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# UNIT HISTORY

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PART I

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PART I  
CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE  
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Combat

It might well be said that the 13th Bombardment Squadron devoted its total combat activity during September towards the training of its crews. Emphasis was placed almost entirely on medium altitude work and aside from those missions specifically designated as training missions hardly any 50 calibre was expended. Quite a departure from previous ammunition expenditure statistics in this--a recognized low-level or straffer outfit.

The fact is Japanese air power had been so effectively purged from within the range of this squadron that only quasi-targets remained. Jap strips were bombed, bombed and rebombed, apparently with the desire of rendering them unserviceable to the last square yard.

Repeatedly, the crews, upon interrogation by the Intelligence Officer (the Historical Officer) advised as to the targets attacked, "Looked to me like it was beat all to hell", or "Don't see how they could possibly get a plane off of it".

Of the twelve combat missions set up and put into execution during the month, three were incomplete due to weather. Utarom Airdrome was the favorite target with two strikes against it completed and two failing on account of weather. One minimum altitude mission was completed against Nabire and one armed recco was accomplished.

New pilots received considerable experience in keeping their eyes on gasoline consumption since most of the completed missions required five to six hours of flying at six to nine thousand feet.

Pertinent details of the missions flown are set forth in the next following paragraph.

The first mission of the month was flown on the first day of the month when the 13th Squadron sent 9 A2Os to bomb Utarom A/D on the lead of a B25.<sup>1</sup>

1. Final Mission Reports File, Squadron Intelligence Files.

35 X 500 lb 1/10 sec delay bombs were dropped from 8,500 ft with unassessed damage to the strip and to the one twin engine bomber which was within 50 feet of one bomb burst. No anti-aircraft fire or interception was reported. Twelve planes were scheduled to make this run but three did not reach the target, one turning back at Wakde due to engine trouble and two others turning back due to fuel shortage. <sup>2</sup>

Three days later on 4 September 10 A2Os were assigned to bomb Utarom A/D from an altitude of 9,000 feet. Nine of the planes reached the target, (one turning back because of fuel shortage) and dropped 35 X 500 lb 1/10 sec delay bombs through the clouds with unobserved damage.

On 6 September 12 A2Os made two passes over Nabire A/D at minimum altitude. 42 X 100 lb 8-15 second delay bombs were dropped and 10,400 X 50 calibre was expended in strafing, according to pilot's estimates. Damage was generally unassessed due to the lack of any real targets.

The 13th Squadron sent 12 planes to bomb Longosah A/D on the lead of a B25 on 8 September. All planes reached the target and dropped 43 X 500 lb 1/10 second delay bombs from 9,000 feet. Most of the crews reported that the strip was not visible and expressed doubt that the target had been hit. Japanese propaganda leaflets were dropped in the area. Due to fuel shortage 8 planes landed at Wakde, two at Owi and two at Mokaer before returning to base.

The mission to Utarom scheduled for 9 September was not completed inasmuch as heavy rain forced all ten planes to turn back after reaching Moor Island, the rendezvous point.

Likewise on 10 September the mission was a failure for despite the fact that all 12 planes reached Utarom an 8/10 overcast made it impossible for crews to sight or bomb the target.

Ten planes bombed Sagan Airdrome on 11 September, dropping 26 X 250 lb and 10 X 500 lb 1/10 second delay bombs on the strip with actual damage unassessed due to smoke, haze and clouds. Both Sagan and Otawiri appeared unserviceable.

On 13 September nine A2Os of the 13th Squadron were assigned to attack anti-aircraft positions on the West side of No. 1 Strip at Babo. All nine planes bombed the target on the lead of a B25 dropping a total of 76 X 100 lb instantaneous fused bombs 80% of which fell on the target. Anti-aircraft fire was moderate, heavy, accurate to inaccurate. One plane received a three inch long piece of heavy A/A shrapnel through the nose causing only slight damage.

Nine A2OGs, bombing from 9,000 feet, dropped 36 X 500 lb 1/10 second delay bombs on the South end of Babo Strip No. 1 on 14 September. Results

2. See Appendix (page 23) for Fragmentary Field Orders on which missions were based.

were unobserved. Two planes were holed by anti-aircraft fire which was medium and heavy, accurate to inaccurate over the target.

On 19 September three A20Gs were assigned to search "Sector O" for enemy shipping, submarines etc. The mission was completed 100% with no enemy sightings. "Sector O" was defined as a triangular water area bounded by lines extending from point at Wakde Island to point at 140:40 E., 02:50 N.; thence west to 136:40 E, 02:40 N., thence to Wakde.

Weather again prevented the completion of the mission scheduled for 22 September. Nine A20s were assigned to bomb Utarom but were all forced to turn back due to solid front over Geelvink Bay.

The final combat mission of the month was flown to Utarom Airdrome on 29 September. Nine A20s led by 1 B25J dropped 35 x 500 lb bombs at the target causing 2 or 3 small fires probably from burning buildings. There was no interception.

A total of 783.9 hours of which 574.7 hours were combat were flown by all 13th Squadron aircraft during the month. Sorties flown totaled 119.<sup>3</sup>

#### Ordnance

During September the Squadron dropped a total of 71.65 tons of bombs (500 lb, 250 lb and 100 lb 1/10 sec nose delay general purpose) and expended 6,890 x 50 cal. ammunition.<sup>4</sup>

#### Enemy Action

No enemy interception was encountered during September. The only anti-aircraft fire experienced was at Babo on 13 September when one plane received slight damage from one piece of heavy shrapnel and on 14 September when two other planes were holed by medium ack-ack. No "Red Alerts" were sounded in the area during the month and no enemy attacks of any kind were directed against the 13th Squadron personnel, aircraft or installations.

#### Training

As has previously been shown the squadron liberally indulged itself in training throughout the period. About the most that can be said for its combat missions is that they were part of a good training program.

3. See Appendix (page 29) Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.
4. See Appendix (page 30) Monthly Report of Ammunition expenditures.

In conversations with Captain Charles L. Moorefield, operations officer it was learned that a good many of the pilots picked up valuable experience flying a P-38, a F-40 and a C-47 recently acquired by the Group. Needless to say, the acquisition of the B-25 coupled with opportunities to fly it provided the pilots, especially those who had been in the organization back in the days when it used B-25s exclusively, with a great deal of pleasure. The assignment of a bombardier to the squadron had the effect of stepping up confidence in the squadron's medium altitude bombing.

During the period this squadron flew nine training missions, specifically designated as such, for a total of 83 sorties involving 33 hours and 40 minutes of flying time according to information furnished the Historical officer by the operations clerk.

Information was also furnished to the effect that the squadron expended 17 x 100 lb general purpose bombs on Nabire Airrome in a training flight and 24 x 100 lb practice bombs in a local training flight in which some 50 calibre was also expended.

It is noted further that the squadron flew 13 courier missions for a total of 50 hours and 10 minutes flying time.

