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APO 328

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TO : Commanding General  
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Unit History, 1 March thru 31 March 1948

1. Activation: (Included in January 1948 Unit History)
2. Mission: The mission of the 13th Bombardment Squadron has not changed since last report. (February 1948)
3. Personnel: The following is a list of personnel assigned to 13th Bombardment Squadron (L) as of 31 March 1948:

Lt Col	John P Crocker	AO-33144	Commanding Officer
Maj	Clarence H Gross	AO-33417	
Capt	Bernard J Bushue	AO-35744	
Capt	Donald E Godbey	AO-48262	
Capt	Christopher J Herman	AO-748979	
Capt	Ernst E Jahnke	AO-735592	
Capt	Clarence L Martindale	AO-663061	
Capt	Richard G Mendrop	AO-660781	
Capt	Parry L Thomas	AO-54045	
Capt	Stanley R Thomas	AO-49726	
Capt	Allen Warfield Jr	AO-48128	
Capt	Lester C Weaver	AO-42126	
1st Lt	John B Ballard	AO-2070925	
1st Lt	Thomas L Bates	AO-41186	
1st Lt	George R Barry	AO-39438	
1st Lt	Herman L Grim	AO-747753	
1st Lt	William G Hutchinscn	AO-38215	
1st Lt	John F Last	AO-683031	
1st Lt	Harry H Muller Jr	AO-667834	
1st Lt	Warren H Olson	AO-2079959	
1st Lt	Reed T Peter	AO-388904	
1st Lt	Claude D Phillips	AO-712030	
1st Lt	William B Radgnedge	AO-679117	
1st Lt	James H Rutan	AO-504198	
1st Lt	Ted W Smith	AO-2094056	
1st Lt	Chester W Sorenson	AO-714208	
1st Lt	Robert J Temple	AO-56683	
M Sgt	Leon Bigby	AF-6366977	
M Sgt	Lloyd W Garner	AF-14033283	
M Sgt	Edward G Gerold	AF-6264946	
M Sgt	Buster Jenkins	AF-6241399	
M Sgt	Thomas J McCann	AF-15010050	
M Sgt	Alonzo E Van Dever	AF-6972431	



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T Sgt	Bell, Claud R	AF-14022587
T Sgt	Bosquez, Rudolfo	AF-18048892
T Sgt	Buntan, Paul E	AF-35354590
T Sgt	Coughlin, Robert F	AF-11011864
T Sgt	Eidikaitis, Frank	AF-11027436
T Sgt	Elliott, Paul L	AF-18031777
TSgt	Hays, Carl J Jr	AF-6277311
TSgt	Hill, Frank J	AF-18061006
T Sgt	Jackson, Edward J	AF-32462972
T Sgt	Johnson, James D	AF-6652501
T Sgt	Keaten, Charles H	AF-6971758
T Sgt	Martin, Charles F	AF-19055621
T Sgt	McLeron, William A	AF-6708616
T Sgt	Robinson, Wendell	AF-14031382
T Sgt	Rodgers, Frank H	AF-6257128
T Sgt	Sturgeon, Charles W	AF-15069001
T Sgt	Wood, Fred Jr	AF-18060078
S Sgt	Blomback, Fritz	AF-12252229
S Sgt	Brown, James A	AF-14146140
S Sgt	Caurthen, Ralph H	AF-14200228
S Sgt	Cushman, Theodore A	AF-31428910
S Sgt	Ellis, Marvin	AF-14045664
S Sgt	Garbiso, Tony T	AF-37346887
S Sgt	Gatlin, Jack L	AF-18009542
S Sgt	Gisin, Glenn J	AF-6937815
S Sgt	Henley, Harold E	AF-37527422
S Sgt	King, Charles E	AF-16047360
S Sgt	Kleinertz, Wayne F	AF-16192274
S Sgt	Ligon, Dorris L	AF-14225384
S Sgt	Murphy, Vincent J	AF-13114073
S Sgt	McCreedy, Robert D	AF-16029169
S Sgt	Stallings, Walter C	AF-34258059
S Sgt	Sweigert, Luther M	AF-6996144
Sgt	Altiery, Mason L	AF-10101983
Sgt	Garr, Talmadge C	AF-18185652
Sgt	Davis, Roy E	AF-18211552
Sgt	Drury, Gardner F	AF-31071783
Sgt	Eddleman, James H	AF-14236817
Sgt	Goolsby, Burlin P Jr	AF-11146780
Sgt	Hunt, Francis B	AF-17171012
Sgt	Klar, Edmund A	AF-16189219
Sgt	Piercy, Lyndle L	AF-19215485
Sgt	Piga, Joseph A	AF-12251019
Sgt	Shawler, William F	AF-15237272
Sgt	Spry, Harold L	AF-19214743
Sgt	Stroud, Joseph R	AF-14221315
Sgt	Walker, Robert V	AF-19235594
Sgt	Williams, Aubrey L	AF-18094740

