CLEARANCE!? ARE YOU CRAZY? BASE WEATHER
Mission accomplished
Medical Evacuation

Of all missions undertaken by Troop Carrier during the long tough road up from New Cal. to the Philippines, medical evacuation of sick and wounded from forward areas to rear area base hospitals has been of the greatest importance. Equipped with stretcher racks, stretchers, oxygen bottles, and carrying flight nurses and medical corpsmen, 13th Troop Carrier Planes have taken an active part in the splendid work done by medical evac. crews "up the line."
Top Right:
A 13th Troop Carrier plane drops supplies to survivors of SS Peter Hurst, sunk off the Coast of New Caledonia in 1943. Watercolor by Corporal Marvin E. Goessl, Squadron Artist.

Bottom Right:
Hello Air Force! Why hasn't someone told me about this here Pearl Harbor Bombing?!
The "Secret Servicemen"... An indispensable adjunct to successful operations, Intelligence personnel keep track of enemy operations. Theirs is the responsibility of briefing crews prior to all missions, maintaining maps, issuing navigation equipment, and handling all important historical information. A diligent and trusted crew, they find it interesting to be in the "odd job" department.


Capt. Yeomans and S/Sgt. Oehm prepare Squadron history at New Hebrides.
Photo Section

PART 2. ON THE LINE

Responsible for keeping those Pratt and Whitneys purring smoothly over many an empty ocean mile, Engineering can review an outstanding 2 1/2 year operational record with pride. Credit goes to the mechs, the prop specialists, instrument workers, alert crews, engine change experts, and all the rest of the gang on the line for making the 13th Troop Carrier a damn safe outfit to fly with.

ENGINEERING STAFF
T/Sgt. Charles Maguire,
M/Sgt. Ernest Ando,
Capt. Earl Dewey,
T/Sgt. Joseph LaLonde,
W/O Harold Mahacek,
T/Sgt. Howard Bell,
M/Sgt. Newell Pettis.

ENGINEERING OFFICE "ON THE LINE"
AT WAKDE ISLAND, OCTOBER, 1944


"Preventive maintenance" is the word for it—a thorough inspection every hundred hours insures safe brakes, reliable instruments, smooth engine performance under all operational conditions.
Always prepared for an emergency landing, water ditching or parachute jump, 15th Air Force men feel secure in the knowledge that the Personnel Equipment Gang keeps a close check at all times on chutes, life rafts, jungle kits, and Mae Wests. "A behind-the-scenes job, Personnel Equipment guards lives—before it happens."

COMMUNICATIONS

These are the "static chasers," radio operators and technicians responsible for maintaining communications, plane to ground, over a thousand or so watery miles most of the time. They get the weather for the pilot, send ETA's and stand by at all times for emergency messages. Indispensable, too, are the ground technicians, telephone experts, shopworkers, and juke box experts who keep the camp "on a sound basis."

Lower Photo:

Capt. George Reynolds
Officer in Charge

S/Sgt. Alex Neal
NCO in Charge
CAN I HAVE A JEEP?!
WHY CAN'T I GET PROMOTED??!

WHEN'S MY NEXT REST LEAVE?!
WHERE'S THE DX?!

HOW DO I STAND ON ROTATION?!
HOW ABOUT AN AIR MATRESS?

WHERE'S MY PAY VOUCHER?

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE CHOW?!
Photo Section

PART 3. DEPARTMENTS

These are the men behind the pen!


Personnel Section-
Sgt. Fred Geier,
Sgt. Louis Senta,

THE ORDERLY ROOM AT NEW HEBRIDES

Corporal Claude Fuselier and S/Sgt. Francis McAllister check in barracks bags on laundry day.

Top Left: And Cpl. Owen Van Ness and Cpl. E. Windham do the dirty work.


Bottom: Sgt. Silas Myers dishes it out "cafeteria style."
Captain Paul J. Whitaker, known to the boys as "the doc," is our flight surgeon with over two years experience overseas. He handles squadron "sick call," keeps the pilots in flying and fighting shape.

