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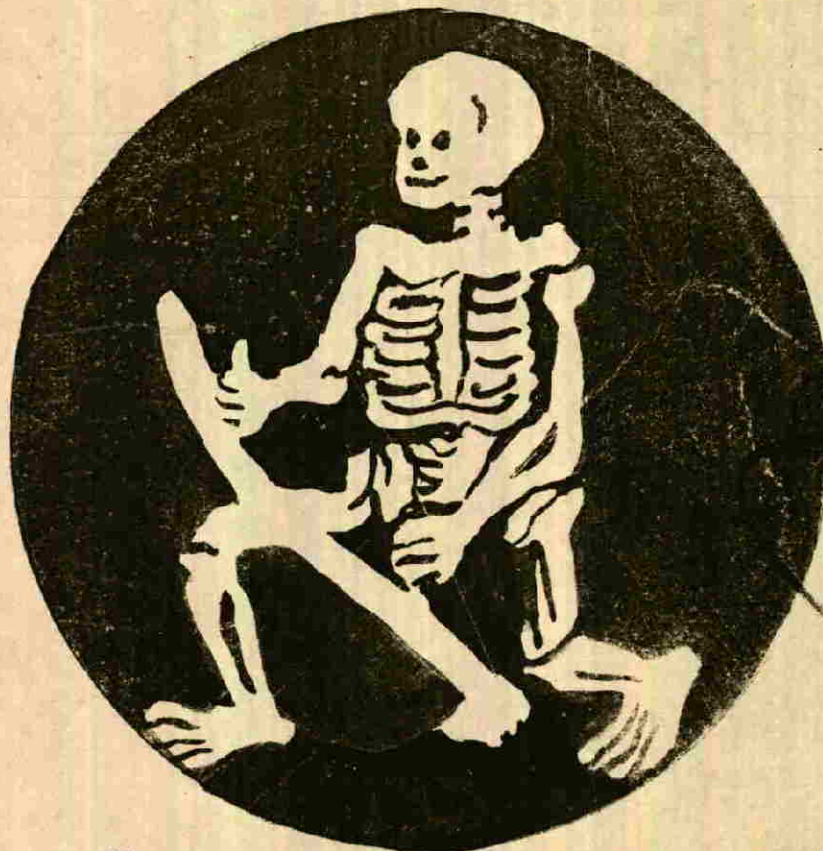
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YOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

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5 February 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.

John P. Crocker
JOHN P CROCKER #
Lt Col, USAF
Commanding

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13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
YOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE
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Unit History, 1 thru 31 January 1948

The 13th Bombardment Squadron (Light) was activated at Kelly Field, Texas on 25 August 1917. During its 30 1/2 years of existence, it has been designated as 104th Aero Squadron, 13th Attack Squadron and 13th Bombardment Squadron (L), its present designation. (1)

Due to the fact that the Army hadn't firmly gotten on its feet during the early part of the first World War, the matter of organization was rather hap-hazard. Men were assigned to squadrons without regard to their qualifications. At Kelly Field on 25 August 1917, the enlisted men were lined up and after the first one hundred fifty men had been counted off, they were named the 104th Aero Squadron and assigned as such. This first squadron was commanded by Lt Carson with Sergeant Pearce as First Sergeant. (1)

This Squadron went overseas in December 1917 and returned to the United States in June 1919.

The 104th disembarked at Liverpool, England and was assigned to English flying schools. The relation between English officers and men and the Americans was exceptionally good. During this time, the mechanics were working on Camels, Pups, Avros, SE-5's Rolls Royce, DH-6 Handley Page and B.E. two engine planes. History has it that these mechanics could remove an engine from a plane at the end of the day and have it ready for flight the next morning. In July, 1918, the squadron was moved to France, where they stayed until returning to the United States, June 1919. (1)

After the return of the 104th Aero Squadron from overseas, the organization was almost completely depleted by the wholesale discharge of enlisted men and officers.

The 13th Squadron (redesignated as such in March 1921) was placed on inactive status on 20 June 1924 and remained on that status until 17 November 1929.

(1) Unit History compiled by Capt J. N. Tolar, Historian.

