

Monthly
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HISTORY



JULY 1945

HISTORY OF THE 89TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

PERIOD

(1-31 July 1945)

89TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

3RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L)

310TH BOMBARDMENT WING

V BOMBER COMMAND

FIFTH AIR FORCE

UNITED STATES ARMY

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C O M B A T N A R R A T I V E

CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE
COMBAT NARRATIVE
JULY 1945

During the month of July 1945 the 89th Bombardment Squadron (L) conducted two propaganda leaflet drop missions over Luzon and participated in five minimum altitude attacks against Japanese installations in Formosa. A total of 24 combat sorties were flown, 18 tons of bombs were dropped, 72 bundles of propaganda leaflets were dropped and 33,500 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended in strafing. (1). During July the first A-26 missions were flown and only two missions were flown to Luzon because there was nothing more than mopping up operations.

At the start of July 1945 the 89th Squadron had a total of fifteen A-20s and three A-26s. Two A-20s were lost through transfer and three A-26s were received through transfer so by the end of the month the Squadron had a total of thirteen A-20s and six A-26s. 148:05 combat hours were flown during the month, or a total of 517:10 total hours. A training program was carried out during July which included six practice bombing missions, three practice strafing missions and four practice gunnery missions for the gunners. There were also numerous transition flights in the A-26s. (2)

The first mission of the month was a Japanese surrender leaflet drop from Bontoc to Kiangan in northern Luzon on 5 July. Six A-20s dropped 36 bundles of leaflets in one pass from northwest to southeast along highway #4. No bombs were carried and no ammunition was expended. (3)

On 6 July one A-26 of the 89th Squadron with five other A-26s from the 3rd Bombardment Group conducted the first A-26 mission over Formosa. The target was the Taito railroad yards at Taito, Formosa. Two three-plane passes were made from north north east to south south west at minimum altitude. One A-26 dropped 6 x 500 lb. 4-5 second delay parademos through the railroad yards and the southwest part of Taito town, scoring several hits in the yards. Damage was unassessable due to excessive dust and smoke over the target. 2,000 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition was expended in strafing. (4)

The target for eight A-26s from the 3rd Group, two of which were 89th Squadron planes, on 9 July was targets #4, #5, #6, #7 and #9 at Karenko, eastern Formosa. Both A-26s of the 89th reached the target dropping 12 x 500 lb. 4-5 second delay parademos and strafing all targets with 4000 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition. Two bombs were dropped on a 60-75 foot motor launch on the beach 3000 feet north of target #4, definitely destroying it. Several hits were scored on buildings in target #6, #7 and #9. The entire target was well covered by bomb blasts and from five to seven fires. (5)

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- (1) See Ord. Apt., Appendix Page (30) (4) FFO 187-A-9 Appendix Page ()
(2) See Opn. Apt., Appendix Page (28) (5) FFO 190-B-4 Appendix Page ()
(3) FFO 186-E-2 Appendix Page ()

Combat Narrative, July 1945, Cont'd.

The mission for 12 July was for nine A-26s, three from the 89th Squadron, to attack the Tamazato railroad yards in eastern Formosa. The three 89th Squadron planes reached the target making one pass from north to south in three plane elements and dropped 36 x 250 lb. 4-5 second delay parademos in the target. The planes damaged or destroyed buildings in the repair shop west of the target, scored hits on several box cars in the rail yard and damaged several warehouses. After the attack large fires with smoke rising to 500 feet were observed. The entire target and adjacent areas were strafed with 10,000 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition. This mission was well executed with the bombing being particularly effective. (6)

On 13 July three A-26s of the 89th Squadron, with five A-26s from other Squadrons of the 3rd Group, again attacked Karenko, Formosa. This time the three planes dropped 36 x 250 lb. 4-5 second delay parademos on the railroad yards in one three plane pass from north north west to south south east. Damage was inflicted on several cars in the rail yard and on buildings in the east and west sides of the rail yard. 7,500 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition were expended in strafing. The entire railroad yard and adjacent areas were thoroughly covered with smoke and dust. (7)

Another Japanese surrender leaflet drop mission was flown on 14 July by six A-20s of this Squadron. 36 bundles of leaflets were dropped in the Kanon River Valley, five miles due west of Batangan Village in the Infanta Area, Luzon. All planes made one single plane pass from south to north dropping the surrender leaflets where the ground station wanted them. No bombs were carried and no ammunition was expended. (8)

The last mission of the month was flown on 14 July by nine A-26s of the 3rd Group. Once again there were three 89th Squadron A-26s which participated in this Group strike against the Taiharo sugar refinery in Taiharo, eastern Formosa. 36 x 250 lb. 4-5 second delay parademos were dropped in one pass from south to north over the refinery and adjacent warehouses, storage tanks and building areas. A large warehouse 900 feet south of the mill exploded with a large orange flame and then gave out a large column of black smoke. Several other fires were started in the mill area. One direct hit in the center of the sugar mill caused an explosion with debris rising to 200 to 300 feet. A low round storage tank just west of the mill exploded with high flames and rolling white smoke. The entire area was well strafed with 10,000 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition. Several buildings south of the target were severely damaged by strafing. The results of this mission were very devastating and together with the other four missions against Formosa have proven the value of the A-26. It carries an adequate bomb load, is very well equipped for strafing with its fourteen forward firing machine guns, has nearly the speed of a pursuit plane and has a radius of action of at least 800 miles. Great things are expected of the A-26 in the future. (9)

(6) FFO 193-a-3 Appendix Page () (8) FFO 195-a-2 Appendix Page ()
(7) FFO 194-a-2 Appendix Page () (9) FFO 195-a-1 Appendix Page ()

Combat Narrative, July 1945, Cont'd.

