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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS 1972

CY 72 presented several significant challenges to Fort Meade. Aside from the routine summer support mission and support of First Army, Fort Meade actively participated in the construction and operation of Transpo-72. The 76th Engineer Battalion constructed bailey bridges at the site, the 44th Medical Brigade provided emergency medical aid, and the 42d Transportation Battalion provided displays.

In consonance with the military forces assisting other government agencies to improve international relations, Fort Meade provided the necessary transportation for movement of the People’s Republic of China International Table Tennis Team within the First Army area from 15 to 19 April 1972.

The utter futility of man’s relationship with nature was indicated once again, when Hurricane Agnes devastated a five state area within the First Army area. Fort Meade provided men, material and equipment to aid in the disaster relief and clean-up operations of the hardhit areas.
COMPTROLLER

Inactivation of Fort Holabird

On 4 March 1970 an announcement was made that the United States Army Intelligence Center and School would relocate to Fort Huachuca, Arizona NLT 31 December 1970. The announcement also stated that Fort Holabird would be inactivated and all remaining tenant activities would be physically relocated by 29 June 1973. The Combat Developments Command's Intelligence Agency was relocated at Fort Huachuca, Arizona along with the Intelligence School. This move was completed by August 1972.


14 June 1972 - DA-OSD made a determination that operating elements of Defense Investigative Services (DIS) would be housed on Fort Holabird. The move was completed in October 1972.

16 October 1972 - DA considered action to declare Fort Holabird an excess facility. This decision was reaffirmed by Office of Secretary of Defense in January 1973. Fort Holabird, less that portion occupied by the Jecelin Army Reserve Center and the National Security Agency, will be declared excess to the Army's needs by July 1973.

Assumption of Fort Holabird Finance and Accounting Functions:

The final consolidation of the Fort Holabird and Fort Meade Finance and Accounting Offices was accomplished during 1972. The Fort Holabird Civilian Pay and Commercial Accounts Sections moved to Fort Meade in February, bringing two personnel spaces and an additional 863 more accounts per month to the Civilian Pay Section and two personnel spaces and an additional 3,500 vouchers per month to the Commercial Accounts Section. The latter workload is expected to decrease as the Fort Holabird closure progresses. In April, payment responsibility for the Maryland National Guard and Reserve forces was transferred to Fort Meade, and transfer of the Travel Section was completed adding one personnel space to the workforce and 75 travel vouchers per month to the workload. The remainder of the Military Pay, Accounting, and Disbursing Branches were transferred to Fort Meade in June. Disbursing Branch gained two personnel spaces and the 4,438 payments per month listed above as well as incidental requirements arising from the greater area of responsibility. Accounting Branch gained a total of nine personnel spaces: two in the Key Punch Section, three in Installation Accounts, one in Stock Fund, two in Analysis and Reconciliation, and one in Control Section. The workload in the Accounting Branch was increased by the amount of the paperwork from the enlarged workloads of the other sections, plus the necessary periodic reports to Fort Holabird on the status of Fort Holabird funds, which will be eliminated as Fort Holabird closes. Effective 1 July 1972, all Fort Holabird finance and accounting functions transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland.

Major Budgetary Actions

During Fiscal Year 1972, the annual funding program for Operation and Maintenance, Army (OMA) was $45,105,992 and included pay raises of $256,000 for graded civilians and $181,500 for wage grade personnel. Effective 1 February 1972, this installation assumed funding and budgetary responsibility for Fort Holabird as a result of inactivation plan for that installation. A breakout of the annual funding programs are as follows:
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During this period of funding austerity, the installation was hampered to a great extent by requirements and directives to meet objectives in the area of Service Attractiveness, attain assigned floor for Maintenance of Real Property Facilities (MRPF), and to implement BASOPS and JUMPS, without additional resources. Further assignment of additional missions, such as Aircraft Maintenance support with only partial funding being made available, compounded the resource deficit under which the installation was forced to operate during a majority of the Fiscal Year. However, receipt of additional funding, while not at the desired degree, enabled the installation to accomplish its varied logistical and administrative functions.

The Family Housing Management Account program for Fiscal Year 1972 was $2,626,365 with a final unobligated balance of $1,529. Utilization rate attained was 99.94%. Here too assumption of funding and budgeting responsibility for Fort Holabird was directed effective 1 Feb 72. Of the total program for FY 1972, $74,500 relates to Fort Holabird, with the unobligated balance identified to that installation.

Fiscal Year 1973 Operation and Maintenance annual funding program was $44,831,390 as of 31 December 1972. Unfinanced requirements total $8,024,100 of which $3,792,500 is Group I (Essential Requirements - Hard Core) and $4,231,600 is Group II (Requirements to Meet Prescribed Standards).

Family Housing Management Account Fiscal Year 1973 funding level as of 31 December 1972 was $2,880,000. Unfinanced requirements total $1,378,400, all identified to the Maintenance and Repair area.
DIRECTORATE OF PERSONNEL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

General:

The year 1972 reflected the diligent activity of the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities (DPCA) office at Fort Meade in carrying out its mission. That mission being the planning, coordinating, and exercising of staff supervision over activities pertaining to military and civilian personnel management and other personal services-law and order, religious services, safety, recreation, welfare, educational development of military personnel, education of dependents, and operation of nonappropriated funds.

Colonel John G. Lownda, the DPCA, retired from the service after 29 years. Major Ethelyn S. Wiggins, DPCA Special Projects Officer was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Equal Opportunity Office:

During April, the United States Armed Forces Institute course, "History of the American Negro" was presented at the Education Center. This course is designed to examine the historical evolution of the Black American and explores the political, military, legal, social, intellectual and economic dimensions of the Afro-American in historical perspective. The course was fully and equally subscribed to black and white students and was well received.

The Equal Opportunity and Treatment Office is currently in its second year of operation under the direction of CPT Samuel A. Dubose, a recent graduate of the Defense Race Relations Institute. Several changes in personnel have occurred since the last writing. SFC George G. Hatcher, former NCOIC, was reassigned to Hqs, FCP and SGT Harry Hollander has left the Army in pursuit of a civilian career. A new addition to the staff has been SSG David Thomas.

The Equal Opportunity and Treatment Office presented a two day seminar on race relations at the Post Chapel Center on 16 and 17 November 1972. The theme for this seminar was "A Seminar Experience in Racial Awareness." Participants were provided with a historical overview of civil rights (1954-1972) through the use of a talk by Dr. Charles Walker Thomas, Dean of Federal City College, Washington, D.C. Dr. Thomas retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, United States Army Chaplain's Corps and participated before retirement in religious military programs conducted at this installation. This seminar featured a series of experimental learning exercises which aided participants in both understanding and dealing with the emotions that determine their actions toward people of different ethnic and racial backgrounds. Additionally, the exercises enabled the military serviceman or woman to identify, understand and more effectively deal with major areas of race relations which specifically affected his or her performance and the military community in general.

Administration and Management:

The American Legion Boys State was held at Fort Meade 18-24 June 1972. A citizen-ship training school for select high school seniors featuring guest speakers from various governmental agencies and athletic notables. The training provides young leaders a valid concept of the operations, ideals, functions and goals of government.

Mrs. Rose S. Lappo, Chief, Administration and Management Branch was appointed Federal Women's Program Coordinator, 9 October 1972.
Reenlistment Office:

The Post Reenlistment Officer and one career counselor attended a Department of the Army Reenlistment Conference in Washington, D.C. 24-27 July 1972. The purpose of the conference was to determine ways to increase reenlistments.

Approximately 7,000 former servicemen living in the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia area were contacted between 1 Sep and 31 Oct and invited to return to the Army.

CONARC tripled the reenlistment objective on 1 August 1972. The first term objective is now approximately 29 soldiers per month.

