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PART I

CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE

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Combat

February 1945 was the first full month of sustained combat operations for the 13th Bombardment Squadron in the Philippines. Although results were not spectacular, consistently well executed attacks against enemy supplies and installations, and highly praised ground support given by the Squadron in the various landing operations all contributed to making February a month of achievement gratifying to all personnel of the organization.

A total of twenty-two combat missions were carried out by the Squadron during the month.<sup>1</sup> Pertinent details of each mission are set forth in the following paragraphs:

The first assigned mission for the month was a search for enemy shipping in Baler Bay and for enemy activity on roadways near the coast of that Bay. Eight A2Os took off at 0655 on 2 February and reached the target area carrying out the searches as directed. Inasmuch as no suitable target could be located and friendly ground stations could not furnish one the Squadron returned to base. No bombs were dropped. Approximately two hundred rounds of ammunition were expended in strafing a small pile of possible supplies.<sup>2</sup>

The assignment for 4 February was first to attack an enemy held ridge near Mendez-Nunez and then to cover a M/T convoy from Silang to Imus. Six planes hit the primary target assigned by "Curless" (Ground Station) and designated by smoke bombs dropped from an L-5. Fifty-eight one hundred pound parademos and twelve one hundred pound demolition bombs were dropped and 9600 x 50 calibre were expended with excellent coverage. Before leaving the primary target the Squadron Leader

1. See Appendix (page 12) Fragmentary Field Order Extracts.
2. Final Mission Reports File, 13th Squadron Intelligence Office.

heard "Curless" report "you are strafing into our troops" and to direct them not to strafe in the area indicated by green smoke. The Squadron Leader called all planes off the target immediately and very shortly "Curless" directed them not to do any more bombing or strafing as friendly troops were moving into the area. The Squadron then covered the M/T convoy until released. There was much apprehension lest some friendly troops had inadvertently been wounded, but the following day a teletype message was received by V Bomber Command and forwarded to the Squadron stating that the troops had advanced too close to the target area and had sent up green smoke without notifying any commander in the area. Only one man was wounded and the message concluded with: "Commanding General this Division thinks nothing of it. Both Sugar missions this area were excellent and highly commended by Regimental Commander". 3

The Squadron furnished six A20s for a shipping search in the vicinity of the Calamian Island Group on 5 February. No enemy sightings were made and all planes returned to base without expending bombs or ammunition.

An attack on Fabrica Airbase and other enemy installations in that area on the sixth was the first combat mission flown by the 13th Squadron against any target in the Visayas. Nine A20s dropped seven hundred four twenty-three pound parafrags and sixteen one hundred pound napalm incendiaries, distributing them through the drome, housing and sawmill areas with excellent coverage. Fifteen thousand rounds of fifty calibre ammunition were expended in strafing. Assessed damage included one unserviceable enemy plane, and fires started in a sawmill, sugar mill and labor barracks. A photograph showing a part of the target area is to be found in the appendix on page 3.

On 7 February nine A20s of the 13th Squadron flew to Lingayen Airbase where pilots were briefed for an attack on Jap supply and materiel concentrations in ravines seven and nine miles northwest of Malabcat Strip. All planes reached the target area and bombed and strafed the positions designated by a P40 which also strafed the area. Thirty-five two hundred fifty pound parademes, fifteen one hundred pound napalm incendiaries and ten thousand four hundred fifty rounds of fifty calibre ammunition were expended. Both the P40 pilot and the ground control station informed the Squadron Leader "it was a good strike".

Nine planes were assigned to attack Mariveles airstrip and the town and Harbor area on 8 February. All planes reached the target which was bombed and thoroughly strafed. Thirty-five two hundred fifty pound parademes and eighteen one hundred pound napalm incendiaries were dropped and ten thousand six hundred rounds of ammunition were expended.

3. File: "V Bomber Command Messages", 13th Sq. Intelligence Office.

Babuyan River to Bataan Drome on Bataan peninsula was the assigned target for ten A20s of the 13th Squadron on 9 February. Results, other than small fires started, were unassessed. Thirty-eight two hundred fifty pound parademos and eighteen one hundred pound napalm incendiaries and ten thousand rounds of ammunition were expended.

Nine planes returned to the above target the following morning dropping thirty-six two hundred fifty pound parademos and sixteen one hundred pound napalm incendiaries and expending fifty-seven hundred rounds in strafing. Three bundles of Japanese propaganda leaflets were also dropped on this mission.

In the afternoon of the same day nine planes again attacked this area destroying two or three buildings, a serviceable motor launch and starting several grass and probable fuel fires. Propaganda leaflets were dropped and thirty-five two hundred fifty pound parademos and eighteen one hundred pound napalm incendiaries and eleven thousand five hundred rounds were expended.

Nine planes struck at the Mariveles Harbor area on the morning of 11 February. Results were generally unassessed and no lucrative targets were observed. Nevertheless, nine planes were sent back to the same area in the afternoon with no better observed results. Bombs dropped on the two missions totaled sixty-three two hundred fifty pound parademos and thirty-two one hundred pound napalm incendiaries. Fifteen thousand rounds of fifty calibre were expended. Japanese propaganda leaflets were dropped.

Jap concentrations in the Cabcaban area on Bataan were pounded on the 12th by ten A20s of the 13th Squadron. Several fires were started and shacks and probable piles of stores were damaged. Thirty-six five hundred pound demos, eighteen two hundred fifty pound demos and twelve one hundred pound napalm incendiaries were dropped and ten thousand two hundred rounds of ammunition were expended. Four bundles of enemy propaganda leaflets were dropped.

On 13 February nine planes struck at enemy concentrations in the Cabcaban area in the morning, and eight returned to the same target on an afternoon mission. No specific damage, other than the destruction of one Hipa hut and the possible damage of a concrete blockhouse, was reported on either mission. Ordnance expended totaled sixty-four five hundred pound demolition bombs, thirty-two two hundred fifty pound demolition bombs, and sixteen thousand nine hundred rounds of fifty calibre. Enemy propaganda leaflets were dropped.

Two missions were flown again on the 14th, both to the Cabcaban-Bataan Strip Area. Nine planes on the morning mission dropped thirty-three five hundred pounders and eighteen two fiftys and expended seventy-four hundred rounds just west of Bataan strip. Several buildings and shacks were destroyed or damaged and one small bridge was possibly wrecked.

Four bundles of Japanese propaganda were dropped. In the afternoon nine planes dropped thirty-six five hundred pound demos and eighteen two hundred fifty pound parademos and expended fifty-five hundred rounds of ammunition in the same area with results unobserved. One plane of the 13th Squadron on a mission with another squadron expended sixteen hundred rounds of ammunition and dropped six five hundred pound demolition bombs. Three bundles of Japanese propaganda were also dropped.

Seven planes were assigned to knock out a gun position at the northwest corner of Corregidor Island on the 15th. Twenty-eight two hundred fifty pound parademos, fourteen two hundred fifty pound demos, and twelve thousand two hundred rounds of ammunition were expended in four passes over the target. Ten to fifteen feet of the cliff face over the cave housing the gun position was knocked down and a machine gun position in the center of the island was definitely knocked out.

One other plane of the 13th Squadron carried out a mission to Navatas and Obando areas in Luzon on the same day. Fourteen bundles of Japanese propaganda leaflets were dropped and some excellent photographs of the Manila area were taken.

The most interesting mission of the month was that of 16 February when ten planes of the 13th Squadron participated in coordinated attacks on Corregidor in support of and immediately prior to the first landing of American paratroopers on that island fortress. Sixty two hundred fifty pound bombs were dropped and sixteen thousand one hundred rounds were expended. This strike, as well as those of all other Squadrons and Groups participating in the mission of the day, was extremely well coordinated by Major Richard L. Walker, 13th Squadron Commander, who was specifically designated by V bomber Command to act as Air Director for the operation.

Puerto Princessa town in Palawan was the target for twelve A20Bs of the 13th Squadron (and one A20G from the 90th Squadron flying with the 13th) on 20 February. Two good buildings were demolished, a church --reported to house ammunition and fuel--was badly damaged and various other buildings were destroyed or severely damaged. The twelve planes dropped one hundred five one hundred pound parademos, two two hundred fifty pound demos and expended four thousand one hundred rounds of ammunition.

On 26 February ten A20Bs carried out another mission to Puerto Princessa. The only results observed were one near miss on a shack and several direct hits on a larger building probably destroying it. One hundred one hundred pound parademos, nineteen two hundred fifty pound demos and ten thousand nine hundred rounds of ammunition were expended.

The final mission of the month was on the 27th when thirteen planes again struck enemy supplies and personnel at Puerto Princessa. A direct hit was scored on a good looking T shaped building and two other buildings were probably damaged. Jap propaganda leaflets were dropped. Twenty-six two hundred fifty pound demos, one hundred twenty-five one hundred pound parademos, and eighty-five hundred rounds of ammunition were expended. A photograph showing a part of this target area is included in the appendix at page 35.