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HISTORY OF THE 89TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON

Period

(1-31 July 1945)

OUTLINE OF FACTS

a. Original Unit	Not applicable
b. Changes in Organization	Pp 5-6
c. Strength	Pp 6
d. Stations	Pp 5
e. Number of Sorties	Pp 1, Pp 28
f. Bombs dropped and ammunition fired	Pp 1
g. Aerial attacks on our ground installations	Not applicable
h. Ground battles engaged in by unit	Not applicable
i. Losses in action	None
j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action	Pp 7
k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes, or events	Pp 11, Pp 15-19
l. Other relevant statistical data	Pp 20-27

A D M I N I S T R A T I V E A C T I V I T I E S

CHRONOLOGICAL NARRATIVE
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES
JULY 1945

The 89th Bombardment Squadron (L) was stationed at APO 321 during the month of July 1945. On 25 July the water echelon left APO 321 and arrived at APO 337 on 6 August. The air echelon remained at APO 321 until 7 August.

The following is a list of the Squadron Departments and officers in charge:

Commanding Officer	Major Walter S. King
Executive Officer	Capt. Mason A. Copeland
Asst. Adjutant	Capt. William Bauer
Operations Officer	Capt. Douglas B. Hughmanick
Asst. Operations Officer	Capt. Peter G. Falmos
Engineering and Tech Supply Officer	Capt. Homer Vorel
Asst. Engineering and Tech Supply Officer	Capt. Lawrence Farnum
Communications and Personal Equipment Officer	Capt. William Bauer
Medical Officer	Capt. Edward Martin
Armament Officer	Capt. John MacArthur
Asst. Armament Officer	1st Lt. James H. Bouvet
Intelligence Officer	1st Lt. Hans G. Walz
Asst. Intelligence Officer	1st Lt. Donald G. Heet
Ordnance and Transportation Officer	1st Lt. Frank Brown
Supply and Mess Officer	1st Lt. James H. Bouvet

The flight leaders (not including the Commanding Officer, Operations Officer and Asst. Operations Officer) as of 1 August 1945 are as follows: Capt. Robert L. Strouse, 1st Lt. Harvey O. Truesdale, 1st Lt., William M. Morgan, 1st Lt. Robert L. Mosley, 1st Lt. Donald B. Kester and 1st Lt. Florindo D. DiCicco.

1st Lt. Frank A. Brown was appointed Class "A" Agent for the purpose of paying officers and enlisted men of this squadron for the month of June 1945. (1)

Pfc's John Lacy and William D. Hamilton were assigned to this squadron effective 22 June. (2)

The following named enlisted men of this squadron were promoted as follows effective 7 July: S/Sgt. Zimmerman to T/Sgt.; Sgts Chapman and Hefferman to S/Sgt.; Cpls. Goldbeck and Worshill to Sgt; and Pfc's Anderson and Cooper to Cpl. (3)

Pfc. Ross B. Bellue was assigned to this squadron effective 27 June. (4)

(1) SO# 47, 3rd B.G., App. Page (20)

(2) SO# 48, 3rd B.G., App. Page (21)

(3) SO# 49, 3rd B.G., App. Page (22)

(4) SO# 50, 3rd B.G., App. Page (23)

Chronological Narrative, Administrative Activities, July 1945, Cont'd.

The following named enlisted men were transferred in grade to this squadron effective 26 June 1945: T/Sgt. Berry; S/Sgts. Brien, Brown, Manning, Minaldi and Shandor; and Sgts. Machen and Oberlin. (5)

Pfc. Boyd G. Moore was assigned to the 89th Squadron effective 29 June 1945. (6)

S/Sgt. Lewis K. Scott was detailed to duty requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial flights confirming VOCO 30 November 1944. (7)

2nd Lt. Robert Vickers and Sgts. Chiappini, Fitzpatrick and Taylor were assigned to this squadron effective 9 July 1945. (8)

1st Lt. Donald G. Heet was appointed Class "A" Agent for purpose of paying officers and enlisted men of this squadron for the month of July 1945. (9)

The personnel strength of the 89th Bombardment Squadron (L) during the month of July is as follows:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Flying</u>	<u>Ground</u>
(a) At beginning of period	26	9
(b) Net increase during period	2	0
(c) Net decrease during period	0	0
(d) At end of period	28	9
 <u>Enlisted Men</u>		
(a) At beginning of period	40	175
(b) Net increase during period	8	4
(c) Net decrease during period	0	0
(d) At end of period.	48	179

(5) SO# 50, 3rd B.G., app. Page (23)

(6) SO# 51, 3rd B.G., app. Page (24)

(7) SO# 51, 3rd B.G., app. Page (24)

(8) SO# 52, 3rd B.G., App Page (25)

(9) SO# 54, 3rd B.G., app Page (27)

A W A R D S A N D D E C O R A T I O N S

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

There were no presentation of awards or decorations during the month of July 1945 but there were several General Orders received authorizing two Distinguished Flying Crosses and twelve Air Medals.

