

History of the 769th Chemical Depot Company (Aviation)

November 1944 to September 1945

In the segregated US Army of WWII, all non-commissioned officers and other enlisted men in the 769th were Black. Most or all of the commissioned officers in the 769th were White.

During most of the time covered by these reports, the 769th Chemical Depot Company was stationed at Kharagpur Army Air Base in West Bengal, India, providing support for B-29 bombers of the Twentieth Air Force. On June 15, 1944, B-29's from Kharagpur and other bases in India had conducted "Operation Matterhorn," the first US bombing of the Japanese home islands since the Doolittle Raid. The complex operation required that B-29s make multiple flights over the Himalayan Mountains delivering fuel and bombs to forward bases in China from where the final leg of the attack was launched. Although Operation Matterhorn was completed before the arrival of the 769th Chemical Company, other B-29 raids from India continued against targets in Japan as well as against Japanese targets in occupied Singapore, Thailand, Burma and Formosa.

As a Chemical Depot Company, the 769th had the difficult and dangerous task of handling chemical bombs including mustard agent, phosgene and cyanogen chloride, as well as incendiary and smoke bombs. The chemical bombs were never used in combat, but provided an important deterrent against Japanese use of similar weapons. Incendiary bombs were used extensively. Smoke bombs were often used as markers, helping other bombers find their targets. By the end of March 1945, all B-29s had been moved from India to the Mariana Islands, from where they could more easily reach Japan.

The 769th remained in India until August 2, 1945, at least in part to deal with clearing the very large stockpile of chemical weapons which were no longer needed. Most US chemical munitions in India at the time were stored at Ondal Advanced Chemical Park, about 150 km north of Kharagpur. The 771st Chemical Depot Company at Ondal began preparing in April 1945 to ship a substantial portion of its chemical bombs to the port of Calcutta, where they were loaded onto ships and dumped into the Bay of Bengal. One particular type of mustard-filled bomb, 100-pound M47A2 bombs, often leaked and caused a great deal of difficulty for the 771st Company at Ondal. Captain Shaver and the Chemical and Incendiary Sections of the 769th travelled by convey from Kharagpur to Ondal, where they successfully removed the mustard agent from about 5000 M47A2 bombs, making them safe for transport.

Liquid mustard agent can cause serious injury to eyes, lungs and skin, and exposure can be fatal. The need to wear protective gear in hot and humid conditions added to the difficulty for both the 769th and 771st Chemical Companies. The total number of injuries which occurred is not clear, but chemical burns were not uncommon. Some enlisted men from both Companies were hospitalized.

A training film likely watched by members of both companies is online at [WWII Chemical Warfare Service Training Video \(10 Min 12 Sec\) - YouTube](#).

Other information about the US Chemical Warfare Service in India is available at <http://www.hoosierscientist.com/blacktroops>

Names, ranks and some service numbers of the individuals listed in these reports are on the next page.

Partial List of Officers, NCOs and other men who served in India with the 769th Chemical Depot Company

First Name	Last Name	Final Rank	Service Number
Theodore	Boykin	Pfc	
Willie	Branch	Sgt	
James L	Conway	Pfc	
William	Dougherty	S/Sgt	
Jim	Good	Cpl	
Gariend	Green	Pfc	
Aron	Guest	S/Sgt	
Sherwood L	Hall	1st Lieut	01 039 322
James Jr	Hall	Pvt	38 377 959
Troy	Henry	Pfc	
George A	Holioway	T/Sgt	
Luther	Johnson	M/Sgt	
Mack	Johnson	S/Sgt	
Henry	Kearse	Pfc	
John	Kozar	Capt	0 482 216
Boyd F	Maurer	Capt	01 036 629
Silas	Maxwell	Pfc	
Phillip	McCray	T/Sgt	
James A	Nixon	Cpl	
John	Palmer	Sgt	
Benjamin F	Palmer	Tec 5	
Antwine	Robinson	Tec 5	
Thomas	Shands	1st Sergeant	
Johnny	Spellman	S/Sgt	32 509 938
Magor	Spencer	Tec 5	
Woodrow	Sraver	Capt	
Lawrence G	Welch	Pvt	34 401 450
Johnnie	White	Pvt	
Jack L	Wilt	1st Lieut	

The Organizational History Reports which follow were retrieved from the National Archives with help from WW2Research.com. Although some are marked "secret" or "confidential," all were declassified in 2009 in accordance with Executive Order 13526. Histories for May and June, 1945 are not available.

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HISTORY
OF
789TH CHEMICAL DEPOT COMPANY (AVN)
MONTH OF
NOVEMBER 1944

Boyd F. Maurer
BOYD F. MAURER,
1st Lieut., CWS,
Historical Officer.

