

RECOLLECTIONS OF SERVICE

AT

FORT TILDEN, NEW YORK

April 6, 1955

to

September 20, 1957



Headquarters Battery
305th AAA Missile Battalion
Fort Tilden 95. N. Y.



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INTRODUCTION

Returning to Fort Tilden on April 25, 1987, nearly thirty years after my discharge, I was warmly greeted by a Ranger Frank of the National Park Service, current owners of that former army post. He listened to my ramblings about the nearly 2½ years of army duty I performed there during the 1950's. Concerned with the history of Fort Tilden, Ranger Frank asked if I had any pictures or anything that would add to its history. In the days that followed I contemplated how best to contribute to the history of Fort Tilden.

Ultimately I concluded a written narrative of my experiences would best serve those who are interested in this history. Names, units, missions, and personal reminiscences are a part of this writing to the extent of my memory. It must be noted, however, that this work is flawed to the extent that thirty years have certainly dimmed that memorable era of my life. Much of what I have written is from memory rather than carefully researched historical facts.

Also, Fort Tilden has (or had) a long active military existence and my reminiscences relate only to a relatively short period of that history. The era of April 1955 to September 1957 was "my time" and one an aging (50 plus a little) veteran likes to call the modern era. Missiles were in and anti-aircraft guns were on their way out, while the coastal defense guns were long gone. We felt a little pioneering spirit as the missile facilities were being built and the equipment put into operation.

Remnants of earlier coastal defenses in the form of Battery Harris (gun emplacements for 16" guns), abandoned and partially covered with underbrush, looked no different then than they do now in 1987. The sparkling new missile launch sites and support facilities of my era have suffered the same fate of obsolescence and the all-conquering underbrush that the old gun batteries did. Not much is left to show future generations the many roles Fort Tilden played over the years in the defense of our nation.

Included as appendices are copies of some of the military orders I received while stationed there. Since orders of this type typically show personnel actions on many persons, I felt that including them would add names of some who served at Fort Tilden, and when. Also, the orders issued by Brigade and Group headquarters give information on the various units, their locations, and whether equipped with missiles or guns. The Headquarters Battery (505th) Thanksgiving menu for 1955 is attached, although the actual food served probably bore little or no resemblance to the printed word.

It is hoped that this short work will portray for those interested, life at Fort Tilden as seen by a typical soldier in the mid-1950's. Several times after my discharge I have met persons that I served with at places like a Sears store in Rockledge, Florida, a General Electric plant in Pennsylvania, and an Air Force base in Northwest Florida. I solicit communication from anyone who served with me, or anyone writing on their experiences at Fort Tilden.

EXPERIENCES AT FORT TILDEN

I landed at Fort Tilden on April 6, 1955, via basic training at Fort Knox, KY; Engineer Equipment Maintenance school at Fort Belvoir, VA; and a few days processing at Fort Wadsworth, NY. Destiny must have decided my stationing at Fort Tilden since a one-week stint in the hospital at Fort Belvoir had cycled me back two weeks in school and rescinded my orders to Germany. Then, arriving with two other recent graduates at Fort Wadsworth, I was selected to go to Fort Tilden, while they were "banished" to Fort Hancock, NJ.

New York City was overwhelming to a 19-year old small town kid who was born and reared in Portville, NY, nearly 400 miles upstate. The three of us arriving late from Fort Belvoir rode the Staten Island Ferry most of the night. We were awed by the people, lights, and the free ride, since military personnel in uniform were not charged. We thought our orders to Fort Wadsworth meant that we were to be stationed there permanently.

Initially the 52nd AAA Brigade personnel office advised that I would be transferred to a missile battalion, but in my mind I couldn't grasp the reason(s) for needing Engineer Equipment mechanics. The training at Fort Belvoir had been on cranes, power shovels, graders, and other large construction equipment. I was to learn that missile battalions had power generators, frequency converters, compressors, underground elevators, all of which were considered engineer equipment.

Although I had no experience on the electrical part of my

job, I was a pretty good mechanic from civilian experience. Assigned to Headquarters Battery, 505th AAA Missile Battalion, I found myself in battalion level maintenance under two fine people. SFC Jay F. Sullivan was my immediate supervisor and really did a lot in helping me develop on the job. CWO William H. Russell was the battalion motor officer and also supervised Sergeant Sullivan and I. On the surface Mr. Russell was gruff, but underneath he was a fine, good person. After I had been there a year or so he had me running errands and doing other things for him. He retired on April 30, 1957, with 30 years of service.

Battalion Headquarters and the Headquarters Battery Orderly Room were in a large brick building next to the parade ground. I think this building is used as Ranger headquarters now and called Building #1. Behind the headquarters building were wooden structures (gone now) that housed the dispensary, dental clinic, and two barracks. Apparently all of the wooden buildings had once been a hospital since they had interconnecting corridors (including a corridor to Battalion Headquarters) and other hospital-like features. My barracks were parallel to and adjacent to the Post Chapel.

My first work station was in a brick building across the road near the Coast Guard Station. Ultimately we moved into what we were told was an old balloon hanger in the tactical area. This building was near the civilian road leading to Breezy Point and no longer existed in April, 1987. With the furor over asbestos today, I remember this building as a metal structure with all of the inside coated with asbestos, or what looked like sprayed-on asbestos material.

The 505th AAA Missile Battalion then shared Fort Tilden with part of the 737th AAA Gun (90mm) Battalion. One line battery, Headquarters Battery, and Battalion headquarters of the 737th were on post. Another battery was located near the end of Riis parking lot on the road toward Rockaway. If my memory serves correctly, another line battery was near Floyd Bennett Field. There was a little friendly rivalry between our units, but we had missiles and, at least in our minds, felt a little superior.

Fort Tilden had a small town atmosphere as compared to larger installations. One thing I remember is the phone system which consisted of an operator, three digit numbers, and dial-less telephones. The operator knew her system and most of the time all one had to ask for was the unit or office rather than the number. She did a real good job.

