Military Hospitalization and Evacuation Operations
For Army Air Base, Muroc, California
November 24, 1942

I. Hospitalization

1. Information is submitted herewith, in accordance with Table No. 1, attached hereto and headed as Annex A. The size of the Station Hospital unde construction comprises the original 59 bed hospital which is under constructi plus the addition of 235 beds which was authorized by directive consecutive N A 7002, dated October 24, 1942, a copy of which was received by this office f The War Department, United States Engineer Office, Los Angeles, California, October 27, 1942. At the present time the Station Hospital of this base consists of only the one dispensary building which has been in use for the past year. The completion date set in the above directive for the entire new hosp of 294 beds is Feb. 16, 1943.

2. Annex C is attached hereto, pertaining to the sources of existing buildings for increase of bed capacities by more than 100%. There are no apar ments, schools, dormitories or other similar buildings in this vicinity, as this base is located on the Muroc Dry Lake, about 25 miles from Mojave, Calif. 30 miles from Lancaster, Calif., 60 miles from Victorville, Calif., and about 60 miles from Barstow, Calif. A survey conducted with the Base S-4 resulted i the selection of barracks buildings on the base which are all set up with beds are not in the immediate vicinity of the flying line, and not all of which are fully occupied by personnel.

3. Annex D is attached, concerning the relations which have been estab lished with other hospitalization agencies. Because of the relative isolation of the base as noted in Par. 2 above, the only hospitalization support availab is with the 31st Service Group, an independent unit on this base. The Medical Department of the 31st Service group has 5 wards for 116 patients and 3 hutments for 24 patients, a total of 140 beds available. That organization furnishes medical care for the personnel of the 31st Service Group and for the 82nd Service Group, a total strength of about 2300 officers and men. Their hospitalization, for other than quarters or dispensary patients, is at the Station Hospital, Victorville Flying School, Victorville, California, as is ou In the event of their patients needing general hospital care, use is made of our bed credits at Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, California. Arrangements have been made with the Group Surgeon of the 31st Service Group by the Base Surgeon for mutual hospitalization to the limit of our joint capacities, in the event of disaster.

a. Since this report was prepared, the bed credit of this hospital has been withdrawn from Hoff General Hospital (20 bed credit) and we have been given a credit of 35 beds at Hammond General Hospital, Modesto, California. Corresponding changes have been made in ANNEX A.

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ANNEX C

Total Military Personnel of this Base on Nov. 20, 1942, including adjoining experimental station ---------- 4151

Total Civilian Personnel, on the same basis ---------- 193

Grand total ---------- 4344

15% of 4344 ---------- 652

Barracks buildings available, in an emergency, for hospitalization:

Building No.	Bed Capacity
119	40
122	40
123	40
204	80
205	40
209	40
211	40
212	40
215	40
217	40
218	40
220	40
224	40
225	40
307	40
317	40
Total	680

Sources of beds, bedding and messing facilities for the above will be as follows:

Beds are now in place and will not be removed from the respective buildings unless replacements are available and sources of replacements attached in writing to this Annex C;

Bedding will be supplied by the Base Quartermaster, on the basis of two, wool OD blankets; two sheets; one pillow case for each of 652 beds.

Messing facilities will be utilized in the order named: Consolidated Mess; then, 904th QM Mess (building 207); then mess building 214.

Alternate location of existing hospitalization by removal of existing equipment to preselected buildings, if necessitated by enemy action: The equipment in the present dispensary will be moved by truck to building C 5-2, in the Medical Detachment area.