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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE  
NORTH CAROLINA 28545-5001

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9 MAR 1988

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, New River  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD), Headquarters United States Marine Corps, Washington D.C. 20380-0001  
Via: Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases, Eastern Area, Cherry Point, N.C. 28533 (Attn: Director of Operations)

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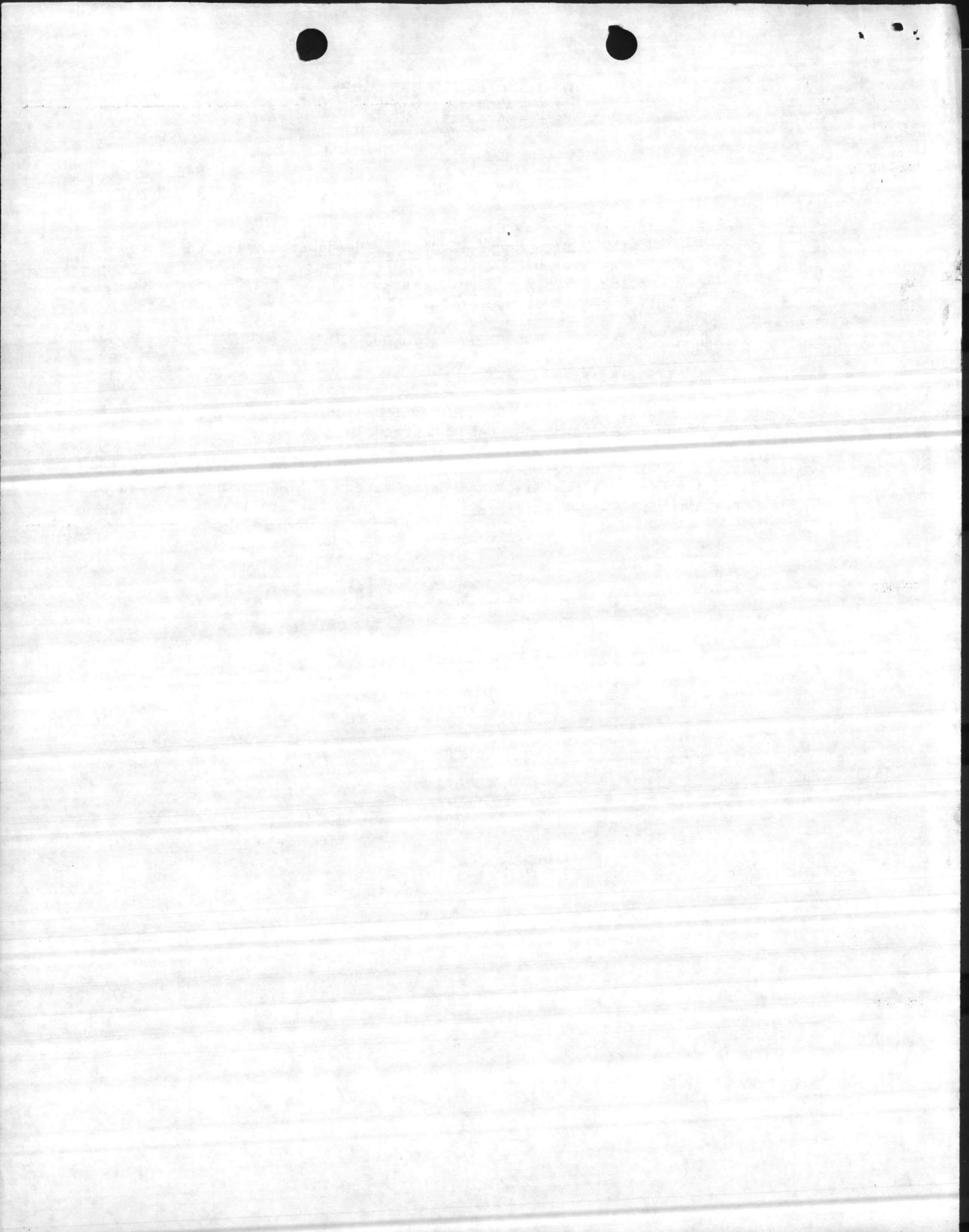
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V. L. MCMINN  
Acting



COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 JUL THROUGH 31 DEC 1987

SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

The Reporting Unit Code (RUC) is 02021.

The Table of Organization (T/O) number is 8461.

The period covered by this report is 1 July through 31 December 1987.  
MCAS New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Personnel Information

Commanding Officer

COLONEL                      BILL D. WADDELL                      1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

Subordinate Commanders

MAJOR                      DONALD L. DAVIS                      1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

Principal Staff Members

Executive Officer

LIEUTENANT COLONEL      ROBERT S. MURRAY                      1 Jul - 6 Sep 87  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL      VERNON L. MCMINN                      7 Sep - 31 Dec 87

Executive Officer, HQHQRON

FIRST LIEUTENANT      DAVID B. MCMILLAN                      1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

S-1 Officer

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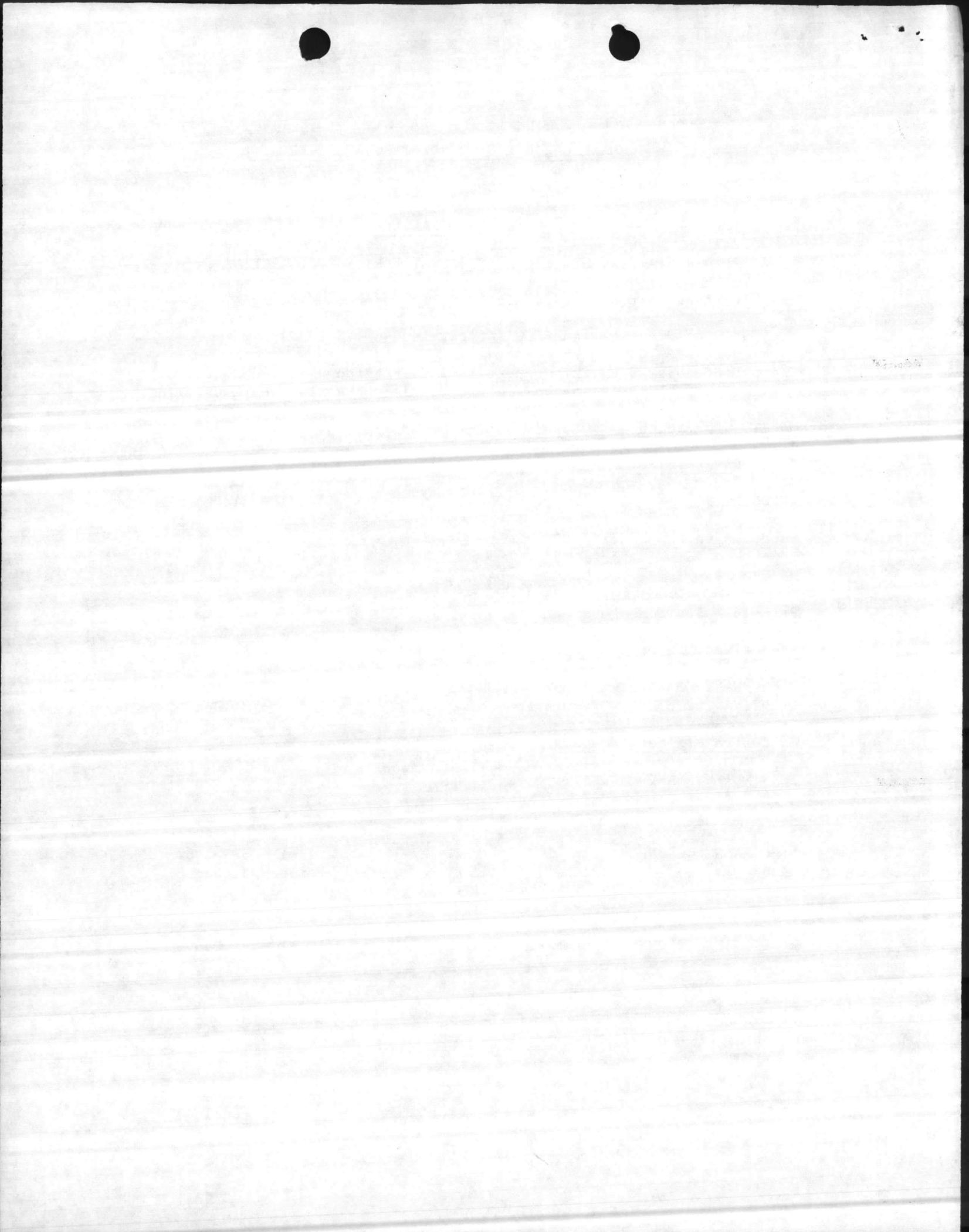
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Adjutant

FIRST LIEUTENANT      PATRICK A. MUIR      1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

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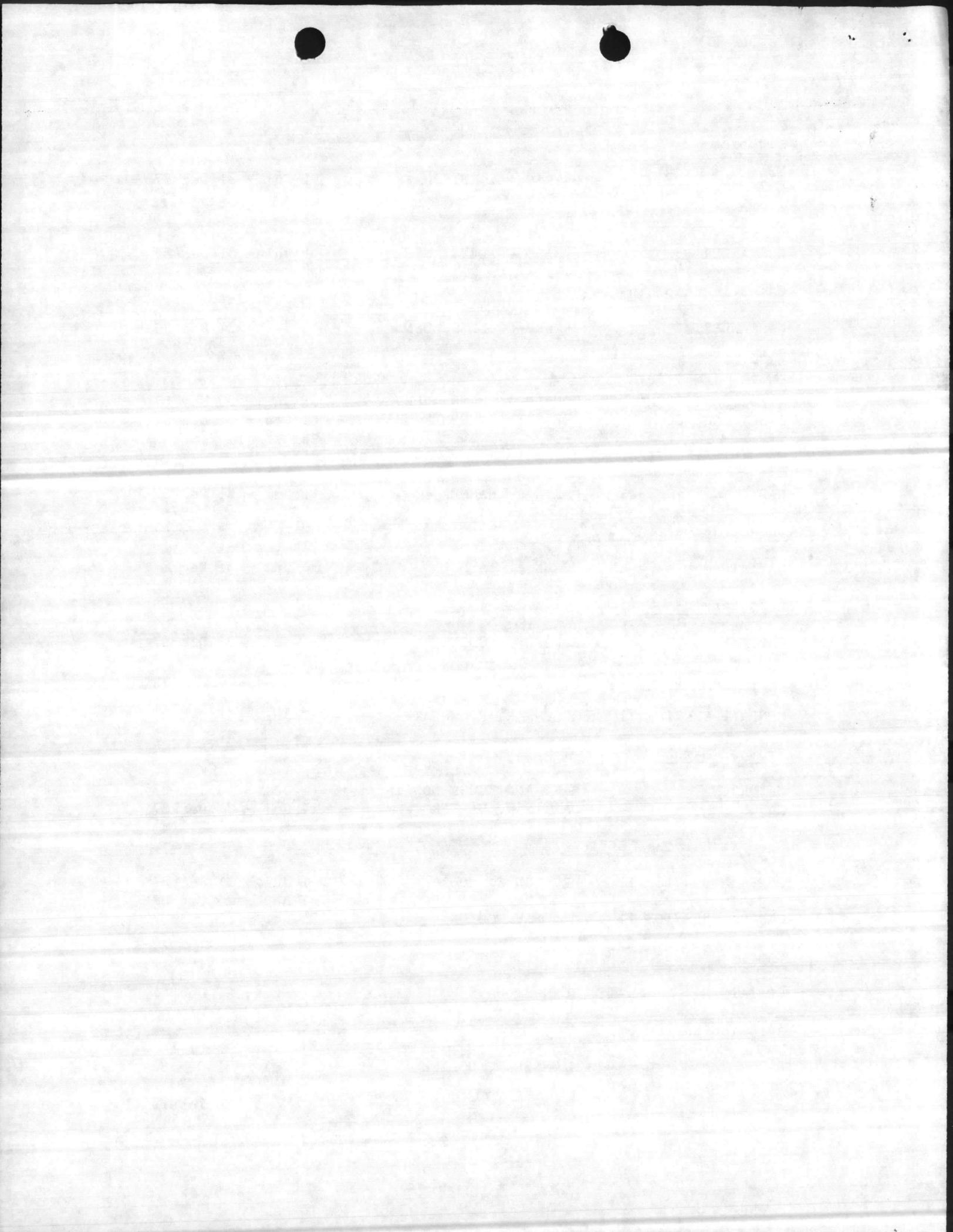
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MAJOR      MICHAEL W. BOLISH      1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

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Management Assistance Officer

VACANT

1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

Staff Historian

VACANT

FIRST LIEUTENANT

SCOTT B. JACK

1 Jul - 11 Aug 87

12 Aug - 31 Dec 87

Sergeant Major

SERGEANT MAJOR

FIRST SERGEANT

WILLIAM R. BOGGS

STEPHEN H. MELLINGER

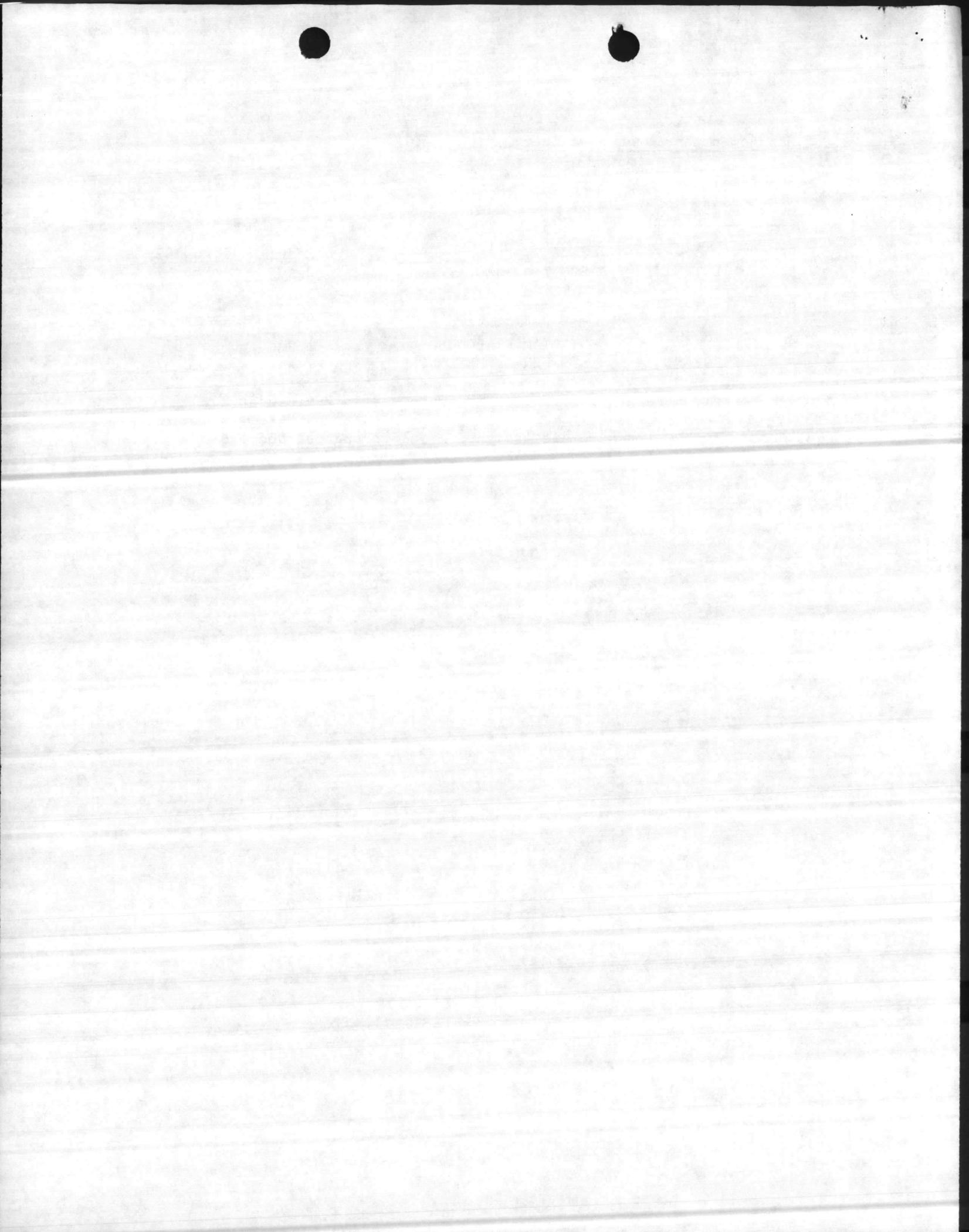
1 Jun - 6 Nov 87

7 Nov - 31 Dec 87

Average Monthly Strength information is contained in Enclosure (2).

Equipment: Two UC-12B aircraft assigned 1 Jul through 31 Dec 1987.

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SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Operations and Training

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.

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

Air Traffic Control operated the airfield for a total of 2,361.1 hours.

10,204 Instrument Flight Rules Operations  
1,132 Special Visual Flight Rules Operations  
52,515 Visual Flight Rules Operations  
63,851 Total Controlled Operations

Weather Services Accomplished:

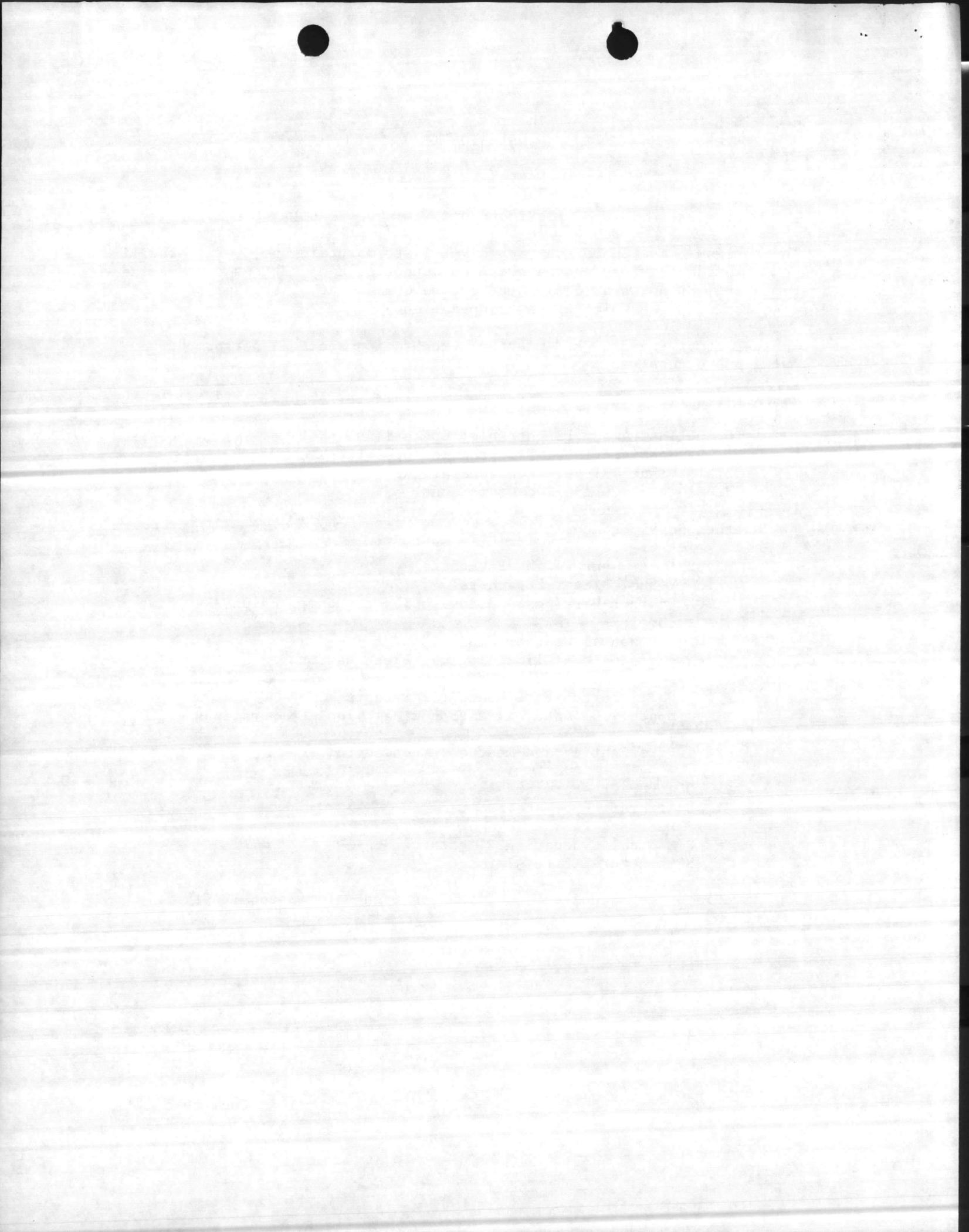
562 Instrument Flight Forecasts  
185 Visual Flight Forecasts  
202 Weather Warnings and advisories for Camp Lejeune/New River complex  
95 Horizontal Weather Depictions  
44 Astrological/Climatological Presentations  
Daily Blast Forecasts  
Daily Forest Fire Weather Forecasts  
Monthly Climatology Astronomical Tidal Computations

Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue responded to:

0 Aircraft Accidents  
40 Aircraft Emergencies  
77 Fuel Spills  
2 Medical Evacuation Flights  
9 Structural Fire Alarms

The Immediate Response Alert position was manned for a total of 2,098.6 hours.

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The Transient Aircraft Services Division dealt with:

1,167 Aircraft  
2,066 Total Passengers  
642 VIP Passengers  
158,776 Pounds of Cargo

The Station Fuels Division dispensed:

47,375 gallons of MOGAS  
3,232,890 gallons of JP-5

The Station's two UC-12B aircraft flew 382 missions totaling 458.8 flight hours and 141 training flights totaling 262 flight hours.

Training/Support:

The Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Division accomplished 4,146.1 man-hours of technical training and conducted 6 static displays/firefighting demonstrations.

Weather Services provided 12 Instrument Ground School lectures and 12 weather facility tours for tenant command pilots and schools.

There were 27 individual air traffic control position qualifications attained.

The Audio Visual Support Center completed 931 job orders.

Simulator usage for the CH-46E OFT (Device 2F117):

Hours scheduled: 1664  
Hours utilized: 1558.6

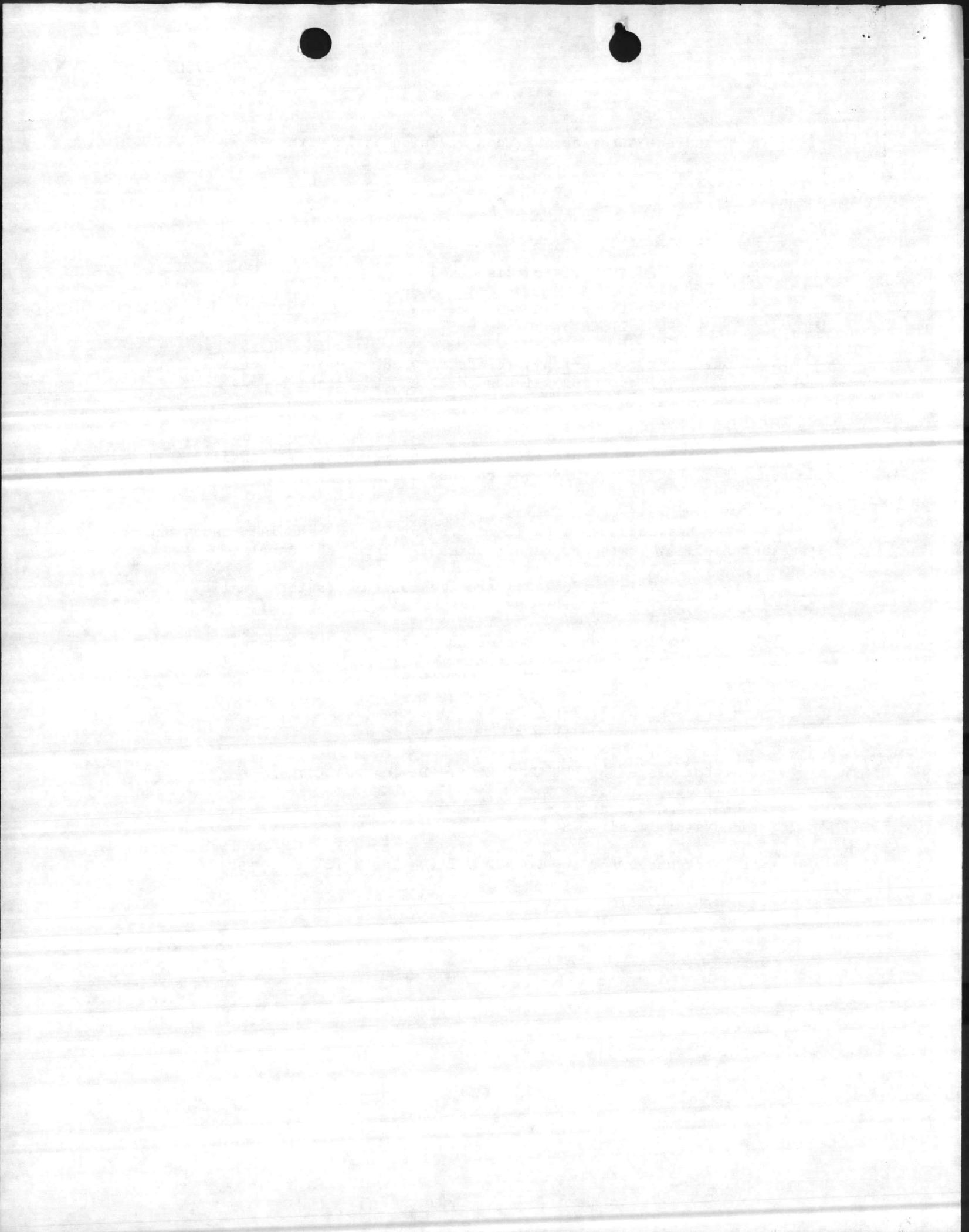
Simulator usage for the CH-53E OFT (Device 2F120):

Hours scheduled: 924  
Hours utilized: 849.8

Simulator usage for the CH-53D OFT (Device 2F121):

Hours scheduled: 846  
Hours utilized: 812.9

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Personnel and Administration

Personnel information is contained in Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron Command Chronology.

Logistics/Supply

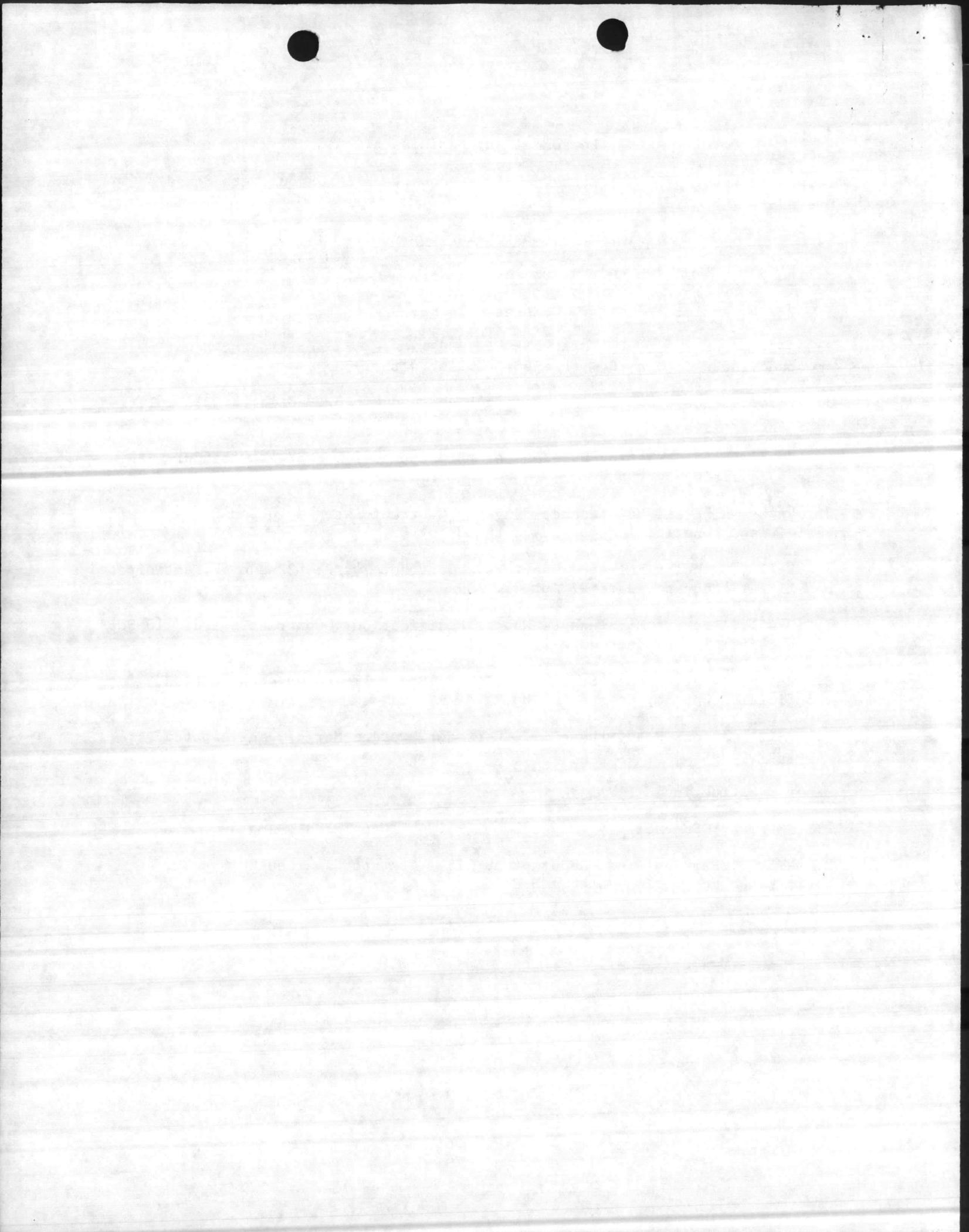
Military Construction (MCON) Projects

1. P-206, Athletic Fields. Completed 24 Nov 87.
2. P-211, GSE Facility. Contract awarded 12 Jun 87, anticipated beneficial occupancy date 21 Jun 88. (Project combine with P-305).
3. P-300, Roads and Streets. Contract awarded Mar 87, anticipated completion date Apr 88.
4. P-357/P-185, Aviation Warehouses. Bid opened 2 Dec 87, low bidder within budget, awaiting award.
5. P-404, Aircraft Maintenance Hangar. Contract awarded 10 Sep 87, anticipated beneficial occupancy date 13 Nov 89.
6. P-410, Bachelor Enlisted Quarters. Contract awarded 22 Jun 87, anticipated beneficial occupancy date 27 Apr 89.
7. P-451, Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Modification. Contract awarded 10 Sep 87, beneficial occupancy date 11 Mar 91.
8. P-476, Aviation Fuel Storage Addition, Phase I. Under construction, beneficial occupancy date 6 Feb 88.
9. P-476, Access Road, Phase II. Contract awarded Mar 87, anticipated completion date Apr 88.

Minor Construction

1. NR513RS, GSE Facility, AS-4133 & AS-4134. Completed 4 Aug 87.
2. NR603R, Parking Area, Adjutant AS-211. Contract awarded 28 Sep 87, anticipated completion date 11 Mar 88.

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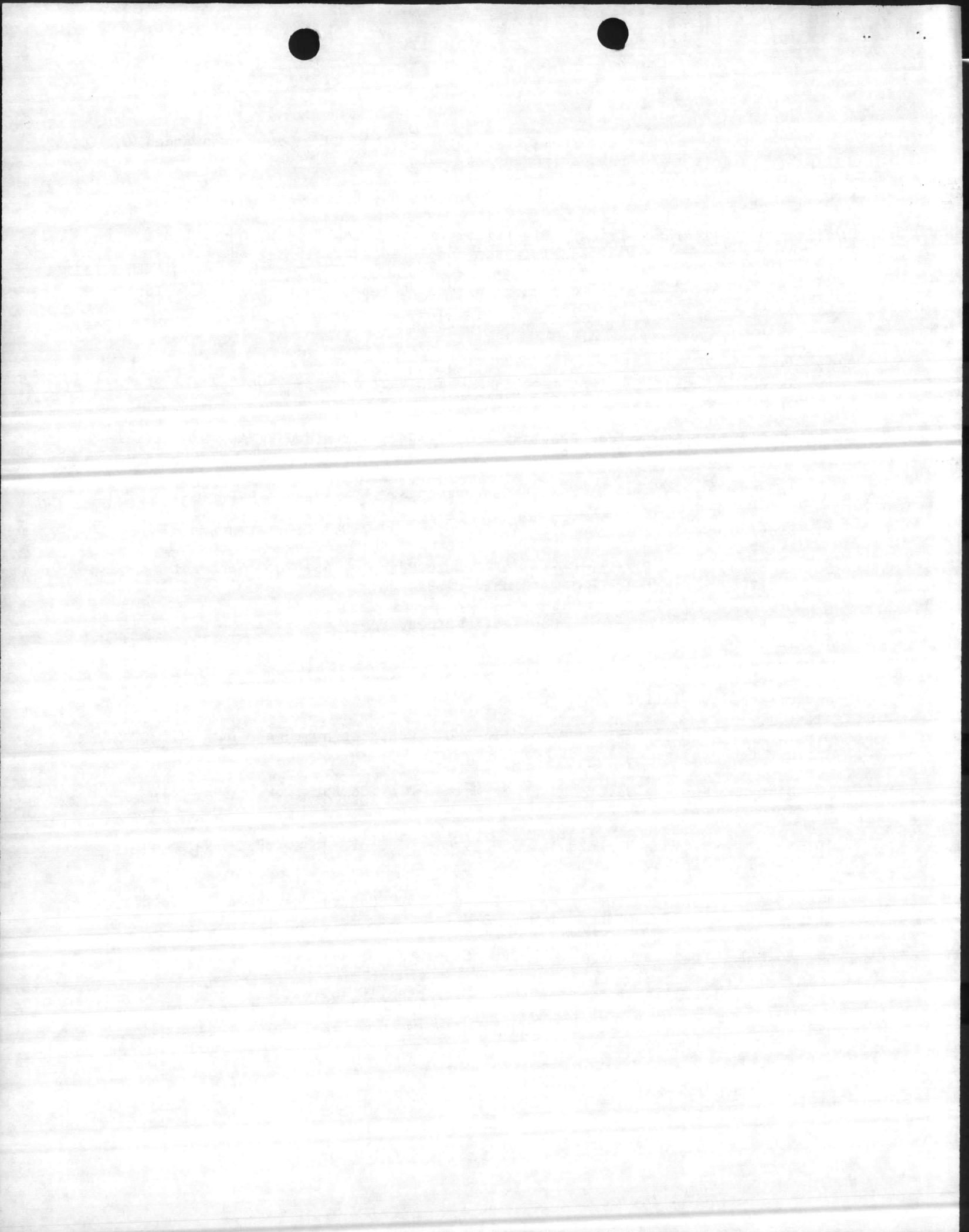


3. NR605R, Helicopter Internal Stores Storage, MAG-29. Contract awarded 28 Sep 87, anticipated beneficial occupancy date 10 May 88.
4. E-1-86, Weather Vision System. Postponed due to funding constraints.
5. NR702R, Alternate Primary Electrical Distribution Feeder, AS-3500 Area. Contract awarded 3 Nov 87, anticipated completion date 16 May 88.
6. NR707R, Bicycle Path. Contract awarded 30 Sep 87, anticipated completion Mar 88.

Major Repair

1. NR5031M, Replace Fuel Storage Tank. Contract awarded 2 Oct 87, anticipated completion date 23 Jan 89.
2. NR601M, Correct Mildew Problems BEQ. Contract awarded 21 Aug 87, anticipated completion date 2 Apr 88.
3. 84-7927, Miscellaneous Energy Improvements. Completed 2 Sep 87.
4. 85-6336, Replace Air Conditioning System, AS-710. Completed Sep 87.
5. 85-6363, Replace Power Cable, AS-504 to Manhole, AS-520. Contract awarded 16 Sep 87, anticipated completion date 22 Jan 88.
6. 85-6397, Rewire AS-202. Contract awarded 29 Sep 87, anticipated completion date 26 Feb 88.
7. 85-6398, Miscellaneous Repairs, AS-504. Contract awarded 25 Sep 87, anticipated completion date Apr 88.
8. 85-6385, Repair/Replace Handrails BEQ. Contract awarded 8 Aug 86, anticipated completion Apr 88.
9. 85-6400, Replace Water and Sewer Mains, provide Backflow Preventors. Completed 9 Oct 87.
10. 85-6439, Replace Boilers, AS-3502 & CG-1. Contract awarded 23 Oct 86, completed 19 Jan 88.
11. 85-6460, Replace Windows AS-3502 and 3504. Contract awarded 28 Sep 87, anticipated completion date 11 May 88.
12. 86-5412, Fuel Farm Improvements. Completed 31 Jul 87.
13. 86-5419, Fuel Containment Apron. Completed 15 Jul 87.
14. 86-5424, Repair and Replace Built-up Roof. Completed 24 Sep 87.

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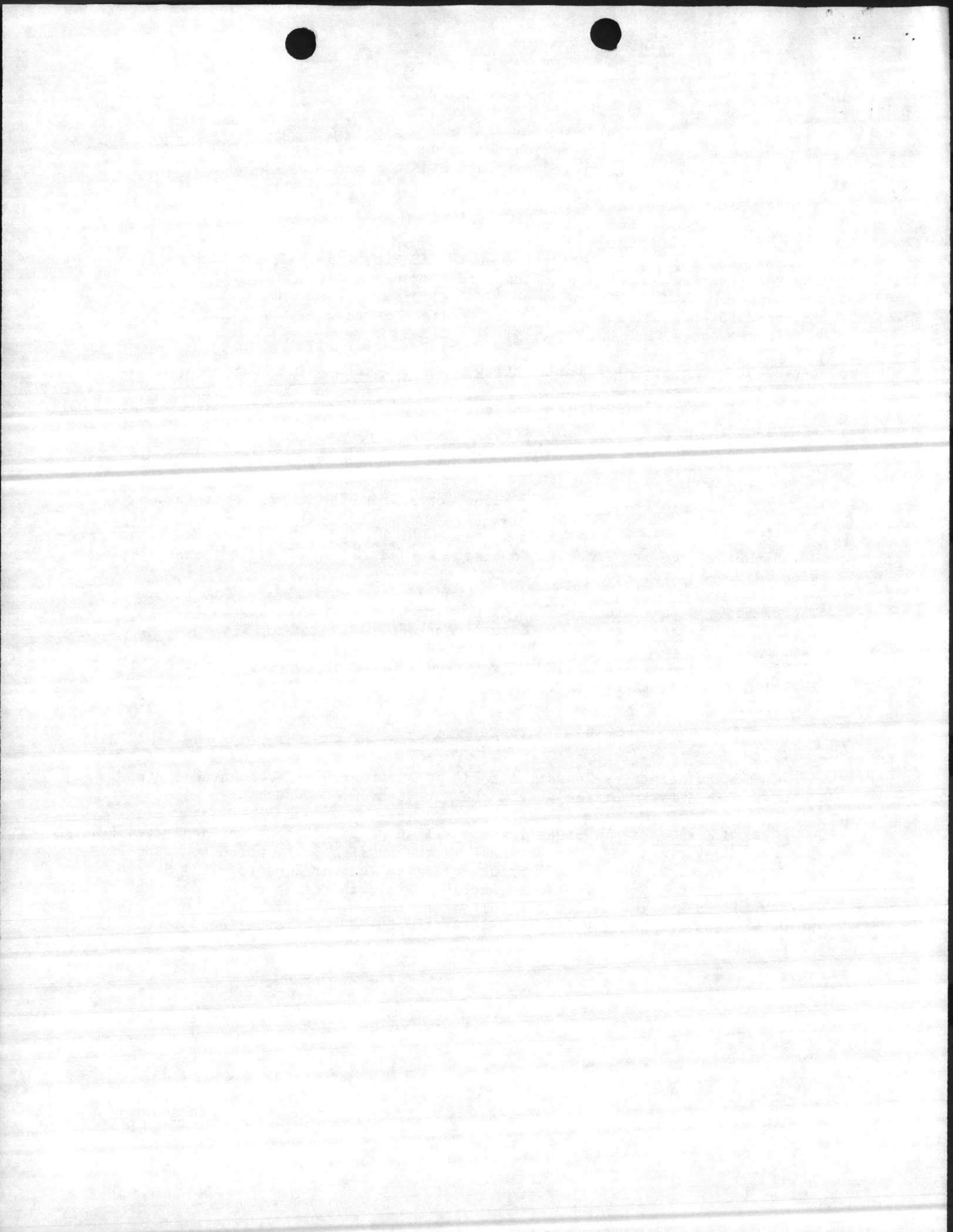
15. 86-5441/2, Renovations Various Buildings, Phases I and II. Contract awarded 30 Sep 86, anticipated completion date 9 May 88.
16. 86-5536, Sawdust Emission System Various Buildings. Contract awarded 28 Sep 87, anticipated completion date 10 Apr 88.
17. 86-5548, Replace Air Condition Units, AS-236, 205, 202, 502, 3502 & 3504. Contract awarded 30 Sep 87, anticipated completion date 9 Oct 88.
18. 86-5558, BEQ Chillers, AS-4010. Contract awarded 23 Nov 87, anticipated completion date 2 Dec 88.
19. 87-9270, Repair Airfield Lighting System. Bid opening 25 Feb 88.
20. 87-9318, Repairs AS-710. Contract awarded 30 Sep 87, anticipated completion date 12 Apr 88.
21. 87-9334, Electric Hoist, AS-222. Completed Nov 87.
22. 87-9343, Flightline Shelter. Contract awarded 30 Sep 87, anticipated completion date 12 May 88.
23. 87-9372, Security Fences. Contract awarded 23 Sep 87, anticipated completion date 6 Mar 88.
24. 87-9399, Repair and Replace Roofs, various buildings. Contract awarded 1 Dec 87, anticipated completion date 14 Apr 88.
25. 87-9422, Repair and Repave Wilson Blvd. Contract awarded 17 Nov 87, anticipated completion date 29 Jul 88.

#### Civic Action

Community Relations Tours: A total of six tours were conducted by the Joint Public Affairs office aboard the Air Station.

News Media Queries: Significant civilian media interest was generated by: The UH-1 Huey crash on 4 October 1987 in the Persian Gulf, which took the life of Major Daniel S. Haworth of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263 (HMM-263). Queries continued October through December 1987; the presence of local Marines, primarily HMM-263 in the Persian Gulf area; the ongoing transition of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461 (HMH-461) from CH-53D "Sea Stallions" to CH-53E "Super Stallions."

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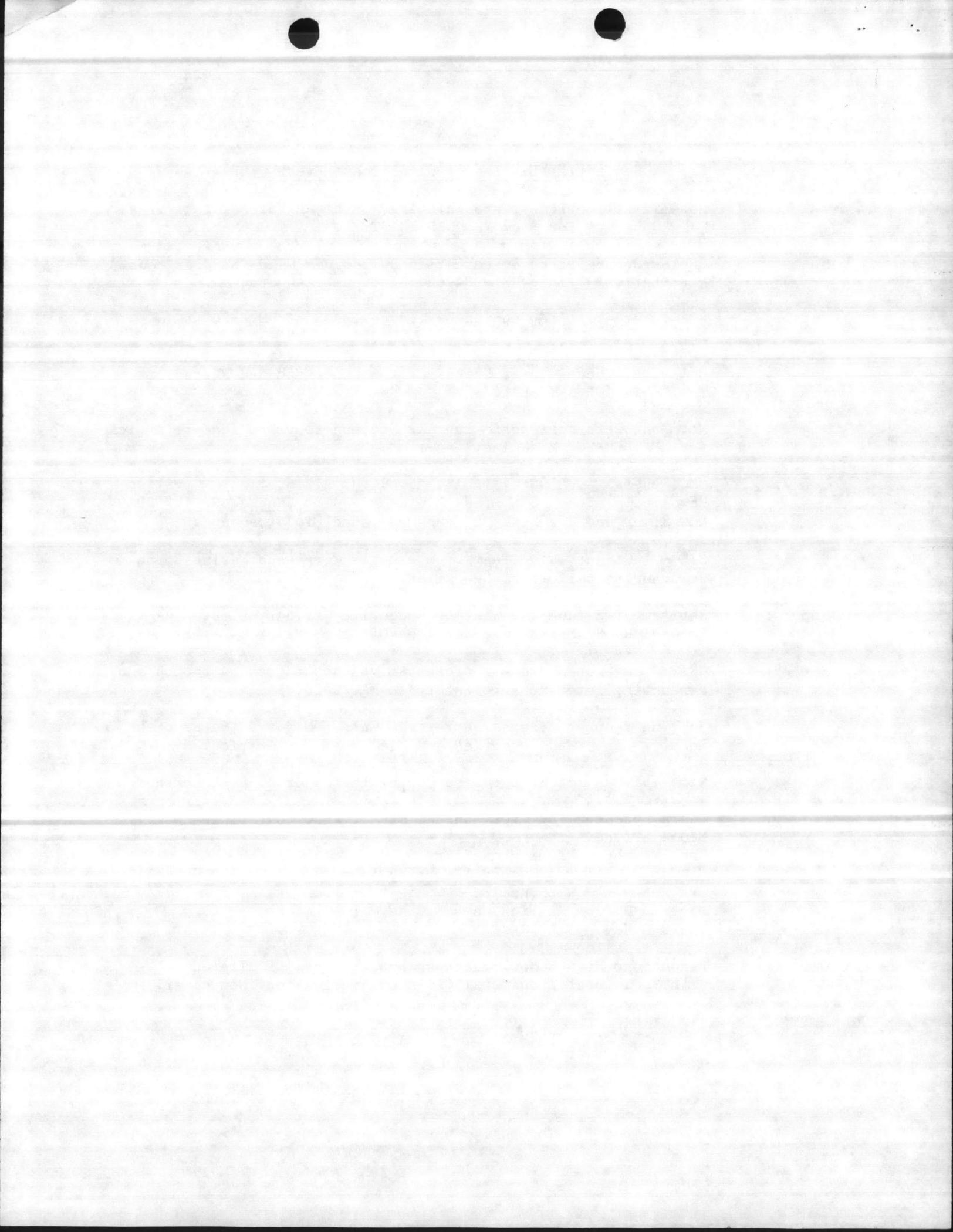


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Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- Jul 7: Howell Publications representative, Cathleen Valenci interviews MAG-29 pilots for book "FORGED IN STEEL."
- Jul 9: Onslow County Parks & Recreation Summer Day Camp children tour Air Station. Visit HMT-204 and Station Crash Crew.
- Jul 15: JPAO Journalist TAD to Canada for coverage of HMLA-269 Deployment.
- Jul 22: Col H. A. Chenoweth at New River to photograph and sketch artwork for "AVIATION ART SERIES."
- Aug 24: Mr. John Peterson aboard the Air Station to write feature articles for LEATHERNECK Magazine.
- Sep 3: CMC General A. M. Gray visits New River Air Station. Civilian News media aboard for Press Conference with General Gray. JPAO New River and JPAO Camp Lejeune personnel in attendance.
- Sep 17: 8TH & I Silent Drill Team/Drum & Bugle Corps and Marine Corps Color Guard perform at New River.
- Sep 29: Retirement Parade for Station Executive Officer, Lieutenant Colonel R. S. Murray and Services Officer, Major T. F. Brunk.
- Sep 29: UNISYS Defense Systems representatives aboard taking photos and conducting interviews for story on MATCS-28.
- Oct 4: Huey helicopter crashes in Persian Gulf. Major D. S. Haworth lost at sea. Media queries and visits to Air Station.
- Oct 9: Memorial Service at the Base Chapel for Major D. S. Haworth.
- Oct 20: Media Luncheon for area journalists at JPAO Conference Room.  
Media attending:  
Jack Murphy - Wilmington Star  
Clifford Hill - Jacksonville Daily News  
Lee Johnson - WRCM Radio  
Beverly Hyde - Raleigh News & Observer  
Laura McKay - WLAS Radio
- Oct 21: Bladenboro High School teachers and students affiliated with Vocational Industrial Clubs of America tour New River.

