



13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON ( L ) OCTOBER 1944

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

UNIT HISTORY--OCTOBER  
1944

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PART I

CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE

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PART I  
CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE  
BY TOPICS

Combat

During the course of October only nine missions were flown by the Squadron and virtually all its combat activity was of a routine nature. Nearly every mission was treated as a training matter insofar as method of attack, departure, rendezvous and the like is concerned.

After these missions the Commanding Officer--who often observed the whole operation from a plane not on the mission--and the Operations Officer held critiques in which the whole operation was critically discussed in detail from a tactical standpoint. Suggestions for improvement were freely received and vigorously examined.

Formation, timing, gunnery, bombing and air discipline were repeatedly stressed.

Pertinent details of the nine missions are set forth in the following paragraphs. <sup>1</sup>

The assigned target for the first mission of the month, 4 October, was strip no. 1 at Babo. <sup>2</sup> Twelve A20Gs and 1 B25J took off as scheduled but all turned back before reaching target due to weather. Eleven A20s returned to base, but the B25 made four practice runs over Nabire strip dropping 4 X 500 lb 1/10 sec delay bombs with unobserved results. One A20 with engine smoking enroute to target turned back at Cape D'Urville and landed at Wakde.

The following day, 5 October, 12 A20s were assigned to bomb and strafe Jap bivouacs at Saver. All planes hit the target dropping 86 X 100 lb 4-5 sec delay parademos and expending 19,000 X 50 cal. Two huts were destroyed, three probably destroyed, and a 50 cal. machine gun was silenced.

1. See Appendix (page 10) for Fragmentary Field Orders on which missions were based.
2. Final Mission Reports File, Squadron Intelligence Files.

On 6 October 3 A20Gs were sent to Utarom on a photo mission which was completed as ordered. 47 X K17 photos were taken providing good coverage.

Twelve A20Gs and 1 B25J took off on the morning of 8 October to strike the south half of Utarom strip No. 1. One A20 turned back near Geelvink Bay due to engine trouble. The other eleven A20s proceeded to the target and bombed it on the lead of the B25 from an altitude of 10,000 feet. 48 X 500 lb 1/10 sec delay demos were dropped and three bundles of native propaganda leaflets scattered over area. No damage was done as most of bombs landed in the water.

Enemy supply dumps in the Samai area was the target assigned for 8 A20s of the 13th Squadron on 12 October. 56 X 100 lb 8-15 sec delay parademos were dropped but approximately 70% failed to explode. Five shacks were destroyed, one large explosion caused and one small fire was started. The whole area was heavily strafed with 13,750 X 50 cal expended.

Eight A20Gs and 1 B25J were to strike strip No. 1 at Babo on 17 October but no planes reached the target due to weather.

On the 25th of the month 12 A20Gs struck at enemy fuel dumps and targets of opportunity in the Crai River area. All planes completed the mission dropping a total of 86 X 100 lb 4-5 sec delay demos in target area and expending 16,700 X 50 cal in strafing. Two small gasoline fires were started.

The final completed mission of the month was flown on the 26th when 9 A20Gs and 1 B25J hit runway No. 2 at Utarom from an altitude of 7500 feet. 40 X 500 lb 1/10 sec delay bombs were dropped with nil observed results as clouds generally obscured the target.

On the last day of the month 8 A20Gs and 1 B25J were assigned to bomb runway No. 1 at Babo. Due to bad weather all planes turned back 20 miles south of Wakde, returning safely to base.

A total of 550.5 hours of which 287.2 were combat were flown by all 13th Squadron aircraft during the month. Sorties flown totaled 119.<sup>3</sup>

#### Ordnance:

During October the Squadron dropped a total of 36.55 tons of bombs (500 lb, 100 lb, general purpose and 100 lb parademos) and expended 43,334 X 50 cal ammunition.<sup>4</sup>

3. See Appendix (page 16) Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.

4. See Appendix (page 18) Monthly Report of Ammunition Expenditures.

### Enemy Action

No enemy interception was encountered during October. No "Red Alerts" were sounded and no enemy attacks of any kind were directed against the 13th Squadron personnel, aircraft or installations.

### Aircraft Strength and Maintenance

During this period the 13th Squadron was equipped with 17 new A20-H type aircraft.<sup>5</sup> The pilots were very favorably impressed with the cockpit arrangement and the additional power of the new plane.

For a considerable period after their receipt all the junior pilot officers expended a great deal of energy and a large quantity of steel wool rubbing down the rough spots and generally getting all external surfaces in tip-top condition.

In conversations with the Historical Officer Captain Burdette C. Hinsey, Engineering Officer advised that a large amount of work had to be done on three engines on two of these aircraft.

Captain John A. MacArthur, armament Officer advised the historian that the new planes were so arranged and equipped as to require bomb loading equipment of a different sort than that used on the A20Gs. Inasmuch as no such equipment was received it was necessary to change racks in all the planes newly received.

