

SUMMARIES OF EVENTS

8TH SQUADRON

8TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
 3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
 APO 328

1 July 1947

ROSTER OF OFFICERS

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>P MOS</u>	<u>P DUTY</u>
Major	John J. Ruetters	0411860	2162	C. O.
Captain	Blair P. Dysart	0688809	4823	4823
Captain	David J. Harrigan	0677730	4000	4000
Captain	Alfred E. Hodgkinson	0758171	2161	2110
Captain	Weston F. Maughan	026072	2161	2158
Captain	Roger S. McGinnis	0666769	1083	2161
1st Lt.	Dixon P. Griffith	0808988	2510	1042
1st Lt.	Bill R. Hablinski	0667287	1036	2110
1st Lt.	Louis D. Holland	0841064	1083	4902
1st Lt.	Eugene L. Carr	07066211	4822	1083
1st Lt.	William S. Neighbors	0549024	1083	0200
1st Lt.	Dwight E. Turner	0888743	1083	4822
1st Lt.	Paul L. Wyatt	0784821	1083	2510
1st Lt.	John P. Younger	0815625	2161	5000
2d Lt.	George A. Rolby	02102088	1034	8125

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3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

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ROSTER OF ENLISTED MEN

K/Sgt. Franklin J. Allen	Cpl. Kenneth M. Afuso
K/Sgt. Archibald A. Atherton	Cpl. Richard E. Baker
K/Sgt. Ernest E. Harrison	Cpl. James T. Bartlow
K/Sgt. Kenneth S. Harrison	Cpl. Harold J. Burke
K/Sgt. Jerome Halub	Cpl. Hugh A. Conner
L/Sgt. Robert N. Jones	Cpl. Herbert V. Donahue Jr.
K/Sgt. Robert S. Losier	Cpl. Richard H. Ellis
K/Sgt. Lawrence P. Phillips	Cpl. Donald E. Finney
	Cpl. Joe A. Gladden
T/Sgt. Robert L. Berlinsky	Cpl. Glenn Goodlet
T/Sgt. Edward H. Burton	Cpl. Edward C. Harris
T/Sgt. Barney Johnson	Cpl. Joseph S. Hendon
T/Sgt. Everett W. Livingston	Cpl. Milton J. Jacobs
T/Sgt. John L. Lynch	Cpl. Walter F. Howse
T/Sgt. Robert M. McCollum	Cpl. John F. Kolb
T/Sgt. Harvey B. Parkhill	Cpl. Peter Llanas
T/Sgt. Noble C. Tharp	Cpl. David Low
	Cpl. Frank Martino
3/Sgt. John R. Anderson	Cpl. Jarvis L. Mcallister
3/Sgt. Roger Blaser	Cpl. Raymond L. Midkiff
3/Sgt. Robert D. Catone	Cpl. Donald R. Morgan
3/Sgt. Donald StC. Farnsworth	Cpl. William A. Ness
3/Sgt. Vincent C. Head	Cpl. William E. Reynolds
3/Sgt. Joseph F. Kassay	Cpl. Daniel Radanovic
3/Sgt. Manuel C. Lapera	Cpl. Kenneth A. Shrader
3/Sgt. Thomas E. McEnamin	Cpl. Donald E. Stewart
3/Sgt. Robert H. Maraschi	Cpl. Herbert B. Stimel
3/Sgt. Harry D. Powers	Cpl. Leo F. Switter
3/Sgt. William H. Richards	Cpl. Eugene I. Taylor
3/Sgt. Richard Wilson	Cpl. Francisco A. Vasquez
Sgt. Robert E. Bertelmann	Pfc. William M. Aiken
Sgt. Kelsie R. Calhoun	Pfc. Harry W. Allen
Sgt. Amos Caskey	Pfc. David W. Baker
Sgt. Joe W. Creech	Pfc. Oral T. Bartoe
Sgt. Walter H. Coddington	Pfc. John L. Bourque
Sgt. Louis Darienzo Jr.	Pfc. Clarence D. Boyer
Sgt. Ralph Dalk	Pfc. Robert M. Burns
Sgt. Bill Gaddrick	Pfc. Floyd K. Clarke
Sgt. David M. Jones	Pfc. Arthur G. Cochran
Sgt. Edwin T. Lalady	Pfc. Henry A. Day
Sgt. Edward N. Mills	Pfc. Walter I. Everage
Sgt. Carl R. Nilson	Pfc. Donald J. Hall
Sgt. George J. Reese	Pfc. Harold G. Hepe
Sgt. Wade C. Goode	Pfc. Marshall E. Hirvela

