

HEADQUARTERS  
FORTY FOURTH BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (TH)  
MARCH FIELD RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA

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14 March 1946

Squadron History  
October thru January

The month of October brought forth the good news that let us plot the last leg of our globe circling to S. The feverish activities to prepare for our trip home were similar only to those of our largest bombing missions; all of our aircraft received new engines and last minute test hops... all of our records were checked and the baggage was carefully loaded aboard each aircraft the night before leaving.

On the evening of October 12th, Lt Col Neil W. Sample took off with four other aircraft from Tinian, Lomoward bound. The following evening, the remainder of the squadron took off leaving behind only the ground echelon that later returned by boat.

Our air echelon arrived safely at Muller Field, California, and to be sure the welcome here was even more wonderful than we had envisioned. Our warm reception at Muller Field lasted only a few hours, as we were sent to nearby Camp St. Francis. Here many of us said goodbye to old friends as each man left for his individual Recreation Center.

The Squadron had now completed its six month tour of overseas duty and those of us returning home enjoyed an eighty day leave.

On January 17th, 1946, the squadron reassembled at March Field, Riverside, California. At this time our numbers were less than the returnees from a Tokyo mission. We had a rather airplane and maintenance personnel, and those who needed flying time flew B-25's and B-17's that were on the base and assigned to the 10th Bomb Wing.

MAJOR MINOR, Major Wm. Minor, 1911's.

Major Minor left the squadron to become the Group Adjutant, so  
Col W. G. Brown, the only original officer still assigned to the  
squadron.

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SQUADRON HISTORY  
Month of February

As work day passed, our numbers slowly increased and before the month was completed we had a Squadron area of our own. Skeleton crews were formed and our flying still continued in the B-25's and B-24's because the shortage of maintenance personnel kept us from having B-29's.

Our lack of cooks and bakers kept us from opening our own mess hall. Due to our shortage of all MOS's, we sent many of our key personnel to Roswell, New Mexico for the Crossroads Project and were able to place experienced men in all of the Squadron staff positions.

At this time, the following officers held positions as listed.

1st Col Temple, Neil V.,	Commanding Officer
Major Mignano, John G.,	Operations Officer
Captain Adams, Warren E.,	Asst Operations Officer
Captain Friggins, John R.,	Adjutant
Captain Clark, John V.,	Engineering Officer
Captain Stupice, George M.,	Navigation Officer
Captain Sharp, Richard L.,	Historian
1st Lt Fyeist, Donald A.	Asst Adjutant
1st Lt Balke, James G.,	Squadron Bombardier
1st Lt Britt, Chester G.,	NOM Officer
1st Lt McBecker, Thomas	Attilie Officer
1st Lt Hupper, Ernest E.	Supply Officer
2nd Lt Sawyer, Eugene P.	Mess Officer
WO JB Greber, Robert V.	Asst Engineering Officer

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