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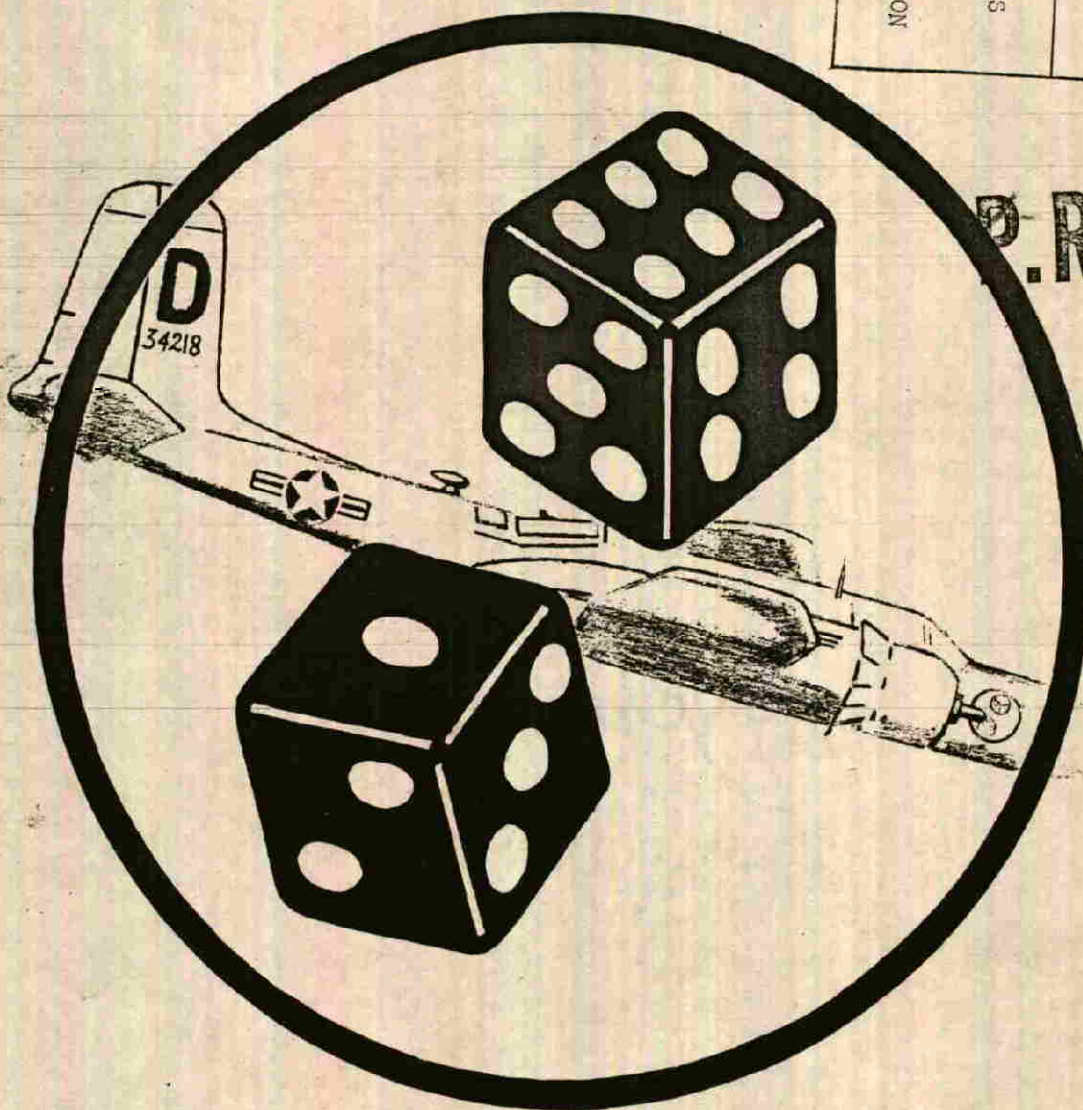
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History

TO : Chief of Staff
United States Air Force

1. This history was compiled by 1st Lt. Francis P. Fitzgerald, with the clerical aid of S/Sgt. George A. Cook. Facts in the narrative have been gathered from reports submitted by section heads. Observations not otherwise credited are based on the personal knowledge and opinions of 1st Lt. Francis P. Fitzgerald.

Stanley D. Kline
STANLEY D. KLINE
Major., USAF
Commanding

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90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

30 November 1948

SUBJECT: Unit History, 1 through 30 November, 1948

The 90th Bombardment Squadron (L) continues to be one of the three Squadrons comprising the 3rd Bombardment Group (L), stationed at Yokota Air Force Base, APO 328, Honshu, Japan.