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From the 1 November 1944 to 22 November 1944 inclusive, the organization was traveling at sea. On the 23 November 1944, 769th Chemical Depot Company (Avn) debarked at Bombay, India. On the night of 23 November 1944 the organization boarded train at Bombay, India and arrived at Kharagpur, India the morning of 27 November 1944. The organization was assigned to the Twentieth Bomber Command and further assigned to Army Air Base, Kaliakunda, India APO 495 by General Order Number 64, Headquarters Bomber Command dated 25 November 1944. From 27 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 the organization was orientating its self to the new location.

Incl#2 Cy of GO No 64, Hq BC dtd 23 Nov 44.

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**HEADQUARTERS
IX BOMBER COMMAND
APO 493**

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By Auth: CG IXBC
Initials: LJM
Date: 23 Nov 44

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 64)

23 November 1944

Having been assigned to this Command by paragraph 15, Special Orders No. 11, Headquarters, United States Forces, India Burma Theater, 6 November 1944, the #769th Chemical Depot Company (Avn) is, effective upon arrival in this theater, assigned to station at Army Air Base, Kalaikunda.

By command of Major General LEMAY:

☞Negro enlisted personnel.

JOHN E. UPSTON
Brigadier General, U.S. A.
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

/s/LEO I. HEIMAN
/v/LEO I. HEIMAN
Colonel, Air Corps
Acting Adjutant General

I certify that this is a true Copy:

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BOYD F. MAURER
1st Lt., CWS

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HISTORY

OF

769TH CHEMICAL DEPOT COMPANY (AVN)

MONTH OF

DECEMBER 1944

Boyd F. Maurer
BOYD F. MAURER,
1st Lieut., CWS,
Historical Officer.

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December found the 769th Chemical Depot Company (AWA) ready and willing to start performing their mission. On the 13 December 1944 the organization moved from Kalikunda Army Air Base and was assigned to Kharagpur Army Air Base by par 1, GO# 71, Secret, Hq XI Bomber Command.

The 19 December the Chemical and Incendiary Sections started to work at Kharagpur AAB, Ammunition Yard. In seventeen days they assembled the components of approximately two thousands, AN-M-47-A2, 100 lbs incendiary bombs. From the 30 December the two sections were busily engaged in assembling the components of M-76, 500 lbs incendiary bombs.

1st Lieut., Sherwood L. Hall joined the organization the 25 December 44. He was on temporary duty, in charge of all organizational equipment not shipped TAT. On the 27 December 44 1st Lieut., Jack L. Wilt departed for APO 871 to return this organizational equipment to Kharagpur AAB., where the unit is now stationed.

During the month the Security and Maintenance Section constructed two prefabricated buildings to be used as orderly room and dayroom. All maintenance and security details being furnished by this section. The headquarters section performing all housekeeping duties.

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HISTORY OF
169TH CHEMICAL DEPT COMPANY (AVN)
FOR THE MONTH OF
JANUARY 1945

BYRD P. MAURER,
1st Lieut., CWS.,
Historical Officer.

The 789th Chemical Depot Company (AVN) for the month of January 1945 performed and completed all details assigned in record time.

The Incendiary and Chemical Sections under the leadership of 1st Lieutenants SHERWOOD L. HALL and WOODROW W. GRAVER inserted the components to one thousand eighty three (1,083) M-75 and fifty eight (58) M-47 Incendiary bombs in approximately two weeks' time.

1st Lt. BOYD F. MAURER, Commanding Officer, Tec 5 Benjamin F. Palmer and Pfc Garland Green, departed from this organization on 8 January 1945 for APO #465 to secure and return to the Company, organizational equipment arriving from the United States. In Lieut. BOYD F. MAURER'S absence, 1st Lt. WOODROW W. GRAVER assumed command; this temporary duty extended for approximately three (3) days.

The Headquarters Section performed its usual housekeeping duties, while the Security and Maintenance Section under 1st Lieut. JACK L. WILT has been busily engaged in constructing the latrines for a motor pool, command post fox hole, and landscaping the company area in addition furnishing all guards and kitchen police that were necessary.

HISTORY OF
769TH CHEMICAL DEPOT COMPANY (AVN)
FOR THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 1945

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Boyd F Maurer
BOYD F. MAURER,
Capt., CWS.,
Historical Officer.

