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HISTORY OF THE 312TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP

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SECTION I

COMBAT NARRATIVE

After the record breaking month of operational activities in March the pace of the Roarin' 20's slowed down somewhat this month. The reasons: (1) Weather and (2) change of station. But before the rains came the 312th had flown missions every day from 14 February to 4 April, no small achievement in itself.

On the first day of this period the usual ground support missions over Baguio and Balete Pass were continued. These areas remained the principal targets until 14 April. Troop concentrations, supply and ammo dumps, enemy gun positions -- these were pounded with 500 pound demolition bombs from medium altitude. When American troops entered Baguio on 28 April they found scores of enemy dead, attributed to aerial bombing.

In addition to carrying out missions in support of ground forces, on 2 April two squadrons of A-20's took off for Ferosa to demolish the railroad yards and rolling stock at Shinei. Dropping 62 X 250 pound parademos and 102 X 100 pound Napalm bombs directly in the target, the railroad yard area was left in smoke and flames.⁽¹⁾ The purpose of the strike was to halt the traffic of supplies in and out of Shinei. That this was effectively accomplished was evident from a photo interpretation made by V Bomber Command. It showed the damage assessment as follows:

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: Para demos are visible falling and bursting in and around targets #2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 36, 40 and 41. 2 camouflaged tanks were destroyed and large central bldg is on fire in target #4. 3 warehouses destroyed and choke point damaged or destroyed in target #2. Tool shed burning in target #3. 30-40 bldgs burning in target #15. Probable damage to warehouse and possible damage to electric lines in target #40 and R/R track breached in target #37. Other damage unassessable.

The following day the railroad yards at Banshiden

(1) See photos, p. 18-19

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were the target for one squadron while the other attacked Tamazato on the east coast of Formosa. At Tamazato the railroad installations were destroyed or set afire, the black smoke billowing up to thousands of feet that blanketed the area. Banshiden, about 6 miles east of Mato, was simultaneously hit in a fierce, low level attack that laid waste to repair sheds, warehouses, marshalling yards and a nearby factory. While this strike was in progress, escorting P-51's were destroying 2 Nicks and a Zeke in aerial combat southeast of Kison.

It is significant to note that in none of the foregoing strikes on this heavily defended island was any ack-ack encountered. This was not mere chance. It was the result of careful planning and precision in the execution of the attacks that enabled our low flying craft to completely surprise the enemy. Thus did the parademos and Napalms cause the maximum amount of destruction to the enemy without any damage to the participating aircraft.

The following day 3 squadrons of A-20's were Formosa bound, intent on destroying the Suan-Tan sugar plant. Instead, the Ensui plant was hit. Despite this change of target the results were nothing short of excellent. Direct hits on this large industrial plant left the area filled with dense smoke and flying debris. Workmen's quarters were similarly demolished. Only one squadron reported meager and inaccurate fire as all planes returned unscathed to base. It was a good show, as the photos of the raid revealed (page 21).

That same day, in the evening of 4 April, the weather man stepped in and showered the strip with a light, $\frac{1}{2}$ hour rain. This meager downpour was nevertheless sufficient to cause the strip to be closed and operations cancelled for 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 April. Mangaldan strip reverted to its natural state of Mangaldan rice field for these 5 days.

When again operations were resumed it was only for a few days. Ground support missions to such tongue-tripping towns as Bayombong, Iguig, Dalauig, Tumaunini, Turayung and Bintawan were bombed and strafed, destroying enemy supply dumps and a countless number of enemy personnel. Although it is not easy to measure accurately the cumulative effect of hundreds of tons of demolition and fragmentation bombs, and hundreds of thousands rounds of .50 caliber ammunition, it may be safely claimed that these minimum level bombing and strafing attacks account for many thousands of enemy killed as well as supply dumps destroyed. Where the ground forces follow up one of our attacks the reports inevitably show a large number of enemy

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casualties. After the 13 April strike against Binatawan we learned that with only 8 A-20's we wounded 157 Nips and killed 83. (1)

Then on 14 April another light shower grounded our planes again. Higher headquarters, preceiving the handwriting on the wall and the water on the strip, came to a resolute decision: The 312th Bomb Group must move to drier parts. And so it came to pass. Barely had the mud caked when our A-20's took off for Florida Blanca and on 17 April the ground echelon began to follow suit in trucks, trains and jeeps. Carabao carts were completely ignored as a means of transportation.

When the safari to Florida Blanca was over (a matter of 3 days), the planes began flying the customary ground support missions. For 2 days the Group operated directly under V Bomber Command, striking Infanta and Pattao in northern Luzon. This set-up was quite ideal. In the few times the 312th worked directly under V Bomber Command it proved to be an excellent arrangement. Indeed, it was far too satisfactory to last. On 23 April the 312th Bomb Group inherited 2 Wings -- the 308th at Lingayen and the 309th at San Marcelino.

The 386th and 387th Squadrons were assigned to the operational control of the 308th Bomb Wing to lend air support to our forces in Central and Northern Luzon. The 388th and 389th Bomb Squadrons came under the jurisdiction of the 309th Wing, in close support of the XI Corps. Thus while the former struck Echague, Penablanca, Naguilian and Baguio during the last part of April, the other 2 squadrons concentrated on the Ipo Dam area northeast of Manila. The night harassing missions and weather reccos flown from Mangaldan were no more. Formosa faded out. Ground support targets alone were assigned.

(1) See Commendations and Reports, p.36

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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

ARMAMENT AND ORDNANCE SECTIONS

During the month of April the Armament Section of this Group was engaged in loading as follows:

- a. The most effective bomb load for minimum altitude strafing is the 250 pound parademolition bomb.
- b. For medium altitude bombing the 500 pound General Purpose bomb was most frequently used.
- c. Also used during the month were 100 pound parademolition bombs, double suspended, 250 demolition and 23 pound parafrags.
- d. Incendiary bombs carried on wings were 100 pound incendiary M-12GA-1, napalm filled and M-10 chemical tanks, napalm filled. The latter carrying thirty gallons of filler, were particularly effective and would have been used in greater quantity had not the supply of M-10 tank casings been limited.

Extremely dusty conditions made care and proper functioning of machine guns extremely difficult.

This Group had the lowest rack malfunction rate among the light bomb groups during the month.

As an increase in strafing capacity, two calibre .50 machine guns were mounted on the crossbar of the tunnel-gun mount, in a fixed position and controlled from the turret by the gunner while on a strafing run. This proved to be effective for use of the last plane of an element.

HUGH W. AGRICOLA,
Capt., AC,
Gp. Armament Officer.

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S-4 SECTION

What started out as a routine month developed into a month of many changes and rumored changes. All in all it was a fitting climax to our eighteen months of overseas duty. Around the middle of April Captain Darnold left for APO 74 to look over the camp site and coordinate our movement to that station. By the 20th the major part of the group had arrived and were busy setting up camp when rumors of a change over to a new type aircraft brought activities to a temporary halt. After several days of milling around and indecisive action the camp was completed -- on a permanent or temporary basis it is hard to tell at this moment.

Group S-4 has attempted to solve the future problems which a change over to a new type plane would bring about. Everything possible to do at present has been done to prepare a foundation for the extensive revision of paper work a change over will necessitate in this department. Meanwhile the normal work is being carried out in the manner that placed the 312th Bomb Group at the top of the maintenance list in V Bomber Command again last month.

Nine new 26 cu. ft. refrigerators were authorized by V Bomber Command and three of them have been flown up from New Guinea already. These refrigerators should definitely improve the morale factor of the group.

Captain Powers appeared on the scene late in the month after an absence of some time. He has been with our rear echelon at APO 72. We will soon be assigned transports to bring the rear echelon to this station and once more the group will be operating as a unit.

HAROLD E. FRANTZ
T/Sgt., AC,
Section Head.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

The early days of April found us anticipating a move and resorting to the usual pre-movement preparation. This accepted procedure or system depends largely upon the type of

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move the Unit has been directed to follow. That is, the Unit moves as a whole, or the plans necessitate an advanced contingent and a secondary operation. In the event the latter holds true, as was in our last change of base, a division of manpower is essential to maintain operation at both bases. Prevailing conditions demand efficient operation from a minimum of manpower and equipment hampered in addition by the break of a cooperative team. Though prevalent in numerous cases we have found difficulties infrequent and obstacles never insurmountable.

Referring to our last move, our section points to a substantial example in demonstrating the operation of our Communications section under abnormal or adverse working conditions. Reviewing the representative move, we wish to elaborate lightly on some major activities encountered.

A group of technicians was designated to remain at our establishment to maintain operations as well as render minor accommodations. Upon these men weighed the responsibility of fulfilling military demands as well as dismantle the largest and most concrete installations in the entire Headquarters organization.

An advanced group from our section proceeded to the new base and after traveling many unpleasant miles arrived at the present base at an hour too late to pitch shelter. The men slept in the open and though weary from travel had telephone communications set up shortly after breakfast the same morning. This was a remarkable accomplishment recognized because it was done in so short a time over the most offending terrain, however this is a technicians job and highly emphasized because it is definitely essential and no army could carry on without it.

Came another request and another capable technician had installed a voice set in almost record time. Teletype connections followed and we derive much satisfaction from the realization that we had established contact with various Units in less than half a day after arrival. The installations were temporary, but adequate.

We have been here only a short while, yet the largest operating section in Headquarters has put things much past the setting-up stage.

Our power supply department is operating to accommodate all electrical machinery depending upon it for electricity.

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This is a twenty-four hour operation.

The array of teletype machines found in our department indicates the tremendous amount of traffic handled by these devices and operators. Two voice stations and one code station is another indication of our facilities to communicate with affiliated units.

Highly experienced telephone men have formed a chain of connections making it possible to contact any section within our Group and numerous off-base units. These men in addition prove their versatility by affording lights to every tent in the area.

To keep these facilities operational, maintenance teams must be 100% efficient. The records of our maintenance technicians are standing proof that they are strongly qualified and comparable to any group of technicians we have associated with. Past success is emphatically convincing that our statement is correct.

We have touched sparingly upon our operation for the month of April. We could write much more about our many duties but we feel that we have given you a little knowledge of how we operate and will let what is in print suffice.

KENNETH ROGERS
T/Sgt., AC,
Section Head.

GROUND LIAISON SECTION

From 1st to 15th April, the 312th Bomb Group continued to work under the 308th Bomb Wing. All four squadrons were usually given targets in the USAFIP Area of Northern Luzon. The GLO continued to give the ground situation at each Group briefing, and kept five 1:250,000 maps posted with the ground situation each day. One trip was made to the front line in the 53rd Division Area, west of Baguio. Seven pilots and four enlisted men made up the party. These men witnessed U. S. artillery and mortar fire; dived for fox holes with our Infantry when the Nips replied with their own artillery; went on a

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patrol with Guerrillas of the 86th Infantry Battalion, in the rear area; and collected numerous souvenirs. The members of this party endured the long ride back through driving rain with scarcely a murmur, but even the GLO was glad to "hit the sack" when our camp was reached.

On 15 April, the entire Group was alerted for movement south to the Florida Blanca air strip and operations were suspended pending completion of the move.

During the period 16 to 20 April, the Ground Liaison Section ceased to function, and was dispatched to Manila on a five day "Fat-Cat" mission. Arriving back at the Group, it was found that two squadrons had been assigned to the 309th Bomb Wing, to work close-in ground support missions with units of the XI Corps, in the area east of Manila. The remaining two squadrons continued under the 308th Wing, hitting targets in Northern Luzon. The GLO was given complete charge of the two 309th Wing squadrons, in the obtaining of target data, explaining this data to the squadron Operations and Intelligence Officers, and briefing the pilots on each mission. 1:50,000 Maps were placed in the briefing rooms of these two squadrons, on which a close check was kept each day on the movements of the XI Corps troops. The GLO continued to post 1:250,000 ground situation maps in the two squadrons working under the 308th Wing.

For the first time our pilots were working on targets very close to our troops. Often the Infantry forces were only 100 to 200 yards from the target as the bombs were dropped. The flight leaders were directed onto the target by an SAP ground station, and while phosphorus smoke shells were placed on the target as the bomb-run began. After two or three missions, the technique was mastered, and excellent results obtained with each strike. The XI Corps Commander has given written appreciation and glowing praise of the air strikes; especially those made in the Ipo Dam area. Our forces were able to advance 9,000 yards, through very rough terrain, with practically nil enemy contact because of the effectiveness of the bombing and strafing of the 388th and 389th squadrons, and other planes of the 309th wing. The hills and valleys covered by this advance were littered with dead Nips, demolished artillery pieces, and wreckage of supply and ammunition dumps. This in itself is conclusive evidence of the great assistance the Air Force has rendered to the Infantry on Luzon. The air strikes have, without a doubt, prevented the loss of many lives, and greatly speeded up the annihilation of Japanese forces in the

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Philippines.

WILLIAM A. GRESHAM,
Capt., CAC,
G.L.O.

MEDICAL SECTION

The history of medical activities for the past month presents one event worthy of mention. The organization moved to a new location where Jap mauraunders were known to be present. A re-inforced, trigger-happy perimeter guard produced two battle casualties which were cared for by the Headquarters medical section. One was a Filipino child and the other, one of our own soldiers. All medical sections were alerted and the personnel prepared sterile surgical instruments, dressings, plasma, etc., for future casualties, in spite of allegations that the Medics' forte was doling out different colored aspirins for all conditions.

EDWIN C. WEINRAUB,
Major, Medical Corps,
Group Surgeon.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

That the 312th Public Relations Section is one of the most productive in V Bomber Command was proven by an average of total lineage of all Groups for the first quarter of the present year.

312th Group publicity returns in comparative total of column lines never looked too spectacular. There was always some Group in the Command to head the monthly list with a huge total of lineage -- but each time a different Group. It was then noted that these Groups were turning in a great number of releases for one month, then sinking to the bottom of the list for a month or two.

With the 312th Public Relations Section, consistency

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was the key-note -- and that this policy pays off is proved by the following figures on average monthly lineage for the first three months of 1945. First three on the list are:

90th Bomb Group (H)	9,810 Col Lines
345th Bomb Group (M)	8,180 Col Lines
312th Bomb Group (L)	7,790 Col Lines

The remaining 6 Bomb Groups in V Bomber Command all follow with lower averages.

This puts the 312th Bomb Group ahead of all other light Bomb Groups in the Command.

Heavies and mediums have a greater advantage over light bomb groups in massing a large PR output because of their far greater numbers of combat personnel. A 9 to 10 man combat crew provides far more of the routine promotion and decoration stories than can be gleaned from the 2 man crew of an A-20. And it is these routine stories that provide the bulk of any Group's PR output.

By thorough and consistent coverage of all routine stories and by maintaining a constant search for features and general release stories, the 312th Public Relations Section has obtained a place of leadership in it's own weight class and is right up on top with the best of the medium and heavy Groups.

CECIL M. STEWART,
1st Lt., AC,
Public Relations O.

WEATHER SECTION

During April, the Weather Officer came in for the usual castigation that his toughened hide has learned so well to absorb without a flinch.

An errant thunderstorm arrived three hours before it was expected and all the planes were caught with their wheels down. The inexcusably undependable thunderstorm arrived at 1600 and by 1800 the Group had, in the Colonel's own words, an "ex-Weather Officer." Much relieved, the "ex" Weather Officer

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hit the sack and enjoyed a good night's sleep.

He was unexpectedly reinstated at breakfast the following morning when a call from Air Force asked when our planes could take off. A crystal ball, the one reserved only for the most crucial forecasts, was shined as it was never shined before. All Meteorological factors, temperature, dew-point, pressure, winds to 30,000 feet, etc. were carefully considered and the strip examined inch by inch on foot. After cleaning the Weather Officer's shoes, the houseboy was called into close conference and sworn to secrecy.

Only the final forecast was made available to the general public. The exact methods used in arriving at 1600 the following day as the desired forecast were not quite clear to the Weather Officer, however, at 1600 the following day, Major Graber and Captain Svore took off for Florida Blanca.

The crystal ball was returned to the Smithsonian Institute, the house boy permanently employed, given the afternoon off, and the Weather Officer retired to the sack.

PHOTO SECTION

EDWARD A. FLICKNER, JR.,
1st Lt., AC, Weather O.

During the period 1 to 12 April, the Photo Section processed a total of 67 rolls of aerial film and produced 8,210 combat prints. During the period 13 to 30 April the section was unable to operate at the new location of the Group, due to the shortage of water. During this period all the official photographic work was done for us by the 5th Photographic Technical Squadron at Clark Field.

