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1-30 June 1948

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

6 July 1948

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

P.R.C.

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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Unit History, 1 thru 30 June 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. Morning Report status was:

	30 April	30 June
Officers	23	28
Enlisted Men	102	107

b. Key personnel for the squadron are as follows:

Major	C. H. Gross	Commanding Officer
Capt	Donald E Godbey	Adjutant
Capt	Clarence L Martindale	Operations Officer
Capt	Ernst E Jahnke	Supply Officer
Capt	Gerald K Hannaford	Armament Officer
Capt	Rhodes M Elam	Engineering Officer
M Sgt	Thomas J McCann	First Sergeant
M Sgt	Lloyd W Garner	Line Chief
T Sgt	Edward J Jackson	Armament Chief
T Sgt	Charles H Keaten	Supply Sergeant
Sgt	Mason L Altiery	Operations Clerk

c. The squadron is receiving a large number of replacement personnel in anticipation of the tentative departure of a good many of present personnel.

d. Roster of Personnel:

Major	C. H. Gross	AO-33417
Capt	Anderson, Holly W	AO-44226
Capt	Elam, Rhodes M	AO-48997
Capt	Godbey, Donald E	AO-48262
Capt	Hannaford, Gerald K	AO-764987
Capt	Herman, Christopher J	AO-748979
Capt	Jahnke, Ernst E	AO-735592
Capt	Martindale, Clarence L	AO-663061

Capt	Mendrop, Richard G	AO-660781
Capt	Thomas, Parry L	AO-54045
1st Lt	Bates, Thomas L	AO-41186
1st Lt	Brown, Harry A Jr	AO-759407
1st Lt	Crim, Herman L	AO-747753
1st Lt	Crosby, Samuel E	AO-687001
1st Lt	Hunt, Jerry J	AO-664011
1st Lt	Inglis, Ervin P	O-1774912
1st Lt	Knowlton, Robert D	AO-750408
1st Lt	Last, John F	AO-683031
1st Lt	Lyons, Leslie D	AO-56159
1st Lt	Muller, Harry H Jr	AO-667334
1st Lt	Olson, Warren H	AO-2079959
1st Lt	Peter, Reed T	AO-888904
1st Lt	Phillips, Claude D	AO-712030
1st Lt	Radnedge, William B	AO-679117
1st Lt	Smith, Ted W	AO-2094056
1st Lt	Sorenson, Chester W	AO-714208
2nd Lt	MacDonald, Donald	AO-937536
2nd Lt	Smith, Gordon O	AO-2095208

