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PART I

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PART I CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE

1. Combat Narrative

Had a movie based upon the combat activity of the 13th Squadron in August been produced, the script writing geni of Hollywood would have undoubtedly prefaced the production with a warning, "Any resemblance between this story and the true story of the 13th Bomb Squadron is purely coincidental". For the second month straight, the Air Force's super-efficient purge of Mr. Nippo from Dutch New Guinea in May and June was paying off in reverse, with only crumbs of targets left in reach of A20s based at Hollandia. Actually, the records show that eight missions were carried out by the 13th Squadron in August; but two of these consisted of single-plane dropping missions and one other was forced to turn back before reaching the target because of weather. ¹

The first of these dropping missions occurred on August 1, when one A20 dropped native propaganda leaflets on all villages along the Dutch New Guinea coast from Saoekorim to Mega and on settlements along the Soemecet River. The purpose was to inform and secure the cooperation of the natives living in the area of our landing at Cape Sansapor on July 30.

On August 4, six aircraft made two bombing and strafing passes over the inoperative Nabire airdrome in Dutch New Guinea to insure its continued inoperative status. 34 X 250 lb. 8-15 sec delay bombs were dropped destroying 3 native huts, with other damage unassessed. 3,200 X 50 cal. were expended in strafing a general area a mile on each side of the strip. Only light, inaccurate machine gun fire was encountered. This was the first combat mission for several of our new pilots and was excellent training for missions that were bound to come against more heavily defended targets.

Three days later, on August 7, six of our aircraft carried out an attack against a suspected Jap bivouac area just 30 miles southeast of Hollandia immediately northwest of Sawija Village, making four single plane bombing and strafing passes. 34 X 250 lb. 8-15 sec delay bombs were dropped, all exploding in the target. The area was heavily strafed, 8,300 X 50 cal. being expended. In a conversation between the writer and the 3rd Bomb Group Army Liaison Officer, Captain John A. Lahmer on August 30, it was learned that natives of Sawija reported that as a result of the strike, all Jap buildings in the area, including a radio station, were completely demolished.

1. Appendix (page 13). Fragmentary Field Orders for August. Final Mission Report Files for August, Squadron Intelligence.

On August 11, ten aircraft flew from Hollandia to Wakde. There, they were assigned a target area 7 miles Southeast of Sawar Airdrome where a group of huts was suspected of being used as a Jap Headquarters. 52 X 250 lb. 8-15 sec delay bombs and 17,100 X 50 cal. were expended in four single-plane passes by all ten aircraft. Several of the huts were probably destroyed but other damage was unassessed.

The following day one A20 was assigned to drop a parachute pack of medical supplies to U. S. troops on Middleburg Island. The supplies landed safely on the strip near a white panel and were 100% recoverable.

On August 18, ten 13th Squadron planes, directed by the Sarimi ground station "Golly" attacked an enemy camp on the southwest side of Mt. Hakko near Sarimi. Bombing was excellent. 54 X 250 lb. 8-15 sec delay bombs were dropped on target and 20,300 X 50 calibre was expended in strafing. No enemy activity was observed.

9 A20s on August 21, attacked enemy supply dumps on Sarimi Point. A small dock and 3 apparently unserviceable barges were strafed on the S.W. shore of Vandoemoear Island. 44 X 250 lb. 8-15 sec delay bombs were dropped from the tip of Sarimi Point to about 400 yards South with unassessed damage. 13,100 X 50 cal. were expended. In a conversation between the writer and Captain Ivan P. Head on August 21, it was learned that an A-3 officer who observed the attack from Wakde Island said, "The best bombing I've ever seen".

On 25 August, 12 of our aircraft were assigned to bomb and strafe enemy headquarters at the junction of the Woske and Foernes Rivers in the Sarimi area. All planes were forced to turn back just west of Tanahmerah Bay due to rain and heavy low clouds.

A total of 450.3 hours were flown by all 13th Squadron aircraft during the month of August. 121.3 of these hours were flown in combat. A total of 55 sorties were flown during the month. ²

All in all, August was an exceptionally unresultful month for the 13th Squadron, but again only because of the mere smattering of targets within range of our base. No enemy aircraft or shipping was destroyed or damaged during the month.

ORDNANCE

During August the Squadron dropped a total of 28.25 tons of bombs (all 250 lb. 8-15 sec delay fuzed) and expended 81,115 X 50 cal. shells. ³

ENEMY ACTION

No enemy interception was encountered during August. No enemy anti-aircraft fire was reported except slight, inaccurate machine gun fire

2. Appendix (page 19). Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.

3. Appendix (page 20). Ammunition Expenditure Report.

from one position at Nabire A/D on the August 4 mission. During the month, there were no enemy air attacks directed against 13th Squadron personnel, aircraft or installations. One red alert was sounded at approximately 2215 on the night of August 27, but no hostile aircraft approached the immediate vicinity.

TRAINING

No 13th Squadron man believed for a minute that the combat inactivity of July and August was to go on much longer. We knew this was just the lull before a tempest, a breather before plenty of hard work and rough flying. This was the time, if there ever were a time, to train for the busier combat days ahead. We had plenty of new pilots and gunners in the squadron who had yet to see the scarlet roundels of a mad Zeke or the stacatto wink of the Nip's 25 mm. ack-ack gun.