On 15 April, Sergeant Lux returned from FEASC Depot #3 bringing a B-25 and a C-47 full of photo supplies and equipment. The chief item of interest was a Laboratory, photographic dark-room, type U-1, which eliminated the use of a patched-up wall tent as a makeshift dark-room, and permits the handling of film during daylight hours.

The normal run of ground photos had to be eliminated during the major portion of the month, because of our inability to process the film immediately.

JACK H. JENNINGS,
1st Lt., AC,
Photo Officer.

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SPECIAL SERVICE

Three Class A movies direct from the States, trips to Manila, beer ration and gratuitous PX rations marked the Special Service program for the month of April.

By special arrangements with 11th Service Company, Group Special Service showed "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn", "Experiment Perilious" and "Roughly Speaking", all rated as Class A films. Movies were shown three nights a week.

Only one beer ration was available during the month because of this Group's change of stations. Four gratuitous PX issues were held and a \$10,000 stock of supplies was on sale to all officers and enlisted men of this organization.

Several ten-hour passes into Manila were sponsored by Group Special Service. Plans are underway to provide 3 day passes into the city, with the ranking non-com in charge.

Within a day or two after arrival at this station, a screen was erected and the movie schedule underway.

R. L. STURZENBECKER,
Capt., AC,
Special Service O.

CHAPLAIN

On 13 April 1945 Chaplain Clatus E. Snyder was attached unassigned to the 37th Station Hospital (per paragraph 2, SO No. 65, Hq., 312th Bombardment Group, dated 1 May 1945). In view of this fact his activities for the month were sharply curtailed.

On Monday, 23 April, Chaplain Thomas W. Chisholm was assigned to this Group from Fifth Bomber Command for detached service. Due to the fact that his arrival came so near the end of the month and, due moreover, to unsettled conditions, his activities were automatically limited.

Request that the Monthly Activities Report for this office be permitted to be withheld for the month of April.

THOMAS W. CHISHOLM,
Chaplain (Capt.), USA.

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LOCAL INTEREST AND PERSONALITIES

The move to Florida Blanca was not welcomed by the men. They knew too well what was entailed. Their desires, however, had little effect on the decision. Once again tents were struck, bamboo and lumber was bundled, equipment was boxed and the outfit moved. By plane it took some 25 minutes to hop from Mangaldan to Florida Blanca. By jeep the ride was 5 hours. Trucks took from 6 to 8 hours to reach our new home. The train, however, sped to its destination in anywhere from 17 to 24 hours. The carabao could have made the 90 mile trip in less.

At Florida Blanca tents were quickly put up and bolos was used as framework instead of bamboo. Bolos is of the bamboo family but not nearly so sturdy nor suitable for building. However, it was available (at 30 centavos a pole) and bamboo was not. Much of the bamboo was hauled down from Mangaldan and that proved to be very fortunate. The working tents were well framed with seasoned bamboo that once held up an Officers' Club.

Here, too, native labor was procured, although it was not as plentiful as at Mangaldan. The Engineers that had preceeded us had practically cornered the market, but let no man be heard to speak against Filipino labor. Despite their apparent WPA background the natives are well worth their 1 1/2 pesos a day. They take over a great many irksome details that would ordinarily fall to the lot of the G.I.'s.

The new camp area is situated on a grass-covered plateau with a flat valley separating it from the strip. It is quite a radical change from the rice fields at Mangaldan. We are now living in a sugar cane plantation! History may well record the relative military importance of sugar cane fields and rice paddies. The cane is grown on higher land permitting good drainage and the earth is grass covered. Of course, the ground is furrowed but that will in time level out. Acre for acre, the consensus is that a sugar cane plantation surpasses the rice paddy as a site for a military camp.

The strip is, or rather was, grass covered. Now it has a solid foundation of dust over which a very fine layer of dust has settled. Take-offs and landings are consequently well spaced to permit the dust clouds to settle. Take-offs on instruments alone may yet become the vogue. But a new,

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7,000 foot strip is in the final stages of completion. This concrete runway is said to surpass (when finished) anything in the Far East. It is reputed to be the latest word in air strips. This grandiose strip, we are reliably informed, may soon feel the wheels of the new B-32 bomber. About 2 months ago it was rumored that the Roarin' 20's would be converted into the V.H. B-32's. It is no longer rumor. V Bomber Command has selected the 312th Bomb Group at the behest of Washington, to take over the new B-32 instead of the old A-20. Whether this will materialize is still uncertain, but plans are already being made in anticipation of the conversion.

It will undoubtedly mean a change of T.O. to about twice our present strength. Naturally, buck Sergeants are licking their chops eagerly, if prematurely, in anticipation of a Master Sergeancy, and 1st Lieutenants and Captains see the coveted maple leaf as only a matter of time. The disappointments that will ensue are readily visible.

How will this change, if it becomes an actuality, affect the combat crews? This is a question that our A-20 pilots ask. Probably, many of them who have just about completed their tour of duty will be returned to the States; others may be transferred to the 3rd or 417th Bomb Groups; those who wish it may remain for transition. At any rate the entire question is still academic inasmuch as no final decision has yet been made on converting to the B-32.

It has not been dull at our new base. The red alert has been supplanted by the ground alert. There are still many Nips in the area, most of whom appear to be stragglers, and others who have infiltrated through bent on some mischief. As a consequence our camp area is well guarded by the enlisted men while guerillas protect the planes at the strip. When the Jap alarm was first made known to us, eager guards were shooting at anything that moved after dark. The night of 23 April was a disastrous one. When the smoke cleared the score was: dead -- one Filipino child, wounded -- one G.I. of the Chemical Company. The following morning a bedraggled, unarmed, half-starved Nip was found in the bushes a few hundred feet from camp. He was shot and killed. Our boys take no chances with Nips that may have grenades secreted on their persons. Too often have they heard of seemingly unarmed Japs turning the tables with a hidden grenade or other means.

The Nips still remain in the area, but there is no

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longer that itchy trigger finger that is more likely to cause casualties among ourselves. Often a triple guard is used on each post, with 1 or 2 men remaining alert while the others sleep at the post. It has proved satisfactory and minimized the danger of injury to our own men.

One Jap was captured by 2 enlisted men who were riding in a jeep to pick up a film for the movies that night. Many have been killed or captured in the Florida Blanca area. (1) One Filipino was brought in by a fellow native who charged him with being a Jap spy. The suspect had apparently been working as a houseboy for the Nips in the hills. He was turned over to G-2 at 38th Division Headquarters.

The usual complement of native houseboys and laundry-women paraded their services. A significant note is that no matter where you may go in the Philippines, when you ask a Filipino the price of laundry or bananas the answer is invariably the same: "It's up to you, sir". That means when you offer the Filipino one peso he will want two. It takes a little time, but we are rapidly learning to understand the "simple" customs of our neighbors in the Philippines.

Selmon W. Wells

SELMON W. WELLS,
Lt. Col., AC,
Commanding.

Nathaniel Rothstein

NATHANIEL ROTHSTEIN,
Capt., AC,
Group Historical Officer.

(1) See Interrogation of prisoners, p. 40, 41, 42

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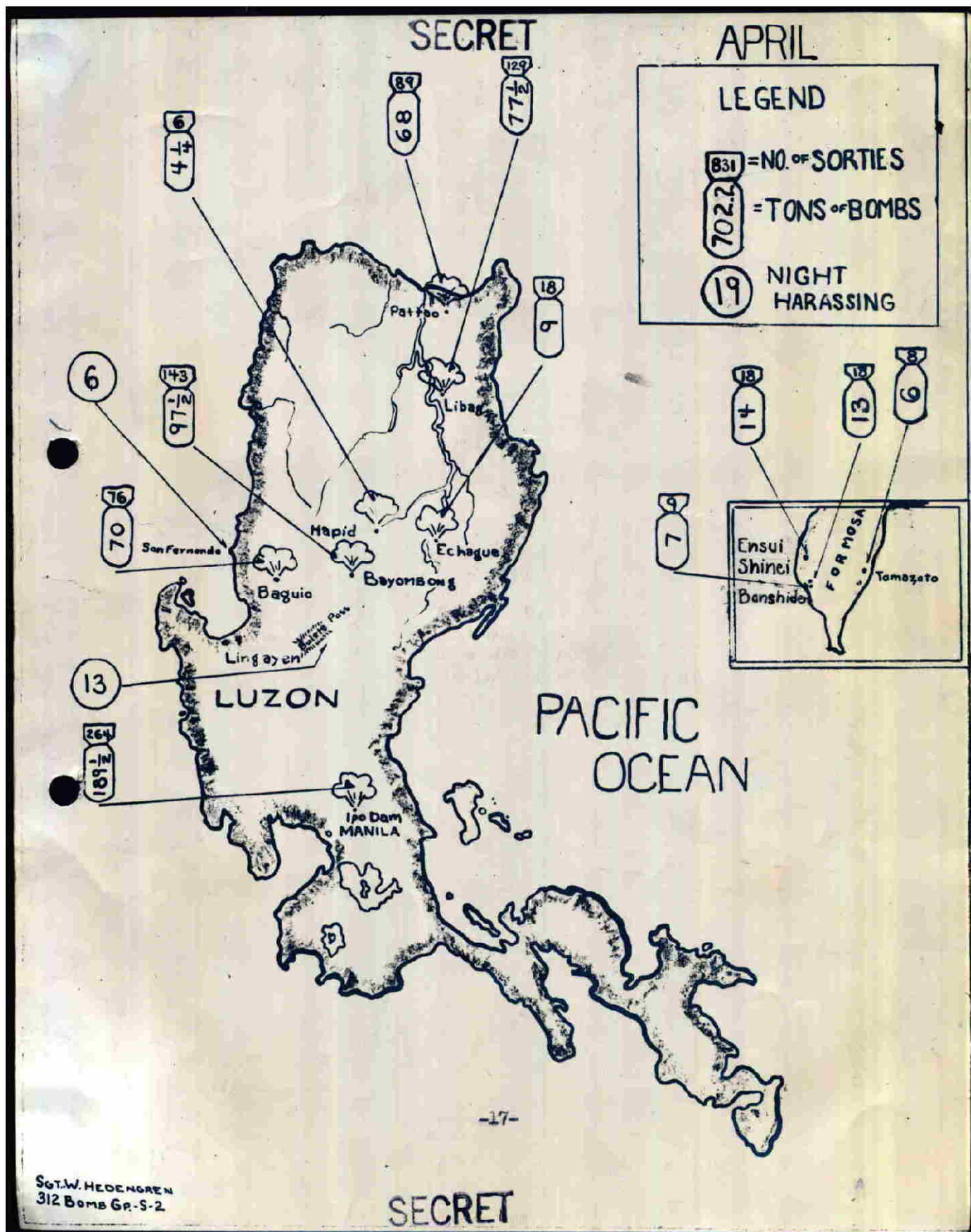
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5,92 G-1(B), 389 B.S. 312 B.G. (2 APR. 1310) 7 MIN.
SHINEI (FORMOSA) 949 RESTR.

PHOTO INTERPRETATION BY V BOMBER COMMAND

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: Para demos are visible falling and bursting in and around targets #2, 3, 4, 5, 15, 36, 40 and 41. 2 camouflaged tanks were destroyed and large central bldg is on fire in target #4. 3 warehouses destroyed and choke point damaged or destroyed in target #2. Tool shed burning in target #3. 30-40 bldgs burning in target #15. Probable damage to warehouse and possible damage to electric lines in target #40 and R/R track breached in target #37. Other damage unassessable.

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SHINEI (FORMOSA) 949 RESTR.

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BANSHIDEN R.R. YDS. (FORMOSA)-169 RESTE!

PHOTO INTERPRETATION BY V BOMBER COMMAND

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: Para demos are visible falling and bursting in the vicinity of warehouses just E of BANSHIDEN RR YARDS, causing a large flame and probably destroying one or more warehouses. Other bursts are visible near a partially camouflaged tank on the RR track N of the central bldg in the probable Sugar Refinery, and just S of JUNKIN Highway, with damage unassessable. Smoke hovers over a section of BANSHIDEN TOWN, and it may be from the fire in the warehouse area. Approx. 4 other warehouses have been destroyed previous to this strike.

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5,940 (B) 589BS 312BG (4APR) 1210 7 MIN.
ENSUI AREA (FORMOSA) 424 RESTR.

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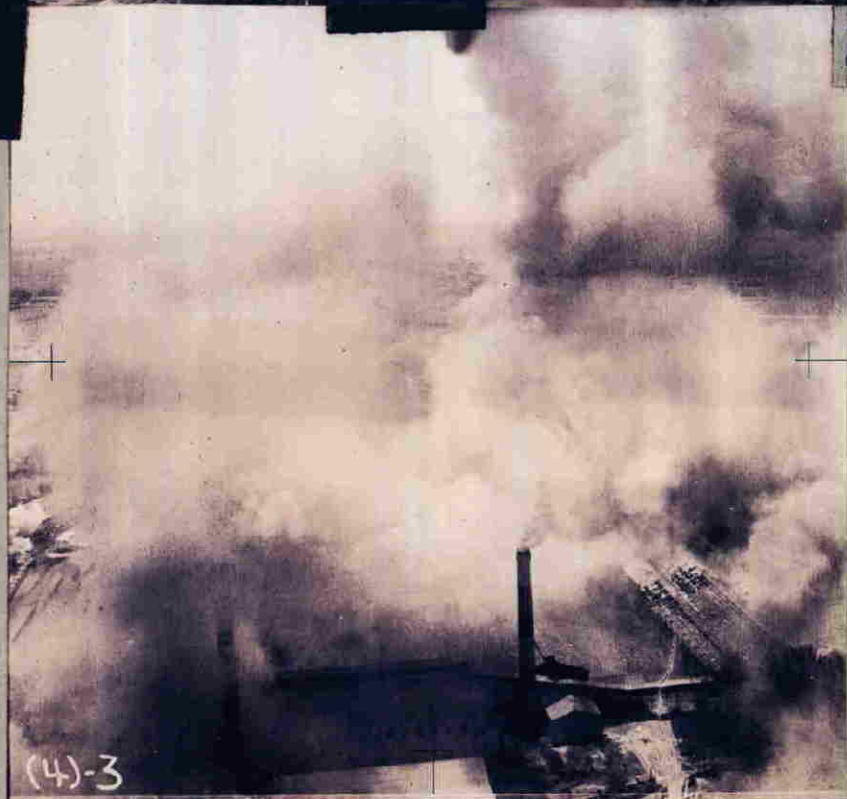
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: Para demos are falling and bursting in targets #32, #33, #35, #40 and #41. Several phosphorus bursts are among them. Probably destroyed 20-25 residential blds in target #32 and #33. Probable damage to main RR line and large explosions with debris in the air are visible over the central bldg in the plant which has already been partially destroyed. The crushing bldg is gutted and the entire plant is smoke obscured after the strike, with damage unassessable.

The plant's smoke stacks, idle before strike are emitting smoke after the strike, probably caused by boiler damage internally.

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5,94 C1(B),389B.S.312B.G.(4APR)1210)7 MIN.
ENSUI AREA (FORMOSA)-424 RESTR.

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5,94 C1 (B) 388 B.S. 312 B.G (4 APR. 1210) 7-MIN.
ENSUI AREA (FORMOSA) 236 RESTA.

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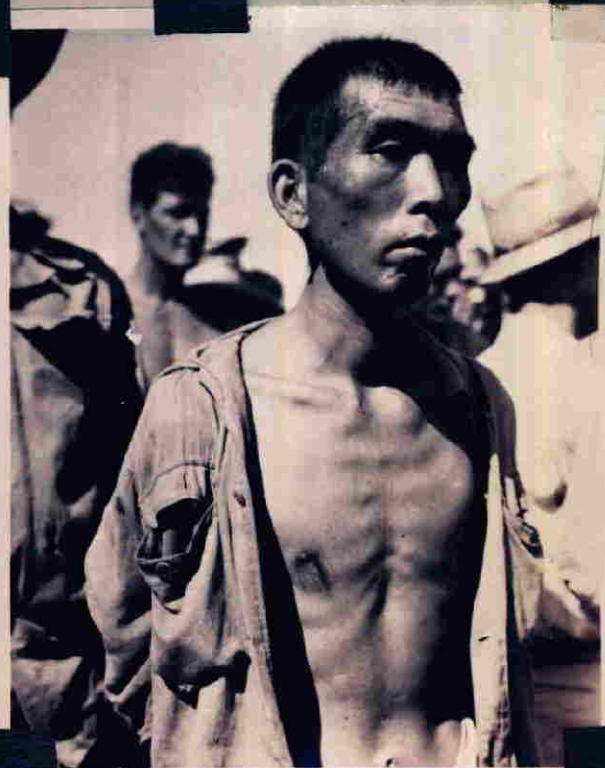
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One of the 3 captured
Nips and his captor.