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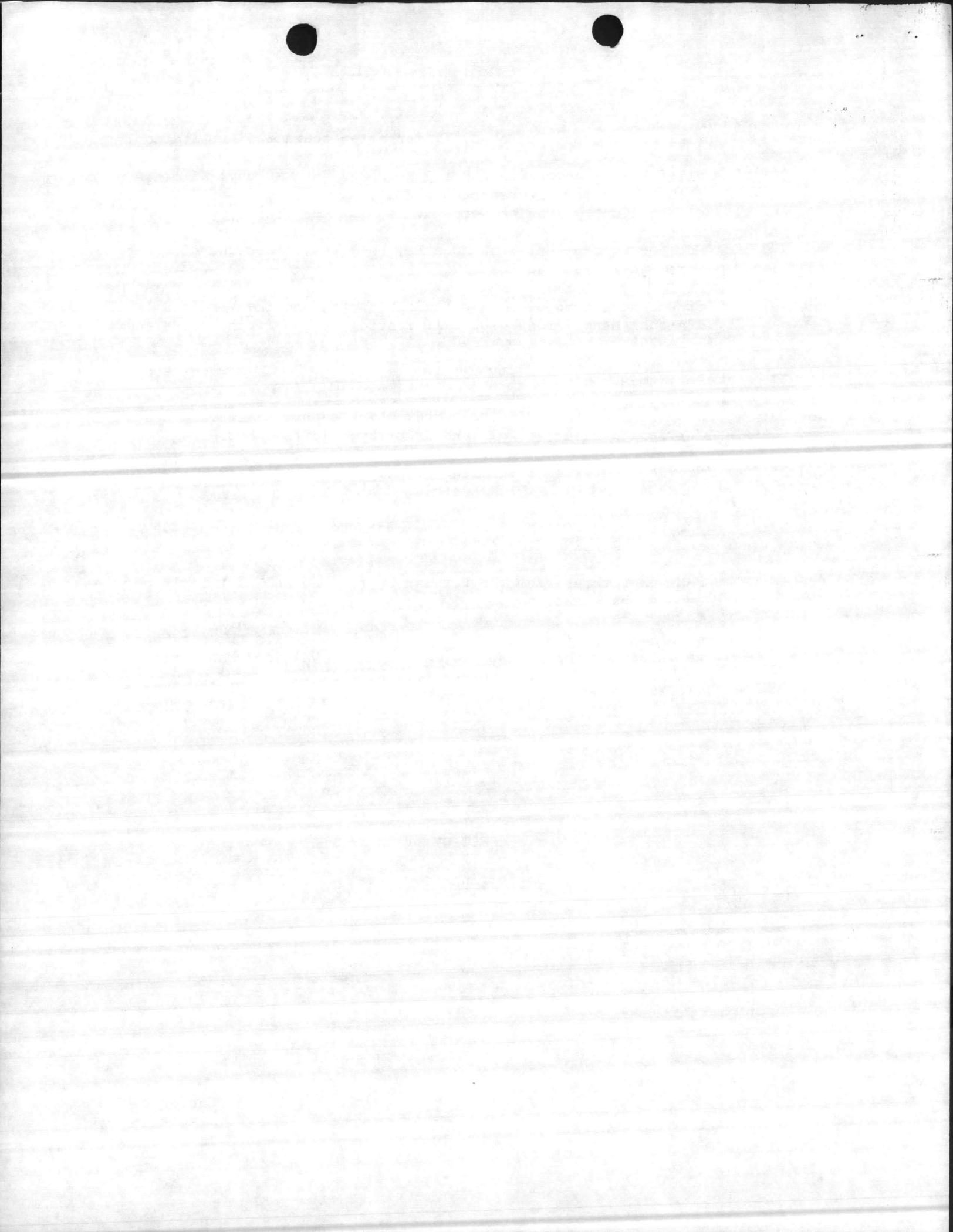
- Oct 21: Williard Elementary School Kindergarten tours the Air Station.
- Oct 26: Cliff Hill, Jacksonville Daily News and Jack Murphy, Wilmington Star, interview Lieutenant Colonel S. D. Haley, CO of HMM-261, selected as the Marine Corps Aviator of the Year.
- Oct 27: Cub Scouts from Cub Scout Den #2, Pack 240, visit the Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Division.
- Nov 14: Greenthumbers Horticulture Society hosts Carolina-Virginia Regional Mens Garden Club Fall meeting at New River. Club tours HMLA-269.
- Nov 19: Retirement Ceremony for Chaplain D. J. Eack.
- Nov 20: Newgard Industries Incorporated, which supplies aircraft seats for Bell, Boeing Vertol, and Sikorsky, visits HMM-365.
- Nov 25: Mr. John Peterson interviews Lieutenant Colonel R. R. Crawford of HMT-204 for LEATHERNECK article.
- Nov 29: Mr. Peterson visits flight simulators to gather information for future LEATHERNECK article.
- Dec 16: HMM-263 returns from the Persian Gulf. Channel 12 television covers the event.
- Dec 17: Rick Smith of the Jacksonville Daily News visits the Air Station to interview HMM-263 pilots; Major R. J. Wallace, Major P. Buckinger and First Lieutenant J. W. Bullard.

#### SECTION IV

#### Supporting Documents

None.

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
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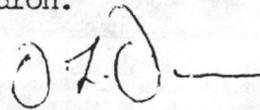
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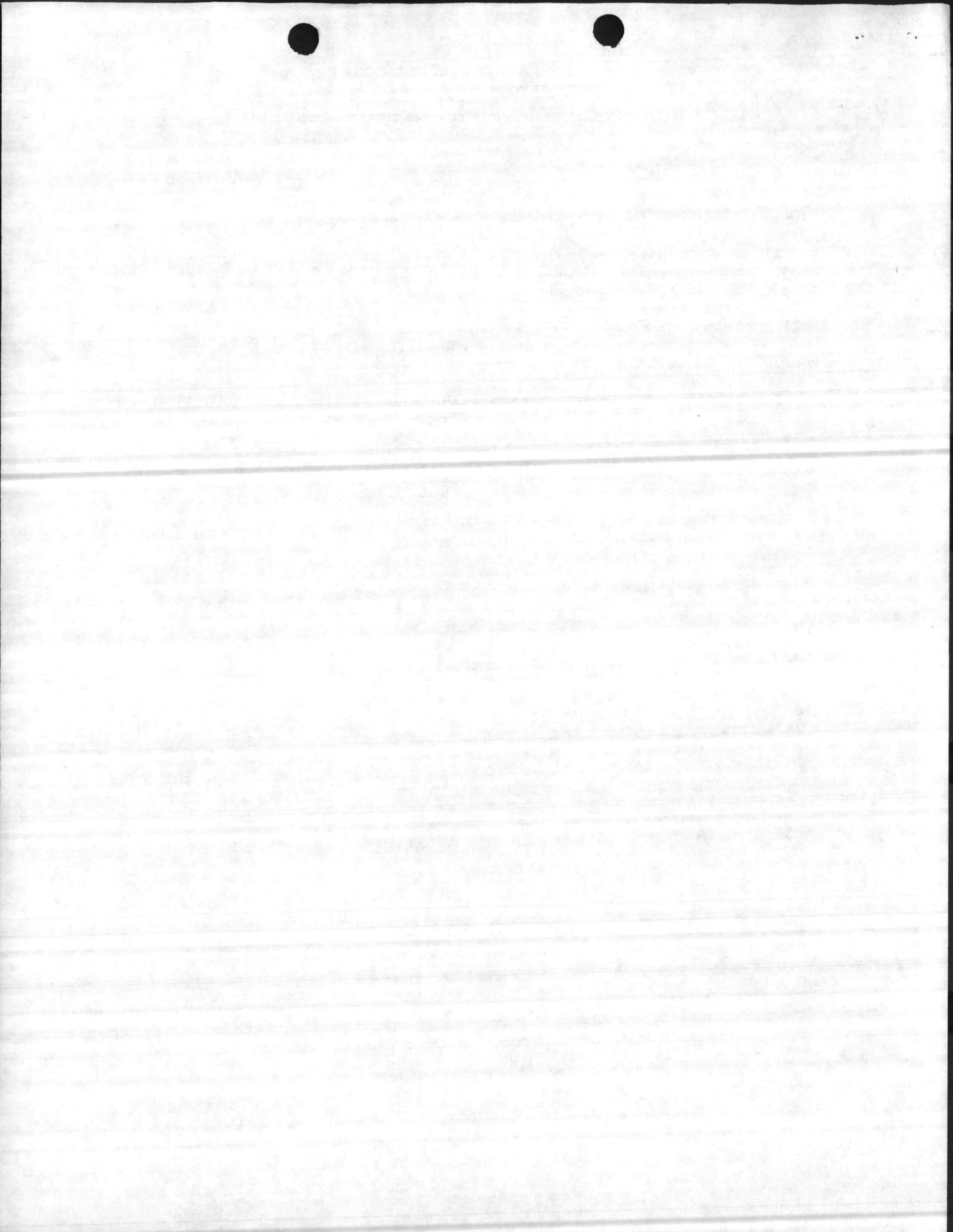
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D. L. DAVIS

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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The Table of Organization (T/O) number is 8461.

The period covered by this report is 1 July 1987 through 31 December 1987. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Personnel Information

Commanding Officer

MAJOR DONALD L. DAVIS 1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

Subordinate Commanders

None

Principal Staff Members

Executive Officer

FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID B. MCMILLAN 1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

Administrative Officer

CAPTAIN JESSE HINSON 1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

Career Planner

GUNNERY SERGEANT JOSEPH C. SINK 1 Jul - 15 Sep 87  
MASTER SERGEANT THOMAS PROVOST 16 Sep - 31 Dec 87

Training Officer

MASTER SERGEANT DAVID L. FACKRELL 1 Jul - 28 Jul 87  
GUNNERY SERGEANT CARL E. WOODSON 29 Jul - 31 Dec 87

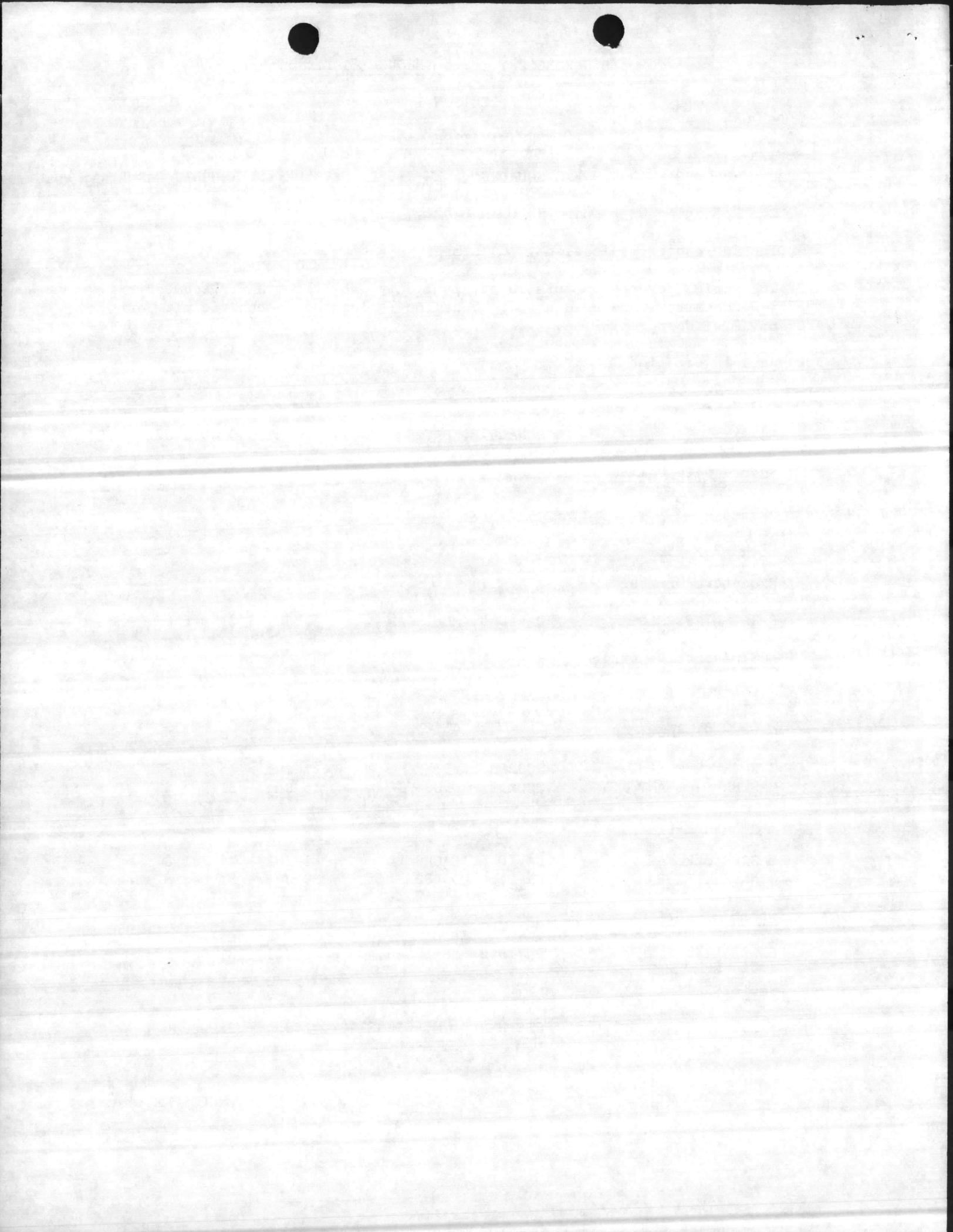
Staff Historian

FIRST LIEUTENANT DAVID B. MCMILLAN 1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

Senior Enlisted

FIRST SERGEANT STEPHEN H. MELLINGER 1 Jul - 31 Dec 87

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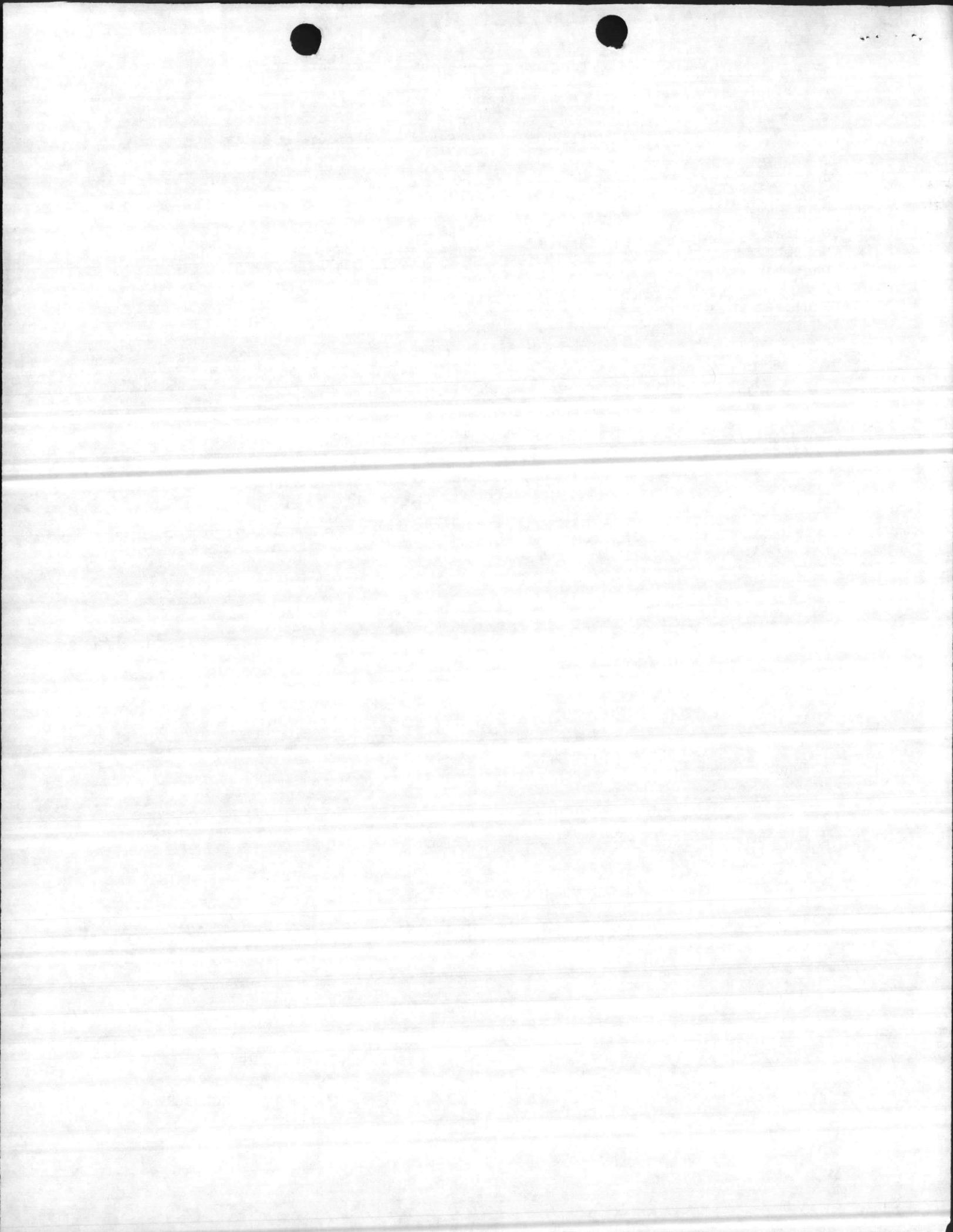


Average Monthly Strength (Includes Fleet Assistance Personnel (FAP))

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
July	57	583	3	5
August	58	591	3	5
September	59	576	4	5
October	54	568	4	4
November	56	594	4	5
December	58	588	3	5

Equipment. None

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SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Operations and Training

The assigned mission of HQHQRON, MCAS, New River is to provide for the general administration, training, welfare, morale, and discipline of assigned personnel.

The squadron's training office was responsible for the following individual training requirements:

Rifle Requalification rate was 25.8%  
Pistol Requalification rate was 44.8%  
PFT Completion rate was 100%  
Essential Subjects testing rate was 100%  
Marine Corps Institute completion rate was 96.2%  
NBC/Gas Chamber completion rate was 100%  
Annual Leadership Training accomplishment rate was 100%

Twenty-two Marines were assigned to the Weight Control/Military Appearance Program.

Personnel and Administration

The Table of Organization authorized 35 officers and 283 enlisted. The Fleet Assistance Program by T/O authorized 13 officers and 266 enlisted. The squadron average strength was 43 officers and 302 enlisted permanently assigned. The FAP average strength was 18 officers and 285 enlisted during this period.

Having Special Court Martial Convening Authority, the Command's legal proceedings held at this level were:

Special Courts Martial:	4
Summary Courts Martial:	2
Non-Judicial Punishment:	31
JAG Manual Investigations:	6

SECTION III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

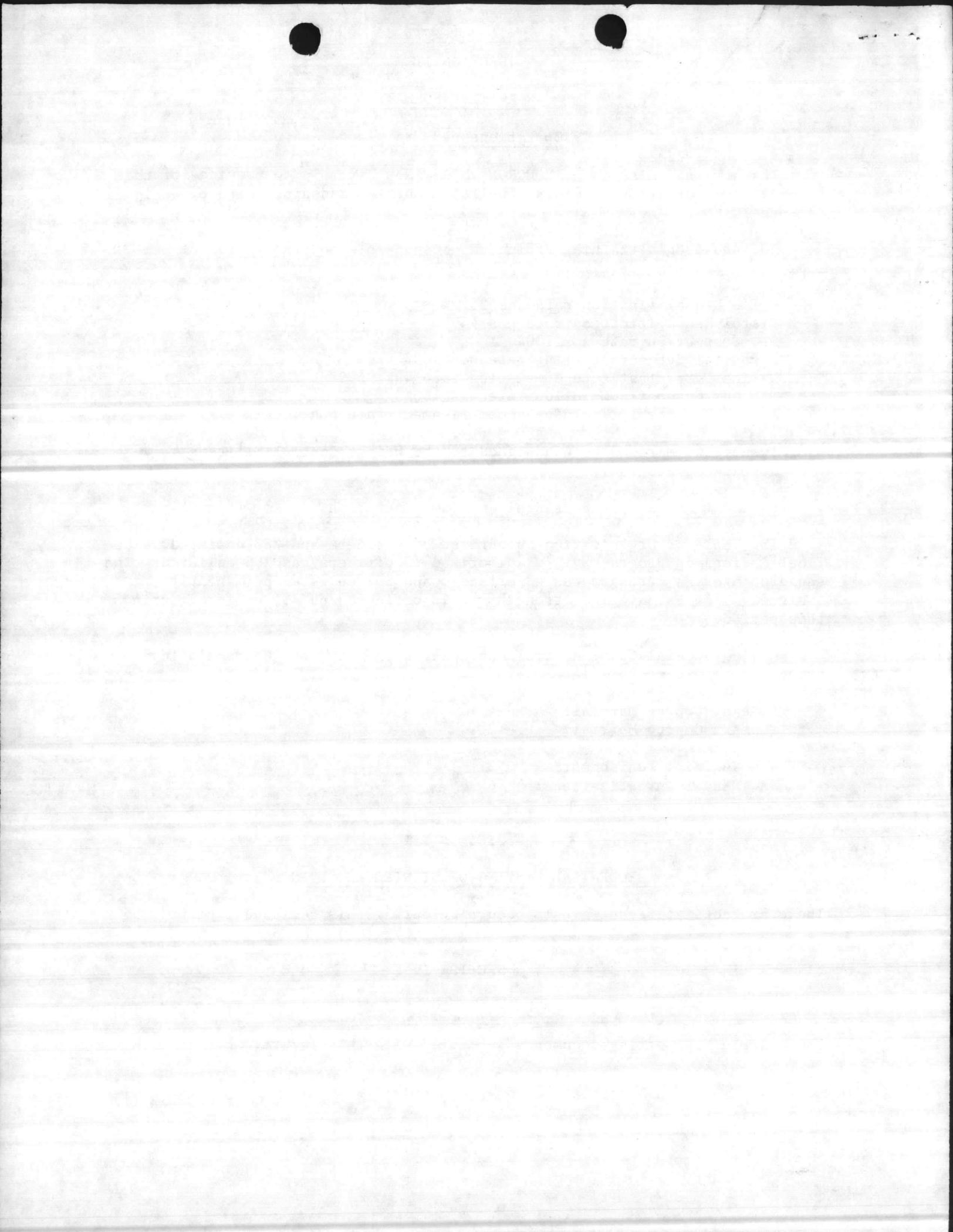
There are no significant events occurring during this semiannual period.

SECTION IV

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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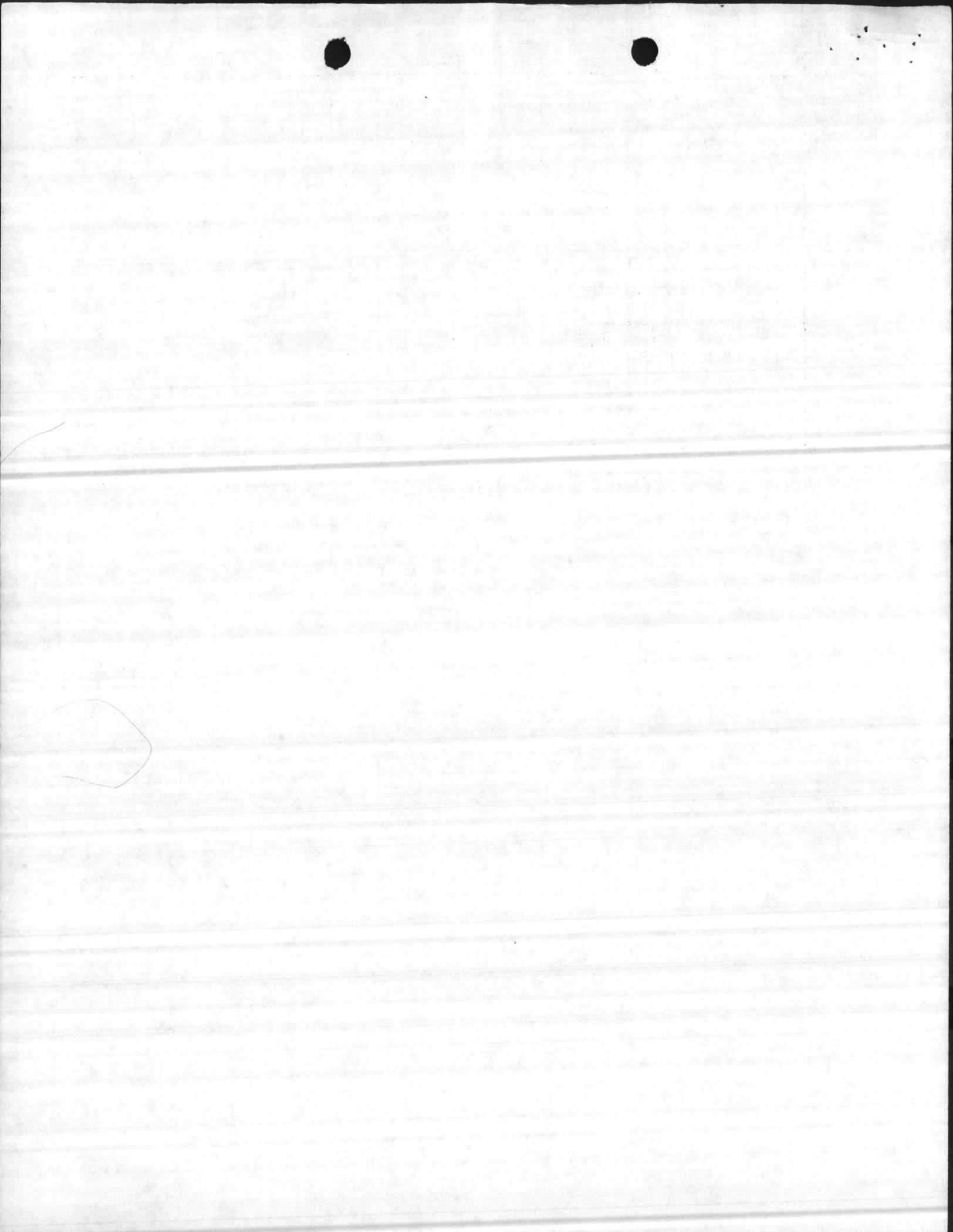
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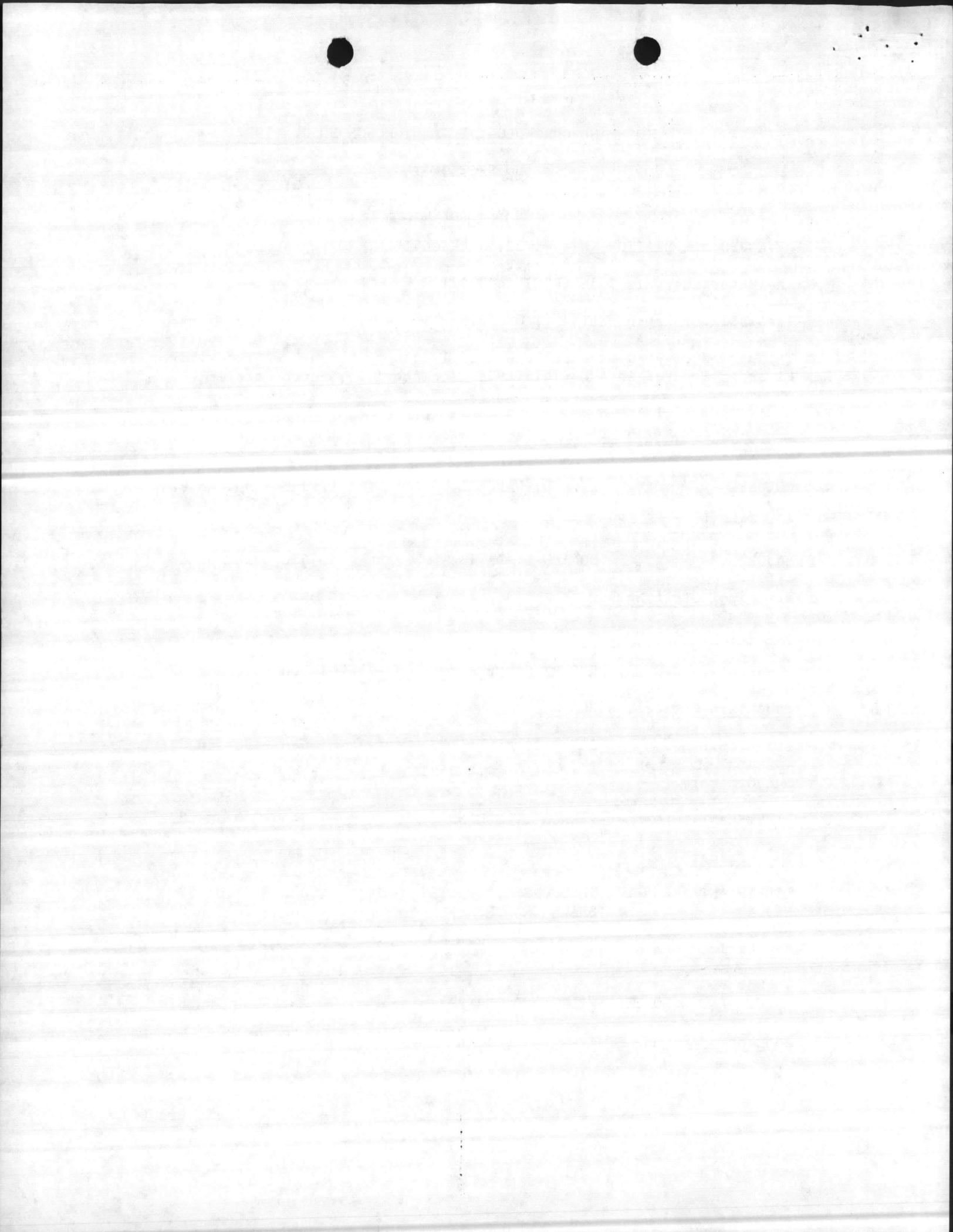
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LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM L. DRYER 24 Mar - 30 Jun 87Adjutant

2ND LIEUTENANT PATRICK A. MUIR 1 Jan - 30 Jun 87

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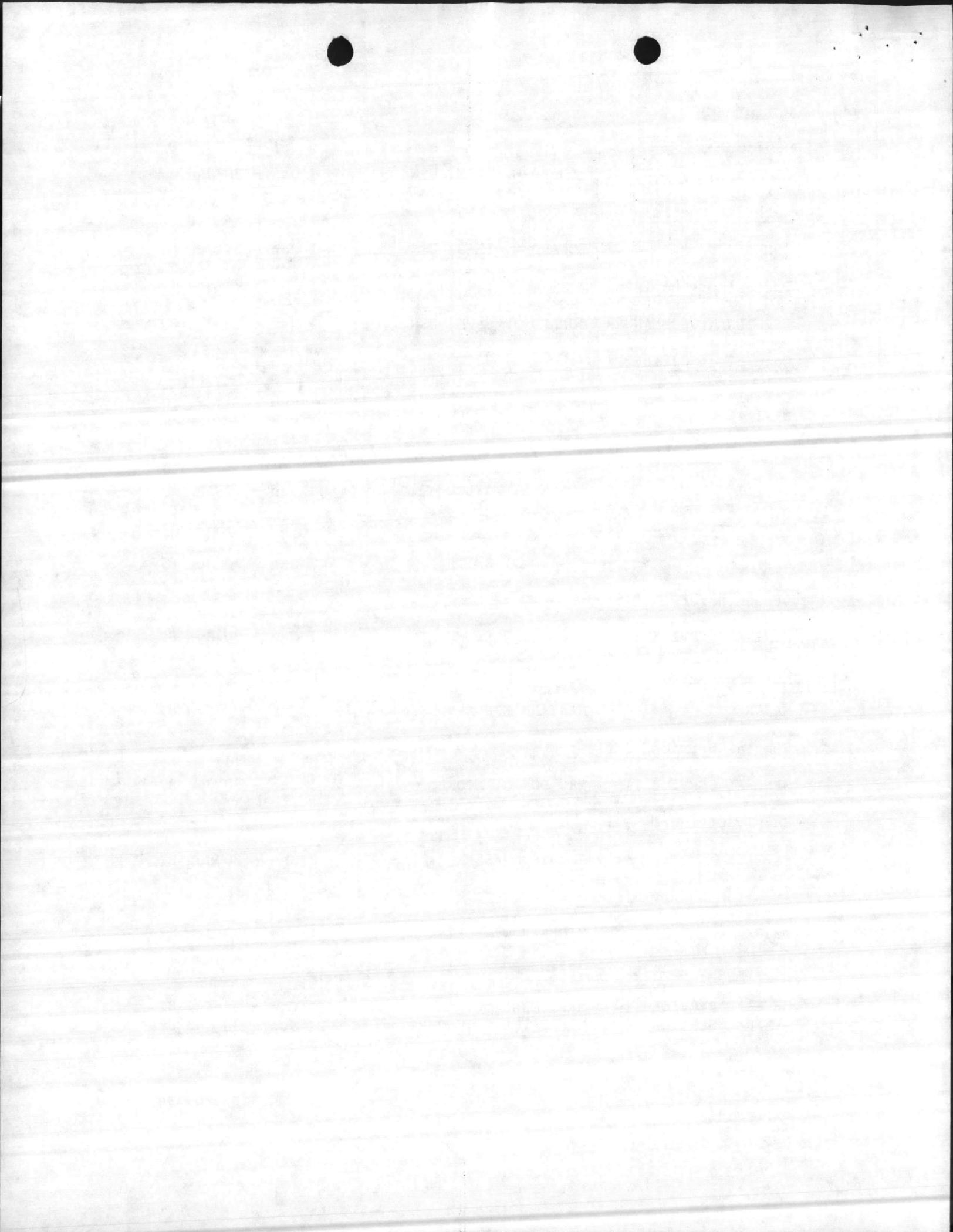
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Management Assistance Officer

GENERAL SERVICE 11	MRS. NANCY C. KALM	1 Jan - 26 Jun 87
GENERAL SERVICE 12	MR. DAVID G. WALKER	27 Jun - 30 Jun 87

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Staff Historian

WARRANT OFFICER	TRACY HEUMAN	1 Jan - 30 Apr 87
Vacant		1 May - 30 Jun 87

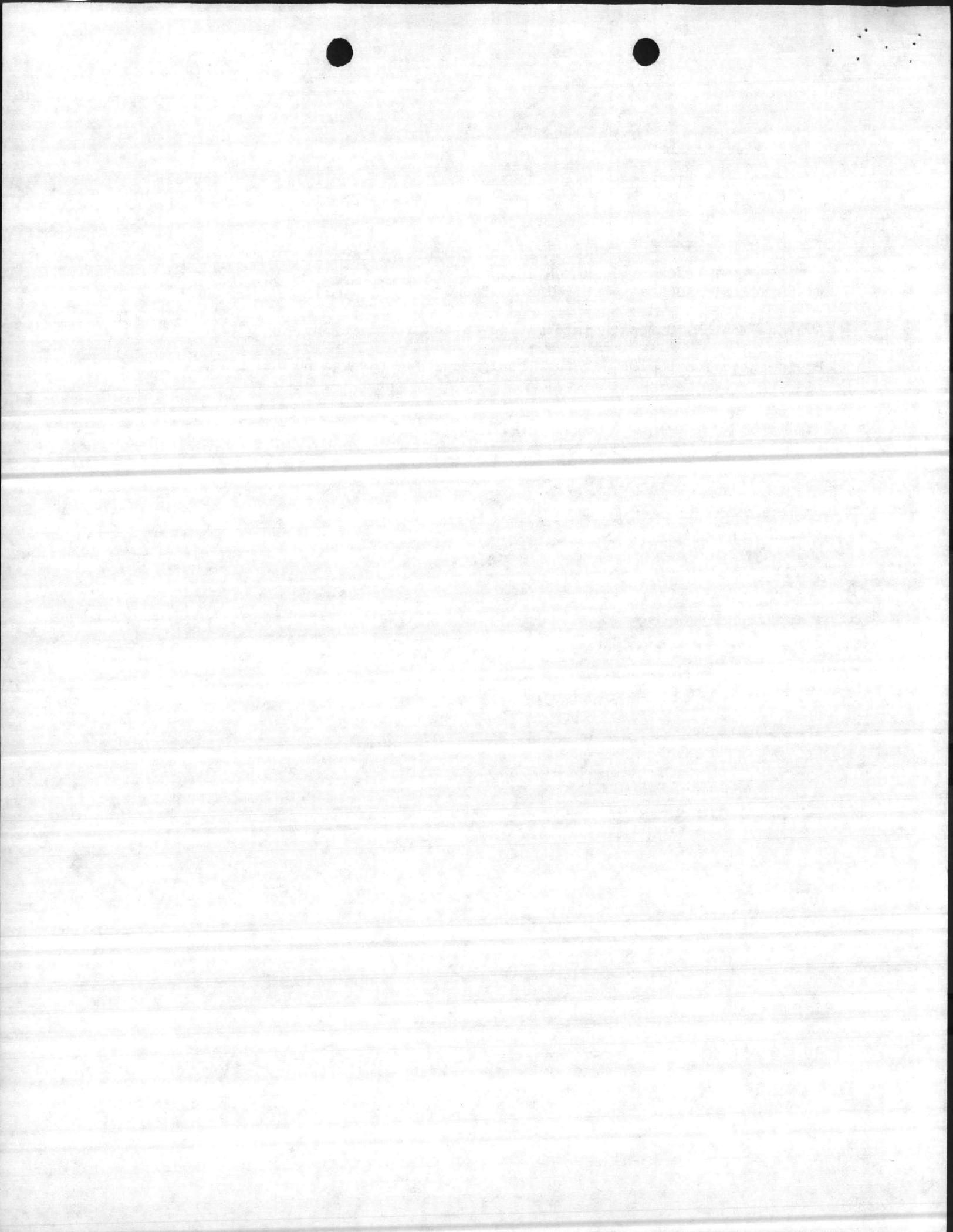
Sergeant Major

SERGEANT MAJOR	RAMON ESPINOZA	1 Jan - 20 May 87
SERGEANT MAJOR	WILLIAM R. BOGGS	21 May - 30 Jun 87

Average Monthly Strength information is contained in Enclosure (2).

Equipment: Two UC-12B aircraft assigned 1 Jan through 30 Jun 1987.

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SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Command, Operations, and Training

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.

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

Air Traffic Control operated the airfield for a total of 2,367.2 hours.

9,527 Instrument Operations  
52,182 Visual Flight Rules Operations  
1,622 Special Visual Flight Rules Operations  
5,696 Radar Operations  
69,027 Total Controlled Operations

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:

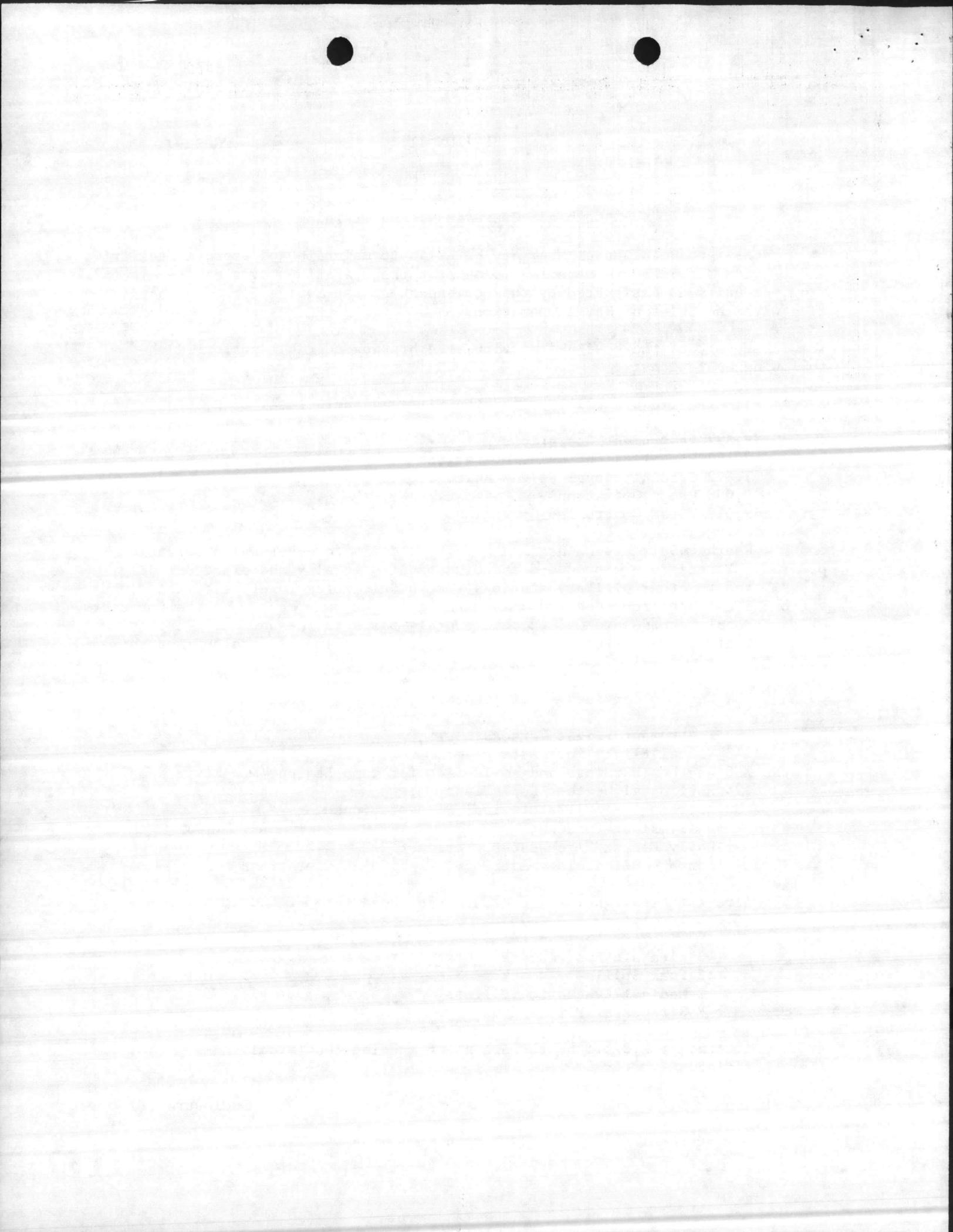
597 Instrument Flight Forecasts  
246 Visual Flight Forecasts  
230 Weather Warnings and advisories for Camp Lejeune/New River complex  
124 Horizontal Weather Depictions  
33 Astrological/Climatological Presentations  
Daily Blast Forecast  
Daily Forest Fire Weather Forecast  
Monthly Climatology Astronomical Tidal Computations

Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue responded to:

0 Aircraft Accidents  
43 Aircraft Emergencies  
53 Fuel Spills  
2 Medical Evacuation Flights  
7 Structural Fire Alarms

A total of 2,075.3 hours were spent manning the Immediate Response Alert position.

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The Visiting Aircraft Line (VAL) handled:

1,516 Aircraft  
3,264 Total Passengers  
621 VIP Passengers  
1,883,038 Pounds of Cargo  
213 Aircraft in excess of 60,000 lbs gross weight

The Station Fuels Division dispensed:

47,702 gallons of MOGAS  
3,066,460 gallons of JP-5

The following events occurred within Training and Audiovisual Support Center during the reporting period:

Total number of job orders for the Audiovisual center were 1,028 with a 100% completion rate.

Simulator usage for the CH-46E OFT (Device 2F117):

Hours scheduled: 1,690  
Hours utilized: 1,422.9

Simulator usage for the CH-53E OFT (Device 2F120):

Hours scheduled: 988  
Hours utilized: 868.1

Simulator usage for the CH-53D OFT (Device 2F121):

Hours scheduled: 1,286  
Hours utilized: 958.9

Flight Operations performed by the Station's two UC-12B aircraft consisted of 465 mission flights for 584.9 hours and 101 training flights for 178.4 hours.

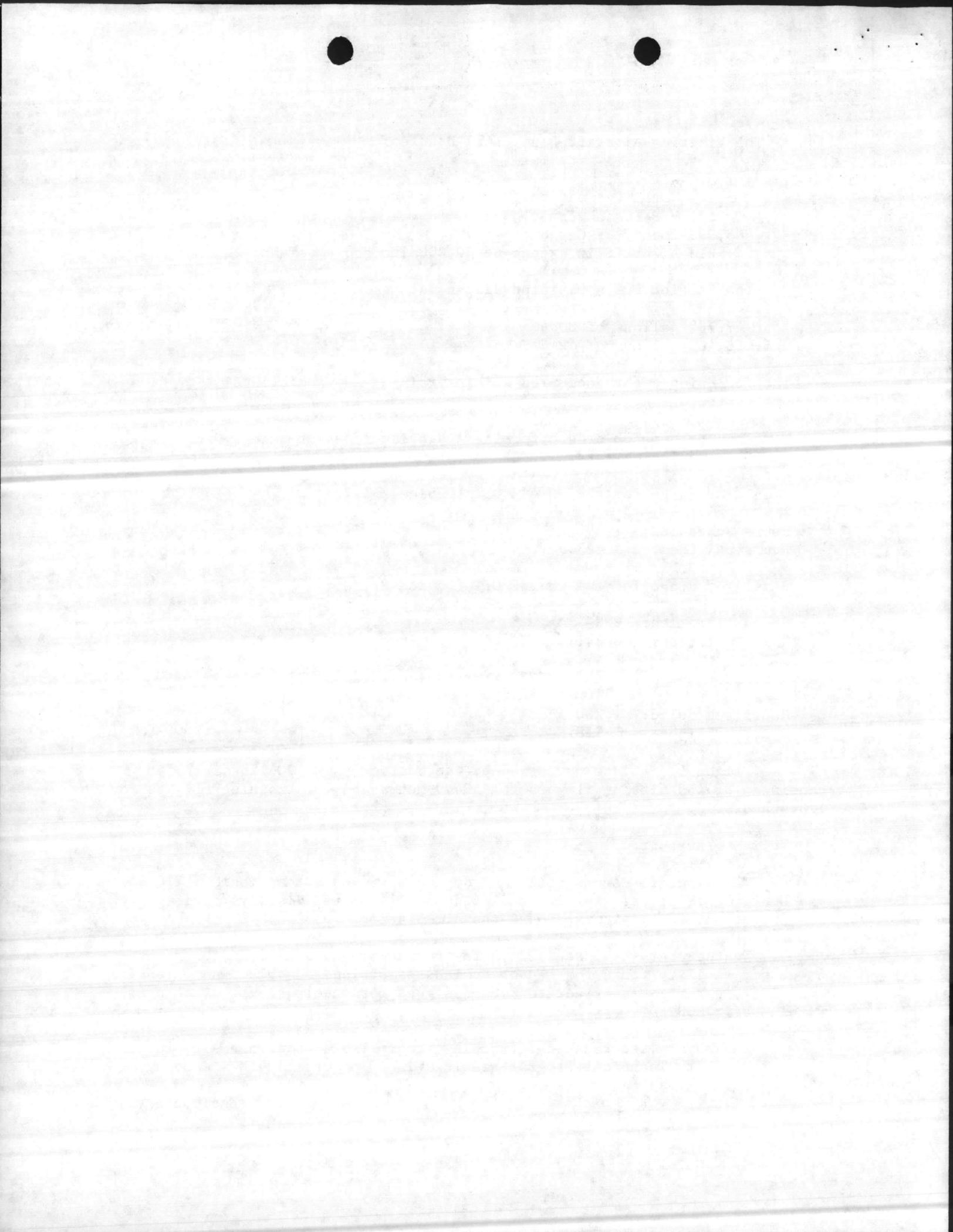
Training/Support:

The Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue Division accomplished 3,716.45 man-hours of technical training and conducted 14 static displays/firefighting demonstrations for visitors aboard the Air Station.