Major Walter S. King was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight over northern Luzon in the Philippine Islands on 2 June 1945. Captain King, as pilot of an A-20 aircraft, led a co-ordinated 3-squadron attack on Japanese troop, ammunition, and supply concentrations at Naddungan Village in northern Luzon. As he was leading the formation into the first minimum altitude pass, small arms fire hit his left engine nacelle, cutting the oil line and badly damaging several control cables. Although Captain King had to cut off the damaged engine, he continued to lead the formation over the objective, strafing the entire area and dropping his napalm incendiary and fragmentation bombs. Turning from the target, he flew on the power of a single engine over rugged mountainous terrain westward to Laoag Strip, Luzon, where he made an emergency landing, saving both his ship and his crew. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain King during this flight reflect great credit on the United States Army Air Forces. (1)

Major Walter S. King was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight near Mount Mandalagan, Negros Island, Philippine Islands on 8 April 1945. Captain King was squadron leader in a formation of A-20 aircraft on a ground support mission. As he began his bombing and strafing run, an anti-aircraft shell exploded in the tail of his airplane, completely severing all trim tab controls, cutting all but one strand of the elevator cables, and fraying the rudder controls. Although his damaged plane was extremely difficult to control, he continued to lead the attack. When the bomber nosed up sharply, he immediately released his bombs over the target area, quickly regained control of the crippled plane, then flew an hour and a half, just above stalling speed, to his home base where he made a safe landing. The outstanding courage and devotion to duty displayed by Captain King during this flight are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army Air Forces. (2)

S/Sgt. Roger A. Clark was awarded a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area. (3)

S/Sgt. James L. LeMoynes was awarded a second bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a third Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area. (4)

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- (1) GO #1461, Hq., FEAF, dated 13 July 1945.
 - (2) GO #1694, Hq., FEAF, dated 28 July 1945.
 - (3) GO #1133, Hq., FEAF, dated 11 June 1945.
 - (4) GO #1291, Hq., FEAF, dated 28 June 1945.

Awards and Decorations, July 1945, Contd.

S/Sgt. Robert F. Collins, S/Sgt. Samuel C. Hagenbuch and S/Sgt. James M. Ptolomey were awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area. (5)

S/Sgt. Mark J. Bonis was awarded the Air Medal and S/Sgt. Lowell G. Spangler was awarded a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area. (6)

1st Lt. Donald B. Kester was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area. (7)

S/Sgt. John J. Geigus, S/Sgt. Wilfred F. Lorton, S/Sgt. George K. Bowen and S/Sgt. George E. Morris were awarded bronze Oak Leaf Clusters in lieu of a second Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area. (8)

S/Sgt. Harry N. Marljar was awarded a bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific Area. (9).

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- (5) GO #1331, Hq., FEAF, dated 3 July 1945.
 - (6) GO #1348, Hq., FEAF, dated 5 July 1945.
 - (7) GO #1369, Hq., FEAF, dated 6 July 1945.
 - (8) GO #1464, Hq., FEAF, dated 13 July 1945.
 - (9) GO #1703, Hq., FEAF, dated 28 July 1945.

L O C A L I N T E R E S T

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P E R S O N A L I T I E S

LOCAL INTEREST

After seven months at sunny Mindoro, the longest tenure of service at any one base since the days at Port Moresby, the 89th Squadron has pulled up stakes and is on the move to a new base in the recently conquered Ryukyu Islands. On Sunday 15 July came the first indications of the move for on that day the mess hall was dismantled as was the orderly room, supply, intelligence and operations buildings. This activity proved to be a bit premature as the Squadron did not actually move for another 10 days. Finally after many false alarms the ships arrived on the 23rd and loading began. Tents were taken down that day and naturally it rained during the night, thus awakening several sleepers out of wet cots. By evening of the 24th the ship was loaded, but we only pulled away from shore the following morning. We arrived at Subic Bay the next day, anchored in the bay, and waited overnight for the rest of the convoy. That evening there was a double feature movie for the crew and all passengers.

About noon of the 26th the large convoy composed mostly of LSTs, escorted by several destroyer escorts, set sail northwards along the west coast of Luzon. Thus began life for several days on LST 1010 with about half of Group Headquarters personnel sharing the ship with us. The top deck was packed close with vehicles. In spite of this, many of the men improvised shelters with shelter halves and raincoats and set up cots for sleeping topside. Below deck, with not enough room for everyone on cots, the men slept on tables, benches and even on the floor.

