

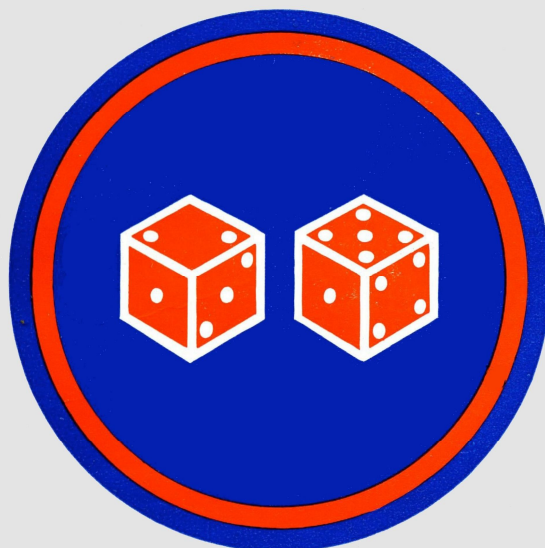
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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, V Bomber Command, APO 710
Atten: Historical Officer.

1. In accordance with AR 345-105 and AAF Regulation No. 20-8, submit herewith the history of this organization for the month of October 1945, which has been inspected and verified by the undersigned.

2. The material submitted was prepared by Corporal Fred E. O'Connell, 32953133, under the supervision of 1st Lt. Joseph E. O'Bryan, O-871067, Air Corps. Facts and observations included in the narrative and not otherwise credited are based on the personal knowledge and opinions of Lt. O'Bryan.

Edward W. Cordes
EDWARD W. CORDES,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HISTORY OF THE 90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

Period

(1-31 October 1945)

90th Bombardment Squadron (L)
3rd Bombardment Group (L)
V Bomber Command
Fifth Air Force
United States Army

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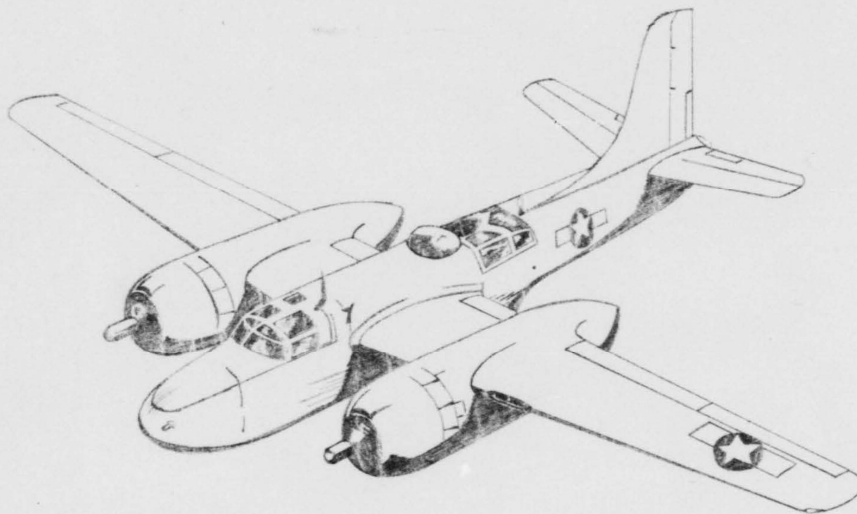
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SECTION I

RECORD OF OPERATIONS
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● SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS



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RECORD OF OPERATIONS

1-31 October 1945

The 90th Squadron - as a part of the Third Bomb Group - was given the task of reconnaissance and security patrol duties while stationed in Japan. The island of Honshu was divided into three sections - north, central, and south - and the central section was assigned to the Third Group. Of this central part of Japan, four zones were set-up and the reccos were flown according to zones - or sectors. The geographical boundaries of the zones are as follows:

- Zone I Hamamatsu to Tsuruga to Aomi, central Honshu.
- Zone II Hamamatsu to Aomi to Sanjo to Atsugi, central Honshu.
- Zone III Atsugi to Sanjo to 40 degrees north, covering the western half of northern Honshu.
- Zone IV Atsugi to 40 degrees north, covering the eastern half of north Honshu.

1 October: FFO #259

Captain Heinan led a two ship recco flight of Okazaki Airdrome. Lt. Bartholemew led a three ship formation on a training mission. Captain Moberly on an administrative flight to Chofu was forced to return to base due to mechanical difficulties.

7 October: FFO #260

Lt. Bufkin led a two ship recco patrol on road network from Shiroishi, northward to Nakaniida and the general condition of Sendai Airfield. Nil sightings.

9 October:

Captain Moberly and Lt. Byrd were scheduled to fly a search mission. Again Captain Moberly was forced to return to base because of mechanical difficulties and Lt. Byrd conducted the search alone. The search mentioned was to try to locate Col. Johnson, C.O. of the 49th Fighter Group last heard from when he informed five of the occupants of the B-25 he was flying to bail out. At last report from the Colonel he was going to attempt

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a ditching at night in the poorest of weather. He had not been heard from since. Lt. Bartholemew flew an Engineering test hop.

12 October:

Captain Heinan with Lt. Harris as co-pilot flew a C-47A to Fukuoka on an administrative flight.

13 October: FFO #260

Lt. Covey led a three ship recco patrol mission on railroads and highways between Mishima and Takada. Nil sightings. Lts. Byrd and Newton led a nine ship search patrol in further effort to locate Col. Johnson.

14 October: FFO #260

Lt. Newton led three ships on recco patrol mission on railroads and highways between Nakanida and Mezusawa and observing Ichinoseki Airfield. Nil activities sighted. Captain Cordes checked out Lt. Jones in the A-26 type aircraft after which Lt. Jones flew local transition. Lts. Covey and McDaniels flew local engineering test flights. Captain Cordes flew local transition for familiarization with the newly installed Ground Controlled approach landing system. Lt. Bufkin was called upon to escort a Japanese Judy to Nagoya.

