

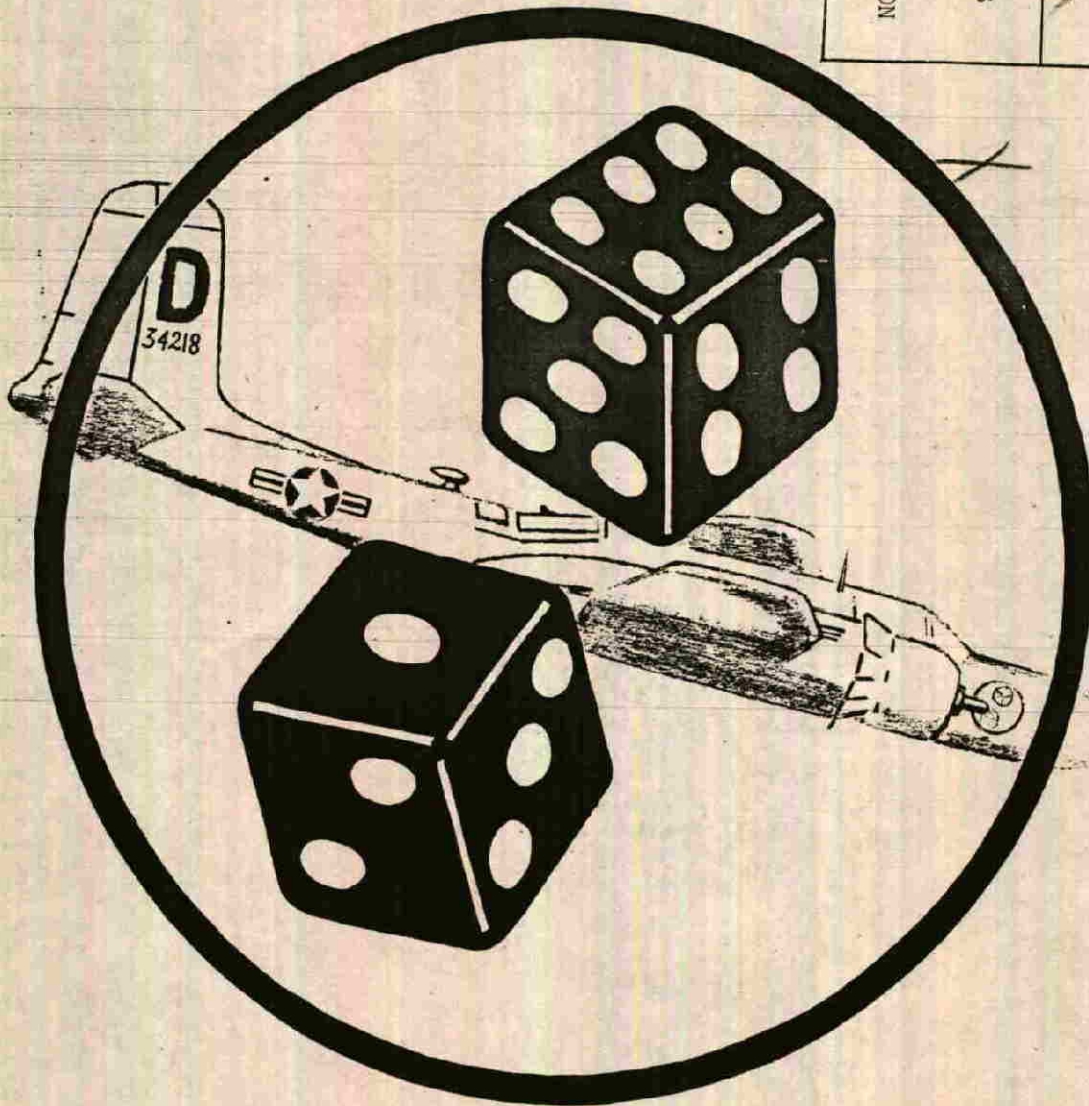
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90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

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31 March 1949

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 S/Sgt Joe R. Cross. 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
STANLEY D. KLINE
Major, USAF
Commanding

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

31 March 1949

UNIT HISTORY, 1 THROUGH 31 MARCH, 1949

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, APO 328, Honshu Japan.