Top Right: Corporal Mike Fabish and Sgt. Bill Boyko, Medics, administer first aid to Sgt. Silas Myers after a bad kitchen burn.

Lower Left: "Doc" Rosenberg, Captain, Medical Corps, is a mighty important guy when the teeth begin to ache.

Lower Right: Staff Sergeant Joe Riskey, Medical NCO in charge, is an expert with the sun lamp.
To the American fighting man, the "Yank," seen in our own rank and file of airmen and ground technicians, has come, unheralded, the boredom of life in the tropics, monotony of "C" rations, and an omnipresent longing for home, peace, security. The man of the Thirteenth has, for the most part, seen tropical service many months away from home. Yet he has managed, somehow, to come through with a grin and an enviable pride in his squadron, his air force, and his way of doing things. We believe, if war must be fought, such is the only way to fight it. To the men who have expressed that belief in their squadron, to the personnel who have made us what we are, we dedicate the following section.
By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, a Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights on transport missions. All of these flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. Previous recognition that each has received makes his record one for emulation; his accomplishments being a credit to himself and the Army Air Forces.
AIR MEDAL

For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South and Southwest Pacific area, during which hostile contact was probable and encountered. These operations consisted of transporting troops and supplies to forward positions and bringing wounded to rear area hospitals in an unarmed transport aircraft. Flights were accomplished over hazardous land and sea routes where inclement weather was frequently encountered, and landings were often made within a few miles of enemy bases. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights are worthy of commendation.

1st Lt. Frank R. Houp (5)
1st Lt. Robert E. Johnson, Jr. (2)
1st Lt. Emerson P. King (2)
1st Lt. Ernest S. King (3)
1st Lt. Howard B. Leimbundguth (4)
1st Lt. Leon L. Lenderman (6)
1st Lt. William R. Leonard (4)
1st Lt. Delbert R. Lesh (3)
1st Lt. John P. Lippitt (1)
1st Lt. Adolph V. Lorr (3)
1st Lt. Ward P. Mann (4)
1st Lt. John McCarrol, Jr.
1st Lt. Richard C. McMahon (3)
1st Lt. John W. Meade (2)
1st Lt. Edward R. Miller
1st Lt. Oscar L. Mitchell (3)
1st Lt. John J. Mogush
1st Lt. Harry C. Molvar
1st Lt. Walter R. Moritz, Jr. (2)
1st Lt. James P. Moyle (2)
1st Lt. John Howard C. Cole
1st Lt. Thomas E. Nitrater (2)
1st Lt. James N. Olofson (2)
1st Lt. Stanley F. Page (6)
1st Lt. Winston A. Painter (2)
1st Lt. Ben J. Pennewected, Jr. (1)
1st Lt. Russell L. Pipher (2)
1st Lt. Forrest Preston II
1st Lt. Donald L. Pyke (5)
1st Lt. John R. Reimer, Jr.
1st Lt. Eugene H. Richards (7)
1st Lt. John J. Riordan (4)
1st Lt. Howard B. Show (3)
1st Lt. Peter B. Small (4)
1st Lt. William E. Smith (2)
1st Lt. Marine L. Sprout (1)
1st Lt. James B. Steele (5)
1st Lt. Allen H. Stoltmann
1st Lt. Joe W. Stout (1)
1st Lt. Richard D. Strand
1st Lt. Charles A. Westburn (1)
1st Lt. Edward B. Welland (4)
1st Lt. Charles C. Woodall (6)
1st Lt. Gilbert W. Zieman
2nd Lt. William J. Bernard (3)
2nd Lt. Herschel J. Blakney
2nd Lt. John J. Blankenship (3)
2nd Lt. Joseph H. L. Block
2nd Lt. Victor W. Bogutski (3)
2nd Lt. Charles L. Brown (4)
2nd Lt. Eugene G. Brown (5)
2nd Lt. James Buchen
2nd Lt. John Buchen
2nd Lt. Susan B. Casey, Jr. (5)
2nd Lt. Lawrence F. Cannon (1)
2nd Lt. Richard B. Carew, Jr. (5)
2nd Lt. Marco E. Ciretto (5)
2nd Lt. Alphonso C. Ciretto (5)
2nd Lt. Abrahim Cohen (4)
2nd Lt. Walter L. Conard (3)
2nd Lt. Carl F. Copeland (2)
2nd Lt. Richard C. Cover (3)
2nd Lt. Charles E. Cruclnton, Jr.
2nd Lt. Gale A. Dalman (5)
2nd Lt. John R. Davenport (3)
2nd Lt. Clifton C. Davis (2)
2nd Lt. Sturgis D. Donnelly (4)
2nd Lt. Anthony A. Drago (2)
2nd Lt. Roy C. Farmer (2)
2nd Lt. William B. Fitzgerald
2nd Lt. Robert L. Folatko (4)
2nd Lt. Richard S. Frey (2)
2nd Lt. Bruce Gilbert
2nd Lt. Richard R. Grossbeck (3)
2nd Lt. Jack Hamilton (1)
2nd Lt. David M. Hay (1)
2nd Lt. Joseph O. Hendricks (4)
2nd Lt. Edgar B. Hetzel (5)
2nd Lt. Erving B. Hopkins, Jr. (2)

