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Headquarters 92d Bombardment Group (M)

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REASON FOR CLASSIFICATION

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SPOKANE AIR FORCE BASE
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HISTORICAL REPORT

JULY 1949

NARRATIVE HISTORY

Including Histories of Group Headquarters

325th Bomb Sqdn., 326th Bomb Sqdn., 327th Bomb Sqdn.

S. E. MANZO
Colonel, USAF
Commanding

REASON FOR CLASSIFICATION

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During the period 1 July 1949 through 31 July 1949, the 92d Bombardment Group (M) continued to operate under Table of Organization (1-1112) conforming to proper changes.

The 92d Bombardment Group (M) is one of two Bombardment Groups located at Spokane Air Force Base, Bong, Washington which make up the 92d Bombardment Wing (M) which in turn is a part of the Fifteenth Air Force, the latter being an organization under the control of the Strategic Air Command. The 92d Bombardment Group (M) is composed of three squadrons which operate under the control of the 92d Bombardment Group Headquarters. 1/

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During the month of July Captain Don Hyatt was appointed as Group Radar Intelligence Officer and reported for duty with that section following completion of a refresher course at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado. 3/

The organizational set-up for the operations section changed little during the month, Major William J. Mould was appointed Asst S-3 Officer vice Major Duglas H. Keller. 4/

1/Extract, Interview of Group Adjutant by Intelligence Officer
2/Extract, Interview of Group Operations Officer by Intelligence Officer
3/Extract, Historical Liaison from Intelligence, dtd 7 August 1949
4/Extract, Historical Liaison from Operations, dtd 16 August 1949

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A normal flow of correspondence pertinent to maintenance and supply received and forwarded. All routine and one-time reports required by higher headquarters were forwarded through normal channels. 5/

5/ Extract, Historical Division from Engineering, dtd 24 August 1949

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PERSONNEL

Colonel S. E. Manso continued as the Commanding Officer of the 92d Bombardment Group (H).

Major Pete C. Stanis was appointed as Group Adjutant vice Major Virgil B. Lindsey who departed the base to attend Communications Officer (Course #0200) at Scott Air Force Base, Illionis. 6/

The key personnel of the Group is as follows:

Commanding Officer	Colonel S.E. Manso
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Operations Officer	Major James O. Britt
Engineering Officer	Major Robert A. Msucher
Sergeant Major	M/Sgt Harold F. Schnieder 7/

The personnel strength of the organization on 1 July 1949 was 172 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 654 Airmen. 8/

The personnel strength of the organization on 31 July 1949 was 173 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 657 Airmen. 9/

6/ Extract, Historical Liaison from Personnel Section, dtd 23 August 1949
7/ Extract, Historical Liaison from Personnel Section, dtd 23 August 1949
8/ True Copy of Organizational Morning Report, dtd 1 July 1949
9/ True Copy of Organizational Morning Report, dtd 31 July 1949

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Office supplies and equipment for the various sections of the Group Headquarters have been satisfactory; however there has been a definite lack of publications pertinent to Operations Section.10/

Due to the increased number of headquarters controlled items, the supply situation in reference to aircraft parts became increasingly critical. Headquarters controlled items are those which are not stocked on the station, but must be extracted from specialized depot. This entails quite a bit of administrative procedure which holds up maintenance sections awaiting these parts.11/

10/ Extract, Historical Liaison from Operations, dtd 15 August 1949
11/ Extract, Historical Liaison from Engineering, dtd 24 August 1949

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In general maintenance was hampered by the shortage of personnel and supply difficulties. A plan to utilize Air Crew Gunners by cross training them as aircraft mechanics, SSN 747, was adopted in an effort to decrease the critical shortage of maintenance personnel. Qualified maintenance personnel were transferred into the organization from Air Base Group and rear echelon personnel from the 98th Bombardment Group were also utilized in an effort to increase maintenance performance.12/

The following maintenance was performed by the Group maintenance sections during the month:

15 Engine changes

24 Cylinder changes

16 Turbo changes 13/

12/ Extract, Historical Liaison from Engineering, dtd 24 August 1949
13/ Extract, Historical Liaison from Engineering, dtd 24 August 1949