15 October: FFO #259

Lt. Vogt led a three ship recco mission on railroad and highways in central Honshu from Mishima to Takada. Nil activity sighted. Captain Cordes flew local transition while Captain Knudson flew to Okinawa on an administrative mission. Lts. Byrd and Harris flew local transition.

16 October: FFO #260

Lt. Covey led a two ship recco mission on railroads and highways in Northern Honshu from Shiroishi to Morioka. Nil activity sighted. Captain Heinen and Lt. Byrd flew local.

17 October: FFO #259

Lt. Bufkin led a two ship recco flight on railroads and highways between Toyohashi and Takada. Nil activity sighted. Lt. McDaniels flew an administrative mission to Okinawa. Lt. Covey flew an escort mission.

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18 October: FFO #259

Lt. Jones flew a recco mission on railroads and highways between Toyonashi and Mishima. Nil activity sighted. Captain Heinen with Lt. Peacock as co-pilot flew a C-47 on an administrative flight to Kyushu. Lt. Johnson flew an A-26 to Kyushu on an administrative flight.

19 October:

Lt. Bufkin with Lt. Covey as co-pilot flew an administrative flight to Okinawa.

24 October:

Lt. Johnson flew an administrative mission to Itayuki. Lt. Byrd flew an administrative flight to Kanoya.

25 October: FFO #268

Lt. Vogt led a two ship recco patrol over Zone IV. Captain Heinen with Lt. Bolles as co-pilot flew to Itayuki and return on an administrative flight. Lt. Johnson also flew an administrative mission to Itayuki. Lt. Jones and Lt. O'Bryan flew together on a local transition flight.

26 October: FFO #269

Lt. Newton led a two ship recco mission over Zone I. Nil sightings. Lt. Byrd checked Lt. Phillips out in the A-26 type aircraft while Captain Cordes checked out Lt. Bolles. After Lts. Bolles and Phillips checked out they each flew transition in the local area. Lt. Wright flew an administrative mission to Tachikawa.

27 October: FFO #269

Lt. Covey led a two ship recco mission over Zone II. Nil sightings. Lt. Byrd checked out Lt. O'Bryan in the A-26. Captain Cordes checked out Lt. Peterson. After their check outs both pilots flew local. Lt. Bufkin flew an administrative flight to Kanaya.

28 October: FFO #271

Lt. Jones led a two ship recco mission over Zone III. Nil sightings. Lt. Peterson flew local transition.

29 October: FFO #272

Captain Heinen led a two ship recco over Zone IV. Lts. Byrd and Bufkin flew local, practicing use of the Ground Controlled Approach landing system. Captain Cordes flew an administrative mission to Tachikawa. Lts. Harris and Bolles flew an administrative flight to

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Chofu. Lt. Harris flew an engineering test hop.

30 October: FFO #273

Lt. McDaniels led a two ship recco over Zone I. Nil sightings. Lt. Vogt flew an administrative mission to Tachikawa. Lts. Covey and Bolles flew local transition.

In the thirty one day period 1 October thru 31 October this squadron's pilots flew a total of 328:55 hours. The squadron flew a total of fourteen recco missions totaling thirty individual sorties. Six squadron pilots completed the transition course from A-20s to A-26s and at present every pilot is a qualified A-26 man. We suffered no accidents of any nature which is a credit to our engineering department who are trying to balance the equation by using long hours in place of the know how that our experienced line personnel took back to the states with them.

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CHRONOLOGICAL ADMINISTRATIVE
NARRATIVE

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

CHRONOLOGICAL ADMINISTRATIVE NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH OCTOBER 1945

1 October: Corporal Walter Drenzek, communication's enlisted chief, was admitted to the 75th Station Hospital, APO 1075. Sergeant Michael Patlewicz departed on temporary duty to join members of this organization in Japan. The effective date of his departure was the 29th of September. 1st Lt. Arthur C. Vogt was placed on temporary duty to Atsugi Army Air Base, Japan effective 23 September 1945.

2 October: Corporal Donald F. George and Sergeant Joseph A. Mangner departed on temporary duty for approximately to Atsugi Army Air Base, Japan.

3 October: Corporal William I. Dean departed on temporary duty of approximately 10 days to Atsugi. Sergeant Roy W. DuFresne was admitted to the 381st Station Hospital, sick in line of duty.

5. October: Sergeant Melvin J. Abeln was attached unassigned to the 138th Replacement Battalion, APO 714, for processing and return to the United States (1).

7 October: Sergeant Kenneth L. Smeltz was admitted sick to the 233rd General Hospital. Corporal Sol Chanin returned from temporary duty to duty. (2).

8 October: Captain Ray C. Hugie was relieved assignment and sick absent 233rd General Hospital and attached unassigned to the Detachment of Patients, 51st General Hospital, APO 75 (3). Captain Howard W. Knudson, 0724627 AC, Bomber pilot T/E, and Sergeant Steve Hanna, 36010559, Engineer gunner were assigned and joined to the organization (4). 1st Lt. Alvin H. Fail was placed on temporary duty to Atsugi Army Air Base, Japan.

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- (4) Par 4 SO 67 Hq 3rd Bomb Gp

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10 October: Sergeant Kenneth L. Smeltz returned to the organization from the 233rd General Hospital.

12 October: Captain Howard W. Knudson departed for temporary duty to Atsugi Army Air Base, Japan.

13 October: Corporal Darrell F. Valentine departed for Atsugi for approximately 10 days temporary duty. The 13 enlisted men shown below, on temporary duty to Atsugi Air Base, were transferred to the 11th Replacement Battalion, APO 710 for processing and return to the United States. All Men had a critical adjusted service rating score of 70 or more (1).