A total of 690.5 hours were flown by all 13th Squadron planes during the month. Of these 631.1 hours were combat flying time. Combat sorties flown totaled 205. <sup>4</sup>

#### Ordnance

During the month the Squadron dropped 143.3 tons of bombs and expended 136,143 rounds of fifty calibre ammunition in strafing. <sup>5</sup> Some difficulty was experienced with parademos exploding in the air and with some which failed to explode after hitting the ground but by the end of the month bombs were reacting properly.

#### Enemy Action

No enemy interception was encountered on missions flown by the 13th Squadron during the month. No "Red Alerts" were sounded and no enemy aircraft approached the airstrip or camp area occupied by this unit in February.

Inaccurate anti-aircraft and machine gun fire was directed at planes on eight missions flown during the month but rendered no damage to personnel or aircraft. <sup>6</sup> One plane was considerably damaged by a burst--possibly a planted charge or land mine--which occurred at tree top level directly underneath the plane over Bataan Peninsula on 13 February 1945.

#### Training

Inasmuch as combat crews and the Squadron planes were steadily engaged in flying missions throughout the month it was necessary to utilize the time not spent in combat flying for maintenance of the aircraft. Consequently no strictly training missions were flown during February. On 19 February, however, fourteen sorties were flown by the Squadron in carrying out bomb tests. Operations records reveal that thirty-six two hundred fifty pound demolition bombs and twenty-five hundred pound demolition bombs were dropped in these test flights.

4. See Appendix: (page 20) Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.

5. See Appendix: (page 40) Monthly Report of Ammunition Expenditure.

6. Final Mission Reports, 13th Squadron Intelligence Office.



It is within the personal knowledge of the Historian that frequent meetings were held at which discussions and critiques dealing with flying tactics, formations, bombing and gunnery were conducted by the Commanding Officer and the Operations Officer.

The Intelligence Officer held meetings three nights each week for all combat crew members at which he discussed and analyzed the latest news from the war fronts, gave background talks with reference to Formosa, China and other possible future areas of operation for this unit, and emphasized such matters as security, methods of escape, and the recognition of enemy aircraft and shipping. On one occasion the Assistant Group Intelligence Officer, Lt. Stephen C. Stuntz Jr., was invited to talk on items of interest concerning Formosa. At a subsequent meeting an officer from V Bomber Command, Lt. Turovin, devoted an hour to demonstrating the latest methods of recognition of enemy shipping.

#### Aircraft Strength and Maintenance

The Squadron began the month with thirteen A20H type aircraft. One A20H was assigned from the 61st Service Squadron during the month and as no planes were lost or transferred the aircraft strength on 28 February was fourteen A20H-10s.<sup>7</sup> The percentage of aircraft in combat readiness during the month was 94%.<sup>8</sup>

7. See Appendix: (page 4) Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.

8. See Appendix: (page 1) Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics.

## ADMINISTRATIVE NARRATIVE

### Organization

Administrative activity was routine throughout the month. No changes in organization structure were effected as a result of any change in Tables of Organization.

Major Richard L. Walker continued in command of the Squadron with Captain Charles E. Moorefield as Operations Officer. Major Samuel L. Frederick who was assigned to the Squadron in January was appointed Assistant Operations Officer.<sup>9</sup> Captain Burdette C. Hinsey who had long served as Squadron Engineering Officer was transferred to 3rd Group Headquarters and Lt. Edward J. Weihe, succeeded him as Engineering Officer.<sup>10</sup> Second Lieutenant David R. Toomim, Assistant Intelligence Officer who had been on detached service with the combat Replacement Training Center at Nadzab, New Guinea, returned to the Squadron. Assignment of duties for other ground officers remained as follows:

Captain Frederick L. Newmeyer Jr. -- Executive Officer  
Captain John H. Wallace -- Adjutant  
1st Lt. John W. Tolar -- Intelligence Officer  
1st Lt. Vernon R. Fering -- Ordnance and Transportation Officer  
1st Lt. Victor E. Bittner -- Communications Officer  
2nd Lt. John B. Wines -- Mess and Supply Officer  
2nd Lt. Louis O. Alder -- Acting Armament Officer  
2nd Lt. Francis W. Cronin, -- Personnel Equipment Officer and  
Cryptographic Security Officer was also appointed Tech  
Supply Officer.

9. See Appendix: (page 20) Squadron Orders No. 6, 13th Bomb Squadron, dated 14 February 1945.

10. See Appendix: (page 21) Squadron Orders No. 7, 13th Bomb Squadron, dated 18 February 1945.

### Strength

During February twenty-nine enlisted men were assigned to the Squadron and two officers and twenty-two enlisted men were transferred. Thus the total strength of the Squadron increased from 280 at the beginning of the month to 285 as of the 28th. <sup>11</sup>

Twelve ground men returned to the United States on rotation or temporary duty, and one pilot and six gunners completed the required combat missions and were returned home. <sup>12</sup>

### Promotions and Reductions

Two officers, Second Lieutenant Edward J. Weihe, Engineering Officer, and Second Lieutenant William C. Tanner, a Pilot, received their well earned silver bars on 2 February. Both promotions were announced in General Orders No. 33, Headquarters, USAFFE, dated 2 February 1945.

One enlisted man of the Medical Detachment was appointed Corporal, one gunner was appointed Staff Sergeant and one crew chief was appointed Staff Sergeant during the month. <sup>13</sup> Three aerial engineers and one radio operator were appointed Staff Sergeants, <sup>14</sup> and two crew chiefs were promoted from Staff Sergeant to Technical Sergeant. <sup>15</sup> One radio specialist was promoted to Technical Sergeant.

### Awards

General Orders awarding the Bronze Star medal to Captain John E. Mac Arthur, Squadron Armament Officer, the Air Medal to Technical Sergeant Leo J. Mc Mann and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal to Sergeant Richard A. Murphy were received during the month. <sup>16</sup>

On 18 February a ceremony was held at 3rd Bomb Group Headquarters at which Brigadier General J. V. Crabb, Commanding General of V Bomber Command presented decorations to the following personnel of the 13th

11. See Appendix: (page 27) Monthly Report of Personnel.
12. See Appendix: (page 27) Monthly Report of Personnel.
13. See Appendix: (page 27) S.O. No. 15, Hqs, 3rd Bomb Group.
14. See Appendix: (pages 26 and 27) S.O. No. 9 and 11, Hqs, 3rd Bomb Gp.
15. See Appendix: (pages 26 and 27) S.O. No. 14 and 16, Hqs, 3d B. Gp.
16. See Appendix: (page 31) Letter: "Awards and Decorations".

Bomb Squadron:

Major Richard L. Walker - Distinguished Flying Cross \*  
Captain Charles S. Moorefield - Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal  
Captain David C. Herrin - Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal  
Captain Emmet L. Spence III - Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster to A.M. \*  
1st Lt. Jackson B. Hoss - Air Medal  
1st Lt. John O. Linzmeier - Air Medal  
1st Lt. Raymond A. Ritter - Air Medal  
S/Sgt. William L. Chrisley - Air Medal  
S/Sgt. Edwin J. Spencer - Air Medal  
S/Sgt. Daniel W. Walters - Air Medal

Furloughs and Leaves

Three pilots, the Flight Surgeon and three aerial gunners were granted leaves and furloughs in February. <sup>17</sup>

No leaves or furloughs were granted to ground personnel.

\* Photographs showing presentation of Medals to Major WALKER and Captain SPENCE are included in the Appendix at pages 36 and 37.

17. See Appendix: (pages 32 and 33) S.O. #12 and 13, Hqs, 3d Bomb Gp.

PART II

PERSONAL & LOCAL INTEREST

## LOCAL INTEREST

### General--Including Morale.

As has normally been the case in this Squadron during periods of sustained combat activity morale remained at a relatively high level. Great interest was shown by all personnel in the results of attacks by this Squadron against the enemy in Luzon, Palawan, Negros and on Corregidor and Bataan. Photographs and excerpts from mission reports relative to these missions were posted in Squadron Intelligence for the benefit of all interested in details of the daily strikes.

Naturally interest in the general war news was heightened by the beginning of the great offensive on the Western Front in Europe, the continued Russian drives, the success of the Luzon campaign including the conquest of Bataan and Corregidor and, of course, by the fall of Manila, the Marine landing on Owi Jima, and the carrier based raids on Tokyo.

Up to date situation maps, and complete daily news coverage furnished the Squadron by teletype from V Fighter Command were made available by Squadron Intelligence for all who cared to visit the news boards. In addition to the regular Intelligence meetings for combat crews which numerous non-flying officers and men also attended, the Intelligence Officer also from time to time held meetings for ground personnel at which he discussed the news, cited latest regulations regarding censorship and security, and answered questions relative to the war and the "G.I. Bill of Rights".

The arrival of quantities of mail--especially the long delayed Christmas packages--pleased all concerned despite the fact that some packages had been ruined by careless handling or improper protection from the elements.