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Cpl	Bullock, Huey P	AF-18323525
Cpl	Bushey, Donald R	AF-12245594
Cpl	Campbell, John D	AF-15210043
Cpl	Ellis, Lea R	AF-19247718
Cpl	Evers, Elwood J Jr	RA11154477
Cpl	Greener, Roy H	AF-38777424
Cpl	Hawkins, Lowell D	AF-18285381
Cpl	Horine, William H	AF-15058582
Cpl	Ison, Lynovis	AF-14226646
Cpl	Johnson, Lloyd	AF-14226640
Cpl	Kozbiel, Edward J Jr	AF-16209015
Cpl	Kruger, Charles F	AF-18252349
Cpl	Loucks, Noble	AF-38788562
Cpl	Massey, Arthur E	AF-14248353
Cpl	Padilla, Lorenzo F	AF-12259784
Cpl	Pena, Guadalupe G	AF-18230552
Cpl	Phillips, Merton V	AF-18245393
Cpl	Pundy, Allyn L	AF-17206526
Cpl	Roberts, Richard H	AF-19284236
Cpl	Smith, William E	AF-12262434
Cpl	Spray, James L	AF-14240040
Pfc	Belflower, Miles C	AF-19254540
Pfc	Bostion, Garey K	AF-13139298
Pfc	Cacile, James S	AF-12049836
Pfc	Choate, Walter A	AF-39759581
Pfc	Clark, Elmer A	AF-19307771
Pfc	Gay, Edmund E	AF-14253787
Pfc	Hudnall, Lea A	AF-19256341
Pfc	Mienheartt, Charles E	AF-15246096
Pfc	Osborne, Harold S	AF-15019168
Pfc	Pierce, Robert E	AF-19145074
Pfc	Ward, Thomas	AF-12275021
Pfc	Watson, Charles E	AF-13198608
Pfc	Watson, Donald	AF-15248653
Pfc	Williams, Carroll B Jr	AF-18290141
Pfc	Wirick, Carl B	AF-35238111
Pvt	Brower, Glenn J	AF-19278814
Pvt	Crawford, Charles E	AF-42222093
Pvt	Frain, James J	AF-13251068
Pvt	Hansen, Archie J	AF-39905421
Pvt	Middleton, James E	AF-14236002
Pvt	Ricks, Joseph F	AF-19276973
Pvt	Schlink, Albert C	AF-11170488
Pvt	Terry, William B	AF-19255812
Pvt	Turbeville, Charlie R	RA14235715
Pvt	Washington, Herbert A	AF13234131
Pvt	Whitmore, Robert G	RA19246075



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4. Station: Yokota Air Force Base, APO 328.

