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8TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
APO 328

31 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events for Squadron Headquarters.

TO : Historical Officer, 3rd Bombardment Group.

1. In compliance with regulation 45-1, V Bomber Command APO 704, dated 17 December 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the 8th Bombardment Squadron Headquarters Section for the month of October 1946 is submitted.

2. At the close of the month the personnel in the Headquarters Section of the 8th Squadron were:

Captain Virgil R. Sewell.....	Commanding Officer
Captain Weston F. Maughan.....	Adjutant
2nd Lt. Joseph A. Horne.....	Asst. Adjutant
M/Sgt. Kenneth S. Harrison.....	First Sergeant
Cpl. Leon Korol.....	Chief Clerk
Pvt. Udell G. Segal.....	Clerk Typist

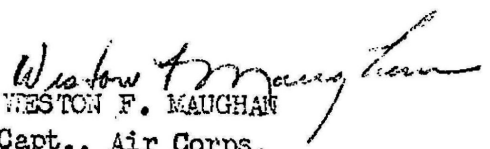
3. There were four changes in the Headquarters personnel over last month. 1st Lt. Bill R. Hablinski was replaced by Captain Weston F. Maughan as Squadron Adjutant. M/Sgt. Kenneth S. Harrison replaced Sgt. Chris L. Prevetti as First Sergeant and 2nd Lt. Joseph A. Horne assumed duties as Asst. Adjutant. Pvt. Udell G. Segal became clerk typist.

4. The strength changes showed a net gain of two Officers and 18 Enlisted Men.

5. During the month of October, 1st Lt. Bill R. Hablinski was granted an emergency leave to the United States. There were several promotions for the month; three Corporals were promoted to Sergeants, four Privates First Class to Corporals, and three Privates to Privates First Class.

6. Squadron withstood possible restriction by once again completing a full month without contacting a single case of V.D. This record is merely a continuation of the excellent manner in which the men of the 8th Squadron have conducted themselves in relation to the serious menace of venereal disease. The Eighth Squadron remained until the lifting of the restriction order the only outfit in 3rd Bomb Gp to be unaffected by it.

7. Rated Officers (Non Pilots) are now taking over administrative and supervisory jobs to release pilots to duty on the line. It seems that the shortage of able mechanics is seriously threatening the entire maintenance program.


WESTON F. MAUGHAN
Capt., Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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1 November 1946

SUBJECT : Monthly Summary of Events, Operations Section, 8th Bombardment Squadron.

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

In compliance with Reg. No. 45-1, headquarters, 7 Bombardment Command, dated 17 December, 1945, the following summary of events of the Operations section for October, 1946 is submitted.

The Operations Section consists of the following:

Capt.	Alfred E. Hodgkinson	Operations Officer
Cpl.	Sam J. Fiorella	Operations Clerk
Pfc.	Burton J. Fein	Operations Clerk
Pvt.	Edward Bornstein	Operations Clerk

The Squadron has the following assigned rated personnel:

29 Pilots
5 Bomb-Navigators
12 Armorer-Gunners

The following officers were transferred into the Squadron during the month of October:

Capt.	W. F. Maughan	Pilot
	D. D. Doyle	"
1st Lt.	P. L. Wyatt	"
	J. P. Younger	"
2nd Lt.	R. J. Stueck	"
	L. F. Holland	"

The following officers were transferred from the Squadron during October:

Capt.	M. A. January	Pilot
	D. D. Doyle	"

The following rated personnel were returned to the states for discharge:

S/sgt.	R. D. Catone	Gunner
Sgt.	R. T. Coyne	"
	E. B. Curtis	"

In October, 1946, the 8th Squadron was joined at Yokota Army Air Base by its sister Squadrons. The 13th "Devil's Own" and 90th "Paradise" Squadrons completed their move from Atsugi Army Airfield on 10 October 1946.

Transition training still leads the field of objectives for the Squad-

non. A total of 588 flying hours were flown in the A-26 type aircraft. Of this, 413 hours was accomplished by 8th Squadron pilots. All pilots now assigned to the 8th Squadron are checked out in the A-26. Work will be stressed from now on to improve the combat capability of the Squadron.

