

## DAYS OF OUR LIVES #242



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### **PRESERVING ASA TURKEY MEMORIES**

Your memoirs are most welcome to the ASA Turkey DAYS OF OUR LIVES and is an effort on my part to preserve the stories and memories of Army Security Agency veterans who served in Turkey during the cold war.

In this DOOL you will find a newly found ex-058 veteran, Bob Mallette who served at Sinop during the RIOT in May 1961. He informs that he is working on putting his memory into writing and will soon forward his BIO. Also, retired CW3 Dan Taylor Sent me the War Department order establishing the Army Security Agency and for historians it lists the units that were transferred from the Signal Corp into the ASA.

Patty & I celebrated our 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary on 28 November & thank Jack & Kay O'brien for the card.

Still seeking location for the 2013 reunion.

## Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2013

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Below is photo' that I copied from Brian's facebook pages. Brian is a native of the Bronx, NY. In 1963 he was among the last to enlist for a 3 year tour in the ASA. Was one of the many who had to ride in the back of a iki pachuk from Ankara to Sinop. At Det 4, he worked as a DF operator at the Point. For additional info on Brian Alpert go to DOOL #135



Brian Alpert at Fort Devens, 1963



Brian Alpert at the DF area called the Point and three of the dogs there

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John Berryman is the person who keeps track of the veterans who served at Det 4-2 at Incirlik flying with the Navy pilots out of Rota, Spain. He is very active on Facebook. Thus if interested go to facebook and type in his name. If they are not Facebook members, encourage their becoming members. John

Does anyone remember Chop Chop, a dish served at the EM Club at Incirlik? Anyone know how to make it?



Det 4-2 Jack Morningstar, Wayne Ridenhouer & Dennis Kalar

Posted from an email from Steve Heintz:

LCDR Monard L. Lilleboe, Pilot. (died in crash. Nov. '66)  
LTJG Victor C. Vogel, Eval. (also died in same crash)

The plane, at cruise speed, just flew into the Mediterranean sea. It was at night, no lights out there. There were suspicions that the altimeter was not set correctly...pilot error?

Once, I flew a late night mission with Lillieboe as pilot. We aborted the mission about ten p.m. We landed at Incirlik and as we taxied past the hangers heading for refueling, a "follow me" truck drove up and blocked our path. They blinked lights at us. Lillieboe said, "Heintz, go down there and see what they want."

So with the engines still on, at idle, and the lights still blinking, I lowered the hatch, climbed down and half ran to the truck. By this time the Air Force had three more trucks in line, one a fire truck.

They pointed to our wings. "You're dumping fuel." I looked and sure nuff, fuel was gushing out of both wing tips. I pointed to them, hoping Mr. Lillieboe was watching and could figure it out. He was. He did. As I walked back to the plane, the fuel stopped.

Vic Vogel and I were close. We went to town once and had a great time. He had a fabulous sense of humor. He flew eval in the Willie Victor too.

LCDR Provenger (became VQ-2 C.O). Flew a mission when he was so ..... the navigator and I had to help him get into his torso harness.

LCDR Joel Graham had flown in Alaska as a teen aged bush pilot. He went downtown

with me a couple of times. He was a really nice guy.

Once we came back from a mission and he said, to me “you wanna fly that canyon down there.” Berryman was on that flight. I said yes. I got between the pilot's seat and the navigator and we twisted and turned through this narrow canyon with Mr. Graham hooping and hollering.

Crazy times.

LCDR. Jack "Jet" Taylor ("Rip") Also became C.O. We knew him as "Rip" Taylor. He was the only "near black" pilot in the squadron. He had a degree from M.I.T. He knew his stuff. He was the one that got out of the pilot's seat and told me to get in it. Berryman was scared. So was I. I think he did that cause he wanted to play with my toys.

BIERBAUER, Charles J., YOB: 1942, E4-E5, 988RU, Det 4, 62-63, (Susanne), 3800 Kilbourne Hill Rd., Columbia, SC 29205, 803-413-1382,

Charles Bierbauer was one of the better Russian linguists that served in the ASA. His education spells this out as he received a Bachelors degree in the Russian language at Penn State University before entering the Army and duty with the ASA where he received additional training in the Russian Language at the DLI in Monterey, CA. At DLI one of his classmates was Joe Tait. Both served at Det 4 and have been friends thereafter. Both led successful careers after their ASA days. Tait in broadcasting for the Cleveland Indians and later the Cleveland Cavaleers. Google Joe Tait to learn about his broadcasting career.