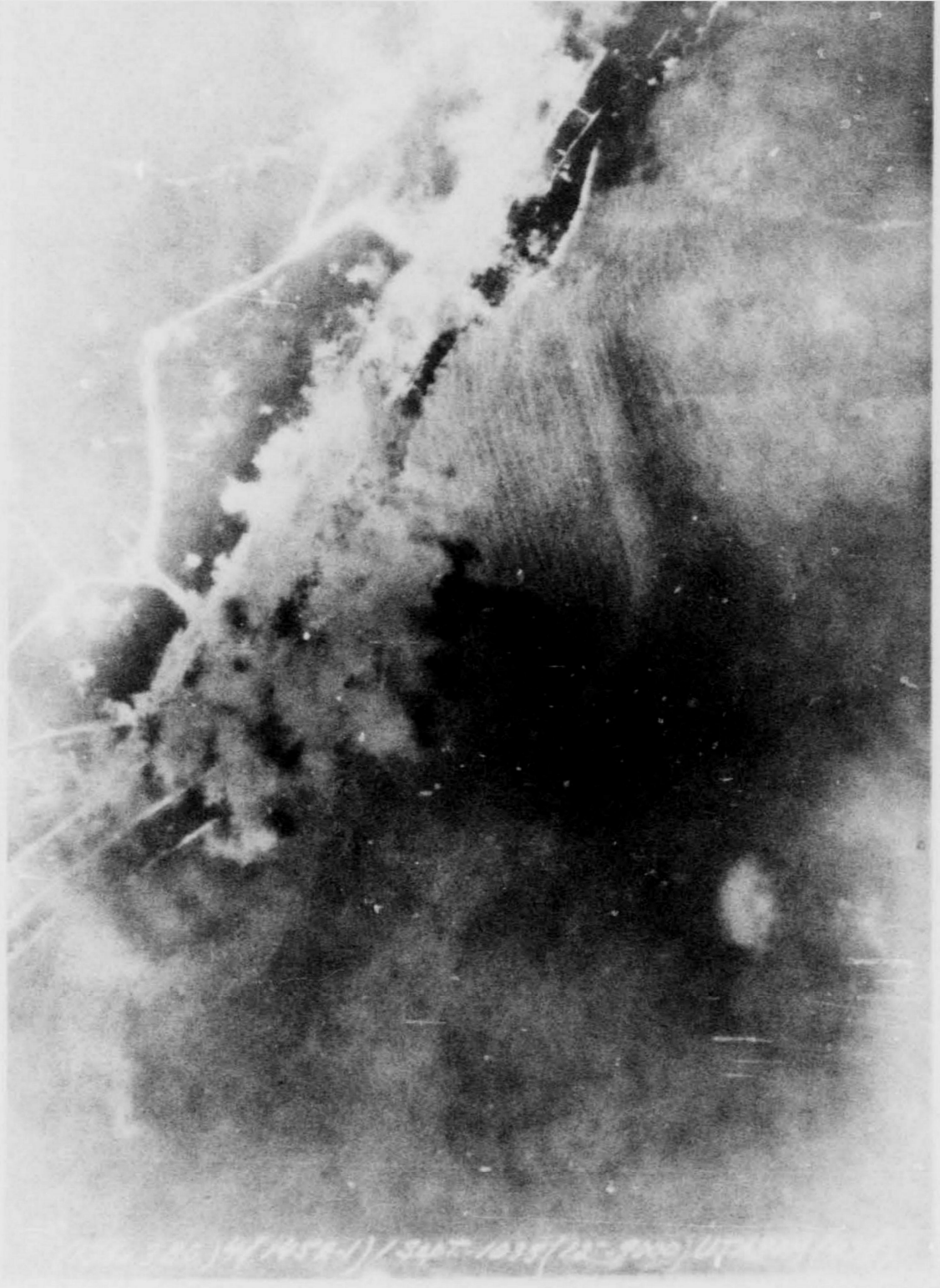
#### Aircraft Strength and Maintenance

The 13th Squadron began the month of September with 16 A20Cs and closed the period with 16 A20Gs and 1 B25J. The net gain of one plane, is accounted for by the assignment of 1 B25J from FEASJ Depot No. 2.

The percentage of assigned aircraft in Combat Readiness during the month was 82%.<sup>5</sup>

A photograph which discloses the general type of scene most frequently viewed on combat missions during September appears on the next page.

5. See Appendix (page 29 ) Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.



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## ADMINISTRATIVE NARRATIVE

### Organization:

During September 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, several changes within the organization due to transfers and reassignments. <sup>6</sup> Captain Stanley D. Kline was transferred to the 90th Bomb Squadron as Assistant Operations Officer and 1st Lt. Robert R. Fitch was transferred to the 90th Bomb Squadron as Engineering Officer.

1st Lt. John M. Wallace was appointed Squadron Adjutant replacing 1st Lt. Robert R. Fitch. Captain Frederick L. Newmeyer, Jr., was appointed Squadron Executive Officer and Post Exchange Officer vice 1st Lt. Ragan S. Williams, and 1st Lt. John W. Tolar succeeded Captain Newmeyer as Squadron Intelligence and Historical Officer. 1st Lt. Victor E. Bittner who had served as Assistant Communications Officer was appointed Communications Officer vice 1st Lt. John M. Wallace. 1st Lt. Ansel L. Boiter was appointed Assistant Squadron Operations Officer. <sup>7</sup>

### Strength:

During the month 3 officers and 7 enlisted men were transferred into the Squadron, and 2 officers and 38 enlisted men were transferred out and 1 enlisted man was killed in a ground accident. Of those transferred out 34 ground men and 1 gunner were returned to the United States--the ground personnel were returned under the Rotation Plan and the gunner was sent back as an instructor. <sup>8</sup>

6. See Appendix (page 31 ) Monthly Report of Personnel.

7. See Appendix (page 31 ) Letter, "Assignment of Squadron Duties for Officers".

8. See Appendix (page 31 ) Monthly Report of Personnel.

10. See Appendix (page 36) Letter, "Awards during month of September 1944".

11. See Appendix (page 38) Letter, "Furloughs and leaves during September, 1944".

### Promotions and Reductions

Only one officer received promotion during September, he being 1st Lt. Ragan S. Williams who was advanced to Captain.

Six ground men and four gunners received promotions to Staff Sergeant and one ground man was promoted to Sergeant. <sup>9</sup>

### Awards

No General Orders for the award of decorations to personnel of this organization were received during September with the exception of one order from Headquarters, 3rd Bombardment Group awarding the Good Conduct Medal to 32 Enlisted Men of the 13th Squadron. <sup>10</sup>

### Leaves and Furloughs

Only three ground men were granted rest periods at Mackay during September and no ground officers were given leaves.

Six pilots and twelve aerial gunners were placed on DS at Sydney Rest Area for periods of 10 days. <sup>11</sup>

### Equipment, Supply, Rations

There is no intention on the part of the historian to make this section of the history a "gripe sheet" or to present a parade of obstacles to the efficiency of the Squadron. It is, however, deemed desirable, for historical purposes, to make certain statements for the record relative to several problems of supply and equipment experienced during September. Accordingly, several examples are cited in the following paragraphs.

According to general squadron information the 13th Squadron some months back possessed a mobile type refrigeration unit which adequately preserved fresh meats and other perishables until consumed by squadron personnel. This same source advises the historian that the unit was traded for a wooden refrigerator--Australian make--which was rigged with a home-made cooling unit operated by a gasoline engine. Since no record of this reported transaction exists, details are not available. In any event the squadron started September with a beat up old box which couldn't stand another move. In the past when we've gotten fresh meat or vegetables they

9. See Appendix (page 35) Letter, "Promotions and Reductions during September 1944".
10. See Appendix (page 36) Letter, "Awards during month of September 1944".
11. See Appendix (page 38) Letter, "Furloughs and leaves during September, 1944".

sometimes arrived at such an hour that it was not practicable to serve them until the next day. This almost invariably resulted in excessive loss or spoilage due to inadequate cooling facilities.