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SECTION IPERSONNEL

1. KEY PERSONNEL :

Major	Stanley D. Kline	Commanding Officer
1st Lt.	Thomas A. Todd	Operations Officer
1st Lt.	David A. Jones	Engineering Officer
1st Lt.	Marvin J. Greene	Supply Officer
1st Lt.	John C. Beale	Adjutant
1st Lt.	Francis P. Fitzgerald	Armament Officer
1st Lt.	James H. Merrow	Communications Officer
1st Lt.	Lawrence J. Jackson	Tech. Supply & Ass't. Eng. Officer.
2nd Lt.	Jakie L. Rector	Personnel Equipment Officer
M/Sgt.	Kermit A. Hall	First Sergeant
M/Sgt.	Shelton S. Johnson	Line Chief

2. TOTAL OFFICER STRENGTH on 30 November: 28, as compared with 26 present on the 31st of October 1948.

3. TOTAL ENLISTED STRENGTH 120, the same as on the 31st Of October.

4. PERSONNEL GAINS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

1st Lt.	Ernest M. Hered
1st Lt.	Waldren Berry
Sgt.	Royal R. Newman
Pfc.	Bennie G. Simmons
Pfc.	Stanley Steeber
Pfc.	Norman D. Rye

5. PERSONNEL LOSSES DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

S/Sgt.	Bert Fannell Jr.
Cpl.	Joe Galilee
Pfc.	Lawrence Patsche
Pfc.	James F. Cerner

6. PROMOTIONS:

Sgt. George A. Cook....	promoted to....	Staff Sergeant
Pfc. James R. Barfield.	" "	Corporal
Pfc. Thomas P. Perrew.	" "	Corporal

7. LEAVES AND FURLONGHS:

1st Lt. Clarence T. Matlock.....	15 Days
S/Sgt. James V. Buchanan.....	30 Days
S/Sgt. Roy F. Rittenhouse.....	30 Days

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SECTION IIMAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. The biggest part of November, from the 1st through the 24th, was taken up with the "Para-dice" squadron's preparing for and carrying out separate field maneuvers in conjunction with the 13th Bombardment Squadron....the "Grim Reapers". The base designated as the maneuver area was Hamatsu airdrome, an abandoned Japanese strip about 136 miles to the southwest of Yokota Air Force Base.

The order to participate in the maneuvers came to the squadron about the 1st of the month. Immediately the various sections began preparations, based on experience gained from the short expedition into the field last July. It was found however that things would be much simpler this time, inasmuch as the various service units from this 3rd Air Base Group and the 3rd Maintenance Group, recently formed under the Wing-Base organization, would accompany our two squadrons from the 3rd Bomb Group, providing such services as supply, messing, refueling, Post Exchange facilities, etc. Therefore, when the time came to move into the field, the only equipment, parts, supplies, etc that were taken were those normally on hand in the squadron, such as T.O. and E. equipment. We weren't in other words, going out as a self-sufficient unit, but intended to depend on the accompanying service units for the facilities they were capable of providing.

Friday and Saturday, the 5th and 6th, were spent in loading the various section equipment in vehicles assigned to us by the 3rd Motor Vehicle Squadron. On Sunday morning, the 7th, the vehicles were driven in convoy to the train-loading area where they were driven on and tied down to flat cars for movement to the maneuver area. That same evening, at 2100 hours, the troop train was loaded with squadron personnel not going via airlift, and at 2245 it pulled out from the Hijima Station.

On Monday, the 8th, the airlift departed for the maneuver area. Each ship contained at least one pilot, an engineer, and gunner. Also, each aircraft was equipped with a droppable bombay rack on which was loaded personal baggage and field equipment as well as odd items of equipment not sent by supply train. Fifteen of the B-26's arrived at Hamatsu the same day. The sixteenth aircraft remained at Yokota for final maintenance and test hop before it could be flown down. After landing, reservicing aircraft, and unloading trains, all personnel helped pitch tents and set up various section offices. This was all accomplished by the evening of the 8th.

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The first mission was flown from Hamatsu on the 9th, the day after arriving. The 90th furnished nine aircraft for a simulated bombing attack. The mission was of three hours duration. All aircraft returned without mishap. The bomb stations were checked and pilots opened their bomb bay doors and released the stations over the target. There were no armament malfunctions.

On the 10th of the month nine more B-26 aircraft were furnished for another simulated low-level bombing attack, with the 90th as lead squadron. Approximately two thirds of the route was covered when bad weather forced the formation to return without reaching the target.

11 November 48: Twelve aircraft with complete crews (pilot and gunner) were furnished for an actual bombing attack. A total of 52 500 lb demolition bombs were loaded. All the bombs were dropped.

12 November 48: Ten aircraft completed actual bombing mission. Three aborted for various reasons. A total of 40 500 lb bombs were loaded. The squadron led the formation. All bombs were dropped.

13 November 48: Twelve B-26's from the 90th completed a simulated bombing attack. There were no abortions or malfunctions of armament equipment.