As his last official act as operations officer before becoming 13th Squadron C. O. on Aug. 30, Captain Richard L. Walker installed a realistic combat training program with plenty of hair on its chest.⁴ The first phase, which was still in work at the close of the month, pointed at more accurate strafing of ground targets by both pilots and gunners. Flying two different six-plane elements during each half-day period of training, the crews first carried out strafing runs against yellow 55 gallon gasoline drums dropped in the sea just off Hollandia Bay. These targets were small and difficult to sight however, so a large protruding rock off shore northwest of Tanahmerah Bay was used, and with considerable more success. Hits and misses were easy to spot. Combat formations were practiced at the same time.

Sgt. R. G. Sawyer, 13th Squadron Operations clerk, after careful examination of the operations records, stated in a conversation with the Historical clerk on 3 September, 1944 that 16 training missions were flown during the month of August totaling 91 sorties and 126 hours 25 minutes flying time. 4 practice formation flights, 1 of which was a group formation, were flown. 11 practice gunnery flights were made with the expenditure of 13,900 X .50 by pilots and 10,925 X .50 by gunners. 1 cross country mission was flown. No practice bombing was done. A bombing range is now being planned between the Hollandia strip and Lake Sentani and intense low-level bombing practice is scheduled to begin early in September, with a full program of navigation, communication, identification and additional training in tactics to follow.

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH and MAINTENANCE

The 13th Squadron began the month of August with 18 A2Os and closed the period with 16.⁵ The net loss of two aircraft was accounted for by

4. Appendix (page 30). Letter, Combat Training Program outline.
5. Appendix (page 19). Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.

transfer of 3 A20s to the FEAF Replacement Center and the transfer of one from the 69th Service Squadron at Wakde to our organization.

The unusually high figure of 89% was attained in the squadron during the month for the percentage of assigned aircraft in combat readiness. This high figure was attained chiefly because of the small number of missions conducted in August. Also helpful was the increase in rainfall during August with the resulting decrease in the dust which had caused so many maintenance headaches on the line in previous months.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE NARRATIVE

Organization.

During August there were no changes in organization structure as a result of changes in the Table of Organization or otherwise. Administrative activity was routine.

There were, however, considerable changes within the organization due to transfers and reassignments.⁽⁶⁾ The most important change to take place was that of Commanding Officer from Major Alfred S. Baucom to Captain Richard L. Walker on 27 August, the change occurring due to the return of Major Baucom to the United States. A biographical sketch of both these officers appears in the Local Interest section of this monthly history.

First Lieutenant Charles D. Fryor, who had been with the 13th Squadron for seven years, and had served as Squadron Communications Officer since September of 1943, was transferred to the 3rd Group Headquarters as Assistant Group Communications Officer. Lt. Fryor was replaced by 1st Lt. John M. Wallace. 1st Lt. Ragan S. Williams, Squadron Adjutant, was appointed Squadron Executive Officer, replacing Captain John S. MacArthur, and at the same time was placed on detached service with 3rd Bomb Group as Group Purchasing Agent at Cairns, Australia. Lt. Williams was replaced as Adjutant by 1st Lt. Robert A. Fitch, Technical Supply Officer. 1st Lt. Victor E. Bittger and 2nd Lt. Edward J. Weine, both of whom joined the Squadron during August were appointed Assistant Communications Officer and Assistant Engineering Officer respectively.

Strength.

During the month 27 officers and men were transferred out of the Organization.⁽⁷⁾ Of these one officer, Major Baucom, and six enlisted gunners returned to the United States because of combat fatigue.

6. "Squadron Assignment of Duties for Officers", page 22.
7. "Monthly Report of Personnel", page 24.

Eleven ground men, comprising our "June list", returned to the States on the ground rotation plan. All of them had served 30 months overseas. There were no personnel killed during August.

During the month 11 officers and 20 enlisted men were transferred into the Squadron. Eight of these officers were pilot replacements. Most of the men transferred in represented men returning from the hospital or detached service after prolonged absence from the organization. On the first day of August the Squadron had a personnel total of 206. On the last day that figure was 196, a net gain of 10. (8)

Promotions and Reductions.

August was a good month for 1st Lt. John E. MacArthur, Squadron Armament Officer and 1st Lt. Burdette C. Hinsey, Squadron Engineering Officer. (9) Both added a bar and became Captains. Three pilots, 2nd Lts. John C. Linsmair, Raymond A. Ritter and Jackson B. Ross, earned their silver bars.

Charles E. Heer, Maintenance chief, and Vernon Lain, flight chief, were both accorded recognition for their capable services on the line by promotions to the grade of Master Sergeant. During the month six enlisted men of the Squadron were promoted to the grade of Technical Sergeant, seven to the grade of Staff Sergeant, one to the grade of Sergeant, and one to the grade of Corporal. Two non-coms were reduced to the grade of privates, one for cause and one without prejudice.

AWARDS.

Combat personnel of the Squadron were awarded 13 Air Medals or Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal during August. (10) All of these except one were based upon the completion of 100 hours of combat flying. T Sgt. William A. Barrow received an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for shooting down an enemy fighter over Rabaul during the historic Simpson Harbor raid of 2 November 1943. T Sgt Barrow was a turret gunner on a B-25 on this raid.

Twenty-eight men of the Squadron were awarded the Good Conduct Medal on General Orders received during August.

8. Ibid., page 24.

9. "Memorandum, Promotions and Reductions", page 25.

10. Letter, "Awards During August 1944", page 27.

Leaves and Furloughs.

During August Sydney, Australia, continued to be the best city in the world for "rest and relaxation". (11) Four officers and eleven enlisted men of the Squadron enjoyed leaves there during the month. They reported the weather cold, but the Australian girls as cordial as ever. Nine enlisted men enjoyed furloughs in Mackay, Qld.