The post office was a different matter. The lady who ran it obviously did not like military people. There was a civilian side and a military side to the facility since it straddled the fence almost directly across from the Coast Guard Station. One day I went in to buy a money order and watched and listened to her chit-chat with a friend on the civilian side for what seemed to be 10-15 minutes. Trying to get her attention by clearing my throat, shuffling my feet, and other means, yielded no results. Finally, her meaningless conversation ended, she turned and before I could say anything slammed the window shut, saying, "we're closed."

All of the 505th AAA Missile Battalion was on Fort Tilden in April of 1955 when I arrived. I don't remember which batteries

were on temporary sites except "C" Battery which later moved to a permanent site at Lido Beach. Ultimately, other Nike-Ajax-equipped batteries of the 505th were relocated to sites at Amityville and Northport, Long Island. These were later moves and my memory is a little clouded on when they occurred.

As a battalion-level maintenance person I had a lot of responsibility as well as latitude concerning when and where (short of emergency repairs) I went. Often I would go to the Engineer Field Maintenance unit at Fort Wadsworth for parts, repairs, etc. On a few occasions when we were in dire need of a part and they were out of it, I would be sent to the commercial source, usually in Brooklyn or Queens. Sometimes I would be dispatched to other military posts for various reasons. I remember going to Fort Hamilton, Fort Totten, Miller Field (on Staten Island), and Belle Meade General Depot in New Jersey.

While most of my memories of Fort Tilden are positive, I can not remember much of anything good about the food. Somehow Headquarters Battery never could procure a mess sergeant with enough imagination to make the issued rations palatable. On the other hand, "C" Battery at Lido Beach had a good mess sergeant who not only prepared good food but improved the interior decor of his mess hall. He had the ability and push to go to the extra mile and I always tried to schedule maintenance duties at "C" Battery around the noon meal hour. One big advantage he had was that he drew rations from Mitchell Air Force Base and they were far more generous than Army sources.

Quite often military and civil service personnel did not get along very well, however, I developed some good relationships

with the Engineer Field maintenance personnel from Fort Wadsworth. I've long since forgotten their names, but the field technicians, or mechanics were real good. They never hesitated to answer my questions, show me how to repair something, or to explain the operation of a piece of equipment. I was able to develop into a more skilled technician because of them.

Realizing that I was limited to mechanical repairs on the engineer equipment I was responsible for, I left Fort Tilden in January of 1956 for a temporary stint at Fort Gordon, GA. There, I spent 10 weeks in a generator repair course and returned in April with a much greater knowledge of the electrical aspects of my job. Also, the rat-race of that large, sprawling installation made me appreciate Fort Tilden all the more.

I do not know much of the 505th history but will relate what I can. Our battalion crest had an arrow, circles, the words "Super Omnes," and a red background. The red was to denote the color for artillery, Super Omnes is Latin for "above all," the arrow indicated an anti-aircraft mission, and the circles denoted (I think) map symbols for airfields. The unit was supposed to have seen action defending airfields in the South Pacific during World War II. I seem to recall Sergeant Sullivan saying that before the 505th was activated at Fort Tilden he was stationed there with the 259th Gun Battalion.

Fort Tilden is located on an ocean-front sand bar and the combination of sand and damp salt air made maintenance on some equipment very difficult. The power generating equipment that was exposed to the elements had many malfunctions directly related to the atmospheric and topographical conditions. I was

called out many nights and weekends for repairs that would not have been required under better circumstances.

Also, contributing to the problem was the Army's purchase of some cheaper brands of equipment instead of staying with the time-tested brands used by gun battalions for years. Eventually the cheaper units were replaced by the older, but better equipment, and we had fewer maintenance headaches.

The tactical area, as we called it, was everything west of what is now Hero Road. That was where the launch sites, missile assembly building, fueling area, generator buildings, motor pool, Battery Harris, and a variety of other buildings and bunkers, etc., were located. Most of my time was spent in this area, although at one time one of the line batteries had a generator shack on the beach near Riis Park. There were miles of communication wires strung all over the area and one had to watch where he drove or walked. As the line batteries left Fort Tilden for their permanent sites, the need for most all temporary lines and facilities diminished.

Getting sick at Fort Tilden could be a problem since there was only a dispensary. One time I became quite ill and did not respond to the routine APC (we called it All Purpose Cure) treatment. After a few days I was transported to the infirmary at Fort Hamilton. Not responding to an additional three days of care, I was sent to Fort Jay, Governor Island, a regular Army Hospital. I quickly responded to their treatment and was back to work in what seemed like just a few days.

Early in 1957 there were rumblings of reorganization of the 505th unit. Headquarters Battery, Battalion Maintenance,

Personnel, and other battalion-level functions were to be transferred to group level (23rd AAA Group) at Fort Totten. Also, a selection process was initiated to pick personnel from the New York Air Defense Sector to help in summer missile training at West Point. As a selectee, I spent from June through August at West Point, returning to find most of the reorganization complete.

Sergeant Sullivan had been transferred to Fort Totten while, along with others, I had been reassigned to a line battery on Fort Tilden. Life there was not as pleasant as it had been in Headquarters Battery, hence, my decision not to reenlist when my time was up in September.

Another unit located on Fort Tilden was the 503rd Signal Detachment. They operated and maintained radar units atop Battery Harris where I'd occasionally be called to repair their generator(s). I seem to recall that they were administratively attached to the 737th but spent a lot of time in our barracks. It seems the "old school" 737th First Sergeant did not believe anyone should be sleeping in the barracks during the day, regardless of his duties. The 503rd people worked around the clock, but working all night was not excuse enough to be sleeping in "his" barracks during the day.

In the battalion headquarters building there was an Anti-Aircraft Operations Center (AAOC). I rarely mingled with their personnel, hence, did not know much about their duties or mission. The center was manned by members of both the 505th and the 737th, if I remember correctly.

Because of its size, Fort Tilden depended on other military installations for support services. Laundry, for example, went to Brooklyn Army Base, while field maintenance of vehicles was done at Fort Totten. The commissary was located at Fort Hamilton for married personnel, and the nearest military exchange gasoline station was just across the Marine Parkway Bridge at Floyd Bennett Naval Air Station. Most other support services were mentioned earlier, while others existed of which I was not aware.

