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PART I

CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE

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PART I CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE

1. Combat Narrative

The sweat and hard work of the 13th combat crews had made June a record month. But it all backfired in July, when only six missions were carried out. ¹ Planes of the 13th, along with other bomb outfits of the Fifth Air Force, had simply bombed and strafed the squadron out of targets within A20 range. As July opened, the Nips didn't dare base aircraft at such once powerful airdromes as Nabire, Babo, Sagan and Noemfoor. Particularly at Noemfoor, you might say, for on the morning of the second day of July, General Krueger's Sixth Army troops leap-frogged again and made landings on the shores of this little coral island strategically located in Geelvink Bay midway between Biak and Manokwari.

It was in support of this Allied landing on Noemfoor that the 13th Squadron carried out three of its six July missions. On July 1, 9 Bostons of the 13th Squadron added a sting to the "D minus 1" aerial softening of the Fifth Air Force by spilling 31 X 136 lb. clusters of incendiaries on huts and buildings. Several small fires were started and the assigned target area was thoroughly strafed with 8,000 X 50 calibre shells.

D-day itself at Noemfoor found the 13th just about the busiest bomb outfit in New Guinea. Two different 6-plane attacks were carried out by the 13th during the day, one at 1010/K/2 and the other at 1215/K. The bombing, directed at ground installation, was excellent. A total of 109 X 100 lb. 4-5 sec delay bombs were dropped directly in the target areas and the usual thorough job of strafing was carried out. Returning crews gave us first word of the complete success of the landing. Pilots and gunners reported that buffalos, trucks, tanks and jeeps covered the entire drome, and that "our troops walked around as though they owned the place". And actually they did, thanks once again to splendid teamwork of land, sea, and air forces in the New Guinea theater.

1. Appendix (page 8). Fragmentary Field Orders.

By the sixth of July, the Noemfoor invasion was rolling along well and two of the three airdromes on the island were in Yank hands. The only thing that could slow up the final control of the entire island would be Jap air interference. On the sixth, air recco reports of 8 to 12 enemy planes on Sagan airdrome, just 195 miles from Noemfoor, actually seemed to offer this sort of air threat. The 13th Squadron and other A20s were immediately ordered to attack the airdrome and all aircraft that might be on it. Six of our planes socked Sagan at 1025/K/6. A total of 8 X 250 lb. and 42 X 100 lb. 4-5 second delay bombs thoroughly blanketed the strip and dispersel areas and heavy strafing polished off the job. The tower, an A/A position and several possible aircraft, heavily camouflaged, were all peppered and heavily damaged. Photo interpretation later showed that all the "airplanes" at Sagan were camouflaged dummies. Nevertheless, the 13th Squadron gave the Nips a foretaste of what they were in for if they had any ideas about bringing the real stuff into Nabire or any other drome within the range of the 13th's vicious sting.

With all Jap dromes within A20 range beat down by constant aerial pounding until they were no longer considered profitable targets, the 13th Squadron and the other squadrons of the 3rd Group carried out an historic surprise raid on the distant Boela oil field on Ceram by staging out of a forward Allied air base. Once again, the 3rd Group was to lead the first low level attack on a new enemy target.

The attack on the Boela oil field and town gave 13th combat crews one of their first opportunities to get their teeth into something a little juicier than a cocoanut plantation or an abandoned Jap air strip. Photos showed that Boela had nearly a dozen large oil storage tanks, many of which were filled, and all kinds of pumping equipment which carried petroleum from the coral-drilled wells off shore to the storage tanks.

Going in on Boela immediately behind the 90th Squadron and ahead of 48 other A20s of the 3rd and 312th Groups, 12 planes of the 13th distributed 105 X 100 lb. parademos over the target with deadly effect. Several large oil storage tanks received direct hits and burning oil flowed down into the town area. Barracks were strafed and several were left burning. As the 13th reassembled to return to its base, the entire target area was covered with the rolling black smoke of burning oil to 10,000 ft. This had been a good lick at one of the Nips' sources of oil they badly needed to carry on the war.

The final mission of the month was carried out on July 28 when 6 A20s carried out a search for shipping between Kaimano village and Cape Awoera along the southwest coast of Dutch New Guinea. One 75 ft. lugger was

sighted 3 miles south of Kaimana and sunk in short order by a direct bomb hit from the first plane over it. During the month, 51,460 X 50 calibre shells were expended and 1,350 bombs totaling 21.55 tons were dropped. ²

TRAINING

During July, five new pilots were assigned to the squadron. On days when the squadron was released, they were taken "up" with older pilots, given formation practice on tactics actually used on missions and given short orientation hops up the coast as far as Wakde. Ditching procedure and other operational practices were taught to these new pilots by the older fliers in informal ground sessions. This knowledge is based on conversations with the Squadron Operations Officer, Captain Richard L. Walker.

