

90 TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

UNIT - HISTORY

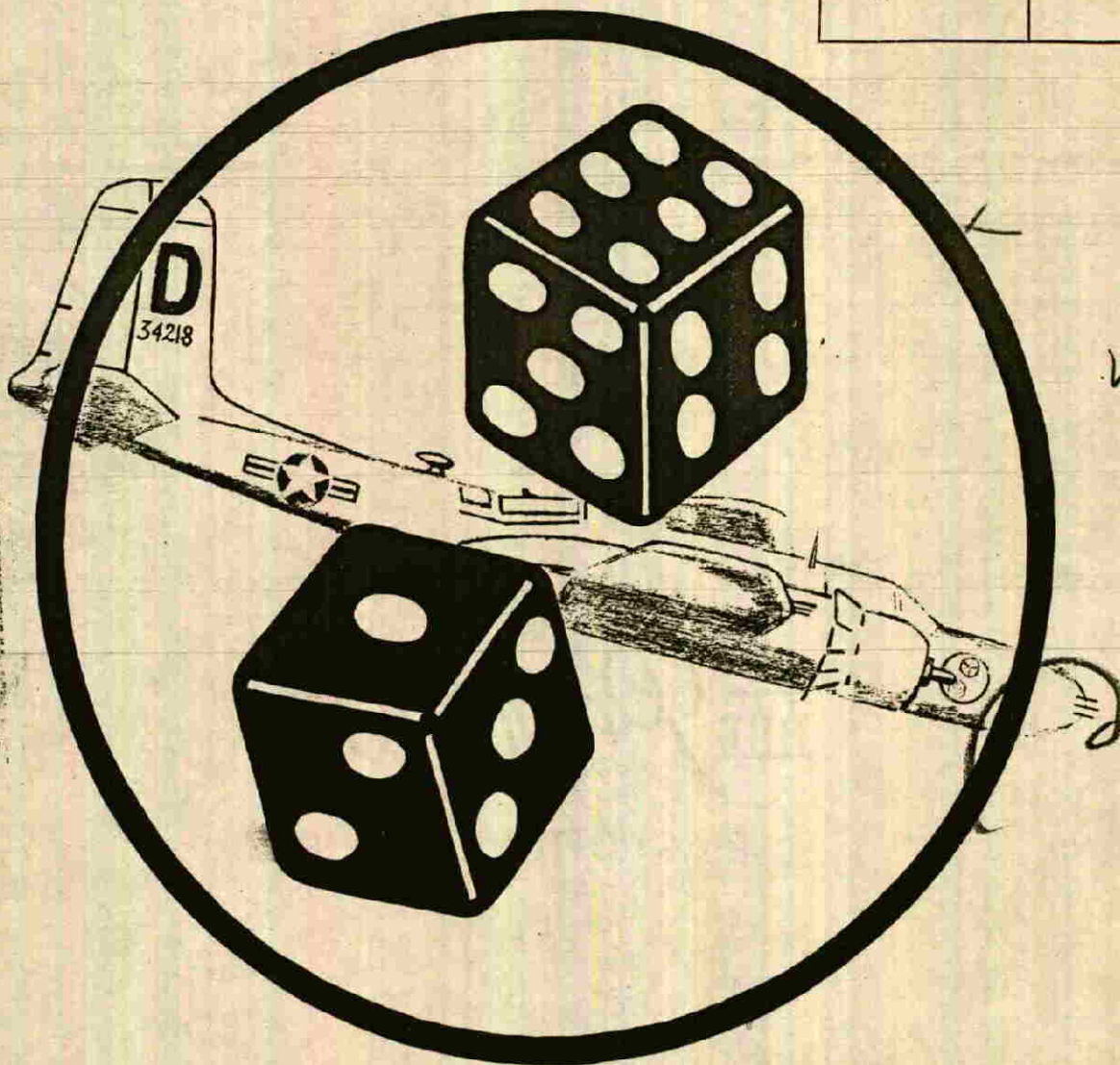
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90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
YOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

31 March 1948

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History

TO : Chief of Staff
United States Air Force

This history was compiled by 1st Lt Francis P. Fitzgerald, with the clerical aid of Sergeant Nicholas J. Valenti. 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.