Speaking statistically, the 13th Squadron started the month with 16 A20Gs and one B25J, and at the close of the period had 17 A20Hs and one B25J for a net gain of one A20H.<sup>6</sup>

The percentage of assigned aircraft in combat readiness during the month was 71%.<sup>7</sup> This comparatively low figure is directly attributable to the factors mentioned in previous paragraphs in this section.

### Training

Conversations with S/Sgt. Robert G. Sawyer, Operations Clerk, who resorted to his records revealed that twelve training missions involving 52 sorties and 114 hours were flown. A total of 116 X 100 lb bombs and 14,800 rounds of 50 calibre ammunition were used in training flights.

Two hours of instrument flying were completed and seven courier missions were flown during the month.

5. See Appendix (page 16) Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.
6. See Appendix (page 16) Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.
7. See Appendix (page 16) Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.

It is within the personal knowledge of the Historian that a complete check of gas masks and other chemical warfare equipment was made for all personnel and that every Officer and Enlisted Man of the Squadron entered a tent "gas chamber" filled with "tear gas" to test the efficiency of gas masks. Further all other chemical warfare individual equipment was checked and shortages eliminated.

## ADMINISTRATIVE NARRATIVE

### Organization

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

No Squadron Orders were published effecting changes of Officer's duties. Captain Richard L. Walker continued as Commanding Officer; heads of departments were: Captain Charles E. Moorefield as Operations Officer, 1st Lt. John R. Tolar as Intelligence Officer, 1st Lt. John M. Wallace as Adjutant, Captain Frederick L. Newmeyer Jr. as Executive Officer, Captain John E. Macarthur as Armament Officer, Captain Burdette C. Minsey as Engineering Officer, 1st Lt. Vernon R. Fering as Ordnance and Transportation Officer; 1st Lt. Victor E. Bittner as Communications Officer and 2nd Lt. Edward J. Weihe as Tech Supply Officer. Second Lieutenant William C. Tanner, 0444750, a pilot, was appointed Squadron Supply Officer on VOCC.

Second Lieutenant David R. Toomin, the only ground Officer assigned during the month, joined the Squadron as Assistant Intelligence Officer reporting for duty on 4 October.

### Strength

During the month five Officers and thirty Enlisted Men were transferred into the Squadron, and six Officers and thirty-two Enlisted Men were transferred out. One Officer was killed on a non-combat mission. <sup>8</sup> Of those transferred out ten Enlisted Men were returned to the United States under the rotation plan, and three pilots and eleven gunners having completed the immediately required combat service departed for the United States.

Four of the five Officers who joined the Squadron during the month were pilots. Most of the new enlisted personnel were either gunners or ground replacements with the balance consisting of men returning from hospitals etc.

8. See Appendix (page 19) Monthly Report of Personnel.



### Promotions and Reductions

Only one Officer received promotion during October, he being 1st Lt. Clifford P. Taylor, one of the Squadron's ablest pilots, who received orders promoting him to Captain. <sup>9</sup>

However, more enlisted men were promoted during this month than during any similar period in the past year. In all 87 ground men and 13 gunners received promotions. <sup>10</sup> T Sgt. Oliver H. Smith, who came overseas with the Squadron as a Private, was appointed Master Sergeant and succeeded M Sgt. Peter D. Ricardi as Line Chief, Ricardi having returned to the United States on the rotation plan. T Sgt. John Nagy, Chief Inspector, was also promoted to Master Sergeant. Two combat men and ten ground men were advanced to the grade of Technical Sergeant; twelve ground men were made Staff Sergeants; twenty-five ground men and eleven gunners were promoted to Sergeant; twenty-seven ground men to Corporal, and eleven to Private First Class.

No reductions of personnel of this Unit were effected during the month.

### Awards

Combat personnel of the Squadron were awarded 17 Air Medals or Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal on General Orders received from Far East Air Force Headquarters during the month. <sup>11</sup> All of these awards were for meritorious achievement during 100 hours of combat flying. Captain William H. Shaw received the Purple Heart on General Orders from V Bomber Command for wounds received in action against the enemy over Kavieng Harbor, New Ireland, on 15 February 1944.

Two ground personnel, Captain Ragan S. Williams and Technical Sergeant Bevis R. Mangum were awarded the Bronze Star Medal in recognition of their outstanding service to the Squadron for many months.

### Furloughs and Leaves

No personnel of this Squadron were granted leaves or furloughs during the month of October. <sup>12</sup> It is to be noted under the section dealing with strength that a number of men left the Squadron for 30 days temporary duty in the United States.

