

SUMMARIES OF EVENTS

8TH SQUADRON

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

31 May 1947

SUBJECT: Roster of Assigned Personnel

TO : Historical Officer
Yokota Army Air Base
APO 328

Following is a roster of all assigned personnel of this organization.

Major John J. Ruetters	S/Sgt William H. Richards
Captain Blain P. Dysart	S/Sgt Richard Wilson
Captain David J. Harrigan	Sgt Robert E. Bertelmann
Captain Alfred E. Hodgkinson	Sgt Kelsie R. Calhoun
Captain Weston F. Maughan	Sgt Amos Caskey
1st Lt Dixon P. Griffith	Sgt Joe W. Creech
1st Lt Bill R. Hablinski	Sgt Walter H. Coddington
1st Lt William S. Neighbors	Sgt Wade C. Goode
1st Lt Dwight E. Turner	Sgt Bill Graddick
1st Lt Ralph J. Smith	Sgt David M. Jones
1st Lt Paul L. Wyatt	Sgt Manuel C. Lapera
1st Lt John P. Younger	Sgt Carl R. Nilson
2d Lt George A. Rolby	Sgt George J. Reese
	Sgt Edwin T. Malady
M/Sgt Franklin J. Allen	Cpl Kenneth M. Afuso
M/Sgt Archie A. Atherton	Cpl Richard E. Baker
M/Sgt Joseph S. Golden	Cpl Ralph A. Birdsell
M/Sgt Ernest E. Harrison	Cpl Harold J. Burke
M/Sgt Kenneth S. Harrison	Cpl Douglas E. Clevenger
M/Sgt Jerome Holub	Cpl Hugh A. Conner
M/Sgt Robert N. Jones	Cpl Louis Darienzo, Jr.
M/Sgt Robert S. Mosier	Cpl Ralph Delk
M/Sgt Lawrence P. Phillips	Cpl Herbert V. Donahue, Jr.
T/Sgt Robert L. Berlinsky	Cpl Richard H. Ellis
T/Sgt Edward H. Burton	Cpl Joe A. Gladden
T/Sgt Barney Johnson	Cpl Glenn Goodlet
T/Sgt Everett W. Livingston	Cpl Walter F. Howse
T/Sgt John L. Lynch	Cpl Milton J. Jacobs
T/Sgt Robert M. McCollum	Cpl John F. Kolb
T/Sgt Harvey B. Parkhill	Cpl David Low
T/Sgt Noble C. Tharp	Cpl Frank Martino
S/Sgt John R. Anderson, Jr.	Cpl Jarvis L. McAllister
S/Sgt Roger Blaser	Cpl Raymond L. Midkiff
S/Sgt Robert D. Catone	Cpl Edward N. Mills
S/Sgt Donald St. C. Farnsworth	Cpl Donald R. Morgan
S/Sgt Joseph F. Kassay	Cpl William A. Ness
S/Sgt John D. Loesch	Cpl Daniel Radanovic
S/Sgt Paul Matthews	Cpl William E. Reynolds
S/Sgt Thomas E. McMenamin	Cpl Udell G. Segal
S/Sgt Robert H. Muraschi	Cpl Kenneth R. Shrader
S/Sgt Harry D. Powers	Cpl Donald E. Stewart

ROSTER OF ASSIGNED PERSONNEL (8TH SQ) (CONT'D)

Cpl Herbert B. Stimmell
Cpl Leo F. Switter
Cpl Eugene I. Taylor
Pfc William M. Aiken
Pfc Harry W. Allen
Pfc David W. Baker
Pfc Oral T. Bartoe
Pfc James T. Bartlow
Pfc John L. Bourque
Pfc Clarence D. Boyer
Pfc Robert M. Burns
Pfc Floyd K. Clark
Pfc Arthur G. Cochran
Pfc Henry A. Day
Pfc Walter I. Everage
Pfc Donald E. Finney
Pfc Edward G. Harris
Pfc Marshall E. Hirvela
Pfc Joseph B. Irwin
Pfc Richard D. Jones
Pfc Joseph V. Kendall
Pfc Peter Llanas
Pfc Harold Lowe
Pfc Owen Masiongale
Pfc Carroll M. Ricks
Pfc Clarence C. Ross
Pfc Charles C. Spiker
Pfc Francisco A. Vasquez
Pfc Junior W. Watson
Pfc Thomas R. Sharp
Pvt Vernon M. Bobbitt
Pvt Frank R. Gonzalez
Pvt James E. Kerns
Pvt Walter L. Rickman