Bierbauer returned to Penn State and received a bachelors and a master's degree in journalism.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS AT THE 2007 ASA TURKEY REUNION

To read more about Charles Bierbauer go to <http://dool-1.tripod.com> and click on DOOL's 140, 179, 181, 217, 218 and 236

## [The Bierbauer Report](#)

Charles Bierbauer draws his interests in media, politics and education together as Dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies at the University of South Carolina. The views here are his own, not those of the university. He is a former CNN political correspondent and currently is a consultant and senior contributing editor for SCHotline.com.

### The Cold Warriors of Sinop

**October 1, 2007**



By Charles Bierbauer

North Myrtle Beach—Our hair is thinner. Our waists are thicker. Our step is slower. But what can you expect of old soldiers forty or so years removed from their Cold War outpost? Our eyesight is weaker, but our vision, we trust, was sharpened by our shared experience in another era of our Army's history.

About sixty soldiers who had served at "Det. 4", a small listening post on Turkey's Black Sea coast, gathered this past week for a reunion surfside on South Carolina's Atlantic coast. We talked small talk, as you do at reunions. Politics and geopolitics wove through our conversations, but mostly we wanted to know about each other.

When were you there? In my case, 1962 and 1963. Quonset huts or barracks? This is a big demarcation. Those of us who had lived in the huts, of course, lord it over the "yenis"—new guys—who moved into cushy billets. Linguist or ditty-bopper? We're speaking code, of course. Our job was to intercept and analyze any electronic

communications emanating from the Soviet Union across the Black Sea. Morse code, satellite traffic, cosmonauts in space, Russians on the phone.

We probably knew more about the Russians than we did about our Turkish hosts, such as our isolation. Diogenes Station sat on a hilltop above the tiny, walled, once Greek town of Sinop. Our post was named for the town's most famous native son, the cynic philosopher Diogenes, typically pictured carrying a lantern in search of an honest man.

We served in tricky, less than honest times of strategic cat-and-mouse games. While I was in Sinop, the Cuban missile crisis was unfolding. The removal of U.S. Jupiter missiles elsewhere in Turkey would become a tacit part of the deal to remove the Soviet missiles from Cuba.

At our reunion, we talked about Turkey's strategic role then and now. Turkey was a staunch ally of the U.S. and the West, a member of NATO and CENTO, alliances linked for the containment of Soviet communism. That alliance has weakened. Turkish support for the U.S. remained strong during the Gulf War of 1991. Key bases in southern Turkey were staging areas for action in the north of Iraq. But the Turks denied the U.S. the same degree of access for the 2003 assault on Iraq.

In the decades since I served in Turkey, I have returned on several occasions as a journalist and come to know a number of Turkish leaders. I have seen the economic contributions that Turkish guest workers have made to the European economy. I've also seen the social discrimination Turks have endured in Western Europe, primarily because they are Muslim. I've watched the rise and fall of Turkish aspirations for inclusion in the European Union, a move supported by the Bush administration. The Turks, themselves far from flawless, are not there yet.

The Turks see themselves as a political and geographic bridge between Europe and the Middle East. They maintain relations with Israel, as well as the Arab states.

They are deeply concerned about the outcome in Iraq, particularly as it pertains to the ethnic Kurds who straddle several borders and have a strong and contentious presence in eastern Turkey. Internally, the Turks are trying to balance the historic power bases of national secularism and the military with the rise of religious conservatism and the August election of Abdullah Gul, an Islamist, as president.

Several of my Sinop brethren wondered which, if any, of today's presidential candidates would grasp the role Turkey could play. A focus of the presidential campaign has been much more on how to extricate American troops from Iraq than on solutions for the region. We also wondered which, if any, candidate has sufficient global vision to keep a watchful and wary eye on the reemergence of Russian power.