Weather Services provided 12 Instrument Ground School lectures and 6 weather facility tours for tenant Command pilots and schools. An extensive training program is in effect to keep assigned personnel abreast of changes within their MOS.

The supervised technical training accomplished under the Air Traffic Control Facility Technical Program resulted in 10 hardskilled MOS's being

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assigned. In addition, there were 43 individual position qualifications attained.

#### Personnel and Administration

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

#### Medical

All assigned medical personnel (1 Off/3 Enl) are currently attached to Naval Hospital, Branch Clinic, MCAS New River.

#### Logistics/Supply

##### Military Construction (MCON) Projects

1. P-211, GSE Facility. Contract awarded 12 June 1987; anticipated beneficial occupancy date 21 June 1988. (Project combined with P-305)
2. P-305, Group Headquarters, MAG-26. Contract awarded 12 June 1987; anticipated beneficial occupancy date 21 June 1988. (Project combined with P-211)
3. P-410, Bachelor Enlisted Quarters. Contract awarded 22 June 1987; anticipated beneficial occupancy date 27 April 1989.
4. P-476, (Phase II) Access Road. Contract awarded March 1987; anticipated beneficial occupancy date April 1988.

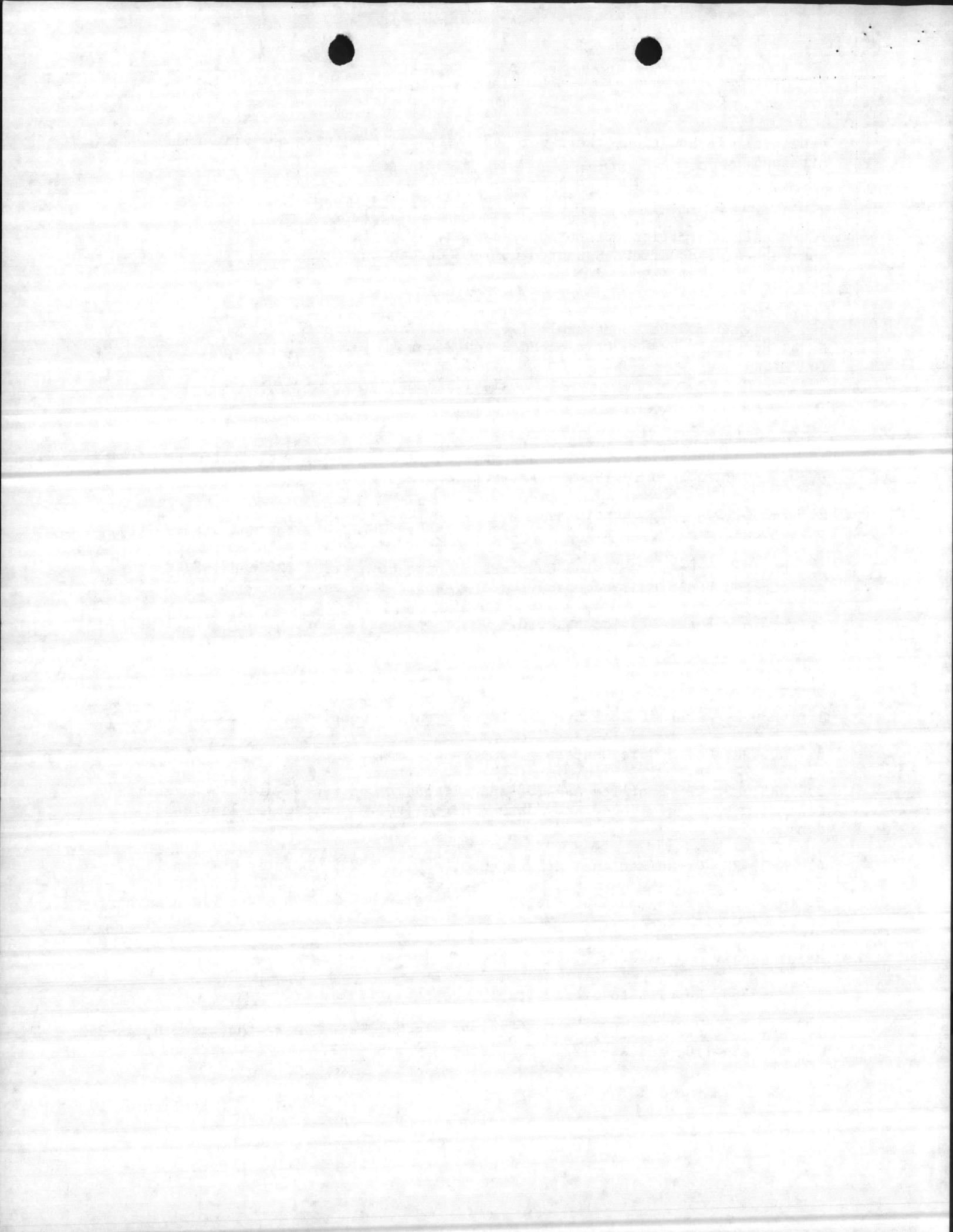
##### Minor Construction

1. NR302R, Aircraft Fuel Systems Improvements. Completed 9 April 1987.
2. NR502R, Child Care Centers. Completed 2 April 1987.
3. NR513RS, GSE Facility AS-4133 and AS-4134. Contract awarded 6 August 1986. Scheduled beneficial occupancy date 7 March 1987. Contract in liquidated damages.
4. NR514RS, Organizational Maintenance Shop, AS-525. Completed March 1987.
5. NR901R, Jet Engine Test Facility, MAG-26. CMC msg FEB 87 provides authority to proceed with design.

##### Major Repair

1. 84-7868, Repairs to Grease Trap. Completed 12 May 87.
2. AS-7909, Energy Improvements, AS-226, AS-302, AS-312, AS-504, AS-710, AS-840, AS-901, AS-4110, and AS-4122. Completed 3 March 1987.

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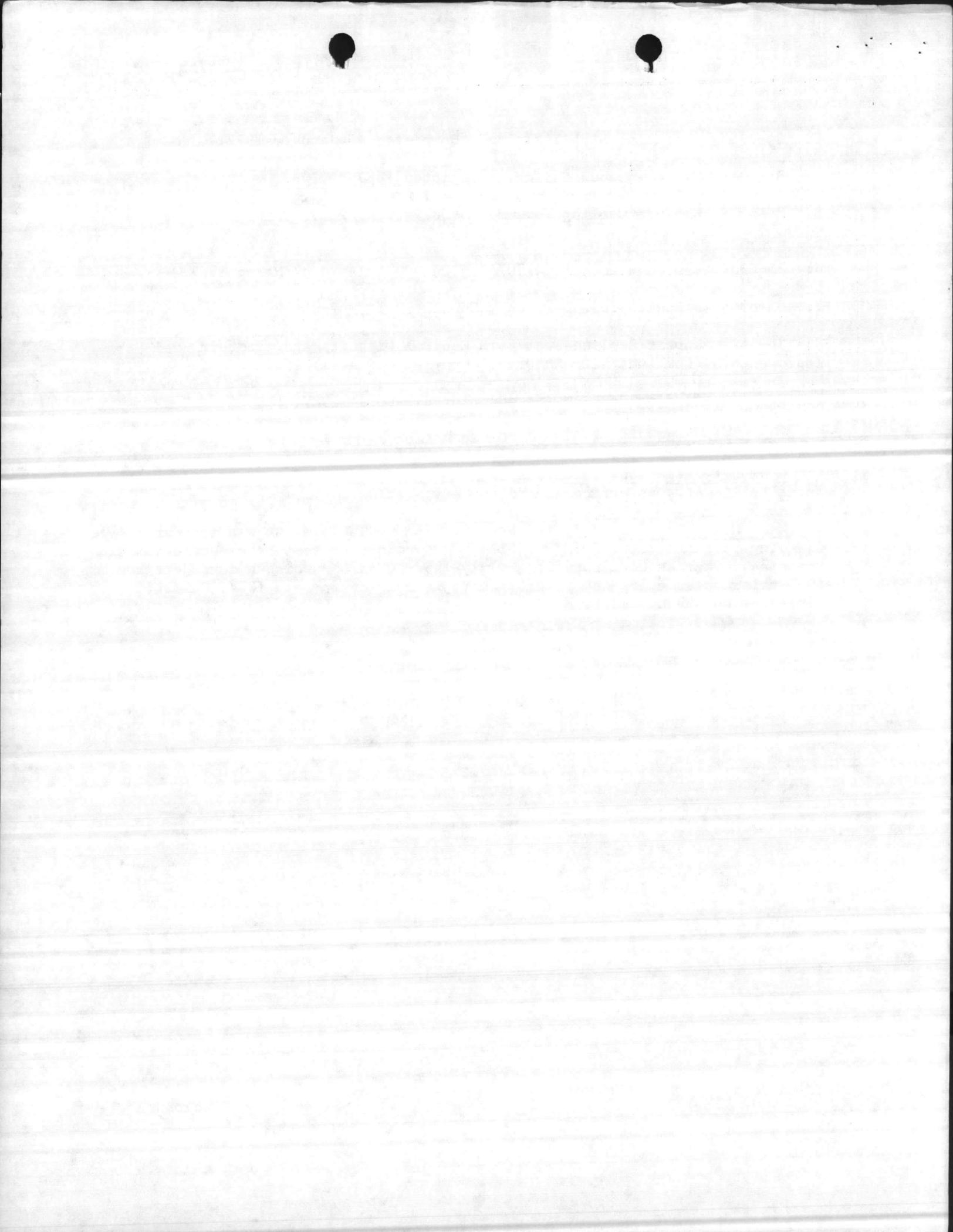
3. 84-7958, Shoreline Stabilization. Completed 15 January 1987.
4. 85-6319, Miscellaneous Paving. Completed 18 June 1987.
5. 85-6337, Replace Cooling Towers, AS-581 and AS-225. Completed 27 February 1987.
6. 85-6339, Vent Systems, AS-4100/AS-4106. Completed 27 March 1987.
7. 85-6386, NALCOMIS Installation. Completed 16 March 1987.
8. 86-5413, Repair/Replace Fuel Farm Control Circuits and Aircraft Fuel Farm Improvements (Combined with NR302R). Completed 9 April 1987.
9. 86-5449, Loading Dock, MCAS. Completed 2 April 1987.

Civic Action

Community Relations Tours: A total of twelve tours were conducted by the Joint Public Affairs office aboard the Air Station.

News Media Queries: Significant civilian media interest was generated by: On-going problems with CH-53E requiring groundings or temporary suspension of training. Queries continued Jan - July 1987; CH-53D - which had to jettison its fuel prior to an emergency precautionary landing on 25 June 1987; Community Appreciation Day hosted by MCAS New River on 6 June 1987.

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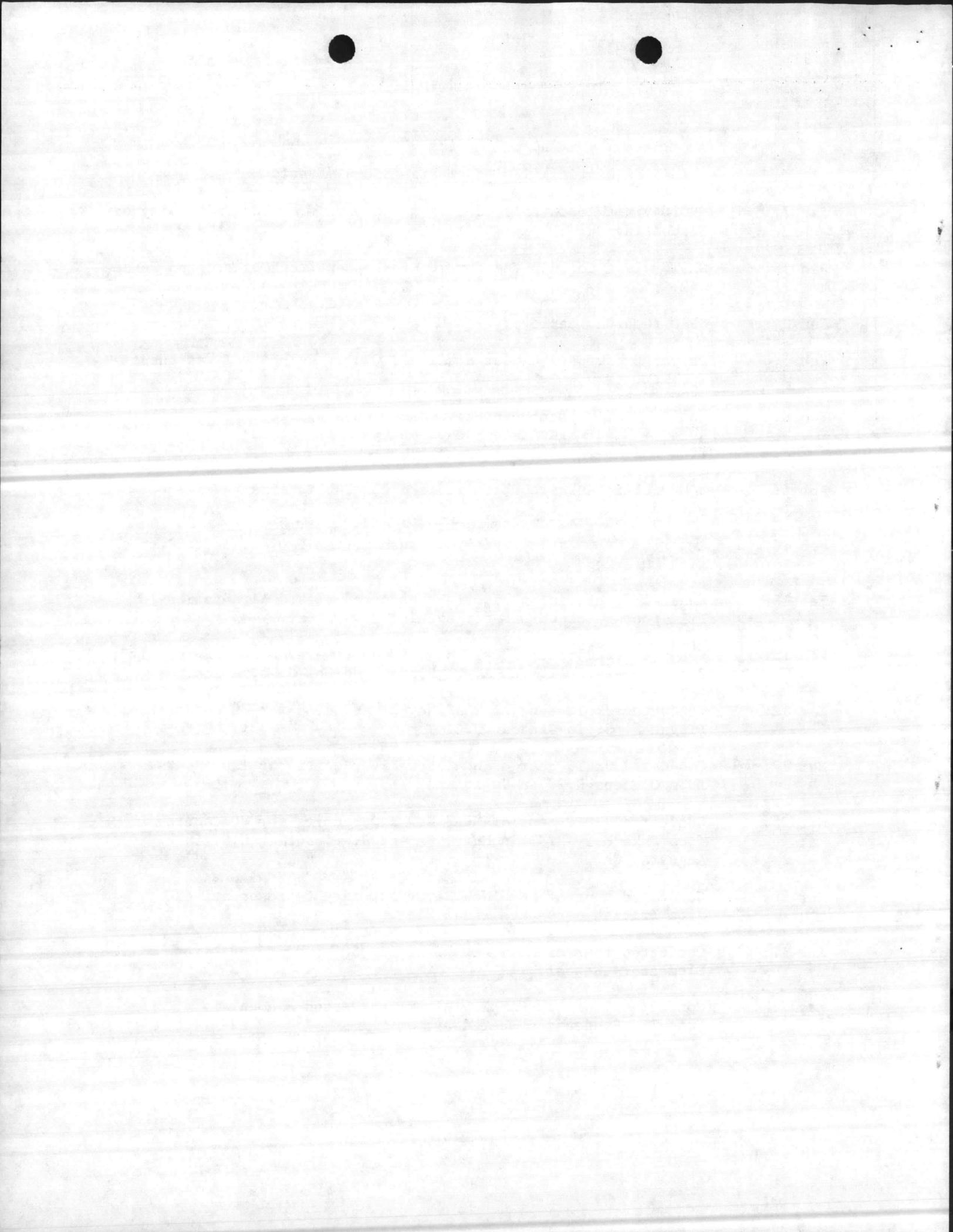


SECTION III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

- Jan 7: NROTC visit coordinated for 15 midshipmen from the University of Wisconsin.
- Jan 15: NROTC visit coordinated for 70 midshipmen from Cornell and Texas A&M.
- Jan 24: JPAO reporter deployed with HMLA-269 to Puerto Rico.
- Feb 5: Prayer Breakfast held at Staff NCO Club. Col Marvel was guest speaker.
- Feb 6: Public Affairs representative escorted a reporter from Rotor & Wing magazine on an orientation flight of a CH-53E from HMH-464.
- Feb 6: HQMC Public Affairs Chief visited the Public Affairs office with a State of the Corps brief.
- Feb 10: Reporter from Public Affairs returned from TAD in Puerto Rico with HMLA-269.
- Feb 18: Channel 7 television reporters escorted aboard Air Station to film footage of CH-53E for evening news story.
- Feb 18: Wendy's grand opening ceremony. Guests were MGen J. E. Cassity, Col B. D. Waddell, Col A. C. Blades and Col J. C. Arick.
- Mar 12: Conducted JROTC tour of MCAS New River units for 80 cadets from Pisgah H. S. in Canton, N.C.
- Mar 17: Conducted JROTC tour of MCAS New River units for 120 cadets from Clemens H.S. in Sugarland, TX.
- Mar 25: Conducted JROTC tour of MCAS New River units for 90 cadets from Lake Mary H.S. in Mary, FL and J. P. Butler H.S. in Augusta, GA.
- Mar 30: Conducted tour of MCAS New River for five representatives from British Aerospace Industries.
- Apr 17: Conducted tour of MCAS New River for 50 students of Dixon Elementary School.
- May 7: Conducted tour of MCAS New River for Morton Elementary School. Students numbered 34.

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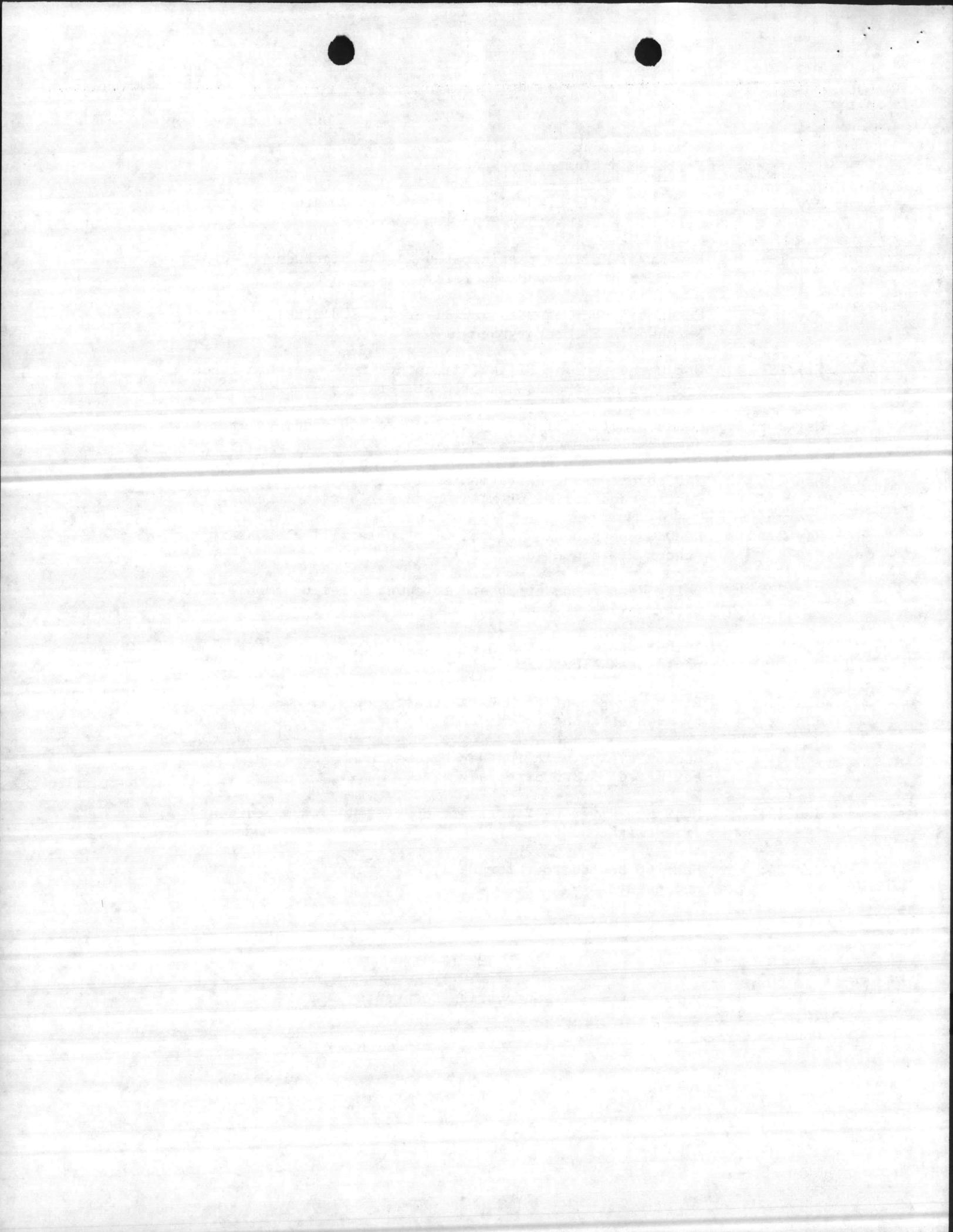
- May 13: Conducted tour of MCAS New River for 87 students from Northwoods Elementary School.
- May 15: Conducted tour of MCAS New River for 130 students from Silverdale Elementary School.
- May 16: New River Marines participated in the Big Buddy Special Olympics at Onslow Pines Park.
- May 18: Conducted tour of MCAS New River for 103 students from Northwoods Elementary School.
- May 18: Conducted tour at Flight Simulators for 27 eighth grade computer class students from St. Francis of Assisi School.
- May 20: Conducted tour of MCAS New River for 60 students from Summersill Elementary School.
- May 21: PAO coverage and narration of retirement ceremony and Posting and Relief of MCAS New River Sergeant Major.
- May 29: HQHQRON personnel assisted with Summersill Elementary School field meet as officials.
- May 29: Daily News reporter aboard to cover Delalio School field meet.
- Jun 5: Author Chuck Lawless interviewed MAG-29 pilots/crews for photo book "THE CORPS".
- Jun 5: First engagement of M-21 arresting gear at MCAS New River by A-4M attached to VMA-223.
- Jun 6: Community Appreciation Day held at MCAS New River. An estimated 35,000 attended.
- Jun 15: MCAS New River C-12 aircraft completed 30,000 accident free flight hours.
- Jun 24: HMM-266 hosted tour for Daily News reporter Rick Smith and guests.

SECTION IV

Supporting Documents

None.

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS  
HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON  
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 28545-5001

IN REPLY REFER TO:

5750  
HQHQRON  
8 Jul 87

From: Commanding Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron  
To: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, New River (Attn: S-3)

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THROUGH 30 JUNE 1987

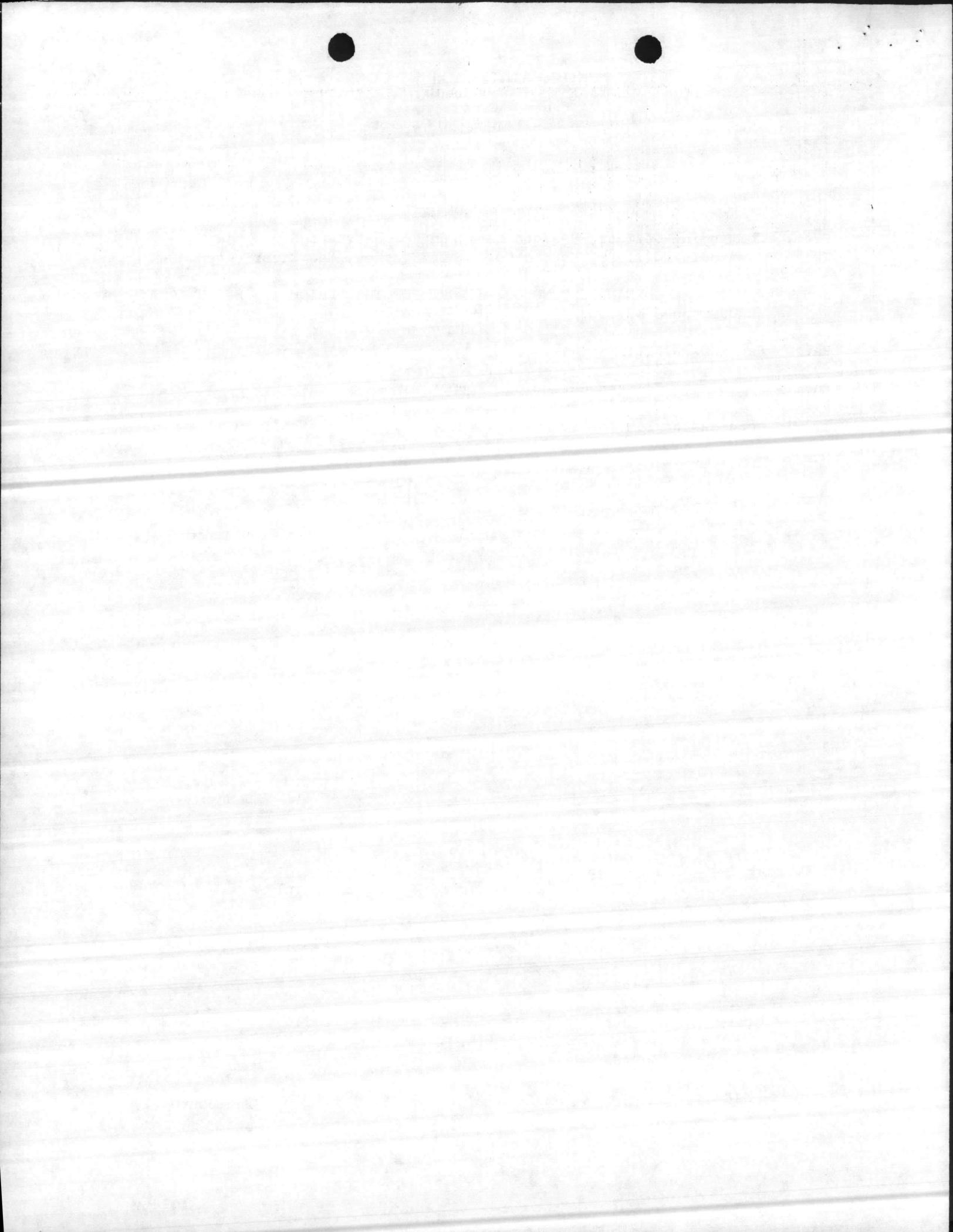
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D. L. DAVIS

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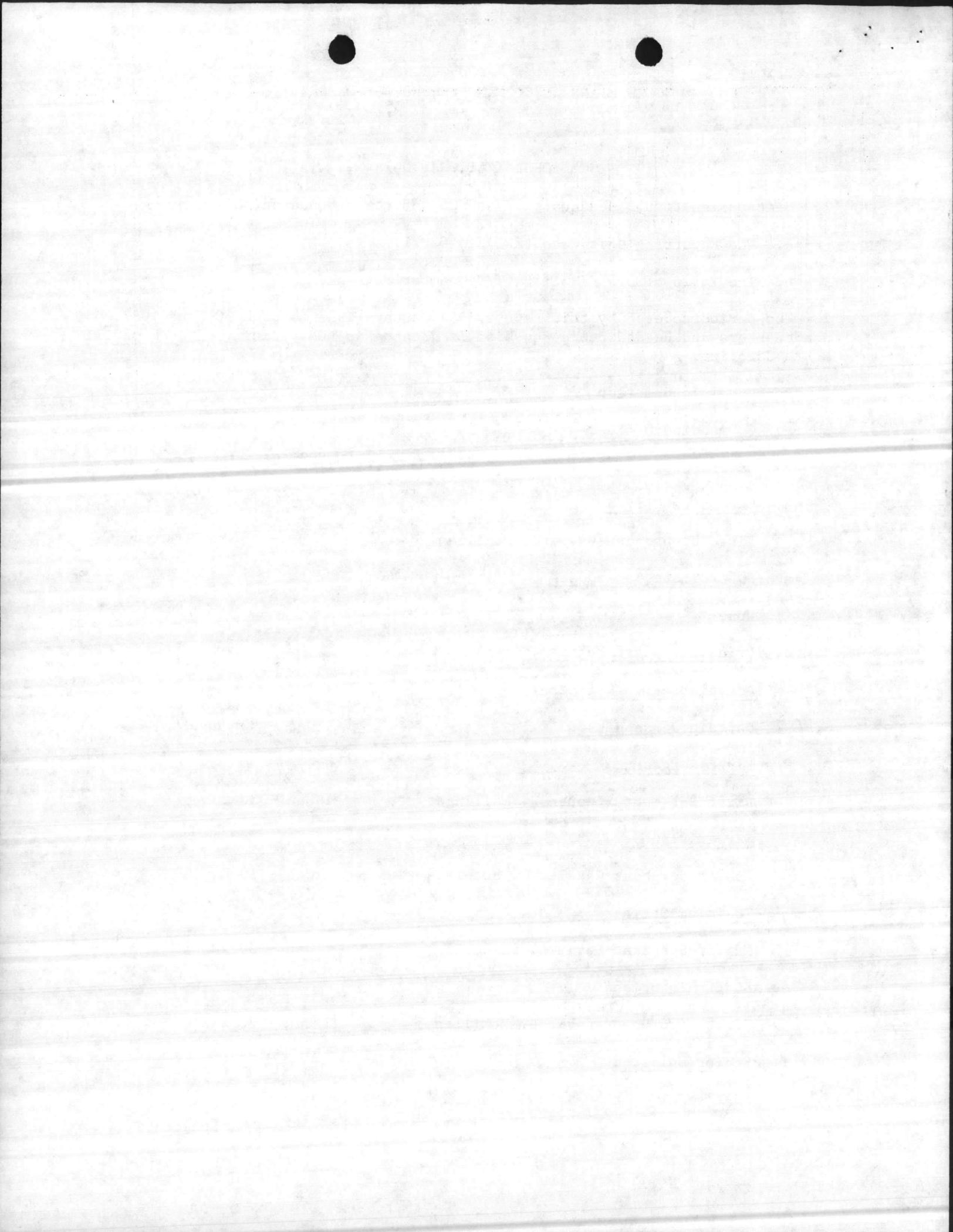
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SECTION 1

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

1. Unit Designation. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS, New River.
  - a. The Reporting Unit Code (RUC) is 02021.
  - b. The Table of Organization (T/O) number is 8461.
2. The period covered by this report is 1 January 1987 through 30 June 1987. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina.
3. Personnel Information
  - a. Commanding Officer  
Major Donald L. Davis 1 Jan - 30 Jun 87
  - b. Executive Officer  
First Lieutenant David B. McMillan 1 Jan - 30 Jun 87
  - c. Subordinate Commanders  
None
  - d. Principal Staff Members
    - Administrative Officer  
Captain Jesse Hinson 1 Jan - 30 Jun 87
    - First Sergeant  
First Sergeant Stephen H. Mellinger 1 Jan - 30 Jun 87
    - Career Planner  
Master Sergeant Charles G. Buchikos 1 Jan - 10 May 87
    - Training Officer  
Master Sergeant David L. Fackrell 1 Jan - 30 Jun 87
  - e. Staff Historian  
First Lieutenant David B. McMillan 1 Jan - 30 Jun 87
  - f. Senior Enlisted  
N/A

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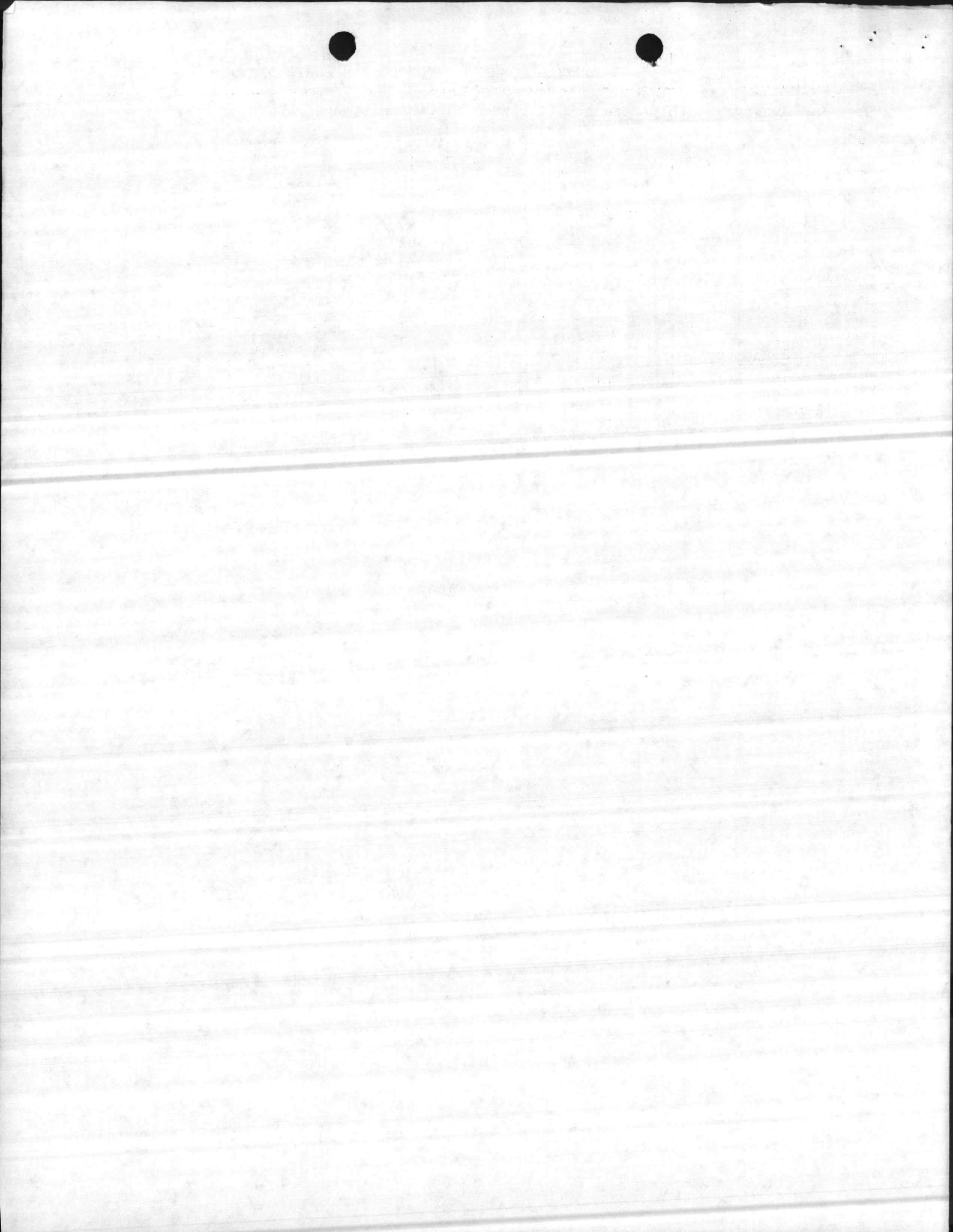
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4. Average Monthly Strength (Includes Fleet Assistance Personnel (FAP))

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
January	60	540	2	5
February	60	561	2	5
March	60	573	2	5
April	62	570	2	5
May	54	598	2	5
June	59	593	2	5

5. Equipment

None



## SECTION 2

## NARRATIVE SUMMARY

1. Command, Operations and Training. The assigned mission of HQTORON, MCAS, New River has continued in its role of providing administrative, billeting and training support for the units participating in the Fleet Assistance Program (FAP).

2. Personnel and Administration. The Table of Organization authorizes 35 officers and 268 enlisted. The FAP by T/O authorizes 12 officers and 279 enlisted. The squadron's average strength was 41 officers and 326 enlisted combined with FAP's average strength of 18 officers and 260 enlisted during this period. The tempo of administrative support remains at a high level, due to the amount of administrative action associated with the Fleet Assistance Program.

3. Training. The squadron's training office was responsible for the following individual training requirements.

Rifle Requalification rate was 60%  
 Pistol Requalification rate was 63%  
 Physical Fitness Test completion rate was 100%  
 Essential Subjects Testing rate was 75%  
 Marine Corps Institute completion rate was 97.9%  
 NBC/Gas Chamber completion rate 78%  
 Annual Leadership Training accomplishment rate was 20%

Thirteen Marines were assigned to the command's Weight Control/Weight Distribution Program.

4. Legal Action. Having Special Court Martial Convening Authority, the command's legal proceedings held at this level were:

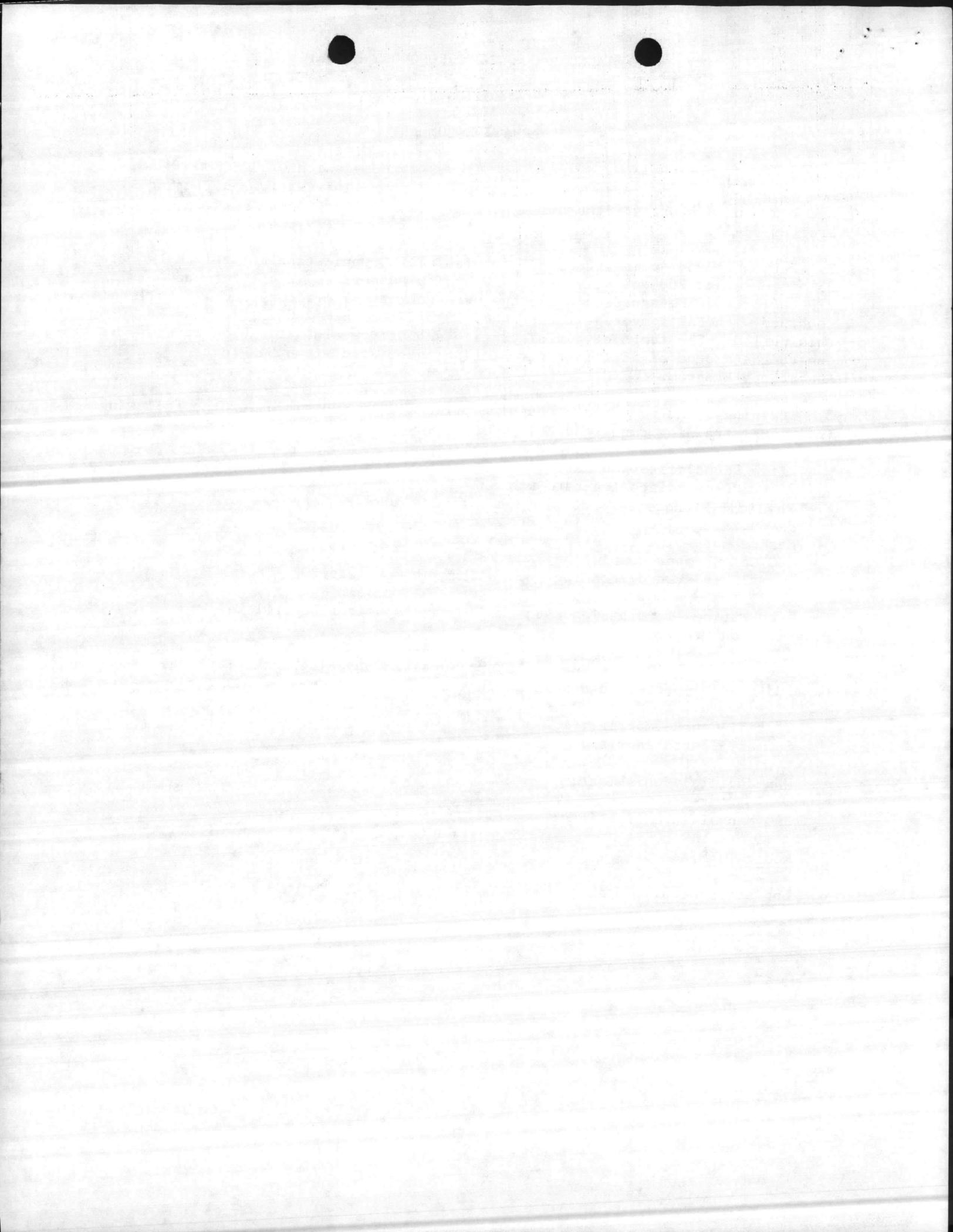
Special Courts Martial:	7
Summary Courts Martial:	7
Non-Judicial Punishment:	30
JAG Manual Investigations:	8

5. Medical. N/A.

6. Logistics/Supply. N/A.

7. Civic Action. N/A.

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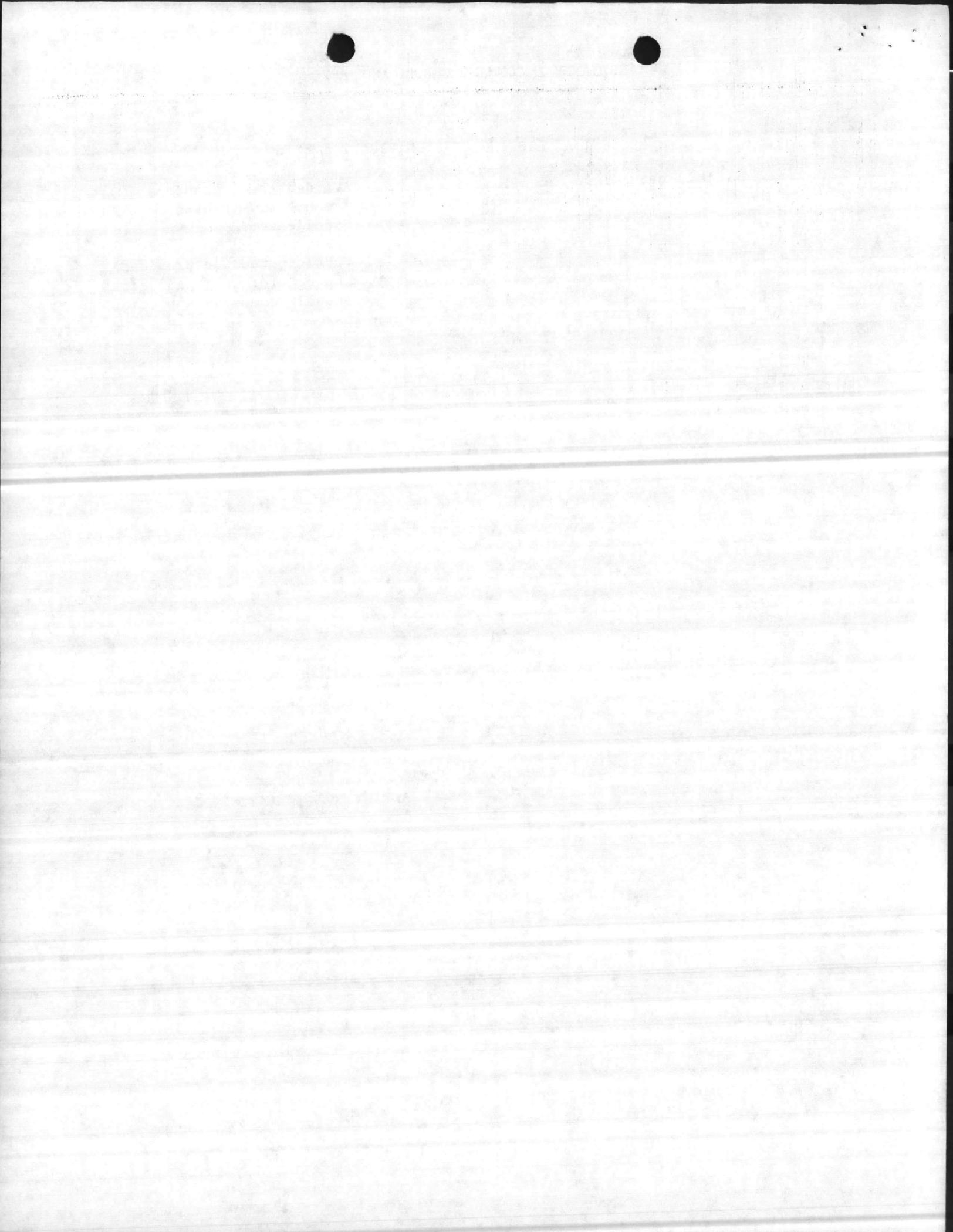
SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

26 February 1987

Awarded the Commanders  
Trophy for Athletic  
Excellence

6 June 1987

Participated and provided  
support for the MCAS' First  
Annual Community Appreciation  
Day



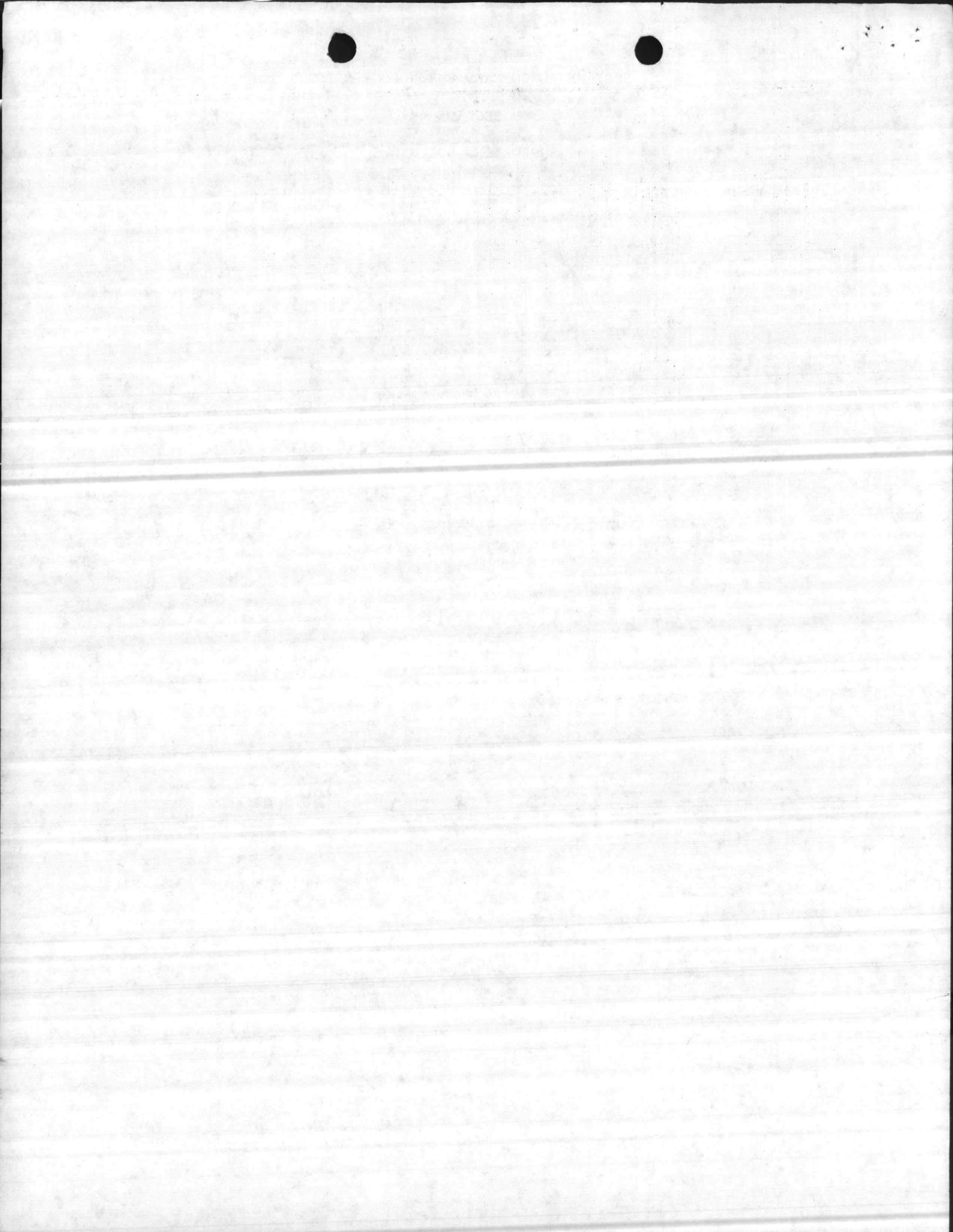
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SECTION 4

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

There are no supporting documents submitted with this report.

