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92D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (MEDIUM)

APO 125, U S ARMY

HISTORY

FOR THE MONTH OF

MARCH 1949

NARRATIVE HISTORY

Including Histories of Group Headquarters, 325th Bombardment Squadron, 326th Bombardment Squadron and 327th Bombardment Squadron

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ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

During the month of March 1949, the Ninety Second Bombardment Group, Medium continued to operate under Table of Organization and Equipment one dash one hundred and twelve (1-112), with proper changes. The Ninety Second Bombardment Group, Medium, along with the Ninety Eightth Bombardment Group, Medium, continued to form the Ninety Second Bombardment Wing, Medium. The latter and its componet parts occupy the military reservation known as Spokane Air Force Base. The Ninety Second Bombardment Wing, Medium, is a part of the Fifteenth Air Force and the latter an organization under the Strategic Air Command. During the period covered, the main part of the Group continued on FDY duty in the United Kingdom, working under the Third Air Division. 1/

The primary mission of the Ninety Second Bombardment Group, Medium, is to be able to bomb primary targets at any point in the world in any type weather. To be accomplished at a moments notice with a full complement of personnel and equipment, as authorized under Table of Organization and Equipment, and if such 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. 2/

Success of administration to subordinate units of this command had gradually improved during the month of March 1949 through on the job training of new replacements and closer coordination between all units. 3/

1/ Extract, S-1 Section History, dtd 4 April 1949
2/ Conversation between Lt. Colonel Neil W. Wemple, Ops Officer and 1st Lt Charles L. Stevenson, Historical Officer.
3/ Extract, S-1 Section History, dtd 4 April 1949

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PERSONNEL

During the month of March, Colonel Salvatore E. Manze continued as Commanding Officer of the 92d Bombardment Group (Medium) (Detachment A) with Lt. Colonel John W. Norvell as the Group Executive Officer.

As of 1 March 1949, including attached personnel there were assigned one hundred and seventy two (172) officers, one (1) Warrent Officer, and five hundred and forty two (542) airmen. 4/ The personnel strength of the Group on 31 March 1949 was one hundred and seventy seven (177) officers, one (1) Warrent Officer, and six hundred and ninety (690) airmen assigned and attached. 5/

Key personnel for the Group are as Follows:

Commanding Officer	Colonel Salvatore E. Manzo
Executive Officer	Lt. Colonel John W. Norvell
Adjutant	Major Virgil B. Lindsey
Personnel Officer	1st. Lt. Donald G. Sellon
Intelligence Officer (S-2)	1st. Lt. Franz J. Gerl
Operations Officer (S-3)	Lt. Colonel Neil W. Wemple
Engineering Officer (S-4)	Major Robert A. Maucher
Sergeant Major	M/Sergeant Harold P. Schnieder 6/

The Rear Echelon at Spokane Air Force Base continued with Major Harold G. Fulmer as Commanding Officer, and 1st Lt Mc Mcmanaway acting in capacity of Adjutant.

4/ Extract, Morning Report, dtd 1 Mar 49
5/ Extract, Morning Report, dtd 31 Mar 49
6/ Extract, S-1 Section Historical Report

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SUPPLY

The first requisitions submitted by this Group to Burtonwood were received on the 28 February 1949. During the month of March supplies were coming in regularly. A considerable number of back orders were on requests which Burtonwood would immediately requisition from the States in sufficiant quanity to establish a good level. The resupply of the flyaway kit for Groups coming in to the United Kingdom will improve later. 7/

By the middle of the month of March, maps and charts were coming regular from the Director of Intelligence, 3rd Air Division, giving the Intelligence Section the chance to return all borrowed maps to the British Map Section. 8/

The Group continued to carry one Officer and one Airman on duty at the Burtonwood Supply Depot to coordinate Supply matters. These representatives have done much in forwarding needed supplies to the Group in Sculthorpe, RAF Station. 9/

Items such as paper and colored pencils are still extremely scarce in the United Kingdom, and as of this date have not been received by the Group Supply. 10/

7/ Extract, S-4 Section History
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MAINTENANCE

Six engines and thirty three cylinders were changed during the month. The great increase in cylinder changes is due to the increased percent of flying at high altitude. Another factor contributing to the increase was increase in the number of major inspections over previous months.