Edward L. Jones

EDWARD L. JONES
Major, USAF
Commanding

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SECTION I

PERSONNEL:

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

2. Key personnel for the month include:

Major Edward L. Jones	Commanding Officer
1st Lt William M. Ratchford	Adjutant
Capt Jerome N. Davis	Operations Officer
Capt Jack P. Smith	Supply Officer
1st Lt David A. Jones	Engineering Officer
1st Lt Francis P. Fitzgerald	Armament Officer
1st Lt Milford G. Dunlop	Personal Equipment Officer
1st Lt Viking H. Lian	Communications Officer
F Sgt William D. Scruggs	First Sergeant

3. Captain James W. Nesbitt, Engineering Officer for the past year and a half, was transferred to the office of the Deputy for Training and Operations. 1st Lt David A. Jones, former assistant engineering officer, was appointed as his successor. This change occurred the first of the month.

4. Total Enlisted strength for the squadron on the 31st of March was 102, as compared with a total of 105 on the 29th of February. Officer strength increased from 23 on the last day of February to 24 on the 31st of March.

a. Gains in the squadron for the month are as follows:

1st Lt Charles K. Eisen
1st Lt John C. Beale
S Sgt James L. Leap
Cpl Andrew C. Ramos
Pvt Commodore C. Anderson

b. Losses to the squadron are as follows:

Capt Edward Krafka
M Sgt William K. Cole
T Sgt Edwin S. Bowers
T Sgt Albert N. Smith
S Sgt Leroy S. Benedict
Pfc Reid B. Jefferson
Pfc Lloyd H. Martin

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Cont'd, Section I, Personnel, 31st March 1948

5. The following personnel were granted ordinary leave during March:

Capt John L. Barber	(10 days)
Capt Jerome N. Davis	(10 days)
Capt Jack P. Smith	(6 days)
T Sgt Edwin M. Noonan	(30 days)
T Sgt Harry W. Medley	(10 days)
T Sgt Sherrod B. Lassiter	(10 days)
S Sgt Garry V. Newsom	(15 days)
S Sgt Avila D. Mathews	(10 days)
Sgt Philip Miller	(10 days)
Sgt Tommy W. Reed	(10 days)
Cpl Philip D. Kile	(10 days)
Capt John E. Murray	(10 days)

6. Promotions for the month are as follows:

Cpl Norris A. Burton	Promoted to Sergeant
Cpl Everett H. Moore	" " Sergeant
Cpl Carmen D. Polino	" " Sergeant
Pfc Erasmus A. Angelo	" " Corporal
Pfc Jean G. Marcotte	" " Corporal

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*Restricted*SECTION IIMAJOR ACTIVITIES:

1. With our eyes still clearly focused on the primary objective of improving and maintaining the tactical efficiency of the squadron as a fighting unit, the collective efforts of the 90th Bomb Squadron....and especially the efforts of the engineering section....resulted in a seldom-heard-of total of 820 flying hours for the month, with 16 assigned A-26 aircraft. This figure topped the Group again and gave us the lead in flying time for the eighth consecutive month.

In addition to the usual emphasis placed on minimums required for proficiency in transitional, instrument, night, and formation flying, more stress was placed on such diversified training as skip-bombing, strafing, and rocket firing. The following armament expenditure report for the month is submitted as evidence:

	<u>Amount expended</u>
Cal. 50 ball ammo (fixed & turret gunnery)	30,170 rounds
Bombs, 100 lb practice	280 bombs
Bombs, 100 lb G. P. with M12 tail fuze	53 bombs
Rockets, 2.25" practice	87 rockets

The 100 lb general-purpose demolition bombs with tail fuzes were dropped at the Onohara Shima range, which the squadron used for the first time on the 10th of March. At that time it was reported by two of the three pilots who flew the mission that it appeared some of the bombs were detonating upon impact, even though fuzed with an 8 to 15 second delay. A subsequent mission with the same type bomb and fuze definitely revealed the same thing. The other two squadrons in the Group were reporting similar malfunctions; so at the present time the use of bombs of that particular lot number from which the above-mentioned came is temporarily discontinued pending further investigation and recommendations by higher authorities.