The civilian community around Fort Tilden was fairly tolerant of soldiers and I experienced very little of the civilian-military friction found around many installations. Perhaps it was because our numbers were relatively small and we seldom wore uniforms off post. The New York Police were especially tolerant of us when we drove military vehicles. Trucks, even pickups, were banned from most parkways and the police overlooked many of these infractions. Possibly it was because they realized we were mostly out-of-towners and would have great difficulty finding our way through the maze of city streets.

Many of my off-duty hours were spent working part time in the Park Theater on 116th Street in Rockaway. The business was owned by a Mr. Jack Rochelle and I worked for him for what seemed like a long time. The building still existed in April of 1987, but it obviously had not been a theater for some time and was boarded up. Most of 116th Street had deteriorated since 1957, and not much was recognizable.

Fort Tilden was operated, to some extent, by the First Army. The Post Commander, Engineers, Military Police, etc. were responsible for housekeeping, security and other support functions. The 505th, however, was the largest organization and our operations overshadowed others. Our batallion commander seemed to "pull more weight" than the Post Commander although they were both Lieutenant Colonels. The Post Commander lived in a large house behind bat-talion headquarters.

Leisure time activities were real good at Fort Tilden. In the summer the beach was available to military personnel and wasn't crowded like the other beaches. Theater tickets were available for everything from Radio City Music Hall to Off-Broadway productions. All one had to do was walk out the gate, take the bus to the Flatbush subway terminus in Brooklyn, get on the subway and go into Manhattan. The USO at Times Square distributed the tickets on a first-come-first-serve basis.

At that time the Dodgers were in Brooklyn and the Giants and Yankees in New York. Military personnel in uniform were admitted free to all base-ball games. Although I am not a baseball fan, a friend once asked me to go, and we saw the Giants and Dodgers play at the old Ebbets Field in Brooklyn.

There were many good people stationed at "The Fort", as it was called by local civilians, when I was there. At one time there were three lawyers in the 505th who chose to serve in the enlisted ranks since accepting a commission would have added a year to their active duty time. Many other draftee college graduates were assigned to the battalion offices of personnel, intelligence, training, supply, and others. Also, there were many capable career personnel as well as other first-termers (enlistees and draftees) assigned to the 505th.

Lieutenant Colonel Matthew E. Chotas was the battalion commander most of the time I was there. A Major Gause was the Executive Officer, and I remember both of these men as very people-oriented leaders. I feel they kept in check some of the real gung-ho spit-and-polish officers and NCO's who would have otherwise tried to turn missile technicians into combat-ready infantry soldiers. Many of the older NCO's and younger officers, especially recent OCS graduates, could not understand that highly-trained and skilled soldier-technicians are motivated differently than persons with lesser skills and abilities.

In summary, my years at Fort Tilden were generally rewarding. I came a Private and was discharged a Sergeant. I came with little hands-on electrical experience and left with additional knowledge in that area. I came very young with very little world-of-work experience and left, still young, but with a lot more preparation for the life I was to lead.

Because of Fort Tilden's smallness, a person was more of an individual and job-development was stressed more than rock painting and other typical army busy work. Many of the old soldiers would say that duty at Fort Tilden was not like the real army -- it was too easy.

LIFE AFTER FORT TILDEN

Subsequent to my army discharge on September 20, 1957, I enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. I was sent to Patrick Air Force Base (worked at nearby Cape Canaveral), Florida where I worked on the BOMARC Interceptor Missile research and development program. After a year the program was transferred to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida where I remained 3½ years.

Returning to Cape Canaveral I was assigned to the Titan II ICBM research and development program. My last three years in the Air Force were spent assigned to the Gemini space program. Retired for disability in March of 1967 after nearly 12½ years of active military duty, I worked three years on the Apollo moon program for General Electric, a NASA contractor.

Eventually through attendance at night school I earned a couple of degrees, left the rat-race of Florida, and settled into a high school teaching position in rural, relatively peaceful, tranquil Middle Tennessee. Along the way I got married, had five children, all of whom have college degrees or are presently in college. Their degrees are, or will be, in Bio-Medical, Interior Design, Psychology, Civil Engineering, and Data Processing.

It is hoped this work will contribute something to the history of Fort Tilden. Perhaps it will bring back memories to some who served there. Hopefully, it will challenge others to contribute something to the history of this small, but once-important military installation.

Thanksgiving Menu



Headquarters Battery
505th AAA Missile Battalion
Fort Tilden, New York

THANKSGIVING DAY MESSAGE

On Thanksgiving Day we give to God our humble and sincere thanks for the blessings He has bestowed upon us throughout the year.

God guides and directs the lives of man through His wisdom, understanding, and love. He clothes, feeds, and protects us and our loved ones from harm, and is always ready to assist us whenever we ask aid of Him.

In return for our heavenly Father's love and care it is fitting that we show our appreciation by giving praise and thanks to Him. Let us make everyday Thanksgiving Day by living lives worthy of the great goodness of God.

DAVID K. MEERS
Chaplain



THANKSGIVING DINNER 1955

Shrimp Cocktail

ROAST TURKEY

Sage Dressing

Giblet Gravy

Cranberry Sauce

Mashed Potatoes

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Buttered Peas

Creamed Onions

Assorted Relishes

Hot Rolls

Butter

Fruit Cake

Pumpkin Pie

Mincemeat Pie

Assorted Fresh Fruits

Candy and Nuts

Milk

Apple Cider

Tea

Coffee



Headquarters Battery
505th AAA Missile Battalion
Hart Widen 95, N. H.



