

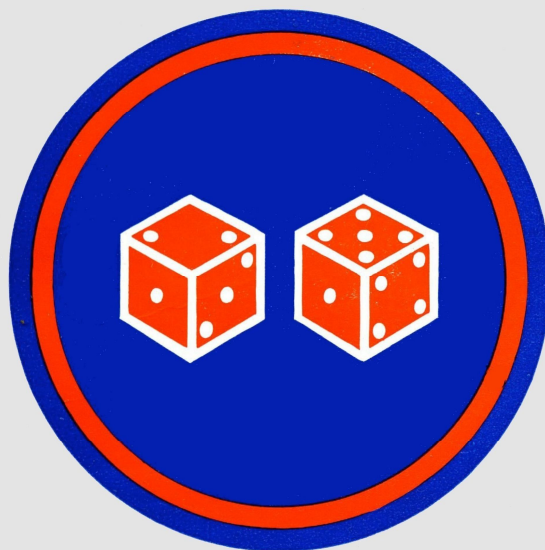
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DESIGNATION SHEET

AIR FORCE Fifth
COMMAND V Bomber
WING 310th Bombardment (M)
GROUP 3rd Bombardment (L)
SQUADRON 90th Bombardment (L) ✓
PERIOD 1-31 May 1945

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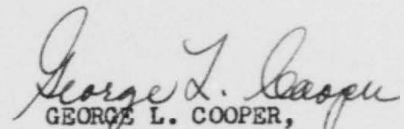
APO 321,
12 June 1945.

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 May 1945, which has been inspected and verified by the undersigned.

2. The material submitted was prepared by 1st Lt. Ambrose J. Pollard, Jr., O-585187, Air Corps and Sgt. Henry E. Hoffman, 35638001, Air Corps. Facts and observations included in the narrative and not otherwise credited, are based on the personal knowledge and opinions of Lt. Pollard.


GEORGE L. COOPER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HISTORY OF THE 90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

Period

(1-31 May 1945)

90th Bombardment Squadron (L)
3rd Bombardment Group (L)
310th Bombardment Wing (M)
V Bomber Command
Fifth Air Force
United States Army

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FFO 121 E-14. At 1030/I on 1 May 1945, nine A-20Gs took off from McGuire Strip, Mindoro, P.I. and flew to Southern Luzon in support of ground troops near Legaspi. 4 M10 napalm wing tanks, 14 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos and 36 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused parademos were dropped and 18,200 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended by nine airplanes in an attack on the northwest slope of Mt. Isarog, 100 yards east of Curry. Two nipa huts were destroyed by the bombs. Propaganda leaflets were dropped in the target area. There was machine gun fire from the target, holing one airplane in the left wing. One type K-21 and one type K-24 cameras were used to photograph the target. Numerous log covered dugouts were seen on the slopes of Mt. Isarog. "Oakum", the S.A.P., gave the target, which was marked by smoke bombs dropped from an L-5. Three bombing and strafing runs were made over the target on a heading of 350°. All airplanes landed safely on McGuire Strip at 1305/I.

FFO 122 E-7. On 2 May 1945, nine A-20G's took off from McGuire Strip at 1330/I to give support to ground troops at Mt. Isarog, southeast Luzon. "Oakum" was airborne in an L-5 and requested that the squadron attack two small ravines 300 yards south of Curry, marked by smoke from a previous attack. Two runs were made on a heading of 350°, dropping 4 M10 wing tanks, 14 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos and 36 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused parademos and expending 16,600 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition. No visible damage was inflicted by the attack. There was machine gun and 20mm fire from the target area with no damage to the airplanes. Two type K-21 cameras were used to photograph the target during the attack. All nine airplanes landed safely on McGuire Strip at 1550/I.

FFO 124 E-10. Ten A-20's took off from McGuire Strip at 0830/I on 4 May 1945 to support ground troops in the Siniloan area, Luzon. "Outlive #2" gave the target as an area 9200 yards from Siniloan and it was still smoking from a previous attack. The ten airplanes made one bombing run and one strafing run over the target area on a 43° bearing. 4 M10 napalm wing tanks, 16 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos and 40 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused parademos were dropped and 6,100 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended with unobserved results, due to terrain and dense vegetation. 25 mm A/A, coming from a position northeast of the target, holed one airplane. One K-21 and one K-24 type cameras were used to photograph the strike. Our troops were approximately 700 yards west of the main road to Siniloan. The airplanes landed safely at base at 1045/I.

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FFO 125 E-13. Catablingan Town, Infanta area of Luzon, was the target for nine A-20's on 5 May 1945. The airplanes took off at 1515/I and arrived over the target at 1625/I where they made two passes from south to north, dropping 4 M10 napalm wing tanks, 14 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos, and 36 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused parademos and expended 15,300 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition. Two nipa huts were destroyed but other damage was unobserved. There was A/A fire from at least five 25mm positions located on the north bank of the Agos River. Two type K-21 cameras were used to photograph the mission and propaganda leaflets were dropped as ordered. All airplanes landed safely on McGuire Strip at 1745/I.

FFO 128 E-17. A Jap concentration on the Agos River, 8½ miles southwest by west of Infanta, was the target given by "Outlive" on 8 May 1945. Nine A-20's took off from McGuire Strip at 1535/I and dropped 4 M10 wing tanks, 14 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos and 36 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused parademos on the target with unobserved results due to smoke, terrain, and dense vegetation. 8,100 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended, silencing five machine guns near a small shack on the north bank of the Agos River. Propaganda leaflets were dropped as ordered. Only one pass was made with the nine airplanes in trail, due to the terrain. There were numerous cut logs (similar to a logging camp) on both banks of the river. Photos were taken with a type K-21 and type K-24 camera. All airplanes returned safely to base.

FFO 129 E-13. Ten A-20's took off for the Ipo Dam in Luzon at 0915/I on 9 May 1945, where they gave support to our ground troops. "Patty #1", the S.A.P., told the squadron leader to attack an area marked by white smoke on the north bank of the Angat River, 1300 yards northeast of Ipo Dam. Two low level passes were made over the target area from northeast to southwest, with the 10 airplanes in trail. 20 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos and 38 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused parademos were dropped and 12,150 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended with unobserved results other than the fact that all bombs landed in the target area. There was meager and medium A/A (probably 20mm) fire from the target area. The target was photographed with one K-21 and one K-22 type cameras. One unserviceable Jap truck was seen on the road near Norzagaray and several dug in placements were seen in the hillside in the target area. All ten airplanes landed safely at 1225/I.

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FFO 130 E-11. On 10 May 1945, nine A-20's took off from McGuire Strip at 0945/I to support ground troops in the Ipo Dam area, Luzon. The S.A.P., "Paddy #3", told the squadron to attack the west side of a hill 1300 yards north of San Mateo. The area was marked with white smoke shells. All nine airplanes made two runs on a heading of 110° , dropping 47 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos and expending 13,000 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition with nil visible damage. There was machine gun fire from four guns near a grass shack in a gully. Three medium guns were firing from the top of a hill in the target area, holing one airplane in the right windshield and right elevator. The target area was photographed with one K-21 and one K-24 type cameras and propaganda leaflets were dropped as ordered. Two vehicles were seen in San Mateo and many trenches and fox holes were seen in the hills east and west of the target area. 17 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos were returned due to failure to release. All airplanes landed safely at 1315/I.

FFO 132 E-11. Ten A-20's took off at 0715/I on 12 May 1945 and flew to Negros Island in support of the ground troops. "Parley #1" said to attack a ridge running northwest to southeast on the east slope of Hill # 3155 (370927, Imbang River. 1:50000), which would be marked with white smoke. Two passes were made with all airplanes in trail and on a heading of 90° . 40 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused parademos and 19 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos were dropped and 18,800 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended with nil visible results. Propaganda leaflets were dropped and the strike was photographed with a K-21 and a K-24 camera. Medium A/A fire came from a position 1000 yards west of the target and machine gun fire came from a position 500 yards southeast of the target. All ten airplanes landed safely at 1000/I.

FFO 133 E-4. On 13 May 1945 at 0815/I, nine airplanes took off from McGuire Strip. Eight airplanes (one A-20 turned back due to engine trouble) led the 89th, 13th, and 8th Squadrons to the Cagayan Valley. This squadron and the 89th coordinated their attack on a concentration of 10,000 Jap troops and supplies on the east bank of the Cagayan River near Lal-lo. The A-20's of this squadron dropped a total of 14 x 250 lb, 8-15 second fused demos, 31 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused parademos, and expended 12,600 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition in one pass over the target area. Two nipa huts were destroyed, but other results were unobserved due to bomb smoke and the denseness of the vegetation. Propaganda leaflets were dropped as ordered and the target was photographed with a K-22 and a K-24 type camera. There

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FFO 133 E-4 (Continued)

was light, inaccurate machine gun fire. A circular revetment (a possible gun position) was seen on a hill top west of Calapangan, on the west bank of the Cagayan River. Possible stores were seen covered with burlap in five nipa shacks near Camalaniugan. 1 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demo was returned due to failure to release. The eight airplanes landed safely at 1230/I.

FFO 137 E-10. Ten airplanes took off from McGuire Strip on 17 May 1945, to provide ground support in the Marikina Watershed area. The S.A.P. "Trophy" asked the squadron leader to attack the east side of a hill marked with white smoke, 1000 yards southwest of the junction of Boso Boso and Marikina Rivers. They requested that the attack be made from west to east with no strafing. The ten A-20's made one run on a heading of 90° and dropped 19 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos and 95 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused parademos with nil visible results. Propaganda leaflets were dropped and the target was photographed with one K-24 and two K-22 type cameras. Our troops were observed 5000 yards south of the target area. "Trophy" reported an excellent job of bombing. All airplanes landed safely at 1535/I.

FFO 138 E-9. Nine A-20's took off from McGuire Strip at 0800/I on 18 May 1945 and flew to the Marikina Watershed area, where they attacked the north side of a hill, 1500 yards southwest from the junction of the Boso Boso and Marikina Rivers. The target was assigned by the S.A.P. "Trophy #1" who requested the attack be made from south to north with no strafing. One bombing run was made over the target which was marked with white smoke shells, on a heading of 0°. 4 M10 napalm wing tanks, 14 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos and 36 x 250 lb, 8-15 second delay fused parademos were dropped, causing nil visible damage. The target was photographed with two type K-24 cameras and propaganda leaflets were dropped. There were several dugouts in the area attacked. Friendly troops had their positions marked by red smoke. All nine airplanes landed safely at base at 1045/I.

FFO 140 E-2. Stores and personnel in a wooded area along the south side of the river 3/4 mile northwest of Buena Vista-Santiago area on 20 May 1945 by nine A-20's of this squadron, was the target attacked. 572 x 23 lb parafrags were dropped with 70% coverage and 11,900 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended in one bombing and strafing run. The target was photographed with two type K-24 cameras. Meager, light, and accurate machine gun fire came from the target area and holed two airplanes. Six good fires were burning in the area attacked by the other squadrons of the group. Jones town was burning furiously and one SSF was seen under the trees at the east end of

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FFO 140 E-2. (Continued)

Ecnague airdrome. There were 148 x 23 lb parafrags returned due to their failure to release over the target. All airplanes landed safely at base at 1250/I.