On the 28th of July we lost sight of the Philippine Islands forever and sailed on open seas. Soon the convoy ran into rough weather. There was a severe tropical storm directly in our path so the convoy veered east, southeast, west and northwest to avoid the murderous crashing sea and violent Pacific gales. Even with all this maneuvering part of the storm hit the convoy and the rough seas caused the ships to rock and pitch and roll like rubber balls. Great waves reared and smashed against the ships and often swept clearly over the ships as the angry seething sea bared its fangs and dared up to defy its power. Many of the men, though seasoned by many sea trips, just couldn't manage the terrific beating and became violently sick for several days. Finally after five days of pounding, the skies cleared, the sea calmed and the wind died down to a mere whisper and once again the calm blue Pacific became a welcome sight to storm weary soldiers.

Our sincere appreciation and thanks is offered to the crew of the boat for the splendid way they cooperated with the army personnel, who being crowded, swarmed over the ship and often hindered the sailors in carrying out their duties. The mess personnel also deserves much credit for the excellent meals served up including fresh meat and creamy mashed potatoes. Thus as the month of July fades into oblivion, the 89th Squadron is on the open sea on the threshold of a new experience in a new home at Okinawa in Japan's back yard.

Local Interest, August 1945, Cont'd.

After many weeks of expectant waiting our new A-26 Invaders arrived in the 89th Squadron at the beginning of the month. These are low-level bombing and strafing attack planes much like our old A-20 Bostons, but they are much more powerful, speedy, carry more bombs, and pack a much greater wallop in the fourteen forward-firing .50 caliber machine guns. After a few days training on the new planes, the 89th flew its first Invader mission to Taito, Formosa. All men connected with the plane, except possibly the armorers who have a tremendous task in loading the ammunition and cleaning the guns, are highly pleased with the performance of the new plane.

There were a few lucky men in the Squadron who left for home this month. These are 1st Lt. Melvin L. Nelson, 2nd Lt. Bruce R. Bell, S/Sgt. Wesley W. Witten, S/Sgt. Lewis K. Scott, Sgt. Edward A. Boedecker, Jr., and Cpl. Theodore Fleischer. Among these men are 2nd Lt. Bruce R. Bell, who was fighting the war before Pearl Harbor with the Royal Canadian Air Force. He came into the United States Army as a flight officer and has flown more than 50 combat missions in the Pacific. 1st Lt. Melvin L. Nelson, a veteran of more than 50 combat missions, has been awarded the Air Medal and a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. S/Sgt. Scott and Witten are both veteran gunners with each an Air Medal. Sgt. Boedecker, with 40 months overseas service, has had a varied army career having started out as a squadron clerk, then going to work on airplanes on the line, then into the motor pool, and finally ending up as cook. Cpl. Fleischer, also with 40 months overseas, has been the handy man around the squadron, having been called upon to fix anything that would go wrong in the squadron.

For exceptional performances in combat, our commanding officer, Major Walter S. King, has received a Distinguished Flying Cross and a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of a second Distinguished Flying Cross, on Far East Air Forces General Orders. The first Distinguished Flying Cross was received for action in northern Luzon, when on 2 June, Major King was leading a three-squadron attack on Jap troop, ammunition, and supply concentrations at Naddungan. On his first pass the oil line was cut and his control cables severely damaged by small arms fire. With one propellor feathered, Major King continued his attack and then flew his plane over rugged mountains to Lacag strip. The Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster was received for action in Negros. On 8 April Major King led the squadron on an attack over ground troops, when an anti-aircraft shell exploded in the tail of his airplane, completely severing all trim tab controls and damaging other controls. He continued the attack and then skillfully nursed his crippled plane to home base.



WILSON

NELSON

"DOC" MARTIN

FONES

EBERTS

MICHALELLI

DREWS

LYTROUSE

BELL

DAVE BOYD
DORRANCE

LONG
E.B.

FELMOS

TRUSTABLE

SMITH

DE GROOT

T.N. ANDECI



ROBERT
WOBLEY



RUFUS
MORGAN



LEWIS

GALVIN

ZARUN

BOB BRYAN

HILLER

WHEEL

NETER

BROWN

WALK

LOPELAND

BAUER

MURPHY

MC GILL

BOUVET

MELAS

J.C. RYDER

HANES

89th
BOMBARDMENT SQ.
(LIGHT)

3rd BOMB GROUP

JULY

1945

5th Air Force

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Local Interest, August 1945, Cont'd.

The picture on the foregoing page showing all the officers in the squadron is a project completed by the combined efforts of all Intelligence personnel, 3rd Bomb Group Photo Section, and our squadron artist, Lt. Morganelli. Lt. Walz, Intelligence Officer, conceived the idea a couple of months ago and in a few weeks had all the officers' pictures taken. The pictures were then cut out to a size about four inches in diameter and laid on a large white sheet of cardboard about four feet by two and a half feet. The pictures were pasted on and the names were printed by Lt. Heet with a special lettering set. Lt. Morganelli drew the insignia and the whole sheet was ready for photographing. The Group photo section rigged up a special camera, took the picture, and the excellent result is seen in notebook size.