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UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION  
NEW RIVER, JACKSONVILLE  
NORTH CAROLINA 28545-5001

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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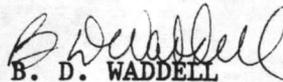
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To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code HD), Headquarters United States  
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28533 (Attn: Director of Operations)

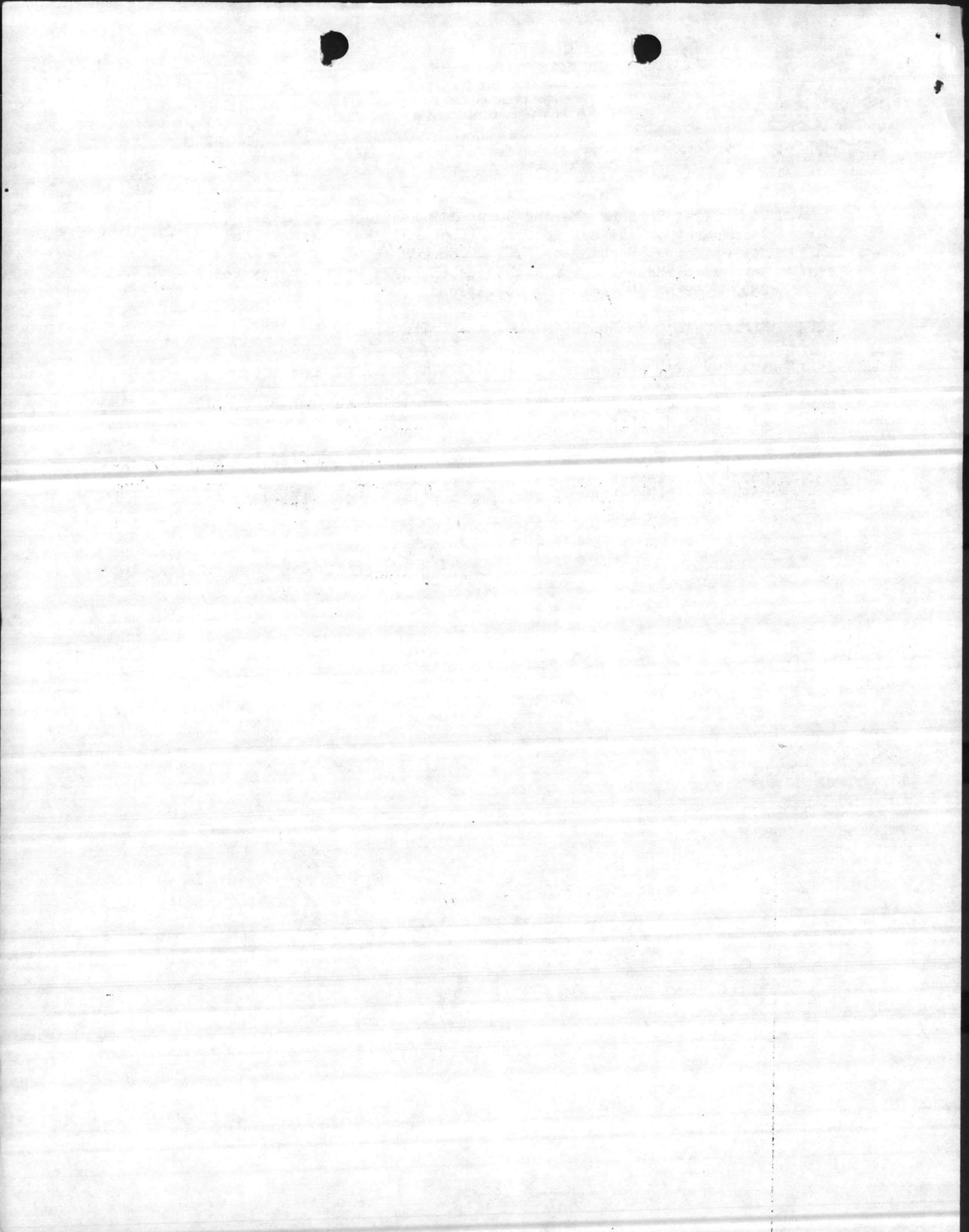
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Encl: (1) MCAS New River Command Chronology 1 Jul through 31 Dec 1986  
(2) HQHQRON, MCAS New River Command Chronology

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.

  
B. D. WADDELL



COMMAND CHRONOLOGY 1 JUL THROUGH 31 DEC 1986

SECTION I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

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

The Reporting Unit Code (RUC) is 02021.

The Table of Organization (T/O) number is 8461.

The period covered by this report is 1 July through 31 December 1986. MCAS  
New River is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

Personnel Information

Commanding Officer

COLONEL BILL D. WADDELL 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Subordinate Commanders

MAJOR DONALD L. DAVIS 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Principal Staff Members

Executive Officer

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT S. MURRAY 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Executive Officer, HQHQRON

CAPTAIN JACK B. RICHARDSON 1 Jul - 13 Oct 86  
1ST LIEUTENANT DAVID B. MCMILLAN 14 Oct - 31 Dec 86

S-1 Officer

LIEUTENANT COLONEL VERNON L. MCMINN 1 Jul- 31 Dec 86

S-3 Officer

LIEUTENANT COLONEL THEODORE L. QUINTER 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

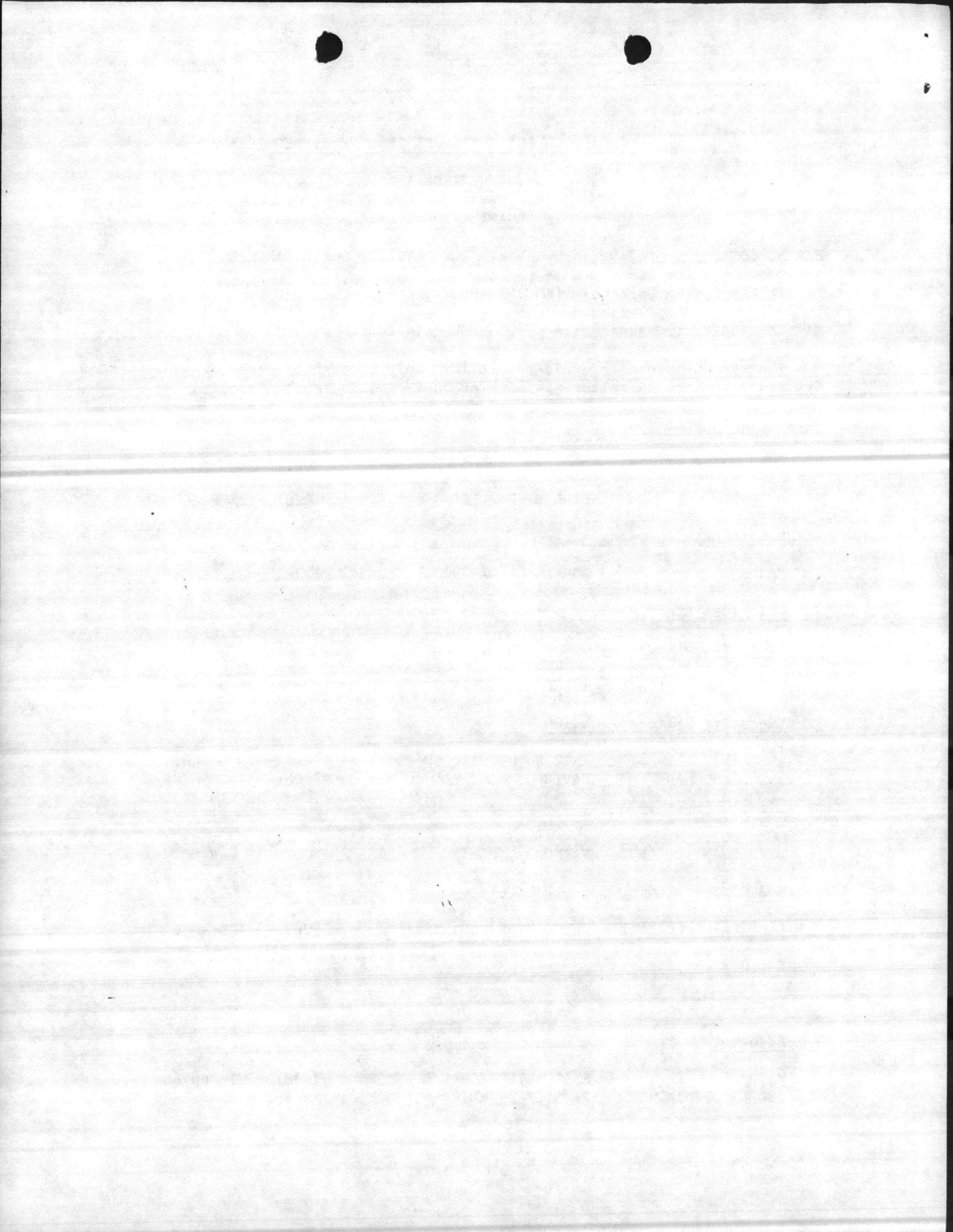
S-4 Officer

Vacant

Adjutant

MAJOR RALPH STURGEON, JR. 1 Jul - 21 Sep 86  
2ND LIEUTENANT PATRICK A. MUIR 22 Sep - 31 Dec 86

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Senior Chaplain

COMMANDER EDWARD C. LEIS, USN 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Catholic Chaplain

COMMANDER EDWARD C. LEIS, USN 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86 31

Protestant Chaplain

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER DONALD J. EACK, USN 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Comm/Elect Officer

CAPTAIN DANA A. WHITEHOUSE 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Budget/Accounting Officer

VACANT 1 Jul - 22 Nov 86  
CAPTAIN JOANN A. TAYLOR 23 Nov - 31 Dec 86

Food Services Officer

CAPTAIN EDWARD J. SMITH 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Ground Safety Officer

GENERAL SERVICE 11 MRS. MARY E. WHEAT 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Provost Marshal

MAJOR MARYANN KRUSA-DOSSIN 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Special Services Officer

GENERAL SERVICE 11 MR. DON G. MOORE 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Supply Officer

CAPTAIN GREGORY W. STANLEY 1 Jul - 14 Aug 86  
CAPTAIN JOHN S. WASSER 15 Aug - 31 Dec 86

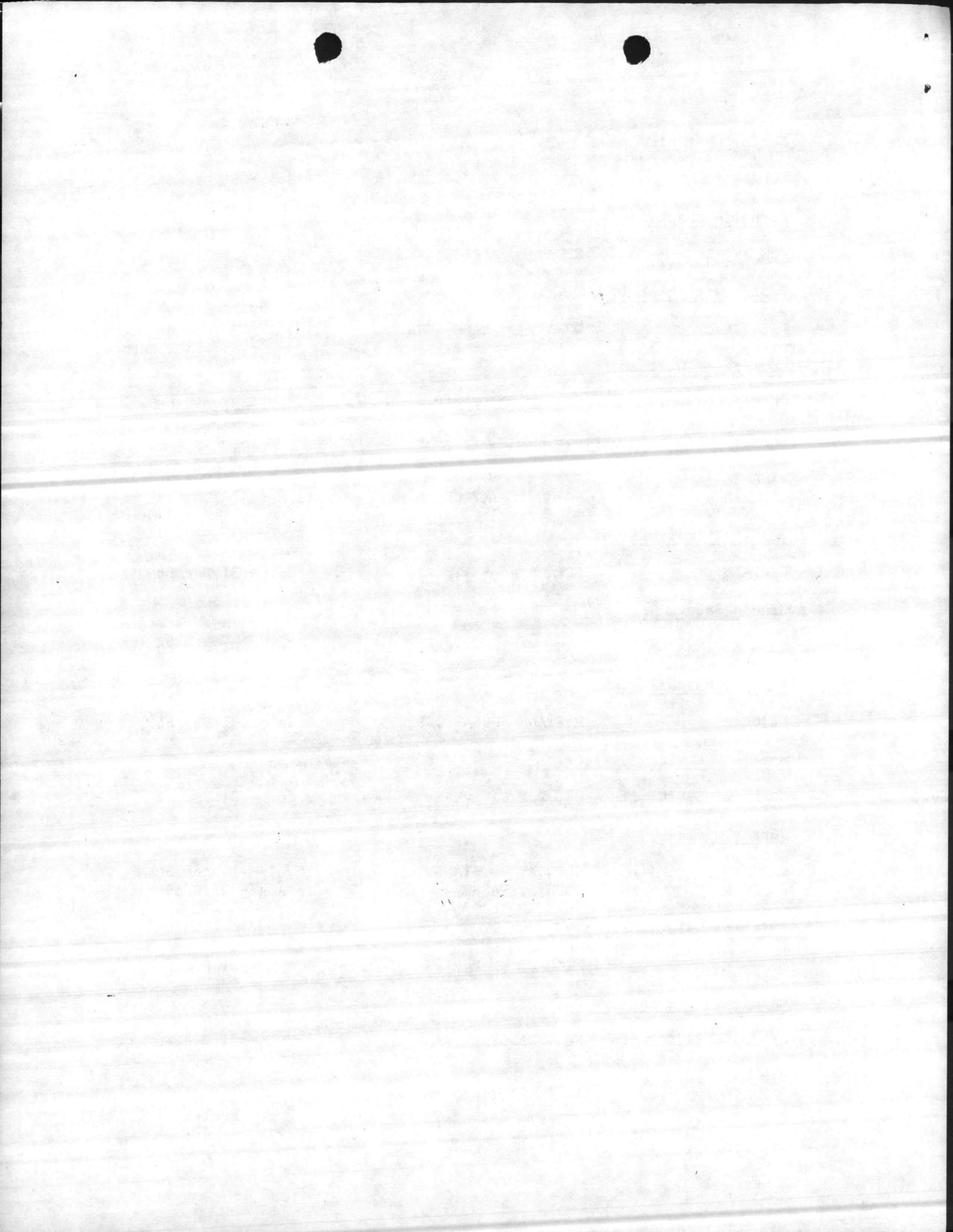
Aviation Safety Officer

MAJOR MICHAEL W. BOLISH 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

Management Assistance Officer

GENERAL SERVICE 11 MRS. NANCY C. KALM 1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

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Staff Historian

WARRANT OFFICER            TRACY HEUMAN                            1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

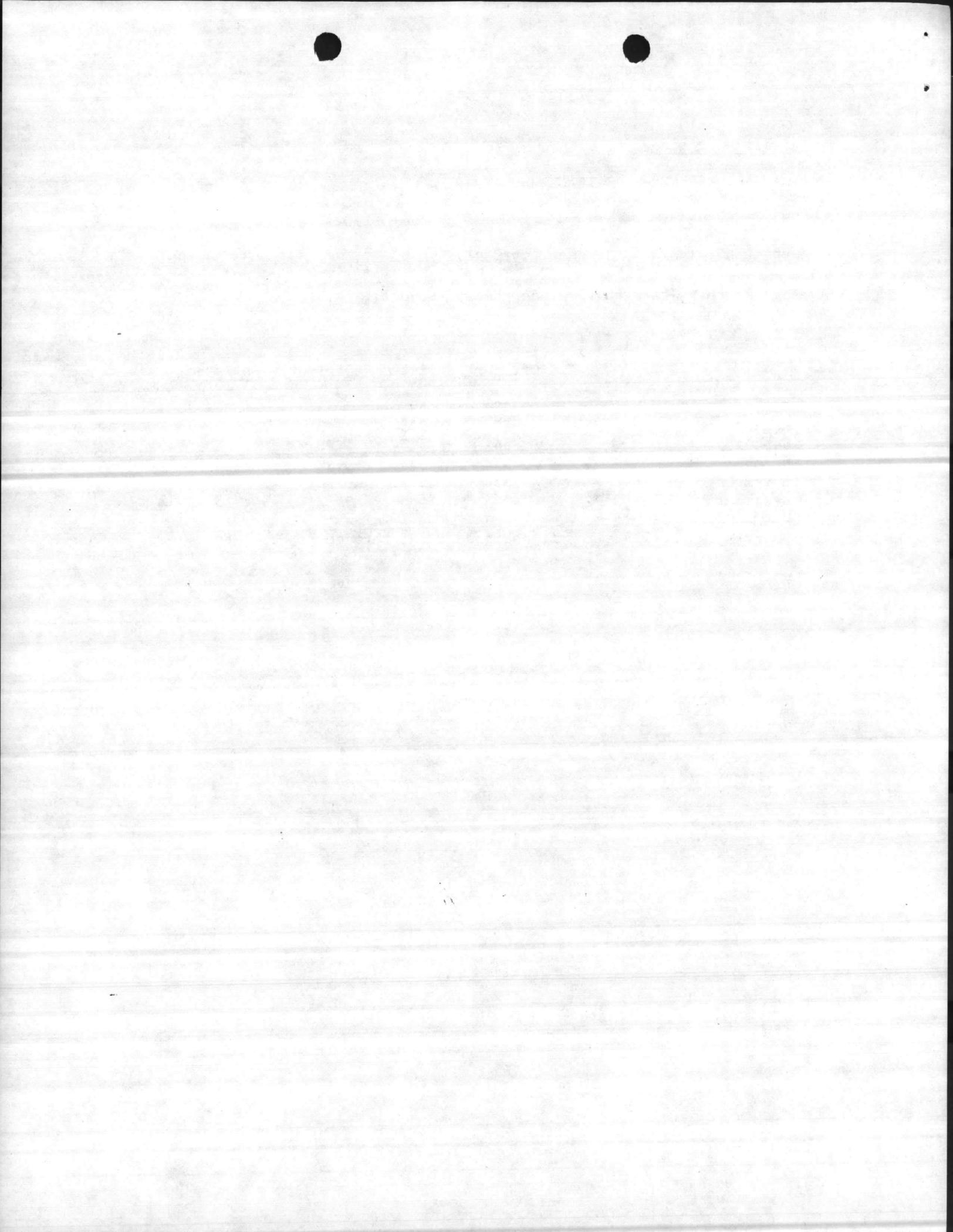
Sergeant Major

SERGEANT MAJOR            RAMON ESPINOZA                        1 Jul - 31 Dec 86

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	58	596	3	6
August	57	545	2	5
September	54	528	2	5
October	51	530	2	5
November	53	514	2	5
December	54	486	2	5

Equipment: Two UC-12B aircraft assigned 1 Jul through 31 Dec 1986.



SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

Command, Operations, and Training

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.

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

Air Traffic Control conducted 2,236.2 field operating hours.

9,308 Instrument Operations  
48,057 Visual Flight Rules Operations  
982 Special Visual Flight Rules Operations  
5,184 Radar Operations  
63,531 Total Controlled Operations

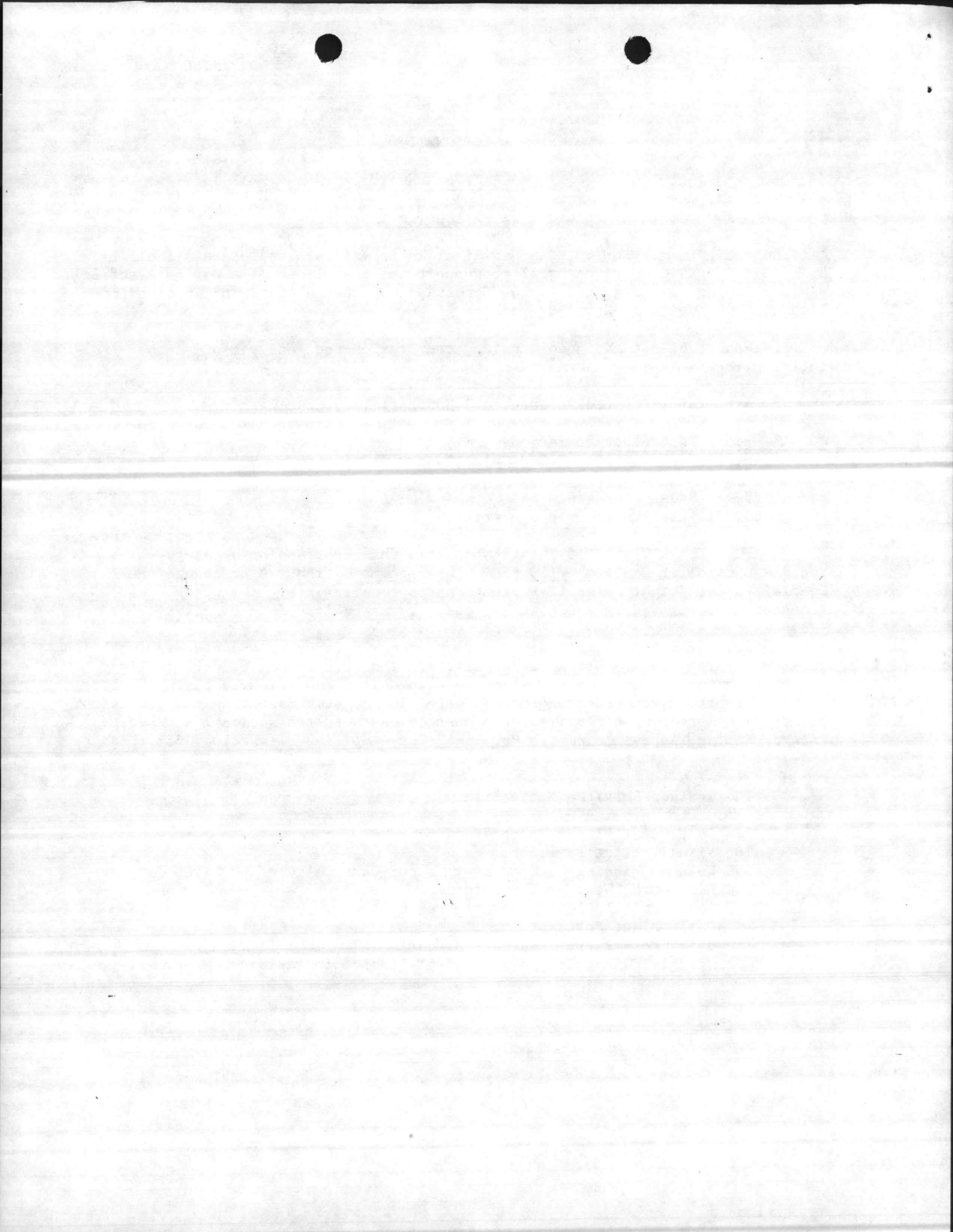
The ATC facility was responsible for recommending a change to the FAA Controller Handbook 7110.65D. The recommendation was to change the Special Visual Flight Rules (SVFR) separation requirements. The change was accepted and approved by FAA Headquarters, it was published in December 1986.

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:

524 Instrument Flight Forecasts  
166 Visual Flight Forecasts  
253 Weather Warnings and advisories for Camp Lejeune/New River complex  
80 Horizontal Weather Depictions  
42 Astrological/Climatological Presentations  
Daily Blast Forecast  
Daily Forest Fire Weather Forecast  
Monthly Climatology Astronomical Tidal Computations

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Aircraft Firefighting and Rescue responded to:

- 1 Aircraft Accident
- 46 Aircraft Emergencies
- 61 Fuel Spills
- 2 Medical Evacuation Flights
- 15 Structural Fire Alarms
- 2 Mutual Aid Requests

A total of 2,236.2 hours were spent manning the Immediate Response Alert position.

The Visiting Aircraft Line (VAL) handled:

- 1,047 Aircraft
- 1,596 Total Passengers
- 531 VIP Passengers
- 139,806 Pounds of Cargo
- 72 Aircraft in excess of 60,000 lb gross weight

The Station Fuels Division dispensed:

- 36,988 gallons of MOGAS
- 3,044,698 gallons of JP-5

Training and Audiovisual Support Center:

The following events occurred within Training and Audiovisual Support Center, during the reporting period:

Total number of job orders for the Audio Visual center were 1,150 with a 100% completion rate.

Simulator usage for the CH-46E OFT (Device 2F117):

- Hours scheduled: 1,707
- Hours utilized: 1,381.1

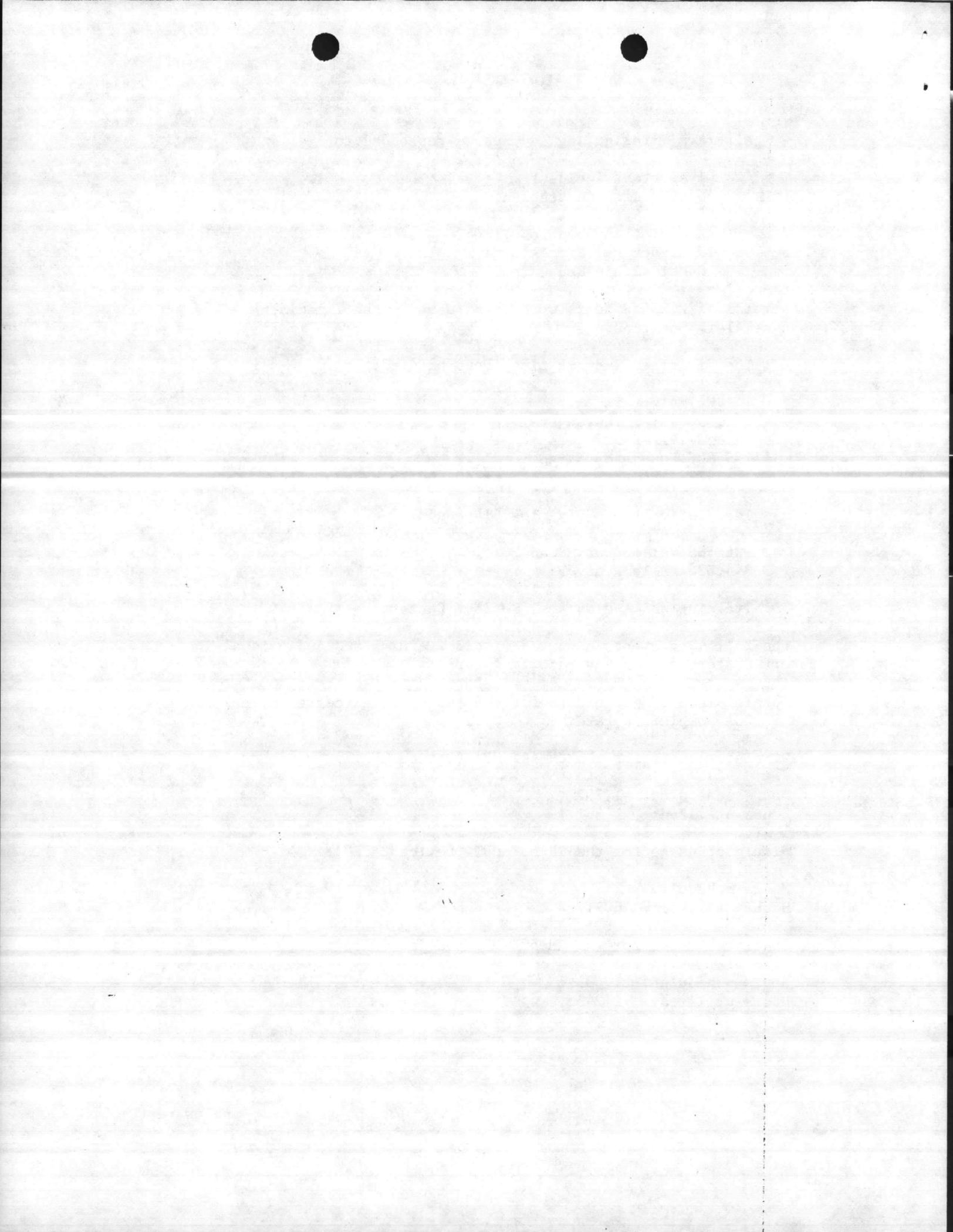
Simulator usage for the CH-53E OFT (Device 2F120):

- Hours scheduled: 843
- Hours utilized: 607.7

Simulator usage for the CH-53D OFT (Device 2F121):

- Hours scheduled: 1,431.1
- Hours utilized: 1,296

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Flight Operations performed by the station's two UC-12B aircraft consisted of 146 mission flights for 492.8 hours and 73 training flights for 172.8 hours.

In August 1986, MCAS New River deployed one UC-12B aircraft with concomitant crew and support materials to KARUP Denmark to participate in Operation Northern Wedding/Bold Guard 86. The aircraft with one crew from New River augmented with a crew from MCAS Beaufort, S.C. was supported by Beech Aerospace Services, Inc. (BASI) maintenance. The aircraft flew 121 sorties for 97.3 flight hours. Total passengers (VIPs included) was 362. Total cargo carried during the operation was 17,495 lbs. The aircraft returned 3 October and resumed its assigned mission of base and command support for COMCABEAST.

#### Training/Support

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Weather Services provided 12 Instrument Ground School lectures, and 5 weather facility tours for tenant command pilots and schools. An extensive training program is in effect to keep assigned personnel abreast of changes within their MOS.

The supervised technical training accomplished under the Air Traffic Control Facility Technical Program resulted in 14 hardskilled MOSs being assigned. In addition, there were 60 individual position qualifications attained. The technical training has been notably improved by the addition and instruction of (2) two Primary Training Aids.

The modification and installation of the 15G14 Target Simulator Device to the Radar Facility.

The construction of, by facility personnel, a Tower Control Simulation Lab to enhance the training of new student tower controllers.

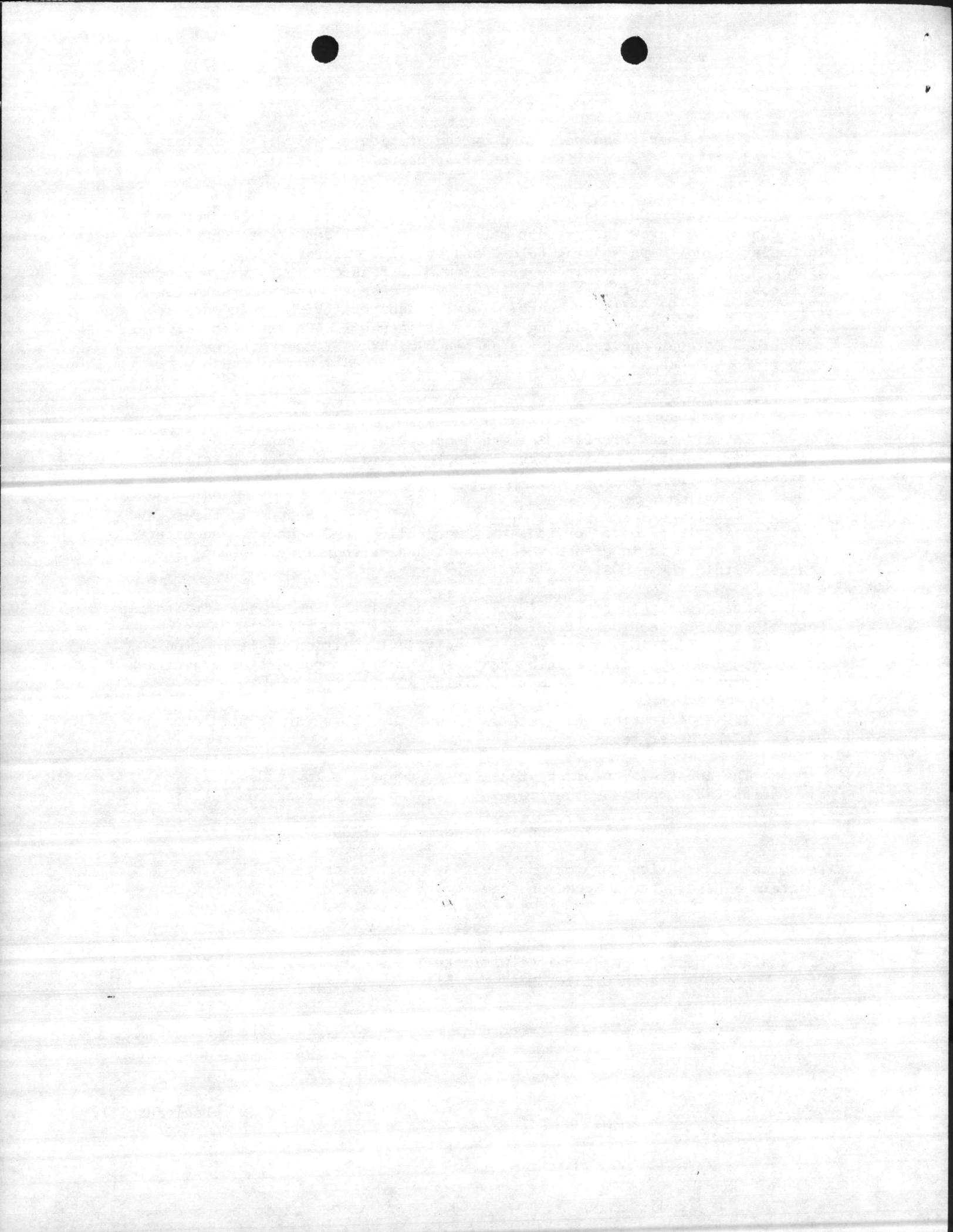
#### Personnel and Administration

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

#### Medical

All assigned medical personnel (1 Off/3 Enl) are currently attached to Naval Hospital, Branch Clinic, MCAS New River.

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Logistics/Supply

Military Construction (MCON) Projects

P-327, Radar Air Traffic Control Facility. Construction complete 22 August 1985, however contract has not been closed out as there is a disparity between the contractor and the ROICC.

P-358, Hazardous/Flammable Storage Facility. Completed 2 October 1986.

Minor Construction

NR302R, Aircraft Fuel Systems Improvements. Contract combined with 86-5412.

NR501R, Family Services Center. Completed 14 November 1986.

NR502R, Child Care Center. Contract awarded 28 July 1986. Anticipated beneficial occupancy date 19 March 1987.

NR511R, Security Fence and Lighting. Completed July 1986.

NR513RS, GSE Facility AS-4133 and AS-4134. Contract awarded 6 August 1986. Anticipated beneficial occupancy date 7 March 1987.

NR514RS, Organizational Maintenance Shop, AS-525. Contract awarded 6 August 1986. Anticipated beneficial occupancy date 7 March 1987.

NR603R, Parking Area adjacent to AS-211. Design 100%. Request authority to advertise, 3 December 1986.

NR605R, Helicopter Internal Stores Storage, MAG-29. Request CMC authority to advertise, 11 December 1986.

E-1-86, Weathervision System. Design 15%.

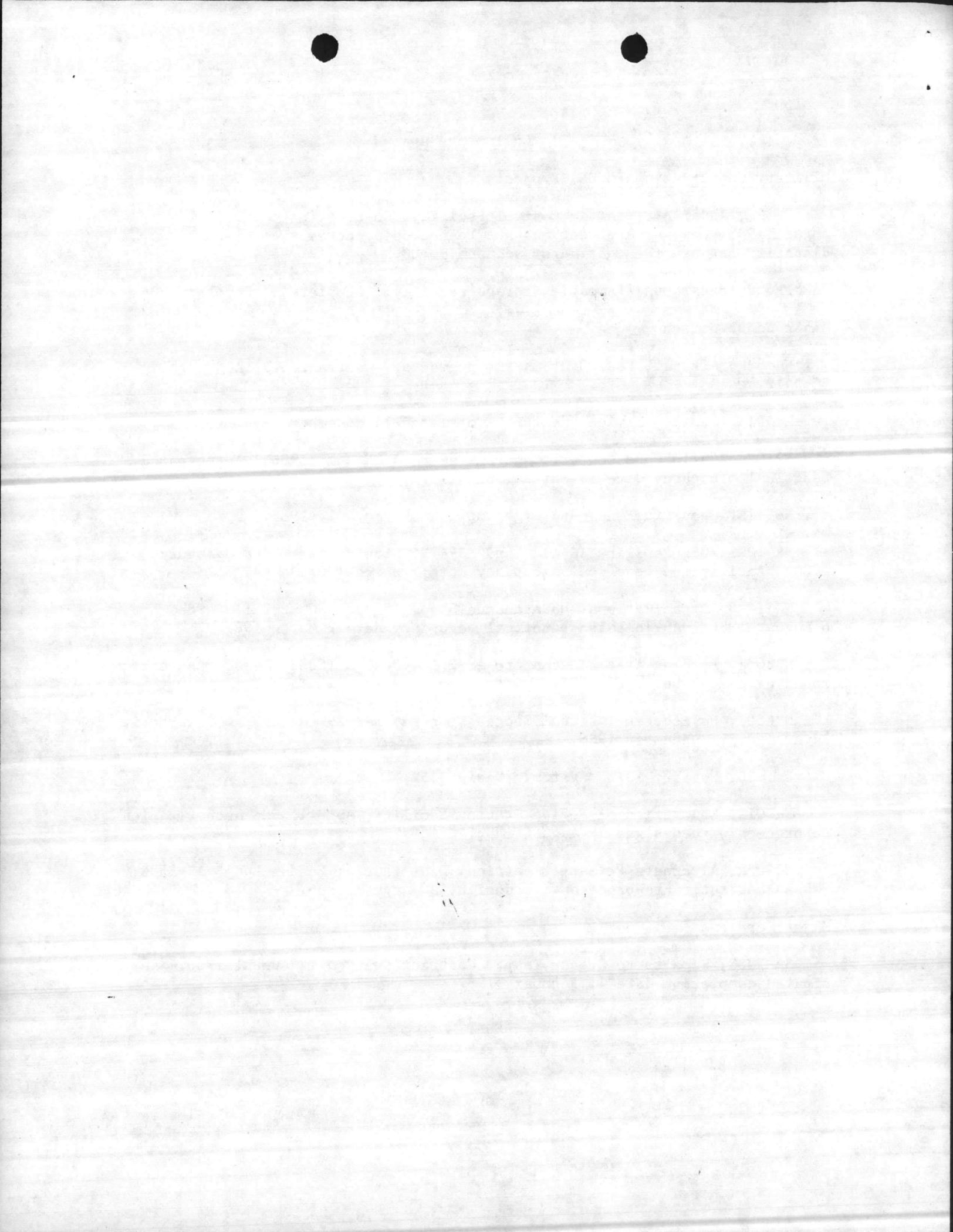
NR701R, Renovation of Police Station Facility, AS-211. CMC authorization to proceed with design, 28 August 1986.

NR702R, Alternate Primary Electrical Distribution Feeder Loop, AS-3500. CMC authorization to proceed with design, 28 August 1986.

Major Repair

84-7868, Repairs to Grease Trap. Contract awarded 12 August 1986. Anticipated completion date 11 February 1987.

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84-7909, Energy Improvements, AS-226, AS-302, AS-312, AS-504, AS710, AS-840, AS901, AS-4110, and AS-4122. Contract awarded 10 September 1986. Anticipated completion date 23 May 1987.

84-7627, Miscellaneous Energy Improvements. Contract awarded 20 May 1986. Anticipated completion 1 March 1987.

84-7932, Renovate Electrical and Piping Systems. Completed 7 October 1986.

84-7953, Central Air Conditioning for Flight Simulator, AS-320. Completed 12 November 1986.

85-6319, Miscellaneous Paving. Contract awarded 28 August 1986. Anticipated completion date 10 April 1987.

85-6336, Replace Air Conditioning System. Contract awarded 22 October 1986. Anticipated beneficial occupancy date 3 August 1987.

85-6339, Vent Systems, AS-4100/AS4106. Contract awarded 29 September 1986. Anticipated completion date 11 February 1987.

85-6348, Repair Electrical Feeder, MOQ Area. Complete 8 October 1986.

85-6357, Reroofing Basewide, AS-4151. Completed 19 July 1986.

85-6362, Install Insulation, AS-114. Completed 6 October 1986.

85-6585, Repair/Replace Handrails BEQ's. Contract awarded 8 August 1986. Anticipated completion date 9 July 1987.

85-6386, NALCOMIS Installation. Contract awarded 17 September 1985. Anticipated beneficial occupancy date January 1987.

85-6397, Rewire AS-202. Contract awarded 29 September 1986. Anticipated completion date 26 February 1988.

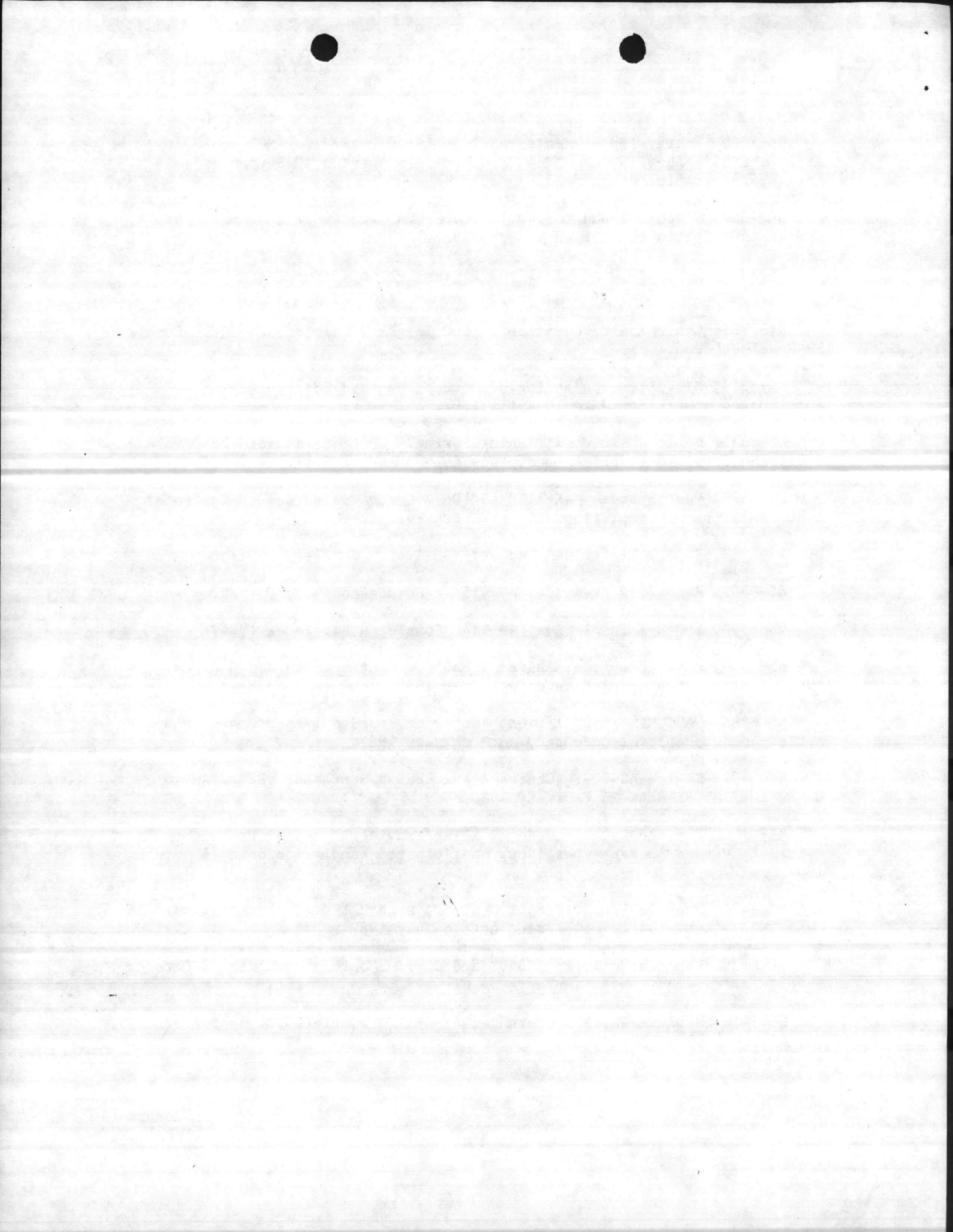
85-6400, Replace Water and Sewer Mains/Provide Backflow Preventors. Contract awarded 23 September 1986. Anticipated completion date 14 August 1987.

85-6431, Provide Food Disposal Systems, Mess Halls. Contract awarded 26 June 1986. Anticipated completion date 6 July 1987.

85-6439, Replace Boilers, AS3502 and CG-1. Contract awarded 23 October 1986. Anticipated completion date 5 July 1987.

85-6444, Replace Water Softeners, AS-4151. Completed 30 September 1986.

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86-5412, Repair/Replace Fuel Farm Control Circuits and Aircraft Fuel Farm Improvements (combined with NR302R). Contract awarded 27 March 1986. Anticipated beneficial occupancy 25 February 1987.

86-5417, Concrete Pad adjacent to AS831. Completed 2 October 1986.

86-5419, Fuel Containment Apron. Contract awarded 29 August 1986. Anticipated completion date November 1986. Behind schedule, contractor into liquidated damages.

86-5424, Repair/Replace Built-up Roof. Contract awarded 24 September 1986. Anticipated completion date 8 July 1987.

86-5435, Maintenance Painting 4-86. Completed December 1986.

86-5442/1, Renovations Various Buildings, Phase I/II. Contract awarded 30 September 1986. Anticipated completion date 9 May 1988.

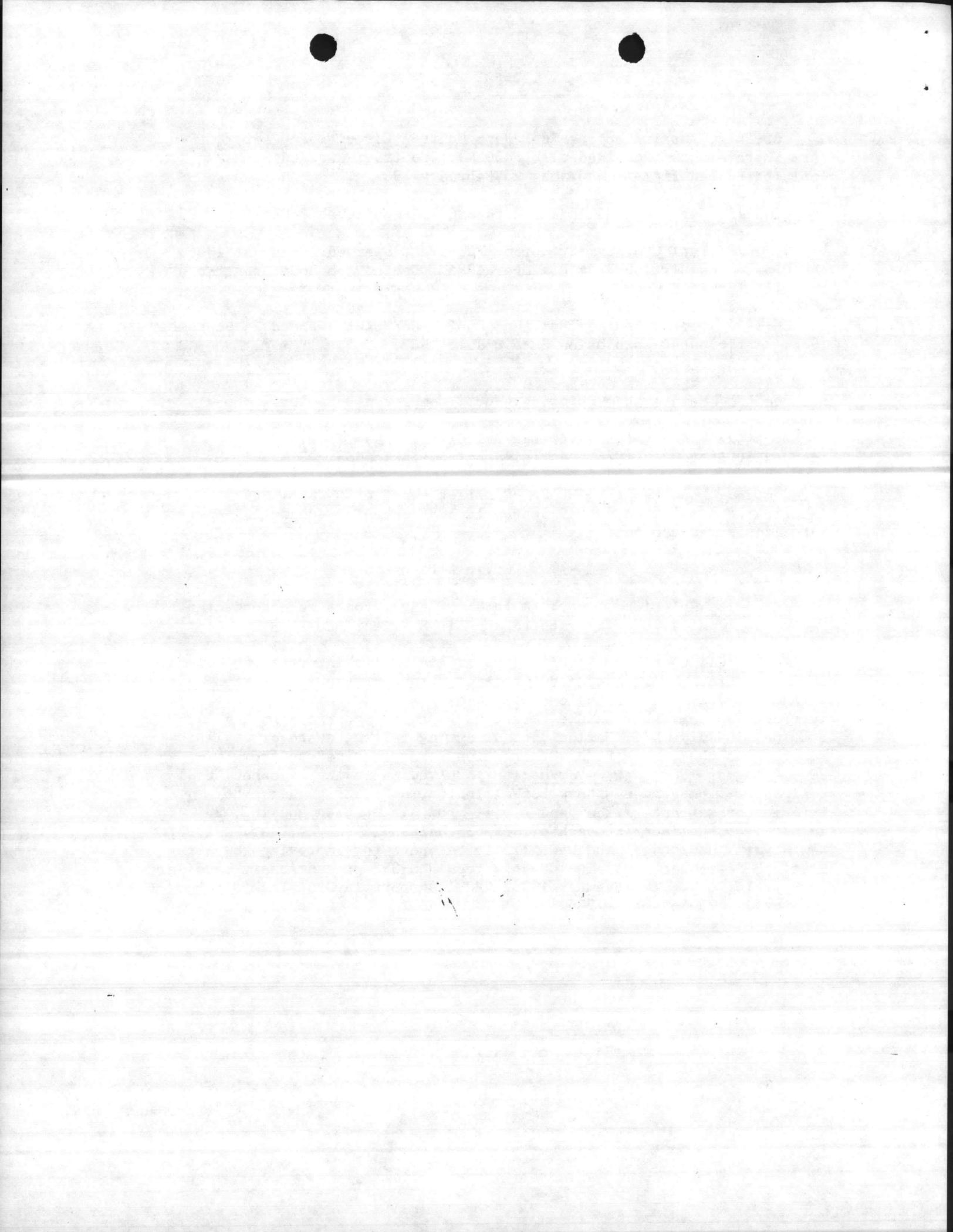
86-5449, Loading Dock, MCAS. Contract awarded 30 June 1986. Anticipated completion date 9 September 1986. Behind schedule, contractor into liquidated damages.