CPT Julia A. Belt was designated Project Officer for the Station/Unit of Choice Program which provides enlistees assured assignment of installation of their choice. Reenlistment trophies were awarded to the Headquarters Command and the 380th Transportation Company for the quarter ended 30 Sep 72.

LT John Almborg was assigned to understudy the Reenlistment Officer on 1 November. He will assume position of Captain William A. Gibson, the present Reenlistment Officer who will depart for Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana on 15 December 1972.

The Station of Choice Recruiting Program commenced on 1 November 72. Its purpose is to recruit new soldiers with guaranteed assignment at Fort Meade.

SSG Grady, 581st LRM Co was named Ft. Meade's Outstanding Reenlistment NCO. The Career Counselor supervisor departed (authorized E-9). The position was temporarily filled by SSG Hoskins.

Alcohol and Drug Control Office:

The Fort Meade Drug Rehabilitation facility, Crossroads, implemented a new program 1 July 1972. At that time the Odyssey House, Inc., New York City (Inner City Drug Rehabilitation Center) was contracted to send several staff members to Fort Meade to train Crossroads personnel and assist in developing an experimental rehabilitation program. This program has stressed military procedure, military appearance and the redirection of the individual for return to a full time productive soldier.

A Store-Front facility was opened in Building 2455 to handle drug counseling and follow-up procedures for positive urine screening.

Drug Counseling services have been provided by Crossroads staff for personnel in the Stockade and POF.

In accordance with DA Circular 600-84, Drug Abuse Testing Program, a Drug Abuse Testing Program was established at Fort Meade where daily urinalysis drug screens are conducted on a random basis at unit level. Follow-up procedures for clinically determining drug abuse for those individuals whose initial urine tests are positive are in effect.

Dr. Judianne Densen-Gerber, Executive Director of Odyssey House (a New York City Drug Abuse Rehabilitation Center) gave a presentation on Drug Abuse Prevention and Rehabilitation on 29 Sep 72 to Military dependents and civilians of the greater Fort Meade community. Dr. Michael Baden, Chief Medical Examiner for New York City gave a talk covering the entire spectrum of drug abuse to Commanders and professional personnel of the Fort Meade community on 29 Sep 72.
On 1 and 2 August 1972 there was a presentation on the Fort Meade Drug Rehabilitation Center, Crossroads to all unit and company level Commanders and Sergeants Major and First Sergeants.

On 4 and 5 November 1972 representatives from First United States Army inspected the ADCO facilities.

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program at Fort Meade was implemented with the establishment of the Alcohol and Drug Intervention Council in early July 1971. The function of this committee is to make recommendations to the Post Commander on Alcohol and Drug Abuse policy, and to monitor, develop, and assist in the coordination of education, identification, rehabilitation and data collection programs.

The Alcohol and Drug Control Office was established early in FY 72, with the assignment of a field grade officer as the Alcohol and Drug Control Officer and a Lieutenant as the Education Officer. In conjunction with the establishment of ADCO, the "Crossroads", Fort Meade's rehabilitation center for drug users, was opened.

Alcohol and Drug Workshops are conducted monthly for the training of Unit Alcohol and Drug Education Specialists and all others who wish to attend. The ADCO Education Office has conducted RAP sessions and Alcohol and Drug classes with cooperation of the Fort Meade Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Staff at units on post and to various groups in and surrounding the Fort Meade community.

The ADCO program established Drug Dope boxes in locations throughout the post where personnel could anonymously deposit drugs and which if requested could be analyzed with results published in the Post Newspaper.

A weekly column was established in the Post Newspaper titled "Drug Dope" which provides answers to questions asked by letter, phone, etc. This column was also used to explain the Fort Meade Program and provide educational information on Alcohol and Drugs to the Fort Meade community. The ADCO sponsored a guest speaker program with presentations on Alcoholism by Reverend Joseph Martin to 3,000 civilians and 3,500 military personnel.

The Fort Meade Alcoholism Program has continued to expand its program to include larger segments of the community. Special groups for senior NCO's and Officers were established in December. Coordination was begun with various state and local agencies to establish a form of the Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) at Fort Meade. The PMO has begun to forward reports of DWI and other alcohol related offenses to ADCO for follow-up by an alcoholism counselor.

CONARC conducted an assistance visit to ADCO on 7 and 8 December. The following VIP's visited the ADCO facilities on the dates indicated: MG Singlaub, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Health, 12 December; Dr. Wilbur, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Health, and MG Singlaub, 20 December; LTF Tolison, CONARC, 4 January.

Personnel Services Division:

On 20 July 1972, a center for handicapped dependents of military personnel was opened. The purpose of the center is to provide year-round recreational activities for handicapped dependents 4 - 18 years of age.
Modern Volunteer Army:

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Fraley, assumed duties of Chief, Personnel Services Division. The MVA function was incorporated in the PSD Office.

In accordance with the recommendation of the MVA/VOLAR evaluation conducted by System Development Corporation, Fort Meade continued to operate an installation Modern Volunteer Army Office. The office is presently staffed by one field grade officer, one company grade officer, and one senior NCO. Organizationally, the MVA Office is within the Personnel Services Division of the Directorate of Personnel and Community Activities.

Consistent with the objectives of MVA, the MVA Office monitored previous reported MVA projects, disseminated MVA information, and supervised the allocation and expenditure of Fort Meade’s FY 73 MVA Budget of $2,369,700. One MVA Project has been the allocation of funds to be used for expansion of working floor space in Building 2501. The project should be completed early in 1973.

The MVA Budget, as of 31 December 1972, was $2,643,990. Of this, approximately 35% was obligated through the 2d quarter FY 73.

Other major MVA accomplishments included completion in December 72 of a DA MVA Survey and a DA MVA Attitude Survey.

Education Service Branch:

On 1 February 1972, the Fort Meade Education Center was assigned the responsibility of providing General Educational Development and Project Transition support for military personnel of Fort Holabird and all units satellited on Fort Holabird for education support. Since that date, Education and Transition counselors from the Fort Meade Education Center visited Fort Holabird on a regularly scheduled basis to provide counseling, testing, processing of tuition assistance and services relative to the General Educational Development Program.

For the first time at Fort Meade, a course in Beginning Chinese was conducted during the 1st Quarter FY 73. This instruction supplemented the courses in Russian, Spanish, French and German which were scheduled throughout the year.

The College Prep Program which began in 1971 continued to attract many students planning to begin college studies. The University of Maryland provided the instructors and conducted all training while the Veteran’s Administration provided the funding. To date, 157 students had enrolled in 7 classes.

Safety Branch:

Accident rates increased sharply. This was due mainly to a better system of insuring that all accidents were reported to this office. As a result of the increased rates, primary emphasis was placed on traffic safety in both Army Motor Vehicles and POWs. In conjunction with the Champion Spark Plug Company, a safe driving presentation was given to both military and civilian personnel. Also pre-holiday safe driving orientations were conducted prior to Columbus Day and Veteran’s Day. These included safety lectures by a noted Indianapolis 500 racing driver, Maryland State Police and traffic safety film presentation.

The Safety Director position was downgraded from a GS-13 to a GS-12. Also the position of Safety Technician was downgraded from a GS-9 to a GS-7. The other two positions, Safety Officer (GS-11) and Clerk Typist (GS-6) remained the same.
Open Mess:


Personnel changes within the Fort Meade Open Mess System took place. MSG Temple assumed duties and responsibilities of Manager NC5COM and Senior NC5COM and MSG Thompson assumed duties and responsibilities of Manager OOM.

Fort Holabird Open Mess operations were disestablished effective 26 Aug 72.

Effective in January 1973, open messes will function as franchises of a regional office. The regional office will provide the technical expertise necessary to operate the messes as profitable activities and endeavor to provide quality service.