769TH CHEMICAL DEPOT COMPANY (AVN)
APO #493, % Postmaster
New York, New York

1 March 1945.

During the month of February the organization was busily engaged in many duties. The organization suffered a loss in the transfer of 1st Lt Sherwood L. Hall to the 67th Air Service Group. Prior to Lt Hall's transfer, he was in charge of a detail hauling 4, 000 WP M 15 Grenades from APO 492 to ammunition dump, this Headquarters.

Capt John Kozar joined the organization on the 20 February 1945 in an attached status from XX Bomber Command. Captain Boyd F. Maurer Commanding Officer, was promoted to the Captaincy from 1st Lt on 25 February 1945, immediately placed Capt Kozar in charge of the Incendiary Section where his vast knowledge of CWS could readily be applied.

On 15 February the Chemical Section under the Command of Lt Woodrow W. Shaver, inspected M 47 mustard bombs for leaks, burying two at Chakulia, this trip was made in a M1 Truck.

The two (2) sections, Chemical and Incendiary, assembled 3,400 M47A2 Incendiaries, shipped 700 M 18 aimable clusters, with the aid of the Security and Maintenance Section during the month of February.

To aid in the work at the ammunition yard, the organization received a Tractor Crane (M3) on 21 February 1945. Other organizational equipment received consisted of M3A2 Decontamination Truck, 12 February 1945, boxes 3 and 4 of second echelon maintenance set.

Capt Maurer and 1st Sergeant Thomas Shands, made a trip to Jamshedpur, India to purchase furniture for the unit Day Room, also an appropriation from Special Service of 400 Rupees have been granted for the purchase of a radio.

The Headquarters Section performed the usual duties of administration while the Security and Maintenance Section under 1st Lt. Jack L. Wilt performed the following duties in addition to furnishing security details and kitchen police, made heating units for mess, grab chains for handling M 76 Incendiaries, grab beams for handling M 17 and 18 aimable clusters repair on buildings and day room furniture. The unit's motor pool and following shops are maintained and operated by this section, Welding, Carpenter, and Electrical.

Boyd F. Maurer
BOYD F. MAURER,
Captain, CWS.,
Commanding.

Incls: 3
1 SO #9, Twentieth Air Force 25 Feb '45
1 Extract Copy SO 43, dtd 12 Feb '45
1 SO 32, Hq AAB (B-1), Dtd 20 Feb '45

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TWENTIETH AIR FORCE
Office of Deputy Commander, IB and C
APO 493

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER 9)

25 February 1945

Announcement is made of the temporary promotion of the following named officers to the grade indicated in the AUS with rank from date of this order, under authority contained in AR 605-12 and classified letter Headquarters Twentieth Air Force dated 16 December 1944, subject: "Delegation of Administrative Responsibilities":

Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel

REGINALD E FOSS 0 214 958 AC

Major to Lieutenant Colonel

LEONARD S HERMELIN 0 363 074 AC

Captain to Major

FORREST G HOFFMASTER 01 035 284 CWS
EDWIN M KIRTON 0 913 489 AC

1st Lieutenant to Captain

FRANCIS J CAHILL 0 567 539 AC
LEWIS C CREGO 0 650 499 AC
DUANE M GOULD 0 857 195 AC
BOYD F MAURER 01 036 629 CWS
MALCOLM J McLELLAND 0 563 735 AC
GILBERT E MEYER 01 845 133 AC
EDMUND H MITCHELL JR 0 790 273 AC
WALTER L ORMEROD 0 569 651 AC

2d Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant

KENNETH W ALEXANDER 0 740 625 AC
THOMAS E BARTLETT 0 863 473 AC
ROBERT C BATEMAN 0 691 686 AC
JOSEPH W BENNETT JR 0 691 694 AC
ALVA R DAVIS JR 0 864 647 AC
JOHN G KING JR 01 303 157 AC
BRADFORD M KITCHELL 0 864 604 AC
DONALD R LANGDON 0 864 988 AC
MARTIN J LONG 0 683 035 AC
ERNEST E MAPPES 0 809 013 AC
JOSEPH N MURPHY 0 800 749 AC
EDWARD H PECHAN JR 0 864 329 AC

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SO #9, dtd 25 Feb 45.

2d Lieutenant to 1st Lieutenant (Contd)

THEODORE T PECK JR	0 743 828	AC
NATHAN STRICKSTEIN	0 864 624	AC
JOHN W SWANSON	0 584 706	AC
EDWARD A VIHSTADT	0 864 094	AC



R. M. RAMEY
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Deputy Commander

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HEADQUARTERS
IX BOMBER COMMAND
APO 498

SPECIAL ORDERS

12 February 1945

NUMBER 45

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9. The following change in asgmt and duty is directed: PCS TDN 64-213 P 431-02 A 212/50425. (EDCMR 15 Feb 45).