ARMED FORCES LIBERTY PASS	SERVICE US ARMY	DATE ISSUED 6 Feb 55
LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL Rice, Richard A		
SERVICE NO. RA11 280 882	GRADE—RATE SP2	
ORGANIZATION—INSTALLATION—BASE Hq Btry 505th AAA Msl Bn Ft Tilden NY		
TIME LIMITS SPECIAL OFF DUTY HOURS		
SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF ISSUING OFFICER <i>Donald W. ...</i>		

DD FORM 345 1 Apr 50 REPLACES WD AGO FORMS 7 AND 8, NAV PERS FORM 842 AND CG FORMS 251A AND 278 WHICH MAY BE USED.
GPO : 1954-O-347282

ARMED FORCES LIBERTY PASS	SERVICE US ARMY	DATE ISSUED 12 May 55
LAST NAME—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL Rice Richard A		
SERVICE NO. RA11 280 882	GRADE—RATE PVT 2	
ORGANIZATION—INSTALLATION—BASE Hq Btry 505th AAA Msl Bn Ft Tilden NY		
TIME LIMITS Normal Off Duty Hours		
SIGNATURE AND GRADE OF ISSUING OFFICER <i>[Signature]</i>		

DD FORM 345 1 Apr 50 REPLACES WD AGO FORMS 7 AND 8, NAV PERS FORM 842 AND CG FORMS 251A AND 278 WHICH MAY BE USED.
GPO : 1954-0-347282

MEAL CARD		DATE ISSUED 26 Jul 55
ISSUED TO (Last name, first name, middle initial) Rice Richard		
SERVICE NO. OR BADGE NO. RA11 280 882		
AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL	TYPED NAME, GRADE, RATE AND ORGANIZATION CARL R LeBAMON 1st LT Hq Btry 505th AAA Msl Bn Ft Tilden	
	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	

DD FORM 714 MAY 53 16-48773-1

MEAL CARD		DATE ISSUED 8 April 1955
ISSUED TO (Last name, first name, middle initial) RICE RICHARD A		
SERVICE NO. OR BADGE NO. RA11 280 882		
AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL	TYPED NAME, GRADE, RATE AND ORGANIZATION ARTHUR L ... CAPT ARTY Hq Btry 505th AAA Msl Bn Ft Tilden	
	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	

DD FORM 714 MAY 53 16-48773-1

MEAL CARD		DATE ISSUED 24 May 1956
ISSUED TO (Last name, first name, middle initial) Rice Richard A		
SERVICE NO. OR BADGE NO. RA11 280 882		
AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL	TYPED NAME, GRADE, RATE AND ORGANIZATION WILLIAM I ... LT ARTY Comd Hq Btry 505th AAA Msl Bn Ft Tilden	
	SIGNATURE <i>[Signature]</i>	

DD FORM 714 MAY 53 16-48773-1

HEADQUARTERS
505TH AAA MISSILE BATTALION
Fort Tilden 95, New York

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 44

2 April 1955

1. PVT-2 FRANK E BISHOP US51 324 502 (Cau)(MOS 1354)(TOE 2 yrs)
(ETS Aug 56)(OS svc Unk)(POR 7) having been asg this orgn PAC para 5
SO 63 Hq 19th AAA Gp Brooklyn Sta Wash 17 DC cs from Hq Btry 19th AAA
Gp Brooklyn Sta Wash 17 DC is further asg Btry D this orgn. EDCSA
2 Apr 55.

2. PVT-2 RICHARD A RICE RA12 280 882 (Cau)(MOS 1319)(TOE 3 yrs)
(ETS Sep 57)(OS svc None)(POR 7) having been asg this orgn PAC para 6
SO 60 Hq 52d AAA Brigade Ft Wadsworth NY from The Engr Cen USA Ft
Belvoir Va is further asg Hq Btry this orgn. EDCSA 5 Apr 55. Rept
date 6 Apr 55.

3. So much of para 1 SO 38 this Hq cs pertaining to asg of
SFC FRANCIS H GRADY RA12 265 896 to Btry C this orgn as reads "Rept
15 Apr 55" is amended to read "Rept 27 Apr 55".

4. PAC para 74 AR 210-10 AUTHGR Fol EM Btry indicated this orgn
to rat sep:

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SN</u>	<u>BTRY</u>
SGT	MARVIN COPELL	RA18 419 296	D
PFC	ROBERT H TROMANS	US51 313 342	C

BY ORDER OF MAJOR CANNING:

OFFICIAL:

THOMAS B SLADE III
2d Lt Arty
Adjutant

Thomas B. Slade, III

THOMAS B SLADE III
2d Lt Arty
Adjutant

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ENGINEER FIELD MAINTENANCE SHOP

INSPECTION BRANCH

FT. WADSWORTH, S. I.

October 24, 1955

Commanding Officer
80th AA Group
Ft. Wadsworth, S. I.

Dear Sir:-

A spot check inspection of all the Anti-Aircraft and Guided Missile Battalions in your command was recently completed by the Engineer Field Maintenance Inspectors. The inspectors have completed their scheduled mission and have submitted their reports to this office and to Army.

I have reviewed the reports and it has come to my attention that the 505TH Missile Battalion located at Fort Tilden, N.Y. has achieved the highest rating of all the other battalions in your command. The 505TH Missile Battalion has worked hard and diligently to accomplish this because it is not easy to get such a rating under AR-750-525.

I strongly recommend commendatory action be initiated toward the 505TH Missile Battalion to include all the officers and enlisted men that had a part in the maintaining of engineer equipment and all of the records that go with the maintenance of same.

I hope this will set an example for all the other units and on our next scheduled inspection a marked improvement will be shown by the other Anti-Aircraft and Missile Battalions that come under your command.

Thank you for your co-operation.

/s/ Salvatore Barretta
Salvatore Barretta
Chief Inspector
Engr. Fld. Maint. Shop

(A TRUE COPY)

William F Britton
WILLIAM F BRITTON
Capt Arty
Adjutant

200.6 (24 Oct 55)

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SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

HEADQUARTERS 80TH AAA GROUP, Fort Wadsworth, New York, 31 October 1955

TO: Commanding Officer, 505th AAA Battalion, Fort Tilden, New York

1. It is extremely gratifying to note that your battalion achieved the highest engineer field maintenance inspection rating within this command during the recently completed cycle of inspections.

2. I consider a high standard of maintenance on all organizational engineer equipment most vital to the operational readiness of this command. The conscientious, diligent and efficient application by your officers and men toward this goal is in the best traditions of the service and I highly commend all personnel concerned for a job well done.