- 9. Appendix (page 21) Letter: "Promotions and Reductions during October".
- 10. Appendix (page 21) Letter: "Promotions and Reductions during October".
- 11. Appendix (page 24) Letter: "Awards during Month of October."
- 12. Appendix (page 25) Letter: "Furloughs and Leaves During October."

PART II

PERSONAL & LOCAL INTEREST

## LOCAL INTEREST

### General - Including Morale

For the first three weeks there was much speculation as to where and when we would strike the Philippines. Interest became more and more pronounced as the month wore on. Hardly any one maintained more than a slight personal interest in matters ordinarily attracting attention.

When the blow finally fell on Leyte Island interest reached its highest pitch. All news was in great demand. All that intelligence could furnish was eagerly received and radios were tuned in on all news casts and on transmission of correspondent's stores.

As news of this operation became more routine and enthusiasm began slightly to subside, intelligence concerning the naval battle about the Philippines whipped interest higher than ever.

As the month drew to a close everyone felt that the years and months spent in New Guinea were paying dividends. We were advised that it was now only a matter of a short time until the Squadron would be in the Philippines and on the thirtieth and thirty-first Captain Newmeyer revealed the detailed plan of ground echelon movement insofar as it was practicable to do so.

While there was a general deterioration in the food situation--the most frequently (and repetitively) served entrees being chili, corned beef hash and salmon--this situation was taken as something that was logically to be expected in face of the impending move.

A considerable improvement in the Post Exchange afforded the officers and men an opportunity to purchase items sincerely desired though not absolutely needed.

Twelve cans of American brewed beer were provided for sale to each officer and man and tobacco was made available for sale in the amount of three cartons of cigarettes or sixty cigars for each individual in the Squadron. Probably the most sought after of all the items offered was fruit (and vegetable) juice of which a rather limited supply was obtained. In addition, toilet articles, candy, crackers, stationery, flashlights, (with no bulbs and none to fit the flashlights available) batteries, and V - mail Christmas greetings were placed on sale.

Mail service continued fairly good but no person ever got enough mail to fully satisfy him. This, of course, through no fault of the Army Postal Service.

Despite the lack of combat activity everyone was pretty busy polishing out the rough spots and morale was very high during the month. Of course there was some "gripping", seemingly the most legitimate of which was that of combat crews on account of the small number of missions flown.

The receipt of new aircraft, new combat crews, promotions, the knowledge that we were soon to go to the Philippines and the good news relative to our landings and naval battles far and away outweighed all minor distractions. <sup>13</sup>

The most interesting diversion of entertaining the now large local membership of the Women's Army Corps, recruited for such purposes almost nightly from the Far East Air Forces and G.H.Q. areas by the more enterprising of our enlisted personnel. With such company enlisted personnel exercised the facilities of their club to their fullest ability.

Amongst the Officers talks were had concerning the possibility and desirability of setting up a Group Officer's Club and mess in the near future. Many factors were considered. The most compelling arguments advanced against such a course during a meeting of Officers held on the last day of the month were those that follow. It is the stated experience of all the Officers in this Squadron that the usage of such a procedure has in the past adversely affected morale of enlisted personnel. It has been observed that the word gets around that the Officers are better fed--indicating darkly that this is most probably at the expense of the enlisted personnel. Several of the Officers averred that their own minds were so abused when they were in an enlisted status.

The practical impossibility of maintaining continuous mess schedules for the benefit of combat crews returning from missions at irregular hours.

The scarcity of qualified kitchen personnel within the Squadron would tend to preclude their use in a group Officer's mess and would doubtlessly lower Squadron mess efficiency.

The problem of help would prevent individual service and cafeteria service would require an unduly large expenditure of time.

It would not be possible to set up such a facility in proximity to all the Squadrons.

As to the desirability of mingling individually purchased alcoholic beverages in a common pool--this was not desired. All preferred to exercise as complete personal control as possible over such stocks as might be forthcoming.

### Soldier Voting

The Squadron Soldier Voting Officer--your Historian--reports that absentee voting in the General Election in the 13th Squadron greatly exceeded all expectations. Although, due to legal and ethical considerations, absolutely no attempt has been made to estimate percentages, the very volume of requests for the attesting of signatures reveals a responsiveness to civic obligation that is most gratifying.

### Summary

The feelings of Squadron personnel may be summarized simply by saying all felt that they were getting ready under excellent leadership to do a bang up job in the near future.

