83-5820, Restripe Parking Aprons & Runways. Contract awarded 30 August 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 4 March 1984.

(25) 83-5826, Misc. Paving (Basewide). Contract awarded 28 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 10 April 1984.

(26) 83-5839, Replace Sewage Lift Station Equipment, AS-206, AS-230, AS-426, AS-517, & AS-606. Contract awarded 16 November 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 28 July 1984.

(27) 83-5840, Replace Auxiliary Engine, AS-110. Contract awarded 20 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 29 May 1984.

(28) 83-5879, Fire Protection, Child Care Center, AS-604. Bids opening scheduled for 24 January 1984.

(29) 83-5885, Replace Roofs, Misc., AS-4100, AS-320 & AS-4122. Contract awarded 30 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date (extended from 15 December 1983) 12 April 1984.

(30) 83-5888, Replace Doors and Locks, UEPH (Basewide). Bids opening 22 September 1983. Contract has not been awarded, awaiting decision from LANTDIV.

(31) 83-5912, Repair Rapid Refueler Lines. Contract awarded 25 November 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 16 February 1984.

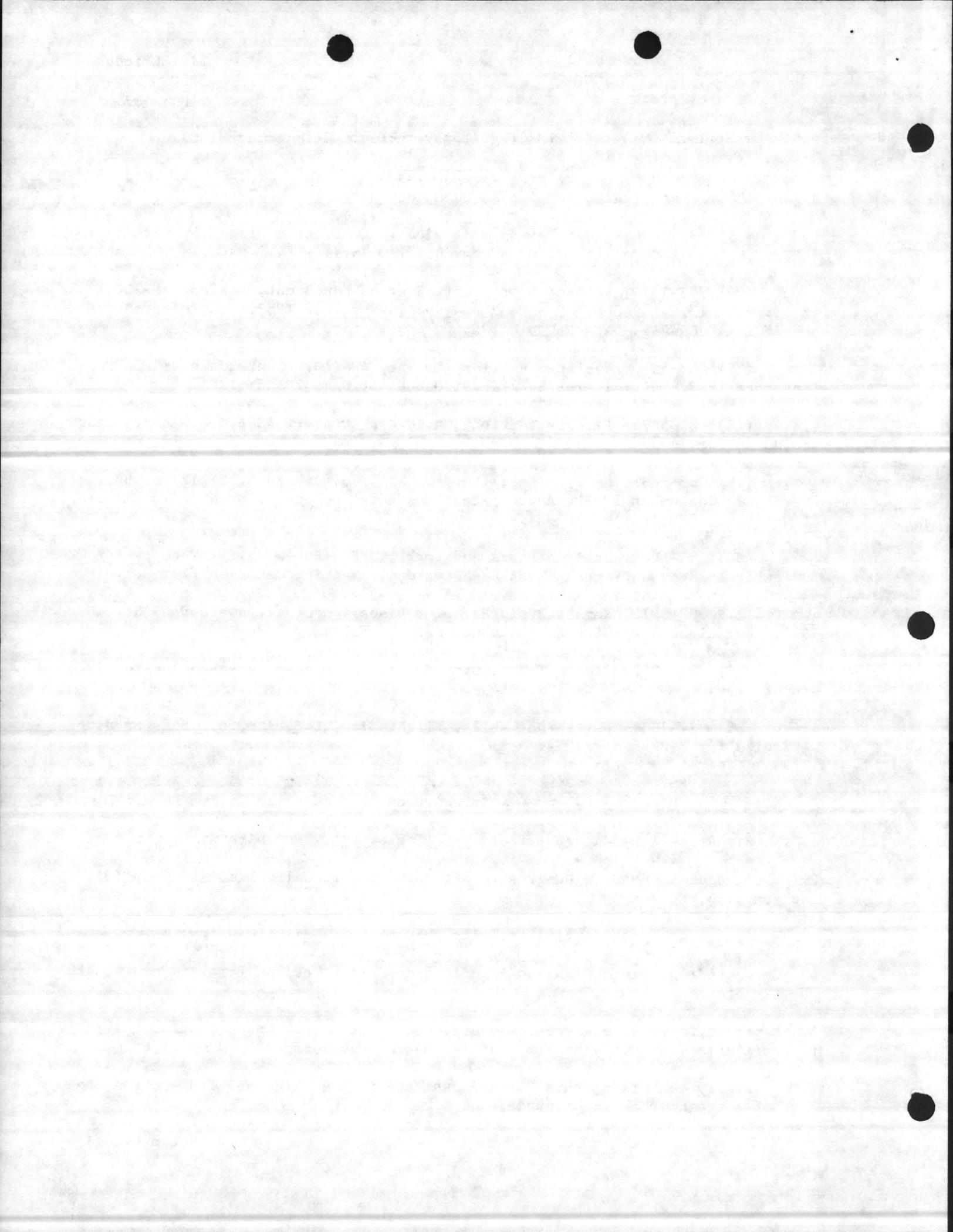
(32) 83-7802, Remove Trees, Camp Davis. Bids opening scheduled for 12 January 1984.

(33) 84-7851, Waterproof Walls, Flight Simulator, AS-320. Bids opening scheduled for 7 February 1984.

#### Civic Action

1. The Air Station conducted 6 tours, hosting over 1,200 visitors.
2. Upon request, provide UC-12 aircraft support for Onslow Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, NC.
3. Upon request, provide fire fighting support for local community.
4. Conducted 13 Static Displays/Firefighting Demonstrations for visitors aboard the Air Station.
5. Numerous tours were given to Scouts, school students, and potential reenlistees to familiarize them with an Air Traffic Control environment.
6. On 7 July members of this Command assisted in the clean-up of JP-5 from the site of a train wreck in Belgrade, NC.

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3 Feb 1984

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SECTION III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

4 July Marine Reserve aviators participated in "Cutlass Slash 83" at New River and Camp Lejeune. The exercise received local media coverage.

21 July Simulator Systems Division toured by BGen DONOVAN, Dir, J.A. Div, HQMC

22 July Major T. L. WINSTEAD assumed command of HQHQRON.

25 July Simulator Systems Division toured by LtGen FITCH, DCS Air, HQMC.

25 Aug Simulator Systems Division toured by CNO.

21 Sep New Enlisted Club was completed/opened at a cost of 1.6 million.

21 Sep Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sergeant Major R. L. CLEARY visited the Air Station.

22 Sep Silent Drill Team and Drum and Bugle Corps performed aboard the Air Station.

7 Oct Hosted the East Coast Crash Crew Rodeo.

17 Oct CH-53D Instructors Training Course conducted (17-21 Oct).

20 Oct Members of this Command attended Memorial Services held for Captain Michael J. OHLER, who was killed in Beirut, Lebanon.

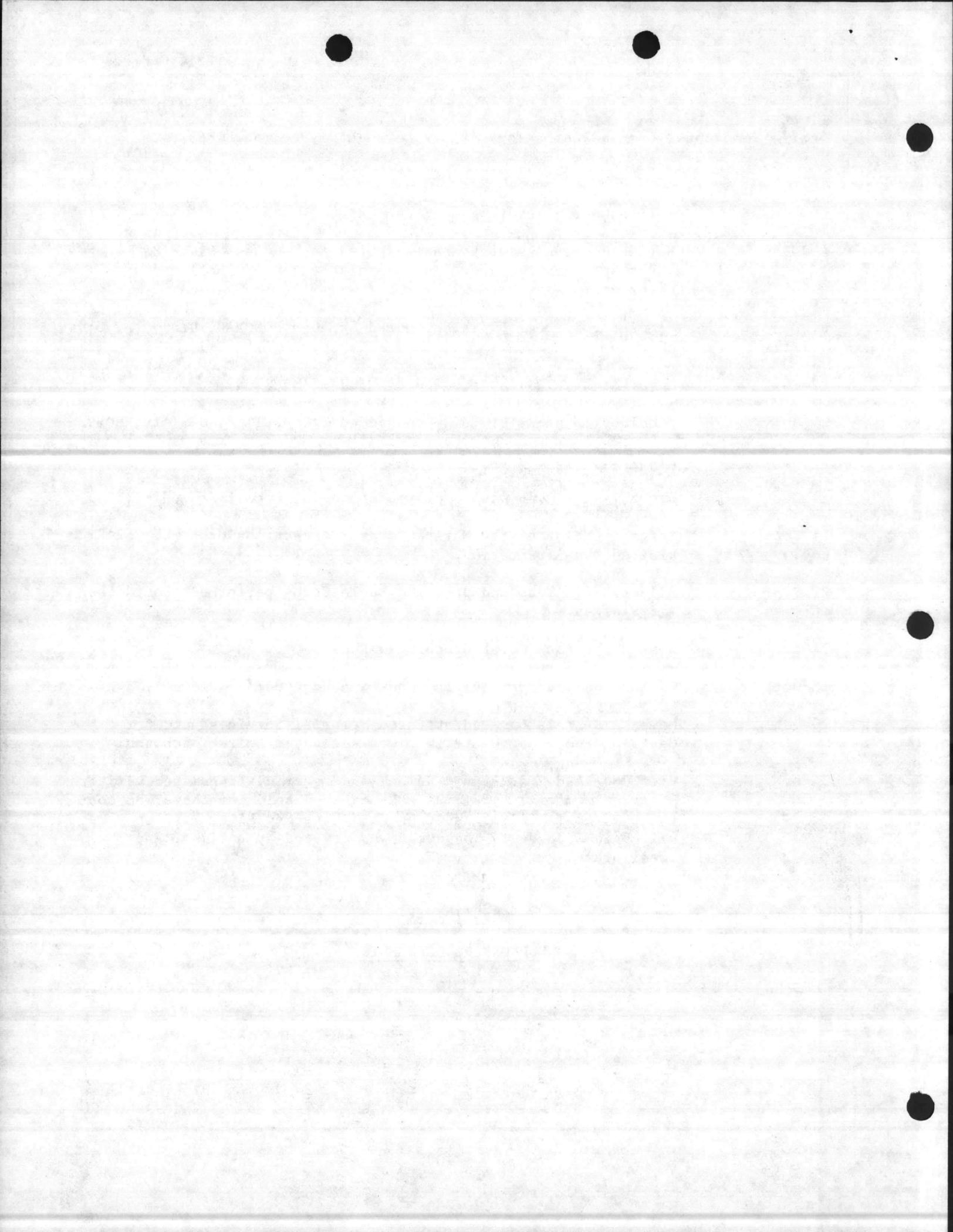
3 Nov President and Mrs. Ronald REAGAN and other distinguished visitors attended Memorial Services (MCB Lejeune) held for those who lost their lives in Beirut and Grenada (three New River Marines were killed in Grenada). The event was covered by national and local press.

SECTION IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Attached

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# The good news is you're in charge, the bad, inspection in two weeks



Captain Eddy takes charge to ensure that all aircraft in the vicinity of the Air Station fly safely. Under his leadership, the quality of Air Traffic Control at New River has reached a new high.

*Story and photo  
by PFC Reggie Jones*

Nervousness is...taking charge of an air traffic control tower which averaged 13 incidents a year for three years, and being told that there will be an inspection by COMCAB East within two weeks.

Captain Steven M. Eddy, a nominee for Air Traffic Controller of the year, knows this feeling very well. Capt. Eddy reported to New River in July, 1982 and was assigned as Air Traffic Control Officer immediately before what can only be described as a disastrous inspection on Aug. 5 and 6.

After the Air Traffic Control tower and radar crew were judged unsatisfactory, and Capt. Eddy reviewed the results of the inspection, he formulated a plan to bring the quality of the air traffic control tower up and increased the proficiency of the crew.

First, he reorganized the facility to improve its overall operational effectiveness and streamlined the office and administrative processes.

Next, he instituted a highly effective short term remedial training program designed to quickly get the facility back on its feet by upgrading the professionalism and the standardization of all controllers. Finally, Capt. Eddy implemented a new,

dynamic training program including the establishment of realistic goals tailored to meet the needs of the Air Station.

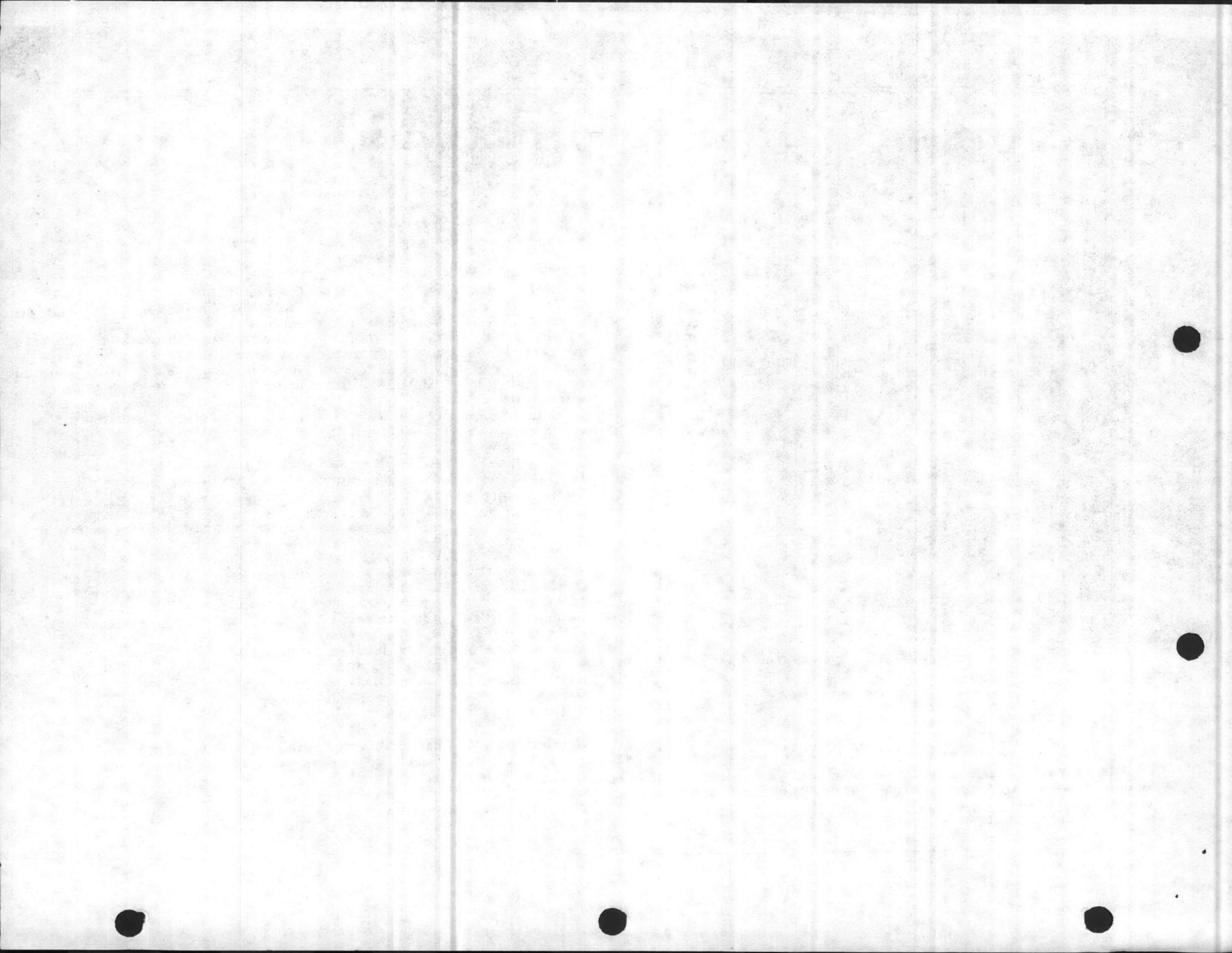
Another inspection was given 60 days later. The result from that inspection was an above average, and according to the inspecting officers, the ATC facility was now at least on par with other facilities known to them.

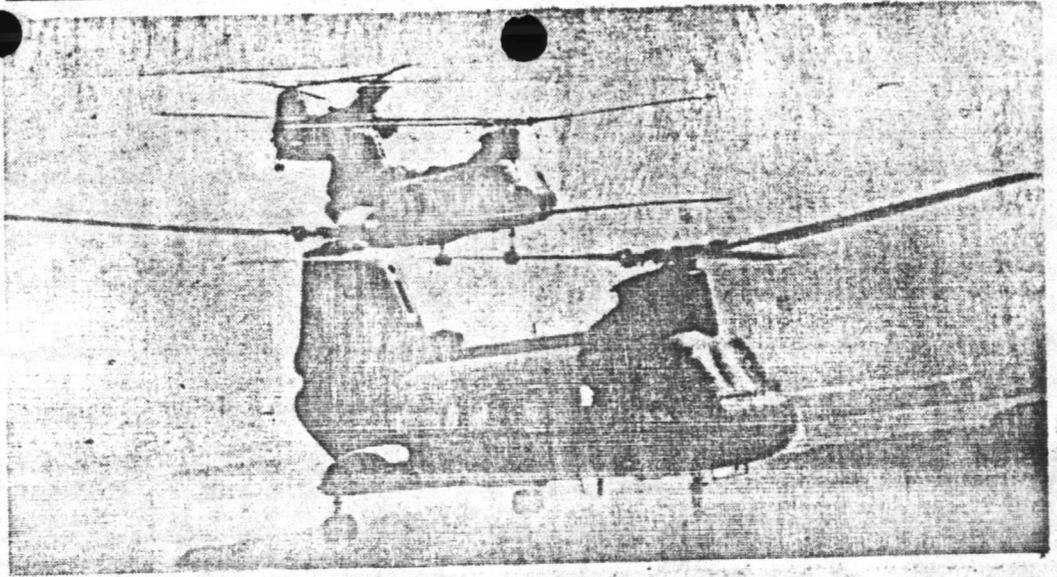
COMCAB reinspected in January and the results were an overall grade of outstanding.

Capt. Eddy continued to provide inspirational leadership and professional guidance when a Capt. from the Inspector General's Office reinspected in April, 1983, the overall grade assigned was excellent with no discrepancies.

Since Capt. Eddy has taken charge, there have been no incidents or near air misses.

"I was very proud of the results of the program, but I couldn't have done it without the support of the officers and staff NCOs who assisted me. It seems to me that our officers and staff NCOs hadn't been given the leadership opportunity that should come with their rank. Through this program we made sure that they had the authority to do their jobs," concluded Capt. Eddy.