For POW interrogation,
see pages 40-42.

A captured Nip showing
signs of wear and tear
after living in hiding with-
out food or shelter.

These Nips were captured
a few hundred yards from
the camp area.



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MISSIONS FLOWN DURING APRIL 1945

1 April	91-C-1 (B) - 388,6,7	Baguio Area
	2,3,4 - 389	San Fernando
	5,6,7 - 389	Balete Pass
	10 - 389	Balete Pass (Weather Recco)
2 April	92-C-1 (B) - 388,9	Rolling stock, RR yards,
	2 - 386	Alcohol Plant at Shinei
	3 - 386	Balete Pass (Weather Recco)
	9 - 387	San Fernando
	10 - 386	Hapid A/D
		Air Transport Art. Obs. -
		Aringay Area
3 April	93-C-1 (B) - 386	Banshiden RR Yards
	- 387	Tamazato
	2 - 389	Zinundungan
	3 - 388	Balete Pass (Weather Recco)
4 April	94-C-1 (B) - 389,7,8	Suan-T'au
	2 - 386	Balete Pass (Weather Recco)
	3 - 386	Villa Verde Trail
	6,7 - 386	San Fernando
5 April	95-C-1 (B)	Cancelled due to weather
6,7,8,9 April		All squadrons released
10 April	100-C-1 (B) - 388	Indiana
	2 - 388	Indiana
	3 - 388	Balete Pass (Weather)
	4 - 388	Baguio (Weather)
	5 - 386	Masingal
	6 - 387	Masingal
	7 - 388	Bayombong
	8 - 389	Bayombong
11 April	101-C-1,2,9 (B) - 387	Balete Pass, Solvec Bay (Weath)
	3 - 389,8	Libag (Secondary)
	4 - 388	Libag
	5 - 389	Iguig
	6,7 - 387	Villa Verde Trail (Night)

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12 April	102-C-1,2,3	- 388	Villa Verde Trail (Night)
	4,5	- 388	Balete Pass, Baguio (Weather)
	6	- 386	Dalauig
	7	- 386	Bayombong
	8	- 387	Solano
	9	- 389	Tumaunini Town
13 April	103-C-1 (B)	- 388	Hapid A/D
	2	- 388	Abra River
	3,4	- 386	Marasat Grande
	5,6	- 389	La Torre Town
	7	- 387	Bintauan
	8	- 387	Turayung
	9	- 389	Balete Pass, Baguio, Solvec Cove (WR)
	10,11,12	- 389	Villa Verde Trail (Night)
14 April	104-C-1 (B)	- 386,7	Baguio
		388,389	
	2	- 387,8,9,6	Baguio
	3,4	- 387	Baguio (WR)
	5	- 386	Villa Verde Trail (Night)
15 April			All squadrons released
16 April			All squadrons released
17,18,19 April			Change of Station
20 April	110 A-4	- 386,7	Infanta
21 April	111 A-1	- 388,9	Pattao (Secondary)
22 April	112 A-5	- 386,7	Pattao (Secondary)
23 April	113 C-4 (B)	- 386,7	Echague
	D-17	- 388	Ipo Dam
	D-18	- 389	Ipo Dam
24 April	114 C-4 (B)	- 386,7	Penablanca
	5	- 386,7	Lampong
	D-15	- 388	Payaguan River
	16	- 389	Mt. Campana
	17	- 388	Ipo Dam
	18	- 389	Bolac
25 April	115 C-1 (B)	- 386,7	Penablanca
	D-16	- 388	Ipo Dam
	D-17	- 389	Lyang
	D-18	- 388	Ipo Dam
	D-19	- 389	Ipo Dam

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26 April	116-C-1 (B)	- 386,7	Paniqui
	D-18	- 388	Incomplete - Nil ground contact
	D-19	- 389	Ipo Dam
	D-20	- 388	Ipo Dam
	D-21	- 389	Ipo Dam
27 April	117-C-1 (B)	- 386,7	San Pablo
	2	- 386	Naguilian
	D-14	- 388	Santa Ines
	15	- 389	Santa Ines
	16	- 388	Metropolitan Road
	17	- 389	Bayabas
28 April	118-C-1 (B)	- 386,7	Itogen Mines
	2	- 386,7	Fabrica
	D-17	- 388	Mamuyo River Gorge
	18	- 389	Lenatin River
	19	- 388	Mt. Kanumay
29 April	119 D-12	- 388	Pagayuan River
	13	- 389	Santa Inez Trail
30 April	120 D-14	- 388	Mt. Balidbiran
	15	- 389	Payaguan River area
	16	- 388	Ipo Dam (Secondary)
	17	- 389	Lenantin River

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SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

1. Total Sorties Dispatched: 844
2. Total Incomplete Sorties: 26
3. Tonnage of Each Type Bomb Dropped:
 - 3.1 - NST Napalm
 - 147.1 - 250 x Para Demo
 - 47.9 - 23 x Para Frag
 - 165.7 - 500 x Gen Purpose
 - 3.6 - 100 x Napalm
 - 152.8 - 250 x Gen Purpose
 - 14.0 - 100 x Para Demo
4. Total Tonnage of Bombs Dropped: 534.2 tons
5. Total Combat Flying Hours:
 - Combat Mission: 2132.1
 - Combat Zone : 843.2
6. Total Enemy Aircraft Destroyed in Air During April:
 - None
7. Leading Gunner Presently Assigned and Score
 - None
8. Number and Estimated Tonnage of Ships Sunk by Type During April:
 - None

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SUMMARY OF ACCIDENTS AND LOSSES

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Aircraft Data

Model : A-20G, 43-21326
 Squadron : 388th Bomb Sq. (L)
 Date : 11 April 1945 - 1405/I
 Place : Mangaldan Strip
 Nature : Left tire blew out on takeoff
 Damage : Complete loss

Crew Data

Pilot : FRITZEL, Dale C., 2nd Lt.
 Gunner : SMITH, Manford, Cpl.
 Injuries : Pilot and gunner sustained minor
 bruises.

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Aircraft Data

Model : A-20G, Ser. No. 43-21956
 Squadron : 389th Bomb Sq. (L)
 Date : 16 April 1945 - 1930/I
 Place : Florida Blanca Strip
 Nature : Debris picked up off taxiway in prop
 wash.
 Damage : Class 26

Crew Data

Pilot : FOREMAN, Robert L., 2nd Lt.
 Gunner : BOYD, Wilfred, M/Sgt.
 Injuries : Nil

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Aircraft Data

Model : A-20G, Ser. No. 43-21417
 Squadron : 388th Bomb Sq - plane loaned to
 389th Bomb Sq.
 Date : 27 April 1945 - 1730/I
 Place : Nichols Field
 Nature : Plane hit tree over target
 Damage : Wing and stabilizer change

Crew Data

Pilot : FELDKAMP, Lawrence O., 2nd Lt.
 Gunner : HARTLE, John E., Sgt.
 Injuries : Pilot - Nil; gunner bailed out E. of
 Manila and picked up by the 6th Div.
 Returned to this Gp on 28 Apr. 45. No
 injury.

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Aircraft Data

Model : A-20G, Ser. No. 43-21987
 Squadron : 389th Bomb Sq. (L)
 Date : 30 April 1945 - 1445/I
 Place : Marulao, Luzon
 Nature : Right engine caught fire
 Damage : Complete loss

Crew Data

Pilot : SMITH, Ralph C., 2nd Lt.
 Gunner : HARTMAN, Calvin J., Sgt.
 Injuries : Pilot - KIA; gunner bailed out. Minor
 bruises, picked up by MP Co and returned
 to this organization on 1 May 1945.

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STRENGTH OF AIRCRAFT

- a. 1 April 1945 - 44 A-20G's; 4 A-20H's; 1 B-25D; 4 B-25J's;
1 C-47B.
- b. Nil losses on ground through enemy action.
- c. 2 planes lost in combat; 1 lost in non-combat accident.
- d. 30 April 1945 - 41 A-20G's; 12 A-20H's; 1 B-25D; 4 B-25J's;
1 C-47B.

STRENGTH OF COMMAND

Headquarters

Sec. 1 CHANGES IN T/O: Nil

Sec. 2 STRENGTH OF COMMAND:

- a. Strength of Command - 1 April 1945
25 Officers 171 EM
- b. Strength of Command - 30 April 1945
24 Officers 170 EM
- c. Net change during month:
-1 Officer -1 EM

Sec. 3 CHANGE OF STATION:

Air Ech departed Mangaldan 16 Apr 1945. Ground
Ech departed Mangaldan for Florida Blanca 2100
19 Apr 45. Arrived 1800 20 Apr 45. AUTH: VOGG
VAF.

Group

Sec. 1 CHANGE IN T/O: Nil

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PRIORITY SECRET

FROM: A-2 308 BOMB WING
TO: CO 312 BOMB GP ATTN S-2

INFO TO: COMAF FIVE

CITE P 5627 D

FOLLOWING FROM USAFIP NL, FOR YOUR INFORMATION. 8 A-20's STRIKING
BINATOWAN RPT BINATOWAN IN LOWER CAGAYAN VALLEY ON APRIL 13 KILLED
83 JAPS, WOUNDED 157.

CG 308 BOMB WING

T00: 231650/I
TOS: 231944/I EAL JTT K
EBO R NR 116 JFM VA

FR: A-2 308th Bomb Wing

Cite: P 5182 D

THE FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM GROUND STATION FOR YOUR INFO: RESULTS FOR
WEEK PERIOD ENDING 111200/I IN SOLVEC COVE AREA. 270 DEAD JAPS POSITIVELY
COUNTED AND CREDITED TO AIR FORCE. HEADS BLOWN OFF SOME AND OTHERS KILLED
BY CONCUSSION. MANY KILLED BY STRAFING. THREE AMMO DUMPS BLOWN AND TWO
TRUCKS WILL DRIVE NO MORE. REPORTS STILL COMING IN.

TOS: 120927/I

A true copy:

Nathaniel Rothstein
NATHANIEL ROTHSTEIN,
Capt., AC,
Gp. Historical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
FIFTH AIR FORCE
APO 710

AG 201.22

18 April, 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding General, V Bomber Command, APO 710.

1. The V Bomber Command is especially commended for its fine performance during the extensive operations against shipping and enemy air forces for the past thirty (30) days. Despite long range missions with all groups and extensive battle damage from enemy anti-aircraft, all units have placed more than normal effort over the target daily.

2. The ability to deliver in an emergency is the true measure of efficiency of any combat unit. The record which these groups have made during the past thirty days is a cause for great pride in their achievement on the part of all officers and men of the Fifth Air Force.

3. Request that the above be brought to the attention of the units of your command.

s/ ENNIS C. WHITEHEAD
t/ ENNIS C. WHITEHEAD,
Major General, USA,
Commanding.

AG 201.22

1st Ind.

JVC/b

HEADQUARTERS, V BOMBER COMMAND, APO 710, 19 April, 1945.

TO: All Units of this Command.

Your achievements during the past thirty day period, as evidenced by the foregoing commendation, have been a source of great gratification to the undersigned. Please convey my personal appreciation and commendation to all your personnel for their magnificent performance during this period of operations.

A true copy:

Nathaniel Rothstein
NATHANIEL ROTHSTEIN,
Capt., AC,
Gp. Historical Officer.

s/ J. V. CRABB
t/ J. V. CRABB,
Brig. General, USA,
Commanding.

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REPORTS AND COMMENDATIONS

FROM: A-2 308 Bomb Wing

TO : 312th Bomb Group

CITE M 6727

GHQ USAFIP, N. L. REPORTS FOLLOWING QUOTE. IN GARIT (4 MILES SW ECHAGUE) ON 23 APRIL ONE JAP OCCUPIED HOUSE DESTROYED AND TWELVE JAPS WERE KILLED. ON THE SAME DATE, AT GARIT NORTE VICINITY OF GARIT ECHAGUE AIRFIELD 100 JAPS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND FIFTY WOUNDED. TWO JAP OCCUPIED HOUSES AND TWO GRANARIES FILLED WITH FOOD SUPPLIES WERE DESTROYED. ON THE SAME DATE, 100 JAPS WERE KILLED AND FIFTY WOUNDED IN THE IMMEDIATE GARIT, ECHAGUE AIRFIELD AREA. TWO DUMPS FUEL AND AMMO ONE TELEPHONE STATION AND ONE TRUCK WERE DESTROYED UNQUOTE. ABOVE DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES CREDITED TO 312TH BOMB GROUP.

STRIKE ECHAGUE AREA ON 23 APRIL

TOS: 231133/I

A true copy:

Nathaniel Rothstein

NATHANIEL ROTHSTEIN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Group Historical Officer.

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Sec. 2 STRENGTH OF COMMAND:

- a. Strength of Command: 1 April, 1945
185 Officers 6 F/O 1 W/O 1241 EM
- b. Strength of Command: 30 April, 1945
175 Officers 6 F/O 1 W/O 1243 EM
- c. Net change during month:
-10 Officers -2 EM

Sec. 3 CHANGE OF STATION:

Same as Sec. 3 of Headquarters.

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HEADQUARTERS
FIFTH AIR FORCE
APO 710

23 April 1945

AG 201.22

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : All Fifth Air Force Unit Commanders.

The following paraphrased message has been received by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces from Commander in Chief Army Forces in the Pacific:

"TO YOURSELF AND TO ALL OFFICERS AND MEN INVOLVED PLEASE ACCEPT HEARTIEST COMMENDATION FOR THE BRILLIANT EXECUTION OF VISAYAN CAMPAIGN. IT IS A MODEL OF WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN RAPID EXPLOITATION BY A LIGHT BUT AGGRESSIVE COMMAND. MACARTHUR"

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WHITEHEAD:

s/ O. C. VAN HOESEN
t/ O. C. VAN HOESEN,
Lt. Col., AGD,
Adj. Gen.

A true copy:

Nathaniel Rothstein
NATHANIEL ROTHSTEIN,
Capt., AC,
Group Historical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
V BOMBER COMMAND
Office of the Commanding General
APO 710

JVC/b

25 April, 1945.

SUBJECT: Letter of Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer, 312th Bombardment Group, APO 74.

1. The following excerpt from radio received from the Commanding General, 38th Division, relative to Mt. Pinatuba strikes, is quoted for your information:

"CONFIRMATION OF RESULTS OF AIR STRIKES: 600 TO 800 DEAD JAPS HAVE BEEN FOUND FOR WHICH THE COMMANDING GENERAL FEELS THE AIR ARM IS FOR THE MOST PART RESPONSIBLE. A DELAYED REPORT FROM 38TH DIVISION INDICATED 46 DEAD, DECOMPOSED JAPS FOUND WEST OF FORT STOTSENBERG IN MT. BORUT AREA, APPARENTLY KILLED BY AIR STRIKES. 6TH DIVISION REPORT 20 DEAD AT VICINITY SOUTHEAST SAN MATEO RESULTS OF AIR STRIKES."

2. It is indeed gratifying to receive such confirmation of the results achieved in our air strikes in direct support of ground operations; especially since the pilots and crew members usually have no way of determining the destruction caused the enemy by visual observation of their bombing. It is strikes such as these which have materially assisted our ground forces in their task of liberation.

3. Please convey, to all your combat crews and ground personnel concerned, my commendation for this superb strike against the Japanese ground forces.

J. V. CRABB,
Brig. General, USA,
Commanding.

A true copy.

Nathaniel Rothstein
NATHANIEL ROTHSTEIN,
Capt., AC,
Group Historical Officer.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SIXTH INFANTRY DIVISION
169 LANGUAGE DETACHMENT
APO 6

652
2 May 45

DRAFT OF PRELIMINARY INTERROGATION OF JAPANESE PW

1. PERSONAL DETAILS:

Name : KAKU, Tsukisaka
Rank : Pfc
PW No. : 169-P-581
Duty : Operating power plant at CAMP
STOTSENBERG
Unit : I-15311 Force, YAMAMOTO Unit
Age : 37
Place of Capture : 2 miles West of FLORIDABLANCA
Airstrip
Date of Capture : 2 May 45
Unit making Capture : 312 Bomber Group

2. ASSESSMENT:

a. Circumstance of Capture.

The PW was starving; so he and his companions headed for a Filipino home nearby with the intention of trading his personal belongings for rice. When PW and his companions approached the home he found himself surrounded by armed guerrillas.

b. Reliability of Information.

PW had 11 years of education. He attended the Nippon Higher Music School. He studied English for five years and appears to be above average intelligence. He had planned to make a living in the United States. He answered questions readily and was very cooperative. However, his military knowledge is nil. The information herein is considered reliable. Further interrogation by FWB is recommended

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3. TACTICAL INFORMATION:

a. Chronology.