PART III

APPENDIX

H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
308TH BOMBARDMENT WING  
APO 565

E X T R A C T

Fragmentary Field Order, Number 275, 1 October 1944

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission No. 275-C-1 three (3) Squadrons A-20s  
R/T call DOUBLING, GOLD, GREEN, WHITE med. alt. strike on  
runway #1 UTAROM. Bomb load 4 X 500# 1/10 sec delay. ETD  
0630I, TOT 0915I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 276, 2 October 1944

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release all squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 277, 3 October 1944

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release all squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 278, 4 October 1944

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission Number 278C-1 three (3) squadrons A-20's  
R/T call DOUBLING GREEN, GOLD, RED, medium altitude strike  
on ack ack positions and #1 runway BABO. Bomb load 4 X 500  
pound 1/10 sec. delay. ETD 0700I TOT 0945I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 279, 5 October 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 279-C-2 four (4) Squadrons A-20's  
R/T call DOUBLING GREEN, GOLD, RED AND WHITE. Bomb Load  
8 X 100 lb. 8-15 sec delay. Bomb and Strafe SARMI AREA.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 280, 6 October 1944

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission Number 280C-1 three (3) A-20's R/T call DOUBLING RED, photograph runways UTAROM. Nil bomb load.
- (2) Release remaining planes for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 281, 7 October 1944

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release all squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 282, 8 October 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission Number 282C-1 three (3) Squadrons A-20's R/T call DOUBLING RED, GREEN, WHITE medium altitude strike runway #1 UTAROM. Bomb load 4 X 500 lb 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2) Release one squadron for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 283, 9 October 1944

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release all squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 284, 10 October 1944

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission Number 284-C-2 four (4) squadrons A-20's R/T call DOUBLING WHITE, GREEN, RED, GOLD ground support mission SARMI AREA. Bomb load maximum 100 lb. 8-15 sec. delay. ETD 0800, TOT 0845.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 285, 11 October 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release all squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 286, 12 October 1944

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 286-C-2. two (2) Squadrons A-20's R/T call DOUBLING RED, GOLD ground support mission SARMI AREA. Bomb load maximum 100 lb. 8-15 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two squadrons for maintenance and training.



FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 287, 13 October 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release all squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 288, 14 October 1944

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 288-C-2 two (2) Squadrons A-20's R/T call DOUBLING GREEN, WHITE, medium altitude strike main runway BABO. Bomb load 4 X 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two Squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 289, 15 October 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission Number 289-C-1, two (2) Squadrons A-20's R/T call DOUBLING GREEN, WHITE, medium altitude strike main runway BABO. Bomb load 4 X 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 290, 16 October 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission number 290-C-1 two (2) Squadrons A-20's R/T call DOUBLING GOLD, RED, medium altitude strike main runway BABO. Bomb load 4 X 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 291, 17 October 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 291-C-1 two (2) Squadrons A-20's R/T call DOUBLING GOLD, RED, medium altitude strike main runway BABO. Bomb load 4 X 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 292, 18 October 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release all squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER, NUMBER 293, 19 October 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 293-C-1, two (2) Squadrons A-20's call DOUBLING GREEN, GOLD, strike runway UTAROM. Bomb load maximum 500 lb 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 294, 20 October 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 294-C-2, three (3) A-20's R/T call DOUBLING ONE photo runways UTAROM. Nil bomb load.
- (2) Release all remaining planes for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 295, 21 October 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission number 295-C-1, two (2) Squadrons A-20's R/T call DOUBLING WHITE, GOLD, strike #1 runway BABO. Bomb load 4 X 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 296, 22 October 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission no. 296-C-2, two (2) Squadrons A-20's R/T call DOUBLING WHITE, GOLD, ground support to SARMI AREA. Bomb load 8 X 100 lb. 8-15 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 297, 23 October 1944.

3. B The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 297-C-3, three (3) Squadrons A-20's R/T call DOUBLING GOLD, GREEN, WHITE, ground support SARMI AREA. Bomb load 8 X 100 lb. 8-15 sec. delay.
- (2) Release one (1) squadron for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 298, 24 October 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release all Squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 299, 25 October 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission NO. 299-C-2, two (2) Squadrons A-20's  
R/T call DOUBLING GOLD, RED, ground support to SARMI AREA.  
Bomb load 8 X 100 lb. 8-15 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two (2) Squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 300, 26 October 1944.

3. A The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 300-C-1, two (2) Squadrons A-20's  
R/T call DOUBLING RED, GREEN, medium altitude strike run-  
ways UTAROM. Bomb load 4 X 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 301, 27 October 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release all squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 302, 28 October 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release all squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 303, 29 October 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission number 303-C-1, two (2) Squadrons A-20's  
R/T call DOUBLING WHITE AND GOLD, Medium altitude strike  
UTAROM. Bomb load 4 X 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two (2) squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 304, 30 October 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 304, two (2) Squadrons A-20's R/T  
call DOUBLING GREEN, RED, medium altitude strike BABO. Bomb  
load 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2) Release two squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 305, 31 October 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 305-C-2, two (2) Squadrons A-20's  
R/T call DOUBLING GREEN, RED, medium altitude strike BABC.  
Bomb load 4 x 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay.
- (2). Release two squadrons for maintenance and training.

