

13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L) 13/JPC/wfs
YOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

5 May 1948

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Commanding General
United States Air Force

This history was compiled by 1st Lt Jerry J Hunt with the clerical aid of Sgt William F Shawler. Facts included in the narrative have been compiled from reports submitted by Section Heads. Observations not otherwise credited are based on the personal knowledge and opinions of 1st Lt Jerry J Hunt.

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Lt Col, USAF
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13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
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Unit History, 1 thru 30 April 1948

1. The mission of the 13th Bombardment Squadron (L) continues to be that of occupational duties in Japan, as well as operational training and surveillance. Our objective is to become 100% combat ready, both individually and collectively in all phases in which the A-26 is considered a combat weapon.

2. Personnel:

a. Our total strength as of the morning report of 1 April 1948 is:

Officers	26
Enlisted Men	102

b. Key personnel for the squadron are as follows:

Lt Col	John P Crocker	Commanding Officer
Capt	Donald E Godbey	Adjutant
Capt	Clarence L Martindale	Operations Officer
Capt	Stanley R Thomas	Supply Officer
	(deceased 27 Apr 48)	
1st Lt	Warren H Olson	Supply Officer
Capt	Rhodes M Blam	Engineering Officer
Capt	Ernst E Jahnke	Armament Officer
T Sgt	Robert F Coughlin	First Sergeant
M Sgt	Lloyd W Garner	Line Chief
M Sgt	Thomas J McCann	Operations Specialist
T Sgt	Edward J Jackson	Armament Chief
T Sgt	Charles H Keaten	Supply Sergeant

3. Special Projects:

a. As per letter of 314th Composite Wing, Subject: Tactical Field Operations, this squadron was ordered to Komatsu 17 April for field maneuvers to be continued through 29 April. Preparation for these maneuvers began in March; however, preparation began in earnest the first of April up to the day we boarded the train. For discussion

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 purposes, the squadron will be broken down in the following sections:

Orderly Room
 Operations
 Engineering
 Supply
 Mess
 Transportation

b. Orderly Room: The Orderly Room was set up in squad tent while on maneuvers. The personnel were as follows:

Capt Donald E Godbey	Adjutant
T Sgt Robert F Coughlin	First Sergeant
Sgt Shawler, William F	Chief Clerk
Sgt Charles C Elliott	Clerk Typist

The Orderly Room's work was not any different in the field than at the post. The First Sergeant was concerned with supplying men for extra details; such as, guard detail, K.P., latrine orderly, and police detail. Sgt Shawler was in charge of the morning report while on maneuvers.

c. Operations:

(1) Personnel:

Capt	Clarence L Martindale	Operations Officer
1st Lt	Warren H Olson	Asst. Operations Officer
Sgt	James A Hoover	Operations Clerk

Preparation for movement to the field began in the Operations Section approximately 1 April 1948. Since the section had no TO & E Equipment, the task of preparation was much easier than some of the other sections. The actual equipment taken consisted mostly of Regulations, SOP's, typewriters, schedule board, blank forms, field safe and expendables. A field table, field desk and 16 chairs were obtained from Squadron Supply, the chairs being handled by the Supply section and issued to us upon arrival at Komatsu. The rest of the equipment was airlifted to maneuvers area in an A-26.

The Operations building used was a double quonset and the rooms available to us were sufficient for the Operations Office, Briefing Room, Personal Equipment and Weather Office.

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Movement to the field was scheduled for 17 April 1948, but weather conditions prevented our taking off on that date, so our departure was delayed until the 18th. Take-off was at 0930 and after two hours and ten minutes flying time, the squadron arrived at Komatsu without incident. The rest of the day was spent setting up camp and getting Operations ready for business.

Missions flown were as follows:

Date	Average Time Enroute	No. Planes	Target
18 Apr 48	2:15	16	YAFB-Komatsu
19 Apr 48	4:45	12	Misawa AFB
20 Apr 48	5:00	12	Kobe
22 Apr 48	5:10	12	Nagasaki
23 Apr 48	5:45	12	Liancourt Rocks
24 Apr 48	3:50	11	Onahara-Shima
26 Apr 48	4:45	12	Johnson AFB
27 Apr 48	6:50	12	Misawa AFB
29 Apr 48	2:10	13	Komatsu-YAFB

Total time for maneuvers was 498 hours.