T/Sgt. Coral B. Smyth
T/Sgt. Buster Stallings (1)
T/Sgt. Bernard J. Silver
T/Sgt. John A. Van Lan (1)
T/Sgt. Russell H. Wain (2)
T/Sgt. John W. Wain (4)
T/Sgt. James W. Whitehead (2)
T/Sgt. Thomas B. Williams (1)
T/Sgt. Edward L. Zecher
S/Sgt. Vail O. Anach (1)
S/Sgt. Frank T. Barry (1)
S/Sgt. Donald L. Bechetstein (3)
S/Sgt. Peter A. Beck (1)
S/Sgt. Rodney E. Bell (1)
S/Sgt. Casper J. Bledsoe (1)
S/Sgt. Homer G. Boren
S/Sgt. Paul R. Bowman (2)
S/Sgt. Paul M. Bruce (1)
S/Sgt. Gordon F. Carlson (2)
S/Sgt. John C. Coker, Jr. (2)
S/Sgt. Howard C. Cole
S/Sgt. Donald W. Cooper (1)
S/Sgt. Remi R. Decker
S/Sgt. Louis A. Flynn
S/Sgt. Frank J. Foster (1)
S/Sgt. Francis J. Friel
S/Sgt. Walter J. Gehr
S/Sgt. Fred H. Goldstein (1)
S/Sgt. John P. Harp
S/Sgt. Claude S. Hayes, Jr. (1)
S/Sgt. Burton E. Hecker (1)
S/Sgt. Alex Hershey (1)
S/Sgt. Cecil F. Hogan (2)
S/Sgt. Larry F. Ingalls (1)
S/Sgt. Vincent R. Kelly
S/Sgt. George A. Kinler (4)
S/Sgt. Russell C. Lawn (2)
S/Sgt. Robert P. Lawyer, Jr. (1)
S/Sgt. Floyd R. Linder (1)
S/Sgt. John D. MacLeod (2)
S/Sgt. Kenneth G. Marks
S/Sgt. Emery C. McCullough, Jr. (1)
S/Sgt. Tom McDaniel (3)
S/Sgt. Garland C. Mersette (1)
S/Sgt. Roy E. Meurer (1)
S/Sgt. Frank T. Mihalea (1)
S/Sgt. Sarge W. Morgan
S/Sgt. Alex A. Neal (1)
S/Sgt. Joseph L. Parsek (2)
S/Sgt. Douglas L. Powell
S/Sgt. Joseph K. Power (2)
S/Sgt. Roger H. Redick (2)
S/Sgt. John L. Saylor
S/Sgt. Charles L. Schmidt (2)
S/Sgt. William A. Tharp
S/Sgt. Allen L. Thompson (2)
S/Sgt. William W. Tustin (2)
S/Sgt. Bernard A. Valley
S/Sgt. John T. Vaughan
S/Sgt. Oscar J. Versahl (3)
S/Sgt. Kenneth D. Wallace (1)
S/Sgt. Charles T. Watts
S/Sgt. Kenneth E. Wentworth
S/Sgt. Roy M. Wicks (3)
Sgt. Luther H. Brady
Sgt. Alfred E. Burgert (2)
Sgt. Charles T. Conn
Sgt. George F. Patula
Sgt. Charles O. Laine
Sgt. James M. Mullin
Sgt. John Smith
Sgt. Leonard A. Sorenson
Sgt. Malcolm R. Williams
Cpl. Robert B. Osman
Cpl. James S. Stratton
Cpl. Ernest K. Vescie
PFC. Donald C. Uhl

