

**SUMMARIES OF EVENTS**

**90TH SQUADRON**

90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF  
AFO 328

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AG-314.7

28 February 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 90th Bombardment Squadron

TO : Historical Officer, 3rd Bombardment Group (L), AFO 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 90th Bombardment Squadron (L) for the month of February, 1947, is submitted.

2. At the end of February key personnel were:

Major Lewis B. Weigold	Commanding Officer
1st Lt. Frank W. Hayslip	Adjutant
Captain Donald D. Boyle	Operations Officer
Captain James W. Nesbitt	Engineering Officer
Captain Jack P. Smith	Supply Officer
1st Lt Viking R. Lian	Communications Officer
1st Lt Milford G. Dunlop	Personal Equipment Officer
1st Lt James A. Lovat	Armament Officer

The line up showed a gain of two (2) officers and a loss of eight (8) enlisted men for the month. Two experienced, combat ready A-26 Pilots joined the unit, 1st Lts Wayne L. Stephenson and Thomas A. Todd. Also assigned was 1st Lt. Frank W. Hayslip (2161), formerly adjutant of the 3rd Bombardment Group, who filled the vacancy left by the loss of Capt Archibald R. Day, adjutant, killed in an aircraft accident. Also gained was 1st Lt. Eugene A. Klingler (1051). The squadron's Engineering section was bolstered by the assignment of two master sergeants and one technical sergeant, all MOS 750, and a PFC, a 747. However, at month's end re-deployment claimed one 750, a sergeant, and four (4) 747's, two corporals and two PFC's. Also lost were two skilled armorer-gunners, S/Sgt Samuel H. Monella and Sgt Charles A. Groover, both killed with Captain Day. Compared with the previous month the final score read:

28 February  
Officers  
1 Major  
3 Captain  
14 1st Lt  
6 2nd Lt  
24 Total

31 January  
Officers  
1 Major  
4 Captain  
11 1st Lt  
6 2nd Lt  
22 Total

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28 February

Enlisted

3 M/Sgt

3 T/Sgt

9 S/Sgt

3 Sgt

16 Cpl

39 PFC

10 Pvt

31 January

Enlisted

1 M/Sgt

2 T/Sgt

10 S/Sgt

5 Sgt

15 Cpl

46 PFC

12 Pvt

Personnel was the most serious problem confronting the squadron. Out of it grew many more, from aircraft availability deficiencies to transportation shortages and inability to get reports typed. Of eleven clerk-typist authorized but four, all semi-skilled, were assigned, one of which was due to depart for the ZI immediately, another before 30 June. No first Sergeant was assigned. Engineering was short three master sergeant 750's, thirteen technical sergeant 750's, four more 747's in the lower grades. Armament was eleven armorer-gunners below T/O strength. But two bombardier-navigators were assigned, one of whom would be lost immediately, the other before 30 June.

3. In spite of the ball and chain of shortages, personnel and material, the unit's training program progressed. Flying training emphasized formation, bombing, instruments and simulated combat. In addition twelve reconnaissance mission were flown, and pilots filled night flying requirements. All pilots attended classes of instruction in rocket firing, and classes for both armorer-gunners and engineering personnel were held.

4. Morale was up somewhat, though by no means superior. The food served in the mess was the cause of most dissatisfaction. The weather was cold and working conditions on the line could not be comfortable. Indoors the heating system worked fairly regularly though the coal shortage made shut-downs inevitable. Hot water was an on again off again affair. Recreation was the big morale problem. The base theater was showing good pictures, which took up two hours every other night. The remainder of free time was spent reading, writing, sacking, or at NCO clubs or SM Clubs. At month's end it appeared that the SM club might have to be "closed for altercations." On the drawing boards were plans for a new SM club building; wags suggested built-in fox holes. Nearby towns of Fussa, Ome and Mitake were all off-limits, eliminating souvenir shopping excursions as a hobby; however, it was hoped that the VD rate would decline, justifying the minor inconvenience occasioned by the villages being verboten.

5. The vista was not too foreboding in spite of expected personnel losses. There was the promise of more top ranking non-coms being assigned, including a first sergeant. The squadron had eleven A-26's and two B-25's assigned, and the Engineering Section dreamed of seeing them all flying at once. ("Give a dog off that before you throw it away.")

Cont'd Monthly Summary of Events

Pilot proficiency promised soon to approach 100% combat readiness. The limiting factor on flying operational effectiveness was the number of gunners available to make up combat crews. Their acquisition would see the 90th ready to fight again - - provided it had the airplanes and the personnel to maintain them.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

*Russell R. Stanbro*  
RUSSELL R. STANBRO  
2nd Lt., Air Corps  
Historical Officer

90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF  
APO 328

28 February 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 90th 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 Operations Section is submitted for the month of February, 1947.