Significant changes in the Fort Meade Open Mess System were reflected in the recent opening on 5 November 1972 of an EM Club in the NSA Barracks providing Bar Service to all Enlisted Members grades 1-9. The NCO Club in the NSA Barracks serves approximately 300 enlisted men from all four services. Due to the immediate success of this Annex it is planned to open another, even bigger club in the same area within the next six months.

Army Community Services Branch:

1LT Milton A. Clarke was assigned as ACS Officer effective 14 August 1972. Two civilian spaces (GS-7 and GS-5) were approved for the Children's Center.

Central Post Fund Branch:

Effective 1 January 1972, the Central Post Fund of Fort Holabird was incorporated into the Fort Meade Central Post Fund.

Effective 2 October 1972, Cw2 Henry Boe II assumed duties as Custodian, Central Post Fund.

DA Nonappropriated Funds Personnel Management Seminar was presented on 4 October 1972. This seminar provided an updating of NAF personnel procedures and new programs while at the same time permitting an open discussion period for problems or other questions. A total of 52 individuals from activities and installations in the east coast attended the seminar which was conducted by Mr. William McMullan, NAFSCOM, DCSPER, DA.

Central Accounting and Purchasing Office:

The FY 72 Operating Budget for DPCA accounts was $7,136,400 of which $163,500 was for undelivered orders. Year end funding in the amount of $532,650 was provided for civilian pay raise ($195,300), service club refurbishings, and equipment, MVA furniture, recreational equipment, etc.

CPT Roger F. Poulin was assigned to Central Accounting and Purchasing Office on 13 September 1972 as Chief of Accounting and Disbursements.

A NAF 4 Accounting Technician was added to decrease the workload on several desks.

Within the past year several activities in the Directorate have changed location. Post Safety moved to a new building (T-2845) located at Ernie Pyle and 17th Street.
Building 61 (old Dry Cleaning Plant) on Rock Avenue was assigned to the Educational Services Branch as an Education Center Annex. This building will be used as a multi-purpose training center for Project Transition and United States Armed Forces Institute evening vocational classes. It will provide ample space for shop training and classroom instruction in welding, carpentry, drafting and auto mechanics. It is anticipated that renovation and refurbishing will be completed so that classes will be scheduled in January 1973.

Several new programs have been or are being developed.

Special Services:

As a direct result of the successful First United States Army Track and Field Championships conducted at Fort Meade's new Mullins Stadium Track and Field Facility during June 1971, the 1972 First Army Track and Field Championship Meet was scheduled at the same Fort Meade facility for 27 and 28 June 1972. The Championships were conducted as scheduled and the Track and Field team representing Fort Meade emerged as the 1972 First United States Army Champions.

The Fort Meade Men's Softball Team travelled to Fort Dix, New Jersey for participation in the First United States Army Class 'A' Softball Championships conducted during the period 28 August - 1 September 1972. The Fort Meade team won the championship tournament and was crowned First United States Army Champions for 1972.

Work continued according to schedule on the new Special Services Sports Arena with Indoor Swimming Pool with an anticipated completion date of March 1973. It is planned to name the new Sports Arena, which will bring Fort Meade its first indoor swimming facility, in honor of Colonel Leo F. Gaffney (deceased). Colonel Gaffney was a former First United States Army Special Services Officer, who contributed greatly toward the local Fort Meade Sports Program.

Preliminary planning continued for construction of a new 500 seat Motion Picture Theater at Fort Meade. The new modern theater will be primarily funded by Army Air Force Motion Picture Service monies and located on the old Fort Meade Airstrip area, in the immediate vicinity of the Post Bowling Center and the Fort Meade Post Office. The new theater will replace the old mobilization type Theater #3.

As a further improvement to Fort Meade's new Mullins Stadium Track and Field Facility, a six foot chain link fence was erected around the entire perimeter of said facility. Completion of this project enabled the new hard surface running track to be completely protected from all wheeled type vehicles, which had previously driven onto the new track, causing damage to same.

On the evening of 29 November 1972, the Marine Barracks Six-Man Tackle Football team was crowned 1972 Post Champions. The Marine Barracks team defeated the 6970th Air Base Group in the final championship game of the 1972 Fort Meade Six-Man Tackle Football Program, conducted at the Mullins Stadium Football Field.

Adjutant Division:

LTC Richard F. Hogan was assigned as the Adjutant in March 1972.

CPT Amy J. Madison was assigned as Chief, Administrative Services, Adjutant Division.
In August 1972, the Adjutant Division, Military Personnel Branch received a courtesy visit from Lt. General Hutchin, Commander of First US Army.

On 1 October 1972, the personnel records for Fort Holabird were incorporated into the Fort Meade Consolidated Personnel Office. This activity currently services eight (8) subordinate units.

Major General Sparrow, DA Special Project Officer, visited the Adjutant Division, Military Personnel Accounting Program for the purpose of reviewing the BASOPS (Base Operating Systems) program, problems, effectiveness and needs at the installation level.

SIDPERS tentatively scheduled for 1 April 73 will replace the BASOPS Military Personnel Accounting System currently in effect. In order to accommodate the additional personnel required to operate an effective system, the Military Personnel Accounting Section relocated to Building 4411 during the month of November 1972.

On 1 December 1972 the Fort Holabird Adjutant Publications functions were transferred to Fort Meade. All transactions and distribution of publications for Fort Holabird and tenants will be accomplished by this installation.

Military Personnel Branch:

During the latter part of July 1972, the lounge in the Military Personnel Office was redecorated and equipped by several assigned personnel utilizing their off duty time. The outstanding efforts of these individuals produced a complete and attractive lounge now available for personnel using the facilities of that office.

As of 1 November 1972, the Military Personnel Branch headed by CPT James McIntyre will have representatives available from Transportation, Family Housing, Finance, Army Community Services, Education Center, medics from the hospital and Military Police Vehicle Registration.

On or about 22 November 1972, the Military Personnel Branch received a courtesy visit from General Kerwin, DCSPER, Department of the Army. During the early part of December 1972, the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army from the state of Delaware also visited the activity.

Civilian Personnel Division:

This year was the year of Civilian Personnel retirements. Since January 1972 we have processed 161 retirements for Headquarters, Post and Class II's.

In December 1971, the President signed the executive order increasing GS basic salaries to be effective on 9 January 1972. In February, Civilian Wage Grade employees received their pay increase. As a result of subsequent actions taken by the President and the Congress the pay increase for these wage employees was made retroactive back to December 1971.

Mr. B.H. Fleming transferred in from the Pentagon on 23 April 1972 to accept the Position of Civilian Personnel Officer left vacant by Mr. W. Keith Morris who transferred to 1st Army DCSPER, Civilian Personnel Division on 23 January 1972.

During Summer 1972, 185 young people between the ages of 16 and 21 were hired throughout the Post activities as Summer Aides. The occupational categories available to these young people covered a broad range which included typists, clerks, grasscutters, and warehouse and trades helpers. Additionally, the First US Army Headquarters utilized 45 young people from the Civil Service Commission's summer hire register as Clerk-Typists.
In support of President Nixon's Jobs-for-Veterans Program, the Fort Meade Transition Office sponsored a Job Fair at Service Club #1 on 7 June 1972. Representatives from 56 employing organizations, 16 information and referral agencies and 10 educational institutions were present for counseling and interviewing. The Fair was considered most successful in that some 400 active duty servicemen and veterans attended.

Mr. Charles E. Prout, Assistant Personnel Officer and Mr. Charles R. Muivaney, Chief, Management Employee Relations, Civilian Personnel Division, retired in June 1972 after 31 and 30 respective years of government service.

The CONARC Manpower Survey Team recognized an additional thirty (30) civilian spaces (from 161 to 191), officer requirements of 19 were recognized; four warrant officer positions were recognized and enlisted position recognition was increased from 66 to 76.