Maneuvers were held from 12 October to 18 October in the Tokyo area. During these, the full availability of the Squadron was not called upon. The assigned crews and airplanes were ready for duty 24 hours of the day. The participation of the A-26 in these maneuvers was not up to expectation. Some missions were flown as high as 12,000 feet. This was in sharp contrast to the usual flight of the 3rd Attack Group pilot who very seldom gets above traffic pattern altitude. Severe colds were contracted by some air crew personnel as the Squadron is not equipped to fly in the cooler altitudes. All missions were carried out with the quickness and ease of all concerned.

It is necessary for the 8th Squadron to loan airplanes to the 13th and 90th Squadrons. It is desired that the not too distant future will see these other organizations self-supporting so we may use the 8th Squadron planes for our own personnel. The landing field at Yokota is still far from completion. With the addition of the other two Squadrons planes all taxiways are being used as parking ramps. This necessitates excessive use of brakes to control the A-26 and B-25 as they taxi out to the strip for take off. Squadrons are now housed under one roof in a building near the line. Completion of individual Squadron Operations is looked for in the near future.

The inadequacy of Yokota Army Air Base to handle a Tactical Group is apparent in every operational effort. The lack of proper lighting facilities curtails night flying. Until recently no facilities were available for weather forecasting. In some instances aircraft were left standing on the ramp because there were not enough parachutes for the crews to man the plane. Packing and inspection facilities are wholly inadequate.

Proper transition to crews is retarded because of the lack of training aids and devices. Proper A-26 procedure can not be taught in a single control aircraft. The long ordered and awaited NEW aircraft are still lost somewhere in the maze of official channels. Aircraft with dual controls have been requisitioned and are known to lie in storage in the states. These planes are badly needed and could be put to the excellent use they were built for if they were in the Squadron.

Two major accidents involved 8th Squadron pilots and planes this month. One A-26, 44-34387, pilot 1st Lt. Wilfred V. Gabel, landed "wheels up" on the strip. Damage was such that the airplane was salvaged. No injury to crew. A-26, 44-34295 sheared the sissors bolt on the nose wheel while on take off roll. Resulting vibration collapsed the nose gear. It was learned after the accident that a T.O. compliance from Wright Field called for the changing of this bolt, but poor distribution prevented this group from being notified of this. Even so, the part is not available to this command. Pilot, 1st Lt. Elan P. Lysart was uninjured.

If the full purpose of this Squadron as a part of the Occupation Force of Japan is to be carried out, trained personnel and aircraft for them to fly and crew must be sent into the outfit.

W. E. Robinson
WILFRED E. ROBINSON
CAPTAIN, AIR CORPS
OPERATIONS OFFICER

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1 November 1946.

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events for 8th Bomb Squadron Supply Section.

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

1. In compliance with Regulation Number 45-1, V Bomber Command, APO 704, dated 17 December 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the 8th Bombardment Squadron Supply Section.

2. During the month of October 1946, the 8th Bombardment Squadron Supply was concerned with the moving the rest of the equipment from Atsugi Air Base to Yokota. Most of the late equipment was in the Group mess hall. Property book is being brought up to T.O.& E. The 8th Squadron Supply is now using T.O.& E. 1-137 R.

3. The personnel in supply are showing more interest in their work as a result of a study of their duties as required by MOS.

4. The laundry is now costing \$1.00 per month, which will be taken out of the monthly pay for the laundry that is turned in.

5. Transportation is getting to be a headache. A jeep only is assigned, whereas we consider our needs to be a jeep and a weapons carrier.

6. The EM now have two (2) battle jackets for dress wear. The field jacket is not authorized for dress wear after 1 November 1946, and is to be worn on the post only.

7. The following are assigned to the Supply Section :

2nd Lt. Archie Hart Jr.....Supply Officer
2nd Lt. Albert A. Sapp.....Asst. Supply Officer
Pfc. Richard E. Baker.....Supply Clerk
Pvt. Robert E. Tull.....Stock Clerk

Archie Hart Jr. A.C.
ARCHIE HART Jr.
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Supply Officer.

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SUBJECT: Summary of Events and Activities for the
8th Squadron Engineering Section.

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

1. In compliance with staff Memorandum No. 45-1, Headquarters, V Bomber Command, the following summary of events and activities of the 8th Squadron Engineering Section is submitted for the month of October 1946.

