

3RD BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

UNIT - HISTORY

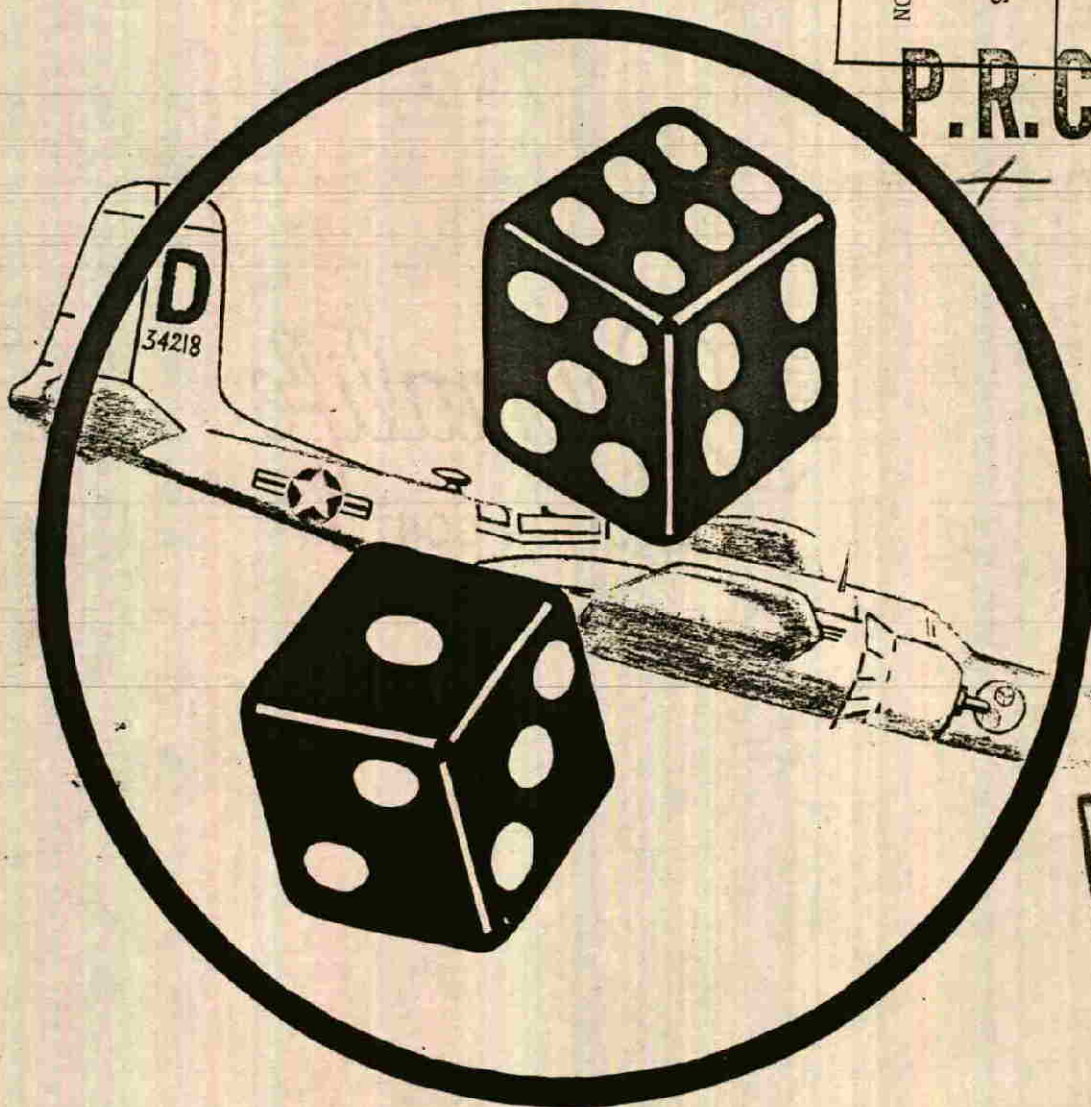
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90th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON L
3rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP L
APO 328

28 February 1949

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 Sergeant Dixon E. Martinez. Facts in the narrative have been gathered from informal 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
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Major, USAF
Commanding

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90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON L
3rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP L
APO 328

28 February 1949

SUBJECT: Unit History, 1 through 28 February, 1949.

1. 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, Henshu Japan.