/s/ D. B. Murray
D. B. MURRAY
Colonel, Artillery
Commanding

(A TRUE COPY)

William F Britton
WILLIAM F BRITTON
Capt Arty
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
505TH AAA MISSILE BATTALION
Fort Tilden 95, New York

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 175

30 November 1955

1. UP AR 370-5 as amended the Fol Officers Btry indicated this orgn having fired the Carbine M1 Cal .30, Course B as modified, are qualified as indicated below:

RANK	NAME	SN	SCORE	QUALIFICATION	BTRY
CAPT	FRANCIS H CAMPBELL	01 176 257	191	Expert	C
WO, W-1	HOWARD R GRAY	W2 205 451	190	Expert	A
2D LT	ALAN W SPANG	04 004 132	189	Expert	B
1ST LT	RAYMOND U CROWDER JR	02 030 401	188	Expert	D
2D LT	CHARLES J PAJAZZO	04 037 757	186	Sharpshooter	L
CWO	ROBERT R GREENWOOD	W2 203 378	186	Sharpshooter	A
1ST LT	CARL R LeDEAUMONT	09 955 33	186	Sharpshooter	HQ
1ST LT	ROBERT L RUSSELL	066 403	185	Sharpshooter	B
2D LT	DONALD R RENTH	04 003 982	184	Sharpshooter	C
CWO	SEBASTIANO MACCARONE	W2 205 276	183	Sharpshooter	B
CAPT	FRANK L MC CLAFLIN	057 369	181	Sharpshooter	A
CWO	WILLIAM H RUSSELL	W9 02 200	180	Sharpshooter	HQ
1ST LT	HENRY S WINNERS	04 011 100	179	Marksman	D
WO, W-1	SAMUEL P JENNINGS	W2 205 408	179	Marksman	D
WO, W-1	STANLEY H ELLISON	W2 205 491	179	Marksman	C
3RD LT	GEORGE W PERRY	04 024 081	177	Marksman	B
1ST LT	JOHN H GORHAM II	02 002 974	176	Marksman	C
WO, W-1	GLEN HYSLOP	W2 205 378	174	Marksman	D
CAPT	RICHARD G HAZEN	01 058 830	174	Marksman	HQ
2D LT	JAMES L LOWERY JR	04 037 347	173	Marksman	HQ
2D LT	JOSEPH S CAPISTI	04 037 609	173	Marksman	C
WO, W-1	MICHAEL J WALSH	W2 206 068	170	Marksman	C
2D LT	ROBERT E BEACH	04 036 621	168	Marksman	E
2D LT	ALLEN H BROWN	04 010 111	163	Marksman	C
2D LT	THOMAS B SLADE III	04 001 869	163	Marksman	F
2D LT	ALEXANDER E GONZALEZ	01 939 778	155	Marksman	A
2D LT	THOMAS J BARBANO	04 037 710	154	Marksman	D

2. UP AR 370-5 as amended the Fol EM Ho Btry this orgn, having fired the Carbine M1, Cal .30, Course B as modified, are qualified as indicated below:

RANK	NAME	SN	SCORE	QUALIFICATION
MSGT	GEORGE R RAY	RA6 843 717	195	Expert
SGT	TONY HICIMAN	RA12 296 356	191	Expert
SP2	FREDERICK J AMIRAULT	RA21 291 423	190	Expert
PFC	ORVAL STANSELL	RA25 565 135	189	Expert
PFC	RICHARD RICE	RA11 280 882	189	Expert
SFC	WILLIAM B AYERS	RA13 589 959	188	Expert
SFC	GEORGE WATSON	RA34 562 579	188	Expert
PVT-2	EMMET DAVIS	RA15 535 639	187	Sharpshooter
SP2	SOLOMON NEWMAN	RA13 009 709	187	Sharpshooter
SP3	JOSEPH OWENS	RA12 446 974	186	Sharpshooter

SO #175, Headquarters, 505th AAA Msl Bn, Ft Tilden 95, N.Y. 30 Nov 55
(Para 2 Cont'd)

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SN</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>QUALIFICATION</u>
MSGT	JOHN T LAMONT	RA13 044 576	185	Sharpshooter
SP2	BOYD H CANNON	US53 227 421	185	Sharpshooter
PFC	ROBERT A HARRIS	RA14 205 376	183	Sharpshooter
SP3	JOEL SOLNICK	US51 288 396	183	Sharpshooter
SGT	MILFORD C DAVIS	RA19 357 972	183	Sharpshooter
SFC	JULIO ZAYAS	RA10 405 881	183	Sharpshooter
SFC	JOSEPH J BABOLA	RA7 021 541	182	Sharpshooter
SGT	JOHN A KURSAR	RA12 320 080	182	Sharpshooter
MSGT	HEROLD A JOHNSON	RA14 275 790	181	Sharpshooter
SP5	HOMERO PEREZ	US54 145 771	181	Sharpshooter
PFC	IRVING WEINGROD	US51 288 062	179	Marksmen
PFC	DENNIS R DENTON	US52 382 224	179	Marksmen
SP3	BILLY R ELLARD	RA18 436 326	179	Marksmen
SFC	JAMES W MC DOW	RA14 219 173	179	Marksmen
MSGT	WILLIE JOHNSON	RA34 032 936	178	Marksmen
SP2	JOSEPH M SIMON	RA57 140 066	177	Marksmen
SP2	JAMES F KELLY	RA12 324 100	176	Marksmen
SP2	GEORGE J LUCAS JR	RA21 934 913	175	Marksmen
PFC	GEORGE GLEIMUNDSSEN	US51 299 735	172	Marksmen
MSGT	PAUL H HIESTER	RA33 038 053	172	Marksmen
PFC	FRANK E BISHOP	US51 324 502	170	Marksmen
SGT	ROBERT W ANDARIESE	RA12 281 809	170	Marksmen
PFC	ROCCO AZZARITO	RA12 463 515	170	Marksmen
PVT-2	DONALD E GIBSON	US55 529 863	169	Marksmen
SP2	KENNETH HEARD JR	RA18 301 133	168	Marksmen
PFC	LARRY CHERNICK	US51 307 992	168	Marksmen
SGT	STEVE W SYWAK	RA15 077 568	166	Marksmen
SFC	EIMER H BELL	RA57 200 822	166	Marksmen
PFC	NORMAN ELLMAN	US51 325 193	164	Marksmen
PVT-2	RAYMOND BARTALIO	RA11 301 607	164	Marksmen
PFC	DONALD DE CHAGAS	US51 297 295	162	Marksmen
SP3	ARNOLD LEWIS	US51 323 104	162	Marksmen
MSGT	ROBERT W PORTER	RA11 020 925	161	Marksmen
SP3	SHELDON BERNSTEIN	US51 307 329	160	Marksmen
SGT	ALEXANDER DUKES	RA34 818 027	160	Marksmen
PFC	NORMAN R HARRIS	US51 307 740	160	Marksmen
SFC	EDDIE ANTWINE	RA34 233 764	160	Marksmen
PFC	NELSON F DINSMORE JR	US51 266 767	160	Marksmen