14 November 48: Twelve ships were scheduled for simulated bombing mission, but was cancelled for unknown reasons. A flying safety meeting was held for all pilots. Engineering spent the day on progressive and preventive maintenance.

15 November 48: Twelve aircraft flew a five hour bombing mission. Forty eight (48) 500 lb demolition bombs were loaded and dropped without malfunction.

16 November 48: Bad weather forced cancellation of a scheduled low level attack.

17 November 48: Eight (8) aircraft flew a simulated square search mission and made two simulated low-level attacks. There were no abortions.

18 November 48: Scheduled mission cancelled because of expected passage of typhoon. In the late afternoon an order was received to evacuate all aircraft that were flyable to Yokota because of expected high winds from the typhoon. All of the 90th's aircraft were evacuated except one which was in the middle of an engine change. Full crews with bomb bay racks and baggage in aircraft returned to Yokota to await the passage of the typhoon.

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19 November 48: Bad weather prevented aircraft and crews return to maneuver area.

20 November 48: All fifteen B-26's returned to Hamamatsu from Yokota. It was found that the center of the typhoon had missed the maneuver area so there was no damage to the campsites or injury to the personnel remaining there. A 12-ship squadron formation was furnished for a simulated attack that afternoon. There were no abortions.

21 November 48: Twelve aircraft were furnished for another simulated low-level attack. There were no abortions.

22 November 48: Fifteen of the sixteen aircraft in the squadron were put into the air for a bombing mission. Each ship carried two 500 lb demolition bombs. There were no abortions or armament malfunctions. Upon returning to Hamamatsu the ships were immediately reserviced, loaded up with equipment and personnel and returned to Yokota, ending the field maneuvers. The troop and supply trains were loaded that same evening and arrived at Yokota the next morning at which time unloading was accomplished.

The 90th completed the field maneuvers without aircraft accident of any type. It is believed that invaluable experience was gained by all concerned with the maneuvers. Pilots in particular were shown the necessity for proficiency in short field landings and take-offs, since the 4200 ft runway at Hamamatsu was considerably less than the 8000 ft runway we are used to operating on here at Yokota.

2. On the 25th of the month six (6) aircraft and complete crews were dispatched to Misawa Air Force Base on the northern tip of Honshu to conduct classified surveillance missions for a period of approximately one week.

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

30 November 1948

Kline, Stanley D.	Major
Barber, John L.	Captain
Mitchell, Herman C.	Captain
Beale, John C.	1st Lt.
Berry, George H.	1st Lt.
Berry, Waldron	1st Lt.
Bright, Robert P.	1st Lt.
Bullins, Frank	1st Lt.
Gunha, Fred	1st Lt.
Fitzgerald, Francis P.	1st Lt.
Greene, Marvin J.	1st Lt.
Herod, Ernest M.	1st Lt.
Jackson, Lawrence Jr.	1st Lt.
Kappler, Frank J.	1st Lt.
Lian, Viking E.	1st Lt.
Mason, John R.	1st Lt.
Matlock, Clarence T.	1st Lt.
Main, George V.	1st Lt.
Norrew, James H.	1st Lt.
Slamon, Walter W.	1st Lt.
Todd, Thomas A.	1st Lt.
Turner, Billy C.	1st Lt.
Curtis, Andrew R. Jr.	2nd Lt.
Dotson, Richard A.	2nd Lt.
Rector, Jackie L.	2nd Lt.

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ROSTER OF ENLISTED MEN

30 November 1948

Ashley, Carol O.	M/Sgt.
Johnson, Shelton S.	M/Sgt.
McPherson, Gerald W.	M/Sgt.
Merchant, John P.	M/Sgt.
Snedgrass, Jack E.	M/Sgt.
Boyd, James L.	T/Sgt.
Downing, Donald R.	T/Sgt.
Kees, Albert C.	T/Sgt.
Miller, Richard T.	T/Sgt.
Neenan, Edwin M.	T/Sgt.
Oliver, John B.	T/Sgt.
Tarborough, Charlie E.	T/Sgt.
Alton, Clermont C.	S/Sgt.
Blend, Clarence E.	S/Sgt.
Browning, Norman L.	S/Sgt.
Buchanan, James V.	S/Sgt.
Chafey, James E.	S/Sgt.
Gollyer, Walter J. Jr.	S/Sgt.
Cook, George A.	S/Sgt.
Cross, Joe R.	S/Sgt.
Gamble, Weaver D.	S/Sgt.
Gates, Richard L.	S/Sgt.
Hiatt, Stanley H.	S/Sgt.
Hill, James H.	S/Sgt.
Kaminski, Stanley J.	S/Sgt.
Lester, Paul G.	S/Sgt.
Liles, Willie E.	S/Sgt.
Newton, Garry V.	S/Sgt.
Rittenhouse, Roy F.	S/Sgt.
Russell, Floyd W.	S/Sgt.
Saj, Michael J.	S/Sgt.
Walker, Buckner H.	S/Sgt.
Whitlock, Glenn M.	S/Sgt.
Wiley, Robert A.	S/Sgt.
Wohlan, Vincent J.	S/Sgt.
Yates, Whittanome A.	S/Sgt.
Yokum, Benedict A.	S/Sgt.
Berkus, Robert J.	S/Sgt.
Barton, Morris A.	S/Sgt.
Carrell, Kenneth L.	Sgt.
Chambers, William E.	Sgt.
Cook, Forrest H.	Sgt.
Donovan, Richard	Sgt.
Foyse, Frank	Sgt.
Glidden, Raymond B.	Sgt.
Gohring, John J.	Sgt.