AIRCRAFT STRENGTH

There was no net change in total aircraft strength in the 13th Squadron during July. ³ One B25D-1 and 17 A20Gs were on hand on July 1 and 18 A20Gs on hand on July 31. A high total of 89% of our assigned aircraft were maintained in combat readiness during the month. During July, 13th Squadron combat crews flew a total of 47 sorties which logged a total of 236.1 combat flying hours. All flying for the month resulted in 447.9 hours of flying time. ⁴

Negligible interception and anti-aircraft fire was encountered by the squadron during the month. No enemy attacks were made on 13th Squadron ground installations during the month and no enemy planes were shot down by this squadron.

2. Appendix (page). Report of Bombs and Ammunition expended.
3. Appendix (page). Report of Aircraft Strength.
4. Appendix (page). Report of Flight Statistics.

2. Administrative Narrative

Personnel Strength

During the month of July, there was a net decrease of 11 men and officers in the 13th Squadron. Total strength on July 1 was 297 and on July 31, 286. During the month, one officer and 7 enlisted men were assigned to the squadron. One officer and 15 men were transferred out of the squadron during July. All of these men were returned to the United States under the combat replacement program or under the ground rotation plan. One officer and one enlisted man were lost during the month in combat and are carried as "missing in action".⁵

Leaves and Furloughs

During July many combat men and ground personnel alike enjoyed well earned rests in Australia after a hectic two months of moving and intensive combat flying. During the month, 10 officers and 8 enlisted men enjoyed rests in Sydney, NSW while 11 men spent furloughs in Mackay, Qld.⁶

Appointments, Promotions and Reductions

Two new pairs of "railroad tracks" appeared in the 13th Squadron in July. Both Lt. Moorefield and Lt. Kline were promoted to flying Captains. Lt. Martin traded his gold bar for a silver one.

The loss of First Sergeant Traylor through the rotation plan in June found S/Sgt. Honea stepping capably into the First Sergeant's shoes in July and winning his fifth and sixth stripe. Also promoted to the six-stripe class was T/Sgt. Bohnenstiel, able 13th Squadron flight chief.

Six men, chiefly from the engineering and maintenance sections were given well earned promotions to the grade of Technical Sergeant. Two men were promoted to Corporals while 8 were made Privates, First Class. Two men were reduced to Privates for cause.⁷

5. Appendix (page 18). Monthly Report of Personnel.
6. Appendix (page 21). Memorandum relative to Leaves and Furloughs.
7. Appendix (page 23). Memorandum relative to Promotions and Reductions.

Awards

The 13th Squadron's brilliant combat record in June was accurately reflected in awards made during July. Top honor of the month went to aerial photographer S/Sgt. William E. Cory, who received both the Silver Star and Purple Heart for heroism over Kamiri airdrome, Noemfoor Island on June 8. Although suffering a broken leg and abrasions from anti-aircraft fire, Sgt. Cory continued taking pictures throughout the raid despite the intense pain of his wounds.

1st Lt. Joseph C. Brown Jr. earned the D.F.C. On June 5 over Babo New Guinea, Lt. Brown pressed his attack on the airdrome despite having his rudder half shot away and his hydraulic system damaged. Lt. Brown skillfully returned his aircraft to its base and landed it without further damage.

T/Sgt. William Barrow received the Air Medal for shooting down a Zero over Wewak, New Guinea, on August 18, 1943. Two officers received Purple Hearts for injuries in action against the enemy. Fourteen officers and men were awarded the Air Medal or Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for sustained aerial operations against the enemy while one man was awarded the new Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in support of action against the enemy. ⁸

8. Appendix (page 21). Letter, Awards during month of July.

PART II

PERSONAL & LOCAL INTEREST

PART II LOCAL INTEREST

Lack of operational activity during July was not without its effect on the 13th Squadron. The same men who had worked day and night to sustain the squadron's fine June record were now left with little to do after one intense flurry of activity during the first week of July. Failure to release the June list of ground men to return home by the last day of July proved a further negative effect on general squadron morale.

Partly offsetting this morale lowering tendency was the highly favorable state of world news, particular in respect to the break-neck speed of the new Russian summer offensive in the Baltic States and Poland. News reports no longer measured Russian progress in relation to strange Russian cities which all seemed to end in -sky, but to Warsaw and Berlin themselves. Substituting for the Group Public Relations announcer, the 13th Squadron's Intelligence Officer, Captain Frederick L. Newmeyer, brought these latest news reports to the Group theater audiences three nights each week. Good natured jokes at the brass hats and U.S.O. Commandos and late communiques from the Group's dog population added spice to the newscasts.

During the month of July, the 13th Squadron took on somewhat the appearance and function of a hotel. Several score of officers and men from other bomb squadrons "farther back" staged out of this base during the month and were the "guests" of the 13th. Our cuissene (chiefly of bully beef and peanut butter) was not the finest, but we were glad to share it with these men.

During the month, several excellent combat pictures were displayed in the squadron. One showed the heavy destruction wrought by the 13th Squadron at the oil field at Boela, Ceram on the raid of 14 July⁹ and the other shows the destruction of a large enemy lugger by a direct 13th bomb hit near Kiamana, D.N.G., on 28 July.¹⁰

9. Appendix (page 24). Photograph.
10. Appendix (page 25). Photograph.

PART III

APPENDIX

13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
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AFC 565,
31 July, 1944.