Three planes were lost on a mission 27 April 1948. Two collided in mid-air on instruments returning to the field. Another crash-landed off-shore near the Wajima radar site. A total of four persons were lost. Investigations of the accidents are underway at present.

The chief difficulties encountered by the section on maneuvers were as follows:*

1. Field orders arriving in crypto came in too late in the day (1600 - 2400). As a rule, by the time the messages were decoded, it was well into the evening and on several occasions, Air Crew personnel flew the following day without adequate sleep because the mission had to be planned, ships bombed up, etc. during the hours of darkness.

2. It appeared that the squadron could have used more Air Crew personnel. Especially pilots and navigators. The crews were eager and ready to fly at any time, but it was apparent that in some cases, they were flying too much.

* Based upon report submitted by Sqdn Operations Officer on the maneuver.

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3. In the opinion of the Operations Officer, the maneuvers period was too long. One week proved the operation a success. For the period the maneuver was originally set up for (17 - 24 April) but changed to 18 - 24 April due to weather, the squadron flew every day except one. The pilots averaged five missions per pilot with the average mission time of just under five hours or over 20 hours for a seven day period plus their ground duties. Under actual combat conditions, of course, when the safety factor isn't stressed as it is at present, it would have been different.

4. Weather information was inadequate for the safety factor desired. The synoptic situation when plotted was too old for accurate briefing. Pilots relied more on the FAF Weather Net than with the weather officer's information.

5. The squadron operated during the period mentioned without a suitable Alternate Airfield on the Northwest Coast.

The thirteen remaining aircraft left Komatsu and arrived Yokota at 1550, 29 April 1948.

d. Engineering Section:

(1) Personnel:

Capt	Rhodes M. Elam	Engineering Officer
1st Lt	Herman L. Crim	Asst Engineering Officer
1st Lt	Chester W. Sorenson	Communications Officer
1st Lt	Herman L. Crim	Tech Supply Officer
M Sgt	Lloyd W. Garner	Line Chief
T Sgt	Paul E. Buntin	Sq Tech Inspector

During the maneuvers, thirty men were on loan from PLM. A total of seven hundred eighty hours were flown for the month, of which four hundred ninety eight hours were flown during the maneuvers period. Nine (9) missions were flown with an average of twelve (12) aircraft flying each mission. On 27 April 1948, three airplanes were lost on a simulated combat mission run to Chitose. Assigned airplanes and type:

A-26B	11
A-26C	3
B-25J	1
Total	15

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e. Supply:

(1) Personnel:

Capt	Stanley R Thomas	Supply Officer
1st Lt	Ted W Smith	Asst Supply Officer
T Sgt	Charles H Keaten	Supply Sergeant
Cpl	Allyn L Pundy	Supply Clerk
Pfc	Elmer A Clark	Supply Clerk

(2) With the planning of the maneuvers, an Equipment Modification List was submitted to Base Supply. The additional equipment received on the EML was used to house troops and to provide adequate space for the offices of the squadron sections. A complete physical inventory of all squadron equipment was taken during the first part of the month. All shortages and unservicable items of equipment were requisitioned. The Squadron has approximately 75% of all T. O. & E. Equipment on hand and in use for the squadron maneuvers.

f. Mess:

The actual feeding of the troops began with the troop train. We fed "K" rations on the way to and also back from Komatsu. Garrison rations were fed while at Komatsu. These rations were flown down by courier every other day. Personnel assigned as follows:

1st Lt	Jerry J Hunt	Mess Officer
S Sgt	Grady J Cason	Mess Sergeant
Sgt	Billy D Bevans	Cook
Cpl	Erwin L Gammel	Cook
Cpl	Guadalupe G Pena	Cook
Cpl	Robert J Williams	Cook
Cpl	James A Wright	Cook
Pfc	James K Howard	Cook

g. Transportation:

(1) The transportation section, motor pool, of the squadron during the maneuvers consisted of fifteen enlisted men of the 13th Bomb Squadron and service squadrons and one officer in charge. Twenty-nine vehicles, not including refueling vehicles and crash trucks, were

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taken and used during the actual movement of the squadron. However, all vehicles were not needed for normal operation in the field. The vehicles were in poor mechanical condition when accepted from the base Motor Pool, however, the section operated satisfactorily and all vehicles returned to Yokota under their own power. No accidents were encountered involving motor vehicles. The vehicles were loaded with equipment and driven on the train near Yokota. At the destination, they were driven off the train and to the air base. The same procedure was followed on the return trip.