Odds and ends department--The Squadron mess served up two more Sunday night banquets of ice cream with pie, cake and coffee during the month..... Through the efforts of our commanding officer, Major King, the squadron received another of whiskey from Manila. A beer ration during the month also proved a boon to morale.....Because of continual rain there were very few softball games during the month. The squadron team did beat the (then) second-ranking team on Mindoro, the 303rd Airdrome Squadron twice by scores of 5-2 and 3-0. The second was an outstanding achievement for pitcher S/Sgt. Hillard Manning as he pitched the dream no-hit, no-run game--a perfect performance in which no man reached first base. The strong Navy team was also beaten 2-0 by Cpl. Gossett bringing his amazing pitching record to 24 victories and no defeats. The team record now stands at 42 games won 10 lost.

PERSONALITIES

Soft spoken and easy going Technical Sergeant Vincent J. Canipelli has one of the most pleasant dispositions in the squadron. "Cannie" as he is known throughout the squadron is a product of the deep south, Macon, Georgia. Short in stature, a slow easy southern accent and his familiar stride for so short a man, he is one of the old timers in the 89th.

His civilian background proved a valuable asset in his army career. He had 13 years of service with the Georgia Power Company in Macon where he was in charge of the radio repair department. His department also made all electrical and refrigeration repairs.

After two full months of service in the States, he departed for overseas on 23 July 1942. Cannie joined the 89th Squadron at Port Moresby, New Guinea on 3 September 1942. Because of his previous experience with radio work he was assigned to the communications department with the rank of private. So through hard work and diligence and because he knew how to handle men, Canipelli, step by step, rose to section chief and received his T/Sgt. rating in October of '44.

As the months rolled by and the Squadron moved bit by bit through New Guinea, thence to the Philippines and finally to Okinawa, T/Sgt. Canipelli has never once failed his duties to the squadron. Often on the first night in a new location, the 89th has lights and electrical power to burn, that is providing the red flash was not on. His main shop is usually set up at the line where his section has provided excellent radio maintenance under all conditions which is in keeping with the record maintained by the engineering department. Through his own initiative the squadron was one of the first to operate a ground station to communicate with the planes while on missions.

Now after thirty-seven months of overseas service, T/Sgt. Canipelli is looking forward to an early return home. He has more than enough points and we all wish Cannie a speedy return home and good luck in his return to civilian life.

PERSONALITIES

Captain Homer Vorel is one of the old stand-bys of the 89th. As Engineering Officer his cheerful face is just as evident down on the flight line as in the camp area. "Pappy", as most of his fellow officers call him, is 27 years old, stocky, of medium height and has short brown hair. He is a better than average card player whether it be poker or bridge and a very enthusiastic athlete.

Capt. Vorel's home is in Shorewood, Wisconsin. He graduated from Shorewood High School in 1935 where he participated in football, basketball and track. His next step was to attend the University of Wisconsin at Madison. In the spring of 1939 "Pappy" graduated from Wisconsin with a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering.

After his college career Vorel went to work with the Barrett Company in Chicago, Illinois. He started out as a student engineer and worked in the roofing mill, in the testing laboratory and in the plant inspection department. Later he became foreman of the pipe enamel plant where he worked until the time of his enlistment at Milwaukee on 15 January 1942.

After enlisting Capt. Vorel became an aviation cadet at Chanute Field, Illinois and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant on 6 June 1942. He was immediately assigned to the 38th Bombardment Group and came overseas with them in July 1942. From August '42 to November '43, Vorel's duties included Supply Officer, Transportation Officer and Engineering Officer. He joined the 89th Squadron in November 1943 and has served as Engineering Officer and Tech Supply Officer ever since.

At Hollandia, New Guinea the 89th Engineering Section, under the supervision of Capt. Vorel, reconstructed a captured Japanese "Dinah" which was later flown back to the States. "Pappy's" favorite recreation, except having been to Sydney three times, has been to manage or play with the squadron athletic teams. At Port Moresby he played on one of the best basketball teams in that vicinity. He is Athletic Officer of the 89th and is seen every evening either playing with or coaching the 89th Squadron's foot ball team, the "Falcons".

S E C T I O N II

A P P E N D I X

P A R T I M A P S

PART 2 PHOTOS



Taito, Formosa









PART 3 STATISTICS

H E A D Q U A R T E R S
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
AFO 321

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 47

29 June 1945

1. Under the prov of AR 35-320 the fol-named Off are aptd Class "A" agent for J G MEISER, 1ST LT FD, for purpose of paying O and EM of orgns indicated for the month of June 1945; amount to be intrusted not to exceed \$25,000.00 at any one time:

CAPT DAVID J DONOVAN 0649037 8th Sq
CAPT JOHN M WALLACE 0649131 13th Sq
1ST LT FRANK R BROWN 01553605 89th Sq
CAPT FREDERIC M MEAD 0649677 90th Sq

2. Under the prov of AR 35-320 1ST LT ALVIN H FAIL JR 0562967 is aptd Class "A" agent for J C SALADINO, 1ST LT FD, for purpose of paying O and EM of Gp Hq for the month of June 1945; amount to be intrusted not to exceed \$15,000.00 at any one time.

3. Having been asgd to this orgn per par 1 SO 178 V Bomber Command dtd 17 June 45 CAPT LLOYD R SMITH 0854745 (4823) is further asgd to the 90th Sq. EPO 17 June 45.