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHOTAS:

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Capt Arty
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HEADQUARTERS BATTERY
505th AAA Missile Bn
Fort Tilden New York

20 December 1955

SUBJECT: Waiver

TO: Commanding Officer
Headquarters Battery
505th AAA Missile Bn
Fort Tilden 95, New York



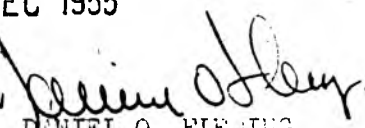
1. Under the provisions of paragraph 12, AR 624-200, 31 May 1955, it is requested that a waiver of time in grade be granted Private First Class Richard A Rice, RA11 280 882, Generator Mechanic in the Maintenance Section of this Unit.
2. Pfc Rice was assigned to this section as a Generator Mechanic on 7 April 1955. Since that date he has performed his duties in an extraordinary manner, not only during duty hours but also during nights and weekends. This extra duty has been a large contribution toward the high standard of maintenance of our engineer equipment.
3. Pfc Rice is a hard worker, dependable, cooperative, competent, and well disciplined. His performance of duty is representative of the highest standards required by the Army. His unswerving efforts in performing his duties have contributed immeasurably to the operational efficiency of the Maintenance Section.
4. Pfc Rice is fully qualified to hold the next higher grade by virtue of his technical proficiency, outstanding initiative, devotion to duty and soldierly bearing as found in few individuals of higher grade and much longer service. His ready acceptance of correction and desire to improve himself has made him an asset.
5. Request a waiver of two months in order that Pfc Rice may be promoted to the grade of Specialist Third Class (E-4).

William H. Russell
 WILLIAM H RUSSELL
 CWO USA
 MOTOR OFFICER

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FILE REFERENCE 201		PERSONNEL ACTION		DATE 20 December 1955
Y	REQUEST	RECOMMENDATION	DIRECTIVE	
TO: Commanding Officer 505th AAA Missile Bn Fort Tilden 95, NY.		FROM: Commanding Officer, Headquarters Btry 505th AAA Missile Bn Fort Tilden 95, NY		
1. NAME, GRADE, SERVICE NUMBER, ORGANIZATION AND STATION Richard A Rice, Pfc, RA11 280 882 Headquarters Btry, 505th AAA Msl Bn Fort Tilden 95, New York		2. NATURE OF ACTION (And authority, if applicable) Request for Waiver of Time in Grade AR 624-200, para 12		
3. REASON FOR ACTION See paragraph 1 of inclosure 1		4. SUPPLEMENTAL DATA (As required) See paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 of inclosure 1		
5. INCLOSURES (If any) 1. Ltr from Battalion Motor Officer				
 CARL R. BEAUMONT, 1st Lt. Arty TYPED NAME AND SIGNATURE OF ORIGINATOR				
PROCESSING ACTIONS				
NO.	COMMENTS	AUTHENTICATION		
1	FROM: CO, 505th AAA Msl Bn, Ft Tilden NY, 23 Dec 55 TO: CG, 52d AAA Brigade, Ft Wadsworth NY 1. Recommend approval. 2. In support of the above request the following information is submitted: a. MCS: 621.10 b. Time in Grade: 4 Months, 5 Days c. Date of Rank: 19 Aug 55 d. No time lost under Sec 6 (a) Appendix 2b, MCM, 1951 1 Incl n/c	 MATTHEW E. CHOTAS Lt Col Arty Commanding		
2.	FROM: CG 52d AAA Brigade, TO: CO 505th AAA Msl Bn 30 DEC 1955 1. Approved. 2. The appointment of PFC Rice to SP3 will not be effected until a quota is allocated your headquarters. 1 Incl: n/c	 DANIEL O. FLEMING CWO, USA Asst Adjutant		

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NUMBER



3.

FROM: CO 505th AAA Msl Bn, Ft Tilden 95, NY 3 Jan 56

TO: CO Hq Btry, 505th AAA Msl Bn, Ft Tilden 95, NY

1. Attention is invited to preceding comment.

2. Correspondance is to be returned to this Headquarters for inclosure in EM's 201 file.

William J. Dwyer
 WILLIAM J DWYER
 2d Lt Arty
 Ass't Adjutant

4.

FROM: CO, Hq Btry, 505th AAA Msl Bn, Ft Tilden 95, NY, 4 Jan 56

TO: CO, 505th AAA Msl Bn, Ft Tilden 95, NY,

Returned for inclusion in EM's 201 file.