#### Civic Action

Community Relations Tours: A total of eight tours were conducted by the Joint Public Affairs office aboard the Air Station.

News Media Queries: Significant civilian media interest was generated by: New River Crash, Fire and Rescue participation in rescue operation after Tornado (2 July) hit Triangle Mobil Home Park in New River, 3 July 1986; Interest in teams that handle hazardous waste or materials on the Air Station, 16 July 1986; Marine present during falling death of civilian female from the Onslow Beach Observation Tower, Marine was from HMT-204, 4 August 1986; New River Marine involved in towing a downed Naval helicopter from Pender County to Wilmington, N.C., 27 August 1986; Eviction of warrant officer and family from Air Station housing, 29 August 1986; Helicopter Crash off of USS Saipan in Norway, August 1986; New River's new budget and how will it be spent for improving the Air Station, September 1986; Two CH-46's from HMM-365 precautionary landing in Buffalo, N.Y., 18 November 1986; VMO-1 support in Drug Task Force in Florida, 13 November 1986.

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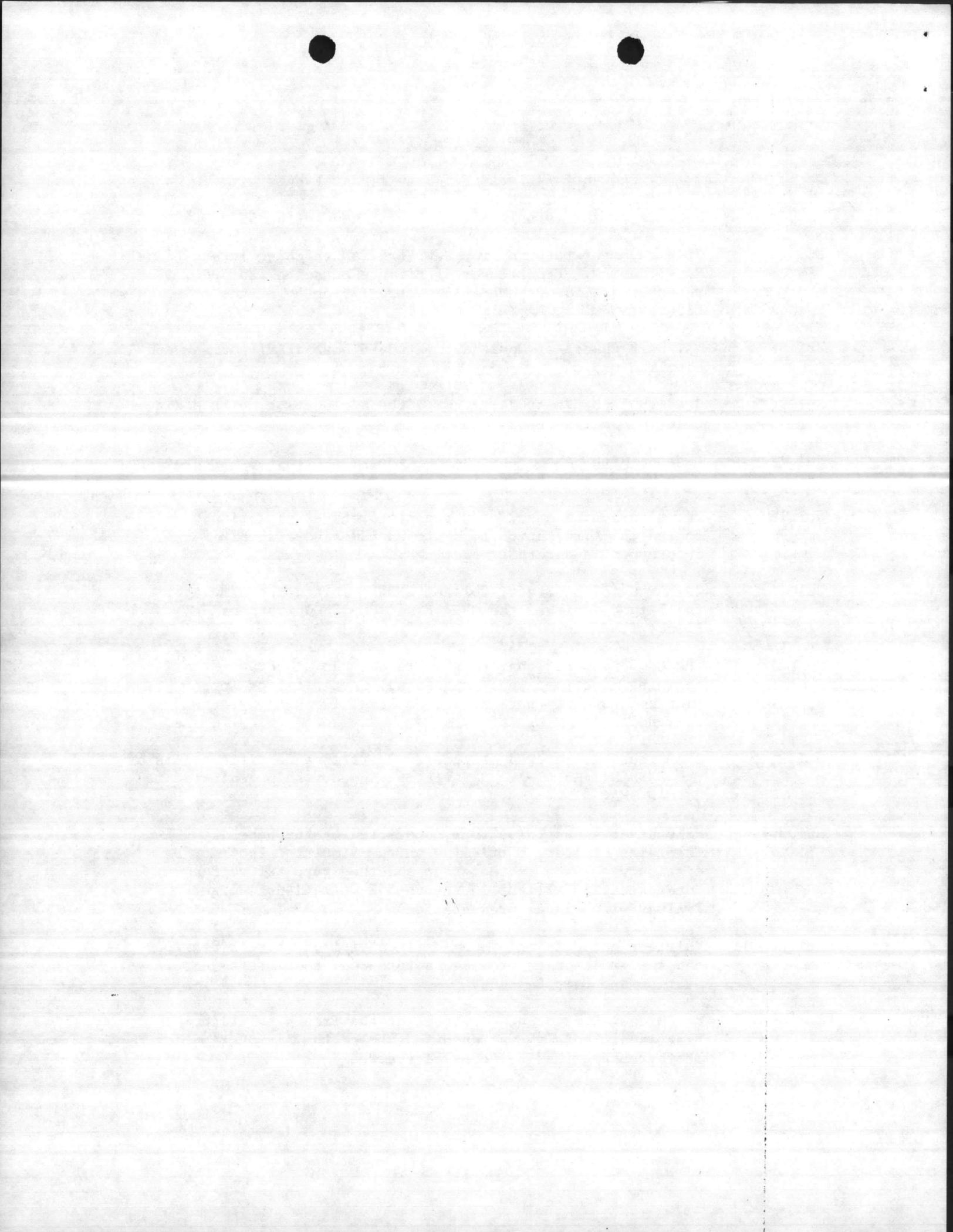


SECTION III

Sequential Listing of Significant Events

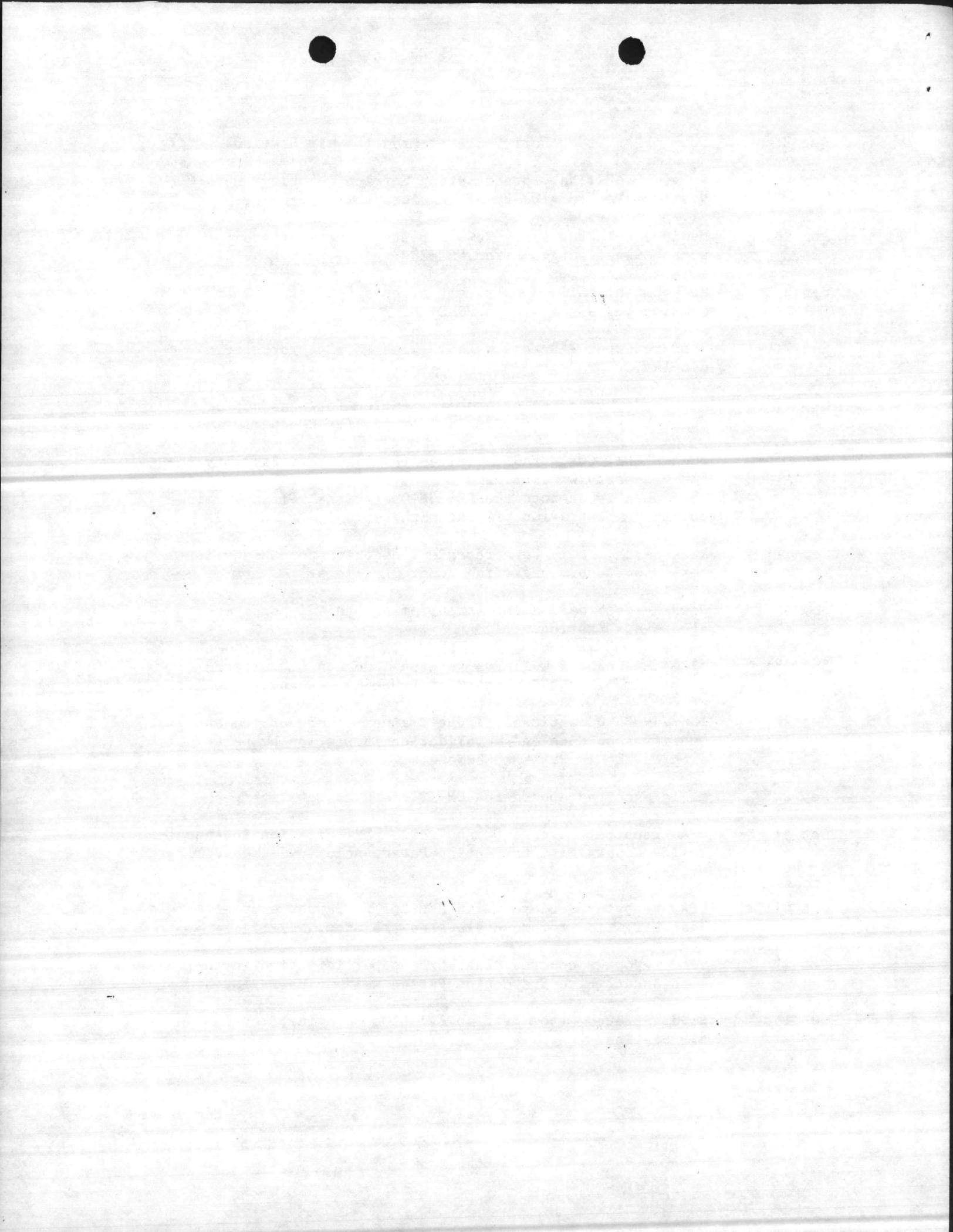
- Jul 1: Members of the Israeli Air Force trained in the CH-53D.
- Jul 7: JPAO reporter returns from New York TAD to cover International Naval Review. Front Cover of Marines Magazine ran JPAO reporter's slide of HML/A-167 Cobra flying by Statue of Liberty.
- Jul 9: MATCS-28 Change of Command covered by both JPAO reporter and civilian media.
- Jul 9: Swedish exchange student toured the Air Station, with Media Chief conducting tour.
- Jul 11: Lejeune High School Enrichment Program toured the Air Station with Media Chief conducting the tour.
- Jul 16: Dr. Joseph Handleman, an Aerophoto Archives historian, toured the Air Station to photograph Marine aircraft for future use in Aircraft magazines.
- Jul 16: 2d MAW Chief of Staff, Colonel ENNIS visited the Simulator facility and viewed the CH-46E and CH-53E Operational Flight Trainers.
- Jul 21: The CH-53E Operational Flight Trainer was withdrawn from training, due to a week long annual Certification Inspection conducted by personnel from Naval Training Systems Command.
- Jul 25: JPAO reporter covered Helicopter Operations Certifications of the USNS Wright (T-AVB 3) aviation support ship dedicated to 2d MAW IMA.
- Jul 30: USMC Reserve Chaplains Tour, sponsored by the Base Chaplains Officer, a briefing on the Simulator Facility's mission was given to the group and they were afforded a "demonstration" flight in the CH-53E Operational Flight Trainer with visual presentation.
- Jul 27-31: Thirteen Rhode Island Young Marines visited the Air Station and the Media Chief provided a three day tour of the Air Station and Camp Lejeune.
- Aug 4-5: Mr. Michel Cristescu, president of the French Aviation Historical Society, was escorted aboard the Air Station for photographs of Marine Corps aircraft.

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- Aug 7: South East Pre-school Center toured the Air Station.
- Aug 19: GySgt NOVACK, Navy Broadcasting Service, Washington, D.C., visited JPAO to give brief on video service.
- Aug 28: Media escort for Daily News reporter given for story on woman flight surgeon from HMT-204.
- Sep 2: Rick Smith, Daily News reporter, escorted onto the Air Station for a feature on H&MS-26.
- Sep 3: JPAO reporter TAD to St. Louis with HMT-204 for static display.
- Sep 3: News media escorted aboard Air Station for stand-up at MCAS Chapel prior to memorial service for CH-46 victims.
- Sep 8: BGen MEADE, COMCABEAST, visited the Simulator Facility, he and his party were briefed by the Director, TAVSC and then they were taken into the CH-53E Operational Flight Trainer for a "demonstration" flight with visual.
- Sep 12: Rick Smith, Daily News reporter, escorted to HMH-464 for deployment story regarding Super Stallions.
- Sep 15: News Release called out for upcoming 8th & I performance aboard Air Station.
- Sep 18: JPAO coverage of WWII POW veteran luncheon at Enlisted Club. Mr. Thomas Craig, MSgt. (USMCR) was guest speaker.
- Sep 22: The CH-53E Operational Flight Trainer underwent the annual Quality Assurance and Revalidation Inspection by personnel from Naval Air Systems Command.
- Sep 24: Media escorted aboard for CH-53 crash at New River.
- Oct 4: JPAO reporter covered Crash Crew's participation in Annual Onslow County Fire Prevention Parade held in Jacksonville, N.C.
- Oct 4-11: JPAO reporter deployed with HMM-261 to Dawson Army Air Field, West Virginia, for mountain area training.
- Oct 11: JPAO reporter covered Crash Crew's participation in the 10th Annual Fire Prevention Parade held in Harrells, N.C.
- Oct 15: Mr J. Stretch, from British Aviation Magazine, toured the Air Station.

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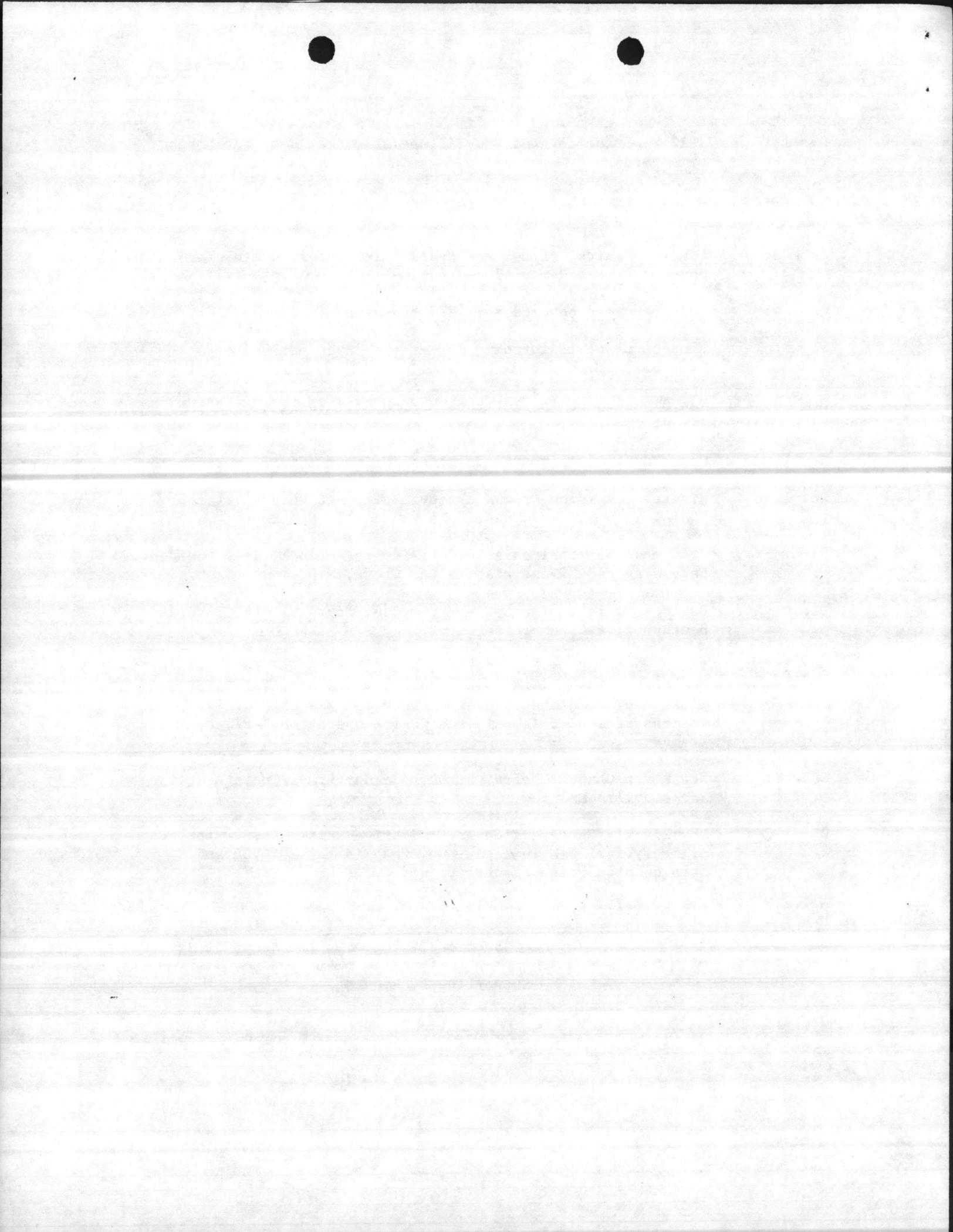
- Oct 16: JPAO reporter covered VMO-1's operations at Camp Lejeune's Lyman Road.
- Oct 22: 29 Kindergarten students from Summersill Elementary School toured the Air Station.
- Oct 23: Public Affairs Officer and Media Chief escorted media and covered Beirut Memorial dedication.
- Oct 24: JPAO reporter covered MWSS-272 MPS stand-down.
- Nov 8: Members of civilian community attended the Marine Corps Officer Ball.
- Nov 10: New River hosts the Retirees Marine Corps Ball aboard the Air Station.
- Nov 13: Commanding Officer attends Annual Military/Civilian reception.
- Nov 19: Nineteen children from Jacksonville Project Head Start tour the Air Station. MJROTC group toured Air Station.
- Dec 1-3: JPAO made personal calls and visits to Pollocksville residents regarding MAG-29 exercise in Oak Grove, N.C.
- Dec 4: Pollocksville residents were provided tours of Oak Grove and Beechwood, N.C. exercise sites.
- Dec 5: Visit to TAVSC by BGen SISLEY, D/Chief of Staff for Training, HQ, USMC. BGen SISLEY was briefed by the Director TAVSC on mission of Simulated Systems Branch and was afforded a "demonstration" flight in the CH-53E Operational Flight Trainer.
- Dec 11: New River Chapel Choirs performed a Christmas Contata at the Jacksonville Mall.
- Dec 1-20: New River's Christmas Cheer Fund Drive raised \$6,900 for military families in need. Coverage in the ROTOVUE and outside news releases were provided.
- Dec 31: Flight Training.

Section IV

Supporting Documents

See attached.

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# Storm kills 3 at trailer park

From staff and wire reports

JACKSONVILLE — Three people were killed when an unconfirmed tornado ripped through an Onslow County mobile home park, flattening at least four homes, authorities said.

Six other people were injured by the storm, authorities said.

Doris Martin, a spokeswoman at Onslow Memorial Hospital, said the three included a 1-month old child, a child about 4 or 5 years old and an adult.

Three victims remain in critical condition and three others brought in later were in fair condition, Mrs. Martin said.

Most of the occupants of Triangle Trailer Park were young Marines, who live near a basic training camp. The park is near U.S. 258 and N.C. 24 just outside of the Jacksonville city limits.

Witnesses said people at the Triangle Motor Inn were evacuated from the facility and were sent into the pouring rain, where they huddled under blankets and bed sheets.

Two mobile homes were demolished and eight people were trapped in the debris, said Al Hinn, meteorologist

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## Storm

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in charge at the National Weather Service in Wilmington.

He said the storm struck at about 9:45 p.m.

"All I can say is stay in the safest place you can. We have so much going on here," said a person answering the phone at the Onslow County Sheriff's Department.

The tornado reportedly touched down near the Triangle Trailer Park, near U.S. 258 and N.C. 24, just outside the Jacksonville city limits.

A reporter at the scene said four mobile homes in the park were flattened, as were two in a nearby sales lot.

A spokeswoman at Onslow Memorial Hospital, who identified herself as Mrs. Martin, said six people are at

the hospital in critical condition, including a 1-month-old baby.

"I understand there are many more out there. By 'many more,' I have no idea. They're all critical," she said.

"I understand" they were pinned under their mobile homes, she said.

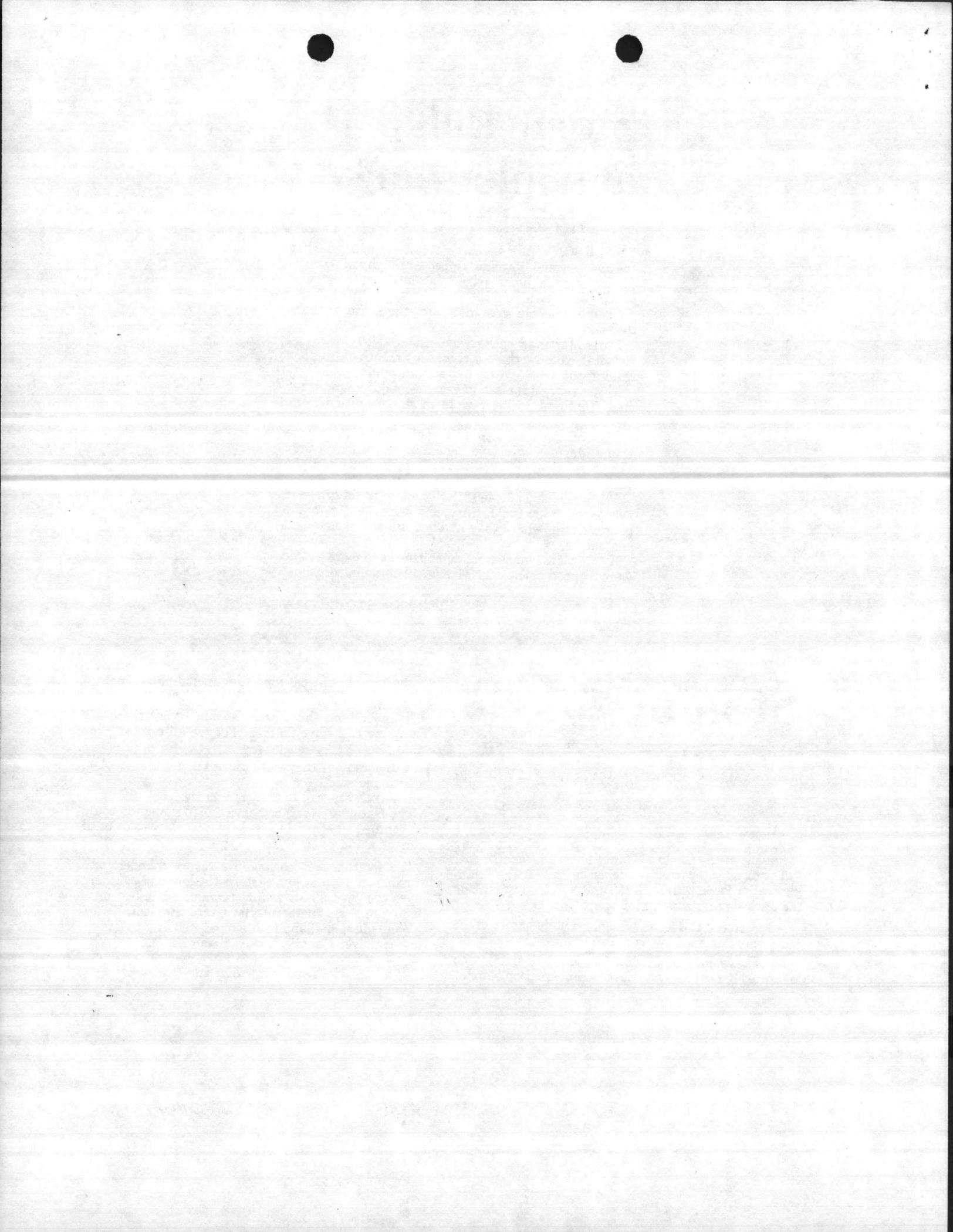
The six were still in the emergency room, she said.

The National Weather Service in Wilmington could not confirm whether a tornado had touched down until damage could be analyzed.

The weather service issued a severe thunderstorm warning at 10 p.m. for eastern Onslow and southern Jones counties. The warning remained in effect until 10:30 p.m., said meteorologist Grace Swanson.

Wind gusts of 48 mph were measured at 9:13 p.m. in New Hanover County, Swanson said.

Staff writer Jim Drew contributed to this report.



# Tornado-like storm strikes, kills three

## A Staff Report

Three people died and seven were injured after an apparent tornado touched down in a trailer park in the Triangle area between U.S. 17 and U.S. 258 about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Dead is a 20-year-old mother, her 1-month-old daughter and a 4-year-old girl.

The 4-year-old was identified as Debbie Addison. Identifications of the mother and her infant daughter were not being released this morning until the father could be notified.

A 14-year-old boy identified as John Cummings was transported to Craven County Hospital for treatment of severe spinal injuries. He was listed in critical condition in the intensive care unit there at mid-morning.

Three mobile homes were destroyed in the mobile-home park and as many as eight others were damaged. In addition, about a dozen in the nearby N.C. Mobile Home Corp. sales lot were damaged or destroyed and another mobile home sales lot suffered minor damage.

The mother and daughter were pinned under a trailer when it overturned. About 100 people joined to lift the trailer and hold it while the woman and child were removed.

While helping lift the trailer, Jacksonville policeman Paul Spring suffered chest pains. He was transported to Onslow Memorial Hospital, but was treated and released.

Jim Orr, sales manager for Corner Homes, was in his office across U.S. 258 from the mobile home park

when the storm struck.

"I heard two explosions across the street and saw sparks. Then my office began to shake and I went outside. The front of my lot was covered with debris. You couldn't see the ground for the debris," Orr said. "First there was hail and then the wind."

Orr said his business suffered only minor damage to the mobile homes.

"Most of it is light damage caused by stuff being blown in from other areas," Orr said. "A large patio porch from somewhere blew in and caved in the cab of our truck."

Jacksonville attorney Ernest Wright was having dinner in the Floating Rib in Triangle Plaza when the storm hit.

"All of a sudden there was an explosion and the lights went out," Wright said. "The transformer in back of the building had blown up and fireworks were coming out of the transformer."

"Ronnie Burns and I went out back and found all the windows on the building facing 258 were blown out. There was a cooler and furniture debris lying around and debris hanging on the transmission lines," he said.

An army of rescue personnel, city firemen, volunteer firemen, civilians and others descended on the scene to sort through the debris in search of victims.

They were guided by cries coming from throughout the mobile-home park. Residents wandered about the

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scene looking for lost friends or loved ones. A mother, who apparently had left the park shortly before the storm, cried out in search of her son. It was later found that he had been taken to safety by a neighbor and was unhurt.

Wright said he and Burns walked down to the trailer park and were on the scene to help in the monumental effort to lift the trailer off the woman and child. They were joined by emergency workers and civilians, mostly Marines.

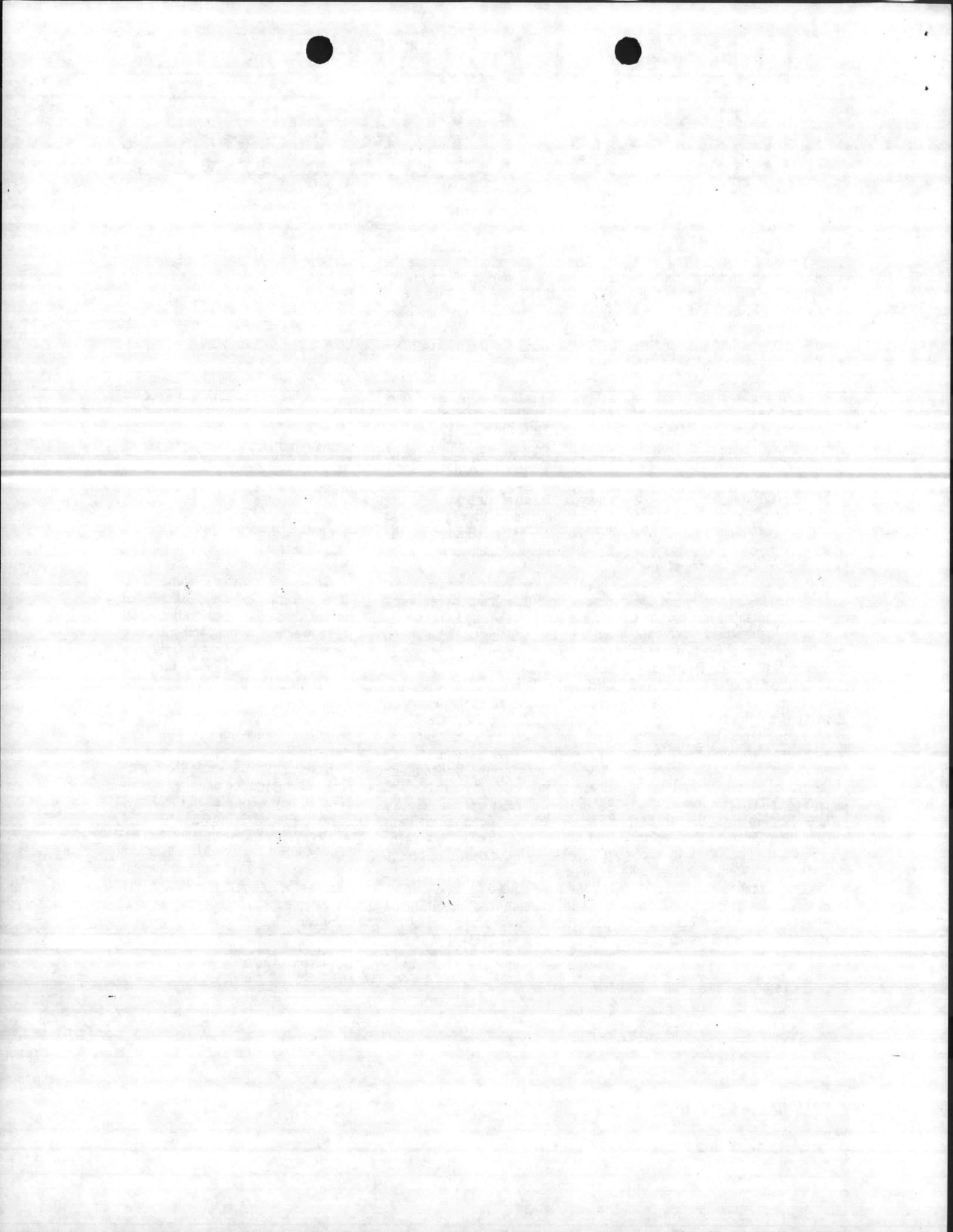
"There was a baby and a lady trapped under (it), and all the people got together and lifted the trailer," Jacksonville Police Chief Roger Halbert said.

"Some other people, some civilians I think, got under there and pulled them out. The trailer must have weighed a ton, and all those people lifted it up. I was afraid they wouldn't hold on. I guess they had one chance and they did it right," he said.

Wright said, "The baby was still breathing when put in the ambulance."

Residents at the scene this morning Debbie Addison and the severely injured boy were also in the demolished trailer when the storm hit.

Peggy Beals, the mother of Debbie Addison, was distraught this morning over her daughter's death and angered by the confusion that accompanies an occurrence such as this one.



She said she was at work at a nearby location when the storm struck, while someone was babysitting her daughter. Ms. Beals said she saw the storm hit the park and rushed to the scene.

"When the police got there and the firemen, they weren't doing anything until the civilians were there," she said this morning. "My daughter wasn't dead at that time.

"My husband dug her out and we took her to the hospital, where she died," Ms. Beals said. "After she was pulled out, they started working on the trailer. It's not right, they were just standing around. It was total confusion."

Wright said he and Burns were checking on a friend of theirs, Fred Senay, the owner of the Floating Rib. "I helped put him into an ambulance and saw four or five more taken away by ambulance," Wright said.

Senay suffered three broken ribs, a broken leg and back injuries.

Early today, Marine Staff Sgt. Rick Backensto returned to the area to salvage what he could. He walked to his van carrying what appeared to be a small camera case.

Senay was sleeping in Backensto's mobile home in Triangle Trailer Park, while Backensto was working in the restaurant.

A spokesman for Onslow Memorial Hospital said the hospital received six injured.

The spokesman said Cummings was transferred to Craven County Hospital in critical condition, another person remains at Onslow Memorial in good condition and four were treated and released.

A spokesman for the Camp Lejeune Joint Public Affairs Office said the base's Naval Hospital treated only one person as a result of the storm: Marine Lance Cpl. Paul Peirce, 22, of the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment. Peirce was treated for a fractured clavicle and released.

"We're still assessing our damage this morning," said Maurice Capps, vice president of Triangle Plaza Inc., owner of the shopping center and mobile home park. "It'll probably take three days (to assess the damage)."

Capps said a commercial laundry and three mobile homes at the Triangle were "demolished" and six to eight other mobile homes were damaged "pretty bad."

"There's some roof damages and we didn't have any power at all down here anywhere because the power lines are down," Capps said.

Businesses suffered roof damage as well as mobile homes, he said. Some of this was caused by flying debris, Capps said. "I'm talking about big pieces, enough to go through them into the building," he said. "That's the problem with the commercial laundry we have down here. The roof is completely pushed in."

In addition, the contents of at least three stores were sucked out, Capps said. "It blew my mind. I never seen anything like this," he said. "The glass wouldn't be on the inside. It would be out on the street."

Capps said he had no monetary estimate of the damage. "I don't even know what all the damages are," he said.

"I didn't concentrate on dollar damages," Capps said. "My number one priority was the safety of people." Number two was the safety of businesses, he said, adding, "There were no lights."

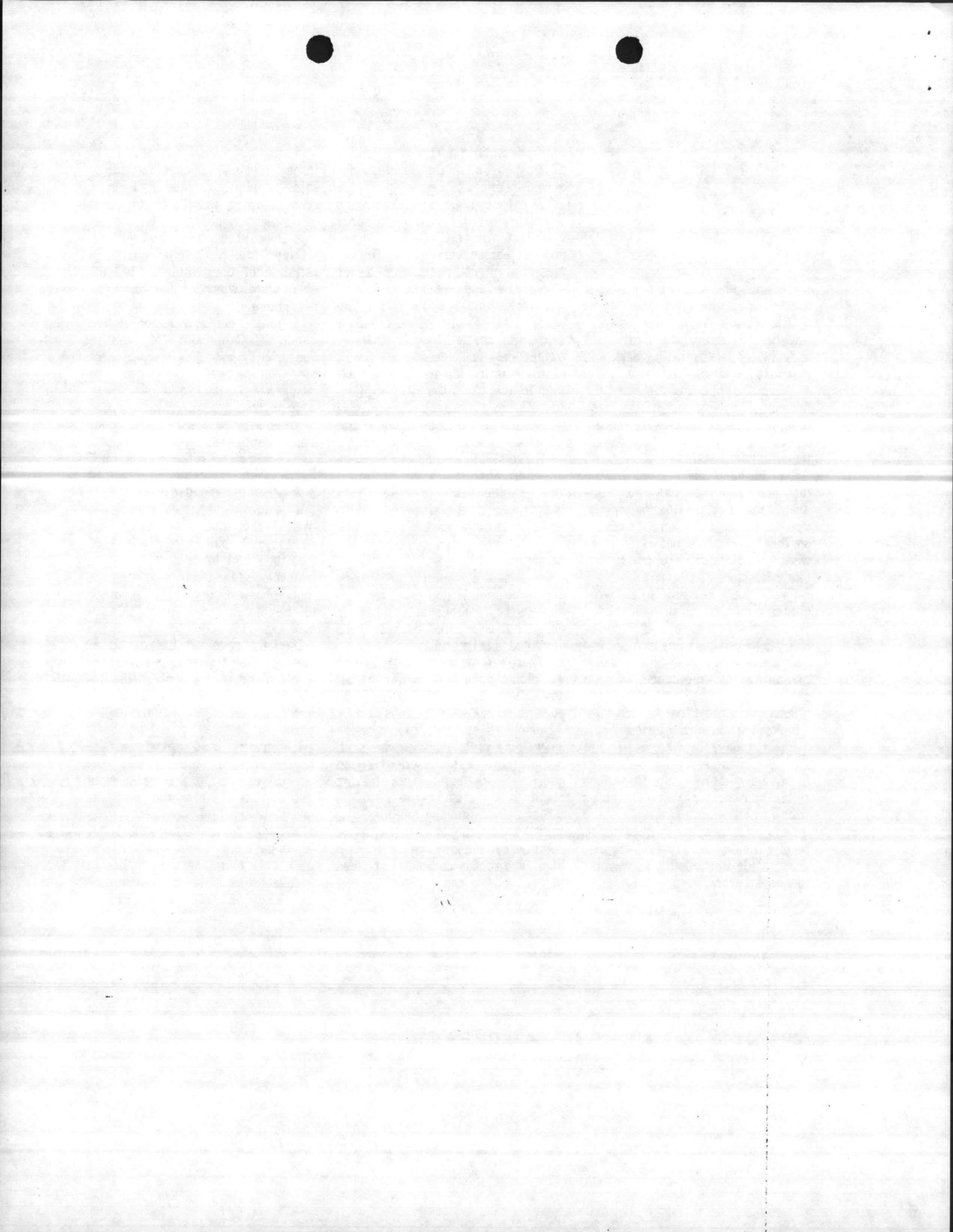
Water service was restored about 2 a.m., Capps said.

"We were lucky the way it hit," Capps said. "It could have hit 20 mobile homes instead of three."

He said mobile homes were saved by the fact that the tornado hit commercial buildings along U.S. 258, then had to cross 500 feet of undeveloped land before striking the mobile homes. "It just hit the corner of the mobile home park," Capps said.

Daylight revealed the extent of damage. One trailer is upside down and two other are just shells. Installation and fiber glass almost covers a field adjacent to the trailer park.

Electricity was out from the bridge carrying U.S. 17 over the New River south to the second front and the flashing blue and red lights of the police and emergency vehicles added to the yellow emergency lights gave a eerie glow to the scene as people clutching bed clothes or blankets stood in the rain watching.



"I've never experienced anything like this. You read about it and see it in other places but you don't really know," Wright said. "In seconds it wipes out property and life.

The only thing I was thinking about was saving those people. You could hear them screaming. You never heard anything like it," he said.

Wright added, "It is a demonstration of the almighty power of nature."

Dale Carroll, interim manager for Carolina Power and Light said that most of the power shortage due to the storm was in the vicinity of the Triangle Mobile Home Park on U.S. 258.

"Debris was blown into the wires overhead and some wires were down on the ground. It was our decision to de-energize the area around the trailer park," Carroll said.

About 35 trailers in the park lost their power as well as businesses in the same area.

Carroll said there were few reports of power loss in the city as a result of the severe thunderstorm Wednesday night.

Staff assistant Ron McElheney of Jones-Onslow EMC said they had very few reports of power loss from area residents. "Lightning hit some of our transmitters, but it was nothing major," he said.

Kenneth Riggs, manager of the Carolina Barbecue and Seafood restaurant, said that his business suffered major damage as a result of the severe thunderstorm.

"We have no power. Our air conditioners located on the roof are full

of water. The winds damaged them pretty bad. We have a hole in the ceiling over the dining room. We had a lot of water damage," Riggs said.

Other areas, particularly the Northwoods area, also suffered damage.

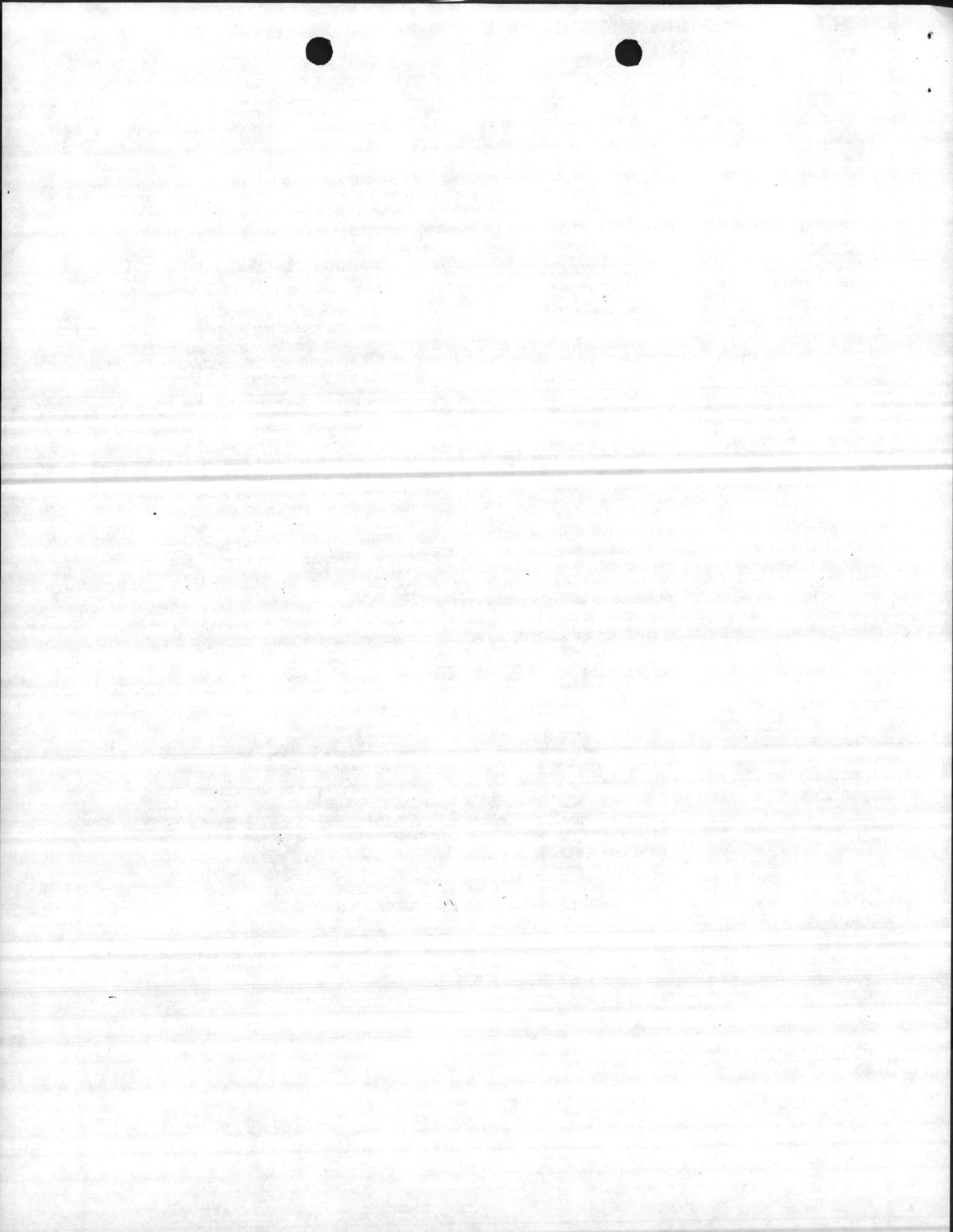
"I had one report from a gentleman on Davis Street who had damage" to the home he was renting, said Karen Wagley of the Onslow County Emergency Management Office.

Some Maple Street residents got a new decoration for their homes: a large sign. Lorraine Wiley, director of volunteers and community relations at Onslow Memorial Hospital, reported a Moore Buick-Pontiac sign weighing as much as 1,000 pounds landed in her family's backyard at the closed end of the cul-de-sac off River Street.

Don Williamson, Moore's general manager, said it was a Negele billboard. "It was (blown) from over in the Triangle area to the Northwoods area," he said. "I called Naegele's."

He was contacted by Dr. James Slack, who also lives on Maple Street, Williamson said. "I'm sure it's the same sign that we're talking about," he said.

Wagley also said she had heard a shed was damaged or destroyed in the Hubert or Swansboro area but that was likely caused simply by high winds and she was unsure how sturdy the shed was.



# Equipment blamed in fatal crash

## A Staff Report

The military investigation of the Nov. 19, 1984, CH-53E helicopter crash at Camp Lejeune's Landing Zone Penguin links tail-rotor problems to the accident that killed six Marines.

"The aircraft crashed as a result of its loss of directional control while in a hover," states the report, conducted by Lt. Col. Joseph A. Lavigne. "Pilot error is not a factor."

The investigation does not pinpoint the tail rotor as the crash cause. However, several of the eyewitnesses whose accounts are included with the document reported seeing the tail rotor fly off the helicopter just before the crash.

The report further states, "The failure of the crew to ensure that all passengers were provided seats and were strapped in securely prior to

flight is a significant factor which may have markedly diminished their chances of survival or compounded their injuries. The nature of the injuries and causes of death support this view."

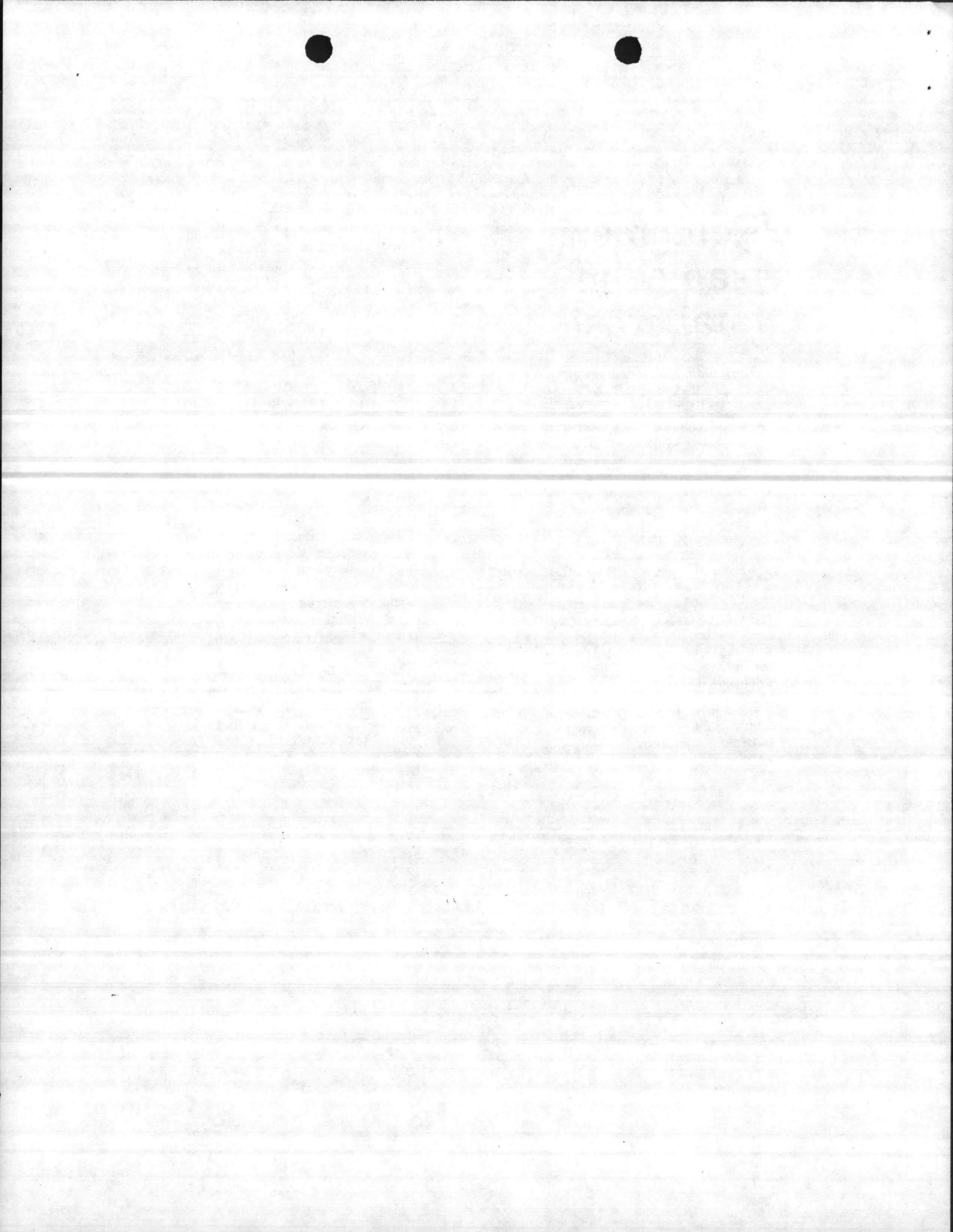
The CH-53E Super Stallion has the worst safety record of any Marine Corps or Navy helicopter. As of May 14, the aircraft had been involved in 26 crashes in its five years of service. Fifteen servicemen have died in those crashes.