4. Under the prov of AR 615-5 as amended the fol-named EM, 8th Sq, combat zone members, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

TO BE APTD STAFF SERGEANT
Sgt Jack C Rennels 36746233

TO BE APTD SERGEANT
Cpl Ivan J Bohuslav 18189802 Cpl Thomas W Cowan 33440967
Cpl Frederic D Curtin 31440441

TO BE APTD CORPORAL
Pvt Tadeusz J Kielbasa 11064280

5. 1ST LT EARL A FAST 01546971 is aptd Inventory Off to inventory the accounts and assets of Gp Hq Branch Exchange for the month of June 1945.

6. Under the prov of AR 615-5 as amended Sgt Charles C Squires 32624983, Gp Hq, is promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (temp).

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOWE:

OFFICIAL:

William T. Robinson
WILLIAM T. ROBINSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

WILLIAM T. ROBINSON,
Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

H E A D Q U A R T E R S
3D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
APO 321

SPECIAL ORDERS
SER 48

3 July 1945

1ST LT ALVIN H FAIL JR 0562967 is aptd Personal Affairs Off in add to
other dys.

2. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 11 SO 181 V Bomber Command
dtd 30 June 45 the fol-named EM are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated.
EDCMR 22 June 45.

Pfc Edless J Richoux	34291017 (747)	90th Sq
Pfc John Lacy	6561067 (747)	89th Sq
Pfc Nicholas F Mutzl	16125451 (747)	8th Sq

3. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 15 SO 181 V Bomber Command
dtd 30 June 45 the fol-named EM are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated.
EDCMR 22 June 45.

S Sgt Cloyd C Stockwell	7000672 (750)	8th Sq
S Sgt William H Syverson	37274449 (750)	90th Sq
Pfc Alfred A Arnedos	12129653 (911)	13th Sq
Pfc Charles A Groover	34404510 (911)	13th Sq
Pfc William D Hamilton	16160707 (911)	89th Sq
Pfc Stanley J Kasperowicz	31180231 (911)	90th Sq
Pfc Fredrick E O'Connell	32953133 (911)	90th Sq

4. Under the prov of AR 35-1480 S Sgt James W Kennedy 13077175, 13th Sq,
Radio Operator, is detailed to dy requiring regular and frequent participation
in aerial flts, confirming VOCC 1 July 45.

5. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 9 SO 180 V Bomber Command
dtd 29 June 45 Pvt James R Wells 14064598 is further trfd in gr to the 13th Sq.
EDCMR 29 June 45.

6. Under the prov of AR 35-320 1ST LT FRANK R BROWN 01553605 is aptd
Class "A" agent for J C SALADINO, 1ST LT FD, for purpose of paying O and EM
of the 89th Sq for the month of July 1945; amount to be intrusted not to exceed
\$25,000.00 at any one time.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOWE:

OFFICIAL:

William T. Robinson
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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 49

7 July 1945

1. Under the prov of AR 615-5 as amended the fol-named EM, Op Hq, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

TO BE APTD STAFF SERGEANT
Frank A Darling 18164191 Sgt John G Savage 38198327

TO BE APTD SERGEANT
Marco L. Cornaro 31257468 Cpl Gordon A Everette 34355840

TO BE APTD CORPORAL
Pfc Holliday C Hayley 18118669 Pfc Leonard A Woods 38588726

2. Under the prov of AR 615-5 as amended the fol-named EM, 8th Sq, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

TO BE APTD TECHNICAL SERGEANT
S Sgt Creighton W Kral 37035240

TO BE APTD STAFF SERGEANT
Sgt Henry J Bogucki 37268692 Sgt Glen D Wells 15074154

TO BE APTD SERGEANT
Cpl William R Diamond 31072421 Cpl Jessie M Reynolds 32934863

TO BE APTD CORPORAL
Pfc Edwin K FonCannon 36832583 Pfc Edward B McCaskey 13118268

3. Under the prov of AR 615-5 as amended the fol-named EM, 13th Sq, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

TO BE APTD TECHNICAL SERGEANT
S Sgt William R Davidson 12190453

TO BE APTD STAFF SERGEANT
Sgt Reed B Tibbetts 19064803 Sgt Floyd A Webb 32431714

TO BE APTD SERGEANT
Cpl Edward L Sharpe 35473477 Cpl Carlos M Summers 34247901

TO BE APTD CORPORAL
Pfc Clarence L Adkins 20761275 Pfc William I Dean 34823206

4. Under the prov of AR 615-5 as amended the fol-named EM, 89th Sq, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

Par 4 SO 49 Hq 3d Bomb Gp dtd 7 July 45 cont'd:

TO BE APTD TECHNICAL SERGEANT
S Sgt Harold G Zimmerman 37438942

TO BE APTD STAFF SERGEANT
Sgt Lewis C Chapman 39415693 Sgt John C Heffernan 17037771