Carl R. LeBeaumont
 CARL R LeBEAUMONT
 1st Lt, Artillery
 Commanding

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY
505th AAA Missile Bn
Fort Tilden New York

ORDERS
NUMBER 3

19 January 1956

1. Under the provisions of para 9a AR 624-200 and Message 2245, ADOAA-
AFM, Hq ARAACOM, dated 12 January 1956, subject: "Monthly Appointment Allo-
cation", the following temporary appointments are announced:

TO BE SPECIALIST THIRD CLASS (E-4)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SERVICE NUMBER</u>	<u>PROS</u>	<u>DUTY MOS</u>
ROCCO AZZATO	Pfc	RA 12 463 515	63110	63110
RICHARD A RICE	Pfc	RA 11 280 882	62110	62110

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS (E-3)

JOHN A HORSTKAMP	Pvt 2	US 52 310 043	16310	16310
EMMET DAVIS	Pvt 2	RA 15 536 639	62310	62310
ALVIN H NEAL	Pvt 2	US 51 303 226	21210	21210
JAMES E McJUNKIN	Pvt 2	US 52 394 477	63000	63000
HOWARD H LAMBERT	Pvt 2	US 53 254 903	76000	76000
MORRIS E TAYLOR	Pvt 2	US 52 374 497	16310	16310
RAYMOND A BARTALO	Pvt 2	RA 11 301 607	94110	94110
JEROME J WASSERMAN	Pvt 2	US 51 345 683	76810	76810

Peter W Thompson Jr
 PETER W THOMPSON JR
 2d Lt, Artillery
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Fort Wadsworth, New York

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 18

31 January 1957

E X T R A C T

2. UP para 9a AR 624-200 dtd 8 June 1956 & Msg AARC-AP 11-4463-6 1st Lt Regional Comd Ft Totten NY dtd 15 Nov 56 the following temporary appointments are announced for EM of the orgn & sta indicated:

TO BE MASTER SERGEANT (E-7) (TEMP)

Btry A 737th AAA Msl Bn Ft Tilden NY

NAME-SN	GRADE	HMOS	NEW MOS	DY MOS
FLETCHER, WILLIAM M SR RA34924077	SFC	227.60		227.60

Btry D 749th AAA Bn Englewood NJ

HUME, EVERETT K. RA11016531	SFC	213.70		213.70
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TO BE SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (E-6) (TEMP)

Btry C 526th AAA Msl Bn Ft Hancock NJ

HORN, FRED R. RA42162310	SGT	223.60		223.60
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Btry B 737th AAA Msl Bn Ft Tilden NY

BACKLOND, MEARL E. RA11186396	SGT	225.60		225.60
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TO BE SERGEANT (E-5) (TEMP)

Btry B 483d AAA Msl Bn Ft Kilmer NJ

CREESEY, WILLIAM A RA51304851	SP3	223.20	223.60	223.60
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Btry C 483d AAA Msl Bn Ft Kilmer NJ

EDLIN, RAY L. RA18457559	SP3	225.10	225.60	225.60
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Btry D 737th AAA Msl Bn Ft Tilden NY

CROUCH, SHELBY C. ER15516218	SP3	221.20	221.70	221.70
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TO BE SPECIALIST SECOND CLASS (E-5) (TEMP)

Hq Btry 52d AAA Brigade, Ft Wadsworth NY

TATILIAN, LEVON J. RA12249738	SP3	716.20		716.20
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Hq Btry 12th AAA Bn Miller Fld SI NY

BYSTRICKY, CYRIL M. RA26361324	SP3	716.10		716.10
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SO 18, Hq 52d AAA Brig Ft Wedsworth NY (Cont'd)

TO BE SPECIALIST SECOND CLASS (F-5) (TEMP)

Btry B 12th AAA Bn Miller Field ST NY FRANKLIN, ROBERT L. RA 19497549 SP3	213.30	213.30
Btry D 66th AAA Msl Bn Ft Slocum NY DUNN, EDWARD L JR RA18206123 SP3	227.20	227.20
Btry C 483d AAA Msl Bn Cp Kilmer NJ GRIFFIN, GERALD M. RA51300209 SP3	223.20	223.20
Hq Btry 505th AAA Msl Bn Ft Tilden NY RICE, RICHARD A. RA11280882 SP3	351.10	351.10

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:

R. M. Matthews

R. M. MATTHEWS
CWO, W-2, USA
Asst Adjutant

RICHARD C B WHITTEN
Major, Arty
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HEADQUARTERS
52D ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BRIGADE
Fort Wadsworth, New York

AANY-C 326

22 April 1957

SUBJECT: Additional Troop Requirements, Summer Training (USMA)

TO: Commanders of Activities and Units Indicated in Distribution

1. The following personnel have been selected to compose the provisional NIKE platoon to support training to be given this summer to the Corps of Cadets, USMA:

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Platoon Leader	1/Lt	James F. Murphy III	Btry B, 66th AAA Msl Bn
Platoon Sergeant	M/Sgt	Donald F. Montgomery	Btry B, 65th AAA Msl Bn
IFC Chief			
IFC Mechanic			
Sr IFC Operator	Cpl	William C. Joyner Jr.	Btry B, 526th AAA Msl Bn
	Spec 3	Richard K. Murphy	Btry B, 526th AAA Msl Bn
	Spec 3	Marvin James	Btry B, 36th AAA Msl Bn
IFC Operator	Spec 3	Tarky L. Lombardi	Btry C, 505th AAA Msl Bn
	Spec 3	Calvin H. Wray	Btry D, 483rd AAA Msl Bn
	PFC	David L. Windham Jr.	Btry C, 66th AAA Msl Bn
Power Gen Spec	Spec 2	Richard A. Rice	Hq, 505th AAA Msl Bn
GM Elec Mat Spec	M/Sgt	Leo F. Brown	Hq, 737th AAA Msl Bn
Firing Panel Oper	Spec 3	David C. Bingham	Btry D, 66th AAA Msl Bn
	PFC	Robert V. Zannatano	Btry A, 526th AAA Msl Bn

Additional selections for the positions of IFC Maintenance Chief and IFC Mechanic will be announced.

2. Selection of personnel was made only after intensive screening. Those who were nominated at Group level, but not selected, will be alternates. In the event that one of those selected cannot fulfill the assignment, a replacement will be drawn from the alternates.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

RICHARD C.D. WHITTEN
Major Arty
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
52D ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY BRIGADE
Fort Wadsworth, New York

Ltr O 6-106

25 June 1957

SUBJECT: Temporary Duty Orders

TO: Personnel Concerned:

1. Fol named Personnel orgn listed will proceed TDY as indicated below. Upon compl of TDY or unless sooner rel Personnel will rtn parent orgn & sta. TDN.