On the whole the quality of the food served was not as good as it had been the preceding month. However, due largely to the efforts of the Mess Officer such unusual treats as roasting ears with fresh butter were served on several occasions and once ice cream was secured. Fresh eggs and fresh meat were available occasionally, but not as often as they were needed or desired, and no fresh fruit or fresh vegetables were issued at all.

Spirited participation by both officers and enlisted men in softball and baseball games provided the chief form of recreation other than the moving pictures. Swimming, volley ball, and horse-shoe pitching were also popular sports.

The chief causes of discontent continued to be "frozen" ratings and furloughs. Many who have been with the Squadron for much longer than a year have never had a leave or furlough since coming overseas. There was a good deal of talk among enlisted personnel as to why a number of able crew chiefs continued month after month to "crew" planes as Corporals or Sergeants when the P.C. called for Staff or Technical Sergeants.

#### Summary

As the month ended and it appeared probable that another period of inactivity and another move would soon be forthcoming there was something of a slump in morale despite the heartening news from the world's battlefronts. It seems to be always true that no matter how beneficial to him in the long run remote and impersonal events may be, the immediate causes of dissatisfaction will ever outweigh them in the thoughts and feelings of the average man.

#### Addenda:

In the appendix at pages 31 and 42 are statements by Second Lieutenant James C. Cox and Technical Sergeant Edwin W. Barnett concerning an airplane crash in which they were injured on 10 October 1944 in New Guinea, and in which they give details concerning their survival.

PART III

APPENDIX



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FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 32, 1 February 1945.

5. The 3rd Attack Group will:

- a. One squadron sugars call DOUBLING RED strike ground support mission Primary three roads north Batangas; Secondary. Time over target 0745/I.
- B. One Squadron A-20s call sign DOUBLING WHITE will strike Group Support Primary, Southeast shore of LaGuna De Bay secondary. Time over target 0815/I.
- C. One Squadron A-20s call DOUBLING THREE on Ground readiness from 0630 to 1600/I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 33, 2 February 1945.

4. Eight A-20s call DOUBLING ONE will strike Baler Bay Primary. Time over target 0815 to 0830/I. Bomb load: 100 pound parademos.
6. Twelve A-20s call DOUBLING TWO strike road Batangas to Real. Bomb load: 100/pound para demos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 34, 3 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

5. Two squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING GOLD AND WHITE will stand by for ground support. Bomb load: 100 pound parademos. Two squadrons released for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 35, 4 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

5. Six A-20s call sign DOUBLING will support M-6. Bomb load: 100 pound parademos.
6. Six A-20s call sign DOUBLING will support M-6. Bomb load: 100 pound parademos.
9. Twelve A-20s call sign DOUBLING on Ground alert. Bomb load: 100 pound parademos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 36, 5 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

No report.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 37, 6 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

2. Four squadrons A-20s call sign DOUBLING WHITE, GREEN, GOLD and RED will strike the Fabrica primary target. Time over target 1030 to 1040/I. Bomb load: parafrags.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 38, 7 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

6. Three squadrons A-20s call sign DOUBLING ONE, TWO, THREE will strike Aligante Airdrome. Time over target 1030 to 1045/I. Bomb load: 250 pound para demos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 39, 8 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

1. Three squadrons A-20s call sign DOUBLING RED, GREEN, WHITE, will strike BATAAN. Time over target 0815 to 0830/I. Bomb load 250 pound para demos.
9. Three squadrons A-20s call sign DOUBLING RED, GREEN, WHITE, will strike CORREGIDOR. Time over target 1600 to 1615. Bomb load 250 pound para demos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 40, 9 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

2. Three squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING ONE, TWO, AND THREE will strike BATAAN. Time over target 0815 to 0830/I. Bomb load: 250 pound parademos.
6. Three Squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING FOUR, FIVE, SIX, will strike BATAAN. Time over target 1500 to 1515/I. Bomb load: 250 pound para demos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 41, 10 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

2. Three Squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING ONE, TWO, THREE, will strike BATAAN. Bomb load; 250 pound para demos.
6. Three squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING FOUR, FIVE, SIX, will strike BATAAN. Bomb load: 250 pound para demos. Time over target 1500 to 1545.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 42, 11 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

2. Three squadrons call DOUBLING ONE, TWO, THREE, will strike BATAAN. Bomb load 250 pound para demos. Time over target 0830 to 0845/I.
6. Three Squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING FOUR, FIVE AND SIX, will strike BATAAN. Bomb load 250 pound para demos. Time over target 1445 to 1500/I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 43, 12 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

1. Three squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING ONE, TWO, THREE, will strike BATAAN. Time over target 0900 to 0915/I.
4. Three squadrons call DOUBLING FOUR FIVE, SIX, will strike BATAAN. Time over target 1500 to 1515/I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 44, 13 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

13. Two squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING ONE AND TWO, will strike BATAAN. Time over target 0930 to 0945/I.
14. One squadron A-20s will be on readiness until 0900. If not called strike BATAAN. Time over target 1045 to 1100/I.
16. Three squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING FOUR, FIVE, SIX, will strike BATAAN. Time over target 1615 to 1630.
17. Three A-20s call DOUBLING SEVEN will strike CABALLO ISLAND. Time over target: 1615 to 1630. All A-20s will carry a bomb load of 500 pound 8-15 second delay.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 45, 14 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

8. One squadron A-20s call DOUBLING SPECIAL will orbit QUINAUAN POINT. Bomb load M-10 smoke tanks. Time over target 1000.
9. Two squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING ONE AND TWO, will strike BATAAN. Bomb load 500 pound 8-15 second delay. Time over target: 0915 to 0945/I.
11. Three squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING THREE, FOUR, FIVE, will strike BATAAN. Bomb load 500 pound 8-15 second. Time over target 1600 to 1630.
13. Three ~~A-20s~~ A-20s call DOUBLING SIX will strike CABALLO ISLAND. Bomb load 500 pound 8-15 second. Time over target 1615 to 1630/I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 46, 15 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

1. Nine A-20s call DOUBLING ONE Orbit QUINAUAN POINT. Bomb load 2 XM-10 smoke tanks. Time over target 0800.
3. One Squadron A-20s orbit ten miles south of COCHINGO POINT call DOUBLING TWO. Bomb load 250 pound para demos 8-15 second delay. Time over target 0900.
4. One Squadron A-20s call DOUBLING THREE orbit ten miles south of COCHINGO POINT. Bomb load 250 pound para demos 8-15 second delay. Time over target 1100.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 47, 16 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

3. Three squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING ONE, TWO, THREE, will bomb and strafe unrestricted area CORREGIDOR AND CABALLO ISLANDS. Time over target 0830 to 9000/I. Bomb load: 250 pound para demos.
5. One Squadron call DOUBLING SPECIAL will strike CORREGIDOR. Time over target 1000/I.
6. Twelve A-20s call DOUBLING FOUR on readiness. Bomb load: 250 pound parademos.
7. Twelve A-20s call DOUBLING FIVE on readiness. Bomb load: 900 pound.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 48, 17 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

Four squadrons A-20s are released for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 49, 18 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

3. Conduct strike against JESSELTON AIRDROME -- BARNCO with two (2) Squadrons A-20s. Maintain two (2) Squadrons A-20s released for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 50, 19 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

3. Two squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING ONE AND TWO, will strike PUERTO PRINCESSA. Time over target 1145 to 1200/I. Bomb load: 100 pound para-demos. Release two (2) Squadrons A-20s for maintenance and training.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 51, 20 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

2. Two Squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING ONE, TWO, will strike PUERTO PRINCESSA. Time over target 1145 to 1200/I. Bomb load: 100 pound para demos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 52, 21 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

2. Six A-20s call DOUBLING ONE will strike JESSELTOWN AIRDRONE, Primary, PUERTO PRINCESSA, secondary. Time over target 1000 to 1015/I. Bomb load: para demos.
3. Six A-20s call DOUBLING TWO will strike JESSELTOWN AIRDRONE Primary and PUERTO PRINCESSA secondary. Time over target 1030 to 1045/I. Bomb load: 100 pound para demos.
12. Six A-20s call DOUBLING THREE on readiness. Bomb load: 100 pound parademos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 53, 22 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

8. One squadron call DOUBLING ONE on readiness 0700 to 1600/I. Bomb load: 100 pound parademos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 54, 23 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

4. Six A-20s call DOUBLING ONE on readiness from 0700 to 1600/I. Bomb load: 100 pound para demos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 55, 24 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

3. Maintain six A-20s on readiness from 0700 to 1600/I.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 56, 25, February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

8. Twelve A-20s call DOUBLING ONE will conduct a shipping search east coast LUZON. Time over target 0915 to 1015/I. Bomb load: 250 pound para demos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 57, 26 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

3. Four Squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, will strike PUERTO PRINCESSA. Time over target 1045 toll 130/I. Bomb load: 100 pound para demos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 58, 27 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

2. Four Squadrons A-20s call DOUBLING ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, will strike PUERTO PRINCESSA. Number TWO, THREE, FOUR, & FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN. Time over target 0045 toll 130. Bomb load: 100 pound para demos.