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PERSONNEL

Major Stanley D. Kline.....Commanding Officer
1st Lt Thomas A. Todd.....Operations Officer
1st Lt David A. Jones.....Materiel Officer
1st Lt Ernest M. Herod.....Adjutant
1st Lt Lawrence J. Jackson.....Maintenance Officer
1st Lt Marvin J. Greene.....Supply Officer
1st Lt Francis P. Fitzgerald.....Armament Officer
1st Lt James H. Morrow.....Communications Officer
1st Lt Walden Berry.....Tech Supply Officer
1st Lt Viking H. Lian.....Ass't Operations &
Flying Safety Officer
2nd Lt Andrew R. Curtis.....Ground Training Officer
2nd Lt Jackie L. Rector.....Personal Equipment Officer
M/Sgt Gerald W. McPherson.....Line Chief
M/Sgt Shelten S. Johnson.....First Sergeant

Capt Jack P. Smith.....Flight Commander, "A" Flight
Capt John L. Barber.....Flight Commander, "B" Flight
1st Lt Viking H. Lian.....Flight Commander, "C" Flight
1st Lt Francis P. Fitzgerald.....Flight Commander, "D" Flight

2. TOTAL OFFICER STRENGTH as of 28 February 49 is 32, as compared to 33 on the 31st of January 1949.
3. TOTAL ENLISTED STRENGTH on 28 February 49 is 121, as compared to 125 on the 31st of January 49.
4. The following table shows the actual strength by rank as compared to that authorized by T.O. & E. 1-1123.

	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Lt. Col.	1	0
Major	1	1
Captain	6	3
1st Lt	37	24
2nd Lt	0	4
M/Sgt	8	5
T/Sgt	23	9
S/Sgt	33	34
Sgt	30	26
Cpl	20	21
Pfc	23	20
Pvt	0	6

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Section I, Personnel (continued)

5. PERSONNEL LOSSES DURING FEBRUARY:

Captain Herman C. Mitchell....lost to....3d Air Police Sq. APO 328

S/Sgt Everett O. Thomas....." "Hq Fifth Air Force APO 710

Sgt Everett H. Moore....." "Det. 4, Hq. & Base Sv Sq
13th Air Depot APO 703

Sgt Tommy W. Reed....." "" " " " " "

Sgt Dixon E. Martinez....." "10th Radar Cal. Det. APO 328

Sgt Charles L. Nelson....." "Det. 4, Hq. & Base Sv Sq
13th Air Depot APO 703

Cpl Marlin A. Robinson....." "" " " " " "

Pfc Bernard A. Cook....." "" " " " " "

Pvt Edmond P. Gaudet....." "Det. of Patients 49th Gen.
Hosp. APO 1052

6. PERSONNEL GAINS DURING FEBRUARY:

Sgt Albert J. Harris....from....Hq & Hq Sq 3d Bomb Wing L APO 328

Sgt Dixon E. Martinez... "10th Radar Cal. Det. APO 328

Sgt Sam Storage....."Hq & Hq 3d Bomb Wing L APO 328

Pfc J.C. Levelace....."" " " " " " " "

7. PROMOTIONS DURING FEBRUARY:

Sgt John E. Peairs.....promoted to....Staff Sergeant

Sgt Robert E. Mack....." "Staff Sergeant

Sgt John F. Tierney....." " ...Staff Sergeant

Cpl Erasmus A. Angele....." " ...Sergeant

Pfc Gilbert E. Amancio...." " ...Corporal

Pfc Vincent G. Reed....." " ...Corporal

8. LEAVES AND FURLONGHS DURING FEBRUARY:

M/Sgt Jack L. Snedgrass.....30 days

S/Sgt Larry M. Raben.....10 days

Cpl Vincent G. Reed.....10 days

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1. Operational training was again curtailed during February because of a lack of flyable aircraft. Technical Order Compliances, which are being completed on major inspections, was the main reason for not having the usual number of aircraft in commission daily. Despite the lack of airplanes for flying, classified surveillance missions were conducted from Misawa Air Force Base; the 90th furnishing one aircraft with complete crew each week. In addition, the squadron dispatched eight classified tracking missions from this base during the month. Also, in an effort to accomplish some combat training, one mission was dispatched to the Mito water range where the flight engaged in strafing, low-level bombing, rocket firing, and turret gunnery. One new gunner was checked out in the remote controlled turrets. The total number of hours flown with the 15 assigned B-26 aircraft was 163 hours and 5 minutes.

2. Though the all-out drive on Technical Order compliances, which grounded all aircraft in the unit from the middle of January until the 31st of January, has been modified, higher headquarters still required the work to be accomplished completely on the next major inspection. The majority of the 15 B-26s have been out of commission for inspections all month because of the man hours required on total outstanding T.O. compliances. In addition to the high number of man hours required, difficulty has been encountered in obtaining complete kits for the necessary work, as well as other necessary parts and materiel. For example aircraft #4434286, a B-26B, has been AOCP for approximately five (5) weeks for want of a rudder. Two other aircraft have been AOCP for approximately ~~five~~ (5) weeks because of nonavailability of landing gear belts, a main fuel tank drain valve, and a starter. Despite setbacks such as the lack of supplies, parts, T.O. compliance kits, etc, the T.O.s are over 90% complied with, according to a statement by 1st Lt David A. Jones, Materiel Officer.