11. Letter, "Furloughs and Leaves During August", page 29.

PART II

PERSONAL & LOCAL INTEREST

LOCAL INTEREST

Morale

The normal slump in morale of a combat organization during a period of inactivity such as the 13th Squadron experienced in August, was partly, if not wholly, offset this month by other minor but effective positive factors.

The issue of beer, which had been merely another G.I. dream and good joke material, became a reality. Twice during the month state-side beer was issued to every man and officer in the Squadron. Not enough to go on a rip-snorting bender, certainly, but enough to bring us a mellow memory or two of some good old civvy times as we fondled such nostalgic labels as Schlitz, Rupperts, and good old "Bud".

During August too, there was a definite improvement in food, due largely to a more efficient procurement method of buying fresh food in Australia for the Group. Fresh eggs were served nine mornings during the month. Mail service from the States was also excellent, many of the men reporting V-Mail reaching their homes 9 days after being written. Sweating out the day to day and hour to hour news of Allied advances in France became an exciting pastime and the war situation maps in Squadron Intelligence had plenty of followers. The prediction of a German armistice by Thanksgiving became more and more logical as each day passed.



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After a month's training in P-39's at the Air Force S.T.U. at Dale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Florida, Captain Walker left the United States for the Southwest Pacific on 23 October 1942. He was assigned for only a short time with the 35th Fighter Group when he was transferred to V Bomber Command and shortly thereafter to the 13th Squadron.

Captain Walker's record with the 13th Squadron as a pilot of both B25 strafers and A20's is outstanding. He participated in nearly all of the Squadron's major attacks on Hanesa Bay, Newak, Nagopo A/D, Simpson Harbor, and Hollandia. On the famous Simpson Harbor raid of 2 November 1943, Captain Walker sank a 4,000 ton Jap tanker. He has sunk at least six additional small enemy freighters and luggers.

Captain Walker has been awarded the Air Medal and two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal and has been recommended for the award of the Silver Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross. On 30 August 1944, he had 98 combat missions and 354 combat hours to his credit.

Pictures of Major Bacon and Captain Walker appear on the following pages.



Major Alfred E. Baucom



Captain Richard L. Walker

PART III

APPENDIX

E X T R A C T

310TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 565

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 214, 1 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Strike targets of opportunity at Nabire with
(2) two Squadrons of A-20s.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons of A-20s for maintenance
and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 215, 2 August 1944.

2. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide two (2) Squadrons of A-20s ground alert at
0000/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance
and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 216, 3 August 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Strike targets of opportunity at Nabire with two
(2) Squadrons A-20s.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance
and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 217, 4 August 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Strike targets of opportunity at Nabire with two
(2) Squadrons A-20s.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance
and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 218, 5 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide two (2) Squadrons A-20s ground alert at
0000/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance
and training.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 219, 6 August 1944.

2. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Strike targets of opportunity at Nabire with two (2) Squadrons A-20s.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 220, 7 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Two (2) Squadrons A-20s alerted for ground support enemy concentration Village two miles West Sawija.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 221, 8 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide two (2) Squadrons A-20s ground alert at 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 222, 9 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Strike targets of opportunity at Nabire with two (2) Squadrons A-20s.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 223, 10 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide two (2) Squadrons A-20s ground alert at 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 224, 11 August 1944.

2. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

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- (1) Strike personnel area at Sarmi with two (2) Squadrons A-20s.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 225, 12 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Strike enemy positions at Wendensi with two (2) Squadrons A-20s.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 226, 13 August 1944.

2. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release four (4) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 227, 14 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain two (2) Squadrons A-20s ground alert from 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 228, 15 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release four (4) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 229, 16 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide three (3) Squadrons A-20s for ground support at Mr. Hakko.
- (2) Release one (1) Squadron A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 230, 17 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

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- (1) Maintain two (2) Squadrons A-20s ground alert at 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 231, 18 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide three (3) Squadrons A-20s to conduct ground support strike on Mt. Hakdo.
- (2) Release one (1) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 232, 19 August 1944.

2. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release four (4) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 233, 20 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Strike supply dumps at Sarmi Point with two (2) Squadrons A-20s.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 234, 21 August 1944.

2. b. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Strike supply dumps at Sarmi Point with two (2) Squadrons A-20s.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 235, 22 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain two (2) Squadrons A-20s from 0800/K on ground alert until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 236, 23 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain one (1) Squadron A-20s one (1) hour readiness at 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing.
- (2) Release three (3) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 237, 24 August 1944.

2. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain one (1) Squadron A-20s one (1) hour readiness at 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing.
- (2) Release three (3) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 238, 25 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide three (3) Squadrons A-20s to strike Jap supplies in Sarimi Area.
- (2) Release one (1) Squadron A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 239, 26 August 1944

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release four (4) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 240, 27 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release three (3) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.
- (2) Maintain one (1) Squadron A-20s one (1) hour readiness at 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 241, 28 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release four (4) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 242, 29 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Strike targets of opportunity in the Wendensi Area with four (4) Squadrons A-20s.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 243, 30 August 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Strike targets of opportunity in the Idore-Wendensi Area with four (4) Squadrons A-20s.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 244, 31 August 1944.

2. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release four (4) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

By command of Brigadier General HUTCHISON:

G.A. SEEBERG,
Major, Air Corps,
A. C. of S., A-2.

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3rd Bomb Gp.

13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

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AFO 565,
31 August, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics, August 1944.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron, 3d Bomb Gp, AFO 565.