FRAGMENTARY FIELD ORDER 59, 28 February 1945.

The 3rd Attack Group will:

4. One Squadron A-20s call DOUBLING ONE will strike PUERTO PRINCESSA. TOT 0800. Bomb load: 100 pound para demos.
5. One Squadron A-20s call DOUBLING TWO will strike PUERTO PRINCESSA. TOT 1000. Bomb load: 100 para demos.
6. One Squadron A-20s call DOUBLING THREE will strike PUERTO PRINCESSA. TOT 1300. Bomb load: 100 pound para demos.
7. One Squadron A-20s call DOUBLING FOUR will strike PUERTO PRINCESSA. TOT 1600. Bomb load: 100 pound para demos.

By command of Brigadier General CRABB:

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Colonel, Air Corps,  
Chief of Staff.

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28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics, Feb 1945

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron, 3d Bomb. Gp., AFC 321

1. Below is the report of Aircraft Strength of the 13th Bombardment Squadron for the month of February 1945.

- a. Strength, Aircraft, 1 February 13  
13 A-20H-10 #44-489, 490, 494, 495, 497, 498, 504, 509, 511, 512,  
674, 685, 687
- b. Strength, Aircraft, 28 February 14  
14 A-20H-10 #44-489, 490, 494, 495, 497, 498, 499, 504, 509, 511,  
512, 674, 685, 687
- c. Gains during February.  
1 A-20H-10 #44-499 assigned fr 61st Service Sq.
- d. Losses during February. None

2. Percentage of assigned aircraft in Combat Readiness during month  
94 % (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, 690.5
- b. Total combat hours, all planes, 631.1

4. Total Sorties Flown During Month: 205

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

*John L. Wallace*  
JOHN L. WALLACE,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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

AFG 321  
28 February 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Ammunition Expenditure, February 1945

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Sq., 3d Bomb Gp., APO 321

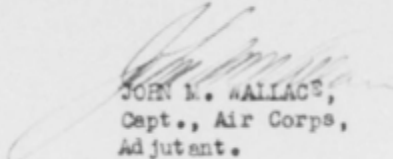
1. Ammunition expenditures by this squadron for the month of February 1945 are reported as follows:

.50 calibre expended .....136,143  
Bombs Dropped, number ..... 1979  
Bombs Dropped, tons..... 143.3

Number and Type

177 x 500 lb 8-15 sec delay tail fuse general purpose.....44.2 tons  
154 x 250 lb 8-15 sec delay tail fuse general purpose.....19.3 "  
326 x 250 lb 4-5 sec delay tail fuse para-demos.....40.7 "  
10 x 100 lb 8-11 sec delay tail fuse general purpose..... .5 "  
459 x 100 lb 4-5 sec delay tail fuse para-demos.....23.0 "  
149 x 100 lb Inst nos<sup>o</sup> fuse Napalm..... 7.5 "  
704 x 23 lb Inst nos<sup>o</sup> fuse Para-frag..... 8.1 "

2. Above information obtained from AAF Form 34, for month of February 1945, which are on file in 13th Squadron Statistical Office.

  
JOHN M. WALLACE,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Adjutant.



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

AFO 921  
14 February 1945

REASON CODES )  
1  
NUMBER.....6 )

1. The YOCO on 10 January 1945 appointing Major SAMUEL H. FREDERICK, O-497996, (1022), Assistant Operations Officer, is hereby confirmed and made of record.

2. The YOCO on 25 January 1945 relieving 2nd Lt., LAWRENCE F. RASE, O-761762, (1022), from Flying Status temporarily, under the provisions of Army Air Force Regulation 35-16, Section II, Paragraph 4a, is hereby confirmed and made of record.

*Richard Walker*  
RICHARD L. WALKER  
Major, Air Corps  
Commanding

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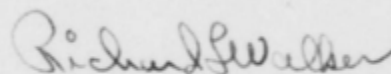
13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L), AAF

AFO 321  
18 February 1945

SQUADRON ORDERS )  
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NUMBER..... 7 )

The WOCO on 11 October 1944, appointing 2nd Lt., DAVID R. TOONIM, O-1643399, (9301) Assistant Squadron Intelligence Officer, is hereby confirmed and made of record.

The WOCO on 1 February 1945 appointing 2nd Lt., EDWARD J. WELIE, O-580295 (4902) Squadron Engineering Officer, vice Capt. BURDETTE C. HINSEY, O-856471 (4903), reassigned, is hereby confirmed and made of record.



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

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APO 321,  
28 February, 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Personnel, February 1945.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron, 3d Bomb Group, APO 321.

1. Set forth below is personnel report for month of February 1945.

a. Strength 1 February	Flying	Ground	Total
Officers	31	14	45
Enlisted Men	62	173	235
Total	92	188	280
b. Strength 28 February	Flying	Ground	Total
Officers	30	13	43
Enlisted Men	56	186	242
Total	86	199	285
c. The following were assigned to organization during month:			
1stSgt Weller, Walter M.	AC 37270263	Admin Spec	
M/Sgt Benson, Harry	AC 6537155	Ap Maint Tech	
" Hicks, Robert W.	AC 17010430	Ap Maint Tech	
" Riley, James M.	AC 18043379	Ap Maint Tech	
T/Sgt Basham, Charles S.	AC 39023831	Commun Tech	
" Bombs, Bernard L.	AC 33023768	Ap Maint Tech	
" Fitzgerald, Mathew P.	AC 17031681	Ap Maint Tech	
" Lippe, Adolph C.	AC 18007717	Ap Maint Tech	
" McDaniel, Richard C.	AC 12031458	Ap Maint Tech	
S/Sgt Davidson, William A.	AC 12190453	Ap Maint Tech	
" Dauer, Charles W.	AC 33064379	Ap & Eng Mech	
" Franklin, James A.	AC 37011834	Ap Armorer	
" Hagedorn, Benjamin	AC 12095844	Ap Maint Tech	
" Richter, Duke W.	AC 36213913	Clerk Non-Typist	
" Ellis, Carlton W.	Med 11020881	Med Admin Spec	
Sgt Smart, Frederick S.	AC 16024971	Ap Armorer	
" Handley, Robert M.	AC 18105623	Lineman Tel & Tel	
" Hornberg, Edward H.	AC 38103432	Arm Gnr	
" Hardin, Estel L.	AC 6799194	Cook	
" Kasper, John F.	AC 6248249	Ap Inst Mech	
" Manbeck, William A.	AC 15074731	Cook	
" Martin, Paul W.	AC 16096041	Iwr Tur & Gunsit Spec	
" Steats, Vincent C.	AC 12082262	Ap Elec Mech	
Cpl Alford, John L.	Med 34637721	Optician	
" Dean, John E.	AC 39326887	Radar Mech IFF	
" McNameara, Robert M.	AC 33553893	Mech Gnr	
" Robu, Tony	Ord 36531544	Munitions Wkr	
Pfc Papero, Ugo W.	AC 31306547	Clerk Non-Typist	
Pvt Serksen, Leo	AC 33609443	Ap & Eng Mech	

Monthly Report of Personnel, (continued)

d. The following were attached to organization awaiting assignment and were present for duty during month.

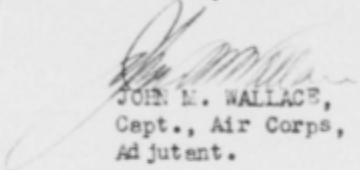
S/Sgt Bernheart, Woodrow W. AC 6561271 Ap Maint Tech

e. The following were transferred out during month:

Capt	Hinsey, Burdette C.	AC	0856471	Eng Off
"	Spence, Emmet L. III	AC	0798368	Pilot
M/Sgt	Rodrique, Russell J.	AC	6282897	Clerk Typist
"	Smith, Oliver H.	AC	11024236	Ap Maint Tech
T/Sgt	Gillum, Victor T.	AC	14014608	Ap Armor
"	Jungman, Otto	AC	32005675	Radio Op Mech Gnr
"	McKann, Leo J.	AC	11018839	Ap Maint Tech
"	Nelson, Norman T.	AC	11014326	Ap Inst Mech
"	Robinson, Kenneth T.	AC	11015718	Ap Armor
S/Sgt	Anderson, David A.	Med	6669438	Med Admin Spec
"	Boychek, Andrew	AC	13045624	Arm Gnr
"	Dowling, Lee A.	AC	14011978	Ap Maint Tech
"	Reed, Calvin W.	AC	20108451	Arm Gnr
"	Rossonne, George F.	AC	13089574	Arm Gnr
"	Spence, Eugene	AC	14134105	Arm Gnr
Sgt	Bellondi, Vincent L.	AC	11024266	Ap & Eng Mech
"	Cole, Kenneth A.	Ord	15084641	Ammo Supply Tech
"	Fox, Morris E.	AC	11024163	Para Rig & Rep
"	Kantelli, Ferdinand T.	Ord	13039812	Munitions Wkr
"	Koriarty, John E.	Ord	11038047	Munitions Wkr
"	Murphy, Richard W.	AC	32414827	Arm Gnr
Cpl	Reimink, Raymond E.	AC	16084633	Auto Equip Mech
"	Strickland, Jewell S.	Ord	14078604	Munitions Wkr
"	Teehee, Marvin E.	AC	38395660	Ap & Eng Mech

f. Otherwise lost during month: None

2. Source of above-Squadron Morning Report for February 1945.

  
JOHN M. WALLACE,  
Capt., Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS  
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

AFC 521  
22 February 1945

SPECIAL ORDER:

NUMBER 15)

1. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 Cpl ROBERT G LEMCH 3371762, 68th Sq, is held fr dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts.

2. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his CO, Sgt WYER LUREY 14072665, 13th Sq, is aptd Staff Sergeant (temp).

3. Par 11, SO# 14, this Hq, dtd 18 Feb 45, is revoked.

4. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their co comdr the following named EM, 88th Bomb Co, are rd to the gr of private (for cause):

Tec 5 JESUS DIMAS 33457269

Pfc CALISTRO MENEN 38420212

5. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of the Co Flt Surgeon Pfc SAMUEL E TELLES 33663114, Cp Hq, Med Det, is aptd Corporal (temp).

6. So much of par 2, SO# 12, this Hq, dtd 18 Feb 45, as reads, "Cpl EDWARD E ROSENBERG 38103432 (612)" is amended to read, "Sgt EDWARD E ROSENBERG 38103432 (612)".

7. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his CO, Sgt HUYER MOORE 14065956, 13th Sq, Armorer Gunner, is aptd Staff Sergeant (temp).

8. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their CO, the following named EM, 88th Bomb Co, are aptd to the grades indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)  
Cpl DAVID J WATSON 3346295

TO BE APPOINTED TECH W/LV FOURTH GRADE (TEMPORARY)  
Cpl GEORGE C MOURKES 33414182

Par 3, 30 Feb 45, Wg 3d Bomb Grp, dtd 22 Feb 45, cont'd:

TO BE APPOINTED CORPORAL (TEMPORARY)

Tec 5 RAYMOND A HENLEY 36542816	Tec 5 EDWARD A CALDWELL 39120258
Tec 5 VANCE GREEN 38476378	Tec 5 ROBERT L HANDEL 38357890
Tec 5 WAYNE E HAY 35595800	Tec 5 HAROLD E MATHURAN 39189746
Tec 5 JOE V McCREIGHT 36437960	Tec 5 JACK W SCHERLBERG 34267076
Tec 5 WILLIAM SCOTT 33479461	Tec 5 J H SINGLETON 34547664

TO BE APPOINTED TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE (TEMPORARY)

Tec 5 GUILLERMO R GONZALEZ 30467864	Tec 5 MANUEL L VILLALBA 30466153
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9. Lt Col CHARLES W MOSE 0728081 is apptd Op Operations Off in add to his other ops, vice Maj GEORGE R GREENE 0702640, deceased, per WOOD 17 Feb 45.

10. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their CO, the following named SM, 88th Sq, combat crew members, are apptd MCC's as indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED STAFF SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Sgt BERNIE L COCK 33305167	Sgt WILFRED T LORTON 15081379
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TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)

Cpl RICHARD R SCHWARZ 32771757	Cpl FLOYD E STALLARD 33647221
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11. 2nd Lt CAROLE A DICKIN 0868926 is apptd Inventory Off to inventory the accounts and assets of Op Sq Branch Exchange.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ELLIS:

CC L. F. JONES,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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*CC L. F. Jones*  
CC L. F. JONES,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

AFO 321  
5 February 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 9)

1. So much of par 1, SO# 3, this Hq, dtd 17 Jan 45 as reads, "Major SAMUEL L FREDERICK 0407098" is amended to read, "Major SAMUEL M FREDERICK 0407098".
2. So much of par 2, SO# 8, this Hq, dtd 2 Feb 45 as reads, "Pfc JAMES H OVERTON 14029168 (060)" is amended to read "Pvt JAMES H OVERTON 14029168 (060)".
3. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per Par 4, SO# 306, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 21 Dec 44 Cpl RAYMOND L SCHMIEDLIN 39408063 is further asgd to Gp Hq eff 21 Dec 44.
4. The VOCC on 3 Dec 44 aptg 1st Lt GEORGE R MAGOWAN 01036286 Gp Communications Officer vice Capt CHARLES D PRYOR 0888670 reasgd, are hereby confirmed and made of record.
5. The VOCC on 1 Feb 45 detailing the following named 3A, 13th Sq, Aerial Engineers, to dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts, under the prov of AR 35-1480, are hereby confirmed and made of record:  
Sgt DAVID R PENNINGTON 13037752      Sgt MATTHEW ROSS 13028715  
Cpl ROBERT K STRANISER 15084219
6. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their orgn comdr, the following named 3A, 13th Sq, air crew members, are aptd Staff Sergeants (temporary):  
Sgt DAVID R PENNINGTON 13037752      Sgt MATTHEW ROSS 13028715  
Cpl ROBERT K STRANISER 15084219
7. 2nd Lt JAMES H BOUVET 0864684, 89th Sq, is aptd Summary Court for the purpose of securing and disposing of the effects of the following named O and EM, deceased:  
1st Lt JAMES T M-EVOY 0737982      S Sgt JOSEPH L PROCHNICKI 12027634  
S Sgt JOHN C SHAFER JR 15174117
8. 1st Lt GEORGE R MAGOWAN 01036286 is aptd IFF Officer.

SO# 9, Hq 3d Bomb Gp, dtd 5 Feb 45, cont'd;

9. Having been asgd and trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per Par 6, SO# 32, Hq 360th Serv Gp (FEAFCRMTC), dtd 1 Feb 45, the following named O and EM are further asgd and trfd in gr to the 89th Sq eff 2 Feb 45.

2nd Lt FLORINDO D DI CICCO 0770972 (1022)    S Sgt ISAAC O HUGHES JR 18037796 (748)  
Cpl VANCE J CLUFF 18024809 (612)

10. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 the following named EM, 13th AF A/P Mech Gunners, are detailed to dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts eff 6 Feb 45;

Sgt FLOYD A PHILLIPS JR 13171017                      Cpl ERNEST A SANTARIELLO 38740000

11. The VOCC on 1 Feb 45 aptg Capt BURDETTE C HINSEY 0885171 Sp Technical Inspector vice Maj TOM R TOMPKINS 0426927 rtd, is hereby confirmed and made of record.

12. The VOCC on 1 Feb 45 aptg 1st Lt ANDREW PATRYLICK 0781651 1st Gp Operations Officer is hereby confirmed and made of record.

13. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their orgn comdr the following named EM, 89th Sq, combat crew members, are aptd Sergeant (temporary):

Cpl ELLIS D ANDERSON 37523989	Cpl MARK J BONIS 38494091
Cpl ROBERT F COLLINS 32408026	Cpl JOHN L EWERLING 18077397
Cpl SAMUEL C HAGENBUCH JR 16119851	Cpl JOE W WATKINS 16166668

14. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their orgn comdr, the following named EM, 89th Sq, combat crew members, are aptd Non-commissioned officers (temporary) as indicated:

1st Sgt LAWRENCE H DEAN 15068726	To be aptd Master Sergeant
Sgt ROGER A CLARK 13102574	To be aptd Staff Sergeant

15. The VOCC on 1 Feb 45 relieving S Sgt LEIGHTON A DOMIS 39568884, 90th Sq, fr dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts, under the prov of AR 35-1480, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

16. The VOCC on 1 Jan 45 relieving Cpl JOSEPH W HONEY 38134507, 8th Sq, fr dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts, under the prov of AR 35-1480, are hereby confirmed and made of record.

17. The VOCC on 27 July 44 relieving Cpl THEODORE SOLOMON 32821041, 8th Sq, fr dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts, under the prov of AR 35-1480, are hereby confirmed and made of record.



SO# 9, Hq 3d Bomb Gp, dtd 5 Feb 45, cont'd:

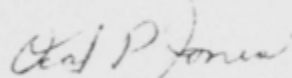
18. So much of par 3, SO# 5, this Hq, dtd 25 Jan 45 as reads, "Cpl RUSSELL L SHEPPARD 36059777" is amended to read, "Cpl RUSSELL L SHEPPARD 36059777".