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Reld fr</u>	<u>Asgd to</u>
1ST LT(7514) SHERWOOD L. HALL 01 039 522 CWS	769th Chemical Dep Co(Avn)	87th Air Service Gp

By direction of the President, Ltr AG 210.35(31 Aug 44) OB-S-A-C-AFRPG -M, War Department, The Adjutant General's Office, dtd 17 Sep 44, Subject: "Integration of Arms and Services Personnel with the Air Corps" and USAF CBI Radiogram dtd 4 Oct 44, 1ST LT(7514) SHERWOOD L. HALL 01 039 522 CWS, 87th Air Service Gp, is detailed in the Air Corps.

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL RAMEY:

JOSEPH SMITH
Brigadier General, U. S. A.
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/ Leo I. Herman
t/ LEON I. HERMAN
Colonel, Air Corps
Acting Adjutant General

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Boyd F. Maurer
BOYD F. MAURER,
Captain., CWS,

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Headquarters Army Air Base(B-1),
APO 495

NUMBER 52)

20 February 1945.

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1. Having been placed on DS this Base per par 9, SO No 49, Hq, XX BC, APO 495, dtd 18 Feb '45, CAPT 7514 JOHN KOZAR, O 482 216, CWS, is further attached to 789th Cal Depot Co (Avn) for a period of approximately sixty (60) days.

By order of Colonel EDMUNDSON:

OFFICIAL:

E. J. REYNOLDS,
Capt, AC,
Adjutant.

/s/ E. J. Reynolds
/t/ E. J. REYNOLDS,
Capt, AC,
Adjutant.

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Woodrow W. Shaver
WOODROW W. SHAVER,
1st Lieut., CWS.,
Personnel Officer.

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**780TH CHEMICAL DEPOSIT COMPANY (AVN)
APO #495, 5 Postmaster
New York, New York**

31 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO: Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D. C.

THRU: Commanding Officer, Army Air Base (B-1) APO #495.
(Attn: Base Historical Officer)

Personnel

- (a) During the month of March 1945, the health of this unit was very good with a total of seven men being hospitalized. No serious conditions were encountered and all were minor in nature requiring two to three days for recovery.
- (b) A total of six enlisted men and one officer of this unit were promoted to grades listed below:

Par 3, SO 42, Hq AAB (B-1), dated 15 March 1945.

Pfc 855	James A. Nixon	to Cpl
Pfc 809	Antwine Robinson	to Tec 5
Pfc 901	Magor Spencer	to Tec 5
Pvt 786	Troy Henry	to Pfc
Pvt 786	Henry Kearse	to Pfc
Pvt 786	Silas Maxwell	to Pfc

SO 12, Office of Deputy Commander, Twentieth Air Forces, India Burma and China, dated 19 March 1945.
1st Lt Woodrow W. Shaver to Captain

- (c) A requisition for a filler replacement was submitted to Hq XI Bomber Command APO 495, 5 Postmaster, New York, N.Y., for one enlisted man, Private, MOS 890. This unit has been short this one Private since its departing from the United States.
- (d) A new T/O and E 3-418 dated 7 February 1945 has been received, which authorizes the following changes in personnel:

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Personnel Cont'd

- (d) Mess Sergeant 844 by the old T/O 5-418 dated 28 February 1942 was authorized a Sergeant now authorized a Staff Sergeant.

Auto Equipment Mechanic by the old T/O 5-418 dated 28 February 1942 was authorized a Tec 4 grade now authorized a Sergeant.

An additional auto equipment mechanic, 014, has been authorized with the grade of Tec 5 grade for the Headquarters Section.

An additional crane operator, 063, has been authorized with the grade of Tec 5 grade for the Security and Maintenance Section.

To compensate the addition of one auto equipment mechanic, 014, and one crane operator, 063, the new T/O and E 5-418 dated 7 February 1945, makes a reduction of one auto equipment operator, 845, and one toxic gas handler, 786. The total strength of the unit remains the same. Seventy four enlisted men and four officers.

Inspections

- (a) In addition to regular scheduled inspections of personnel, personal equipment, organizational equipment, mess and company area, Major Forrest G. Hoffmaster and Captain Woodrow W. Shaver made inspection 1 March 1945 of M17, 500 pound aimable cluster incendiaries at the 1903rd ammunition dump and found lot number M4-1253-37 to have defective bands and clamps. The 769th Cal Depot Co (Avn) was ordered to separate this lot number in preparation for rebanding operations.
- (b) M/Sgt Luther Johnson made inspection 20 March 1945 of all M47A2 White Phosphorus bombs and found one leaker. This incendiary was later destroyed by detonation.
- (c) S/Sgt Aron Guest of the Security and Maintenance Section made inspection 27 March 1945 of all M47A2 Napalm Incendiaries and found twenty one leakers. These incendiaries were later buried.