By order of Colonel STRAUSS:

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Lt. Col., Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.

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/t/ SELMON W. WELLS,  
Lt. Col., Air Corps,  
Operations Officer.

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AFPO 565,  
31 October, 1944.

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

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

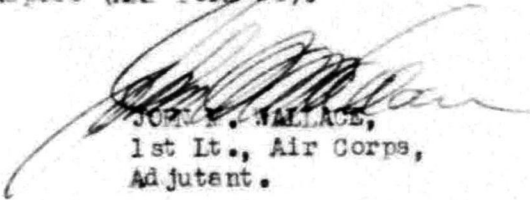
1. Below is the report of Aircraft Strength of the 13th Bombardment Squadron for the month of October 1944.

- a. Strength, Aircraft, 1 October 17
- |   |          |                                    |
|---|----------|------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| 1 | B-25J    | #43-36017                          |
- b. Strength, Aircraft, 31 October 18
- |    |          |   |
|----|----------|---|
| 17 | A-20H-10 | #44-488, 489, 490, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 499, 504, 509, 511, 512, 515, 674, 685, 687 |
| 1  | B-25J    | #43-36017   |
- c. Gains during October.
- | A-20H-10 | #44-488 | asgd to org from FEASC Depot No. 2. |
|----------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| "        | #44-489 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-490 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-493 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-494 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-495 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-496 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-497 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-499 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-504 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-509 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-511 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-512 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-515 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-674 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-685 | " " " " " " " "                     |
| "        | #44-687 | " " " " " " " "                     |
- d. Losses during October.
- |   |          |                |                                 |
|---|----------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | A-20G-20 | #42-86888      | trfd to 90th Sq, 3d Bomb Gp (L) |
| 2 | A-20G-40 | #43-21390, 629 | trfd to 90th Sq, 3d Bomb Gp (L) |
| 1 | A-20G-25 | #43-9185       | trfd to 89th Sq, 3d Bomb Gp (L) |
| 1 | A-20G-30 | #43-9744       | " " " " " " " "                 |
| 1 | A-20G-40 | #43-21478      | " " " " " " " "                 |

Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics, (continued)

3	A-20G-40	#43-21372,	425,	533	trfd to 8th Sq, 3d Bomb Gp.
4	A-20G-20	#42-86568,	622,	715,779	trfd to FEASC Depot No 2.
1	A-20G-25	#43-9186			" " " " " "
2	A-20G-30	#43-9470,	637		" " " " " "

2. Percentage of assigned aircraft in Combat Readiness during month 71  
(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, 550.5 b. Total combat hours, all planes, 287.2
4. Total Sorties Flown During month: 119
5. Sources: Pars 1 and 2, Daily Aircraft Status Report (Form AAF 110), pars 3 and 4, Weekly Status and Operations Report (AAF Form 34).

  
J. WALLACE,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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APO 565,  
31 October, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Ammunition Expenditure, October 1944.

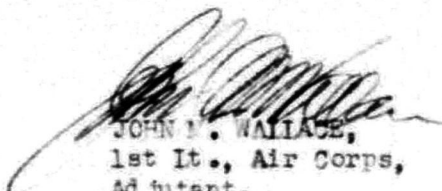
TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Sq, 3d Bombardment Gp, APO 565.

1. Ammunition expenditures by this squadron for the month of October '44, are reported as follows:

.50 calibre expended.....	43,335 rounds
Bombs Dropped, number.....	335
Bombs dropped, tons.....	36.55

Number and Type

99 x 500 lb 1/10 sec Nose delay general purpose.....	24.75 tons
68 x 100 lb 1/10 sec Nose delay and 4 to 5 sec Tail delay general purpose.....	4.4 "
148 x 100 lb 4 to 5 sec Tail delay and 8 to 15 sec Tail delay para-demo.....	7.4 "

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

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AFPO 565,  
31 October, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Personnel, September 1944.

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

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

a. Strength 1 October	Flying	Ground	Total
Officers	28	13	41
Enlisted Men	51	173	224
Total	79	186	265

b. Strength 31 October	Flying	Ground	Total
Officers	27	12	39
Enlisted Men	53	169	222
Total	80	181	261

c. The following were assigned to organization during month:

2nd Lt	Clark, Vaughn L.	AC	0762262	Pilot
"	Raab, Lawrence P.	AC	0761763	Pilot
"	Russell, William H.	AC	01294200	Pilot
"	Shayer, Frank O.	AC	0758083	Pilot
"	Toomin, David R.	AC	01643799	Intel Off
M/Sgt	Rodrigue, Russell J.	AC	6282897	Clerk Typist
"	Shuford, Clyde H.	AC	6555453	Ap & Eng Mech
T/Sgt	Levine, Sidney	AC	11024153	Ap Maint Tech
S/Sgt	Rocco, Lawrence J.	AC	39156941	Auto Equip Mech
"	Roth, Frank T.	AC	31071965	Clerk Non-Typist
"	Smith, Joe W.	AC	36231131	Ap Prop Spec
Sgt	Anderson, David R.	Med	6669438	Med Amin Spec
"	Guillet, Roland L.	AC	11010821	Clerk Typist
"	Heimel, Lyle W.	AC	39311203	Arm-Gun
"	Hoyle, John M.	AC	13073412	Arm-Gun
"	Johnson, Gilbert E.	AC	37565393	Eng-Gun
"	Lee, George T.	AC	34266303	Clerk Typist
"	Woller, Arnold	AC	12025935	Eng-Gun
Cpl	Marchio, Laddie J.	AC	37505983	Eng-Gun
"	McNamara, Robert L.	AC	35553893	Eng-Gun
"	Fetton, Ira S.	AC	34344306	Carpenter
"	Peters, George S.	AC	16130858	Eng-Gun
"	Richard, Alfred M.	AC	39298608	Arm-Gun
"	Salem, James	AC	31355618	Arm-Gun
"	Simpson, John E.	AC	16076218	Eng-Gun
"	Summers, Carlos I.	AC	34247901	Cook
"	Swenson, John H.	AC	38455042	Arm-Gun
"	Wallisch, Edward D.	AC	37498094	Eng-Gun
"	White, Charles W.	AC	35658970	Eng-Gun
"	White, Harry E.	AC	35585901	Ap Inst Spec



Monthly Report of Personnel, (continued)

T/4th	London, Joseph D.	AC	39222138	Cook
Pfc	Mims, Walter W.	AC	14173278	Auto Equip Op
Pvt	MacLean, Arnold R.	AC	31200957	Auto Equip Op
"	Millsep, Arnold R.	AC	36231898	Auto Equip Op
"	Merlotte, Nick A.	AC	36720016	Auto Equip Op

d. The following were transferred out during month:

Capt	Krayenbuhl, Craigie J.	AC	0798308	Pilot
"	Shaw, William H.	AC	0798361	Pilot
"	Wiss, Jerome E.	AC	0900736	Intell Off
1st Lt	Eisele, Horace J.	AC	0562935	Supply & Trans Off
"	Stiles, Gilbert S.	AC	0732489	Pilot
2nd Lt	Cox, James C.	AC	0753616	Pilot
M/Sgt	Kero, Benhart H.	AC	19019840	Ap Armor Chief
"	Main, Vernon W. Jr.	AC	6968464	Ap Maint Tech
"	Bicardi, Peter D.	AC	6914419	Ap Maint Tech
T/Sgt	Barnett, Edwin W.	AC	37213824	Ap Maint Tech
"	Barrow, William A.	AC	6972650	Arm-Gun
"	Lehman, Raymond W.	AC	6660986	Ap Inst Mech
"	Parish, Edgar L.	AC	18116504	Eng-Gun
S/Sgt	Boulette, Wilfred M.	Ord	11016870	Munitions Wkr
"	Atkinson, James E.	AC	15116924	Arm-Gun
"	Coleman, William R.	AC	14129247	Arm-Gun
"	Cory, William E.	AC	16109156	Eng-Gun
"	Dufour, Irwin W.	AC	16063943	Arm-Gun
"	Hardman, John H.	AC	15074565	Basic
"	Hazel, Murrell E.	AC	16053122	Eng-Gun
"	Lewis, Carl J.	AC	18065533	Arm-Gun
"	Mariotes, William S.	AC	11017276	Ap & Eng Mech
"	Nevaras, Manuel W.	AC	19106139	Eng-Gun
"	Overholt, George S.	AC	13028708	Cook
"	Patnaude, Francis G.	AC	11017271	Ap Maint Tech
"	Pulieri, Frank	AC	32454465	Ap & Eng Mech
"	Ripkowski, Raymond J.	AC	16117444	Eng-Gun
"	Ross, Donald L.	AC	17007352	Arm-Gun
"	Valede, Charles N.	AC	11015723	Lipeman Tel & Tel
Sgt	Ellis, Carlton W.	Med	11020881	Med Admin Spec
"	Ivy, Earl H.	AC	37258180	Duty Soldier
"	McDaniel, Ashley C.	Ord	14078645	Munitions Wkr
Cpl	Boele, Frank J.	AC	36362462	Duty Soldier
Pfc	Ferrigno, Frank J.	AC	31078876	Auto Equip Mech
"	Roberts, Roy C.	AC	36485065	Auto Equip Mech
Pvt	Buchanan, Bob W.	Ord	6361237	Munitions Wkr
"	Hayley, Holliday C.	AC	16118669	Admin Spec
"	Pastore, Amato V.	AC	32977229	Ap & Eng Mech

e. Otherwise lost during month:

2nd Lt	Reeve, Charles D.	AC	0756024	Pilot (KIC)
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2. Source of above - Squadron Morning Report for October 1944.

