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HEADQUARTERS 40TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP
Office of the Commanding Officer

A.P.O #247
2 Aug 1945

SUBJECT: Request for Permission to Name Group.
TO : Commanding General, 58th Bombardment Wing, Station

1. It is the desire of this Headquarters to use an unofficial name for the 40th Bombardment Group.
2. A possible name has been selected and it is requested that higher headquarters consider the name for approval and subsequent use of this organization.
3. In order to present all facts relative to the origin, reasons for selection, and planned usage of the name the following outline of information is made:

A. Source of Information

On 10 July letter subj., "Propaganda and Publicity Suggestion", Hdqrs. 58th Bombardment Wing, date 26 June with unofficial note by Brig. General R. M. Ramey, U.S.A., was directed to this Headquarters through the Public Relations office. The letter and indorsement are attached as inclosure 1.

(1) The letter referred to in the above paragraph suggested the name Kagu-tsuchi, a Japanese fire god.

(2) According to Japanese mythology Kagu-

tsuchi, ?????????????? upon birth that he burned up his Mother who was called Izanami. Since he was the cause of the death of Izanami, his mother, Kagu-tsuchi was despised by Izanagi, his father. Since very distant antiquity the Japanese have dreaded fire. Twice a year an Imperial service was held to appease and soothe fire. During the ceremonies the priests read a norito recounting the fire myth and mentioning the objects capable of conjuring it. Besides the fire that brings destructions there is the pure fire of the ritual which the priests use in the temple. This fire was procured by rubbing pieces of hinoki wood together. In this case it was given the name of Kiri-bi. Today this fire is obtained by a shorter method which consists in striking a hard stone with a piece of steel. The first thus obtained is purifying and protects those it has touched.

- (3) All of the information concerning the myth has been verified by a translation of the Nihongi written in 720 A.D. and included in the publication "Asiatic Mythology" written by J. Haskin. A representative from the 40th Bomb Group visited the Bishop Museum, Academy of Arts and Honolulu Library, all located in Honolulu, T.H., and discovered that recognized authorities on Japanese mythology are familiar with this myth as explained above.

B. Reasons for Selection

B-29 is modern embodiment of Kagu-tsuchi. Even

as the mother of the gods was destroyed by fire, so will be the Japanese homeland by B-29' aircraft carrying fire and destruction in bombs.

(2) **Kagu-tsuchi is a catch name. Evidence of its' novelty has already been evidenced by serious discussion, kidding, derision, and witty and imaginative implications by members of this organization. This fact alone indicates that a definite morale factor, or Esprit de Corps is contingent with its symbolic meaning.**

(3) **The name appears to possess strong psychological possibilities which could be studied and tied in with the psychological warfare program now being conducted by the War Information. For instance leaflets could be dropped stating that the wrath of Kagu-tsuchi would be visited on a certain city or installation. Subsequent fire treatment with incendiaries would bear substance to the promise and refresh native memories of the religious significance of the fire god.**

(4) **The 40th Bomb Group would be presented with a 'natural' for the execution of a heavier public relations program which is anticipated. It would serve as a medium to convey the personality of the organization to the public through the medium of hometown releases on members of the unit, and associating an individual with a named organization instead of simply referring to it as a group of the**

58th Bomb Wing. This would in turn result in maintaining an Esprit de Corps within the 40th Bomb Group.

C. Usage of Name

At present certain ideas concerning a proper announcement or formal naming ceremonies are under consideration. In addition the Public Relations section of the Group is mapping a tentative program of initial publicity with the organization and for public consumption in the Zone of Interior. The following ideas are being entertained at present.

(1) Obtaining proper insignia to convey the meaning of the name at a glance. In this connection it is significant to mention that none of the sources of information in Honolulu were able to produce a picture of the Japanese conception of the fire god. It has not been definitely established, but it is strongly believed that the Japanese never formed a likeness of the god because of the nature of its birth and the element of fear inherent in it. If no opposition is made it is planned to offer a contest to all personnel in order to obtain many ideas of creation of the god's likeness. The best idea would receive proper recognition and be incorporated.

(2) Adequate publicity prior to formal designation ceremony. This accomplishment is as elastic as the imagination. A few of the ideas are:

Announcement by notices on unit bulletin

boards and nightly announcements at the theater.

(3) A designation program that will go over with a 'bang'. This would include the formal unveiling of the , speeches, entertainment, motto, song, highly desirable to have this ceremony covered by a national pictorial magazine such as 'Life' or 'Look' to capitalize on the value of public consumption.