M Sgt	Bigby, Leon	AF-6366977
M Sgt	Garner, Lloyd W	AF-14033283
M Sgt	Gerold, Edward G.	AF-6264946
M Sgt	Jenkins, Buster	AF-6241399
M Sgt	McCann, Thomas J	AF15010050
T Sgt	Bell, Claud R	AF-14022587
T Sgt	Bosquez, Rudolfo	AF-18048892
T Sgt	Bunten, Paul E.	AF-35354590
T Sgt	Eidikaitis, Frank	AF-11027436
T Sgt	Elliot, Paul L.	AF-18031777
T Sgt	Hays, Carl J., Jr.	AF-6277311
T Sgt	Hill, Frank J.	AF-18061006
T Sgt	Jackson, Edward, J.	AF-32462972
T Sgt	Johnson, James D.	AF6652501
T Sgt	Keaten, Charles H.	AF6971758
T Sgt	Martin, Charles F.	AF-19055621
T Sgt	McLeron, William A.	AF-6708616
T Sgt	Robinson, Wendell	AG-14031382
T Sgt	Rodgers, Frank H.	AF-6257128
T Sgt	Sturgeon, Charles W.	AF15069001
T Sgt	Wood, Fred Jr.	AF-17060078
S Sgt	Blumback, Fritz	AF-12252229
S Sgt	Brown, James A	AF-14146140
S Sgt	Cushman, Theodore A.	AF-31428910
S Sgt	Daigel, Henry S.	AF-6716353
S Sgt	Douglas, Harold W.	AF-14051153
S Sgt	Ellis, Marvin	AF-14045664
S Sgt	Garbiso, Tony T.	AF-37346887
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	Kritzer, David	AF-12027390
S Sgt	Lewis, Robert E.	AF-36432785
S Sgt	Ligon, Dorris L.	AF-14225384
S Sgt	McCreedy, Robert D.	AF-16029169
S Sgt	Murphy, Vincent J.	AF-13114073
S Sgt	Nelson, Roy W.	AF-35377009
S Sgt	Simpson, Edwin	AF-6284365
S Sgt	Smiley, Paul A.	AF-16065779
S Sgt	Stallings, Walter C.	AF-34258059
S Sgt	Swanson, Harold C.	AF-17192867
S Sgt	Sweigert, Luther M.	AF-6996144
S Sgt	Tenney, Reed W.	AF-19106504
S Sgt	Williams, Aubrey L.	AF-18094740
Sgt	Althery, Mason L.	AF-10101983
Sgt	Bullock, Huey P.	AF-18323525
Sgt	Carr, Talmadge C.	AF-18185652
Sgt	Davis, Roy E.	AF-18211552
Sgt	Eddleman, James H.	AF-14236817
Sgt	Finn, Joseph J.	AF-13253649
Sgt	Goolsby, Burlin P.	AF-11146780
Sgt	Harling, Julian L.	AF-34652498
Sgt	Henderson, Every G.	AF-14044692
Sgt	Klar, Edmund A.	AF-16189219
Sgt	Piercy, Lyndle L.	AF-19215485
Sgt	Piga, Joseph A.	AF-12251019
Sgt	Shawler, W.F.	AF-15237272
Sgt	Smith, William E.	AF-1262434
Sgt	Spry, Harold L.	AF-19214743
Sgt	Stroud, Joseph R.	AF-14221315
Sgt	Walker, Robert V.	AF-19235594
Cpl	Bushey, Donald R.	AF-12245594
Cpl	Cacile, James S.	AF-12049836
Cpl	Campbell, John D.	AF-15210043
Cpl	Clark, Elmer A.	AF-19307771
Cpl	Ellis, Lea R.	AF-19247718
Cpl	Evers, Elwood J. Jr.	AF-11154477
Cpl	Greener, Roy E.	AF-38777424
Cpl	Hawkins, Lowell D.	AF-18285881
Cpl	Horine, William H.	AF-15058582
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, Gadalupe G.	AF-18230552
Cpl	Phillips, Merton V.	AF-18245393
Cpl	Roberts, Richard H.	AF-19284236
Cpl	Spray, James L.	AF-14240040
Pfc	Belflower, Miles C.	AF-19254540
Pfc	Bostion, Gary K.	AF-13139398