5. Capt Clarence L Martindal replaced Capt Allen Warfield Jr as Squadron Operations Officer the last part of the month. The squadron will miss Capt Warfield, not only for his ability as Operations Officer, but also his ability to coordinate with other activities; this plus his ever-present good nature and personality enabled the squadron to rise to the present high level of operational efficiency. Capt Warfield will return to the Zone of Interior around the middle of April 1948.

Instrument cards were received during the month by the following officers:

Capt C. L. Martindale  
1st Lt G. P. McKay  
1st Lt C. W. Sorenson

Fifteen gunners are combat ready and we have one in training. Several missions were flown to the bombing and gunnery ranges at Mito and Onahara-Shima. These missions included loads of dummy parafrags, 2.5 inch rockets, blue devils, splash gunnery and strafing. On 29 March 1948, the group flew a simulated combat mission to Matsuchinio. Of the forty-one A-26's, the 13th Squadron put 14 airplanes in the air; one turned back due to a rough engine. It was a highly successful mission and led by Lt Col Crocker, with the 13th, the leading squadron.

Our personal equipment officer informs us that summer flying equipment has been readied for the hot months to come, and will be issued in a short while. The life raft level hit a new low this month with critical shortage of rafts and no replacements in sight.

A total of 739:10 hours was flown during the month of March 1948. This is the highest total time flown since the cessation of hostilities in this squadron, according to all records available.

1st Lt Robert Connor had an unusual event occur to him while flying a gunnery mission on the Mito Gunnery Range. He was on a strafing pass and a .50 Cal. bullet ricocheted off the target and knocked a hole in the canopy in front of him the size of a fifty cent piece.

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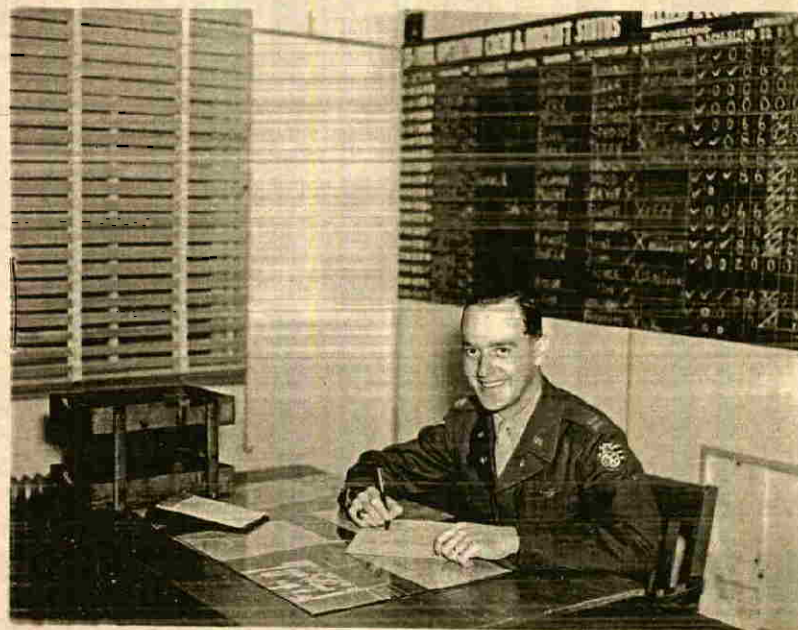
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Captain Allen Warfield, Jr.  
Operations Officer