3. An order came down from higher headquarters during the month to install the ARC III, 6-channelled VHF radio equipment in the B-26s. The Communications Section of the squadron reports that it will require removal of the present 522, 4-channel set, and the command set now installed in the aircraft. Action has been initiated to make the change.

4. An inspection was made by Fifth Air Force Headquarters, the latter part of the month, of all T.O. & E. materiel. A physical inventory was made by the squadron and checked by the inspectors. The results of the inspection are not known at this time.

5. Secretary of the Army, Mr. Royall was a visitor at the 90th Squadron hangar on the 3d of the month. As part of his inspection

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Section II, Major Activities (continued)

itinerary for Yokota Air Force Base he stepped briefly on the flight line. With him in the inspection party were Lt. General Wedemeyer, Lt. General Whitehead, Lt. General Walker, Maj. General Partridge, and other high ranking officers. (See pictures in appendix)

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

28 February 1949

Maj.	Stanley D. Kline
Capt.	John L. Barber
Capt.	Jack P. Smith
Capt.	John F. Yelton
1st Lt.	George R. Berry
1st Lt.	Waldron (NMI) Berry
1st Lt.	Robert P. Bright
1st Lt.	Frank (NMI) Bullias
1st Lt.	Fred (NMI) Cunha
1st Lt.	Francis P. Fitzgerald
1st Lt.	Marvin J. Green
1st Lt.	Frank W. Hayslip
1st Lt.	Luther L. Hampton
1st Lt.	Ernest M. Herod
1st Lt.	George M. Heschels
1st Lt.	Lawrence (NMI) Jackson, Jr.
1st Lt.	Henry E. Jenanyan
1st Lt.	David A. Jones
1st Lt.	Frank J. Kappler
1st Lt.	Viking H. Lian
1st Lt.	John R. Mason
1st Lt.	Clarence T. Matlock
1st Lt.	George V. Main
1st Lt.	James H. Morrow
1st Lt.	Edward N. Phillips
1st Lt.	Walter W. Slamon
1st Lt.	Thomas A. Todd
1st Lt.	Billy G. Turner
2nd Lt.	Andrew R. Curtis, Jr.
2nd Lt.	Richard A. Dotson
2nd Lt.	Jakie L. Rector
2nd Lt.	Saul (NMI) Roskin

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ROSTER OF AIRMAN

28 February 1949

M/Sgt	Carol O. Ashley
M/Sgt	Shelton S. Johnson
M/Sgt	G.W. McPherson
M/Sgt	Jack E. Snedgrass
T/Sgt	James L. Boyd
T/Sgt	James V. Buchanan
T/Sgt	J.V. Cohlhepp
T/Sgt	Donald R. Downing
T/Sgt	Weaver D. Gamble
T/Sgt	Stanley H. Hiatt
T/Sgt	Albert C. Kees
T/Sgt	John R. Oliver
T/Sgt	Glenn E. Whitlock
T/Sgt	C.E. Yarbrough
S/Sgt	Clermont C. Allton
S/Sgt	C.K. Blend, Jr.
S/Sgt	Norman L. Browning
S/Sgt	James E. Chafey
S/Sgt	W.J. Collyer, Jr.
S/Sgt	George A. Cook
S/Sgt	Joe R. Cross
S/Sgt	Hugh M. Foster
S/Sgt	Richard L. Gates
S/Sgt	Alfred R. Goolsby
S/Sgt	Chester L. Hatfield
S/Sgt	James H. Hill
S/Sgt	Stanley J. Kaminski
S/Sgt	Paul G. Lester
S/Sgt	Willie E. Liles
S/Sgt	Robert E. Mack
S/Sgt	Garry V. Newsom
S/Sgt	Richard R. Pexton
S/Sgt	Larry M. Rabon
S/Sgt	R.F. Rittenhouse
S/Sgt	Floyd W. Russell
S/Sgt	Michael J. Saj
S/Sgt	Robert F. Schnelle
S/Sgt	Basil J. Squires
S/Sgt	John F. Tierney
S/Sgt	Buckner H. Walker
S/Sgt	Ernest T. Whalen
S/Sgt	Robert A. Wiley
S/Sgt	Vincent J. Wohlan
S/Sgt	Whittmore A. Yates
S/Sgt	Benedict A. Yoksa
Sgt	Robert J. Berkes
Sgt	K.J. Carrell
Sgt	W.E. Chambers
Sgt	Forest H. Cook
Sgt	Richard (NMI) Donovan

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ROSTER OF PERSONNEL (continued)