ROSTER OF ENLISTED MEN

Pfc. Joseph B. Irwin
Pfc. Richard D. Jones
Pfc. Eugene A. Keilman
Pfc. Joseph V. Kendall
Pfc. Hayward F. Kessell
Pfc. Harold Lowe
Pfc. Clarence L. Macomber
Pfc. Owen Masiogale
Pfc. Joe F. McKnight
Pfc. William R. Odom
Pfc. Walter L. Rickman
Pfc. Carroll M. Ricks
Pfc. Clarence C. Ross
Pfc. Ross P. Sallot
Pfc. Thomas R. Sharp
Pfc. Junior W. Watson

Pvt. Vernon M. Bobbitt
Pvt. Frank R. Gonzalez
Pvt. James E. Kerns
Pvt. J. C. Lampkin

8TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
THIRD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) 3AF
APO 328

30 June 1947

314.7

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 8th Bombardment Sq (L)

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

1. In compliance with 314th Composite Wing Regulation 45-1, dated 2 December 1946, the following summary of events for the 8th Bombardment Sq (L) is submitted for the month of June 1947.

2. Key personnel are assigned as follows:

Major	John J. Ruetters	Commanding Officer
Captain	Alfred E. Hodkinson	Adjutant
Captain	Weston F. Maughan	Operations Officer
Captain	Blair P. Dysart	Engineering Officer
Captain	David J. Harrigan	Supply Officer
1st Lt	Dixon P. Griffith	Personal Equipment Officer
1st Lt	William S. Neighbors	Communications Officer
1st Lt	Dwight E. Turner	Armament Officer
M/Sgt	Franklin J. Allen	First Sergeant

a. During the month of June the squadron added three officers, Capt McGinnis, Lt Holland, and Lt Carr, and eleven enlisted men to its' roster, and lost seven enlisted men to the following places:

M/Sgt	Joseph S. Golden	trfd to 3rd Emer. Rescue Sq, 5th AF
S/Sgt	John D. Loesch	trfd to Zone of Interior
S/Sgt	Paul Matthews	" " "
Cpl	Ralph Birdsell	" " "
Cpl	Douglas E. Clevenger	" " "
Cpl	Udell G. Segall	" " "
Pfc	Charles C. Spiker	" " "

b. No reductions in grade were made during the month of June.

c. The following promotions were made during the month:

1 Sgt	to	S/Sgt
3 Cpl	to	Sgt
5 Pfc	to	Cpl
1 Pvt	to	Pfc
10	total	

d. The following officers and men took leave during the month:

Maj	John J. Ruetters	7 days
Capt	Alfred E. Hodkinson	3
1st Lt	William S. Neighbors	7
1st Lt	Paul L. Wyatt	25
S/Sgt	Roger Blaser	15

e. No decorations or awards were made during June.

f. At present the squadron has one Regular Army and fifteen Category I officers assigned.

g. Lt Carr and Lt Rolby were placed on TDY to the United States during the month for the purpose of picking up and ferrying one A-26 type aircraft to this station. One man is on TDY at Mito gunnery range, one man is on TDY attending radio school at Kanoya AAB, Japan, and three men are on TDY to the base interior guard squadron.

3. The following table indicates changes in squadron strength during the past month:

	Authorized		Assigned		Attached	
	1 June--30 June	30 June	1 June--30 June	30 June	1 June--30 June	30 June
Off & w/o	32	32	13	16	None	
Enl Men	116	116	102	106	None	

a. The officer shortage was eased somewhat during the month by the addition of three new officers, and the enlisted manpower situation is also becoming more stabilized with the addition of several men fresh from the States who can be expected to remain for at least eighteen months. Men who are not qualified in their present assignments are attending part time specialists schools in some cases such as radio and armament, and all men are obtaining on-the-job training.