Pvt. Thomas J. Coyle
General Order No. 73—
12 January, 1945—
Headquarters, Far East Air Force

"By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July, 1926, a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to Technical Sergeant Elbert C. Harmon, 13th Troop Carrier Squadron." Colonel H. J. Sands, Group Commander, makes the presentation.

Citation

For heroism at Wakde Island, on 11 October, 1944. This enlisted man, swimming with a companion in a heavy surf, was emerging from the water when he heard the other swimmer shout for help. Sergeant Harmon immediately went to his assistance and, although thrown back twice by the heavy surf, finally brought him safely to shore. Both enlisted men were heavily lacerated by the coral reef. The courage exhibited by Technical Sergeant Harmon in saving another man's life at the risk of his own reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.
GROUND CREWS
In Appreciation

We are often reminded of the “men behind the men,” the ground crews who help pull 100 hour inspections, pencil-pushers who punch typewriters and pacify the pilots in operations, the hounded mail clerk, cooks who live in a world of complaints, of a hundred other thankless jobs that must be done in endless routine. To those men—ground personnel who now enter their thirty-second month overseas—we extend appreciation for a hundred jobs well done. In the section to follow, ground personnel have been featured by states, with a number of enlisted flight crews, in a series of pictures taken at New Caledonia, August, 1943.
PENNSYLVANIA

Standing:
Pfc. J. Mlynk,
S/Sgt. J. Riskey,
Cpl. G. Schissler,
Cpl. A. Schroth,
Sgt. John Smith,
Pfc. R. Tutella,
Sgt. A. Eastburn.

Front Row:
Cpl. W. Davis,
Sgt. D. Finelli,
Cpl. J. Hladezak,
T/Sgt. C. Maguire,
T/Sgt. K. Marks,
Sgt. F. Matela,
S/Sgt. G. Miller.

WISCONSIN—
NORTH DAKOTA

Cpl. M. Goessl,
S/Sgt. J. Paucek,
M/Sgt. N. Pettis,
T/Sgt. S. Reeves,
S/Sgt. J. Schmitz, and
Sgt. R. R. Brous.

ILLINOIS

Pfc. R. Cameron,
Sgt. V. Deppe,
S/Sgt. C. Enfield,
Sgt. E. Gates,
Pfc. C. Meyers,
Sgt. J. Mika, and
S/Sgt. J. Martinaga.
NORTH CAROLINA
Standing:
T/Sgt. J. Holbrook,
Sgt. R. Melton,
Cpl. J. Moore,
T/Sgt. H. C. Myers,
Sgt. S. Myers, and
Sgt. B. Wiseman.
Front Row:
Pfc. H. Bass,
Sgt. W. Byrd,
Cpl. J. Eatmon,
S/Sgt. R. Foster, and

RHODE ISLAND—VERMONT
S/Sgt. P. Bruce,
Sgt. E. Robertson,
Cpl. F. McDade,
Sgt. R. Sinclair,
and Cpl. R. St. Pierre.

VIRGINIA
Sgt. J. Delaney,
S/Sgt. E. H. Franklin,
Cpl. L. E. Franklin,
Cpl. G. Lee,
Pfc. B. Sturgis,
Cpl. K. Sydnor, and
S/Sgt. H. Wilkerson.
NEW JERSEY
Standing:
Pfc. E. Lawrence,
S/Sgt. E. Oehm,
Cpl. O. Van Ness, and
Pfc. E. Yeager.
Front Row:
Pfc. F. Gersmershausen,
T/Sgt. W. Geuther,
Pfc. F. Fordon, and
Cpl. E. Korty.