29 Jan 44 : Inducted at TOKYO, JAPAN
 May 44 : Left MOJI, JAPAN
 Early Jun 44 : Arrived MANILA via TAKAO, FORMOSA
 Jun 44 : Arrived STOTSSENBERG
 29 Jan 45 : Left STOTSSENBERG
 2 May 45 : Captured.

b. PW's Unit.



c. Personalities.

YAMAMOTO	1st Col	CO, YAMAMOTO UNIT
HOTTA	Major	CO, Air Maintenance
KAWAI	2nd Lt	" "
KISHIDA	2nd Lt	" "
INUMARU	2nd Lt	" "

4. SUPPLIES:

PW states that the men of his Unit had sufficient supplies, and rations while they were in STOTSSENBERG; also at the time when they left STOTSSENBERG. While heading for the mountains, West of STOTSSENBERG, they were attacked by American planes and lost the greater part of their supplies. For the past three months, they have lived on whatever they could find in the mountains. There are no medical supplies in the sector west of STOTSSENBERG and many of the soldiers are suffering from malaria.

5. MORALE:

At STOTSSENBERG the morale of the PW's unit was high, but upon being forced to evacuate because of bombing and

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strafing attacks they were demoralized. PW suggests that a broadcast be tried in the mountain areas, and volunteered to do the broadcasting. PW claims he picked up several leaflets but at that time he did not believe their contents.

6. GENERAL:

In civilian life, PW had a book store in TOKYO, JAPAN. Although, he was 36 years old, he was inducted when the army discovered that he knew a little about electricity. He was sent to an army's electrician school for 3 months and learned the ignition system of the automobile. After graduating, he was sent to STOTSBERG and worked in the power plant. There were 13 men from his unit working in the plant, of which 5 were Formosans. They also employed 30 Filipino civilians. PW was strafed and bombed by American planes, and when U.S. Forces attacked MABALACAT airfield he left for the hills. In the hills, he met paratroopers of the RAN Unit with the approximate strength of 900 men armed with rifles and machine guns. Left his unit at MT PINAPPO. He suggests PWB broadcast in these areas as the best method of inducing the Japanese in the hills to cease resistance.

s/ ROBERT A. RHODES
t/ ROBERT A. RHODES,
1st Lieut, A U S
O/c, Lang, Det.

A true copy:

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Part V

PROMOTIONS EM HQ. DETACHMENT

From T/Sgt to M/Sgt:

James L. Liverman

SO 62, Hq., 312th Bomb Gp., 26 April, 1945

From S/Sgt to T/Sgt:

*Sam (NMI) Shapiro

SO 58, Hq., 312th Bomb Gp., 13 April, 1945

From Sgt. to S/Sgt:

*Martin J. Berman

SO 58, Hq., 312th Bomb Gp., 13 April, 1945

Arthur Brown

SO 54, Hq., 312th Bomb Gp., 7 April, 1945

William L. Hartzell

SO 56, Hq., 312th Bomb Gp., 10 April, 1945

Albino E. Mancini

SO 62, Hq., 312th Bomb Gp., 26 April, 1945

Walter E. Couch

SO 62, Hq., 312th Bomb Gp., 26 April, 1945

From Cpl. to Sgt:

Dexter A. Groesbeck

SO 56, Hq., 312th Bomb Gp., 10 April, 1945

Wallace B. Hedengren

SO 62, Hq., 312th Bomb Gp., 26 April, 1945

From Pvt. to Pfc:

Richard L. Read

SO 51, Hq., 312th Bomb Gp., 3 April, 1945

*DS with 5278th Bomber Com. Sq., APO 710.

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The Free Philippines, APO 70

Wednesday 4 April 45

300 B-29's HIT JAPAN

DOMEL, JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY, STATED TO THE PEOPLE OF JAPAN THAT IF THE AMERICANS SUCCEED IN CAPTURING THE RYUKYUS, THE SKIES OF THE WESTERN HALF OF JAPAN AND THE CHINA COAST WOULD BE DOMINATED BY US AIRCRAFT. THE AGENCY FURTHER SAID THAT COASTAL REGIONS OF JAPAN WOULD BE UNDER CONSTANT ATTACK AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A LANDING ON THE HOMELAND WOULD GREATLY INCREASE, SHOULD THE JAPANESE LOSE THE RYUKYUS.

LATE NEWS FROM WASHINGTON ANNOUNCED THAT 300 B29's HIT THE TOKYO AREA EARLY THIS MORNING. 3 INDUSTRIAL CENTERS on Honshu Island were the targets for today. The 3 cities were Shizuoka, Tachikawa and Koizumi. This is the 1st B29 attack on these industrial centers. The super-forts flew from bases in the Marianas. No further details were released.

AMERICAN TROOPS LAND ON SULU ARCHIPELAGO

General MacArthur, in his today's communique announced that American troops have landed on Tawitawi Island in the Sulu archipelago, 200 miles SW of Mindanao. Also landings were made on two other islands and several air fields were captured. A strong naval and air bombardment preceded the landing and strong Guerilla forces joined the Americans. Initial losses were light. This new landing places U.S. troops less than 150 miles from Borneo.

U.S. 160 MILES FROM RUSSIANS

On Europe's western front, several more Nazi industrial cities have been captured and thousands of Germans are trapped in the Ruhr area. The cities of Kassel, Gotha and Fulda are now in Allied hands as the drives continued toward Nurnberg and Leipzig. American troops are now 160 miles from a junction with Russian troops on the east and 130 miles from Berlin. At the northern end of the western front the city of Osnabruck is under attack. Thousands of Nazis are in danger of being trapped in Holland and are trying desperately to escape.

ON THE EASTERN FRONT, Russian troops are 6 miles from Vienna.

U.S. TROOPS ADVANCE ON OKINAWA

On Okinawa Island in the Ryukyus, American troops are widening their hold on the west coast of the island. U.S. forces drove across the 8 mile wide island on Monday and have split Japanese forces. On the east coast American infantry and marines are driving toward Naha, largest city on the island. Heaviest Japanese resistance is being encountered in this drive. Also Jap resistance increased in the central sector of the island. The advancing Yanks are now less than 7 miles from Naha.

The unloading of supplies was proceeding satisfactorily and huge quantities of equipment are already ashore. Just off the beachhead there is a floating base composed of hundreds of vessels. These ships include floating dry docks and supply ships.

Heavy warships of the most powerful task force ever assembled continued to bombard Japanese positions on Okinawa and nearby islands. Dispatches from Pacific Fleet Headquarters stated that there had been no Japanese naval opposition. For 10 days preceding the landing the Allied task forces dropped thousands of tons of bombs and shells on Okinawa. 1500 carrier planes took part in the attack and nearly 900 Jap planes were destroyed in sweeps over the Ryukyus. The landing on Okinawa is the closest to Japan since the landing on Iwo.

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 I & E Officer.....Major H V Neuhaus
 Advisor.....

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RUSSIA vs JAPAN

With the once invincible German military might disintegrating before the most massive onslaught in history and the end of the European conflict at last in sight, Russo-Japanese relations within the next few months may well be of very great and even personal interest to us here in the Pacific Theatre.

Stalin and Tojo mutually desired and welcomed their non-aggression treaty signed prior to the entry of either of their countries into the present war and both leaders no doubt breathed deep sighs of relief upon it's conclusion. For Stalin, under no delusion as to German's intentions, and Tojo, with Pearl Harbor already blue printed, were clearing the decks for what was to come.

Today, however, Russia need no longer fear Japan and has so indicated during recent months in semi-official press statements and by an increasingly firm, even aggressive, tone in diplomatic exchanges. While reiterating his intention of living up to the letter of the treaty Stalin has made no move to curb a growing belief that the pact will not be renewed upon it's expiration on the 25th of this month. Giving further rise to speculation along this line is Russia's recent acceptance of a seat at the United Nations conference in San Francisco where Russian and China will, for the first time, meet openly as allies. The date - April 25th!

Even disregarding Russia's natural hatred and distrust of the Japanese, stemming from the Russo-Japanese War and the many other incidents over a several years period prior to the start of World War II, it does not seem entirely without the realm of possibility that in the not too distant future Japan may well find herself facing a new and most formidable antagonist. Indeed, it is not inconsistent with the Japanese character that she may herself, in typical Samurai desperation, launch her Manchurian armies against the Russian forces in Siberia, more surely than ever sealing her own fate.



DIANNE KINDRED, "ROARIN' 20'S"
SANTA BARBARA PIN-UP GIRL

The "Roarin' 20's" are being well publicized in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Cute 3-year-old Dianne Kindred proudly posed for a picture wearing a "Roarin' 20's" Jacket Insignia Patch on her play suit. The picture was just received by her father, BTO 1st Lt. Robert B. Kindred, 337th Asst. S-2.

The snapshot, showing Dianne sitting in a swing in the patio of her Santa Barbara home, is on display in Group Public Relations.

FONTAINE PLAYS OPPOSITE 4 MEN

Joan Fontaine appears as the intellectual type, with a beret on her head, a bun (of hair) on her neck and a cold on the head, on the "Affairs of Susan" set. Joans plays a four-in-one woman, to four different men. To George Brent she is sophisticated; Walter Pidgeon considers her sweet and naive; with Don De Fore, she is all for the open air and wild spaces; while to Dennis O'Keefe she spills the old balcony of free love and free everything.....Betty Davis is once again herself. After "Mr Skeffington" and "I Can't Get Green", in both of which she wore character clothes, she now returns to her own figure, her own hair, her own beauty and a glamorous wardrobe in "Stolen Life".....It seems very likely that the first picture Clark Gable is going to do will be produced by Sam Zimbalist. It is the story wherein Clark will play a man in the Merchant Marine who meets and falls in love with a librarian in San Francisco. Right now the script is titled "Clark Gable in 'Every Port'."

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Camp Characters

THE 89TH OFFICERS



The ♣ Squadron

By Cpl R N Buttery

after several months' absence, "Laughing Loon" Emory has at last made his way back to the squadron. Welcome home, Jim.Capt Downing is also with us once more after having taken an active part in the battle of Sydney....The EM softball team finally came through the other night with a 9-4 win over the 388th Officers. We won't mention the 10-0 shellacking they took from the 388th EM tho.Some of the boys who were expecting Easter Eggs Sunday were bitterly disappointed when they were forced to accept beer as a substitute....The mess dept pulled a new one out of their bag of tricks the other day when they started decorating the tables with flowers. Reactions to the innovation were varied to say the least. Mcavoy was heard to murmur on entering, "Just like the automnt" while another promptly made a sandwich of the bouquet on his table and then complained that there was no mayonaise.

TOAST

Here's to you, little lad
To people you made very glad.
You've taken a load off your mother,
and made more room for your Dad.

In Headquarters

Hark ye! Hark ye! Sinners, tattletelling is in the making.....Hartzell and Barnett are competing for the shorts title.....Watch Hedengren if his ears wiggle-he has a good one.....Exciting 'taint it, Ferrinani, hunting in the night. Incidentally, for the latest information about hunting see Sprock, Weed, Gasses or Fudge.....When Sprock takes the workers home does he leave right away or has he a side-kick out there?.....Couz' Willie has a heart throb--she's sweet!!! Ever see "Rags" on his cycle?--He's really sharp.....Getting aristocratic--Chet--you know what I mean, sleeping in silk pajamas.....How about a loan next month, Jimmy Glynn?.....Night work continues with Hayden and "tadwell setting records all the time. They boys don't mind tho--they feel that they're doing their part and making a real contribution so keep coming and bring along a buddy..... Overheard in the mess hall: "We'd have had another ribbon if we hadn't missed the "Papoo" campaign!"....."The hankin' "Groucho" Jackson made a frontline check on the infantry the other day--are they straightened out now, boys?...Burch is in love with the world now.

The ♦ Squadron

By Cpl Ray "Zoot" Gonzalez

Morale went up 100% last Wednesday!! Reason: the terrific Sq party. Not enough praise can be showered on the committee which functioned with clock work precision. No 1 member and hardest worker was Adam "Chamber of Commerce" Wukelich, now at a local rest camp; other members were "Virginia" Freeman, Gerald "ARC" Peters, and yours truly..SEEN THRU HAZY EYES WED NITE: "Fred Astaire" Connors and "Ginger Rogers" Foster, knocking themselves out, tripping the light fanatic. Jimmy Rude Elzy Cowan and Harold McGreevy take my vote for being the Super-Wolves of the party.....Hanging by one finger at the bar was Arky Huddleston... "Mavis Ste" Paul Colvin was out of this world, in a corner with a Red Cross chick, while on the other side of the room was "Listner" Zaino hearing a sequel of the Philadelphia Story from another Red Cross gal among the native musicians were Messers. "Hot Lips" Morris and "Krupa" Hanson getting in a few licks. One of the girl entertainers made a big hit with "Jersey" Eckel. Incidentally, her name was Ele. Uncle Dunk is now dating the 10-year-old singer of "I Luf You Verry Much"..... "t will be a long time before this party will be forgotten, if ever.

can feel the worm turning...it's a great risk to send "Hudgie Boy" Hudgins for steak, he's sure to bring back tuna. LADY Baron now-carries the double X brand. We wonder if Fred L. or the Lady did the branding?.....Ace volleyball combination of "Patecat" Nondahl and "The Mad Russian" Durkin are heading for a split up; the boys say one of a team is enough.....The latest wrinkle in what the well-dressed GI wears in the PI's is the creation worn

Stewart and Junior... Caskey gave out with a swell performance of raking around the engineering office. Said "Smiley", "You have to pull a lot of mercury to get that job!What is this new monicker tagged on to Sloan; can it be Junior?.....Latest addition to the "Hot Rock" section is Capt "Sydney was never like this" Lundin.....Bruce ain't mad at nobody no more.

The ♠ Squadron

..By Cpl John "Water-Scorcher" Graham

Sgt Thomson's gunners were in low spirits the other night; the reason: They had to sweat out the beer line, pay for their issue and then turn it over to Joe Loprento's ball team. Such was the wager between the teams on the outcome of a softball game between them...It's bad enough to lose, but to rub it in as Joe did is a crime...He wouldn't even give Tommie the suds off one mug to moisten his tonsils. You're a hard man, Joe..... It is rumored that a certain combat propaganda pair have been grounded for 'Combat Fatigue'--just how much truth there is to it, this correspondent doesn't

know. We're wondering if the night missions they have been 'flying' recently have anything to do with it.....they were rough ones, so it could have taken the best out of that crack combat crew.Tonight is the one night that we've been looking forward to for some time; it's party night for the enlisted men. Everyone is expecting a good time and if it's up to 1st Sgt Williams, no one will be disappointed for he has been 'beating his brains out' procuring entertainment, refreshments, girls and ice--we hope....Welcome to newcomers... Faulkner, Fitzsimons and Flechsenhaar.

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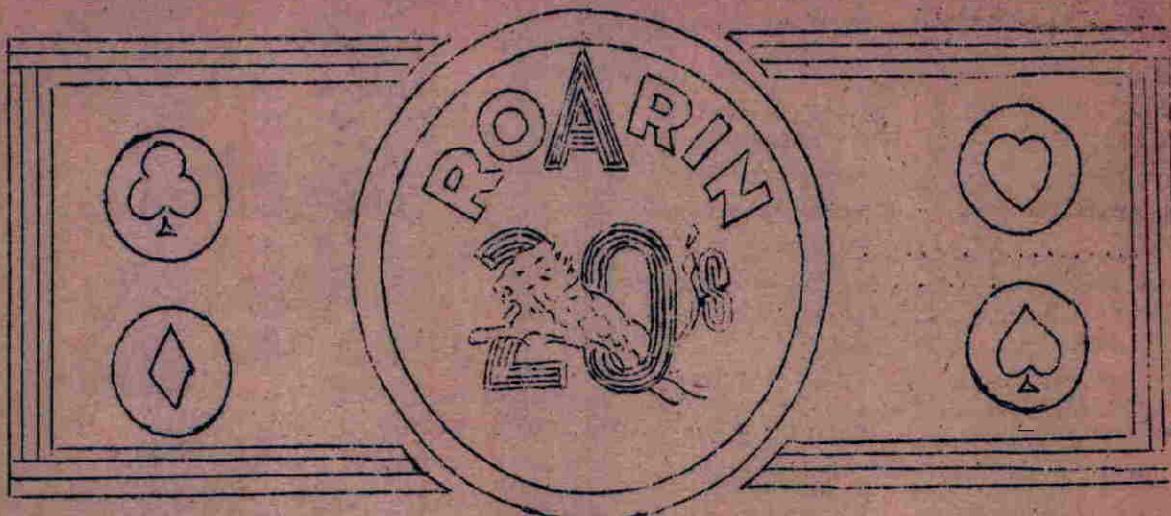
..By Sgt M A Acampora

Rumor has it that Lt. Danny Blaine will make a bee line for Washington DC, in and when he gets his rotation orders. It would be embarrassing if a certain trio were to meet him at Union Station at the same time--Wouldn't it Danny?.....Jimmy McMullen, ye olde Boston matchmaker, is finally showing his age during the air alerts. Wonder if Jimmy's quest for another Ceferino Garcia, is meeting with success...."Shenandoah" Cline ex-Ipswich

cowboy has lost his wolfish leer. Why did Jimmy Hicks get his money back???? The ball team was finally beaten but gave a good account of itself. Joe Coan lost his appetite because of a sweet young thing named Kate Clohissis bring those photos! Incidentally the Monsignor Coan whose casket was opened by South Amboy ghouls was Joe's late uncle. Russ Badgley's correspondence with a certain nurse has suddenly ceased--4fitis

MALE CALL Milton Cantr, creator of "Jerry and the Pigeons" IS HE TRAPPED OR IS SHE A MOUSE?