19. The VOCO on 10 Sept 44 aptg Capt WILLIAM T ROBINSON 05640583 Gp Administrative Inspector vice Maj HENRY S DENNISTON 0247532 reasgd, and hereby confirmed and made of record.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ELLIS:

OCAL F. JONES,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant

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Major, Air Corps,  
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H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

APO 321,  
12 February 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 11)

1. Maj GEORGE R GREENE 0732540 is aptd Gp Operations Officer vice Lt Col BRUCE T MARSTON 0724791, reld, eff 13 Feb 45.
2. Capt ABRAHAM E SHOOK 0888740 is aptd Commanding Officer, 8th Sq, vice Maj GEORGE R GREENE 0732540, reasgd, eff 13 Feb 45.
3. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr S Sgt LEIGHTON A DOMIS 39568884, 90th Sq, is rd to the gr of private (w/o prejudice).
4. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr Pvt LEIGHTON A DOMIS 39568884, 90th Sq, is aptd Corporal (temporary).
5. The VOCO on 26 Jan 45 aptg 2nd Lt SNOWDEN STEUART 0650613 PX Officer in addition to his other dys vice 1st Lt CLIFTON W PHILLIPS 0564033, reasgd, are hereby confirmed and made of record.
6. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 11, SO# 12, Hq 92d Repl Bn, dtd 15 Jan 45, Sgt ESTEL L HARDIN 6799194 (O60) is further trfd in gr to the 13th Sq eff 15 Jan 45.
7. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 3, SO# 39, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 8 Feb 45, T Sgt HASTON H GUIN 14024360 (542) is further asgd to Gp Hq eff 11 Jan 45.
8. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 9, SO# 311, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 6 Nov 44, S Sgt ARTHUR M SHEPPARD 16036434 is further trfd in gr to the 89th Sq eff 6 Nov 44.
9. Par 5, SO# 9, this Hq, dtd 5 Feb 45, is hereby revoked.
10. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his orgn comdr Sgt BARNETTE C BAXTER JR 34187145, 13th Sq, Air Crew Member, is aptd Staff Sergeant (temporary).
11. So much of par 4, SO# 10, this Hq, dtd 8 Feb 45 as reads, "pfc CHARLES WHITE 35067505" is amended to read, "pfc CHARLES WHITE 18011551".

SO# 11, Hq 3d Bomb Gp, dtd 12 Feb 45, cont'd;

12. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 Sgt HAROLD J HINES 37249678, Gp Hq, Radio Operator, is detailed to dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts.

13. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their orgn comdr the following named EM, 90th Sq, are aptd Privates First Class:

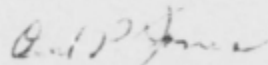
Pvt EDWARD A FULTON 36484700  
Pvt VERNER M SHELTZ 33672428

Pvt HERMAN J SHORT 35541205  
Pvt HERBERT C WESTDAL 39619868

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ELLIS:

OGAL P. JONES,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:

  
OGAL P. JONES,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.



Sgt DANIEL J KAAP'S 35451557 To be aptd Technical Sergeant  
To be aptd Staff Sergeant

13. Under the prov of AR 615-3 and upon the recommendation of his CO, S Sgt FRED W COOK 17036504, 13th Sq, is aptd Technical Sergeant (temp).

14. Under the prov of AR 615-3 and upon the recommendation of their CO, the following named EA, 89th Sq, are aptd NCO's (temp) as indicated:

S Sgt RICHARD J LOONEY 37385270	To be aptd Technical Sergeant
S Sgt VICTOR P LYSEK 34334159	To be aptd Technical Sergeant
S Sgt CLEW V RUFFET 19076526	To be aptd Technical Sergeant
S Sgt CLAF M NELSON 39303506	To be aptd Technical Sergeant
Sgt ASCENSION M MATA 18061637	To be aptd Staff Sergeant

15. Under the prov of AR 615-3 and upon the recommendation of their CO, the following named EA, 90th Sq, are aptd NCO's (temp) as indicated:

S Sgt FETE D DUFFALO 15072394	To be aptd Technical Sergeant
S Sgt MAX L FREEDMAN 33065254	To be aptd Technical Sergeant
S Sgt CLAUDE F GAREN 37202067	To be aptd Technical Sergeant
S Sgt FRANCIS W LACLAIR 11043912	To be aptd Technical Sergeant
Sgt GIBSON R THURSDEN 11037678	To be aptd Staff Sergeant

16. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their CO, the following named EA, 90th Sq, combat crew members, are aptd NCO's (temp) as indicated:

Sgt MARION A BECHING 16047105	To be aptd Staff Sergeant
Sgt WALTER R DRESCHEL 36660716	To be aptd Staff Sergeant
Sgt JOSEPH R HOGAN 16119463	To be aptd Staff Sergeant
Cpl DONALD L BAYS 35637740	To be aptd Sergeant
Cpl BENNETH B BROOKS 34607906	To be aptd Sergeant

17. Under the prov of AR 615-5 Sgt ARTHUR L WOOD 11064082, Gp Hq, is aptd Staff Sergeant (temp).

By order of Lieutenant Colonel SLLS:

OFFICER:

*CCAL F. JONES*  
CCAL F. JONES,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

CCAL F. JONES,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS  
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

APO 321,  
25 February 1945.

SPECIAL ORDER:  
NUMBER 16)

1. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his CO, S Sgt ROWLAND S HOLMBERG 47124697, 13th Sq, is aptd Technical Sergeant (temp).

2. Under the prov of FEAF Reg 35-32, 1 Aug 44, the following named O and EM, combat crew members, are placed on DS at Sydney Rest Area, eff on or about 26 Feb 45, for a period of ten (10) days excl of trav time for the purpose of rest and relaxation. Personnel will register with Far East Air Forces Leave Controller, Sydney, upon arrival. Trav by all a/cft atzd:

8th Bomb Sq  
S Sgt RICHARD V CLARK 39574089

13th Bomb Sq  
Capt CHARLES B MOOREFIELD 0795428

S Sgt ROGER A CLARK 13102574 89th Bomb Sq  
Sgt JOE W WATKINS 16166880

S Sgt PAUL J ELGER 36048937 90th Bomb Sq  
S Sgt WILLIAM R MILLER 38282523  
Sgt CARL M HILL 14180863

3. So much of par 2, SO 107, this Hq, dtd 15 Oct 44, as reads "2nd Lt HAROLD E. MOBERLY (1022) 01167992", is amended to read "2nd Lt HAROLD E. MOBERLY (1022) 01167992".

4. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of their CO, the following named EM, 90th Sq, combat crew members, are aptd NCO's as indicated:

TO BE APPOINTED STAFF SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)  
Sgt JOHN S HAMILTON 11097625 Sgt CARL M HILL 14180863  
Sgt THOMAS A BILOTTI 33595900

TO BE APPOINTED SERGEANT (TEMPORARY)  
Cpl ALBERT H JACOBY 13028356 Cpl GERARD J MORAN 12089699  
Cpl SEBASTIAN D NATALE 33506878 Cpl JOHN M SCHAUB 33678220

SO# 16, Hq 3d Bomb Gp, dtd 25 Feb 45, cont'd:

5. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his CO, S Sgt STANISLAW SWINIARSKI 11024195, 13th Sq, is aptd Technical Sergeant (temp).

6. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per Par 1, SO# 12, Hq 92d Repl Bn, dtd 15 Jan 45, the following named EM are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated eff 15 Jan 45:

S Sgt GEORGE J FELLER 32233255 (821)	90th Sq
Sgt ALFRED F DETTLING 36525914 (238)	90th Sq
Cpl RALPH E BURNS 19135344 (060)	89th Sq
Cpl NORMAN A DITZMAN 36262498 (821)	90th Sq

7. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per Par 1, SO# 18, Hq 92d Repl Bn, dtd 24 Jan 45, the following named EM are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated eff 24 Jan 45:

M Sgt HENRY E BERGEN 6823297 (502)	89th Sq
S Sgt RAYMOND E HUBB 33014868 (502)	90th Sq
Sgt MELVIN O HILD 37071481 (060)	89th Sq
Sgt HARLEN E SIBBENS 19062838 (502)	Gp Hq

8. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per Par 18, SO# 24, Hq 92d Repl Bn, dtd 31 Jan 45, S Sgt WILLARD W THOMPSON 39172037 (750-45) is further trfd in gr to the 89th Sq eff 31 Jan 45.

9. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per Par 11, SO# 37, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 6 Feb 45, the following named EM are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated eff 6 Feb 45:

M Sgt KETER L BOSTIC 6971464 (750)	90th Sq
S Sgt WOODROW W EARNHEART 6561271 (750)	89th Sq

10. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per Par 12, SO# 50, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 19 Feb 45, T Sgt ROBERT J MCGOWAN 32276677 (502) is further trfd in gr to the 89th Sq eff 24 Jan 45.

11. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per Par 7, SO# 56, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 25 Feb 45, M Sgt HERBERT W WEBB 6653658 (750) is further trfd in gr to the 89th Sq eff 25 Feb 45.

12. Having been asgd to the 3d Bomb Gp per Par 5, SO# 51, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 20 Feb 45, 2nd Lt ROBERT F MAYER 0860147 (1042) is further asgd to the 8th Sq eff 20 Feb 45.