**Over land and sea...**  
**Sea Knights in flight formation.**

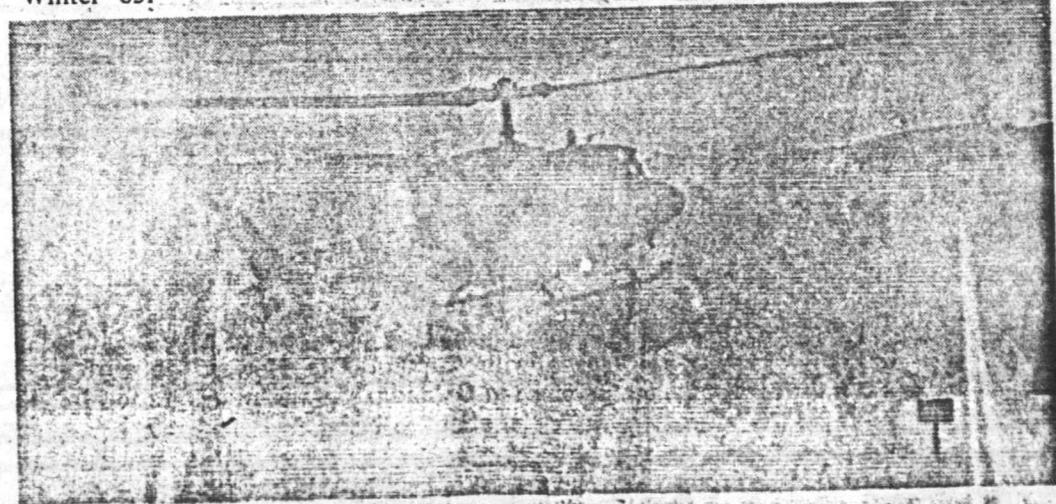
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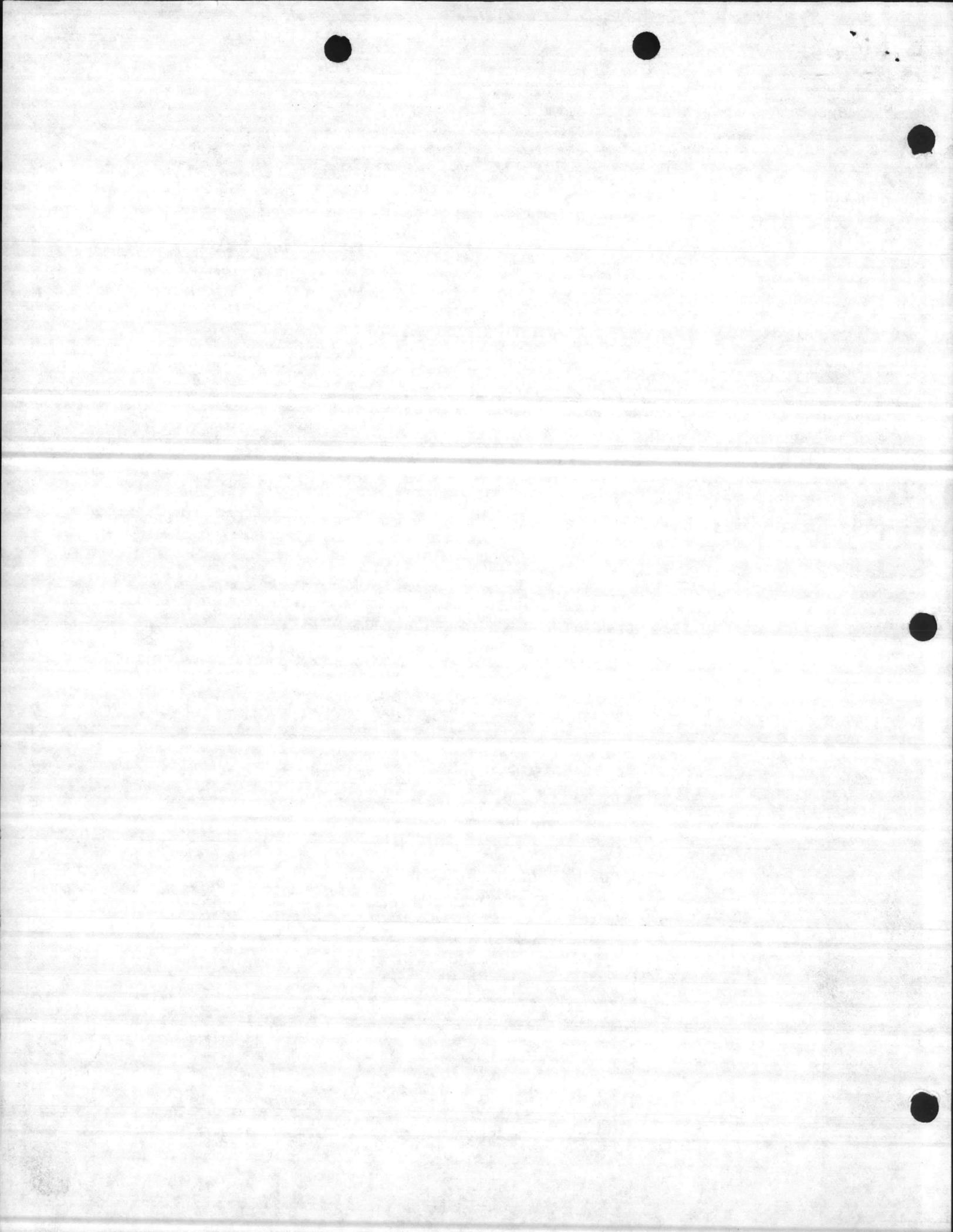
**In desert heat...**  
**Heavy lifts at Twenty-Nine Palms.**

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**In arctic cold...**  
**White out in Norway, "Cold Winter '83."**





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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
(HELICOPTER)  
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NORTH CAROLINA 28545

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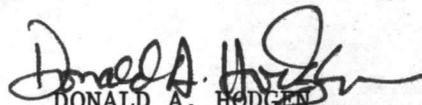
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DONALD A. HODGEN

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 JANUARY THROUGH 30 JUNE 1983

SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (HELICOPTER), NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
  - a. The Reporting Unit Code (RUC) is 02020.
  - b. The Table of Organization (T/O) number is 8461.

The period covered by this report is 1 January through 30 June 1983. MCAS(H) New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

2. Personnel Information

a. Commanding Officer

JERRY W. MARVEL	COL	1 Jan - 24 Jun 1983
DONALD A. HODGEN	COL	24 Jun - 30 Jun 1983

b. Subordinate Commanders

Commanding Officer, HQHQRON

CLARENCE M. COLLINS III	MAJ	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
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c. Principal Staff Members

Executive Officer

James E. VAN GORDER, JR.	LTCOL	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
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S-1 Officer

ROBERT E. REED-HILL, JR.	LTCOL	1 Jan - 24 Jun 1983
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DAVID P. ROBINSON	MAJ	25 Jun - 30 Jun 1983
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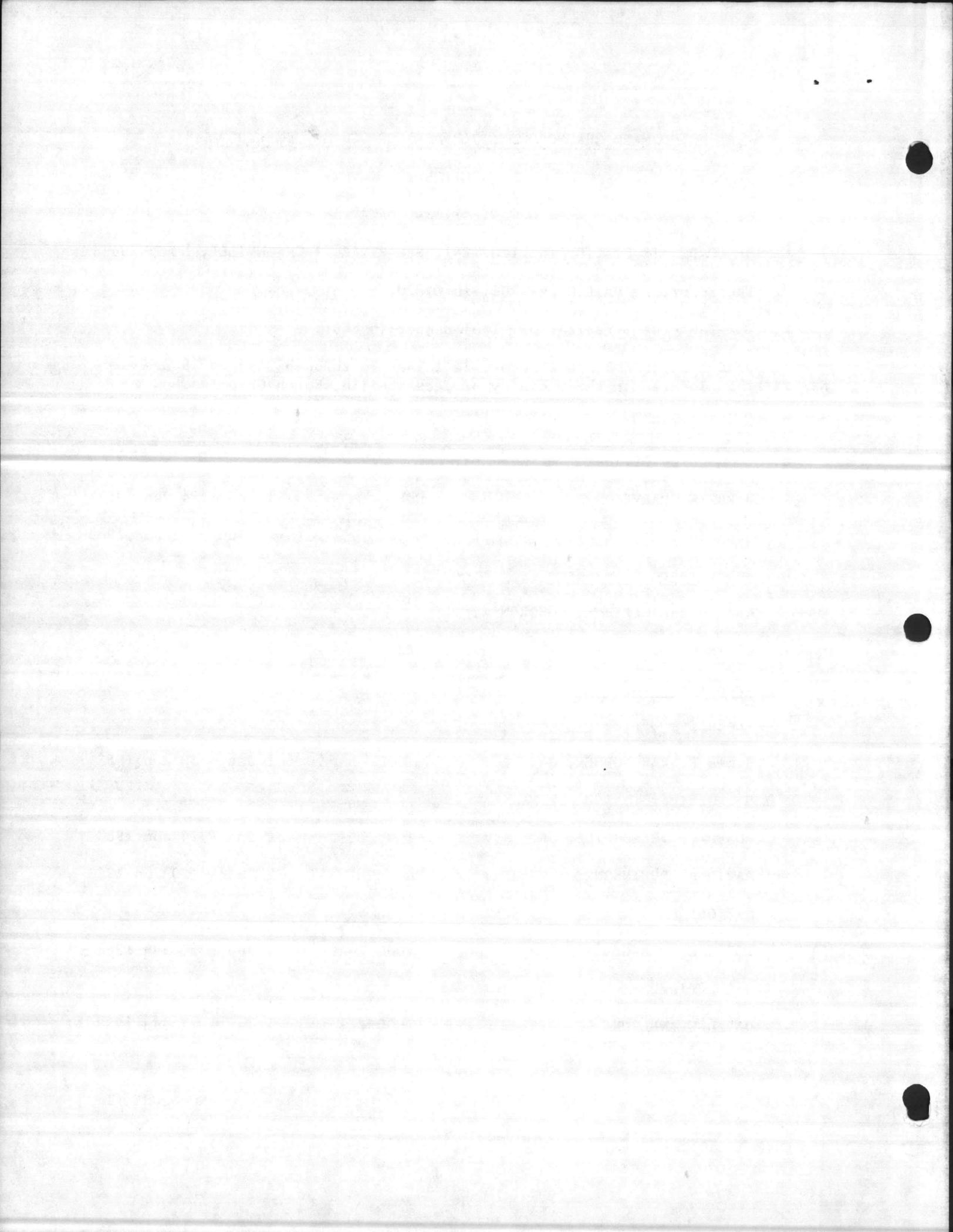
S-3 Officer

LOUIS C. STENGEL	LTCOL	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
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S-4 Officer

DAVID W. NELSON	LTCOL	1 Jan - 27 Jun 1983
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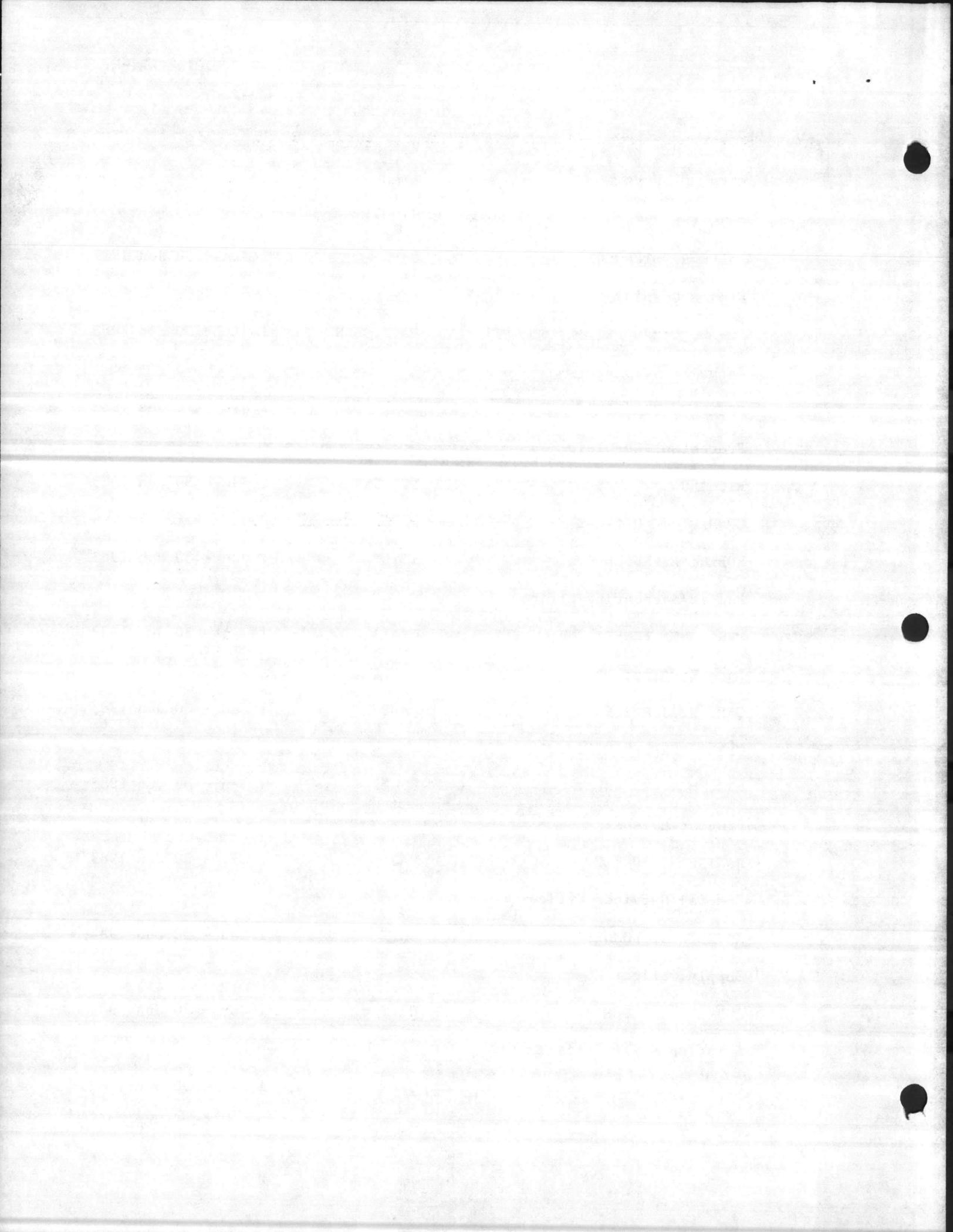
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GLENN W. RUSSELL	LTCOL	27 Jun - 30 Jun 1983
Adjutant		
RALPH R. STURGEON	CAPT	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
Senior Chaplain		
ELI H. CAMPBELL	CAPT, USN	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
Catholic Chaplain		
PETER R. PILARSKI	CDR, USN	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
Protestant Chaplain		
RICHARD L. BAURS	LT, USN	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
COMM/Elect Officer		
ROBERT L. RUSCH	1STLT	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
Budget/Accounting Officer		
MRS. EULA ENNETT	GS-11	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
Food Services Officer		
GARY W. JOHNSON	CAPT	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
Ground Safety Officer		
MRS. MARY W. WHEAT	GS-11	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
Provost Marshal		
DANIEL J. BUCKLE	MAJ	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
Special Services Officer		
KENNETH D. BONNER	CAPT	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
Supply Officer		
ROBERT L. LAUGHLIN	CAPT	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983
Aviation Safety Officer		
LEROY CHEVIS	CAPT	1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983

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NATOPS Officer

PATRICK T. MAHONEY CWO-4 1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983

Historical Officer

NORMA S. STEWART 1STLT 1 Jan - 30 Jun 1983

Sergeant Major

SANTIAGO MORLET SGT MAJ 1 Jan - 10 Mar 1983

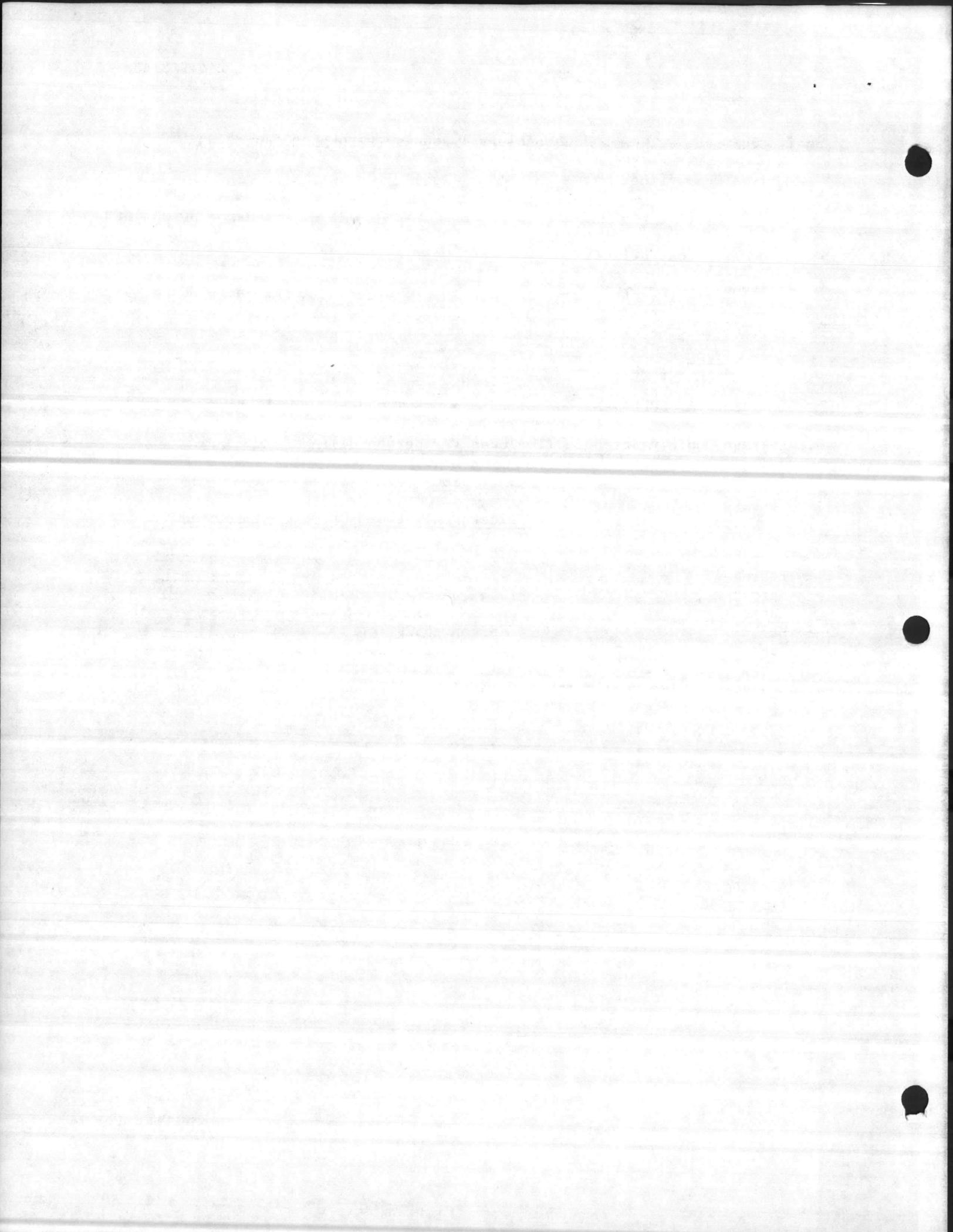
JAMES A. SULLIVAN SGT MAJ 11 May - 30 Jun 1983

3. Average Monthly Strength (Includes FAP personnel):

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
January	49	550	2	3
February	47	537	3	2
March	45	474	3	2
April	45	514	3	3
May	46	552	3	3
June	40	525	3	3

4. Equipment: Two UC-12B aircraft assigned 1 January through 30 June 1983.

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SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Command, Operations, and Training

1. The assigned mission of MCAS(H) New River is to maintain and operate facilities and provide services and material to support the operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

2. In support of the assigned mission, the Station sections performed the following operations.

a. Air Traffic Control during 2272.1 field operating hours conducted.

8,060 Instrument Operations  
46,841 Visual Flight Operations  
55,901 Total Controlled Operations

b. Weather Services maintained a 24 hour daily forecast and observational program. Forecasts are produced and disseminated locally and electronically transmitted to other military stations via the Air Force teletype system. Observations are taken, recorded and disseminated in the same manner as the forecasts. Observational records are mailed on a monthly basis to the National Weather Records Center, Asheville, North Carolina, for compiling climatology for this Station.