FFO 141 E-2. At 0715/I on 21 May 1945, nine A-20's took off from McGuire Strip to attack Cataggaman town, Luzon. The S.A.P., "Nephew 4", gave the group leader permission to attack and this squadron followed the 89th Squadron over the target. One pass was made from southwest to northeast and 664 x 23 lb parafrags were dropped and 16,200 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended, starting three oil fires with smoke to 150 feet. There was machine gun fire from the target area and from a position 10,000 yards north of the target which holed one plane in the turret. The target was photographed with one type K-21 and one type K-24 camera. 56 x 23 lb parafrags were returned due to failure to release. All airplanes landed safely at 1130/I.

FFO 142 E-4. On 22 May 1945, eight A-20's took off at 0800/I and flew to the Balete Pass area, Luzon to attack a Jap concentration 2000 yards north of the pass. This squadron followed the 89th Squadron (who led the attack) over the target and dropped 32 x 500 lb, instantaneously fused bombs with nil visible results. Propaganda leaflets were dropped as ordered, and the target was photographed. One A-20 landed at Clark Field due to gas shortage and later returned safely to base.

FFO 143 E-2. Nine A-20's took off at 0755/I on 23 May 1945 to attack Bagabag town, Luzon, with 616 x 23 lb parafrags and 12,000 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition, starting three small fires with smoke to 150 feet. One pass was made from southwest to northeast. Photos were taken of the mission. All airplanes landed safely at base at 1155/I. 104 x 23 lb parafrags were returned to base because of their failure to release over the target.

FFO 144 E-8. On 24 May 1945, nine airplanes made two runs over Larion town, 4000 yards northeast of Tuguegarao, from southwest to northeast and dropped 614 x 23 lb parafrags, resulting in one large explosion followed by fire, one small oil fire was started, and several huts were set afire. Four fires were still burning briskly as the planes left the target area. Propaganda leaflets were dropped and the target was photographed with two type K-24 cameras. A number of dugouts and trenches were seen on the east bank of the Pinacanan de Tugurgarao River at its junction with the Cagayan River and several bamboo huts were seen near the Cagayan River. 106 x 23 lb parafrags were returned. The airplanes took off at 0740/I.

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FFO 145 E-5. On 25 May 1945, at 0800/I, nine A-20's took off from McGuire Strip to attack personnel and supplies 1000 yards east of Alcala, Northern Luzon. The 8th Squadron led the 13th and 90th - in that order. This squadron let down to minimum altitude upon reaching the vicinity of the target, and made one pass from southeast to northwest and dropped 84 x 100 lb, 8-15 second delay fused bombs 1000 yards east of the assigned target. The bombs fell in an area 500 yards west of the Paret River and 500 yards north of Paret River at the bend, and from 500 yards south of highway No. 5 to 1000 yards north of the highway, causing one large explosion followed by fire and destroyed several shacks. 11,675 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended. Results of the attack were photographed with one type K-22 and one type K-24 cameras. All nine airplanes landed safely at base at 1230/I.

FFO 147 E-4. At 0915/I on 27 May 1945, nine A-20's took off from McGuire Strip and dropped 700 x 23 lb parafrags on southwest Santiago town, Luzon. One large building on the northwest edge of town was set on fire, but any other damage was unobserved due to bomb smoke and dust. The town was strafed with 10,150 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition and propaganda leaflets were dropped. The attacks were photographed with one K-17 and one K-24 type cameras. About 100 people were watching the attack from a position three miles northwest of Santiago near a number of temporary shacks. These people were thought to be Japs since they did not wave and no women or children were observed. A large explosion was seen on the road leading north from Santiago and was thought to be an airplane. All airplanes landed safely at 1300/I. 20 x 23 lb parafrags were returned due to failure to release over the target.

FFO 148 E-4. Nine A-20's took off from McGuire Strip at 0910/I on 28 May 1945 and led the 8th and 89th Squadrons to Luzon where there were two targets, the primary at Bolog town and the secondary at Cambung. Due to bad weather over the primary target, the airplanes could not get through, so they hit the secondary. One pass was made by this Squadron, dropping 708 x 23 lb parafrags and expending 16,625 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition in strafing. There was nil visible damage. The strike was photographed with one type K-17 and one type K-24 cameras. 12 x 23 lb parafrags were returned due to failure to release. All nine airplanes landed safely at base at 1340/I.

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FFO 149 E-4. On 29 May 1945, nine A-20's took off from McGuire Strip at 0930/I and made one single ship pass from south to north over Kayapa town, Central Luzon, and dropped 680 x 23 lb parafrags and expended 9,725 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition. One fire was started but other results were unobserved. Propaganda leaflets were dropped and the attack was photographed with two type K-24 cameras. Machine gun fire from an unidentified position in the target area holed one airplane in the bomb bay. A number of dugouts and possible gun positions were seen on a ridge 2000 yards north of the target. The target was marked with white smoke. 40 x 23 lb parafrags were returned due to failure to release over the target. One airplane landed at Nichols Field to refuel. All A-20's returned safely to base.

FFO 151 E-4. Nine A-20's attacked an area designated by "Nephew 4", 1000 yards southwest of Cumao on 31 May 1945. The airplanes took off at 0715/I from McGuire Strip and were over the target from 0920 to 0930/I. Two elements twice made passes and the third element made only one, on a heading of 120°. 80 x 100 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos were dropped and 16,950 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended, destroying five shacks and damaging several others and starting one possible oil fire. Several shacks were still burning when the squadron left the target. There was medium, inaccurate A/A fire from the target area. One type K-22 and one type K-24 cameras photographed the mission. A raft was seen in the Dummun River. 10 x 100 lb, 8-15 second delay fused demos were returned due to pilot error. All the airplanes landed safely at 1145/I.

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Awards of the Air Medal and Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight activity for one hundred (100:00) combat mission hours were made to the following officers and enlisted men on FEAF GO #701, 5 May 1945:

AIR MEDAL

S/Sgt. Edmund J. Bedard, 11029369.
S/Sgt. John E. Hines, 33629496.
S/Sgt. Wesley McMullin, 39276822.
S/Sgt. John J. Shuler, 35370482.

BRONZE OAK-LEAF CLUSTER

Captain Howard L. Naslund, O-750438.
Captain Herman P. Pancher, O-420635.
S/Sgt. Clarence F. Arseneau, 16023257.
T/Sgt. Claude W. Callahan, 35590480.
S/Sgt. Franklin P. Lueke, 35471811.

On FEAF GO #793, 15 May 1945, awards of the Air Medal and bronze Oak Leaf Clusters were made to the following officers and enlisted men for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight activity for one hundred (100:00) combat mission hours.

AIR MEDAL

1st Lt. Jack W. Fletcher, O-753641.
1st Lt. James D. McFall, O-755984.
2nd Lt. Earl L. Dannals, O-764978.
2nd Lt. John S. Heinen, O-753641.
2nd Lt. Jack D. Jurmo, O-765190.
2nd Lt. Thomas L. McCoy, Jr., O-765025.
S/Sgt. Harvey A. Bell, 39537499.
Pfc. Arthur E. Gilmore, 39285691.

OAK-LEAF CLUSTER ** POSTHUMOUS.

Sgt. Robert F. Bisdorf.

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CHRONOLOGICAL ADMINISTRATIVE NARRATIVE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 1945

1 May: CWO George A. Blois, W-2114717, Assistant Engineering Officer, appointed Personal Equipment Officer in addition to his other duties, effective 27 March 1945, vice Captain Robert R. Fitch, O-563004, relieved.(1)
2nd Lieut. Robert J. Bucholz, O-703187, Bombardier-Navigator, appointed Squadron Safty Officer and Squadron Coordination Officer, in addition to his other duties, effective 30 March 1945, vice 1st Lieut. Royal F. Hibblen, O-734559, reassigned.(1)

2 May: Captain David M. Gilliam, O-661746, Flight Leader, relieved from detached service Headquarters Fifth Air Force and reassigned to Headquarters Fifth Air Force, effective 26 April 1945.(2)

3 May: 1st Lieut. Richard C. Wein, O-803722, Pilot, relieved from assigned organization and attached unassigned to 93rd Replacement Battalion, APO 72.(3) Coporal Donald R. Hougland, Synthetic Trainer Operator-Instructor, placed on detached service to Headquarters 3rd Bombardment Group (L).(4)

6 May: Coporal George R. Pitcher, 37527713, Supply Clerk, assigned organization from Detachment of Patients 13th Station Hospital, APO 321.(5)

9 May: Major George T. Owen, O-235642, Administrative Officer, assigned this organization from Headquarters 3rd Bombardment Group (L), effective 1 May 1945.(6)

10 May: 2nd Lieut. Charles J. Cunningham, O-760588, Pilot and Flight Officer Clifford J. Lawrence, T-3342, Pilot, reassigned to 345th Bombardment Group (M), APO 73, effective 4 May.(7) Staff Sergeant Chester E. Mathers, 34708082, Aerial Engineer-Gunner, Staff Sergeant Harvey N. Heck, 35005546, Airplane Armorer-Gunner, Staff Sergeant John M. Schaub, 33678220, Airplane Armorer-Gunner, Coporal Edmund A. Powers, 31322208, Aerial Engineer-Gunner, and Coporal Joseph L. Wyatt, Jr., 14182429, Airplane Armorer-Gunner, were transferred in grade to 345th Bombardment Group (M), APO 73, effective 4 May 1945.(7) Private Delmas V. Cather, 36347062, Duty Soldier, transferred in grade to 345th Bombardment Group (M), APO 73, effective 1 May 1945.(8) 1st Lieut. Earl L. Dannals, O-764978, Pilot, placed on detached service to Headquarters Fifth Air Force, APO 710.(9)

- (1) Sq O # 11 dtd 30 Apr 45 as amended 6 May.
- (2) Par 4 SO # 116 Hq 5th AF, APO 710, dtd 26 Apr.
- (3) Par 1 SO # 117 Hq FEAF, APO 925, dtd 27 Apr.
- (4) VOCO, 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 321.
- (5) Auth: USAFFE Reg 50-25, dtd 1 Nov 44.
- (6) Par 1 SO # 34 Hq 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 321, dtd 8 May.
- (7) Par 3 SO # 124 Hq VBC, APO 710, dtd 4 May.
- (8) Par 2 SO # 121 Hq VBC, APO 710, dtd 1 May.
- (9) Par 6 SO # 123 Hq 5th AF, APO 710, dtd 3 May.