T Sgt Charles L. Gentry	T Sgt Edmund C. Luedtke
T Sgt Cecil E. Weber	S Sgt John W. Smetana
S Sgt Arthur M. Hardy	S Sgt George Turkington
S Sgt Natale J. Giuffra	Sgt William F. Glasgow
S Sgt Joseph R. Hogan	Cpl Louis J. Reale
S Sgt John S. Hamilton	Cpl Elmer F. Brogdon
	Cpl Herman J. Short

Captain Harrold E. Moberly, 1st Lt. John R. Bartholomew, 1st Lt. James D. Peacock were relieved of assignments and duties and attached unassigned to the 11th Replacement Battalion, APO 710. (2).

15 October: 2nd Lieutenant James A. Peterson was returned to temporary duty in Japan from the 22nd Portable Hospital. The forty five men listed below were promoted to the grades indicated. (3).

To Be Master Sergeant

T Sgt Frank J. Morth	T Sgt Herman T. Singleton
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TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT

S Sgt Arthur J. Dassori	S Sgt Charles C. Lindberg
S Sgt William H. Syverson	

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt John O. Keyser	Sgt Wilmer J. Langlois
Sgt Dalton D. Parrish	Sgt Michael J. Patlewicz
Sgt George J. Pifko	

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TO BE SERGEANT

Cpl Charles V. Alexander	Cpl William N. Anders
Cpl Eugene F. Banaszynski	Cpl Donald R. Bier
Cpl Thomas A. Bilotti	Cpl Edmond A. Bland
Cpl Sol Chanin	Cpl William I. Dean
Cpl Edward A. Fulton	Cpl Donald R. Hougland
Cpl Max A. McKinney	Cpl Donald C. Ogilvy
Cpl Clifford E. Preston	Cpl Henry D. Seese
Cpl Forrest L. Simpson	Cpl William R. Smith
Cpl Paul G. Tucker	Cpl Luis Ur
Cpl Darrell E. Valentine	Cpl Cecil J. VanVlymen
Cpl David Wismer	

TO BE CORPORAL

Pfc Kenneth M. Allegretti	Pfc William R. Brommer
Pfc Clarence (NMI) Carroll	Pfc Raymond E. Champoux
Pfc Claudie C. Coleman	Pfc Charles J. Crawford
Pfc Steve (NMI) Dubay	Pfc Stanley J. Kasperowicz
Pfc Alfred J. Lipsky	Pfc Lawrence W. McCoy
Pfc Frederick E. O'Connell	Pfc Verner M. Smeltz
Pfc Herbert C. Westdal	

TO BE PRIVATE FIRST CLASS

Pvt William A. McCormick

16 October: Sergeants Luis Ur and Edgar Winter and Corporals Leighton A. Doms and Alton L. Newland departed on temporary duty to Japan for approximately 10 day. These men comprised the squadrons personnel section.

19 October: 1st Lieutenants Jerome O. Bolles, Francis L. Jones, and Joseph E. O'Bryan, 2nd Lieutenants Thomas H. Harvey and Paul D. Phillips, Sergeant J. R. McCurdy and Corporal Alfred J. Lipsky departed on temporary duty status for Atsugi Army Air Base, Japan. 1st Lieutenant Willard L. Myer and sixty-nine enlisted men remaining on Okinawa boarded LST #1055 and layed at anchor off Purple Beach, Okinawa for 2 days prior to departure for Atsugi Army Air Base, Honshu, Japan. (4)

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22 October: LST #1055 weighed anchor at 0800 and departed for Japan.

26 October: LST #1055 docked at 1630 and preparations were made for an early debarkation 27 October.

27 October: Personnel debarked and proceeded by motor conveyance to Atsugi Army Air Base. 18 Officers and 1 officer attached plus 39 enlisted men and 1 attached were picked as present for duty from a temporary duty status. 19 enlisted men, below, were promoted to grades indicated (1) (2).

TO BE TECHNICAL SERGEANT

S Sgt Joseph R. Romeo

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt Edward R. Bradham	Sgt Albert W. Linendoll
Sgt Roy W. DuFresne	Sgt Frederick L. Loftin
Sgt Maurice E. Elliott	Sgt Robert C. Martin
Sgt Jackie L. Haines	Sgt Junior L. McClain
Sgt Donald E. Harris	Sgt Kenneth R. Oltman
Sgt Jack E. Hellman	Sgt Layton W. Reeve
Sgt Walter I. Johnson	Sgt John W. Tanzy
Sgt Edgar Winter	

Sgt Jack L. Bertrane	Sgt Edless J. Richoux
Sgt William Dantuono	

29 October: 2nd Lieutenant Thomas Miller Harvey, 0689861, Bomber pilot T/E, and Sgt. Edward J. Compos, 11024973, engineer gunner, were assigned to the squadron (3). Twenty two enlisted men shown below were dropped from the rolls of the unit to the 11th Replacement Battalion for processing and Return to United States.(3)

S Sgt Phillip Halblaub	Sgt John J. Holt	Cpl John S. Phillips
Cpl Leighton A. Davis	Pfc Earl Blake	Sgt William A. Dorsey
Pfc Edward M. Bradbury	Cpl Lloyd R. Wendt	Sgt Kenneth L. Smeltz
S Sgt Albert J. Jacoby	Cpl Ervin Reeves	Cpl John A. Prather
Pfc Donald E. L. Dennison		Sgt James H. Chance
Cpl Joseph M. DiNatale		Cpl Herbert W. Jones
Sgt Chester J. Kochel		Sgt Edward F. Carter
Cpl Norman A. Ditzman		Sgt Emmet G. Bickel
M Sgt Herman T. Singleton		M Sgt Paul R. Kloetzly

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30 October: Staff Sergeant Paul B. Lindell was dropped from organization rolls while ill at the 231st Station Hospital, Saipan, and transferred to the Detachment of Patients of that hospital (1)

31 October: The month closed without any significant administrative details to report.

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO ORGANIZATION DURING OCTOBER 1945.

