

25 July 1958

SUBJECT: Annual Field Training

TO: Commander
Continental AACS Area
Tinker Air Force Base
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

1. I would like to express my gratitude to you and to the personnel of your command for the excellent training that we received during our annual summer encampment. I would especially like to commend Lt. Col. Richard S. Haines and the officers and airmen of the 1887th AACS Squadron for the superior type of AACS work made available to us. All of our requests were met with a spirit of friendly cooperation and whenever possible were speedily granted. This excellent field training was a very fitting culmination to the second year phase of an intensive on-the-job training program.

2. I visited several of the off-base training sites and personally observed the installation work being accomplished by the personnel of my squadron. It was very evident, after talking to the 244th personnel and the supervisory personnel of the 1887th, that the training being given was mutually satisfactory.

3. The only major problem area which was encountered was the non-availability of TDY funds. This situation would have made it impossible for me to inspect the off-base training sites except that Col. Haines provided transportation through the use of his private automobile and his personal funds. The lack of funds also created a situation that if a job were completed during the first week of the training, those personnel could not be moved to a new site where sufficient work was available. This situation could result in a very serious curtailment of the training received.

4. The experience gained will be of great value in conducting the training of this organization for the ensuing year and I feel that it justifies the money and effort expended by the Air Force. Again I would like to thank you and the officers and airmen of your command for a job well done and to say that we will be looking forward with enthusiasm to our next summer encampment.

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