Training

- (a) The Chemical and Incendiary Sections were given instructions on the FS filled Sky Marker by Captain Woodrow W. Shaver 15 March 1945. Demonstrations were conducted on methods of filling and testing the wiring circuit of this sky marker. A total of 35 Sky Markers were prepared for immediate filling.

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Training Cont'd

- (b) Four crews made up from Chemical and Incendiary Sections were given additional training on 20 March 1945, in loading a B 29 aircraft with M47A2 Incendiaries, using the double XX adapter. Each crew was required to load an entire bomb bay with these incendiaries.
- (c) A venereal disease lecture was given by Captain Boyd F. Maurer in conjunction with a Company Meeting the 24 March 1945. The new chemical prophylactic kit was explained in detail with enlisted men being quizzed at the end of the period.
- (d) Captain John Kozar gave an orientation lecture and a blackboard demonstration of map reading 24 March 1945, on India. Some of the points brought out were the terrain features, relative location to the United States and climatic conditions.

Supply

- (a) During the month of March 1945, a physical inventory was conducted on all organizational equipment without any major shortages noted. Items such as knives and forks lost in officers' mess unit were survey approved and requisitioned.
- (b) Supply Sgt John Palmer completed a comparison chart on T/O and E 3-418 dated 7 February 1945 and T/E 3-418 dated 25 February 1945-T/BA-3 to determine items to be requisitioned and turned in by authority of the new T/O and E 3-418 dated 7 February 1945.

Special Projects

- (a) On the 5 March 1945, the Chemical and Incendiary Sections with two M1 6x6 Chemical Handling Trucks and four Chemical Handling Trailers hauled a total of 188 M47A2 Incendiaries to the line where moving pictures were taken by the 2nd Combat Camera Unit XX Bomber Command APO 493. A demonstration was conducted on the loading of a B 29 aircraft with these incendiaries. A demonstration was conducted on the exploding of the M47A2 Incendiaries at 1900 6 March 1945 of which pictures were also taken.
- (b) According to instructions given by XX Bomber Command, chemical officer, the Chemical and Incendiary Section shipped approximately 800 M47A2 H, 100 pound chemical bombs from APO 681 to the Theater AAF advanced chemical park at Ondal. Two rail guards were detailed from this unit to accompany the shipment. In the process of hauling the M47A2 H, 100 pound chemical bombs from the toxic gas yard APO 681 to the railcars at the siding many leakers were discovered and had to be buried. It was noticed that the repeated concussion in the movement by vehicle seemed to be the cause for the excess of leakers.

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Special Projects Cont'd

- (c) Major Forrest G. Hoffmaster and Captain Boyd F. Maurer with the Chemical Section traveled to a British Air Strip at Midnapor, India where they filled 20 Sky Markers with FS. A test run was made with a B 24 aircraft, dropping one FS Sky Marker from 5,000 feet and one from 10,000 feet. Good results were obtained with the smoke trailing in a continuous streamer to the ground. It was noted the streamer remained in tact for approximately five minutes. These sky markers are purposely designed to mark a target.

Miscellaneous

- (a) During the month of March 1945, this unit moved to a better area which affords more space and room to operate separately its mess, Prophylactic Station, Chapel, Day Room, NCO's Club, and Post Exchange. The mess has proven to be excellent and EM are satisfied with having there own mess. The official opening of the Post Exchange was well worth the effort, as there were none available in this area. Captain John Kosar designed the Prophylactic Station which consists of two troughs with spigots arrangement and has proved to be v ry satisfactory.
- (b) W/Sgt Luther Johnson is in charge of the Chapel and has arranged with local missions for various services throughout the month of April 1945.

BOYD F. MAURER,
Captain, CWS.,
Commanding.

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78TH CHEMICAL DEPT COMPANY (AW)
 ARMY AIR BASE (B-1)
 APO 493

30 April 1945

SUBJECT: Monthly Historical Report.

TO : Commanding General, Army Air Forces, Washington 25, D.C.

THRU : Commanding Officer, Army Air Base (B-1) APO 493
 (Army Base Historical Officer.)