For the first time at Fort Meade, the U.S. Civil Service Commission presented a 20 hour training course called "The Federal Manager's Role in Equal Employment Opportunity." Two sessions were held during the week of 16-20 October 1972. Designed for both military and civilian executives and top managers, it is a requirement for all management personnel. It has been determined that this course will be presented semi-annually, so that all qualified personnel will be given an opportunity to attend and benefit from this Equal Employment Opportunity block of instruction.

Mrs. Delores F. Davenport, Chief, Technical Services Office, departed to accept a promotion at Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, D.C. on 30 September 1972. During the 1972 summer season, Civilian Personnel brought on board two law students for the Post Judge Advocate. This was a special program by the Judge Advocate General to expose these law students to the Army's military justice system and encourage them to consider any Army career upon graduation.

Chaplain Division:

A Brotherhood Service commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King was conducted on 14 January 1972 with the Reverence Samuel D. Greer as Guest Speaker.

The Annual National Prayer Breakfast was held on 1 February 1972 at Consolidated Mess #1 with 158 attending. The Reverend Everett G. Miller, Sr., Pastor of the United Methodist Church in Dundalk, Maryland was the guest speaker.

An Ecumenical World Day of Prayer was observed at the Post Chapel on 3 March 1972.

The Chaplain Division hosted the First United States Army Homiletics Institute, 4-6 April 1972.

On 4 April 1972, a Memorial Service for Dr. Martin Luther King was held with the Reverend Doctor Harold A. Carter as guest speaker. Both programs were enthusiastically received by the Fort Meade community, filling the Post Chapel to overflow capacity.

In addition to a heavy Easter Week schedule of religious activities, the Post Chaplain sponsored an Easter Sunrise Service at the Post Chapel. Chaplain (COL) Chester R. Lindsey, Commandant of the United States Army Chaplain School, was the guest speaker.
In April and May, the Post Chaplain initiated a pilot program of Parent Effectiveness Training. The program was so effective that it will be a FY 73 MVA project.

A Special Post Non-denomination Thanksgiving Day Service was held at the Post Chapel on 23 November 1972.

Provost Marshals Office:

On 1 February 1972, the Provost Marshal was assigned staff supervision responsibility over the Provost Marshal at Fort Holabird, Maryland when it became a sub-post of Fort Meade. On 7 September 1972, Provost Marshal, Fort Meade assumed operational control of this unit.

In June 1972, two speedgun radar units were purchased and utilized by Post MP's to improve enforcement of traffic regulations. This vastly improved the capability and flexibility of the enforcement and accident prevention programs.

On 20 June 1972, the 14th MP Group Headquarters was inactivated. Previously the Provost Marshal was also the Commander of 14th MP Group. Effective 20 June, the Provost Marshal acquired operational control over the 519th Military Police Battalion, 526th Military Police Company and 22d Branch PW/CIC.

A closed circuit TV was approved and contracted at a cost of $54,000 at the Post Stockade. Ten TV cameras were installed to provide surveillance of the stockade fences and will be monitored by stockade guards. Requirement for eighteen tower guards per day ceased when the system became operational. This vastly improved the morale of personnel from 519th MP Battalion who performed this duty without detracting from security.

Intrusion Detection Systems previously budgeted for were contracted for and installed by 30 November 1972. This added nineteen intrusion detection systems to the security system and insured that all arms storage areas in temporary buildings were protected.
DIRECTORATE OF PLANS, OPERATIONS, TRAINING, AND SECURITY

TRAINING

General:

In 1972, the major activities included an average of 15 Training Inspections per month, coordination for 30 community relations support activities, planning for the conduct of 48 parades and other ceremonies, processing of 648 school applications, and the planning and supervision of the Annual First United States Army and Post Rifle and Pistol Matches.

Significant Ceremonies:

13 Jan 72 - Honor Guard Ceremony honoring Dr. Benjamin W. Watkins, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Southern New York.

27 Jan 72 - Honor Guard Ceremony honoring Mr. Walter F. Ulmer, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the State of Maine.

1 Feb 72 - Honor Guard Ceremony honoring MG Kenneth L. Johnson, Deputy Commanding General, Reserve Forces, First US Army.

2 May 72 - Honor Guard Ceremony honoring Mr. Stuart T. Martin, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the State of Vermont.

11 May 72 - Honor Guard Ceremony honoring Mr. Walter B. Potter, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for the State of Virginia.

11 Aug 72 - Review in commemoration of the 54th Anniversary of the activation of the First US Army.

24 Aug 72 - Change of Command honoring departing National Security Agency Director, Vice Admiral Noel Gayler, USN and his successor, LTG Samuel C. Phillips, USAF.

1 Nov 72 - Honor Guard Ceremony with cannon salute to honor the promotion of Col C.C. Pixley to BG.

Reserve Component:

During calendar year 1972, about 32,249 Reserve component unit personnel performed training at Fort Meade (2,876 under Mutual Support programs, 26,561 used such facilities as ranges, training areas, etc, for MUSA's and annual matches, and 4,832 conducted two weeks Annual Training). Three Major US Army Reserve Commands (MUSARC'S) conducted Annual Service Rifle and Pistol Matches during the last quarter of 1972. Fort Meade supported 62 Reserve component convoys enroute to/from AT sites (6,264 personnel and 2,368 vehicles).

Post Range Control:

The range facilities at Fort Meade include: 16 firing ranges and forty training areas located on 7,800 acres of land. Fort Meade realized a man day utilization of 250,983 for the ranges and 202,020 utilization for the training areas.
Range Control provided support for the conduct of the 1972 Post Commander's and First Army Commander's Rifle and Pistol Matches. Approximately 500 personnel were involved in the Post Commander's competition and over 700 competitors during the First US Army Rifle and Pistol Championship Matches.

During 1972 the Inter-Allied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR) competition was held at Fort Meade. Thirteen NATO countries sent teams to the competition. The US team won first place in all age groups.

**Post Marksmanship Training Unit (PMKTU):**

The PMKTU provided support for the Post Commander's and FUSA Commander's Matches. The PMKTU conducted a selective marksmen course which was geared to instructing personnel in the use of match grade M-14 rifles for the special purpose of combating sniper activity during civil disturbances. Three two week courses were completed qualifying 60 personnel in this selective training. The students consisted mainly of personnel from Fort Meade units, but during the second course, instruction was given to four members of the Montgomery County Police Department.

The PMKTU was disbanded on 18 August 1972.

**Basic Leadership School:**

In December 1972, the Fort Meade Basic Leadership School completed its first calendar year as an operational school. This 75 hour course for both male and female junior non-commissioned officers and specialists, taught 950 individuals the basic leadership tools necessary to assume advanced rank and greater responsibility.

The school supports primarily Fort Meade assigned and tenant units, but also accepts students from Edgewood Arsenal, the Pentagon, and Forts Ritchie, Detrick, and Holabird.

**CBR School:**

The First US Army Area CBR School at Fort Meade provided chemical, biological and radiological defense training for active military personnel in the Command and Reserve/National Guard units from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Delaware, and the Military District of Washington.

Six Officer/NCO 100 hour courses were conducted during 1972 and included instruction on the use and maintenance of CBR equipment, flame field expediters, riot control agents and dispersers, fallout prediction and plotting, and CBR defensive operations. During 1972, 214 officers and NCO's attended this course. Six field expeditant flame demonstrations were presented to civilian and military personnel in addition to students of the 100 hour course. Gas Chamber exercises were administered to students of the 100 hour course and monitored for all other using units.