Cordes, Edward W	0-742563	Captain	Bomber Pilot T/E
Heinen, John S	0-757989	Captain	Bomber Pilot T/E
Moberly, Harrold E	0-1167992	Captain	Bomber Pilot T/E
Hugie, Ray C	0-463405	Captain	Bomber Pilot T/E
Knudsen, Howard W	0-724627	Captain	Bomber Pilot T/E
Bolles, Jerome O	0-810996	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Fail, Alvin H Jr	0-562967	1st Lt	Administrative Officer
Jones, Francis L	0-802404	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
O'Bryan, Joseph E	0-671067	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Myer, Willard L	0-1554787	1st Lt	Ordinance Officer
Bartholomew, John R	0-758288	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Bufkin, Allan S	0-765924	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Byrd, Ben	0-761800	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Covey, Robert M	0-760585	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Newton, Charles E	0-761825	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Peacock, James D	0-760903	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Vogt, Arthur C	0-762503	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Pollard, Ambrose J Jr	0-585187	1st Lt	Intelligence Officer
Harris, Jack D	0-753350	1st Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Wright, Robert T	0-772645	2nd Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Johnson, Henry L	0-927028	2nd Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
McDaniel, Elmer E	0-2066247	2nd Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Peterson, James A	0-838729	2nd Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E
Harvey, Thomas M	0-689861	2nd Lt	Bomber Pilot T/E

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ROSTER OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL ASSIGNED AS OF
30 September 1945

NO.	GRADE	NAME	ASN	DUTY
1.	1st Sgt.	Johnson, Samuel G.	37135101	First Sergeant
2.	M/Sgt.	Kloetzly, Paul R.	35024347	Airplane Maintenance T.
3.	M/Sgt.	Morth, Frank J.	17036113	" " "
4.	M/Sgt.	Singleton, Herman T.	14071255	" " "
5.	T/Sgt.	Dassori, Arthur J.	32635497	" " "
6.	T/Sgt.	Gentry, Charles L.	35259579	" " "
7.	T/Sgt.	Lindberg, Charles C.	18022725	" Engine Mech.
8.	T/Sgt.	Luedtke, Edmund C.	12034433	" Maintenance T.
9.	T/Sgt.	Pierson, Vilas M.	15120320	" Engine Mech.
10.	T/Sgt.	Syverson, William H.	37274449	" Maintenance T.
11.	T/Sgt.	Weber, Cecil E.	14051998	" " "
12.	S/Sgt.	Bennett, Merrill F.	35222155	" Armorer Gunner
13.	S/Sgt.	Dreschel, Walter R.	36660716	" " "
14.	S/Sgt.	Fread, Marvin T.	35455808	Teletype Operator
15.	S/Sgt.	Gorden, William C.	36503192	Airplane Mechanic Gunner
16.	S/Sgt.	Halblaub, Phillip E.	12043775	QM Supply Technician
17.	S/Sgt.	Hogan, Joseph R.	16119463	Airplane Armorer Gunner
18.	S/Sgt.	Hamilton, John S.	11097625	" Mechanic Gunner
19.	S/Sgt.	Hardy, Arthur M.	18189671	" Armorer Gunner
20.	S/Sgt.	Giuffra, Natale J.	32419035	" " "
21.	S/Sgt.	Jacoby, Albert H.	13098356	" " "
22.	S/Sgt.	Keller, George J.	32233258	QM Supply Technician
23.	S/Sgt.	Keyser, John C.	17126545	AAF Gunnery Instructor
24.	S/Sgt.	Langlois, Wilmer J.	38193101	Airplane Engine Mechanic
25.	S/Sgt.	Lewinski, Joseph M.	36732407	Airplane Armorer Gunner
26.	S/Sgt.	Lindell, Paul E.	12187599	" Mechanic "
27.	S/Sgt.	Moran, Gerald J.	12089699	" Armorer "
28.	S/Sgt.	Natale, Sebastian D.	33506878	" " "
29.	S/Sgt.	Parrish, Dalton D.	33219489	" Engine Mechanic
30.	S/Sgt.	Patlewicz, Michael	32765453	" " "
31.	S/Sgt.	Pifko, George J.	36651125	Radar Mechanic (IFF)
32.	S/Sgt.	Romeo, Joseph R.	12135336	Airplane Mechanic Gunner
33.	S/Sgt.	Smetana, John W.	19105982	" " "
34.	S/Sgt.	Turkington, George	36738342	" Armorer "
35.	Sgt.	Abeln, Melvin J.	35796735	" Engine Mechanic
36.	Sgt.	Alexander, C.V.	35140656	" " "
37.	Sgt.	Anders, William N.	38538872	" Armorer
38.	Sgt.	Austin, Roswell M.	16120585	" Mechanic Gunner
39.	Sgt.	Banaszynski, Eugene	36817127	" Armorer
40.	Sgt.	Bertrane, Jack L.	39104325	" " "
41.	Sgt.	Bickel, Emmett, C.	37151896	" " "
42.	Sgt.	Bier, Donald R.	35322542	Radar Mechanic (IFF)