In September this situation was remedied. The Base Surgeon, according to Captain Walker, the Squadron Commander, condemned the many times packed and inefficient old box sometime during the early part of the month and after considerable search the Squadron, just at the close of the month, obtained a substitute in the form of two small wooden units which, when rigged with the home-made cooling apparatus, would provide adequate cooling space.

Next, the squadron found itself rather badly in need of a water tank for general purposes such as laundry, bathing and the like. The old one made of galvanized iron is, after all its many moves, giving up the ghost and while it will probably carry its load during the balance of our stay here, it could hardly be expected to be moved once more.

This is by way of introduction to the fact that the organization during September made a vigorous but vain effort to obtain such a tank. Not only did we fail to obtain a tank but also failed to find any authority that the Unit was entitled to have one. The T/E fails to show it.

The matter of routine office supplies such as writing paper, second sheets, carbon paper, paper clips, acco fasteners and the like continued to be a small problem. With the numerous reports and records required, small stocks dwindled fast and except for small quantities "borrowed" from others, would probably have disappeared completely. Requisitions to the Supply Officer brought forth the reply, "They're frozen". Nevertheless, through the use of whatever came to hand and the exercise of care and ingenuity, things were made to do and the situation overcome rather handily.

As for rations the squadron was, during September, exceptionable well fed as compared with some previous months. This in some measure must be attributed to the Squadron's own resource rather than to routine methods of supply. The record disclosed to the Historical Officer the fact that the Squadron in September, as it had on the average for some months past, again spent for food over 200 Pounds, Australian, in addition to that received from the Quartermaster.

Fresh meat provided by the Quartermaster was enjoyed four meals per week and fresh vegetables from the same source were received on six occasions during the month. On several occasions the squadron received fresh butter - to a total of about 200 pounds - from the Quartermaster. This source also provided the Squadron with 30 crates of apples and oranges--about 4000 individual pieces of fruit--during the month.

The statistical slant in the foregoing is based on information furnished by the Mess Sergeant but the Historical Officer is well aware of the improved September menus, having been present at every meal.

Beer in the amount of six bottles per man was sold through the PX near the end of the month. With this, each man had received a total of twenty-one bottles during the two months of August and September and each, eagerly and hopefully, but not without apprehension, looked forward to receiving the twenty-seven bottles still due for those two months on the originally announced basis of issue (sale) of twenty-four bottles per man per month. Generally, all felt pretty lucky to have received the twenty-one bottles.

PART II

PERSONAL & LOCAL INTEREST

## LOCAL INTEREST

Items of local interest were fairly numerous during this period. It is believed that the matter of "going home" on the part of the July, August, and September lists had the most pronounced uplifting effect on the general squadron spirit and is therefore deemed most significant.

### Rotation

When published, Special Orders No. 87, Headquarters, Far East Air Forces, dated 9 September 1944, disclosed at paragraph 10 that a total of thirty-four "old timers"--or "long timers" as many of them called themselves--of the squadron were to return to the United States forthwith. These men had left the States from San Francisco on 31 January 1942 and had ever since endured the trials, comforts and discomforts of Northern Australia and New Guinea in general.

Needless to say they were exuberant. Homeward at last. A list of those who were to return follows, a group picture of them appears at page 12, and another picture which shows some of them making final preparations is to be found on page 13.

### JULY LIST

ROBERT L. HARRISON, M SGT	JAMES L. ROUGHTON, S SGT
KENNETH E. GRIFFITH, T SGT	HODGES K. RIGDON, S SGT
JAMES G. WESTBROOK, M SGT	RAYMOND E. SHERRET, S SGT
LESTER S. COOK, S SGT	ROBERT E. SKIFFER, S SGT
JEROME R. FEE, S SGT	ELMER H. HAEBER, SGT
SEN C. GODWIN, S SGT	CARL E. O'NEAL, SGT
FRANK E. HALL, S SGT	

### AUGUST LIST

ROY W. DUBON, T SGT	PIETRO SICILIANO, SGT
F. K. HALL, T SGT	CHARLES F. STODGRILL, SGT
CONRAD A. ROCHEFORT, S SGT	MIKE SULLIVAN, CPL
ALBERTO RUSTEPO, SGT	CHESTER B. LEE, SGT
WILLIAM K. BARRELL, SGT	PAUL W. EBBELINE, PFC

### SEPTEMBER LIST

CASPER W. BOHRNSTEIN, I SGT	LESTER E. BARRON, S SGT
PHILLIP C. BILLAC, T SGT	ELLIS P. BARGON, SGT
BOLESLAUS MANIAR, T SGT	ROBERT B. YOUNG, SGT
GEORGE B. MCCONNELL, T SGT	HOWARD L. HUNTER, SGT
WALLACE R. MCKINNON, T SGT	FREDERICK J. GRAY, CPL
JIM L. CLARR, S SGT	

Two truckloads, loaded with all those returning set off with care and caution about noon on the 10th. Careful drivers were selected, the trucks were checked for mechanical condition, and all expressed their intent on a conservative, a leisurely, trip to the beach.

Tragedy stepped in however. On a sharp curve, on a steep hill, the brakes of one of the trucks failed to hold and while the driver was desperately attempting to throw the transmission into a lower gear, his truck plunged off the road into a forested gorge about eight miles from the dock where they were to board ship. Larnell was killed outright, and there were numerous broken bones and many bruises. But considering the possibilities, the hurt was far less severe than it might have been. True, a number of the men missed the boat but they were later flown to Finschhafen where all were to be processed for return. Corporal Lamar J. Craig was substituted for Larnell on the August list.

Despite the temporary depression resulting from the accident spirit quite soon picked up. All hands saw real results in the rotation program. It had become a decided stimulant.

The foregoing lies within the personal knowledge of the historian and no further verification is being furnished.

S/Sgt. Raymond L. Rich, gunner, left the squadron on 9 September to return to the United States as an instructor.

### The Club

One of the highlights of the month in the whole Group was the opening of the 13th Squadron Enlisted Men's Club, "The Devil's Own Playhouse", on the night of 16 September with WACs and Red Cross Girls as special guests. Probably the most attractive spot of its kind in Dutch New Guinea, the clubhouse is complete with orchestra pit, smooth cement floor for dancing, indirect lighting, tables and chairs which are used for card games, reading and writing desks and for the serving of food and drinks. The most popular attraction is the handsome bar from which ice cold cokes (and other drinks when available) may be purchased nightly.



LONG TIMERS - GOING HOME

Seated, 1 to 8: Rochefort, C.L.; McConnell, G.L.; Barrow, E.L.; Deane,  
 W.A.; Westbrook, J.R.; Sciallano, P.; Corbillo, A.C.; Barry,  
 L.L.; Clark, J.L.; Katz, F.H.

Knocking, 1 to 8: Donnelly, M.; O'Neal, G.; Wabinger, E.H.; Hunter, B.;  
 Young, L.; Hall, F.; Schenckel, C.; Rixton, H.; Harrison,  
 E.L.; Lord, W. S.