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Flying training accomplished by the 92d Bomb Group (M) for July is as follows:

Total Time - 984:15

Instrument Time - 370:5[illegible]

Night Time - 154:00

Formation Time - 62:00

(a) 25,000 ft - 15:25

Bombs Visual Release - 40[illegible]

Bomb (25,000 Scored) - 247

RBS Visual 1st Runs (Scored) - 50

Visual Camera Attacks (Scored) - 15

Radar Camera Bomb - 13

D.R. Navigation (Hours) - 124:05

(a) Radio (Hours) - 1[illegible]1:10

(b) Celestial (Hours) - 176:35

Grid Navigation (Hours) - 76:40

Search Navigation (Hours) - 28:45

Loran Fixes (Nav Obs) - 546

RBS Radar Releases (Total) - 123

RBS Radar Releases (25,000 ft) -120

RBS Releases (1st Runs) - 93

RBS Releases (Other) - 104

Loran Fixes (Radar Obs) - 160

Gun Camera Missions - 5

Gunnery Missions - 33

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4020 Nautical Mile Missions - 10 14/

Training of intelligence personnel and combat crew members was begun in accordance with SAC Regulation 50-23. 15/

14/ Extract, Hq Operations Section Historical Report, dtd 16 Aug 1949
15/ Extract, Hq Intelligence Section Historical Report, dtd 7 Aug 1949

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In general the facilities available for Group functions were quite satisfactory. A program was initiated in the three squadrons whereby Airmens barracks would be painted and modification and improvements scheduled for barracks interiors. Squadron messes also were improved with the installation of tables and chairs.16/

16/Extract, Historical Liaison from Personnel Section, dtd 23 August 1949

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SECTION II

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EXTRACT

Interview between Group Adjutant and Intelligence Officer, 24 August 1949.

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QUESTION BY I.O. "Sir, What is the Organization and Administration of the 92d Bombardment Group ?"

ANSWER BY ADJUTANT "The 92d Bombardment Group (M) is one of two such Bombardment Groups located at Spokane Air Force Base, Bong, Washington which make up the 92d Bombardment Wing (M) which in turn is a part of the Fifteenth Air Force, the latter being an organization under the control of the Strategic Air Command. The 92d Bombardment Group (M) is composed of three squadrons which operate under the control of the 92d Bombardment Group Headquarters. The 92d Bombardment Group (M) operates under the Table of Organization (1-1112) conforming to proper changes.

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Interview with Group Operations Officer and Intelligence Officer.

QUESTION BY I. . "Sir, What is the primary mission of the 92d Bombardment Group (H)?"

ANSWER BY OPERATIONS O. "The primary mission of the 92d Bombardment Group (H) is to be able to bomb primary targets at any point in the world in any type of weather. To be accomplished at a moments notice with a full complement of personnel and equipment as authorized under Table of Organization and Equipment. If such a mission is not directed, it becomes the duty of Group to perform such training as directed by higher authority in order to qualify Group to perform primary missions.

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OFFICE OF THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER
Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington

7 August 1949

SUBJECT: Historical Liaison - July 1949

TO: Group Historical Officer
92d Bombardment Group (M)
Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington

EXTRACT

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During the month of July Captain Don Hyatt was appointed as Group Radar Intelligence Officer and reported for duty with that section following completion of a refresher course at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado.

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/s/ Franz J. Gerl
/t/ FRANZ J. GERL
Captain, USAF

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HEADQUARTERS 92D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington

92BGS3 319.7

16 August 1949

SUBJECT: Section History - July 1949

TO: Group Historian
Office of the Intolligence Officer
92d Bombardment Group (M)
Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington

EXTRACT

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1. Administration and Organization:

a. There were a few changes in the section during the month of July, due to leaves and transfers:

(1) Major Would assumed duties of Assistant Operations Officer vice Major Meller.