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 ROSTER OF ENLISTED MEN
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Goelsby, Alfred R.	S/Sgt.
Hamblin, Kenneth E.	Sgt.
Ivey, Robert K.	Sgt.
Jones, Larnie E.	Sgt.
Kearns, George T.	Sgt.
Mack, Robert E.	Sgt.
Mauri, Robert H.	Sgt.
McDevitt, Franklin J.	Sgt.
Mehto, Tauno	Sgt.
Moore, Everett H.	Sgt.
Nelson, Charles L.	Sgt.
Peaire, John N.	Sgt.
Paxton, Richard R.	Sgt.
Phillips, James C.	Sgt.
Raben, Larry M.	Sgt.
Rallis, George H.	Sgt.
Reed, Tommy V.	Sgt.
Rogers, Joseph H.	Sgt.
Schnells, Robert F.	Sgt.
Sisson, David T.	Sgt.
Tierney, John F.	Sgt.
Angelo, Erasmus A.	Cpl.
Baca, Evaristo	Cpl.
Barfield, James R.	Cpl.
Burston, Charlie R.	Cpl.
Galileo, Joe	Cpl.
Hilliard, Wade A.	Cpl.
Holden, James H.	Cpl.
Hudson, Otha C.	Cpl.
Kelly, Lowell	Cpl.
Landers, Linwood A.	Cpl.
Leasick, Thomas J.	Cpl.
Maloney, Thomas J.	Cpl.
Marcotte, Jean O.	Cpl.
Martinez, Joe A.	Cpl.
McCarthy, Jean	Cpl.
Parrow, Thomas D.	Cpl.
Robinson, John L.	Cpl.
Robinson, Marlin A.	Cpl.
Smith, Hollis L.	Cpl.
Tate, Clyde L.	Cpl.
Walker, Herbert H.	Cpl.
Wart, James H.	Cpl.
White, Herman	Cpl.
Wilcox, James A.	Cpl.

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Amancio, Gilbert G.	Pfc.
Broyles, James D.	Pfc.
Carpenter, Howard J.	Pfc.
Coleman, Richard L.	Pfc.
Cook, Bernard A.	Pfc.
Cox, Harvey W.	Pfc.
Culpepper, Jack D.	Pfc.
Leep, Harold F.	Pfc.
Mahoney, John P.	Pfc.
Moore, James C.	Pfc.
Mullis, John W.	Pfc.
Petsche, Lawrence A.	Pfc.
Frano, Vito	Pfc.
Reed, Tommy W.	Pfc.
Rye, Norman D.	Pfc.
Simmons, Bennie C.	Pfc.
Stoaber, Stanley	Pfc.
Tyson, Warren J.	Pfc.
Zoubek, Milford J.	Pfc.
Gaudet, Edmond P.	Pvt.
Johnson, James W.	Pvt.
Kelly, Bob C.	Pvt.
Olesowy, Henry J.	Pvt.
Rollyson, Donald L.	Pvt.
Wilcox, James D.	Pvt.

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90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 328

30 November 1948

ROSTER OF OFFICERS ATTACHED FOR FLYINGPILOTS

Major	W. D. Harris
Major	R. V. Hench
Major	G. Predenivich
Major	A. E. Sheek
Major	R. E. Wade
Capt.	G. D. Alber
Capt.	E. Krafka
Capt.	R. E. Naggart
Capt.	J. W. Nesbitt
Capt.	S. W. Peace
Capt.	J. F. Reilly
Capt.	R. C. Sharp
Capt.	
1st Lt.	J. F. Yalten
1st Lt.	J. B. Brown
1st Lt.	S. C. Frest
1st Lt.	J. S. McWilliams
1st Lt.	L. L. Hampton
1st Lt.	F. W. Hayslip
1st Lt.	R. A. Rolin
1st Lt.	N. R. Smith
1st Lt.	G. M. Heschele
1st Lt.	W. L. Whalley

NAVIGATORS AND BOMBARDIERS

1st Lt.	E. N. Phillips
2nd Lt.	S. Reskin

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