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11 May: Technical Sergeant Pete D. Duffalo, 15072394, Airplane Maintenance Technician, Staff Sergeant John P. Ashcroft, 13048418, Airplane Armorer, and Sergeant Kenneth W. Sudeith, 37160321, Airplane Armorer, were relieved from assigned organization and attached unassigned to Rotation Detachment Base "K", APO 72.(1)

13 May: 1st Lieut. Ambros J. Pollard, O-585187, Assistant Intelligence Officer, assigned this organization from Headquarters 3rd Bombardment Group (L), APO 321, effective 10 May 1945.(2) Sergeant W. D. Gunter, 34263964, Cook, placed on temporary duty to 93rd Replacement Battalion, APO 72, for return to designated place in United States for forty-five (45) days.(3) Major George T. Owen, O-235642, Administrative Officer, appointed Executive and Squadron Administrative Inspector, effective 2 May 1945, vice Captain Edward Mandell, O-563767, relieved.(4) Captain George L. Cooper, O-664533, Flight Leader, appointed Assistant Operations Officer, vice vacancy.(4) Captain LaVern H. Pabst, O-727762, Pilot, appointed "F" Flight Leader and Assistant Engineering Officer in addition to his other duties, vice Captain Henry F. Coghill, O-675170, relieved.(4) Captain Edward Mandell, O-563767, appointed Personal Equipment Officer in addition to his other duties, vice CWO George A. Blois, W-2114717, relieved.(4)

14 May: Master Sergeant Aden L. Simmons, 6821999, Airplane Maintenance Technician, assigned this organization from 13th Bombardment Squadron (L), APO 321, effective 9 May 1945.(5)

15 May: 1st Lieut. Roland L. Bell, O-860898, Communications Officer, appointed Captain, Army United States (Temporary), effective 24 April 1945.(6) 2nd Lieut. Robert J. Bucholz, O-703187, Navigator-Bombardier, appointed 1st Lieut., Army United States (Temporary), effective 29 April 1945.(7)

16 May: Staff Sergeant Delmar W. Haskin, 38059796, Communications Technician, appointed Technical Sergeant (Temporary), effective 12 May.(8) Coporal Royce W. Button, 13116114, Cook, and Coporal John S. Hansen, 37271051, Automotive Equipment Mechanic, appointed Sergeant (Temporary), effective 12 May.(8) Private First Class Edward A. Fulton, 36484700, Airplane Armorer, appointed Coporal (Temporary), effective 12 May.(8) Staff Sergeant Harvey A. Bell, 39537499, Airplane Armorer-Gunner, planed on detached service, Headquarters 3rd Bombardment Group (L), APO 321.(5)

- (1) Par 1 SO # 128 Hq VBC, APO 710, dtd 8 May.
- (2) Par 5 SO # 35 Hq 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 321, dtd 12 May
- (3) Par 10 SO # 129 Hq VBC, APO 710, dtd 9 May.
- (4) Sq O # 12, dtd 13 May.
- (5) VOCC, 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 321.
- (6) Par 1 SO 112 Hq USAFFE, APO 501, dtd 24 Apr.
- (7) Par 1 SO 117 Hq USAFFE, APO 501, dtd 29 Apr.
- (8) Par 16 SO # 35 Hq 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 321, dtd 12 May.

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17 May: Staff Sergeant John C. Laughlin, 35323183, Power Turret and Gunsight Mechanic, relieved from assigned organization to attached unassigned Detachment of Patients 165th Station Hospital, APO 321.(1) Staff Sergeant Clarence F. Arseneau, 16023257, Aerial Engineer-Gunner, placed on detached service Headquarters 3rd Bombardment Group (L), APO 321.(2)

18 May: Sergeant Ira B. Cohen, 32333665, Radio Mechanic AAF, placed on detached service to 360th Service Group, APO 713-1.(3) Captain Henry F. Coghill, O-675170, assistant Engineering Officer and "D" Flight Leader, relieved from assigned organization and attached unassigned 93rd Replacement Battalion, APO 72.(4) Staff Sergeant Cecil R. Childers, 39399090, Airplane Armorer-Gunner, from detached service Headquarters 3rd Bombardment Group (L), APO 321 to duty.(2)

19 May: 1st Lieut. John R. Bartholomew, O-758288, Pilot, appointed "D" Flight Leader, vice 1st Lieut. William E. Ewing, O-748936, relieved.(5)

20 May: Staff Sergeant Delois E. DuBois, 15063559, Airplane Armorer Gunner, Relieved from assigned organization to attached unassigned Detachment of Patients 165th Station Hospital, APO 321.(1)

21 May: Master Sergeant Keter L. Bostic, 6971464, Airplane Maintenance Technician, relieved from assigned organization to attached unassigned Detachment of Patients 165th Station Hospital, APO 321.(1)

22 May: Staff Sergeant Donald L. Jensen, 17067979, Aerial Engineer-Gunner, relieved from assigned organization to attached unassigned Detachment of Patients 165th Station Hospital, APO 321.(1)

23 May: Sergeant Jack L. Bertrane, Jr., 39104325, Airplane Armorer, Coporal Emmett C. Bickel, 37151896, Airplane Armorer, and Coporal William R. Smith, 17069109, Airplane Armorer, assigned this organization from Headquarters 3rd Bombardment Group (L), APO 321, effective 6 May 1945.(6) Coporal Elmer E. Landrus, 6831948, Duty Soldier, reduced to grade of Private, effective 15 May 1945 and relieved from assigned organization to attached unassigned Rotation Detachment Base "K", APO 72.(7)

- (1) Auth: USAFIE Reg 50-25, dtd 1 Nov 44.
- (2) VOCCO, 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 321.
- (3) Par 7 SO # 122 Hq VBC, APO 710, dtd 2 May.
- (4) Par 1 SO # 134 Hq FEAF, APO 925, dtd 14 May.
- (5) Sq O # 13, dtd 17 May.
- (6) Par 3 SO # 37 Hq 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 321, dtd 22 May.
- (7) Ltr FEFE 220.3 Hq USAFFE, APO 501, dtd 15 May.

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24 May: 1st Lieut. John S. Heinen, O-757989, Pilot, 1st Lieut. Ray C. Hugie, O-463405, Pilot, and Coporal Orville Hylton, 18053869, Radio Mechanic AAF, from duty to detached service APO 503.(1) Sergeant Edgar Young, 35209087, Airplane Maintenance Technician, and Coporal Joseph S. Matelski, 36169526, Automotive Equipment Operator, relieved from assigned organization to attached unassigned Detachment of Patients 165th Station Hospital, APO 321.(2)

26 May: Captain Howard L. Naslund, O-750438, Operations Officer, reassigned to Headquarters 3rd Bombardment Group (L), APO 321.(1) Staff Sergeant Clair W. Lewis, 19056494, Airplane Sheet Metal Worker, assigned organization from Headquarters 3rd Bombardment Group (L).(3)

27 May: Captain George L. Cooper, O-664533, Assistant Operations Officer, appointed Operations Officer, vice Captain Howard L. Naslund, O-750438, reassigned.(4) 1st Lieut. Edward W. Cordes, O-742563, Flight Leader, appointed Assistant Operations Officer, vice Captain George L. Cooper, O-664533, relieved.(4) 1st Lieut. Jack D. Jurmo, O-765190, Pilot, appointed Flight Leader, vice 1st Lieut. Edward W. Cordes, O-742563, relieved.(4)

28 May: Captain Donald Macomber, O-856200, Intelligence Officer, relieved from assigned organization and attached unassigned Detachment of Patients 165th Station Hospital, APO 321.(2) Staff Sergeant John C. Laughlin, 35323183, Power Turret and Gunsight Mechanic, assigned organization from 165th Station Hospital, APO 321.(2)

31 May: Coporal Merrill F. Bennett, 35222155, Airplane Armorer-Gunner and Coporal John W. Tanzy, 35600832, Airplane Armorer-Gunner, appointed Sergeant (Temporary), effective 29 May 1945.(5) Master Sergeant Keter L. Bostic, 6971464, Airplane Maintenance Technician, assigned organization from Detachment of Patients, 165th Station Hospital, APO 321.(2) Sergeant Modest S. Wendowski, 15085695, Clerk-Typist, relieved from assigned organization and attached unassigned Detachment of Patients 165th Station Hospital, APO 321.(2)

- (1) VOGO, 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 321.
- (2) Auth: USAFFE Reg 50-25, dtd 1 Nov 44.
- (3) Par 3 SO # 38 Hq 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 321, dtd 26 May.
- (4) Sq O # 14, dtd 26 May.
- (5) Par 7 SO # 39 Hq 3rd Bomb Gp, APO 321, dtd 29 May.

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After many months of rumors concerning a change over to A-26's, the day finally arrived when these rumors were confirmed. On 16 May, an A-26 Mobile Training Unit started classes for the ground and air crews. Since that date, the officers and enlisted men have spent a great deal of time in school, learning some of the intricate points about the "Invader".

Now the squadron is eagerly looking forward to the day when the A-26's will arrive here at Mindoro. Then begins the task of transition, when the pilots will begin to fly the plane, learning its flight characteristics, and what to expect of it when the time comes to take it into combat. The ground crewmen will learn to service and maintain the planes, so as to have them ready to fly at all times.

We have heard wonderful things about the great job the A-26 has done in Europe and we feel sure it will do an even greater job in helping to bring about the final and crushing defeat of Japan.

On the 26th of May, after two months as Squadron Operations Officer, Captain Howard L. Naslund was assigned to Group Headquarters as Assistant Operations Officer. During the time Captain Naslund headed the Operations Section, he did a very commendable job and the entire squadron wishes him the best of luck in his new assignment.

The vacancy left by Captain Naslund was filled on 27 May when Captain George L. Cooper was appointed Squadron Operations Officer. Captain Cooper, now on his second tour of overseas duty, has put in lots of time as a pilot and is well qualified to handle his new position. We feel sure the post of Operations Officer is in capable hands and Captain Cooper may be sure that he will have the full support of every man in the squadron.

The month of May found beer and cigarettes becoming much more plentiful. During the month, every man in the squadron received a total of twelve bottles of beer and about forty packages of cigarettes, plus a few cigars for those who desired them. Needless to say, this has improved the morale of everyone considerably. Beer and cigarettes do help to make contentment !

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The rainy season, which seems to have officially arrived, has somewhat dampened everyones spirits. During the past month, rock and gravel have been well spread over the entire squadron area in order to prevent us having to walk in mud up to our knees. The rain has greatly curtailed sports activities and having to sit through a movie with rain running down one's neck, certainly doesn't add to the enjoyment of the picture.

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Major George T. Owen, Jr., the squadron's new Executive Officer, was born in Delhi, Louisiana, 8 December 1905, and it was there that he gained his grade and high school education. After receiving his B.A. and L.L.B. degrees at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, the Major joined the law firm of Borron, Owen, and Borron in that city, where he practiced law until June 1942 when he entered the Army as a Captain. Upon receiving his commission, the Major was assigned to Barksdale Field, Shreveport, where he was Plans and Training Officer and Base Executive Officer. After attending the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth and the Contract and Contract Renegotiation School in Washington, D. C., Major Owen left the United States on 5 February 1945 and arrived in the Philippines on 6 March. He reported to V Bomber Command and on 1 May, received his present assignment.

Major Owen has a wife and two children residing in Baton Rouge, and he is a member of the Military's Scabbard and Blade Fraternal Organization, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Social Fraternity, and the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.



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

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APC 321,
8 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Aircraft Status Report.

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

1. In compliance with your request, the following report on aircraft status for the month of May, 1945 is submitted.

<u>DATE</u> MAY	<u>AIRCRAFT COMMISSIONED</u>		<u>REMARKS</u>
	<u>IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>	
1	13	1	
2	12	2	
3	12	2	
4	14	0	
5	14	0	
6	14	1	44-219 Rec fr FEASC, Depot
7	14	1	#2, APC 72.
8	14	1	
9	12	3	
10	13	2	
11	14	1	
12	13	2	
13	14	1	
14	12	3	
15	13	2	
16	13	2	
17	12	3	
18	14	1	
19	13	2	
20	13	2	
21	13	2	
22	13	2	
23	14	1	
24	13	2	
25	13	2	
26	13	2	
27	15	0	
28	13	2	
29	14	1	
30	13	1	43-21295 Trns to 61st Ser.
31	12	2	Sqdn. (Repair).