4. The 8th Sq performed its assigned mission as part of the occupation air forces during the month of June, remaining at Yokota AAB, Honshu, Japan. At the end of the month fourteen A-26 type aircraft were assigned, of which two were assigned to the 600th Air Engineer Sq undergoing engine changes and other repairs. Thirty-five assigned and attached pilots logged 418:25 hours on the squadron A-26s during the period as scheduled by operations. Several surveillance

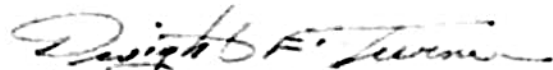
Missions over the island of Honshu were completed as ordered. Unusually bad weather has slowed up flying considerably, but pilots minimum annual flying requirements have been completed for the fiscal year ending 30 June 1947. Tactical practice flights are again being emphasized and various types of formations are being flown, along with gunnery and bombing missions. Several of the armament personnel finished gunnery school this month and are being checked out in the A-26 remote control turret, which brings us closer to the goal of completing the authorized number of sixteen combat crews. A change in operating procedure is taking place now as an A-26 Production Line Maintenance system is being set up on the base to comply with directives from higher headquarters. It is expected that several mechanics from the squadron will be assigned to work in the PMA shops which are supposed to perform 50 and 100 hour inspections and higher maintenance, leaving only first and second echelon work to be taken care of on the line.

5. The weather came in for plenty of discussion as the chief trouble maker this month. Rain seemed to fall almost continuously during the first half of the month and consequently the airplanes were grounded birds a great percentage of the time. No serious damage was caused by the rain but numerous unsuspected leaks appeared in roofs, necessitating some hasty improvizations to divert the flow of water to the outside. Delay in the distribution of publications is still slowing up work. It is hard to understand why, under present conditions, technical orders, Army Regulations, and WD Circulars are often six to eight months old when they reach organizations here. Replacement parts are still coming in as slowly as ever. It is ironic that airplane maintenance can be slowed up by lack of rags--ordinary grease wiping rags--but for nearly a month it has been almost impossible to find a rag to keep even a windshield clean with. The crew chiefs are becoming quite well oriented into their jobs now but the airplanes are getting old, and the men can't be expected to keep them flying without parts to replace those which are wearing out.

6. June saw the virtual completion of the spring series of softball games. The officers team ended the series in second place with only two defeats, and the enlisted men after a few unfortunate setbacks are now in fourth place in their league with several games yet to play. Everyone is hoping that the rainy season will end soon so that another series of games can be scheduled and played without interference from the weather, and perhaps bring everyones spirits up a notch or two.

The Eighth showed its' usual spirit during June by being the first organization on the base to attain 100% membership in the drive being conducted on behalf of the Air Force Association.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER


Dwight E. Turner
1st Lt, Air Corps
Historical Officer

EIGHTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
THIRD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APO 328

30 June 1947

**SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Eighth Squadron
Operations Section.**

**TO : Historical Officer,
Yokota AAB,
Third 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 Eighth Squadron Operations Section is submitted for the month of June 1947.

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

Capt. Weston F. Maughan	Operations Officer
Capt. Roger L. McGinnis	Ass't. Operations Officer
M/Sgt. Robert S. Mosier	Operations Specialist
Pfc. Walter I. Everage	Operations Clerk

a. During the month, Capt. McGinnis replaced Lt. Smith as Ass't. Operations Officer. Lt. Smith was transferred to the Mariana Islands because of the critical shortage of navigators in that command. The loss of Lt. Smith leaves this squadron very short on navigators. Out of three (3) assigned to this squadron at the beginning of the month, one has been transferred and one is on TDY in the United States. Leaving this squadron with one navigator available for duty.

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

- 13 Pilots
- 1 Navigator-Bombardier
- 1 Navigator
- 13 Gunners

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

- 22 Pilots
- 1 Bombardier
- 1 Gunnery Officer
- 1 Navigator

b. The following rated personnel were transferred out of the Eighth Squadron:

1st. Lt. Ralph J. Smith	Mariana Islands
2nd. Lt. Claude V. Gibson	4th Replacement Depot

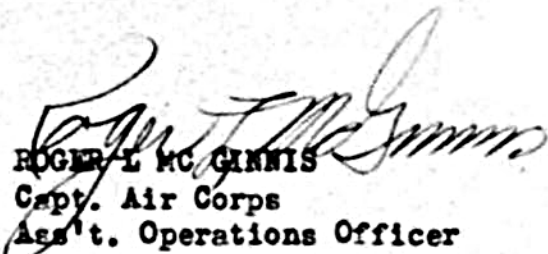
c. The following rated personnel were transferred into the Eighth Squadron:

1st. Lt. Eugene E. Carr from 13th Squadron, Third Bomb Gp.
2nd. Lt. Claude V. Gibson from 90th Squadron, Third Bomb Gp.
Capt. Roger L. McGinnis from the zone of interior.