The Weather Services Accomplished:

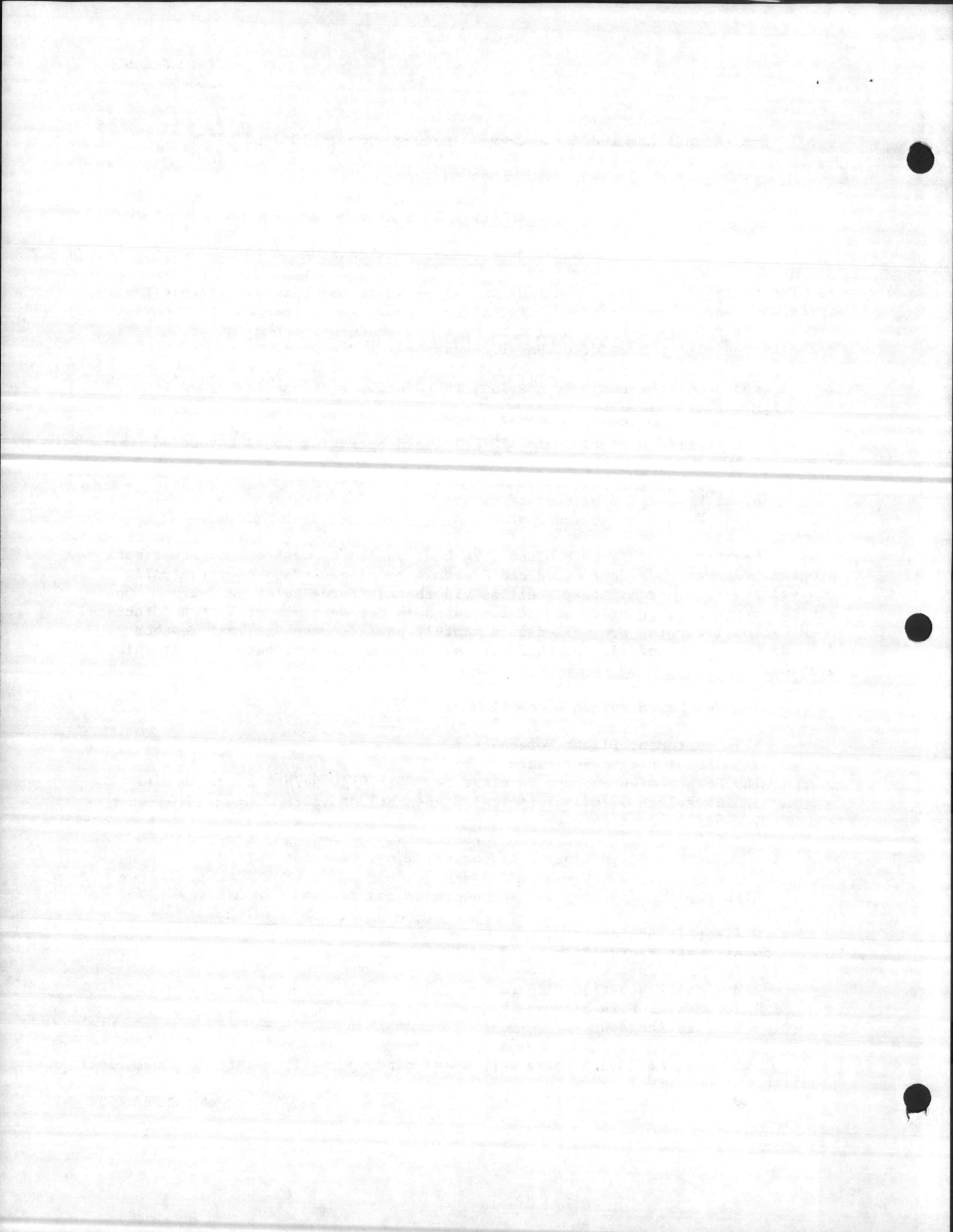
522 Instrument Flight Forecasts  
318 Visual Flight Forecasts  
169 Destructive Weather Warnings for Camp Lejeune/New River complex  
25 Astrological/Climatological Presentations  
Daily Blast Forecast  
Daily Forest Fire Weather Forecast  
Monthly Climatology Astronomical Tidal Computations

c. Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue responded to:

0 Aircraft Accidents  
54 Aircraft Emergencies  
71 Fuel Spills  
7 Medical Evacuation Flights  
1 Structural Fire Alarms  
0 Vehicle Accident

A total of 2053.5 hours were spent manning the Immediate Response Alert position.

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d. The Visiting Aircraft Line (VAL) handled:

1243 Aircraft  
3084 Total Passengers  
466 VIP Passengers  
689,715 Pounds of Cargo  
171 Aircraft in excess of 60,000 lb gross weight

e. The Station Fuels Division dispensed:

77,687 gallons of MOGAS  
3,311,436 gallons of JP-5

f. The Training and Audio Visual Support Center enhanced its overall capability upon the receipt of 4 vtrs and 38 25" color TV monitors of which 28 have been installed in user spaces. Status of Simulators (Operational Flight Trainers OFT) during this period are as follows:

46E OFT - Visual System accepted and operational Maintenance Training for Staff Technicians completed.

CH-53D OFT - Accepted by government. Integration of Visual System started.

CH-53E OFT - Received and installed. Government final acceptance testing started.

g. Flight Operations performed by the Station's two UC-12B aircraft consisted of 467 mission flights for 545.0 hours and 123 training flights for 222.4 hours.

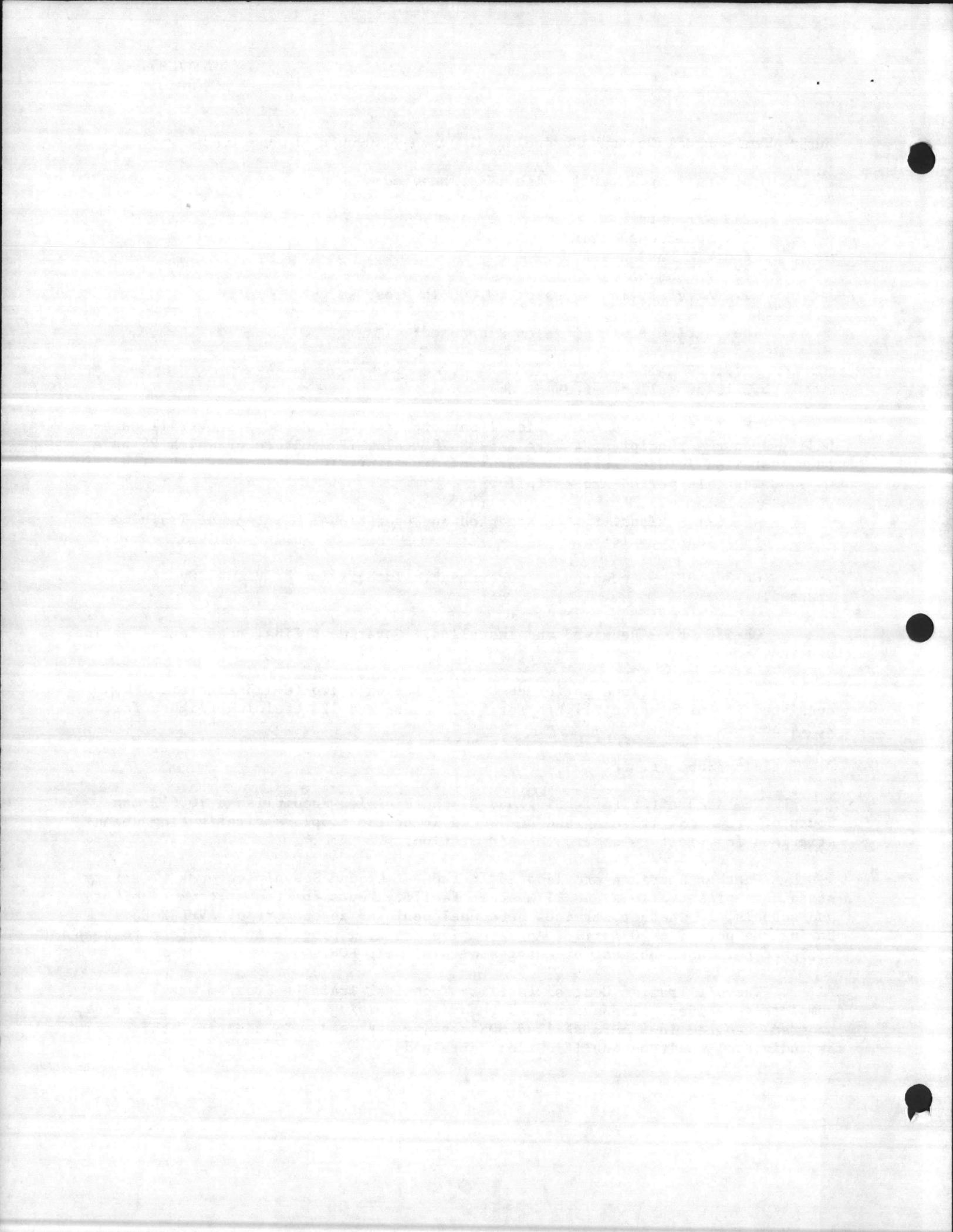
3. Training/Support.

a. The Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Division accomplished 10,643 man hours of technical training and conducted 16 static displays/firefighting demonstrations for visitors aboard the Air Station.

b. Weather Services provided 16 Instrument Ground School lectures, 2 safety stand down presentations and 11 weather facility tours for tenant command pilots and schools, 10 weather services personnel deployed in support of AVELEX-83 during the period 4-20 April. An extensive training program is in effect to keep assigned personnel abreast of changes within their MOS.

c. The Air Traffic Control Facility Technical Training Program was completely revised. The supervised technical training accomplished under the new program resulted in 9 hard skilled MOS's being assigned. In addition, there were 39 individual position qualifications attained.

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Personnel and Administration

During the report period a representative of Headquarters, Marine Corps conducted a review of our current T/O (8461). MOS shortages/imbalance were identified and request for modification to T/O was submitted. Additional personnel information (promotions, awards, etc.) is contained in Headquarters & Headquarters, Squadron Command Chronology.

Medical

All assigned medical personnel (3 Off/3 Enl) are currently attached to Naval Regional Medical Center, MCAS(H) New River Branch Clinic.

Logistics/Supply

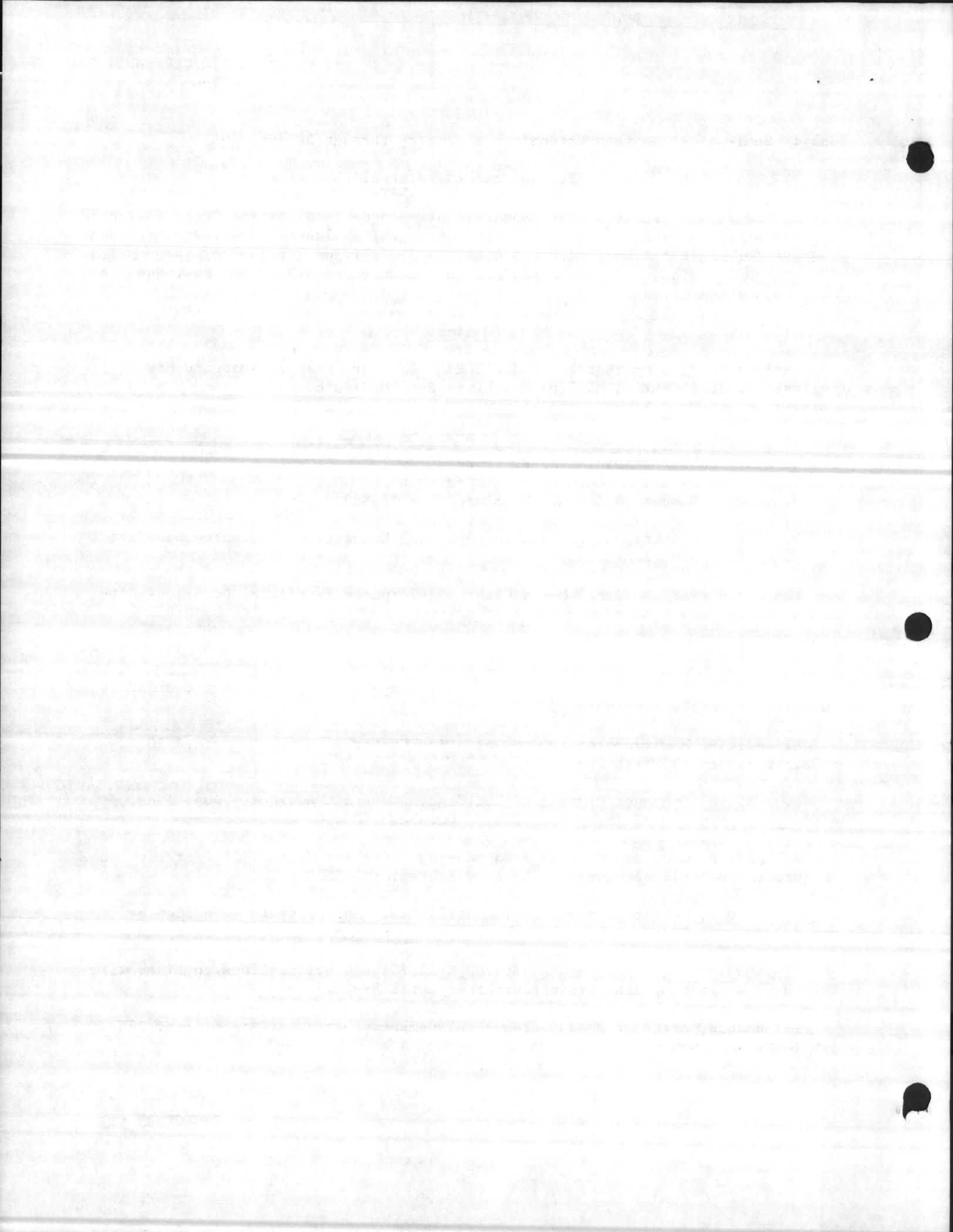
1. Military Construction (MCON) Projects

- a. P-413, Hangar Addition. Completed April 1983.
- b. P-206, Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 2 December 1983.
- c. P-178 (NAF) Enlisted Men's Club. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 20 August 1983.

2. Minor Construction

- a. NR102R, Helicopter Internal Stores Storage MAG-26. Contract awarded 24 July 1982. Complete 22 July 1982.
- b. NR105R, Modification to Communication Center. Contract awarded 20 August 1982. Completed 3 March 1983.
- c. NR201R, Ordnance Operations Building. Contract awarded 9 June 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 22 October 1983.
- d. NR202R, Ordnance Buildup Area MAG-29. Contract awarded 10 February 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 29 September 1983.
- e. NR203R, Mobile Maintenance Van Utilities. Authority to advertise by CMC msg 311331Z May 83.
- f. NR301R, BSQ Improvements, AS-702 & AS-704. Specifications combined with NR204M. Design complete, project deferred until FY-84.
- g. NR302R, Aircraft Fuel Systems Improvement. Design by Von Oessen, 35% complete.

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- h. NR303R, PME Storage Building. Design complete. Funds requested from CMC.
- i. NR305R, Aircraft Arming/Dearming Pad. Design by LANTDIV, 90% complete.
- j. NR306R, Classified Material Disposal Facility. Design complete. Funds requested from CMC.
- k. NR307R, Railroad Crossing Improvements. Being held in abeyance pending railroad resolution.
- l. NR312R, Hoist Improvements, Hangar AS-4100. Contract awarded 24 May 1983.
- m. NR313RS, Family Abuse Facility (Shelter). Design by Jordan, Snowden and McVicker, 35% complete.
- n. NR314RS, Fuel Farm Improvements. Design 90% complete. Funds requested from CMC.
- o. NR315RS, Facility Preparation for Phone Exchange. Contract awarded 6 January 1983. BOD 30 June 1983.
- p. NR401R, Road Improvements (Various Locations). Design by Enwright, 90% complete. Funds requested from CMC.
- q. NR404R, Marina Bathhouse. Project under development by Public Works, MCB, CLNC.

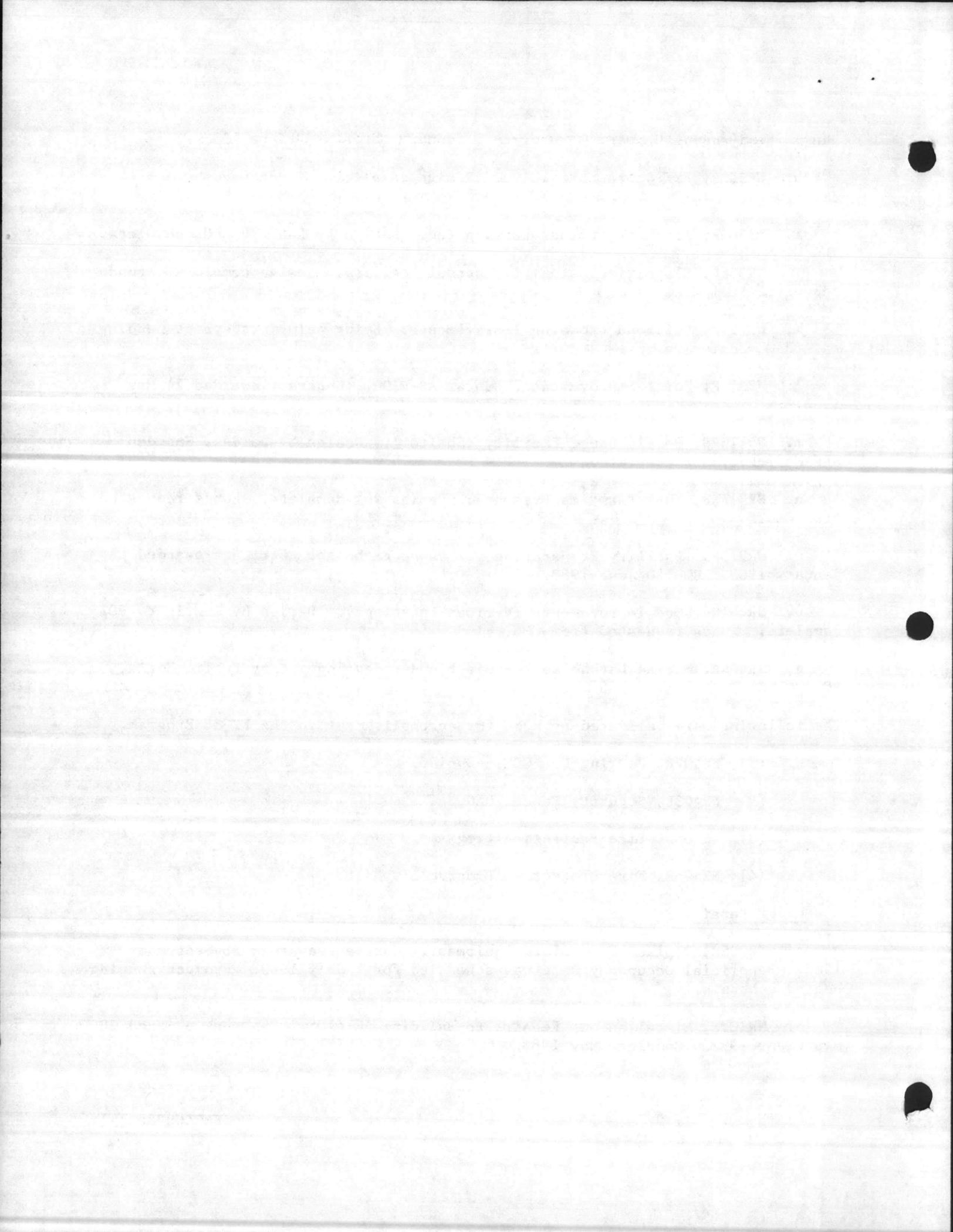
The following were validated by HQMC for accomplishment in the FY-84 Program.