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

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

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

a. Strength, Aircraft, 1 July, 18

1 B-25D-1 #41-50222
6 A-200-20 #42-8638, 622, 717, 718, 731, & 775
3 A-200-25 #43-9185, 188, & 372
3 A-200-30 #43-9470, 837, & 744
4 A-200-40 #43-21390, 425, 478, & 533
1 A-20B #41-39116

b. Strength, Aircraft, 31 July, 18

8 A-200-20 #42-8638, 622, 717, 718, 731, 779, & 888
2 A-200-25 #43-9185 & 188
3 A-200-30 #43-9470, 837, & 744
5 A-200-40 #43-21390, 478, 533, 629, & 372

c. Gains during July.

1 A-200-20 #42-86715 assigned to org fr 96th Serv Sq
1 A-200-20 #42-86888 assigned to org fr #1 Depot, AFC 923
1 A-200-40 #43-21372 assigned to org fr MDG, AFC 924
1 A-200-20 #43-21593 assigned to org fr FANSG, AFC 925
1 A-200-20 #43-21629 assigned to org fr 19th Serv Sq
(Note: A-200-20 #43-21593 assigned to org on first day of month)

d. Losses during July.

1 B-25D-1 #41-50222 trfd to Hq, 3d Bomb Grp
1 A-20B #41-39116 trfd to 1st MDG
1 A-200-25 #43-9185 Missing
1 A-200-40 #43-21425 trfd to 19th Serv Sq

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, 447.9. b. Total combat hours, all planes, 236.1.

4. Total Sorties Flown during month: 47.

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

John E. Hall
John E. Hall,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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310TH BOMBARDMENT WING (M)
AFO 565

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 183, 1 July 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission Number 183-E-3. Strike Kamiri with four (4) squadrons A-20's. Targets as outlined on Special target map. Bombload: two (2) Squadrons, incendiaries, two (2) squadrons 100 lb. parademos. Call, Mustang Red, Gold, White and Green. Fighter cover, Hades and Clover. Squadrons carrying incendiaries bombs will strike targets last. T.O.T. 1315/K to 1345/K. Order of T.O.T Mustang White - Blue (312th Bomb Gp) Green - Gold and Red. NOTE: No bombing on beaches or in water.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 184, 2 July 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will: (Ref. operations instructions No. 1, dated 1 July, 1944, 310th Bomb Wing).

- (1) Mission No. 184-E-4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Using three (3) Sq. A-20's provide six (6) plane flights over tableteenis with following T.O.T.'s.
1000/K - 1030/K, C/S Revolt 4; 1030/K - 1100/K, C/S Revolt 5; 1100/K - 1130/K, C/S Revolt 6; 1130/K - 1200/K C/S Revolt 7; 1200/K - 1230/K, C/S Revolt 8; 1230/K - 1300/K, C/S Revolt 9. Bomb load 10 X 100 lb. parademos, 4-5 sec delay. Secondary target, Check with Ointment at Biak. Tertiary target, check in with Manner at Sarmi.
- (2) Maintain one (1) Sq. A-20's ground alert 1000/K-1400/K.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 185, 3 July, 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Provide three sq. A-20s ground alert 0530/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (M) for ground support at Noemfoor. 3 Sizzle 4 thru 9. Bomb load 10 X 100 lb. parademos, 4-5 sec delay. Secondary target, check in with Ointment at Biak. Tertiary target, check in with Manner at Sarmi.

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- (2) Mission No. 185-E-5. Provide three A-20s to lay a smoke screen to support troop carrier operations in movement of para troopers to Kamiri. To 0700/K, ETA at Kimiri 0945/K. Check in with saucepan or Nomen upon arrival. Details of mission as briefed at A-3, advanced CP, CCMAF. C/S Sizzle-Smoky.
- (3) Release one Sq. A-20s for maintenance.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 186, 4 July 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission No. 186-E-5. Four (4) A-26's on barge hunt northwest Manokwari. T.O. 0800/K. Bombload 16 X 250 para demos. Call sign Chadwick. Avoid ack ack at Manokwari.
- (2) Release four (4) Squadrons A-20's.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 187, 5 July 1944.

2. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission No. 187-E-5. Three A-26's call sign Chadwick conduct barge hunt Manokwari area. T.O. 0800/K. Bombload: 16 X 250 lb. parademos. Avoid ack ack at Manokwari. Secondary target: Check in with Wigh Nomen at Kamiri.
- (2) Release four (4) Squadrons A-20's for maintenance.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 188, 6 July 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission No. 188-E-6. Three (3) Sq. A-20s C/S Mustang 1, 2 and 3, and three (3) A-26's C/S Chadwick strike grounded aircraft on Agan Drome. Secondary target, two (2) sq. on Noemi and Waren and one (1) Sq. Sarmi area. (Contact manner for target). Alternate target Noemfoor. A-26s bomb load 8 X 250 parademos. A-20s bombload 3 parafrags clusters and 5 X 100 parademos. T.O. 0730/K and rendezvous on course with sixteen (16) P-38s C/S Possum.
- (2) Release one (1) Sq. A-20s for maintenance.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 189, 7 July 1944.