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PARSONNEL

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. Merrow.....	Communications Officer
1st Lt Waldren Berry.....	Technical Supply Officer
1st Lt Viking H. Lian.....	Ass't Operations & Flying Safety Officer
2nd Lt Jackie L. Rector.....	Personal Equipment Officer
M/Sgt. Gerald W. McPherson.....	Line Chief
M/Sgt. Shelton S. Johnson.....	First Sergeant

2. TOTAL OFFICER STRENGTH as of 31 March 49 is 35, as compared with 32 on the 28th of February 49.
3. TOTAL ENLISTED STRENGTH ON 31 March 49 is 118, as compared with 121 on the 28th of February 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	26
2nd Lt	0	5
M/Sgt	8	4
T/Sgt	23	9
S/Sgt	33	35
Sgt	30	26
Cpl	20	16
Pfc	23	21
Pvt	0	7

5. PERSONNEL LOSSES during March:

S/Sgt John F. Tierney
Sgt Kenneth S. Hamblin
Cpl James M. Wert

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Section I, Personnel (Continued)

6. PERSONNEL GAINS during March:

1st Lt James E. Pace
1st Lt Earl M. Wysong

S/Sgt Paul K. Montgomery
Sgt Philip J. Dougherty
Pfc Ward H. Harris
Pfc Donald E. Jacobsen

7. PROMOTIONS during March:

S/Sgt Weaver D. Gamble.....	promoted to....	Tech. Sgt
Sgt Richard D. Gray.....	"	"....S/Sgt
Sgt George Rallis.....	"	"....S/Sgt
Sgt William E. Chambers...	"	"....S/Sgt
Cpl Hollis L. Smith.....	"	"....Sgt
Cpl Don E. McCarthy.....	"	"....Sgt
Cpl Charles R. Burston....	"	"....Sgt
Cpl Albert J. Harris.....	"	"....Sgt
Pfc Bennie G. Simons.....	"	"....Cpl

8. REDUCTIONS in grade during March:

Cpl Billie G. Maloney....reduced to Pvt by Summary Court

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*Restricted*SECTION IIMAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. The "Par-a-dise Squadron" began to get back into the flying business, so to speak, during March. With Tech. Order compliance and maintenance problems gradually being ironed out the 90th was able to fly a total of 335 hours and 15 minutes with its 15 assigned B-26 aircraft. This figure is the highest since last December, and according to the Operations Officer, 1st Lt. Thomas A. Todd, accounted for the 23 assigned pilots' being able to complete approximately 65% of the 5th Air Force Regulation 51-20 requirements.

Two Group missions were flown during the month in which the 90th participated. The first, on the 8th, was a simulated attack on the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. The route took the 24-ship formation all the way up to the southern end of the island of Hokkaido, back down the west coast of Honshu, then across the island to Tokyo, for a total of slightly over six hours of flying. The Squadron took off with 9 aircraft but only 6 completed the mission, the other three aborting along the route. Major Stanley D. Kline, our commanding Officer, led the Squadron. The 8th Squadron led the Group. The 2nd Group mission was in the form of a practice review formation. Major Kline again led the Squadron. The latter mission was flown on the 31st of the month.

Combat training received a substantial boost in the form of practice bombing, rocket, and strafing missions at both the Mito and Onohara Shima Ranges. The majority of the assigned pilots fired and dropped the minimum number of rounds and bombs. Turret gunnery was also accomplished for the first time in several months, with one new gunner being checked out in the B-26 remote controlled turrets.

During the month, one B-26 with complete crew was sent to Misawa Air Force Base each week where classified surveillance missions were conducted along with one ship and crew from each of the other two squadrons in the Group. Also classified tracking missions were conducted by the 90th during March.

On the 28th of the month operations started dispatching two missions daily to Mito Range where medium altitude bombing was accomplished in the one assigned glass-nosed B-26C. The missions were in conjunction with a base school for bombardiers. The bombing runs were made with the use of the C-1 auto-pilot and Norden bombsight and stabilizer. Ten M38A1 practice bombs with spotting charges were loaded per mission, and dropped by the bombardiers individually (in "select"). By the end of the month a total of 7 missions had been successfully completed.

2. Four B-26B's (six-gun noses) were transferred to the 90th near the end of the month from the 38th Bombardment Group at Itami Air Force Base, bringing the total number of B-26's assigned to the squadron up to 19. The reassignment also brought up the total number of outstanding Tech. Order Compliances from 88 to over 100, according to 1st Lt David A. Jones, Material Officer.

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Section II, Major Activities (continued)

The Engineering Section worked two week-ends and two Wednesday afternoons during March in an effort to get more aircraft in commission for flying, and in particular to meet commitments for two Group missions mentioned previously. T.O. Compliances were again the main reasons for the extra effort needed. Ten defective fuel cells were found in various aircraft in compliance with T.O. 01-4.0AJ-114.

