

90 TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

UNIT - HISTORY

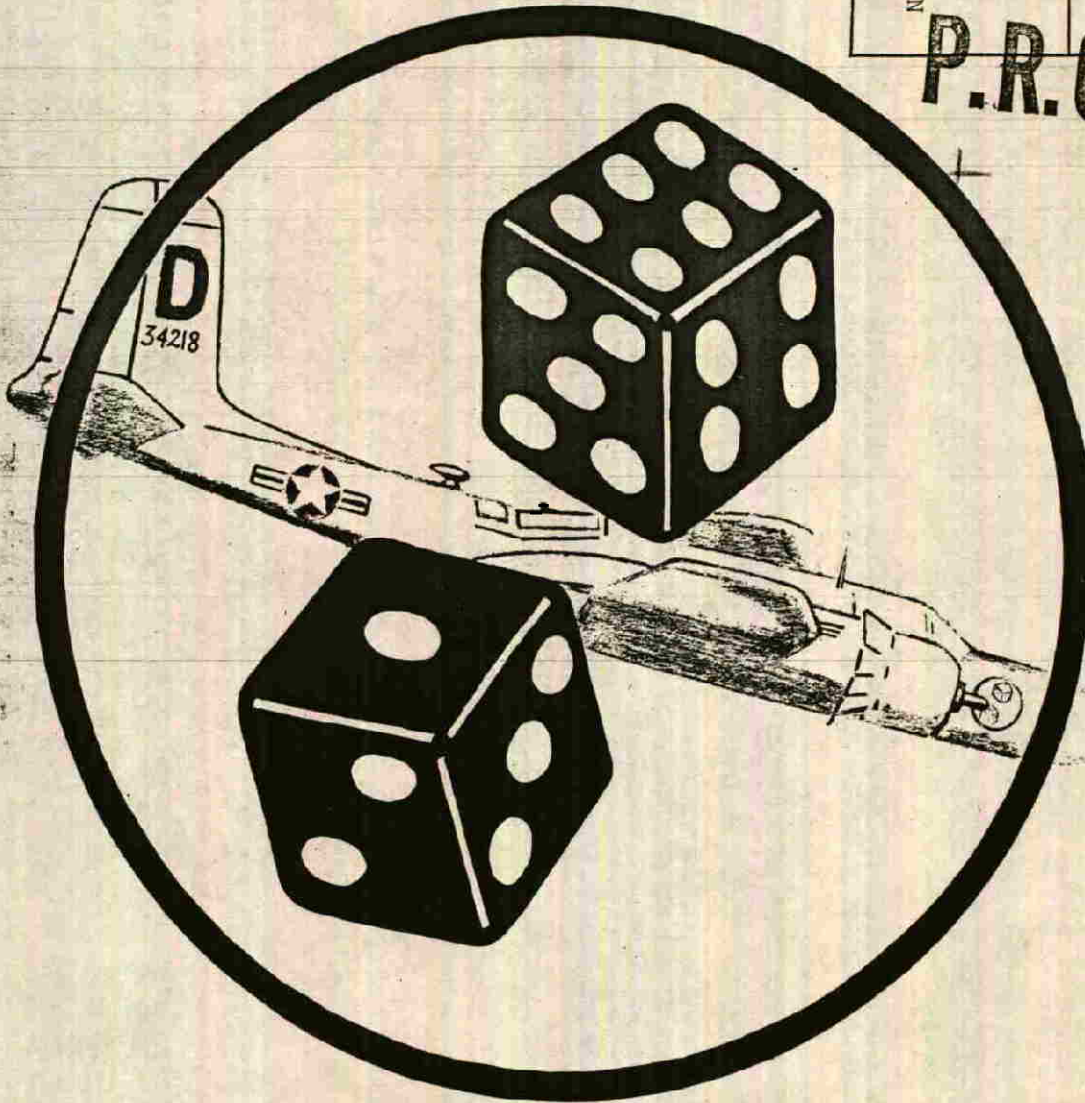
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314 TH COMPOSITE WING

5 TH AIR FORCE

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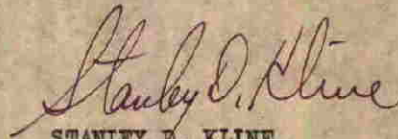
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History

TO: Chief of Staff  
United States Air Force

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1. This history was compiled by 1st Lt Francis P. Fitzgerald, with the clerical aid of Private James W. Johnson. 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 P. KLINE  
Major, USAF  
Commanding

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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, Honshu, Japan.