Other courses of instruction conducted during CY 72 included: Two CBR Officer/NCO Refresher Courses, two Chemical Agent Riot Control Courses, two Shelter Management Courses, and six Alpha Monitoring Courses. The CBR School cadre also participated in quarterly NAICP exercises, advised unit commanders on CBR operations/training and inspected unit CBR training.
AVIATION

Key military positions existing at Tipton Army Airfield are as follows:

Airfield Commander.................. MAJ JOHN F. JONES  
Airfield Operations Officer.............. CPT WILLIAM H. CLARK

In February 1972, the 661st Maint Co completed a PCS move to Tipton Army Airfield to assume the DS/GS mission requirement for the northeastern First US Army area. The 661st Maint Co has two (2) UH-1H helicopters assigned.

The first two (2) CH-47 helicopters belonging to the 195th Assault Helicopter Company (USAR) arrived in Mar 72. A formal acceptance ceremony was held on 25 March 72, attended by CG, FUSA, DCG FUSA, and the Post Commander of Fort Meade.

Aircraft based at Tipton Army Airfield flew numerous support missions for victims of Hurricane Agnes and the flooded areas resulting from the hurricane. Areas supported during June were Wilkes-Barre, Harrisburg, Baltimore, and other neighboring countries.

In July 1972, CPT Helios assumed duties as Aviation Safety Officer from CM3 Louderbach who was assigned to the 661st Maint Co.

During the first quarter FY 73, several major projects were approved that benefited airfield operation and eased the seriously overcrowded conditions for tenant units. These included:

a. Installation of high intensity runway lights which will improve the all weather capability of the airfield by reducing landing visibility minimums and will provide a much safer runway environment for aviators attempting to land during periods of restricted visibility or at night. Lights should be operational by the end of 4th quarter FY 73.

b. Construction started on a $3.2 million reserve flight facility. On completion, the facility will accommodate sixteen CH-47 helicopters assigned to the 195th ASHBC (USAR) plus serve as the maintenance base for all of the remaining aircraft assigned to the 97th ARCOM. Work on this project should be completed in 1st quarter FY 74.

c. Five temporary helipads utilizing fiber glass MONATING are being emplaced adjacent to the west taxiway. Work is being performed by the 76th Engr Bn and on completion will partially alleviate the present rotary wing parking situation.

d. Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) had approved an Airport Control Zone for Tipton Army Airfield. The control zone had become effective on 9 November 1972 and authorized the control tower to grant special VFR clearance to aircraft operating in the vicinity of Fort Meade.

A ground breaking ceremony was conducted on 1 Aug 72 for the 97th ARCOM Flight Facility and was attended by numerous dignitaries. Projected date of completion for the project was Nov 73.

On 3 Aug 72, the airfield hosted a group of Civil Air Patrol cadets from Spain and El Salvador. The group was given a tour of the airfield and an orientation helicopter ride of the Washington, D.C. area.
In November, an Airport Control Zone became effective for Tipton Army Airfield under approval of the Federal Aviation Agency. The control zone authorized Tipton Tower to grant special VFR clearances to aircraft operating in the vicinity of Fort Meade.

Tipton Army Airfield provided numerous tours throughout the year for elementary/high school students and ROTC cadets from local schools and colleges.
FORCE DEVELOPMENT

Surveys:

CONARC Manpower Survey of all General Support Forces (USAG, HEDDAC, and 526th MP Company) was conducted during period 28 June - 4 August 1972.

Personnel Authorizations:

Personnel authorizations are now issued as specific FY 73 End Strengths.

Civilian Hire Freeze:

A Presidential Hire Freeze was imposed on all civilian hire for the period 12 December 1972 to 8 February 1973.

Unit Status Changes:

During 1972 the following units were inactivated: 591st Med Co (Amb), 14th MP Group HHD, 16th Finance Section.

The following units were reorganized during 1972: 10th Evac Hospital, 581st Lt Maintenance Co, 212th Med Detachment, 1/6 Armored Cavalry, 181st Ord Det, and 702d Med Company.

The 217th MP Detachment from Fort Holabird and the 661st TC Company from New Cumberland Army Depot became new attachments to Fort Meade.

The 440th Medical Detachment was activated in June at Fort Meade.

With the inactivation of the 16th MP Gp, HHD, the 519th MP Battalion, HHD, became subordinate command effective 9 June 72 and all the MP units attached to Fort Meade were attached to it for all purposes, however, the 519th MP Battalion was made OPCON to PM, Fort Meade.

TDA Attachment:

USAG, Fort Holabird attached to Fort Meade, 1 Feb 72. This unit will be discontinued effective 29 June 1973.
Intelligence Training:

The First United States Army Area Intelligence School was conducted at Fort Meade during the period 3 July 72 to 29 Aug 72. This Headquarters provided the administration and logistical support of the school. A total of 425 students attended the school during this period. Courses offered consisted of the following: Intelligence Research Course, Intelligence Analyst Course, Aerial Surveillance Course, Interrogation of Prisoner of War Course, Combat Intelligence Staff Officer’s Course, Installation Intelligence Course, Intelligence Research Refresher Course, Aerial Surveillance Refresher Course, Censorship Examiner Course, and Technical Intelligence Course.

Security Violations:

During the calendar year 1972, review and disposition was made on security violations on this installation. Seven of these cases were determined to be administrative security violations and one is currently under investigation.

Security Inspections:

Representatives of the 109th Military Intelligence Group conducted 2 counter intelligence inspections of staff agencies during the CY 72.

Personnel Security:

The Security Division processed 901+ personnel security actions during the calendar year 1972. Such actions included, but were not necessarily limited to security clearance validations and verifications, requests for personnel security clearances and investigations, revocation and denial of security clearances, and adjudications of unfavorable investigations.

A review and screening of TOP SECRET clearances continued to be conducted in consonance with the goal of reduction of all Top Secret clearances which could not meet the requirement, of a current need-to-know criteria. As of 31 December 1972, twenty five Top Secret (TS) clearances have been granted.

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1 Message ACSI-CISP, Department of the Army, DTS 0319272 Jul 71, subject: Report on Top Secret Clearances.
PLANS AND OPERATIONS

Civil Disturbance Activities:

Fort Meade units tasked under civil disturbance plans were alerted in April 1972 for possible deployment to Washington, D.C. The alert was issued in the event that the Washington Metropolitan Police and the Military District of Washington (MDW) required assistance during May Day activities planned by dissident elements. (The plan was implemented when Washington activity increased, and troops were employed 26 April 72 – 3 May 1972. No significant confrontation between Fort Meade military units and demonstrators resulted).

A Ground Tall exercise was conducted for Garden Plot units on 23 October 1972. The exercise tested various levels of readiness short of unit movement.

Nuclear/Chemical Biological Accident Exercise:

The Fort Meade Nuclear Emergency Team, organized for deployment in the event of a nuclear or chemical/biological accident or incident, conducted 6 exercises during 1972 to test alert notification, SOP’s, and team procedures.

A NAICP exercise was conducted in conjunction with the 35th Artillery Brigade, Army Air Defense Command (AAADCOM) at Davidsonville, Maryland in February 1972.

In addition to the normal exercise, a Nuclear Emergency Team Exercise (NETEX) was conducted in June 1972 at Kirkland AFB, Albuquerque, New Mexico. First US Army gave Fort Meade credit for a quarterly exercise for the NETEX Exercise.

Contingency Plans:

From 4 February to 31 March 1972, Fort Meade participated in a CPX LAB Check II exercise, testing National Guard and selected US Army Reserve units. The purpose of this exercise was to:

a. Test the mobilization alert notification system.

b. Analyze the adequacy and validity of the First US Army Mobilization Plan and supporting directives as they pertain to the Reserve Components.

c. Practice First US Army's capabilities to order Reserve Component forces to active duty, to process and to move (simulated) the participating units to mobilization stations.

From 23 April to 30 May, designated personnel from the 414th Signal Company, Fort Meade participated in Exotic Dancer VI at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The participation was limited to signal support to and for the communication portion of the exercise.

