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NINETIETH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H) AAF
Office of the Group Commander

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APO # 705
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SUBJECT: History of Air Force Organizations in Australia.

TO : Commanding General, Fifth Air Force, APO # 923 (THRU FIFTH BOMBER COMMAND).

1. In compliance with letter, Hq, Fifth Air Force, dated 2 November 1942, above subject and file and 1st Ind. Fifth Bomber Command, dated 6 November 1942, the following information is submitted:

- (a) 90th Bomb Gp (H) AAF (Ground Echelon) left Oahu, T. H. 8 November 1942. Air Echelons left as follows:
 - (1) 319th Bomb Sq (H) - 19 October 1942
 - (2) 320th Bomb Sq (H) - 29 October & 31 October 1942
 - (3) 321st Bomb Sq (H) - 26 October 1942
 - (4) 400th Bomb Sq (H) - 1 November 1942
- (b) Ground Echelon arrived Townsville, Australia, 25 November 1942, and disembarked 26 November 1942. Air Echelon arrived as follows:
 - (1) 319th Bomb Sq (H) - 24 October 1942 at APO # 922
 - (2) 320th Bomb Sq (H) - 3 November 1942 at Amberley Field, Queensland, Australia.
 - (3) 321st Bomb Sq (H) - 31 October 1942 at Amberley Field, Queensland, Australia
 - (4) 400th Bomb Sq (H) - 6 November 1942 at Amberley Field, Queensland, Australia
- (c) First station in Australia - ~~OB-26~~ *mauecha*
- (d) Colonel Arthur W. Meehan to 18 November 1942
Colonel Ralph E. Koon to present date
- (e) Upon arrival in Australia this Group had 289 officers and 1407 enlisted men. Approximately 77% were thoroughly trained.
- (f) This Group flies the B-24D type airplane.

Ralph E. Koon
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