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## SECTION I

PERSONNEL

## 1. KEY PERSONNEL FOR THE MONTH INCLUDED:

Major Stanley D. Kline	Commanding Officer
Captain Jerome N. Davis	Operations Officer
Captain Jack P. Smith	Engineering Officer
1st Lt David A. Jones	Ass't Engineering Officer
1st Lt John C. Beale	Adjutant
1st Lt Francis P. Fitzgerald	Armament Officer
1st Lt James H. Morrow	Communications Officer
1st Lt Thomas A. Todd	Personal Equipment Officer
1st Lt Marvin J. Greene	Supply Officer
M/Sgt Kermit A. Hall	First Sergeant
M-Sgt Maurice J. Chappell	Line Chief

1st Lt John C. Beale took over the duties of Squadron Adjutant from Captain John E. Murray who returned to the Zone of Interior, having completed his overseas tour of duty.

1st Lt Marvin J. Greene was appointed Squadron Supply Officer, Vice 1st Lt Clarence T. Matlock .

1st Lt James H. Morrow became Communications Officer, relieving 1st Lt Viking H. Idan who is Ass't Operations Officer as well as Flying Safety Officer.

Captain Jack P. Smith was relieved near the end of the Month from his duties as Squadron Engineering Officer to become Engineering Officer of the 3rd Bombardment Wing Maintenance Center (PLM).

2. TOTAL OFFICER STRENGTH ON 31 August was 21, as compared to a total of 29 on the 31st of July.

3. TOTAL ENLISTED STRENGTH on 31 August was 117, as compared to 115 on the 31st of July.

## 4. PERSONNEL GAINS DURING MONTH:

1st Lt Frank Bullias  
1st Lt George M. Heschele  
1st Lt Paul L. Morris

M-Sgt William R. Rogers  
T-Sgt John R. Oliver  
S-Sgt Kirby H. Orr  
S-Sgt Bert Pannell, Jr.



## Cont'd: Section I, Personnel Gains

Sgt Tauno Mehto  
 Sgt Joseph George  
 Sgt Robert F. Schnelle  
 Sgt James E. Chafey  
 Sgt Frank Fesa  
 Sgt Robert J. Guckenberg  
 Sgt Kenneth S. Hamblin  
 Sgt Willie E. Liles  
 Sgt Robert E. Mack  
 Sgt John E. Pears  
 Sgt James C. Phillips  
 Sgt Larry M. Raboh  
 Sgt John R. Tierney  
 Cpl Billie G. Maloney  
 Cpl Joe Galileo  
 Cpl James H. Holden  
 Cpl Otha C. Hudson  
 Cpl Lowell Kelley  
 Cpl Linwood A. Landers  
 Cpl Thomas J. Lessick  
 Cpl Andrew C. Ramos  
 Cpl Marlin A. Robinson  
 Cpl Herbert James M. Wert  
 Pfc Gilbert G. Amancio  
 Pfc John E. Mullis  
 Pfc Thomas D. Perrow  
 Pfc Vito Prano  
 Pfc Vincent G. Reed  
 Pfc Joseph R. Valenquela  
 Pfc Melford C. Zoubek  
 Pvt Harvey W. Cox

## 5. PERSONNEL LOSSES DURING AUGUST:

Captain John E. Murray.....to Z.I.  
 1st Lt Charles K. Eisen .....to Z.I.