Robert R. Fitch
ROBERT R. FITCH
Captain, Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.

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

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A.P.O. 321.
10 June, 1945.

SUBJECT: Ammo. Expenditure for month of May, 1945.

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

1. Total expenditures over target, jettisoned, and lost on destroyed and missing A/C for period 1 May through 30 May are:

Bomb, demo. GP. 100#	<u>164</u>
Bomb, demo. GP.(para. demo.) 100#	<u>95</u>
Bomb, demo. GF. 250#	<u>175</u>
Bomb, demo. GP (para. demo.) 250#	<u>365</u>
Bomb, demo. (comp. "B") 500#	<u>32</u>
Bomb, Frag. 23# M72	<u>4422</u>
Bomb, Frag. 23# M4A1	<u>132</u>
Bomb, practice, 100#	<u>72</u>
Fuze, tail, M101A2	<u>32</u>
Fuze, nose, M103	<u>32</u>
Fuze, nose, M120	<u>32</u>
Fuze, nose, M120S1	<u>4502</u>
Fuze, tail, M112	<u>274</u>
Fuze, tail, M112A1	<u>249</u>
Fuze, tail, M113	<u>204</u>
Fuze, tail, M113A1	<u>72</u>
Det. (8-15 sec.)	<u>794</u>
M10 NP W.T.	<u>54</u>
Ammunition, Cal..50 (4-1)	<u>237,795 rds.</u>
PRACTICE:	
Bomb, demo. GP. 250#	<u>12</u>
Ammunition, Cal..50 (4-1)	<u>12,350 rds.</u>

Louis O. Alder
LOUIS O. ALDER,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Armament Officer.

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

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APO.....321
9 June 1945

SUBJECT: Personnel Strength Report, May 1945.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L)
3rd Bombardment Group (L) AAF, APO 321.

1. The following report regarding assigned personnel strength is submitted:

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED MEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1 May 1945	40	231	271
Add: Assigned	2	5	7
Returned from Hospital	—	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	42	239	281
Loss: Transferred	6	7	13
Dropped to Hospital	1	7	8
Returned to US-Rotation	—	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
31 May 1945	35	231	271

BY ORDER OF CAPTAIN COOPER:

Frederic M. Mead
FREDERIC M. MEAD
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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Headquarters, 310th Bomb Wing (M)
APO 321
May 1945

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 121, 1 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3,4, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# Paradenos, two A/C in each flight carry M-10 Napalm tanks on wings, others loading 250# Demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 122, 2 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# Paradenos, two A/C in each flight carry M-10 Napalm tanks on wings, others loading 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 123, 3 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# paradenos two (2) A/C in each flight carry M-10 Napalm tanks on wings, others loading 250# ~~paradenos~~ demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 124, 4 May 1945.

3. e. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# paradenos, two (2) A/C in each flight carry M-10 Napalm tanks on wings, others loading 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 125, 5 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s, C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# paradenos, two (2) A/C in each flight carry M-10 Napalm tanks on wings, others loading 250# demos on wings.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 126, 6 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions: 250# parademos with 250# demos in wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 127, 7 May 1945.

3.d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 128, 8 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 129, 9 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 130, 10 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 131, 11 May 1945.

3.d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 132, 12 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1, 2, 3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 133, 13 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain thirty six (36) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1, 2, 3, 4, to strike targets in CAGAYEN VALLEY. TOT 0830/1-0900/1. Bombload: 250# parademos with 250# demos in wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 134, 14 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1, 2, 3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 250# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 135, 15 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1, 2, 3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 100# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 136, 16 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1, 2, 3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 100# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 137, 17 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1, 2, 3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 100# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 138, 18 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain thirty-six (36) A-20s C/S DOUBLING 1,2,3, on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 100# parademos with two (2) A/C in each flight loading M-10 napalm on wings others loading 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 139, 19 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: 100# parademos with 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 140 20 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING on alert for ground support missions. Bombload: M-72 23# parafrags.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 141, 21 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide 36 A-20s C/S DOUBLING to strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. TOT 0930/I. Bombload: 1 Sqdn. M-72 23# parafrags. 3 Sqdns maximum no 250# frag 8-15 sec delay fuse.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 142, 22 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide thirty-six (36) A-20s C/S DOUBLING to strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. TOT 0930/I. Bombload: one (1) Sqdn M-72 parafrags. three (3) sqdns 500# parademos with six (6) aircraft loading 250# demos on wings.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 143, 23 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide thirty-six (36) A-20s C/S DOUBLING to strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. Bombload: M-72 parafrags.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 144, 24 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING to strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. Bombload: 23# parafrags.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 145, 25 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING to strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. Bombload: 100# dems 8-15 sec delay fuse. TOT 1000/l.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 146, 26 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide thirty-six A-20s C/S DOUBLING to strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. Bombload: 23# parafrags. TOT 1000/l.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 147, 27 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING to strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. Bombload: 23# parafrags.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 148, 28 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide twenty seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING to strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. Bombload: 23# parafrags.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 149, 29 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING TO strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. Bombload: 23# parafrags.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 150, 30 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING to strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. Bombload: 100# dems 8-15 sec. delay tail fuse.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 151, 31 May 1945.

3. d. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide twenty-seven (27) A-20s C/S DOUBLING to strike targets in CAGAYAN VALLEY. Bombload: 100# bombs, 8-15 sec. delay tail fuse.

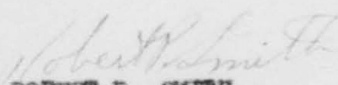
BY ORDER OF COLONEL MORGAN:

F. A. NICHOLS,
Lt. Col., A.C.,
A. C. of S., S-3.

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ H. J. LARDE,
Capt., Air Corps,
Asst. A-3.

A TRUE EXTRACT COPY:


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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Historian.

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

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APO 321,
8 June 1945.

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

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L), APO 321.

1. In compliance with section 7, par 1, Memorandum 8, Hq VBC, APO 710, dated 22 February 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Intelligence section for the month of May 1945 is submitted.

2. The Intelligence section consists of two (2) officers and three (3) enlisted men:

Captain Macomber, Donald, Jr.	0-856200	Intelligence Officer.
1st Lt. Pollard, Ambrose J., Jr.	0-585187	Ass't. Intelligence Officer.
S/Sgt. Cornell, Alan W.	32337060	Chief Clerk.
Sgt. Hoffman, Henry E.	35638001	Clerk.
Pfc. Dennison, Donald L.	38562416	Clerk.

3. The section moved into a new office during the month and this has contributed much to a greater efficiency in carrying on our section's work. No longer is routine office work hindered by briefing or interrogation, since each is now done in separate buildings. The old office is now used as a briefing, interrogating and war room. A part of it is also used as a reading room, where air crews and ground personnel may read various Intelligence publications.

4. Lieutenant Pollard was assigned to the section which now makes our staff complete.

5. A completely new filing system was set up during the month of May by Pfc. Donald L. Dennison. The new system greatly simplifies the filing of all correspondence, memorandums, etc., and will save much time in handling routine office work.

Ambrose J. Pollard Jr.

AMBROSE J. POLLARD, Jr.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't. Intelligence Officer.

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8. Combat Personnel Status Changes.

a. Assignments.

Captain George L. Cooper, O-664533 - Operations Officer.

b. Transfers.

Captain Howard L. Naslund, O-750438 - Headquarters, 3rd Bombardment Group as Ass't. Operations Officer.

2nd. Lt. Charles J. Cunningham, O-700588 - 345th Bombardment Group (M).

F/O Clifford J. Lawrence, T-3342 - 345th Bombardment Group (M).

c. Detached Service.

1st. Lt. Carl L. Dannels, O-764978 - Headquarters, 5th Air Force.

d. Returned to United States on Completion of Combat Tour.

Captain Henry F. Coghill, O-675170 - Pilot.

e. Retired from Combat Duty - Awaiting Orders to Return to the USA.

S/Sgt. Cecil R. Childers, 39399090 (939)

S/Sgt. Franklin C. Lueke, 35471811 (612)

S/Sgt. Wesley MacMullin, 39235491 (939)

f. Hospitalized.

S/Sgt. Delois E. DuBois, 15063559 (612) Eye Infection.

S/Sgt. Donald L. Jensen, 17067979 (748) Appendicitis.

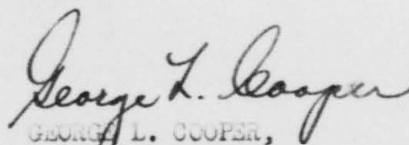
g. Relieved From Flying Status.

Cpl. Henry D. Seese, 35763671 (748)

h. New Personnel.

Sgt. Edward K. Bradham, Jr., 14157589 (748)

Sgt. Jackie L. Haines, Jr., 38404935 (612)


GEORGE L. COOPER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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the Squadron leader after they reached the target. Due to the proximity of our troops, a certain heading, which would direct our fire away from our troops, was always requested by the ground station. This did not leave much choice of a plan.

c. Missions in the Cagayan Valley have been conducted as a group. The plan of attack was left to the group leader, and the resultant plan was then only as good as the leader made it. The long run of close ground support missions and the lack of serious opposition put most of the pilots into a state of complacency in which the old code of strict air discipline, thorough planning, and briefing drifted into a thing of the past. A major difficulty still remains in accomplishing a good plan of attack and that is in the lack of adequate photographs, primarily obliques to show terrain, and in accurate maps. Flak intelligence is practically nil though pilots always expect machine gun and rifle fire. No reports on gun positions have ever been received.

5. Scope of Missions.

Missions were carried out in the Manila and Infanta area, with one on Negros Island, during the first part of the month. Toward the end of the month the Cagayan Valley became the theatre of Operations. These missions in the Valley averaged four or more hours.

6. Miscellaneous.

a. Mindoro based planes have felt a shortage of bombs as well as fuses. Fragmentation bombs have composed the greater part of our bomb loads for operations in the Cagayan Valley. frags are inadequate where there is much of wooded area, since they detonate upon impact, resulting in the bombs bursting harmlessly in the trees. 8-15 sec delay fuses have been used for a lack of the shorter delay fuses of 4-5 sec delay.

7. Training.

a. This Squadron has become more training conscious with 46 training hours flown in bombing and formation practice. Bombing was limited to the number of practice bombs available which amounted to 72 bombs dropped, 18 pilots making 4 releases. Scores were below average.

b. A Mobile Training Unit on the A-26 arrived 12 May, 1945. Captain Cooper was put in charge of training for the 90th Squadron, having formerly been attached to an A-26 base in the United States. Only two other pilots have had experience in the A-26 - Captain Raymond H. Gately, O-747878 with 10:15 hours and Captain Laverne H. Pabst, O-727762 with 5:40 hours. All combat personnel attended school for a total of 650 hours for the pilots and 738 hours for the enlisted combat men. Just when our new planes arrive is still a mystery.

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

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A.P.O. 321,
6 June, 1945

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

TO: Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L), APO 321.

