

13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

1 May 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events for Headquarters Squadron.

TO : Historical Officer, 3rd Bombardment Group

1. In compliance with Regulation 45-1, Hq. V Bomber Command, APO 704, dated 17 December 1945, the following report is submitted.

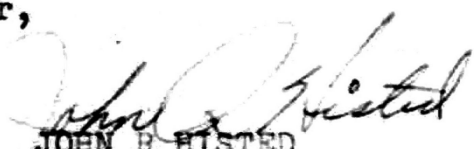
2. At the close of the month the personnel in the Headquarters Section were:

Captain FRANK M McMULLEN	Commanding
1st Lt. JOHN R HISTED	Adjutant
Corporal Floyd K Agee	Acting First Sergeant
Pvt. Robert E Kleinow	Clerk

3. As of 1 April 1946 the morning report strength was 1 Officer and 1 Enlisted Man. During the month we were fortunate to be assigned 22 Officers and 115 Enlisted Men. Of the 23 Officers 3 Officers were ground personnel and the rest flying. Ten of the flying Officers were A-26 pilots, the rest being B-24 and B-25 pilots. The majority of the enlisted personnel were basic soldiers reassigned from the Infantry and have had no previous training that is of value to the Squadron. These men are now getting on the job training in the different departments of the organization. It is going to be a very tiresome and tedious job of the training personnel to bring these men up to the standards the 13th Attack Squadron has held in the past.

4. There are quite a few of these men that are not potential Regular Army material due to the fact of inadequate education and low classification scores.

For the Commanding Officer,


JOHN R HISTED
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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A.P.O. 328
1 May, 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 13th Squadron Operations Section

TO : Historical Officer, 3rd Bombardment Group (L)

1. In compliance with Staff Memorandum No. 45-1, V Bomber Command, APO 710, dated 17 December, 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Operations Section for the month of April is hereby submitted.

2. The Operations Department now consists of one officer and one enlisted man. The personnel assigned are as follows:

1st Lt. Sylvester J. Huse	O-784726	Operations Officer
Pfc. Robert L. Rodriguez	39866555	Operations Clerk

3. Since the squadron has no planes at present, the squadron has not operated as a unit in flying operations. The flying time of all personnel was accomplished in aircraft assigned to the 8th Bombardment Squadron.

4. Some four ship reconnaissance missions were flown during the month, but the majority of the missions were flown by only two planes. These missions were executed from the minimum allowable altitude of fifty feet up to 1,000 feet over the terrain. During the month, pilots of the squadron participated in searches for missing aircraft. These searches included some five and one-half hour square sea searches at an altitude of 100 feet.

5. The squadron conducted no squadron formations, but some of the pilots did participate in formations of group and squadron size. On one such mission, the group joined formation with groups of P-51's, F4U's and F6F's; this formation presented to these pilots many of the problems that confront the group when being escorted. These problems included the rendezvous time and cruising speed to the target. The problem of the cruising speed to the target was reversed this time, however, for the Navy planes had difficulty in keeping up with our speedy Invaders. There was no instrument flying training during the month nor were there any instrument checks given since there was no instrument training plane available. The following officers were checked out in the A-26 type aircraft during the month of April:

1st Lt. William S. French	O-787905
2nd Lt. Warren H. Olson	O-2079959
F/O Richard J. Alno	T-67407
Barnard L. Claprod	T-7286
Earl H. Swartz, Jr.	T-66496

6. Capt. Frank M. McMullen assumed command of the squadron, replacing Captain Virgil R. Sewell who now commands the 8th Bombardment Squadron. 1st. Lt. Sylvester J. Huse was assigned to the squadron as Operations Officer. The Flight Leaders assigned to the squadron are as follows:

1st Lt. Robert A. Manaker	O-765019
John R. Histed	O-722220
Robert L. Wieman	O-2061544
2nd Lt. Frederick W. Walters	O-784363

7. Other personnel assigned to the squadron and their duties follow:

1st Lt. William J. Charles	O-720174	Pilot
William S. French	O-787905	Pilot
Robert L. Weeks	O-838009	Pilot
Clifford T. Williamson	O-2045255	Pilot

2nd Lt. Frank H. Laurie	O-715245	Pilot
Warren H. Olson	O-2079959	Pilot
Harold D. Young	O-2058909	Pilot
William A. Fowles	O-2066230	Pilot

F/O Richard J. Almo	T-67407	Pilot
Barnard L. Claprod	T-7286	Pilot
Carl Holland	T-10470	Pilot
Charles P. Roddy	T-10089	Pilot
Earl N. Swartz, Jr.	T-66496	Pilot
Cecil F. Wilhite	T-6661	Pilot

8. The average time of the pilots in the squadron for the month was seven and one-half hours; the goal for the month of May is fifteen hours per pilot. All pilots who have just recently checked out in the A-26 are to receive a twenty hour transition course to make them proficient in the aircraft; this course includes night transition, night navigation, low level formation and Ground Controlled Approach instrument flying. Flying during the month was curtailed by the lack of experienced ground personnel to maintain the planes. Some bombing and gunnery missions were executed and more of these missions are anticipated for the month of May.

Sylvester J. Huse
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