Captain James W. Nesbitt  
 1st Lt Jack V. Nixon  
 1st Lt Walter W. Slamon  
 1st Lt Robert P. Bright  
 1st Lt Frank W. Hayslip  
 1st Lt Silas G. Upchurch  
 1st Lt James B. Brown  
 2nd Lt Richard A. Dotson

M-Sgt George W. Reid  
 T-Sgt Lois J. Lalonde  
 T-Sgt Guy Wiseman  
 S-Sgt Kenneth Q. Bean

## Cont'd: Section I, Personnel Losses

S-Sgt Robert R. Owen  
 S-Sgt Wilbur J. Bagnal  
 S-Sgt Clarence B. Barnes  
 S-Sgt William A. Holt  
 S-Sgt Kirby H. Orr  
 S-Sgt William D. Spofford  
 S-Sgt James L. Leap  
 S-Sgt Nicholas J. Valenti  
 Sgt Phillip Miller  
 Sgt Horace G. Fountain  
 Sgt Cresencio Gonzales  
 Sgt Durward Lee  
 Sgt William P. Doubek  
 Sgt Charles H. Stadevant  
 Sgt William R. Wilson  
 Sgt Robert J. Guckenberger  
 Cpl Junior L. Williams  
 Cpl Billie D. Dillingham  
 Cpl Wade A. Hilliard  
 Cpl Luis Rogerio  
 Cpl Edward M. Pacholec  
 Cpl Andrew C. Ramos  
 Cpl Ollan K. Rowell  
 Pfc Rual W. Huckleba  
 Pfc James E. Palmer  
 Pfc Ralph G. Linihan  
 Pfc Earl G. Davis  
 Pfc Gilbert E. Shipman  
 Pfc Dennis Wigodinski  
 Pfc John D. Mouse

6. THE LARGE TURNOVER IN PERSONNEL this month was due to the re-organization of this base into a Wing. The majority of the losses and gains were to and from other organizations in the Wing. (see appendix for copy of special order transferring personnel into the 90th from other units on the base).

## 7. PROMOTIONS FOR THE MONTH:

Sgt James T. Nojima....Promoted to Staff Sergeant  
 Cpl William E. Chambers.Promoted to Sergeant  
 Cpl David T. Sission....Promoted to Sergeant  
 Cpl Dean E. Snyder.....Promoted to Sergeant

## 8. LEAVES AND FURLOUGHS:

T-Sgt James L. Boyd.....30 Days

## 9. MISCELLANEOUS:

M-Sgt Maurice J. Chappell, Line Chief in the 90th for about



Cont'd: Section I, Miscellaneous.

the last year and a half, was returned to the Zone of Interior having completed his tour. M-Sgt Shelton S. Johnson took over the job of Line Chief.

## SECTION II

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1948, the 90th Bombardment Squadron (L) accomplished more toward its primary mission of maintaining combat readiness than in probably any month since the end of the last war. Though this statement is the personal opinion of this historical officer, the facts and figures regarding the training of combat crews in the Squadron during the first three weeks of the month will show that there is a substantial basis for the statement.

Instead of the emphasis being placed on the quantity of expenditures in such items as practice bombs, rockets, cal. 50 ammunition, etc., more attention was devoted by operations toward giving more pilots and gunners the minimum monthly training set up by higher headquarters as necessary for maintaining proficiency. Fullest utilization was made of both the Mito and Onohara Shima gunnery and Bombing ranges, and the maximum number of pilots and gunners possible were scheduled for missions to one or the other of them. Concentration was mostly on minimum altitude bombing with not only the 100 lb practice bomb, but also with 500 and 100 lb general purpose demolition bombs with M 112 and M 113 tail fuzes. Also, emphasis was placed on strafing, tow-target and splash turret gunnery, as well as rocket firing with the 2.25" practice HVAR.

As previously mentioned, all of the above type training was accomplished in the first 2 1/2 weeks of the month, at which time operations had to slow down the effort along those particular lines in order to concentrate on such basic minimum requirements as instrument and night flying for the month.

It was just about this time (the third week in the month) that a red cross T.O. 01-40AJ-122 started affecting the status of our B-26's. The T.O. concerns the inspection of the nose wheel oleo strut for cracks in the base of the strut itself. It required the immediate grounding of the aircraft until the strut can either be replaced or the satisfactory repair by welding is accomplished. It is believed that the subject crack in the strut is prevalent in a majority of the B-26 type aircraft throughout the entire Air Forces, so this squadron and group is not the only unit affected by the T.O.. It is also believed that a lack of replacement struts in supply stocks as well as inadequate equipment (or possibly personnel) to accomplish repair by welding will keep the concerned aircraft grounded for some time to come. At any rate, by the end of August the 90th Bomb Squadron had 12 B-26 aircraft grounded by the T.O., with the possibility of the other 4 being found in the same condition upon major inspections in the near future.