2. Personnel

a. During the month of February Operations personnel were as follows:

Capt.	Donald D. Doyle	Operations Officer
Capt.	Jack P. Smith	Ass't Operations Officer
1st Lt.	William L. Ford	Ass't Operations Officer
Pfc.	Gustave W. Angelo	Clerk

b. The changes in personnel during the month was the loss of Operations clerk, Pfc Louis Galardo.

3. The following officers were transferred into the Squadron:

1st Lt.	Thomas T. Todd
1st Lt.	Eugene A. Klingler

4. The Squadron still has only eleven A-26 and two B-25 type aircraft. One A-26 was gained during the month but another crashed and was a total loss. One B-25 is reserved for tow target work while the other is used for instrument work and transition for pilots who are checking out in the A-26.

5. a. During the month instrument work and night flying have been scheduled so as to give the pilots two hours of each. One assigned and two attached pilots who have had no time in the A-26 are being given ten hours transition in the B-25 prior to checking out in the A-26. At present all but five of attached and assigned pilots have valid instrument cards. Three of these five men have been flying with the Squadron only a short time.

b. During the month 12 reconnaissance flights were flown for a total of 31 hours and 35 minutes. These missions were all flown at minimum altitude over the island of Henshu.

c. The remainder of the training was conducted with the following time accomplished in each phase: 42 hours and 30 minutes of transition; 91 hours and 50 minutes of formation; 9 hours of navigation; 48 hours of instruments; 48 hours and 15 minutes of bombing; 30 hours and 10 minutes of gunnery; 25 hours and 40 minutes of night; 49 hours and 10 minutes of simulated combat.

6. Ground training continued with all pilots going to a class in rocket firing. Link trainer time was cut down due to cold weather and the inadequacy of the heating facilities. Lack of transportation hindered the skeet schedule. Whether the skeet schedule could be met or not depended on operations luck at getting one of the few taxi jeeps. Ground training for the enlisted men consisted of a course for prospective armorer gunners and a course for engineering personnel on how to fill out and maintain Form 41 B's.

7. Administration work in the operations has been running smoothly but the loss of Pfc Galarde has been keenly felt. All of the Form 5's have been changed over to the new type. Regulations and Memos are reaching this section in dribbles but the supply is still far from adequate.

8. The no fatality record of the 90th Squadron was marred on the 18 February 1947 when Captain Archibald Day crashed in aircraft number 44-34231 while on an air strike mission. Captain Day and two armorer gunners, S/Sgt Samuel H. Monella and Sgt. Charles A. Groover were killed instantly. The Squadron has lost one of its finer pilots and two of the best gunners in the Group. The loss was felt by all.

*William L. Ford*  
WILLIAM L. FORD  
1st Lt. Air Corps  
Ass't Operations Officer

OFFICE OF 90TH ENGINEERING  
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF  
APO 328

28 February 1947

SUBJECT : Monthly Summary of Events, Engineering Section  
TO : Historical Officer, 3rd Bomb Group (L) APO 328

1. In compliance with Regulation Number 45-1, Headquarters 314th Wing, dated 2 December 1946 the following summary of events of the Engineering Section for the month of February 1947 is submitted.

2. Key Personnel for the month were:

Capt J. W. Nesbitt	Engineering Officer
1st Lt. S. C. Smith	Ass't Engineering Officer
1st Lt. D. A. Jones	Ass't Engineering Officer
1st Lt. E. A. Klingler	Ass't Engineering Officer
2nd Lt. L. Jackson	Ass't Engineering Officer
2nd Lt. C. V. Gibson	Tech Supply Officer
M/Sgt. M. J. Chappell	Line Chief

3. There are at present, six officers assigned to Engineering Lt. Klingler was assigned during the month. During the month four men were assigned to the section. These men have previous experience. They are M/Sgt. Johnson, M/Sgt. Merchant, T/Sgt. Scogin, and Pfc. McDevitt.

The following named men were lost during the month: Sgt. Carter, Cpl Krueger, Cpl. Kissinger, Pfc Kamarath, Pfc Grabill Pfc. Gan, and Pfc Pagano. The section has at present, 37 EM.

4. During the month the section gained one aircraft; A-26B #44-34274. One airplane was lost due to crash; A-26B, #44-34231. There are now a total of 11 A-26's and 2 B-25's assigned.

5. During the month the following special missions were flown: A Group Mission on naval surface vessels, a two day period of maneuvers in conjunction with the 1st Cavalry, and the maximum effort each Friday as scheduled by Group Operations.

The Squadron survived a Wing Inspection on the 5th and 6th of February. The discrepancies were minor. The forms 41-B, 60A, and 60B were the chief items on the delinquencies.

6. As a result of the inspection a school on forms was held by the Engineering Office and the Technical Inspector. The Group organized a similar school during the later part of the month.

7. The supply problem is still discouraging. The flow of supplies is slow and tedious. As yet no stock level has been set up by Base Air Corps Supply.

