

## Notes on Overseas service.

Jan. 29 - Left Fairfield, Calif. at twelve noon on a C-54

Jan 30 - After a 13hr. trip we landed at Hickam Field, Hawaii. We left at seven AM for Johnston Island and we arrived at eleven AM. We had noon chow and then we took off for Tarawa.

Feb. 1 - After we left Tarawa we crossed the International Date and lost the last day of January. We landed at Carney Field, Guadalupe Canal.

Feb 2 - Took off in early morning for a ten hour trip to Biak (Netherlands East Indies).

Feb 3 - Stayed there over night and left the next morning for

Nadzab, New Guinea. Trip took six hours and Nadzab was to be our home for the next six weeks.

March 22. Left Nadzab at ten AM for Biak. We arrived at three-thirty and that night I witnessed my first air-raid. A Jap Betty followed a C-54 in and ~~at~~ bombed the strip. Three planes and thirty-three men were lost.

March 27- Left Biak and arrived at Morotal (Headquarters of the 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force) at 1:30 PM. Was assigned to the 307 Bomb Gr. 371<sup>st</sup> Bomb Sq.

April 14- Crew flew its first mission out of Morotal.

Date	Time	Target	Type
April 21	10:10	Sepinggan	†
24	13:35	Tabania	23:45
27	10:05	Mandai	33:50
30	9:50	Malinpaeng	43:40
May 3	11:30	Kotabaroe	55:10
5	8:30	Convoy Cover	63:40
8	9:20	Mandai	73:00
11	10:00	Mandai	83:00
13	13:10	Oelin	96:10
18	10:00	Tarakon (Bal. 6:10)	106:10
20	11:00	Balikpapan	17:10
22	9:30	Convoy Cover	26:40
27	10:50	Tawao	37:30
June 1	12:25	Labuan	49:55
5	11:00	Convoy Cover	60:55
18	11:35	Sepinggan	72:30
21	11:20	Balikpapan	83:30
July 12	11:10	Donggalla	95:00
23	6:00	Camp Benteng (Sakral)	106:00
25	15:00	Kotawaringin	16:00

Date	Time	Target	Type
Aug 1	21:55	Pontianak	37:55
Aug 7	14:40	Godang	52:35
Aug 26	11:35	Hong Kong (Search)	64:10
Aug 28	10:05	Indo-China (Search)	74:15
		Totals	305:00
Sept. 18	6:00	Indo-China (Search)	

Position	Name	Rank	Months Overseas	Total Combat Hours	Total Strikes	Points
Pilot (2)	Henderson	Capt	10.4	476.3	48	13.030
Co-Pilot (9)	Cassidy	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.1	313.3	31	8.266
Nav. (4)	Kaplon	1 <sup>st</sup>	6.1	327.5	32	8.508
Bomb. (5)	Ryan	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.1	330.3	32	8.526
Eng. (4)	Davis	T/Sgt	6.1	350.2	33	8.836
Asst. Eng. (3)	Lynch	S/Sgt	6.1	267.8	27	7.411
Radio (6)	Partipilo	T/Sgt	6.1	315.8	31	8.291
Asst Radio (6)	Edwards	S/Sgt	6.1	274.8	27	7.481
Gunner (10)	Budzynski	S/Sgt	6.1	265.8	26	7.411
Gunner (14)	Daum	S/Sgt	6.1	244.2	24	6.975

August 18. Lt Kaplon and Edwards left  
For home.

August 20 - Lynch and Partipilo left  
For home.

## Lt. Prices' Crew

Eng.	Charles C. Wilson	Atlanta, Georgia
Asst. Eng.	Robert Craigie	San Francisco, Calif.
Radio	Phil Pagano	St. Louis, Miss.
Asst. Radio	Robert M. Lynch	Salt Lake, Utah
Armorer	Paul E. Freeman	Des Moines, Iowa
Asst Armorer	Bernard Larsen	Cleveland, Ohio

51 Henry St. San Francisco, Calif.

Ray Wilson, Atlanta, Georgia (Garage)

1933 N. Market St. St. Louis, Mo.

## Lt. Overton's Crew

1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. John H. Overton	Pilot
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ben T. Cassidy	Co-Pilot
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. Ted J. Kaplan	Navigator
1 <sup>st</sup> Lt. John E. Ryan	Bombardier
T/Sgt Charles B. Davis	Engineer
T/Sgt Ned F. Partipilo	Radio
S/Sgt Edward C. Lynch	Asst Engineer
s/sgt Ralph Edwards	Asst Radio
s/sgt Henry E. Budzynski	Asst Armorer
s/sgt. Charles T. Daum	Armorer

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2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Wilbur Meyers Buffalo, N.Y.  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Donald Ramey Atwater, Minn.  
FO. George Gannon Ohio  
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T/SGT. Robert Gaxiola Los Angeles, Calif.  
S/SGT. John Pickett Durham, N. Carolina  
S/SGT. William H. Brooks Sheffield, Alabama  
S/SGT. Henry Budzynski Buffalo, N.Y.  
S/SGT. Charles T. Daum Cumberland, Md.