Unit History, 13th Bombardment Sqdn (L), 1 - 31 Jan 1948

Commanding Officers of this organization are as follows:

Lt Carson	25 August 1917
Lt Walters	25 September 1917
Lt Rhodes	17 June 1918
Lt Waters	2 July 1918
Lt Reynolds	29 July 1918
Capt Holcombe	1 August 1919
Lt Harvey	March 1921

No information available from March 1921 to 20 June 1924.
From June 20 1924 to 17 November 1929, this squadron was placed
on inactive status. No information available from 1929 to 1942.

Capt James Orr	19 January 1942
Major Herman Lowrey	2 April 1942
Major Alex Evanoff	25 May 1942
Major H. V. Maull	25 November 1942
Major D. M. Conley	4 May 1943
Major Arthur Small	12 October 1943
Capt T. G. Fetch	13 October 1943
Capt A. E. Baucom	2 December 1943
Capt R. L. Walker	22 Aug 1944
Capt MacLellan	14 April 1945
Capt M. W. Fisher	6 November 1945
Capt F. M. McMullen	28 March 1946
Capt W. F. Maughan	1 July 1946
Major A. P. Burris	28 August 1946
Major T. J. Price	21 April 1947
Lt Col J. P. Crocker	22 Sept 1947

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

31 January 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Headquarters Section

TO: Commanding Officer
 Yokota Air Force Base
 3rd Bombardment Group (L)
 APO 328
 Attn: Historical Officer

1. In compliance with Regulation 45-1, Yokota Army Air Base, dtd 22 April 1947, the following summary of events for the Headquarters Section is submitted for the month of January 1948.

2. As of the date of the report, the personnel in the headquarters section were:

Lt Col	John P Crocker	Commanding Officer
Capt	Richard G Mendrop	Adjutant
2nd Lt	Robert J Temple	Assistant Adjutant
Capt	Stanley R Thomas	Supply Officer
F/Sgt	James T Honsaker	First Sergeant
Sgt	William F Shawler	Clerk Typist
Pfc	Carroll B Williams Jr	Clerk Non-Typist

3. As of 1 Jan 1948, the morning report strength was 26 Officers and 97 Enlisted Men. There were no changes in Officer strength during the month. We gained eight Enlisted Men during the month, Cpl Massey, A. E., T/Sgt Bell, C.R., Cpl Pundy, A.L., Pfc Clark, E.A., Pfc Gay, E.E., Pfc Horine, W.H., Pfc Ricks, J.F., and Pvt Schlink, A.G. There were two losses, S/Sgt Lucas, D.E. and Pvt Reed, J.R. This brings our strength as of 31 Jan 48 to 103 Enlisted Men and 26 Officers.

4. All personnel in the squadron were transferred to the Department of the Air Force with the exception of three men, who remain assigned to the Department of the Army. These are Pfc Evers, E.J., Pvt Turbeville, C.R. and Pvt Whitmore, R.G., all of whom are performing duty with the Base Dispensary.

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31 Jan 48

5. There were seven changes in grade during the month, one promotion from Staff Sergeant to Tech Sergeant, three promotions from Corporal to Sergeant, one promotion from Pfc to Corporal, and two reductions from Pfc to Private.

6. Leaves were granted as follows:

Officers	Enlisted Men
1 Five Day Leave	7 Seven Day Leaves
2 Seven Day Leave	1 Thirty Day Leave
1 Fifteen Day Leave	

7. The Officer personnel of the squadron is broken up into the following categories:

USAF Officers	12
USAFR Officers	11
AFUS Officers	3
Total	<u>26</u>

8. The following is a strength breakdown of the squadron:

	<u>Authorized</u>		<u>Assigned</u>		<u>Attached</u>	
	1 Jan	31 Jan	1 Jan	31 Jan	1 Jan	31 Jan
Off	29	24	26	26	0	0
EM	104	104	97	103	0	0

9. Responsibility for conducting Saturday morning inspections and training has been delegated to the Squadron Commanders. During the month, inspections of the various sections, aircraft and aircrews, personal clothing and appearance of EM, and showdown inspections were conducted.

There have been no cases of Venereal Disease reported during the month. Also, very few delinquency reports were received.