4. Aircraft accidents:

On 27 April 1948, the 13th Squadron lost the lives of four men and three airplanes. The deceased are: Captain Stanley R Thomas; Staff Sergeant Ralph H Caurthen; Corporal Allyn L Pundy; and Corporal James E Fannon. They were killed when two airplanes collided in midair over Kanazawa in bad weather conditions. Another airplane was lost when it was ditched near Wajima. Crew of the ditched airplane: 1st Lt Chester W Sorenson, Pilot; S Sgt Jack L Gatlin, gunner; and Cpl James E Fannon, passenger. In the mid air collision, the crew of the second airplane bailed out safely. The crew were: 1st Lt Jerry J Hunt, pilot; and S Sgt Charles E King, gunner.

Clippings from the Pacific Stars and Stripes concerning the accident are attached in the Appendix.

5. Field Order #87, Hq, Yokota Air Force Base, dtd 7 April 1948, with Annex #1 Roster of Personnel is attached in Appendix.

6. Miscellaneous activities:

The following clippings from the Pacific Stars and Stripes are attached in the Appendix:

Army Day Review

The B-29 formation was led by Lt Col D. W. Lang, commanding officer of the 71st Reconnaissance Group, of which the 31st Squadron is a part. Practically all officers of the 31st participated in the flight, led by the commanding officer, Lt Col John Larkin.

Following the fly-past over Tokyo, B-29's of the SACFE flight continued on a regular training mission while all but three of the 31st Squadron returned to Yokota. The three planes went on about a daily routine mission.

Yesterday's flight was described by officers of the organization as more or less of a special training mission in formation flying.

Many pilots flying were veterans of combat missions over Tokyo during the war.

Clippings extracted from Pacific Stars and Stripes
30 April 1948

1 DEAD, 3 MISSING IN CRASH OF THREE YOKOTA "INVADERS"

Three A-26 Invader attack bombers of the 13th Bomb Squadron at Yokota Air Force Base crashed Tuesday during routine missions killing one man and possibly three others, it was reported today by Far East Air Forces Headquarters.

The first crash occurred early in the afternoon when two bombers collided in mid-air over Kanazawa in the midst of bad weather conditions. The pilot and gunner on one aircraft parachuted to safety, but the crew of the other plane was carried into the nearby sea. The latter carried a third man in addition to the pilot and gunner. One body was recovered while the other two are missing and believed dead.

One hour later, another A-26 on a similar training mission ran out of gas after encountering bad flying weather near Tsuruga and was forced into the water some 300 yards off the coast. Two got out safely but one other man was still missing.

Clipping Extracted from Air Force Times
27 March 1948

YOKOTA OFFICERS WIN

Yokota AFB, Japan -- Officers of the 13th Bombardment Squadron defeated the enlisted men's team of Headquarters and Base Service Squadron, 15-5 and 15-10, to win the championship of the Yokota base volleyball league recently.

Clipping Extracted from Pacific Stars and Stripes
5 April 1948

Following the Tokyo review at 10:30 A.M., approximately 150 aircraft of the Far East Air Forces will fly over the plaza in an aerial salute at 11:15 A.M. After the rendezvous over Yokohama, the first fly past will be made from south to north over the plaza, the planes flying at staggered altitudes no lower than 1,000 feet. As the Ground Forces turn from the plaza to Avenue A and then south toward the Imperial Hotel, the planes will fly again from north to south over Avenue A.

Clipping Extracted from Pacific Stars and Stripes
7 April 1948

5TH AF PLANES FLY OVER TOKYO ARMY DAY REVIEW

When nearly 150 Fifth Air Force planes took off yesterday from air bases in the Tokyo area, it marked the first time in the U.S. Air Force's history in Japan that it flew as a separate armed service in recognition of another fighting force.

Aircraft of the 314th Composite Wing, including B-29 Superfortresses, jet-propelled P-80's, P-51 Mustangs, P-51 Black Widows, A-26 invaders, and C-46 Commando's, roared over Tokyo's Imperial Palace Plaza shortly after troops of General Headquarters marched in the Army Day parade.