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YANKS CAPTURE HANOVER

In Europe, the American 9th Army has captured the Nazi industrial city of Hanover as Allied troops raced virtually unchecked deep inside Germany. The most significant advance was made by General Patton's 3rd Army. Advance spearheads are now 50 miles from the Czechoslovakian border. All along the western front new gains were made by Allied forces. Advance spearheads are now less than 53 miles from the Elbe River, last water barrier before Berlin.

The British 2nd Army is racing north through the German plains and advance units are less than 5 miles from the great port city of Essen. General Montgomery's troops are less than 50 miles from reaching their goal of sealing off thousands of Nazis in Holland. An estimated 100,000 Germans are virtually cut off in Holland. The Nazis are trying desperately to evacuate troops from Holland by air transport. The Nazis are surrendering by the hundreds daily. The total number of German prisoners taken since June now stands at 1,542,000.

The destruction of Nazi aircraft is mounting daily. Tuesday 17 German planes were destroyed bringing the total enemy aircraft destroyed in the past 4 days to 7. Later in the day Tuesday R.F. bombers pounded the port of Kiel and Leipzig, important transportation center. Tuesday night the British bombers hit Berlin.

FALL OF VIENNA IMMINENT

Red Army troops now hold virtually all of the Austrian capital, Vienna, except some suburbs north of the city across the Danube river.

Moscow announced that 60,000 more Nazi prisoners were taken in East Prussia. This brings the total of Germans killed or captured in the last battle for Königsberg to 194,000.

SAVAGE RESISTANCE ON OKINAWA

On Okinawa, American Marines made new gains in the drive toward the northern end of the island against light Jap resistance. Infantry units in the south are meeting almost savage resistance in the drive toward Naha. A military observer said the real battle is just beginning in southern Okinawa. Some marine artillery batteries have been transferred from the northern sector to the fighting in the south. An American officer on Okinawa who has fought in Europe said the Japanese positions at the southern end of Okinawa are better prepared and better organized than any he had seen in either theatre. The officer added that many years of labor went into the construction of these Japanese positions and would make the fighting tougher than Iwo. The Japanese positions are purely a static defense and not designed as springboard from which to launch an attack.

At the northern end of the island marines have advanced another 4000 yds and have occupied all of Nodoba peninsula. American warships and carrier planes continued to support ground forces.

NEW LANDING ON SULU ARCHIPELAGO

General MacArthur has just announced that American troops have landed on Sibutu Island in the Sulu Archipelago. The General's communique said that American forces now have complete control of the entire Sulu Archipelago. No further details were announced.

In the Philippines, new gains were reported in central and northern Luzon.

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MANILA TODAY

Manila as a city is a mass of ruin. All the large public buildings, such as The Post Office, the City Bank of New York, the University of the Philippines, the Manila Hotel, and innumerable other buildings are gutted beyond repair. Some of the residential sections were completely leveled by fire. Hundreds of automobiles were destroyed by the Japs and still lie along the sides of the city streets. No civilian transportation is available to clear the rubble, a job that will take months to complete.

On the surface, Manila City escaped the barbaric fury of the invader. Most of the business and residential sections were left standing but the Japs had removed all the furnishings that caught their fancy. If they stole something they could not use, they destroyed it. Also standing is the University of Santo Tomas. It was the internment camp for civilians during the occupation and is now the center of repatriation activity. A few buildings owned by Japanese nationals before the war were not destroyed. They are being used to our advantage now.

Manila as a tradition, however, is still very much alive. Banners announcing the opening of restaurants, night clubs, shops, theatres, beauty salons and other small business establishments are seen everywhere. It won't be business as usual but stocks are being shown that have been in hiding for three years. They are small but surprisingly varied.

In the few restaurants approved for military personnel, food is deliciously prepared and served with true Oriental hospitality. Prices range between four and seven pesos and servings are small. A four peso dinner includes soup, baked fish, garnished with tomatoes, cucumbers, peas, cold chicken, rice, bread and the best coffee since San Francisco.

Manila is not quite large enough to be an ideal leave city for all the troops in this theatre. The streets are already



jammed with army vehicles and the invasion has only begun. At its best, it could have been better than Brisbane. In present condition, it will serve only a change of scenery.

In view of the geographical importance of Manila as the hub of Pacific trade, it will be to America's advantage to provide the equipment, financial and technical assistance to restore the city.

SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO MUSTANGS AROUSES SUSPICION

The case of the 18-year-old Filipino has officially been closed but evidence has entered into the already complicated picture. Two Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers shaved off their mustaches on the same day of the Group action. It was learned later that the hold-up men both had mustaches. By information the Frat Brothers are officers, one in HQ, the other in 38

"DAMASK CHECK" NEXT FOR KATHERINE

The John Van "ruten play, "Damask Check" now belongs to M-G-M. It was for Katherine Hepburn who makes it a next movie on that lot. Larry Weinga who is producing the sophisticated comedy, is a Hepburn enthusiast and more than anything else to do mother ture with the lady.

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In Headquarters

---from the 388th



---this old soldier has given up his civilian occupation of "gunchin" pin-ball machines to devote his entire life to Squadron Cammiers.

The ♣ Squadron

By Cpl R N Buttery

Everyone who went to the bench party last week had a swell time and here's hoping a similar expedition can be arranged again. Credit for the success of the party again goes to Lt Allard, who dreamed it up and procured the "ek" which proved to be the hit of the day, and to the ccs, who prepared the small lunch..... "Luzen" Lunceford is broken hearted now that his monkey has gone to live in the Officer's Mess. That just goes to show what can happen when you try to pull your rank on an ambitious monkey..... Congratulations to Lt Allard, Berry, Cobb, Lizza and Snider on their recent promotions.... "Hair-trigger" Harris is still in town. Better watch yourself when you get back to the states, Bud..... In spite of the heat, the Sq has been showed under in the past few days by Cammies Fitzgerald, Hines, Barker, Wilson and Basset just returned from the battle fields of Australia. Even Rome wouldn't have had a chance with them around... A vicious rumor has it that several of our ground Officers have been roaming far afield to take advantage of the hospitality offered by the Filipino Belles at one of the Red Cross Units.

MOVIE TONIGHT: "A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN" WITH JOHN BLONDELL-DOROTHY McGUIRE

Special Service sponsored Manila visit was a big morale builder. The fortunate scene at 0400 Saturday morning soon gave way to the onetime "pearl" of the Orient (see page 2). Gasson hobnobbed with a wealthy Syrian family, Robinson and White held their own. Yeager got some good photos of the wartern city. Schomette thoroughly enjoyed himself... McCrystal, Marshall, Matejka, Harry Smith, Harn and Hodgson reported the 10-hour jaunt well worthwhile..... He welcomes Gus Volles-Gus came from 389 and from all reports he's an A-1. Most Sergeant.... "Quacks" to Col. Wells for taking two of his right-hand enlisted men with him on his leave to Sydney... Among them M/ Sgt Paul H. Stickel, Chief clerk, Group Operations and William Gallo, crew chief of 389. Capt Miller, 387 CO, and Capt Treadway of Forty Miners, formerly of this Group, will also accompany the Group Commander who expects to leave tomorrow or Friday..... Lt Dabbs just received a knock-out picture of his former dancing partner at Chez Paree, swanky Chicago nightclub.... who's terrific..... Congratulations to Hartzell and Groesbeck on their promotions.

The ♦ Squadron

By Cpl Roy "Zoot" Gonzalez

Fyelines from the line: several of our veteran planes have acquired such names as..... Lion's Den..... Astor's "cat" rinder.... Buxley's Baneyard.... Bick's Boomerang. Now we wonder if Patterson's typewriter should be known as "Pat's Playmate"?..... Since recently winning the 1000 snackerconays ("No relation to Mickey) at Bingo, M/ Sgt Derry now pays his laundry bill in cash instead of undershirts.... In a blackout, are all "Let's make a deal" Darrman and "Fritzie" Kuhn, who are operating a photo dark room in the vicinity of the showers-"No reasonable offer refused!" is their developing policy.... "Fly it" "Hilcock" agrees that "Woody" Lumbard is tips in Schmitz jive..... Ah a BG fan in the crowd!..... Soon at a local village were "Rome" Panfil, "Cat" Mulick and "Hell" Wilson on a laundry quest.... You guys down south, let's check those Friday night perk parties held by the Mayor of APO "21"... BOG's flashes: "Shakey" wants to know if the moon can be seen by Gaslight??... Everyone's asking J.P. if it's possible to bid 7 clubs and make --6(tricks)?? Quotation from Mickey Sherman: "Send down a frail with my Rail"-- from a recent letter.

for the past few weeks.....The boys in the Armament section are trying to rig something up to keep Capt "Rappy" Gunthner's pipe from shaking

leader?....."Slim" Geoffrey completed his hundred points at Paxton according to figures in 6

The ♠ Squadron

Everything was in order for the Squadron party last Wednesday night---then an unscheduled event occurred. "The Arms Camp"! The girls couldn't attend for fear of getting wet, half the orchestra and floor show made it, and finally a black out held up the party for one hour. If the club had burned down everything would have been complete.... The pill department has the spot light for the week--Cpl "inder went through a "dry run" wedding with Father Harvath presiding--Look out Charley--these girls have strange customs.....Some of

--By S/Sgt James
(The Carolin
the fellows say that W.T. "Nipe" has a nice husky voice---they him serenading a belle in the 1 ric. Everyone is sweating out "D.S." Rolison with his sore to has one more game to go in the ball league. We are taking odd doesn't make it.....What happened at Brashiers mustache?.....No doring where Supply's glamour at five o'clock on a certain He couldn't be taking after the demonstration with one the afternoon--Hogan hasn't got it

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Harry Chissie, songbird of the Ipswich pubs and winner of an Australian War Bond for his rendition "You'll Never Know", is so "Busy" delivering the mail that he has little time for levity. Lt Ed Lipman, I & E Officer extraordinary, Motor Officer superb and Mess Officer--received official orders to bleach his gold bars. Congrats Ed and hope you return soon...."Anemic" etc. Schoeffler looks out of place in supply, working with such stalwarts as "Mascales" Edds and "King Kong" Ray.....Condolences

--By Sgt M
to Grant French on the death brother, Lt Robert French, while leading one of Gen. Pa heads...Jape Pluvius Dept: R Virgie Gosch and Gen Dull we of a predicament when their lapsed during the recent im Capt Ray Marker looked like Gold Dust Twins when he tri fell into a minehole--Was heGeorge Hudak, self-styl of the Croatian Navy" disabl ability by keeping his tent

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



HEADQUARTERS 512th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer

APG 70
2 April 1945

Summary of Missions for 2 April 1945.

18 A-20's of 388th and 333 Squadrons hit rolling stock, railroads yards and alcohol plant at Shimei in Formosa. The alcohol plant was left in flames. One large warehouse destroyed. Direct hits scored on 9 - 10 tank cars leaving fires with black smoke to 5000 feet. 10 - 15 loaded flat cars destroyed or damaged. One truck destroyed. Water tower hit by strafing. Nil A/A. Several vessels, possibly fishing junks, seen in Takao Harbor from a distance. Two A/C seen in revetments at Kate A/D.

8 A-20's of the 387th Squadron hit Hapid A/D on Luzon. Several grass fires started. Other results unobserved but ground station reported good coverage of targets. Several crews reported flashes of small arms fire from position at 093225 (Ref Sheet: 3462 II; 1:50,000).

A single plane night harassing mission was flown to San Fernando by the 386th Squadron.

HEADQUARTERS 512th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer

AFS 70,
4 April 1945.

Summary of Missions 3 April 1945.

9 A-20's of the 386th sq hit RR yards at Banshiden in Formosa. Factory E of RR yards was demolished. Violent explosion caused there and flames to 100 feet. Direct hits scored on houses and repair sheds W of the yards and on a row of 4 warehouses at S end of marshalling yards. Large oil fire started. Smoke from burning target could be seen 20 miles away.

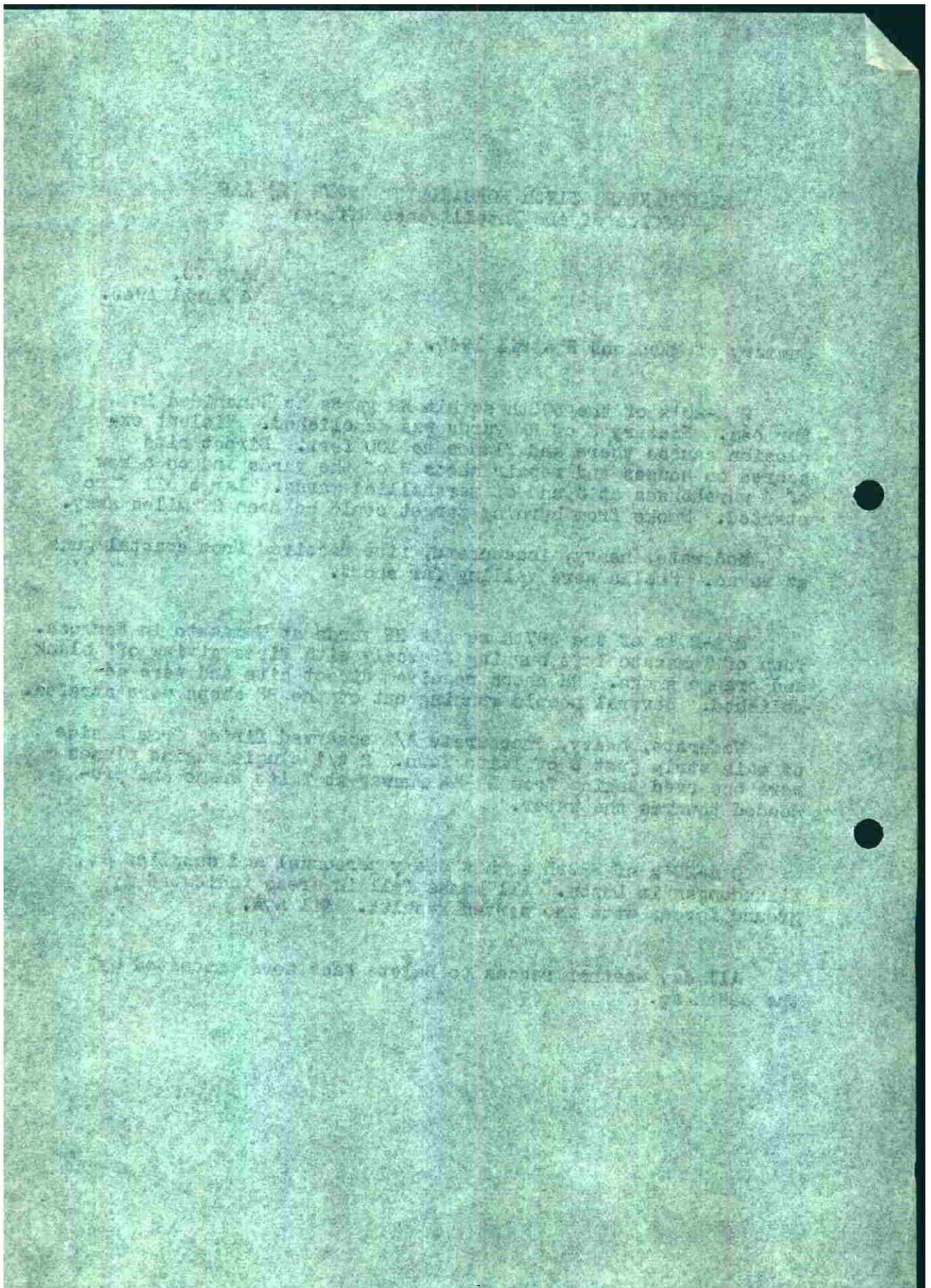
Moderate, heavy, inaccurate, fire received from coastal guns at Takao. Shells were falling far short.