The red basketball caps which were ordered for enlisted personnel last month were received this month. These caps bear the lettering, "The Grim Reapers" and "13th Bomb Sq" on the front and back respectively.

A clean-up campaign has been initiated in the squadron to make our organization the cleanest and most outstanding in the Air Force. "Quality" has been established as the keyword.

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31 Jan 48

Our basketball team has lost two games, compared with
our one victory in the second round of the Inter-Squadron
League. This could be contributed to the loss of Lt Temple
and M/Sgt McCann, who were on leave during the month.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl
Roster of Pers (quad)

Richard G. Mendrop
RICHARD G MENDROP
Capt, USAF
Adjutant

13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
YOKOTA ARMY AIR BASE
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

31 January 1948

Roster of Personnel

Officers

Rank	Name	ASN	Component
Lt Col	Crocker, John P	AO-33144	USAF
Maj	Gross, Clarence H	AO-33417	USAF
Capt	Bushue, Bernard J	AO-35744	USAF
"	Godbey, Donald E	AO-48262	USAF
"	Herman, Christopher J	AO-748979	USAFR
"	Jahnke, Ernst E	AO-735592	USAFR
"	Martindale, Clarence L	AO-663061	USAFR
"	Mendrop, Richard G	AO-660781	USAFR
"	Thomas, Stanley R	AO-49726	USAF
"	Thomas, Parry L	AO-54045	USAF
"	Warfield, Allen Jr	AO-48128	USAF
"	Weaver, Lester C	AO-42126	USAF
1st Lt	Ballard, John B	AO-2070925	USAFR
" "	Bates, Thomas L	A)-41186	USAF
" "	Berry, George R	AO-39438	USAF
" "	Crim, Herman L	AO-747753	AFUS
" "	Hutchinson, William G	AO-38215	USAF
" "	Last, John F	AO-683031	USAFR
" "	Muller, Harry H Jr	AO-667334	USAFR
" "	Olson, Warren H	AO-2079959	USAFR
" "	Peter, Reed T	AO-888904	AFUS
" "	Phillips, Claude D	AO-712030	USAFR
" "	Rutan, James H	AO-504198	AFUS
" "	Smith, Ted W	AO-2094056	USAFR
" "	Sorenson, Chester W	AO-714208	USAFR
2nd Lt	Temple, Robert J	AO-56683	USAF

Enlisted Personnel

Rank	Name	ASN	MOS
F/Sgt	Honsaker, James T	AF-39157531	502
M/Sgt	Barksdale, Ronald W	AF-6394708	750
"	Bigby, Leon	AF-6366977	750
"	Gerold, Edward G	AF-6264946	750
"	Garner, Lloyd W	AF-14033283	750
"	Jenkins, Busker	AF-6241399	750
"	McCann, Thomas J	AF-15010050	685
"	Van Dever, Alonzo E	AF-6972431	750