A Stars and Stripes reporter, as far as is known, was the only Army representative to fly in the aerial review.

Flying in a giant B-29 Superfortress of the 31st Reconnaissance Squadron, VLR, Photo-RCM, from Yokota Air Force Base, the S&S staffer was able to watch the assembly of the various planes and then pass over the target area in the lead aircraft of a 15-plane B-29 formation. The formation included Superfortresses of the 31st and of the Strategic Air Command Squadron now in Japan on a training mission.

HEADQUARTERS
314TH COMPOSITE WING
APO 994

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SUBJECT: Tactical Field Operations

TO : Commanding Officer, Johnson AFB, APO 994
Commanding Officer, Yokota AFB, APO 328
Commanding Officer, Misawa AFB, APO 468, Unit 3

1. In the next three month period, this command will complete separate tactical field operations with individual squadrons to maintain familiarity with separate unit tactical operating conditions and to test the mobility of this command.

2. Each tactical squadron will be required to complete one (1) field operations per year, each operation to be a minimum of seven (7) days duration with maximum operational schedule.

3. The below-listed airdromes will be used by groups indicated for field operations. A complete survey will be conducted by the unit concerned as to facilities available, to include troop housing, parking, and dispersal of aircraft, supply, and communications lines.

- a. 3rd Bomb Gp - Atsugi, Yaizu, a/o Komatsu Airdromes.
- b. 35th Ftr Gp - Yaizu, a/o Komatsu Airdromes
- c. 49th Ftr Gp - Atsugi, a/o Niigata Airdromes

4. The following schedule of field operations, although not necessarily iron-clad, will be used for planning purposes:

- a. 3rd Bombardment Group:
 - (1) Komatsu A/D - 17 thru 24 April 1948.
 - (2) Atsugi A/D - 17 thru 24 May 1948.
 - (3) Yaizu A/D - 21 thru 28 June 1948.

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b. 35th Fighter Group:

- (1) Yaizu A/D - 20 thru 28 March 1948.
- (2) Yaizu A/D - 17 thru 24 April 1948.
- (3) Komatsu A/D - 17 thru 24 May 1948.

c. 49th Fighter Group: Will be scheduled at a later date.

5. Insofar as is possible, units will be limited to present TO & E equipment, augmented by a proportionate share of supply, maintenance, and administrative personnel and equipment from the service group, to insure efficient operation of the unit conducting field exercises. On airdromes where billets are not provided, authorization is granted to provide housing and bedding for troops with pyramidal tents and canvas cots in addition to tentage and bedding authorized in unit TO & Es. Adequate safety provisions, to include necessary crash and fire equipment, unit medical, and qualified weather personnel will accompany unit.

6. Group Commanders will take necessary action to instill in personnel the idea and spirit of these operations. Upon completion of each unit exercise, group commander concerned will forward to this headquarters a report in narrative form covering the following: T/O and E equipment, communications, supply, and operational difficulties encountered.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL UNDERHILL:

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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YOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE
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ANNEX # 1

