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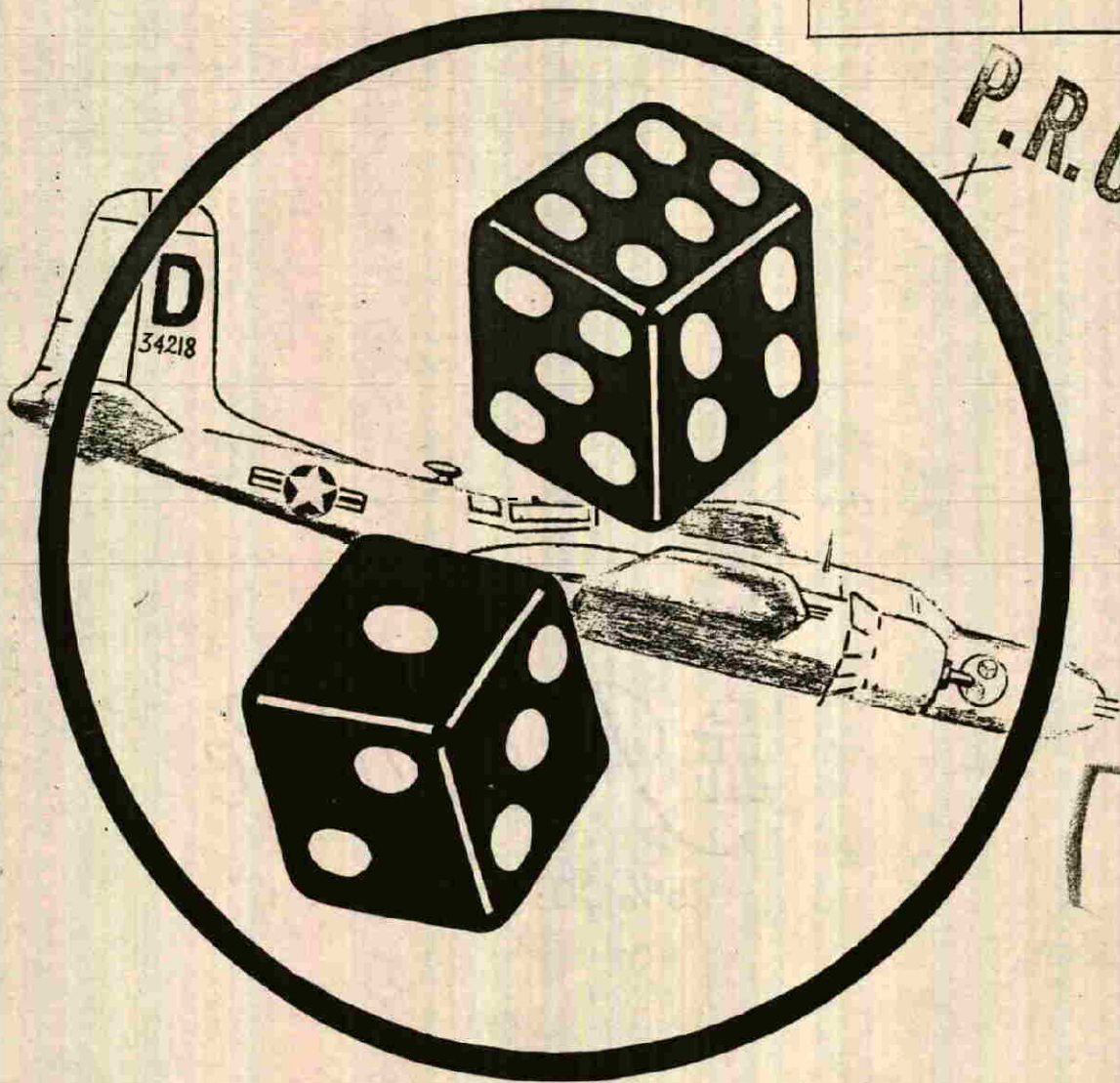
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90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
TOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE
APO 328

P.R.C.

36 September 1948

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History

TO : Chief of Staff
United States Air Force

1. This history was compiled by 1st Lt Francis P. Fitzgerald. Facts in the narrative have been gathered from reports submitted by section heads. Observations not otherwise credited are based on the personal knowledge and opinion 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)
YOKOTA AIR FORCE BASE
APO 328

30 September 1948

SUBJECT: Unit History, 1 through 30 September 1948

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, Hawaii, Japan.