- (1) NR402R, Parking Lot GSE, AS-4146.
- (2) NR403R, Security Fence, MAG-26.
- (3) NR405R, Fire Protection Program I.
- (4) NR406R, Fire Protection Program II.

### 3. Major Repair

- a. NR008M, Replace Fire Alarm Equipment. Contract awarded 28 September 1982. Beneficial Occupancy Date was scheduled for 1 July 1983. Project running behind schedule.
- b. NR102M, Miscellaneous Repairs to Building AS-4108. Contract awarded 28 September 1982. Complete May 1983.

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c. NR105M, Repair Parking Areas. Contract awarded 29 September 1982. Beneficial Occupancy Date scheduled for 9 October 1983.

d. NR106M, Repairs to Airfield Lighting. Contract awarded 15 February 1982. Completed January 1983.

e. NR204M, Renovate/Upgrade BSQ, AS-702 & AS-704. Project combined with NR301R.

f. NR30M, Structural Repairs, AS-504. Design by LANTDIV.

g. NR302M, Replace Economizers (Boilers 16, 17 & 18), AS-4151. Contract bids opened 14 July 1983, delay in awarding.

h. NR401M, Repair Runway, Oak Grove. Cherry Point in charge of this project.

i. NR402M, Repair Taxiway, Oak Grove. Cherry Point in charge of this project.

j. NR403M, Repair Parking Apron, Oak Grove. Cherry Point in charge of this project.

k. NR404M, Repair Airfield Lighting, Oak Grove. Cherry Point in charge of this project.

l. NR405M, Reroof Building AS-504. No status.

m. 80-0398, Repair Parking Lots, MCAS(H). Contract awarded 20 September 1982. BOD scheduled for 9 October 1983.

n. 81-3593, Repairs to Swimming Pool, AS-709. Contract awarded 27 August 1982. Completed May 1983.

o. 81-3624, Reroof Miscellaneous Buildings. Contract awarded 19 November 1982. Completed June 1983.

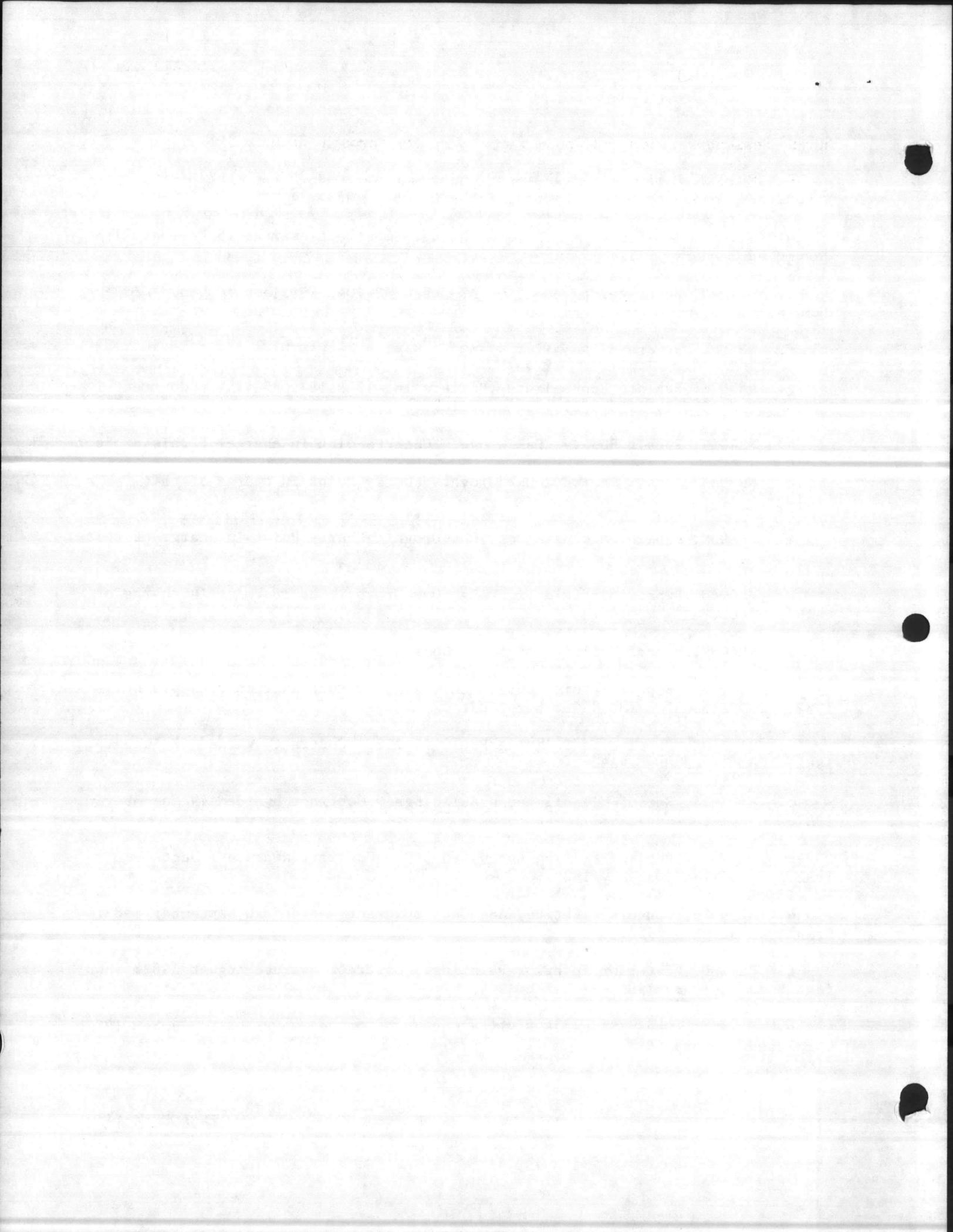
p. 82-2307, Replace Parking Apron, AS-840. Contract awarded 1 September 1982. Completed February 1983.

q. 82-4585, Convert Lighting, AS-504. Contract awarded 20 September 1982. Completed January 1983.

r. 82-4609, Exterior/Interior Painting. Contract awarded August 1982. BOD (extended from Nov 1983) 31 March 1984.

s. 82-4611, Drain/Sidewalk Bowling Center. Contract awarded September 1982. Completed January 1983.

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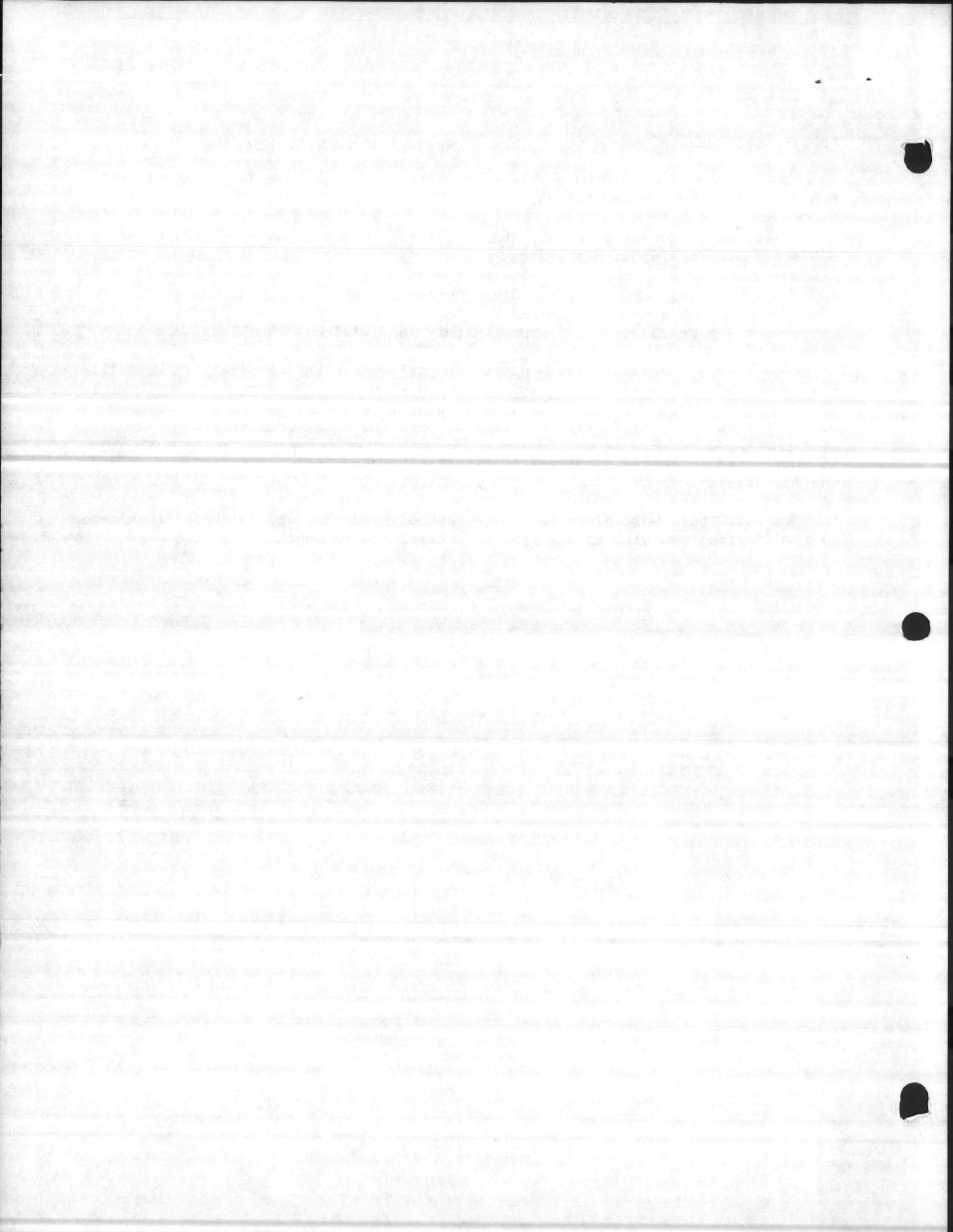
t. 82-4689, Repair Outdoor Playing Courts. Contract awarded 25 April 1983.  
BOD scheduled for 7 October 1983.

u. 82-4693, Repair & Restripe Parking Lots. Contract awarded 1 June 1983.  
BOD scheduled for 14 October 1983.

Civic Action

1. Conducted over 23 tours for approximately 1500 visitors from local community.
2. Upon request, provide C-12 support for Onslow Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, NC.
3. Upon request, provide fire fighting support for local community.
4. Conducted 16 Static Displays/Firefighting Demonstrations for visitors aboard the Air Station.
5. Numerous tours were given to Scouts, school students, and potential reenlistees to familiarize them with an Air Traffic Control environment.

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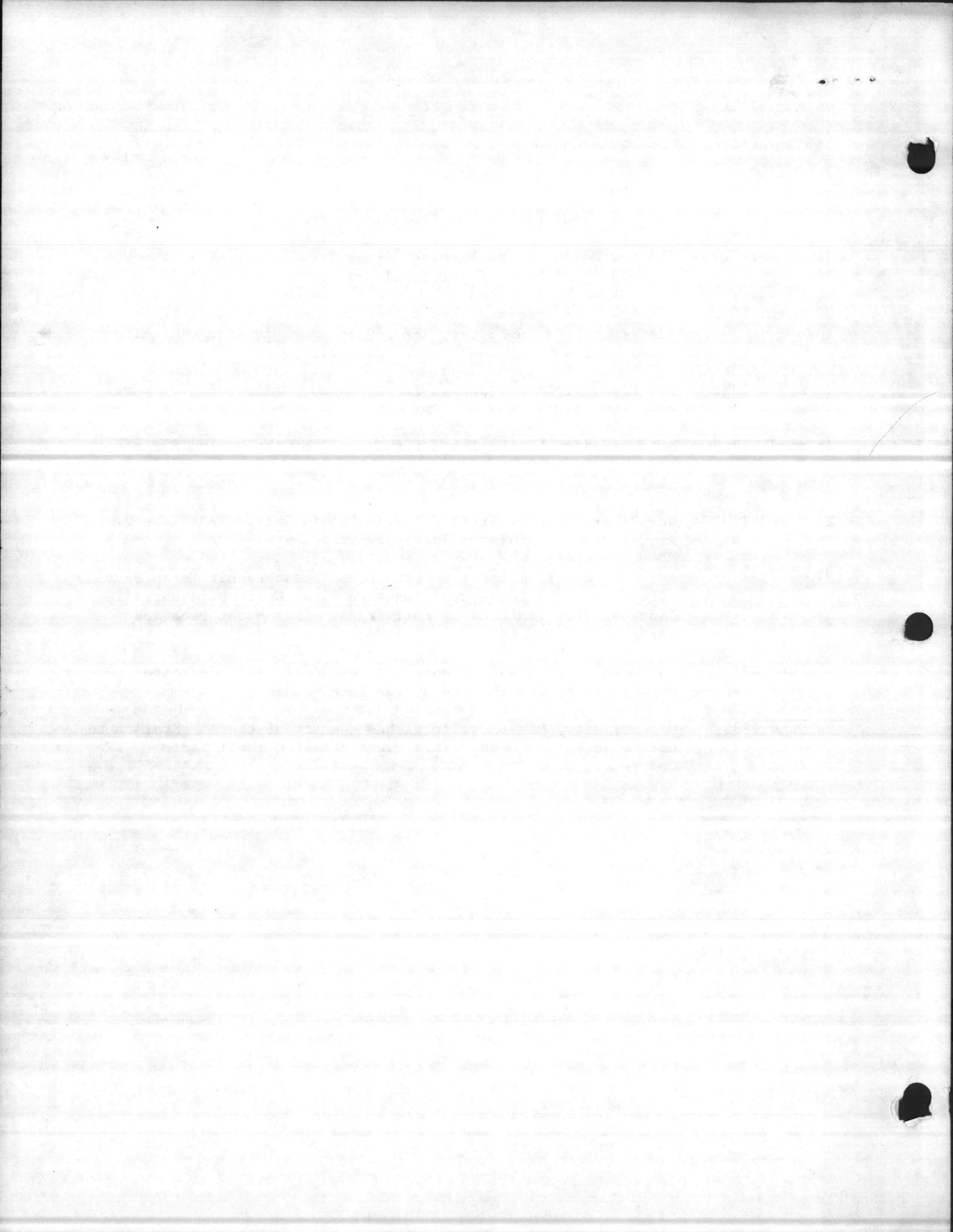
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SECTION III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- 14 January 1983 The new Marine Corps Exchange opens it's doors. This event was covered by members of the local press.
- 28 March 1983 Six New River Marines were killed and one critically injured in the crash of a CH-53 from HMM-362 in Southeast Arizona. This event received national media coverage.
- 15 April 1983 New River Marines departed for 29 Palms, California for participation in CAX 5-83 and CAX 6-83.
- 18 April 1983 An inspection by the Inspector General of the Marine Corps was conducted (18-25 April) with an overall result of excellent. (Ref IGIA - Sep 18 Jul 83)
- 21 May 1983 New River Marines participated in "Solid Shield '83", the 21st annual CINCLANT joint military exercise.
- 27 May 1983 A detachment from VMO-1 returns from Homestead Air Force Base in Miami after providing assistance to U. S. Customs in surveillance of drug trafficking activities. This event received national coverage.
- 9 June 1983 The CH-53D and CH-53E simulators were officially dedicated during ceremonies covered by the local media.
- 24 June 1983 Colonel Jerry MARVEL relinquished command of the Air Station to Colonel DONALD HODGEN. This event received local media coverage.

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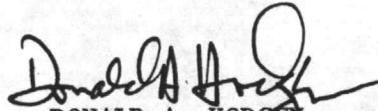
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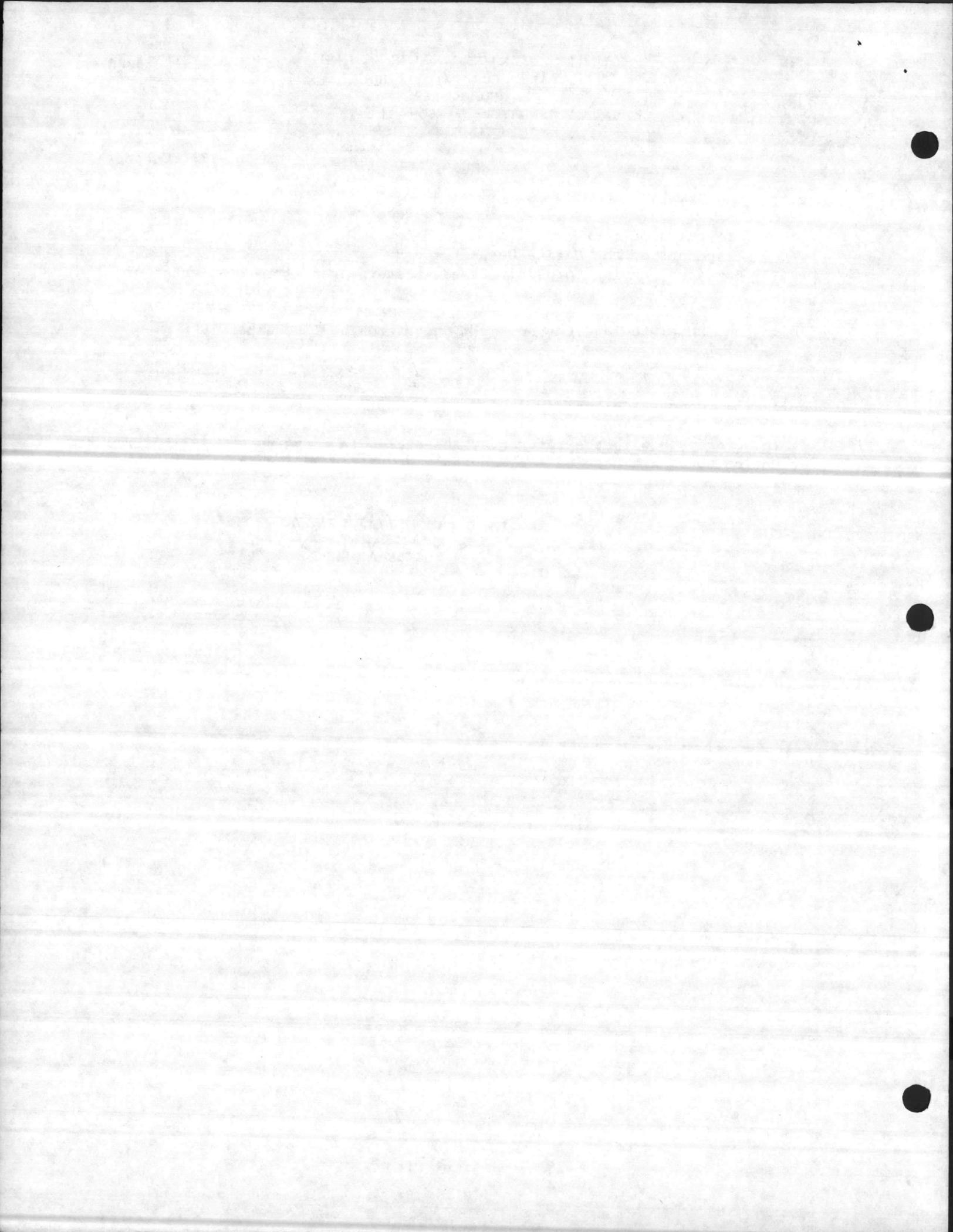
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DONALD A. HODGEN



COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 JULY THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1983

SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (HELICOPTER), NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

- a. The Reporting Unit Code (RUC) is 02020.
- b. The Table of Organization (T/O) number is 8461.