SO# 16, Hq 3d Bomb Gp, dtd 28 Feb 45, cont'd;

13. Under the prov of AR 30-320 the following named Off are aptd Class "A" agent for J G MEISER, 1st Lt FD, for the purpose of paying O and EM of orgns indicated for the month of February 1945; amount to be intrusted not to exceed \$25,000.00 at any one time;

Capt	WILLIAM T ROBINSON 0564153	Gp Hq
Capt	DAVID J DONOVAN 0649037	8th Sq
Capt	JOHN M WALLACE 0649131	13th Sq
1st Lt	ALVIN H FAIL JR 0562967	89th Sq
Capt	EDWARD MANDELL 0563767	90th Sq
Capt	CECIL J SPURLAND 01037153	894th Cnea Co

14. So much of par 11, SO# 15, this Hq, dtd 22 Feb 45, as reads "2nd Lt CARMELE A DiGIOIA 0865926" is amended to read "2nd Lt CARMELO A DiGIOIA 0865926".

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ELLIS:

OCAL F. JONES,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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

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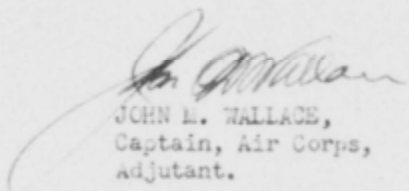
APC 321,  
4 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Awards and Decorations During February 1945.

TO : Historical Officer, 13th Bombardment Squadron.

1. General Orders from Headquarters, Far East Air Forces (P), awarding decorations to the following personnel of this Squadron have been received by this Headquarters during the month of February 1945.

Captain John E. MacArthur, 0894565 - BSM, G.O. #300  
T/Sgt Leo J. McLann, 11018839 - AM, G.O. #115  
Sgt Richard A. Murphy, 32414827 - OLC-AM, G.O. #135



JOHN M. WALLACE,  
Captain, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS  
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

APO 341,  
15 February 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 12)

1. Having been trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 16, SO# 44, Hq V Bomber Command, dtd 13 Feb 45 M Sgt DON LLEWELLYN 6702947 (502) is further trfd in gr to the 90th Sq eff 11 Jan 45.

2. Having been asgd and trfd in gr to the 3d Bomb Gp per par 16, SO# 37, Hq 360th Serv Gp (FEAFORATC), dtd 6 Feb 45 the following named O and EM are further asgd and trfd in gr to orgns indicated eff 7 Feb 45:

2nd Lt ROBERT K MCGILL 0782777 (1022)	Gp Hq
(DS to V Bomber Command)	
2nd Lt ROBERT R REVER 0782714 (1022)	89th Sq
Cpl EDWARD W FERNBERG 38103432 (612)	13th Sq
Cpl LARRY B MILLER 13112030 (612)	90th Sq
Cpl KENNETH R OLTMAN 36870997 (748)	90th Sq
Cpl JACK O RENNELS 36746233 (748)	8th Sq

3. 1st Lt ROBERT P SMITH 0579282 is aptd Asst Intelligence Off with add dys of public relations and Special Service Off.

4. Under the prov of FEAF Reg 35-32, 1 AUG 44, S Sgt CHARLES R TYRELL 15338101, combat crew member, 13th Sq, is placed on TR at Sydney Rest Area eff on or about 20 Feb 45, for a period of ten (10) days excl of trav time for the purpose of rest and relaxation. Personnel will register with Far East Air Forces Leave Controller, Sydney, upon arrival. Trav by all acft attd.

5. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 Cpl JOSEPH C LYNN 13046394, 8th Sq, Armorer Gunner, is detailed to dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts, per VOCC 1 Feb 45.

6. Under the prov of AR 615-5 and upon the recommendation of his co comdr Sgt LUTHER W WILKERSON 38353596, CWS, 894th Coon Co, is aptd Staff Sergeant (temporary).

7. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 T Sgt RAY FRED J PASERIO 32238824, 89th Sq, Aerial Engr, is detailed to dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts.

SO# 12, Hq 3d Bomb Gp, dtd 15 Feb 45, cont'd:

8. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 Cpl THOMAS F HUNTER 34397604, Gp Hq, Aerial Engr, is detailed to duty requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flts.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ELLIS:

COL P. JONES,  
Major, Air Corps,  
Adjutant.

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*Col P. Jones*  
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Adjutant.

H E A D Q U A R T E R S  
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF

APO 321,  
18 February 1945.

SPECIAL ORDERS)  
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NUMBER 13)

1. Under the prov of FEAF Reg 35-32, 1 Aug 44, the following named O and EM, combat crew members, are placed on DS at Sydney Rest Area off on or about 20 Feb 45, for a period of ten (10) days excl of trav time for the purpose of rest and relaxation. Personnel will register with Far East Air Forces Leave Controller, Sydney, upon arrival. Trav by mil acft atzd;

Hq 3d Bomb Gp  
S Sgt EUGENE B BELL 35228235      S Sgt JOHN I WHEELER 16044933  
Sgt DON S BOWSER 15.21618

8th Bomb Sq  
2nd Lt GREGOR M BRONSON 0762454      2nd Lt FELIX E MALLON 0762374  
S Sgt CLARENCE W GURTNER 33420691      S Sgt ROBERT M LANDIS 33503557  
Sgt BERNARD T BOBROWSKI 11100486      Sgt BEN MELLIS 32539393

13th Bomb Sq  
Capt GEORGE E BROWN 01703384      Capt JOSEPH C BROWN JR 0802849  
1st Lt STEVE J FESTINI 0672057      T Sgt GEORGE H THOMPSON 17128510  
S Sgt WILLIAM L CHRISLEY 33214776      Sgt RICHARD PANGRATZ 38400674

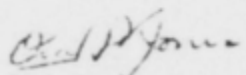
89th Bomb Sq  
2nd Lt WILLIAM M MORGAN 0765040      2nd Lt ROBERT L MOSLEY 0765041  
2nd Lt RALPH E SMITH 0765125      Sgt ROGER A CLARK 13102574  
Cpl ELLIS D ANDERSON 37523989      Cpl JOE W WATKINS 18166668

90th Bomb Sq  
Maj STANLEY D KLINE 0675235      Capt HENRY F COGHILL 0675170  
2nd Lt ROBERT J BUCHOLZ 0703187

By order of Lieutenant Colonel ELLIS:

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RAISING OF STRIP AND SUPPLY AREAS AT FABRICA, NEGROS ON 6 FEB. 1945





Major Richard L. Walker, 13th Squadron Commander, is presented the Distinguished Flying Cross by Brigadier General J. V. Crebb on 18 February 1945.



Capt Captain Esnet L. Spence III Receives Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster from Brig. General  
J. V. Crabb at Awards Ceremony 18 Feb. 1945



APC 321,  
26 February 1945.

STATEMENT OF LT. JAMES C. COX, 0753616, RELATIVE TO  
CRASH OF 89TH SQUADRON A20-G IN PAPUA AND TO HIS SURVIVAL

On the morning of 10 October 1944, Captain William W. Neel, 0431492, of the 89th Squadron as pilot and 2nd Lt. Charles D. Reeve, 0756024, S/Sgt. Edwin W. Barnett, 37213824, and myself of the 13th Bomb Squadron, and no other persons as passengers, took off from Hollandia for Nadzab, New Guinea, at about 1030/I.

The personnel of the 13th Squadron were going to Nadzab to bring back to Hollandia a new B-25 airplane for the 3rd Bomb Group.

The flight was uneventful until we reached a point 30 to 40 miles east of Kerowagi. At this point we found ourselves in a very narrow defile the floor of which was gradually, but noticeably sloping upward in the direction of our flight. I was riding in the turret and was observing all about me.

I could definitely feel the need of oxygen. I noted about 8/10 cumulus overcast at about 200 feet above us. I estimated our speed to be about 200 miles per hour at that point. With these circumstances prevailing, we began to hit the top of the trees. As we hit them, the pilot gave the plane "everything it had". It felt as though the pilot had violently pulled back the stick while giving the plane full throttle. We climbed--almost vertically--up the sharp incline of the defile. At this point the plane suffered a high-speed stall and mashed flat into the side of the mountain in trees. The plane violently came to rest belly-down on the ground. I do not know of my own knowledge how far the plane skidded. We hit about 1315/I as my watch which had been running was stopped due to damage at that hour.

I felt a pronounced shock and saw flames and then lost consciousness. The next thing I recall is my wading alone down a small stream. I kept on, falling and getting up. Finally, I got up and saw an adult native standing before me. I pointed to my wings--they meant nothing to him. He beckoned to me to follow him. I followed him to a shack, thinking I was the only survivor. He called another native who came to the shack.

I made signs showing these natives that four persons had been in the plane. The second native indicated that he would go back

and look. About forty-five minutes later I heard him calling and then saw Staff Sergeant Barnett coming toward the shack with him.