Standing, 1 to 8: Tobin, E.L.; Sheppard, E.S.; Stohall, J.L.;  
 Griffin, C.; Cook, L.; Merrill, W.; McArthur, M.; Troy,  
 J.; Smith, F.; Olson, A.; Houghton, W.; Lee, J.; Shipp,  
 W.; Lee, J.





Men loading equipment for transport.

The club was originally organized and the club house built in order to provide a comfortable place of entertainment for the men during leisure hours, and in order to afford a means for earning and spending money for the purchase of fresh foods for the Squadron Mess. All profits are used for the latter purpose, and in a large measure it has been possible to supplant the tasteless and insufficient QM rations with decent meats, fruit and vegetables.

On the whole the Club, both directly and indirectly, immediately became and continues to be a potent factor in raising and maintaining morale at a very high level.

A flash photo taken on opening night at a time when joy was unconfined is presented on page 15. The First Sergeant--as is to be expected in the case of such personalities--is in the foreground.

#### Awards Ceremony

With all units of the Third Group standing witness, Brigadier General J. V. Crabb awarded decorations to 31 officers and men of the 13th Squadron on 21 September, the day before the reported 27th Anniversary of the 3rd Bombardment Group. The names of the Officers and Men receiving the decorations are to be found in the appendix at page 86 .

Photographs showing the awards ceremony--the 13th Squadron faces the camera and is formed just to the front of the ambulances right center--and the presentation of individual awards to S/Sgt. W.E. Cory, S/Sgt. T.J. Cervenak, T/Sgt. W.A. Barrow, and 1st Lt. J.C. Brown in that order are provided at pages 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21 .

#### Inspection

On 22 September Lt. Col Richard H. Ellis, Group Commander with his staff inspected the 13th Squadron Area and made no adverse criticism.

A photograph of the Group bivouac area as it was on the date of inspection, with that part occupied by the 13th Squadron particularly designated, is set forth on the next following page.

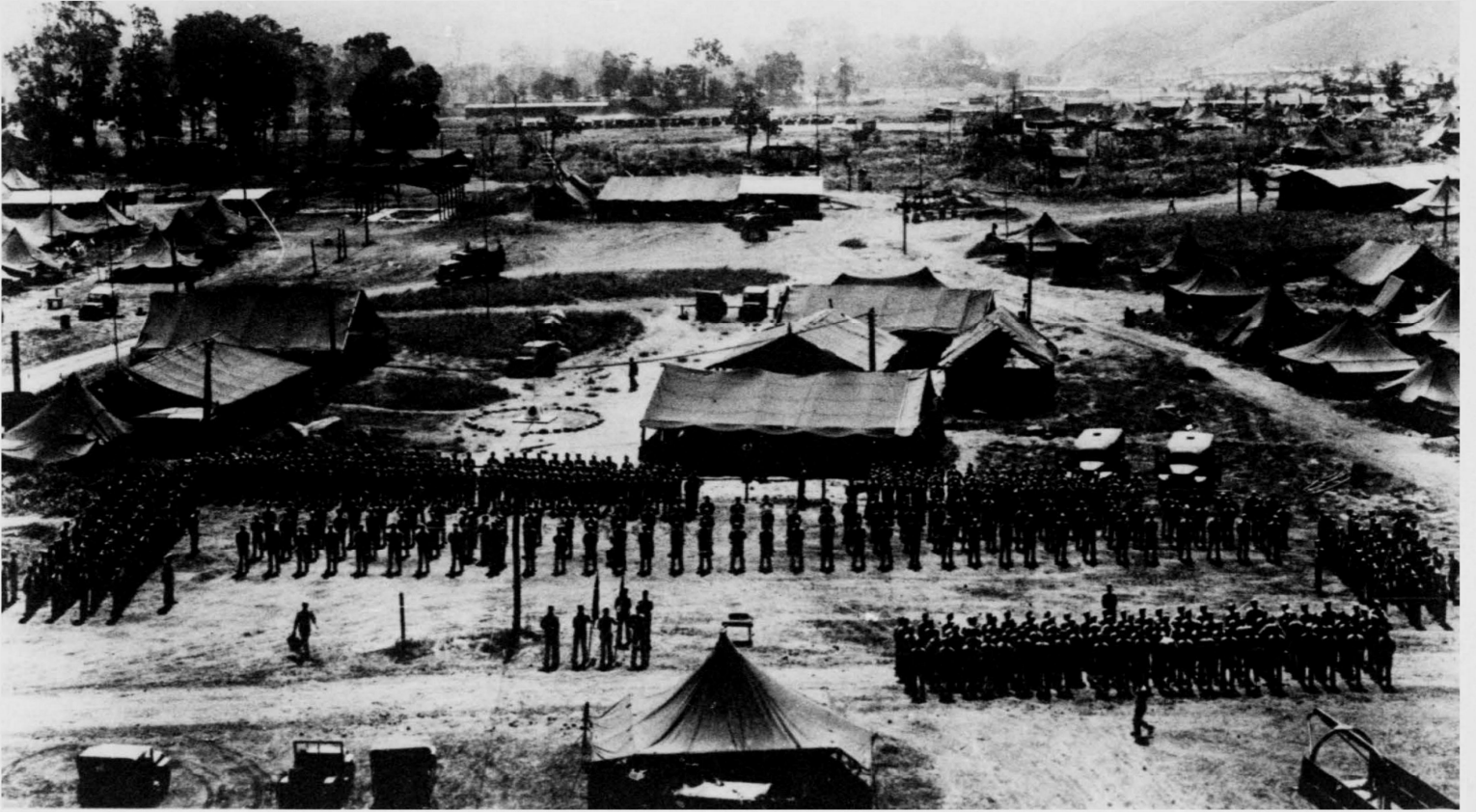
#### Miscellaneous

The place during September became--in a way--a little too civilized. Naturally, no objections to the addition of Wacs, the increases in Red Cross female personnel or to such routine progress as road, drone, and bridge improvements were so much as breathed about within the historian's hearing--they weren't. But - we were advised near the end of the month that there would be no more free cigarettes as we were no longer in a forward area.

