

SUMMARIES OF EVENTS

8TH SQUADRON

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

1 April 1947

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

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

1. In compliance with 314th Composite Wing Regulation 45-1, dated 2 Dec 1946 and 45-1A, dated 13 Jan 1947, the following summary of events for the 8th Bombardment Sq (L) is submitted for the month of March 1947.
2. During the month the 8th Sq has remained at Yokota AAB performing its assigned mission as part of the occupation air forces in Japan. At the end of the month ten A-26 type aircraft were assigned, in which twenty-eight assigned and attached pilots flew 564,55 hours during the month. Four surveillance missions over the island of Honshu were flown as scheduled by higher headquarters, and several other missions were canceled due to bad weather. The remaining aircraft and time were utilized for flying and ground training in compliance with current directives. The organization had no aircraft accidents during the month.
3. Key personnel are assigned as follows:

Major John J. Ruettgers	Commanding Officer
Capt Riker S. VanArsdall	Adjutant
1st Lt John P. Younger	Operations Officer
Capt Blain P. Dysart	Engineering Officer
1st Lt Archie Hart	Supply Officer
1st Lt Oliver J. Lambert	Armament Officer
1st Lt William S. Neighbors	Personnel Equip. Officer
2nd Lt George A. Rolby	Communications Officer

During the month of March one officer, Lt Godwin, and eleven enlisted men were transferred to the U. S. Two officers, Capt Elam and 2nd Lt Horne, were transferred to other organizations on the base. A total of twelve enlisted men were assigned and eleven transferred out during the month. 1st Sgt Moak was an especially valuable addition, adding his experience to the organization and freeing S/Sgt Blaser for duty in armament, his primary section. The squadron still has five AUS enlisted personnel assigned but they are slowly but surely being returned to the U. S. for separation, and more and more regular army personnel are being assigned, especially older and more experienced non-commissioned officers.

a. At present two officers, Capt Hodgkinson and Lt Britt are on TDY to the U. S. for purpose of picking up new A-26 type aircraft. One enlisted man is on TDY at Mito gunnery range, two men are TDY to technical schools, and one man is DS to 608th Air Engineers.

b. The following table reflects the changes in squadron strength during the past month:

	<u>31 March</u>		<u>28 February</u>
Major	1		1
Captain	5		6
1st Lt	15		16
2nd Lt	3		4
	<u>24</u>	totals	<u>27</u>
M/Sgt	6		4
T/Sgt	5		3
S/Sgt	8		7
Sgt	6		6
Cpl	21		14
Pfc	44		48
Pvt	6		13
	<u>96</u>	totals	<u>95</u>

c. The following promotions were made during the month:


8 Privates	to	Private first class
8 Privates first class	to	Corporal

4. Serious problems are still being encountered in performing the assigned mission due to a critical shortage of up-to-date technical orders and parts. Many items of equipment are being kept in operation due solely to the efforts of maintenance personnel in resurrecting usable parts from salvage yards. 4 A-26 and 1 B-25J aircraft are assigned to Service Group undergoing repairs and engine changes. Skilled personnel are still in demand but this situation is being alleviated as more experienced regular army men are being assigned. Transportation is still a critical item but with the reorganization of the base motor pool it is hoped that more vehicles will become available.

5. Flying and ground training are proceeding as scheduled. Emphasis has been placed on formation flying, bombing, and gunnery with a view to bringing the unit up to combat readiness. One new A-26C airplane was received from the U. S. during the month, which will be very welcome in supplementing the squadron complement of airplanes, many of which are becoming war weary and due for overhaul. Officers and enlisted men are attending scheduled classes in skeet, technical subjects, and various phases of military life.

6. Morale among a few of the AUS enlisted men suffered a slight setback during the month when their scheduled departure date to replacement depot and thence to the U. S. was set up to April. Also many of the married officers and men who have been separated from their families for some time are becoming impatient with the current housing shortage. The general attitude seems to be improving though, with the coming of warmer weather and consequent improvement of working and living conditions, also the opening up of facilities for outdoor recreation.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER


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

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

1 April, 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 8th Squadron
Operations 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 Eighth Squadron Operations Section is submitted for the month of March, 1947.

