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335th BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON  
40th BOMBARDMENT GROUP  
ARMY AIR FIELD  
PRATT, KANSAS

3 March 1944 MAY 1944

SQUADRON HISTORY  
1 Feb thru 27 Feb 1944

#### ORGANIZATION

The primary duty of the 335th Bombardment Squadron has been tactical air and ground training but that duty is fast turning into pure tactical and combat duty with the arrival of combat airplanes. The task of accomplishing acceptance checks, modification and engine changes is falling directly on the Combat Crews.

#### PERSONNEL

Attached to this report are rosters of Officers and Enlisted Men and their classifications.

Jesse C. Beal, 2nd Lt, Radar, and Joe H. Brown, 2nd Lt, Radar, were assigned this Squadron 2 February 1944 (1).

First Sgt. Walter H. Rose (505) was assigned from Hq. 40th Bomb Gr, 4 February 1944.

James C. Harmon, 2nd Lt, Radar, was assigned this Squadron 12 February 1944 (2).

William W. McHair, Capt, Intelligence Officer, Nathan J. Reanich, 1st Lt, Adjutant, Wayne H. Sims, S/Sgt, Intelligence Clerk -- transferred from duty to DS Secret Destination 21 February 1944.

Lyle C. Turner, 2nd Lt (1036) and Wilbur J. Wrotman, 2nd Lt (1036) were assigned this Squadron 27 February 1944 (3).

#### SUPPLY & EQUIPMENT

There has been no change in supply procedure over the previous month. Supply shortage problems have improved considerably, particularly on "red cross" items. "Red diagonal" items, not actually grounding aircraft, are still slow in arriving, which sometimes hamper the completion of the particular type of maintenance.

A new problem has arisen in obtaining supplies and equipment for modification B-29s but it is still too early after installation of a new system to tell whether the present procedures will work out alright.

All members of combat crews drew their flying and personal issue equipment 27 February -- there are still some shortages, however, because the equipment is not on hand.

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Following is a list of airplanes assigned to this Squadron:

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
B-17	
AC #42-5274	Training & Ferrying
AC #42-5279	Training & Ferrying
AC #42-30575	Training & Ferrying
AC-42-30067	Sub Depot, PAAF, 3rd Echelon Maintenance
B-29	
AC #42-6240	Combat Plane
AC #42-6291	Combat Plane, received 26 February
AC #42-6202	Combat Plane, received 26 February
AC #42-6204	Combat Plane, received 29 February

B-29, AC #42-6241, ferried to Modification Center, Marietta, Ga., 15 February.

B-29, AC #42-36960, was transferred to Glovis Army Air Field 29 February.

## MAINTENANCE

The greatest problem encountered in maintenance this month was keeping engines — most of which are over the 500 hour mark — in operating condition; valves, cylinders, superchargers, and pistons started going bad thru normal wear and tear.

The Squadron has been called upon to equip all B-29s with War Engines and Nylon Casings, as well as, change rudders and modify front exhaust collector rings, and top cowl flaps. Other modifications may have to be made as the program develops.

Engine change crews have been set up out of maintenance personnel, aided by right and tail gunners from each combat crew — ten each eight hour shift.

Crew Chiefs and Combat Crews have been assigned to airplanes in the order of their arrival. They are pulling complete acceptance checks on their assigned ship under the supervision of the Airplane Commander. These crews will also make all modifications except engine changes until such time as the engine changes are complete, then they will be assisted by the engine change crews which will be split up among the different airplanes.

When modification started on the B-29 during the latter part of the month the maintenance personnel went on three eight-hour shifts — 0700-1500; 1500-2300; 2300-0700.

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TRAINING

Two B-29s from this Squadron accomplished a long range formation flight -- wing mission #18-4 February. The Crews brought back suggestions and information on cruise control, formation, and bomb run which was given to the Group Operations Officer at a Critique following completion of the mission.

B-17 flight training in this Squadron was completed the latter part of the month. Since that time the B-17s have been loaned to the other Squadrons for the completion of their training or have been used for ferrying crews to modification centers to pick up B-29s. Most all long range navigation missions over water in the B-17s was completed during this month -- a few had been made prior to February.

There have been frequent meetings during the month of Airplane Commanders and Engineers for instruction and discussion on the use of Cruise Control charts and data. Two sessions were held by Wing personnel: Col. Harmon, Wing C.O., conducted one discussion on use of cruise control charts, and Col. Olson, Chief of AST, XX Bomber Command, gave a lecture on the basic principles involved in the charts -- how they were compiled, the flight procedure, and tests.

The field representative of Minneapolis-Honeywell met with Airplane Commanders and Bombardiers 12 February to explain again the principles of operation of the C-1 Auto Pilot-- how to set it up and use it most effectively for precision bombing, and the problems encountered in maintenance. Capt. Seseda, Group Bombardier was present at the meeting and impressed the necessity for more C-1 releases.

Each pilot whose instrument card was nearing a years time limit was given an instrument check this month, consequently, every pilot, this organization, now has a currently effective instrument rating and card.

No Ground School has been scheduled except make-up classes, practical maintenance for combat crews, and pistol range. The instrument and navigational trainers were still scheduled, however, and used to the fullest advantage.

MORALE

Morale is as high as can be expected under circumstances such as exist at the present time -- there is an air of expectancy and uncertainty hanging over the entire organization. The combat crews were getting a bit impatient over the arrival of their ships until some began coming in. There is still some dissatisfaction among the crew members over not being able to obtain more flight time and training in the B-29. The general attitude of the crews seems to have picked up considerably though, since the arrival of a few combat ships and since they have begun work on their own ship.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS

Col. Harmon, 58th Wing C.O., held sessions in the War Room on Cruise Control 6 February at which all Airplane Commanders were present.

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On 10 February there was a Squadron party held in the Officers Club for the Officers and their wives. It proved to be an outstanding success for every Officer had a chance to become better acquainted with everyone else in the Squadron and his wife.

Col. Olson, Chief of ASF, XX Bomber Command, gave a lecture for Pilots 14 February on Cruise Control Charts.

Col. Lucas, his crew, and Col. Parker, flew a B-29 to Washington 20 February to be inspected by Gen. Arnold and the President.

A Squadron Party for both Officers and enlisted men was held 25 February in the town of Pratt. The Adjutant secured a show troupe from Kansas City who furnished entertainment. There was beer and an abundance of eats for everyone.

Representatives of the POM Inspector held meetings separately for Engineers, Gunners, and Bombardiers 28 February in Squadron Intelligence to get their opinion of the equipment they were to use on the B-29.

- NOTE: (1) Par 9, SO #23, Hq 40th Bomb Gp, dated 2 Feb. 44.  
(2) Par 2, SO #43, Hq 40th Bomb Gp, dated 12 Feb. 44.  
(3) Par 1, SO #55, Hq 40th Bomb Gp, dated 24 Feb. 44.

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MOS 1028	No. 15	MOS 3160	No. 1
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MOS 1035	No. 1	MOS 9301	No. 1
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