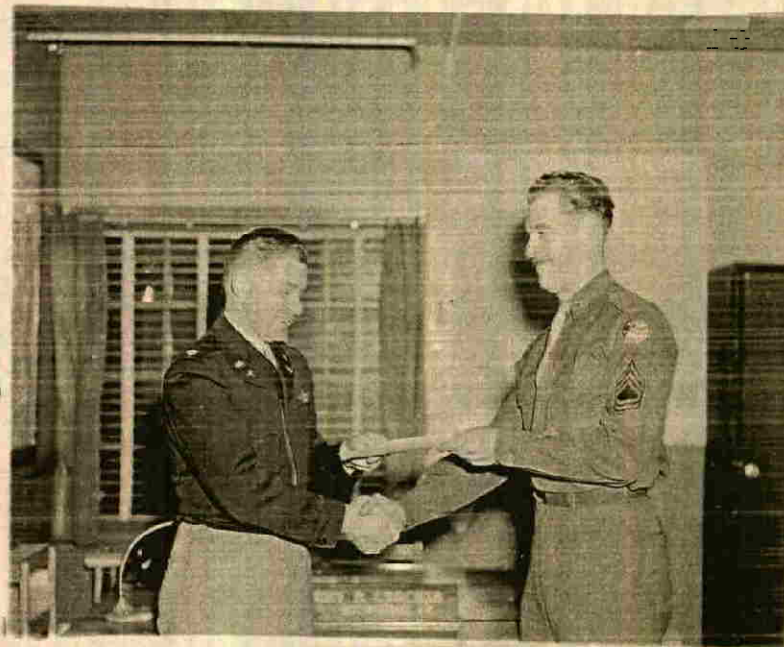


Captain E.E. Jahnke  
Armament Officer





Captain Richard G. Mendrop  
Squadron Adjutant, Recently replaced  
by Captain Donald E. Godbey



T/Sgt Coughlin receives letter of commendation  
from Lt. Col. Crocker for outstanding work in  
Engineering Section.