PERSONNEL

- (a) During the month of April 1945 the health of this unit was excellent with the total of two (2) EM being hospitalized. Mustard vapor burns were encountered by eight enlisted men but none were serious enough to cause hospitalization.
- (b) The following named EM was relieved from assignment and assigned to 142nd General Hospital APO 465 per par 1, JO 56 Hq AAB(B-1) APO 493, dated 30 March 1945.
 Pfc James L. Carway 36 294 861 GRS 786
- (c) The following named EM were promoted to grades indicated, per par 2, JO 56 Hq AAB(B-1) APO 493 as of 3 April 45:

Aptd S/Sgt

William Daugherty 36 356 877 Sgt 324

Aptd Sgt

Willie Branch 34 228 638 Tcc-4 314

Aptd Cpl

Jim E. Good 34 298 122 Tcc-5 788

Aptd Pfc

Theodore Boykin 32 72 177 Pvt 390

- (d) The following named enlisted man was reclassified as follows effective 5 April 45 by board action:

Johann White 36 293 842 Pvt From 600 to 700

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PERSONNEL Cont'd

- (e) The following named officer was relieved from atchd as of 5 Apr 45 assigned to XX Bomber Command Forward Area Det ^{per par 3, SO 95} Hq XX Bomber Command APO 493 dated 5 April 45. **Capt. John Kolar.**
- (f) Captain Woodrow W. Shaver O1 37 298 with Incendiary and Chemical Sections composed of 20 EM departed on detached service for thirty (30) days with 706th Air Service Group APO 640 per par 3, SO 105 dated 18 April 45 Hq XX Bomber Command APO 493.

INSPECTIONS

- (a) An inspection of the unit mail clerk and unit mail service was conducted by 1st Lt John Krohn, Postal Officer APO 493 on 18 Apr 45. A rating of excellent was given.
- (b) An inspection of the unit mess was conducted by 1st Lt Otis L. Johnson AC, Mess Supervisor on 21 Apr 45 with a rating of excellent given.
- (c) Routine inspections, such as personnel, mess, vehicle, weapons and company area were conducted during the month of April by officers of this unit.

TRAINING

- (a) A motor transportation school was conducted under the supervision of 1st Lt Jack L. Wilt of this organization starting 4 Apr 45 and completed 17 Apr 45. EM were given basic instructions in 1st and 2nd echelon maintenance and in driving. Twelve EM passed all tests and were issued Motor Vehicle Operators Permits.
- (b) The following named officers and enlisted men completed a ten (10) day course in Chemical Munitions at APO 671, Hq 5317th Airdrome (Prov).

Woodrow W. Shaver	Captain	O1 37 298	CWS	7214
Jack L. Wilt	1st Lt	O1 37 761	CWS	7214
George A. Holloway	T/Sgt	22 306 395	CWS	670
Phillip McGray	T/Sgt	22 186 112	CWS	670
Mack Johnson	S/Sgt	28 187 150	CWS	670
Johnnie Shelton Jr	S/Sgt	22 503 032	CWS	670

SUPPLY

- (a) Requisitions were submitted on all additional items of equipment authorized by T/O SE 3-418 dated 7 Feb 45, up to date Medical and Signal property are in order.
- (b) A letter, this Hq, was submitted to Chemical Officer, XX Bomber Command APO 493 for authorization of two(2) tractor cranes M3, 2 ton track laying light, is also requested. Further request submitted.

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REPLY Cont'd

- (a) Items of equipment received during month of April are as follows:
1-Truck, 2 1/2 ton, G26, Bomb Service M-7, G26, complete with tools
USA No. 436954.

2-1st First Aid Gas Casualty

2-1st First Aid M2 Twelve Unit

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- (a) On 3 April crews loaded B-29 aircrafts No 415 and 542 with 8 47A2 Napalm incendiaries painted completely white using Double XX adapters. No 542 was loaded with 144 incendiaries painted white to tail fins using the T/19 adapter.
- (b) 6 April the Chemical Section traveled to Singapore range where dispersion of bombs dropped on 5 April by B-29 planes numbers 15 and 542 were measured for cooperation of adapters double XX and the T/19.
- (c) Captain Andrew H. Shaver with Chemical Section and Incendiary Section departed by convoy on 17 April to Advance Chemical Dump APO 930 heading one(1) ton container of Mustard. Their mission was to aid the 771st Chemical Depot Company (AW) in decanting M-7 A2 H filled bombs. During the next ten(10) days approximately 5,000 bombs were decanted.

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769TH CHEMICAL DEPOT COMPANY (AVN)

Unit History for the Month
of

JULY-AUGUST-to 2 SEPTEMBER 1945

Boyd F. Maurer
BOYD F. MAURER,
Captain, CWS.,
Commanding.

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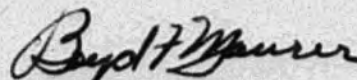
During the month of July, the organization prepared all organizational equipment, for shipment to its new destination. This was accomplished in recorded time.

