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822ND BOMBARDMENT SQUADRON (M), 38TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
ARMY AIR FORCES

A.P.O. 713, Unit I,
19 March, 1944.

SUBJECT: Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington, D.C. (Thru Channels).

1. There were no changes in organization.

2. Strength:	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
a. 1 February	74	277
b. Net increase	2	3
c. 29 February	76	280

3. The Squadron was in camp near Durand Strip at Port Moresby, New Guinea, A.P.O. 929 during the entire month of February.

4. Training:

a. <u>Aircraft</u>	<u>Serviceable</u>	<u>Net Serviceable</u>
B-25-D	1 Feb.- 0-29 Feb.- 3	1 Feb.- 4 - 29 Feb.- 1
B-25-G-1	" - 2- " - 12	" - 1 - " - 4
B-25-H	" - 1- " - 1	" - 0 - " - 2

b. <u>Date</u>	<u>Pilots</u>	<u>Air crews other than Pilots</u>
	Trained Untrained	Trained Untrained
1 February	40 0	20 0
29 February	44 0	22 0

c. Pilots and Air Crews are trained by practicing formation flying; strafing, including turret and waist guns; landings and bombing. Navigators are trained on courier missions outside the combat zone and in ferrying planes to and from the Air Depot at Townsville, Australia. 13 Combat Missions were flown with 45 sorties over enemy target area. 201 x 500 lb. demolition bombs were dropped with 187 in the target area. 18 x 1000 lb. demolition bombs were dropped with 16 in the target area. 4080 rounds of .30 cal. and 33,035 rounds of .50 cal. ammunition were expended in combat and in strafing missions.

d. As the Squadron spent the larger part of its time in combat missions, relatively few training flights were made during February.

5,6,7,8,9,10, Nil Changes.

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12. The month of February produced many changes in this Squadron. First, we had a few changes in personnel, Lt. Bell and Capt. Merrill were transferred to 38th Group Headquarters on 3 February. Lt. Myers was assigned to this Squadron from the 71st Bomb Squadron and assumed the duty of Ass't Communications Officer. On the 4 February, Lt. Hagler was promoted to the rank of Captain. Six officers and four enlisted men were sent on Temporary duty to APO 925 and Lt. Losberger was appointed Ordnance Officer on 8 February. We also had one enlisted man assigned to this Squadron after being attached for rations and quarters for a period of ten days, his name being Pvt. Buchler. Rest Leaves were also granted to nine enlisted men on 10 February, this leave was to Mackay, Australia. On 11th, ten men were attached to Squadron from 91st Replacement Bn., APO 714. Only two being assigned to Squadron, Pfc. Gieliland and Barashes. Finally on the 12th all sections began to prepare for moving, all leaves and furloughs were cancelled, and then things began to buzz in every Section in the Squadron. Morale of the Squadron was raised a few more points on the 13th when four men were selected to leave for home on the April quota. The fortunate ones were 1st Sgt. Kirk, Flight Chief M/S Senger, Mess Sergeant T/S Wilson, and Transportation Chief T/S Hafner. These men have served over a period of two years in the Southwest Pacific Area and spent the majority of this time in a forward area. Thirty-seven men received promotions during the month of February. On the 18th our Commanding Officer was promoted to Captain and sixteen 2nd Lieutenants were promoted to 1st Lieutenant. 1st Lt. Sollot was transferred to Headquarters and Lt. Myers immediately became Communications officer. Four men were sent to Nadzab to pave the way for the Squadron with Lt. Intermont in charge.

During the month this Squadron attacked Momote Drome, Admiralty Islands; Linga Linga Plantation and Joboki Plantation, New Britain; and Boram Drome. Courier missions, sub patrols, Weather recco's, and special couriers were also included in this months Squadron schedules.

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