4. This month the primary mission was once again to have each pilot accomplish the minimum yearly requirements. These were accomplished, with the greatest difficulty being instrument checks. Two pilots were called from leave to take instrument checks. Bad weather the first 15 days of the month seriously hampered training, yet the squadron still flew over 400 hours. Extensive formation was flown in anticipation of the aerial review to be held over Tokyo on 4 July 1947. Particular emphasis was placed on join ups and landing patterns in addition to flying the new formation of 35 feet between wing tips and 25 feet from nose to tail.

5. On 20 June 1947 Lt. Carr and Lt. Rolby departed for the United States to pick up a new A-26 type aircraft, accompanied by a crew from the 90th Squadron.

6. A total of 418:25 hours was flown in A-26 type aircraft of the Eighth Squadron during the month of June 1947.


ROGER L. MC GINNIS
Capt. Air Corps
Ass't. Operations Officer

8TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
YOKOTA ARMY AIR BASE
APO 328

30 June 1947

314.7

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

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

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

2. The key personnel is listed as follows:

Captain Blan P. Dysart Jr.	Engineering Officer
M/Sgt Ernest E. Harrison	Line Chief

3. At the present time it is anticipated that the majority of the enlisted men will be attached to a Production Line Maintenance project. This will leave approximately thirty men in the section.

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

5. During the first half of June the Squadron's aircraft were practically grounded because of sporadic rains. Weather was such as to allow only five days of flying in the first half of the month.

6. In order to procure better maintenance of forms and aircraft an effort has been made to thoroughly familiarize personnel with Technical Order OO-20A and a newly formed Technical Order compliance crew is working on the aircraft when they come out for inspections.

Blan P. Dysart Jr.
BLAN P. DYSART JR.
Captain, Air Corps
Engineering Officer

8TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
YOKOTA ARMY AIR BASE
APO 328

30 June 1947

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

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

1. In compliance with 314th Composite Wing Regulation 45-1, dated 13 January 1947, the following summary of events for the Supply section is submitted for the month of June 1947.

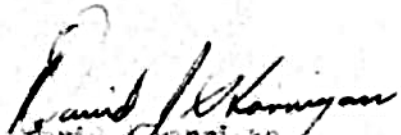
2. The following personnel are now assigned to supply:

a. Captain David J. Harrigan	Supply Officer
b. 1st Lt Dixon P. Griffith	Asst. Supply Officer
c. Richard E. Baker, Cpl.	Supply Clerk

3. Supply is now operating at authorized strength of two officers and one Enlisted Man.

4. During the month this section was inspected by Base Air Inspectors and was found to have a few minor discrepancies which was quickly straightened out, and supply is now in satisfactory condition.

5. Transportation has improved a great deal since last month, supply is now able to get a vehicle when ever one is needed.


David J. Harrigan
Capt. Air Corps
Supply Officer

8th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
APO 328

30 June 1947

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

TO : Historical Officer, 3rd
Bombardment Group (L); AAF
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 Personal Equipment Section is submitted for the month of June 1947.

2. The following personnel are now assigned to the personal equipment section:

- a. Dixon F. Griffith 1st Lt. AC. Personal Equip. Officer
- b. Junior W. Watson Pfc. Personal Equip. Tech.
- c. Joe F. McNight Pfc. Personal Equip.
- d. Herbert V. Donahue Cpl. D/S to Base Parachute

3. Pfc. Joe V. McNight was transferred to this section 12 June 1947, from the Ninth Photo Recon. Squadron. His duties are that of a Parachute Rigger, with on the job training for Personal Equipment Technician. Cpl. Herbert V. Donahue remains on duty with Base Parachute shop.