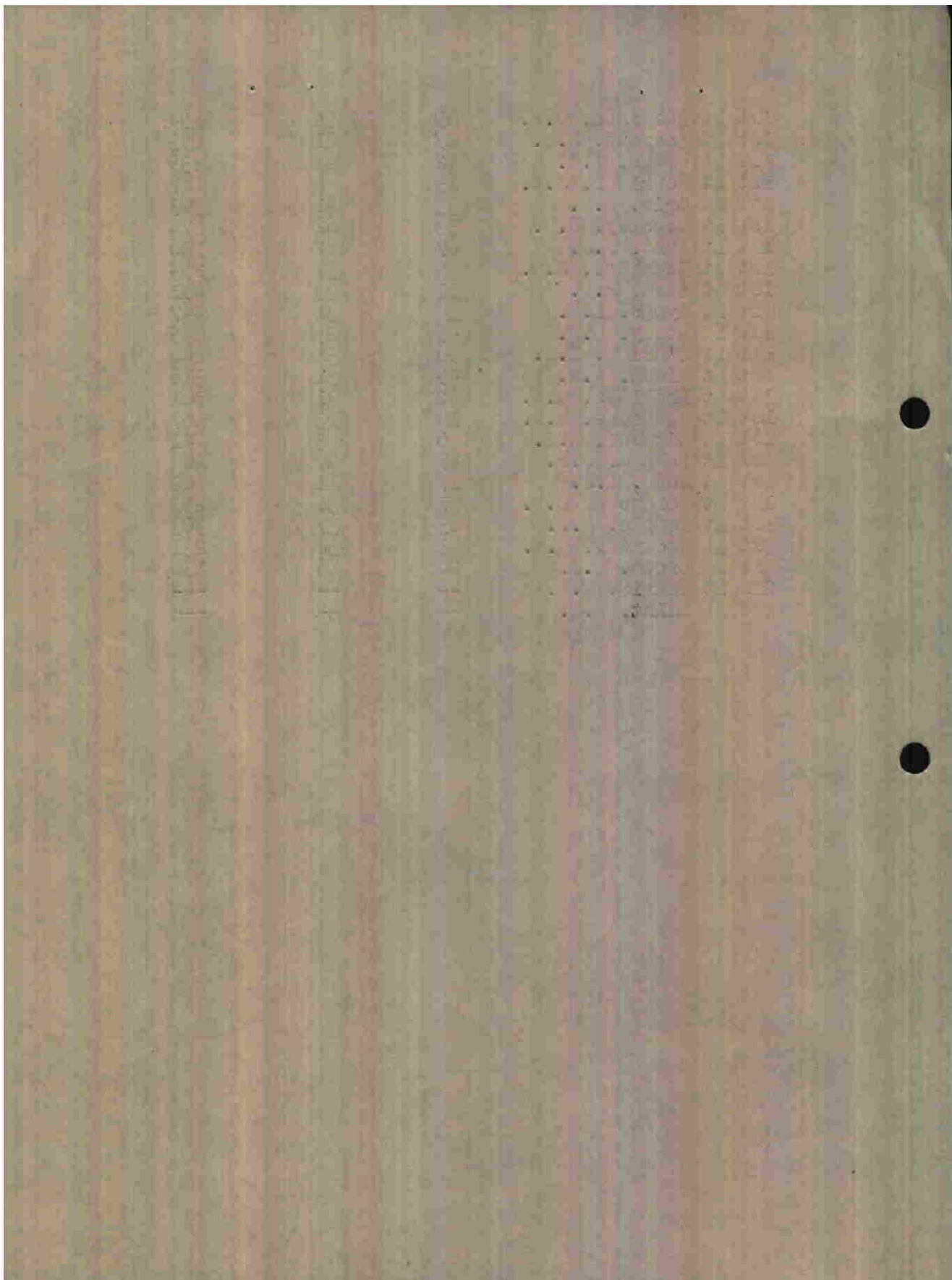
Pfc	Brower, Glenn J	AF-19276814
Pfc	Choate, Walter A	AF-39759581
Pfc	Clafflin, William H	AF-16129300
Pfc	Frain, James J	AF-13251068
Pfc	Gay, Edmund A	AF-14253787
Pfc	Hudnall, Lea A	AF-19256341
Pfc	Little, Garth L	AF-19287176
Pfc	Mienheartt, Chalres E	AF-15246096
Pfc	Osborne, Harold S	AF-15019168
Pfc	Pierce, Robert E	AF-19145074
Pfc	Ricks, Joseph F	AF-19276973
Pfc	Terry, William B	AF-19255812
Pfc	Ward, Thomas	AF-12275021
Pfc	Washington, Herbert A	AF-13234131
Pfc	Watson, Charles E	AF-13198608
Pfc	Watson, Donald	AF-15248653
Pfc	Whitmore, Robert G	RA19246075
Pfc	Williams, Carroll B Jr	AF-18290141
Pfc	Wirick, Carl E	AF-35238111
Pvt	Crawford, Charles E	AF-42222033
Pvt	Hansen, Archie J	AF-39905421
Pvt	Hunt, Francis B	AF-17171012
Pvt	Schlink, Albert C	AF-11170488
Pvt	Turbeville, Charlie R	RA14235715

3. Operations: There was very little special activity in the Operations Section for the month of June. The main interest has been concentrated on completion of annual flying time requirements. Listed below is total time accomplished by officers attached and assigned to squadron: (FISCAL YEAR)

Name	Inst Time	Night Time	Total First Pilot Time	
Col	Gunn, J. R.	62	26	230
Lt Col	Hardesty, W.A.	38	32	260
Lt Col	Stephens, R.G.	26	22	142
Maj	Burris, A.P.	54	31	263
Maj	Gross, C.H.	38	32	260
Capt	Anderson, H.W.	157	51	532
Capt	Bushue, B.J.	72	32	265
Capt	Elam, R.M.	63	40	398
Capt	Godbey, D.E.	52	35	306
Capt	Herman, C.J.	36	30	215
Capt	Hannaford, C.K.	16	17	122
Capt	Jahnke, E.E.	47	30	307
Capt	Martindale, C.L.	50	29	291
Capt	Mendrop, R.G.	47	32	275
Capt	McClelland, A.L.	41	16	207
Capt	Miller, F.S.	54	20	311
Capt	Price, R.F.	13	5	58
Capt	Thomas, P.L.	52	30	336