Basic: Roster of Pers., 13th Bomb Sq (L), 31 Jan 48

Rank	Name	ASN	MOS
T/Sgt	Bell, Claude R	AF-14022587	750
"	Bunten, Paul E	AF-35354590	750
"	Coughlin, Robert F	AF-11011864	2750
"	Elliott, Paul L	AF-18031777	750
"	Hays, Carl J Jr	AF-6277311	750
"	Hill, Frank J	AF-18061006	750
"	Jackson, Edward J	AF-32462972	612
"	Johnson, James D	AF-6652501	824
"	Martin, Charles F	AF-19055621	750
"	McLeron, William A	AF-6708616	750
"	Robinson, Wendell	AF-14031382	750
"	Rodgers, Frank H	AF-6257128	747D
"	Sturgeon, Charles W	AF-15069001	2750
"	Wood, Fred Jr	AF-18060078	750
"	Bosquez, Rudolfo	AF-18048892	750
S/Sgt	Bennett, Gerald	AF-14152730	612
"	Brown, James A	AF-14146140	014
"	Caurthen, Ralph H	AF-14200228	612
"	Cushman, Theodore A	AF-31428910	612
"	Eidikaitis, Frank	AF-11027436	2750
"	Ellis, Marvin	AF-14045664	612
"	Garbiso, Tony T	AF-37346887	612
"	Gatlin, Jack L	AF-18009542	612
"	Gisin, Glenn J	AF-6937815	612
"	Guthrie, Jessie L	AF-18294811	612
"	King, Charles E	AF-16047360	612
"	Kleinertz, Wayne F	AF-16192274	612
"	Ligon, Dorris L	AF-14225384	612
"	McCreedy, Robert D	AF-16029169	612
"	Murphy, Vincent J	AF-13114073	612
"	Sweigert, Luther M	AF-6996144	750
"	Stallings, Walter C	AF-34258059	750
Sgt	Blomback, Fritz	AF-12252229	747
"	Drury, Gardner F	AF-31071783	750
"	Eddleman, James H	AF-14236817	014
"	Goolsby, Burlin P Jr	AF-11146780	747
"	Hunt, Francis B	AF-17171012	747
"	Piercy, Lyndle L	AF-19215485	747
"	Shawler, William F	AF-15237272	405
"	Spry, Harold L	AF-19214743	612
"	Stroud, Joseph R	AF-14221315	747
"	Walker, Robert V	AF-19235594	747
"	Williams, Aubrey L	AF-18094740	747
Cpl	Altiery, Mason L	AF-10101983	405
"	Bushey, Donald R	AF-12245594	747
"	Bullock, Huey P	AF-18323525	747
"	Carr, Talmadge C	AF-18185652	747

Basic: Roster of Pers., 13th Bomb Sq (L), 31 Jan 48

Rank	Name	ASN	MOS
Cpl	Campbell, John D	AF-15210043	747
"	Davis, Roy E	AF-18211552	747
"	Greener, Roy H	AF-38777424	747
"	Hawkins, Lowell D	AF-18285881	747
"	Isom, Lynovis	AF-14226646	747
"	Johnson, Lloyd	AF-14226640	014
"	Kruger, Charles F	AF-18252349	747
"	Kozbiel, Edward J Jr	AF-16209015	747
"	Loucks, Noble	AF-38788562	747
"	Massey, Arthur E	AF-14248353	521
"	Pena, Guadalupe G	AF-18230552	060
"	Phillips, Merton V	AF-18245393	835
"	Piga, Joseph A	AF-12251019	405
"	Pundy, Allyn L	AF-17206526	835
"	Roberts, Richard H	AF-19284236	747
"	Spray, James L	AF-14240040	747
"	Smith, William E	AF-12262434	620
Pfc	Belflower, Miles C	AF-19254540	747
"	Bostion, Garey K	AF-13139298	060
"	Cacile, James S	AF-12049836	747
"	Choate, Walter A	AF-39759581	677
"	Clark, Elmer A	AF-19207771	521
"	Ellis, Lea R	AF-19247718	747
"	Evers, Elwood J Jr	RA11154477	383
"	Gay, Edmund E	AF-14253787	911
"	Horine, William H	AF-15058582	612
"	Hudnall, Lea A	AF-19256341	405
"	Mienheartt, Charles E	AF-15246096	345
"	Osborne, Harold S	AF-15019168	747
"	Padilla, Lorenzo F	AF-12259784	747
"	Pierce, Robert E	AF-19145074	747
"	Ricks, Joseph F	AF-19276973	747
"	Williams, Carroll B Jr	AF-18290141	055
"	Ward, Thomas	AF-12275021	747
"	Watson, Charles E	AF-13198608	050
"	Watson, Donald	AF-15248653	747
"	Wirick, Carl B	AF-35238111	612
Pvt	Brower, Glenn J	AF-19276814	747
"	Crawford, Charles E	AF-42222033	747
"	Frain, James J	AF-13251068	521
"	Hansen, Archie J	AF-39905421	612
"	Howell, Bennett W	AF-14215404	060
"	Middleton, James E	AF-14236002	590
"	Schlink, Albert C	AF-11170488	911
"	Terry, William B	AF-19255812	747
"	Turbeville, Charlie R	RA14235715	870
"	Washington, Herbert A	AF-13235131	521
"	Whitmore, Robert G	RA19246075	409

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

CLM/wfs


31 January 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Communications Section

TO: Historical Officer
Yokota Air Force Base
3rd Bombardment Group (L)
APO 328

1. In compliance with Regulation 45-1, 314th Composite Wing, dtd 2 Dec 1946, the following summary of events for the Communications Section is submitted for the month of January.
2. The communications section personnel for the month of January were as follows:

Capt Clarence L Martindale Communications Officer
3. All communications preflights and inspections are being performed by Service Group personnel. The squadron has no equipment or facilities for squadron maintenance.
4. New VHF sets have been received and put in some of the aircraft. All of the old sets will be in for repair soon. No time has been lost during the month due to faulty communications equipment.
5. New VHF covers have been made and are expected to prevent many radio failures when the rainy season arrives.
6. All throttle microphone switches are now in operation with the exception of two aircraft. The necessary parts are on requisition.


CLARENCE L MARTINDALE
Capt, USAF
Communications Officer

13th. BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L) . AW/wac
YOKOTA AIR BASE
3rd. BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

29 Jan. 1948

SUBJECT : Monthly Summary of Events, 13th Squadron
Operations Section

TO : Historical Officer,
Third Bombardment Group.

1. In compliance with 314 Wing Reg 45-1 date 2 December 1946 the following summary of events for the Operations Section, is submitted for the month of January.

2. The Operations consists of one Operations Officer, one Ass't Operations Officer, one Squadron Navigator and one Operations Specialist, two Operations Clerks.

The assigned personnel are.

Capt. Allen Warfield Jr.	O-48128	Operations Officer
1st Lt. Warren H Olsen.	O-2079959	Ass't Operations Officer
1st Lt. Harry H Miller.	O-667334	Squadron Navigator
M/Sgt. Thomas J McCand.	AF-16010050	Operations Specialist
Pfc. Walter A Cheate.	AF-39759581	Operations Clerk
Pfc. Garey K Bestien	AF-13139298	Operations Clerk

3. The Squadron flying hours are higher again this month. As of 26 January 1948, we have 593:00 flying hours. This was due to good weather and excellent line maintenance.

4. Capt. G.E. Gedbey and, Capt. S.R. Thomas, are due instruments checks, all other Pilots are up to date. We have started a new beard on 60-2 requirements for the next Six Months.

5. Two of our assigned Navigators, were attached to the 31st. Photo Sq., for flying:

1st. Lt. H.G. Hutchinson and, 1st Lt. G.P. Berry.

Capt. H H Kennedy, our attached Bombardier was transferred to the 31st Photo Sq. This leaves our Pilot strength the same, 21 assigned and 16 attached and we have two assigned Navigators.

6. We have 13 gunners combat ready and 2 in training.

7. The 13th. Sq. was mighty proud of there accident rate, we were second in the 314th. Wing accidents. The 158th. Liaison Sq., was first but they only flew, 545:00 to our, 6,874:25. But our excellent record was broken the 16 Jan. 1948, when 1st Lt. Andersen, nosed up 34296, 100% Material failure.. Maintenance personnel in our Sq. or Base were in no way to blame. It was the sway brace, the T.O., had not been complied with prior to this station.

Emphasis was placed on proficiency and training during the month. We our breaking in our new Pilots in all types of formations so by 90 hrs they will be well qualified for 1083's.

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7. A new lead has been placed on our Pilots, with the interposing of Pilots as observers on all instruments flights.

8. In last months summary we mentioned our fine Operations building and, the improvements we have made.
Remember: (The 13th. for leadership). The other Sqdns. are coming around to our way of operating and, starting to improve there buildings also.


ALLEN WARFIELD JR.
CAPT. USAF
OPERATIONS OFFICER

13th Bombardment Squadron (L)
YOKOTA AIR BASE
3rd Bombardment Group (L)
APO 328

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27 January 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 13th Bomb Sq (L), Engineering Section

TO: Historical Officer
Yokota Air Base
3rd Bombardment Group (L)
APO 328

1. In compliance with Yokota Air Base Regulation 45-1, dated 22 Apr 47, the following Summary of Events for the Engineering Section, 13th Bomb Sq (L), is submitted for the month of January 1948.