9 A-20's of the 387th sq hit RR yards at Tamazato in Formosa. Town of Tamazato left burning fiercely with fires giving off black and orange smoke. RR shops received direct hits and were demolished. Several people running out of the RR shops were strafed.

Moderate, heavy, inaccurate A/A observed firing from E side of main strip just W of Taito Town. 2 u/1 single engine planes were observed taking from NW-SE runway at Taito Drome and proceeded towards the water.

9 A-20's of 389th sq hit enemy personnel and supplies at Zinundungan in Luzon. All bombs fell in areas indicated by ground forces with unobserved results. Nil A/A.

All day weather recones to Balete Pass were conducted by the 388th sq.



SEABOARDERS 31st BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer

APG 76
4 April 1945

Summary of Missions for 4 April 1945

18 A-20's of the 387th, 388th and 389th Squadron hit Cuban Sugar Plant, West of Xagui, in Fernosa.

Three large buildings hit and left burning. One wooden building destroyed. Two storage tanks hit causing large orange colored explosions. Direct hits scored on 28 yards, and two warehouse type buildings destroyed. The entire target was left blanketed with black smoke which rose as high as 3000 feet.

Weather: light, inaccurate 4/1 from barracks area in target received by 388th Squadron.

Several ships seen in Takao harbor; some appeared sunk or damaged.

Weather: clear to light haze and light harassing missions to San Fernando and Villa Verde trail were flown by the 388th Squadron.

HEADQUARTERS 312th REARMAMENT GROUP (L) AAF
Office of the Intelligence Officer

AFG 70,
10 April 1945.

Summary of Missions for 10 April 1945.

One B-25 and 13 A-20's of the 388th and 389th Squadrons hit enemy troops and supplies at Indiana from medium altitude. Good coverage of assigned target was obtained but results were unobserved due to smoke and terrain features. Nil A/A.

Two single plane weather reccos were flown over Balete Pass and Baguio areas by the 388th Squadron.

16 A-20's of the 388th and 389th Squadrons attacked Wasingal from minimum altitude. Fuel drums one mile N. of Lal-lo were strafed causing them to burn and explode. Direct hits were scored with Napalms and parademons on caves and shelters 3/4 miles N. of Wasingal. Small oil fire started between Gargo and Buge with smoke to 700 feet. One burst of light A/A reported on N. end of target and one burst of light A/A from N. side of Lafa Island.

13 A-20's of the 388th and 389th Squadrons hit Bayanabong from minimum altitude, starting 8 - 10 fires, one with smoke to 2000 feet. An ammo dump was hit causing many explosions. Direct hit scored on a large building. Nil A/A. Town appeared badly battered by previous strikes.

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AFG 70,
11 April 1945.

Summary of Missions for 11 April 1945.

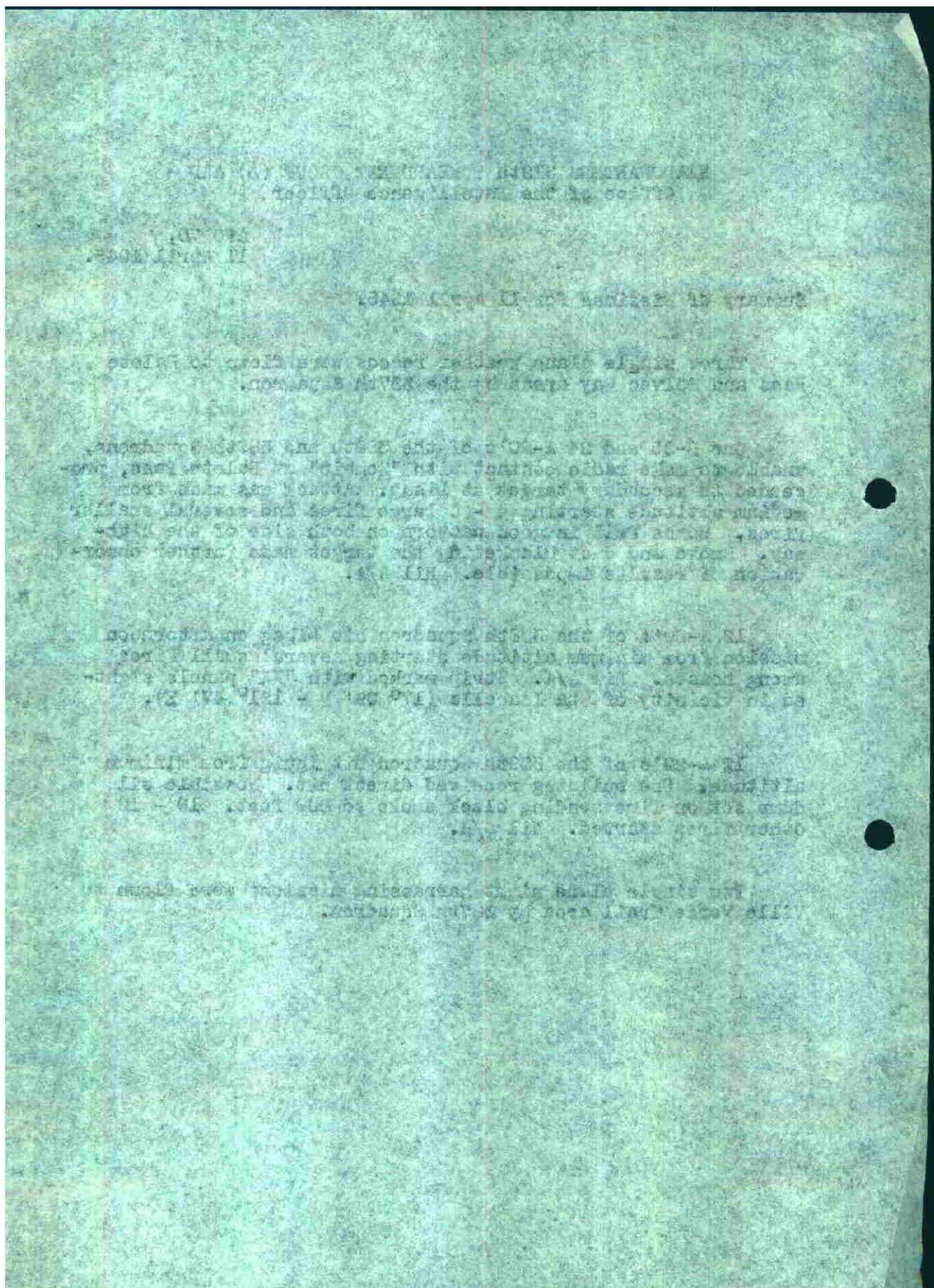
Three single plane weather reccos were flown to Balete Pass and Solved Bay areas by the 337th Squadron.

One B-25 and 24 A-20's of the 388th and 389th Squadrons, unable to make radio contact with "Zombie" at Balete Pass, proceeded to secondary target at Libag. Attack was made from medium altitude starting 4 - 6 large fires and several smaller fires. Bombs fell in good pattern on both side of the highway. Smoke and dust blanketing the target made further observation of results impossible. Nil A/A.

12 A-20's of the 388th Squadron hit Libag on afternoon mission from minimum altitude starting several small fires among houses. Nil A/A. Strip marked with "XX" panels sighted in vicinity of Sta Isabella (17° 09' N - 121° 47' E).

12 A-20's of the 389th Squadron hit Iguig from minimum altitude. One building received direct hit. Possible oil dump set on fire sending black smoke to 800 feet. 10 - 12 other fires started. Nil A/A.

Two single plane night harrassing missions were flown to Villa Verde Trail area by 337th Squadron.



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APC 70,
12 April 1945.

Summary of Missions for 12 April 1945.

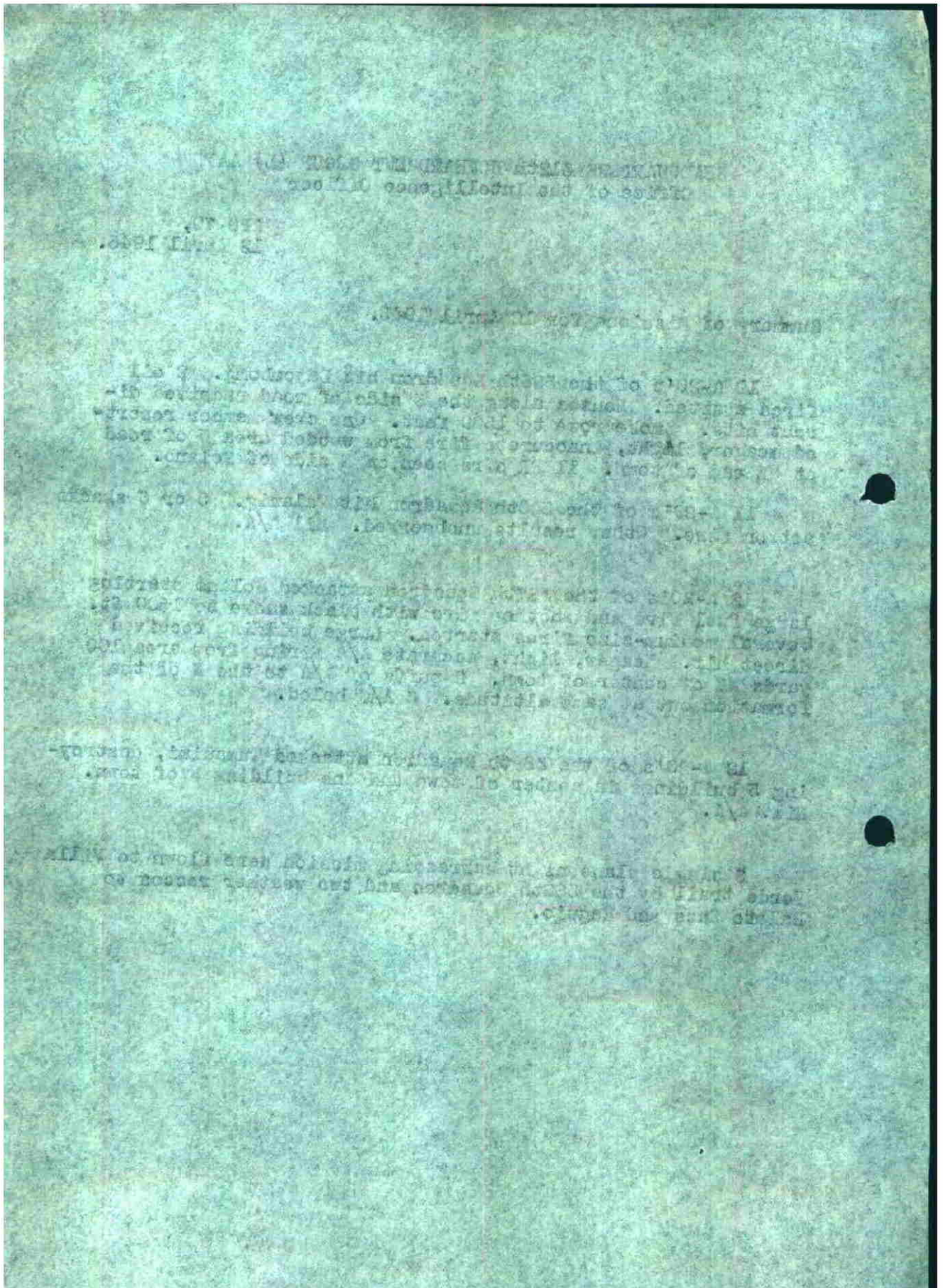
12 A-20's of the 386th Squadron hit Bayombong. 2 oil fires started. Houses along the S side of road received direct hits. Smoke rose to 1500 feet. One crew member reported meager, light, inaccurate fire from wooded area N of road at NE end of town. 11 RR cars seen on E side of Solano.

11 A-20's of the 386th Squadron hit Dalauig. 5 or 6 shacks set on fire. Other results unobserved. Nil A/A.

12 A-20's of the 387th Squadron attacked Solano starting large fuel fire and another fire with black smoke to 1500 ft. Several medium-size fires started. Large building received direct hit. Meager, light, accurate A/A firing from area 100 yards NE of center of town. 2 puffs of A/A to the N of the formation but at same altitude. 3 A/C holed.

12 A-20's of the 389th Squadron attacked Tumauni, destroying 5 buildings in center of town and one building W of town. Nil. A/A.

3 single plane night harassing mission were flown to Villa Verde trail by the 388th Squadron and two weather recon to Balete Pass and Baguio.



HEADQUARTERS 312th BOMBARDMENT GROUP (L) AAF,
Office of the Intelligence Officer

APD 70,
13 April 1945.

Summary of Missions for 13 April 1945.

Unable to hit Hapid A/D, the primary target, due to no panel being observed, 8 A-20's of the 388th Squadron hit the secondary, Pattao. Six small fires were started. Other results were unobserved due to foliage and smoke. Nil A/A.

Five A-20's of the 388th Squadron hit Jap troop concentrations 5 miles E of Vigan on the Abra River (17° 34' N - 120° 26' E). Results unobserved due to terrain. Nil A/A.

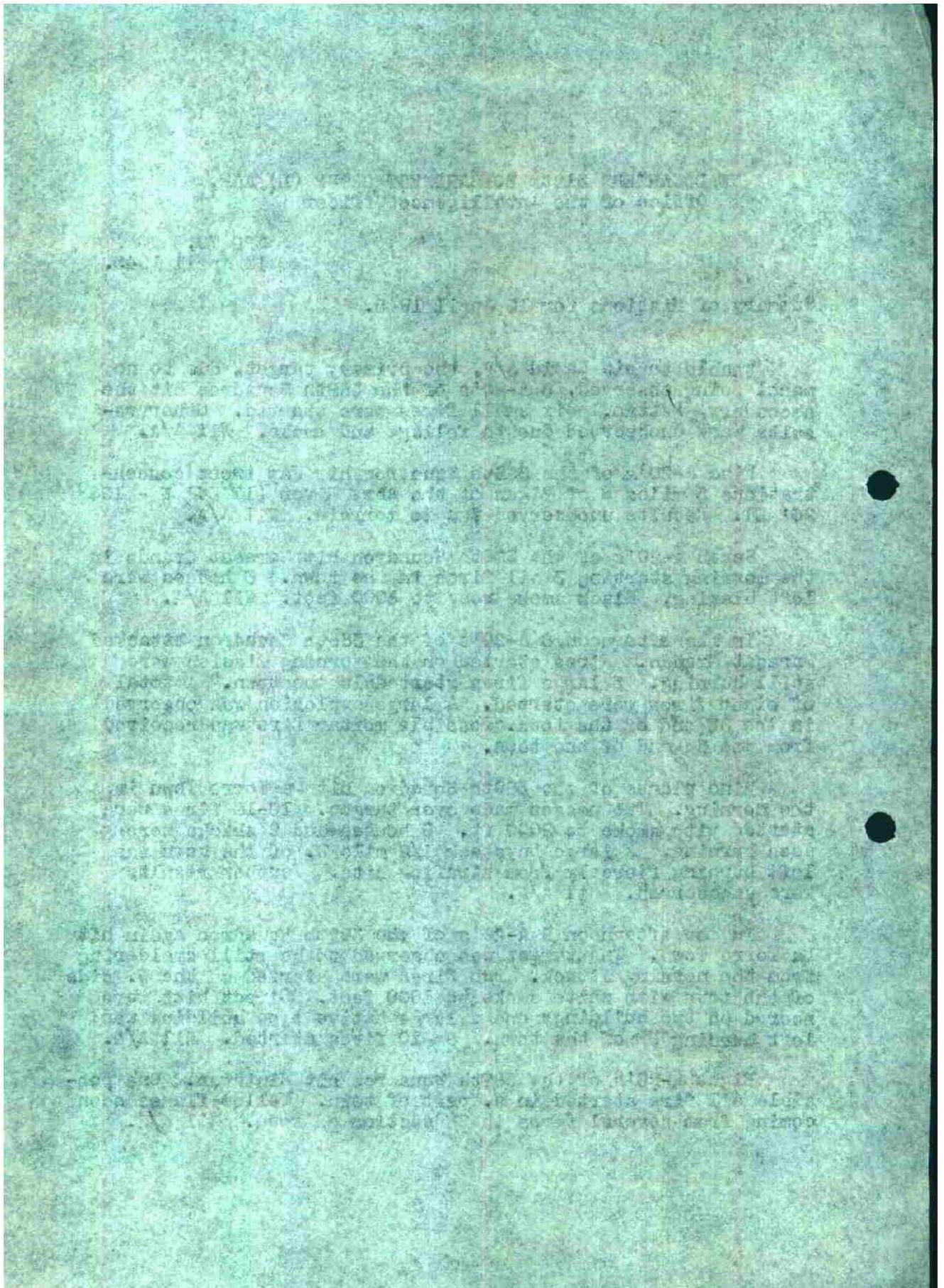
Seven A-20's of the 386th Squadron hit Marasat Grande in the morning starting 3 oil fires in the town. 8 houses were left blazing. Black smoke rose to 3000 feet. Nil A/A.

