

89TH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (L)

JANUARY 1946

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

APO 328  
5 February 1946.

SUBJECT: Monthly Evaluation Summary, Operations Section.

TO : Historical Officer, 89th Bombardment Squadron (L),

1. In compliance with Section VII, Paragraph 1, dated 22 February 1945, Memorandum No. 8, Headquarters V Bomber Command, the following summary of events and activities of the operations section for the month of January 1946, is submitted.

(a) Strength, Airplanes:

1. At beginning of period: 15 A-26B's, 1 A-26C, and 1 B-24M.  
TOTAL: 16 A-26's and 1 B-24M
2. Net increase during period: None
3. No. lost through transfer: 4 A-26B's
4. No. received through transfer: None
5. At end of period: 12 A-26's and 1 B-24M.

(b) The Squadron flew a total of 64 Patrol Hours while flying 21 Patrol Missions for the month of January 1946.

(c) A total of 185:00 was flown by the Squadron during the month.

2. During the month 1st Lt. C. J. Haines was transferred to the 8th Squadron and 2nd Lt. Robert Vicker succeeded him as Ass't Operations Officer of the Squadron. 2nd Lt. R. M. Zedlitz was transferred to Headquarters Squadron. Officers redeployed to the United States were ~~###~~ Capt. R. D. Burkhart, Lt.'s R. R. Reyer, W. J. Land, J. C. Rhodes, T. H. Rhodes, D. Morganelli, C. M. E. Poe, and E. B. Close, and F/O G. O. Otis. The following gunners were also sent to the U. S. for discharge: S/Sgts., A. V. Thorn, C. L. Jackson, R. T. Bundschu, N. W. Plenert, J. J. Selt, ~~#####~~ E. Hodges, ~~##~~ R. E. Lee, and A. Cronquist.

3. Trainings:

Due to the runway on Atsugi Airdrome being opened late in the month, there wasn't very many training flights except for the Recce Missions. At the beginning of February a training program of Pilot crew chiefs will be instigated because of the shortage of enlisted personnel on the flight line

4. Operations:

Late in the month of January the metal strip was completed and flying began on a bigger scale. Recce missions were being flown every other day and there was a ferry mission of 4 A-26's to Ashiya to the 38th Bomb Group. The Squadron's record of no serious accidents since the occupation of Japan was still upheld.

*Robert Vicker*

ROBERT VICKER  
2nd Lt. Air Corps  
Ass't Operations Officer

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4 February 1946

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary Of Events, Headquarters Section.

TO : Commanding Officer, 89th Bombardment Squadron (L), APO 328.  
Attention: Historical Officer.

1. In compliance with Section VII, Paragraph 1, Memorandum No. 8, Headquarters, V Bomber Command, APO 710, dated 22 February 1945, the following summary of events and activities of the Headquarters Section for the January 1946 is submitted.

2. This month saw the Redeployment Program hit the 89th Bomb Squadron in full stride. Many of the men who flew combat missions in this theatre left Japan to be returned to civilian life in the States. Among those who left were Captain Roy Burkhart, ribbon studded G.O of the Squadron who helped make famous the outfit by his spectacular flying and many sensational strikes against the enemy. One of these strikes consisted of bombing and sinking a Jap Destroyer single handed while flying a B-25. A few of the other men who left were Lts. T.H.Rhodes and J.C.Rhodes, Lts. Close, Lane, Poe and Morganelli, who was responsible for the beautiful Officers Club, a club that rates second to none in this area. Among the Enlisted men who said Good-Bye to the Characters were, P/Sgt. Bill Hamilton, S/Sgts. Medemann, Lee, Beloen and Harris, Sgts. Hawes Cooper, Hill and Dunleavy and Cpls. Ridgeway and Bellue. Lt. Weston F. Maughan replaced Captain Burkhart as Commanding Officer of the 89th. Although far under strength the Squadron carried on it's duties although many a time the Duty Sergeant had plenty of explaining to do to men who thought they made the Duty Roster too often. At the close of the month the 89th Headquarters Section consisted of the following personnel.