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

31 May 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 May 1947.

2. Key personnel are assigned as follows:

Major	John J. Ruetters	Commanding Officer
Captain	Alfred E. Hodgkinson	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.	Dwight E. Turner	Armament Officer
1st Lt.	William S. Neighbors	Communications Officer

During the month of May the squadron added two officers, Capt Maughan and Lt Griffith, and nine enlisted men to its roster, and lost five officers and twelve enlisted men to the following places:

Captain	Riker S. Van Arsdall	trfd to Zone of Interior
1st Lt.	Norman H. Britt	trfd to MARANA, Marianas Islands
1st Lt.	Robert L. Galloway	deceased
1st Lt.	Archie Hart, Jr	trfd to 608th AES, Yokota AAB
2nd Lt.	Sidney B. Rossiter	trfd to Zone of Interior
1/Sgt.	Robert L. Monk	trfd to Zone of Interior
Cpl.	Robert M. Berntson	"
Cpl.	Frank Grisanti	"
Cpl.	Ralph H. Runge	"
Cpl.	Forrest H. Umbenhauer	deceased

Pfc.	Carl A. Battersby	trfd to Zone of Interior
Pfc.	Kenneth V. Harris	"
Pfc.	Ralph J. King	trfd to 65th AES, Yokota AAB
Pfc.	William M. Ratberg	trfd to Zone of Interior
Pfc.	James R. Shubert	trfd to Zone of Interior
Pfc.	Howard J. Weller	"
Pvt.	Fred W. Meyer	trfd to 600th AES, Yokota AAB

a. On May 29 the squadron was shocked and saddened by the loss of 1st Lt. Robert L. Calloway and Cpl. Forrest H. Umbenhauer when their aircraft crashed on the north end of Yokota airdrome after being struck by another A-26. Lt. Calloway was a very capable officer and pilot and Cpl. Umbenhauer--better known as "Dutch"--was an excellent crew chief as well as being one of the better softball players of the organization. Their presence will be missed by their brother officers and men.

b. 1st Sgt. Mcak left for the United States during the month to take advantage of an eighty-two day reenlistment furlough. In his absence M/Sgt. Allen has been assigned from Base Hq & Hq Sq and is capably handling the duties of 1st Sgt. M/Sgt Mosier has been assigned as an operations clerical specialist and M/Sgt Phillips has been assigned as a communications specialist. Capt. Maughan is back with the organization and assigned as operations officer, while Lt Griffith has been assigned from the 90th Sq to fill the need for an instrument check pilot. One enlisted man is now 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 reflects the changes in squadron strength during the past months:

Rank	Table of Organization		30 April	31 May
Lt Col	1		0	0
Major	1		1	1
Captain	8		4	4
1st Lt.	10		9	7
2nd Lt.	12		2	1
totals	32		16	13
1st Sgt	1	(M/Sgt actg)	1	0
M/Sgt	6		7	9
T/Sgt	18		7	8
S/Sgt	28		10	12
Sgt	18		9	12
Cpl	25		23	30
Pfc	0		44	27
Pvt	20		5	4
totals	116		105	102

a. The following promotions were made during the month:

1	Sergeant	to	Staff Sergeant
2	Corporals	to	Sergeant
12	Privates first class	to	Corporal

A shortage of officers is becoming noticeable, with each officer having several additional duties in addition to his primary duty assignment. However the enlisted manpower situation is improving as men become better trained in their jobs and with gradual progress being made towards attaining T.O. strength. And as many of the men being assigned are experienced in their specialties the efficiency of the various sections is beginning to go up. Now that the last of the AUS men have been replaced it is possible to know more definitely what personnel will be available at any time and to make replacements without interrupting the flow of work. The men who are assigned but not fully qualified are getting on-the-job training and in some cases such as armament and radio are attending specialists schools as well.


4. The 8th Sq. performed its' assigned mission as part of the occupation air forces during May, 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 600th Air Engineer Sq undergoing engine changes. Twenty-five assigned and attached pilots logged 563.05 hours on the squadron A-26s during the period as scheduled by operations. Several surveillance missions over the island of Honshu were completed as scheduled by higher headquarters and a number of other missions were canceled due to poor flying weather. The program of finishing all pilots minimum annual flying requirements has practically been completed and various practice tactical missions are being scheduled once more. Formation flying is again being practiced and several of the pilots have had a chance to get their hand in on the rocket, gunnery, and skip bombing ranges. The bombardiers are attempting to regain their proficiency on the medium altitude bombing range but results so far have been rather negative due to mechanical difficulties. All personnel of the squadron are being familiarized with the cal. 45 pistol and submachine gun on the small arms range, and are attending various orientation classes. A special program is in progress now to have all unqualified armorer gunners attend part time armament and gunnery school being held on the base, with the object of completing combat crews by June 30.