The Register, a Freedom Newspaper in Orange County, Calif., conducted an extensive examination of the Super Stallion. The Daily News published the Register's series on the CH-53E in March.

The most common problem cited by the Register were malfunctions in the helicopter's tail-rotor drive system, usually when the Super Stallion was carrying heavy loads.

The November 1984 crash occurred while the helicopter was lifting a 6½-ton howitzer.

Killed in the crash were pilot Capt. Brian R. Jones, 32; crew chief Lance Cpl. Scott McEneaney, 23; Sgt. Sean T. Tohill, 21; Cpl. Ricky C. Williams, 23; Lance Cpl. David D. Wells, 22; and Pfc. Kenneth Kaiser, 19.

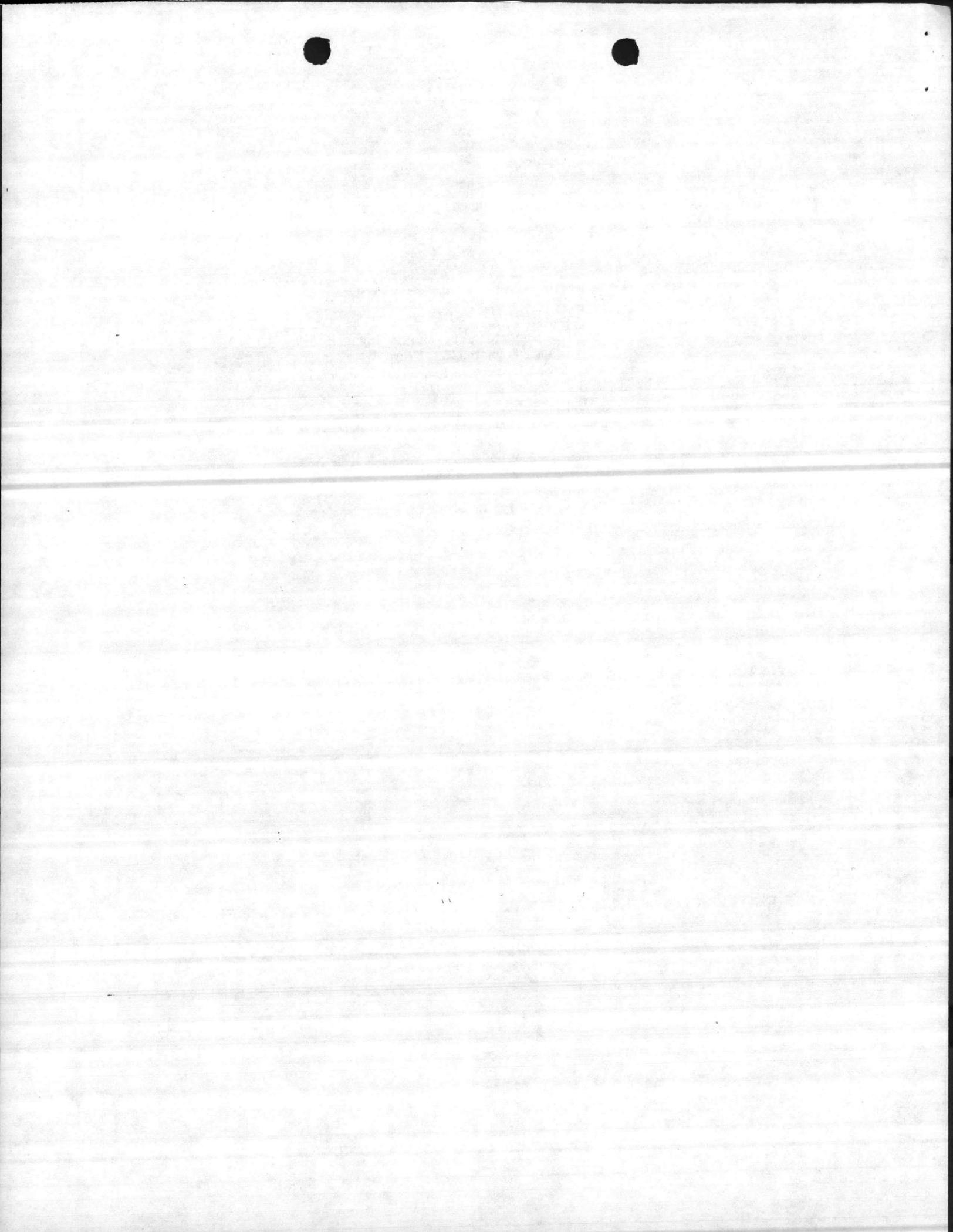


### *Command changes*

The Gunrunners of Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 at New River air station were to receive a new commanding officer today during a 3 p.m. ceremony at Hangar 4108.

Lt. Col. R.L. West was to relinquish command of the squadron to Lt. Col. J.C. Yanessa, according to Sgt. N.H. North of New River's Joint Public Affairs Office.

West will attend the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. Yanessa was the squadron's executive officer.



# Marine is second person to die at tower

By Jack Murphy  
Star-News Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE — A Marine died early Sunday morning in a fall from an abandoned observation tower at West Onslow Beach, making him the second person to die at the same location in three weeks.

Sometime between midnight and 2:53 a.m., Sgt. Daniel S. Campbell fell to his death at a going-away party in his honor, according to Onslow County Sheriff's Department reports.

Campbell had been assigned to overseas duty.

He fell from a structure popularly known as Jeffreys' Tower, named after its former owner, George Jeffreys of Goldsboro, who sold the

structure last fall to developer Marlow Bostic. Both Jeffreys and Bostic have complained that vandals keep removing fences and signs warning people to keep off the property.

The concrete tower is one of several built after World War II for use by the military to photograph rocket testing. All of the towers are now privately owned. Some have been converted to houses.

Three weeks ago, 28-year-old Coleen Michelle Hobbs fell to her death from Jeffreys' Tower.

Of the accident Sunday, Onslow County Sheriff's Deputy J.F. Terwilliger was told by Pfc. Gregory M. Cramer that the victim "was leaving for Okinawa, and those at the tower were having a party for him."

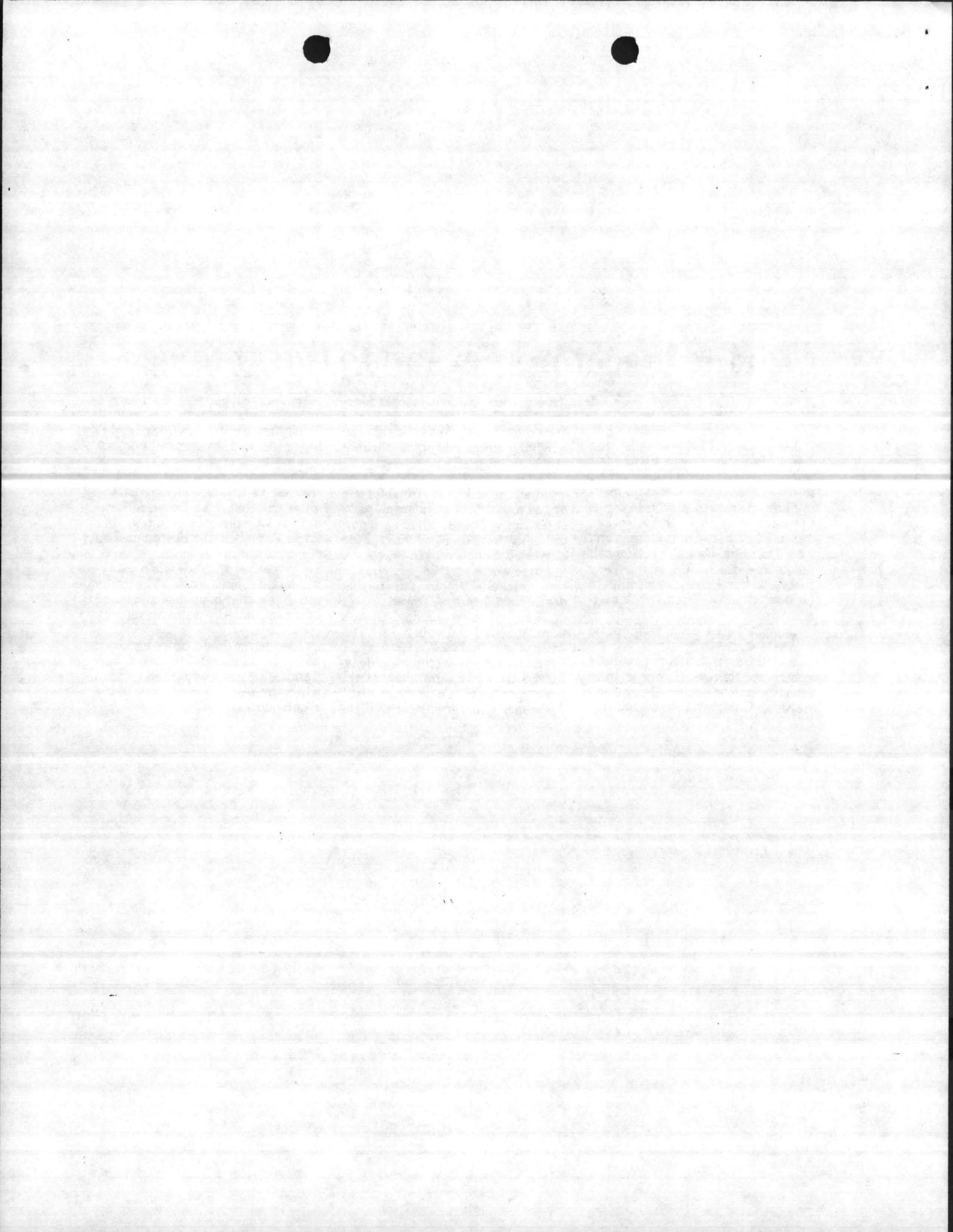
Cramer told Terwilliger that the

party started between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Saturday but that Campbell didn't arrive until almost midnight. Everyone had been drinking, according to Cramer.

The report states that Campbell climbed to the second floor of the tower and that Sgt. Marion A. Lawhorn II took pictures of him at that level. Campbell then attempted to climb to the third floor.

Cramer said "that's when everyone heard a loud crash." The group ran to see what happened and found Campbell on the ground-level concrete floor.

The victim "had a pulse for about 15 to 20 minutes," Cramer added. Campbell was apparently dead when the rescue squad arrived, the report states.



# Marines may help Onslow demolish deadly tower

By Donna Long  
Star-News Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE — The Marine Corps may help Onslow County remove a watch tower at West Onslow Beach that has been the scene of three deaths, a Sheriff's Department official said Wednesday.

Chief of Detectives Maj. Doug Freeman said he spoke with Camp Lejeune officials this week concerning the removal of Jeffreys' Tower. "One possibility the military is looking into is using a demolition team to blow the tower up," he said.

Three people, two in the last three weeks, have fallen to their death after climbing the three-story, concrete tower. The last fatality was a Marine who fell from the top of the tower early Sunday.

The tower, on the oceanfront off

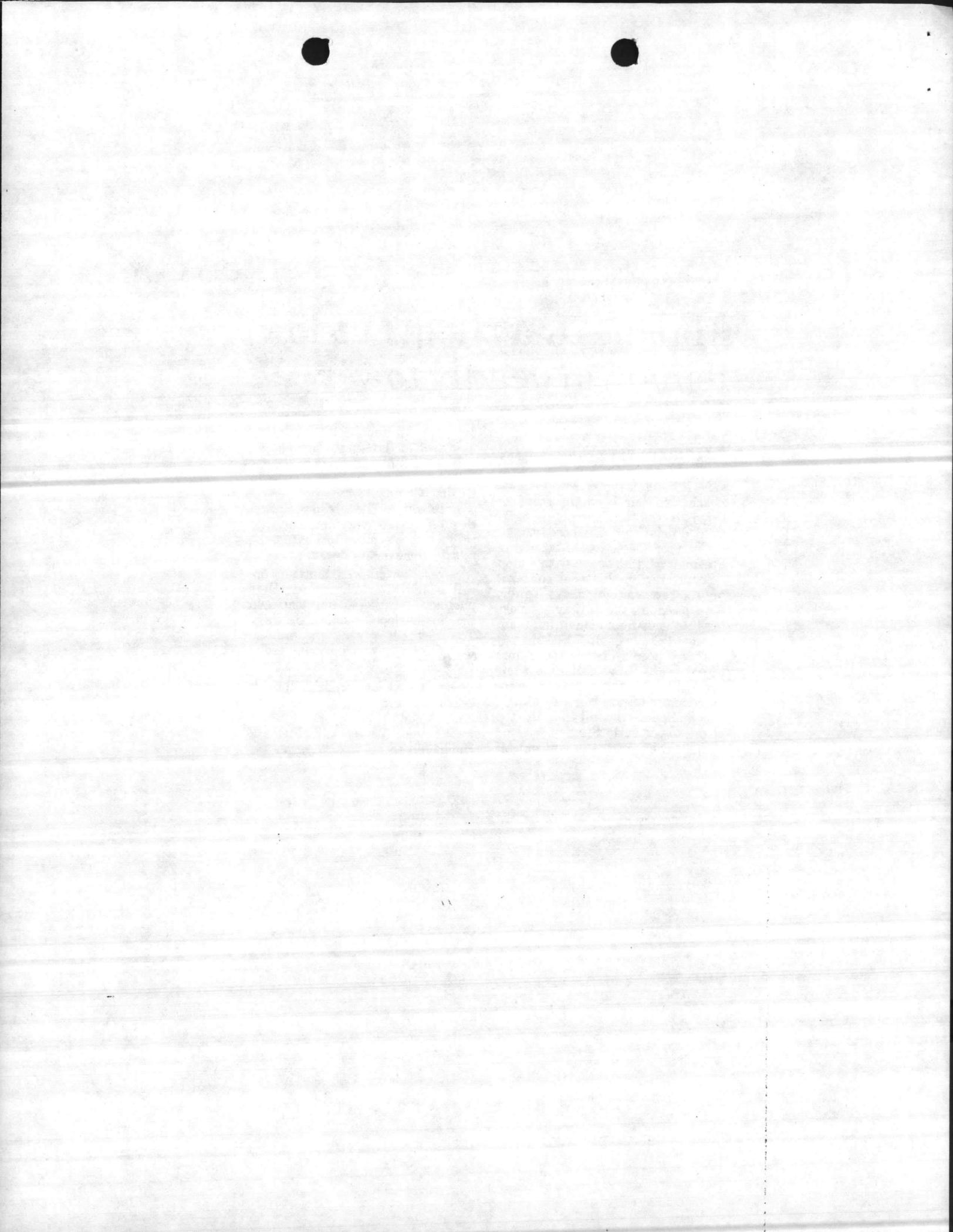
Secondary Road 1568, is owned by developer Marlow Bostic. It is a popular spot for late-night parties.

In a recent interview, Bostic called the tower the "worse spot" in Onslow County.

Freeman said he talked with Bostic after the latest accident and Bostic had no objection to having the county remove the tower.

Several towers were built on Topsail Island after World War II to photograph rockets being tested on the undeveloped island. Jeffreys' Tower stands vacant and vandalized. Others have been converted to uses including homes.

Sgt. Daniel S. Campbell fell to his death between midnight and 2:53 a.m. Aug. 24 at a party. Three weeks ago, 28-year-old Michelle Hobbs fell to her death.



# Community welcomes crew of Navy helicopter

By Bettie Fennell  
Staff Writer

**ASHTON** — Residents showed up with a tent, a cot, blankets, food, lanterns and other tangible forms of Southern hospitality when a Navy helicopter was forced to land Tuesday afternoon in this small Pender County community.

Petty Officer 1st Class David Riddell of Michigan, one of four crewmen aboard the SH2F Sea Sprite, said Wednesday that they were overwhelmed with hospitality.

One resident mowed the grass near the chopper so the crew could pitch the borrowed tent. Crew members said they could not leave the aircraft unguarded. Another resident washed Airman Brenda Schultz's flight uniform.

Riddell said visitors stopped by their campsite until midnight. Someone brought dinners of ham and potatoes and others brought bricks and wood to build a campfire. They were offered transportation to and from the store to pick up other supplies.

"We were all hot and grubby," said the pilot, Lt. James Trump, who is from the Chicago area.

"Everybody was just outstanding with first-class Southern hospitality," Trump said. "It's just incredi-



ble. Dave and I, my co-pilot, were talking about how refreshing it is to have so many people willing to help you."

Riddell and Airman Schultz, who is from Elba, N.Y., took turns on guard duty Tuesday night. Trump and co-pilot Lt. Dave Jenkins, from Long Island, N.Y., spent the night with Maj. Lloyd M. Hekhuis, base operations officer at the New River Air Station who lives about a quarter of a mile east of where the chopper landed on a road near U.S. 117 and Interstate 40.

The helicopter was on its way to New River when it ran into trouble.

Hekhuis was on his way home when the base tried to locate him about the troubled aircraft, said his wife, Jan. He saw the craft when he crossed the overpass at I-40, she said.

Alice McLendon said she was in her backyard when the chopper went down.

"I carried them some ice, cups and drinks when it first happened," she said. "I thought they might be thirsty. It was hot."

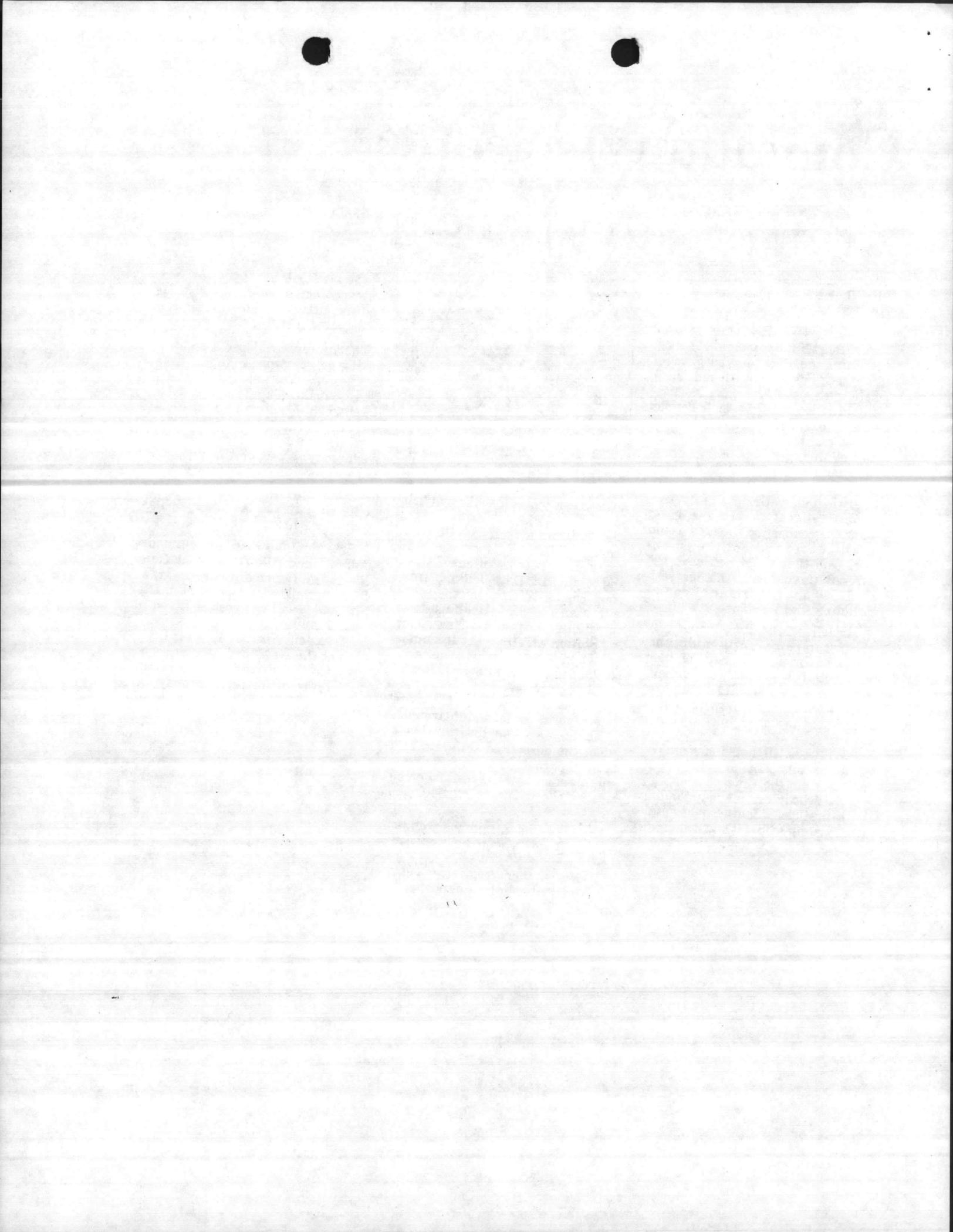
She also took her 5-year-old son, Charlie Mac, to see the aircraft. He had his picture taken wearing one of the crew member's helmets.

The aircraft developed a problem in its gearbox on a flight from Charleston to Norfolk. It was scheduled to make a fuel stop at New River when it experienced the problem and had to land, Riddell said.

While the crew waited for help Wednesday, some of them jogged and went swimming in a lake that

was dug during the construction of I-40. The lake has become a popular swimming hole.

Sgt. Monique Fleming, with the Joint Public Affairs office at New River, said a maintenance crew from Norfolk will repair the craft. She said it will be towed south on I-40 to New Hanover County Airport by Transient Aircraft Services Division at the New River Air Station. She said the aircraft may be towed to the airport for repairs today.



# Marine dies in fall from watchtower

By CLIFF HILL  
Daily News Staff

WEST ONSLOW BEACH — A Camp Lejeune Marine soon to depart for foreign shores fell to his death from an abandoned watchtower this weekend — the second such death this month.

Sgt. Dariel S. Campbell, 25, of A Company, Headquarters Battalion, Marine Corps Base, died about 2:40 a.m. Sunday, said Maj. Doug Freeman, chief of detectives for the Onslow County Sheriff's Department.

Campbell apparently was having a late-night going-away party because he was scheduled to leave for Okinawa, Freeman said.

The detective said Campbell climbed Jeffrey's Tower and apparently posed for photographs on the second floor.

Witnesses told authorities Campbell then started climbing to the third floor, slipped, and fell, Freeman said.

Campbell was alone on the tower, Freeman said.

Campbell is the second person this month to fatally plunge from the tower.

On Aug. 2, Coleen Michelle Hobbs, 29, fell to her death after attending a late-night party on the beach.

Ms. Hobbs apparently climbed to the top of the tower with three Marines, then stumbled backward and fell to the concrete below, said a Sheriff's Department report.

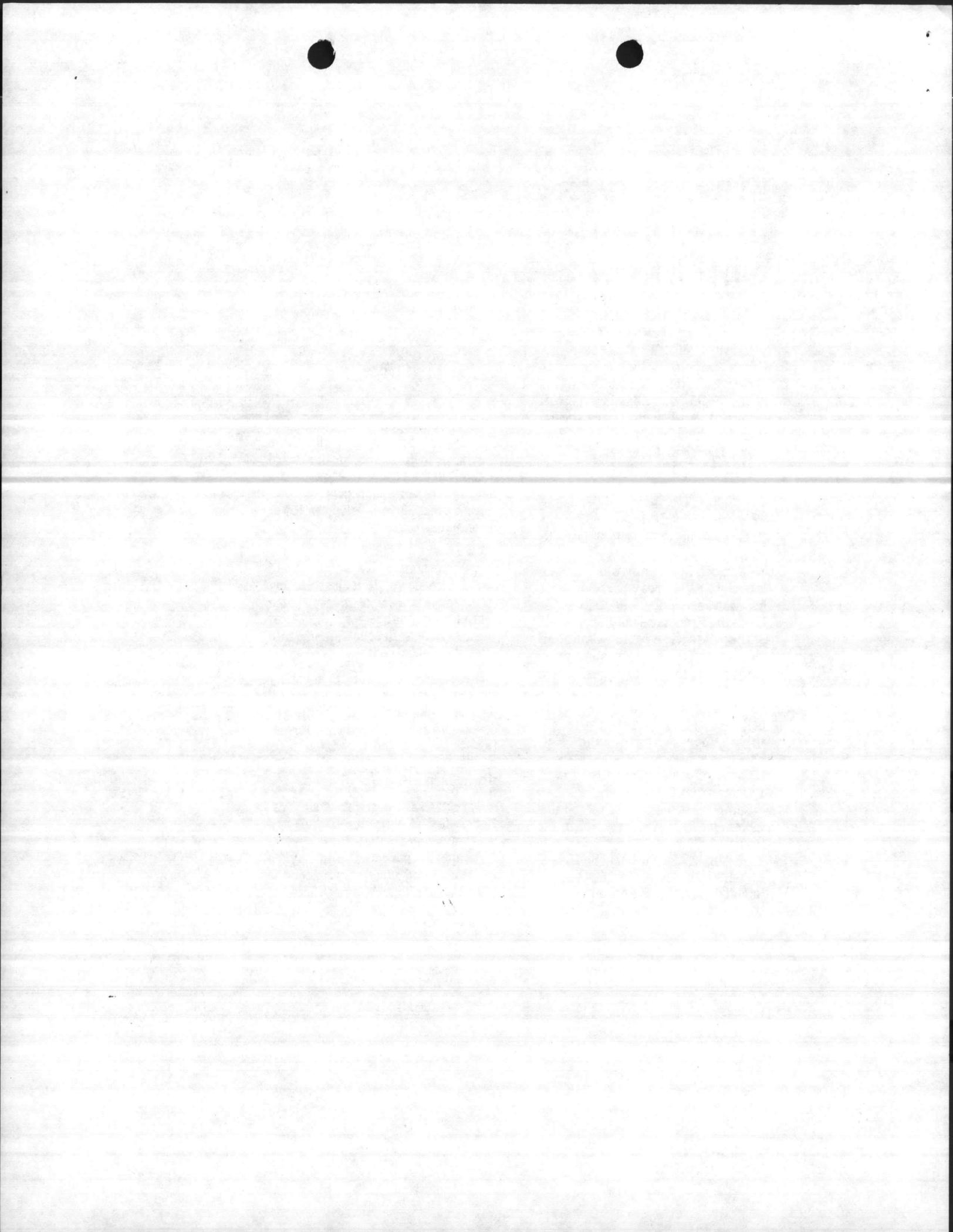
Authorities have labeled the tower a continuing concern.

"We have about 10 to 12 calls down here a year. We would love to see it torn down. It is just costing the taxpayers a lot of money," Dee Warnki, commander of the West Onslow Beach Rescue Squad, said after Ms. Hobbs' death.

Dr. Charles L. Garrett, a county medical examiner, said Campbell died of a "traumatic head injury," or skull fracture. Further information was unavailable pending tests at the state medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill.

Garrett said earlier that Ms. Hobbs died of a fractured skull and was "quite intoxicated."

Campbell's parents live in Bay City, Mich., said a spokesman for the base's Joint Public Affairs Office.



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# 3 Marines uninjured in helicopter crash

By RICHARD F. SMITH  
Daily News Staff

A Marine CH-53A Sea Stallion helicopter crashed Tuesday night at New River air station but there were no injuries, according to an air station spokesman.

The aircraft crashed at 7:20 p.m. while landing at a New River runway during a routine training flight, said Sgt. N.H. North of the air station's Joint Public Affairs Office.

The three Marines on board were pilot Maj. Richard Burchnell, 34, of Kendell Park, Middlesex, N.J.; co-pilot 1st Lt. Lawrence Borger, 26, of Devon Chester, Pa.; and crew chief Lance Cpl. Todd Gibbs, 21, of Plessis, N.Y.

"The crew was taken to New River Medical

Clinic for observation. They suffered no injuries," North said.

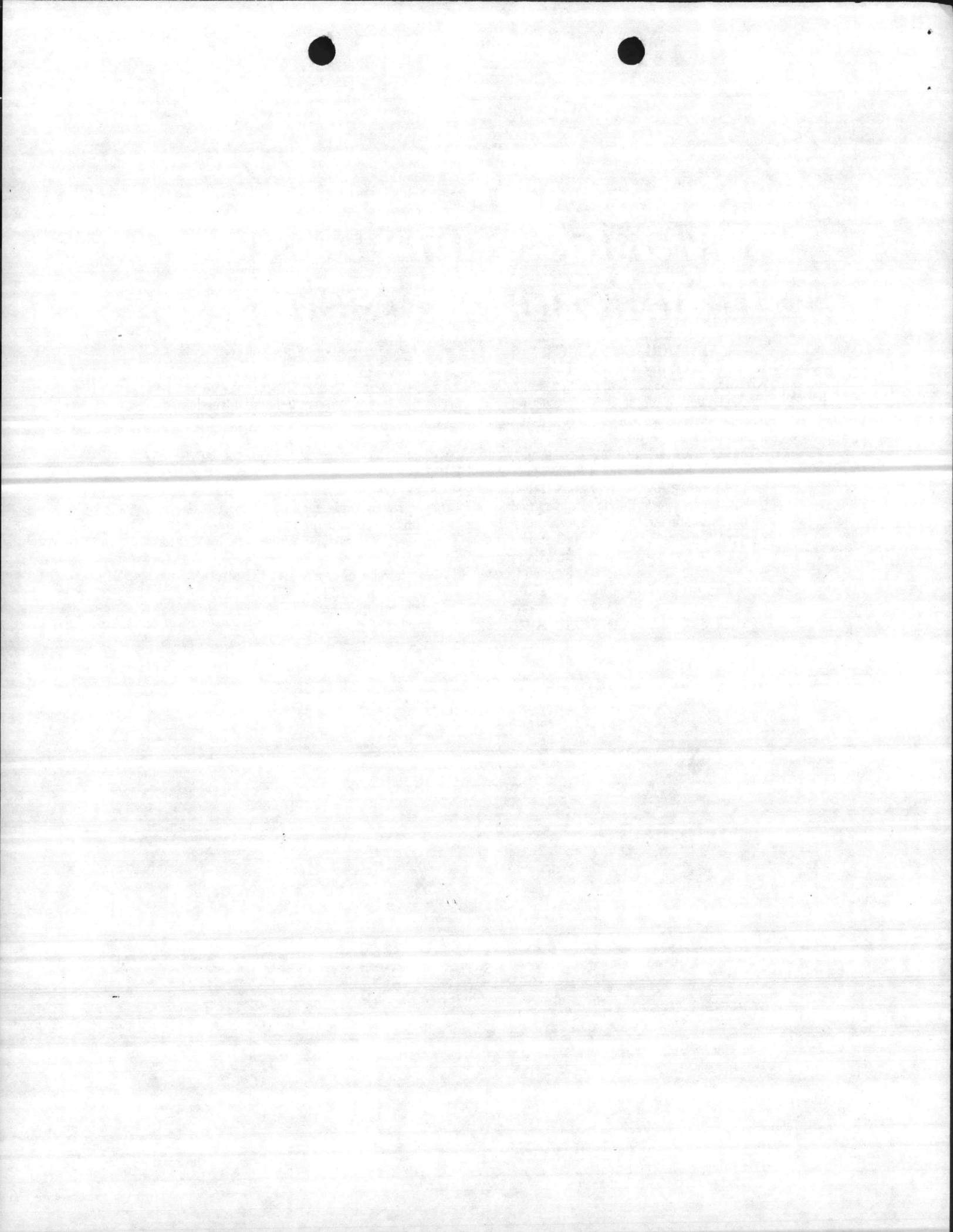
"The Aircraft Mishap Board has convened. The incident is currently being investigated by military authorities," the sergeant said.

The helicopter was assigned to Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 204 at New River.

"They were conducting night flights and they crashed while making a landing. Until the mishap board people determine what happened, I just know that it was making a landing," North said.

No estimate of damage to the aircraft was available this morning.

HMT 204 flies both CH-53 and CH-46 Sea Knight helicopters.



# Names of two hurt released; memorials set

By RICHARD F. SMITH  
Daily News Staff

Names of two more Marines hurt in Friday's helicopter crash in the Atlantic Ocean off Norway were released Tuesday afternoon by a Camp Lejeune spokesman.

Eight area-based Marines are dead or presumed dead and 13 were injured.

Lance Cpl. P.M. Melton of Peachtree City, Ga., suffered a contusion of his right eye, said Gunnery Sgt. Ritch Ray of Lejeune's Joint Public Affairs Office.

Lance Cpl. J.W. Bushway IV of Manistee, Mich., received multiple lacerations.

Melton's and Bushway's identities were being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Ray released the following list of injuries from the incident report:

- 1st Lt. Joseph A. Mauney of Gastonia suffered a puncture of his right knee and minor abrasions.

- Sgt. James E. Stout of Elizabethton, Tenn., received multiple trauma.

- Lance Cpl. John Albertine Jr. of Nassau, N.Y., sprained his right shoulder.

- Lance Cpl. Kevin D. Black of New Britain, Conn., suffered contusions of the tibia, or shinbone.

- Lance Cpl. Thomas W. Drummond of Indianapolis, Ind., received lacerations and contusions. Drummond has developed pneumonia.

- Lance Cpl. Christopher A. Kerr of Indiana, Pa., suffered superficial contusions and lacerations.

- Lance Cpl. Ricky L. Watkins of Rochester, N.Y., received abrasions and lacerations of his right hand.

- Lance Cpl. Phillip A. Welsh of Sneads Ferry suffered minor abrasions and hypothermia, below normal body temperature.

- Pfc. Hector J. Lara of Harrisburg, Pa., received multiple contusions and abrasions.

- Pfc. Joseph A. Smith of Weirton, W. Va., sprained his right knee.

- Pfc. Jody P. Waterer of Galion, Ohio, multiple trauma.

Killed were Lance Cpl. Eric D. Bradford of Norfolk, Va., and Lance Cpl. Trent A. Stover of Columbia, S.C.

Missing and presumed dead are Capt. William D. Ellzey of Jacksonville; Cpl. Arthur R. Bergquist of Brooklyn Center, Minn.; Cpl. Carl F. Jones of Lejeune; Cpl. Thomas L. Schwichtenburg Jr. of Wonewoc, Wisc.; Lance Cpl. Rory M. Fowler of Jacksonville; and Pvt. Daniel P. Rumpf III of Lake Luzerne, N.Y.

No more bodies have been recovered, Ray said Tuesday.

Ellzey, Mauney, Fowler and Welch were the crew of the crashed CH-46E Sea Knight, which was assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 162 from New River air station.

All the rest of those aboard the helicopter were members of the Battalion Landing Team of 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, from Lejeune.

A memorial service for Ellzey and Fowler was scheduled for 3 p.m. today at New River's chapel.

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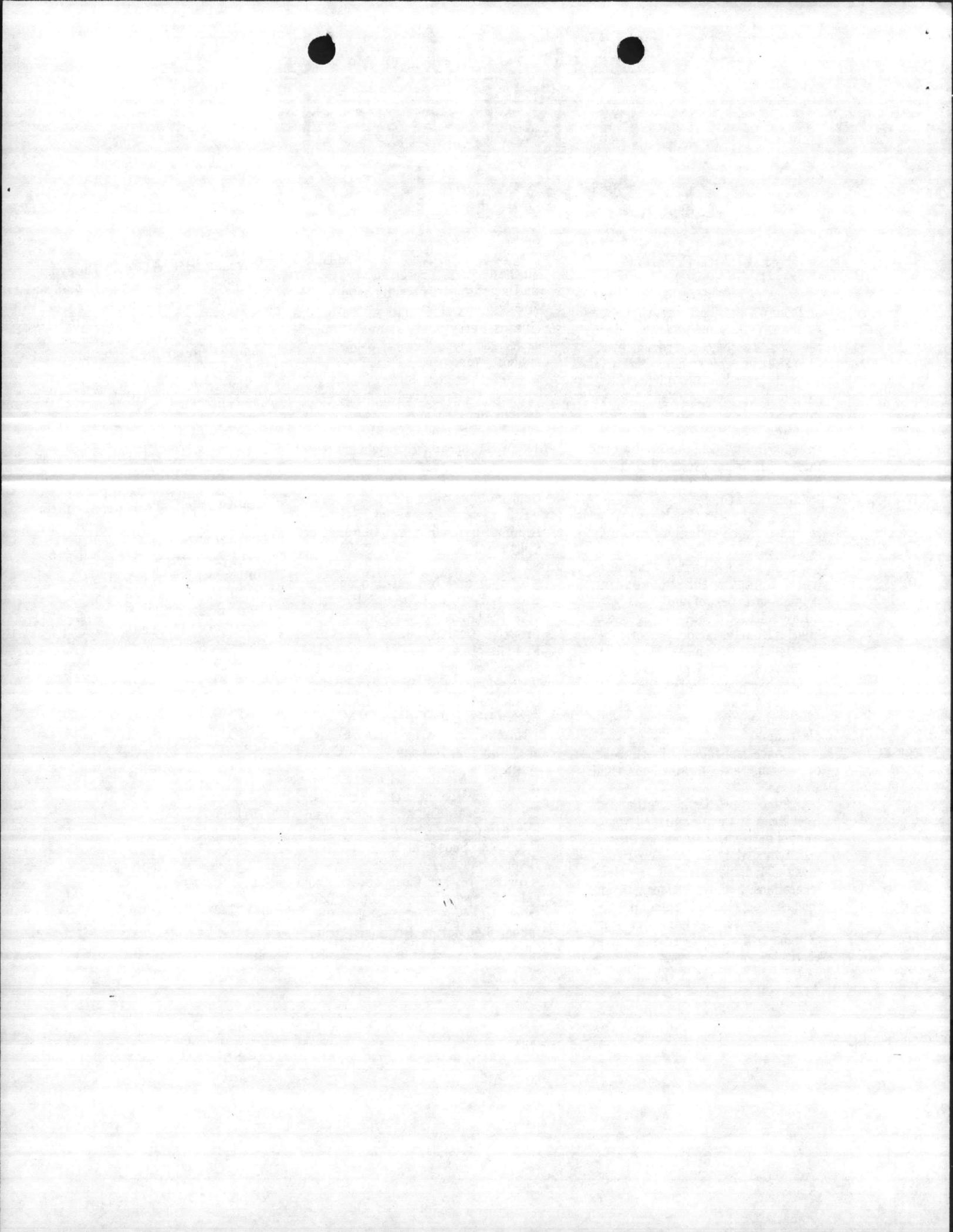
The crash occurred shortly after the helicopter took off from the USS Saipan. The passengers were being ferried to the USS Nashville.

The Sea Knight struck a C-53 helicopter on the deck of the Saipan before the Sea Knight plummeted into the water, said Warrant Officer Tracy Heuman of New River's public affairs office.

The search for the six missing leathernecks was called off Saturday night.

An investigation is being conducted to determine the cause of the accident.

The aircraft crashed about 60 miles west of Bodo, Norway.



# Contamination tests resume at Lejeune

By Jack Murphy  
Star-News Correspondent

**CAMP LEJEUNE** — The second phase of a program to assess and control possible contamination from past operations with hazardous materials is scheduled to begin this week at Camp Lejeune and New River Air Station.

The program was instituted in 1980 and called the Navy Assessment and Control of Installation

Pollutants Program. The program is broken down into three phases, said Sgt. Kevin Zabawczuk.

Under the first phase, information was gathered that identified 21 suspected sites of pollution at Lejeune and New River. The 1982 study indicated those sites needed further investigation, although they posed no immediate threat to human health or the environment, Zabawczuk said.

The second phase, which is about to begin, will include more detailed monitoring of the sites to determine whether there is any contamination that could cause health or environmental hazards.

The new study will verify existing contamination, determine if it is spreading and if so how quickly, and will evaluate methods and costs of controlling the problems.

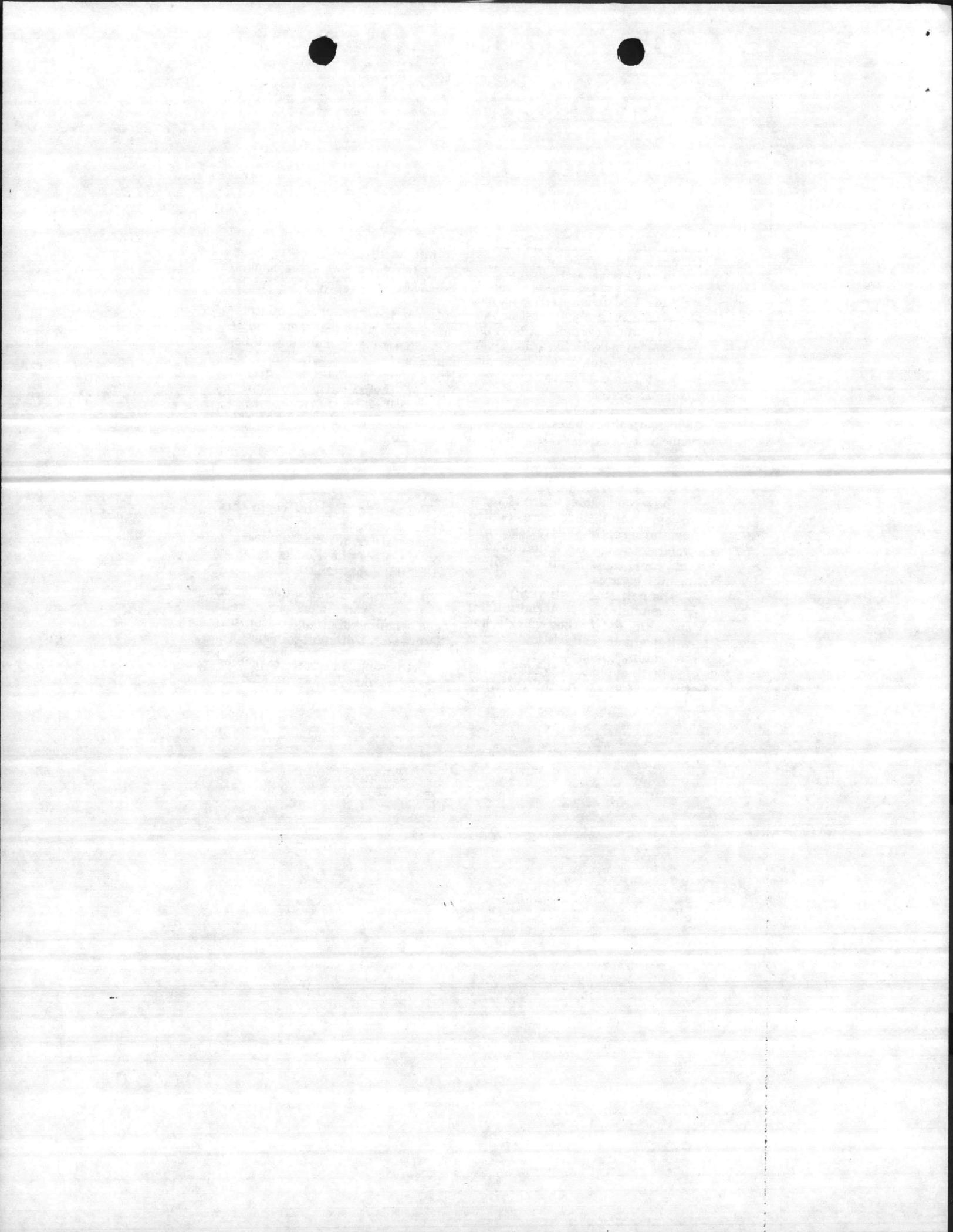
The final phase is to take corrective measures to control the situa-

tion.

The testing that will begin this week is being conducted by Environmental Science and Engineering Inc. of Gainesville, Fla., at a cost of \$185,903, Zabawczuk said.

The testing includes installation of ground water monitoring wells and sampling of ground water, surface water, soil and sediment.

The testing is expected to last for several weeks, Zabawczuk said.



# Marine helicopter crashes; no one hurt

By Jack Murphy  
Star-News Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE — Three crewmen were uninjured after their CH-53A Sea Stallion helicopter crashed Tuesday night while landing at New River Marine Corps Air Station.

The helicopter, from Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 204, was on a training mission when the accident occurred around 7:20 p.m., said Sgt. Cheryl North, a spokesman for the air station.

The crew was identified Wednesday

as Maj. Richard Burchnall, 34, of Middlesex, N.J.; 1st Lt. Lawrence Borges, 26, of Devon Chester, Pa.; and Lance Cpl. Todd Gibbs, 21, of Plessis, N.Y. Gibbs was the crew chief.