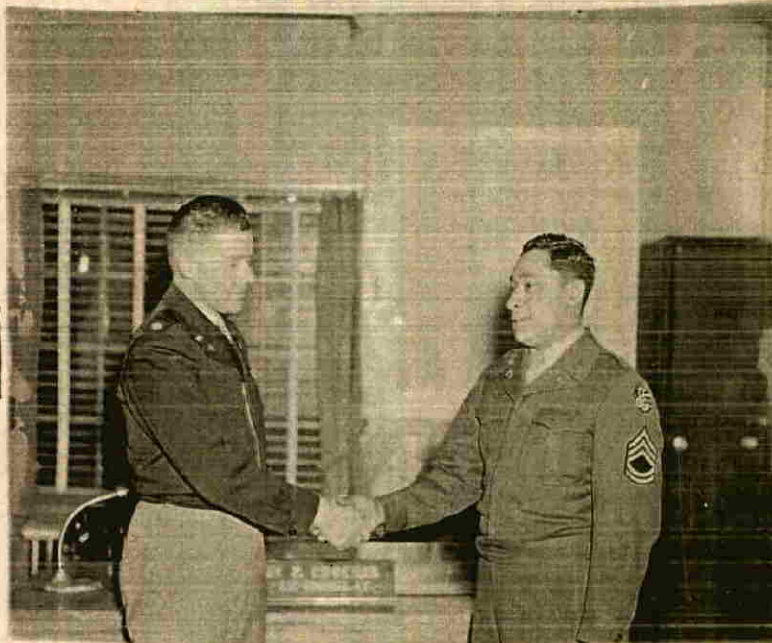


1st Lt. Ted Smith  
Personal Equipment Officer

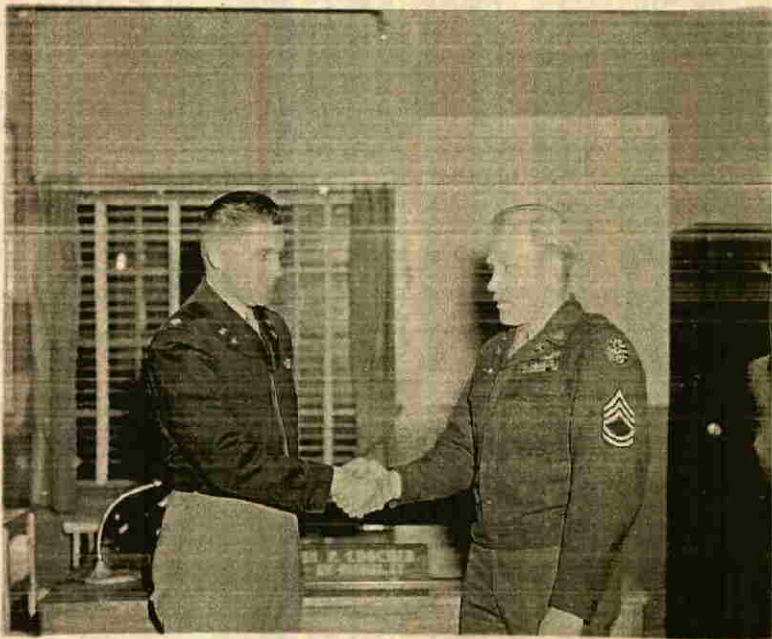


1st Lt. Warren H. Olson  
Ass't Operations Officer





Congratulations to T-Sgt R. Bosquez from Lt. Col. Crocker upon his recent promotion.



T-Sgt F. Eidikitias also receives a promotion.



T/Sgt Robert T. Goughlin  
Acting First Sergeant



Left to Right: Captain Mendrop, S/Sgt Ellis,  
S/Sgt McCreedy, Cpl Kozbiel.

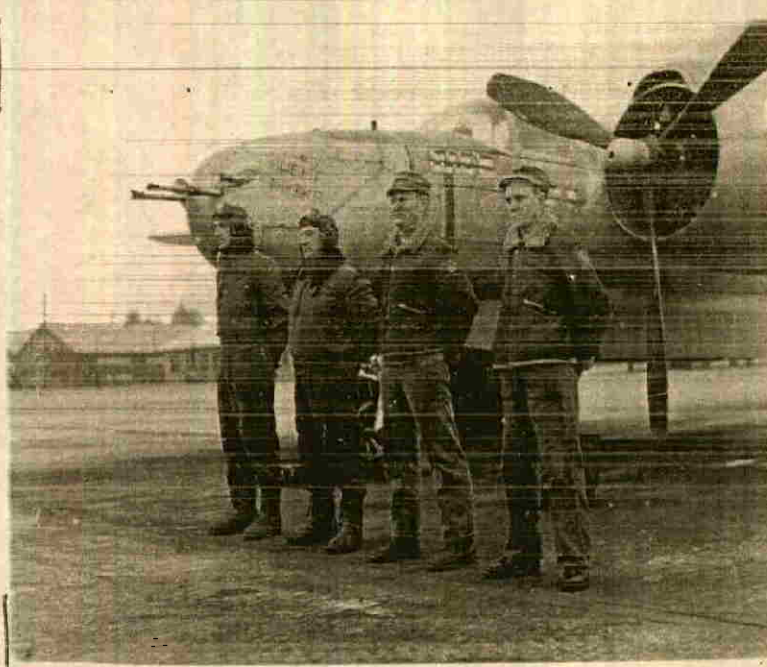




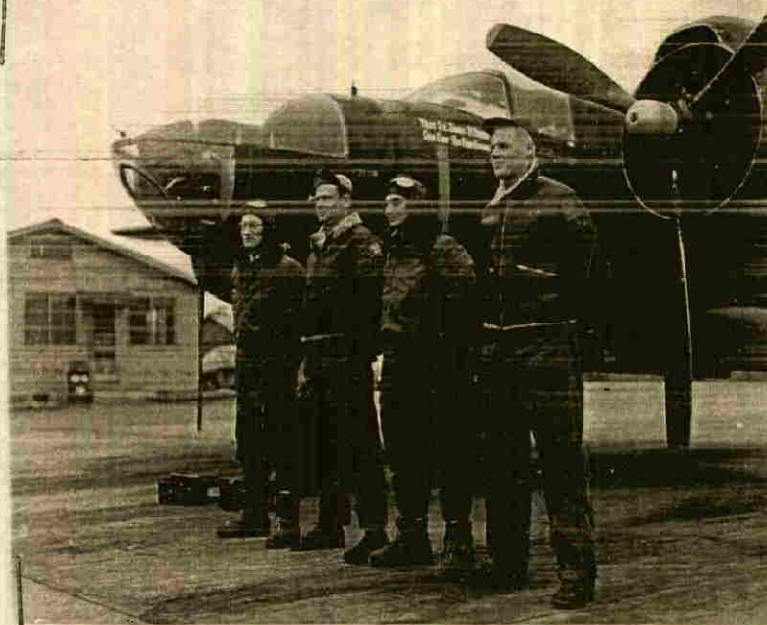
Left to right: T/Sgt Keaten, T/Sgt Jackson, T/Sgt Coughlin, M/Sgt Garner, M/Sgt Jenkins, M/Sgt Mc Cann.