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

1st Lt John P. Younger	Operations Officer
1st Lt Ralph J. Smith	Ass't Operations Officer
Pfc Joseph B. Irwin	Operations Clerk

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

18 Pilots
5 Navigator-Bombardiers
1 Navigator
7 Gunners

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

10 Pilots
1 Bombardier
1 Gunnery Officer

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

Capt Rhodes Elam to Gp Headquarters
1st Lt Harlan Godwin to 4th Replacement Depot

2. Flying training during the month of March was centered around formation and instrument flying. The emphasis has been on larger formations and twice each week Group missions have been flown. In addition to ordered missions, bombing and gunnery have been scheduled as well as proficiency flights to enable rated personnel to comply with AAF Reg 50-2. Capt Kilroy, who is attached to this organization for flying, flew two rocket missions during the month, paving the way for a program to check out all our pilots in rocket firing. The Link Trainers came back into operation after a temporary period of inactivity caused by lack of heat in February. Transportation is still a major handicap in meeting the Skeet schedule. One or two officers with their private transportation is all that enabled the squadron to make a showing at all. The Loran school is functioning again and pilots are being scheduled in compliance with PACUSA Reg 50-8. However, the current VD training program has caused conflicting schedules and as a result, the present Loran class has been discontinued. Bombardiers and Navigators are continuing in refresher courses and the bombardiers are being scheduled on the A-6 Bombing Trainer.

3. Capt Weston F. Maughan, who departed for the United States on TDY on 27 January, returned on 23 March with a new A-26C type aircraft, No. 435771. The aircraft has been assigned to this squadron and is a welcome addition. It is hoped that more new aircraft will follow, both for this squadron and for the other squadrons in the Group.

4. A total of 564:55 hours was flown in A-26 type aircraft by pilots assigned and attached to the Eighth Bombardment Squadron during the month of March.

Ralph J. Smith
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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Operations Officer.

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

31 March 1947

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 March 1947.

2. During the month of March 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 personnel is listed as follows:

8th Sqdn. Eng. Officer	Captain B.P. Dysart
Line Maint. Supervisor	1st Lt. W.V. Gable
Line Chief	M/Sgt E.E. Harrison

4. During the month of March Captain R.M. Elam was transferred from this organization and replaced by Captain B.P. Dysart.

5. During the month of March one A-26B and one B-25J were transferred to the 600th Air Engineers for engine changes. One A-26C was received by the Squadron from the ZI.

6. The total flying time for March was five hundred and seventy one hours and fifteen minutes (571:15).

Blair P. Dysart
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Captain, Air Corps
Engineering Officer

EIGHTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
THIRD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
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31 March 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 8th 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 the Eighth Squadron Supply Section is submitted for the month of March, 1947.
2. The following personnel are now assigned to supply :
 - a. Archie Hart. 1st Lt. AC Supply Officer.
 - b. David J Harrigan. Capt. AC Asst Supply Officer.
 - c. Richard E. Baker Pfc. Supply Clerk.
3. The following personnel left this section for the states:
 - a. Robert E. Tull Pfc. Supply Clerk.
4. An Equipment Modification List was made up by the supply section in which changes in the present T.O&E. were recommended. This List will be forwarded to Air Force for further action.
5. The unit property books have been canceled out. This was an order from Air Force. There is a new book being made up and will be kept as a record book. This will list all of the property Cut on M.R. from the Base Supply.
6. The clothing form 32's have all been rechecked and the clothing that is available has been issued.



Archie Hart.
1st. Lt. AC.
Supply Officer.

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

28 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 March, 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:

7 rated (Armorer-Gunners)
3 non-rated

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

4 Combat ready.
3 Advanced training.

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

180 bombs	Type 100 lb. M-38-A2
17 rockets	Type 2.25 Mk-3 Mod. 2
19,000 rounds	Type 50 Cal.

6. The flying time accomplished by the rated armorer-gunners for the month of March, 1947 was 43 hours, (43:00).

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

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

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

31 March 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Personal Equipment
TO : Historical Officer, 3rd Bombardment Group (L)

1. In compliance with Regulation Number 45-1, Headquarters 314 Composite Wing, dated 17 December 1945, the following summary of events of the Personal Equipment Section for the month of March 1947 is submitted.

2. All normal functions of Personal Equipment were accomplished.

a. Several lectures on Personal Equipment were given at the Squadron safety meetings.

b. A parachute storage locker was built in the Personal Equipment room. New parachute lockers were ordered built to be placed in Squadron Operations.

c. All 5 man life rafts were removed from aircraft and either salvaged or stored.

3. The following personnel are now assigned to the Personal Equipment Section:

1st Lt. William S. Neighbors	P. E. Officer
FFC Junior W. Watson	Parachute Rigger and Repairman

William S. Neighbors
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1st Lt. Air Corps
P. E. Officer

8TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
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31 March 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 March, 1947.

2. During the month of March there was one change in personnel in the Communications Section. Pfc. William C. Waterbury was transferred to the 4th Replacement Depot for shipment to the Zone of The Interior and eventual discharge from the service.

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

2nd Lt. George A. Rolby.....Communications Officer
Pfc. Everette J. Kindred.....Communications Technician

4. The consolidated workshop which is now being utilized by the communications sections of the 8th, 13th, and 90th Squadrons is producing very satisfactory results. No unusual occurrences or difficulties were encountered during the month of March. All routine inspections and 1st and 2nd echelon 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.

George A. Rolby

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2nd Lt., Air Corps
Communications Officer