2. The engineering section, at the close of March, found themselves without the services of six (6) of their good men, lost either because of TDY to technical schools in the vicinity or else through rotation to the States. Despite these setbacks, mostly suffered in the last two weeks, they came through with a banner month insofar as on-the-line maintenance is concerned. The flying-time record of 820 hours is evidence in itself of their efforts, but not quite so evident on the surface is the work put in on installation of a reinforced nose-wheel cross-beam assembly, a Tech Order Compliance suddenly brought to light and required in the Group.

3. On the 4th of March, Major Edward L. Jones, our C. O., and the 90th led a 40-ship maximum effort Group formation on a simulated combat attack over Itami Air Force Base at Osaka. On the way down, Major Jones took us over Fifth Air Force Headquarters at Nagoya, to prove that when the 3d Bomb Group (L) says it can put up a 40-ship formation it means it in all seriousness. It no doubt impressed the personnel in Headquarters. At any rate we were quite proud of it.

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Cont'd Section II, Major Activities, 31st March 1948

On the morning of Monday, the 29th, the Group again put a 40-ship formation into the air in a simulated low-level attack on Matsushima Air-drome over on the east coast of Honshu. We furnished 13 of the aircraft and pilots as well as gunners, and were led by Captain Jerome W. Davis, who held our "low squadron" position for us, following the lead of Lt. Col. Crocker and the 13th Squadron. The mission was concluded in good shape and without incident. It was brought out at the post-mission critique, however, that when the Group went down on the "deck" off the coast, the number 4 flight in the "bucket" of the low 90th had its choice of either wallowing around in the prop-wash, moving out into a safe echelon, or putting up its periscopes. Naturally the safer of the three alternatives was chosen.

4. The 90th finished another month of flying without an accident. Lt Lian who just became assistant operations officer last month inherited the duties of squadron flying safety officer, and conducts weekly flying safety meetings as well as daily safety reminders, so that all the pilots will become more safety conscious rather than slip into an attitude of "it can't happen to me".

5. Small arms training in the squadron received a substantial boost the latter part of the month when approximately 60 officers and men fired the cal.45 automatic pistol and the M-3 machine gun for familiarization and record, as well as completing record-firing on the carbine. Lt. Ratchford, the military training officer for the squadron is anxious to fire as many men as possible before June, so that during the last month of the fiscal year we won't be caught short on the annual requirements.

6. The squadron supply section under Capt Jack P. Smith is campaigning for 100% serviceability on Table of Organization and Allowance Equipment. After close checking, it was found that about 70% of the equipment was in the squadron and serviceable. The other 30% is on requisition and Due Out of Base Supply. A special request through channels has been made for priority requisitioning of the equipment not on hand.

7. Whenever the "primary mission" of the 90th Bomb Squadron (L) is mentioned, one tends to immediately consider the major activity of flying, and its closely affiliated subjects. Not by any means unimportant however, and especially so here in a foreign land away from home ties and connections, are the problems of moral standards, esprit de corps, and consequently, discipline.

As a result of over-all policies sent down by higher headquarters, which we understand originated in the Office of the Chief of Army Chaplains, more import has this month been placed on the moral angle of the Venereal Disease situation.