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43.	Sgt.	Bilotti, Thomas A.	33595900	Airplane Armorer
44.	Sgt.	Bland, Edmond A.	34688069	Airplane Sheetmetal Work.
45.	Sgt.	Bradham, Edward R.	14157589	Airplane Mechanic Gunner
46.	Sgt.	Button, Royce W.	13116114	Baker
47.	Sgt.	Carter, Edward F.	38256303	Airplane Engine Mechanic
48.	Sgt.	Chance, James H.	37182472	Munitions Worker
49.	Sgt.	Chanin, Sol	33799120	Radar Mechanic IFF
50.	Cpl.	Dean, William I.	34823206	Radio Mechanic
51.	Sgt.	Dantuono, William	32313609	Airplane Engine Mechanic
52.	Sgt.	Dorsey, William A.	34350610	QM Supply Technician
53.	Sgt.	DuFresne, Roy W.	16059057	Airplane Armorer Gunner
54.	Sgt.	Elgin, Elias J.	34659522	Carpenter
55.	Sgt.	Elliott, Maurice E.	38543278	Airplane Armorer Gunner
56.	Sgt.	Elvin, Arthur E.	33739999	" " "
57.	Sgt.	Fulton, Edward A.	36484748	" " "
58.	Sgt.	George, Donald F.	35587242	Aircraft Welder
59.	Sgt.	Glasgow, William F.	13077311	Airplane Armorer Gunner
60.	Sgt.	Haines, Jackie L.	38404935	" " "
61.	Sgt.	Harris, Donald E.	37573686	" " "
62.	Sgt.	Hellman, Jack K.	18139639	" " "
63.	Sgt.	Holt, John J.	15118560	" " "
64.	Sgt.	Houglund, Donald R.	37216984	Link CNT Operator
65.	Sgt.	Johnson Walter I	12070821	Airplane Mechanic Gunner
66.	Sgt.	Kochel, Chester J.	33238421	Munitions Worker
67.	Sgt.	Linendoll, Albert W.	12079263	Airplane Mechanic Gunner
68.	Sgt.	Lofton, Frederick L.	16116568	" Armorer "
69.	Sgt.	Mangner, Joseph A.	36251365	" Mechanic "
70.	Sgt.	Martin, Robert C.	16159850	" " "
71.	Sgt.	McClain, George L.	34872109	" " "
72.	Sgt.	McCoy, William O.	17085671	" Armorer "
73.	Sgt.	McCurdy, J.R.	14156887	" Mechanic "
74.	Sgt.	McKinney, Max A.	18227446	" Engine Mechanic
75.	Sgt.	Moad, James E.	18242624	" Armorer Gunner
76.	Sgt.	Nelson, Raymond J.	17152186	" Mechanic "
77.	Sgt.	Ogilvy, Robert C.	35063824	" Armorer
78.	Sgt.	Oltman, Kenneth R.	36670997	" Mechanic Gunner
79.	Sgt.	Petkus, Peter J.	36361164	" " "
80.	Sgt.	Preston, Clifford E.	37667127	Decontaminating Equipment
81.	Sgt.	Richoux, Edless J.	34291017	Airplane Engine Mechanic
82.	Sgt.	Reeve, Layton W.	32998012	" Amorer Gunner
83.	Sgt.	Seese, Henry D.	33763671	" Mechanic "
84.	Sgt.	Simpson, Forrest L.	34729523	" Propeller Mech.
85.	Sgt.	Smeltz, Kenneth L.	33278206	" Armorer
86.	Sgt.	Smith, William R.	17069109	" " "
87.	Sgt.	Tanzy, John W.	35600832	" " Gunner
88.	Sgt.	Tucker, Paul G.	39557143	" Engine Mechanic
89.	Sgt.	Ur, Luis	42015232	Clerk Typist
90.	Sgt.	Valentine, Darrell E.	17099751	" " "
91.	Sgt.	Valenziano, John G.	38488506	Airplane Armorer Gunner
92.	Sgt.	Van Vlymen, Cecil J.	36750322	" Instrument Mech.

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93.	Sgt.	Winter, Edgar	32981306	Airplane Mechanic Gunner
94.	Sgt.	Wisner, David	33618242	" Propeller Mech.
95.	Sgt.	Wyatt, Lee T.	34046139	" Mechanic Gunner
96.	Sgt.	Zem, Stanley W.	37570589	" Armorer "
97.	Cpl.	Allegretti, Kenneht M.	36743660	Munitions Worker
98.	Cpl.	Batson, Donald T.	33452804	Radio Operator AAF
99.	Cpl.	Bogard, Joseph R.	18154219	Airplane Armorer
100.	Cpl.	Brommer, William R.	35806016	" Engine Mechanic
101.	Cpl.	Carroll, Clernce	38519186	" " "
102.	Cpl.	Champoux, Raymond E.	37480802	" Armorer
103.	Cpl.	Coleman, Claudie C.	38295749	Munitions Worker
104.	Cpl.	Crawford Charles A.	32928613	Heavy Auto Equip. Operator
105.	Cpl.	Brogdon, Elmer F.	33522751	Clerk Typist
106.	Cpl.	Di Natale, Joseph M.	33467144	Cook
107.	Cpl.	Ditzmen, Norman A.	36262498	QM Supply Technician
108.	Cpl.	Domis, Leighton A.	39568884	Airplane Engine Mechanic
109.	Cpl.	Drenzek, Walter	6716317	Radio Mechanic AAF
110.	Cpl.	Duby, Steve	33163381	Airplane Engine Mechanic
111.	Cpl.	Jones, Herbert W.	38564377	" " "
112.	Cpl.	Kasperowicz, Stanley	31180231	" Armorer
113.	Cpl.	Lipsky, Alfred J.	16111000	Synthetic trainer Mechanic
114.	Cpl.	McCoy, Laurence W.	33471309	Munitions Worker
115.	Cpl.	Newland, Alton L.	15151804	Airplane Armorer
116.	Cpl.	O'Connell, Frederick	32953133	" "
117.	Cpl.	Phillips, John S.	37655694	Clerk Typist
118.	Cpl.	Prather, John A.	38463509	Airplane Armorer
119.	Cpl.	Reale, Louis J.	11094367	Radio Mechanic
120.	Cpl.	Reeves, Ervin R.	37205414	Welder, Combination
121.	Cpl.	Short, Herman J.	35541305	Airplane Engine Mechanic
122.	Cpl.	Smeltz, Vernon M.	33672428	" " "
123.	Cpl.	Wendt, Lloyd R.	37658126	" Armorer
124.	Cpl.	Westdal, Herbert C.	39619868	" Engine Mechanic
125.	Pfc.	Blake, Earl	36880906	Machinist
126.	Pfc.	Bradbury, Edward M.	16078931	Airplane Armorer
127.	Pfc.	Denison, Donald L.	38542416	Clerk Typist
128.	Pfc.	McCormick, William A.	37615692	Airplane Armorer Gunner