The refueling support given us by the British fell into a minimum during the month. Only five qualified operators for refueling trucks were on duty with the remainder either transfered or on furlough. The oil bouseres were all out of commission with the exception of one. These were gradually repaired and by the end of the month the problem was cleared up.

The airmen assigned to the augmentation by the 92d M&S Group proved to be very good men. The men working in supply were continually pressed to get supplies and spent much over time in the necessary paper work and handling of equipment. The airmen assigned to engine build up are doing an excellent job in shipping and receiving of engines from Burtonwood and have also built up five engines that were available when the Group arrived. 11/

The organized flying program worked out by the squadron operations sections has given the maintenance sections an opportunity to schedule maintenance and use progressive inspections. This has helped the maintenance sections maintain a good percent in commission and still get 1,100 hours flying time. 12/

11/ Extract, S-4 Section History
12/ Extract, S-4 Section History

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TRAINING

The flying training accomplished by the 92d Bombardment Group, Medium, for the month of March is as follows:

Hours flown	1,007:50
Hours formation	330:35
Hours night	102:55
Hours instrument	304:50
Hours transition	279:40
Hours radar scope time	615:00
Number of SCR-584 runs	3 (not scored)
GCA's	14
Rounds ammunition fired	84,545
Total bombs dropped	731
Gun camera film exposed and assessed	3,881
Total landings home station (all types)	148 13/

Ground training for the Group in the United Kingdom during March is as follows:

B-29 aircraft familarization for three RAF crews was completed on 4 March 1949 with additional classes for RAF crews starting on 23 March 1949.

There was twenty three thousand, four hundred and fifty seven (23, 457) man hours of ground training accomplished consisting of OJT in maintenance, school classes in radio, flight engineer, and radar, with Electronic Counter Mission lectures and classes in navigation and radio. 14/

During the month of March, the Group flew approximately one hundred and eighty nine (189) sorties, with the number of aircraft flown for the month being one hundred and sixty three (163). 15/

13/ Extract, S-3 Section History
14/ Extract, S-3 Section History
15/ Extract, S-3 Section History

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FACILITIES

The overall condition of facilities for this Group in the United Kingdom was very satisfactory. Sites were set apart for each Squadron, with Group Headquarters and Detachment "B" personnel sharing one site. The Food Service personnel continued to operate two mess halls, the Consolidated Mess for all grades of Airmen and the Officers Mess, which operates in conjunction with the RAF Officer personnel of the base.

Facilities for the Group as a whole continued as during February, with very few changes. The locations of the Squadron sites and the Group Headquarters offices causes some difficulties in transportation of personnel to the Headquarters building in especia ly bad weather.

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HEADQUARTERS
92D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO 125, U S Army

SUBJECT: Section History

4 April 1949

TO: Intelligence Officer
92d Bombardment Group (M)
APO 125, U S Army

E X T R A C T

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During the month of March 1949, the 92d Bombardment Group (M) continued to operate under Table of Organization and Equipment 1-112, with proper changes.

During the period covered by this report, the 92d Bombardment Group (M) continued on TDY duty with the Third Air Division in the United Kingdom, Sculthorpe RAF Station.

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/s/ Virgil B. Lindsey
/t/ VIRGIL B. LINDSEY
Adjutant
Major, USAF

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Extract, Conversation between Lt. Colonel Neil W. Wemple, Group Operations Officer, and 1st. Lt. Charles L. Stevenson, Group Historical Officer, dtd 1 April 1949.

E X T R A C T

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QUESTION: Sir, what do you consider the primary mission of the 92d Bombardment Group (M)?