FLORIDA
Sgt. C. Anderson,
T/Sgt. H. Bowen,
Cpl. L. Souder, and
Cpl. H. Storbeck.

SOUTH CAROLINA
Cpl. W. Chapman,
Sgt. W. Gee,
Cpl. W. Price,
Sgt. W. Scott,
S/Sgt. W. Shearer,
T/Sgt. O. Smith, and
Sgt. Roy C. Taylor.
NEW YORK

Standing:
S/Sgt. N. Malloy,
Sgt. S. Nogaj,
Pfc. S. Sidelko,
Sgt. E. Sodergren, and
Cpl. R. Termini.

Front Row:
S/Sgt. F. Barry,
Cpl. D. Beacorn,
Pfc. J. Bernhard,
Pfc. T. DeAmbrz, and
S/Sgt. C. Hogan.

ARKANSAS-KENTUCKY

T/Sgt. W. Angle,
Sgt. D. Barker,
S/Sgt. R. Bell, and
Sgt. C. Davis.

MICHIGAN

S/Sgt. D. Beckstein,
S/Sgt. J. Bradford,
Sgt. N. Christie,
S/Sgt. C. Labez,
T/Sgt. J. LaLonde, and
Cpl. E. Podolsky.
OHIO
Standing:
T/Sgt. J. Whitehead,
T/Sgt. H. Largert,
Sgt. D. Myres,
S/Sgt. W. Palmer,
Cpl. V. Pasco,
S/Sgt. J. Petricola,
T/Sgt. B. Petry,
Pfc. A. Samiran,
Pfc. D. Uhl and
Sgt. W. Wade.
Front Row:
Sgt. E. Amert,
S/Sgt. C. Beidenbach,
S/Sgt. W. Carruthers,
Sgt. H. Collart,
Cpl. M. Fabish,
S/Sgt. T. Fuller, and
Sgt. F. Geier.

TENNESSEE—WEST VIRGINIA
M/Sgt. J. Cairns,
T/Sgt. W. DiBais,
T/Sgt. R. Elam,
Pfc. W. Staggs,
S/Sgt. R. Weekley, and
S/Sgt. R. Wells.

GEORGIA
Sgt. J. B. Ferguson,
Sgt. M. B. Ferguson,
T/Sgt. S. Morgan,
S/Sgt. J. Pierce, and
Cpl. J. T. Wallace.
MASSACHUSETTS

Standing:
T/Sgt. G. Mazzone,
S/Sgt. F. McAllister,
Cpl. J. McNulty,
S/Sgt. R. Merin, and
Cpl. L. Walsh.

Front Row:
Cpl. W. Bond,
T/Sgt. W. Eaton,
Cpl. G. Granger,
Cpl. N. Leblanc,
T/Sgt. L. Lindahl, and
Pfc. F. Lord.

INDIANA

S/Sgt. D. Cooper,
M/Sgt. B. Grubbs,
T/Sgt. D. Robertson,
Cpl. B. Stiers,
S/Sgt. D. Thompson, and
T/Sgt. R. Wantz.

TEXAS

T/Sgt. J. Hartline,
S/Sgt. C. Hays,
S/Sgt. T. McDaniel,
Sgt. L. Muehr, and
S/Sgt. C. Schertz.
ALABAMA—LOUISIANA—MISSISSIPPI
Cpl. C. Fuselier,
Sgt. J. Hopkins,
S/Sgt. W. Goodwin,
S/Sgt. J. K. Power,
Sgt. J. T. Scruggs, and
T/Sgt. J. Vaughan.

CALIFORNIA
T/Sgt. Howard Bell and
Cpl. Al Stainback.