On 2 August 1945, the following named enlisted men weretransferred from this organization to the 142nd General Hospital, APO #465, % Postmaster, New York, N. Y., for medical reasons:

S/Sgt Johnny Spellman	32 509 938	(870)
Pvt Laurence C. Welch	34 401 450	(590)
Pvt James Hall Jr.	38 377 959	(590)

At 1800 4 August 1945, the organization departed Army Air Base (B-1) APO #493, % Postmaster, New York, for Calcutta, India, Port of Embarkation. The unit sailed from Port of Embarkation on 6 August 1945 at 1530 hours. For the remainder of August through 13 September 1945, the unit was aboard USS GENERAL E. T. COLLINS, Naval transport, at sea.

Arriving at Okinawa, Port of Debarkation at 1200 hours, 14 September 1945, the organization prepared to disembark. At 1500 hours 15 September 1945, the unit disembarked. Having been assigned to Eighth Air Force, per Assignment Orders #10, Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces, dtd 31 August 1945, and further assigned with concurrence of Commanding General, Far Eastern Air Forces; attached to Far Eastern Air Forces, for operational control only, attachment terminating effective 0001, 1 December 1945 per Par 2, General Order #36, Headquarters, Eighth Air Force, APO #902, % Postmaster, San Francisco Calif., dated 10 September 1945, the unit moved into its assigned area.


BOYD F. MAURER,
Captain, CWS.,
Commanding.

SYMBOLS:

- U-DY --- Upon compl of DY, will return to proper sta without further orders, unless sooner reld.
- TO --- The TO will furnish the necessary Mtr T; the American RTO, Railroad Sta, will furnish necessary Govt Rail T.
- QM --- The QM will furnish "K" rats for period of tvl to and from destination, or for the entire trip if directed by competent auth.
- OFF-PD --- Off per diem payable as auth in Sec III, AR 35-4820, 19 Apr 45.
- EM-PD --- EM per diem payable as auth in Sec I, AR 35-4810, 19 Apr 45, for air tvl.
- EM-MA --- It being impracticable for the Govt to furnish cooking facilities while tvling other than by air and while detained where rats are not furnished, the FD will pay these EM mon alws in lieu thereof in accordance with Sec II, AR 35-4810, 19 Apr 45.

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Army Air Base (B-1)
APO 493

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SPECIAL ORDERS)

2 August 1945

NUMBER 123)

1. The following EM, 769th Chemical Co (Avn), now on DS and atchd Det of Patients, 142d Gen Hosp, APO 465, are reld from DS and atchd thereto, are trfd in grade to Det of Patients, 142d Gen Hosp, APO 465, for further observation and disposition. EDCMR: 2 Aug 45. S/R and allied papers have been forwarded. No tvl involved.

S Sgt (SSN 870 - MCO 010-ASRS: 63-NO)	Spellman, Johnny Jr.	32 509 938
Pvt (SSN 590 - MCO 065-ASRS: 39-NO)	Welch, Lawrence G.	34 401 450
Pvt (SSN 590 - MCO 316-ASRS: 34-NO)	Hall, James Jr.	38 377 958

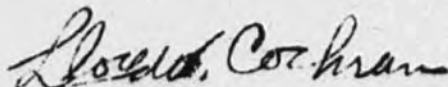
(AUTH: Ltr, Office of the Registrar, 372d Sta Hosp, Base Sec USF, IBT, APO 493 (B-2), 1 Aug 45, Subj: "Hospitalization".)

2. CAPTAIN (SSN Unknown) CARTER, WILLARD S., O 797 969 AC, 1330th AAF BU (Det), is designated Base Opns O, vice MAJOR (4010) ORTH, GARRETT V.H., O 359 332 AC, 383d Air Sv Gp, reld. (Add Dys)

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL ELIZALDE:

LLOYD W. COCHRAN,
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

OFFICIAL:



LLOYD W. COCHRAN;
Major, Air Corps,
Adjutant.