1. Below is the report of Aircraft Strength of the 13th Bombardment Squadron for the month of August 1944.

a. Strength, Aircraft, 1 August. 18
8 A-20G-20 #42-86568, 622, 715, 717, 718, 751, 779, & 888
2 A-20G-25 #43-9185 & 186
3 A-20G-30 #43-9470, 637, & 744
5 A-20G-40 #43-21390, 478, 533, 629, & 372

b. Strength, Aircraft, 31 August. 16
5 A-20G-20 #42-86568, 622, 715, 779, 888
2 A-20G-25 #43-9185, 186
3 A-20G-30 #43-9470, 637, 744
6 A-20G-40 #43-21372, 390, 425, 478, 533, 629

c. Gains during August.
1 A-20G-40 #43-21425 asgd to org fr 69th Serv Sq, Wakee.

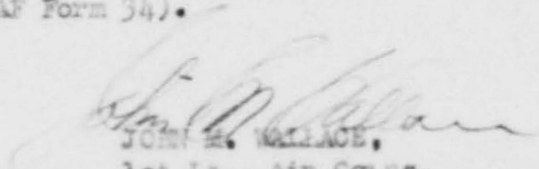
d. Losses during August.
3 A-20G-20 #42-86717, 718, & 751 trfd to FFAF Comb Repl & Train Center.

2. Percentage of assigned aircraft in Combat Readiness during month 89
(Total of planes in commission day by day for month over total of planes assigned day by day for the month)

3. Hours flown during month: a. Total hours, all planes, 450.3 b. Total combat hours, all planes, 121.3

4. Total Sorties Flown During month: 55

5. Sources: Pars 1 and 2, Daily Aircraft Status Report (Form FAF 110), pars 3 and 4, Weekly Status and Operations Report (AAF Form 34).


JOHN H. WALLACE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

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AFO 565.
31 August, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Ammunition Expenditure, August 1944.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Sq, 3d Bombardment Gp, AFO 565.

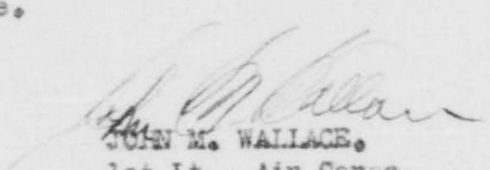
1. Ammunition expenditures by this squadron for the month of August 1944, are reported as follows:

.50 calibre expended.....	81,115 rounds
Bombs Dropped, number.....	226
Bombs dropped, tons.....	28.25

Number and Type

226 x 250 lb. 8-15 sec delay general purpose.....	28.25 tons
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2. Above information obtained from AAF Form 34, for month of August 1944, which are on file in 13th Squadron Statistical Office.


JOHN M. WALLACE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APC 565,
4 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Squadron Assignment of Duties for Officers.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron.

1. Examination of Squadron Special Orders on file in Headquarters, 13th Bombardment Squadron (L), reveals that the following Officers were assigned to the duties indicated.

Sq. O. No. 18, dated 2 August 1944.

Par 1 - 1st Lt. John N. Tolar, O-912180, is appointed Squadron Soldier Voting Officer in addition to his other duties.

Par 2 - The VOCC on 1 April 1944, appointing Capt. Frederick L. Newmeyer, O-563917, Squadron Historical Officer in addition to his other duties is hereby confirmed and made of record.

Sq. O. No. 19, dated 20 August 1944.

Par 1 - 1st Lt. Ragan S. Williams, O-2035207, is appointed Executive Officer vice Capt. John E. MacArthur, O-354569, reld.

Sq. O. No. 20, dated 25 August 1944.

Par 2 - The VOCC on 13 May 1944, appointing 1st Lt. Ansel I. Boiter, O-888798, "F" Flight Leader is hereby confirmed and made of record.

Sq. O. No. 21, dated 30 August 1944.

Par 1 - Capt. Charles E. Moorefield, O-795428, is hereby appointed Squadron Operations Officer, effective this date, vice Capt. Richard L. Walker, O-664278, reld.

Par 2 - 2nd Lt. Edward J. Weihe, O-560295, is hereby appointed Assistant Engineering Officer, vice 1st Lt. Robert R. Fitch, O-563004, reld.

Sq. O. No. 22, dated 1 September 1944.

Par 2 - The VOCC on 27 August 1944, appointing 1st Lt. Frank I. Dixon, O-799730, "E" Flight Leader vice Capt. Charles E. Moorefield, O-795428, reld, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

Sq. O. No. 23, dated 3 September 1944.

Par 3 - The VOCC 20 August 1944, appointing 1st Lt. John M. Wallace, O-649131, Squadron Communications Officer, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

Par 4 - The VOCC on 20 August 1944, appointing 1st Lt. Robert R. Fitch, O-563004, Squadron Adjutant, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

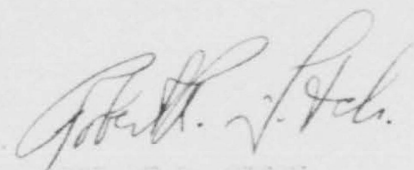
Squadron Assignment of Officers (Cont'd)

Par 5 - The WCCO on 17 August 1944, appointing 1st Lt. Victor E. Bittner, O-866217, Assistant Communications Officer are hereby confirmed and made of record. In addition to his other duties, Lt. Bittner will be Security Officer, Cryptographic.