Leaving Barnett at the shack to rest, I went with the native who had found me to look for Reeve. Barnett had told me that something was wrong with Lt. Reeve's legs and he could not walk; that he (Barnett) told Lt. Reeve he would not leave him; but that Lt. Reeve had forced him to do so by giving him a direct order to go and get help. I reached Lt. Reeve shortly before dark. At that time the pupils in his eyes were dilated as far as they could go and he had a cut in his left leg but it was not bleeding. Otherwise he seemed to be all right. He was rational. He said he didn't know how he got out of the plane. I pulled him up close to me and the native got close to him trying to keep him warm. All medical equipment was in the plane and I had no idea where it was. It was then very dark. Everything was wet. We could not build a fire. I decided it best to stay there all night, which we did. About an hour after dark the plane started burning. I realized then that the plane was only a short distance away (less than 100 yards away) and that it was too late to get the first aid equipment. Fifty calibre ammunition was going off all over.

I told Lt. Reeve he had better get some rest. He agreed that he should. This was not long before 2100 according to my estimate of the time. He was lying in my arms at that time and would move his arms about and mumble. Finally he quieted down. At about 2100 I noticed that he was completely quiet and on examination found that he was quite cold. He died at about 2100. I slid out from under his body and remained near him until day light.

In the morning the native and I went back to the shack leaving Reeve's body where it was. On the way we met a friend of the native I was with. He was bringing some burning wood to build a fire. At the time I could hardly walk, I was stumbling along. My hands had been so badly burned that I had not had use of them since I had recovered consciousness.

We indicated to this native that Reeve was dead. All of us went to the shack. By then there were about twenty to twenty-five natives gathered there. At about 0700 we started walking over a mountain to the outside. I walked for about a mile with support from natives on each side of me. I then stopped, feeling that even with their help I could go no further. About fifteen minutes later the natives brought a litter and started carrying me on it. I drank a great deal of water which they brought to me in cups made of leaves.

We reached the ridge of the mountain late in the afternoon at which time the party had increased to about a hundred or more. The

natives built a shack in which Sgt. Barnett and I remained over night. Just before dark, however, a native who could speak some Pidgin English came into the party. He attempted to explain what was going on but I could not understand what he was driving at. Later, as Lt. Reeve's body was brought to the shack, his "Massa you come" and his pointing became clear. I tried to indicate that the body should remain outside--away from the heat of the shack. They thought I meant for them to carry it on and proceeded to bear him all night towards Kerowagi Strip. We remained at the shack all the next day.

Several Australians came that evening just before dark. They called themselves members of the AMGAU. One Australian said he was the overseer of natives in the Kerowagi area. Two others described themselves as "native doctors" and four called themselves salvage men. Sergeant Barnett and I were given excellent first aid treatment by them although they had very little first aid equipment. They soaked the shirt-tail bandages off my hands, and gave me pills which stopped my shakes and also bandaged all of my wounds. They were very efficient taking care of our needs. They gave us our first hot meal. The natives had given us a hot stew of cabbage and potatoes which had not been salted.

Before the "Aussies" arrived, natives had brought in a box of Australian type "C" Rations. At first we thought the Aussies had sent it ahead. We found later that it had been thrown clear of our plane.

The next morning Barnett who had previously walked was also carried on a litter. Travel was very arduous. Actually, there was heavy mud and veritable jungle type swamp land at 10,000 feet. Natives, according to the Aussies, had cleared a path way for the litters. That night we reached a small native settlement just before dark and stayed in a good shack. Here we had another hot meal.

On Saturday, October 14, we arrived at Kerowagi strip at about 1300, and remained there several hours during which time we were again given first aid treatment. We were flown out in an AT-7 to Nadzab and the 247th General Hospital. I turned all of the personal property of Lt. Reeve over to a Captain--whose name I don't recall--at that hospital.

I was advised by the Aussies that they had been informed of our progress every few hours by native yodelling and that they transmitted this information to Nadzab.

It still seems strange, in view of the fact that the Aussies communicated to Nadzab that Sgt. Barnett and I were safe, that my squadron was not advised of my rescue until some days after I had gone to the hospital and also that sometime after I had arrived at the hospital my family was advised that I was missing. It appears that someone at Nadzab failed to notify Hollandia. As a matter of fact--my family received the message telling them that I was missing only one day before they received a note dictated by me at the hospital telling them that I was safe. I wrote this note after I had been in the hospital at least two days.

The most pointed lesson learned by me in this experience is that crew members should in all cases carry first aid pouches on their persons.

*James C. Cox*  
JAMES C. COX,  
2nd Lt., Air Corps.

STATEMENT OF T/SGT EDWIN W. BARNETT, 37213824,  
RELATIVE TO SURVIVAL FOLLOWING CRASH IN NEW GUINEA

On the morning of 10 October 1944, Captain William W. Neel, 0431492, of the 89th Squadron as pilot and 2nd Lt. Charles D. Reeve, 0756024, 2nd Lt. James C. Cox, 0753616, and I of the 13th Bomb Squadron, and no other persons as passengers, took off from Hollandia for Nadzab, New Guinea, at about 1030/1.

The flight was uneventful until about 1315. At this time, I noticed from my position in the fuselage--I was sitting over the camera hatch looking out the "side-windows"--that we were very near the tree tops and an instant later saw the wing of the plane hitting tree tops. I knew we were in trouble.

Instantly, the pilot gave the plane full r.p.m. and throttle and pulled back on the controls. We started into an almost vertical climb and suddenly mushed into the mountain belly first. All I can remember is a feeling of being about six inches off the floor of the plane and then seeing a sudden flash. I cannot recall having gotten out of the plane. I seem to have lost consciousness.

I recall that when I regained consciousness I looked about me and saw Lt. Reeve rubbing his head. We were about ten feet or so apart. We were in a patch of red dirt and both engines of the plane were laying uphill less than ten yards away. I saw no other parts of the plane although I looked around. Lt. Reeve looked white. I asked him if he was hurt and he said he was not --only shook up a little. I did not know that I was hurt until he told me that I had a cut on the side of my face.

We sat where we were for five or ten minutes until he decided that we would go down a small stream. We had taken only a couple of steps when we fell off a cliff about twenty-five feet high. I think that due to our condition we believed that the tree top against the ledge where we found ourselves and which had been sheared off flat by the plane was grass on fairly level ground.

After the fall I again lost consciousness. When I awoke to the situation I saw Lt. Reeve sitting up. We sat for five or ten minutes without talking. We got up and started to walk along side the small stream. He walked ahead a few feet limping badly

and then said he could not go further and sat down. I offered to help him and he accepted. With me holding on to him we walked about a hundred feet. We fell. He said he couldn't go further and insisted that I go for help although I did not want to leave him. I went on down the stream about seventy yards and met a native and stopped. I motioned to him trying to find out where there were any other white men. He motioned me on in the same direction. I staggered along as best I could and finally crawled for about a hundred yards. At the end of this time I saw Lt. Cox who was out in front of a native shack. I told him where I had left Lt. Reeve. He told me to stay at the shack with the native that found me and said that he and another native would go to Lt. Reeve. It was then nearly dark. I went to the shack and stayed over night. I passed out lying by a fire with the native lying behind me. When I awoke the next morning my head wound pained me greatly.

Lt. Cox came just after sunrise and told me that Lt. Reeve had died during the night. The natives offered us some food but I could not eat. The one native whom I trusted the most wore two lids from cans of American Pork and Beans hung from a string about his neck. Lt. Cox called my attention to one native's knife. It was made in Germany. We didn't feel too good about this but were reassured when one of them said what sounded like "Martha" and which I took to mean "white-man". It was clear that the natives expected to be told what to do and also that they did not like a rough tone of voice. They seemed to be pleased when they were doing something for us.

Shortly after Lt. Cox returned we started over the mountain. He walked until about 1030 and was then carried on a litter. I walked until about 1300 and finally had to have help. I didn't ask for help but from two to four of them helped me thereafter. About 1530 or 1600 the party stopped and the natives built a hut right over the place where Lt. Cox and I were resting.

Just before dark I wrote a note to the effect that two American flyers were badly in need of medical care and sent it ahead along with Lt. Cox's wings. This was entrusted to the native who had found me. At about 1600 on the 12th he returned with a note from Aussies saying that they were on the way.

About an hour and a half after the native returned, an Aussie by the name of George Mc dride came to our shack. He was accompanied by two native police boys. Later that evening seven other Aussies came to our aid. They bandaged our wounds and gave us a hot meal but I couldn't eat. I had juice and finally sugar cane chopped fine.

Beginning the next day Lt. Cox and I were both carried on litters. We stayed over night at a native village. On the next day we arrived at Kerowagi. That was on 14 October.

During the course of my talks with the Aussies they told me Captain Neel's body had been recovered and carried to Kerowagi. It is my recollection that Mc Bride said that both Captain Neel and Lt. Reeve were buried at Lae.

We left Kerowagi in an AT-7 on the fourteenth. We landed at Nadzab and were taken to the 247th General Hospital where I remained for about two weeks. My family advised me later that they received word on the 26th of October that I was missing and that they received a letter from me on the 28th telling them that I was alright. A MD telegram notifying my family that I was safe was received by them on 4 November.

I learned that a quiet, firm manner of speech and a dignified attitude mean an awful lot in obtaining cooperation from the natives of New Guinea.

*Edwin W. Barnett*

EDWIN W. BARNETT,  
T/Sgt., Air Corps.

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