7 Apr 1948

FIELD ORDER # 87

13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

Lt Col	1013	JOHN P CROCKER	AO 33144
Maj	2260	CLARENCE H GROSS	AO 33417
Capt	4823	RHODES M ELAM	AO 48997
Capt	1083	DONALD E GODBEY	AO 48262
Capt	1083	ERNEST E JAHNKE	AO 735592
Capt	1083	CLARENCE L MARTINDALE	AO 663061
Capt	1083	RICHARD G MENDROP	AO 660781
Capt	1083	PERRY L THOMAS	AO 54045
Capt	2120	STANLEY R THOMAS	AO 49726
1st Lt	1083	THOMAS L BATES	AO 41186
1st Lt	1083	HERMAN L CRIM	AO 747753
1st Lt	1051	JERRY J HUNT	AO 664011
1st Lt	1036	HARRY H MULLER JR	AO 667334
1st Lt	1083	WARREN H OLSON	AO 2079959
1st Lt	1083	CLAUDE D PHILLIPS	AO 612032
1st Lt	1036	TED W SMITH	AO 2094056
1st Lt	1083	CHESTER W SORRENSON	AO 714288
M Sgt		Leon Digby	AF 6366977
M Sgt		Lloyd W Garner	AF 14033283
M Sgt		Buster Jenkins	AF 6241399
M Sgt		Alonzo E Van Dever	AF 6972431
T Sgt		Rudolfo Bosquez	AF 18048892
T Sgt		Paul E Buntin	AF 35354590
T Sgt		Robert F Coughlin	AF 11011864
T Sgt		Frank Bidikaitis	AF 11027436
T Sgt		Paul E Elliott	AF 18031777
T Sgt		Carl J Hays	AF 6277311
T Sgt		Frank J Hill	AF 18061106
T Sgt		Edward J Jackson	AF 32462972
T Sgt		Charles H Keaten	AF 6971758
T Sgt		Charles F Martin	AF 19055621
T Sgt		William A McLeron	AF 6708619
T Sgt		Wendell Robinson	AF 14031382
T Sgt		Charles W Sturgeon	AF 15069001
T Sgt		Fred Wood Jr	AF 18060078
S Sgt		Fritz Blomback	AF 12252229
S Sgt		Ralph H Caurthen	AF14200228
S Sgt		Theodore A Cushman	AF 31428910
S Sgt		Marvin Ellis	AF14045664
S Sgt		Tony T Garbise	AF 37346887
S Sgt		Jack L Gatlin	AF18009542
S Sgt		Glenn J Gisin	AF 6937315
S Sgt		Harold E Henley	AF 37527422
S Sgt		Charles E King	AF 16047360
S Sgt		Wayne F Kleinertz	AF 16192274

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13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (F) (Cont'd)

S Sgt	Doris L Ligon	AF 14225384
S Sgt	Vincent J Murphy	AF 13114073
S Sgt	Robert D McCreedy	AF 16029169
S Sgt	Edwin Simpson	AF 6284365
S Sgt	Luther M Sweigert	AF 6996144
Sgt	Talmadge C Carr	AF 18185652
Sgt	Roy E Davis	AF 18211552
Sgt	James H Eddleman	AF 14236817
Sgt	Burlin P Goolsby Jr	AF 11146780
Sgt	Francis B Hunt	AF 17171012
Sgt	Edmund A Klar	AF 16189219
Sgt	Joseph A Piga	AF 12251019
Sgt	William F Shawler	AF 15237272
Sgt	Harold L Spry	AF 19214743
Sgt	Robert V Walker	AF 19235594
Sgt	Arthur L Williams	AF 18094740
Cpl	Huey Bullock	AF 18323525
Cpl	Donald R Bushey	AF 12245594
Cpl	John D Campbell	AF 15210043
Cpl	Lea R Ellis	AF 19247716
Cpl	Roy H Greener	AF 38777424
Cpl	Lowell D Hawkins	AF 18285831
Cpl	Lloyd Johnson	AF 14226640
Cpl	Edward J Kozbiel Jr	AF 16209015
Cpl	Noble Loucks	AF 38788562
Cpl	Arthur E Massey	AF 14248353
Cpl	Lorenzo F Padilla	AF 12259784
Cpl	Guadalupe G Pena	AF 18230552
Cpl	Merton V Phillips	AF 18245393
Cpl	Allyn L Pundy	AF 17206526
Cpl	Richard H Roberts	AF 19284236
Cpl	William E Smith	AF 12262434
Pfc	Garey K Bostion	AF 13139298
Pfc	James S Cacile	AF 12049836
Pfc	Walter A Choate	AF 39759581
Pfc	Elmer A Clark	AF 19307771
Pfc	Elwood J Evers Jr	RA 11154477
Pfc	Edmund E Gay	AF 14253787
Pfc	Charles E Mienheartt	AF 15246096
Pfc	Harold S Osborne	AF 15019168
Pfc	Thomas Ward	AF 12275021
Pfc	Charles E Watson	AF 13198608
Pfc	Donald Watson	AF 15248653
Pfc	Carroll B Williams Jr	AF 18290141
Pfc	Carl B Wirick	AF 35238111
Pvt	Glenn J Brower	AF 19276814
Pvt	James J Frain	AF 13251068
Pvt	Archie J Hansen	AF 39905421
Pvt	James E Middleton	AF 14236002
Pvt	Joseph F Ricks	AF 19276973
Pvt	Alberic C Schlink	AF 11170488
Pvt	William B Terry	AF 19255812