Though Hurricane Agnes provided an excellent opportunity for First Army and Fort Meade to exercise the respective Civil Assistance plans, no implementation resulted. This was attributed to overlapping areas of jurisdiction.

All Fort Meade assigned and attached units and most of the tenant units participated in the Survival Measures Plan Test (SMP) conducted 7 Dec 72. The test consisted of familiarization and briefing on alert procedures for nuclear attacks or natural disasters, proper use of fallout shelters and supplies, and associated measures for survival under attack or disaster conditions.
Miscellaneous Support:

Fort Meade units provide personnel and equipment to support summer training at several First US Army installations, Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Camp Drum, Camp Pickett, and Camp A.P. Hill.

Additional summer support was required to augment the United States Military Academy with personnel from both the 42d Transportation Battalion and the 76th Engineer Battalion (Const). General support and direct support was made available for a two month period.

On 23 June 1972, Hurricane Agnes struck a five state area causing a disaster of major proportions. Fort Meade was called upon to assist in a multitude of areas ranging from Search and Rescue operations to reconstruction of lines and communications in the stricken areas. The maximum troop strength committed was 286 personnel, the majority of which came from the 76th Engineer Battalion. Elements of the 1/6 AC Squadron, 42d Transportation Battalion, 44th Medical Brigade, and 519th Military Police Battalion were also deployed to assist civil authorities.

Fort Meade was tasked to provide the necessary support for TRANSPO 72 in the form of Bailey Bridges at the site back in November 1971. By 25 May 72, the 76th Engineer Battalion had completed construction of the bridges at Dulles Airport and was scheduled to dismantle them by July 1972. However, due to the Disaster operations incurred by Hurricane Agnes, work was not completed until 25 Oct 1972.

In addition to engineer support, Fort Meade units provided personnel and displays at the exhibition. Both the 44th Medical Brigade and the 42d Transportation Battalion provided men and equipment services at the exhibition site.

Supervision of the First Army Museum was transferred from First US Army Support Element to DPTSEC, Headquarters, Fort Meade effective 2 April 1972.

The 1972-73 Combined Federal Campaign was conducted on Fort Meade from the period 25 September through 3 November 1972. The overall task of conducting the Campaign was assigned to DPTSEC. LTC Claude C. Focht, Jr., Deputy DPTSEC was designated Installation Chairman and CPT John E. Wohlcke Assistant Installation Chairman. Fort Meade's goal for the Campaign was set at $63,622.00 based on a Post population of 10,039 military and civilian personnel. The end result was that $69,669.84, or 109.8% of the initial goal was achieved with 62.3% participation by assigned military and civilian personnel.


LOGISTICS

Reorganizations:

During CY 1972 DIO assumed all logistical support for Fort Holabird.

Maintenance Assistance and Instruction Team (MAIT) with five (5) personnel was assigned to DIO.

Key Personnel Changes:

On 4 February 1972 Mr. Thomas G. Brennan replaced MAJ Raymond Long, Jr. as Chief of Transportation Division.

On 19 April 1972 Mr. Robert C. Conklin replaced Mr. Robert W. Brown as Chief of Housing Division.

On 1 July 1972 Mr. Frederick D. Coleman replaced Mr. William E. Roberts as Deputy DIO.

On 1 July 1972 MAJ John R. Baker replaced MAJ Alan B. Lewis as Chief of Maintenance Division.

On 29 September 1972 LTC Enos E. Roberts replaced MAJ Donald E. Hale as Chief of Procurement Division.

Administration and Management:

The CONARC Manpower Survey Team surveyed all DIO divisions and proposed recommended staffing spaces during July. A Letter of Reclama was submitted in areas of disagreement.

On 7 August 1972 the First U.S. Army Inspector General Team inspected DIO divisions as part of the Annual General Inspection.

Plans and Operations:

Exercise LAB CHECK II was implemented in February 1972.

In late June and early July, DIO participated in rescue and recovery operations resulting from the AGNES flood disaster. Blankets, cots, rations, and sanitary items were shipped to hard pressed areas.

In August, Fort Meade hosted the military competition phase of the XXVth Annual Congress of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIGR). DIO was tasked with the mission of coordinating all logistical support.

In November, project Enhance was initiated for the expediated delivery of equipment to RVN.

In November, P&O Division was tasked to establish the Post Army Sounding Board for the Individual Soldier (TASBIS).

Major MVA Projects:

Authorized short order mess equipment was received and issued during the month of June.
The drive-in window at the Commissary Annex was completed on 10 July 1972.

The Clothing Repair Shop was relocated to the Clothing Sales Store on 1 August 1972.

Supply:

A study of safety violations at ASP #1 and ASP #2 resulted in recommendations of the most feasible means of eliminating the separation distance violation between ASP #1 and Tipton Airfield and impact areas of ranges #3, 5, and 12 at ASP #2, on 7 July 1972.

Requisitions for enlisted barracks furniture under the MWA Project were processed by Supply Division during the month of July. Requisitions amounted to approximately $300,000.

Two (2) surplus helicopters were donated to the Maryland State Agency for Surplus Property for use by the Laurel Rescue Squad, Laurel, Maryland on 24 August 1972.

In a letter dated 6 September 1972, CONARC directed the phase out of ASO's. This directive was further implemented by 1A Regulation 700-34, to include a phase out date of NLT 31 March 1973 and the requirement of specific installations to submit a phase out plan for ASO's. A plan was submitted to Headquarters, First U.S. Army. Headquarters, First U.S. Army, however, had not officially commented on the plan submitted. Pending further guidance from First Army, an Army Reimbursable Order (ARO) was used to obtain SSSC support for USAR centers in Martinsburg, WVA, and Western Maryland from Fort Ritchie, MD. Additional intra Army Support for USAR units in Delaware is in the process of being formalized.

Services Division - Laundry:

Transfer of Laundry Function: In accordance with letter, Headquarters First U.S. Army, 1 November 1971, subject: Laundry Operations, to GO, Aberdeen Proving Ground, ATTN: STEAP-5D, the Fort Meade Laundry absorbed part of the Fort Holabird workload as of 9 November 1971. The balance of the workload processed at Holabird Laundry, Kirk Army Hospital, and other units at Fort Holabird was phased into the Fort Meade Laundry on 28 January 1972. A total of 20 employees previously assigned to the deactivated Fort Holabird Laundry were transferred to the Fort Meade DIO Laundry. The pick-up point to provide laundry and drycleaning service to all authorized patrons in the Holabird area became fully operational on 28 January 1972.

Updating Laundry Equipment: New equipment installed during the period consisted of 1 each 65 lb dry weight capacity washer/extractor. Equipment scheduled for installation during the period 1 July - 30 September 1972 consisted of the following: 2 coat units, 2 gas fired tumbler/dryers, 1 washer/extractor. This new equipment increased production and improved quality of items processed.

Hanger Service: Hanger service to payroll deduction plan patrons for outer military laundered garments as well as civilian shirts, was established on 1 May 1972. Hanger service eliminated folds in garments which enhanced the quality of the finished garment. Effective 1 May 1972, the laundry payroll deduction plan was offered to officers and warrant officers. Prior to 1 May 1972, the laundry payroll deduction plan was authorized to enlisted personnel only.

Change 1 to AR 210-130, dated 1 April 1972, authorized monetary increases in piece rate laundry and drycleaning of approximately 9%. Rates to be used in computing credit to be taken for processing government owned items also increased approximately 9%.
Preventive medicine personnel from Kimbrough Army Hospital made extensive tests in the laundry on 12 July 1972 to determine if the laundry housed any staphylococcus germs. Test results were negative.

A study was conducted of Post Hospital laundry and organizational input schedules and flatwork manpower requirements on 18 September 1972. As a result of this study incoming workload schedules were updated and manpower station loading requirements were established to reduce backlogs and overtime.