B. The 3rd Bomb Group will:

- (1) Mission no. 189-E-6 two sqdns (2) A-20s C/S Mustang White and Gold and three (3) A-26s C/S Chadwick will strike grounded aircraft on Sagan drome. Secondary target Waren and Moemi alternate target Noemfoor (Contact Noemfoor target) A-26s bombload 8 X 250 para demos. A-20s bombload maximum load 100 pound para demos. T.O. 0730/K followed by two (2) sqdns A-20s C/S Kitkat 1 and 2 Overtaking rendezvous will be made by twelve (12) P-38s C/S Possum Red.
- (2) Release two (2) sqdns A-20s for maintenance.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 190, 8 July 1944.

B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission No. 190-E-5. Two (2) Squadrons A-20s C/S Mustang Red and Green and three (3) A-26s C/S Chadwick will strike grounded aircraft on Sagan drome. Secondary target Waren and Moemi, alternate target Noemfoor (Contact Nomen for target.) A-26s bombload 8 X 250 para demos. T.O. 0730/K followed by two (2) squadrons A-20s C/S Kitkat 1 and 2, overtaking rendezvous will be made by twelve (12) P-38s C/S Clover Blue.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 191, 9 July 1944.

B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission No. 191-E-5. two (2) Sq. A-20s C/S Mustang Red and Green and three (3) A-26s C/S Chadwick will strafe shipping and or supply dumps in Kokas area. Secondary target Waren Moemi and Ransiki. A-26s bombload 8 X 250 parademos. T.O. 0730/K followed by two (2) sq. A-20s C/S Kitkat 1 and 2. Bombload for A-20 maximum load 100 lb. parademos. Overtaking rendezvous will be made by twelve (12) P-38s C/S Hades.
- (2) Release two (2) sqdns for maintenance.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 192, 10 July 1944.

B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission no. 192-E-4. Two (2) sqdns, A-20s C/S Mustang White and Gold and three (3) A-26s C/S Chadwick strike shipping and/or supply dumps in Kokas area, Secondary targets, ground support Noemfoor (Contact Noemen). Alternate Biak (Contact Ointment). Bomb loads: A-20s maximum no. 100 lb parademos, A-26s 8 X 250 lb parademos. Rendezvous over field with twelve (12) P-38s C/S Clover. T.O.T. 1100/K.
- (2) Release two (2) sqdns for maintenance.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 193, 11 July 1944.

B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission 193-E-4: Two (2) Squadrons A-20's, C/S Mustang White and Gold and three (3) A-26's, C/S Chadwick, strike shipping and/or supply dumps in Kokas area. Secondary targets, ground support Noemfoor (Contact Noemen). Alternate Biak (Contact Ointment). Bombloads: A-20's maximum Number 100 lb. para demos. A-26s 8 X 250 lb parademos. Rendezvous over field with twelve (12) P-38s. C/S Clover. T.O.T. 1100/K.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons for maintenance.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 194, 12 July 1944.

B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission no. 194-E-2. Provide two (2) Squadrons A-20s and two (2) A-26s ground support mission to Sami, contact "Manner". bombload 250 lb. 8-11 sec delay. Call Mustang Red and Green. A-26s C/S Chadwick.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons for maintenance.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 195, 13 July 1944.

B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release four squadrons for maintenance.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 196, 14 July 1944.

B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission No. 196-E-4. Three (3) Sq. A-20s stage Mokmer July 13, 1944. E.T.A. 1500/K. On arrival at Mokmer, report to 308th Bomb Wing for coordination CG, 310th Bomb Wing (H) Plan (Boala Operation)
- (2) Release one (1) Sq A-20s for maintenance.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 197, 14 July 1944.

B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Return three (3) Squadrons A-20s to Hollandia from Biak.
- (2) Release one (1) Squadron A-20s for maintenance.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 198, 15 July 1944.

B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain two (2) Squadrons A-20s on thirty (30) minute ground alert for ground support targets in Sarmi area. Contact Lanner and be loaded with 250 lb 4-5 sec delay bombs. C/S Mustang Gold and Green.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and train
- (3) Strike supplies and personnel along coast road north of Ransiki with four (4) A-26s C/S Chadwick. Bombload 30 X 100 lb parademos. T.O.T. 1030/K. T.O. 0830/K. Mission No. 198-E-1.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 199, 17 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain two (2) Sq A-20s on one (1) hour ground alert for ground support from 0800/K until released by A-3 310th Bomb Wing (H). Bomb load Maximum load 250 lb 8-12 sec delay. C/S/ Mustang Gold and Green.
- (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance, training.
- (3) Release five (5) A-26s for maintenance and training.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 200, 18 July 1944.

- A. The 3rd Attack Group will:
- (1) Maintain two (2) Sq on one (1) hour ground alert for ground support mission from 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (M). Bomb load 250 lb 8-11 sec delay max load. C/S Mustang Red and White.
 - (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20 for maintenance and training.
 - (3) Release five (5) A-26 for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 201, 13 July 1944.