1st Lt Anderson, C.R.	69	94	554
1st Lt Barrett, M.O.	25	21	253
1st Lt Bates, T.L.	42	23	239
1st Lt Bourlier, J.C.	19	8	87
1st Lt Crim, H.L.	33	21	303
1st Lt Crosbey, S.E.	33	62	270
1st Lt Hunt, J.J.	67	87	536
1st Lt Icenhour, J.O.	44	37	254
1st Lt Last, J.F.	51	33	251
1st Lt Lyons, L.E.	30	31	447
1st Lt McKay, G.P.	45	29	249
1st Lt O'Brien, E.A.	56	32	286
1st Lt Olson, W.H.	45	31	318
1st Lt Phillips, C.D.	52	31	301
1st Lt Radnege, W.B.	16	13	167
1st Lt Rivedal, A.D.	6	3	41
1st Lt Schmid, J.F.	47	20	284
1st Lt Sonn, A.J.	17	11	80
1st Lt Sorenson, C.W.	51	30	293
1st Lt Temple, R.J.	63	37	303
1st Lt Woodring, R.W.	51	38	231
1st Lt Brown, H.A.	20	16	138
2nd Lt Harris, W.F.	--	--	---
2nd Lt Smit, G.O.	--	--	---





13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
APO 328

30 June 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Personal Equipment  
Section

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

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

2. The personnel for the Personal Equipment Section for the month of June was as follows:

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

3. All inspections of Parachutes, Life Vests and Life Rafts have been made. These inspections are complete and up-to-date.

4. There is a critical shortage of Back Type Parachutes in this squadron. We are unable to cope with this problem since the base supply of Back Type Parachutes is exhausted at the present time.

/s/ Ted W Smith  
TED W SMITH  
1st Lt, USAF  
Personal Equipment Officer

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*Jerry J Hunt*  
JERRY J HUNT  
1st Lt, USAF

SUPPLY SECTION  
13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
APO 328

30 June 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Supply Section

TO: Historical Officer  
13th Bombardment Squadron (L)  
3rd Bombardment Group (L)  
APO 328

1. In compliance with Regulation 45-1, 314th Composite Wing, 2 Dec 46, the following summary of events for the supply section for the month of June is submitted:

2. Personnel of the Supply Section for the month of June were:

Capt	E. E. Jahnke	Supply Officer
1st Lt	T. W. Smith	Asst Supply Officer
T Sgt	C. H. Keaten	Supply Sergeant
Sgt	J. L. Harling	Supply Clerk
Cpl	E. A. Clark	Supply Clerk

3. On the tenth of the month, Sgt Julian L Harling was assigned to the Supply section. Prior to his arrival overseas, Sgt Harling acted as a Squadron Supply clerk at McDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla. His supply experience has proved a great asset to the Supply section.

4. During the month all equipment within the squadron was inventoried. From the inventory, a Consolidated Memorandum Receipt was made which was checked with the Consolidated Memorandum Receipt from Base Supply. All shortages of equipment were adjusted on WD AGO Form 15, Report of Survey prior to Lt Col Crocker's departure to the Zone of Interior.

5. Pfc Elmer A Clark received a well deserved promotion to Cpl on the first of the month.

/s/ Ernst E Jahnke  
ERNST E JAHNKE  
Capt, USAF  
Supply Officer

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JERRY HUNT  
1st Lt. USAF



OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING OFFICER  
 13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
 3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)  
 APO 328

30 June 1948

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Engineering Section

TO: Historical Officer  
 13th Bombardment Squadron (L)  
 3rd Bombardment Group (L)  
 APO 328

1. In compliance with Regulation 45-1, Yokota Air Force Base, 22 Apr 47, the following summary of events for the engineering section is submitted for the month of June 1948.

2. The key personnel of the section are as follows:

Capt	Rhodes M Elam	Engineering Officer
1st Lt	Harry A Brown Jr	Asst Engineering Officer
1st Lt	Robert D Knowlton	Communications Officer
2nd Lt	William F Harris	Tech Supply Officer
M Sgt	Lloyd W Garner	Line Chief
T Sgt	Paul E Bunten	Sq Tech Inspector

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

Officers	4
Enlisted Men	61
Total	65

a. Thirty one (31) men are on loan to "PLM" compared to an authorized strength of sixty (60), this section is up to full strength.

b. 1st Lt Robert D Knowlton is a newly assigned officer performing duty with this section as Communications Officer.

c. 2nd Lt William F Harris is also newly assigned and performing duty as Tech Supply Officer.