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Pvt Charlie R Turbeville RA 14235715

HEADQUARTERS 3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)1st Lt 3100 ERVING P INGLIS O 1766808
Sgt Joseph E Fagan AF 110769068TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)1st Lt 1083 LEROY E HANSEN AO 41333
T Sgt Roy B Summers AF 6244397AF & BASE SV SQ, 7TH AIR SV GP

1st Lt	2110	CHARLES R ANDERSON	AO 827139
Sgt		Alfred L Bckoski	AF 16010732
Sgt		Charles C Elliott	AF 14146943
Cpl		Willard J Bruns	AF 37898749
Cpl		Arthur G Cochran	AF 15205573
Cpl		Harry J Collier	AF 19280556
Cpl		Erwin L Gammel	AF 15383012
Cpl		Paul R Garcia	AF 39277568
Cpl		Lee J Lambert	RA 15207559
Cpl		David S Roberts	AF 19237985
Cpl		Olan K Rowill	AF 14241969
Cpl		Walter A Skrocki	AF 42158263
Pfc		Rudolph A Coccari	AF 13216060
Pfc		Francisco P Martinez	AF 18230657
Pfc		Charles N Ousley	AF 37689802
Pfc		John L Sulak	AF 18294875
Pfc		Percy A Toney	AF 43003036
Pvt		Lester J King	AF 10726281

WEATHER DET 20-16, 20TH WEATHER SQ

1st Lt 8218 WILLIE T JOHNSON AO 2063535

65TH AIR ENGINEERING SQUADRON

T Sgt		Cleo A Brown	AF 18021619
Sgt		Robert J Guckenberg	AF 19248314
Sgt		Guadalupe Ramirez	AF 18229989
Cpl		James E Fannon	AF 13231194
Cpl		Harold E Geist	AF 13218813
Cpl		William P Hinkle	RA 43049530
Pfc		James K Howard	AF 14221686
Pfc		Harold J Lopez	AF 12274525
Pfc		James W McElveen	AF 14250904
Pfc		Dalphia L Snyder	AF 17211886
Pvt		John H Bordelon	AF 18301598
Pvt		George Schroener	AF 11149616

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600TH AIR ENGINEERING SQUADRON

1st Lt	4821	EDWARD G KELLY	AO 48287
S Sgt		Charles L Ramsey	AF 17225432
S Sgt		Sylvester S Taylor	AF 6732705
Sgt		Frank E Allen	AF 12112896
Sgt		James C Phillips	AF 15233551
Sgt		William D Sibley	AF 17173039
Sgt		Charles J Stires	AF 15236205
Sgt		William L Talley	AF 18173039
Cpl		Frederick R Aschert	AF 46068280
Cpl		William C Butler	AF 19214252
Cpl		Elvin Burt	AF 14173268
Cpl		Jessie C Everett	AF 18173046
Cpl		James C Freeman	AF 15401827
Cpl		Huey H Capps	AF 18114324
Cpl		Robert F Gilbert	AF 14239967
Cpl		Andrew A Hysong	AF 11146954
Cpl		Anthony E Labiak	AF 12244406
Cpl		Clement B Marino	AF 18222325
Cpl		Herbert L Mick	AF 12010768
Cpl		Burton B Williams	AF 43021580
Pfc		Earl Coleman	AF 15231153
Pfc		Judkins D Medley	AF 14223385
Pfc		Gordon K Meller	AF 19241230
Pvt		Albert D Davis	AF 14265690

1036TH AIR MATERIAL SQ

Sgt		Paul S Bronson	AF 37263408
Cpl		Edward W King	8 AF 16169111
Pvt		Robert E Belt	AF 17170856
Pvt		Robert Manfre	AF 42224383