*James W. Nesbitt*  
JAMES W. NESBITT  
Captain, Air Corps  
Engineering Officer



90th Bombardment Squadron (L)  
3rd Bombardment Group (L)  
APO 328

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28 February 1947

SUBJECT : Monthly Summary of Events, Supply Section

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

1. In compliance with 314th Wing Regulation Number 45-1, dated 2 December 1946 and 45-1A dated 13 January 1947, the following summary of events of the Supply Section, 90th Bombardment Squadron (L) is submitted.

2. During the month of February the following changes were made in the Supply personnel. 1st Lt. Frank H. Spain received orders transferring him to FEAF. Captain Jack P. Smith was put on orders as the Squadron Supply Officer.

3. Personnel of this section at present are as follows:

Captain Jack P. Smith	Supply Officer
1st Lt. Dixon P. Griffith	Ass't Supply Off
Pfc. Peter P. Pavelek	Supply Clerk

4. During the month of February activities of the 90th Squadron Supply have progressed normally. All EM are 95% fully equipped. Poor transportation continues to hamper proper functioning of Supply. Lack of storage space also reduces our efficiency. Requests for extra space have been submitted.

5. TO & E has moved into fair shape this month. Change over from initial issue to MR's has necessitated extra paper work. There is still only a limited supply of property available.

*Jack P. Smith*  
JACK P. SMITH  
Captain, Air Corps  
Supply Officer

ARMAMENT SECTION  
90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
APO 328

JAL/njv

28 February 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events

TO : Historical Officer, 90th Bombardment  
Squadron (L), APO 328

1. In compliance with 3rd Bombardment Group (L) Letter, dated 22 January 1947, the following summary of events is submitted for the month of February.

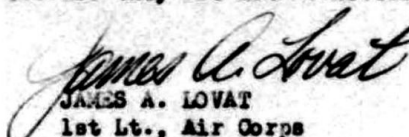
2. Key personnel at the end of the month included:

1st Lt. J. A. Lovat	Armament Officer
1st Lt. F. P. Fitzgerald	Asst. Armament Officer
S/Sgt R. T. Miller	Section Chief
S/Sgt H. V. Messer	Flight Chief
S/Sgt R. K. Sykes	Flight Chief
Sgt E. Napier	Flight Chief

Three (3) men were missing at the months end. S/Sgt Samuel H. Monella and Sgt. Charles A. Groover were killed in an aircraft accident and Cpl. C. Spangler was transferred to the 600th Engineering Squadron. One (1) man Cpl. K. Q. Bean was assigned to this section. S/Sgt L. S. Benedict is once more on TDY to Johnson AAB. Total strength of section is now nine (9) men.

3. The work accomplished during the month was mostly routine. 36, 895 rounds of Cal. 50 ammunition and 194 practice bombs were expended. The entire section attended rocket loading classes.

4. Handicaps were routine also. The shortage of armorer-gunners leaves very few men on the ground during the flying periods, and parts that are ordered are never seen because they are not available.

  
JAMES A. LOVAT  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Armament Officer

90TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF  
APO 328

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28 February 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, Personal Equipment  
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 15 January 1947, the following summary of events for the Personal Equipment Section for the month of February 1947 is submitted.

2. Key personnel were:

1st Lt. Milford G. Dunlop	Personal Equipment Officer
PFC Clarence W. Griffith	Personal Equipment Tech.
PFC Edward Sedlacek	Parachute Rigger

3. Most of the month's activities were routine. Eighteen (18) parachutes were condemned during the month. All write ups made by inspectors were corrected except the reference to inadequate space; truly quarters are very cramped. The necessity for providing storage for fifteen (15) additional 5-man life rafts creates a very difficult situation. Additional storage space has been requested.

*Milford G. Dunlop*  
MILFORD G. DUNLOP  
1st Lt., Air Corps  
Personal Equipment Officer

90TH. BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)  
3RD. BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF  
APO 328

28 February 1947

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary of Events, 90th. Squadron  
Personnel 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 13th. January 1947, the following summary of events for the Communications Section is submitted for the month of February, 1947.

2. During the month of February this department moved to a new location and is sharing a consolidated workshop with the Communications Sections of the 8th. and 13th. Squadrons. The equipment for the workshop is furnished by the Service Group along with three additional men to each Squadron to help carry out the work that is required of the squadrons.. This has helped to eliminate a lot of the maintenance difficulties that have been experienced in the past.

The 90th. Squadron lost one aircraft this past month due to a crash and has acquired another leaving the squadron with 11 A-26's and 2 B-25's.

3. During the month of February there were a few changes in the personnel in the Communications Section. PFC Thornton was relieved of his duties and sent to the 4th. Replacement Depot to be returned to the Zone of the Interior on the 25th. of the month to be discharged. PFC McGann was placed on TDY to the Radio School in Tokyo and is expected to return on or about the 10th. of March 1947.

4. At the close of the month the personnel in the 90th. Squadron Communications Section is as follows.

1. 1st. Lt. Viking H. Lian \*\*\*\*\* Communications Officer
2. PFC Kenneth A. McGann \*\*\*\*\* Communications Technician