2. The Key Personnel of the Section are as follows:

Engineering Officer	Capt. Parry L Thomas
Asst. Engineering Officer	Lt. Chester W. Sorensen
Communications Officer	Capt. Clarence L Martindale
Supply Officer	Lt. Herman L Crim

3. The present strength of this section is as follows:

Officers:	4
Enlisted Men:	<u>61</u>
Total	65

a. Thirty (30) men are on loan to "PLM". Compared to an authorized strength of sixty-one (61), this section is up to full strength. T/sgt. Bell and Pfc. Ricks have been added to the Engineering Section and at present are working on A-26 aircraft.

b. The following named men are Assist. Crew- Chiefs on the Squadron aircraft for "On the Job Training", which in the future will make them Crew- chiefs.

Cpl. Roy E Davis	Pfc. Miles Belflower
Cpl. Glenn Brewer	Pfc. Joseph Ricks
Pfc. James S Cacile	Pfc. Donald Watson

4. On 16 January 1948, aircraft #44-34296 which had been in the Squadron only one (1) month had a nose gear side brace failure resulting in a check- up to see that all of the Squadron Aircraft have the Technical Order 01-40AJ-64 dated 16 July 1945 complied with. All the Aircraft in this organization have the Technical Order 01-40AJ-64, complied with now.

5. Assigned Aircraft & Type:

A-26B	13
A-26C	3
B-25J	<u>1</u>
Total	17

BASIC CONTD: Monthly Summary of Events, dtd 27 January 1948

6. This organization has flown 596:20 hours for the month of January 1948, up until this date.

Parry L. Thomas
PARRY L THOMAS
CAPT., AO
ENGINEERING OFFICER

13th Bombardment Squadron (L)
3rd Bombardment Group
Yokota Air Base

29 January 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Armament Section

TO : Historical Officer
3rd Bombardment Group (L)
Yokota Air Base
APO 328

1. In compliance with regulation 45-1, 314th Composite Wing, dated 2 December 1946, the following summary of events for the Armament Section is submitted for the month of January, 1948.

2. Key personnel in the Armament Section at the end of the month is as follows:

Capt. E.E. JAHNKE	Armament Officer
T/Sgt. E.J. Jackson	Section Chief
S/Sgt. M. Ellis	"A" Flight Chief
S/Sgt. G.J. Gisin	"B" Flight Chief
S/Sgt. T.T. Garbise	"C" Flight Chief
S/Sgt. C.E. King	"D" Flight Chief

3. S/Sgt. Bennett and S/Sgt. Guthrie were both transferred from the section this month dropping the total strength down to sixteen men. S/Sgt. Murphy and S/Sgt. Ligon were both placed on flying status and are now combat ready, replacing the above transferred men. Pfc. Horine is attending the A-26 Ground School for gunners at the completion of which he will be placed on flying status. T/Sgt. E.J. Jackson, Section Chief, submitted his request for a six month extension and it is the sincere hope of the entire section that this request is favorably considered at all echelons of command. T/Sgt. Jackson has done an excellent job in building the Armament Section up to what it is. A tremendous loss would be realized if T/Sgt. Jackson was returned to the states at this time.

4. Armament expenditures during the month of January were as follows:

A. Gunnery (Rds. spent)	44,925
B. Rockets (2.25)	95
C. Rockets (5.0")	60
D. Practice Bombs	16
E. Napalm Tanks	10

Ernst E. Jahnke
ERNST E. JAHNKE
Captain, USAFR
Armament Officer

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT
13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
YOKOTA ARMY AIR BASE
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

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31 January 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Personal Equipment Section

TO: Historical Officer
Yokota Army Air Base
3rd Bombardment Group (L)
APO 328

1. In compliance with Regulation 45-1, Yokota Army Air Base dtd 22 Apr 1947, the following summary of events for the Personal Equipment Section is submitted for the month of January 1948.

2. The personnel for the Personnel Equipment Section for the month of January were as follows:

1st Lt Ted W Smith	Personal Equipment Officer
Cpl William E Smith	Inspector and Clerk

3. The inspection of life rafts, Mae Wests, First Aid Kits, and Parachutes is complete to date.

4. During the month, Air Installations built and installed doors for all clothing cabinets. This will increase the security factor of the section.

5. The men attached for flying have received the majority of their basic flying clothing.

Ted W Smith
TED W SMITH
1st Lt., USAFR
Personal Equipment Officer