

SUMMARIES OF EVENTS

8TH SQUADRON

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

28 February 1947

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

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

1. In compliance with 314th Composite Wing Regulation 45-1, dated 2 December 1946, and 45-1A, dated 13 January 1947, the following summary of events for the Personnel Section is submitted for the month of February 1947.

2. At the close of the month the personnel of this section were:

Major John J. Ruetters.....	Commanding Officer
Captain Riker S. Van Arsdall.....	Adjutant
1st Lt Bill R. Hablinski.....	Asst Adjutant
S/Sgt Roger Blaser.....	First Sergeant
Pfc Udell G. Segal.....	Chief Clerk
Pfc Walter I. Everage.....	Clerk Typist


3. The following changes occurred in Personnel section this month: Captain Van Arsdall assumed duties as Adjutant vice Lt Hablinski who, in turn, was acting in place of Captain Naughan. Lt Hablinski resumed duties as Asst Adjutant. Pfc John J. Kelly was redeployed to the Zone of Interior for discharge.

4. The 8th Squadron resumed its normal status as regards VD; i.e. there have been no cases reported this month.

5. There were no major accidents this month. On the evening of 14 February we had two planes in the air, when a heavy snowstorm occurred. Captain Elam landed without mishap, and Lt Gabel went off the runway through no fault of his own and emerged unhurt.

6. This squadron extends its deepest sympathy to 90th Bombardment Squadron, which, on 18 February, lost a pilot and two gunners in an aircraft crash at Mito Range. The pilot, Captain Archibald R. Day, was formerly a member of the 8th Squadron.

7. The Morning Report shows five officers and eight enlisted men gained and losses of one officer and sixteen enlisted men. Lt Hablinski, who has been in the squadron since December, was finally brought in on orders and entered on the Morning Report. 1st Lt Elan P. Dysart was promoted to Captain.


RIKER S. VAN ARSDALL
Captain, Air Corps
Adjutant

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
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SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 8th Squadron
Operations Section

TO : Historical Officer
3rd Bombardment Group (L)
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1. In compliance with 314th Composite Wing Regulation 45-1, dated 2 December 1946, and 45-1A, dated 13 January 1947, the following summary of events for the Eighth Squadron Operations Section is submitted for the month of February 1947.

a. Personnel assigned to Eighth Squadron Operations Section are as follows:

Capt Alfred E. Hodkinson	Operations Officer
1st Lt John P. Younger	Asst Operations Officer
1st Lt Ralph J. Smith	Asst Operations Officer
Pvt Joseph E. Irwin	Operations Clerk

(1) Pvt 1c1 Bernard Bernstein, Operations Clerk, was transferred to Replacement Depot for shipment to ZI and separation.

b. The number of rated personnel assigned to Eighth Squadron is as follows:

20 Pilots
5 Navigator-Bombardiers
1 Navigator
1 Bombardier
6 Gunners

c. The number of rated personnel attached to Eighth Squadron for flying is as follows:

8 Pilots
1 Bombardier
1 Gunnery Officer

d. The following rated personnel were transferred to the Eighth Squadron:

Capt Riker VanArsdall	Navigator-Bombardier
1st Lt Robert Galloway	Pilot
1st Lt William Neighbors	Pilot
1st Lt Dwight Turner	Pilot
1st Lt Harry Willson	Pilot

e. The following rated personnel were transferred to the Replacement Depot for shipment to ZI and separation:

2nd Lt Albert Sapp	Pilot
S/Sgt Henry Mellinger	Gunner
Cpl James Adkins	Gunner

2. During the month of February the training orders and directives have emphasized formation and instrument flying. Scheduling of flying time has been planned to include the above phases of training as well as to comply with the flight requirements as prescribed by AAF Reg 50-2. Greater emphasis has been placed on scheduling larger formations on Group level. On 25 February, the Eighth Squadron provided five aircraft to participate in two Group strikes in conjunction with the First Cavalry Division maneuvers. Ground school classes in rockets were held for pilots, while the navigator-bombardiers continued with refresher courses. Lack of heat caused closing of Link Trainer Dept the last ten days of the month. Transportation difficulties have all but eliminated the skeet program. The bombing trainer was finally put in operation and bombardiers and navigator-bombardiers are becoming re-acquainted with the Norden Bombing equipment.

3. There was one aircraft accident during the month. 1st Lt Wilfred Gabel, returning from a surveillance mission on 14 February, encountered snowstorms upon reaching the Tokyo area at approximately 1620. Equipment failure prevented him from landing by GCA, but he did sight the runway and finally landed contact. Despite all of his efforts he overran the slippery runway, causing major damage to the aircraft.

4. A total of 488:50 hours was flown in A-26 type aircraft during the month of February by pilots assigned and attached to the Eighth Squadron.

Ralph J. Smith
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1st Lt, Air Corps
Asst Operations Officer

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3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
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SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 8th Squadron
Engineering Section

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

1. In compliance with 314th Composite Wing Regulation 45-1, dated 2 December 1946, and 45-1A, dated 13 January 1947, the following summary of events for the Engineering section is submitted for the month of February, 1947.

2. During the month of February all aircraft of the 8th Bombardment Squadron remained at Yokota Army Air Base as part of the occupational Air Forces in Japan. Security missions were flown each day weather was permissible.