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Cont'd Section II, Major Activities, 31st March 1948

Major Jones, in addition to giving frequent talks to the effect that though we are thousands of miles away from our homes we nevertheless are obligated morally to our families and loved ones, has indicated his desire to see more of the Squadron personnel in Sunday Church Services. He asked that the officers of the squadron set the example in Church attendance. It is felt that regardless of a man's personal beliefs concerning the Christian Religion, the subjects covered and stressed by the base Chaplains will shed a little different light on the V. D. picture in the minds of some individuals who haven't been exposed to Christianity probably as much as would be desired.

Along this same line, the squadron Commander has initiated the policy of contacting the parents of the younger men assigned to the organization by means of a personal letter, telling them of their son's location, duties, recreation and educational facilities available, and inviting them to write to him at any time if problems or questions concerning their son's Army career arise. A sample letter is included as a documentary exhibit in the appendix.

Also included in the appendix is a copy of the SOP set up for the processing of new arrivals in the squadron, which include interviews by the Base Chaplain to acquaint the new comer with the religious facilities available.

Along the sport activities, the Squadron is practicing for the softball league. By one of the tricks of nature which results in rain almost every Saturday, the scheduled practice game between the Officers and the EM has been post-poned. The official league play is due to start the 12th of April. Our squadron bowling team has not been doing so well as far as winning games but are close and trying their best. Due to the limit number of bowling alleys (two for the entire base) the only practice our team gets is the actual official league games.

The morale of the enlisted men in the squadron has not raised any despite the nice spring weather we have been having. All of the surroundings towns and hamlets are placed "Off Limits" to all personnel, military and civilian, of Yokota Air Force Base. The complaint of our enlisted men is that only Yokota Personnel are barred from these towns and for the past two months their enlisted club has been closed. True, the club is being remodeled and is actually larger, nicer and all will benefit from the remodeling but no provisions were made for a temporary club. There was no place on the Base except Wednesday evening when the Top Three Club allowed the enlisted men to enter their club where a can of beer could be bought. This had the tendency to force the enlisted men to go to Tachikawa where in Japanese beer halls, they could get Japanese beer and of course came into contact with Japanese girls and so our V. D. rate rose and Tachikawa and all nearby towns are now "Off Limits".

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SECTION III

SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. As a result of the acute need for tow-target gunnery to satisfactorily maintain the proficiency of the gunners assigned to this squadron, Captain Jerome N. Davis, the squadron operations officer, suggested an idea for a brace attachment to an S-1 outboard wing shackle on the A-26 which would enable a tow-target to be pulled off the runway, then when firing is completed, to be released, rope and all, the same as a bomb or tank attached to the outboard wing rack. Captain Davis got the idea from a similar attachment he had seen used on P-51 aircraft for towing targets.

With the seed of the idea planted he turned the project over to T/Sgt Richard T. Miller, Armament section chief, who started the ball rolling by collecting the necessary rope, tow-targets, weights, and ring attachments. The most important item, the wing attachment brace itself, he had made at the Service Group under his personal supervision. The whole project had the backing of Major Jones, the Squadron Commander.

When the necessary items were finally assembled, permission was obtained from the Director of Training and Operations to try it out. So on the 25th of March, Captain Davis taxied out on to the runway and the armament men stretched 600 feet of rope with a target attached to it in back of the aircraft, fixed it to the brace-attachment on the wing rack and crossed their fingers as he took off.

The first attempt resulted in failure because as the target skidded down the runway behind the airplane, the propwash pulled it over to one side where it caught on a runway light and broke the rope. The rope was quickly repaired and a second attempt was made. This time Captain Davis stayed to the opposite side of the runway from which the target was drawn. It took to the air in fine shape and was towed around for over an hour. A fine aerial target to test any gunners ability.

The rope and target were successfully released at the side of the runway and Captain Davis came in to land. Upon close examination of the brace assembly it was found that it had not been sufficiently strong to withstand the pull of the target, and was bent backward into the slipstream. Several of the armorer-gunners got together and a few days later came up with a stronger and more streamline brace assembly that proved ideal for the purpose. The problem of the rope being frayed or broken as it is dragged down the runway will be remedied by the use of cable as soon as it is available.