3. Wing Inspectors visited the Squadron on the 14th and 15th of the Month. The Administrative and Operations Section were rated "Excellent" and the Maintenance and Supply activities were rated "Satisfactory".

Fifth Air Force Inspectors were present on the 23d of the month but the results of the inspection are not known at this time.

4. Miscellaneous Activities:

A. The Operations section received a commendation from the Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, for having a minimum number of errors in forms 5 during the past six months. A copy of the commendation is attached in the appendix.

B. Master Sergeant Gerald W. McPherson who has been in the Engineering section for the past two years, and who has been Line Chief for the past four months, was recalled to active commissioned duty as a 2nd Lieutenant the last of the month. A photograph is attached in the appendix showing Lt. McPherson being sworn in by Col. James R. Gunn Jr., Commanding General of the 3rd Bombardment Wing L.

C. The 90th Officers Volleyball team got off to a flying start in the spring league by staying at the top of the rung with five straight wins. In an evident slump the next three were lost to the 31st Recon. Squadron, the 82nd Tac Recon Sqdn, and the 8th Bombardment Squadron. The present standing is not known, but it is felt that with some luck and with a few of the "spikers" out for the games the old standing can be regained.

The Airmens' softball team has been practicing daily getting in shape for the base league which is scheduled to start on about the 11th of April. The Officers of the squadron also intend to have a first class team in shape by then.

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SECTION III

APPENDIX

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS

Maj.	Stanley D. Kline
Capt.	John L. Barber
Capt.	Jack P. Smith
Capt.	John F. Felton
1st Lt.	George E. Berry
1st Lt.	Waldron Berry
1st Lt.	Robert P. Bright
1st Lt.	Frank Sullivan
1st Lt.	Fred Cunha
1st Lt.	Francis P. Fitzgerald
1st Lt.	Marvin J. Greene
1st Lt.	Luther L. Hampton Jr.
1st Lt.	Frank W. Hayslip
1st Lt.	George M. Hoeschele
1st Lt.	Ernest M. Herod
1st Lt.	Lawrence Jackson Jr.
1st Lt.	Henry E. Jenanyan
1st Lt.	David A. Jones
1st Lt.	Frank J. Kappler
1st Lt.	Viking H. Lian
1st Lt.	George V. Main
1st Lt.	John R. Mason
1st Lt.	Clarence T. Matlock
1st Lt.	James H. Norrew
1st Lt.	Ernest H. Phillips
1st Lt.	James E. Pace Jr.
1st Lt.	Walter E. Slamon
1st Lt.	Thomas A. Todd
1st Lt.	Billy C. Turner
1st Lt.	Earl M. Wysong
2nd Lt.	Andrew R. Cuttis Jr.
2nd Lt.	Richard A. Dotson
2nd Lt.	Gerald W. McPherson
2nd Lt.	Jakie L. Rector
2nd Lt.	Saul Roskin