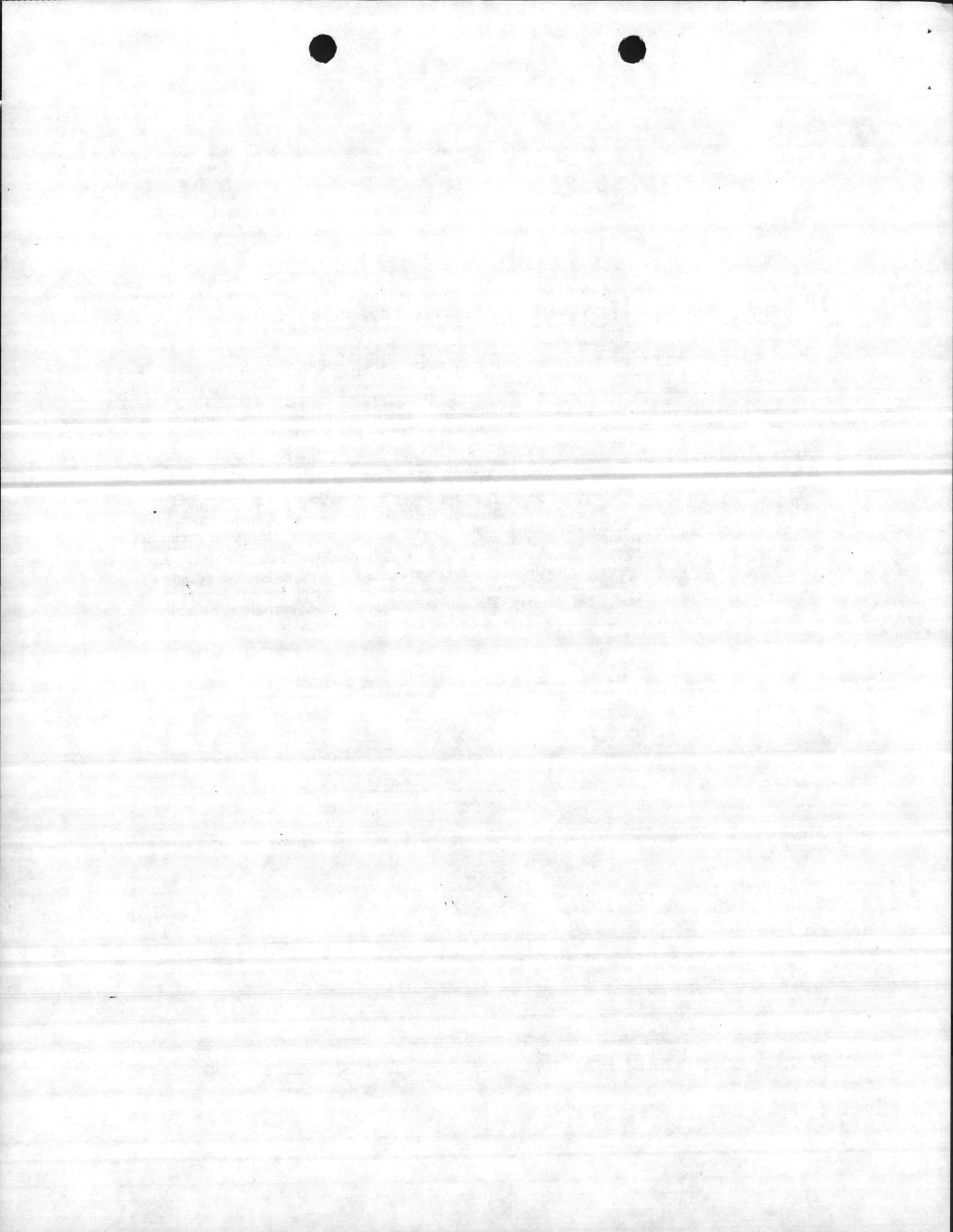
Sgt. N.H. North said Wednesday that the crew was taken by ambulance to the station's medical clinic at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday and released at 10:30 p.m. when observation determined there were no injuries.

North said an estimate of damage to the aircraft was not available Wednesday. The Aircraft Mishap

Board, composed of six or seven Air Station officers, determined the helicopter can be repaired, he said. A complete investigation takes six to nine months.

North said witnesses reported the aircraft was intact when it "came down hard on the runway." He said there was damage to the tail rotor section and main rotor head but witnesses said the tail rotor did not separate in mid-air.

The helicopter was among a number of aircraft involved in routine night operations, he said.



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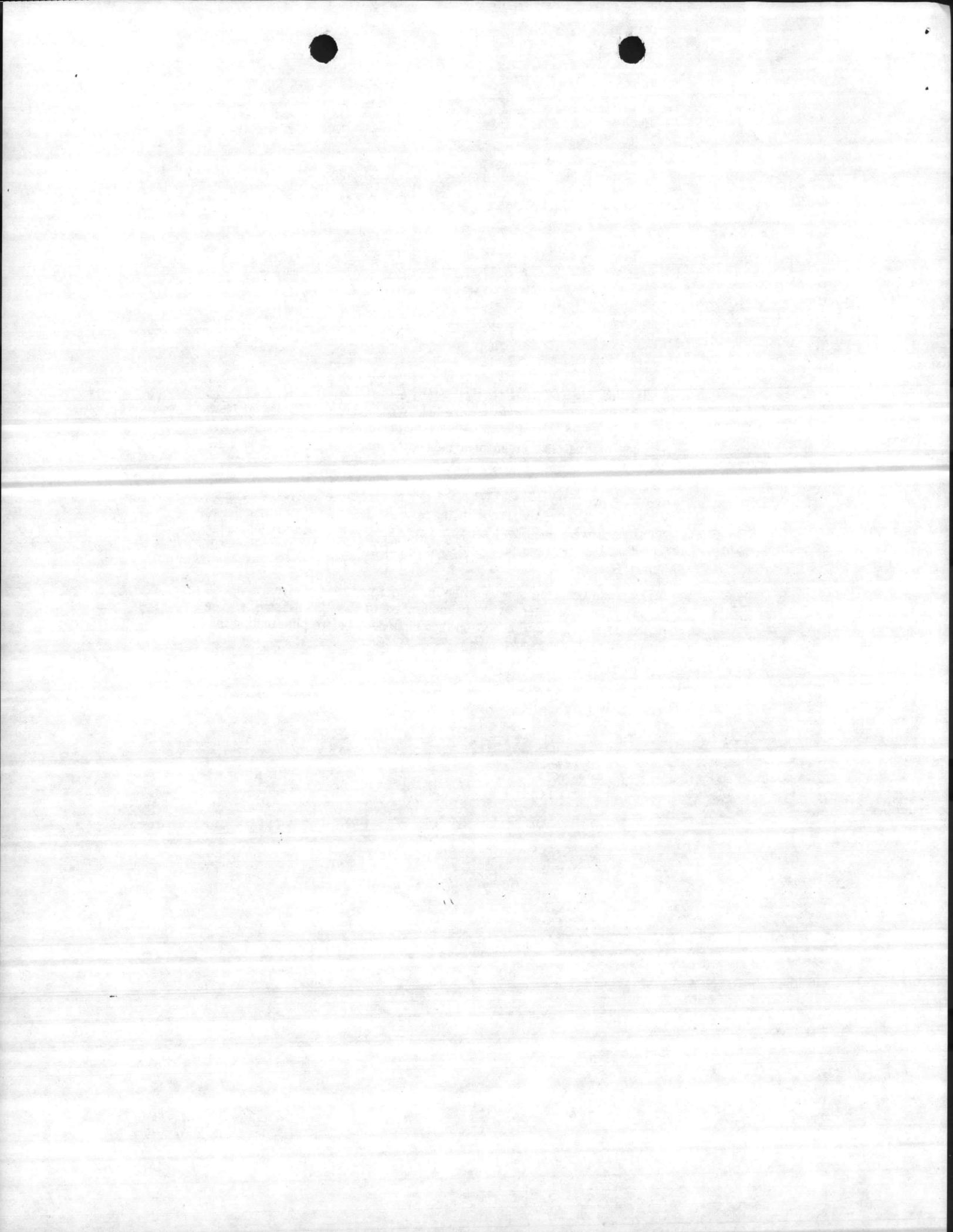
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We join all Americans in mourning the loss of the eight men who gave up everything in the service of their country. While they died during peacetime maneuvers, their sacrifice is no less patriotic in that NATO exercises are intended to prevent greater loss of military life in the future. Some people are skeptical of the danger facing servicemen during peace, but they need only look at the helicopter crash Aug. 29 and the jet crash during Northern Wedding on Thursday to understand that maintaining a state of preparedness is not without risks.

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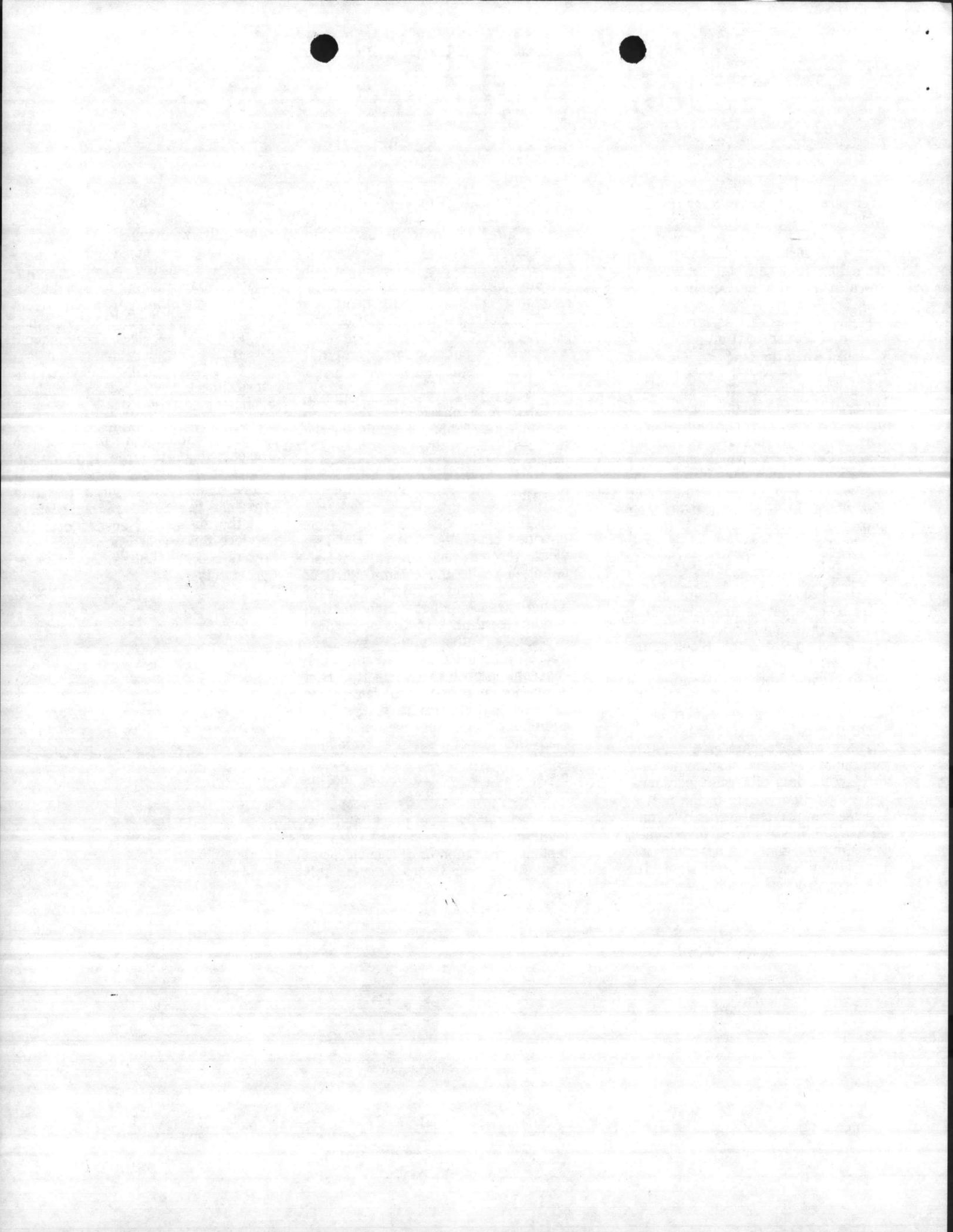
Traditionally, when an incident such as this one occurs, involving loss of life, base officials have held services in memory of the fallen. These services are different from private funeral services in that they represent a public outpouring of lasting respect for the casualties and genuine affection for the bereaved. We have sad but comforting memories of past memorial services, such as the one held for Beirut bombing victims, and appreciate the deep meaning they had — not only for the families, but for everyone in attendance or exposed through the news media to the feelings expressed there.

In the past, this newspaper has provided coverage of memorial services. Through such coverage, we attempt to relate the solemn spirit of the event to our readers, many of whom are Marines. Recognizing public resentment of the occasional excesses of other media, we have made every attempt to handle such coverage in good taste. But it is part of our job as professional journalists to show that the military, the local community and the nation do not take the loss of service personnel lightly. We value our Marines as living, breathing human beings, not as mere fighting machines.

Unfortunately, the press and the civilian public were barred from attending the memorial services at New River and Camp Lejeune this

week. It is presumed that this is a way at striking back at the excesses previously mentioned. However, in recognizing the harm that can be done by insensitive coverage, military officials should also acknowledge the good things that come from news coverage of public events such as memorial services. They should give more consideration to the loss felt by all Americans, not just military-connected ones, when members of the armed forces die in defense of freedom.

These comments are made for two reasons: one, to urge military officials to reconsider before closing future memorial services to civilians; and two, to inform our readers that the absence of coverage of the services this week was not due to a lack of concern, but rather a lack of opportunity.



# Marines in helicopter identified

By Jack Murphy  
Star-News Correspondent

JACKSONVILLE — Marine Corps authorities released the names Tuesday of the last two Marines injured in the crash of a CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter Friday during exercises about 60 miles off the northwest coast of Norway.

The injured men were identified as Lance Cpls. P. M. Melton of Peachtree City, Ga., and J. W. Bushway IV of Manistee, Mich.

Two Marines were killed and six are missing and presumed dead in the crash, which injured 13 others.

A total of 21 Marines were aboard the twin-rotor helicopter as it was taking off from the deck of the helicopter assault ship *USS Saipan*. According to reports from Fleet Marine headquarters in Norfolk, Va., the CH-46 struck an unmanned CH-53 helicopter before falling into the sea.

The aircraft carried a crew of four from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162 based at New River Air Station and 17 members of Battalion Landing Team 1/6 based at Camp Lejeune.

Among those listed as missing and presumed dead was Capt. William D. Ellzey.

New River public affairs officials said late Tuesday they were unable to confirm whether Ellzey was flying the aircraft or if it was being flown by the second officer on board, Lt. Joseph A. Mauney, who is among the injured.

Memorial services for the two New River victims of the tragedy will be held at 3 p.m. today at the station's chapel.

A memorial service for six Battalion Landing Team 1/6 victims will be held at 9 a.m. Friday in Camp Lejeune's Protestant Chapel.

All of the victims were part of the 1,800-man 22nd Marine Amphibi-

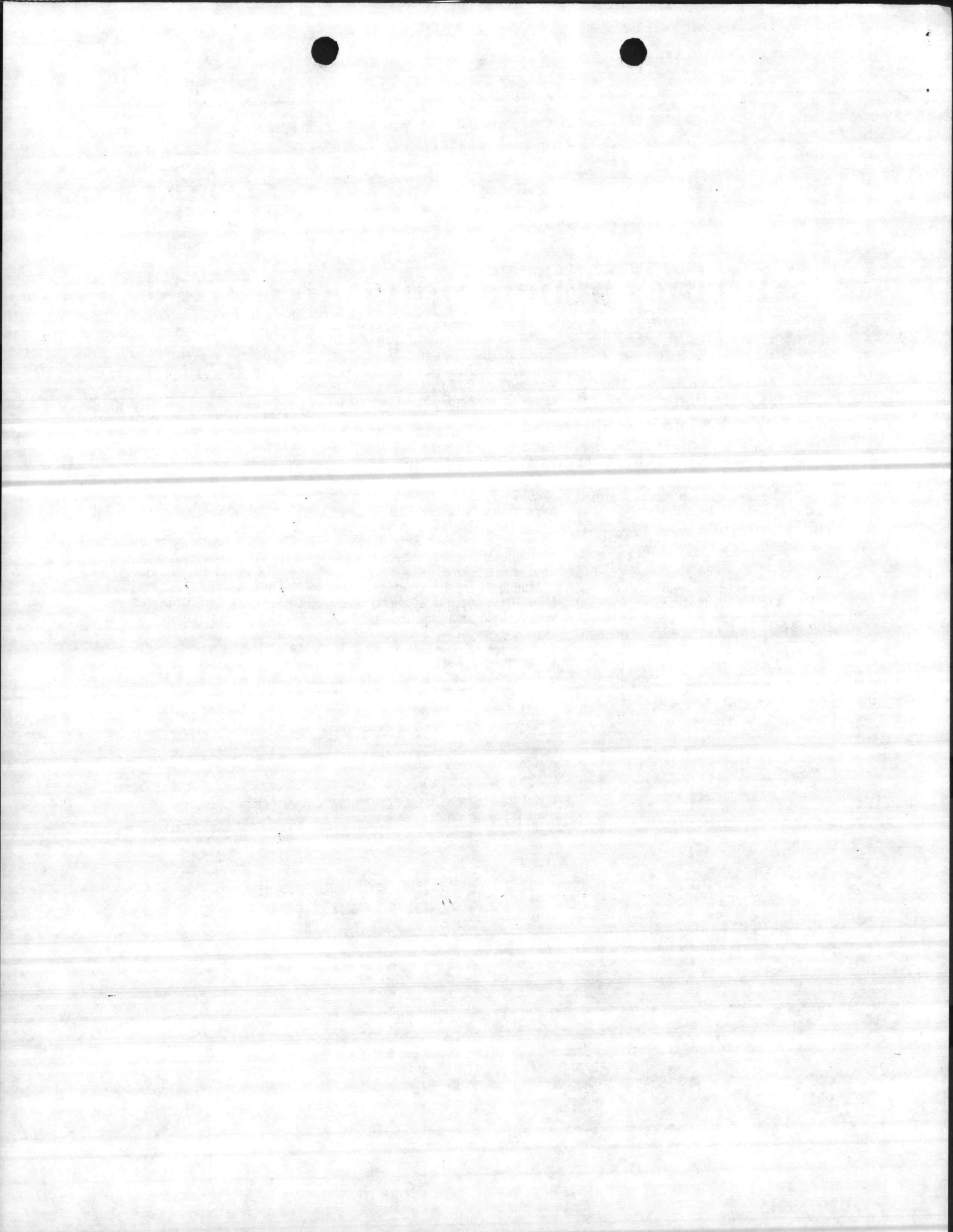
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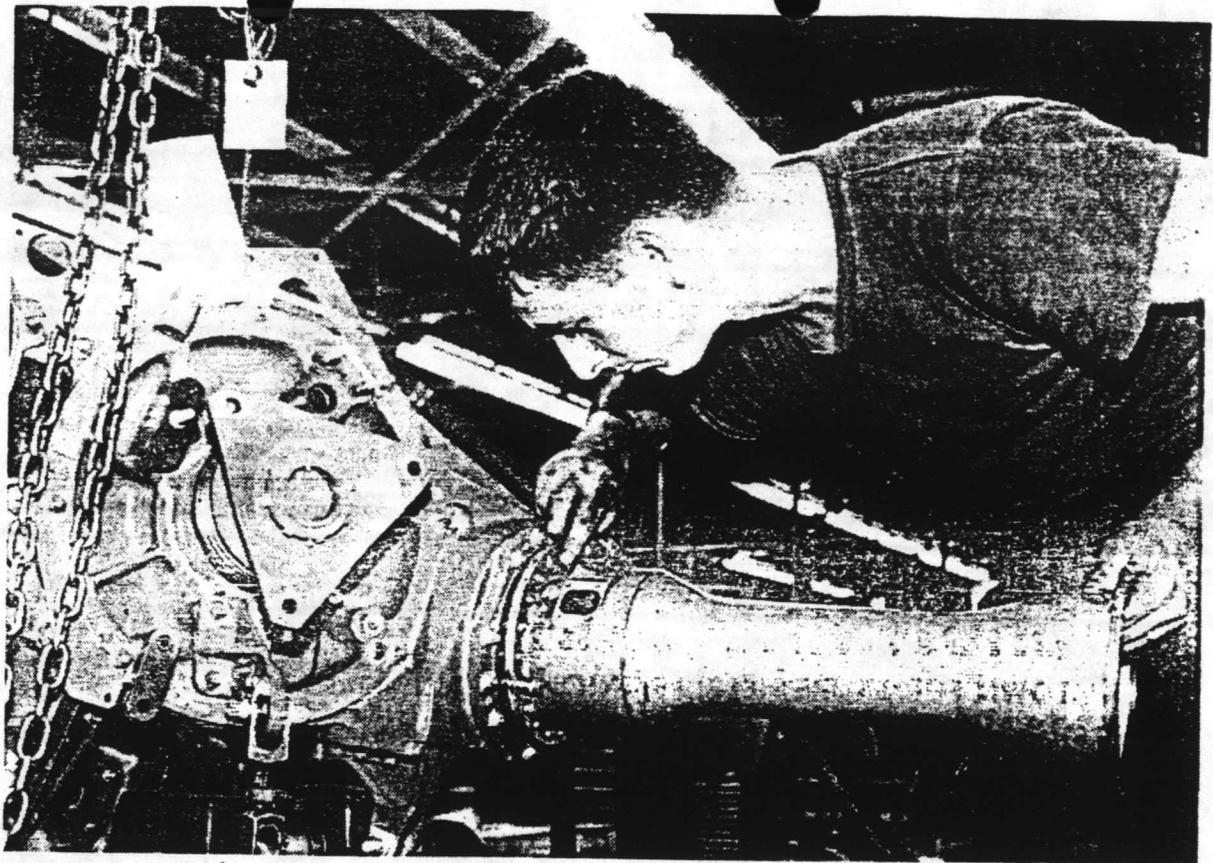
The MAU is participating in the NATO exercise Northern Wedding-86.

Capt. Scott Campbell, a Marine spokesman in Norfolk, Va., identified the two whose bodies were recovered as Lance Cpl. Eric D. Bradford of Norfolk, Va., and Lance Cpl. Trent A. Stover of Columbia, S.C.

The six missing were identified as:

- Ellzey, of Jacksonville.
- Cpl. Arthur R. Bergquist of Brooklyn Center, Minn.
- Cpl. Carl F. Jones, of Camp Lejeune.
- Cpl. Thomas L. Schwichtenburg Jr., of Wonewoc, Wis.
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Staff photo by Don Bryan

### Lance Cpl. Thomas Lapard works on CH-53D helicopter gearbox

aviation components and repair and testing of 1,250 aircraft parts each month.

- A deployable quality assurance department.

- An avionics complex "full of high-tech electronic testing equipment and very, very well-trained Marines doing things I don't even begin to comprehend," the squadron commander said candidly.

- A flight equipment shop. Shop workers maintain all survival equipment for flight crews.

- A non-destructive inspection section that can check aircraft parts with ultrasound, dye

penetrants or X-rays to determine pending failure from metal fatigue or other damage without dismantling components.

- A metal shop staffed by "tin benders" who repair parts or build them from scratch.

- A dynamics component section to inspect, rebuild or repair helicopter rotor blades or rotor heads.

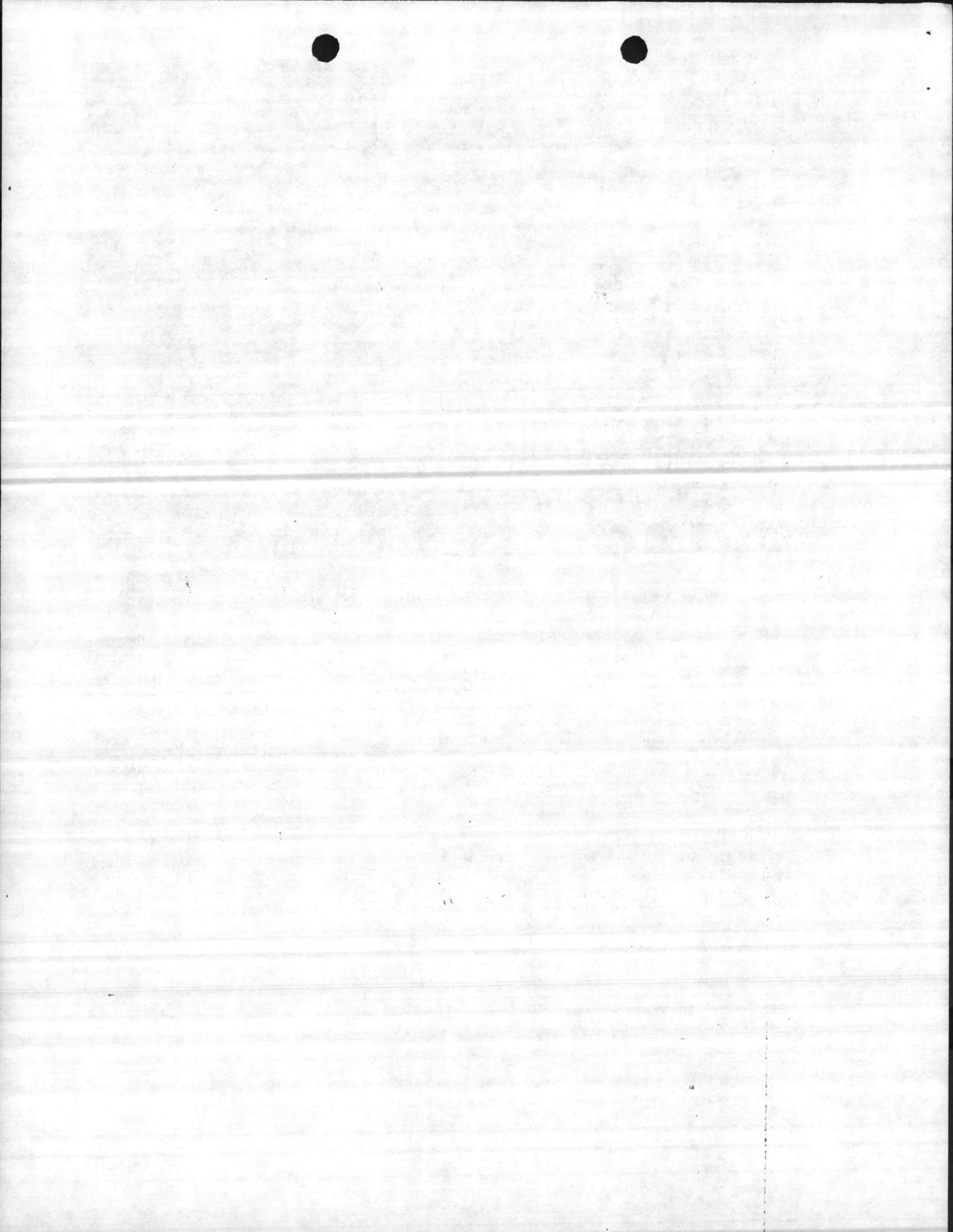
- An engine repair facility that does complete overhauls of CH-46, CH-53 and H-1 helicopter engines for all of the Atlantic Fleet. This includes the engines of Navy as well as Marine aircraft.

- A ground support equipment

section of vehicles and other gear that includes 8½-ton overhead cranes. "They can change any helicopter components in garrison or in the field," Marks said.

- An aviation ordnance department that maintains all crew-served weapons for the MAG and stores and services all air-to-ground weapons and the air-to-air Sidewinder missile.

"Our individual Marines are well-educated and well-trained and despite an awesome workload, very enthusiastic about carrying out their duties," Marks said.



# Hamsters keep station's squads ready to deploy

By RICHARD F. SMITH  
Daily News Staff

One couldn't blame Lt. Col. Wes Marks if he sometimes feels more like the head of a large industrial firm than a "Keep 'em flying" leader of a Marine aviation support unit.

Marks is commanding officer of Headquarters and Maintenance Squadron 26, whose 900 Marines at 20 sites make HAMS 26 the largest squadron at New River air station.

The proud "Fighting Hamsters" provide administrative support to Marine Aircraft Group 26 Headquarters and supply and maintenance for the MAG's seven flight squadrons.

"HAMS 26 is very much an industrial facility, not unlike a manufacturing organization, with a twist — every Marine is a rifleman first," Marks said in a recent interview at his office, where furnishings include a toy Fighting Hamster sporting a Marine utility cover.

(The "hamster" is actually a toy beaver Marks got in a gift shop. He hides the tail underneath.)

"Every HAMS Marine is on the rifle range and pistol range once a year. Training includes an extensive nuclear, biological and chemical warfare program," the lieutenant colonel said.

Because the squadron has to be

ready to relocate anywhere in the world, most of HAMS 26's equipment is deployable.

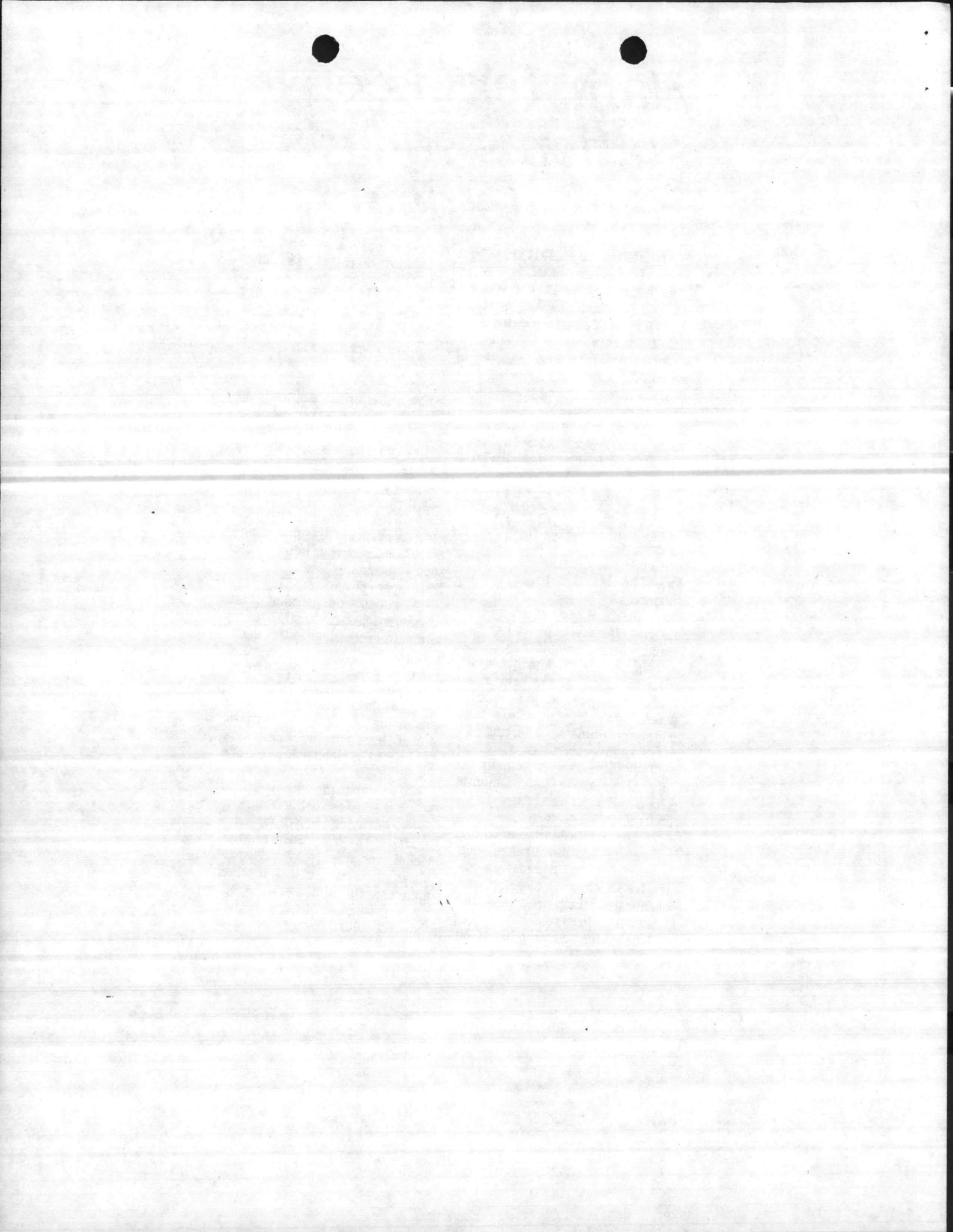
"From the time I get the call, I expect to have this unit mounted out for embarkation or airlift within four days at a maximum," Marks said.

"We have the capability to deploy modern maintenance facilities into the most remote geographic corners of the world."

The squadron was organized in June 1952 at Cherry Point air station and moved to New River in July 1954.

HAMS 26's assets include:

- A warehouse holding more than 33,000 separate items and a supply account exceeding \$83 million in spare parts.
- A supply department that processes 10,000 material requests a month, requiring 90,000 separate postings. About 90 percent of those requests are filled from warehouse stores.
- A deployable automatic data processing center that is air or ground transportable. Computers are housed in Mobile Maintenance Facility vans.
- A large hangar with overhead hoists. "It gives us the ability to co-locate flying squadrons' aircraft with my maintenance technicians when they have problems that require this level of maintenance," Marks said.
- A production control section that schedules 2,000 inspections of



# Beirut Memorial dedication to be a 'tremendous event'

By D.D. MILLIGAN  
Daily News Staff

With the Beirut Memorial dedication a little more than a month away, Jacksonville is gearing up for what Beirut Memorial Task Force Chairman Abe Rosen said will be a "tremendous event."

At least 3,000 visitors are expected for the Oct. 23 dedication, which marks the third anniversary of the Beirut bombing. The monument is to honor those killed in the bombing and the U.S. invasion of Grenada.

Invitations were mailed last week to the families of the deceased, as well as President Ronald Reagan, Vice President George Bush and Secretary of State George P. Shultz.

Those who plan to attend include Gov. Jim Martin; Secretary of the Navy John Lehman; Gen. Paul X. Kelley, commandant of the Marine Corps; and Lt. Gen. Al Gray, commanding general of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, and the II Marine Amphibious Force headquartered in Norfolk, Va. and

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former commanding general of the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, Rosen said.

Other Lejeune generals also are expected to be on hand, Rosen said, and families of the Marines will be coming from all across the United States and from as far away as England for the ceremony.

Construction of the memorial is running ahead of schedule, and the first phase of the monument is expected to be completed within the next three weeks, Rosen said.

The second phase of the monument, a sculpture, will not be completed in time for the dedication.

"We expect this to be such a great tourist attraction to the Jacksonville, Onslow County area — we anticipate 1,500 to 2,000 people coming

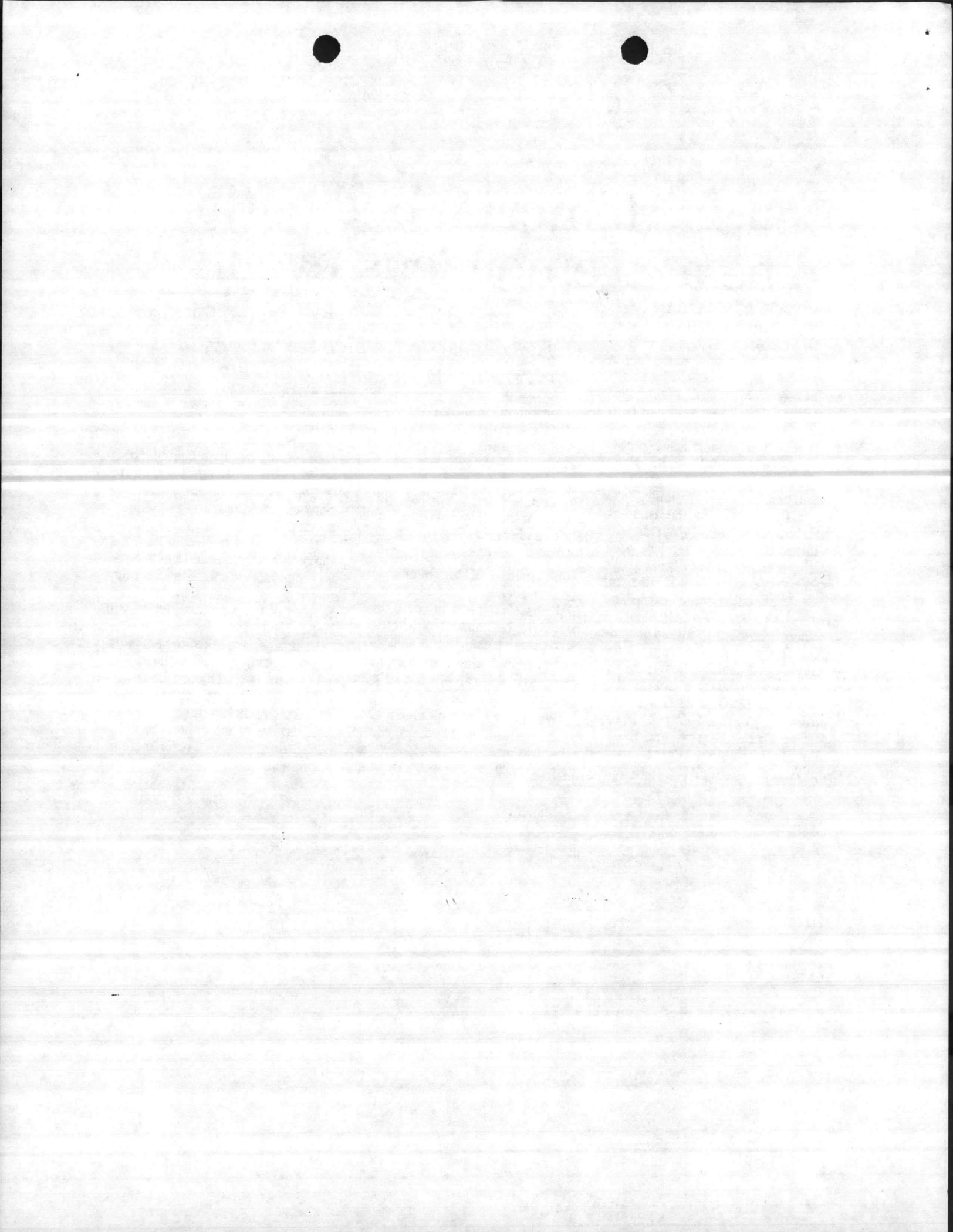
through the area a year to see the memorial," Rosen said.

In order to make Jacksonville look even better, the city's Beautification and Appearance Committee and the Onslow County Clean Team will conduct a "Company's Coming" cleanup.

Also, the Beirut Memorial Task Force is asking people to help clean up the monument site Saturday morning in preparation for landscaping of the memorial, which will begin Monday.

Volunteers are asked to help in the cleanup, from 7 a.m. to noon. The monument is off Lejeune Boulevard at the Camp Johnson entrance. Volunteers are asked to bring rakes, pruning shears and similar tools.

Call Rosen at 347-3244 for more information.



To the editor:

The Daily News comments last Sunday concerning the recent New River and Camp Lejeune memorial services were sensitive, timely and, I felt, extremely well-chosen, at least for the most part.

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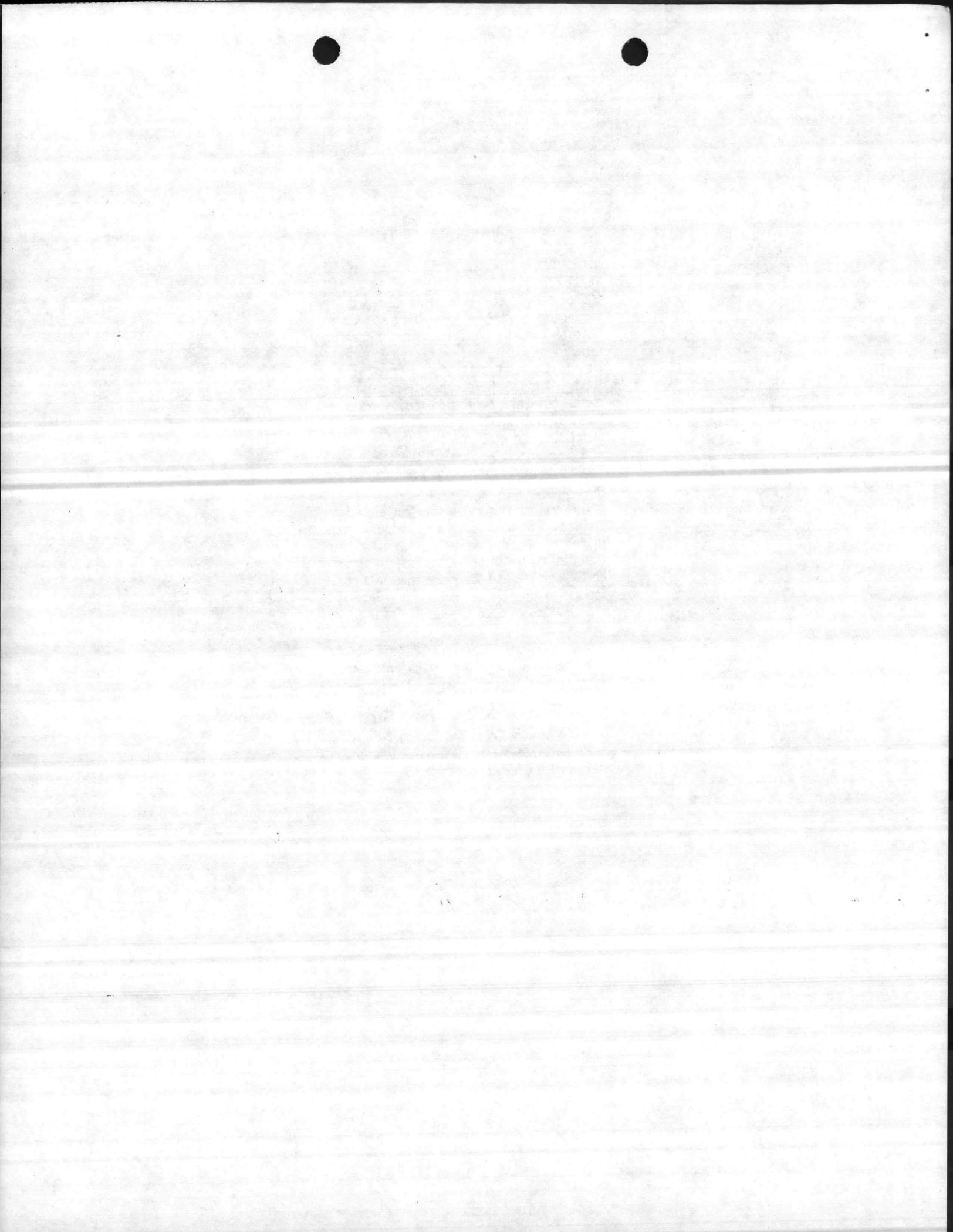
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Take away the tape recorders, cameras and notebooks, and the media shade their identity and become just another grieving friend. In that capacity, you were missed.

*Col. John C. Arick*

Marine Corps Air Station, New River

*Editor's note: Col. Arick is commanding officer of Marine Air Group 29.*



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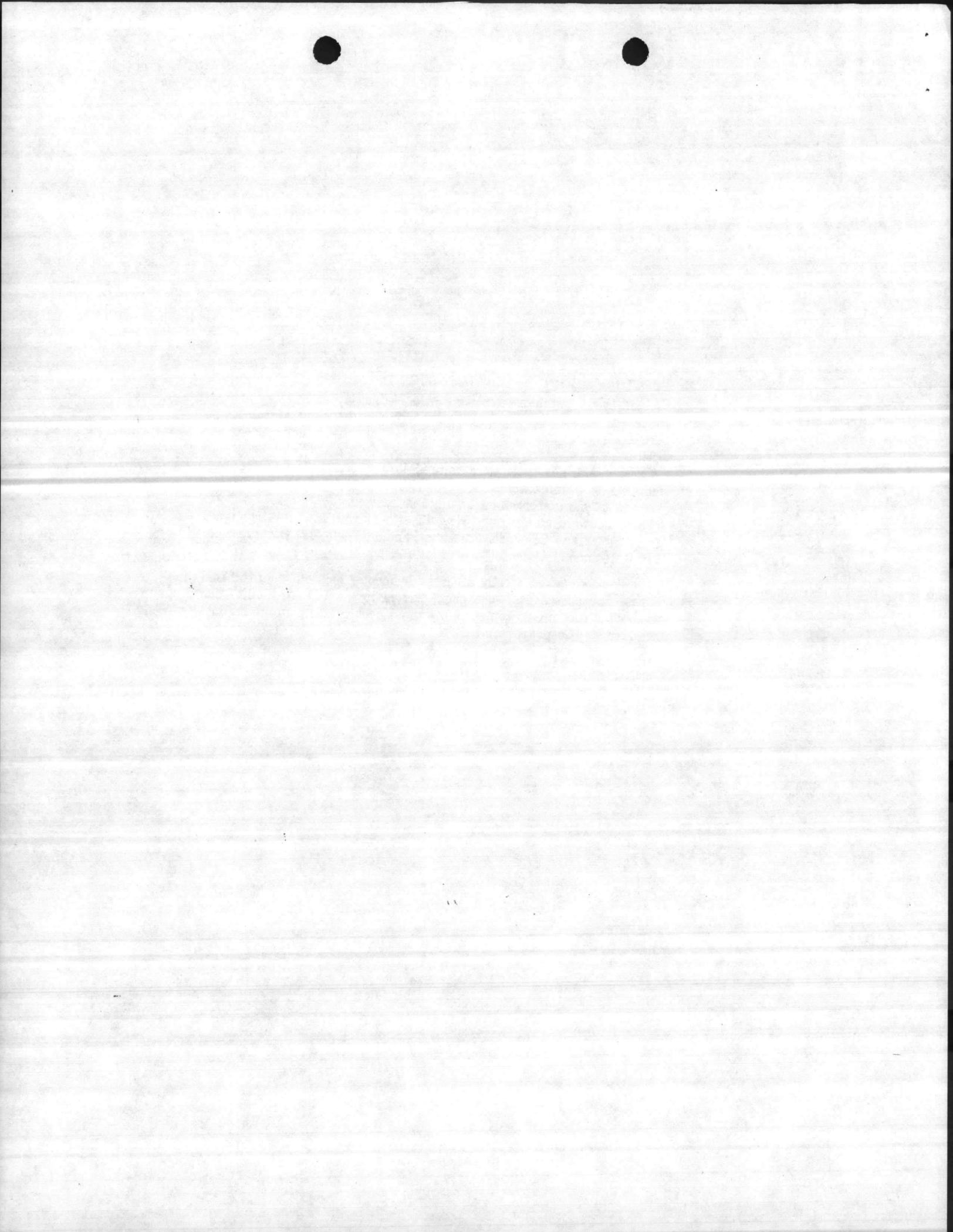
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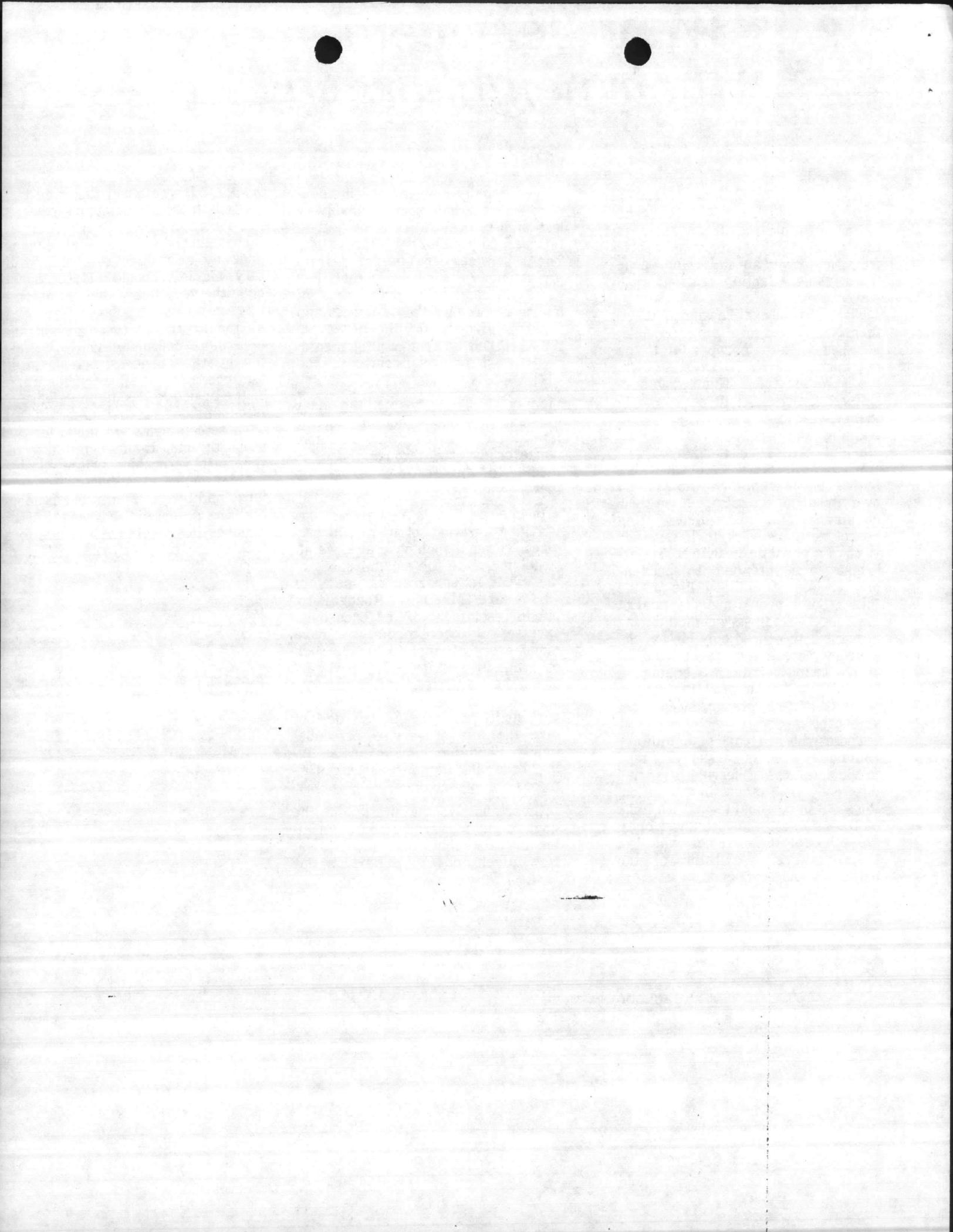
Traditionally, when an incident such as this one occurs, involving loss of life, base officials have held services in memory of the fallen. These services are different from private funeral services in that they represent a public outpouring of lasting respect for the casualties and genuine affection for the bereaved. We have sad but comforting memories of past memorial services, such as the one held for Beirut bombing victims, and appreciate the deep meaning they had — not only for the families, but for everyone in attendance or exposed through the news media to the feelings expressed there.