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SECTION I

PERSONNEL

1. KEY PERSONNEL FOR THE MONTH INCLUDED:

Major Stanley D. Kline	Commanding Officer
Captain Jerome H. Davis	Operations Officer
1st Lt David A. Jones	Engineering Officer
1st Lt John C. Beala	Adjutant
1st Lt Francis P. Fitzgerald	Armament Officer
1st Lt Marvin J. Greene	Supply Officer
1st Lt James H. Morrow	Communications Officer
1st Lt Viking H. Iken	Ass't Operations Officer and Flying Safety Officer
1st Lt Thomas A. Todd	Personal Equipment Officer
1st Lt Lawrence Jackson	Tech. Supply Officer
M/Sgt Kermit A. Hall	First Sergeant
M/Sgt Shelton S. Johnson	Line Chief

2. TOTAL OFFICER STRENGTH ON 30 September was 18, as compared to a total of 21 on the 31st of August.

3. TOTAL ENLISTED STRENGTH on 30 September was 186, as compared to 117 on the 31st of August.

4. PERSONNEL GAINS DURING THE MONTH:

S/Sgt James H. Hill
S/Sgt Richard L. Gates
Sgt Moses H. Parnell
Pfc Jack D. Calpepper
Sgt George Bellis
Cpl Lennie H. Jones
Cpl Walter H. Smith
Cpl Herman White
Pvt Robert G. Kelly
M/Sgt Jack E. Snodgrass
Cpl Wade A. Hilliard
Sgt Robert Barnes Jr.

5. PERSONNEL LOSSES DURING SEPTEMBER:

1st Lt George M. Roschel
1st Lt Paul L. Morris
2nd Lt Robert V. Eurtz

S/Sgt James T. Nojima
Sgt George Joseph
Cpl Walter H. Smith
Pfc Jack D. Calpepper

Section I (continued)

6. PROMOTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER:

Cpl Raymond B. Glidden	promoted to	Sergeant
Cpl Forrest H. Cook.....	" "	" Sergeant
Cpl George T. Kearns.....	" "	" Sergeant
Cpl Charles L. Wilson.....	" "	" Sergeant
Pfc Ben E. McCarty.....	" "	" Corporal
Pfc James A. Wilcox.....	" "	" Corporal
Pvt Harvey W. Cox.....	" "	" Pfc
Pvt John T. Maloney.....	" "	" Pfc

7. REDUCTIONS IN GRADE:

Pfc James D. Wilcox....reduced to Pvt.

8. LEAVES AND FURLOUNDS:

Captain Jerome H. Davis.....	10 days
T/Sgt William E. Auburn.....	7 days
T/Sgt James L. Boyd.....	10 days

SECTION II

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

1. THE PRESENT MISSION OF THE 90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L) remains the same; that of occupational duties in Japan, as well as conducting operational training. Our objective is to become 100% combat ready, both individually and as a squadron, in all phases in which the B-26 aircraft is considered a combat weapon. The "Fair-a-dice Squadron", as a part of the 3rd Bombardment Group (L) will still be one of the first units to strike back in the event of unfriendly attack.

2. THE "O-R-T" SITUATION mentioned in last month's history remained critical throughout the entire month of September, reducing our aircraft-in-commission to two in number. Full use was made of the two airplanes in an effort to get at least four hours flying time for each individual assigned for flying. Towards the end of the month new struts were expected in, but on the 30th the situation remained the same.

It might be well to note that despite the grounding of all B-26's affected by the red cross nose strut T. O. compliance, in the event of an emergency the majority of the grounded aircraft could and would be flown. Therefore the airplanes were kept in a combat ready condition, as far as ammunition loads were concerned.

The engineering section worked every weekend during the month in an effort to keep the flyable aircraft as well as the grounded ones in the best of shape.

3. ON AIR FORCE DAY, the 16th of September, the 90th Squadron furnished one of its flyable aircraft to participate in a three-ship group formation which gave an air show exhibition for the benefit of the "open house" visitors on the field. The squadron armament section also furnished a display of tow-target equipment and distress signal equipment used in the B-26.

4. A TECHNICAL INSPECTION by 5th Air Force was made here on the 24th of the month. At the date of this writing no official results of the inspection had been received, but one on-the-spot discrepancy brought to attention by the inspectors, which incidentally was prevalent throughout the Group, was a lag in the compliance on aircraft required by T.O's. Since the Group has been gradually reverting to complete squadron maintenance, the individual squadrons, ours included, have not gotten kits on hand to complete T.O. compliance. As a result of this discrepancy the squadron immediately placed on requisition the applicable kits in order to complete pertinent T.O. compliance.

5. FROM THE PERSONAL EQUIPMENT SECTION comes the following information: "During the month of September the personal equipment section ran two experiments on the accidental inflating of the one-man life-raft, type C-2. There was found to be no serious danger of such a thing happening in the cockpit if the safety belt is originally in a comfortably tight condition. It was also learned that the safety belt can easily be unfastened if the raft is accidentally inflated."