As one colleague summed up our Cold War experience, "we made a difference." Much as today's soldier serving in dramatically more hazardous Iraq must feel, the battle is only worth it if you sense that at some level you have made a difference.

Charles Bierbauer covered the Cold War from Moscow, Eastern Europe and the White House for ABC News, CNN and others. He is now Dean of the College of Mass Communications and Information Studies at the University of South Carolina, though these are his views and not those of the university. He is Senior Contributing Editor and a consultant to SCHotline.

Update: [Sinop, Turkey](#), a city near the Black Sea in Turkey

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Elder Green & Bob Bowser

This photo was taken at the Owl's Nest on 17 November 2012 after a day of bear hunting in the northern 'mountains' of Pennsylvania. No luck. In front of us is a large bon fire where we sat around discussing the days hunt and, of course, our days as coal miners at Urling #3 mine. While sitting around the bon-fire at dusk I noticed a deer approaching us. It slowly walked up to within 10 feet of us, then turned and went behind a small hill. After a few minutes I noticed that deer looking at us. It was a spike buck. I kept watching that area and he'd keep popping up and look at us. I thought this was rather unusual and went for my camera, but it was gone when I returned. Later found out that three of the camp had spread corn in that area before I got to camp and the laugh was on me....But it was an experience I shall never forget.

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## BIO

[edited] - I was at Sinop from April 1955-March 1956. At that time Sinop was a small satellite operation HQ'd from Samsun. No barracks, no PX, no commissary, no EM, NCO or Officers Clubs. No mess hall....no NOTHING! We all rented and lived in the Sinop Palas Oteli and divided it into apartments. The hotel only had about 8 rooms and the Turkish "bomb sights" in our rooms were replaced shortly after we moved in! There were never more than a dozen of us ASA'ers in town at one time, usually less. Others there were Al Cantrell, Buck Goss, Jim Julius, Wallace Lonsway, John Musick, Phil Pavlik, Jim Peron, Pete Stephany, F.W. (Bill) Stuckert, Jim Supplee, and the OIC was 1LT Llewellyn P. Rose. We also had a GI cook who couldn't so we kept him sloshed all the time and hired Ali Bas to cook and his brother Ahmet as a gopher. We also had a very good mechanic who took care of the site's diesel power as well as our lone  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton and one forlorn deuce and a half which was naturally referred to as the iki bochuk or just iki bo. Now, here is the great part, JAMMAT-TUSLOG was paying us a rather generous per-diem rate in addition to our pay. I can't recall the amount, but I was a PFC at the time and the per diem was about triple my base pay. It gets better. The Turkish official exchange rate was 2.8 Lira per Dollar and in order to keep the dollars off the black market JAMMAT gave us 10 Lira to the Dollar. This doesn't sound great today but listen up.... 1 Lira then would buy on the street in Sinop about what 1 Dollar would buy in the States in 1956....two loaves of bread or 2 dozen eggs, 2 kilos of ground mutton (God how I hated mutton!). We could order PX stuff and commissary supplies from Ankara once a month and it was delivered to us via Samsun. For everything else we bought on the Sinop market. It wasn't as tough as it may sound. We chipped in "dues" to buy canned goods from Ankara and fresh food on the local market. We also has to buy firewood, beds, sheets, blankets, etc...

One of my favorite memories of my TOUR of DUTY (55-56) was the Turkish bath. The cost back then was between 2 and 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  Lira which then was 20 to 25 cents USA. We regularly showered in the HOTEL and thought we were as clean as the average GI. Little did we know how scuzzy we really were! The Turkish bath was open only to men except for one day per month when it was taken over by the women. Also, one day per month it was reserved (free) for Turkish Soliers. As you entered someone escorted you to a booth with a door and windows where you were issued a towel, not the terrycloth kind but more like something you hang in the window at home. After stripping and donning the towel, you would enter the warm-up room before going into the hot room. Being young and not altogether bright we would do push-ups to speed up the sweating process. The hot room was hot and had a groove around the edges of the floor to conduct the waste water to God knows where. Of course there were stone or cement benches around the perimeter of the entire hot room. Water flowed non-stop from several taps on the wall. You could wash yourself or for a 50 kuros tip you could have a gud scrub you and we always got the full service. Turkish people are modest so the guy would scrub down as far as possible and up as far as possible and you took care of

"possible" yourself. This suited me just fine. The washing guy used a very stiff luffa-like sponge. Remember how I said we thought we were clean? Well, the scuzz that guy would scrape off of us was unbelievable. When you were done, your skin was pink, the endorphins were flowing and it made you feel like a million bucks. Leaving we would return to our booth to be given 2 towels, one to dry our body and wear, and one that the attendant would wrap on your head as a Turban. Then you would be served a bottle of guzoos (sp). That stuff is another story, maybe later. You donned your clothes, paid your bill and left.