In the past, this newspaper has provided coverage of memorial services. Through such coverage, we attempt to relate the solemn spirit of the event to our readers, many of whom are Marines. Recognizing public resentment of the occasional excesses of other media, we have made every attempt to handle such coverage in good taste. But it is part of our job as professional journalists to show that the military, the local community and the nation do not take the loss of service personnel lightly. We value our Marines as living, breathing human beings, not as mere fighting machines.

Unfortunately, the press and the civilian public were barred from attending the memorial services at New River and Camp Lejeune this

week. It is presumed that this is a way at striking back at the excesses previously mentioned. However, in recognizing the harm that can be done by insensitive coverage, military officials should also acknowledge the good things that come from news coverage of public events such as memorial services. They should give more consideration to the loss felt by all Americans, not just military-connected ones, when members of the armed forces die in defense of freedom.

These comments are made for two reasons: one, to urge military officials to reconsider before closing future memorial services to civilians; and two, to inform our readers that the absence of coverage of the services this week was not due to a lack of concern, but rather a lack of opportunity.



# New River squadron named 'Best in the Corps'

By RICHARD F. SMITH  
Daily News Staff

Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 269 from New River air station has won the title of "Best in the Corps" by being selected as 1986 Helicopter Squadron of the Year by the Marine Corps Aviation Association.

Marine Attack Training Squadron 203 at Cherry Point air station in Havelock has won the 1986 Commandant's Aviation Efficiency Trophy for superior operational performance of its Harrier jets, technical capability and overall excellence in accomplishing missions.

At New River, Gunrunners of HMLA-269 won the MCAA award for "outstanding achievement and superior performance" from July 1985 through June 1986.

"The biggest thing the MCAA looks for in a squadron is how active it's been and what advancements were made in technology or tactics," said Lt. Col. J.C. Yannessa, the squadron's commander.

"The squadron must also maintain a superior maintenance activity level, receive 'excellent' in all areas of inspection, and above all, it must consistently display leadership in safety while successfully accomplishing all mission requirements," Yannessa said.

During the past year, HMLA-269 was the first tactical helicopter squadron to fire the AIM-9 Sidewinder air-to-air missile from the AH-1W Super Cobra.

The Gunrunners were also the first Marine helicopter squadron to rearm the UH-1N Huey aircraft since the Vietnam War.

Hueys were re-equipped with .50-caliber machine guns and 2.75-inch rockets.

The squadron also worked with the 2nd Force Reconnaissance Company and 2nd Reconnaissance Battalion at Camp Lejeune to develop the Marine Corps's new fast-rope rappelling system.

HMLA-269 logged more than 5,800 accident-free flight hours during the year as a squadron and Cobras and Hueys attached to Marine Amphibious Units flew 2,500 more accident-free hours.

VMAT 203 at Cherry Point flew in excess of 6,000 accident-free flight hours between July 1, 1985, and June 30, 1986 in TAV-8A Harrier trainer and AV-8B Harrier light-attack jets.

Operating both models of aircraft, the squadron maintained an 83 percent mission-capable rate and a 76 percent full-mission capable rate.

Both rates were significant increases in Harrier operational readiness from previous years.

The AV-8B is the Corps' latest and most-improved model of both the AV-8A and AV-8C.

VMAT 203 Marines reduced AV-8A to AV-8B conversion training time from a programmed 180 days to an average of 75 days.

The Fleet Replacement Aviation Maintenance Program on differences between those two Harrier types placed qualified maintenance technicians with transitioning pilots and aircraft to ensure a safe, properly trained squadron, according to Cherry Point spokesmen.

The squadron's commanding officer is Lt. Col. John Capito, who credited his staff NCOs with significant contributions to unit's efficiency.

"Most of the officers in the squadron are aviators. Many of the maintenance billets are filled by staff NCOs. The efficiency award we received is a direct reflection of their leadership and management abilities," Capito said.

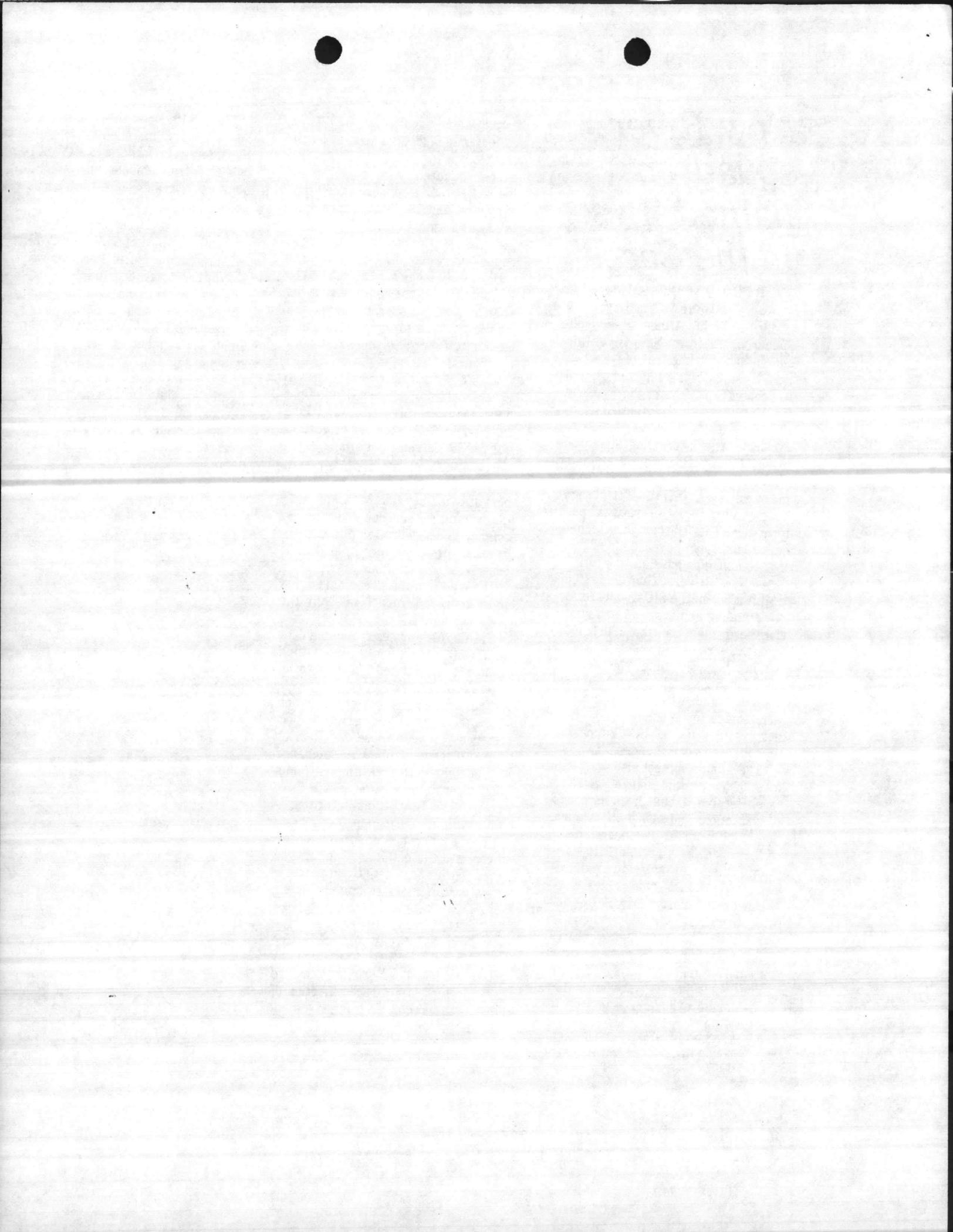
Along with operating as a flying squadron and maintaining mission-capable aircraft and crews, VMAT-203 also trains pilots and ground-support Marines for the Corps' growing AV-8B Harrier fleet.

VMAT-203 is "wrapping up" conversion of a third operational AV-8B squadron and a fourth squadron will soon be converted, Capito said.

When that project is completed, VMAT-203 leathernecks will have trained pilots and ground crews for eight operational AV-8B Harrier squadrons.

The Harrier is a single-seat fighter jet that can take off and land vertically.

The Harrier was first flown by Cherry Point Marines in October 1974.





Staff photo by Richard F. Smith

### Camouflaged Marines from 1st Battalion, 2nd Regiment

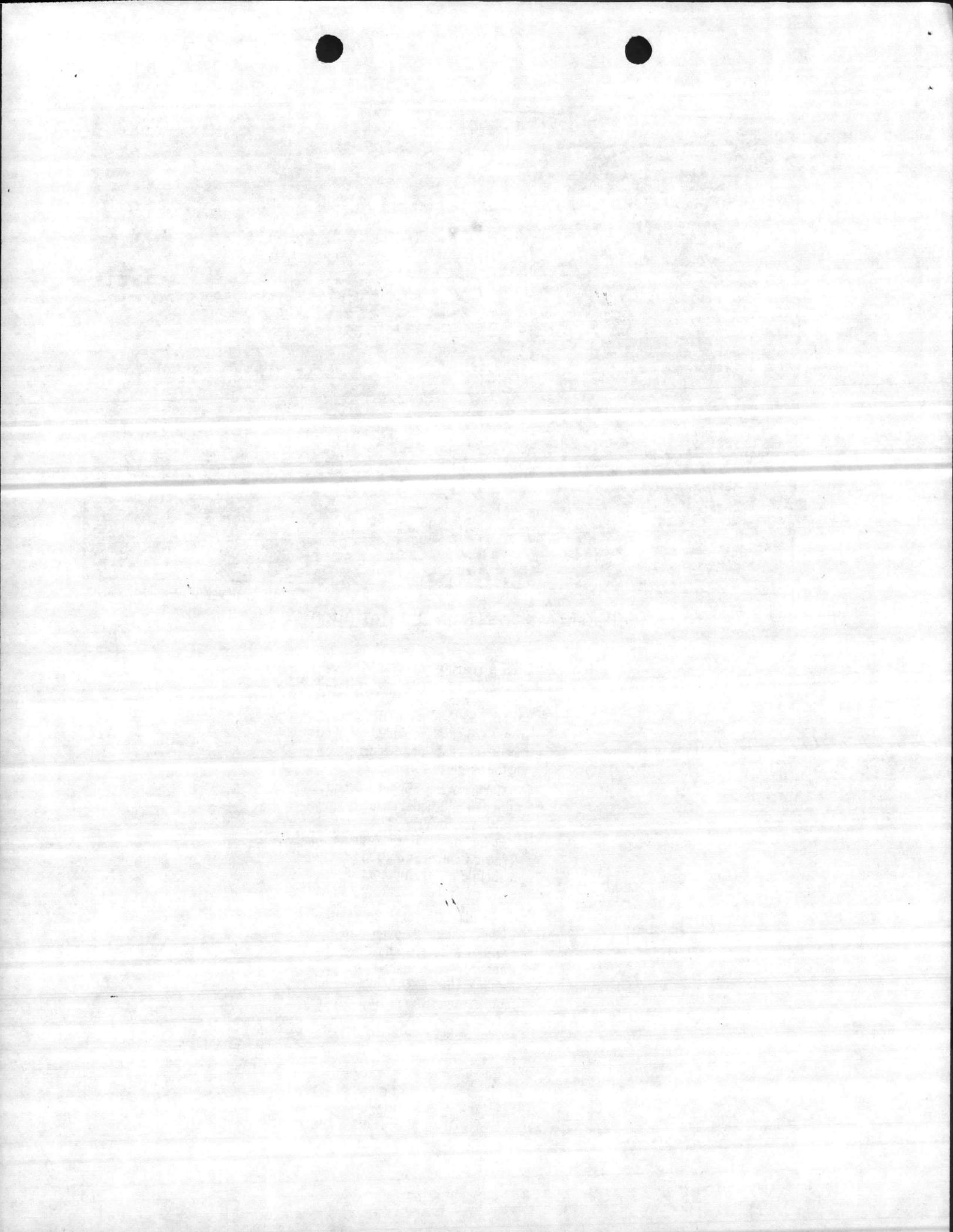
been a roaring success," the colonel said.

Leathernecks of the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, from Lejeune provided ground forces for raids and security during the exercise.

Marine Wing Support Group 27 supplied additional security, mess halls and showers.

Detachment H of Marine Air Traffic Control Squadron 28 set up a mobile air traffic control tower in 10 rainy hours Tuesday at Oak Grove northwest of Pollocksville.

The "wingers" even had their own newspaper — the Beechwood Banner — published by Joint Public Affairs Office personnel from New River and Cherry Point.



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# Oak Grove exercise keeps 'copters busy

By RICHARD F. SMITH  
Daily News Staff

Marine Aircraft Group 29 has completed a deployment to Oak Grove and Bogue fields that included troop extractions, air operations, aggressor ground attacks, a helicopter rescue raid and rear-area security drill.

MAG 29 from New River air station conducted exercise Beechwood 1-87 from Dec. 3 through Wednesday.

The crucial role of MAG 29's air operations and its tons of high-tech equipment "makes us a big and lucrative target for the bad guys. We have to learn to protect ourselves," said Col. J.C. Arick, the Group's commanding officer.

Arick was interviewed Tuesday at his Combat Operations Center at Oak Grove.

About 1,300 Marines were based at Oak Grove in Jones County for the exercise and OV-10 Bronco observation/reconnaissance planes from Marine Observation Squadron 1 at New River were stationed at Bogue field in Carteret County.

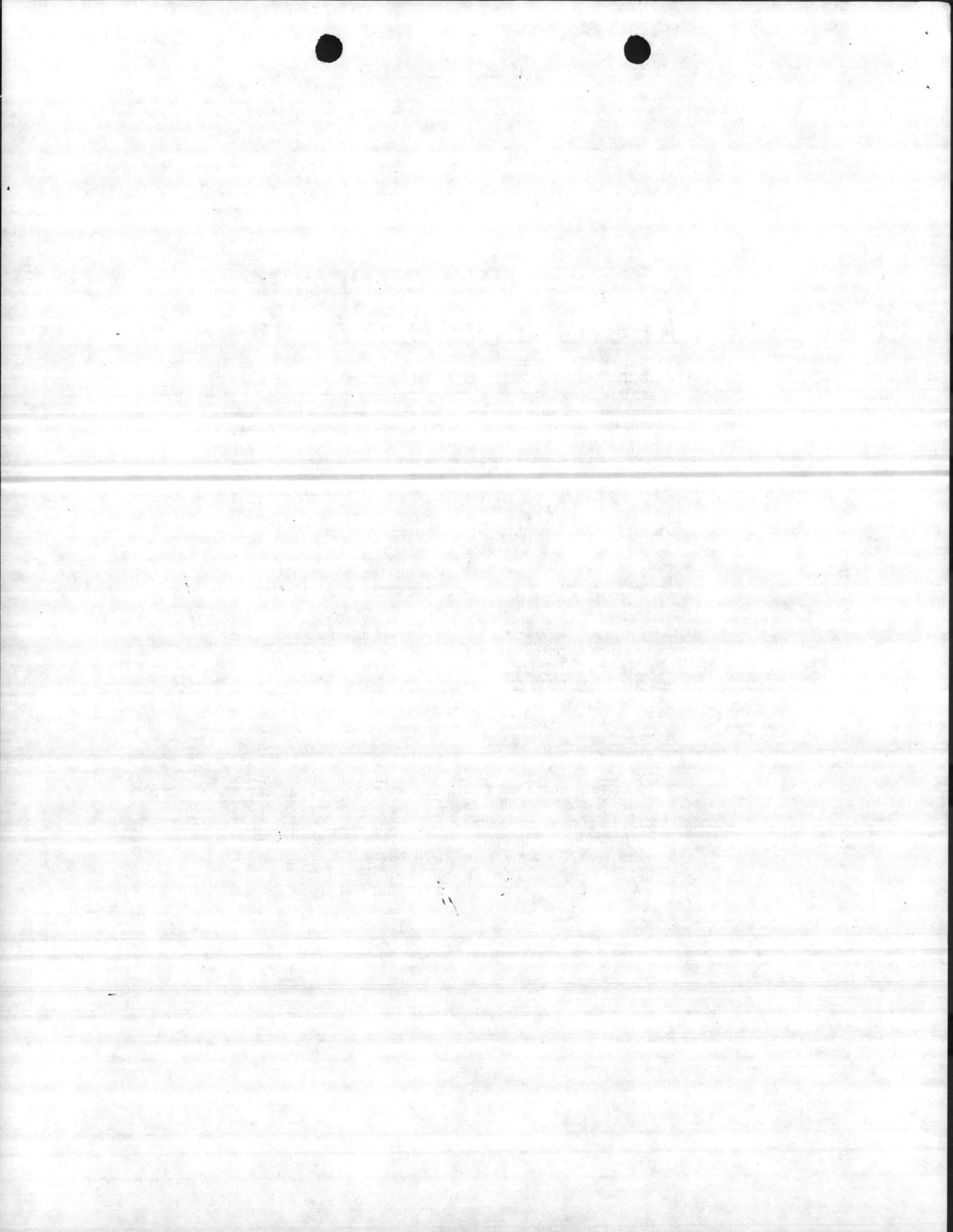
The operation involved about 100 aircraft, including CH-53E Super Stallion helicopters, CH-46 Sea Knight choppers, UH-1 Huey assault support helicopters, AH-1T Cobra gunships and AV-8B Harrier light attack jets from Marine Aircraft Group 32 at Cherry Point air station in Havelock.

The purpose of the operation was to re-establish MAG 29's deployability, Arick said.

Oak Grove "is 30 miles from New River and it's a convenient place to test our deployability. We would operate 3,000 miles away just as we operate here," Arick said.

Because of MAG 29 support requirements to deployed Marine Amphibious Units and the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, "We haven't deployed like this in at least three or four years and we're learning," Arick said.

"It took four days to move in and get full-speed into our flight operations. The operation has





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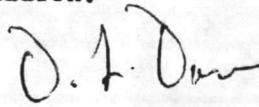
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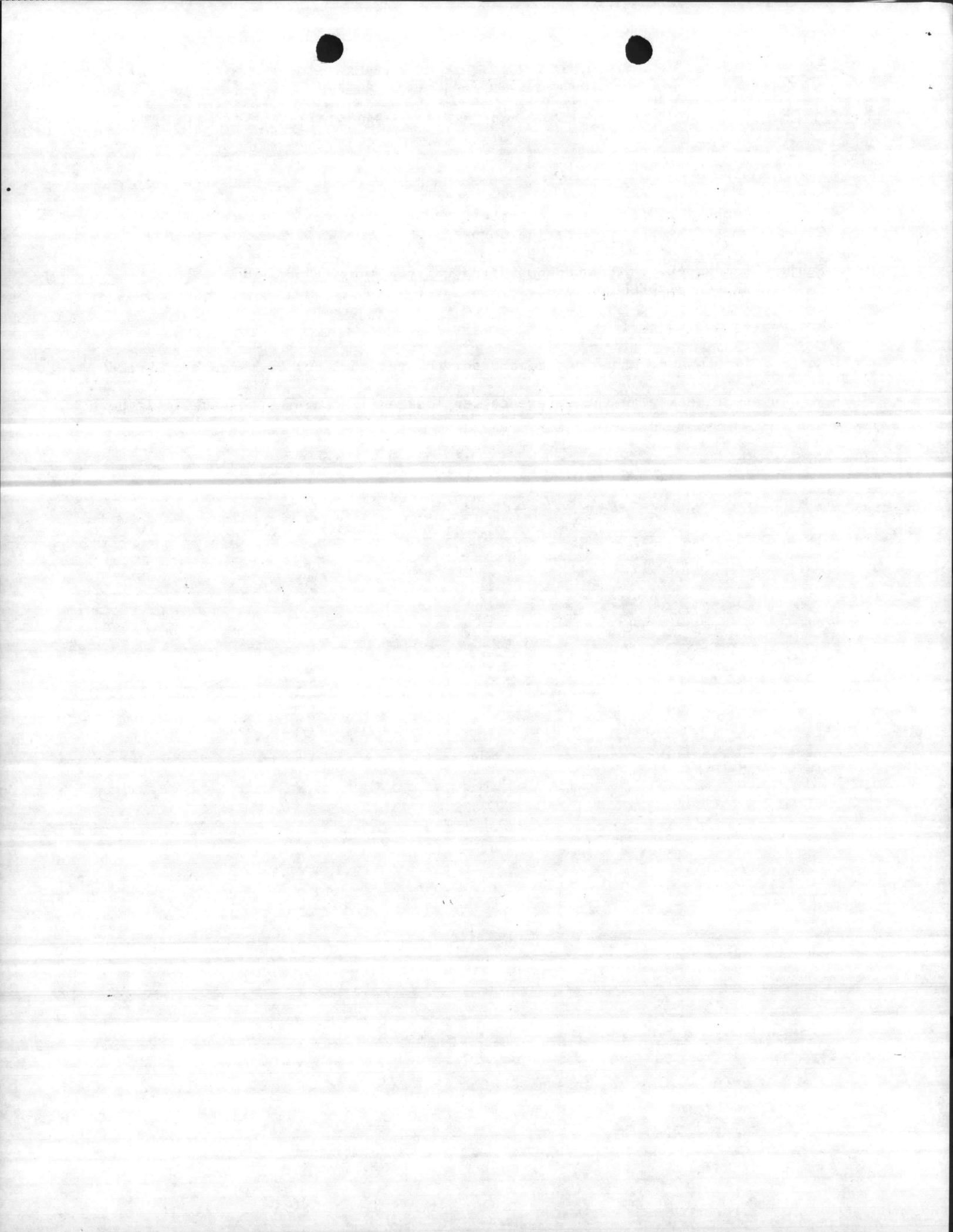
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Encl: (1) Command Chronology Report for the period 1 Jul 86 through 31 Dec 86

1. In accordance with the reference, enclosure (1) contains the subject report for Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron.

  
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ENCLOSURE (2)



SECTION I

1. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, New River, Jacksonville, North Carolina.

a. The Reporting Unit Code (RUC) is 02021.

b. The Table of Organization (T/O) number is 8461.

c. The period covered by this report is 1 July 1986 through 31 December, 1986. Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron is located in the vicinity of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

2. Personnel Information

a. Commanding Officer

Donald L. Davis	Major	1 Jul - 31 Dec 86
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b. Subordinate Commanders

None

c. Principal Staff Members

Executive Officer

Jack B. Richardson	Captain	1 Jul - 17 Oct 86
David B. McMillan	1stLt	18 Oct - 31 Dec 86

Administrative Officer

Ronald D. Wright	Captain	1 Jul - 21 Aug 86
Jesse Hinson	Captain	22 Aug - 31 Dec 86

Career Planner

Charles G. Buchikos	MSgt	1 Jul - 31 Dec 86
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Training Officer

David L. Fackerell	MSgt	1 Jul - 31 Dec 86
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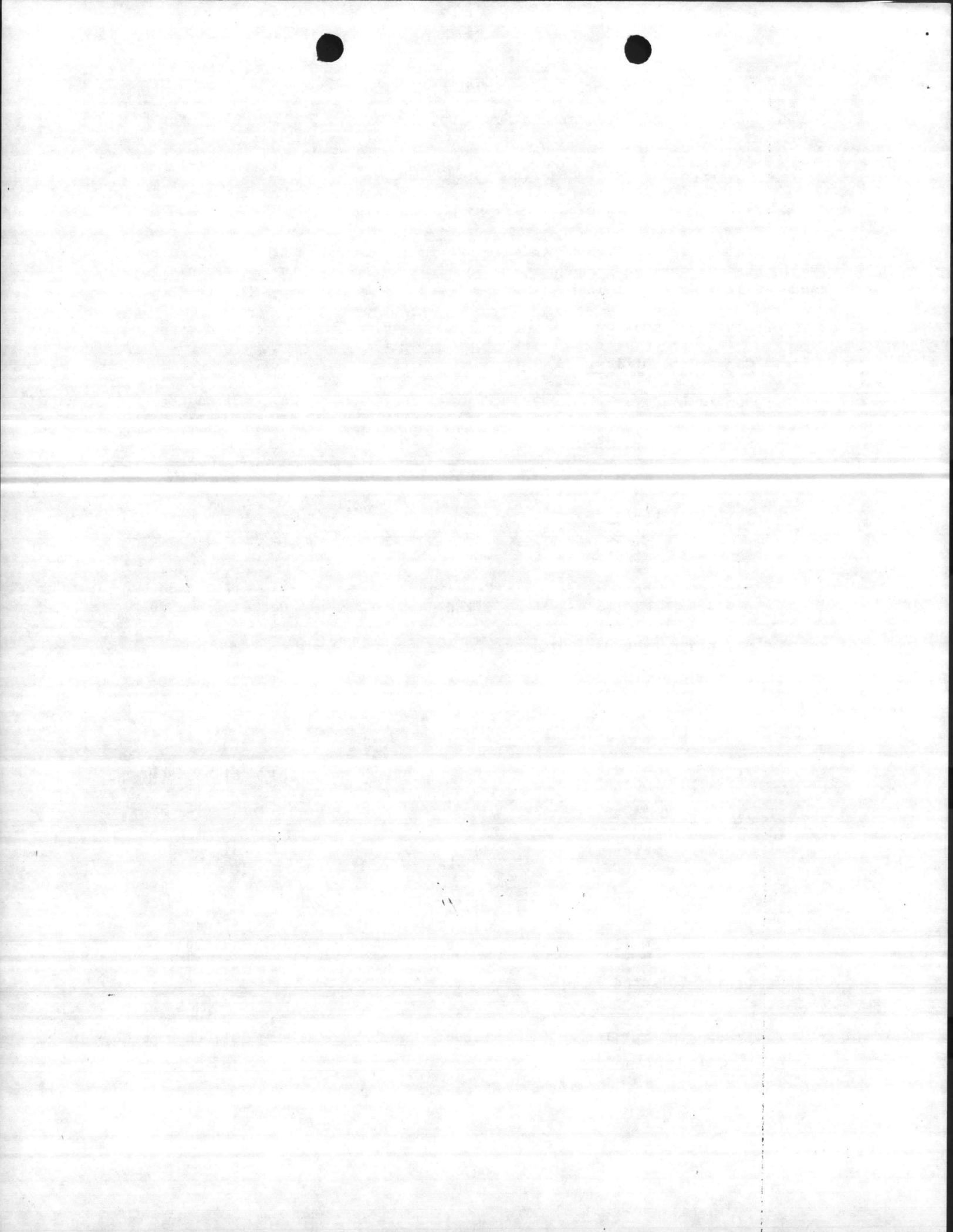
d. Staff Historian

Jack B. Richardson	Captain	1 Jul - 17 Oct 86
David B. McMillan	1stLt	18 Oct - 31 Dec 86

e. Senior Enlisted

Jose D. Ibarra	1stSgt	1 Jul - 30 Nov 86
Stephen H. Mellinger	1stSgt	1 Dec - 31 Dec 86

Enclosure (1)



SECTION II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

COMMAND, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING

1. The assigned mission of HQHQRON, MCAS, New River is to provide administrative, billeting and training support.
2. In support of the assigned mission, HQHQRON performed the following:

a. Personnel

The Table of Organization authorized 35 officers and 268 enlisted. The Fleet Assistance Program by T/O authorized 12 officers and 279 enlisted. The squadron average strength was 41 officers and 342 enlisted permanently assigned. The FAP average strength was 11 officers and 241 enlisted during this period.

b. Administration

The squadron was capable of performing its mission in the area of administration.

c. Training

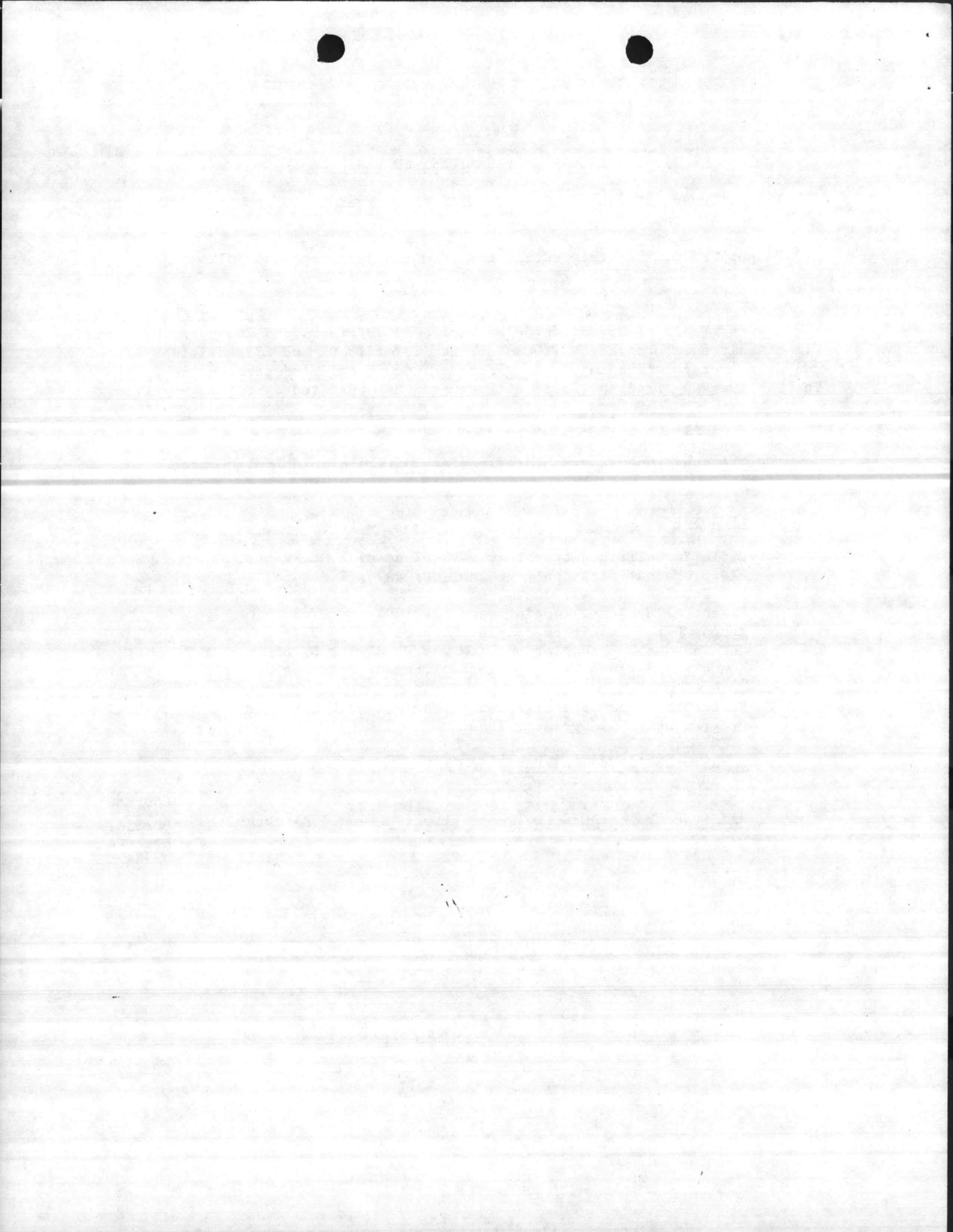
Rifle Requalification rate was 99.6% as of 1 Oct 86  
Pistol Requalification rate was 100% as of 1 Oct 86  
PFT Passing rate was 100%  
Essential Subjects Testing rate was 100% for CY 86  
Marine Corps Institute completion rate was 96.32%  
NBC/Gas Chamber completion rate was 99.8% for CY 86  
Annual Leadership Training accomplishment rate was 100%

Sixteen Marines were assigned to the Weight Control/Weight distribution Program as of 31 December 1986.

d. Bachelor Enlisted Quarters

<u>MAX # SPACES</u>	<u>SPACES LOST</u>	<u>REDUCED SPACES</u>	<u>ACTUAL POPULATION</u>	<u>CCUPANCY RATE</u>
227	5	222	216	97%

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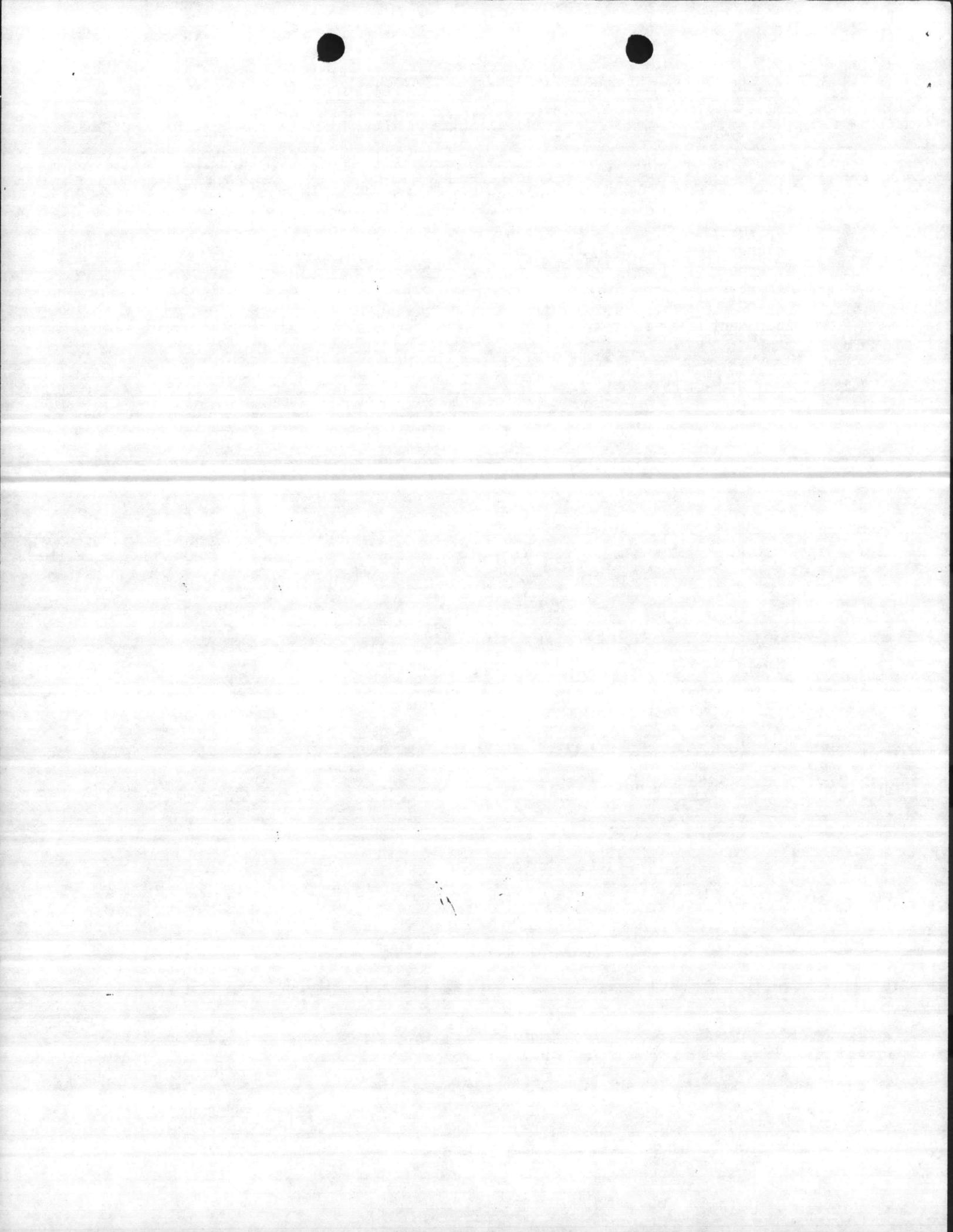


3. Average Monthly Strength (Includes FAP Personnel)

	<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
July	58	621	2	5
August	57	609	2	5
September	54	577	2	5
October	54	575	2	5
November	55	574	2	5
December	55	578	2	5

4. Equipment. None.

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PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION

MILITARY PERSONNEL

1 July through 31 December 1986

1. Promotions. The following number of promotions to the grade indicated were effected:

MGySgt - 0  
MSgt - 0  
GySgt - 2  
SSgt - 2  
Sgt - 14  
Cpl - 23  
LCpl - 26  
PFC - 2

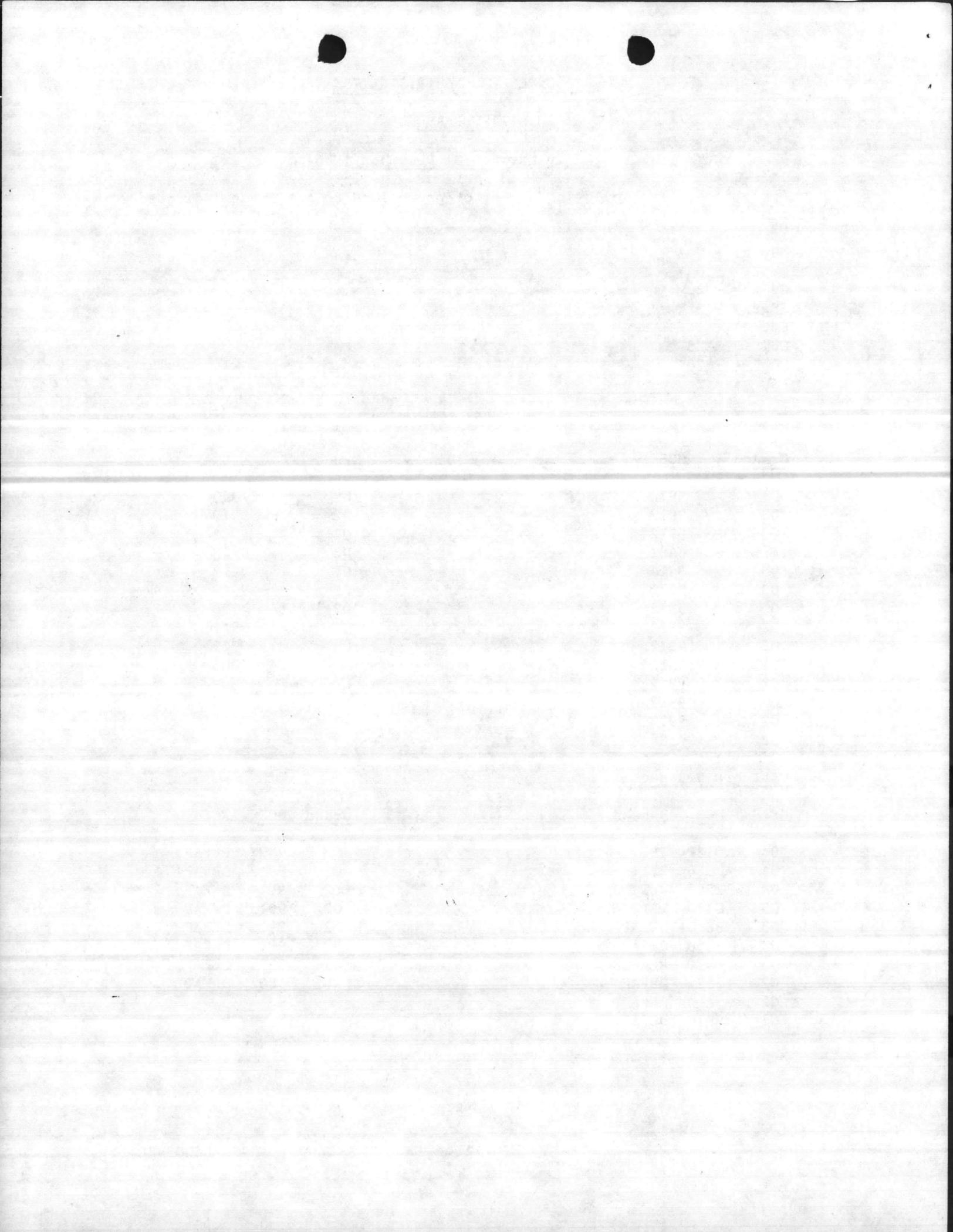
2. Officers Joined:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>MOS</u>
04	9910	02	7320
03	9912	02	9912
03	9912	02	9912
03	4402	02	9912
03	3415	02	9912
03	0170	02	9912
02	9912	02	7320
02	9912	02	9912
02	9912	02	9912
02	9912	02	9912
02	9912	01	5803
02	9912	CW02	6302
02	9912	CW02	1390
02	9912	W01	3410
02	7564		

3. Officers Dropped:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>Reason</u>
04	0180	TR	02	7597	DEFAP
04	7566	RET	02	9912	DEFAP
04	7563	RET	02	9912	DEFAP
03	0170	RET	02	9912	DEFAP
03	3060	DEFAP	02	9912	DEFAP
03	7560	DEFAP	02	9912	DEFAP
03	9910	RELACDU	01	5803	DEFAP
02	7320	DEFAP	W01	6802	DEFAP
02	7564	DEFAP			
02	9910	DEFAP			

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4. Awards. The following number of awards were presented:

LOM:	0
MSM:	0
NCM:	1
NAM:	3
Meritorious Mast:	34
Certificate of Commendation:	1
Letter of Appreciation:	92

5. Legal Action: The following number of disciplinary matters were handled:

GCM:	2
SPCM:	3
SCM:	2
NJP:	35
Investigations:	10

Medical

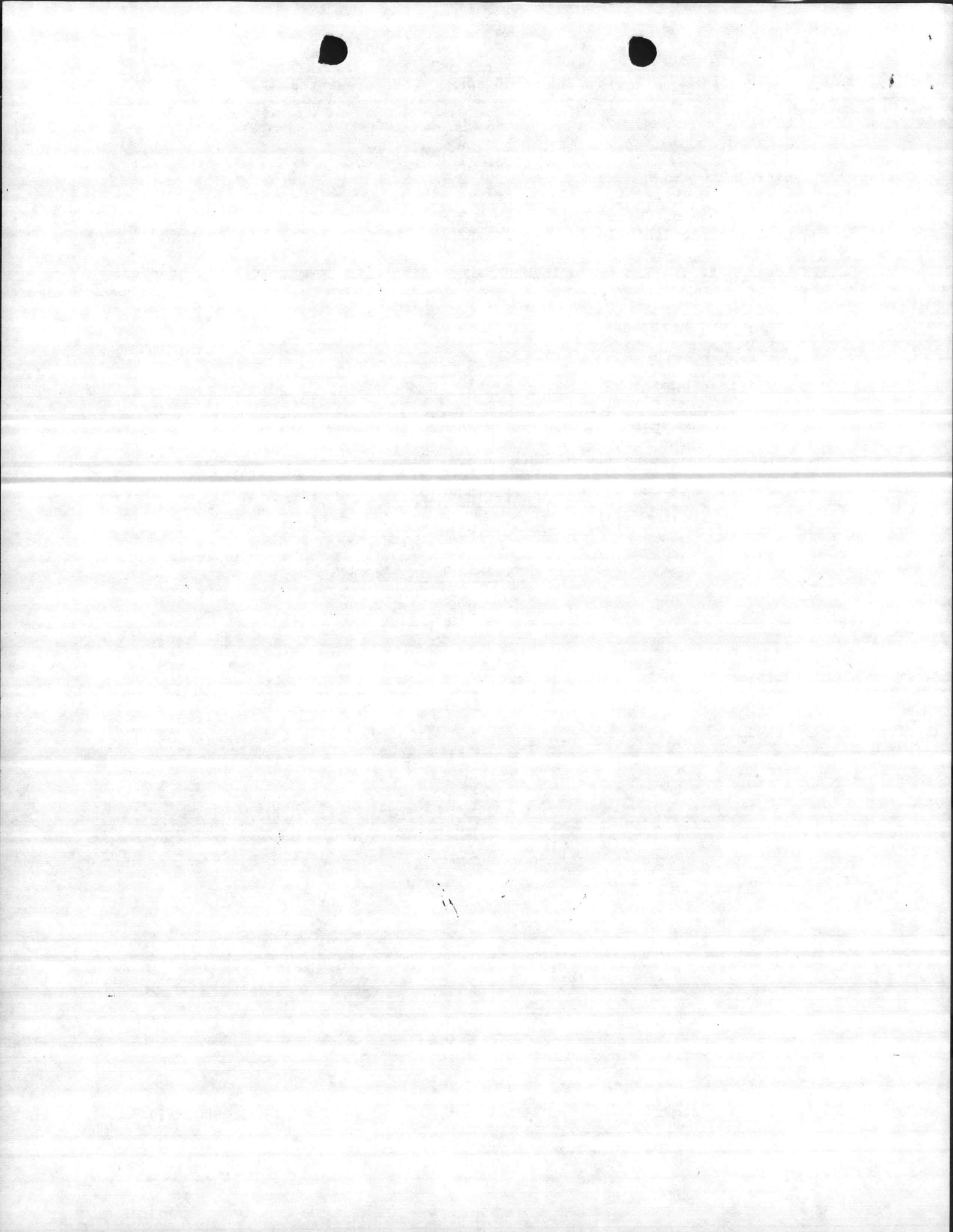
N/A

Logistics/Supply

N/A

Civic Action

N/A



SECTION III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

26 November 1986 - HQHQRON contributed \$10,669.05 to the Combined Federal Campaign Annual Fund Drive.

18 December 1986 - HQHQRON contributed \$518.38 to the Christmas Cheer Fund Drive

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