TO BE APTD SERGEANT
Cpl Lawrence B Goldbeck 37613336 Cpl Morry Worshill 36658738

TO BE APTD CORPORAL
Pfc Wayne G Anderson 36815305 Pfc Robert E Cooper 34635350

5. Under the prov of AR 615-5 as amended the fol-named EM, 90th Sq, are promoted to the grades (temp) indicated:

TO BE APTD TECHNICAL SERGEANT
S Sgt Charles L Gentry 35255397 S Sgt Edmund C Luedtke 12034433

TO BE APTD STAFF SERGEANT
Sgt Leon Cohen 32334045 Sgt Edgar Young 35209087

TO BE APTD SERGEANT
Cpl Orville Hylton 18053869 Cpl George R Pitcher 37527713

TO BE APTD CORPORAL
Pfc William N Anders 38538872 Pfc Harold J Peterson 36629916

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 50

8 July 1945

1. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 9 SO 184 V Bomber Command dtd 3 July 45 the fol-named EM are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated. EDCMR 27 June 45.

Sgt Marvin T Fread	35455808	(237)	90th Sq
Sgt John E Bodle	15340517	(237)	13th Sq
Sgt Lawrence F Masica	16112049	(747)	8th Sq
Sgt Ross B Bellue	14150867	(747)	89th Sq

2. Having been asgd to this orgn per par 1 SO 186 V Bomber Command dtd 1 July 45 1ST LT J D PERATT 01037226 (2554) is further asgd to Gp Hq. EDCMR 27 June 45.

3. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 1 SO 170 Hq 360th Air Service Gp (FEAFGR&TC) dtd 19 June 45 the fol-named EM (748) are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated. EDCMR 26 June 45.

	<u>8th Sq</u>	
S Sgt Joe M Anderson 34098710	S Sgt Daniel H Boyle 33175766	
S Sgt Walter P O'Neill 31326870		

	<u>13th Sq</u>	
T Sgt Raymond J Libert 15073291	S Sgt Nova C Frasher 37135227	
Sgt James E Simmons 34334419		

	<u>89th Sq</u>	
T Sgt Alfred W Berry 13016537	S Sgt Clarence V Brien Jr 19079879	
S Sgt Clifton L Brown 14120960	S Sgt Hillard J Manning 34191766	
S Sgt Vito F Rinaldi 12036727	S Sgt Joseph Shandor 13083478	
Sgt Frank A Macken 32398593	Sgt James E O'berlin 6832993	

	<u>90th Sq</u>	
S Sgt Jack C Estes 18004054	S Sgt Rogelio P Gomez 18057868	
Sgt Robert C Martin 16159850		

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 51

11 July 1945

1. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 2 SO 188 V Bomber Comd dtc 7 July 45 the fol-named EM (NOS 938) are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated. EDCMR 29 June 45.

Sgt John C Keyser 17128545 90th Sq Sgt Harry Toppliss Jr 33499350 Gp Hq
Cpl Walter G DeLoach 34814074 Gp Hq Pfc Boyd G Moore 16188014 89th Sq

2. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 4 SO 188 V Bomber Comd dtc 7 July 45 M Sgt Paul R Kloetzly 35024347 (750) is further trfd in gr to the 90th Sq. EDCMR 29 June 45.

3. Under the prov AR 615-5 as amended S Sgt Roswell M Austin 16120585 90th Sq is rd to the gr of Private (for inefficiency).

4. Under the prov AR 615-5 as amended Pvt Roswell M Austin 16120585 90th Sq is promoted to the gr of Corporal (temp).

5. Under the prov AR 35-1480 S Sgt Lewis K Scott 16125619 89th Sq Aerial Gunner is detailed to dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial ops confirming VOCC 30 Nov 44.

6. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 15 SO 190 V Bomber Comd dtc 7 July 45 the fol-named EM (NOS 747) are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated. EDCMR 29 June 45.

Sgt Arthur E Kriese 16128292 13th Sq Cpl Paul H Hall 16123095 8th Sq

7. Under the prov WD Cir 185, 1945 Sgt Gordon Bier 36078724 90th Sq is promoted to the gr of Technical Sergeant (temp) eff this date.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOWE:

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Captain, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 52

13 July 1945

1. MAJ ABRAHAM E SMOOK 0086740 is apbd Asst Gp Operations Off.
2. CAPT GEORGE L MOFFET 020033 is apbd Commanding Officer, 8th Sq, vice MAJ ABRAHAM E SMOOK 0086740 asd gdt.
3. Under the terms of AF 11-1130 the following EM, ranks indicated, are reld fr dy requiring regular and frequent participation in aerial fits, confirming VOCC 1 July 45:

S Sgt James W Kennedy 15077775 15th Sq Sgt Harold J Hines 37249678 Gp Hq
Sgt Lewis Janoff 12000130 Gp Hq

4. Under the terms of AF 81-5 as amended Sgt Merrill F Bennett 35222155, 90th Sq, combat crew member, is promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (temp).

5. Having been apbd and trfd in gr to this orgn per par 15 SO 182 Hq 360th Air Service Gp (REAFORMED) dtd 1 July 45 the fol-named O and EM are further asgd and trfd in gr to orgns indicated. EDCR 9 July 45.