Attached Personnel

1.	Cpl.	Hendrickson, James H.	32860893	Medical Technician
2.	Cpl.	Kamlay, Edward R.	36586398	" "

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LOCAL INTEREST

The month of October 1945 found the squadron in a rather hectic condition. First of all we were operating under a split command as the squadron was divided between Atsugi and Okinawa. The air echelon had been in Japan for quite some time and almost daily a request would be received by us to send something or someone up by air. Those of the squadron who were at Atsugi were working like beavers doing their best to win the race against the imminent cold weather ahead by making their quarters more draftproof and to improve their living conditions in general. Those of us left behind on Okinawa had our share of the problems too. First we were questioned daily by seventy pointers as to when we were going to Japan. Their extreme interest in starting was attributed to the fact that once they got to Japan they would immediately be eligible for transfer to the Replacement Depot for an early return to the United States. With our smaller complement things were running rather smoothly, our job of making this next move a mobile loaded one took good shape and trucks and equipment and men were ready and willing. But under some Navy man's pile of requests for transportation lay the Third Groups, unanswered and apparently unseen.

Then the hammer fell, for on the afternoon of Tuesday, 9th October, a typhoon of some importance hit Okinawa and raged in fury until the afternoon of the 10th. Nature had dealt us a blow. The squadron mess hall and all but about four tents fell to the mercy of the gale. That night will be one remembered by all of us. Dawn broke on the 10th after a long, long night with the wind and the rain still of typhoon proportions. Late in the afternoon the gale subsided and we sat back to survey the damage and lick our wounds. We were hit badly but compared to other units we did well. The island of Okinawa was a mess. Hospital patients had lost the roofs over their heads. On all sides were urgent appeals for help. Okinawa slowly lifted it's head from among the downed and rebuilt itself. This time more wind resistant structures were built and when the job was completed the island took on the appearance of a state-side shanty town. A few days later news reports reached us from the states stating that all the troops on Okinawa were isolated completely for thirty-six hours and

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over half of the men were homeless and without food. The stateside reporters also said that wehn the annometer fell a record 136 miles an hour wind had been recorded. We had experienced a real typhoon and now those of us who haven't been here too long have a justified reply when the veterans give out with that, "You should have been here when it was rough."

The period from October 10th up till the eighteenth was spent improving our lot. We had wet clothes to dry, tents to rebuild and many personal things had to be retrieved from the numerous piles the typhoon had made.

Late in the afternoon of October 18th our prayers were answered. The Navy had finally alloted us shipping space and word was received from Group to get started. That night found us very, very busy tearing down camp and loading the boat. We were alloted two thirds of LST 1055 and eleven o'clock on the 19th found the camp torn down and cleaned up and all the men and equipment on the boat. LST 1055 left the docking ramp at 1600 to set in the harbor till 22 October while the other squadrons had their ships loaded and then the three ships set course for Yokohama.

The trip took five days and was without incident until we ran across a mine about fourty feet off our course and the Navy took time out to detonate that obstruction to safe navigation.

The evening of 27 October found us rifing at anchor in Tokyo Bay and at dawn on the 28th we pulled up to the unloading ramp at the Yokohama Naval Base, formerly a huge center for Japanese naval operations. By evening of that day the 90th Squadron had completed the task of unloading and once again the squadron was an operating force. Reunions with our previously departed friends were held over Japanese saki and once again everybody was contented. The seventy pointers had finally arrived at what they hoped would be their first stop on the way home and the rest of us unfortunates with too few points had the consolation of knowing we had just completed what all were hoping would be the last move for the 90th Squadron in this present emergency.

The remainder of the month was spent familiarizing ourselves with Japan and the Japanese and in improving our locations which incidentally the Japs tell us was a base for Kamakazi pilots. Perhaps the reason for the

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general rundown condition of the base can be attributed to the fact that the former occupants were quite transient and their stays here were of short duration, but that dear reader is up to you to decide.

So for posterity the journal of activities for the month of October as involves the 90th Bombardment Squadron (L) of the 3rd Bombardment Group (L) AAF is written and closed.

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LOCAL INTEREST

The time: 1230,
The date: 6 October, 1945,
The place: Bolo strip, Okinawa.

There she lay, the once proud queen of the skies. A wheels-up landing sealed her doom and signaled the end of a long and colorful career. To those to whom fell the task of dragging her off Bolo strip today she was just another crash landing which meant work for someone, but to us of the 90th Squadron she was more than that. She was a symbol and history.

She in this case, is to us "Mootsie the second", the life and love of 1st Lieutenant Thomas Mc Coy Jr. of 3340 Louisiana Avenue Parkway, New Orleans, Louisiana, for the duration of his stay in this squadron. Mc is home now taking a well earned rest and at long last his ship is resting too. She like most everything else in the army is just a number, you just can't be in the army without a number, so Mootsie's was 237.

I remember the day Mootsie was first prepared for an eventual death when Lt. Mc Coy climbed into his ship and took the picture of the real Mootsie, Mrs. Mc Coy, from the prominent spot it adorned on the control column. That day 237 with four other ships was flown to the pool for war-weary airplanes from Maguire strip on Mindoro to Clark field on Luzon. I flew her and she flew like the queen she was, a little old and a little weary, but the spark was still there. There she rested until after V-J day, and a need arose for her again and she was flown to Bolo strip, and the number 237 was again on the engineering status board.

There she remained until today, until her fate was sealed. A queen to the last, she held up her head and even in trouble made a perfect approach and crash landing.

So the last of the 90th Squadron's A-20's passed into the realm of history. Mootsie, like all A 20's in the squadron are now history, replaced by a newer member of the Douglas family, the latest in attack aviation the A 26 commonly known as the "Invader".

May they fill the pages of yet unwritten history with as many noble deeds as Mootsie and her sisters.