2. During the month of October all aircraft of the 8th Bombardment Squadron remained at Yokota Army Air Base as part of the occupational Air Force in Japan.

3. During the month of October the 8th Bombardment Squadron took part in the occupational forces maneuvers.

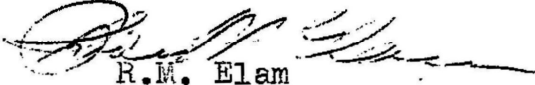
4. The key personnel is listed as follows;

8th Sqdn. Eng. Officer	1st Lt. R.M. Elam
Ass't Engineering Officer	1st Lt. W. Dysart
Line Chief	M/Sgt. H.K. Older

5. The 8th Squadron has an overall strength of 55 men.

6. During the month of October, two one hundred (100) hour inspections and five fifty (50) hours inspections were completed.

7. During the month of October two A-26B's were totally lost due to accidents.


R.M. Elam
1st Lt. Air Corp
8th Sq. Eng. Officer

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31 October 1946.

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Armament Section.

TO : Historical Officer, 3rd Bombardment Group.

1. In compliance with Regulation Number 45-1, V Bomber Command, dated 17 December 1945 the following summary of events of the Armament Section for the month of October 1946 is submitted.

2. The first two weeks of October were devoted to the maneuvers with the 8th Army. Smoke was used in support of mock landings made by ground forces and quite a number of assimilated strafing missions were flown. During the remainder of the month this section has endeavored to catch up on paper work, such as inventory of equipment, tagging of all extra parts, and disposal of surplus equipment through proper channels.

3. Quite a number of the section's key personnel were lost during the foregoing month. Lt. William A. Brinkley, assistant armament officer was flown to the Zone of Interior for an operation. Sergeant Kenneth B. Bostick, section chief, received an emergency furlough. Sgt. Richard T. Coyne Chief Gunner, was relieved through redeployment. S/Sgt. Robert D. Catone was to be acting section chief during Sgt. Bosticks absence. However, S/Sgt. Catone was redeployed two weeks later and Sgt. Walter H. Coddington has taken his place.

4. Seven new men have been assigned to this section. They are attending the Group School organized by Capt. Ponthier, Group Armament Officer. They are learning basic armament operation and maintenance of turrets and bombing circuits.

5. Key personnel are as follows:

2nd Lt. Howard Stout.....8th Squadron Armament Officer.
1st Lt. James O. Lambert.....Assistant Armament Officer.
Sgt. Walter H. Coddington.....Section Chief.
S/Sgt. Henry R. Mellinger.....Chief Gunner.

6. The current strength is as follows:

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| 1. (one) 1st Lt | 5. (three) Sgts. |
| 2. (one) 2nd Lt. | 6. (three) Pfc's. |
| 3. (four) S/Sgts | 7. (three) Pvt's. |
| 4. (seven) Cpl. | |

Howard M. Stout
HOWARD M. STOUT
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Armament Officer.

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SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events for Squadron Communications.

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

1. In compliance with regulation 45-1, V Bomber Command, APO 704, dated 17 December 1945, the following Summary of Events and activities of the 8th Bombardment Squadron Communications Section for the month of October 1946 is submitted.

2. At the close of the month the personnel in the 8th Squadron Communications were:

1st Lt. Donald V. Qvarnstrom.....	Communications Officer
2nd Lt. George A. Rolby....	Asst. Communications Off.
Sgt. Eugene A. Dries.....	Communications Technician.
Pvt. William C. Waterbury.....	Asst. " "

3. There were three changes in personnel during the month. 1st Lt Robert Nall was relieved from duty as assistant communications officer. 2nd Lt. George A. Rolby was assigned as assistant communications officer. Pvt. William C. was assigned as assistant communications technician.

4. The present strength of the 8th Squadron Communication is one 1st Lt., one 2nd Lt., one Sgt., and one Pvt.

5. Nothing but normal maintenance and inspection came up during the month and no difficulties were encountered. No planes were grounded because of lack of communications equipment in working condition. One of the primary reasons for the success of the 8th Bomb Squadron Communications is due to the attention to duty and reliability of Sgt. Dries.

Donald V. Qvarnstrom
DONALD V. QVARNSTROM
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Communications Officer.