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3 above EM now DS & attached to detachment of
Patients 142d Gen Hosp, APO # 465, are riled from
DS & attached units, are tried in grade to detachment
of Patients 142d Gen Hosp, APO 465. Par 1, 50, 123

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HEADQUARTERS
EIGHTH AIR FORCE
APO 302

GENERAL ORDERS

10 September 1945

NUMBER 36

SECTION I

Assignment of Units

1. Having been assigned to this command per Assignment Orders number 10, Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces, dated 31 August 1945, the following units are further assigned as indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATION</u>
28th Photo Reconnaissance Sq	Eighth Air Force	Yokota
1392d Military Police Co, Avn	301st Fighter Wing	Ie Shima
1943rd Ordnance Ammunition Co, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	NE of China on Route #1
463rd Signal Heavy Construction Battalion, Avn	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
3903rd Signal Right of Way Construc- tion Detachment	Attached to 463rd Signal Heavy Con- struction Bn, Avn	Kadena
7th Emergency Rescue Squadron	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
1st Air Transport Squadron (Mobile) (Special)	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
345th Station Complement Squadron	316th Bomb Wing	Kadena
461st Aviation Squadron	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
77th Medical Supply Platoon, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
1391st Military Police Co, Avn	316th Bomb Wing	Kadena
1940th Ordnance Ammunition Co, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	NE of China on Route #1
1942d Ordnance Ammunition Co, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	NE of China on Route #1
460th Signal Heavy Construction	Eighth Air Force	Kadena

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATION</u>
1st Signal Service Platoon (Special)	Eighth Air Force	Hido Misaki area, Target Area TA 3043M
342d Station Complement Squadron	301st Fighter Wing	Ie Shima
460th Aviation Squadron	301st Fighter Wing	Ie Shima
13th Combat Camera Unit	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
17th Historical Unit	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
10th Photo Tech Unit	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
37th Statistical Control Unit	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
703rd Counter Intelligence Corps Detachment	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
948th Engineer Aviation Topographic Company	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
224th Medical Dispensary, Aviation	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
1562d Military Police Co, Avn	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
413th Signal Company, Aviation (-RIP)	Eighth Air Force	Kadena
647th Army Air Forces Band	315th Bomb Wing	Kadena
655th Army Air Forces Band	301st Fighter Wing	Ie Shima
2d Aircraft Maintenance Unit (Floating)	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha

2. Having been assigned to this command per Assignment Order number 10, Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces, dated 31 August 1945, the following units are further assigned as indicated and with concurrence of Commanding General, Far Eastern Air Forces, are attached to Far Eastern Air Forces for operational control only, attachment terminating effective 0001, 1 December 1945:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATION</u>
Okinawa Air Depot, Provisional Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
4th Aircraft Maintenance Unit (Floating)	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AIR ELEMENT</u>	<u>STATION</u>
6th Aircraft Maint Unit (Floating)	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
8th Aircraft Maint Unit (Floating)	Okinaawa Air Depot	Naha
18th Aircraft Maint Unit (Floating)	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
4th Aircraft Repair Unit (Floating)	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
472d Aviation Squadron	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
473rd Aviation Squadron	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
769th Chemical Depot Company, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
770th Chemical Depot Company, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
1243rd Military Police Co, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
1388th Military Police Co, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
1969th Ordnance Depot Co, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
2018th Ordnance Maintenance Co, AF	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
22d Air Depot Group, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
97th Depot Repair Squadron	22d Air Depot Group	Naha
91st Depot Supply Squadron	22d Air Depot Group	Naha
22d Medical Supply Platoon, Avn	22d Air Depot Group	Naha
422d Quartermaster Platoon, Air Depot Group	22d Air Depot Group	Naha
2284th Quartermaster Truck Co, Avn	22d Air Depot Group	Naha
2285th Quartermaster Truck Co, Avn	22d Air Depot Group	Naha
894th Signal Company, Depot, Avn	22d Air Depot Group	Naha
92d Air Depot Group, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
880th Depot Repair Squadron	92d Air Depot Group	Naha

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GO #56, Par 2, Sec 1, dtd 10 Sep 45 (Contd)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>	<u>STATION</u>
320th Depot Supply Squadron	92d Air Depot Group	Naha
321st Depot Supply Squadron	92d Air Depot Group	Naha
85th Medical Supply Platoon, Avn	92d Air Depot Group	Naha
475th Quartermaster Platoon, Air Depot Group	92d Air Depot Group	Naha
2300th Quartermaster Truck Co, Avn	92d Air Depot Group	Naha
2301st Quartermaster Truck Co, Avn	92d Air Depot Group	Naha
1927th Signal Company, Depot, Avn	92d Air Depot Group	Naha
1963rd Ordnance Depot Company, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha
4th Signal Radio Maintenance Team, Avn	Okinawa Air Depot	Naha

SECTION II

Station Assignment of Units

1. The following units having been attached to this command per Assignment Orders number 10, Headquarters United States Army Strategic Air Forces, dated 31 August 1945, are assigned to station as indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STATION</u>
1st Photo Reconnaissance Squadron (Less Flight "C", previously attached to Eighth Air Force)	Kadena
12th Radio Security Section	Kadena

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL DOOLITTLE:

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