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HISTORY OF THE 90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

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(1-31 October 1946)

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90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

1 November 1945

SUBJECT: Personnel Strength Report, October 1945.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L),
3rd Bombardment Group (L) AAF, APO 328.

1. The following report of assigned personnel strength for the month of October is submitted.

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 October 1945 Asgd	23	128	151
Atchd		2	2
TOTAL	23	130	153
31 October 1945 Asgd	21	93	114
Atchd		2	2
TOTAL	21	95	116

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER:

Francis L. Jones
FRANCIS L. JONES,
1st Lt., A.C.,
Adjutant

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90th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

1 Nov 1945
APO 328

SUBJECT: Monthly report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics,
Oct. 1945.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron, 3rd Bomb Gp.,
APO 328.

1. Below is the report of Aircraft Strength of the 90th Bombardment
Squadron for the month of Oct 1945.

a. Strength, Aircraft, 1 Oct 1945 24
2 A-20G-40, #43-21292, 372.

5 A-20H-10, #44-207, 219, 498, 509, 516.

1 A-20H-15, #44-687.

10 A-26B-50, #44-34236, 241, 248, 252, 275, 277, 279, 283,
284, 291.

6A-26B-56, #44-34335, 347, 351, 368, 382, 393.

b. Strength, Aircraft, 31 Oct 1945 21
1 A-20G-40, #43-21292,

5 A-20H-10, #44-207, 219, 498, 509, 516.

9 A-26B-50, #44-34236, 248, 252, 275, 277, 279, 283, 284,
291.

5 A-26B-56, #44-34347, 351, 368, 382, 393,

1 B-25J-32, #44-31060.

c. Gains During Oct. #44-31060 B-25J-32.

d. Losses During Oct. #43-21372 A-20G-40, #44-687 A-20H-15,
#44-3421 A-26B-50, #44-34335 A-26B-56.

2. Hours and Missions Flown During Month.

a. Total Hours 231:35

3. Sources: Pars 1, (Form AAF 111), Par 2, Weekly Status and Operations
Report (AAF Form 34).

Francis L. Jones
Francis L. Jones,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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AFPO 328
14 November, 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 90th Squadron Motor Pool.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron, AFPO 328.

1. In compliance with Sec. 7, Paragraph 1, Memorandum # 8, Hq., Fifth Bomber Command, AFPO 710, dated 22 February, 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the motor pool for the month of October, 1945, is submitted.

2. The Motor Pool consists of one (1) officer and five (5) enlisted men.

1st Lt. Myer, Williard L.	0-1554787
Sgt. Martin, Robert C.	16159850
Sgt. Linendoll, Albert W.	12079263
Pfc. Coleman, Claude C.	38295749
Pfc. Crawford, Charles J.	32928613
Pfc. McCoy, Lawrence W.	32471309

3. Maintenance has been hampered considerably this month as a result of a typhoon. Third and fourth echelon maintenance was held up a few days, but our work received priority, and the service was satisfactorily. Another "Jeep" was stolen and has not been recovered at this date.

4. The move to Japan was made without incident worthy of note, due to the commendable job done by the men in the motor pool.

Williard L. Myer
WILLIARD L. MYER,
1st Lt., Ord. Dept.,
Trans. Officer.

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

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APO 328
10 November, 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary Of Events, 90th Squadron Operations Department.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L) APO 328.

1. In compliance with Sec. 7, Paragraph 1, Memorandum #8, HQ VBC, APO 710, dated 22 February 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Operations Department for the month of October 1945 is submitted.

2. Due to the recently activated redeployment system the turnover of Operations Personnel has been the greatest in the history of the Squadron.

The Personnel assignment was as follows:

From October 1 to October 13

Captain Harold E. Moberly	0-1167992	Operations Officer
1st Lieut. Ben Byrd	0-761800	Ass't Operations Officer.
Cpl. Elmer F. Brogdon	33522751	Chief Clerk
Sgt. Darrell E. Valentine	17099571	Clerk

From October 14 to October 31.

1st Lieut Ben Byrd	0-761800	Operations Officer
1st Lieut Allan S. Bufkin	0-765924	Ass't Operations Officer.
Sgt. Joseph A. Mangner	36251365	Chief Clerk
Sgt. Raymond J. Nelson	17152186	Clerk

Sgt. Valentine and Cpl. Brogdon even though officially released from duty remained to break in new Personnel.

3. Reconnaissance Record

a. Seventeen (17) reconnaissance missions were flown on Northern Honshu between the Latitude of 35°-30' and 40°-00'.
Sorties numbered thirty-seven (37) for a total of ninety-four hours and twenty-five minutes (94:25).

b. There were no accidents to flying equipment or Personnel during this period.

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4. Tactics

a. All reconnaissance missions were flown by two ships at minimum altitude, particular attention being paid to highways, railroads and airstrips.

5. Training

a. The remaining pilots in the Squadron were checked out in the A-26.

b. A few of the pilots have flown the new Ground Controlled Approach system. All agree that as a let down system it is nearly infallible.

6. Key Personnel Status Changes

a. See paragraph 2.

7. Assignments and Transfers of Combat Personnel.

a. Assignments

Knudsen, Howard W.	Captain	0-724627	Pilot
Harvey, Thomas M.	2nd Lieut	0-689861	Pilot
Ford, William L.	2nd Lieut	0-821147	Pilot
Compas, Edward J.	Sgt.	11024973	Gunner
Hanna, Steve P.	Sgt.	36010559	Gunner

b. Transfers

Moberly, Harrold E.	Captain	0-1167992	Pilot
Bartholomew, Lohn R.	1st Lieut	0-758288	Pilot
Peacock, James D.	1st Lieut	0-760903	Pilot
Giuffra, Natale J.	S/Sgt.	32419025	Gunner
Hogan, Joseph R.	S/Sgt.	16119463	Gunner
Smetana, John W.	S/Sgt.	19105982	Gunner
Turkington, George E.	S/Sgt.	36738342	Gunner
Glasgow, William F.	Sgt.	13077311	Gunner
Hamilton, John S.	S/Sgt.	11097625	Gunner
Hardy, Arthur M.	S/Sgt.	18189671	Photographer

c. The above men returned to the USA under the redeployment system.