- A. The 3rd Attack Group will:
- (1) Maintain two (2) Sq A-20s on one (1) hour ground alert for ground support mission from 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (M). Bomb load: Maximum load 250 lb. 8-11 sec delay. C/S Mustang Red and White.
 - (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.
 - (3) Release five (5) A-26s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 202, 19 July 1944.

- A. The 3rd Attack Group will:
- (1) Maintain two (2) sq A-20s on one (1) hour ground alert for ground support mission from 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (M). Bomb load: Maximum load 250 lb 8-11 sec delay. C/S Mustang Gold and Green.
 - (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.
 - (3) Release five (5) A-26s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 203, 20 July 1944.

- A. The 3rd Attack Group will:
- (1) Maintain two sq A-20s on one (1) hour alert for ground support missions from 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (M). Bomb load maximum load 250 lb. 8-11 sec delay. C/S Mustang Red and White.
 - (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.
 - (3) Release five (5) A-26s for maintenance and training.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 204, 21 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain two (2) Sq A-20s on one (1) hour ground alert for ground support missions from OSGO/R until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (H). Bomb load, maximum load 250 lb. 8-11 sec delay. C/S Mustang Green and Gold.
- (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 205, 22 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain two (2) Sq A-20s on one (1) hour ground alert for ground support missions from OSGO/R until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (H). Bomb load maximum load 250 pound 8-11 sec delay C/S Mustang Red and White.
- (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.
- (3) Release five (5) A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 206, 23 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain two (2) Sq A-20s on one (1) Hour ground alert for ground support missions from OSGO/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (M). Bomb load, maximum load 250 pound, 8-11 sec delay. C/S Mustang Red and Green.
- (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.
- (3) Release five (5) A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 207, 24 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission 207-Z-1. Strike Utaron with two (2) squadrons A-20s C/S Mustang Gold and Green. T.O.T. 1000/Y. Bomb load: 250 lb 4-5 sec delay.
- (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.
- (3) Release five (5) A-20s for maintenance and training.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 208, 25 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Two (2) Sq A-20s ground alert for ground support mission from 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (H). Bomb load 250 lb 8-11 sec delay. C/S Mustang Red, White.
- (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.
- (2) Release five (5) A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 209, 26 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission No. 209-E-1. Strike Nip personnel and supply area five miles south of Babo. C/S Mustang Gold, Green. Bomb load: 250 lb 8-11 sec delay. T.O.T. 1200/K.
- (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 210, 27 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission No. 210-E-1. Strike targets of opportunity East and West of Ufaron with two (2) sq A-20s. C/S Mustang Red and White. Bomb load: 250 lb 8-11 sec delay.
- (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 211, 28 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

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

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 212, 29 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Two (2) Sq A-20s ground alert from 0800/K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (H). Load (1) one Sq with 100 paraffinos and one (1) Sq 250 8-11 sec delay.
- (2) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 213, 30 July 1944.

A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Maintain two Sq A-20s on ground alert 0800, K until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (H).
- (2) Mission No. 213-E-1. Stage one (1) A-20 to Gwi for G. DeBretter leaflet dropping mission. T.O.T. First light contact A-3 308th Bomb Wing upon arrival.
- (3) Release two (2) Sq A-20s for maintenance and training.

By Command of Brigadier General WYCHINSON.

Wm. SPENBURG,
Major, Air Corps,
Asst G. of S.

OFFICIAL:

/s/ I. H. YENNER
/A/ W. H. MEYER,
1st Lt., Air Corps
Asst A-3.

The foregoing are true extract copies of Fragmentary Field Orders on file at Group Operations, 3rd Attack Group.

Donald T. Lees
DONALD T. LEES,
Captain, Air Corps,
Asst G-3.

19TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3D BOMBARDMENT Gp (L) AAF

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AFC 565,
31 July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Ammunition Expenditure, July 1944.

TO : Historical Officer, 19th Bombardment Gp, 3d Bombardment Gp, AFC 565.


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

.50 calibre expended.....	51,480 rounds.
Bombs Dropped, number.....	1,350
Bombs dropped, tons.....	21.55

Number and Type

37 x 250 lb 4-5 sec delay bombs	4.62 tons
298 x 100 lb 4-5 sec delay parademics	14.90 tons
1,015 x 4 lb inst incendiary	2.03 tons

2. Above information obtained from AAF Form 34, for month of July 1944, which are on file in 19th Squadron Statistical Office.


JOHN K. WALLACE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

19TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

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APO 36,
31 July, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Personnel, July 1944.

TO : Historical Officer, 19th Bombardment Squadron, 3d Bombardment Group,
APO 36.