- 1ST LT JAMES F MURPHY III 072170 - Btry B 66th AAA Msl Bn
- MSGT DONALD F MONTGOMERY RA25792035 - Btry B 66th AAA Msl Bn
- SGT LAWRENCE E SENCER RA56202022-Btry A 526th AAA Msl Bn
- SP3 ERIC B COLLETT RA11315419 - Btry B 737th AAA Msl Bn
- CPL WILLIAM C JOYNER JR NG24921074 - Btry B 526th AAA Msl Bn
- SP3 RICHARD H MURPHY US51360692 - Btry B 526th AAA Msl Bn
- SP3 MARVIN JAMES RA18483120 - Btry B 66th AAA Msl Bn
- SP3 TARKY L LOMPARDI US51340413 Btry B 66th AAA Msl Bn
- SP3 CALVIN H WRAY RA13530080 Btry B 483d AAA Msl Bn
- FFC DAVID L WINDHAM JR US53269776 - Btry C 66th AAA Bn
- SP2 RICHARD A RICE RA11280882 - Hq Btry 505th AAA Msl Bn
- MSGT LEO F BROWN RO12072238-Hq Btry - 737th AAA Msl Bn
- SP3 DAVID C BINGHAM RA14590296 - Btry B 66th AAA Msl Bn
- FFC ROBERT V ZAMMATANO US51366569 - Btry A 526th AAA Msl Bn

Destination	U.S.M.A. West Point, NY
Date of Departure	27 June 1957
Period of TDY	27 Jun - 26 Aug 57
Purpose	Compose provisional NIKE platoon to support Training to be given to the Corps of Cadets this summer.
Method of Travel	Govt Trans
Appropriation	FY 57 2172020 717-7720 P2281-02 S30-145 (SEA 22810833) FY 58 2182020 817-8720 P2100-02 S30-145 (2120.117) (Subject to availability of funds).

2. Above personnel will proceed 27 Jun 57 & rept to S-3 52d AAA Brig this sta not later than 0930 27 Jun 57. Individual equipment to include footlockers is required.

3. Per Diem auth at rate prescribed by JTR. Auth: Msg AARC-C 5-2534-7 1st RAADCOM 20 Jun 57.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

R. M. Matthews
 R. M. MATTHEWS
 CWO, W-2, USA
 Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
505th AAA MISSILE BATTALION (NIKE)
Fort Tilden 95, New York

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 103

26 June 1957

1. SGT SAWYER S STEVENS RA31 096 624 PMOS 313.70 SMOS 227.10
TOE 6 yrs ETS Jul 62 Mos O/S 44 Ret ZI 16 Dec 52 EFS Code Blank
Physical Profile A rel asg Btry B this org and rsg OS repl Sta, USA
Pers Cen (6021) Ft Lewis Wash for further shipment to USARAL. EM WP
10 Jul 57 W/30 DDALVAHP and thirteen (13) days of tvl auth rept O/S
Repl Sta NLT 1700 hrs 22 Aug 57 in Class A Uniform. EDCSA: 22 Aug 57.
PCS TDN TPA PHGSA 2172010 701-6-06-13 P1311-02 03 07 S99-999. EM
procured by CONUS levy and chargeable to Aug alloc for shpmt to AFPE.
Prov of POR apply. Mail will be addressed to include Name, Gr and SN
"Cas Enl Sec" OS Repl Sta USA Pers Cen (6021) Ft Lewis Wash (Due date
22 Aug 57). Auth: Ltr ADOAM-APM 220.3, Hq USARADCOM Subj: "Enlisted
Pers Levy for Aug (RCS ADOAM-ARM-67) dtd 11 Jun 57.

2. VOCC 7 Jun 57 cfm as fol:UP para 74 AR 210-10 SP3 VINCENT
PASTERCZYK RA12 475 776 Btry C this org is auth rat sep.

3. UP Para 74 AR 210-10 fol EM Btry C this org are auth rat
sep:

GR-NAME-SN

- SFC PERCY A JONES RA34 853 848
- SGT STANLEY S THOMAS RA19 242 557
- PFC ALLEN NEMETH US51 370 529
- PVT2 PAUL R PADOU US56 276 549
- PVT2 WILSON BONILLO US51 380 537
- PVT2 DAVID G COLVILLE US55 550 584
- PVT2 JOYCE STEPHEN US55 586 290

4. UP para 11b (3) AR 624-200 SP2 RICHARD A RICE RA11 280 882
Hq Btry this org is appointed to Temp Grade of Sergeant (E-5) W/DOR
31 Jan 57.

5. UP para 74 AR 210-10 MSGT JOHN R DEAN JR RA12 271 632 Btry
A 483rd AAA Msl Bn is auth to rat sep.

6. Fol EM Hq Btry this org & sta are attached with Hq 23d LAA
Group Ft Totten NY for administration only. Eff o/a 26 Jun 57 with
duty station at Fort Tilden NY.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>SN</u>
WILLIAM N DAVIS	SFC	RA23 814 004
ROBERT F DEVERAUX	SP3	US51 355 458
FRANK R DIXON	SP3	RA13 557 251
ROBERT A MUSCO	PFC	US51 369 739
JOHN F SULLIVAN	SP3	US51 360 661
RAYMOND J PONTECORVO	SP3	US51 363 150
DEAN R SCHNELL	PFC	US52 326 198

SO #103, Headquarters, 505th AAA Missile Bn, Ft Tilden NY 26 June 1957
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7. PVT2 WILBERT ALPHONSE RA25 508 208 Hq Btry this org & sta is
atch Hq 23d AAA Gp Ft Totten NY for rations, quarters and administration
Eff o/a 26 Jun 57 EM WP with duty station at Ft Totten NY. Auth: GO
#64, Hq 1st US Army Governors Island Ft Jay NY and msg 9161 ADO/AA-AP/1
Hq ARADCOM. "This is permanent change of station." TDN 2172010 701-
5170 P1311-02 S99-999.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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ROBERT L RUSSELL
1st Lt Arty
Adjutant

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