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 1st Lt. Air Corps
 Operations Officer.

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

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APO 328,
1 November, 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary Of Events, 90th Quartermaster Supply Department.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron, APO 328.

1. In compliance with Sec. 7, paragraph 1 Memorandum No. 8, HQVBC, APO 710, dated 22 February, 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Supply Department for the month of October, 1945, is submitted.

a. The Supply Dep't consist of 1 Officer and 2 enlisted men.

2nd Lt., Paul D. Phillips, O-2061518	Supply Officer
S/Sgt., Edward R. Bradham, 14157589	Supply Sergeant
S/Sgt., Merrill F. Bennett, 35222155	Supply Clerk

b. During the month of October several outstanding events took place. A typhoon struck our camp area making necessary for supply to obtain new tents and building materials, but as usual when something of that nature is finished, a move is in the breeze. The 22 of October found us on our way to Japan. The trip, as we say in the Army, was "rough". It was high-lighted by two floating mines that fortunately our L.S.T. spotted in time to save us from being at the bottom of the Pacific.

c. Upon arriving in Japan on 27 October, the 70 point men were immediately processed and sent on their way home. Sgt. Dorsey and Cpl Ditzman were in this happy bunch. They will be remembered for their work in Supply.

d. Another month passes and with it comes revolutionary changes in Supply. A group supply is in the making which will take charge of all Supply's administrative work. S/Sgt Merrill F. Bennett is helping to organize this new set-up.

e. The Army redeployment program sending all permanent supply personnel home, flying personnel were assigned to Supply jobs, temporary.

Paul D. Phillips
PAUL D. PHILLIPS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Supply Officer

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (1) AAF

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AF0 328
16 November, 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 90th Squadron Ordnance Section.

TO : Historical officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron, APO 328.

1. In compliance with Sec. 7, Paragraph 1, Memorandum #8, Hq., Fifth Bomber Command, APO 710, dated 22 February, 1944, the following summary of events and activities of the Ordnance Section for the month of October, 1945, is submitted.

2. The Ordnance section consists of one (1) officer and four (4) enlisted men:

1st Lt. Myer, Willard L.	0-1554787
Sgt. Chance, James	37182472
Cpl. Bogard, Joseph	18154219
Sgt. Fulton, Edward	36484700
Sgt. Seese, Henry	33763671

3. Due to the fact that our planes have been in Japan for several weeks, the Ordnance section has had no work except small arms maintenance and cleaning up bomb handling tools. Some weapons have been received from "Homeward Bound" veterans and are in temporary storage.

Willard L. Myer
WILLARD L. MYER,
1st Lt., Ord. Dept.,
Ordnance Officer.

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
APO 328

3 November 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events For Squadron Headquarters.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L), 3rd Bombardment Group (L), APO 328.

1. In compliance with Section 7, paragraph 1, Memorandum No. 8, Headquarters, V Bomber Command, APO 337, dated 22 February 1945; the following summary of events and activities of the Squadron Headquarters for the month of October is submitted.

2. Squadron Headquarters personnel at the close of the month consisted of the following officers and enlisted men:

Capt. Edward W. Cordes, Commanding Officer.
1st Lt. Francis L. Jones, Executive Officer.
1st Lt. Allan S. Bufkin, Adjutant.
1st Sgt. Samuel G. Johnson
Sgt. Stanley W. Zem, Duty Sergeant.
S/Sgt. William Dantuono, File Clerk.

3. Transportation and orders authorizing the squadron's departure from Okinawa to Japan seemed tardy indeed, in arriving. Although nearly one third of the organization personnel had been transported to Japan by air, those who remained on Okinawa developed the general attitude that they would not be required in Japan and that the high point men among them would be returned to the States from Okinawa. Then, as a group, the men settled down into a sort of a respectable beachcomber's existence, activity being limited to the more pressing requirements of nature. Some of the more ambitious constructed hot water showers.

4. A typhoon struck the camp area on the 9th of October, blowing down the greater part of the area. Among tents destroyed were the officers' mess, enlisted mens' mess, Kitchen tent, orderly room, and supply tent. Most of the men spent a miserable night huddled together in the remaining leaking tents which withstood the force of the gale. Some of the more pessimistic had deserted their

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for the month of October 1945.

tents early in the storm for squadron ambulances and truck cabs, rank forcing the withdrawal of thoughtful though not so influential men to less effective protection.

5. Okinawan women laborers had been taught to police the camp area, GI fashion. To them, the idea of picking up cigarette butts, match sticks, and other unsightly items was ridiculous but with considerable urgings, they cooperated. They washed soldiers' clothes and swept their tent floors. Except for the mess hall, the motor pool, and other technical departments they made themselves indispensable to good living. This relationship developed into a rare sort of friendship. On learning of our departure from Okinawa to Japan proper these women expressed much sorrow to see us leave and bade us a lachrymose farewell.

6. With 1st Lieutenant Willard L. Meyer as troop commander the organization and all equipment boarded LST #1055 on the 19th of October and docked at Yokohama the 26th of October after a rather uneventful trip.

7. Arrival at Atsugi Air Base brought many men face to face with the first permanently constructed barracks they had seen in years. Return to barracks discipline was, perhaps, the most difficult transition men had had to make since learning to shave with cold water. Most men seemed agreed that it was to be a rough peace.

8. Aside from the change of station the month was highlighted by the departure of the remaining eighty point men who had become part and parcel of the organization. When the high point "seventies" departed confusion became apparent. A search was being made for men to fill the vacancies made by their departure and for men to shoulder department responsibilities.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER:

Francis L. Jones
FRANCIS L. JONES,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Executive Officer.