In the meantime we expect to make full use of the tow-target assembly in maintaining gunner proficiency. Possibly a Group tow-target ship will be available in the near future, but we still have our own attachment that can be put on any of our A-26's in a few minutes time. Credit is due Captain Davis who thought of the idea and to T/Sgt Miller and the other armorer-gunners who worked at perfecting the attachment.

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*Revised*SECTION IVMISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

1. The squadron feels deeply the loss of the 16 mm. movie projector that S/Sgt Henry S. Daigle, the I and E NCO, had obtained for the Information and Education programs as well as nightly entertainment in the Squadron day room. It seems that the 8th Army I & E people in Yokohama where he had checked it out, couldn't allow us to keep it indefinitely. An effort is being made, however, to obtain another projector from one source or another.
2. Colonel James R. Gunn Jr., the Base Commanding Officer, obtained a limited number of decals for the windshields of automobiles belonging to members of the Air Force Aid Society. The 90th, which obtained a 100% membership during the drive in February, was issued 22 of the decals for members of the Squadron owning automobiles.
3. Captain Herbert C. Engelbrecht and Cpl Larry M. Rabon, left the middle of the month in aircraft #5771, a "C" model, for Manila, where they went to escort and navigate a flight of P-51's to Japan. Captain Garland Jones of the 31st Reconnaissance Squadron did the navigation. They returned safely near the end of the month.
4. 1st Lt Frank W. Hayslip departed the first of March for the States where he went to pick up and ferry back a new A-26 for the Group.
5. The annual Red Cross drive, this year entitled "Accept Your Invitation to Give", got under way the latter part of the month, headed by Lt. William M. Ratchford in our squadron.
6. 1st Lts. Marvin Greene and Robert Hippert were each awarded a 1083 MOS during the month, having completed the minimum requirements for an A-26 Pilot.
7. Colonel Gunn, the Base Commander, who has been flying with the 90th for the past several months, left us to fly with the 13th Squadron for a period.
8. Major E. D. Guthery, assistant Deputy for Training and Operations on the base, joined us for flying duties. He had previously flown with the 8th Squadron.
9. The engineering section found it necessary to divide their personnel into two flights this month, doing away the old four-flight system. The change was necessary because of loss of personnel.
10. The record number of flying hours for the month (820) was accomplished even though airplanes were out of commission for the afore-mentioned nose-wheel cross-beam modification, and even though practically one whole week of flying was lost because of bad weather. The average number of aircraft in commission on flyable days was 10.

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Cont'd Section IV, Miscellaneous Subjects and Activities, 31st Mar 1948

11. 1st Lt Milford G. Dunlop entered the 49th General Hospital in Tokyo on the 3rd of March. After a three week stay he was pronounced well and returned to duty on the 24th. 1st Lt Viking H. Lian took his duties as Personal Equipment Officer while he was gone.

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SECTION V

APPENDIX

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*Restricted*ROSTER OF OFFICERS

31 March 1948

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>S. N.</u>
Major	Edward L. Jones	AO-25076
Capt	Jerome N. Davis	AO-45071
Capt	Jack P. Smith	AO-732592
Capt	James W. Nesbitt	AO-36597
Capt	John L. Barber	AO-440100
Capt	Herbert C. Engelbrecht	AO-692866
Capt	John E. Murray	AO-674060
1st Lt	Milford G. Dunlop	AO-840075
1st Lt	Francis P. Fitzgerald	AO-737756
1st Lt	Marvin J. Greene	AO-2087631
1st Lt	Frank W. Hayslip	AO-624256
1st Lt	Robert D. Hippert	AO-27884
1st Lt	Lawrence Jackson Jr.	AO-936649
1st Lt	David A. Jones	AO-735595
1st Lt	John C. Beale	AO-765220
1st Lt	Viking H. Lian	AO-2085083
1st Lt	William M. Ratchford	AO-38217
1st Lt	John D. Pendergrass	AO-765307
1st Lt	Walter W. Slamon	AO-1100707
1st Lt	Chester A. A. Smith	AO-55676
1st Lt	Stanley C. Smith	AO-761831
1st Lt	Thomas A. Todd	AO-524193
1st Lt	Charles K. Eisen	AO-762088
1st Lt	Silas G. Upchurch	AO-208987