IOWA—MINNESOTA—OKLAHOMA
Sgt. E. Bacon,
Sgt. M. Bakken,
T/Sgt. T. Locke,
Cpl. J. O'Shea, and
Sgt. C. W. Storms.
OLD BOULDER'S DREAM!!!
While a realization of the good times we've had may now be difficult to visualize, camp life overseas with the Thirsty Thirteenth will, in time, hold a strong place in our book of memories. It is good, then, to have on hand a pictorial record of some of the high spots... chow lines, a swim at the beach, native life... a jam session at Duffy's Tavern... our great basketball team, and many other highlights.
New Caledonia
OCT 1942

[Images of a military camp, tents, and soldiers standing in a line, with planes and a landscape view.]

[Cartoon illustration of a margarita glass with a bird sitting on it, placed above the title.]
New Guinea

AUG - SEPT 1944
13th Softball Team, standing left to right:

Sitting, left to right:
GROUP CHAMPS

1. Basketball Champs, 403rd Troop Carrier Group, April, Series.


3. All-star runners up for Biak Island Basketball Championship, May, 1945.

S/Sgt. Harry Wilkerson (Putty), Sgt. Robert Brouse (The Deacon)
Beacorn (Danny), M/Sgt. Newell Pettis (Swede), Sgt. Louis Senta
(Lou), S/Sgt. Frank Barry (Big Time), Cpl. Richard Cade, Cpl.
George Burred (Bagouse), Pfc. Keith Morey, S/Sgt. Tom McDaniel
(Mac), S/Sgt. Dominic Finelli, Special Service NCO, S/Sgt. Charles
Enfield, Manager, 1st Lt. Demetrios Giokaris, Coach.
An active recreational program is a "must" in the camp life of any airforce squadron, home of men who need complete relaxation after three or four days' steady flying. And so, one fine day in December, 1944, was born the Thirsty Thirteenth Little Theatre Guild,
supplement to USO Camp Shows and island Movies. A resounding success, entertainment “by the boys, for the boys” has become a habit for the Thirteen “Dramatis Personæ.” We hope other outfits share the fun...
HERE

WELCOME!!! I'M ONE OF THE OLD BOULDERS YOU'LL MEET FROM TIME TO TIME...

THERE
**FACTS CONCERNING MAINTENANCE**

13th TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON

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**Date Organized:** December, 1940.

**Departed for Overseas:** October, 1942.

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**Airplane Hours Flown** by all planes maintained by this Squadron since departing U.S. to 25th June, 1945—61,000 hrs. to July 1, 1945.

**Distance Flown** (includes planes flown by Marines, other A.A.F. Squadrons, but maintained by the 13th)—9,250,000 miles to July 1, 1945. Equivalent to 19 voyages to the moon and back, or, 365 times around the earth at the equator.

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**No. of Planes Lost** which were being maintained by the 13th, from all causes:

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**Causes**:
- By 13th Crews—2 Unknown (C-47 41-18573—C-47A 432-38053). (Enemy action possible)
- 1 (C-47 41-18592) became lost when radio compass rendered inop. by enemy action. Plane set down on reef. Crew and cargo of evacuees rescued after 12 days with no loss of life.
- By 63rd Crew: 1 (C-47A 42-54418) Lost in hurricane.

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**Number of Planes Lost or Damaged by Enemy Action**

- No. Lost by enemy action: Unknown (perhaps 2)

**No. damaged by enemy action and repaired:** 9

**Note:** All such damage was repaired by Squadron itself.
In conclusion

SQUADRON COMMANDERS STATEMENT

Thirty-two months ago, the grimness of war was a very real thing to the 13th men flying supplies into Guadalcanal under fire. A fighting spirit was born. This spirit, combined with a squadron tradition—the "Ol' Boulder we love"—grew strong in the ensuing months. In the past two years, first as an impartial observer, secondly as an integral party, and recently as commanding officer, I have found this squadron to be an outstanding example of efficiency, cooperation, good fellowship, and good sportsmanship. With the utmost confidence, I say to you the future will continue to be a reflection of your record as a leader among troop carrier squadrons. I pledge myself to that end.

The End