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

2. The Operations Department consisted of 2 Officers and 4 enlisted men.

Captain George L. Cooper	O-664533	Operations Officer
1st Lt. Edward W. Cordes	O-742563	Ass't. Operations Officer
Sgt. Leon (NMI) Cohen	32334045	Chief Clerk (502)
Cpl. Elmer F. Brogdon	33522751	Clerk (405)
Cpl. Darrell E. Valentine	17099571	Clerk (405)
Pfc. John S. Phillips	37655694	Clerk (405)

3. Combat Record.

a. During the month of May 1945, the 90th Squadron flew 21 combat missions or 191 sorties for a total of 682:10 combat hours.

b. One (1) plane returned and four (4) failed to take off on scheduled combat missions because of mechanical failure.

c. Our losses for the month were nil.

d. Nine (9) aircraft suffered minor damage from enemy small arms fire.

4. Tactics.

a. The close ground support in Southern Luzon and the Southern Islands gave way to targets in the Cagayan Valley (Northern Luzon). It is something of a relief to be given a definite target before take off, and to be able to plan each strike, for in the past this has not been the case.

b. Close ground support necessitated a ground station that directed the attacking aircraft to those positions where they needed assistance. This would mean that the plan of attack would be made by

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

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9 June 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Squadron Headquarters.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L)
3rd Bombardment Group (L) AAF, APO 321.

1. In compliance with Section 7, paragraph 1, Memorandum No. 8, Hq VBC, APO 710, dated 22 February 1945; the following summary of events and activities of the Squadron Headquarters for the month of May 1945, is submitted.

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

Major Samuel M. Frederick, O-407098	Commanding Officer
Major George T. Owen, O-235642	Executive
Capt. Frederic M. Mead, O-649677	Adjutant
F/Sgt. Taylor L. Davidson, 35267918	First Sergeant
T/Sgt. Max L. Freedman, 36065254	Sergeant Major
T/Sgt. Stephen J. Heritik, 35309081	Ass't Sergeant Major
S/Sgt. Raymond E. Bubb, 33014868	Orderly Room Clerk
S/Sgt. Edward T. Dodd, 31195833	EM Personnel Clerk
Cpl. Thomas P. O'Beirn, 32976978	EM Personnel Clerk
Cpl. Luis Ur, 42015231	Off. Personnel Clerk

3. Major George T. Owen was assigned this organization from Headquarters 3rd Bombardment Group (L), and took over the duties of Squadron Executive Officer and Squadron Administrative Inspector as of 2 May 1945, vice Captain Edward Mandell, relieved.

4. The duties of the orderly room and personnel section consisted in the main of routine squadron administration; however, much midnight oil was burned on the computation of Soldiers' Adjusted Service Ratings. The pass policy remained in effect throughout the month, eighty (80) enlisted men and three (3) officers visited the city of Manila on three (3) day passes during the month. No more than ten (10) men are permitted to go on pass at one time; which is less than five percent (5%) of the present for duty strength of this squadron. Three enlisted men of the headquarters spent a few days in the city of Manila.

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Squadron Headquarters, Continued)

5. Throughout the Squadron area, with the aid of Filipino laborers, and under the supervision of the First Sergeant; the following was accomplished:

- a. All roads and lanes throughout the area were graveled.
- b. Three 30 ft culverts were put into use as transverse drains under roads in the area
- c. A Shower and Latrine was built for Filipino laborers.
- d. Roof repaired on Mess Hall.
- e. Kitchen floor cemented.
- f. Fly traps and other methods of fly control were put into use.
- g. Seepage pit constructed for food wastes.
- h. A new ice plant is now under construction.
- i. Officers' and enlisted mens' latrines were relocated and made fly proof.

BY ORDER OF CAPTAIN COOPER:

Frederic M. Mead
FREDERIC M. MEAD
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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

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A.P.O. 321

10 June 45

SUBJECT : Monthly Summary of Events, 90th Bomb Sqdn. Engineering Department.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L), A.P.O. 321.

1. In compliance with Sec. 7, paragraph 1, Memorandum No. 6, Hq. VBC, APO 710, dated 22 February, 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Engineering Department for the month of May 1945 is submitted.

2. The Engineering Department consists of 2 Officers and 75 EM.

<u>Name:</u>	<u>A.S.N.</u>	<u>MOS</u>	<u>Duty:</u>
Capt. Fitch, Robert R.	0-563004	4823	Engineering Officer
CWO. Blois, George A.	W-2114717	4823	Tech Supply Officer
M/Sgt. Langston, James W.	6262310	750	Line Chief
M/Sgt. Rachel, Leroy	6925074	750	Chief Inspector
T/Sgt. Adams, Leslie L.	17000017	750	Ass't Inspector
Sgt. Carter, Edward F.	38256303	747	Ass't Inspector
Sgt. Sabel, Marvin H.	16155124	405	Engineering Clerk
M/Sgt. Brackin, Jimmie H.	14006578	750	Flight Chief
M/Sgt. Bostic, Keter L.	6971464	750	Flight Chief
M/Sgt. Simmons, Aden L.	6821999	750	Flight Chief
T/Sgt. Gentry, Richard C.	35256690	750	Flight Chief
T/Sgt. Fiske, William L.	11008442	750	Crew Chief
T/Sgt. Hart, Travis F.	18093078	747	Crew Chief
T/Sgt. Magee, Wilfred W.	11024283	750	Crew Chief
T/Sgt. Morth, Frank J.	17036113	750	Crew Chief
T/Sgt. Singleton, Herman T.	14071255	750	Crew Chief
T/Sgt. Spitzer, John	37292162	750	Crew Chief
T/Sgt. Weber, Cecil E.	14051998	750	Crew Chief
S/Sgt. Boulay, Joseph W.P.	11013590	750	Crew Chief
S/Sgt. Chadwick, Jack	15062663	750	Crew Chief
S/Sgt. Dassori, Arthur J.	32635497	750	Crew Chief
S/Sgt. Guttendorf, Frank W.	13040661	750	Crew Chief
S/Sgt. Luedtke, Edmund C.	12034433	686	Crew Chief
S/Sgt. Lyle, Richard F.	37193607	750	Crew Chief
Sgt. Larsen, Robert E.	39829465	750	Crew Chief
Sgt. Owens, James A.	34350800	750	Crew Chief
Sgt. Young, Edgar	35209087	750	Crew Chief
S/Sgt. Katz, Herbert	11021091	750	Ass't Crew Chief
Sgt. Frizzle, Glenn B.	11003593	747	Ass't Crew Chief
Sgt. Moose, John R.	14049535	747	Ass't Crew Chief
Sgt. Mann, Clifford E.	39181073	747	Ass't Crew Chief

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Sgt. Oltoff, Don F.	36190042	747	Ass't Crew Chief
Cpl. Alexander, Charles V.	35140656	747	Ass't Crew Chief
Cpl. McKinney, Max A.	18227446	747	Ass't Crew Chief
Cpl. Jensen, Vernon C.	37090852	747	Ass't Crew Chief
Cpl. Simpson, Forrest L.	34729523	687	Ass't Crew Chief
Cpl. Wismer, David	33618242	687	Ass't Crew Chief
Pfc. Brommer, William R.	35806016	747	Ass't Crew Chief
Pfc. Smeltz, Verner M.	33672428	747	Ass't Crew Chief
Pfc. Westdal, Herbert C.	39619868	747	Ass't Crew Chief
M/Sgt. Llewellyan, Don	6720947	502	Tech Supply
S/Sgt. Halblaub, Phillip	12043775	821	Tech Supply Clerk
Cpl. Brachmann, Roy A.	36223133	835	Tech Supply
Cpl. Pitcher, George R.	37527713	835	Tech Supply
T/Sgt. Gannon, Eugene P.	19083840	555	Sheet Metal Shop Chief
S/Sgt. Lewis, Clair W.	19056494	555	Sheet Metal
S/Sgt. Gravely, Kenneth	37161615	555	Sheet Metal
Cpl. Bland, Edmond A.	34188069	555	Sheet Metal
T/Sgt. Pierson, Vilias M.	15120320	685	Electrician
T/Sgt. Henry, William	32333794	685	Electrician
T/Sgt. Bartels, Charles	16039157	826	Electrician
T/Sgt. Jones, Grover N.	15040649	686	Instruments
Cpl. Van Vlymen, Cecil J.	37750322	686	Instruments
T/Sgt. Garen, Claude F.	37202067	750	Maintenance Chief
T/Sgt. Walding, Laverne	18018612	685	Ass't Maint Ch. & Carb Spec.
S/Sgt. Lindberg, Carlos	16022725	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
S/Sgt. Spillman, Patrick	6863107	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Sgt. Dantuono, William	32313609	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Sgt. Langlois, Wilmer, J.	38193191	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Sgt. Lehnartz, Wallace M.	37272809	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Sgt. Nodine, Willis T.	18109446	747	Maint. Crew (Carb Spec)
Sgt. Parrish, Dalton D.	33219489	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Cpl. Domis, Leighton A.	39568884	747	Maint. Crew (Prop Spec)
Cpl. Jones, Herbert W.	38564377	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Cpl. Makofsky, Howard L.	38382279	405	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Cpl. Tucker, Paul G.	39557143	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Cpl. Valent, Paul F.	39240736	911	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Pfc. Carroll, Clarence	38519166	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Pfc. Dubay, Steve	33163381	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Pfc. Kaufman, Milton	11111969	747	Maint. Crew (A.M.)
Cpl. Reeves, Irvin N.	37205414	256	Welder
S/Sgt. Keller, George J.	32233255	821	Parachutes
Sgt. Zack, Stanley S.	17036604	747	Parachutes (A.M.)
Cpl. Johnson, Burt L.	33298046	144	Painter
Sgt. Shuell, William E.	16064326	114	Machinist
Pfc. Blake, Earl	36889006	747	Machinist

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3. On the 16th of this month a mobile training unit was transferred to this area for the purpose of familiarizing the personnel of this group with the A-26 type airplane. Ninety per cent of the Engineering personnel attended this three day orientation course. Lectures covered the following subjects; aircraft general, ignition and power hydraulic system, electrical system, propellers, instruments. This training program was found most beneficial.

4. V Bomber Command Tech Inspectors made a tour of inspection on the 6th of the month. A letter of commendation to the group proved the satisfactory condition of our line.

5. 50% of the squadron airplanes have now attained over 400 hours total flying time, 80% of which is combat time.

6. A total of seven 50-hour and four 100-hour inspections were made in conjunction with three engine changes.

7. One airplane was transferred to the Service Squadron for a #2 fuel cell change.

8. One new aircraft type A-20H-10Do, was received during the month. No airplane lost in combat or during local transition flying.

9. The maintenance record of fifteen aircraft assigned was 89.3 per-cent in commission with a total of 796:45 flying time, of which consisted of 191 sorties and 682 combat hours.

10. Technical Supply has mobilized their supplies with the use of a trailer. This procedure will insure a faster move and better accessibility to various supplies. Two A.G.P. during the month for cylinder and piston.

Robert R. Fitch
ROBERT R. FITCH,
Captain, Air Corps,
Engineering Officer.

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

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A.P.O. 321.
10 June, 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L),
Ordnance Department.

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

1. In compliance with Section 7, para. 1, Memorandum #8, Hq. V Bomber Command, APO 710, dated 22 February, 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Ordnance Department for the month of May, 1945 is submitted.

2. The Ordnance Department consists of one officer and twelve enlisted men. The key personnel are:

Ordnance Officer	2nd Lt. L.O. Alder
Chief Non-com.	T/Sgt. Mayo Jeter
Clerk	S/Sgt. T.B. Studley

Pvt. D.V. Cather was transferred in grade to the 345th Bomb. Grp.
Cpl. Seese a gunner transferred in grade to the Ordnance Section.
Pfc. E. Fulton was promoted to Cpl.