The period covered by this report is 1 July through 31 December 1983.  
MCAS(H) New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

2. Personnel Information

a. Commanding Officer

DONALD A. HODGEN COL 1 July - 31 Dec 1983

b. Subordinate Commanders

Commanding Officer, HQHQRON

CLARENCE M. COLLINS III MAJ 1 July - 21 July 1983

TONY L. WINSTEAD MAJ 22 July - 31 Dec 1983

c. Principal Staff Members

Executive Officer

JAMES E. VAN GORDER, JR. LTCOL 1 July - 31 Dec 1983

S-1 Officer

DAVID P. ROBINSON MAJ 1 July - 17 Aug 1983

WILLIAM W. SCHEFFLER LTCOL 18 Aug - 31 Dec 1983

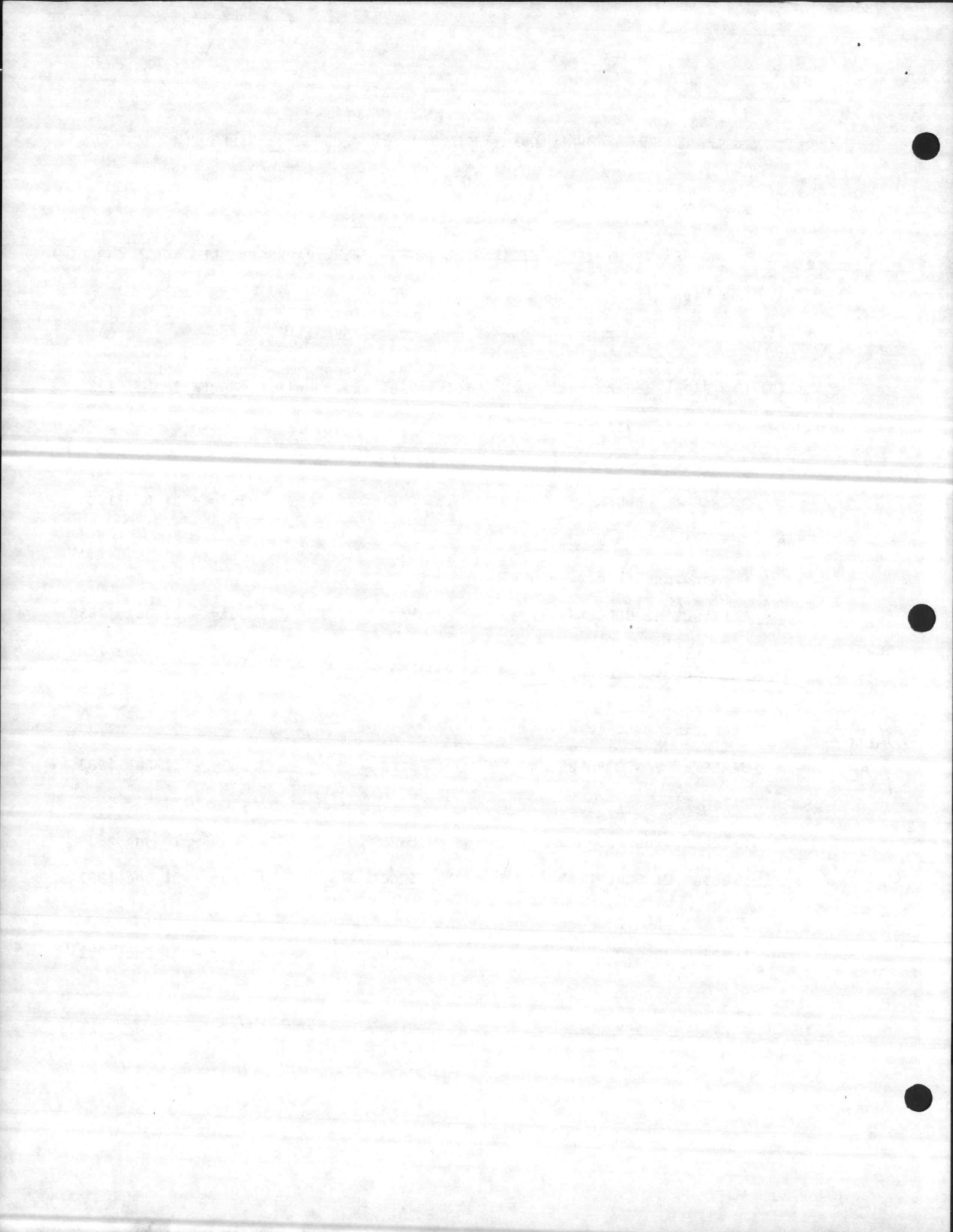
S-3 Officer

LOUIS C. STENGEL LTCOL 1 July - 31 Dec 1983

S-4 Officer

GLENN W. RUSSELL LTCOL 1 July - 31 Dec 1983

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Adjutant

RALPH STURGEON, Jr.                      CAPT                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Senior Chaplain

ELI H. CAMPBELL                      CAPT, USN                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Catholic Chaplain

PETER R. PILARSKI                      CDR, USN                      1 July - 23 Sep 1983

RAYMOND A. ROY                      CDR, USN                      24 Sep - 31 Dec 1983

Protestant Chaplain

RICHARD L. BOWERS                      LT, USN                      1 July - 1 Dec 1983

DAVID D. REED                      LT, USN                      2 Dec - 31 Dec 1983

Comm/Elect Officer

ROBERT L. RUSCH                      CAPT                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Budget/Accounting Officer

MRS. EULA ENNETT                      GS-11                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Food Services Officer

GARY W. JOHNSON                      CAPT                      1 July - 12 Aug 1983

ROBERT E. SCHUMANN                      1STLT                      13 Aug - 31 Dec 1983

Ground Safety Officer

MRS. MARY M. WHEAT                      GS-11                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Provost Marshal

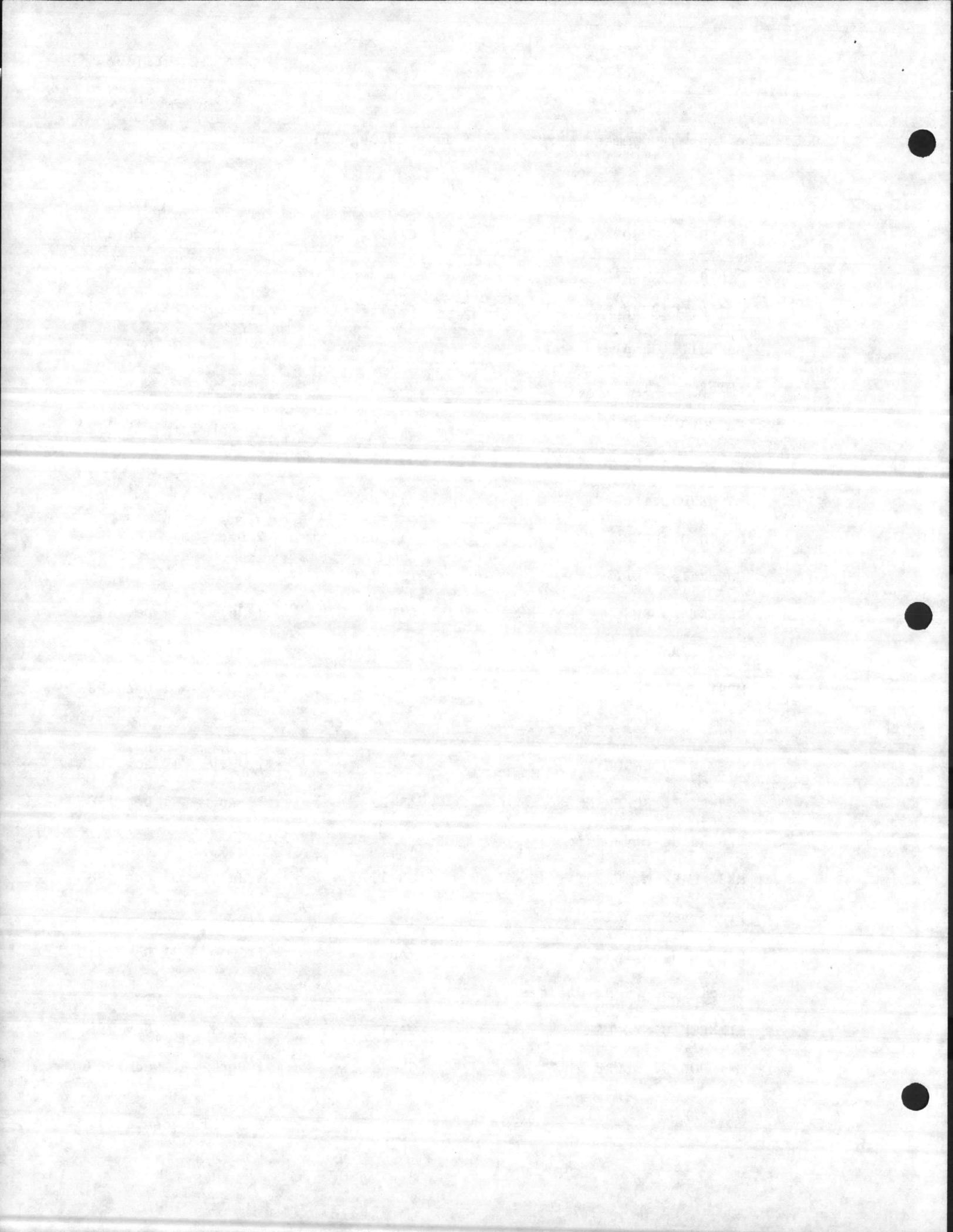
DANIEL J. BUCKLE                      MAJ                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Special Services Officer

KENNETH D. BONNER                      CAPT                      1 July - 30 Nov 1983

MR. DON G. MOORE                      GS-11                      1 Dec - 31 Dec 1983

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Supply Officer

ROBERT L. LAUGHLIN                      CAPT                      1 July - 2 Aug 1983

GREGORY W. STANLEY                      CAPT                      3 Aug - 31 Dec 1983

Director of Safety and Standardization

MICHAEL J. LARKIN                      MAJ                      26 Sep - 31 Dec 1983

Aviation Safety Officer

LEROY CHEVIS                      CAPT                      1 July - 25 Sep 1983

NATOPS Officer

PATRICK T. MAHONEY                      CWO-4                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Historical Officer

NORMA S. STEWART                      1STLT                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

Sergeant Major

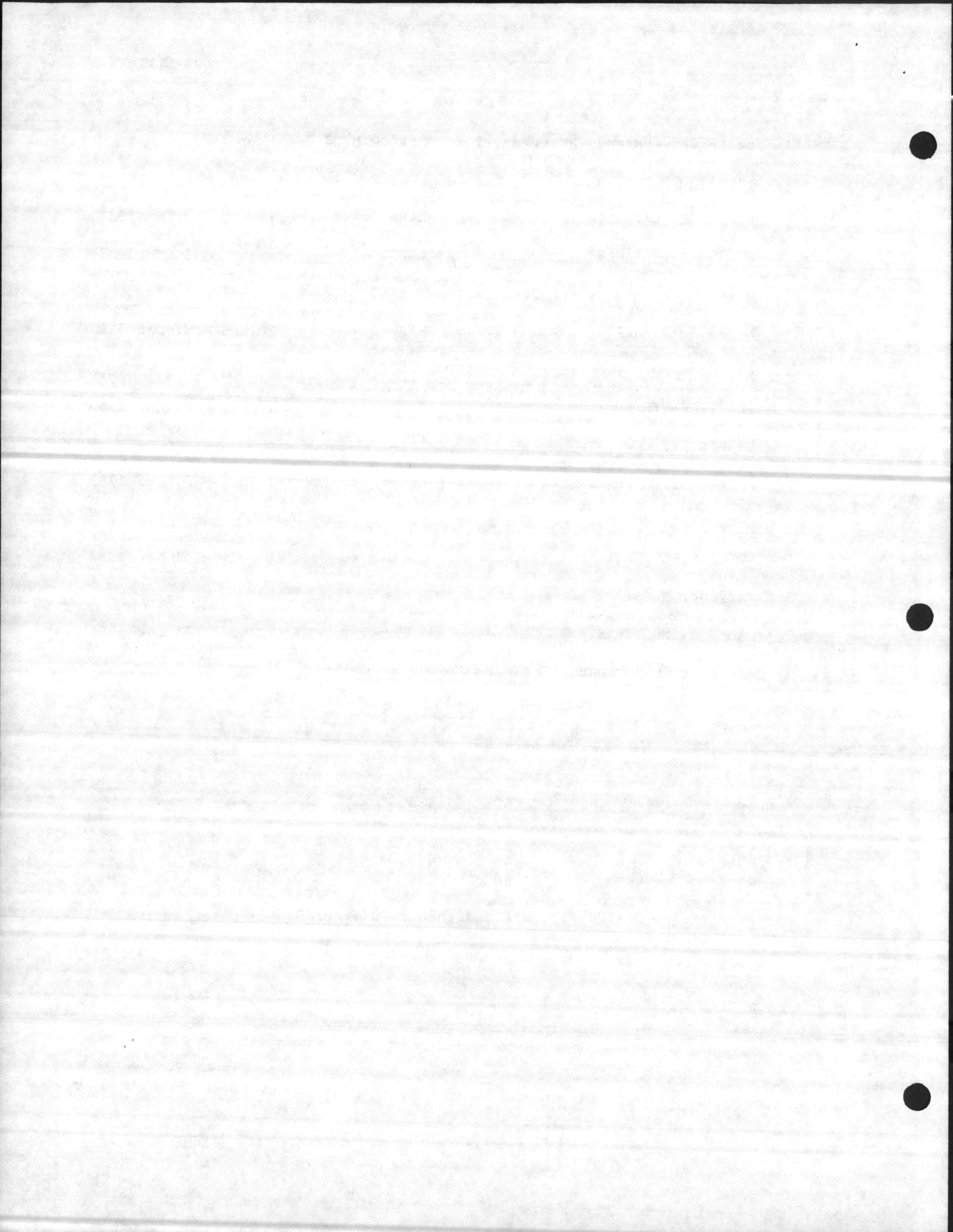
JAMES A. SULLIVAN                      SGT MAJ                      1 July - 31 Dec 1983

3. Average Monthly Strength (Includes FAP personnel):

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
July	40	530	3	3
August	40	534	3	3
September	42	548	3	5
October	54	596	2	5
November	46	477	3	4
December	48	498	3	4

4. Equipment: Two UC-12B aircraft assigned 1 July through 31 December 1983.

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SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Command, Operations, and Training

1. The assigned mission of MCAS(H) New River is to maintain and operate facilities and provide services and material to support the operations of a Marine Aircraft Wing, or units as designated by the Commandant of the Marine Corps in coordination with the Chief of Naval Operations.

2. In support of the assigned mission, the Station sections performed the following operations.

a. Air Traffic Control during 2236.7 field operating hours conducted.

10,906 Instrument Operations  
40,000 Visual Flight Operations  
2,564 Special Visual Operations  
53,470 Total Controlled Operations

b. Weather Services maintained a 24 hour daily forecast and observational program. Forecasts are produced and disseminated locally and electronically transmitted to other military stations via the Air Force teletype system. Observations are taken, recorded and disseminated in the same manner as the forecasts. Observational records are mailed on a monthly basis to the National Weather Records Center, Asheville, North Carolina, for compiling climatology for this Station.

The Weather Services Accomplished:

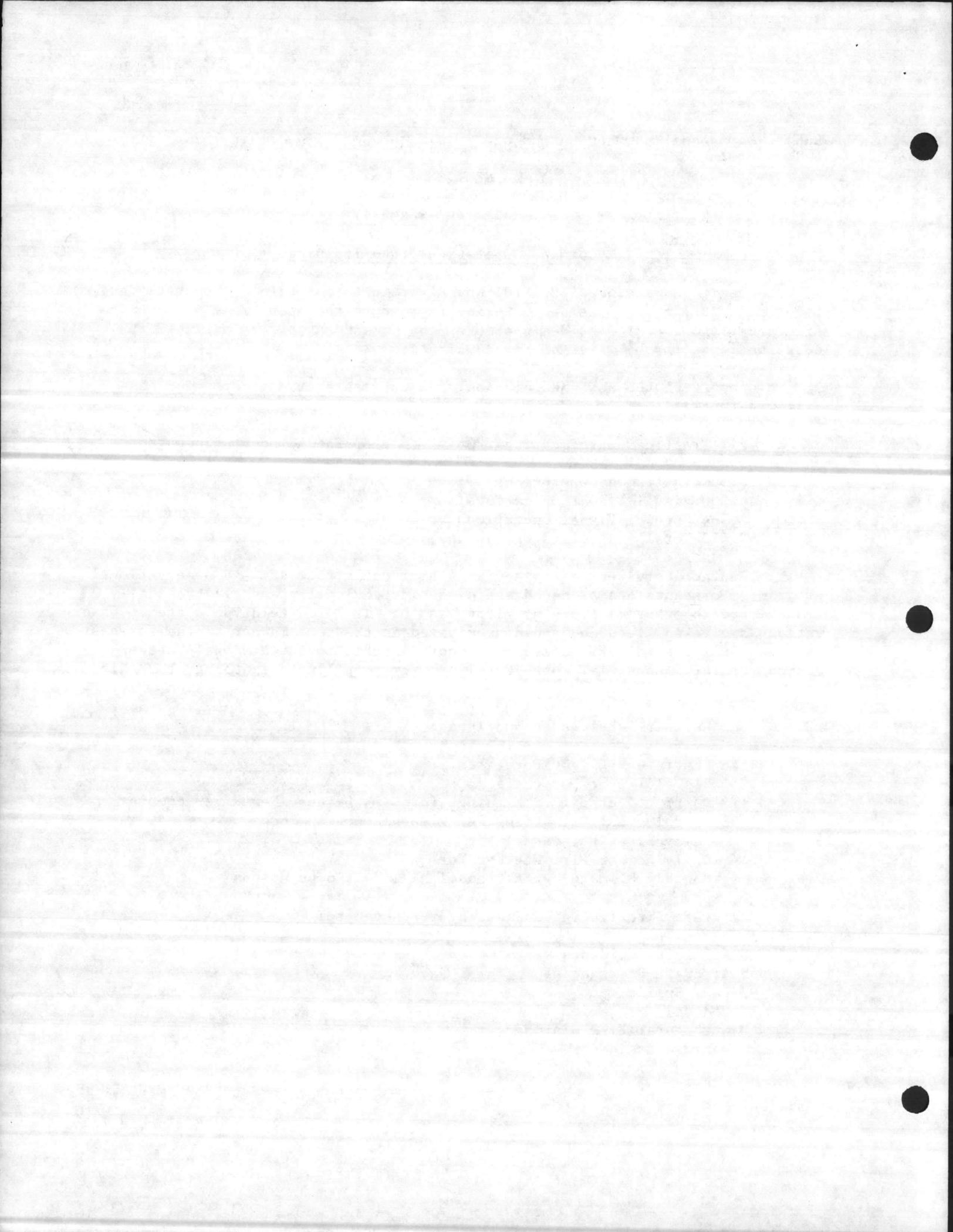
646 Instrument Flight Forecasts  
250 Visual Flight Forecasts  
172 Destructive Weather Warnings for Camp Lejeune/New River complex  
33 Astrological/Climatological Presentations  
Daily Blast Forecast  
Daily Forest Fire Weather Forecast  
Monthly Climatology Astronomical Tidal Computations

c. Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue responded to:

0 Aircraft Accidents  
55 Aircraft Emergencies  
97 Fuel Spills  
11 Medical Evacuation Flights  
0 Structural Fire Alarms  
0 Vehicle Accident

A total of 1963.7 hours were spent manning the Immediate Response Alert position.