In the afternoon 8 A-20's of the 386th Squadron attacked Marasat Grande. Fires started on the morning mission were still burning. 5 large fires started in the town. A total of eight fires were started. A large explosion was observed in the SE end of the town. Possible mortar fire was received from the SW end of the town.

Nine planes of the 389th Squadron hit La Torre Town in the morning. Two passes made over target. 10-12 fires were started with smoke to 2000 ft. 6 houses and 2 shacks were seen burning. A large haystack 1/2 mile W. of the town was left burning fiercely from strafing hits. Further results were unobserved. Nil A/A.

In the afternoon 9 A-20's of the 389th Squadron again hit La Torre Town. The target was observed to be still smoldering from the morning attack. Two fires were started on the W. side of the town with white smoke to 1000 feet. Direct hits were scored on two buildings and a large native type building was left burning NE of the town. 8-10 fires started. Nil A/A.

Eight A-20's of the 387th Squadron hit Bintawan. One possible oil fire started in N. part of town. Yellow flames seen coming from several fires in SE section of town. Nil A/A.



Summary of Missions for April 18, 1945, Cont.

Nine A-20's of the 387th Squadron hit Turayung in the afternoon. Area was thoroughly covered by bombing and strafing hits. Nil A/A.

Two single plane weather reccos were flown to Balete Pass-Baguio - Solved Bay Areas by the 389th Squadron.

Three night harrassing missions to Villa Verde Trail were flown by the 389th Squadron.

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APC 70,
15 April 1945.

Summary of Missions for 14 April 1945.

In the morning, 1 B-25 and 24 A-20's of all 4 sqs hit troop concentrations SW of Baguio from medium altitude. One large fire was started, sending white smoke to 10,000 feet. One large building SE of swimming pool received direct hit. Nil A/A.

At mid-day 1 B-25 and 24 A-20's of all 4 sqs again hit troops SW of Baguio with results of bombing unobserved due to cloud cover. The large fire started on the morning mission was observed to be still burning. Nil A/A.

Two single plane weather reccos were flown to Baguio area by the 387th sq; one single-plane night harassing mission to Villa Verde Trail by the 386th sq.

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FIFTH AIR FORCE, PHILIPPINES--Maj. Clifton E.

Graber, former Squadron Commander and Operations Officer of 312th Bombardment Group, an A-20 bomber unit of Fifth Air Force at a forward base in the Philippines, is en route to the United States. His wife, Mrs. Carl E. Graber and daughter, Janet, live at 802 S. Tieton Ave.

Credited with 104 combat missions and 331 combat flying hours, Major Graber was recently awarded the first and second Bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal. Over more than nineteen months he has participated in many of the major strikes in this theatre, including the first low-level attacks on Manila, Corregidor, Batan, Clark Field, and Formosa. Recently he led attacks against Baguio and Balite Pass.

A graduate of Leyte High School, Major Graber attended Washington State College and was associated with Pacific Power and Light Company, before receiving his wings and commission at Kelly Field, Tex., in July 1942. He is a member of Yakima Junior Chamber of Commerce and Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

Major Graber has served with the 312th, known as the "Roarin' 20's", during the New Guinea Campaign and has participated in the liberation of the Philippines. The "Roarin' 20's", which beached on Leyte shortly after D-Day, have been commended for their role in the reconquest of Batan and Corregidor as well as the liberation of Manila. The latter was in direct ground support of the 1st Cavalry Division.

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FIFTH AIR FORCE, PHILIPPINES - - Capt. Thomas W. Chisholm, husband of Mrs. Thelma W. Chisholm of 1361 Humboldt, Denver, Colo., has been assigned Chaplain of 312th Bombardment Group, an A-20 bomber unit of Fifth Air Force at a forward base in the Philippines. He is the son of Mrs. Catharine Chisholm of 1531 Colt Ave., N. E. Grand Rapids, Mich.

Peacetime pastor of Decatur, Mich., Presbyterian Church, Chaplain Chisholm had served as moderator, permanent clerk and stated clerk of the Presbytery of Kalamazoo. He attended La Crosse, Wis., State Teacher's College and is a graduate of University of Dubuque and Presbyterian Seminary, both in Dubuque, Iowa. He is a member of Phi Kappa Delta Fraternity. His daughters, Kathryn and Ruth, live at the Denver address. His brother, Maj. Elmer E. Chisholm, is with the United States Army Service of Supply, Australia.

Commissioned in the Air Force in September 1942, Chaplain Chisholm had served successively as chaplain at Keesler Field, Miami Beach, Sioux Falls, Buckley Field and Lowry Field before leaving for overseas last February.

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Chaplain Chisholm---cont.

Chaplain Chisholm is serving with the 31st, known as the "Roarin' 20's", in the liberation of the Philippines. Veterans of the New Guinea Campaign, the "Roarin' 20's" beached on Leyte shortly after D-Day and have been commended for their role in the reconquest of Batan and Corregidor as well as the liberation of Manila. The latter was in direct ground support of the 1st Cavalry Division.

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HEADQUARTERS
312th Bombardment Group (L) AAF
APO 70

1 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 50)

1. Having been asgd this orgn fr ~~FLAF~~ per par 8 SO#34 hq 93d Repl Bn APO 72, 25 Mar 45, the fol MM (all 862) are fur asgd to sqs indicated; eff 29 Mar 45.

389TH BOMB SQ
Cpl William H Fitzsimons 36745602 Cpl Bernard M Faulkner 35895747
Cpl Mark R Flechsenhaar 12238430

387TH BOMB SQ
Cpl Sol Abramowitz 32693903 now sk hcs p APO 72

2. The fol MM are aptd to temp grs indicated: AUTH: AR 615-5.

Cpl 238 James D Bruce 34575702 388th Bomb Sq To Be Sergeant
Pvt 612 Philip J Meyers 36816357 387th Bomb Sq To Be Corporal

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APO 70

3 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 51)

1. Having been asgd this orgn fr FEAFGR&TC per par 8 SO#83 Hq 360th Air Serv Gp APO 713 U1, 24 Mar 45, the fol combat crew is fur asgd to 386th Bomb Sq eff 27 Mar 45:

1ST LT 1022 WILLIAM M STEPHENS 0750476

Cpl 748 Billy J Kennedy 38476519 Cpl 612 Robert E Fagan 19019744

2. 1ST LT JOHN L GOODMAN 0354736, 386th Bomb Sq is detailed as Cl A Agent Fin O to E P SHANAHAN 1st Lt FD, 64th Serv Gp for pur of paying civilian employees of 386th Bomb Sq for Apr/45. AUTH: AR 35-320.

3. Pvt 055 Richard L Read 37578644, Hq Det, is aptd to gr of private first class. AUTH: AR 615-5.

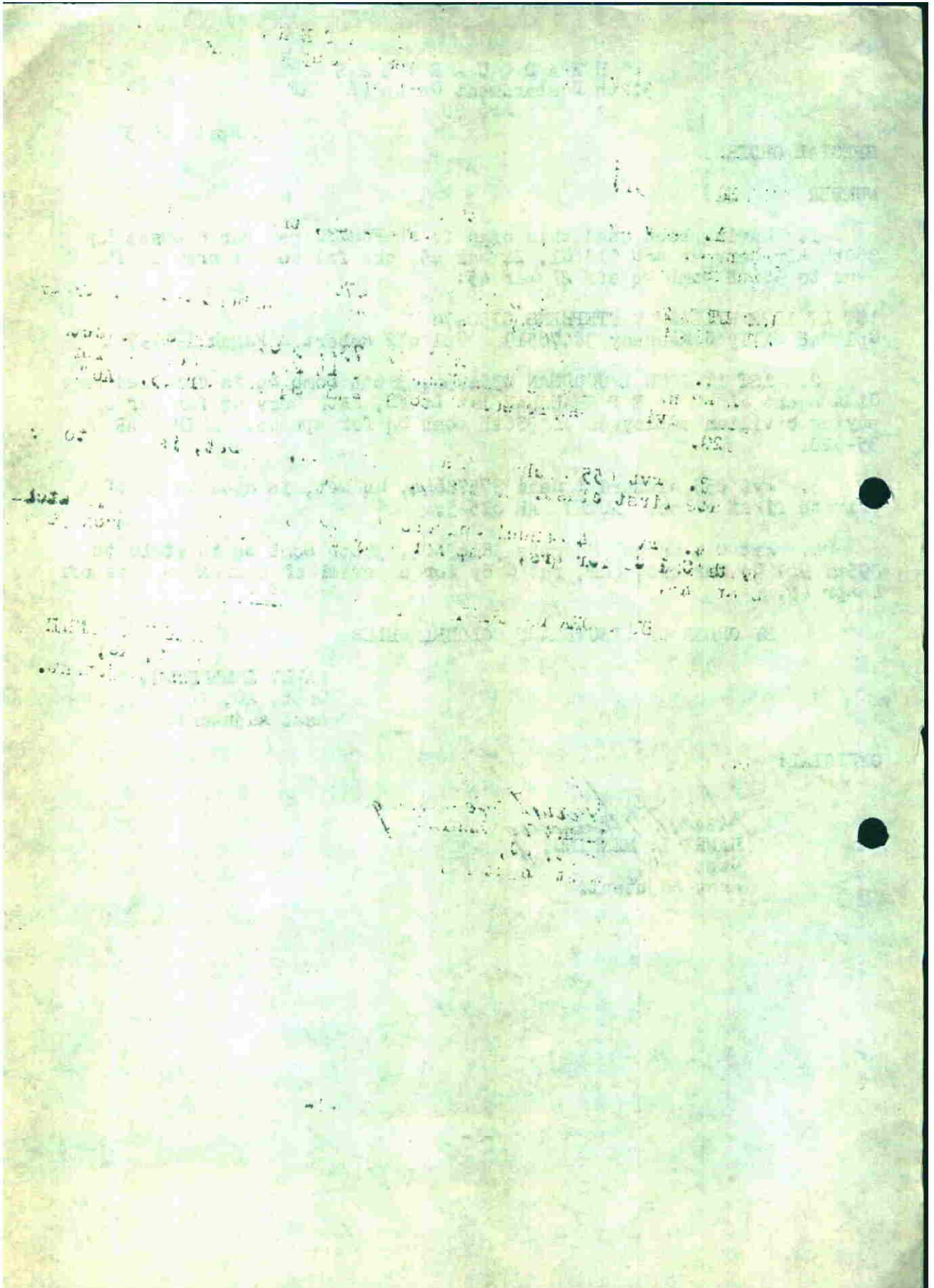
4. Pvt 014 Manuel Rodgers 38163504, 386th Bomb Sq is ~~atohd~~ to 895th Cnl Co. for qrs, adm, rat & dy for a period of approx 30 days eff 4 Apr 45.

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5 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 52)

1. The fol ~~EM~~ of 386th Bomb Sq are aptd to temp grs indicated:
AUTH: AR 615-5.

TO BE STAFF SERGEANT
Sgt 612 James W Emery 36874496

TO BE SERGEANT
Cpl 748 John R Snider 35543219 Cpl 612 Bedy R Lizza 33705443
Cpl 612 Paul M Cobb 34845001

2. VOCC 1 Apr 45, rdng Sgt 941 Sheldon P Scriven 32747744, Lq
Det, to gr of private for inefficiency, is confirmed and made of re-
cord. AUTH: AR 615-5.

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APO 70

6 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 53)

1. The fol O & EM of 386th Bomb Sq WP via first avail mil acft o/a 6 Apr 45 fr APO 70 to APO 920, reptng upon arrival to Depot #3 for pur of taking delivery and ferrying back this sta 3 A-20 type mil acft newly asgd this orgn:

1ST LT FRANK T HAPPY 0697117
2D LT JOHN T HAPPY 0834423
2D LT JOSEPH G WALTZMAN 0718944
T/Sgt Frank A Lager 37037836

Release for 3 A-20 type mil acft contained in COMAF 5 Radio PL922E & COMFEAF Radio AX37508. TDM. TCNT. AUTH: VBC Radio BC 0686 F, 5 Apr 45.

2. Having been asgd this orgn fr VBC per par 16 SO#92 Hq VBC 2 Apr 45, the fol EM (both 901) are fur asgd 386th Bomb Sq eff 23 Mar.

Cpl Edward F Taylor 36593789

Pfc David Walker 35262305

3. 1ST LT NORBERT L VANDER ZANDEN 0581308, 388th Bomb Sq is apt Cl A Agent Fin O to E P SHANAHAN 1st Lt PD, 64th Serv Gp APO 70 for paymt of civilian employees of 388th Bomb Sq for mo of Apr/45. AUTH: AR 35-320.

4. M/Sgt 631 Richard L Coleman 35269672, Hq Det is rd to gr of private for inefficiency eff 6 Apr 45. AUTH: AR 615-5.

5. Pvt 631 Richard L Coleman 35269672, Hq Det is aptd to temp g sergeant eff 6 Apr 45. AUTH: AR 615-5.

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APO 70

7 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 54)

1. 1ST LT HENRY J JAVOR 01549508 (4530) is rel fr asgmt to Hq Det and is asgd 388th Bomb Sq eff 8 Apr 45.

2. The fol EM are aptd to temp grs indicated: AUTH: AR 015-5.

HQ DET
TO BE STAFF SERGEANT
Sgt 405 Arthur Brown 33574234

387TH BOMB SQ
TO BE STAFF SERGEANT
Sgt 748 Arthur C Schmidt 36812702 Sgt 748 Ordean A Syverson 37553652
Sgt 612 Paul F Wollett 33509558

TO BE SERGEANT
Cpl 612 Donald J Cusick 12171140 Cpl 748 Charles T Pulling 1508410
Cpl 747 Floyd M Heath 34811560 Cpl 612 Maynard R Morrison 171438
Cpl 748 Roman R Panfil 36824562

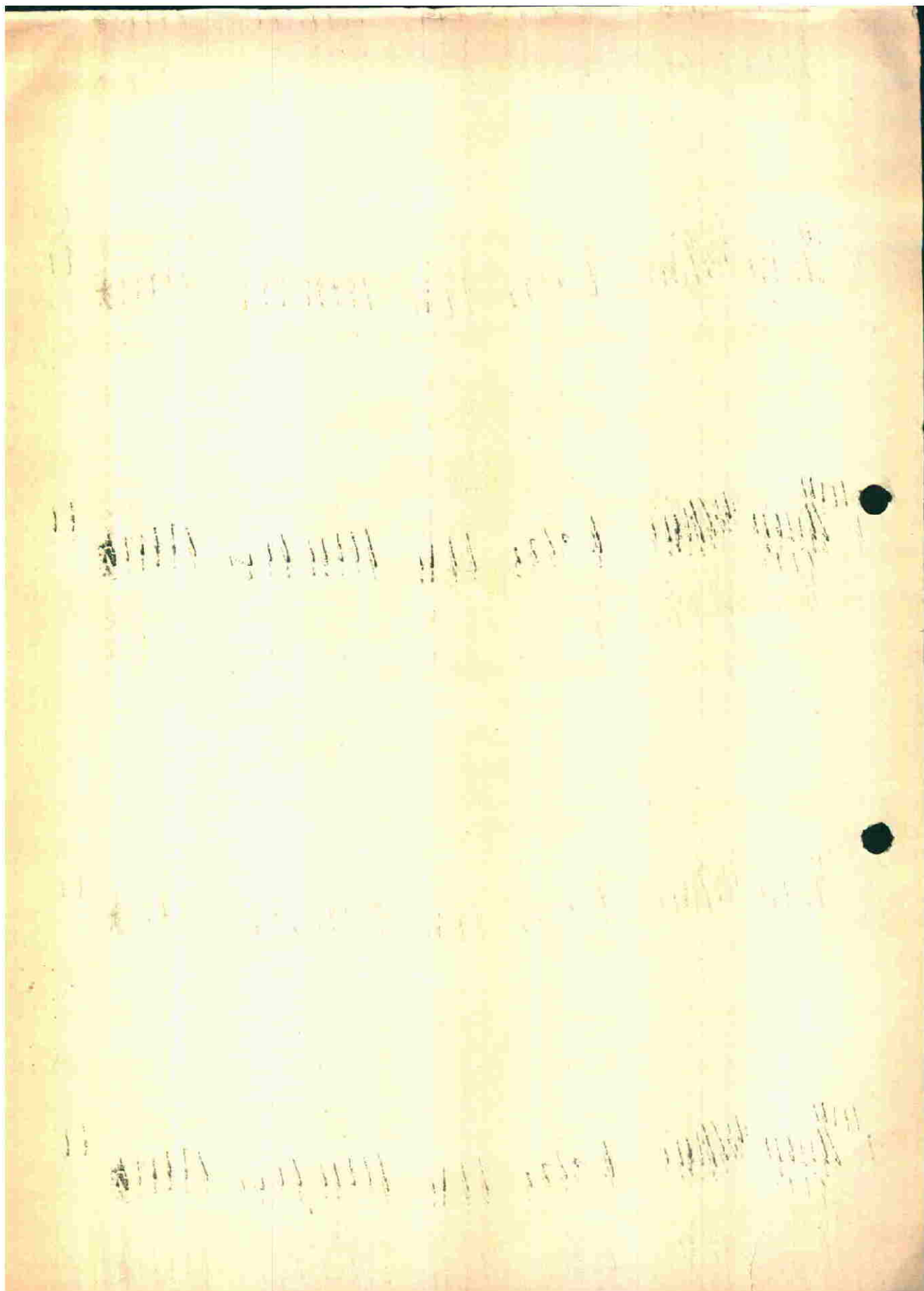
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HEADQUARTERS
386th Bombardment Group (L) AAF
APO 70