5. The usual troubles have remained to plague the squadron this month. --- Transportation on the whole is improving but at times the lack of vehicles still hinders work. --- Engineering Section still has trouble in getting sufficient replacement parts and up-to-date technical orders. Tech order compliance kits are just now being received which were issued a year ago to organizations in the States. Percentage of aircraft in commission is increasing though since several necessary engine changes have been completed and as more experienced men are assigned. --- Radio equipment isn't in top shape at present due to the lack of skilled personnel and parts. But communications are expected to improve since an experienced technician has been assigned. --- The dependent housing situation is still a sore subject. In spite of everyones efforts no one seems to be able to say just when their families will

get here. It is believed that both officers and men would be much more contented if told definitely what they could or could not expect and plan on.

6. Softball is the main item on the list of extracircular activities these days. Our enlisted men's team is managing to hold its own and the officers team is maintaining the reputation of the 8th. The officers ego received a shot in the arm in a game with Hq, 3rd Bomb Gp. by finally breaking a deadlock and winning a game 7 to 5 in the 14th inning. Golfers are coming more into evidence on sunny days along with an ever increasing number of camera fans. The Japanese rainy season is upon us now and makes life a bit damp at times, but generally the weather has been fair and temperatures have held very moderate so that people no longer have to worry about coping with these unpredictable Japanese heating systems.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER


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

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

31 May 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 May 1947.

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

Capt Weston F. Maughan	Operations Officer
1st Lt Ralph J. Smith	Ass't Operations Officer
M/Sgt Robert S. Mosier	Operations Specialist
Pfc Walter I. Everage	Operations Clerk

a. During the month, Capt Maughan and Pfc Everage replaced Lt John P. Younger and Pfc Joseph Irwin as Operations Officer and Clerk, respectively. The latter two were transferred to another section in the squadron. M/Sgt Mosier was a new addition to the squadron, from the Phillipines.

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

- 10 Pilots
- 2 Navigator-Bombardiers
- 1 Navigator
- 9 Gunners

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

- 15 Pilots
- 1 Bombardier
- 1 Gunnery Officer.

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

Capt Riker VanArsdall	4th Repl Depot
1st Lt Norman Britt	Guam
1st Lt Robert Galloway	Deceased (29 May)
1st Lt Archie Hart	608 AES
2nd Lt Sidney Rossiter	4th Repl Depot

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

Capt Weston Maughan from Hq Squadron, Third Bomb Gp.
1st Lt Dixon Griffith from the 90th Bomb Squadron.

4. Again in May the primary mission has been the accomplishing of minimum requirements set forth in AAF Reg 60-2. At the close of the month less than 55 hours remain to be flown to complete the minimum requirements of all pilots flying with this squadron. With the goal of completion in sight, it has been possible to allot time for other training. Rocket, strafing, and bombing missions have been flown at the Mito range. Two medium altitude bombing missions were conducted during the month, but faulty equipment and poor visibility in the nose of the aircraft have hampered this program. New training has included long range cruises, familiarization with fields in the local area and a small amount of actual instrument flying. Ground training continues, pilots in Loran, and Navigators and Bombardiers in refresher courses. Officers are also getting time in the Link and Bombing Trainers. All personnel are being scheduled for small arms firing. Transportation is becoming available for the Skeet range but a shortage of assigned personnel makes it difficult to meet such a heavy schedule. The addition of M/Sgt Mosier has helped a great deal in Operations. The presence of a qualified specialist should permit the Operations Officers to spend more time on other duties, such as flying and Squadron Navigator's duties.

5. There was one fatal accident during the month. On 29 May, 1st Lt Robert L. Galloway, on a test flight, was sent around by the tower operator. Another A-26, a 13th Squadron aircraft, pulled up abruptly on his take-off and collided with the tail of Lt Galloway's ship, causing it to nose into the runway. Lt Galloway and the crew chief, Cpl Forrest H. Umbenhauer, were both killed instantly. The 13th Squadron ship made a successful belly landing a few minutes later.