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Gened  
Manila\*  
Port Princessa

# Mission Time

Transition - 2:20	#19 - 11:00	Morotai
. 2:10	#20 - 10:00 *	
#1 - 6:26	#21 - 10:50 *	
#2 - 6:00	#22 - 11:35	
#3 - 4:30	#23 - 11:20	
#4 - 6:20	* #24 - 10:50	
#5 - 10:10	* #25 - 12:00	
#6 - 13:35	* #26 - 12:15	
#7 - 10:05	* #27 - 11:00	
#8 - 9:55	#28 - 11:10	
#9 - 11:30	#29 - 6:05	
#10 - 8:30	#30 - 15:00	
#11 - 9:20	#31 - 12:00	Palawan
#12 - 10:00	#32 - 14:40	Morotai
#13 - 13:10	#33 - 11:35	Palawan
#14 - 10:00	#34 - 10:05	
#15 - 11:00	#35 -	
#16 - 9:30	#36 -	
#17 - 10:45	#37 -	
#18 - 12:25	#38 -	

Nadzab

Morotai

Palawan

Morotai

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## Combat Mission Time

4:40 time to Palawan From Morotai  
5:15 " " Morotai " Palawan  
5:15 'time to Palawan From Morotai  
2:20 " " Clark Field " Palawan

## Missions

- Feb. 20 - Flew mission no. 1. Target was Aappopo, New Britain airdrome. Time 6 hrs 30 min.
- Feb. 23 - Flew mission no. 2. Target was Sauri Villages, Wewak, New Guinea. Time 6 hrs
- Feb. 25 - Flew mission no. 3. Target was Sauri Villages, Wewak, New Guinea. Time 6 hrs.
- Feb. 26 - Flew mission No. 4. Target was Rabaul, New Britain. Time. 6 hrs
- April 21 - Flew mission No. 5. Target was Sepinggan airdrome, Borneo. Time 10 hrs. 10 min.
- April - 24 - Flew mission No. 6. Target was Tabania air strip, Southwest Borneo Time 13 hrs. 40 min.
- April - 26 - Flew mission No. 7. Target was Mandal, AIR strip, Celebes. Time was 10 hrs 5 min.
- April - 30 - Flew mission No. 8 Target was Pare-Pare. Time 9 hrs. 50 min.

April<sup>24</sup> - Had 2000 lb bombs for first time.

May 5 - Flew Susie (ship no. 587) on my tenth mission and her one hundred & tenth

May 7 - Got promoted to buck sergeant Today.

May 8 - Heard they announced VE Day in Europe as we took off on my eleventh mission. Radio operator got it on his radio. Also - I flew my first 100hrs of Combat. Entitled to the air medal.

May 13 - Talk about superstition. Today - I flew my 13<sup>th</sup> mission on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of the month in the 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force and the time was 13hrs

May 18 - Flew my first mission out of Morotai with Lt. Overton. Also had my points for demobilization checked. Have a total of fifty-one. Also found - I had five battle stars.

May 19 - Today is my twentieth birthday. Celebrated in Morotai.

May 20 - Had first taste of Flak at Balikpapan

May 3 - Flew mission No 9. Target was Supply  
Warehouses on island of Labet, Southeast  
Borneo. Time 11 hrs. 30 min.

May 5 - Flew mission No 10. Flew Convoy escort.  
Time was 8 hrs 30 min.

May 8 - Flew mission No 11. Target was  
Mandal, airstrip. in the Celebes.  
Time was 9 hrs 20 min

May 11 - Flew mission No 12. Target was  
Mandal airstrip, Celebes. Time  
was 10 hrs 0 min.

May 13 - Flew mission No 13. Target was  
Oelin airdrome, South west Borneo,  
Time was 13 hrs 10 min.

May 18 - Flew mission No 14. Target was  
Hill 105, Tarakan. In support of the  
Aussie ground forces. Time was  
10 hrs. 0 min.