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ROSTER OF ENLISTED MEN

31 March 1948

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>S. N.</u>
F Sgt	William D. Scruggs	AF6377586
M Sgt	Carol O. Ashley	AF14040590
	Maurice J. Chappell	AF6932765
	Shelton S. Johnson	AF6383899
	John H. Merchant	AF6258969
	Gerald W. McPherson	AF16030387
	George W. Reid	AF6847865
T Sgt	Jack E. Snodgrass	AF18132411
	William E. Auburn	AF37173759
	Donald R. Downing	AF18157548
	Albert C. Kees	AF13104552
	Louis J. Lalonde	AF700422
	Sherrod B. Lassiter	AF14033700
	Harry W. Medley	AF15054238
	Richard T. Miller	AF18130892
	Edwin M. Noonan	AF6569954
	Kenneth C. Sharp	AF37652437
S Sgt	Guy Wiseman	AF6555054
	Samuel G. Adkins	AF7003297
	Clermont C. Allton	AF35625338
	Wilbur J. Bagnal	AF6070086
	Clarence B. Barnes	AF6277281
	Kenneth Q. Bean	AF38192099
	Clarence K. Blend	AF19019251
	James L. Carter	AF11031345
	Walter J. Collyer	AF32804322
	Mathe s E. Coady	AF6299273
	Mamas J. Corrigan	AF6907790
	Henry S. Daigel	AF6716353
	Weaver D. Gamble	AF18133369
	Stanley H. Hiatt	AF19194328
	William A. Holt	AF34149571
	Stanley J. Kaminski	AF15096699
	James L. Leap	AF32271959
	Avila D. Mathews	AF6786257
	James I. Monroe	AF18113791
	Garry V. Newsom	AF18083225
	Robert R. Owen	AF32227794
	Floyd W. Russell	AF19004814
	William D. Spofford	AF11032424
	Theodore J. Widen	AF36813697
	Robert A. Wiley	AF33319277
	Vincent J. Wohlan	AF13045204
	Charlie E. Yarbrough	AF14146010
	Benedict A. Yoksa	AF31122369
Sgt	Glyn Amburgey	AF15054908
	Norris A. Burton	AF16194292
	James E. Chafey	AF18285274
	John J. Gohring	AF16226997
	Alfred R. Goolsby	AF14241386

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Cont'd Roster of Enlisted Men dtd 31 March 1948