*John W. Wallace*  
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HEADQUARTERS  
13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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APO 565,  
4 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Promotions and Reductions during October 1944.

TO : Historical Officer; 13th Bombardment Squadron.

1. Examination of the Special Orders indicated discloses that the following promotions and reductions of personnel of this Squadron were effected or announced during the month of October 1944:

SO #263, Hq., USAFFE, APO 501, dated 22 September 1944.

Par. 3 - Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following named Officer to the grade indicated in the AUS with rank from date of this order:

1st Lt. to Captain:  
Clifford P. Taylor, 0798049, A.C.

SO #103, Hq., 3D Bomb Gp., APO 565, dated 28 September 1944.

Par. 8 - S/Sgt. Otto Jungman, 32005675, 13th Bomb Sq is aptd Technical Sergeant(Temporary).

SO #106, Hq., 3D Bomb Gp., APO 565, dated 11 October 1944.

Par. 11 - The following named EM, 13th Bomb Sq., Med Det., are aptd Non-commissioned Officers as indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED STAFF SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)  
Sgt. Carlton W. Ellis, 11020881

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)  
Cpl. James A. Butler, 34088904.

Par. 20 - The following named EM, 13th Bomb Sq., are aptd Non-commissioned Officers and Privates First Class as indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED MASTER SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

T Sgt JOHN C. NAGY JR 11024169

T Sgt OLIVER H. SMITH 11024238

TO BE APPOINTED TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

S Sgt EDWIN W. BARNETT 37213824  
S Sgt WILBUR N. DRIGGERS 14028007  
S Sgt HUNTER F. MAY 14014537  
S Sgt EARL W. SAMS 35403678  
Sgt WILBUR C. MINNICK 13042834

S Sgt LOYD G. BRIGANCE 37069452  
S Sgt RICHARD FERRIS 20101691  
S Sgt NORMAND T. NELSON 11014326  
S Sgt GEORGE S. SHEAFFER 33230943  
Sgt CLARENCE STEVENS 15088052

TO BE APPOINTED STAFF SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Sgt LAWRENCE P. BENEDICT 11016189	Sgt FRED W. COOK 17036594
Sgt VIRGIL CARLONI 11024365	Sgt LEE R. DOWLING 14011978
Sgt JAMES W. KENNEDY 13077175	Sgt JOHN A. KUMPER 13040571
Sgt FREDERICK D. MAPES 32091024	Sgt THOMAS R. ROSS 37492981
Sgt HAROLD O. STROH 20838787	Sgt ROBERT G. SAWYER 16047882

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Cpl ROY E. ADAMS JR 14126096	Cpl BARNETTE C. BAXTER JR 34187145
Cpl FRED H. BUHRMAN 37132904	Cpl C. J. CARR JR 34257857
Cpl GEORGE CORRADO 15074905	Cpl LOFTON P. FUQUA 14070625
Cpl FRANCIS A. GAVAGHAN 33323942	Cpl TROY L. GOODMAN 18061791
Cpl HOWARD C. HILL 39173511	Cpl JOSEPH J. JASZCZ 36148409
Cpl LEO R. FLAMION 11111326	Cpl MYER LUREY 14072665
Cpl WILLIAM R. MANBECK 15074731	Cpl FERDINAND T. MONTELLI 13039812
Cpl JOSEPH MAZZUCHELLI JR. 11037742	Cpl GLEN J. MILLER 39012530
Cpl RUSSELL K. MOORE 19065316	Cpl CHARLES S. NEAS 37150472
Cpl ALEXANDER G. PANZANO 13177096	Cpl WILLIAM C. PROPS 18079113
Cpl HAROLD R. STEHLING 32451671	Cpl MICHAEL R. VUCKOVIC 36335071
Cpl WILLIAM J. CLIFF 39015419	Tec 4 JOSEPH D. LONDON 39228138

TO BE APPOINTED CORPORAL (TEMPORARY)