S.O. No. 93, Hq., 3rd Bombardment Group, APO 505, dated 30 August 1944.
Par 1 - The WCCO on 27 August 1944 appointing Captain Richard L. Walker, O-662870, Squadron Commander, 13th Bomb Sq., vice Major Alfred S. Bancroft, O-737616, retd, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

S.O. No. 240, Hq., Fifth Air Force, APO 710, dated 27 August 1944.
Par 7 - The following named as O. & A., 3d Bomb Gp., APO 505, will proceed o/a 28 August 1944, to APO 922 on temp dy for the purpose of carrying out instructions of the CG, COMA.
1st Lt. Regan S. Williams, O-2035207 1 Sgt. Stanislaus J. Widara, 11062449.

S.O. No. 436, Hq., V Bomber Command, APO 920, dated 23 August 1944.
Par 5 - 1st Lt. Ernest L. Spence, O-798266, 13th Bomb Sq., is placed on DS w/ the FANPOM & US, APO 710, Unit 1, eff 24 August 1944.



ROBERT R. FITCH,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

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APO 565,
31 August, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Personnel, August 1944.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron, 3d Bomb Group, APO 565.

1. Set forth below is Personnel Report for Month of August 1944.

a. Strength 1 August	Flying	Ground	Total
Officers	20	12	32
Enlisted Men	36	218	254
Total	56	230	286

b. Strength 31 August	Flying	Ground	Total
Officers	26	14	40
Enlisted Men	50	206	256
Total	76	220	296

c. The following were assigned to organization during month:

Capt	Wiss, Jerome B., AC	0900736	Intel Off (DS, VBC)
1st Lt	Bittner, Victor E., AC,	0860247	Comm Off
2nd Lt	Alley, Edward R., AC	0755257	Pilot
"	Eyers, Leroy R., AC	0764971	Pilot
"	Cox, James C., AC	0753616	Pilot
"	Inman, Harry A., II., AC	0764999	Pilot
"	Kent, Frank R., AC	0753524	Pilot
"	McCormick, Clem R., AC	0755983	Pilot
"	Reeve, Charles D., AC	0756024	Pilot
"	Tanner, William C., AC	0444750	Pilot
"	Weihe, Edward J., AC	0580295	A/C Inspect Off
M/Sgt	Mills, Levi E., AC	6244239	(DS, VBC)
S/Sgt	Hardman, John H., AC	15074565	(DS, VBC)
Sgt	Collins, John F., AC	32466092	Arm-Gun
"	Fritz, Leonard F., AC	36858021	Arm-Gun
"	Gillim, Charles W., AC	35721707	Eng-Gun
"	Hauff, Richard A., AC	37549698	Arm-Gun
"	Ivy, Earl H., AC	37258180	(DS, VBC)
"	Pullen, Herschel R., AC	18126680	Arm-Gun
"	Shaulis, Charles J., AC	32702787	Eng-Gun
"	Tibbatts, Reed B., Ord	19064803	Munitions Wkr
Cpl	Abels, John L., AC	33575046	Eng-Gun
"	Bethea, Jerry W., AC	34803058	Arm-Gun
"	Blais, Roger A., AC	32935061	Arm-Gun
"	Del Principe, Samuel M., AC	36666097	Arm-Gun
"	Fagerstrom, Runo E., AC	36500394	Painter
"	Faris, Joseph A., AC	33575024	Eng-Gun
"	Hanson, Francis J., AC	37671955	Arm-Gun

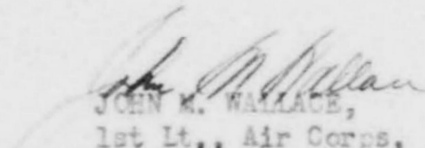
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Cpl	Koziol, Longin K., AC	31286667	Eng-Gun
"	Pangranta, Richard AC	38400674	Arm-Gun
"	Riley, John F., AC	32694627	Arm-Gun
"	Wade, James H., AC	13116911	Arm-Gun
Pfc	Roberts, Roy C., AC	36485065	Auto Equip Op
"	Wheat, Robert T., AC	36812465	Ap Inst Spec
Pvt	Habiger, Walter J., AC	37723010	Ap & Eng Mech
"	Harris, Rodney J., AC	38542827	Ap & Eng Mech
"	Skeabsia, John R., AC	36658887	Ap & Eng Mech

d. The following were transferred out during month:

Maj	Baucum, Alfred E., AC	0789648	Pilot
1st Lt	Festini, Steve J., AC	0672057	Pilot
"	Pryor, Charles D., AC	0888570	Comm Off
M/Sgt	Daneil, Joseph E. AC	6388570	Ap Maint Tech
"	Reed, Floyd J., AC	6862508	Ap Armorer
T/Sgt	Barrow, William A., AC	6972650	Arm-Gun
"	Corbello, Albert C., AC	7002755	Ap Maint Tech
"	Masiere, Joseph A., AC	11010516	Classification Spec
"	Stillman, Frank H., AC	11017670	Admin Spec
S/Sgt	Edwards, Edward O., AC	33270424	Arm-Gun
"	Gilmore, Benjamin D., AC	11017695	Ap & Eng Mech
"	Gooch, George D., AC	11013638	Ap Maint Tech
"	Howland, Roger B., AC	6564411	Cock
"	Kasper, Edward R., AC	19143430	Arm-Gun
"	Kaufman, Louis, AC	32408834	Arm-Gun
"	Martin, Virgil H., AC	38210007	Arm-Gun
"	Landry, Hugh H., Jr., AC	14028003	Ap Maint Tech
"	Rigdon, Hodges K., AC	14011872	Ap Maint Tech
"	Sarno, Joseph AC	11012156	Armorer
"	Traylor, Bevis M., AC	14036525	Admin Spec
Sgt	Hall, John E., AC	14014454	Spec Vehicle Op
"	Kirkland, John E., AC	14028001	Ap Mech
"	Mack, Benjamin, AC	18010991	(DS,VBC)
"	Mintz, Philip D., AC	12039053	Radio Mech, IFF
"	Philpot, Samuel C., AC	18040397	Ap Armorer
Cpl	Cliff, William J., AC	39015419	Ap Armorer
Pvt	Buchanan, Bob W., Ord	6361262	Munitions Wkr

2. Source of above - Squadron Morning Report for August 1944.


 JOHN M. WALLACE,
 1st Lt., Air Corps,
 Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

AFG 565,
1 September 1944.