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>S. N.</u>
Sgt	Robert K. Evey	AFL4234498
Sgt	Louis P. Lehr	AFL3239565
Sgt	Franklin J. McDevitt	AFL3213842
Sgt	Philip Miller	AF32343551
Sgt	Everett H. Moore	AFL9248199
Sgt	James T. Nojima	AFL0732259
Sgt	Carmen D. Polino	AFL5240807
Sgt	Allton P. Poppell	AF34088406
Sgt	Tommy W. Reed	AFL8107477
Sgt	Lawrence J. Rivera	AF37883395
Sgt	Charles H. Stedevant	AFL8141331
Sgt	Nicholas J. Valenti	AF36849946
Cpl	Erasmus A. Angelo	AFL2262962
	Milton D. Barnett	AFL4242878
	Charles R. Burston	AFL4226412
	Kenneth L. Carrell	AFL5243491
	William E. Chambers	AFL4230332
	Forrest H. Cook	AFL5240138
	Felton R. Eppler	AFL9284451
	James W. Johnson	AFL9283724
	George T. Kearns	AFL9256665
	Philip D. Kile	AFL5207629
	Jean G. Marcotte	AFL11147266
	Joe A. Martinez	AF38538561
	Robert H. Mauri	AFL3220478
	Leonard E. Mitchell	AFL8153546
	Charles L. Nelson	AFL9261105
	Richard R. Fexton	AFL2246003
	Larry M. Rabon	AFL4230125
	Andrew C. Ramos	AFL8247560
	Luis Rogerio	AFL8324309
	Joseph H. Rogers	AFL4221213
	Ollan K. Rowell	AFL4241969
	David T. Sisson	AFL4236379
	Hollis L. Smith	AFL4226632
	Dean E. Snyder	AF43020619
Pfc	Vincent C. Carr	AFL3220100
	Richard L. Coleman	AFL8290186
	Bernard A. Cook	AFL9260891
	Earl G. Davis	AFL4215435
	Billy D. Dillingham	AF44166379
	Raul W. Huckeba	AFL4221731
	John D. Mouse	AFL7210008
	John E. Mullis	AFL4210048
	Clyde A. Tate	AFL9256959
	Warren J. Tyson	AFL3242625
Pvt	James E. Conner	AFL3082834
	Comodore C. Anderson	AFL6299944
	Charles R. Duley	AFL5235450
	Edmond P. Gaudet	AFL8299924
	Gilbert E. Shipman	AFL3248714
	James D. Wilcox	AF38403433

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The attached clippings are from the 90th Column in the "Third Strike", a weekly publication of Yokota Air Force Base Information and Education.

THE EYES AND EARS OF THE
90TH BOMB SQUADRON AS RE-
PORTED BY S/SGT HENRY S.
DAIGEL

Capt. J.W. Nesbitt who was Engineering Officer for the Sqdn, has been released and 1st Lt David A. Jones succeeds him in his new job as Engineering Off. Capt Nesbitt's new duties will be with Group Operations. Congratulations Captain.

The Armament Shack gave S Sgt Leroy S. Benedict a farewell party at the NCO Club. Steaks were served around twice and plenty to drink was had. S Sgt Benedict is scheduled to leave here next week. The "Gunners" all presented Benedict with a bathrobe and a silver cigarette case on his departure.

M Sgt Snodgrass, who formerly worked under Capt Davis in Operations, is working on the line as a crew chief and seems to like it much better.

Chaplain Coburn and Major Powers are very much pleased these days to see the new attendance at Services and wish to see many more new faces.

The men in the sqdn would like to express their gratitude to the Mess Officer and the Mess Sgt and all the kitchen personnel for the fine food they are serving these days.

T Sgt Albert C. Kees, former crew chief and now working in the Engineering Dept., has given up all his lady loves for the sole purpose of playing golf.

We are very sorry to hear that Lt. Milford G. Danlop Personal Equipment Officer for the Squadron and outstanding basketball player and all around athlete, is confined to the 49th General Hospital in Tokyo. We all wish him God speed, and a fast recovery.

Sgt Tommy Reed, narrowly escaped serious injury when he struck a match to see how much gas was in his jeep's tank. Needless to say, that tank blew up, but because of quick thinking, only minor damage to the jeep was sustained. Tommy will now carry a flashlight. He says he has learned the hard way.

We are sorry to announce that our basketball team forfeited the game Wednesday nite, 10 March 1948, to 608 Air Material. Your reporter has been informed by a good source that continued poor participation in the athletic program will soon result in PT for the whole squadron.

The campaign for the American Red Cross is gathering steam and is ready to roll. Instead of buying that extra bottle of beer, give those dimes to the Red Cross.

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THE EYES AND EARS OF THE
90TH BOMB SQDN

By S Sgt Henry Daigel

This week, the new announcement concerning discharge from the Air Force was announced in the squadron dayroom Wednesday morning, March 10 by Major E. L. Jones and 1st Sgt Scruggs. The Squadron has 26 men eligible for early discharge.