3. Four gunners were detailed to work with Ordnance in addition to their duties as gunners. This was necessitated due to understrength of the section. The four gunners work has been exceptionally good.

4. This squadron flew a great number of par-frag missions in May. The section hardest hit by frags is Ordnance. To assist us four armorers and an additional eight gunners were detailed to work in the bomb dump. We were able to deliver the bombs ready for loading into the racks. This benefited every one by reducing the amount of night work. Several fuzes were armed during this period, but fortunately no accidents occurred.

Louis O Alder

LOUIS O ALDER
2nd Lt. Air Corps,
Ordnance Officer.

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

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A.P.O. 321.
10 June, 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L),
Armament Department.

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

1. In compliance with Section 7, para. 1, Memorandum #8, Hq. V Bomber Command, APO 710, dated 22 February, 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Armament Department for the month of May, 1945 is submitted.

2. The Armament Department consists of one officer and twenty one enlisted men. The key personnel are:

Armament Officer	2nd Lt. L.O. Alder
Section Chief	M/Sgt. Wm. J. Fegg
Ass't section chief	T/Sgt. F.N. LaClair
Inspector	Sgt. Harold Williamson

Two men, S/Sgt. J.P. Ashcroft and Sgt. K. Sudieth were rotated back to the States.

Cpl. Elgin was assigned duty NCO in the squadron.

S/Sgt. J.C. Laughlin developed heart trouble and has been relieved from duty with the Armament section.

Three replacements were received this month, Sgt. Bertrame, Cpl. Bickel, and Cpl. Smith. All three show promise of becoming proficient armorers. They are very well qualified. Two were armament instructors at Lowry Field. The replacements received at this time seem to be better qualified than average.

3. In preparation for A26's all armorers were sent to 18 hrs. of instruction on the Central Fire Control System. Three armorers, M/Sgt. Fegg, Sgt. Bertrame, and Cpl. Ogilvy attended 45 hrs. instruction to become skilled trouble-shooters on Central Fire Control. Everyone attended a somewhat inadequate 3 hrs lecture about armament in general on the A-26.

4. This month more para-frag missions were flown than any previous month. They are the most dangerous and the hardest bomb to handle of any that we carry. At first there were a great number of "bugs" to be ironed out, loading procedure, method of dropping by the pilot etc., but towards the end we were getting very good efficiency from the racks. "Hot" fuzes provided the excitement for the month of May.

Louis O. Alder
LOUIS O. ALDER
2nd Lt. Air Corps,
Armament Officer.

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

APC 321,
10 June 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events - Mess Department.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L) AAF, APC 321.

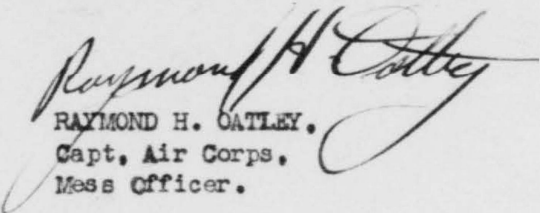
1. In compliance with paragraph 1, Section VII, Memorandum 8, V Bomber Command, dated 22 February 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Mess Department for the month of May 1945 is submitted:

a. The Mess Department consists of one officer and nine enlisted men:

Capt RAYMOND H. OATLEY, O-747878, Mess Officer
S/Sgt GIDEON R. HUBERDEAU, 11037878, Mess Sergeant
Sgt WILLIAM F. MC BEE, 35274189, Asst Mess Sergeant

b. Considering the personnel strength of this squadron, the mess department is short three cabinets (heating); the normal authorized quota is a set of eight cabinets.

c. Fresh meats have been issued at a higher rate this past month. Fresh eggs and butter issues are few. The mess personnel have given their utmost efforts in preparing the food arrangement.


RAYMOND H. OATLEY,
Capt, Air Corps,
Mess Officer.

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)AAF

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APO.....321
7 June, 1945

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

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron, APO 321.

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

2. The motor pool consists of one (1) Officer and eleven (11) enlisted men.

1st Lt. Moberly, Harrold E., 0-1167992	Trans. Officer
T/Sgt Gresham, Clifford E., 14029399	Truckmaster
Sgt Kennedy, Gerald L., 37199753	Mechanic
Sgt Reynolds, William A., 7001135	Mechanic
Sgt Hansen, John S., 37271051	Mechanic
Sgt Morton, Robert W., 18103587	Driver
Cpl Matelski, Joseph A., 36169526	Lubrication
Cpl Casino, Martin J., 36337209	Lubrication
Cpl Shewmaker, James B., 37135314	Driver
Cpl Smith, Raymond L., 19063695	Driver
Pfc Crawford, Charles J., 32928613	Driver
Pfc Weaver, Wallace I., 38058738	Dispatcher & Clerk

3. The usual line of motor maintenance took place this month. Servicing, small repairs, flat tires, etc. Flat tires are becoming more and more frequent due to constant scraping of roads that tends to turn up nails, scrap iron, and many other items that will penetrate the casings. Spare parts and O.D. paint are becoming more and more difficult to procure. APO 321 without a doubt is fast turning into a forgotten base as far as supplies are concerned. We all wonder why, because we hear there is still a war on. New vehicles are still unheard of here. The question is; where are all the new ones that are supposed to be coming to this theater?

4. The pool underwent a few changes this month as far as personnel are concerned. Cpl Landrus, a driver, was sent back to the states and is probably out of the service by this time. Cpl Hansen was promoted to the rank of Sgt. Cpl Matelski was removed to the station hospital due to a fever and Sgt Reynolds looks as though he will go to the same place. Pfc Weaver won high acclaim for his proficiency in typing up reports and the upkeep of his property records. Although we are short handed we are still maintaining 100% maintenance. There are no vehicles on deadline and only one Jeep is in Ordnance for a general overhaul.

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5. One piece of equipment was added to the pool. A salvaged Airborne D-2 Bulldozer. Sgt Morton has taken the job upon himself to rebuild it to a working condition. We believe it will be a great value in maintaining roads, ditches, and general condition of our camp area as well as being of invaluable use when moving or setting up a new camp site. We are pretty proud of it.

Harold E. Moberly
HAROLD E. MOBERLY
1st Lt., A.C.
Trans. Officer

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

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APO 321.
10 June, 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 90th Quartermaster Supply Dep't.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron, APO 321.

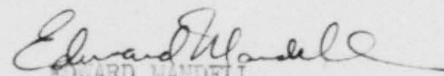
1. In compliance with Sec. 7, paragraph 1, Memorandum No. 8, HQVEC, APO 710, dated 22 February, 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Supply Department for the month of May, 1945, is submitted:

a. The Supply Department consists of 1 Officer and 4 E.M.

Capt. Edward Mandell, O-563767	Supply Officer
Cpl. William A. Dorsey, 34350610	Supply Sergeant
Sgt. Modest S. Wendowski, 15085695	Clerk Administrative
Cpl. Norman A. Ditzman, 36262498	Clerk Typist
S/Sgt. George J. Keller, 32233255	Supply Clerk

b. The month of May was characterized by little activity and the beginning of much rain. Because of the adoption of vigorous waterproofing measures, in which some 165 gallons of tent waterproofing were consumed, the squadron was spared the inconvenience of having to live under leaking tents. In New Guinea, where waterproofing was always at a premium, tents leaked to an extent which almost assumed catastrophic proportions.

c. But the distribution of waterproofing was the only item of supply with which the Quartermaster could be generous. All other supplies fell to an alarmingly low level. The situation was an incongruous one, for even as supplies in Mindoro faded out, supplies to Luzon soared to dizzying heights in quantity and variety of goods delivered. Mindoro appears to have been almost forgotten. The arrival of a supply ship in these waters creates as much excitement and interest as must have existed amongst the missionaries of isolated islands as they watched the yearly supply packet heave to and prepare to discharge its cargo. Supplies of clothing have been particularly hard hit. The individual with a waist-line smaller than 33 inches is, in the vernacular, S. O. L.


EDWARD MANDELL,
Captain, Air Corps,
Supply Officer.

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90th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

RLB/wmb

A.P.O. 321
5 June 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 90th Squadron Communications Department.

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron, APO 321.

1. In compliance with Section 7, Paragraph 1, Memorandum #8, HQVBC, APO 710, dated 22 February 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Communications Department for the month of May 1945 is submitted.

2. The news of Victory in Europe, the new point system, and better food; gave us all a feeling of "something new has been added", still army life grinds on.

With a flurry of activity, and much to do - the school for the A-26 began. All other departments probably benefited, but that was hardly true of the Communications Section, unless one might assume benefits from knowing only the nomenclature of aircraft radio equipment to be installed in the A-26. Collectively and individually we would have welcomed more explicit details about the new equipment. So 90th Radio finds itself "entoto" awaiting a new plane with equipment installed completely foreign to the section.

After much bickering we were issued a new PE-75-AB, replacing one turned in for salvage. The power unit just mentioned was the only new equipment received this month. However with the A-26 it seems certain that the section will see many new radios, spare parts, and additional twenty-four volt batteries.

Pilots were briefed at regular intervals on R/T procedure, Emergency ditching procedure, HF/DF facilities, fighter grid manipulation, VHF set operation, and command set operation. Some were interested enough to drop in the shop for some first hand information. Cockpit trouble as always remains an indisputable fact.

During the last of May - around the 27th we were instructed to make daily changes on IFF coding. That alone is hardly a problem - yet pilots flying outside the POA on the same day would find it necessary to make additional changes in the IFF coding as boundary lines were crossed. It seems practical to suggest a uniform code to be used in all areas. This week OI instructions set up a definite code for this area to remain static until further information. However that doesn't alter the pilots problem on flying into other area requiring a different coding.

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The A-26 will carry a radio operator (as per latest instructions). Plans are underway here in the squadron and group for training gunners in code. This squadron will furnish an officer every day for the school plus one enlisted radio instructor every third day.

Roland L. Bell

ROLAND L. BELL
Capt., Air Corps
Communications Officer

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

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APO 321
10 June 1945

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

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment Squadron, APO 321.

1. In compliance with Sec 7, paragraph 1, Memorandum #8, Hq., VBC, APO 710, dated 22 Feb 1945, the following summary of activities of the Medical Section for the month of April 1945, is submitted.

2. The Medical Section consists of one officer and six enlisted men.

Capt. Leo Esbin, M.C. 0-466941	Flight Surgeon
Sgt Lawrence J. Cerri, 32740387	NCO in charge
Sgt Melvin S. Hilt, 39381418	Surgical Tech.
Cpl Lawrence R. Garcia, 37354471	Medical Tech.
Cpl Charles White, 32860893	Medical Tech.
Pfc James H. Hendrickson, 32860893	Medical Tech.
Pfc Edward R. Kamlay, 36586398	Surgical Tech.

3. The usual morning sick call continues with an increasing number every morning. The problem now is trying to decide who is gold-bricking and who is actually sick. However, so far there have been no complaints from any circles.

4. The immunization department was quiet all during the period until it was discovered that about twenty men needed the needle and the I.G. due any minute. So in a burst of activity, Medics, "Wheels" and patients were rounded up, with the patients getting the blunt end of the needle.