**Services Division - Commissary:**

A second bread and milk truck was added on 25 January 1972. This truck increased service to the housing areas.

On 29 February 1972, Fort Meade Commissary Officer, conducted change of accountability inventory prior to converting Holabird Commissary to Holabird branch of Fort Meade Commissary.

An armored car pick-up of commissary funds at Holabird was initiated on 18 September 1972. The armored car pick-up and delivery service relieved MP patrols for other duties.

On 16 November 1972, first line drawings were submitted by the Project Officer DFAE for the new commissary store. The initial actions included a site inspection.

A Commissary Advisory Committee was established in December with the first meeting scheduled for January 1973.

**Services Division - Food Service:**

Awards were presented to the following units for achieving the highest yearly percentage rating for CY 71: 293d MP Company, 519th MP Battalion, and USASA Support Group. Awards were presented by the Post Commander to the unit dining facility stewards.

The Post Food Adviser visited Fort Lee, Virginia on 8 and 9 February 1972 for the purpose of looking into the feasibility of a central food preparation facility operation for Fort Meade. Conclusions from Food Adviser were that although the operation of a central food preparation facility is interesting and innovative, it would not be effective at Fort Meade.

The Philip A. Connelly Award for Excellence in Army Food Service for the First U.S. Army Area was won by the 293d Military Police Company, 519th Military Police Battalion, Fort Meade, Maryland.

The Army Ration Credit System (ARCS) was established for all dining facilities at Fort Meade on 1 March 1972. This system changed normal accounting procedures for dining facilities from a ration accountability system to a monetary credit system, allowing the dining facility stewards to actively manage their accounts from a monetary viewpoint.

Contract requirements to provide civilian mess attendants to all dining facilities, supported by Fort Meade (less the Stockade and POF), were finalized and coordinated by Services Division and subsequently went into effect on 1 July 1972. The contract was awarded to Southeastern Services, Inc., for a total of $547,455.48 for a one year period. Two dining facilities were staffed on 13 July 1972, and all facilities were supported with civilian mess attendants by 3 August 1972.

Dining facility councils for all units were established in July.
Transportation Division:

In January of 1972, the DIO Transportation Division Admin/Mgt Section, Passenger Section, and the Airline Ticket Office relocated from Building T-4463 to Building T-4464. This reorganization enabled the division to provide better service to the military member and his family. All transactions relative shipment and receipt of household goods/baggage, port calls, dependent travel, and issuance of Transportation Requests may now be accomplished in one building. Further, this change has afforded management the opportunity to more effectively monitor the service being provided.

In February of 1972, the military member serving as the Post Transportation Officer was reassigned. No military member was assigned to fill this vacancy. Duties of this position were accomplished by the Deputy Transportation Officer, along with his own duties, during the entire report period. This consolidation resulted in a savings of $8,238.00 to the Government.

The Terminal Operations Section handled a total of 3,733 tons of freight during the report period. The Personal Property Section processed 5,084 household goods shipments, and the Material Movements Section processed 3,833 freight shipments during the period 1 January 1972 through 31 May 1972. There were a total of 2,144 Quality Control Inspections made, and 2,439 Transportation Requests/Meal Tickets were issued.

Movement of equipment and personnel of the 1st Squadron, 6th ACR for training at Camp Pickett, Virginia was coordinated by DIO, Transportation Division. Commercial movement of 360 people was accomplished by bus for the initial trip on 2 October and the return trip on 17 November. Fifty-eight pieces of tracked equipment were moved by commercial means, six carloads of equipment were moved by rail and 29 truckloads of equipment were moved by highway.

Transportation support was provided, in accordance with instructions received from both Department of the Army and Eastern Area NTMIS, for the removal and transfer to Fort Holabird of a total of 148 shipments of personal property, placed under Fort Meade's control, from the strickbound Allstates Van and Storage Company, Baltimore, Maryland. Local delivery to owners' residence was then accomplished under existing commercial contract.

Family Housing Division:

Housing Referral involvement in a DIO Pilot Project test of HUD Section 236 low cost housing program construction completed and all 300 units occupied as of 15 May 1972. Monitoring for purpose of gaining an experience factor continued with follow-up reports as directed by DOD.

Thirty family housing leases were in effect for the 35th Arty Bde (ARADCOM), USAR Advisor Group, and the IMS'ns. The cumulative rental cost for the 1st half of this fiscal year is $35,300 or 58% of the $60,000 ceiling imposed by higher headquarters.

Maintenance Division:

Maintenance Division lost 17 employees through retirement, including Chief, Maintenance Division and Deputy Division Chief during June 1972.

N/SB was given a Technical Proficiency Inspection by headquarters, CONARC during July and received a rating of satisfactory.
DIRECTORATE OF FACILITIES ENGINEERING

New Construction Projects Completed During 1972:

The addition to Kimbrough Army Hospital was completed with final inspection schedule for 21-22 November 1972 at a total cost of $2,631,820. Phase III of the outside electrical rehabilitation of Army Headquarters was completed at a cost of $112,600.

Remaining 160 Family Housing Units were completed which brought the total number of housing units on post to 3128. Improvements to the electrical system in Wherry Housing were completed at a cost of $112,600.

Expansion on the Master Electric Substation was completed in the NSA portion of Fort Meade at a cost of $222,942.

Projects Under Construction as of 31 December 1972:

A large amount of new construction was in process in 1972 with completion scheduled for 1973 or 1974.

A medium helicopter facility was begun at a cost of $2,424,700 and 17% completed as of 31 December with completion scheduled for 1973. The major addition to Army Headquarters was 74% complete as 1972 ended. Phase III of the outside electrical rehabilitation of Army Headquarters was 15% complete as 1972 ended. The addition to Kimbrough Army Hospital was 93% complete. The total cost of these projects when complete will be $10,339,472.

In 1972, the new field house was 93% completed at a cost of $1,223,272 with completion scheduled for May 1973. A new consolidated Exchange Facility was begun with completion scheduled for 1973. Grading was begun for the construction of a new branch bank building by Citizens National Bank.

Several large construction projects were in process in the NSA portion of Fort Meade. These included a Classified Master Plant which was 32% complete, a Sensitive Materials Storage building 62% complete, modification of existing utilities in the NSA Operations Building 97% complete, and Phase I of construction for a 960 man EM barracks was 96% complete.

Improvement Projects to Existing Structures:

Some facilities at Fort Meade were modified in 1972.

A drive-in facility was constructed at the Commissary Annex, at a cost of $4,500.

Intrusion detection systems were installed throughout the Post. These cost $23,500 and are primarily to protect arms rooms. They were leased and the maintenance will be performed by the supplier.

Practically all of the remaining coal-fueled buildings on Post were converted to oil or gas fired operation at a cost of $221,700.

Coal-fired hot water heaters in mobilization buildings were replaced with automatic water heaters for $34,300.

Improvements were made to the Education Center Annex, Building P-61 for $20,600, in conjunction with the Ford Motor Company.
Additional water supply for the Post was provided by a well and pumping equipment for $37,200.

Extensive interior and exterior painting, roofing, road paving and replacement of floor covering was accomplished this year.
Audio-Visual:

In August 1972, Phase I of the Audio-Visual Support Center Utilization Report was tested locally. Post MISO personnel working in conjunction with the Distribution Division, Tobyhanna Army Depot and Audio-Visual Support Center this installation. The target date for implementation was December 1972.

DA authorized 25 portable back-pack television units to CONARC installations. The Fort Meade Audio-Visual Support Center is authorized eight (8). This equipment will be used by ROTC camps designated by Headquarters, First US Army ROTC Division.

