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13TH SQUADRON

13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

1 August 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events.

TO : Historical Officer, 3rd Bombardment Group (L), APO 328.

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 Weston F. MaughanCommanding Officer
1st Lt. Clifford T. WilliamsonAdjutant
1st Sgt. Floyd K. AgeeFirst Sergeant
Cpl. Robert E. KleinowClerk

3. As of the 1 July 1946, the morning report strength was 17 Officers and 117 Enlisted Men. During the month we lost 6 Officers and 8 Enlisted Men; Deaving the total strength of 11 Officers and 109 Enlisted Men. During this period we were assigned one flying Officer. Due to the lack of key personnel he has additional duty as Armament Officer.

4. We have 14 Officers and 12 Enlisted Men on flying status.

5. On the 21 July 1946 the Squadron enjoyed an outing at Lake Hakonne, in the mountains. The party was a huge success and everyone enjoyed themselves to the utmost. The journey was accomplished via the use of G.I. trucks. The Squadron departed from the Group at 0700 and returned at 1800 thus giving us the largest part of the day at the lake.

6. The Squadron area has taken on a very clean appearance. The men in charge have worked zealously in getting things in order. We received commendation by the Group Surgeon on the fine appearance of the area and barracks.

7. The line personnel, through hard work and excellant instructions, have received the congratulations of all, their ability in keeping the aircraft in such wonderful condition. Over half our 521's have received an M.O.S. of 747. All the kinks are being ironed out and things are shaping up with surprisingly quick results. We will soon have a smooth running organization second to none.

Clifford T. Williamson
CLIFFORD T WILLIAMSON
1st Lt., Air Corps
Squadron Historical Officer

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

A.P.O. 328
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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, A.P.O. 710, dated 17 December, 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Operations Section for the month of July is hereby submitted.

2. The operations section now consists of one (1) officer and two (2) enlisted men. The personnel assigned are listed below:

1st Lt. Sylvester J. Huse	0-784726	Operations Officer
Pfc. Robert L. Rodriguez	39866555	Operations Clerk
Pfc. Harvey L. Leach	42083415	Operations Clerk

3. The organization now has twelve (12) flyable aircraft; three more are undergoing acceptance checks and should be operative in the very near future. One plane was lost to the squadron this month in an accident which occurred due to the nose wheel failing to extend and lock. The pilot, Capt. W. F. Maughan, and his crew escaped without injury. The pilots of the squadron fly the planes of the squadron as much as possible, but until the 90th Bombardment Squadron is assigned planes of its own, pilots of other squadrons will have to fly our planes and vice versa.

4. The pilots of the "Devil's Own" squadron flew ten two ship surveillance missions during the month. These missions were accomplished at an altitude of not less than fifty feet over sectors assigned by the 314th Composite Wing. These missions were scheduled for three and one half hour flights, but often the weather prevented their completion.

On July 4, the squadron furnished seven pilots and planes to participate in an eighteen (18) ship formation as a part of the Independence Day Air Show staged over Tokyo and Yokohama while troops were being reviewed on the ground. The mission consisted of four passes at specified times at an altitude of 1,000'.

On 24 July the group flew a ground support mission on which enemy ground positions were to be strafed. The target was the Camp McNair Artillery Range just north of Mt. Fuji. Weather prevented the completion of this mission. Four pilots of the squadron participated.

5. During the month of July, low level formation, low level navigation, instruments and gunnery were emphasized. The eternal haze of Honshu restricts low level flying and makes it even more dangerous than it normally would be. It is hoped that the weather next month will be better than that of July was for minimum altitude missions. One twelve (12) ship squadron formation was flown during the month.

Seven (7) pilots of the organization were given instrument checks during the month. All of these checks were flown in the A-26. All gunnery missions were flown at the gunnery range approximately twenty-five (25) miles out to sea off the east coast of Japan. Since there are no targets on this range, scoring was impossible. Next month gunnery missions are to be flown at the new Mito range; scoring will be done by range personnel and relayed to the pilot via VHF.

6. The squadron lost (2) two flight leaders during the month; Lt. John R. Histed, "A" Flight Leader, was transferred to the Headquarters Squadron, but will still be attached to the squadron for flying duties while Lt. Fredrick W. Walters, "B" Flight Leader, returned to the United States. The positions vacated have not yet been filled.

7. Other pilots who left the organization for redeployment to the United States were:

1st Lt.	Louis H. Pepper	O-2066261
2nd Lt.	William A. Fowles	O-2066230
F/O	Cecil F. Wilhite	T-6661
F/O	Charles P. Roddy	T-10089
F/O	Earl N. Swartz, Jr.	T-7961

The following engineer gunner was assigned to the squadron during the month:

Cpl. Luther H. Mason 1415293

8. The average time per pilot for the month was fifteen (15) hours in the A-26 which was an increase of one hour over the month of June. Much more time would have been accomplished had not the weather held the planes on the ground so much of the time.

Sylvester J. Huse
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1st Lt., Air Corps
Operations Officer

HEADQUARTERS
13TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON, (L) AAF

AFO 328
1 August, 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Supply Section.

TO : Historical Officer, 3rd Bombardment Group, (L) AFO 328

1. In compliance with Regulation Number 45-1, V Bomber Command, dated 17 December 1945, the following summary of events of the Supply Section, 13th Bombardment Squadron, (L) is submitted.

2. Personnel of this section during July were as follows:

2nd Lt.	Warren H. Olson	Supply Officer
Pfc.	William J. Knoebber	Supply Clerk
Pfc.	Gerald L. Jones	Supply Clerk

3. During the month of July 1946, the 13th Bomb Squadron Supply was striving to bring its property up to T.O. & E. strength. In the latter part of the month when it was learned that the move to Yokota was to be the second week of August, there was a mad rush to turn in surplus equipment and pack everything not essential to the day to day life of the men.

4. Athletic equipment, Beds, and Bedding was issued to the men of the 13th Bombardment Squadron.

Warren H. Olson
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2ND LT. AIR CORPS
13TH SUPPLY OFFICER