1. Set forth below is Personnel Report for month of July 1944.

a. Strength 1 July	Flying	Ground	Total
Officers	23	11	34
Enlisted Men	41	222	263
Total	64	233	297

b. Strength 31 July	Flying	Ground	Total
Officers	20	12	32
Enlisted Men	36	218	254
Total	56	230	286

c. The following were assigned to organization during month:

1st Lt	Gove, Edwin F., AC,	0856461	(DS, VAC for 4y)
Sgt	Fischer, Donald J., AC,	30242913	Air Mech
Sgt	Gainey, Charles F., AC,	32729724	Basic
Sgt	Mack, Benjamin, AC,	18010931	(DS, VAC for 4y)
Cpl	Boele, Frank J., AC,	36542442	(Unk own)
Pfc	Ferrigno, Frank J., AD,	31078876	Auto Mech
Pfc	Ford, Troy W., AD,	18180308	Auto Operator
Pvt	Dair, William C., AD,	34244726	Basic

d. The following were transferred out during month:

1st Lt	Tyrell, Robert J., AC,	07576042	Pilot
1st Sgt	Traylor, Ernest H., AC,	0973623	First Sergeant
M/Sgt	Almon, Clarion R., AC,	0457524	Flight Chief
M/Sgt	Crutchenfield, William R., AC,	6922638	Flight Chief
T/Sgt	Haynes, Edward G., AC,	0572134	Crew Chief
T/Sgt	Jackson, Roland F., Jr., AC,	0571427	Air Mech
T/Sgt	Car, Oliver A. Jr., AC,	0514468	Radio Op & Mech
T/Sgt	Ruth, Charles F., AC,	0505910	Eng-Gunner
T/Sgt	Salles, Norman H., AC,	7000476	Crew Chief
T/Sgt	Williams, Willis J., AC,	0571427	Crew Chief
S/Sgt	Bartels, Raymond H., AC,	20480018	Armorer
S/Sgt	Kiniry, John M., AC,	1904433	Eng-Gunner
S/Sgt	Sciscato, Donato, AC,	11018014	Eng-Gunner
Sgt	Comas, Charles F., Cpl,	34140038	Munitions Wkr
Sgt	McQuasey, Gilbert F., AC,	11012160	Carpenter

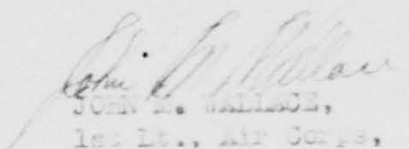
Inv. Subj: Monthly Report of Personnel, 11th Bomb Sq, 3d Bomb Gr, APO 300, dtd 7/31/44

(Note: 1 Pilot & 1 Gunner reported MIA in June were dropped from rolls in July)

e. Otherwise lost during month:

1st Lt Schwartz, Saul, AC,	0796890	Pilot	MIA
S/Sgt Moore, Charles A., AC,	34029781	Eng-Gun	MIA

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


JOHN H. WALLACE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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

APO 565,
3 August 1944.

MEMORANDUM RELATIVE TO PROMOTIONS AND REDUCTIONS
DURING JULY 1944.

S.O. No. 75, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gp., APO 565, dated 4 July.
Par. 8 -- S Sgt. JAMES E. HONEA, 6394596, is appt'd 1st Sgt (Temp.).
S.O. No. 76, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gp., APO 565, dated 9 July.
Par. 3 -- The following named EM, 13th Bomb Sq., are appt'd Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates First Class. To be appointed Master Sergeant (Temporary): T Sgt. CASPER W. BOHNENSTIEL, 6973008; To be appointed Technical Sergeant (Temporary): S Sgt. HERBERT E. ANDRUS, 11010485, S Sgt. BOLESLAUS MANIJAK, 11008448, S Sgt. STANISLAUS S. MIDURA, 11008449, S Sgt. PHILLIP C. BILLAC, 14017241, S Sgt. WALLACE R. McKINNON, 11009236, S Sgt. OLIVER H. SMITH, 11024238; To be appointed Privates First Class: Pvt HAROLD E. ARNOLD, 35217001, Pvt. HAROLD F. DOTY, 37527807, Pvt. BRUNO LICCI, JR., 35610534, Pvt. ROBERT K. STRAWSER, 15084219, Pvt. RICHARD D. ATTWOOD, 31218967, Pvt. DERYL G. DUNNICK, 3514937, Pvt. WILLIAM G. PUGH, 17042138, Pvt. GEORGE YERKOWITZ, 12032241.
S.O. No. 78, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gp., APO 565, dated 12 July.
Par. 6 -- The following named EM, 13th Bomb Sq., are reduced to the grade of Private (for cause): S Sgt. CARL J. LEWIS, 18085533, S Sgt. RICHARD A. MURPHY, 32444827.
Par. 7 -- The following named EM, 13th Bomb Sq., are appt'd Corporals: Pvt. CARL J. LEWIS, 18085533, Pvt. RICHARD A. MURPHY, 32444827.
S.O. No. 198, Hq., USAFPE, APO 501, dated 19 July 1944.
Par. 1 -- The following named officers, 13th Bomb Sq., are promoted to rank indicated, AUS: 1st Lt. STANLEY D. KLINE, 0795235, 1st Lt. CHARLES E. MOOREFIELD, 0795428; to be Captain.
S.O. No. 201, Hq., USAFPE, APO 501, dated 22 July 1944.
Par. 2 -- The following named officer, 13th Bomb Sq., is promoted to rank indicated, AUS: 2nd Lt. TONNIE G. MARTIN, 0885291; to be 1st Lieutenant.