SECTION III

APPENDIX

90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
3RD BOMBARDMENT WING
APO 328

30 September 1948

ROSTER OF ENLISTED MEN

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>AF SN</u>
Ashley, Carol O.	M/Sgt.	AF14040590
Johnson, Shelton S.	M/Sgt.	AF6383899
McPherson, Gerald W.	M/Sgt.	AF16030387
Merchant, John S.	M/Sgt.	AF6258959
Auburn, William E.	T/Sgt.	AF37173759
Kees, Albert C.	T/Sgt.	AF13104552
Medley, Harry W.	T/Sgt.	AF15054238
Miller, Richard T.	T/Sgt.	AF18130892
Noonan, Edwin M.	T/Sgt.	AF6569954
Allton, Clermont C.	S/Sgt.	AF35625338
Blend, Clarence K.	S/Sgt.	AF19019251
Browning, Norman L.	S/Sgt.	AF38117689
Buchanon, James V.	S/Sgt.	AF14061025
Cohlepp, Joseph V.	S/Sgt.	AF15329335
Collyer, Walter J.	S/Sgt.	AF32804322
Cross, Joe R.	S/Sgt.	AF38564023
Foster, Hugh M.	S/Sgt.	AF14084377
Gamble, Weaver D.	S/Sgt.	AF18133369
Gates, Richard L.	S/Sgt.	AF17232576
Hiatt, Stanley H.	S/Sgt.	AF19194328
Hill, James H.	S/Sgt.	AF6299556
Kaminski, Stanley J.	S/Sgt.	AF15096699
Lester, Paul G.	S/Sgt.	AF13065442
Newsom, Garry V.	S/Sgt.	AF18083225
Pannell, Bert	S/Sgt.	AF35657654
Rittenhouse, Roy F.	S/Sgt.	AF13263416
Russell, Floyd W.	S/Sgt.	AF19004814
Saj, Michael J.	S/Sgt.	AF36508926
Whalen, Ernest T.	S/Sgt.	AF39926410
Wiley, Robert A.	S/Sgt.	AF33319277
Wohlan, Vincent J.	S/Sgt.	AF13045204
Yates, Whittemore A.	S/Sgt.	AF31314078
Yarbrough, Charlie E.	S/Sgt.	AF14146010
Yoksa, Benedict A.	S/Sgt.	AF31122369
Berkes, Robert Jr.	Sgt.	AF14345451
Burton, Norris A.	Sgt.	AF16194292
Chafey, James E.	Sgt.	AF18285274
Chambers, William E.	Sgt.	AF14230332
Cook, Forrest H.	Sgt.	AF15240138
Cook, George A.	Sgt.	AF13237079
Feysa, Frank	Sgt.	AF15373952

(Roster of Enlisted Men Continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>AF SN</u>
Glidden, Raymond B.	Sgt.	AF11148767
Gohring, John J.	Sgt.	AF16226997
Goolsby, Alfred R.	Sgt.	AF14241386
Hamblin, Kenneth S.	Sgt.	AF43055984
Kearns, George T.	Sgt.	AF19256065
Ivey, Robert K.	Sgt.	AF14234498
Liles, Willie E.	Sgt.	AF14146994
Mack, Robert E.	Sgt.	AF14083410
McDevitt, Franklin J.	Sgt.	AF13213842
Mehto, Tauno	Sgt.	AF16033230
Moore, Everett H.	Sgt.	AF19248199
Nelson, Charles L.	Sgt.	AF19261105
Pexton, Richard R.	Sgt.	AF12246003
Phillips, James C.	Sgt.	AF15233551
Rabon, Larry M.	Sgt.	AF14230125
Rallis, George	Sgt.	AF35146728
Reed, Tommy W.	Sgt.	AF18107477
Rogers, Joseph H.	Sgt.	AF14221213
Schnelle, Robert F.	Sgt.	AF35543226
Sisson, David T.	Sgt.	AF14236379
Squires, Basil J.	Sgt.	AF11056467
Tierney, John F.	Sgt.	AF31136290
Walker, Buckner H.	Sgt.	AF14267726
Angelo, Erasmus A.	Cpl.	AF12262962
Burston, Charles R.	Cpl.	AF14226412
Galileo, Joe	Cpl.	AF19254992
Hilliard, Wade A.	Cpl.	AF13207962
Holden, James H.	Cpl.	AF17225381
Hudson, Otha C.	Cpl.	AF19288598
Jones, Larnie H.	Cpl.	AF6817005
Wilcox, James A.	Cpl.	AF19142670
White, Herman	Cpl.	AF18315769
Wert, James M.	Cpl.	AF13217429
Tate, Clyde A.	Cpl.	AF19256959
Smith, Hollis L.	Cpl.	AF14226632
Robinson, Marlin A.	Cpl.	AF15237727
Robinson, John L.	Cpl.	AF14257659
McCarthy, Don E.	Cpl.	AF17224742
Mauri, Robert H.	Cpl.	AF13220478
Martinez, Joe A.	Cpl.	AF38538561
Marcotte, Jean G.	Cpl.	AF11147266
Maloney, Billie G.	Cpl.	AF15227462
Lewis, Jack W.	Cpl.	AF18091941
Lessik, Thomas J.	Cpl.	AF13243454
Landers, Linwood A.	Cpl.	AF14146378
Amancio, Gilbert G.	Pfc.	AF11170463
Barfield, James R.	Pfc.	AF14246658
Coleman, Richard L.	Pfc.	AF18290186