2. OF PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANCE than the engineering T.O., but with less drastic effects on the operation of the squadron, was the announcement by the Base Commanding Officer on the 16th of the month that the base would go immediately into operation under what was called the "Wing-Base" setup, the 3rd Bomb Group, being the major tactical organization at



## Cont'd: Section II, Major Activities

Yokota AFB immediately became the 3rd Bombardment Wing. The only far-reaching effects on our squadron was the necessity for handling personnel, and affiliated activities, on the squadron level. Also PIM was to have been done away with, and all maintenance..1st and 2nd echelon ....was to have been accomplished with in the squadron..However, it was decided that PIM would continue in operation until the squadron could get set up to handle the necessary maintenance.

There was also somewhat of a personnel shuffle along with organizational change that was reported in the personnel section of this history.

Hand in hand with the organizational change was the announcement that the 3rd Bombardment Group under the 3rd Bombardment Wing would operate under a new T.O. & E. #1-1123, the old T.O. & E. 1-137R, being rescinded as far as our using it is concerned.

It is believed that the change-over will, of necessity, be a gradual one, and will not actually be complete (this is strictly an opinion) until a new type aircraft is assigned....if such is anticipated.

3. AN HONOR OF WHICH THE 90TH IS PROUD is in being chosen as Yokota Air Force Base "Squadron of the Month", for July. The announcement by Colonel James R. Gunn Jr. was not made until the 1st of August, after all phases of the squadrons activities for the month had been considered and evaluated competitively with the other units on the base. The points considered in the competition included effectiveness in administration, operation, material, etc. It is believed that our flying safety record for the past year, which remains unmarred by an accident, gave us a considerable number of points toward being the first squadron on the base to win the title since the competition was inaugurated.

As a regard for winning the Title, the Base Commanding Officer presented the squadron with enough chickens from the base Chicken farm to throw a "Chicken Fry". The picnic was held on the 20th of August, which incidently coincided with the birthday of the 90th. (The 90th Observation Squadron was activated on the 20th of August 1817 at Kelley Field Texas). Colonel Gunn and other members of his staff were all invited. It was obvious from the full stomachs that the chicken was excellent and that a good time was had by all.

4. THREE ESCORT MISSIONS for F-51 type aircraft being ferried to the Phillipines were provided by the 90th during August. Captain Jack P. Smith with 1st Lt Silas G. Upchurch as navigator and M-Sgt Gerald W. McPherson as engineer made the first trip, leaving here on the 16th. The other two excorts departed within the following week, picking up the F-51 aircraft at Itami AFB. 1st Lt Thomas A. Todd and 1st Lt Francis P. Fitzgerald piloted the last two ships in that order. Refueling stops were made at Okinawa on the way to and from Clark Field, near Manila. All three missions were accomplished without incident despite unfavorable weather enroute to and from Clark Field.