MEMORANDUM RELATIVE TO PROMOTIONS AND REDUCTIONS DURING AUGUST 1944

Examination of the records indicated discloses that the following promotions and reductions of personnel of this unit were effected during the month of August 1944:

S.O. No. 88, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gp., AFG 565, dated 7 August 1944.
Par. 7 - S Sgt Leo J. McLann, 11018839, 13th Bomb Sq., is aptd Technical Sergeant (Temporary).
Par. 12 - Sgt. Anthony S. Wilusz, 31051843, 13th Bomb Sq., is reduced to the grade of Private (for cause).
Par. 13 - S Sgt. Charles L. Moorehead, Jr., 13094548, 13th Bomb Sq., is reduced to the grade of Private (without prejudice).

S.O. No. 90, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gp., AFG 565, dated 16 August 1944.
Par. 9 - Tec 5 Hugh R. Moore, 14065956, 13th Bomb Sq., is aptd Corporal (Temporary).

S.O. No. 91, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gp., AFG 565, dated 22 August 1944.
Par. 5 - Cpl. Carl J. Lewis, 18085533, 13th Bomb Sq., is aptd Sergeant (Temporary).
Par. 15 - The following named EM, 13th Bomb Sq., are aptd non-commissioned officers as indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED MASTER SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

T Sgt. Charles E. Heer, 14027323 T Sgt. Vernon J. Main, 6908464

TO BE APPOINTED TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

S Sgt. Luther L. McConnell, 18076345 S Sgt. Kenneth T. Robinson, 11015718
Sgt. George J. Campbell, 14011948 Sgt. Cecil O. Lancaster, 11015718
Sgt. Sidney Levine, 11024153

TO BE APPOINTED STAFF SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Sgt Joseph R. Blais, 11042251 Sgt. Wilbur N. Driggers, 14028007
Sgt Normand P. Nelson, 11014326 Sgt. Loyd G. Brigance, 37069452
Sgt Benjamin E. Howze, 7002635 Cpl. Lewis M. Atkinson, 33264369
Cpl. Charles W. Valade, 11015723

Memorandum Relative to Promotions and Reductions (cont'd)

S.O. 209, Hq., USAFFE, APO 501, dated 30 July 1944.

Par. 1 - Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following named O to the gr indicated in the AUS with rank from date of this order:

To be 1st Lt. : 2nd Lt. JOHN G. LINSMEIER, O-747836
2nd Lt. RAYMOND A. RITTER, O-806342
2nd Lt. JACKSON B. ROSS, O-805864

S.O. 213, Hq., USAFFE, APO 501, dated 3 August 1944.

Par. 1 - Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following named O to the gr indicated in the AUS with rank from date of this order:

To be Captain: 1st Lt. BURETTE C. HENSBY, O-856471
1st Lt. JOHN E. MacARTHUR, O-854569

Fredrick L. Newmyer
FREDERICK L. NEWMEYER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Historical Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 565,
2 September 1944.

SUBJECT: Awards During the Month of August 1944.

TO : 13th Squadron Historical Officer.

1. During the month of August 1944, General Orders for the following awards for personnel in this organization were received at this office. All general orders for the awards listed below were issued by Headquarters, Far East Air Forces (P), except those indicated in paragraph 2.

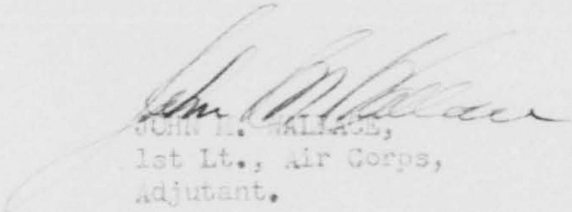
Captain Richard L. Walker	0-664278	GO #91	20/7/44	OLC-AM.
T Sgt. William A. Barrow	6972650	GO #119	5/8/44	OLC-AM.
S Sgt. Andrew Boychak	13045624	GO #131	12/8/44	AM.
M Sgt. Joseph E. Daniel	6388570	GO #131	12/8/44	AM.
S Sgt. Carl J. Lewis	18085533	GO #132	12/8/44	AM.
S Sgt. Calvin W. Reed	20108451	GO #133	12/8/44	AM.
S Sgt. Eugene Spence	14134105	GO #133	12/8/44	AM.
S Sgt. Irwin W. Dufour	16063943	GO #138	16/8/44	OLC-AM.
S Sgt. John M. Kiniry	13046553	GO #140	16/8/44	OLC-AM.
S Sgt. Edward D. Kasper	19143430	GO #142	17/8/44	OLC-AM.
1st Lt. Emmet L. Spence III	0-798368	GO #146	18/8/44	OLC-AM.
Major Alfred E. Baucom	0-789648	GO #148	18/8/44	OLC-AM.
Captain John C. Baldwin	0-730843	GO #147	18/8/44	OLC-AM.