6. On 5 May, Capt Hodkinson and Lt Britt, who departed for the U.S. on 27 January, returned with a new A-26C type aircraft, number 44-35792. The plane has been assigned to the Eighth Squadron and is a welcome addition.

7. A total of 563:05 hours was flown in A-26 type aircraft of the Eighth Squadron during the month of May 1947.

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

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

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31 May 1947

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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 2 December 1946, the following summary of events for the Engineering section is submitted for the month of May 1947.

2. The key personnel is listed as follows:

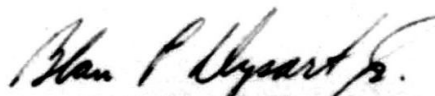
Captain Blan P. Dysart Jr.	Engineering Officer
M/Sgt E.E. Harrison	Line Chief

3. Present strength of the section is fifty three (53) enlisted men. Of these, three are on TDY and one is in the hospital. Sixteen men are engaged in "on the job" training.

4. All aircraft of the 8th Squadron remained at Yokota Army Air Base as part of the occupational Air Forces. Security missions were flown each day weather was permissible. During the month of May one A-26B was totally lost due to a mid air collision. 1st Lt. Robert L. Galloway and Cpl. F. Umbenhauer both lost their lives as a result.

5. The supply problem is very critical. Parts and radio equipment replacements are difficult to get. Glass battery sump jars are continually breaking and are impossible to replace.

6. The 8th Squadron has been engaged in extensive night flying. Eighth Squadron aircraft have been utilized several times for long range cruises.


BLAN P. DYSART JR.
Captain, Air Corps
Engineering Officer

8th. Bombardment Squadron
3rd. Bombardment Group (L)
APO 328

31 May 1947

Subject: Monthly Summary of Events, 8th. Bombardment Squadron Supply.

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

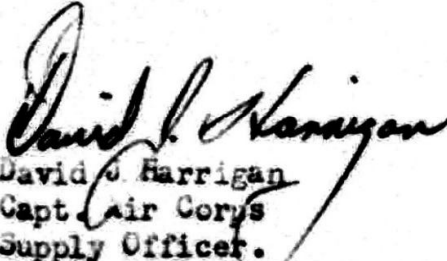
1. In compliance with 314th. Composite Wing regulation 45-1 dated 2 December 1946, and 45-1A dated January 13, 1947. the following summary of events for the 8th. Bombardment Squadron Supply section is submitted for the month of May 1947

2. The following personnel are now assigned to supply:
a. David J Harrigan. Capt. AC. Supply Officer
b. Richard E Baker. Cpl. Supply Clerk
c. Archie Hart 1st. Lt. AC. former assistant supply Officer was transferred out of the Sqdn. and is now working at base supply.

3. Supply is now operating at authorized strength of one Officer and one Enlisted man.

4. During the month this section was inspected by Fifth Air Force Inspectors. Supply was found to be in unsatisfactory condition. Corrective measures, which have been taken, were suggested and Supply is now in satisfactory condition

5. The question of transportation is still causing much trouble which could be avoided if Supply section were given a Vehicle three times a week or more to turn in and pick up equipment at Base Supply.


David J. Harrigan
Capt. Air Corps
Supply Officer.

8th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)
APC 328

29 May 1947

Subject: Monthly Summary of Events, 8th Squadron.

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

1. In compliance with 314th Composite wing Regulation 45-1 dtd 2 December 1946, and 45-1A, dtd 15 January 1947, the following summary of events for the 8th Squadron Personal Equipment Section is submitted for the month of May 1947.


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

- a. Dixon P. Griffith 1st Lt. AC
- b. Herbert V. Donahue Cpl.
- c. Junior W. Watson Pfc.

3. First Lt. Norman H. Britt Personal Equipment Officer was transferred to Guam on permanent change of station. First Lt. Archie Hart Personal Equipment Officer by Voce was transferred to the 608 Material Squadron this Base. First Lt. Dixon P. Griffith was placed on orders as Personal Equipment Officer 26 May 1947.

4. Majority of all winter flying equipment has been picked up and stored. Unserviceable items are to be turned in for salvage. Training in Personal Equipment was accomplished by lecture on Emergency Equipment given by this Section's Personal Equipment Technician Pfc. Watson.

5. Requisitions were filled in part this month. Complete issues are expected by 30 June 1947.


Dixon P. Griffith
1st Lt. Air Corps
Personal Equip. Off.