4. Number and type of aircraft assigned to the Squadron is as follows:

A-26B	12
A-26C	3
TB-25J	1

Basic: Ltr., Engr Sec, 13th Bomb Sq, 30 Jun 48, Subj:  
Monthly Summary of Events.

5. Up to this date, the squadron has flown a total of five hundred twenty seven hours and twenty minutes (527:20) with A-26 type aircraft and twenty seven hours and fifteen minutes (27:15) with the TB-26J aircraft. Consumption of more flying hours was limited due to the bad weather conditions for this month.

/s/ Rhodes M Elam  
RHODES M ELAM  
Capt, USAF  
Engineering Officer

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*Jerry J Hunt*  
JERRY J HUNT  
1st Lt, USAF



Clipping extracted from Pacific Stars  
and Stripes, 28 June 1948

## Famous 3rd To Celebrate 29th Service Anniversary

YOKOTA AFB, June 28—The famous Third Bombardment group, now stationed at Yokota Air Force Base, will celebrate its 29th anniversary of continuous active Air Force service July 1.

An aerial review will be flown, with ever A-26 "Invader"

### Commander



(Air Force Photo)

Col. James R. Gunn Jr. is commanding officer of the Third Bombardment group stationed at Yokota Air Force Base.

in the group taking to the air to demonstrate the might and power of the oldest attack group in the United States Air Force. The aerial formation will be led by Col. James R. Gunn Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., present commanding officer of the organization.

The Third was activated at Kelly Field, Tex., July 1, 1919 when the Army Surveillance group was formed for contemplated action on the Mexican border. Consisting of the 8th, 13th and 90th Aero squadrons fresh from World War I service—three squadrons still comprising the present day group—the organization was renamed the First Surveillance group and served on the border until July 1921.

The group was redesignated the Third Attack group upon return to Kelly Field. Since then, the Third has been synonymous with the experimentation, growth and development of the USAF's attack aviation.

Among the honors accorded the group are three battle streamers for World War I campaigns, nine battle stars for major Southwest Pacific campaigns and two Presidential Unit Citations.

Many key leaders in Air Force and civil aviation today began flying in low level attack planes of the Third. Some of these were: Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenburg, Chief of Staff, USAF, Gen. George C. Kenney, CG of the Strategic Air Command, Lt. Gen. Lewis M. Brereton, Maj. Gen. Davenport Johnson, Lt. Gen. James Doolittle and Maj. Lester Maitland, famed trans-Pacific aviator.



Major C. H. Gross

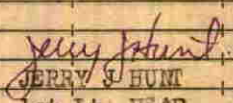
On 21 June 1948, Lt Col. J. P. Crocker was releived of his duties as Squadron Commanding Officer and transferred to Zone of Interior. The officers of the squadron gave him and his family a farewell party on 17 June. At this time, he was presented with a miniature model of the A-26 "Chadwick" as a small token of thanks for a job well done. His new assignment in the good old U.S.A. is at Bergstrom Field at Austin, Texas.

Taking over the reins of the squadron from Lt Col Crocker is Major C. H. Gross. Major Gross was formerly Yokota Base Personnel Officer. He is a Senior Pilot, graduating from Kelly Field in 1940. His family consists of wife and small daughter. His home state is Texas. Maj Gross received B.E. degree from the State Teachers' College at Superior, Wisconsin, and was later principal of schools at Foxboro, Wisconsin.

The squadron is proud to have Major Gross as its C.O. and extends its fullest cooperation to him in making the 13th, the best squadron in the 3rd Bomb Group.



## Assumption of Command

MORNING REPORT		ENDING	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
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ORGANIZATION (HQ, CO, DET, ETC.)		(PARENT UNIT)		(ARM OR SERVICE)	
13th Bomb Sq (L)		3d Bomb Gp (L)		AF	
STATION OR LOCATION					
Yokota Air Force Base APO 328					
NAME	SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	MOS	CODE	
Losses					
Cracker John P	AO-33144	Lt Col	1013		
Trfd to Det 5 Hq & Base Sv Sq APO 503 per					
17 SO 116 as amended by per 2 SO 123 Hq					
Yokota AFB APO 328 purpose reasgmt in 21					
departed					
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Others					
Gross Clarence H	AO-33417	Maj	2260		
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 JERRY S. HUNT 1st Lt. USAF					
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