2. The following enlisted men of the 13th Bombardment Squadron were awarded the Good Conduct Medal on General Order No. 4, Headquarters, 3rd Bombardment Group (L), A.A.F., dated 12 July 1944:

1st Sgt. James E. Honea	6394566	Sgt. Frank Kocjancich	37317567
S Sgt. Howard E. Albin	17090300	Sgt. Frederick D. Mapes	32091024
S Sgt. Walter S. Mathews	16028518	Sgt. Thomas R. Ross	37492981
ã Sgt. Charles M. Morehead	13094548	Cpl. Marvin E. Teehee	38395650
S Sgt. Charles Silvia	20155327	Pfc. Richard D. Atwood	31218967
S Sgt. Charles R. Tyrell	15338101	Pfc. Harold E. Arnold	35217001

Awards During Month of August (Cont'd.)

Pfc. Stephen D. Bentivegna	33508473	Pvt. Henry Cohen	32979360
Pfc. Norman E. Berube	11083658	Pvt. William I. Dean	34823206
Pfc. Harold F. Doty	37527807	Pvt. Toy D. Denton	34635599
Pfc. Deryl G. Dunnuck	35149378	Pvt. Harold L. Dyer	37520609
Pfc. John A. Reznik	36850018	Pvt. Martin Flink	34981105
Pvt. Teodoro Elea	38351791	Pvt. Holliday C. Hayley	18118669
Pvt. James H. Clayton	33763571	Pvt. Renato M. Pastore	32977729
Pvt. Rodrigo Del Avellano	38214353	Pvt. Nick A. Verlotta	36760016


JOHN H. WALLACE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS
13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (I)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (I)

APO 565,
3 September 1944

SUBJECT: Furloughs and Leaves During August.
TO : 13th Squadron Historical Officer.

1. During the month of August 1944 the following furloughs and leaves were granted to personnel of the 13th Bombardment Squadron under the authority indicated.

S.O. No. 85, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gr., APO 565, dated 2 August 1944.
Par 1 - Sgt Howard L. Hunter, 11029407; Sgt Ralph N. Burkhart, 37125327;
Sgt Harold C. Stroh, 20838787; Sgt Robert L. Kerr, 35274416; Sgt John A.
Kumper, 13040571; Cpl Joseph Mazzucchelli Jr., 11037742; Cpl George Cor-
rado, 15074905; 10 days furlough, McKay, Australia, eff o/a 10 Aug 1944.

S.O. No. 86, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gr., APO 565, dated 3 August 1944.
Par 20 - S Sgt Andrew Boychak, 13045624; S Sgt Murrell E. Hazel, 16053182;
S Sgt Otto Jungman, 32005675; 7 days furlough, APO 927, Sydney, NSW, eff
o/a 5 Aug 1944.


S.O. No. 87, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gr., APO 565, dated 5 August 1944.
Par 2 - S Sgt Irwin W. Dufour, 16063943; S Sgt Walter S. Mathews, 1602-
0518; Sgt Edwin J. Spencer, 35626983; S Sgt Raymond L. Rich, 32143428;
S Sgt Calvin W. Reed, 20108451; Sgt Daniel W. Walters, 35724296; 7 days
furlough eff o/a 8 August 1944.

S.O. No. 88, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gr., APO 565, dated 7 August 1944.
Par 4 - 1st Lt. Vernon R. Fering, O-1550790; 1st Lt. John E. MacArthur,
O-854569; 15 days leave, APO 927, Sydney, NSW, eff o/a 9 August 1944.

S.O. No. 89, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gr., APO 565, dated 11 August 1944.
Par 8 - 1st Lt. Gilbert S. Stiles, O-738489; Tec 5 Hugh R. Moore,
14065956; 10 days DS at Sydney, NSW, eff o/a 17 August 1944.

M.R., 28 August 1944, 13th Bomb Sq. (No S.O. available); Sgt George
F. Parma, 38113677; Cpl Myer Lurey, 14072685; 10 days furlough, McKay,
Australia, eff o/a 28 August 1944.

S.O. No. 92, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gr., APO 565, dated 29 August 1944.
Par 9 - 1st Lt. Ansel L. Boiter, O-886798; T Sgt Leo J. McKann, 11018839;
DS, Sydney West Area, 10 days, eff o/a 31 August 1944.


JOHN M. WALLACE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

19th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (1)
3rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP (1)
Office of the Operations Officer

APO 565,
10 August 1944.

SUBJECT: 19th Squadron Combat Training Program.

TO : Historical Officer, 19th Bombardment Squadron, 3rd Bombardment Group, APO 565.

1. The following information in answer to your request for data on the 19th Squadron's new Combat Training Program.

2. The program will begin about 15 August 1944 and will continue until completion. Instruction of new combat crews will be conducted by experienced gunners and pilots under the direction of Squadron Operations.