All the above records are located in Headquarters Files, 13th Bombardment Squadron, 3rd Bombardment Group, APO 565 as of present date.

Frederick L. Newmeyer
FREDERICK L. NEUMEYER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Historical Officer.

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

APO 565,
3 August 1944.

SUBJECT: Awards During Month Of July 1944.

TO : 13th Bombardment Squadron Historical Officer.

1. During the month of July 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 the Headquarters indicated.

HEADQUARTERS, V BOMBER COMMAND:

S Sgt. WILLIAM E. CORY	16109156	GO #26	4 July 1944.	PH.
1st Lt. CRAIGIE J. KRAYENBUHL	0798309	GO #26	4 July 1944.	PH.
1st Lt. DAVID C. HERWIN	0805454	GO #27	18 July 1944.	PH.

HEADQUARTERS, FAR EAST AIR FORCES:

S Sgt. WILLIAM E. CORY	16109156	GO #61	10 July.	S.S.
T Sgt. PETER D. RICARDI	6914419	GO #63	13 July.	B.S.
1st Lt. JOSEPH C. BROWN	0802849	GO #66	14 July.	D.F.C.
T Sgt. WILLIAM A. BARROW	6972650	GO #66	14 July.	A.M.
1st Lt. ANSEL L. BOITER	0888798	GO #74	18 July.	A.M.
1st Lt. STEVE J. FESTINI	0672057	GO #75	18 July.	A.M.
1st Lt. CHARLES E. MOOREFIELD	0795428	GO #79	18 July.	A.M.
1st Lt. BILLY D. SANDERS	0740943	GO #79	18 July.	A.M.
1st Lt. DAVIS P. SMITH	0798364	GO #79	18 July.	A.M.
1st Lt. WENNETT L. SPENCE III	0798368	GO #79	18 July.	A.M.
1st Lt. DAVID C. HERWIN	0805454	GO #80	18 July.	A.M.
1st Lt. STANLEY D. KLINE	0675235	GO #80	18 July.	A.M.
S Sgt. THOMAS J. CERVENAK	33291426	GO #82	19 July.	OLC (AM)
S Sgt. WILLIAM R. COLEMAN	14129247	GO #82	19 July.	OLC (AM)
S Sgt. DONATO SCISCENTO	11018844	GO #84	19 July.	OLC (AM)
S Sgt. DONATO SCISCENTO	11018844	GO #84	19 July.	OLC (AM)
1st Lt. FRANK I. DIXON	0799730	GO #89	20 July.	OLC (AM)
Capt. WILLIAM H. SHAW	0798361	GO #90	20 July.	OLC (AM)

Ragan S. Williams
RAGAN S. WILLIAMS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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

APO 565,
3 August 1944.

MEMORANDUM RELATIVE TO FURLOUGHS AND LEAVES DURING JULY 1944.

Examination of the records indicated discloses that the following furloughs and leaves were authorized during July to personnel of this Unit:

SO No. 74, Hq., 3rd Bomb Group, APO 565, dated 3 July 1944.

Par. 1 -- Capt. William H. Shaw, 0798361; 1st Lt. Stanley D. Kline, 0675235; 1st Lt. David C. Herrin, 0805454; 1st Lt. Clifford P. Taylor, 0798049, 7 days lv APO 927, Sydney NSW, eff ^o/a 7 July.

SO No. 77, Hq. 3rd Bomb Group, APO 565, dated 8 July 1944.

Par. 2 -- S/Sgt. Howard E. Albin, 17090300; S/Sgt. George E. Rossonne, 13089574; S/Sgt. Fred A. Faucheux, 7000481; S/Sgt. Charles Silvia, 2015527; S/Sgt. Charles R. Tyrell, 15338101, 7 days fur, APO 927, Sydney NSW, eff ^o/a 14 July.

Par. 3 -- T/Sgt. Charles E. Heer, 14027323; Sgt. Benjamin E. Howze, 7002635; Sgt. Robert B. Young, 11021093; Sgt. Wilbur N. Driggers, 14028007; Sgt. George S. Overholt, 13028708; Cpl. Lawrence W. Dodd, 37193664, 10 days fur, Mackay, Australia eff ^o/a 14 July.

SO No. 80, Hq. 3rd Bomb Group, APO 565, dated 18 July 1944.

Par. 4 -- 1st Lt. Horace J. Eisele, 0562935; 1st Lt. Burdette C. Hinsey, 085671, 15 days lv, APO 927, Sydney NSW, eff ^o/a 20 July.

Par. 5 -- Maj. Alfred E. Baucom, 0789648; Capt. Craigie J. Krayenbuhl, 0798309, 7 days lv, APO 927, Sydney, NSW, eff ^o/a 20 July.

SO No. 82, Hq., 3rd Bomb Group, APO 565, dated 26 July 1944.

Par. 1 -- Sgt. Otho R. Perry, 18040335; Sgt. Kenneth R. Cole, 15084641; Cpl. Howard C. Hill, 39173511; Cpl. George O. Voyles, 14066279, 10 days lv, Mackay, Australia eff ^o/a 26 July.