I could go on and on about living off the local economy for hours. Most times were good and many of them are pretty funny, like the week Ali Bas actually cornered the Turkish beer market in Sinop and what the local Turkish "Mafia" did about it. The beer....about once a month a small ship would arrive in Sinop carrying the occassional passenger and a great deal of freight for the local merchants. Among this stuff was the towns entire month's supply of Turkish beer. The Sinop "Mafia" were actually three very honest, incorruptible gentlemen. The Fire Chief, the Police Chief and the Mayor. Of these, the "Godfather" was the Fire Chief. The currency of these men was respect. If you gave it, you got it. Problems within and without local law were handled by them.

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I need to write a story for Elder, I promised that I would. I just retired and don't have an excuse now. Thank you again for catching me up and don't know what happened to the email system. Bob Mallette, CSHO, CMS (Certified Marine Surveyor)

Elder,

[edited] I received the DOOL # 241 and read with much pleasure.. I've Lost all my ASA info, but was able to get most of it back from computer bug that munched it. I'm working on my epistle for Det 4 and almost finished. Will forward it to you upon completion.

I'm still having trouble with VA in reference to my ASA years and still can't understand why my records were 'lost' for 50 years. Can't even get hearing aids due to hearing loss (058). Troubles, Troubles and more Troubles.

I trust all is well with you and wishing you a very Merry Christmas

MEISNER, George, E3-E5, 204, Det 4, DE55-NO56, (Donna), 26 Country Club Rd., Shalimar, FL 32579, 850-609-5725, [meis244@netscape.net](mailto:meis244@netscape.net) DOOL#93, DTD 15no2003. George saw my reunion add in the American Legion magazine and called about the 2002 reunion. He married Donna, a native of Carlisle, PA., while he was TDY to the ASA Training facility at Carlisle Barracks in 1951. George, a native of Oregon, had a rocky 15 years of active duty which ended in 1965 when he was given a medical discharge of 10%, then increased.

### BIO of George Meisner

We arrived in Turkey a couple of days after Christmas '55 and stayed at a downtown Ankara hotel for a few days, getting our assignments, etc. Then we rode in the back of old WWII Army trucks to Samsun. It was January 1956 and it was cold and dusty. We stayed at Samsun for a few days and then went to Sinop where the Sinop Palace Hotel became our home.

We had a house boy and a real Army Mess Sgt., which we were not authorized, so we ate pretty good and were quite comfortable. We had a commissary run once a month. That's when you could order your American beer or anything else you wanted. When we ran out of our beer and had to drink Turk beer, it took some adjustment. When the Mess Sgt ran out of beef, we had to eat tough Water Buffalo. We drew TDY which was pretty good. I was chief operator, which I don't think they had a slot for and worked straight days. I remember the Air Force delivering us the newer Army trucks, they were the sloppiest dressed military men I had ever seen (comfortable). Maj Lowry grounded them all till they got uncomfortable again. The AF brass called to find out where his men were and the Major told them he grounded them till they got back into proper military uniform. Our Mess Sgt was driving a deuce and a half from Samsun to Sinop and drove off the road somewhere along a high and steep stretch by the Black Sea and really messed himself up. One of his eyeballs was hanging out of its socket among other things. A Turk doctor at the unsanitary Sinop hospital took care of him until he could be evacuated. One of us would stay with him 24/7. I was surprised that he made it. They flew in two air/sea rescue planes from Wheelus AFB in Tripoli to evacuate him. Just one landed in the harbor while the other circled.

