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GROSSE ILE, MICHIGAN

1 July 1950
to
31 December 1950

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PLACE IN POSITION OF 1 JULY 1950

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1 July 1950
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STATE OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

1 July 1950

5 August 1950

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EVENTS OF HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE CON'T:

10 August 1950	Inspection party from MARTCOM, Capt. Kicklighter, Jones, and Lindley.
12 August 1950	Regimental Parade and Inspection practice run.
17 August 1950	Colonel Lamman from MARTCOM arrived to observe how the men were working.
19 August 1950	Regimental Parade and Inspection.
20 August 1950	Picnic sponsored by Officers of VMP-251.
26 October 1950	Annual Inspection. Reviewed by Rear Admiral Doyle, Vice Admiral Price, Col. David O'Neill, and John Floberg-Under-Secretary of the Navy for Air.

NARRATIVE

Adverse weather conditions constantly hampered the squadron's operations throughout the greater part of the period covered by this report. This was almost a repetition of the conditions explained by a previous report. Every possible hour that planes could be flown was utilized, and despite this handicap, the squadron managed to fly a total of 678.4 hours.

We consider that under ideal conditions it is possible for each pilot assigned to the squadron to fly a maximum of six hours per drill, and the total hours actually flown would represent approximately 44 per cent of the total possible flying time. Of course, this percentage does not take into account the loss of pilot hours due to non-attendance of drills.

The squadron was assigned to 15 days active duty from 5 August to 19 and during this period flew a total of 1,054.8 hours, or 53 per cent of the total possible, using the formula set forth in the foregoing paragraph. In addition to adverse weather, part of the flying time was cut due to shortage of fuel available at this station. This fact has been made the subject of in an earlier report.

Historical Report
Narrative Continued

No change has been instituted in the squadron recruiting policy since the squadron is and has been at T/O strength. A waiting list has been maintained and individuals are continually being called in to take care of normal attrition.

Fifty-three officers and one hundred-twenty enlisted men attended maneuvers for the 15 day annual training period.

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Major, USMCR

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