

Headquarters

TENTH AIR FORCE

Office of the Commanding General
Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas

28 February 1947

Mr. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth Star-Telegram
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

Your telegram of 26 February 1947 regarding the deactivation of the 182nd Army Air Forces Base Unit (Reserve Training) at Fort Worth Army Air Field is acknowledged. This Headquarters has received numerous inquiries and requests from individuals and organizations all over the Tenth Air Force area who, like you, are interested in the maintenance and development of our post war Air Force, both from a national and local point of view. Your interest is most certainly understood, and you may be sure that it is appreciated.

The action taken at Fort Worth, as well as several other places in the Tenth Air Force area, was necessitated by the curtailment of funds for reserve training, resulting from a public desire to reduce national expenditures. It has become necessary to revise and reduce the entire Air Forces program from a proposed seventy group plan to one of fifty-five groups which, even then, can be maintained only at less than the organizational strength.

It has been considered mandatory to utilize all available funds to the greatest possible advantage. As a result, a careful study was made, giving consideration to population density and facilities already available, so that the most efficient training possible may be offered the greatest number of Air Reservists. On this basis, the Air Reserve Training Detachments to be deactivated were selected.

It is regretted that it was necessary to include the 182nd Army Air Forces Base Unit (Reserve Training) at Fort Worth in the Training Detachments to be deactivated. This Headquarters carefully selected the Commanding Officer of this Training Detachment, and it was most gratifying to note the fine showing he made. It was largely through the cooperation and efforts of the loyal supporters in Fort Worth that the successful accomplishment of his mission was possible. We feel certain, however, that you appreciate and understand our position in the matter.

Mr. Amon G. Carter
Fort Worth, Texas
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Please know that your interest is greatly appreciated, and we earnestly solicit your continued support of the Air Forces program.

Sincerely,

/s/ H. M. TURNER

Major General, USA
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