3. Pilots will be given training as follows:

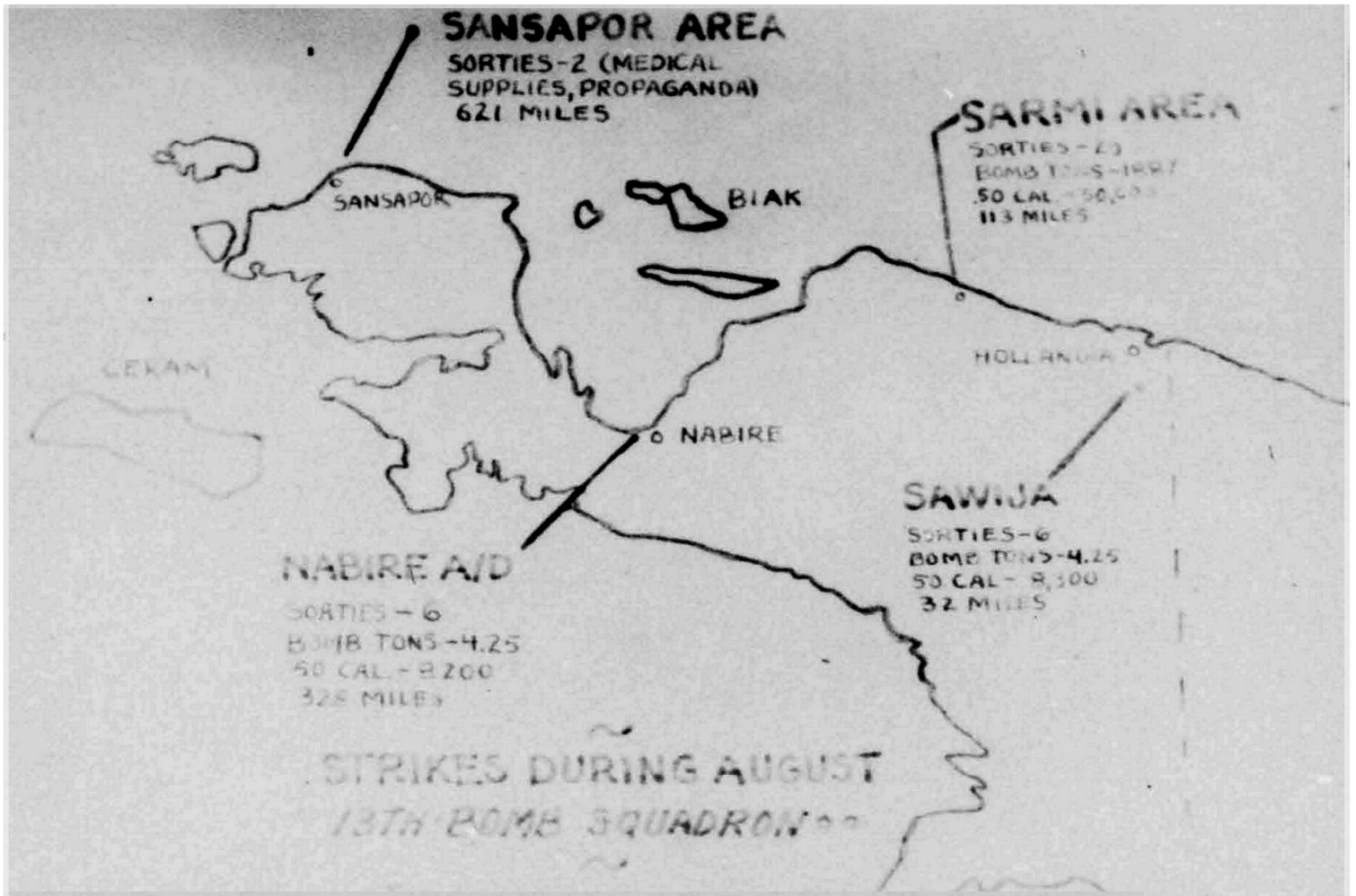
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| a. Bombing | e. Tactics in practice. |
| b. Gunnery | f. Identification. |
| c. Navigation | g. Communications. |
| d. Theory of Tactics | |

4. Aerial gunners will be given training as follows:

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| a. Gunnery | c. turret maintenance |
| b. Combat Tactics | d. Identification. |

5. During the training, Operations will endeavor to give each pilot and gunner approximately 30 hours of training in aerial flight.

Richard L. Walker
RICHARD L. WALKER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.



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Change In S.C.'s.

At the close of the month the Squadron Commander, Major Alfred S. Baucom, received orders returning him to the United States. In an interview with the writer on 30 August Major Baucom offered the following information:

Major Baucom was an aviation cadet, class 42-6. He attended primary flying school at Bonnettsville, S.C., received basic flying training at Shaw Field, S.C., and graduated from advanced flying school at Turner Field, Georgia, on 20 May 1944.

Major Baucom served as an instructor at Turner Field for nine months and came overseas on 12 May 1943. He was assigned to the 90th Bombardment Squadron, 3rd Bombardment Group on arrival and remained with that Squadron until 13 March 1944, when he was transferred to the 13th Bombardment Squadron, same Group, and was made Squadron Commander thereof.

Major Baucom is a resident of North Carolina and is the son of George H. and Annie Mae Baucom of 1416 General Lee Avenue, Fayetteville.

At the end of August Major Baucom had been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, one Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Air Medal. Recommendations for the award of an additional Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Flying Cross and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal made sometime previously were pending in Higher Headquarters at the time he departed.

On the day Major Baucom was relieved of his Command, 27 August 1944, Captain Richard L. Walker, Squadron Operations Officer, became the new Squadron Commander. Captain Walker's appointment could not have been more deserved. He had been one of the Squadron's leading flying officers for 20 months and is considered one of the leading tacticians of the 3rd Group. In an interview with the writer on 30 August, Captain Walker volunteered the following biographical data:

Captain Richard L. Walker entered the Army on 1 August 1940 as an enlisted man and was assigned as an aerial gunner with the 108th Observation Squadron at Kellogg Field, Battlecreek, Michigan. On 16 December 1941, he was sworn in as an Aviation Cadet and trained in pre-flight at Kelly Field, Texas. After successfully passing his primary and basic training at Victory Field and Randolph Field, Texas, he completed advanced training at Moore Field, Texas, and received his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant on 5 September 1942.