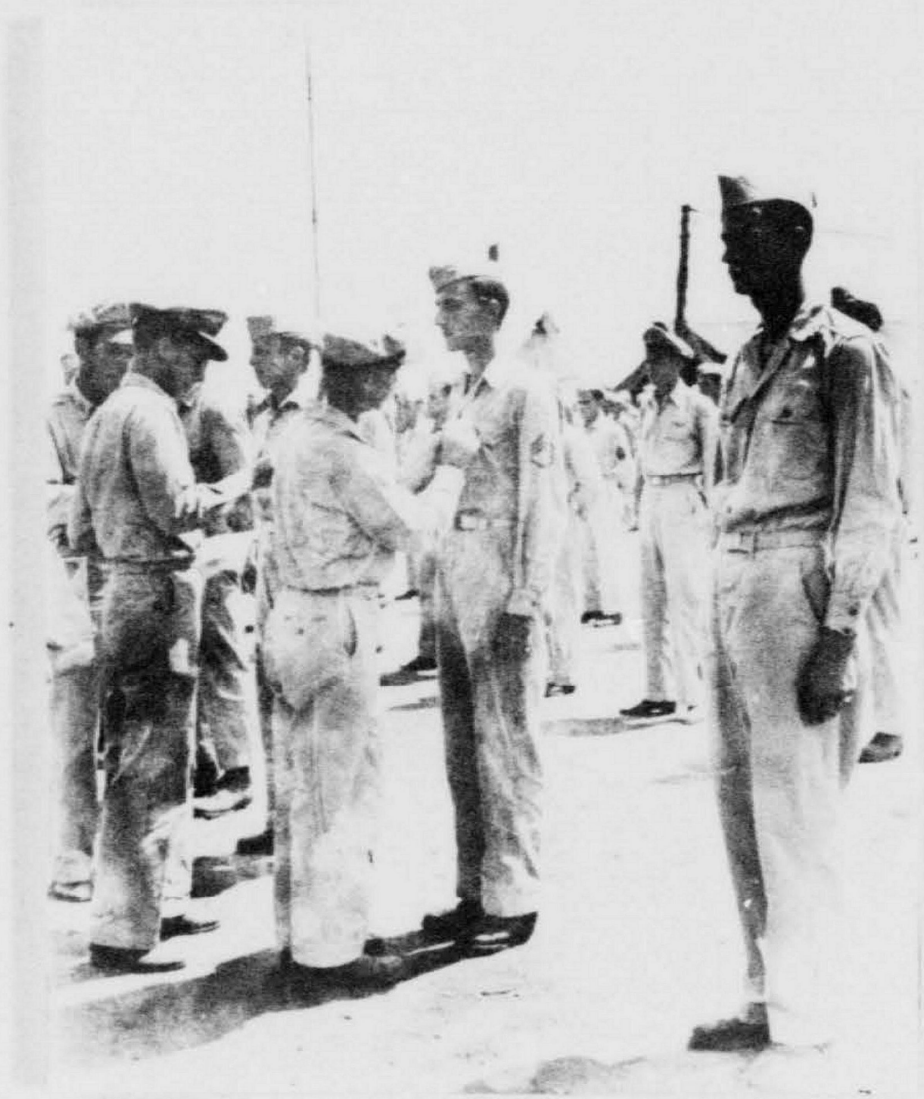


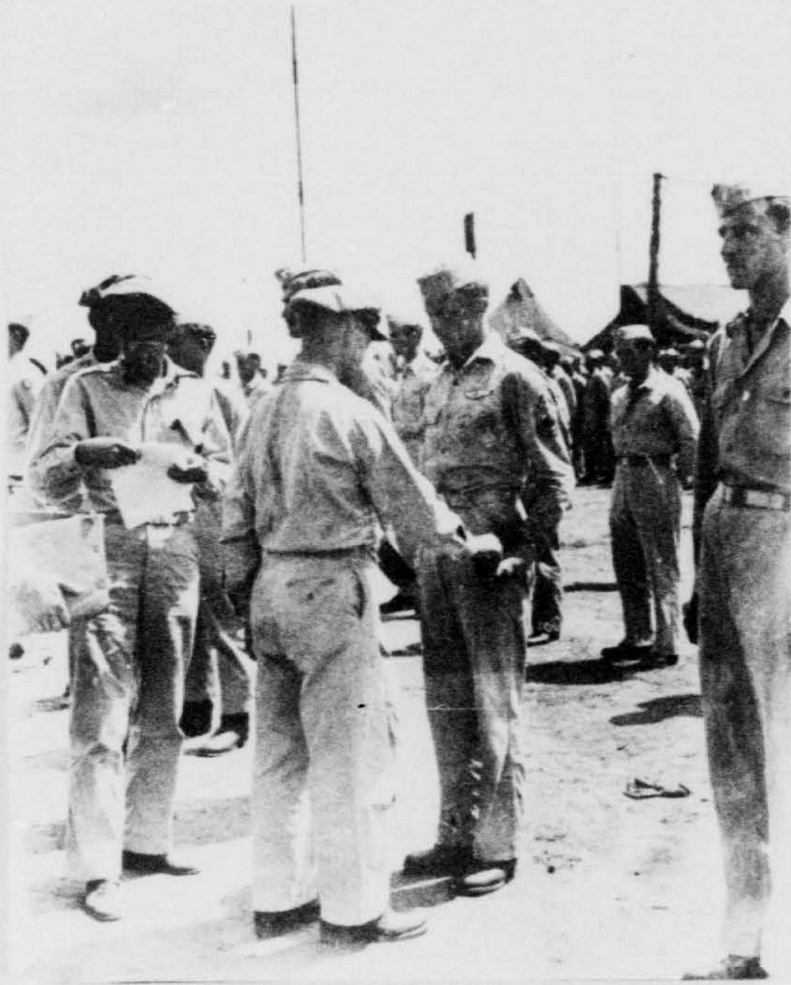
"LARS, KAREN, AND GARY" - OFFICERS OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION





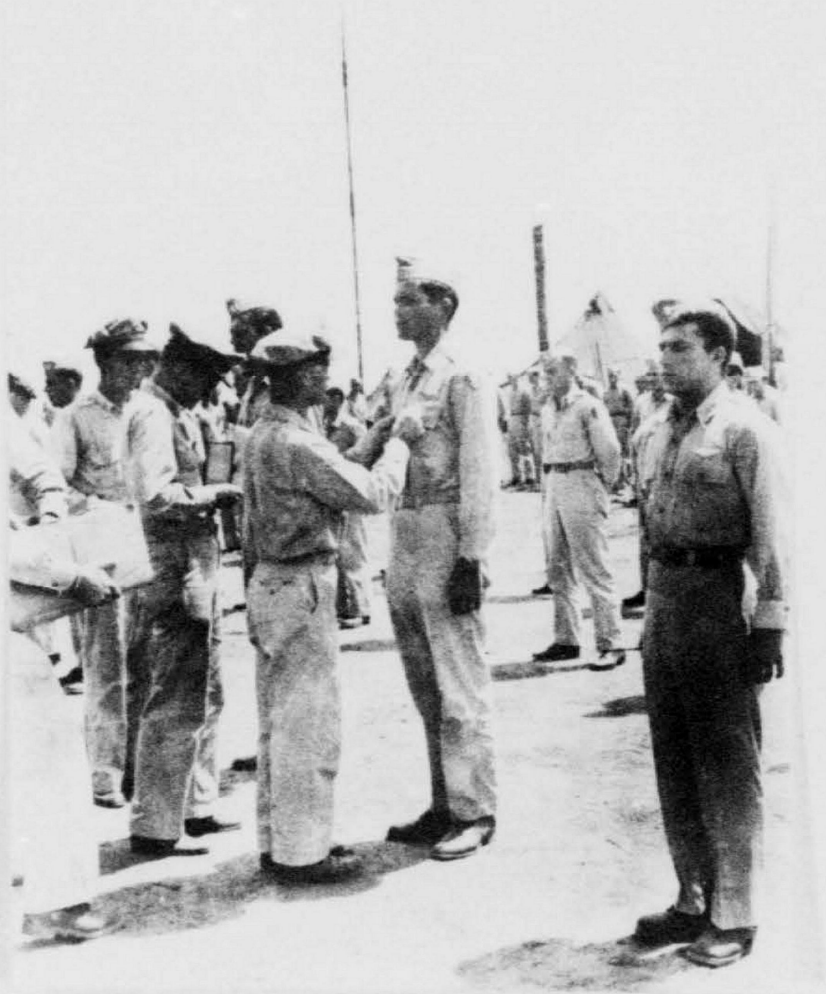






THE MEN OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION  
CHECKING THE ROSTERS OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION





THE CAPTAIN OF THE U.S.S. "ALBATROSS" (left) adjusting the uniform of a crew member. The man on the right is the author of the book "The Albatross" by [Name].

