



89TH ATTACK SQUADRON

FEBRUARY 1944

89TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)
3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

APO 713, Unit 1,
18 Mar 44.

UNIT HISTORY FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

1. Changes in organization: No changes.
2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - (a) 1st of month: Officers: 37
Enlisted Men: 234
 - (b) Net increases or decrease each month: Increase: Officers: 3
Enlisted Men: 14
 - (c) End of month: Officers: 40
Enlisted Men: 248
3. Stations (perm or temp) of units or parts thereof, (Show place and APO NO.):
 - (a) Date of arrival at each station:
May 20, 1943, arrived at Dobodura, N.G., APO 503.
February 3, 1944, arrived at Nadzab, N.G., APO 713, Unit 1.
 - (b) Date of departure from each station:
February 3, 1944, departed from Dobodura, N.G., APO 503.
4. Training:
 - (a) Aircraft, numbers, types, serviceable and not. 1st of month and end of month:

A20G - 16 planes, 16 serviceable, 1 Feb 44.
A20G - 23 planes, 23 serviceable, 29 Feb 44.
 - (b) Number of trained and untrained pilots and crews, number of crews, etc:
Trained Pilots: 25 on 1 Feb 44; 29 on 29 Feb 44.
Trained Crews : 25 on 1 Feb 44; 29 on 29 Feb 44.
Untrained Pilots and Crews: None.
 - (c) Policies for training pilots and crews: Bombing and strafing practice carried out on island in local lake. Daily formation flying.
 - (d) Remarks (or other pertinent data): None.
5. Group Commanding Officers: No Change.
6. Squadron Commanding Officers: No Change.

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7. Outstanding missions:

- (a) Type: Routine Mission.
- (b) Target and location: Wewak, New Guinea.
- (c) *Supporting what campaign and/or battle?
- (d) Date: 6 February, 1944.
- (e) Number and types of aircraft used: 12 A-20G.
- (f) Number and weight of bombs and ammunition expended: 38 x 500 Lb. bombs- 19,000 pounds; 13,780 rounds .50 calibre ammunition.

- (1) Dropped on target: All bombs in target area.
- (2) Jettisoned: None.
- (3) Brought back: None.

(g) Interception:

- (1) No. and types of enemy planes: None.
- (2) Method of attack: None.
- (3) Results to enemy planes: None.

- (h) Results obtained: 18 barges, 3 Luggers, 1 Sugar Charlie bombed and strafed, 2 fuel fires started and machine gun positions silenced.

- (a) Type: Routine Mission.
- (b) Target and location: Dagua Airdrome, Wewak, New Guinea.
- (c) *Supporting what campaign and/or battle?
- (d) Date: 14 February, 1944.
- (e) Number and types of aircraft used: 10 A-20G.
- (f) Number and weight of bombs and ammunition expended: 78 x 100 Lb. bombs- 7,800 pounds; 12,985 rounds .50 calibre ammunition.

- (1) Dropped on target: All bombs in target area.
- (2) Jettisoned: None.
- (3) Brought back: None.

(g) Interception:

- (1) No. and types of enemy planes: 12 Zekes.
- (2) Method of attack: From 3 and 6 O'clock.
- (3) Results to enemy planes: None.

- (h) Results obtained: 2 lily's, 1 Sally destroyed on ground, 6 Tonys, 2 Zekes, and 7 unserviceable planes damaged; Machine gun positions silenced and gas dumps set on fire.

- (a) Type: Routine Mission.
- (b) Target and location: Kavieng, New Ireland.
- (c) *Supporting what campaign and/or battle?
- (d) Date: 15 February, 1944.
- (e) Number and types of aircraft used: 12 A-20G.

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(f) Number and weight of bombs and ammunition expended: 44 x 500 Lb. bombs- 22,000 pounds; 8,400 rounds .50 calibre ammunition expended.

- (1) Dropped on target: All bombs in target area.
- (2) Jettisoned: None.
- (3) Brought back: None.

(g) Interception:

- (1) No. and types of enemy planes: None
- (2) Method of attack: None.
- (3) Results to enemy planes: None.

(h) Results obtained: Direct hits on 1 Sugar Charlie, 1 Sugar Baker, and 1 Fox Tare Charlie; gas drums on jetty; China Town; Kavieng Town, Nusa Island, Musauk Island; Selapin Island, causing fires and explosions.

(a) Type: Routine mission.

(b) Target and location: But Airdrome, Newak, New Guinea.

(c) *Supporting what campaign and/or battle?

(d) Date: 24 February, 1944.

(e) Number and types of aircraft used: 10 A-20G.

(f) Number and weight of bombs and ammunition expended: 27 x 500 Lb. bombs- 13,500 pounds; 6,890 rounds .50 calibre ammunition expended.

- (1) Dropped on target: All bombs in target area.
- (2) Jettisoned: None.
- (3) Brought back: None.

(g) Interception:

- (1) No. and types of enemy planes: None.
- (2) Method of attack: None.
- (3) Results to enemy planes: None.

(h) Results obtained: 1 direct hit on loaded barge and 9 loaded barges strafed. 9 twin engined planes and 5 fighters strafed. A/A positions silenced, supplies strafed, and entire area damaged.

* All missions in support of New Guinea Campaign.

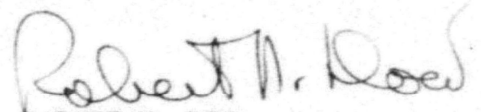
8. Enemy aircraft and shipping:

(a) Destroyed: Aircraft: 24 on ground; in air: None.
Shipping: 31 Barges, 3 Luggers, 5 Sugar Charlies bombed and strafed.

(b) Probably destroyed: Aircraft: None.

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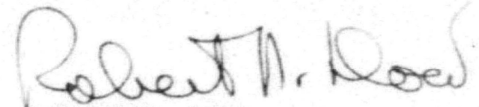
9. Losses in action, officers, enlisted men, and aircraft: None.
10. Present members who distinguished themselves in action:
 - (a) Engagement or mission: None.
 - (b) Names: None.
 - (c) Action: None.
 - (d) Awards: Distinguished Flying Cross for 50 combat missions.
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11. Photographs of personnel, important scenes of events, etc. of airdromes, aircraft, targets, enemy shipping, etc: None available.
12. Narrative report: See attached sheet.


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