4. Most all winter flying equipment has been picked up, and stored as directed by current regulations. Several individuals have ignored regulations requiring the turn of winter flying equipment. The chief offenders are Headquarters Personnel; Squadron Commanders concerned have been notified of non-compliance of above noted regulations.

5. Many improvements have been made in this section during the month of June. All current inspections on one man life rafts, Mae Wests, Parachutes, Fire Extinguishers, and First Aid Kits. A display of one man life and Gibson Girl now decorates the walls of the Personal Equipment Supply room, due to the efforts of Personal Equipment Technician Pfc. Junior Watson. A labeled display of equipment contained in five man life raft should be completed in the coming month.

6. Requisitions for Suits, Flying Summer, Bryd Cloth, and Glasses, Flying Sun remain unfilled. Base Supply advises that adequet supplies of the above listed items will be available in the near future.

Dixon F. Griffith
Dixon F. Griffith 1st Lt. AG.
Personal Equipment Officer
8th Bombardment Squadron (L)

EIGHTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON
THIRD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
APO 328

27 June 1947

314.7

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Armament Section

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

1. In compliance with 314th Composite Wing Regulation 45-1, dated 2 December 1946, the following summary of events for the armament section is submitted for the month of June, 1947.

2. Key personnel are as follows:

1st Lt Dwight E. Turner	Armament Officer
1st Lt Dixon P. Griffith	Asst. Arm. Off.
M/Sgt Robert N. Jones	Section Chief

During the month of June two enlisted men have been transferred from the section and one man has been added.

3. Present strength of armament section is:

Officers 2
Enlisted men . . . 16


(a) Armorer gunners on flying status: 11.
(Gunners in phase I, combat ready: 4)
(Gunners in phase II, advanced: 5)
(Gunners in phase III, basic: 2)

Armament section is now one man below full strength of seventeen men. The one man who was assigned this month was completely unfamiliar with armament equipment and is now attending armament school as well as gaining experience through on-the-job-training. The remainder of the men have practically completed armament and gunnery schools and are rapidly approaching the status of fully trained A-26 armorer gunners. The section is still far under the authorized strength of one technical sergeant and sixteen staff sergeants, but promotions are being recommended as the men become qualified. One promotion to the grade of sergeant was made this month which leaves distribution of ratings as follows:

M/Sgt .. 1	Cpl .. 1
S/Sgt .. 5	Pfc .. 3
Sgt .. 6	<u>16</u> total

4. The efforts of armament section during the month of June were concentrated on training personnel and improving the status of equipment. Five gunners have been placed on flying status this month and checked out in the A-26 remote control turret on the splash gunnery range. While a total of eleven rated gunners flew the required number of hours to maintain their proficiency. The pilots of the squadron on twenty-six sorties expended 9,000 rds. of cal. .50 ammunition, 12 2.25" practice rockets, 112 23 lb. parachute fragmentation bombs, and 152 100 lb. practice bombs. The parafrag bombs dropped were one complete load dropped to test the functioning of the bombs and the special frag bomb racks. On this mission all bombs released satisfactorily but the parachutes on two or three of the bombs failed to open due to deterioration caused by long storage. Of the four men who are not qualified as armorer gunners one man is in the hospital and the other three are now attending school and will be checked out in the near future. An additional bit of training was provided this month when the section practiced loading 500 lb. General Purpose bombs at night.

5. A shortage of parts and equipment still slows up maintenance but an improvement is being noted. A major inconvenience during part of the month was caused by an unusual amount of rainy weather. Work was slowed up and the section was flooded with water more than once. No equipment was seriously damaged however.


DWIGHT E. TURNER
1st Lt, Air Corps
Armament Officer

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

30 June 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 June 1947.

2. During the month of June, the 3rd Bombardment Group radio shop was consolidated with the 7th Air Service Group radio shop. No major difficulties were encountered and all routine inspections were satisfactorily accomplished.

3. There were no changes in the personnel of the Communications Section, during the month of June.

4. At the close of the month the personnel in the 8th Squadron Communications Section are as follows:

1st Lt. William S. Neighbors.....Communications Officer
M/Sgt. Lawrence P. Phillips.....Communications Technician

5. The present strength is as follows:

1. One (1) 1st Lt.
2. One (1) M/Sgt.

William S. Neighbors

William S. Neighbors
1st Lt. Air Corps
Communications Officer