SECTION III

APPENDIX

ROSTER OF ENLISTED MEN

N-Sgt's	Carola C. Ashley	Sgt's	Robert Berkes Jr.
	Kermit A. Hall		Norris A. Burton
	Shelton S. Johnson		James E. Chafey
	Gerald W. McPherson		Chambers, William E.
	John H. Merchant		George A. Cook
	William R. Rogers		Frank Feysa
T-Sgt's	William E. Auburn		Joseph George
	James L. Boyd		John J. Gohring
	Donald R. Downing		Alfred R. Goolsby
	Albert C. Kees		Kenneth S. Hamblin
	Harry W. Medley		Robert K. Ivey
	Richard T. Miller		Willie E. Liles
	Edwin M. Noonan		Robert E. Mack
	John R. Oliver		Everett H. Moore
S-Sgt's	Clermont C. Allton		John E. Peairs
	Glyn Amburgey		Richard R. Pexton
	Clarence K. Blend Jr.		James C. Phillips
	Norman L. Browning		Larry M. Rabon
	James V. Buchanan		Tommy W. Reid
	Joseph V. Cohlhepp		Joseph H. Rogers
	Joe R. Cross		Robert F. Schnelle
	Hugh M. Foster		David T. Sission
	William D. Gamble		Dean E. Snyder
	Stanley H. Hiatt		Basil J. Squares
	Stanley J. Kaminski		John F. Tierney
	Paul G. Lester		Buckner H. Walker
	Garry V. Newson	Cpl's	Erasmus A. Angelo
	James T. Nojima		Conley E. Ash
	Bert Pannell Jr.		Evaristo Baca
	Roy F. Bittenhouse		Charles R. Burston
	Floyd W. Russell		Kenneth L. Carrell
	Michael J. Saj		Forst H. Cook
	Ernest T. Whalen		Joe Gallego
	Theodore J. Widen		Raymond B. Glidden
	Robert A. Wiley		James H. Holden
	Vincent J. Wohlan		Otha C. Hudson
	Charlie E. Yarbrough		George T. Kearns
	Whittmore A. Yates		Lowell Kelly
	Benedict A. Yoksa		Phillip D. Kile



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## Cont'd: Roster of Enlisted Men

Cpl's Billie G. Moloney  
 Jack W. Lewis  
 Linwood A. Landers  
 Thomas J. Lessik  
 Jean G. Marcotte  
 Joe M. Martinez  
 Robert H. Mauri  
 Charles L. Nelson  
 John L. Robinson  
 Marlin A. Robinson  
 Hollis L. Smith  
 Clyde A. Tate  
 Herbert H. Walker  
 Pfc's Gilbert G. Amancio  
 James T. Barfield  
 Richard L. Coleman  
 Bernard A. Cook  
 Harold F. Leep  
 Don E. McCarthy  
 James C. Moore  
 John E. Mullis  
 Thomas D. Perrow

Vito Frano  
 Vincent G. Reed  
 Warren J. Tyson  
 Joseph R. Valenzula  
 James A. Wilcox  
 James D. Wilcox  
 Milford C. Zoubek  
 James E. Conner  
 Harvy E. Cox  
 Edmond P. Gaudet  
 James W. Johnson  
 Joh P. Mahoney  
 Henry T. Mahoney  
 Donald L. Rollyson  
 James M. Wert



SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 173)

HEADQUARTERS  
YOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE  
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (I)  
APO 328

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19. Fol named O and EM, USAF, (W), orgns indicated, are reld asgmt  
present orgn and trfd in gr to 13th Bomb Sq, L, this sta. (P P) No T  
invld. EDCMR 19 Aug 48.

1ST LT (5400)	MARVIN
Sgt (574)	Joan
Sgt (678)	Arthur
Sgt (575)	Bernard
Sgt (687)	Arthur
Sgt (687)	Leimore
Sgt (747)	Bobby
Sgt (684)	Henry
Sgt (575)	Donald
Sgt (573)	William
Sgt (275)	Richard
Cpl (867)	Fred
Cpl (747)	Joseph
Cpl (911)	Clarence
Cpl (867)	Anthony
Cpl (867)	Clement
Cpl (747)	Gerald
Cpl (835)	Harvey
Cpl (747)	Audie
Cpl (747)	Frederick
Cpl (747)	Charler
Cpl (555)	John
Cpl (575)	Harry
Pfc (555)	Keith
Pfc (911)	Darrell
Pfc (521)	James
Pfc (555)	Rito
Pfc (867)	Jesse
Pfc (345)	Robert
Pfc (686)	Jackie
Pfc (747)	Carl
Pfc (405)	Dresdon