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ROSTER OF AIRMEN

ASHLEY, CAROL O.	M SGT	CARRELL, KENNETH L.	SGT
JOHNSON, SHELTON S.	M SGT	COOK, FORREST H.	SGT
MERCHANT, JOHN H.	M SGT	DONOVAN, RICHARD	SGT
SNODGRASS, JACK E.	M SGT	DOUGHTERY, PHILIP J.	SGT
BOYD, JAMES L.	M SGT	HERKES, ROBERT J.	SGT
BUCHANAN, JAMES V.	M SGT	FEYSA, FRANK	SGT
COHLHEPP, JOSEPH V.	T SGT	GLIDDEN, RAYMOND B.	SGT
DOUNING, DONALD R.	T SGT	GOHRING, JOHN J.	SGT
GAMBLE, WEAVER D.	T SGT	HARRIS, ALBERT J.	SGT
HIATT, STANLEY H.	T SGT	HOLDEN, JAMES H.	SGT
KEES, ALBERT C.	T SGT	JONES, LARNIE H.	SGT
OLIVER, JOHN R.	T SGT	KEARNS, GEORGE T.	SGT
WHITLOCK, GLENN E.	T SGT	LANDERS, LINWOOD A.	SGT
ALLTON, CLEMONT C.	S SGT	LESSIK, THOMAS J.	SGT
BLEND, CLARENCE K.	S SGT	MARTINEZ, DIXON E.	SGT
BROWNING, NORMAN L.	S SGT	MAURI, ROBERT H.	SGT
BURTON, NORRIS A.	S SGT	McDEVITT, FRANKLIN J.	SGT
CHAFEY, JAMES E.	S SGT	MEHTO, TAUNO	SGT
CHAMBERS, WILLIAM E.	S SGT	NEWMAN, ROYAL R.	SGT
COLLYER, WALTER J.	S SGT	ROGERS, JOSEPH H.	SGT
COOK, GEORGE A.	S SGT	SMITH, HOLLIS L.	SGT
CROSS, JOE R.	S SGT	SISSON, DAVID T.	SGT
FOSTER, HUGH M.	S SGT	STORAGE, SAM	SGT
GATES, RICHARD L.	S SGT	AMANCIO, GILBERT G.	CPL
GOOLSEY, ALFRED R.	S SGT	BROYLES, JAMES D.	CPL
GRAY, RICHARD D.	S SGT	BACA, EVARISTO	CPL
HATFIELD, CHESTER L.	S SGT	BARFIELD, JAMES R.	CPL
HILL, JAMES H.	S SGT	HUDSON, OTHA C.	CPL
KAMINSKI, STANLEY J.	S SGT	KELLY, LOWELL	CPL
LESTER, PAUL G.	S SGT	MARCOTTE, JEAN G.	CPL
LILES WILLIE E.	S SGT	McCARATHY, DON E.	CPL
MACK, ROBERT E.	S SGT	MOORE, JAMES C.	CPL
MONTGOMERY, PAUL K.	S SGT	PERROW, THOMAS D.	CPL
NEWSOM, BARRY V.	S SGT	REED, VINCENT G.	CPL
PEAIRS, JOHN E.	S SGT	ROBINSON, JOHN L.	CPL
PEXTON, RICHARD R.	S SGT	ROWELL, OLAN K.	CPL
RAHON, LARRY M.	S SGT	SIMONS, BENNIE G.	CPL
RITTENHOUSE, ROY F.	S SGT	TATE, CLYDE A.	CPL
RUSSELL, FLOYD W.	S SGT	WHITE, HERMAN	CPL
SAN, MICHAEL J.	S SGT	WILCOX, JAMES A.	CPL
SCHNELLE, ROBERT F.	S SGT	ANDERSON, BERTEL H.	PFC
SQUIRES, BASIL J.	S SGT	BROWN, JESSE H.	PFC
HALLIS, GEORGE	S SGT	CARPENTER, HOWARD J.	PFC
WALKER, BUEKNER H.	S SGT	CAUDILL, CHARLES I.	PFC
WHALEN, ERNEST T.	S SGT	COX, HARVEY W.	PFC
WILEY, ROBERT A.	S SGT	CULPEPPER, JACK D.	PFC
YATES, WHITMORE A.	S SGT	BARBIERI, DAVID A.	PFC
YOKSA, BENEDICT A.	S SGT	GATTIS, EDWARD W.	PFC
ANGELO, ERASMUS A.	SGT	HARRIS, WARD H.	PFC
BURSTON, CHARLES R.	SGT	JACOBSEN, DONALD	PFC

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ROSTER OF AIRMEN (CONT'D)

JOHNSON, JAMES W.	PFC
KELLY, BOB G.	PFC
LOVELACE, J.C.	PFC
OLSZOWY, HENRY J.	PFC
PRANO, VITO	PFC
RICE, JAMES N.	PFC
ROLEYSON, DONALD L.	PFC
STORER, STANLEY	PFC
TOMLIN, DONALD E.	PFC
TYSON, WARREN J.	PFC
WILLIAMSON, R. B.	PFC
BOUEK, MELFORD C.	PFC
COLEMAN, RICHARD L.	PVT
MAHONEY, JOHN P.	PVT
MALONEY, BILLIE G.	PVT
MESA, JOE	PVT
RYE, NORMAN D.	PVT
WILCOX, JAMES D.	PVT

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SUBJECT: Individual Flight Record, AF Form 5

TO : Commanding Officer
3rd Bombardment Group (L)
Yokota Air Force Base
APO 323, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

1. Individual Flight Record, AF Form 5, is returned for verification of name.
2. A check of records maintained in this office reveals your organization was very satisfactory in submitting Forms 5 for the past six months, having ten (10) preparation errors during this period.
3. Request resubmission by indorsement.

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

BERNARD V. KEEVER
Captain, USAF
Chief, Flight Records Branch

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

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FRANCIS P. FITZGERALD
1st Lt USAF

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THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS M/SGT GERALD W. MOPHERSON, WHO WAS CALLED
BACK TO ACTIVE DUTY AS A COMMISSIONED OFFICER DURING MARCH, BEING SWORN IN
BY COL. JAMES R. GUNN, JR., COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 3D BOMBARDMENT WING
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