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d. The Visiting Aircraft Line (VAL) handled:

1171 Aircraft  
2883 Total Passengers  
726 VIP Passengers  
361,521 Pounds of Cargo  
169 Aircraft in excess of 60,000 lb gross weight

e. The Station Fuels Division dispensed:

42,164 gallons of MOGAS  
3,101,221 gallons of JP-5

f. The Training and Audio Visual Support Center has increased its capability through the acquisition of (graphic art) a transparency maker, lettering machine, and lettering system. Further, a VTR/VCR with camera has been added to the inventory for Crash Crew training and the Film/Tape library has been expanded by 100 new subjects. Status of simulators (Operational Flight Trainers (OFT)) during this period is as follows:

CH-46E OFT - Full functional with visual.  
CH-53D OFT - Integration of visual system was completed and training of instructors and technicians is now complete  
CH-53C OFT - Government final acceptance testing was completed.

g. Flight Operations performed by the Station's two UC-12B aircraft consisted of 477 mission flights for 585.9 hours and 128 training flights for 227.6 hours.

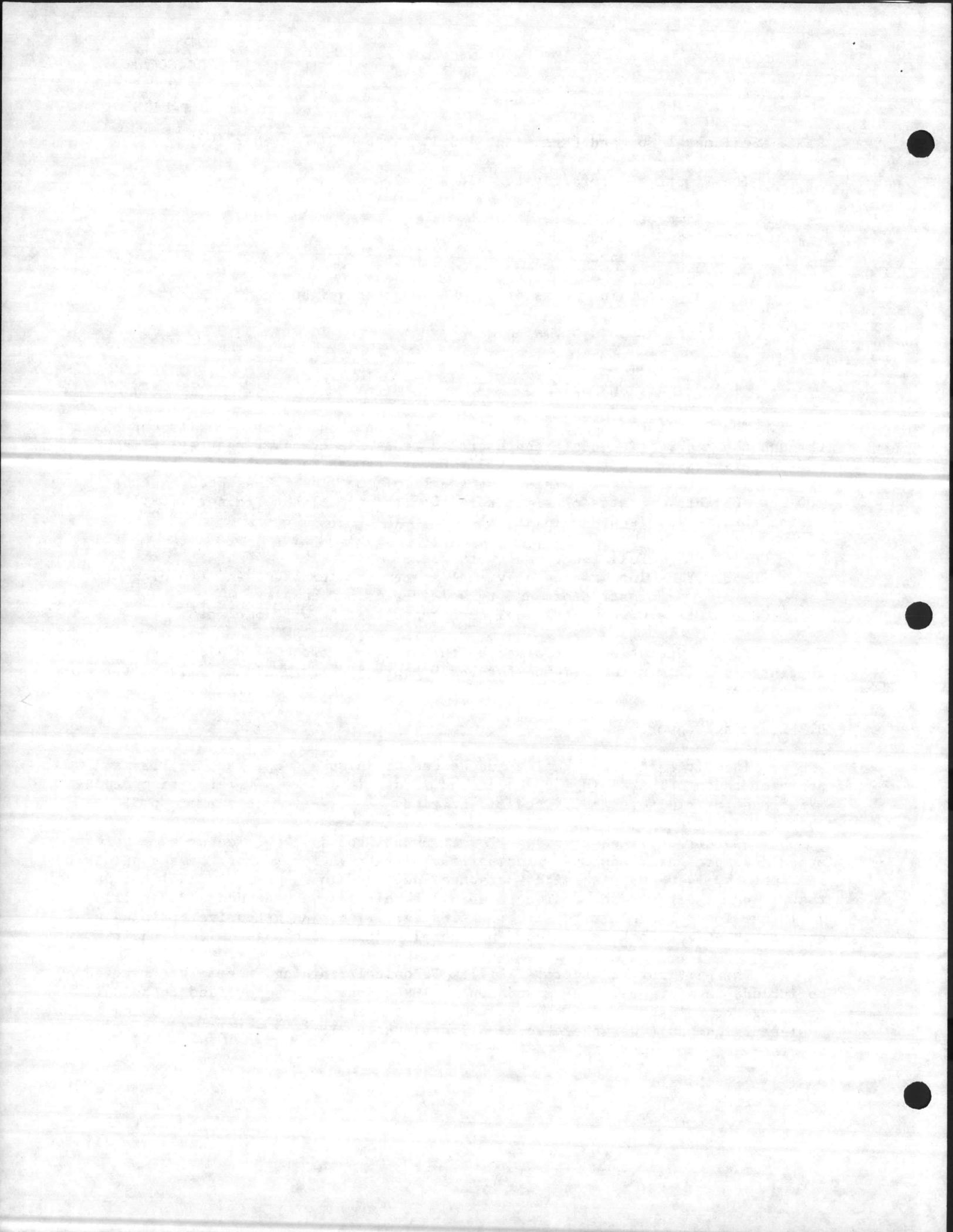
3. Training/Support

a. The Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Division accomplished 11,113 man hours of technical training and conducted 13 static displays/firefighting demonstrations for visitors aboard the Air Station.

b. Weather Services provided 12 Instrument Ground School lectures, 3 safety stand down presentations and 2 weather facility tours for tenant command pilots and schools. 4 weather services personnel deployed in support of CAX 1 & 2 during the period 12 Oct - 20 Nov. Tower visibility classes were conducted resulting in 19 new Tower Visibility Observers being certified. An extensive training program is in effect to keep assigned personnel abreast of changes within their MOS.

c. The Air Traffic Control Facility Technical Training Program was revised to include the Flight Planning and Approval Section. The supervised technical training accomplished under the program resulted in 6 hardskilled MOSs being assigned. In addition, there were 36 individual position qualifications attained.

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Personnel and Administration

Personnel information (promotions, awards, etc.) is contained in Headquarters & Headquarters, Squadron Command Chronology.

Medical

All assigned medical personnel (3 Off/4 Enl) are currently attached to Naval Hospital, MCAS(H) New River Branch Clinic.

Logistics/Supply

a. Military Construction (MCON) Projects

(1) P-206, Unaccompanied Enlisted Personnel Housing. Completed 2 December 1983.

(2) P-178, (NAF) Enlisted Men's Club. Completed 20 August 1983.

(3) P-354, Ordnance Magazine Area. Contract awarded 9 August 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 15 March 1984.

b. Minor Construction

(1) NR102R, Helicopter Internal Stores Storage MAG-26. Completed 22 July 1983.

(2) NR201R, Ordnance Operations Building. Contract awarded 9 June 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 15 March 1984.

(3) NR202R, Ordnance Buildup Area MAG-29. Contract awarded 10 February 1983. On hold awaiting change order authorization from HQMC.

(4) NR203R, Mobile Maintenance Van Utilities. Contract awarded 29 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 10 July 1984.

(5) NR301R, BSQ Improvements, AS-702 & AS-704. Design complete, project deferred until FY-84.

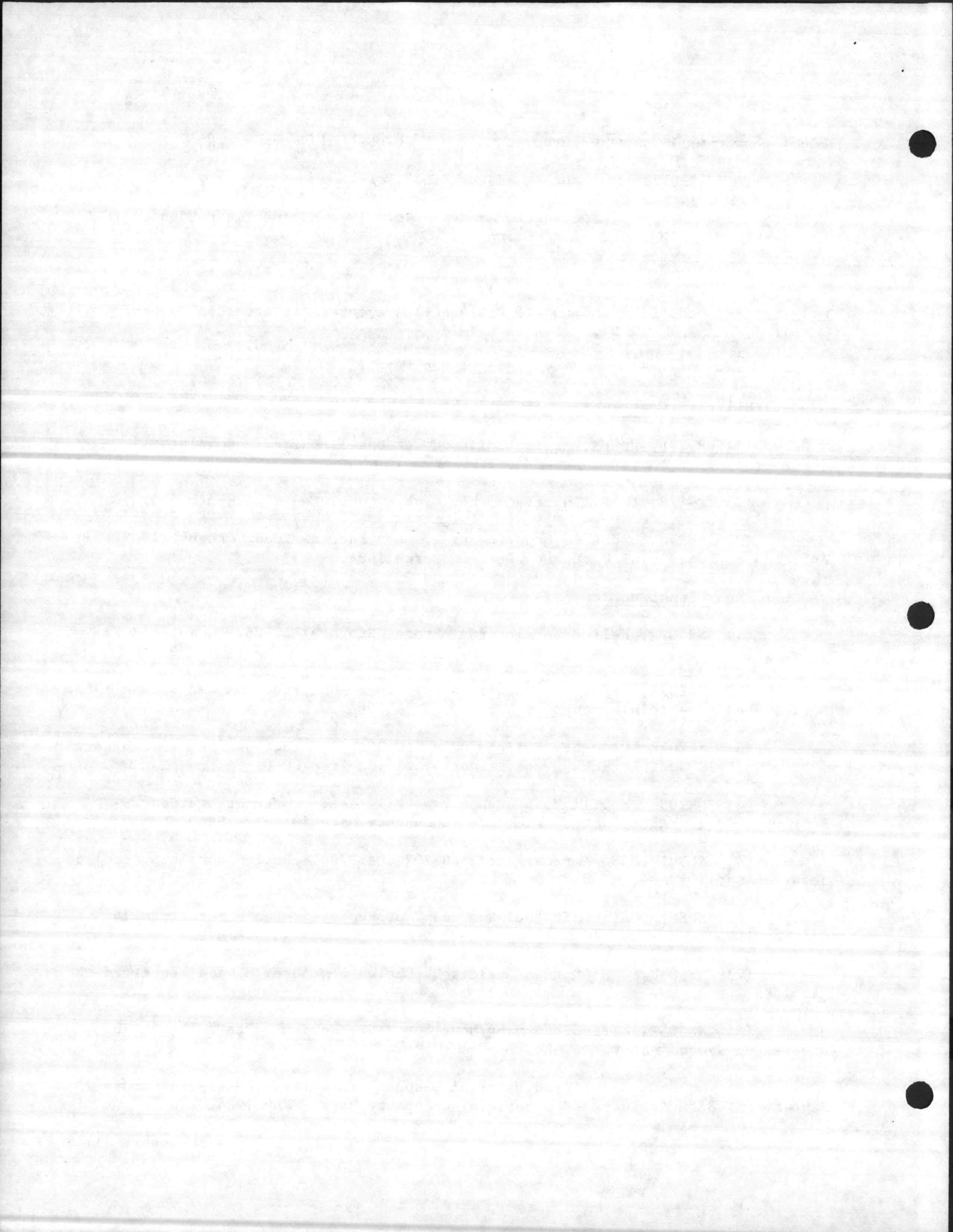
(6) NR302R, Aircraft Fuel Systems Improvements. Funds requested 14 October 1983.

(7) NR303R, PME Storage Building. Design complete. Funds requested 24 May 1983.

(8) NR305R, Aircraft Arming/Dearming Pad. Design by LANTDIV, to be advertised second quarter FY-84.

(9) NR306R, Classified Material Disposal Facility. Contract awarded 23 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 5 May 1984.

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(10) NR307R, Railroad Crossing Improvements. Being held in abeyance pending railroad resolution.

(11) NR312R, Hoist Improvements, Hangar AS-4100. Contract awarded 9 August 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 20 February 1984.

(12) NR313RS, Family Abuse Facility (Shelter). Design by Jordan, Snowden and McVicker, complete. Awaiting HQMC authorization.

(13) NR314RS, Fuel Farm Improvements. Scheduled bids opening 24 January 1984.

(14) NR315RS, Facility Preparation for Phone Exchange. Completed 30 June 1983.

(15) NR401R, Road Improvements (Various Locations). Design complete. Funds requested from CMC 26 August 1983.

(16) NR404R, Marina Boathouse. Project under development by Public Works, MCB, CLNC. Design 85% complete.

The following were validated by HQMC for accomplishment in the FY-85 Program:

- (1) NR501R, Family Service Center.
- (2) NR502R, Child Care Center.
- (3) NR503R, Runway Centerline Lighting.
- (4) NR501R, Sprinkler System, AS-840.

c. Major Repair

(1) NR008M, Replace Fire Alarm Equipment. Contract awarded 28 September 1982. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date scheduled for (extended from 1 July 1983 to 30 November 1983) 10 February 1984. Project running behind schedule.

(2) NR105M, Repair Parking Areas. Completed 9 October 1983.

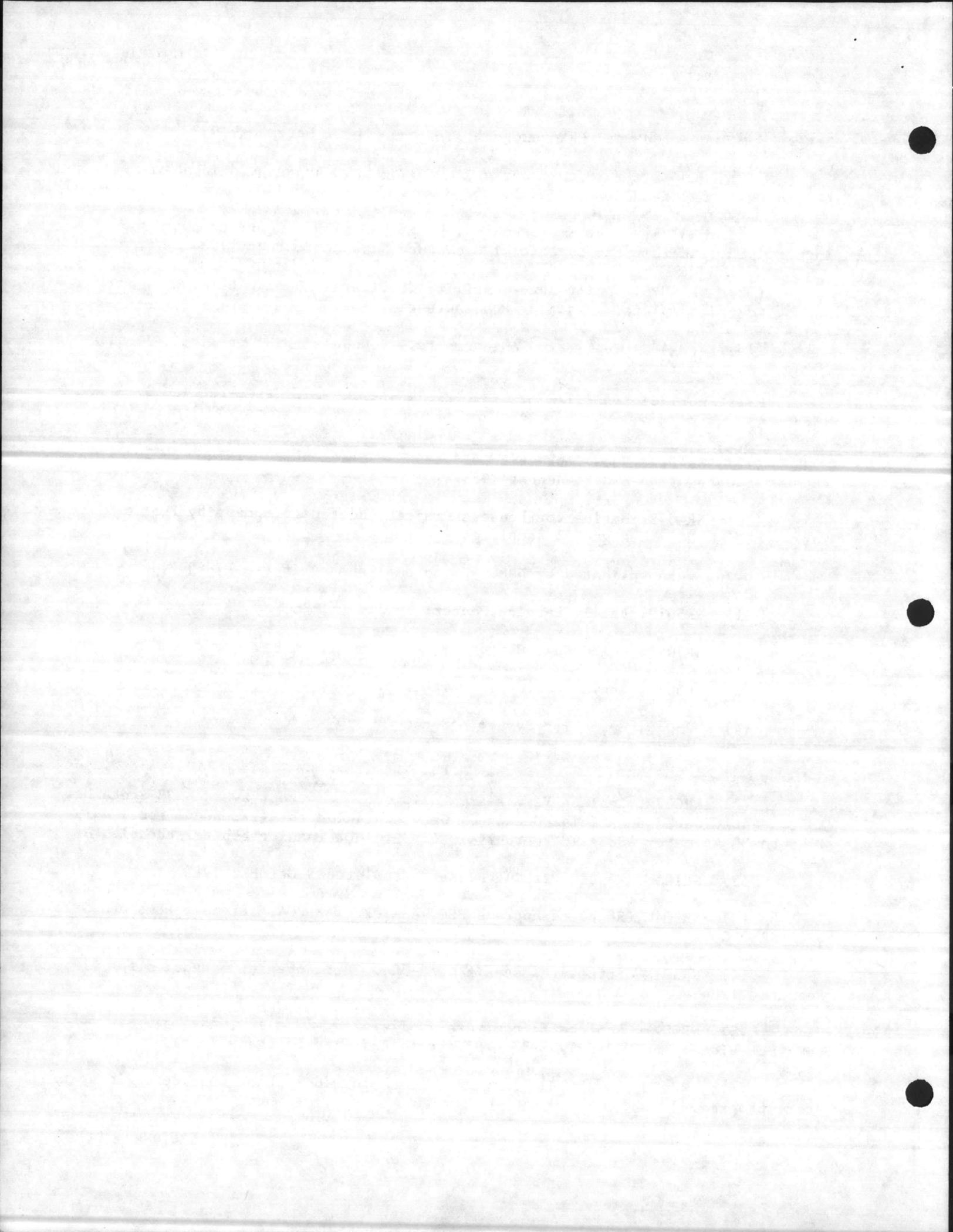
(3) NR204M, Renovate/Upgrade BSQ, AS-702 & AS-704. Project combined with NR301R.

(4) NR301M, Structural Repair, AS-504. Bids opening scheduled for 21 February 1984.

(5) NR302M, Replace Economizers (Boilers 16, 17 & 18), AS-4151. Contract bids opened 14 July 1983. Bids rejected - to be readvertised.

(6) NR405M, Reroof Building AS-504. Deferred - to be considered in next years program.

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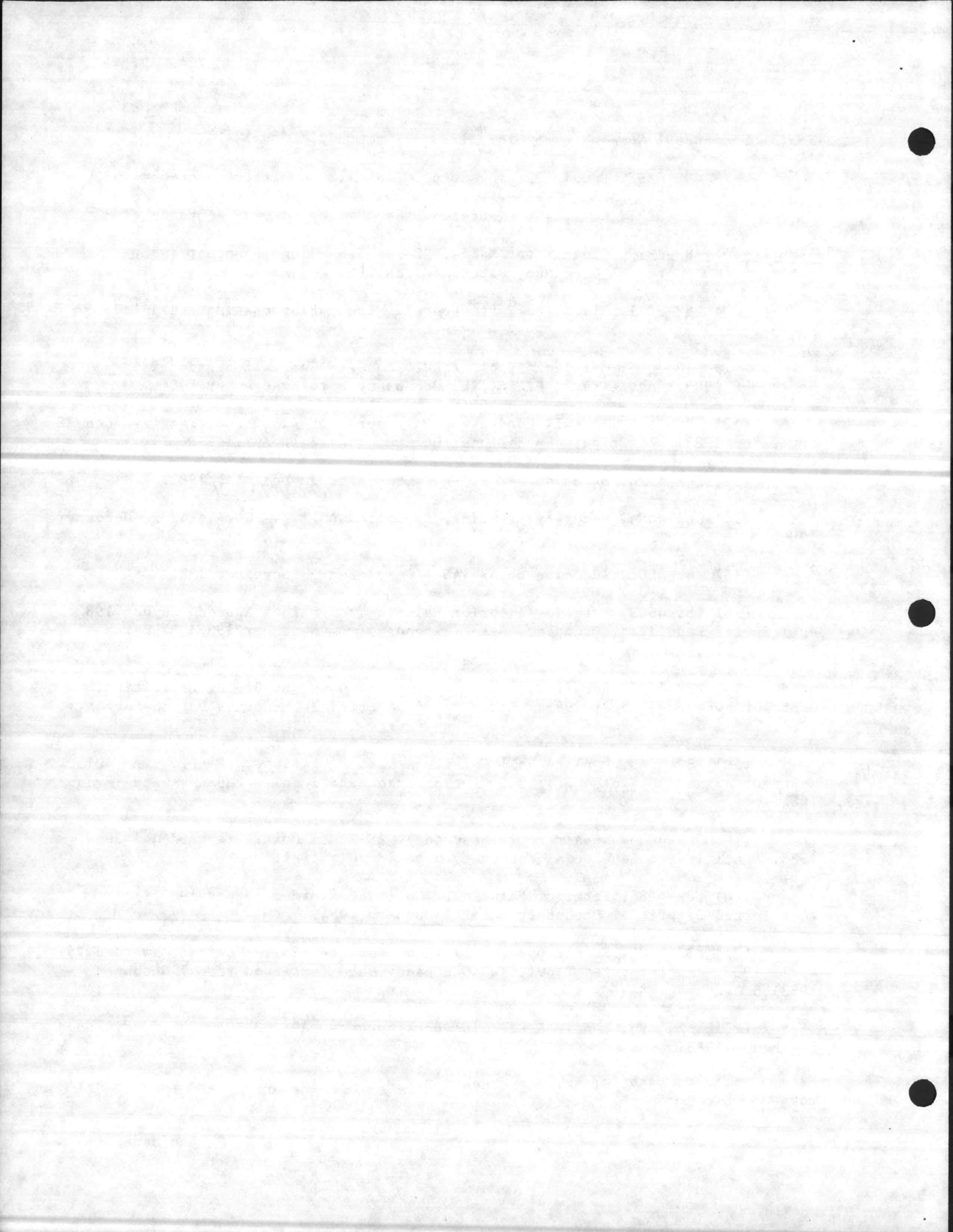


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- (7) 80-0398, Repair Parking Lots, MCAS(H). Completed 9 October 1983.
- (8) 82-2221, New Lighting System, AS-202. Completed 1 November 1983.
- (9) 82-2319, Clean Water Mains. Contract awarded 2 August 1983.  
Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 12 March 1984.
- (10) 82-2321, Electrical, Structural, Misc. Bids opening scheduled for 7 February 1984.
- (11) 82-2406, Maintenance of Asphalt Roads. Contract awarded 13 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 8 November 1984.
- (12) 82-2555, Install Condensate Polishers, AS-4151. Contract awarded 28 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 10 April 1984.
- (13) 82-4574, Basewide Reroofing. Completed 13 December 1983.
- (14) 82-4604, Security Lighting, AS-3515 & AS-118. Completed 22 December 1983.
- (15) 82-4606, Addition to AS-143. Completed 23 November 1983.
- (16) 82-4609, Exterior/Interior Painting. Contract awarded August 1982.  
Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date (extended from November 1983) 31 March 1984.
- (17) 82-4635, Repair Driveways to Loading Docks at Dining Facilities.  
Contract awarded 12 July 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 8 February 1984.
- (18) 82-4660, Replace Wall Lockers & Head Partitions, AS-4010 & AS-4015.  
Contract awarded 8 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 18 June 1984.
- (19) 82-4683, Repair Roof (Basewide), AS-144. Contract awarded 2 June 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 13 July 1984.
- (20) 82-4686, Interior Painting. Contract awarded 13 May 1983.  
Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 23 January 1984.
- (21) 82-4689, Repair Outdoor Playing Court, AS-252. Contract awarded 25 April 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date (extended from 7 October 1983) 5 January 1984.
- (22) 82-4693, Repair & Restripe Parking Lots, AS-208 & AS-831. Completed 16 August 1983.
- (23) 83-4569, Blocking Windows, AS-518 & AS-414. Completed 28 November 1983.