### Morale

Despite the lack of hot combat activity during September morale was high. The visible working of the rotation plan, the enjoyment by the men of their club, the good food along with some well deserved promotions and openings for more did much to keep morale in a healthy state. Also, the persistent feeling that all these many months in New Guinea were going to pay a very desirable dividend in the form of a move to some other place tended to produce a rather pleasant outlook.

The one most vital factor in this upsurge in morale was doubtlessly the new Squadron Commander. On every hand, enlisted and Officer personnel alike, expressed approval of his appointment. As the month came to a close it was clear to the men that he had their interests in mind and they were saying among themselves that he was the best Squadron Commander this outfit ever had.<sup>12</sup>

12. Intelligence Files, Monthly Intelligence Summary 13th Squadron, dated 27 September 1944.

PART III

APPENDIX

H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
310TH BOMB WING (M)  
APO 565

E X T R A C T

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 245, 1 September, 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Mission No. 245-E-1 conduct medium altitude strike on UTARUM WITH four (4) Squadrons A-20's C/S Raceday Gold, Green, White, Red. T.O.T. 1100/L Bombload 500 lb. 1/10 second delay.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 246, 2 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Four (4) Squadrons released for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 247, 3 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group Will:

- (1) Maintain one (1) Sq. A-20's C/S Raceday in one (1) hour Readiness from 0800/I until released by A-3, 310th Bomb Wing (M). Bombload: 4 X 250 demos, 8-15 sec delay fuses.
- (2) Release three (3) Sq. A-20's for maintenance and training.

HEADQUARTERS 308TH BOMB WING (H).

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 248, 4 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group Will:

- (1) Mission 248-C-1 four (4) Squadrons A-20's C/S Raceday, Medium altitude strike on UTAROM. 500 lb. Bomb 1/10 sec. delay. ETD 0700/I, Altitude 9,000 feet.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 249, 5 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission 249C-1. one (1) squadron A-20's C/S Raceday ground support in Sarmi Area. 100 lb 8/11 sec. delay. ETD 0900/I. TOT 1000/I.
- (2) Release three (3) Sqdns. for maintenance and training.

E X T R A C T

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 251, 7 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission Number 251-C-1. Four squadrons A-20's R/T call Raceday medium altitude strike runways NABIRE and MONGOSAH. Two squadrons on each target. Bomb load 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay. ETD 0700/I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 252, 8 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 252C-5. 2 Squadrons A-20's R/T call Raceday medium altitude strike runways UTAROM 1 and 2, 1 squadron on each runway. Bomb load 500 1/10 sec. delay. ETD 0700/I.
- (2) Release two squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 253, 9 September 1944.

3.A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission number 253C-1. 4 Sqdns. A-20's R/T call Raceday medium altitude strike runways UTAROM 1 and 2. 2 Sqdns. on each runway. Bomb load 4 X 500# 1/10 sec. delay. ETD 0700/I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 254, 10 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission number 254C-1. 3 Sqdns. A-20's R/T call Raceday Red, Gold, Green medium altitude strike runways UTAROM. Bomb load 4 X 500 lb. 1/10 sec. delay. ETD 0745/I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 255, 11 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission Number 255C-1. 3 Sqdns. A-20's R/T call Raceday Gold, Red, White - Medium altitude strike runways SAGAN, OTAWIRE. Bomb load - 4 X 250 lbs. 1/10 sec. delay. ETD 0700/I.

E X T R A C T

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 256, 12 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission 256-A-1. Three (3) Squadrons A-20's R/T call Raceday Green, White, Gold. Medium altitude strike A/A positions BABO. Bomb load 10 X 100 inst. ETD 0730/I. TOT 1030/I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 257, 13 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission No. 257C-1. Three (3) Squadrons A-20s R/T call Raceday White, Red, Green. Medium altitude strike A/A at BABO. Bomb load 10 X 100 inst. ETD 0700/I TOT 1000/I.
- (2) Release one squadron for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 258, 14 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission number 258-C-1. Three (3) Squadrons A-20's, R/T call Raceday Red, Green, Gold. Medium altitude strike runways BABO. Bomb load 4 X 500 1/10 sec. delay. ETD 0730/I.
- (2) Release one squadron A-20's for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 259, 15 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

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

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 260, 16 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission no. 260-C-1. 3 A-20's R/T call Raceday White, Photograph runways at UTAROM. Nil bomb load. ETD 0700/I.
- (2) Release three squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 261, 17 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Release (4) Sq. maintenance and training.

E X T R A C T

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 261, 18 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission No. 262C-1 three (3) A-20's R/T call Raceday Gold. Photograph runways at SAGAN, OTAVIRE, MONGOSAH. Nil bomb load. ETD 0715/I. TOT 0945/I.
- (2) Release remaining planes for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 263, 19 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission no. 263C-1. Three A-20's R/T Doubling Special. Search sector "O". Bomb load 4 X 250 4 sec delay. ETD 0900/I.
- (2) Conduct mission 263C-2. Three A-20's R/T call Doubling Red. Photograph runways at SAGAN, OTAVIRE, MONGOSAH. Nil bomb load. ETD 0715/I. TOT 0945/I.
- (3) Release remaining planes for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 264, 20 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission 264C-1. Three (3) A-20's R/T call Doubling Gold. Photograph runways at SAGAN, OTAVIRE, MONGOSAH. Nil bomb load. ETD 0700/I. TOT 0915/I.
- (2) Conduct Mission 264c-2. Three (3) A-20's R/T call Doubling Special. search sector "OCEB". Bomb load 4 X 250# 4 sec. delay.
- (3) Release remaining planes for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 265, 21 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

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

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 266, 22 September 1944.

3. A. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission number 266C-2. 3 A-20's R/T call Doubling Gold. Search Sector "O". Bomb load 4 X 250# 4 sec. delay. ETD 0900/I.
- (2) Release remaining planes for maintenance and training.

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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 267, 23 September 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission No. 267C-2. Three squadrons A-20's R/T call Doubling White, Green, Red. Medium altitude strike runway at TABO. Bomb load 4 X 500 1/10 sec. delay. ETD 0700/I. TOT 1000/I.
- (2) Conduct Mission Number 267C-3. Three A-20's R/T call Doubling Special search sector "O". Bomb load 4 X 250 4 sec. delay. ETD 0900/I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 268, 24 September 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission Number 268C-2. Three A-20's R/T call Doubling Special Search Sector "O". Bomb load 4 X 250 4 sec. delay. ETD 0900/I.
- (2) Release remaining planes for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 269, 25 September 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

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

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 270, 26 September 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

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

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 271, 27 September 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct mission No. 271C-2, three (3) A-20's R/T call Doubling Gold, photograph runway at SAGAN, OTAVIE, Nil bomb load. ETD 0700, TOT 1000/I.
- (2) Release three (3) squadrons for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER NUMBER 272, 28 September 1944.