When the new regime arrived, I was getting short but we were up-rooted from all of our comforts of home and moved up the hill into rustic wooden homes they built for us, took away our TDY and hi-jacked us from the SigC which brought me great joy and happiness. I developed one of those short-timer attitudes. They built an NCO Club and PX so at least I didn't run out of American beer.. I'd get up in the morning and go over to our little OP's building, and then after noon chow I'd go to my bunk and take a nice siesta, then I'd go to open the PX. I didn't care what the powers to be thought about my schedule and I guess they didn't care either. I was sort of irritated because I wasn't promoted to E-5 while I was there. Maj Green was our CO and because I never liked the new set-up and wasn't promoted, I assumed Maj Green was glad to see me depart. That's when I asked him if I could leave on the dolmus that had brought a replacement from Ankara. He said yes, and that's the way I said good-by to Sinop. I was wrong

about Maj Green because after I arrived at Ft Huachuca I was hunting something in my 201 file and came across some orders promoting me to Sgt E5 and a nice endorsement from Maj Green. Since I requested to travel by ship, I received a 30 day early departure, so when I arrived in Ankara I went to Istanbul by train. I left Turkey on the USNS Patch. It was a really large troop ship. There was mostly dependents and officers on it, so us few EM slept and ate with the crew.

Me and SFC Dickerson who was the Mess Sgt from Samsun volunteered for permanent KP. The crew were Merchant Marines, and we didn't do anything but sight-see. We went to Izmir, Naples and Leghorn. At that time the Lebanon thing came up and they took us off the ship and the ship was diverted to Lebanon to evacuate some dependents, etc. They took us by train from Camp Darby, across Italy, the German Alps or French Alps I can't remember, and on to Bremerhaven. We got on a little troop ship (USNS Geiger) that was loaded with passengers and just about bounced across the North Atlantic to New York.. It was COLD and the ocean very ROUGH and most everyone was sea sick, except me. There's many more stories between these lines, but my memory fails me. From NY it was on to Carlisle, PA and MOM PERON, James E., (Jim), DOB: 18OC32, RA13496045, E3-SP3, 058 Det 4, 2MY56-DE57, (Jean), 48 Long Ln., Kirkwood, PA 17536, 717-529-2561, [jpncef@aol.com](mailto:jpncef@aol.com) - [edited] Hi Elder: Thanks a million for the neat newsletter about the early history of Det 4 at Sinop. It brought back a lot of memories. I had forgotten the names of many of the fellows but your EARLY BIRD newsletter helped the failing brain cells. I fully expect to be with you fellows at the Reunion at Seven Springs. Looking forward to it !! Found several more groups of photos taken during the early days. I'll bring them along. Many are of the picnic at the beach!! Maybe someone can help me identify several of the fellows. Best regards... JIM PERON

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- this is for all my facebook friends who are concerned about our house in Ventnor. Lots of damage on the ground floor. Unbelievable the power of water. Washing machines, and refrigerator moved. Dryers have water in the. All my tools in the garage have been relocated thanks to mother nature.. All will be fine eventually.. Adjuster on the way now, then we can start throwing things out..I got a new cell phone last month and some numbers disappeared.. Please just call my cell phone and hang up without a message, and I will get back to you, and then save the number,, Thanks for all the good wishes. May all of us be well.

RAUK, Ed, Det 4, 64-65 & 66-67, (Kay), Spicer, MN, 320-796-3886, [ekrauk@charter.net](mailto:ekrauk@charter.net)  
Elder, I'm sorry I didn't respond in time for the last DOOL,-- just forgot and have been busy doing a bunch of volunteer type work. Getting ready for a Veterans Day event at my son's school, I was searching for a belt buckle and came across this inventory list that I said I would send to you. Plus I found this ditty about being stuck in Sinop. I have finally downloaded my photos from the reunion, so will bit by bit send you some.  
Did very much enjoy the reunion, considering I had no idea of what to expect!!

Will be running off to a community wide church choir rehearsal in preparation for a concert next Sunday night to benefit a local community food shelf, in just a bit so this will be short.

Best regards and a Very Nice Veterans Day to YOU!!! Ed Rauk

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Hi Elder. I am sorry that I am a little behind with my BIO, but here goes. I enlisted in the ASA in January 1966 I went to basic and supply school at Ft Dix. I then went by train to Ft Gordon, GA for signal supply school. My first assignment was 226<sup>th</sup> USASA Opns Co C, Kang Wha Do Island.