Pfc HAROLD E. ARNOLD 35217001	Pfc NORMAN E. BERUBE 18083658
Pfc STEPHEN D. BENTIVEGNA 33508473	Pfc HAROLD F. DOTY 37527807
Pfc DERYL G. DUNNUCK 36149378	Pfc JAMES GOFF JR 11016935
Pfc VERNON R. HOLMBERG 36819125	Pfc BRUNO LIOI JR 35610534
Pfc LEONARD J. MAYUS 36737622	Pfc ZENNIE L. McCOY 39858544
Pfc MANNING E. O'CALLAGHAN 36855280	Pfc WILLIAM G. PUGH 17042138
Pfc CLAUDE OWENS 15088059	Pfc ROBERT K. STRAWSER 15084219
Pfc ARNOLD L. WRIGHT 35697966	Pfc THOMAS E. WROTEN 33522607
Pfc ROBERT T. WUEST 36812465	Pfc JEWELL S. STRICKLAND 14078604
Pfc GEORGE YEROWITZ 12032241	Pvt TEODORA BLEA 38351791
Pvt HENRY COHEN 32979360	Pvt RODRIGO DEL AVELLANO 38214353
Pvt TOY D. DENTON 34635599	Pvt MARTIN FLINK 32981105
Pvt RODNEY J. HARRIS 38542827	Pvt CHARLES M. MOREHEAD JR 13094548
Pvt LA VERN E. NORWOOD 14014401	

TO BE APPOINTED PRIVATE FIRST CLASS


Pvt THOMAS J. ADAMS 34596664	Pvt SYDNEY BLETTTER 12121482
Pvt JAMES H. CLAYTON 33763571	Pvt WILLIAM I. DEAN 34823206
Pvt HAROLD L. DYER 37526609	Pvt WALTER J. HABIGER 37723010
Pvt ARNOLD R. MacLEAN 31200957	Pvt CHARLES T. MILLSAP 39231898
Pvt JOHN R. SKRABALA 36658887	Pvt ANTHONY S. WILUSZ 31051843
Pvt NICK A VERLOTTA 36760016	

Par. 21 - The following named EM, combat crew members, 13th Bomb Sq., are aptd Non-commissioned officers as indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED TECHNICAL SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)  
S Sgt GEORGE H. THOMPSON 17128510

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Cpl JOHN L. ABELE 33575046	Cpl JERRY W. BETHEA 34803058
Cpl ROGER A. BLAIS 32935061	Cpl SAMUEL M. DEL PRINCIPE 36666097
Cpl JOSEPH A. FARIS 33575024	Cpl LONGIN K. KOZIOL 31286667
Cpl HUGH R. MOORE 14065956	Cpl RICHARD PANGRATZ 38400674
Cpl JOHN F. RILEY 32694627	Cpl JAMES H. WADE 13116911
Pvt WILLIAM C. DAIR 34546716	



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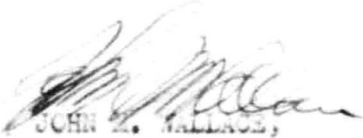
APO 565,  
4 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Awards during Month of October 1944.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron.

1. During the month of October General Orders awarding decorations to the following personnel of this organization were received by this Headquarters. All General Orders were issued by Headquarters, Far East Air Forces except the one indicated.

Captain Ragan S. Williams, O-2035207 BSM - GO #180  
T Sgt. Bevis R. Mangum, 14011995 BSM - GO #180  
1st Lt. Raymond A. Ritter, O-806342 AM - GO #203  
1st Lt. David C. Herrin, O-805454 OLC (AM) - GO #214  
Captain Stanley D. Kline, O-674235 OLC (AM) - GO #214  
Captain Charles E. Moorefield, O-795428 OLC (AM) - GO #214  
1st Lt. Davis P. Smith, O-798364 OLC (AM) - GO #214  
S Sgt. James E. Atkinson, 15116924 OLC (AM) - GO #217  
T Sgt. Edgar L. Parish, 18116504 OLC (AM) - GO #226  
S Sgt. Manuel W. Nevares, 19106129 OLC (AM) - GO #226  
1st Lt. John O. Lenzmeier, O-747836 AM - GO #227  
Captain Craigie J. Krayenbuhl, 0798309 -OLC (AM) - GOs #229 & 247  
S Sgt. Louis Kaufman, 32408834 OLC (AM) - GO #230  
T Sgt. George H. Thompson, 17128510 AM - GO #238  
S Sgt. Edwin J. Spencer, 35626983 AM - GO #238  
S Sgt. William L. Chrisley, 33214776 AM - GO #240  
T Sgt. William A. Barrow, 6972650 OLC (AM) - GO #246  
S Sgt. Richard F. Blake, 33323965 OLC (AM) - GO #246  
S Sgt. Donald L. Ross, 17007352 OLC (AM) - GO #255  
Captain William H. Shaw, O-798361 PH (V Bomber Command) - GO #34.

  
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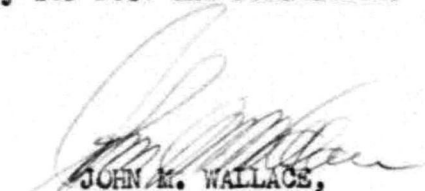
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APO 565,  
4 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Furloughs and Leaves During October.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron.

1. No furloughs or leaves were granted to personnel of this Unit during the month of October.
2. One Officer and five Enlisted Men received orders sending them to the United States for Temporary Duty for rest and relaxation.

  
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