3. B. The 3rd Attack Group will:

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



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OPERATIONAL FIELD ORDER NUMBER 273, 29 September 1944.

1. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- (1) Conduct Mission No. 273-C-1 three (3) Squadrons A-20's R/T  
with Doubling Gold, Red, White. altitude medium. Strike on  
array #1 UTAPOK, Bomb load 4 X 500# 1/10 sec. delay. ETD  
0300/L. TGT 1045/L.

OPERATIONAL FIELD ORDER NUMBER 274, 30 September 1944.

1. The 3rd Attack Group will:

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

By Order of COLONEL HUTCHISON.

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*S. C. Stuntz*  
STEPHEN C. STUNTZ,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Assistant C-2.



15TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

JW/gmi

APO 665,  
30 September, 1964.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Ammunition Expenditure, September 1964.

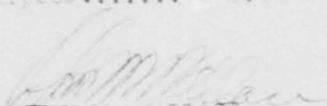
TO : Historical Officer, 15th Bombardment Sq, 3d Bombardment Gr, APO 665.

1. Ammunition expenditures by this squadron for the month of September '64, are reported as follows:

.50 calibre expended.....	5,860 rounds
Bombs Dropped, number.....	307
Bombs dropped, tons.....	71.85

Muster and Type

251 x 500 lb 1/10 sec Nose delay general purpose.....	69.75 tons
28 x 250 lb 1/10 sec Nose delay general purpose.....	3.5 tons
106 x 100 lb 1/10 sec Nose delay general purpose.....	5.4 tons

  
TOM P. WALLACE,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

13th Bombardment Squadron (L)  
3rd Bombardment Group (L) AAF

JW/ehl

APO 865,  
30 September, 1944.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Personnel, September 1944.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron, 3d Bomb Group, APO 865.

1. Set forth below is personnel report for month of September 1944.

a. Strength 1 September	Flying	Ground	Total
Officers	27	14	40
Enlisted Men	50	306	356
Total	77	320	396

b. Strength 30 September	Flying	Ground	Total
Officers	28	13	41
Enlisted Men	51	173	224
Total	79	186	265

c. The following were assigned to organization during month:

1st Lt	Festini, Steve J.	AC	0672057	Pilot
2nd Lt	Hildebrandt, John E.	AC	0759453	Pilot
"	January, Maurice A.	AC	0759459	Pilot
T/Sgt	Harrow, William A.	AC	6972650	Arm-Gun
S/Sgt	Pulleri, Frank	AC	3243446	Eng-Gun
"	Ridgen, Hodges K.	AC	14011872	Ar Maint Tech
Sgt	Ellis, Carlotta W.	Med	11020081	Med Adm Spec
Col	Cliff, William J.	AC	39015419	Ar Armor
Pvt	Hietler, Sydney	AC	12181402	Ar Armor
"	Richardson, Bob W.	Ord	6301237	Sanitation Wkr

d. The following were transferred out during month:

Capt	Kline, Stanley D.	AC	0675035	Pilot
1st Lt	Witch, Robert R.	AC	0683004	Eng Off
M/Sgt	Ecknersteil, Chester E.	AC	6973008	Ar Maint Tech
"	Harrison, Robert L.	AC	6973709	Comm Tech
"	Wastbrook, James G.	AC	14014539	Ar Maint Tech
T/Sgt	Hillec, Philip C.	AC	14017241	Ar Maint Tech
"	Dixon, Roy E.	AC	14014707	Ar Maint Tech
"	Griffith, Kenneth E.	AC	6970070	Ar Maint Tech
"	Hall, Frederick E.	AC	6970903	Ar Trop Spec
"	Ben, Frank W.	AC	11017906	Ar Armor
"	Lavine, Sidney	AC	11024103	Ar Maint Tech
"	Manjak, Koleslaus	AC	11008448	Radio Mech IAF
"	McConnell, George L.	Ord	32031907	Arms Supply Tech
"	Polkman, Wallace R.	AC	11009890	Ar Maint Tech
S/Sgt	Harrow, Lester R.	AC	1401176	Ar Armor
"	Clark, Jim E.	Ord	14034138	Sanitation Wkr
"	Cook, Lester R.	AC	7000986	Ar Armor
"	Lee, Jerome R.	AC	1500905	Ar & Eng Tech

Monthly Report of Personnel, (continued)

S/Sgt	George, Donald E.	AC	17007334	Clerk Typist
"	Godwin, Ben J.	AC	14033092	Ap Maint Tech
"	Houkston, James L.	AC	14714688	Ap Maint Tech
"	Rich, Raymond L.	AC	32143232	Eng-Gun
"	Rigdon, Hodges E.	AC	14011872	Ap Maint Tech
"	Rochford, Conrad A.	AC	11013584	Enger Tech IFF
"	Sharrat, Raymond W.	Ord	15073680	Auto Supply Tech
"	Shipper, Norman E.	Med	14026807	Surgical Tech
Sgt	Tarrow, Ellis F.	AC	14011761	Ap Armor
"	Bountarso, Americo	AC	11084134	Auto Equip Tech
"	Habowear, Elmer W.	Ord	17004987	Munitions Wkr
"	Hunter, Howard L.	AC	14029407	A.S. Sup Tech
"	Lee, Chester B.	CWS	35004667	Docclater Equip Cp
"	O'Neal, Carl E.	Ord	34116234	Munitions Wkr
"	Siciliano, Pietro	AC	11019896	Ap & Eng Tech
"	Stodchill, Charles F.	AC	15084054	Cook
"	Young, Robert W.	AC	11091093	Ap Elec Spec
Cpl	Benally, Mike	AC	388039079	Auto Equip Cp
"	Craig, Lamar J.	Ord	14072352	Munitions Wkr
"	Gray, Frederick J.	AC	20759823	Auto Equip Cp
PFC	Esenwine, Paul A.	Ord	13031714	Munitions Wkr
Pvt	Varlotta, Rick A.	AC	33780018	Auto Equip Cp

e. Otherwise lost during month:

Sgt	Marnell, William T.	AC	11024921	A.S. Supply Tech
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(killed in ground accident)

2. Source of above - Squadbook Manning Report for September 1944.

*William T. Marnell*  
 W. T. MARNELL,  
 1st Lt., Air Corps,  
 Adjutant.

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

JMM/JNT/agn

AFPO 565,  
2 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Assignment of Squadron Duties for Officers.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron (L).

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. Order #24, Hq., 13th Bomb Sq., APO 565, dated 4 Sept. 1944  
Par. 2 - The VOCO on 20 August 1944, appointing 2nd Lt. Edward J. Weihe, 0580295, Sq. Tech Supply Officer, in addition to his other duties, vice 1st Lt. Robert R. Fitch, 0563004, reld, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

Par. 4 - 1st Lt. Ansel L. Boiter, 0888798, is hereby appointed Assistant Operations Officer vice Capt. Stanley D. Kline, 0675235, reld.

Par. 5 - Capt. Stanley D. Kline, 0675235, is hereby appointed "F" Flight Leader vice 1st Lt. Ansel L. Boiter, 0888798, reld.

Par. 8 - 1st Lt. John M. Wallace, 0649131, is hereby reld as Assistant Squadron Supply and Transportation Officer.