Then volunteered for Vietnam and assigned to the 8<sup>th</sup> RRFS, Phu Bai. From Phu Bai I went to Ft Devens, Ma. I served my four years and tried to find good work back home. Well, it didn't happen so I enlisted for Flight School at Fort Walters, TX. My 5<sup>th</sup> week I took a hearing test and failed because of high frequency loss. I requested Fort Devens and ended up with the 10<sup>th</sup> SF Group in the Property Book section. Two years later I volunteered for Sinop, Turkey and got my wish. I served there from 1973 -1974 at Hippodrome. Came back to Devens and then on to Misawa, Japan with USASAFS Misawa. After Misawa I was assigned to HHC Fort Campbell, KY at Installation Supply. I was pulled to help form the 311 MI BN from the 265<sup>th</sup> ASA and 101<sup>st</sup> MI. Again I was reassigned from there to Sinop, Turkey the second time, 1982 -1983. Left Sinop and assigned to the Depot Systems Command on the Equipment Control Team reconciling property books throughout the Army on TDY. I then went to K-Town, West Germany at

the 94<sup>th</sup> Air Defense Artillery Brigade as the S 4 NCOIC. After K-Town I was assigned to the 724<sup>th</sup> Support BN (Main), 24<sup>th</sup> Inf Div (Rapid Deployment) as the S-3 NCOIC. I retired from Ft Stewart and came back to the Pittsburgh area. As I recall different happenings I will send them in for reading.

Larry L Ridgway, Master Sergeant, Ret  
U.S. Army

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Received the facts regarding Social Security from Carl Showalter and am including portions of it below FYI.

**Carl Showalter is one of the few who served at Manzarali Station that climbed to the top of the water tower!**

THE ONLY THING WRONG WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S CALCULATION OF AVAILABLE SOCIAL SECURITY IS THEY FORGOT TO FIGURE IN THE PEOPLE WHO DIED BEFORE THEY EVER COLLECTED A SOCIAL SECURITY CHECK!!!

WHERE DID THAT MONEY GO?.

THE FOLKS IN WASHINGTON HAVE PULLED OFF A BIGGER PONZI SCHEME THAN BERNIE MADOFF EVER DID.

Entitlement my foot, WE paid cash for our social security insurance! Just because they borrowed the money for other government spending, doesn't make our benefits some kind of charity or handout!!

We're "broke" and we can't help our own Seniors, Veterans, Orphans, or Homeless. Yet the government continues to give BILLIONS to countries that hate the USA.

They call Social Security and Medicare an entitlement even though most of us have been paying for it all our working lives, and now, when it's time for us to collect, the government is running out of money. Why did the government borrow from it in the first place? It was supposed to be in a locked box, not part of the general fund.

**Sad isn't it?**

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Two OLD Elinters having a cup of coffee and telling war stories at the Dunkin Donuts at Fort Devens on Saturday Oct 27 2012. Dan Taylor with ASA hat and Don Nesheim last saw each other 52 years ago in 1960 at Fort Devens when Dan was an instructor in the 989 ELINT course and Don was a student...

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1. The Army Security Agency is established with headquarters in Washington, D. C., effective 15 September 1945. It will operate under the direct command of the War Department.

2. The Army Security Agency will comprise all signal intelligence and communications security establishments, units and personnel of the Army. Such establishments, units and personnel now assigned or attached to major forces, commands and departments or subordinate elements thereof will be transferred to the Army Security Agency upon receipt of orders from the War Department. No change is contemplated for the present in the location of units or personnel affected by this letter. These instructions apply to such units and personnel as Signal Security Agency, Second Signal Service Battalion, personnel engaged in signal intelligence activities organized under bulk allotment of Theaters, Departments, or Commands; Signal Radio Intelligence Companies, T/O & E 11-77, dated 1 April 1942, Signal Service Companies (Radio Intelligence) T/O & E 11-500, dated 15 September 1944, Signal Intelligence Service Detachment, Types A, B, C, D, E, under T/O & E's 11-6575, 11-6675, 11-6775, 11-6875, 11-6975 respectively, dated 18 December 1943, personnel of Radio Intelligence Platoons of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Signal Battalion, T/O and E 11-16, dated 10 December 1943; Army Air Forces Radio Squadrons Mobile, T/O & E 1-1027, dated 19 January 1945; personnel of Radio Intelligence Platoons of Signal Companies Aviation T/O & E 11-217, dated 19 May 1942, and all other units and activities organized to perform signal intelligence functions. Specific orders for the transfer of the above units and personnel will be issued progressively and as expeditiously as practicable.

