

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY AIR FORCES

WASHINGTON

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Amon G. Carter
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Dear Mr. Carter:

Acknowledgment is made of your telegram of February 26 requesting a review of our recent decision to discontinue Air Reserve training at Fort Worth Army Air Field.

It is regretted that withdrawal of the Air Reserve training detachment at Fort Worth has become necessary, however, a reduction of the number of such detachments has been made mandatory by budgetary and personnel limitations. Accordingly, it was necessary to continue training only at those installations which would most efficiently serve the greatest possible numbers of Air Reservists. After careful consideration of all factors involved, it was determined that Hensley Field could best serve the North Texas area including the Cities of Dallas and Fort Worth.

In connection with the above decision, your attention is invited to the following data concerning Air Reserve activities during the period 13-31 January, 1947:


	<u>Fort Worth</u>	<u>Hensley Field</u>
Pilots enrolled for training	197	690
Pilot hours flown	607	1100

Funds now available will not permit either the assignment of tactical type aircraft to the Air Reserve or the operation of such aircraft by Reserve personnel. Advanced trainer aircraft of both single and twin engine types are now in use at Hensley Field, however, and will continue to be utilized there.

A study is now being made to determine whether or not we may carry on Reserve training at many of our active regular Army Air Forces stations without exceeding the funds available for the overall Air Reserve program. If this can be worked out, it will be announced to all concerned as soon as possible.

Your interest in this matter is greatly appreciated, and your continued support of the Air Reserve program is earnestly solicited.

Sincerely yours,


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