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(24) 83-5820, Restripe Parking Aprons & Runways. Contract awarded 30 August 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 4 March 1984.

(25) 83-5826, Misc. Paving (Basewide). Contract awarded 28 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 10 April 1984.

(26) 83-5839, Replace Sewage Lift Station Equipment, AS-206, AS-230, AS-426, AS-517, & AS-606. Contract awarded 16 November 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 28 July 1984.

(27) 83-5840, Replace Auxiliary Engine, AS-110. Contract awarded 20 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 29 May 1984.

(28) 83-5879, Fire Protection, Child Care Center, AS-604. Bids opening scheduled for 24 January 1984.

(29) 83-5885, Replace Roofs, Misc., AS-4100, AS-320 & AS-4122. Contract awarded 30 September 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date (extended from 15 December 1983) 12 April 1984.

(30) 83-5888, Replace Doors and Locks, UEPH (Basewide). Bids opening 22 September 1983. Contract has not been awarded, awaiting decision from LANTDIV.

(31) 83-5912, Repair Rapid Refueler Lines. Contract awarded 25 November 1983. Anticipated Beneficial Occupancy Date 16 February 1984.

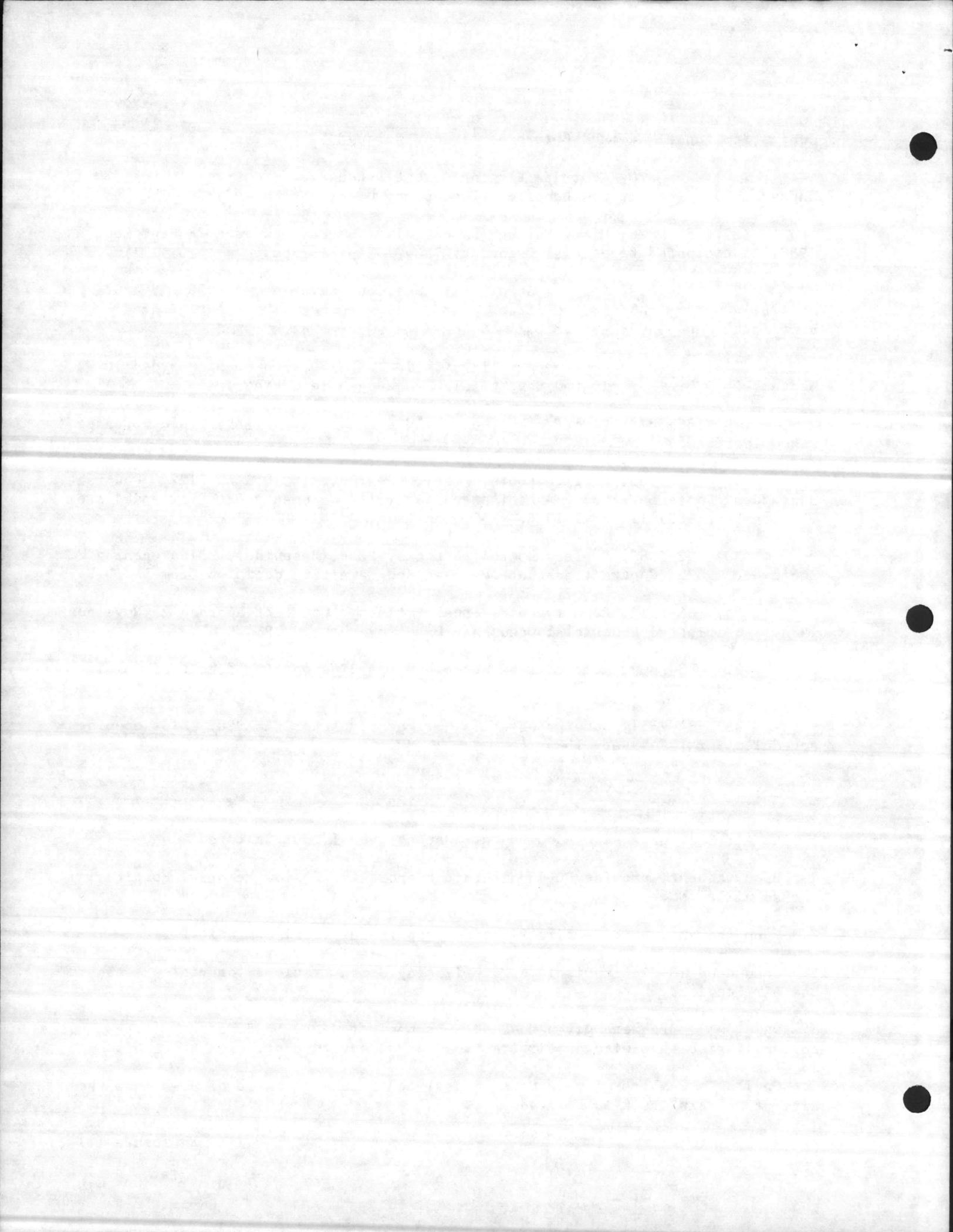
(32) 83-7802, Remove Trees, Camp Davis. Bids opening scheduled for 12 January 1984.

(33) 84-7851, Waterproof Walls, Flight Simulator, AS-320. Bids opening scheduled for 7 February 1984.

#### Civic Action

1. The Air Station conducted 6 tours, hosting over 1,200 visitors.
2. Upon request, provide UC-12 aircraft support for Onslow Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville, NC.
3. Upon request, provide fire fighting support for local community.
4. Conducted 13 Static Displays/Firefighting Demonstrations for visitors aboard the Air Station.
5. Numerous tours were given to Scouts, school students, and potential reenlistees to familiarize them with an Air Traffic Control environment.
6. On 7 July members of this Command assisted in the clean-up of JP-5 from the site of a train wreck in Belgrade, NC.

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SECTION III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

4 July Marine Reserve aviators participated in "Cutlass Slash 83" at New River and Camp Lejeune. The exercise received local media coverage.

21 July Simulator Systems Division toured by BGen DONOVAN, Dir, J.A. Div, HQMC

22 July Major T. L. WINSTEAD assumed command of HQHQRON.

25 July Simulator Systems Division toured by LtGen FITCH, DCS Air, HQMC.

25 Aug Simulator Systems Division toured by CNO.

21 Sep New Enlisted Club was completed/opened at a cost of 1.6 million.

21 Sep Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, Sergeant Major R. L. CLEARY visited the Air Station.

22 Sep Silent Drill Team and Drum and Bugle Corps performed aboard the Air Station.

7 Oct Hosted the East Coast Crash Crew Rodeo.

17 Oct CH-53D Instructors Training Course conducted (17-21 Oct).

20 Oct Members of this Command attended Memorial Services held for Captain Michael J. OHLER, who was killed in Beirut, Lebanon.

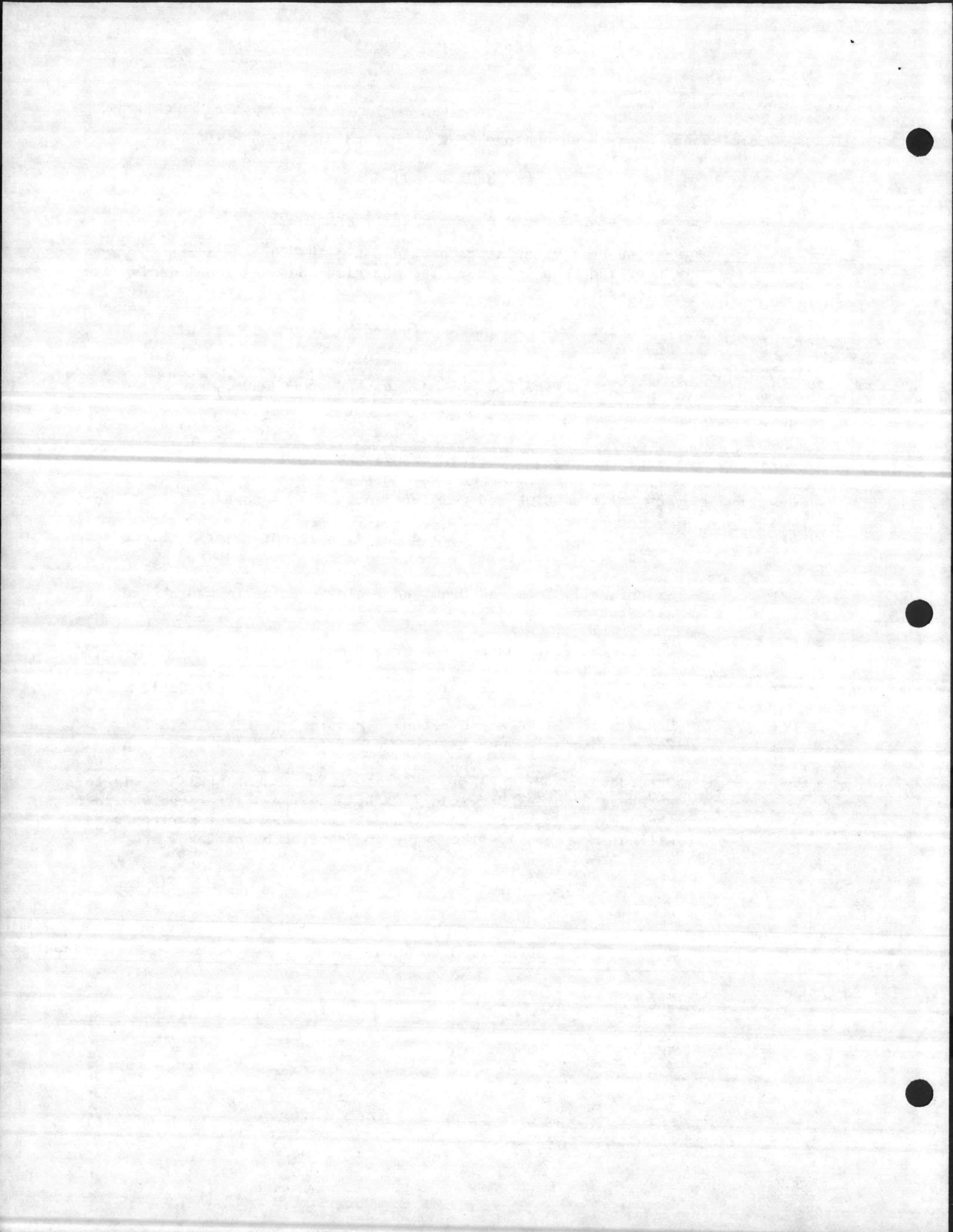
3 Nov President and Mrs. Ronald REAGAN and other distinguished visitors attended Memorial Services (MCB Lejeune) held for those who lost their lives in Beirut and Grenada (three New River Marines were killed in Grenada). The event was covered by national and local press.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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# The good news is you're in charge, the bad, inspection in two weeks



Captain Eddy takes charge to ensure that all aircraft in the vicinity of the Air Station fly safely. Under his leadership, the quality of Air Traffic Control at New River has reached a new high.

*Story and photo  
by PFC Reggie Jones*

Nervousness is...taking charge of an air traffic control tower which averaged 13 incidents a year for three years, and being told that there will be an inspection by COMCAB East within two weeks.

Captain Steven M. Eddy, a nominee for Air Traffic Controller of the year, knows this feeling very well. Capt. Eddy reported to New River in July, 1982 and was assigned as Air Traffic Control Officer immediately before what can only be described as a disastrous inspection on Aug. 5 and 6.

After the Air Traffic Control tower and radar crew were judged unsatisfactory, and Capt. Eddy reviewed the results of the inspection, he formulated a plan to bring the quality of the air traffic control tower up and increased the proficiency of the crew.

First, he reorganized the facility to improve its overall operational effectiveness and streamlined the office and administrative processes.

Next, he instituted a highly effective short term remedial training program designed to quickly get the facility back on its feet by upgrading the professionalism and the standardization of all controllers. Finally, Capt. Eddy implemented a new,

dynamic training program including the establishment of realistic goals tailored to meet the needs of the Air Station.

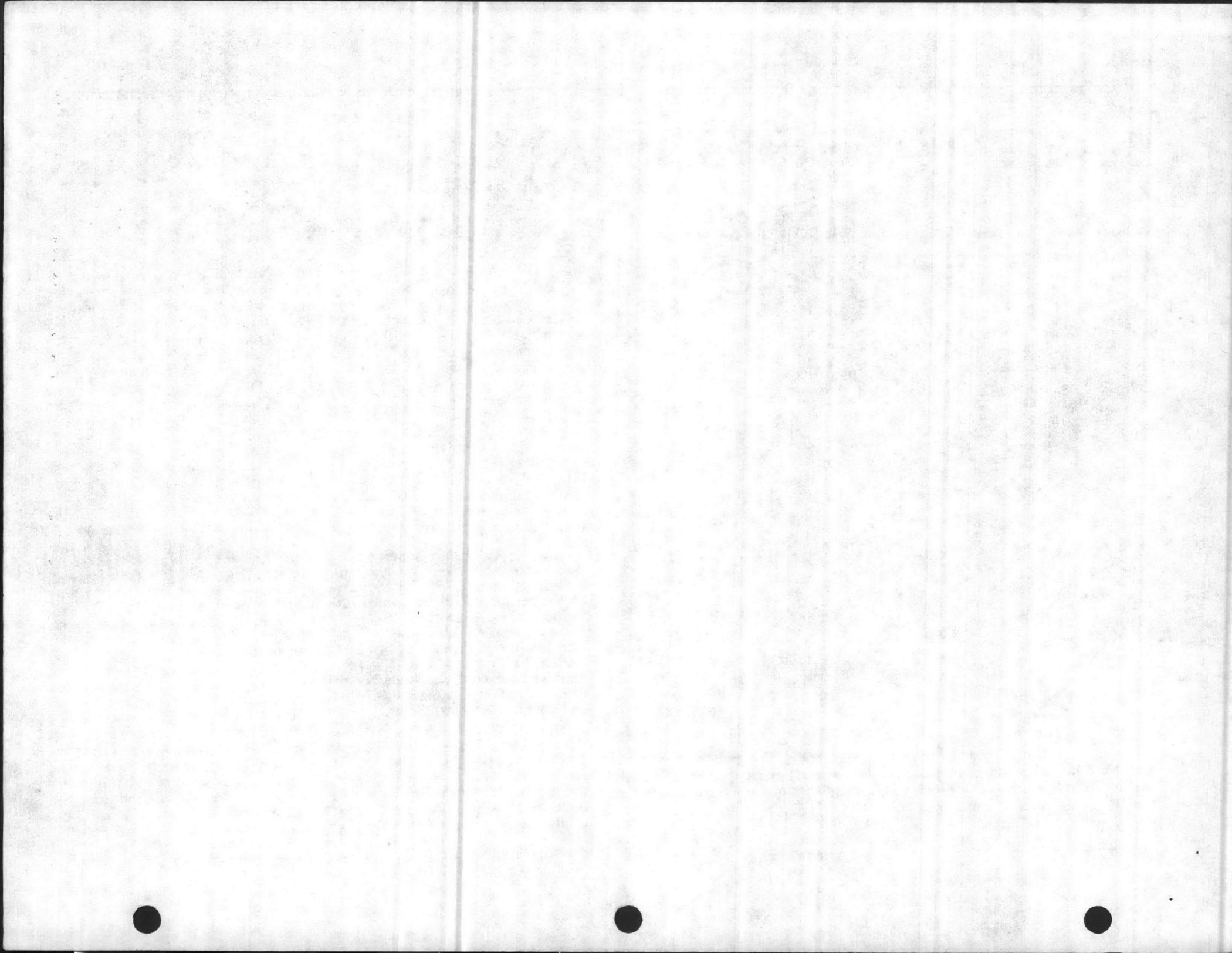
Another inspection was given 60 days later. The result from that inspection was an above average, and according to the inspecting officers, the ATC facility was now at least on par with other facilities known to them.

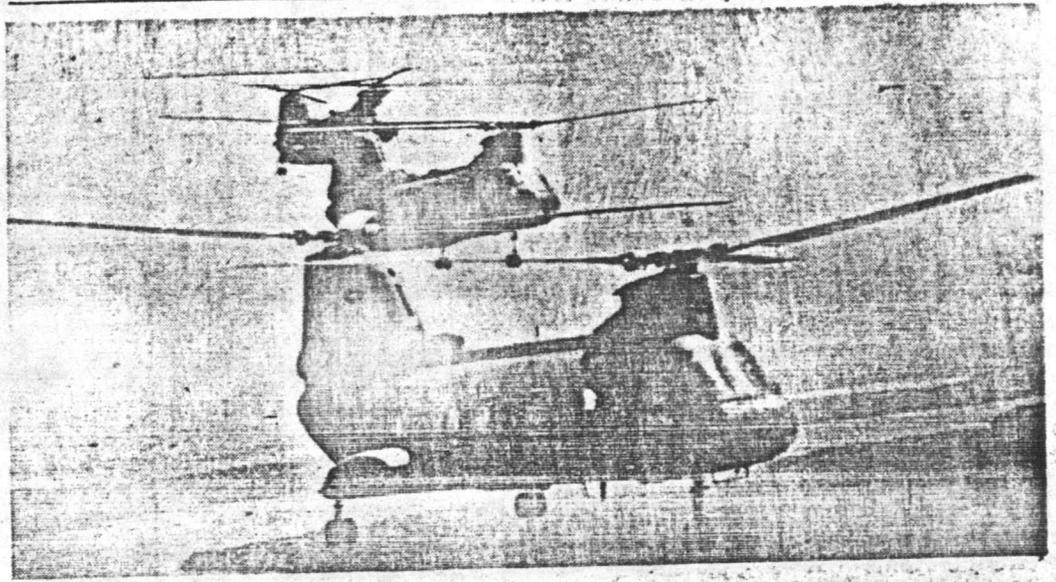
COMCAB reinspected in January and the results were an overall grade of outstanding.