8th Sq
2D LT TOM S MAC DONALD 0926918 (1022) Sgt James E Fowers 13179944 (748)

13th Sq
F/O GEORGE L RASMUSSEN 16638 (1022) Sgt Leroy J Basse 14136127 (748)
Sgt George M Holtsinger Jr 14188961 (612) Sgt Joseph A Moye 33832730 (612)
Cpl Wilbur P Laughlin 42041567 (748) Cpl Leroy J Smith 192 06196 (612)

89th Sq
2D LT ROBERT VICKER 0638712 (1022) Sgt Vincent J Chiappini 33701615 (748)
Sgt John J Fitzpatrick 33777544 (612) Sgt Henry A Taylor 34760975 (748)

90th Sq
1ST LT JOSEPH E O'BRYAN 0671067 (1022) 2D LT HENRY L JOHNSON 0927028 (1022)
2D LT PAUL D PHILLIPS 02061018 (1022) Sgt Roy W DuFresne 16059057 (612)
Sgt Albert W Linendoll 12079263 (748) Sgt Layton W Reeve 32998012 (612)

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 53

20 July 1945

1. Under the prov of AD 615-5 as amended Cpl Kenneth C Koons 15102520, 8th Sq, is promoted to the gr of First Sergeant (temp).
2. Under the prov of AD Cir 185, 1945 Sgt Richard D Jones 18154520, 13th Sq, is promoted to the gr of Staff Sergeant (temp) eff this date.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel HOWE:

OFFICIAL:

ALVIN H. FAIL JR.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 54

27 July 1945

1. Under the prov of AP 35-320 the fol-named Off are aptd Class "A" agent for J C SALADINO, CAPT FD 158th Finance Disbursing Section, for purpose of paying O and EM of orgns indicated for the month of July 1945; amount to be intrusted not to exceed \$25,000.00 at any one time:

CAPT	FREDERIC M LEAD	0649677	Gp Hq & 90th Sq
CAPT	ROBERT B WARD ELL	0745169	8th Sq
1ST LT	ROBERT W BURNS	0008779	13th Sq
1ST LT	DONALD G NEET	0649202	89th Sq

2. Having been trfd in gr to this orgn per par 1 SO 170 Hq 360th Air Service Gp (FEAFOPATS) dtd 19 June 45 the fol-named EM (748) are further trfd in gr to orgns indicated. EDCIR 26 June 45.

T Sgt Smith B Coleman 18043420 8th Sq T Sgt William R Wolf 13009364 90th Sq

By order of Lieutenant Colonel NCWE:

OFFICIAL:

Alvin H. Fail Jr.
ALVIN H. FAIL JR,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Adjutant.

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
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PART 4 REPORTS

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

DBH/mw

A.P.O. 321,
3 August 1945.

SUBJECT: Operations Report.

TO : Historical Officer, 89th Bombardment Squadron (L),
A.P.O. 321.

1. The following information is hereby submitted for the Squadron History for the month of July, 1945:

a. Strength, airplanes:

- (1) At beginning of period: 10 A-20-G's, 5 A-20-H's, 3 A-26-B's,
Total: 18 A-20's ; 3 A-26's .
- (2) Net increase during period: 3 A-26-B's.
- (3) No. lost through combat: None.
- (4) No. lost not through combat: None.
- (5) No. lost on ground due to enemy action: None.
- (6) No. lost through transfer: 2 A-20-G's.
- (7) No. received through transfer: 3 A-26-B's.
- (8) At end of period: 6 A-26-B's, 8 A-20-G's, 5 A-20-H's.
Total: 6 A-26-B's. 13 A-20's.

b. The Squadron flew 24 combat sorties during the month of July, 1945.

c. The Squadron flew 148:05 combat hours during the month of July, 1945.

d. The Squadron flew a total of 517:10 hours during the month of July, 1945.

e. Training:

(1) The Squadron conducted a thorough and extensive training program during this period which included six practice bombing missions using Blue Practice Bombs and 100# Paracemo bombs, three practice strating missions for pilots and four practice gunnery missions for the gunners. Scoring records show that there has been an increase in proficiency by the pilots and gunners of this Squadron. During the training program certain consistent errors in bombing and strating had been noted and corrected for future use.

f. Transition:

(1) The Squadron participated in a thorough transition period for the model A-26 airplane recently assigned to this unit. This program included ground school and instruction plus active flying experience in all

types of manoeuvres for aerial combat. A new experience for the pilots was the introduction and trial flights in the use of rockets on the wings of the plane. The problems of rocket firing were successfully worked out during these trial flights.

g. Operations:

(1) The Squadron conducted five missions over the Formosa area using the new model plane, the A-26. These were among the first A-26's to hit enemy targets in this theatre of war. Intelligence photographs proved beyond a doubt the record efficiency and excellence of bomb coverage by the A-26 in low level flying tactics. Among the targets hit were a sugar refinery, shore installations, and a railroad marshalling yards. On one of these first missions, a plane piloted by Capt. D. B. Hughmanick of this Squadron sank a 50 ft. motor launch.

For the Squadron Commander:

**DOUGLAS B. HUGHMANICK,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.**

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