May 20 - Flew mission No 15. Target was  
Shipping in Balikpapan. Time was 11 hrs. 0 min

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May 22 - Flew mission No 16. Target was Convoy  
Escort. Time was 9 hrs. 30 min.

May 27 - Flew mission No 17. Target was hill 102  
Tarakan, Borneo. Time was 10 hrs 45 min.

June 1 - Flew mission No 18. Target was Labuan,  
Borneo. Time was 12 hrs 25 min.

June 5 - Flew mission No 19. Target was  
Convoy Cover. Time was 11 hrs 0 min.

\* June 10 - Flew mission No 20. Target was  
Tarakan, Borneo. Time 10 hrs. 0 min

\* June 14 - Flew mission No 21. Target was  
Balikpapan. Time was 10 hrs 50 min.

June 18 - Flew mission No 22 Target was  
Seppingan. Time 11 hrs 35 min.

June 21 - Flew mission No 23. Target was  
Seppingan supply area. Time 11 hrs. 20 min

\* June 24 - Flew mission No 24. Target was  
Balikpapan Time 10 hrs. 25 min.

\* June 27 - Flew mission No 25. Target  
was Balikpapan. Time 12 hrs. 0 min



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- \* July 2 - Flew mission No 26. Target was Balikpapan. Time was 12 hrs 15 min.
- \* July 5 - Flew mission No 27. Target was Balikpapan. Time was 11 hrs 0 min.
- July 12 - Flew mission No. 28. Target was Balikpapan. Time was 11 hrs 10 min.
- July 23 - Flew mission No 29. Target was Ceram. Time 6 hrs 5 mins.
- July 25 - Flew mission No 30. Target was Kotawaringin, Borneo. Time was 15 hrs 0 min.
- Aug 1 - Flew mission No 31 Target was Pontianak, Borneo. Time 12 hrs 0 min.
- Aug 7 - Flew mission No 32. Target was Ware houses near Tabania, Borneo. Time 14 hrs 40 min.
- Aug 26 - Flew mission No. 33. Target was Search around Hong Kong. Time 11 hrs 35 min.

July 23 - Today makes it two years  
since I left home.

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> - Staged out of Palawan. Hit  
Ship yards in Borneo

Aug 7 - Used fire bombs for the first time.  
Really burned the area clean.

Aug 5 & 6. Five members of my crew made  
the T. U. S. List. They were Nav., Bomb,  
Radio, Asst. Eng., and Asst Radio. The  
rest of us are still sweating it out.

Aug 18 - Two crew members left for home

Aug 20 - Two more crew members left for home

Aug 22 - Strong rumor that the two Top  
Crews will be sent home. Sure  
hope so. Cause I am on the second  
crew to go home.

Aug. 24 - Left Morotai to stage searching  
missions out of Palawan until  
the surrender agreement is signed.  
We left with all our bags and  
after we leave there we will go to

Aug 28. Flew mission No 34. Target was  
search around the coast of  
Indo-China. Time was 10 hrs 5min.

Sept. 18. Flew mission No 35. Target was  
search along coast of China.  
Time 6 hrs 0 min.

our new base at Clark Field.

Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. To Kogo officially signed the  
Peace Treaty

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Went on trip to Subic Bay  
to pick up equipment brought  
up on the LST.

Sept. 14. Went on trip to Limay to  
pick up Bamboo for the group.

Sept. 15. Made the going home list. Hope  
I leave soon.

Sept. 18. Developed engine trouble 3hrs  
out. Had to feather No #1 engine.

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search around the coast of  
Indo-China. Time was 10 hrs 5min.

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Crew 26 (7-2) For U.S.

Seventh Crew to leave 871<sup>st</sup> Bomb Sqd.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Julius Proffitt, (Pilot) <sup>Enlisted Sqd.</sup> 9 May 45 (61)

F/O Tony LaFratta (Co-pilot) 9 May 45 (67)

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Hugh Metcalf (Nav.) 3 May 45 (74)

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Elmer Dementt (Bomb) 3 May 45 (58)

S/Sgt. Stephen Pinter (Eng) 9 May 45 (57)

S/Sgt. Charles Daum (Ass. Eng) 27 March 45 (64)

S/Sgt. Berton Hinkel (Radio) 8 May 45 (44)

S/Sgt. Henry Budzynski (Ass. Radio) 27 March 45 (59)

Oct. 11 - Left 307<sup>th</sup> Bomb Gr. For 13<sup>th</sup>  
Bomber Command to process for return  
the U.S.

Oct. 12. Processed and am now awaiting  
Orders and Ship No. so we can  
start flying back. Got the Philippine  
Liberation Ribbon today.

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