Par. 9 - Capt. Stanley D. Kline, 0675235, is hereby reld as assistant Engineering Officer.

Par. 10 - Capt. Craigie J. Krayenbuhl, 0798309, is hereby reld as Assistant Engineering Officer.

Par. 11 - 1st Lt. Emmet L. Spence III, 0798368, is hereby reld as Assistant Engineering Officer.

Sq. Order #25, Hq., 13th Bomb Sq., APO 565, dated 18 Sept. 1944.  
Par. 1 - 1st Lt. John M. Wallace, 0649131, is hereby appointed Squadron Adjutant in addition to his other duties, vice 1st Lt. Robert R. Fitch, 0563004, reld.

Par. 2 - 1st Lt. Victor E. Bittner, 0860247, is hereby reld as Assistant Squadron Communications Officer and is appointed Squadron Communications Officer, vice 1st Lt. John M. Wallace, 0649131, reld.

Par. 3 - Capt Frederick I. Newmeyer, Jr., 0563917, is hereby appointed Squadron Executive Officer in addition to his other duties, vice 1st Lt Ragan S. Williams, 02035207 reld.

Par. 4 - 1st Lt. John W. Tolar, 0912180, is hereby reld as Assistant Squadron Intelligence Officer and is appointed Squadron Intelligence Officer, in addition to his other duties, vice Capt. Frederick L. Newmeyer, Jr., 0563917, reld.

Par. 5 - Capt. Frederick L. Newmeyer, Jr., 0563917, is hereby appointed Squadron Exchange Officer, in addition to his other duties, vice 1st Lt. Ragan S. Williams, 02035207, reld.

Sq. Order #26, Hq., 13th Bomb Sq., APO 565, dated 22 Sept. 1944.


Par. 1 - 1st Lt. John W. Tolar, 0912180, is hereby appointed Squadron Historical Officer, in addition to his other duties, vice Capt. Frederick L. Newmeyer, Jr., 0563917, reld.

Par. 2 - 1st Lt. Joseph C. Brown, 0802849 is hereby appointed "C" Flight Leader, vice Captain William A. Shaw, 0798361, reld.

Par. 3 - 1st Lt. Billy D. Sanders 0740943, is hereby appointed "D" Flight Leader, vice Captain Craigie J. Krayenbuhl 0798309, reld.

Par. 5 - The VOCO of 30 April 1944 appointing 1st Lt. Emmet L. Spence, III, 0798368, "E" Flight Leader are hereby confirmed and made of record.

Par. 6 - 1st Lt. David C. Herrin 0505454, is hereby appointed "F" Flight Leader vice Capt. Stanley D. Kline 0674235, reld.

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

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

JIM/JMT/asp

APO 565,  
2 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Promotions and reductions during September 1944.

TO : Historical Officer; 13th Bombardment Squadron (L).

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

SO #97, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gp., dated 11 Sept. 1944.  
Par 24 -- the following named EM, 13th Bomb Sq., are  
aptd non-commissioned officers as indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED STAFF SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Sgt. William S. Mariotes - 11017276  
Sgt. Francis G. Patnaude - 11017271  
Sgt. George S. Overholt - 13028708  
Sgt. Robert Smart - 11019888  
Cpl. Wilfred E. Boulette - 11016870  
Cpl. George O. Voyles - 14066279

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Pfc. Ashley C. Mc Daniel Jr. - 14078645

SO #99, Hq., 3rd Bomb Gp., dated 16 Sept. 1944.  
Par. 3 -- The following named EM, 13th Bomb Sq.,  
are aptd. Staff Sergeants (Temporary):

Sgt. Carl J. Lewis - 18085533  
Sgt. Daniel A. Walters - 35724296  
Sgt. Edwin J. Spencer - 35622983  
Cpl. Richard A. Murphy - 32414827

SO #257, Hq, USAFTE, APO 501, dated 16 Sept 1944.  
Par 1.-1st Lt Ragan S. Williams, 02035207, 13th Bomb Sq to Capt. AUS.

*John L. Wallace*  
JOHN L. WALLACE,  
1st Lt., Air Corps,  
Adjutant.







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

JMW/JWT/agg

APU 565,  
3 October 1944.

SUBJECT: Furloughs and Leaves During September.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron (L), APU 565.

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

SO #94, - Hq., 3d Bomb Gp., APU 565 dated 3 September 1944.  
Par. 1 - the following O and EM, combat crew members, are placed on DS at Sydney Rest Area, eff o/a 6 Sept 44 for a period of 10 days excl of travel time for the purpose of rest and relaxation:

13th Bombardment Squadron

S Sgt William L. Christley - 33214776  
S Sgt. George H. Thompson - 17128510  
S sgt Eugene Spence - 14134105  
Cpl Richard A. Murphy - 32414827

SO #98, - Hq., 3d Bomb Gp., APU 565 dated 15 September 1944.  
Par. 1 - The following name O and EM, combat crew members, are placed on DS at Sydney Rest Area, eff o/a 19 September 1944, for a period of 10 days excl of travel time for the purpose of rest and relaxation.

13th Bombardment Squadron

1st Lt. Steve J. Festini - 0672057  
1st Lt. Jackson B. Ross - 0805864  
1st Lt. Tommie G. Martin - 0885291  
S Sgt Charles Silvia - 20155527  
S Sgt Howard E. Albin - 17090300  
S Sgt Charles R. Tyrell - 15338101

Letter: Hq., 3d Bomb Gp., APU 565, dated 22 September 1944,  
Subject: "Orders". Cpl. Elmer W. Heliste, 36500105 and Cpl. Ralph W. Lason, 15074721 are placed on DS for the purpose of rest and recuperation at Mackay Leave Area, not to exceed 10 days exclusive of travel time.

Letter: Hq., 3d Bomb Gp., APU 565, dated 23 September 1944,  
Subject: "Orders". Par. 1 - Sgt. Robert G. Sawyer, 16047682, 13th Bombardment Squadron is placed on DS for the purpose of rest and

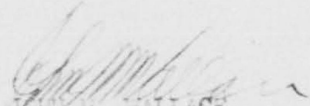
recuperation at Mackay Leave Area, not to exceed ten (10) days  
excl of travel time.

SO #101, - Hq., 3D Bomb Gp., APO 565, dated 23 September 1944,  
Par. 1 - The following named C and EL, combat crew members, are  
placed on DS at Sydney Rest Area, eff o/a 26 September 1944, for  
a period of ten (10) days excl of travel time for the purpose  
of rest and relaxation.

13th Bombardment Squadron

1st Lt. Joseph C. Brown Jr. - 0802849  
1st Lt. Billy D. Sanders - 0740943  
1st Lt. John C. Linzmeier - 0747836  
S/Sgt. Thomas J. Cervenak - 33291426  
S/Sgt. Richard F. Blake - 33323965  
S/Sgt. Fred A. Fancheux - 7000481  
S/Sgt. George E. Rossonne - 13089574

SO #102, - Hq., 3D Bomb Gp., APO 565, dated 25 September 1944,  
Par. 4 - S/Sgt. Leslie L. Erickson, 16036093, combat crew member,  
13th Bomb Sq., is placed on DS at Sydney Rest Area eff o/a 29  
September 1944 for a period of ten (10) days excl of travel time  
for the purpose of rest and relaxation.

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

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