ANSWER: The primary mission of the 92d Bombardment Group (M) is to be able to bomb primary targets at any point in the world in any type weather, to be accomplished at a moments notice with a full complement of personnel and equipment, as authorized under T/O&E and if such mission is not directed by higher authority in order to qualify Group to perform primary missions.

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APO 125, U S Army

4 April 1949

SUBJECT: Section History

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92d Bombardment Group (M)
APO 125, U S Army

E X T R A C T

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Success of administration to subordinate units of this command had gradually improved during the month of March 1949 through on the job training of new replacements and closer coordination between all units.

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/s/ Virgil B. Lindsey
/t/ VIRGIL B. LINDSEY
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92D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO 125, US Army

1 March 1949

SUBJECT: Morning Report

TO: Commanding Officer
92d Bombardment Group (M)
APO 125, U S Army

As of 1 March 1949, including attached personnel, there were one hundred and seventy two officers, one Warrent Officer, and five hundred and forty two enlisted men assigned this organization.

/s/ Virgil B. Lindsey
/t/ VIRGIL B. LINDSEY
Major, USAF
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APO 125, U S Army

31 March 1949

SUBJECT: Morning Report

TO: Commanding Officer
92d Bombardment Group (M)
APO 125, U S Army

As of 31 March 1949, including attached personnel, there were one hundred and seventy seven officers, one Warrent Officer, and six hundred and ninety airmen assigned this organization.

/s/ Virgil B. Lindsey
/t/ VIRGIL B. LINDSEY
Major, USAF
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92D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO 125, U S Army

2 March 1949

SUBJECT: Section Historical Report

TO: Intelligence Officer
92d Bombardment Group (M)
APO 125, US Army

E X T R A C T

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Key personnel are as follows:

Commanding Officer	Colonel S. E. Manzo
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Engineering Officer	Major Robert A. Maucher
Sergeant Major	M/Sgt Harold P. Schnieder

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/s/ Virgil B. Lindsey
/t/ VIRGIL B. LINDSEY
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92D BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
APO 125, US ARMY

28 April

SUBJECT: Historical Report for Month of March 49

TO: S-2, Intelligence Section
92d Bombardment Group (M)
APO 125, U S Army

E X T R A C T

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5. The first requistions submitted by this Group to Burtonwood were received on the 28th of February. During the month of March supplies were coming in regularly. A considerable number of back orders were on our requests, Burtonwood would immediately request these items from the States in sufficient quanity to establish a good level. The resupply of the flyaway kit for Groups coming in to the UK later will improve.

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/s/ Robert A. Maucher
/t/ ROBERT A. MAUCHER
Major, USAF
92 BG S-4 Officer

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4 April 1949

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92d Bombardment Group (M)
APO 125, U S Army

E X T R A C T

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By the middle of the month of March, maps and charts were coming regular from the Director of Intelligence, 3rd Air Division, giving the Intelligence Section the chance to return all borrowed maps to the British Map Section.

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/s/ Franz J. Gerl
/t/ FRANZ J. GERL
1st. Lt., USAF
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APO 125, U S Army

E X T R A C T

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/s/ Robert A. Maucher
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Items such as paper and colored pencils are still extremely scarse in the United Kingdom, and as of this date have not been received by the Group Supply.

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/s/ Robert A. Maucher
/t/ ROBERT A. MAUCHER
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/t/ ROBERT A. MAUCHER
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APO 125, U S Army

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SUBJECT: Section History, March 49

TO: Intelligence Officer
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APO 125, U S Army

E X T R A C T

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Hours flown	1,007:50	
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/s/ Neil W. Wemple
/t/ NEIL W. WEMPLE
Lt. Col., USAF
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E X T R A C T

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There was 23,457 man hours of ground training accomplished.

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/s/ Neil W. Wemple
/t/ NEIL W. WEMPLE
Lt. Col., USAF
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E X T R A C T

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During the month of March, the Group flew approximately 189 sorties, with the number of aircraft flown for the month of March being one hundred and sixty three (163).

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/s/ Neil W. Wemple
/t/ NEIL W. WEMPLE
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