Capt. Eddy continued to provide inspirational leadership and professional guidance when a Capt. from the Inspector General's Office reinspected in April, 1983, the overall grade assigned was excellent with no discrepancies.

Since Capt. Eddy has taken charge, there have been no incidents or near air misses.

"I was very proud of the results of the program, but I couldn't have done it without the support of the officers and staff NCOs who assisted me. It seems to me that our officers and staff NCOs hadn't been given the leadership opportunity that should come with their rank. Through this program we made sure that they had the authority to do their jobs," concluded Capt. Eddy.



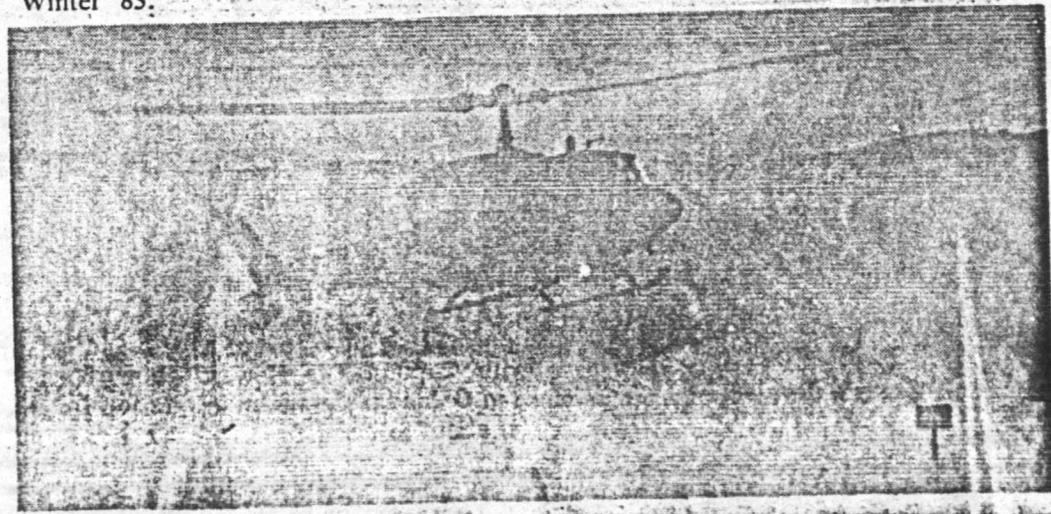


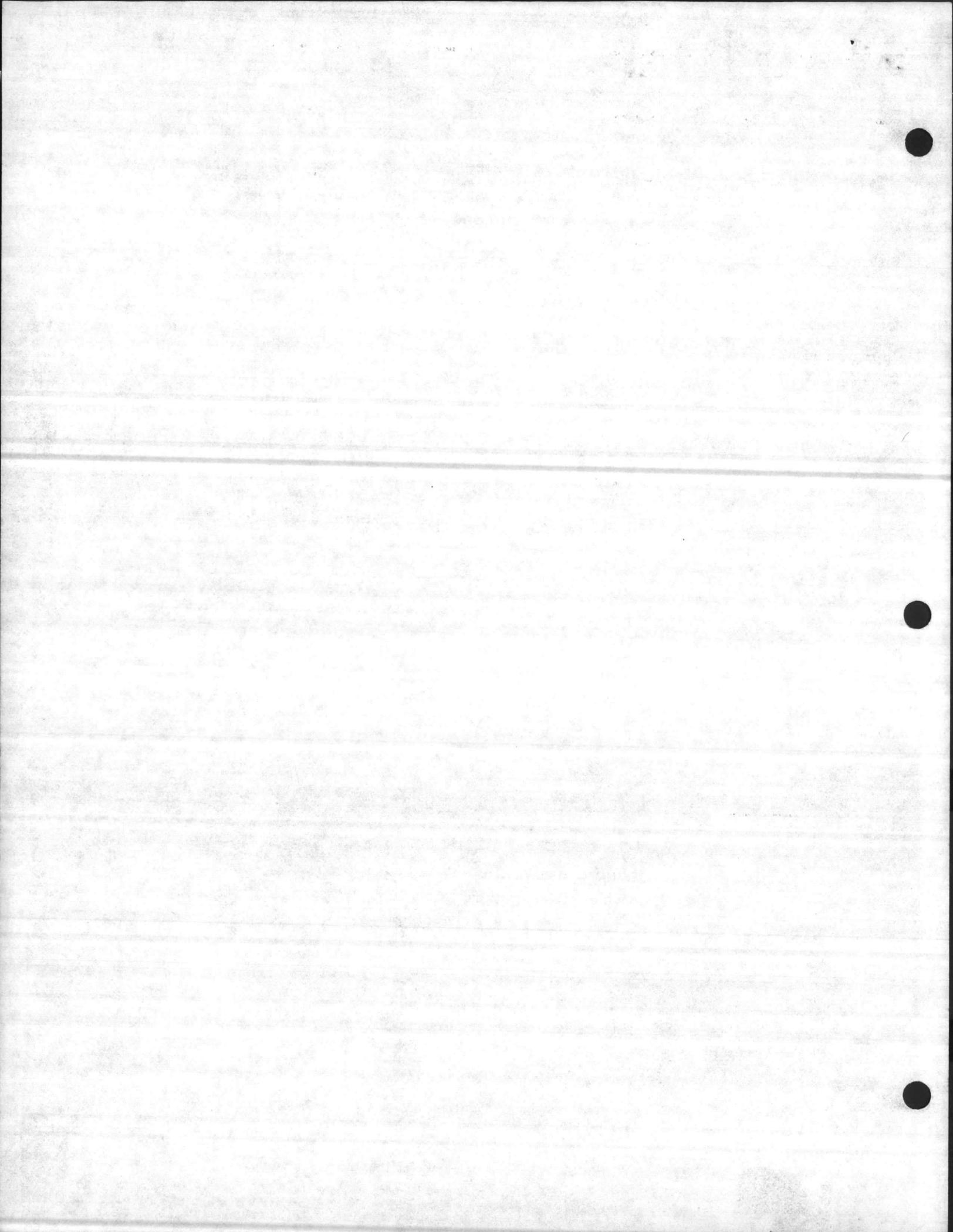
**Over land and sea...**  
Sea Knights in flight formation.

**In desert heat...**  
Heavy lifts at Twenty-Nine Palms.



**In arctic cold...**  
White out in Norway, "Cold Winter '83."





# NR Marines look back at

By SSgt. R. L. Jackson

For New River Marines, 1983 was a year for achievements and milestones. A successful year for Air Station Marines, but also one marred by the tragedy in Beirut, Lebanon, and our casualties in Grenada.

You've heard the statement "there's always room for improvement" many times over, well no where does that hold more true than here at the Air Station.

This past year was one of the best for advancements, improvements and the addition of new equipment.

The year began with a change when both Marine Aircraft Group 26 and 29 put their Mirror Image concept in to full swing beginning in January.

This concept was conceived to reorganize the two Groups making them virtually equal in strength, and at the same time allowing them to deploy independently instead of making composite squadrons with elements from both groups.

The reorganization took months to complete and included a new squadron for MAG-26, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 266. Both Groups also received new commanding officers in 1983; Colonel Lloyd G. Pool to MAG-26; and Colonel Ross S. Plasterer to MAG-29.

1983 also included major construction projects. Station Marines got a big boost in their morale when the new Exchange opened its doors last January. At a tune of \$5 million, the complex has practically anything a Marine or dependent could hope for in a convenient location.

If you spend \$1.6 million what



*In happiness...*

New River bids Colonel and Mrs. Jerry Marvel a fond farewell.

could you get? For that kind of money New River Marines got a new Enlisted Club, which was well worth the money spent. "It's one of the best I've ever seen," remarked Sergeant Major Robert E. Cleary, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, on his last visit here. SgtMaj. Cleary officially opened the E-Club in September.

The dollars of 1982 gave us new equipment in 1983.

For starters MAG-26 was blessed with being the first unit in the entire Marine Corps to get a new A/E37T-24(V) Turboshaft Engine Test System. It is used to analyze T-58 engines which power the CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters. The system checks fuel and oil leaks, vibrations, temperatures, pressures and speeds. In fact one Marine said it does everything but wash dishes.

When high-tech aviation equipment started coming to New River in 1983 the pace never slowed. Marine Observation Squadron One's OV-10 Broncos got into the flow when they were introduced to new 'eyes', labeled Forward-Looking Infra-red system (FLIR). This new system enables the squadron to perform night reconnaissance missions. Using the high-tech device, detachments assisted Customs officials police drug traffickers on a few occasions along the Florida and North Carolina coastlines.

Station was also on the receiving end of new equipment. In fact, they were the recipients of two of the most valuable pieces of equipment a helicopter pilot trainee could ask for—the CH-53D and CH-53E flight simulators.

The trainers provide complete simulation of the entire flight program and are designed to provide instruction in cockpit, pre-flight, starting and emergency procedures.

Advanced technological equipment is still pouring into New River and helping to keep the squadrons proficient in every area of operations and most importantly, combat ready.

New River Marines used the new equipment in one of the busiest operational peacetime period. From the Arctic cold of Norway to the heated action in Lebanon, Marines here have constantly been on the move.

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 264's tour in Lebanon began in January, as the air combat element of the 22nd Marine Amphibious Unit. HMM-263 was anxious to return home after a lengthy period in the war-torn city.

Meanwhile, HMM-365 was busy

preparing itself for the sub-zero temperatures of Norway. In February '365 found itself participating in a Joint Allied Exercise labeled Cold Winter '83. The 221-Marine unit formed the air combat element of the 26th Marine Amphibious Unit. Only about 300 nautical miles from the North Pole, the Marine unit worked with Norwegian, Canadian and British servicemen training to reinforce Norway's northern flank, part of the NATO commitment to protect that area from foreign invasion. The squadron was recently commended for its performance during that time.

While HMM-365 was performing its duties in Norway, back State-side New River Marines were gearing up for Solid Shield by participating in AYELEX 2-83.

During the Combined Arms Exercise (CAX) 5-83 and 6-83 VMO-1 performed its first FLIR drop. The operation proved highly successful: one round, one hit. A FLIR also enables the OV-10 to reconnoiter the assault route for helicopters and track enemy aircraft movements at night.

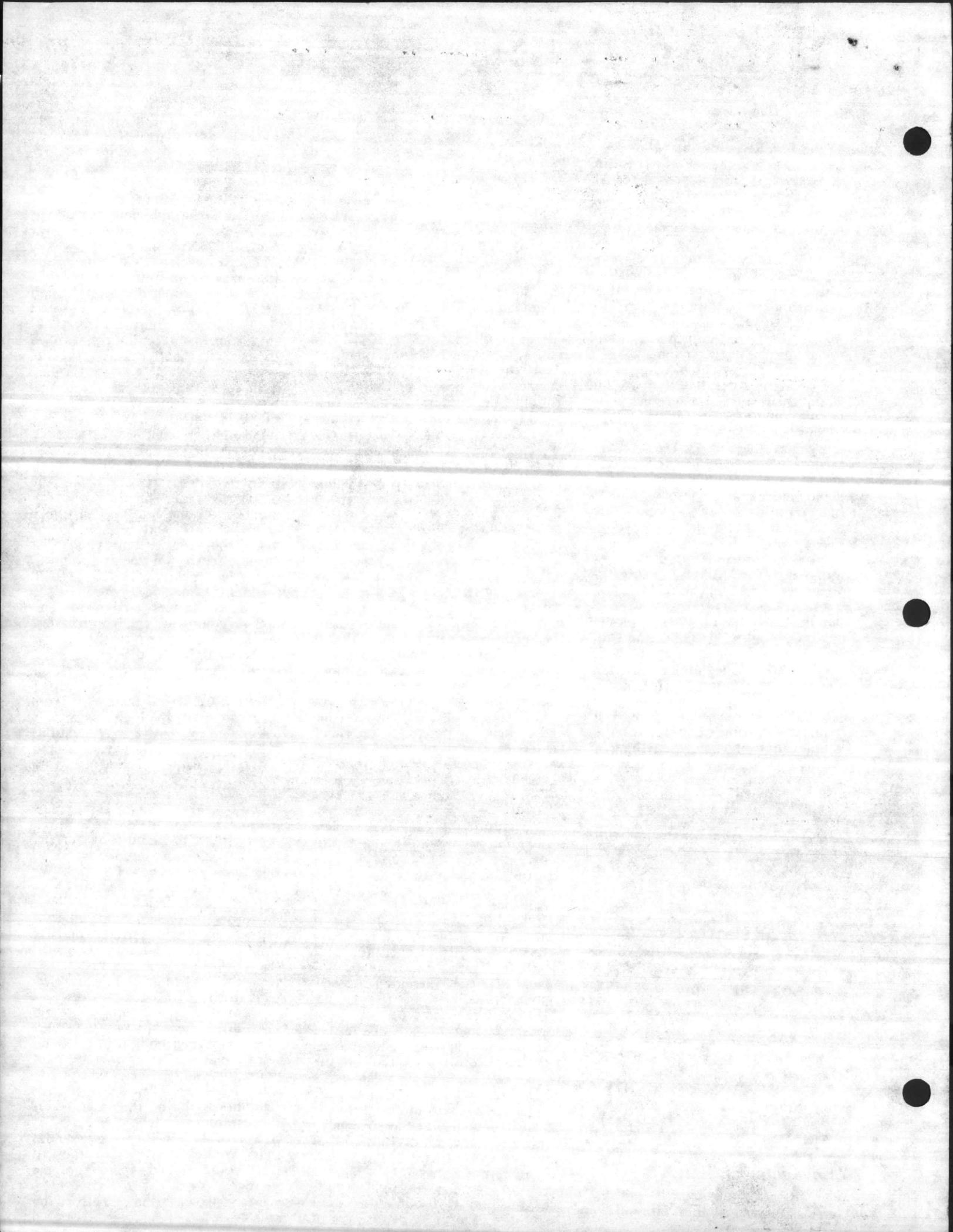
One of the largest exercises, Solid Shield 1983, involved more than 650 New River Marines. Designed to emphasize command and control, last year's exercises gave New River crews an opportunity to deliver supplies, transport troops and provide close air support as directed by the Helicopter Direction Center. Detachments from local units participating in air mobile assaults and extensive air operations included HMM-261, VMO-1 and HH-461 with attachments from HH-464, HML-167 and HMA-269.

The year also included some tragic losses. A crash in the desert took six, a stray bullet in Beirut took another and anti-aircraft rounds claimed three and injured one in Grenada. We wot with their loved ones, and continued on with the job at hand.

October 23, 1983. The band of brothers in Beirut suffered massive casualties and for family and friends, the agonizing wait began. Later, President Reagan came to Camp Lejeune to convey his condolences.

HMM-162 crews flew day and night after the blast, ferrying survivors, and then bodies to ships and waiting planes. During that difficult period, the Golden Eagles flew safely, achieving over 7400 accident free flight hours during their cruise. Of the loss of their fellow Marines of BIT 1/8, LtCol. Laurence Medlin said, "We hope to serve as witness to their courage and their supreme sacrifice."

Safety played a major role in the



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accomplishments of all the squadrons during the year. Everyone in the squadron has a part in helping to avoid mishaps, from the maintenance sections to the crewmembers and pilots. Their combined efforts are evident in the records the squadrons have been able to achieve.

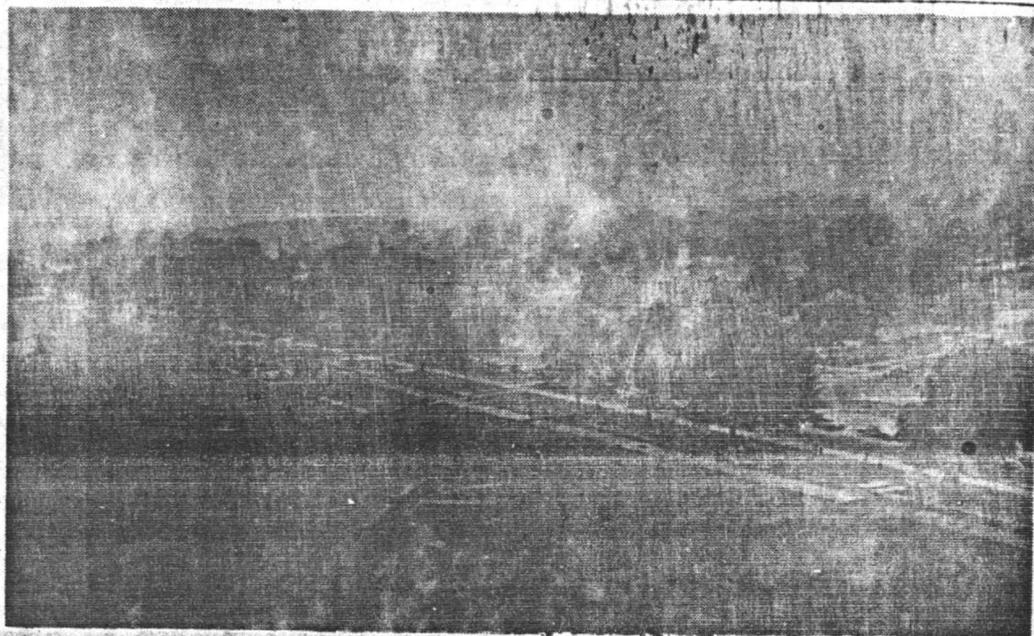
HMM-263 achieved two outstanding milestones in 1983. The squadron was one of two aboard Station which won the CNO Safety Awards (the other being HMM-461) and also won the Marine Corps Aviation Association's Squadron of the Year Award.

During the award period, HMM-263 reportedly "achieved a level of performance and a degree of operational excellence that will serve as the standard in future years for not only transport, but also composite helicopter squadrons."

Not even one month later, the "Black Knights" of HMM-264 were selected to receive the 1983 National Defense Transportation Association Unit Award for the job it performed while in Beirut between Jan. 28 and April 15. VMO-1 achieved 40,000 accident free flight hours, working in detachments all over the continent.

New River's newest squadron, HMM-266 recently completed its first 1000 accident free flight hours, and HML/A-167 on Dec. 5 completed a decade of accident free flight time.

The New Year brings new challenges for new milestones, methods and achievements. Marines have always placed heavy emphasis on their history, and 1983 will also be remembered and its accomplishments long respected.



### *At home...*

Multi-squadron participation in "Superlift '83."

### *Abroad...*

All aboard the "Beirut Express."

### *Through triumph... and tears...*

The Commandant and Mrs. Kelley visit Grenada vet, Capt. Tim Howard.



### *In sadness...*

The President and Mrs. Reagan join with Marines for memorial service.