Sgt	Frank (NMI) Feysa
Sgt	Raymond B. Glidden
Sgt	John J. Gohring
Sgt	Richard D. Gray
Sgt	Kenneth S. Hamblin
Sgt	Franklin J. McDevitt
Sgt	Tauno Mehto
Sgt	Royal R. Newman
Sgt	John E. Peairs
Sgt	George Rallis
Sgt	Sam (NMI) Storage
Sgt	Joseph H. Rogers
Sgt	David T. Sisson
Sgt	Erasmus A. Angelo
Cpl	Evaristo Baca
Cpl	James R. Barfield
Cpl	James D. Broyles
Cpl	Charles R. Burston
Cpl	Albert J. Harris
Cpl	Otha C. Hudson
Cpl	Lowell (NMI) Kelly
Cpl	Billie G. Maloney
Cpl	Jean G. Marcotte
Cpl	Don E. McCarthy
Cpl	James C. Moore
Cpl	Thomas D. Perrow
Cpl	Vincent G. Reed
Cpl	John L. Robinson
Cpl	Olan K. Rowell
Cpl	Hollis L. Smith
Cpl	Clyde A. Tate
Cpl	James M. Wert
Cpl	Herman (NMI) White
Cpl	James A. Wilcox
Cpl	Gilbert G. Amancio
Pfc	Bertel H. Anderson
Pfc	David A. Barbieri
Pfc	Jesse H. Brown
Pfc	Howard J. Carpenter
Pfc	Charles L. Caudill
Pfc	Harvey W. Cox
Pfc	Jack D. Culpepper
Pfc	Edward W. Gattis
Pfc	James W. Johnson
Pfc	Henry J. Olszowy
Pfc	Vito (NMI) Prano
Pfc	James N. Rice
Pfc	Donald L. Rollyson
Pfc	Bennie G. Simons
Pfc	Stanley (NMI) Stoeber

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ROSTER OF AIRMEN (continued)

Pfc	Donald E. Tomlin
Pfc	Warren J. Tyson
Pfc	R.E. Williamson
Pfc	Melford C. Zoubeck
Pfc	J.C. Lovelace
Pvt	Bob G. Kelley
Pvt	Richard L. Coleman
Pvt	John P. Mahoney
Pvt	Joe (NMI) Messa
Pvt	Norman D. Rye
Pvt	James D. Wilcox

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ROSTER OF PERSONNEL ATTACHED FOR FLYING

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Major
Capt.
Capt.
1st Lt.
1st Lt.
1st Lt.
1st Lt.

Abraham E. Shook
George D. Alber
Edward D. Gillespie
Steven C. Frost
Norris R. Smith
Walter L. Whalley
James B. Brown

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

12 February 1949

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NUMBER 47)

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 Section II, Par 15 dtd 23 Dec 1946, as amended, Private First Class Norman D. Rye (MOS 612) AF37095937, is Reduced to the grade of Private with Prejudice.

s/ STANLEY D. KLINE
Major, USAF
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18 February 49

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NUMBER 48)

1. Under the provisions of AR 615-5 Section II, Par 15 dtd 23 Dec 46, as Amended, Private First Class Richard L. Coleman (MOS 747) AF18290186, is reduced to the grade of Private with Prejudice.

2. Effective 1 March 1949 and under the provisions of AR 615-5, as amended, Private Bob G. Kelley (MOS 405) AF18173159, is appointed Private First Class.

s/ STANLEY D. KLINE
Major, USAF
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21 February 1949

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NUMBER 49)

1. 1st Lt Ernest M. Herod AO-2090079, 90th Bomb Sqdn, is hereby appointed Class A Agent Officer to the disbursing Officer, Jama APO 704, for the purpose of paying monthly and supplemental payrolls of Enlisted Men of 90th Bomb Squadron for an indefinite period, vice 2nd Lt Andrew R. Curtis AO-839948 relieved.

2. In addition to his other duties 1st Lt Ernest M. Herod AO-2090079 is hereby appointed Squadron Recruiting Officer and Squadron Personnel Officer vice 2nd Lt Andrew R. Curtis, Relieved.

s/ STANLEY D. KLINE
Major, USAF
Commanding

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90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
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APO 328

8 February 1949

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NUMBER 46)

1. Squadron Order Number 39 this organization dated 4 Jan 1949 that pertains to Pvt James D. Wilcox, AF38403433, that reads DS to AFTC is Amended to read Special Duty to Air Force Training Center.

2. Squadron Order Number 45 this organization dated 31 Jan 1949 that pertains to S/Sgt Buckner H. Walker, AF14267726, that reads D^S to AFTC is Amended to read Special Duty to Air Force Training Center.

s/ STANLEY D. KLINE
Major, USAF
Commanding

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Col. James R. Gunn, C.G. 3rd Bombardment Group (L)
+ Maj. Stanley D. Kline, C.O. 90th Bomb. Sq. (L),
with Secretary of Army, Mr. Royall, in town at
90th Hangar.



Col. Gunn + Mr. Royall in front of 9th hangar

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