O: BARRETT	AO670333 Hq. 3D BG
L: Bell	AF11153645 600 A.E.S.
C: Chappell	AF6594599 600 A.E.S.
H: Fisher	AF17143509 600 A.E.S.
D: Foitin	AF12112604 65th A.E.S.
N: Mayfield	AF37537683 600 AES
J: Sanderson	AF18256208 600 AES
C: Shealy	AF14235232 600 AES
J: Swisher	AF15207271 600 AES
L: Talley	AF18174679 600 AES
C: Uhl	AF19253434 Hq. 3 BG
R: Frazour	AF12274249 600 AES
W: Holeshko	AF15243551 600 AES
H: Holtz	AF17185759 600 AES
E: Labiak	AF12244401 600 AES
B: Marino	AF18222525 600 AES
A: McAlister	AF11148579 65th AES
S: Miskowicz	AF36848183 600 AES
E: Richards	AF14236286 600 AES
C: Sager	AF15248886 65th AES
I: Stone	AF43002328 65th AES
A: Wilson	AF17205192 600 AES
A: Zitsch	AF13317083 600 AES
R: Balthus	AF18153602 600 AES
Broco	AF14256510 600 AES
C: Gilmartin	AF12298335 600 AES
G: Gutierrez	AF14186644 600 AES
R: Miller	AF19243568 600 AES
D: Mosk	AF19291970 600 AES
T: Moore	AF14235782 65th AES
E: Parker	AF14218780 600 AES
D: Westenhov	AF18270844 600 AES

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1ST LT (5400)	FRANK
1ST LT (4419)	GEORGE
1ST LT (1083)	PAUL

BULLIAS
M: HESCHELE
L: MORRIS

AO684653	Hq & Base
AO775531	608th AMS
AO809636	Hq. 3 BG

*Noted*

OFFICIAL: *Alva L. McClelland*  
 Capt., USAF  
 Asst. Adjutant

EDWARD K. MFKV  
 Capt., USAF  
 Adjutant

## BY ORDER OF COLONEL GUNN:

**	Pvt	(684)	Bart	E.	Pannell, Jr.	AF3567654	600	AES
**	Sgt	(686)	James	.	Charley	AF18285274	600	AES
**	Sgt	(555)	Robert	J.	Feyea	AF15373952	600	AES
**	Sgt	(555)	Robert	J.	Guckenberg	AF19283318	65th	AES
**	Sgt	(575)	Kenneth	S.	Hamblin	AF13055984	600	AES
**	Sgt	(757)	Willie	E.	Liles	AF14146994	600	AES
**	Sgt	(911)	Robert	E.	Mack	AF14083410	600	AES
**	Sgt	(612)	John	E.	Featrs	AF38338011	600	AES
**	Sgt	(687)	James	C.	Phillips	AF15233551	600	AES
**	Sgt	(747)	Larry	M.	Rabon	AF14230125	600	AES
**	Sgt	(911)	John	F.	Tierney	AF31136290	600	AES
**	Cpl	(960)	Quaristo	.	Baca	AF18310485	600	AES
**	Cpl	(662)	Joe	.	Gallileo	AF19254992	600	AES
**	Cpl	(754)	James	H.	Holden	AF17324381	600	AES
**	Cpl	(573)	Otha	C.	Hudson	AF19288508	600	AES
**	Cpl	(747)	Lowell	.	Kelly	AF192243937	600	AES
**	Cpl	(862)	Linwood	A.	Landers	AF14116378	600	AES
**	Cpl	(662)	Thomas	J.	Lesstick	AF13243454	600	AES
**	Cpl	(754)	Andrew	C.	Ramos	AF18247560	600	AES
**	Cpl	(747)	Harry	A.	Robinson	AF15237727	600	AES
**	Cpl	(747)	Herbert	H.	Walker	AF14214268	600	AES
**	Cpl	(747)	James	M.	Wert	AF13217429	600	AES
**	Pfc	(555)	Gilbert	G.	Amancto	AF11170469	600	AES
**	Pfc	(528)	John	E.	Kullits	AF14210048	600	AES
**	Pfc	(754)	Thomas	D.	Farrow	AF19306144	600	AES
**	Pfc	(521)	Vito	.	Frano	AF16260413	600	AES
**	Pfc	(521)	Vincent	C.	Reed	AF12262473	65th	AES
**	Pfc	(911)	Joseph	H.	Valenzuela	AF18107344	600	AES
**	Pfc	(683)	Welford	C.	Zoubek	AF16246565	600	AES
**	Pvt	(754)	Harvey	W.	Cox	AF13262951	600	AES

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