(Roster of Enlisted Men Continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>AF SN</u>
Cox, Harvey W.	Pfc.	AF13262951
Culpepper, Jack D.	Pfc.	AF18316307
Leep, Harold F.	Pfc.	AF17230416
Moore, James C.	Pfc.	AF18295586
Perrow, Thomas D.	Pfc.	AF19306144
Prano, Vito	Pfc.	AF16260413
Reed, Vincent G.	Pfc.	AF12262473
Tyson, Warren J.	Pfc.	AF13242625
Zoubek, Melford C.	Pfc.	AF16246665
Conner, James E.	Pvt.	AF13082834
Gaudet, Edmond F.	Pvt.	AF18299924
Johnson, James W.	Pvt.	AF19283724
Kelly, Bob G.	Pvt.	AF
Mahoney, John P.	Pvt.	AF19055581
Olszowy, Henry T.	Pvt.	AF15266343
Rollyson, Donald L.	Pvt.	AF15357401
Wilcox, James D.	Pvt.	AF38403433

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

SUBJECT: Roster of All Officers, Assigned 90th Bomb Sqdn (L) 30 Sep 48.

TO : All Concerned

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>AF SN</u>
Kline, Stanley B	Major	AO 675235
Barber, John L	Capt	AO 440100
Davis, Jerome H	Capt	AO 0459071
Smith, Jack P	Capt	AO 732592
Mitchell, Vernon O	Capt	AO 807027
Boale, John C	1st Lt	AO 765220
Berry, George R	1st Lt	AO 39438
Pullias, Frank	1st Lt	AO 684595
Fitzgerald, Francis P	1st Lt	AO 737756
Green, Marvin J	1st Lt	AO 2807631
Jackson, Lawrence Jr.	1st Lt	AO 936649
Jones, David A	1st Lt	AO 735595
Lian, Viking H	1st Lt	AO 2085803
Watlock, Clarence T	1st Lt	AO 666861
Warren, James H	1st Lt	AO 767857
Teid, Thomas A	1st Lt	AO 524193
Curtis, Andrew B Jr.	2nd Lt	AO 839948
Reid, James F	2nd Lt	AO 842972

OPERATIONS OFFICE
 80TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
 3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) TAFB
 APO 388

1 October 1948

SUBJECT: Attached Officers

TO : Squadron Orderly Room

1. The following is a list of Officers attached to the 80th Bombardment Squadron (L) for flying.

Major	Harris, William S.
Major	Hensh, Ralph V.
Major	Prodanovich, George
Major	Shock, Abraham E.
Major	Wade, Robert E.
Capt.	Alber, George D.
Capt.	Krafsa, Edward
Capt.	McMann, Hugh E.
Capt.	Haggart, Robert E.
Capt.	Hesbitt, James W.
Capt.	Peace, Stuart M.
Capt.	Reilly, Joseph F.
Capt.	Sharp, Ray C. Jr.
1st Lt.	Bright, Robert P.
1st Lt.	Brown, James B.
1st Lt.	Frost, Stephen C.
1st Lt.	Hampton, Luther L.
1st Lt.	Hayslip, Frank W.
1st Lt.	Heschels, George M.
1st Lt.	McWilliams, John S. Jr.
1st Lt.	Phillips, Edward W.
1st Lt.	Rolin, Mitchell A.
1st Lt.	Rockin, Saul
1st Lt.	Slamon, Walter W.
1st Lt.	Smith, Morris R.
1st Lt.	Whalley, William L.
1st Lt.	Yelton, John P.
2nd Lt.	Dotson, Richard A.

JEROME H. DAVIS
 Capt., USAF
 Operations Officer