(4) Other agencies could then be employed to keep the name to the front both for organization members as well as the public. Some of these are:

- a. Initiation of Group newspaper
- b. Timing the domestic area with its ??? and theater.
- c. Making writing paper with appropriate letterhead

available to organization members.

Outside the Organization

A story about the significance and ceremony of the name could be released as a national interest item. The Associated Press, for instance, could reach every paper of importance in the States. Follow-up releases by the Group could be made through normal public relations channels to the hometown newspaper of every member of the 40th Bomb Group. Subsequent releases on any member of the unit would identify the organization to which he belongs as the Kagu-tsuchi Group.

4. It is requested that official endorsement be made granting permission to proceed with the contemplated program.

Any suggestions concerning any phase of the plan would be appreciated.

Enlistment of all help possible in relation to outside publicity would be enhanced by the cooperation of higher headquarters.

40th BOMBARDMENT GROUP
OVERSEAS RECORD

	<u>CBI</u>	<u>POA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Number of Combat Missions	38	32	70
Number of Aircraft Airborne on Bombing Missions	716	1048	1764
Number of Aircraft Bombing Primary	566	971	1537
Number of Aircraft Bombing Other Targets	94	23	117
Tons of Bombs Dropped on Primary	2119	6728	8847
Tons of Bombs Dropped on All Targets	2331	6887	9218
Number of other Type Missions	48	26	74
<u>Claims Against the Enemy</u>			
Destroyed	37½	9	46½
Probably Destroyed	16	6	22
Damaged	50	14	64
<u>Aircraft Lost</u>			
Combat	26	6	32
Transport	9	-	9
Training	1	4	5
War Weary	23	4	27
Ground	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>79</u>
<u>Flying Time</u>			
Combat	9,366	15,977	25,343
Transport	9,695	-----	9,695
Training & Miscellaneous	<u>5,991</u>	<u>1,967</u>	<u>7,958</u>
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>17,944</u>	<u>42,996</u>
Number of Engine Changes Completed	481	167	648
Number of Aircraft Suffering Battle Damage	92	83	175

Prepared by the Statistical Section

TARGETS HIT BY 40th BOMBARDMENT GROUP

In China-Burma-India Theater

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>	
Bangkok	5 June	1944
Yawata	15 June	1944
Sasebo	7 July	1944
Anshan	29 July	1944
Palembang	10 August	1944
Nagasaki	10 August	1944
Yawata	20 August	1944
Anshan	8 September	1944
Anshan	26 September	1944
Formosa	14 October	1944
Formosa	17 October	1944
Omura	25 October	1944
Rangoon	3 November	1944
Singapore	5 November	1944
Nanking	11 November	1944
Omura	21 November	1944
Bangkok	27 November	1944
Mukden	7 December	1944
Rangoon	14 December	1944
Hankow	18 December	1944
Omura	19 December	1944
Mukden	21 December	1944
Bangkok	2 January	1945
Omura	6 January	1945
Formosa	9 January	1945
Singapore	11 January	1945
Formosa	14 January	1945
Formosa	17 January	1945
Saigon	27 January	1945
Singapore	1 February	1945
Bangkok	7 February	1945
Rangoon	11 February	1945
Singapore	24 February	1945
Singapore	2 March	1945
Samboa Island	12 March	1945
Rangoon	17 March	1945
Rangoon	22 March	1945
Singapore	29 March	1945

In Pacific Combat Area

<u>TARGET</u>	<u>DATE</u>	
Hiro Naval A/C Factory - at Kure	5 May	1945
Oshima Naval Oil Storage	10 May	1945
Nagoya Urban Area	14 May	1945
Nagoya Urban Area	16 May	1945
Hamamatsu	19 May	1945
Tokyo Urban Area	24 May	1945
Tokyo Urban Area	26 May	1945
Yokohama	29 May	1945
Osaka Urban Area	1 June	1945
Kobe Urban Area	5 June	1945
Osaka Urban Area	7 June	1945
Kasumigaura Seaplane Base	10 June	1945
Osaka Urban Area	15 June	1945
Omuta Urban Area	17 June	1945
Toyohashi Urban Area	19 June	1945
Himoji, Kwanishi A/C Fac	22 June	1945
Kagamigahara, Kawasaki Aircraft Factory	26 June	1945
Okayama Urban Area	28 June	1945
Kure Urban Area	1 July	1945
Takamatsu Urban Area	3 July	1945
Chiba Urban Area	6 July	1945
Sendai Urban Area	9 July	1945
Utsonomiya Urban Area	12 July	1945
Namazu Urban Area	16 July	1945
Fukui Urban Area	19 July	1945
Osaka - Sumitoma Metal Industry	24 July	1945
Tsu Industrial Urban Area	28 July	1945
Hachieji	1 August	1945
Imabari	5 August	1945
Tokoyawa	7 August	1945
Fukuyama	9 August	1945
Hikari Naval Arsenal	14 August	1945

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OPERATIONS

Combat Check-out Procedure for Replacement Crews.