M/Sgt McCann - Operations Section, 13th Bomb Squadron



Left to Right: Captain Jahnke, S/Sgt Gisin,  
Sgt Williams, Sgt Carr.



Left to Right: Lt. Sorenson, T/Sgt Bell,  
S/Sgt Gatlin, S/Sgt Blomback.





Left to right: 1st Lt. Mueller, T/Sgt Buntan, Sgt Drury, Cpl Ellis, Pfc Bay, Cpl Phillips, Pvt Schlink.



Left to right: Seated, Capt Mendrop, Capt Jahnke, 1st Lt. Phillips, Lt. Olson, Capt Martindale, Major Gross, Lt. Col. Crocker, Lt. Sorenson, Standing, Capt Warfield, Lt. Temple, Lt. Grim, Lt. Bates, Lt. Smith, Lt. Rutan, Capt Busche, Capt Herman.



Left to right: 1st Lt. Bates, Cpl Bellflower,  
Cpl Hawkins, Pfc Williams.

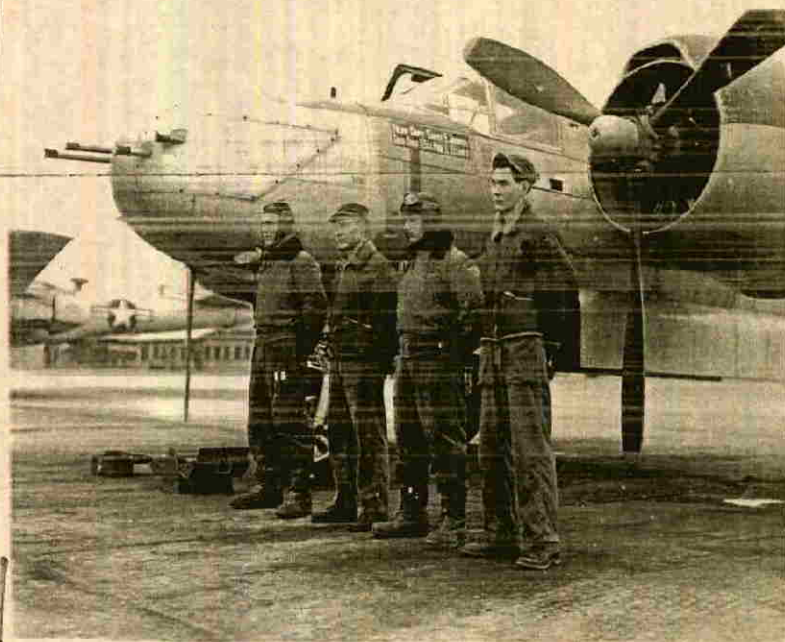


Left to right: 1st Lt. Temple, T/Sgt Martin, S/Sgt  
Stallings, Cpl Horine, Pvt Ricks, Pfc Washington.





Left to right: 1st Lt. Rutan, T/Sgt Bosquez,  
Sgt Spry, Pfc Frain, Pvt Crawford.



Left to right: Lt. Phillips, T/Sgt Robinson,  
S/Sgt McCreedy, Cpl Campbell.