Lt. Weston F. Maughan, Commanding Officer.  
Lt. John MC Graw, Adjutant.  
Louis J. Mavko, First Sergeant.  
John J. Fitzpatrick, Sergeant Major.  
John F. Lipsinic, Duty Sergeant.  
John J. Dykas, Mail Clerk.

3. At the close of the month we received the bad news that the 89th was being cut down to a bare minimum due to lack of replacements, keeping only a Commanding Officer and a First Sergeant. All of the remaining men were transferred to the 8th Bomb Squadron.

*Weston F. Maughan*  
WESTON F. MAUGHAN,  
1st Lt. Air Corps,  
Commanding.

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1 February 1946  
Atsugi Army Air Base

SUBJECT: Monthly Summary Of Events.

TO : Historical Officer, 89th Bombardment Squadron (L).

1. In compliance with Staff Memorandum No. 45-1 Headquarters V Bomber Command, the following summary of events and activities of the Engineering Section is submitted, for the month of January 1946.

2. During the month of January 1946, there was no gain of Aircraft in the Squadron.

3. A total of four (4) A-26B-50 Aircraft were transferred from the Squadron to the 38th Bomb Group, Ashiya, Kyushu Japan on the 7 January 1946. Receipt of transferred Aircraft has been acknowledged by all concerned.

4. The total number of hours of Aircraft flown for the month of January is 153 hours.

5. The key personnel of the Engineering Section is as listed.

F/O N. V. Mayhill	Engineering Officer
2nd Lt. H. H. Kietzer	Asslt. Engineering Officer
Pvt. E. L. Ackman	Line Chief
Pvt. J. W. Renker	Crew Chief
Pfc. R.A. Corby	Crew Chief
Sgt. R. Morgan	Ass't. Crew Chief
Cpl. K. F. Waite	Electrician and Maint.
Pvt. F. J. Rierdon	Electrician
Pvt. C. Elverfeld	Ass't Crew Chief

6. There were five (5) replacements for the enlisted personnel who were redeployed to the states. The total strength of the Engineering Section is two (2) officers and six (6) enlisted men.

7. There were no accidents or engine changes for the month of January.

8. Although the Engineering Section was handicapped by the lack of personnel, it still managed to fly all security missions over Japan, as assigned.

FOR THE SQUADRON COMMANDER

*Norman V. Mayhill*  
NORMAN V. MAYHILL  
F/O., Air Corps  
Engineering Officer

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1 February 1946  
Atsugi Army Air Base

SUBJECT: Monthly report of Aircraft Strength and Flight Statistics, January 1946.

TO : Historical Officer, 89th Bombardment Squadron (L), 3rd Bombardment Group (L), APO 328.

1. Below is the report of Aircraft Strength of the 89th Bombardment Squadron for the month of January 1946.

- a. Strength, Aircraft, 1 January 1946 17.
  - 8. A-26 B-50, #44-34230, 246, 247, 266, 269, 270, 271, 286.
  - 1. A-26B-51, #44-34298.
  - 5. A-26B-56, #44-34331, 339, 364, 377, 413.
  - 2. A-26C-30, #44-35274, 293.
  - 1. B-24M , #44-51587.
  
- b. Strength, Aircraft, 1 February 1946 13.
  - 4. A-26B-50, #44-34230, 266, 271, 286.
  - 1. A-26B-51, #44-34298.
  - 5. A-26B-56, #44-34331, 339, 364, 377, 413.
  - 2. A-26C-30, #44-35274, 293.
  - 1. B-24M , #44-51587.
  
- c. Gains during January. None.
  
- d. Losses during January. A-26B-50, #44-34246, 247  
269, 270.

2. Hours and Missions flown during month.

- a. Total hours. 153:00.

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