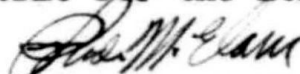
3. The key personell is listed as follows:

8th Sqdn. Eng. Officer	Capt. R.M. Elam
A'sst Eng. Officer	Capt. B.P. Dysart
Line Chief	M/Sgt. E.E. Harrison

4. The 8th Squadron Engineering section has an overall strength of 50 men.

5. During the month of February two aircraft were transferred to the 7th Air Service Group for double engine change and two extensions of engine time were granted.

6. The total flying time for the month of February was 494:30.



Rhodes M. Elam
Capt., Air Corps
Engineering Officer

8th. Bombardment Squadron
3rd Bombardment Group (L)
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Subject: Monthly Summary of Events, 8th. Bombardment Squadron Supply.

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

1. In compliance with 314th. Composite Wing Regulation 45-1 dated 2 December 1946 and 45-1A. dated 13 January 1947, the following Summary of Events for 8th. Bombardment Supply section is submitted for the month of February 1947.

2. The following personnel are now assigned to Supply.

a. Archie Hart 1st. AC.	Supply Officer
b. David J. Harrigan Capt. AC.	Asst. Supply Officer.
c. Richard E. Baker PFC.	Supply Clerk
d. Robert E. Tull PFC.	Supply Clerk

3. Albert A. Sapp 2nd. Lt. AC. was redeployed to the states. David J. Harrigan Capt. AC. is the new asst. supply officer.

4. All T.O.&E. property was turned over to the base accountable officer. This equipment is to be issued back to the supply units on a consolidated report MR.

5. Supply is issuing all field equipment to the men. This will be stored in the supply room. When all the equipment is issued the men will have all clothing and equipment on 8th. Army Cir. 267.

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

1 March 1947

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

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

1. In compliance with 314th Composite Wing Regulation 45-1, dated 2 December 1946, and 45-1A, dated 13 January 1947, the following summary of events for the Armament section is submitted for the month of February, 1947.

2. The key personnel are listed as follows:

1st Lt. Oliver J. Lambert	Armament Officer
1st Lt. Dwight E. Turner	Ass't Armament Officer
S/Sgt. Robert D. Catone	Section Chief

3. The Armament section has the following number of assigned personnel:

6 rated (Armorer-Gunners)
3 non-rated

4. The training status of the rated armorer-gunners is as follows:

4 Combat ready.
2 Advanced training.

5. The number of rounds of ammunition and the number of bombs expended during the month of February 1947 is as follows:

8350 rounds	Type 50 Cal.
30 bombs	Type 100 lb. M-38-A2

6. The flying time accomplished by the rated armorer-gunners for the month of February 1947 was 58 hours and 40 minutes, (58:40).

7. Though definite progress is apparent, maximum utilization of tactical capabilities is limited in this section, due to the lack of skilled personnel, transportation and material.

Oliver J. Lambert
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1st. Lt., Air Corps
Armament Officer

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SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 8th Squadron
Personal Equipment Section

TO: Historical Officer, 3rd
Bombardment Group (L)
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1. In compliance with 314th Composite Wing Regulation 45-1, dated 2 December 1946, and 45-1a, dated 13 January 1947, the following summary of events for the Personal Equipment Section is submitted for the month of February 1947.

2. On the 8th of February, Lt. William S. Neighbors replaced Lt. H.H. Britt as Personal Equipment Officer. A consolidation was made of all Memorandum Receipt property and signed by all persons holding such property. All stock was inventoried and unuseable property turned in for reparable or salvage. Wire mesh was placed on windows for security reasons. All parachutes were placed on Memorandum Receipt. Parachutes were inspected and repacked at prescribed times and several were condemned as reparable. Cpl. Kenneth Favretto left to return to the U.S. the 23rd of February, leaving Junior W. Watson, P.F.C. as only E.M. in section. A check was made on all Aircraft in Squadron to insure their having proper emergency equipment.



WILLIAM S. NEIGHBORS
1ST LT. AIR CORPS
8TH SQUADRON (L)
PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OFFICER

8TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
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25 February 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 8th Squadron Communications
Section

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

1. In compliance with 314th Composite Wing Regulation 45-1, dated 2 December 1946, and 45-1A, dated 13 January 1947, the following summary of events for the 8th Squadron Communications Section is submitted for the month of February, 1947.

2. During the month of February there were two changes in personnel in the Communications Section. Pvt. Frank R. Gonzales was relieved from duty for reasons of inaptitude. Pvt. Everette J. Kindred was assigned to the section for duty after his arrival from the Zone of the Interior.

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

2nd Lt. George A. Relby.....Communications Officer
Pfc. William C. Waterbury.....Communications Technician
Pvt. Everette J. Kindred.....Assistant

4. The Communications Section has moved to a new location and is sharing a consolidated workshop with the Communication Sections of the 13th and 90th Squadrons. No unusual occurrences or difficulties were encountered during the month of February. All routine inspections and maintenance were satisfactorily accomplished and no aircraft were grounded because of radio maintenance.

5. The present strength is as follows:

1. One (1) 2nd Lt.
2. One (1) Pfc.
3. One (1) Pvt.

George A. Relby

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2nd Lt. Air Corps
Communications Officer