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Memorandum Relative to Furloughs and Leaves during July 1944.

SO No. 83, Hq., 3rd Bomb Group, APO 565, dated 28 July 1944.

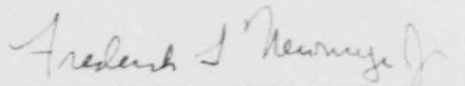
Par. 7 -- Capt. George E. Brown, 01703384; 1st Lt. Emmet L. Spence, 0798368, 7 day lv, APO 927, Sydney, NSW, eff. °/a 29 July.

Par. 8 -- S/Sgt. William E. Cory, 16109156, 15 day fur, APO 927, Sydney, NSW, °/a 29 July.

Par. 10 -- T/Sgt. Oliver H. Smith, 17024238, 10 day fur, Mackay, Australia, eff. °/a 29 July.

Par. 16 -- S/Sgt. James E. Atkinson, 15116924; S/Sgt. Manuel W. Nevares, 19106139, APO 927, Sydney NSW, eff. °/ a 29 July.

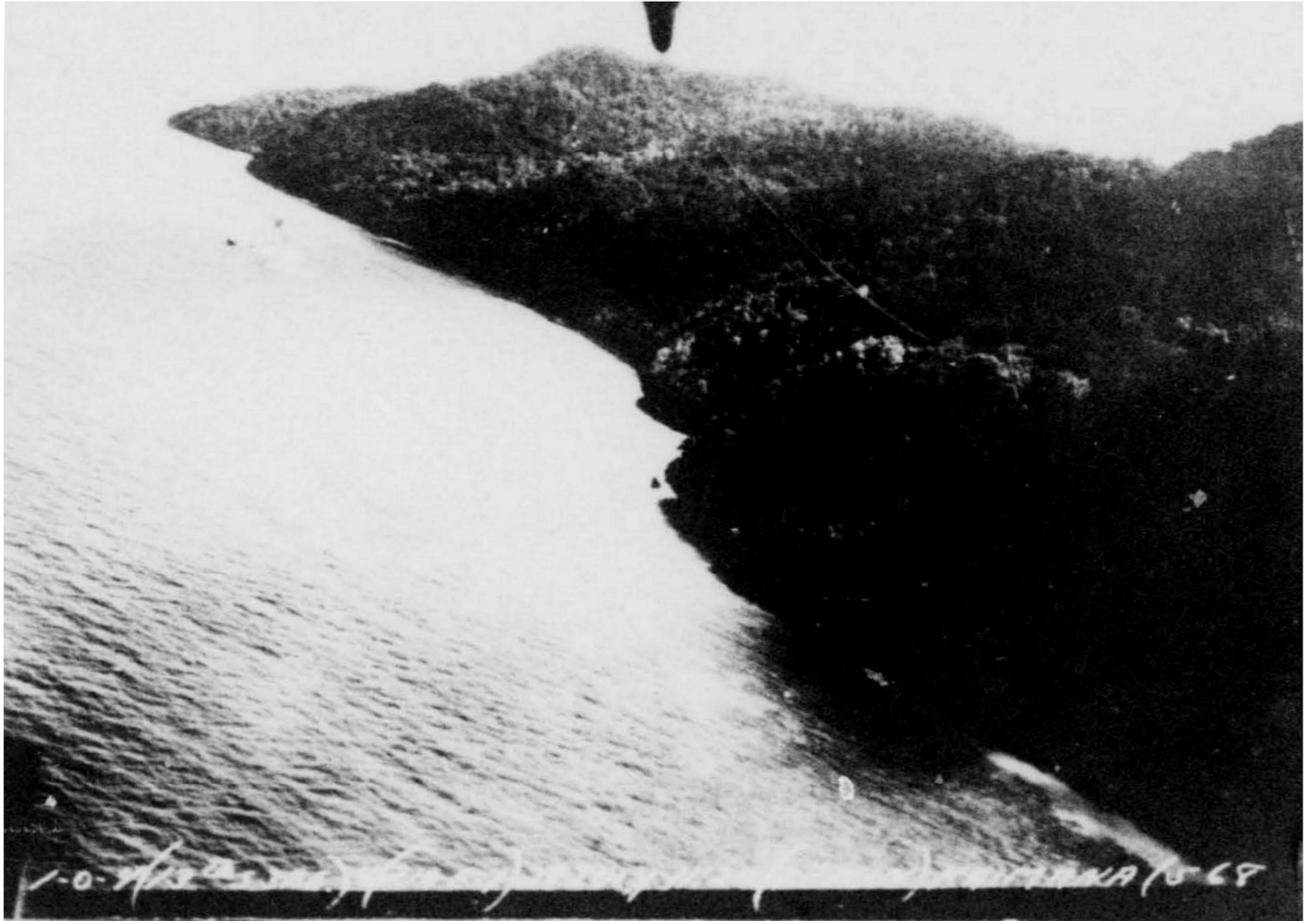
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FREDERICK L. NEWMAYER, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Historical Officer.



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