8 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 55)

1. Cpl 078 William S Hutchinson 34339673, 386th Bomb Sq is aptd to temp gr of sergeant. AUTH: AR 615-5.

2. S/Sgt 824 George Zwach 37169127, Hq Det is rd to gr of private without prejudice eff 8 Apr 45. AUTH: AR 615-5.

3. Pvt 824 George Zwach 37169127, Hq Det is aptd to temp gr of sergeant eff 8 Apr 45. AUTH: AR 615-5.

4. The fol EM are trfd in gr to sqs indicated: eff 9 Apr 45:
AUTH: AR 615-200.

Pfc 521 Joseph A Cataldo 31388618	fr Hq Det to 386th Bomb Sq
Pvt 060 Charles A Masters 17029634	fr 386th Bomb Sq to Hq Det
S/Sgt 824 Augustus W Yelles 13052169	fr 389th Bomb Sq to Hq Det

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL WELLS:

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APO 70

10 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 56)

1. Having been asgd this orgn fr FEAFGR&TC per par 14 SO#90 Hq 360th Serv Gp APO 713-1, 6 Apr 45, the fol combat crews are fur asgd 387th Bomb Sq eff 10 Apr 45:

2D LT 1022 ROBERT F HORNBECK 0757993 Cpl 748 James R Lawrence 151177
Cpl 612 Leroy J Harris 36742325 *2D LT 1022 JOHN H SCHISSLER 08208
*Cpl 748 Frank S Garwood 33533221 *Cpl 612 Kenneth W Mylan 39556416
*US enroute to jn

2. So much of par 4 SO#55 this hq cs as pertains to Pvt 060 Charles A Masters 17029634, 386th Bomb Sq and Pfc 521 Joseph A Catal 388618, Hq Det is revoked.

3. The fol MM of Hq Det are aptd to temp grs indicated: AUTH: AR 615-5.

Sgt 945 William L Hartzell 37193117
Cpl 945 Dexter A Groenbeck 32858978

To be Staff Sergeant
To be Sergeant

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312th Bombardment Group (L) AAF
APO 70

12 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 57)

1. T/Sgt 542 Joseph F Bru 19002739 is trfd in gr fr Hq Det to 389th Bomb Sq eff 13 Apr 45. AUTH: AR 615-200.

2. Having been asgd this orgn fr ~~FLAF~~CR&TC per par 14 50791 Hq 360th Air Serv Gp APO 713-1, 1 Apr 45, the fol combat crew is asgd 386th Bomb Sq eff 4 Apr 45:

2d Lt 1022 GEORGE D ROTHGEBER 0778263 Cpl 748 Albert M Richards ~~11108~~
Cpl 612 Neal E Klusmeyer 38568910

3. The fol ~~men~~ of 388th Bomb Sq are aptd to temp gr of sergeant. AUTH: AR 615-5.

Cpl 612 Eugene G Metzler 16153783 Cpl 612 Richard Meyers 11093542
Cpl 612 John A Willing 37677249

4. The fol ~~men~~ of 388th Bomb Sq are rd to gr of private for misconduct: AUTH: AR 615-5.

Cpl 911 Gilbert E Field 31161224 Cpl 911 Clarence A Fischer 3213903

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312th Bombardment Group (L) AAF
APO 70

13 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 58)

1. CAPT HENRY WALKER 0387660, 388th Bomb Sq is detailed as Cl Agent Fin O to E P SHANAHAN 1st Lt AD, 64th Serv Gp for pur of paying civilian employees of 388th Bomb Sq for mo of Apr/45, vice 1ST LT NORBERT L VANDER ZANDEN 0581308, 388th Bomb Sq, reld. AUTH: AR 35-320.

2. The fol O of Hq Det are aptd to fol add dy:

CAPT FERDINAND L SVORE 0386923	Gp Weight & Balance O
CAPT RUSSELL L STURZBECKER 0576435	Gp Security O
CAPT HUGH W AGRICOLA 0855628	Gp Fire Marshal

3. The fol LM of Hq Det, now DS w/5278th Bomber Com Sq APO 710 are aptd to temp grs indicated: AUTH: AR 615-5.

S/Sgt Sam Shapiro 38342876	To be Technical Sergeant
Sgt Martin J Berman 323445	To be Staff Sergeant

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312th Bombardment Group (L) AAF
APO 70

15 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 59)

1. The fol EM of 389th Bomb Sq are trfd in gr to sqs indicated,
eff 16 Apr 45: AUTH AR 615-200.

Pvt 931 Carl S Sheppard 32270415 388th Bomb Sq
Cpl 862 William H Fitzsimons 36745602 386th Bomb Sq

2. 1ST LT OREN B DABBS 01061353, Hq Det, is aptd Group Special
Services O (add dy) during temp absense of CAPT RUSSELL L STURZEBECKE
0576435, Hq Det.

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17 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 60)

1. Cpl 939 George H Dolbow 33101621, 388th Bomb Sq is aptd to temp gr of sergeant. AUTH: AR 615-5.

2. Having been asgd this orgn fr 92d Airdrome Sq APO 710 per par 15 SO#99 Hq VBC 9 Apr 45, S/Sgt Charles J Hanks 18061401 (SSN unknown) is fur asgd Hq Det and placed on DS w/5278th Bomber Comm Sq APO 710 eff 9 Apr 45.

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24 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 61)

1. Having been asgd this orgn fr VBC per par 21 SO#106, Hq VBC 16 Apr 45, 2D LT HORACE M CORNER 02037667 (SSN unknown) is fur asgd to Hq Det and placed on DS w/5278th Bomb Comm Sq APO 710 eff 25 Mar 45.
2. Having been placed on DS this orgn fr Hq VBC per par 24 SO#106 Hq VBC 16 Apr 45, CAPT THOMAS W CHISHOLM 0492180 (5310) is fur atchd Hq Det for grs, rat, adm & dy eff 13 Apr 45.
3. Having been asgd this orgn fr VBC per par 2 SO#108 Hq VBC 18 Apr 45, the fol EM (all 911) are fur asgd 387th Bomb Sq eff 4 Apr 45:

M/Sgt Henry C Jacobs 31103982	T/Sgt Robert B Aplin 36223650
Sgt Doil R Westfall 35396477	Cpl Donald J Waldmeier 37654240
Pvt Romulus T Weatherman 34775533	
4. Having been asgd this orgn fr VBC per par 6 SO#111 Hq VBC 21 Apr 45, Sgt 911 Robert J Kavanagh 35477102 is fur asgd 387th Bomb Sq eff 14 Apr 45.
5. Having been asgd this orgn fr VBC per par 18 SO#108 Hq VBC 18 Apr 45, T/Sgt 911 Raymond M Brookshire 18006713 (now DS enroute to Jn) is fur asgd 386th Bomb Sq eff 10 Apr 45.
6. VOCO 23 Mar 45, rel Sgt 014 Robert J Disque 33272724 fr asgmt to 389th Bomb Sq and atchng EM unasgd to Det Pat 360th Sta Hosp APO 70 eff 23 Mar 45, is confirmed and made of record. AUTH: USAFFE Reg 50-25, 1 Nov 44 & Ltr 5AF (AG 300.3), 12 Mar 45.
7. VOCO 6 Apr 45, rel Cpl 620 Frederick C Beutel 16068584 fr asgmt to 389th Bomb Sq and atchng EM unasgd to Det Pat 37th Sta Hosp APO 70 eff 6 Apr 45, is confirmed and made of record. AUTH: USAFFE Reg 50-25, 1 Nov 44 & Ltr 5AF (AG 300.3), 12 Mar 45.
8. VOCO 7 Apr 45, rel Cpl 678 Jesse E Sinclair 19116130 fr asgmt to 389th Bomb Sq and atchng EM unasgd to Det Pat 37th Sta Hosp APO 70 eff 7 Apr 45, is confirmed and made of record. AUTH: USAFFE Reg 50-25, 1 Nov 44 & Ltr 5AF (AG 300.3), 12 Mar 45.

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28 April 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 63)

1. The fol O & EM, having been asgd this org fr FEAFOR&TC per par 3 SO#113 Hq 360th Air Serv Gp APO 713 UL 23 Apr 45 (Shipment FU 627 AW 17), are fur asgd to sqs indicated off 1 May 45:

386TH BOMB SQ
2D LT 1022 JOSEPH C BENNET 07581450 Cpl 612 Bobby J Hester 38406868*
Cpl 748 William K Kirk 19067580* 2D LT 1022 ELLIOTT S PHILLIPS
Sgt 612 Richard H Nienan 19206013* Sgt 748 Albert M Andrade 19087534* 0784662*

387TH BOMB SQ
2D LT 1022 PAUL E KENT 0758186* Cpl 612 Douglas H Shafer 35804139*
Cpl 748 Robert W Halliday 37581984* 1ST LT 1022 THOMAS J FITZPATRICK*
Cpl 612 William G Allgood 17131800 0725703
Cpl 748 Arthur E Bogren 13088296*

*Now enroute to jn.

2. So much of par 1 SO#62 this hq cs, as pertains to 1ST LT MARTIN SOBEL 02036792, 389th Bomb Sq, is revoked.

3. 1ST LT MARTIN SOBEL 02036792, 389th Bomb Sq, is detailed as Cl A Agent Fin O to MILTON BRANDELL Capt FD, 46th Serv Gp APO 73 for paynt of EM only on reg Apr/45 payrolls. AUTH: AR 35-320.

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SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 64)

1. Having been asgd this orgn fr VBC per par 15 SO#116 Hq VBC 26 Apr 45, the fol EM are fur asgd to Hq Det eff 14 Apr 45:

T/Sgt 970 Lawrence N Sparks 38067141 Pfc 969 Allen E Frickel 17070253

2. Having been asgd this orgn fr VBC per par 8 SO#116 Hq VBC 26 Apr 45, the fol EM are fur asgd to Hq Det eff 14 Apr 45:

S/Sgt 969 Howard G L Draper 35175882 Pfc 970 Russell M Eady 36424488
Cpl 970 Carl L Butler 38370384 Sgt 969 Robert S Dokken 36327859

3. 1ST LT MARTIN SOBEL 02036792, 389th Bomb Sq, is detailed as Cl A Agent Fin O to N J KUHN Capt ED, 63d Serv Gp APO 74 for paymt of all civilian laborers for all units of this orgn for an indefinite period. AUTH: AR 35-320.

4. 1ST LT ROBERT J SARGENT 0863118, 386th Bomb Sq is detailed as Cl A Agent Fin O to G D OSBORN Capt ED, 171st FDS APO 72 for payment of O & EM of 386th Bomb Sq near Ech, APO 72 for mo of Apr/45. AUTH: AR 35-320.

5. 1ST LT WAYNE R BRODINE 0742675, 389th Bomb Sq, is atchd to Hq Det for qrs, rat, adm and dy eff 1 May 45.

6. The fol EM are placed on SD with Gp TWX Sect and will not be reld of such SD without auth of this Hq. These EM are reld of all sq dy which might interfere with this SD:

Cpl Richard J Ryan 32385063
Cpl Allan D Aikens 36291559

386th Bomb Sq
389th Bomb Sq

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL WELLS:

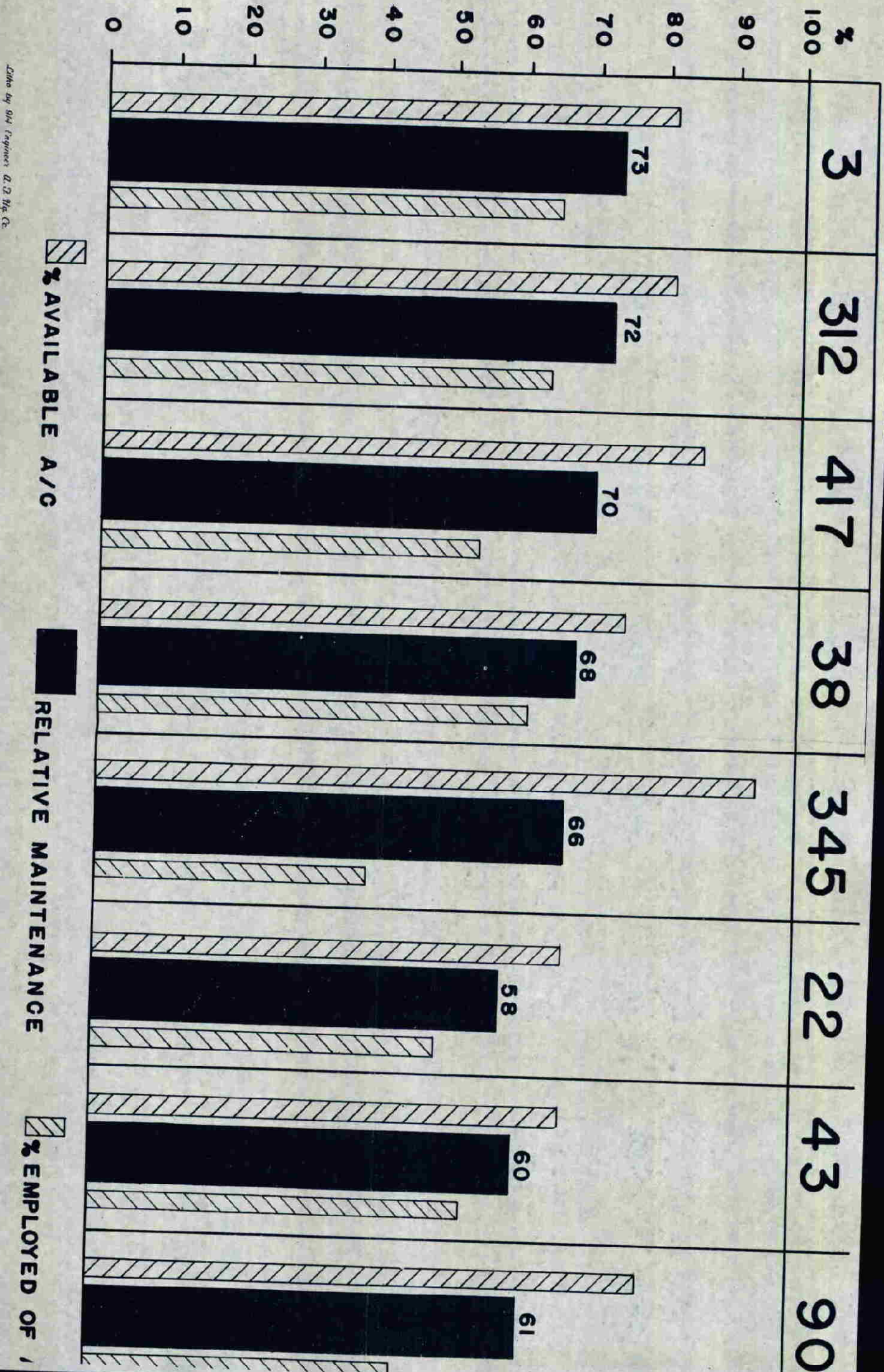
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