5. Still the most popular department in the Medical Section is the Combat Whiskey Section with the only complaints being that the whiskey was strictly unknown brands and threats as to why they didn't get "Four Roses" or "Johnny Walker".

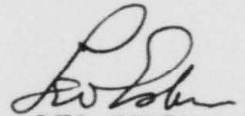
6. The venereal disease department in the Medical Section is really functioning. Plenty of Mechanical and Chemical sets available. However, between the V.D. Lectures and a new poster that practically blinds a man, there were no cases of V.D. in the Squadron. Either the lectures and poster

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have practically discouraged men or else the men are being extra careful.

7. Line Duty still retains its unpopularity. However were are happy to report our services were not needed during our tour of duty.



LEO ESBIN
Captain, Medical Corps
Squadron Flight Surgeon

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HEADQUARTERS
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

AFO 321,
8 May 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 34)

1. Having been asgd to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 7, SO# 121, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 1 May 45 MAJ GEORGE T OWEN JR 0235642 is further asgd to the 90th Sq, eff 1 May 45.
2. CAPT WILLIAM T ROBINSON 0564153 is aptd Gp Adjutant vice MAJ CCAL P JONES 0854562, reld, per WOCO 1 May 45.
3. 1ST LT ALVIN H FAIL JR 0562967 is aptd Gp Asst Adjutant.
4. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 7, SO# 122, Hq Fifth Air Force, dtd 2 May 45, pfc MICHAEL J GROSSO 32921665 (405) is further asgd to Gp Hq, eff 2 May 45.
5. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their CO, the following named Em, combat crew members, 89th Sq, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt ROBERT W ALSPAUGH 34771568	Sgt PAUL L CAMPBELL 33683087
Sgt WALTER B COBB 32757058	Sgt WILLIAM H FANCHER 37521521
Sgt SAMUEL C GAUL 33689704	Sgt CHARLES R HARRIS 34835113
Sgt WILLIAM A LYON 13143723	Sgt EDWARD A MCKENNEY 31366325
Sgt RICHARD C WILKINSON 14149165	

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT

Cpl EUGENE F GEBOLYS 36554667

6. So much of par 5, SO# 32, this Hq, dtd 29 Apr 45 as reads, "Cpl DONALD R HOUGHLAND JR 37216984 (970)" is amended to read, "Cpl DONALD R HOUGHLAND JR 37216984 (970)".
7. Under the prov of AR 35-320 1ST LT FRANK R BROWN 01553606 is aptd Class "A" agent for J C MEISER, 1ST LT FD, for the purpose of paying certain Em, 89th Sq, a partial payment; amount to be intrusted not to exceed \$5,000.00 at any one time.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOWE:

OFFICIAL:

William T. Robinson
WILLIAM T. ROBINSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

WILLIAM T. ROBINSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS 3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

AFO 321,
12 May 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 35)

1. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his CO, Cpl WILLIAM KALMAR 36520006, 894th Chem Co, is promoted to the gr of Sergeant (temp).
2. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 3 Sgt HERBERT W GRIFFIN JR 32503370, Gp Hq, is rld fr dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts, per VOCC 11 May 45.
3. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 3 Sgt THOMAS J CERVENAK 33291426, 13th Sq, is rld fr dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts, per VOCC 1 May 45.
4. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his CO, Sgt THOMAS J CERVENAK 33291426, 13th Sq, is rd to the gr of Private (w/o prejudice).
5. Having been asgd to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 2, SO# 130, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 10 May 45, 1ST LT AMBROSE J POLLARD 0585187 (9301) is further asgd to the 90th Sq, eff 10 May 45.
6. Having been asgd and trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 14, SO# 100, Hq 360th Air Service Gp (FEAFGR&TC), dtd 5 May 45, the following named O and EM are further asgd and trfd in gr to orgns indicated, eff 12 May 45:

13th Sq
2D LT WILLIAM J CLARK 0826106 (1022) 2D LT WALTER E DUNLOP 0770208 (1022)

89th Sq
Sgt THOMAS E OVERSTREET 37142245 (748) Sgt CARLTON OWEN 34353165 (612)
Cpl BERNARD EISNER 32420836 (748) Cpl JOSEPH J MARTIN 11061696 (612)

7. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 2, SO# 113, Hq 360th Air Service Gp (FEAFGR&TC), dtd 23 Apr 45, Cpl JOHN D STEWART 14183063 (748) is further trfd in gr to the 13th Sq, eff 1 May 45.
8. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 4, SO# 120, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 30 Apr 45, pfc WALTER B COOKSON 31140573 is further asgd to Gp Hq and placed on DS w/ the 8th Sq, eff 30 Apr 45.

SO 35, Hq 3d Bomb Gp, dtd 12 May 45, cont'd:

9. 1ST LT ALVIN H FAIL JR 0562967 is aptd Property Adjustment Off and Censor in add to his other dys, vice CAPT WILLIAM T ROBINSON 0564153 reld, per VOCC 8 May 45.

10. LT COL CHARLES P MARTIN 0250368 is aptd Summary Court.

11. Under the prov of AR 615-5 Sgt DON S BOWSER 15121618, Gp Hq, is promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (temp).

12. Under the prov of AR 615-5 the following named EM, Gp Hq, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED STAFF SERGEANT

Sgt MAX LURIE 39532370

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT

Cpl ROBERT J BEALES 16076642

Cpl GEORGE F LAUBACH 13045139

TO BE APPOINTED CORPORAL

Pfc ROBERT F M BAXTER 19094412

13. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his CO, Cpl JOHN W MARTIN 37417506, 89th Sq, combat crew member, is promoted to the gr of Sergeant (temp).

14. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their CO, the following named EM, 8th Sq, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED TECHNICAL SERGEANT

S Sgt GILBERT E FLYNN 37176538

S Sgt HARVEY B WOODWARD 18058716

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT

Cpl ROBERT H JOHNSON 36197755

Cpl MIKE SIGNORINO 13048288

TO BE APPOINTED CORPORAL

Pfc WILLIAM J WEIDLINGER 14140629

15. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their CO, the following named EM, 13th Sq, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT

Cpl PAUL E CHASE 12099116

Cpl RALPH W MASON 15074721

TO BE APPOINTED CORPORAL

Pfc WILLIAM MILLER 32443709

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Hq 3d Bomb Gp, dtd 12 May 45, cont'd:

16. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their following named EM, 90th Sq, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED TECHNICAL SERGEANT

S Sgt DELMAR W HASKIN 38059796

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT

Cpl ROYCE W BUTTON 13116114 Cpl JOHN S HANSEN 37271051

TO BE APPOINTED CORPORAL

Pfc EDWARD A FULTON 36484700

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOWE:

WILLIAM T. ROBINSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

APC 301,
22 May 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 37)

1. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of
Air CC, the following named EM, 8th Sq, combat crew members, are promoted
to the gr of Staff Sergeant (temp):

Sgt RICHARD H BEETS 34725412
Sgt OSCAR J LADNER 16138126

Sgt ERNEST B GLAZIER JR 32385785
Sgt FRED TURTELTAIB 12064714

2. Having been asgd to the 3d Bomb Gr per par 7, SO 137, V
Bomber Command, dtd 17 Mar 45, CAPT ALVA H DUYES 0437114 (4822) is further
asgd to the 13th Sq, eff 11 May 45.

3. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gr per par 1, SO 135,
V Bomber Command, dtd 15 May 45, the following named EM are further trfd in
gr to orgns indicated, eff 6 May 45:

8th Sq
Sgt LEWIS E CROWLEY 39613748 (911) Sgt LOREN H WEATH 30833622 (911)
Cpl WARREN L BARRY 39682558 (911) Pvt JOSEPH S ENGLER 30707055 (911)

13th Sq
Pvt ALCYSIUS S FRITZ 39256121 (911) Pvt JAMES E HARTMAN 33571273 (911)
Pvt BENJAMIN M STEPHENS 36870975 (911)

89th Sq
Pfc ROBERT D BLAIR 17120083 (911) Pfc REECE E RIDGEWAY 15375240 (911)

90th Sq
Sgt JOHN L BERTRAM JR 30104325 (911) Cpl EMMETT G BIGGEL 37151896 (911)
Cpl WILLIAM R SMITH 17069109 (911)

4. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gr per par 3, SO 130,
V Bomber Command, dtd 10 May 45, Pvt GEORGE E LEMAYAN 32383240 (502) is further
trfd in gr to the 13th Sq, eff 10 May 45.

5. Under the prov of AR 35-1430 Sgt LADDIE J MAROVIC 33505025,
13th Sq, is rel'd fr dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial
flts.

SO 37, Hq 3d Bomb Gp, dtd 22 May 45, cont'd:

6. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his CO, Sgt LADDIE J MARCHIO 33505985, 13th Sq, is rd to the gr of Private (w/o prejudice).

7. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his CO, Pvt LADDIE J MARCHIO 33505985, 13th Sq, is promoted to the gr of Private First Class.

8. A Special Court-Martial is antd to meet at Gp Hq, 3d Bomb Gp, APO 321, as soon as practicable for the trial of such persons as may be properly brought before it.

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

MAJOR IVAN P HEAD 0912570
MAJOR GEORGE T CTEN JR 0235642
CAPT JOHN E MacARTHUR 0854569
CAPT JAMES B PETERSON 0854578
1ST LT ROBERT H ELLIOTT 0562945

CAPT DAVID J DONOVAN 0649037
Trial Judge Advocate

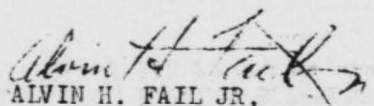
1ST LT JAMES H BOUVET 0864684
Defense Counsel

All cases heretofore referred for trial to the Special Court-Martial antd by par 8, SO 32, this Ft, dtd 29 Apr 45, in which arr. nments have not been made, are hereby withdrawn from that court and referred for trial to the Special Court-Martial herein antd.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOWE:

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN H. FAIL JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.


ALVIN H. FAIL JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

APO 321,
26 May 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 38)

1. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his CO, T Sgt DONALD H COLE JR 11017655, 8th Sq, is promoted to the gr of Master Sergeant (temp).

2. CAPT HOWARD L NASLUND 0750438 is antd Asst Gp Operations Off vice CAPT RAYMOND A RITTER 0806342, reased.

3. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 7, SO 71, 91st Repl Bn, dtd 21 May 45, the following named EM are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated, eff 25 May 45:

T Sgt CLAIR W LEWIS 19056404 (555-1)	90th Sq
S Sgt DELL C COOK 39412056 (685-2)	13th Sq
Pfc HENRY J AYO 32463045 (555-1)	8th Sq

4. Par 3, SO 34, this Hq, dtd 8 May 45 is hereby revoked.

5. 1ST LT ALVIN H FAIL JR 0562967 is antd Executive (S-4) (2120), with add dys of Asst Gp Adjutant, per VOCC 8 May 45.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOWE:

WILLIAM T. ROBINSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

William T. Robinson
WILLIAM T. ROBINSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

APO 321,
29 May 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 39)

1. 1ST LT JOHN B WINES 0576737 is aptd Summary Court for purpose of securing and disposing of the effects of the following named O and EM, 13th Sq, deceased:

1ST LT JACKSON B ROSS 0805864

S Sgt WILLIAM C DAIR 34516716

S Sgt FLOYD A PHILLIPS JR 13171017

2. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 36 SO 74, 91st Repl Bn (AAF), dtd 24 May 45, T Sgt CLYDELL H GRIFFITH 6088277 (555) is further trfd in gr to the 8th Sq, eff 26 May 45.

