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(5) TO Captain J.A. Carpani Commanding Troop "A" NJSP, Hammonton, N.J.	(6) FROM SSG C. Kalwaitis #1035 Tuckerton		
(7) Subject: History of the Tuckerton Station			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In 1927, the original Tuckerton Station was opened in a large beautiful home on US #9, where St. Theresa Catholic Church is now situated. This home was owned by the Selize family, who were related to the Stetson Hat Company family. 2. The Station consisted of two bedrooms, a telephone, two Troopers, 1 horse, 1 motor cycle. 3. Retired Trooper Paul B. Hughes, 8th Class, Badge #258, relates that he was a recruit stationed at Tuckerton. He was detailed to a parade in Salem, N.J., commemorating their 200th anniversary. He was given a week to report there on horseback. Enroute he stopped at Hammonton Headquarters two days later and was advised the detail was cancelled. 4. Absecon Station had the only Troop Car in the area at that time. If a prisoner had to be committed to the county jail, or some other detail arose requiring a Troop Car, arrangements were made to borrow their car. Usually their car would be in Cape May Court House, so a civilian car had to be borrowed for these details. 5. On July 1, 1934, the Tuckerton Station was closed due to a decided decrease in appropriations. 6. Later, Stations were temporarily in Barnegat and Chatsworth. 7. Urgent appeals had been made by many Tuckerton residents and nearby communities in an effort to reopen the Tuckerton Station. 8. The Tuckerton Borough Council issued a resolution urging the reopening of the Tuckerton Station. In January 1937 State Senator James Allardice, Secretary of State Thomas Mathis, and Mayor Parker had a conference with Colonel Kimberling of the New Jersey State Police for the purpose of presenting a plea for the reopening of the Tuckerton Station. Two previous efforts were unsuccessful. 9. On July 12, 1938 at 11:20 A.M., the Tuckerton Station was reopened at its present location by Cpl. J.C. Smith, Troopers Torrell, Austin, and Aydelotte. 10. Originally, Dr. Lane had a doctors office and residence in a portion of the Station in which he owned. 11. Several years later the Station was sold to Mr. Monroe Lustbader, who is the present owner of the Station. 			
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12. On March 7, 1962 a severe storm struck the Tuckerton area. Troop "A" Commander, Captain G. Martin was in charge of a detail of approximately 75 Troopers who were billeted in the Tuckerton Armory, where the Command Post was located. The main part of this detail lasted two weeks, and it was eventually phased out two months later.
13. A checkpoint was set up on the Manahawkin Causeway for approximately two weeks. The checkpoint was then moved to Surf City, then subsequently to the entrance to Harvey Cedars, where this part of Long Beach Island was completely isolated by the ocean from the main part of the island. The checkpoint remained at this location for approximately six weeks, until the detail was phased out.
14. In addition, patrols were set up on the island for evacuation purposes and to prevent looting. A detail of Troopers were flown into Barnegat Light due to the isolation of the northern part of the island.
15. Coast Guard helicopters were utilized to evacuate the island residents whose homes were washed away or destroyed. Emergency housing was provided at the Manahawkin schools for these victims.
16. In cooperation with the Bureau of Navigation, patrols were established in the bay from Barnegat Light to Beach Haven to protect property from looters using the waterway.
17. While this storm was in progress, Long Beach Twp. Police Chief Leonetti and two rescue workers were riding in a jeep, and were washed away by the ocean tide and drowned.
18. In another incident, two men and two women were being evacuated in an amphibious duct when the vehicle capsized and they drowned.
19. In December 1970, construction began on the site of the new Tuckerton Station, which is located four miles north of the present Station, on US #9, Eagleswood Twp., Ocean County, N.J. Completion of the new Station is anticipated in the Spring of 1971.

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