1. The following is the check-out procedure to be used for replacement crews prior to their flying alone on a combat mission.

a. Airplane Commander: Each airplane commander will fly his first combat mission as either co-pilot or observer with an experienced crew. He will fly his second combat mission with his own crew and will have an experienced airplane commander as his co-pilot. If the check pilot on the second mission considers the airplane commander satisfactory, such airplane commander will continue his combat missions without further supervision. If he is not considered satisfactory, additional missions will be flown under supervision until such time as he is considered satisfactory or is removed from the status of airplane commander.

b. Flight Engineer: Each flight engineer will fly his first combat mission either as an observer on an experienced crew or as a flight engineer on his own crew with an experienced flight engineer riding along to check him out. If he satisfactorily demonstrates his proficiency, he will continue his missions without further supervision.

c. Navigator: Each navigator will fly his first combat mission either as an observer on an experienced crew or as a navigator on his own crew with an experienced navigator riding along to check him out. If he satisfactorily demonstrates his proficiency, he will continue his missions without further supervision.

d. Radar Operator: Each radar operator will fly his first combat mission either as an observer on an experienced crew or as radar operator on his own crew with an experienced radar operator riding along to check him out. If he satisfactorily demonstrates his proficiency, he will continue his missions without further supervision.

2. Each individual flying in a supervisory capacity will sign a proficiency certificate for the individual checked. This certificate will include certain items, the knowledge of which is essential in order to properly fly unsupervised combat missions. Blank certificates will be furnished by Group operations and after filled out will be filed in Squadron Operations, as long as the individual checked remains in the squadron.

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MISCELLANEOUS
Buildings and Grounds

1. **Purpose:** To provide uniform instructions governing the policies and procedures for maintenance and care of buildings.
2. **Scope:** These instructions are to apply to the buildings in the Housing Area of the 40th Bombardment Group only. Instructions for line buildings are issued by the Aircraft Maintenance Officer.
3. **Responsibilities:** It will be the responsibility of each Squadron Commander to see that those instructions are followed.
4. **Regulations:**
 - a. **Quonset Huts, Office and Quarters.**
 - (1) Wiring will not be altered in any way. Any additional wiring will be either installed by the Utilities section or approved by it prior to making any changes in the wiring.
 - (2) Power consumption per building will be limited to 600 watts. Any equipment of consumption to exceed that figure must be approved prior to operation of the additional equipment.
 - (3) Radios will be restricted to one (1) per building.
 - (4) Waste paper containers within the buildings will be metal. No wood or cardboard containers are permitted—to reduce fire hazard.
 - (5) Gasoline, oil, and other inflammable materials will be stored outside and away from the building, suitably marked with a “No Smoking” sign.
 - (6) Trash containers outside of buildings will be at least 10 feet away from the building, and located near the Southwest corner of the building.
 - (7) No wood or other inflammable material will be stored underneath the floor of the building.
 - (8) Fire barrels will be placed at each building near the Northwest corner, not more than 5 feet from the building, and it will have two (2) buckets suspended therefrom, both to be used only in the case of fire.

- (9) Fires for any purpose will not be lighted except when at least 25 feet from the building, and then only when attended by at least one (1) person.
- b. Prefabricated Buildings.
- (1) Same instructions as above, (1) to (9) inclusive.
- c. General Buildings – Briefing Room, Mess Halls, Chapel, Dental Clinic, and Red Cross Hut.
- (1) Same instructions as above, except that power allowance is higher or lower, and that the number of fire barrels is higher or lower, depending on the size of the building.
- d. Miscellaneous.
- (1) Landscaping in the area is encouraged. The planting of trees, flowers, shrubs, bushes, etc., should be confined to the proximity of the building and, or out of the way of walks or roads.
- (2) Porches, fences, etc. are approved provided scrap lumber is used. Porches are not to exceed 8 feet in extension from the building. The use of plywood for porches or ceiling is strictly forbidden.
- (3) General walks from entrance to roads will not exceed 4 feet in width, and will be so constructed as to not interfere with the drainage ditch near the road.
- (4) Laundry or clothes lines will not extend between buildings. They will be parallel with building.
- (5) Any deviation from the above or any factor not covered by these instructions will be submitted for approval.

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