3. Under the prov of AR 35-320 the following named Off are aptd Class "A" agent for J G MEISER, 1ST LT FD, for purpose of paying O and EM of orgns indicated for the month of May 1945; amount to be intrusted not to exceed \$25,000.00 at any one time:

CAPT DAVID J DONOVAN 0649037	8th Sq
CAPT JOHN M WALLACE 0649131	13th Sq
1ST LT FRANK R BROWN 01553605	80th Sq
CAPT FREDERIC M MEAD 0649677	90th Sq

4. 1ST LT EARL A FAST 01546971 is aptd Inventory Off to inventory the accounts and assets of Gp Hq Branch Exchange for the month of May 1945.

5. Under the prov of AR 35-320 1ST LT ALVIN H FAIL JR 0562067 is aptd Class "A" agent for 158th Finance Disbursing Section, APO 321, for purpose of paying O and EM of Gp Hq for the month of May 1945; amount to be intrusted not to exceed \$10,000.00 at any one time.

6. MAJ NICHOLAS S PETERS 0408078 is aptd Venereal Control Off in add to his other dys.

7. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their CO, the following named EM, 90th Sq, combat crew members, are promoted to the gr of Sergeant (temp):

Cpl MERRIL F BENNETT 35222155

Cpl JOHN W TANZY 35600832

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOWE:

OFFICIAL:

William T. Robinson
WILLIAM T. ROBINSON,
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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Capt, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

**AFPO 321,
30 April, 1945.**

SQUADRON ORDER)

NUMBER.....11)

1. CWO GEORGE A. BLOIS, W-2114717, is hereby appointed Personal Equipment Officer vice Captain Robert R. Fitch, O-563004, relieved.
2. 2ND LT ROBERT J. BUCHOLZ, O-703187, is hereby appointed Squadron Safety Officer and Squadron Rescue Coordination Officer vice 1st Lt Royal F. Hibblen, O-734559, reassigned.



Stanley D. Kline
**STANLEY D. KLINE,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.**

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

AFO 321,
13 May, 1945.

SQUADRON ORDER)
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NUMBER.....12)

1. Major GEORGE T. OWENS, O-235642, is hereby appointed Executive and Squadron Administrative Inspector, effective 2 May, 1945, vice Capt. EDWARD MANDELL, O-563767, relieved.
2. Capt. GEORGE L. COOPER, O-664533, is hereby appointed Assistant Operations Officer, vice vacancy.
3. Capt. LAVERN H. PABST, O-727762, is hereby appointed "F" Flight Leader and Assistant Engineering Officer in addition to his other duties, vice Capt. HENRY F. COGHILL, O-675170, relieved.
4. Capt. EDWARD MANDELL, O-563767, is hereby appointed Personal Equipment Officer in addition to his other duties, vice CWO GEORGE A. BLOIS, W-2114717, relieved.

Samuel M. Frederick
SAMUEL M. FREDERICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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

APO 321,
17 May, 1945.

SQUADRON ORDER)
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NUMBER.....13)

1. 1st Lt. JOHN R. BARTHOLOMEW, O-758238, is hereby appointed "D"
Flight Leader vice 1st Lt. WILLIAM E. EWING, O-748936, relieved.

Samuel M. Frederick
SAMUEL M. FREDERICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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

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AFPO 321,
26 May, 1945.

SQUADRON ORDER)
NUMBER.....14)

1. Capt. GEORGE L. COOPER, O-664533, is hereby appointed Squadron Operations Officer vice Capt. HOWARD L. NÄSLUND, O-750438, reassigned.
2. 1st Lt. EDWARD W. GORDES, O-742563, is hereby appointed Assistant Operations Officer vice Capt. GEORGE L. COOPER, O-664533, relieved.
3. 1st Lt. JACK D. JURMO, O-765190, is hereby appointed "B" Flight Leader vice 1st Lt. EDWARD W. GORDES, O-742563, relieved.

Samuel M. Frederick

SAMUEL M. FREDERICK,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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TO: 3RD BOMB GROUP, 417TH BOMB GROUP AND 8TH FIGHTER GROUP.

FM: A-3, 310TH BOMB WING.

THE FOLLOWING RADIOGRAM WAS RECEIVED FROM THE COMMANDING
GENERAL, SIXTH ARMY:

"MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR BRAVE AIRMEN
FOR THEIR SPLENDID SUPPORT OF OUR ATTACK ON IPO WHICH
MADE POSSIBLE THE EARLY CAPTURE OF THE VITAL IPO DAM"

CRUEGER

SECRET

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM THREE SAP AND IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFO PD DELAYED REPORT RECEIVED THIS SAP PD REPORT OF CASUALTIES INFLICTED BY AIR CORPS SINCE ONE FIVE APRIL PD PETER WILLIAM CAPTURED VICINITY SINILOAN REPORTED THAT OUT OF HIS UNIT OF TWO FIVE FIVE CMA EIGHT NOUGHT WERE KILLED BY BOMBING AND STRAFING DURING LATE APRIL AND EARLY MAY PD GUERRILLA REPORT STATES TWO FIFTY ENEMY KILLED AND APPROX TWO FIFTY WOUNDED BY BOMBING AND STRAFING OF AGOS RIVER ON SIX MAY PD ALSO NINE FIVE CASUALTIES FROM AIR SAME DATE ALONG INFANTA ROAD PD IN THE SAW MILL SECTOR NORTH EAST OF SINILOAN CMA WHILE NUMEROUS CAVES WERE SEALED BY BOMBING PD ACTUALLY ONLY FORTY ENEMY DEAD WERE COUNTED PD ALL FORTY WERE IN ONE CAVE EVIDENTALLY KILLED BY CONCUSSION PD IT IS BELIEVED HOWEVER THAT COUNTLESS OTHER SUFFERED THE SAME FATE PD FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM TWO NINE SAP CMA YOUR HAVOCS HAVE DONE EXCELLENT PD

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FROM A-2 309 BOMB WING
TO S-2 3RD 417TH AND 8TH FIGHTER

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM 4 SAP AND IS PASSED FOR YOUR INFO: HAVOCS TODAY WERE USED FOR CLOSE SUPPORT. EVERYTHING PROCEEDED SWELL EXCEPT MY NERVES. ONE HUT DESTROYED BY DIRECT HIT BELIEVED TO BE CAMOUFLAGED ARTY GUN POSITION. ONE BOMB FELL SHORT SCARING HECK OUT OF EVERYONE. AS OF TOMORROW BESIDES PANELS WE ARE GOING TO HAVE RED SMOKE ON ALL FRIENDLY POSITIONS. REQUEST YOU TELL ALL COMBAT CREWS. OUR FRONT LINES NOT STEADY HERE. WE HOLD TOPS OF VARIOUS MOUNTAINS AND USING PLANES TO HIT OVER NEXT MOUNTAIN. SUGGEST GROUND LIAISON OFFICER TELL PILOTS OUR SITUATION HERE FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING. PLANES DID EXCELLENT WORK HOWEVER.

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HEADQUARTERS 511TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY
APO 468

4 May, 1945.

SUBJECT: Air Support of 511th Parachute Infantry by 3rd Bomb Group,
APO 321.

TO : Commanding Officer, 3rd Bomb Group (Thru Channels).

1. This regiment recently crushed the last organized resistance in Southern Luzon. The operation involved cracking the Fuji Heidan Line in the Mt. Malepunyo Hill Mass.

2. Since your Group rendered air support for the operation and you are unable to see the result of your bombing on the ground and know little of its effectiveness, I am taking this opportunity to inform you of the results.

3. During the period 24 - 28 April your group bombed Hills 2380, 2090, 2418 and 2610 in the Mt. Malepunyo Hill Mass. These Hills were the backbone of the Fuji Heidan Line. Owing to the bare precipitous slopes and strenght of the enemy who had deep caves and personnel shelters in tunnels as much as one hundred feet back into the mountains, no assault could be made without first neutralizing the enemy and his positions. The air strike closed many caves and tunnels and demolished the prepared positions. Our troops, following your bombing so closely that the concussion caused bloody noses among the men, occupied each hill without opposition. On each objective the Japs were found dazed and killed by concussion and the remants were easily annihilated.

4. Our success was due to the excellent support rendered by your Group. On behalf of the men and officers of this regiment, I wish to extend our appreciation. We hope that such support will be forthcoming in Japan in the near future.

/s/t/EDWARD H. LARTI,
Colonel, 511th Prcht. Inf.,
Commanding.

THIS A TRUE EXACT COPY:

Ambrose J. Pollard Jr.
AMBROSE J. POLLARD, Jr.,
1st Lt., Air Corps.



View of a napalm wing tank exploding during the attack on Curry Town, Luzon, on 2 May.



Ipo Dam, East of Manila, on 7 May.

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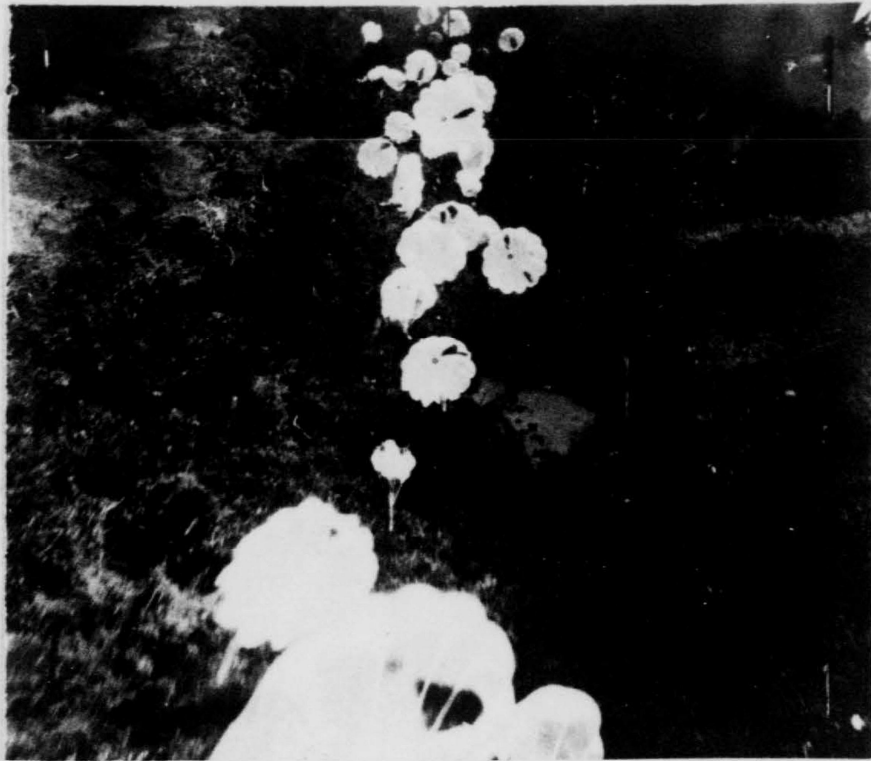
Hill #3155, Negros Island, P.I., 12 May 1945



Attack on Larion, Luzon, 24 May 1945.

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Views of the attack on Santiago Town Luzon,
27 May 1945



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