The squadron extends a hearty welcome to 1st Lt Charles K. Eisen and 1st Lt John C. Beale, two newly assigned officers to our squadron.

Lt Eisens duties will be Tech Supply Officer for the Squadron and Lt Beale is assigned to duties as assistant motor pool officer.

There is a certain T Sgt that is grooming M Sgt "Mumbles" Chappell for a cross country marathon race. The said T Sgt says "Mumbles" will no doubt win.

Sgt Rivera of the sqdn had his 21st birthday on March 1st and had a party at T Sgt Hedley's and a nice time was had by all.

Major Edward L. Jones, C.O. was very pleased with the inspection Saturday

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

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SUBJECT: SOP for New Arrivals into Squadron

TO: All Concerned

A. F/Sgt

1. Make appointment for interview with Commanding Officer, Adjutant, Medical Officer, Base Chaplain, Section Head, and Barracks Chief.
2. Assign a room and mail box number, inform EM of Mailing Address.
3. Explain current VD policies, Off Limits Areas, Clothing Regulations, Formations, Black Market, and Pass System.

B. Adjutant

1. Issue Ration Cards and Class "A" & "B" passes.

C. Commanding Officer

Personal interview to include general conditions within the theater, mission of the Organization, policies of the Base and of the Organization. Emphasis will be placed on V. D. Control and proper conduct of Air Force personnel in the Occupation.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR JONES:

WILLIAM M. RATCHFORD
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

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509TH TRAINING SQUADRON (VH)
MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY SECTION
SAC FLIGHT "A"

10 March 1948

SUBJECT: Appreciation for services rendered

TO: Commanding Officer
SAC Flight "H"
Yokota Air Force Base
APO 328

1. The Maintenance and Supply Section of the 509th Training Squadron takes this opportunity to express the appreciation of all personnel within our organization for the services and cooperation received while we were operating from Yokota Air Force Base.

2. Often times it was necessary to borrow special equipment and facilities in the middle of the night and cause station personnel inconveniences ordinarily unnecessary in their line of duty so that we might accomplish our mission. Particularly the Base Ordnance Section, 31st Recon Squadron VLR, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L) of the 3rd Bombardment Group (L), Base Supply, Base Shops, Transient Alert and Base Radio and Radar Maintenance Section. There was no hesitancy at any time to help within the limits of their facilities.

GEORGE W. COOK
Capt., USAF
Engineering Officer

1st Ind. VHC/w
393rd Training Squadron, 509th Bomb Group (VH), Yokota Air Force Base,
Japan 10 March 1948

TO: Commanding Officer, Yokota Air Force Base, Japan

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to forward this expression of appreciation to you from our Maintenance section.

VIRGIL M. CLOYD
Lt Col, USAF
Commanding

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90th Bombardment Squadron (L)
3d Bombardment Group (L)
APO 328 Yokota Air Force Base
Honshu, Japan

Dear Mrs. _____

I am writing this letter to you to inform you that your son, _____, is assigned to my organization, (or has been recently assigned). His mailing address is 90th Bombardment Squadron (L) 3d Bombardment Group (L), APO 328, % Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

First Name is assigned to duty as a EM's duty as taken from
personal observation, etc.

At present the Bombardment Squadron is stationed at Yokota Air Force Base, Honshu, Japan which is approximately thirty miles west of Tokyo. Here on the base the following facilities are available for the recreation and education of all; A large gym equipped with a bowling alley, basketball floor, handball court, and a small work-out room. A motion picture theater, with late released and a snack bar offering hamburgers and ice cream are frequented in the evenings. For the summer months a swimming pool and four tennis courts are situated near the center of the field and handy to all. For those who desire to continue or finish their education, an education program offering classes with civilian instructors and mail courses are easily available to all at no cost to the individual.

I have had a personal interview with Name and have told him that I was writing this letter to you. I will be pleased to hear from you and will endeavor to answer any questions you may care to ask.

Sincerely,

Commanding Officers Signature

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