Due to an acute shortage of personnel, the Audio-Visual Support Center has discontinued inspecting films. The only exception to this procedure is "FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY" and classified films. This policy went into effect approximately 1 Dec 1972. During December 1972, 2022 films were shipped and 3190 films in January 1973. Each film shipped from the Audio-Visual Support Center contained the following notice inside the film can: "DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL, THIS FILM HAS NOT BEEN INSPECTED. KINDLY CHECK FILM PRIOR TO SHOWING."

During the period December 1971 to November 1972, an average of 335 films were repaired and 839 films were rewound monthly.

Telephone:

During the period of 10 January through 13 August, all Class B (unofficial) Telephone Service, was turned over to the local commercial telephone company. This action removed the mission requirement of supplying telephone service to private individuals, clubs, contractors, and all other unofficial functions.

On 13 August 1972, the Fort Meade telephone system became a complete official system, providing four (4) distinct classes of telephone service to official subscribers (A, AR, A-4, and C), requiring all commercial toll calls to be under the control of a switchboard operator. On this date, dialing codes were changed to "9" for placing local calls, "80" for placing toll calls, and "82" for placing Baltimore metropolitan area calls.

One (1) military and two (2) civilian personnel completed a 5 week course of instruction at the factory school in Rochester, New York on Stromberg-Carlson X-Y Equipment. A continued shortage of maintenance personnel adversely affected the quality of telephone service. Preventative maintenance and rehabilitation to telephone cables, building wiring, etc., was nonexistent.
INSPECTOR GENERAL ACTIVITIES

General:

The Inspections Branch, Office of the Post Inspector General, conducted 47 Annual General Inspections, 3 Reinspections, 1 Survey and 15 Assistance Inspections during calendar year 72. Four unsatisfactory ratings occurred as a result of the inspections.

The Complaints and Investigation Branch processed 101 requests for assistance and 966 complaints during the period. Pay and allowance problems continued to be the largest single category of complaints.

Significant Personnel Changes:

On 2 August 1972, LT Robert Watts was assigned to the Office of the Post Inspector General. LT Watts previously served as Commander, 66th Military Intelligence Detachment, 1st Squadron, 6th Armored Cavalry. LT Watts took on the duties of Security Inspector.

On 18 December 1972, CPT Ronald T. Hollingsworth departed the Office of the Post Inspector General. His duties were assumed by CPT Lanxton L. Washington.
INFORMATION OFFICE

General:

Calendar year 1972 saw the continuation and enhancement of new programs begun during the previous calendar year. These included the previously initiated SOUNDOFF! newspaper modernization, continued use of the speaker's bureau program, improvements in the format and writing styles of Command Information publications, and a new radio news release capability in cooperation with the First Army Information Office.

Command Information:

Beginning with the first SOUNDOFF! issue in January, an entirely new format was introduced. Featuring new departments, headlines, topics and layout, SOUNDOFF! immediately attracted attention in Command Information channels. The modernization process continued throughout the year, and resulted in the awarding of four (4) CONARC Copy Desk Awards, and a Special Journalistic Achievement award granted for features appearing during the calendar year.

Implementation of DA's Army Newspaper Modernization Program, announced during calendar year 1971, continued in 1972 in matters other than style and format. Articles continued to feature so-called "hot-issue" topics such as drug/alcohol abuse, race relations and programs of the Modern Volunteer Army concept.

Beginning in the fall of 1972, the remainder of the Command Information program started to follow SOUNDOFF!'s lead. New formats were designed for fact sheet publications. Three separate fact sheet styles were developed, each with a distinctive cover and each with a specific target audience. NEWSCAST and MEADE BEAT were initiated for troop unit display and distribution, while UNITOPIC was undertaken to reach the unit commander. The two troop-oriented publications ran articles about Domestic Action, Holiday Safety, and Personal Affairs. UNITOPIC coached commanders on how to stimulate interest and involvement in unit Command Information programs, through use of films, audio-visual aids, "rap-sessions" and other innovative media.

Community Relations:

Support of youth groups continued, with office personnel escorting approximately 30 tours of the installation during the calendar year. Groups supported included Boy and Girl Scouts, elementary and secondary schools, youth clubs and a day care center.

The newly organized Speakers Bureau program maintained a list of Meade based individuals who were willing to address civic organizations and other groups. External publicity about the availability of speakers was made to all local news media. The Speaker's Bureau provided approximately 15 orators, during the calendar year, to requesting groups and agencies.

The Post Information Officer provided continuing public relations consultation to local representatives of the Association of the United States Army.

Public Information:

Normal Public Information activities, i.e., support of local media with information on award recipients, job openings, retirements, and personality features was the principle activity during the year.
The summer of 1972, however, brought with it the considerable ravages of Tropical Storm Agnes, and the resulting response of Meade based units generated a major press release, distributed to all regional media. The release detailed specifics of the considerable involvement of battalion-sized Meade units in rescue and disaster relief operations in the Patuxent and Patapsco flood areas.

The Court-Martial of PVT Dwight Drewery, whose counsel alleged racial discrimination in the case, was the only major racial incident. Area news media were allowed normal access to the courtroom, and only minor reports appeared later in the metropolitan daily newspapers.

The initiation of the Station-of-Choice enlistment option offered area recruits the chance to serve at Fort Meade and a major news release detailing the signing of the first local man resulted.

An intensive, in-depth interview with Post Command Sergeant Major O.C. Hendrix, discussing the Modern Volunteer Army concept, was released to local media. The intent was to explain the NVA concept to the public, as seen through the interpretation of the Post's chief enlisted careerist.
LEGAL AFFAIRS

Legal Assistance:

The need for an additional officer for legal assistance duties continued in CY 72, especially, with the additional legal assistance workload assumed from the deactivation of the Fort Holabird legal assistance office.

Although the increase of one officer greatly assisted the office to increase its services to legal assistance clients, the burden of legal assistance precluded the operation of an effective preventive law program. However, this section continued to provide lectures in cooperation with the Post Chaplain to young married persons and conducted an annual two day tax seminar.

By the end of the second quarter CY 72, the heavy backlog of wills preparation was eliminated and the time needed to prepare wills reduced to two or three days.

Claims:

A comparison between the statistics of FY 71 and FY 72 indicated a total of over $500,000, more claimed than in FY 71, and over $23,000 more paid out. Even so, a substantial backlog of household good claims against the government existed and an approximate sixteen fold increase of claims against domestic carriers on subrogated claims existed at the end of CY 72.

Fort Meade Claims Office strived to implement the public service aspect to their mission in the prompt procuring and payment of claims; and attempted to provide each claimant with the feeling that their claim was given swift and efficient consideration.

The light-water mark for claims approved to the major claimant - the soldier and his family - came in the last quarter of calendar year 72 with the figure $86,727.99 for the amount paid that quarter, almost twice as high as the average amount approved per quarter for FY 71, and peek for the past two years.
For Holabird MISO was completely phased out by 4 August 72 which resulted in the transfer of 3 personnel and data processing support of the Claims System to Fort Meade MISO. All leased equipment was returned to vendors and government owned equipment reported excess.

At year end Fort Meade MISO was running BASOPS, plus 31 additional systems. This data processing effort represented 736 wall clock hours on the two computers; 584 on IBM 360, 152 on UNIVAC 1005.
## APPENDIX I

### KEY PERSONNEL

Headquarters, Fort George G. Meade

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Special Services Officer
Mr. Ben M. Scharnus
1 Jan 72 - 31 Dec 72

Equal Employment Opportunity Officer
Mr. G.L. Fountain
1 Jan 72 - 31 Dec 72

Army Community Services Director
CPT Joseph F. Leary, Jr.
1 Jan 72 - 31 Jul 72

1LT Hilton H. Clark
1 Aug 72 - 31 Dec 72
## APPENDIX II

**Distinguished Visitors**

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<td>MG Sparrow</td>
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