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3. Personnel will not be transferred to or from any Army Security Organization or Unit without prior concurrence of the Chief, Army Security Agency, except in accordance with established procedures for demobilization of military personnel.

4. Signal Intelligence and Communications Security Units and personnel of the Army Security Agency will be allocated to major forces and commands as needed to meet local tactical or security requirements of such forces and commands. Headquarters, Army Security Agency, Washington, D. C. will be notified of the disposition made by the major force or command of such units or personnel and advised of all subsequent changes or reassignment. When so allocated such units and personnel will be administered by the major force or command but will operate in accordance with directive issued by the Chief, Army Security Agency. In addition to the units mentioned above which are allocated for the purpose of meeting such local requirements, other Signal Intelligence units and personnel of the Army Security Agency may be placed in the territory assigned to a major force or command in order to meet other than local tactical or security requirements. In such cases those units and personnel will be administered by the major force or command but will operate under direct command of the War Department, through the Chief, Army Security Agency. Major force commanders will be informed of contemplated changes in allocation of Army Security Agency units which he is administering.

5. The Chief, Army Security Agency, will be responsible for the following signal intelligence and communications security activities:

- (a) The interception of radio and wire traffic, the location and identification of radio stations by electrical means, the analysis of radio and wire traffic, the solution of code and cipher messages and the laboratory arrangements for the employment and detection of secret inks.
- (b) The organization, employment and operation of communications intelligence and communications security establishments, procedures and equipment within the Army, exclusive of Message Centers.
- (c) Research and development of all items of equipment of peculiar interest to the Army Security Agency.
- (d) Determination of the military characteristics of and the requirements for items of equipment peculiar to Army Security Agency.

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(e) Research, development, preparation, publication, revision, storage and distribution of all cryptographic equipment and material (including codes, ciphers and secret keys) required by the AGS; the establishment of procurement requirements and accounting for such equipment and the maintenance of liaison with other agencies in connection therewith. The Army Security Agency may delegate such of these duties and responsibilities as appropriate to its field units or to major forces or commands.

(f) Cryptographic and transmission (radio, wire and courier) security.

(g) Organization and training of all units, detachments and teams, and the training of all individual specialists assigned or attached to the Army Security Agency.

(h) Determination of doctrines, techniques and the preparation of field manuals and training literature.

(i) Preparation of tables of organization and equipment, allowances and distribution; expendable items, lists, and military occupational specialties required by the Army Security Agency.

(j) Establishment of requirements for personnel and the assignment, transfer and promotion of such personnel in accordance with established War Department policies.

(k) Review of program of instruction in service schools training clerks, technicians and other specialists engaged in all phases of cryptographic work and for appropriate recommendations to the War Department.

6. The Chief Signal Officer of the Army will be responsible for providing communication facilities required by the Army Security Agency to and between forces and commands overseas. Major force commanders overseas will provide adequate communication facilities to the Army Security Agency within their respective commands.

7. The Troop Basis of major forces and commands will be adjusted to reflect the transfers effected under the provisions of paragraph 2 and to accommodate the Army Security Agency in their respective areas.

8. All facilities, equipment and records used in the operations of the units and personnel referred to in Paragraph 2 above, and all funds appropriated therefor, will be transferred to the Army Security Agency.

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9. Pertinent regulations, Tables of Organization and Equipment, field manuals, directives and instruction material, will be amended as necessary to conform herewith.

10. It is desired that strict compliance be made with the provisions of Paragraph 11, AR 380-5, 15 March 1944, to the end that dissemination of the above information is confined to only those individuals whose official duties require such knowledge or possession.

By order of the Secretary of War:

/s/ Edward F. Wittell

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