600TH AIR MATERIAL SQ

T Sgt		Jack S Willis	AF 16016611
Sgt		Billy D Bevans	AF 18220322
Sgt		Walter E Hogan	AF 19261339
Sgt		James A Hoover	AF 13209695
Sgt		James G Wright Jr	AF 43028922
Cpl		Thetis P Balafas	AF 14214230
Cpl		Raymond L Ferree	AF 43019118
Cpl		Twillie D Robinson	AF 14222196
Cpl		Robert J Williams	AF 16205609
Pfc		Guadalupe C Garcia	AF 18107395
Pfc		Billy E Plunkett	AF 16174461
Pfc		Robert L Van Hoorebke	AF 19251903
Pvt		Fred M Harmon	AF 19238610
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1st Lt	4821	EDWARD G KELLY	AO 48287
S Sgt		Charles L Ramsey	AF 17225432
S Sgt		Sylvester S Taylor	AF 6762705
Sgt		Frank E Allen	AF 12112896
Sgt		James C Phillips	AF 15233551
Sgt		William D Sibley	AF 17173039
Sgt		Charles J Stires	AF 15236205
Sgt		William L Talley	AF 18173039
Cpl		Frederick R Aschert	AF 46068280
Cpl		William C Butler	AF 19214252
Cpl		Elvin Burt	AF 14173268
Cpl		Jessie C Everett	AF 18173046
Cpl		James C Freeman	AF 15401827
Cpl		Huey H Capps	AF 18114324
Cpl		Robert F Gilbert	AF 14239967
Cpl		Andrew A Hysong	AF 11146954
Cpl		Anthony E Labiak	AF 12244406
Cpl		Clement B Marino	AF 18222325
Cpl		Herbert L Mick	AF 12010768
Cpl		Durton B Williams	AF 43021580
Pfc		Earl Coleman	AF 15231153
Pfc		Judkins D Medley	AF 14223385
Pfc		Gordon K Meller	AF 19241230
Pvt		Albert D Davis	AF 14265690

1036TH AIR MATERIAL SQ

Sgt		Paul S. Bronson	AF 37263408
Cpl		Edward W King	8 AF 16169111
Pvt		Robert E Belt	AF 17170856
Pvt		Robert Manfre	AF 42224383

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BODIES OF 4 FLIERS FOUND, IDENTIFIED

Bodies of the four men killed in midair collisions involving three Yokota Air Force Base A-26 bombers last Tuesday, have been recovered and identified.

Those recovered and identified are: "Capt Stanley R. Thomas, San Francisco, who is survived by his wife, Mrs. Phyllis M. Thomas, now residing at Yokota Air Force Base; S Sgt Ralph H Caurthen of White Bluff, Tenn., survived by his mother, Mrs. Sally Caurthen, also of White Bluff; Cpl. Allen L Pundy, whose mother, Mrs. Lucille M. Pundy, survives him; and James E Fannon, Big Stone Gap, Va., who is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Catherine S Fannon, of the same address.



TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth
 my soul. He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
 for His name's sake. **Yea,** though I walk
 through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear
 no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy
 staff they comfort me. **Thou** preparest a
 table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
 Thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth
 over. **Surely** goodness and mercy shall follow
 me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
 house of the Lord forever.

IN MEMORIAM

Capt S. R. Thomas
S/Sgt R. H. Caurthen
Cpl James Fannon
Cpl Allyn Pundy

ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE:

INVOCATION:

MEMORIAL SCRIPTURES:

MEMORIAL LITANY:

Chaplain: I am the resurrection and the life,
saith the Lord, he that believeth in me,
though he were dead, yet shall he live.

Response:

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? The Lord is
the strength of my life, of whom then
shall I be afraid?

Chaplain:

For in the time of trouble He shall
hide me in the secret place of His
dwelling and I shall abide under the
shadow of the Almighty.

Response:

I will say unto the Lord; Thou art my
hope and my strength and I shall find
refuge under Thy wing and in Thee will
I trust.

Chaplain: For He shall give His angel's charge
over thee and his faithfulness and truth
shall be thy shield.

Response: Hear our prayers, O Lord, and have
mercy upon us.

Chaplain: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

Response: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Chaplain: With pity behold the sorrows of our
hearts, O Lord.

Response: Mercifully forgive the sins of Thy people.

Chaplain: The Lord be with thee.

Response: And with thy spirit. Amen.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS:

It. Col. John P. Crocker

MEMORIAL MEDITATION:

Chaplain J. L. Coburn, Jr.

THE PRAYERS:

SILENTLY PRAYER:

TAPS:

THE BENEDICTION:

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

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