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/s/ James O. Britt
/t/ JAMES O. BRITT
Major, USAF
Gp Ops. Officer

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OFFICE OF THE S-4 OFFICER
92D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
SPOKANE AIR FORCE BASE
Bong, Washington

24 August 1949

SUBJECT: Historical Report

TO: Commanding Officer
92d Bombardment Group (M)
Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington
ATT: Historical Officer

1. The following is the Historical Report for the S-4 Section for the month of July 1949:

A B S T R A C T

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(1) A normal flow of correspondence pertinent to maintenance and supply was received and forwarded. All routine and one-time reports required by higher headquarters were forwarded through normal channels.

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/s/ Raymond R. Deitch
/t/ RAYMOND R. DEITCH
Captain, USAF
S-4 Officer

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HEADQUARTERS, 92d BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington

23 August 1949

PERSONNEL:

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*Major Pete C. Simis replaced Major Virgil M. Lindsey as Adjutant of the 92nd Bombardment Group on 23 July 1949. Major Lindsey departed the Group to attend C200 School at Scott Air Force Base, Illionis.

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/s/ R. N. Lumley
/t/ R. N. LUMLEY
Captain, USAF
Ass't Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS, 92d BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Spokane Air Force Base
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Personnel: 23 August 1949

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Key personnel of the Group are as follows:

Commanding Officer	Colonel D. E. Manzo
Adjutant	Major Virgil B. Lindsey
Intelligence Officer	Captain Franz J. Gerl
Personnel Officer	Captain Robert N. Lumley
Operations Officer	Major James O. Britt
Engineering Officer	Major Robert A. Wrucher
Sergeant Major	M/Sgt Harold P. Schneider

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/s/ R. N. Lumley
/t/ R. N. LUMLEY
Captain, USAF
Ass't Adjutant

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PAFB Bong Washington

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Captain, USAF

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SPAFB Bong Washington USAF

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Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington

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TO: Group Historian
Office of the Intelligence Officer
92d Bombardment Group (M)
Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington

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3. Supply:

a. Office supplies and equipment were satisfactory but there has been a definite lack of publications pertinent to this office.

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/s/ James O. Britt
/t/ JAMES O. BRITT
Major, USAF
Op Ops. Officer

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OFFICE OF THE S-4 OFFICER
92D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
SPOKANE AIR FORCE BASE
Bong, Washington

24 August 1949

SUBJECT: Historical Report

TO: Commanding Officer
92d Bombardment Group (M)
Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington
ATTN: Historical

1. The following is the Historical Report for the S-4 Section for the month of July 1949:

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e. SUPPLY

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/s/ Raymond R. Deitch
/t/ RAYMOND R. DEITCH
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d. MAINTENANCE

(1) Twelve aircraft participated in a fly over flight at Seattle on 4 July 1949.

(2) As there were no other flying commitments for the month, a maintenance schedule was set up. However, it was found that this schedule could not be adhered to due to lack of qualified maintenance personnel. To alleviate this condition personnel was transferred into this organization from the air base group and rear echelon personnel from the 98th Bomb Group were also utilized.

(3) A plan to utilize the Air Crew Gunners by cross training them as aircraft mechanics (747D) was adopted which in time should help alleviate the critical shortage of maintenance personnel.

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/s/ Raymond R. Leitch
/t/ RAYMOND R. LEITCH
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ATTN: Historical Officer

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g. LOGISTICS

(1) 15 engines changed

(2) 24 cylinders changed

(3) 16 turbos changed

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/s/ Raymond R. Deitch
/t/ RAYMOND R. DEITCH
Captain, USAF
S-4 Officer

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Spokane Air Force Base
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92BG 313 319.7

16 August 1949

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Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington

7 August 1949

SUBJECT: Historical Liaison - July 1949

TO: Group Historical Officer
92d Bombardment Group (M)
Spokane Air Force Base
Bong, Washington

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Training of Intelligence personnel and combat crew members was begun in accordance with SAC Regulation 50-25.

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/s/ Franz J. Gerl
/t/ FRANZ J. GERL
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HEADQUARTERS, 92D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)
Spokane Air Force Base
Sony, Washington

Personnel: 23 August 1949

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/s/ R. N. Lumley
/t/ R. N. LUMLEY
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